

# THINGS TO DO Wayne County Sheriff's report

## Colon Cancer Awareness Day

Stop by The Medical Center at Albany Friday, March 20, from 1:00-3:00 pm for Colon Cancer Awareness Day. Get free cancer resources and tour the incredible colon. A free event for children and adults.

## Clinton County Extension District Board to meet March 23

The Clinton County Extension District Board will meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, March 23, at the Clinton County Cooperative Extension Service located at 2601 Business Hwy 127 North in Albany. The meeting is open to the public.

## Scam Smart Event

The Clinton County Extension Office is sponsoring a Scam Smart event on April 16. Registration 8:30-9:00 a.m. Program with lunch 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Featured speakers: Kentucky Attorney General's Office, KET, local businesses, and more. The event is free but registration is required by April 10. Contact the Extension Office to register (606) 387-5404.

## Community Baby Shower

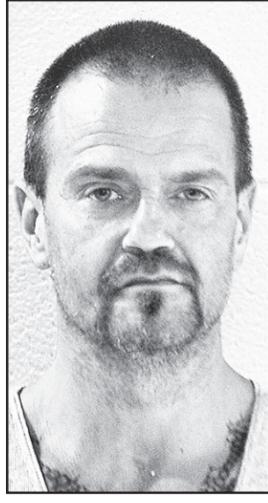
A Community Baby Shower will be held on April 23, beginning at 4:30 p.m. at the Clinton County Extension Office. This free vendor and educational event is offered for parents who are expecting a child and parents of infants up to 12 months of age who live in Clinton County. Register by April 20 by calling (606) 387-5404.

## Center for Rural Development is accepting grant applications in Clinton County for 2026 ARC mini grants

The Center for Rural Development is accepting grant applications for the 2026 Kentucky Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) mini-grant program. The mini-grant program (sometimes referred to as the Flex-E-Grant program) is open to qualified local units of government and non-profit entities in Clinton County for capacity building planning and implementation projects. The mini-grant program provides strategic investments in projects that build community capacity to mobilize local resources, gain leadership experience, and strengthen community institutions and networks. Grants are subject to approval for up to \$10,000, require a 20 percent match of total project costs, and are to be completed within a six-month timeframe. Mini-grant funds are available on a reimbursement basis only. For more information or to download a request for proposal, visit <https://centertech.com/arc-mini-grant-flex-e-grant/>. All grant applications and supporting documents must be submitted to The Center for Rural Development by 5:00 p.m. (EDT) on April 10, 2026. Digital files are preferred and may be emailed to [arc@centertech.com](mailto:arc@centertech.com).

## Suspect identified, sought in burglary investigation

According to Wayne County Sheriff Tim Catron, the ongoing investigation into the burglary at Cumberland Green Valero Convenient Store, the attempted burglary at the Highway 90 Shell Convenient Store in Bronston, Kentucky and the Belk's Department Store in Somerset, Kentucky, on March 7, 2026, resulted in two Wayne County District Court complaint warrants of



James Davis-Scott Gurley

an arrest being issued in this case.

Originally, Wayne County Sheriff's Office Deputy Zachary Bybee responded to the burglary complaint and began the investigation.

Due to scheduling conflicts Deputy Bybee turned this, case over to Deputy James Barnett.

Several tips were received and followed up on from the Sheriff's Office Facebook post of the unknown suspect.

Deputy Barnett obtained additional video footage from Cumberland Green Valero showing the suspect had entered the store twice, and from Belk's with the assistance of Detective Larry Patterson with the Somerset Police Department who was investigating that burglary.

After also seeing the Facebook post by Loss Prevention employees at the Monticello Walmart Store, they contacted the Sheriff's Office.

Loss and Prevention provided video footage from February 12, 2026, where the same suspect in all of these cases had shoplifted while using the same vehicle. Deputy Barnett then opened a theft case on the suspect from the Walmart incident.

Using jail photos from a previous arrest and the video footage of the suspect, Deputy Barnett was able to positively identify the suspect as James Davis-Scott Gurley of Nancy, KY. Deputy Barnett, working with Detective Patterson, located the vehicle in the Nancy community at the suspect's relative's residence. The suspect was not there at that time but additional evidence was obtained.

