

MERCER COUNTY COURT NEWS

DIST. CRIMINAL

The following cases are on record in the Mercer County Circuit Court clerk's office:

(Editor's Note: The following abbreviations appear throughout court news: ADE - alcohol and drug education classes; EPO/DVO - emergency protective order/domestic violence order.)

Johnathan Bowman, failure to report incident, \$100 fine.

Janice A. Seavers, no license in possession, \$25 fine.

Jordan Lee Ward, driving on an invalid license, 30 days to serve, probation one year.

Mary L. Cromer, attempted possession of a controlled substance, 179 days to serve, probation one year; possession of a controlled substance not in its original container, 90 days to serve

(concurrent); possession of drug paraphernalia, 179 days to serve (concurrent).

Kelly Garrett, theft of services, 30 days to serve, probation one year.

William Joseph Hall III, driving under the influence, \$200 fine, six months suspended license, ADE; 2nd degree criminal mischief, 365 days to serve, probation one year (concurrent).

Devon Gabrielle Litz, attempted possession of a controlled substance, 179 days to serve, probation one year; possession of drug paraphernalia, 179 days to serve (concurrent).

Kimberly A. Reed, attempted possession of a controlled substance,

179 days to serve, probation one year.

Jeffrey Ryan, violation of a Kentucky EPO/DVO, 90 days to serve (concurrent with other cases).

Johnathan Thomas, 3rd degree terroristic threatening, 179 days to serve, probation two year, no contact with victim.

DEEDS

The following property transfers are on record in the Mercer County Clerk's office:

Jason and Casey Lynn Sipe to Rachel Amanda and Bill Ray Thompson, property located in Mercer County, \$175,900.

Joanna K. and Christopher Scott Searcy to Heather Jo Springs, property described as 148 Robards Court, \$132,500.

Estel L. Shaw, as

Executor of the Estate of Lela Mae Shaw to Matthew and Iris Jean Folder, property located in Mercer County, \$155,000.

AE Enterprises LLC to Barrel Creek Investments LLP, properties located at 441 and 471 Price Avenue, \$158,000.

Barrel Creek Investments LLP to Ladstone Properties LLC, properties located at 441 and 471 Price Avenue, \$176,000.

Joel Ragland to Dakota Chandler Herring and Katelyn Caroline Plummer, property located at 290 Dossett Lane, \$175,000.

Kathleen D. Christiansen to Lindsey and Michael D'Lugos, property located in Mercer County, estimated fair cash value of \$18,000.

Logan H. and Savannah Shewmaker to Pink Properties LLC, property designated as 185 Cummins Ferry Road, Salvisa, \$235,000.

New Covenant Ltd. to Vi C's Development LLC, property located at 435 Cogar Avenue, \$260,000.

Matthew and Lori Horn to Brian J. Smalley, property located in Mercer County, \$100,000.

Ruby Mae Meaux to Ricardo Shy Meaux, property located in Mercer County, estimated fair cash value of \$55,168.

CIVIL

The following civil cases were filed at the Mercer County Circuit Clerk's office:

Westlake Services LLC, doing business as Westlake Financial, vs. Brea Campbell,

\$7,734.07 plus any and all other relief.

Westlake Services LLC vs. Ester A. Aguilera, \$14,033.44 plus any and all other relief.

Kristi A. Warren vs. John D. Pittman, to hold the defendant for any and all damages sustained as a direct and approximate result of three car collision on

Jan. 3, 2023, in Mercer County, plus any and all other relief.

Credit Acceptance Corporation vs. John E. Barkman and Serena Barkman, \$13,275.04 plus any and all other relief.

Unify Financial Federal Credit Union vs. Dayna Carmicle, \$13,682.20 plus any and all other relief.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

The following marriage licenses are on record in the office of Mercer County Clerk Chris Horn:

Miranda Alexandria Kriha, 35, of 4780 Lexington Road, graphic designer, to Kenneth Earl Duncan, 35, of the same address, post office.

