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# Indictments handed down in Fleming County

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Indictments were recently handed down to several individuals in Fleming County.

Zachary Adam Burton was indicted on six charges of third-degree rape with a victim under the age of 16 while he was over the age of 21. Burton was also charged with two counts of third-degree sodomy with a victim under 16 while he was over the age of 21 and one count of sexual abuse in the third degree with a victim under the age of 16.

Judge Jeffrey L. Schumacher signed a summons

for Burton to appear in court on Dec. 12.

Jeffrey Allen Chambers was given two separate indictments, each consisting of one count of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (second offense) and one count of being a first-degree persistent felony offender.

Judge Schumacher signed off on a warrant of arrest on the indictments. Each indictment has a bond amount of \$80,000.

Kevin M. McCarthy has been indicted on trafficking charges, the first of which was trafficking in a controlled substance near a school. According to his indictment, McCar-



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thy sold four suboxone pills to a cooperating witness from the Valero gas station, which is within 1,000 feet of St. Patrick School.

McCarthy's second charge was second-degree

trafficking in a controlled substance (second offense), which occurred when he allegedly "knowingly and unlawfully sold a controlled substance" after he had previously been convicted on traf-

ficking charges.

Judge Schumacher signed a warrant of arrest on the indictment and set a bond amount of \$80,000.

The following individuals were also indicted in Fleming County:

Gary Lunsford was indicted on two charges of third-degree assault against a police officer, as well as one count of resisting arrest, second-degree disorderly conduct, menacing, third-degree terroristic threatening and third-degree criminal trespassing. Judge Schumacher signed a bench warrant with a bond amount of \$25,000.

Aaron D. Gotschall II was indicted for a violation of a Kentucky E.P.O./D.V.O. and first-degree stalking. Judge Schumacher signed a warrant of arrest on the indictment with a bond amount of \$20,000.

George Lawson was indicted for flagrant non-support. Judge Schumacher signed a warrant of arrest on the indictment with a bond amount of \$1,000.

Ronald L. Marlow was indicted for resisting arrest and second-degree fleeing or evading the police. He is summoned to appear in court on Dec. 12.

## Paramedic Program to transition to MCTC's Rowan Campus

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Maysville Community and Technical College (MCTC) is pleased to announce the transition of the Paramedic Program to the Rowan Campus.

In 2023, MCTC was awarded a five-year \$2.3 million Title III Strengthening Institutions grant from the US Department of Education to redesign existing and create new academic programs in high-demand technical fields.

With the grant, the program was transformed into a hybrid 15-month program and altered to offer an EMS-Paramedic associate in applied science (AAS) option.

"This has been a long-standing goal for our institution, and we are excited to see it come to fruition," said Donnie Fryman, Health Science Technology Program Coordinator. "Our commitment to serving local communities drives us to strengthen resources and provide exceptional training opportunities for future first responders."

The Paramedic Program further equips licensed Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) with the knowledge and skills to administer

advanced medical care in critical situations.

Using hands-on equipment such as an ambulance simulator, students are trained to respond to medical emergencies, assess patients, and deliver life-saving care in pre-hospital settings.

The first cohort of students for the redesigned program was admitted in Spring 2025 and will graduate in Spring 2026. The next cohort will begin classes in Spring 2026.

"Our graduates are the backbone of emergency care in this region," said Fryman. "By bringing this program to Rowan County, we're investing in the health and safety of our communities."

The EMS-Paramedic program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) upon the recommendation of the Committee on Accreditation for EMS Programs (CAEMSP).

The Paramedic Certificate and AAS degree are Work Ready Kentucky Eligible programs, meaning qualifying students can complete the credential tuition-free.

For more information, please contact Fryman at donnie.fryman@kctcs.edu. To apply, please go to <https://maysville.kctcs.edu>.

## Northern lights



The Aurora Borealis peaking through the trees in Brown County, Ohio.



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## City Commission passes resolutions supporting veterans, Limestone Creek

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On Thursday, Nov. 13, a resolution authorizing the Mayor's Proclamation honoring veterans was presented to the Maysville City Commission. A second resolution supported the restoration of Limestone Creek.

City Attorney Kelly Caudill read the first resolution, which stated, "Whereas, in 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the first Veterans' Day proclamation, called on our nation to pay appropriate homage to the Veterans of all its wars who have contributed so much to the preservation of this nation.

"And whereas the words of that first proclamation still ring true. Let us solemnly remember the sacrifices of all those who fought so valiantly on the sea, in the air and on foreign shores to preserve our heritage of freedom, and let us reconsecrate ourselves to the task of promoting and enduring peace so that their efforts shall not have been in vain.

"And whereas, there are approximately 295,000 Veterans in Kentucky and approximately 750 Veterans in

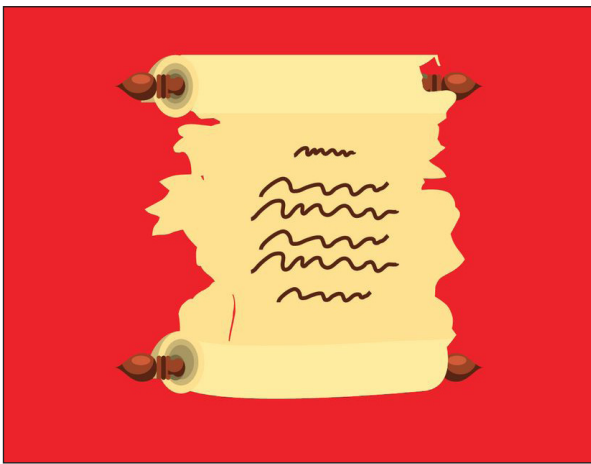
Maysville and Mason County, who by their continued devotion to the highest ideas of citizenship constitute a foundation of both the strength and progress of this city and state," it concluded.

The resolution further declared that the Board of Commissioners honor all veterans in Maysville, and the mayor named Nov. 11 as Veterans' Day. Citizens were encouraged to observe the day with "appropriate ceremonies and contributions" for those who have sacrificed and fought for peace and defended democracy.

Maysville City Commissioner Ann Brammer made a motion to approve the resolution, and Maysville City Commissioner David Cartmell seconded. A roll call vote was taken, and the resolution passed unanimously.

A second resolution was then introduced by Caudill in support of the restoration of Limestone Creek.

The resolution explained that "Limestone Creek is a historically significant landmark to the city of Maysville and the state of Kentucky, given the creek's importance to



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the early development of Maysville as a foremost river port city along the Ohio River."

It further argued that beautification efforts made toward Limestone Creek would not only preserve the local ecology and provide habitats for fish and wildlife, it would also promote investment in downtown Maysville and thus improve the quality of life for local residents through economic development and increased tourism.

Therefore, the resolution stated, "Limestone Creek's revitalization will serve as a symbol of Maysville's vitality, standing as a welcoming entryway into Maysville as a city of promise, culture and unbounded potential."

It added that the City has sought financial support from "state, federal and private agencies," and that it plans to pursue volunteer efforts and community awareness campaigns to aid "revitalization efforts."

"Whereas Limestone Creek's revitalization has gained significant attention and efforts by local citizens who believe in our future while honoring our past," it concluded, the City of Maysville "greatly supports the revitalization of Limestone Creek."

Maysville City Commissioner Dr. Robert Boone made a motion to accept the resolution, which was seconded by Brammer. A roll call vote was taken and the resolution passed unanimously.



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