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Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success!

There was food, lots of happy kids and beautiful families out enjoying the wonderful event. A big thank you to everyone that helped and a special thank you to the Easter Bunny for stopping by.

see pictures on pages 10 and 11

Man arrested for Cocaine Trafficking

21-year old Middlesboro man, Atavius Flanary arrested in Family Dollar parking lot

From the Middlesboro Police Department -

On Thursday, April 17, 2025, a Middlesboro man was arrested for trafficking cocaine after a large quantity of suspected cocaine was found on his person during a traffic stop.

Lt./Det. Barry Cowan conducted a traffic stop in the parking lot of Family Dollar involving a silver Mercedes operated by 21-year-old Atavius Flanary.

During the stop, Lt. Cowan located a tied-off plastic bag containing a white, rocky substance believed to be cocaine.

Flanary was arrested and charged with trafficking in a controlled substance (cocaine) greater than four grams, in addition to multiple traffic violations. He was lodged in the Bell County Detention Center.



Atavius Flanary

Two arrested on seperate drug trafficking incidents

Two recent arrests have resulted in individuals being lodged in jail on drug trafficking charges. The arrests are unrelated.

Incident 1

On Sunday April 13, 2025, Officer Preston Saylor responded to a prowler complaint and located a suspected prowler, later identified as Charles Baker. Officer Saylor determined that Baker had an outstanding warrant for his arrest.

During the investigation, Baker was found to be in possession of a large quantity of suspected methamphetamine. According to the citation, the methamphetamine was divided into

four individually packaged bags, with a total weight of approximately 50 grams. Baker was also found to be in possession of two individually wrapped packages of suspected marijuana and \$766 in cash, which was seized as evidence.

Baker was lodged in the Bell County Detention Center and charged with trafficking in methamphetamine and marijuana.

Incident 2

Drug Investigator Ryan Collins responded to a report of an individual experiencing a suspected overdose on Tuesday, March 18th. The victim was believed to have overdosed on fentanyl that had

been recently purchased. Narcan was administered to the victim, who was then transported to the hospital for treatment and later released.

Following an investigation into the source of the fentanyl, Detective Collins identified Michael Maxwell as the individual who supplied the drugs to the victim. Maxwell was found to be in possession of suspected fentanyl packaged similarly to the fentanyl found on the overdose victim.

He was charged with trafficking in fentanyl and first-degree wanton endangerment.

Both men were lodged in the Bell County Detention Center.

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