Lara Michelle

Burke, 21, of 59 Ross Avenue, unemployed, to Charles Blake Jeffries, 23, of the same address, KD Auto Repair.

Shelby Lynn Sullivan, 25, of 737 Greenbriar Drive, mental health therapist, to James Patrick Dennis, 26, of the same address, concrete foreman.

POLICE NEWS

The following cases have been or are currently being investigated by the Mercer County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) or Harrodsburg Police Department (HPD). The information is drawn from police reports and public records at Boyle County Detention Center (BCDC). Anyone with information on cases still under investigation is urged to contact the HPD at 859-734-5120 or the MCSO at 859-734-4221. Unless otherwise noted, all subjects are being held at BCDC. All charges are merely allegations. All defendants are presumed innocent

until proven guilty beyond reasonable doubt in a court of law.

Crimes:

Monday, Feb. 24

- Jordan Montrell Dunn, 29, of Harrodsburg, was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, public intoxication on a controlled substance and 2nd degree criminal trespassing. Dunn was also served with a warrant for failure to appear. Arrest: Patrolman Brennen Walton (HPD). Bonds: \$2,200.



DUNN

- Edward Lee Davidson Jr., 41, of Harrodsburg, was arrested and charged with driving on an invalid license, failure to have license in possession and violation of a Kentucky EPO/DVO. Davidson was also served with warrants for probation violation for a felony offense, contempt of court, failure



DAVIDSON

to appear (two counts) and nonpayment of court costs, fees or fines (two counts). Arrest: Patrolman Ferguson (Danville Police Department). Bonds: \$8,516.45.

Wednesday, Feb. 26

- Levi Cameron Harmon, 25, of Harrodsburg, was served with two warrants for failure to appear. Arrest: Patrolman Austin Price (HPD). Bond: \$500.

Thursday, Feb. 27

- Gavin Miles Mattingly, 27, of Harrodsburg, was served with four warrants for failure to appear. Arrest: Patrolman Dustin Mikal

(HPD). Released on bonds worth \$2,500.

- Jessica Ann Heller, 33, of Harrodsburg, was served with a warrant for failure to appear. Arrest: Dep. Bill Cruce (MCSO). Released on a \$250 bond.

- Kenneth Wayne Horn, 47, of Harrodsburg, was served with warrants for failure to appear, 1st degree bail jumping and contempt of court. Arrest: Chief Dep. Sean Brown (MCSO). Bonds: \$5,500.

Friday, Feb. 28.

- Jonathan Ray Collier, 36, of Harrodsburg, was served

with a warrant for contempt of court. Arrest: Dep. Michael Raisor (MCSO). Released on a \$1,588 unsecured bond.

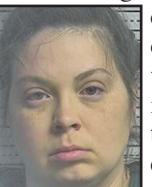
Saturday, March 1

- Travis Scott Helton, 40, of Harrodsburg, was arrested and charged with no registration plates, failure to produce an insurance card, 1st degree possession of methamphetamine and possession of marijuana. Arrest: Patrolman Dustin Mikal (HPD).

Bond: \$5,000.

Monday, March 3

- Sarah Elizabeth Jones, 34, of Harrodsburg, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence. Arrest: Patrolman Ray (Danville Police Department). Bond: \$4,000.



JONES

Coyote sightings increase with winter mating season

SIMPLE PRECAUTIONS CAN HELP AVOID CONFLICT WITH ADAPTABLE CANINE

Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife

Increased sightings of coyotes may occur this winter and spring in rural and urban areas across Kentucky as coyotes roam more to search for mates, establish territories and raise pups.

Coyote winter mating season typically lasts into March, while pup rearing takes place in spring and early summer.

"People may worry when they think there are coyotes living near them, but there's usually no cause for alarm if you see one," said Laura Palmer, wildlife biologist for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "Like other wildlife that live in and around neighborhoods and farms, and even in urban areas, coyotes are shy and will typically avoid humans."