Deputy Barnett then filed for and obtained two Wayne County Criminal complaint warrants of arrest through the Wayne County Attorney's Office for Gurley.

The first warrant was for the Cumberland Green Valero for two counts of burglary-3rd degree (felony), theft by unlawful taking or disposition-all others (\$1,000.00 but less than \$10,000.00)-(felony), criminal mischief-1st degree (felony) and possession of burglary tools (misdemeanor).

The second warrant was for the Walmart theft on the charge of theft by unlawful taking or disposition-shoplifting (misdemeanor) with the suspect still at large at this time.

The Sheriff's office is still asking for the publics help in locating Gurley. If anyone knows where Gurley maybe located, please call the Wayne County Sheriff's Office at 606-348-5416 or dial 911 from any location.

Detective Patterson will also be presenting his investigation case into the Belk's burglary to the Pulaski County Circuit Court Grand Jury in the coming days.

Sheriff Catron and dep-

uties Barnett and Bybee would like to acknowledge Detective Patterson for his dedication in this matter, Walmart's Loss and Prevention and everyone else assisting with this investigation.

## Additional arrests reported

Wayne County Sheriff Tim Catron reports the following arrests:

Rocky Shelton of Monticello, KY. was arrested on a Wayne County Circuit Court warrant of arrest for contempt of court for failure to comply with drug court on the underlying charges of possession of a controlled substance-1st degree (methamphetamine), and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Timothy Brown of Albany, Kentucky, was arrested on a Wayne County District Court warrant of arrest for failure to appear for arraignment on the underlying charges of failure of non-owner to maintain required insurance, careless driving, and failure to appear.

Justin L. Collins of Monticello, KY. was arrested on

a Wayne County District Court warrant of arrest for failure to appear for arraignment on the underlying charges of driving on a driving under the influence suspended operator's license, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, failure to register transfer of a motor vehicle, no registration plate, failure of owner to maintain required insurance, and inadequate silencer (muffler).

Shelton and Brown were lodged in the Wayne County Detention Center. Collins was released from custody after posting a bond.

Scotty J. Jennings of Monticello, KY. was arrested on a Wayne County District Court criminal complaint warrant of arrest for unlawful imprisonment-1st degree, and assault-4th degree (dating violence). Jennings was also arrested on two Wayne County District Court warrants of arrest for failure to pay or show cause on the underlying charges of two counts of non-payment of fines.

Jennings was released from custody after posting a bond.

## Melissa Stearns McLenon nominated as Woman of Impact for American Heart Association's Go Red for Women campaign

Melissa Stearns McLenon, formerly of Albany, Kentucky, has been nominated as a Woman of Impact as part of the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women campaign, a national initiative dedicated to raising awareness about cardiovascular disease—the leading cause of death in women.

She is also proud to honor her family roots as the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve and Connie Stearns, whose support and values have helped shape her dedication to service and community involvement.

McLenon brings a deeply personal and professional commitment to the cause through her work with heart transplant patients, where she sees firsthand the life-saving impact of cardiovascular care and the urgent need for greater awareness of heart disease in women. She witnesses firsthand the critical importance of early recognition and treatment of heart disease and she hopes to inspire others to learn the signs of heart disease and take steps toward prevention.

Community members are invited to support the campaign through donations and participation in upcoming fundraising events. A QR code accompanying this announcement allows readers to contribute directly, with 100 percent of proceeds supporting the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women campaign to advance research, education, and lifesaving initiatives.

"Together, we can change—and even save—the lives of the women we love by raising awareness about heart disease and supporting the lifesaving work of the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women campaign," McLenon said.

As a Woman of Impact nominee, McLenon hopes this campaign becomes more than a fundraiser—it becomes a movement within the community. With the support of friends, family, and neighbors, she believes this effort can leave a lasting legacy of awareness, prevention, and hope for generations of women to come.

If you would like to make a tax-deductible monetary donation, visit <http://www2.heart.org/goto/TeamRed-HotChangemakers>

The campaign runs through April 9th - join us and make an impact by donating today. When we unite for women's heart health, real change happens!

Thank you for your support.  
Melissa McLenon

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