A member of the canine family, coyotes are mostly monogamous and form lasting pair bonds to raise their pups in established territories. Although coyotes are generally timid and wary of people, encounters with people and pets can arise as they go about foraging, protecting their dens and feeding their pups.

"Don't be afraid and don't panic," Palmer said. "There are many unfortunate misconceptions about coyotes, but conflicts can be easily avoided by having a basic understanding of these wild animals."

Coyotes have been common in Kentucky for at least the past 50 years after spreading out across North America from the interior plains.

Found in every state except Hawaii, and in every Kentucky county, most coyotes do not bother people, livestock or pets and most people do not even know coyotes are living near their homes.

Coyotes can live in any habitat from Alaska to Mexico, and have a varied diet consisting mostly of rodents, insects and fruit. They help maintain a natural balance in the ecosystem by providing natural rodent and insect control, scavenging and removing carrion from the environment, seed dispersal and more.

Coyotes are also opportunists and may take advantage of food around homes if an easy meal is available. A sick or injured coyote that is not able to forage on wild foods as efficiently, or young that have not learned to hunt effectively, may also sniff out food sources provided by humans.

"Do not feed coyotes - intentionally or unintentionally," Palmer said. "Don't leave your pet's food outside and don't feed feral cats, raccoons, deer or other wildlife. Be mindful that bird feeders may attract mice and squirrels, which could attract coyotes. Compost piles may also attract coyotes. Share this information with your neighbors - a united community approach is more effective at preventing issues in the first place."

As with any wild animal, coyotes can lose their fear of people if conditioned to depend on us for food, which can lead to conflict. Remove all potential food sources, clean grills and remove grease traps, secure garbage,



and be extra vigilant with pets that may be seen as prey or competition. Plug holes under fences, block access to crawl spaces, and fence around yards and gardens.

Pet owners should turn on outside lights and check the yard for unwanted animals before letting pets outside. Pets should be kenneled or supervised when outside.

When walking a dog, use a short, non-retractable leash that is highly visible and vary your walking routine. Do not let a dog chase or "play" with a coyote.

Never feed or approach any wild animal to take pictures or video. Observe and enjoy wildlife from a distance.

"If someone sees a coyote when out for a stroll or while walking their dog, just know that coyotes are curious by nature," Palmer said. "Sometimes they follow people or dogs just to see what they are doing, or they may be guarding their pups that may be in an unnoticed den nearby. Alter walking routes in the future

to avoid suspected den sites."

Den sites may be in hollow trees or logs, rock crevices, brush piles, abandoned groundhog burrows, or even abandoned buildings or junk piles.

Coyotes are protective of their pups, born in spring or early summer, which stay in the den with the mother for about 3 weeks and learn to hunt when they are 8 to 12 weeks old. Family groups typically break up and disperse in late summer and early fall.

While coyotes are usually more afraid of people, some tips to keep in mind if approached by a coyote include:

Try to scare it away immediately. Don't stand and watch it.

Shout, whistle, clap your hands, stomp your feet and make some loud noise.

Make yourself appear larger by waving your arms, widening your stance or wave a walking stick.

Establish dominance. Take a step or lunge toward the coyote. Throw a rock or stick in its direction, but not

directly at it.

Pick up dogs and small children.

Keep scaring the coyote until it is out of sight.

Stay away from any known or potential dens. If you suspect a den is nearby, slowly back away from the area and do not haze the coyote.

Share these solutions with neighbors so everyone can work together.

Most coyotes do not cause conflict, but the ones that do may be removed individually by a licensed nuisance wildlife control operator, when necessary. Coyotes may also be hunted year-round, with no limit, with the appropriate hunting license and as allowed by local ordinances. Information and resources are available on the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Coyotes webpage.

More information about coyotes and simple tips to avoid conflict may be found at the Urban Coyote Research Project or by calling Kentucky Fish and Wildlife at 1-800-858-1549, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (Eastern) weekdays, excluding holidays.

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