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ARRESTED

Law enforcement officers from the area continue to battle the local war on drugs, and criminal activity in general, which resulted in the following recent arrests:

Leah Carrender, 60, of Albany, was arrested and charged with theft by unlawful taking or disposition shoplifting; and burglary in the third degree.

Jamison Wallace, 23, of Albany, was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia; possession of a controlled substance in the first degree, first offense (cocaine); obstructed vision and or windshield; and no registration receipt.

Miguel Anaya, 29, of Albany, was arrested and charged with theft by deception-include cold checks; and theft of identity of another without consent.

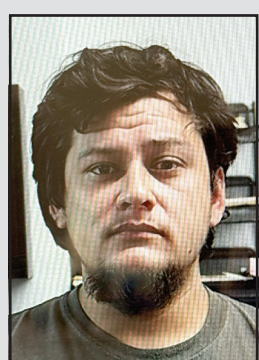
Kanubai Patel, 48, of Albany, was arrested and charged with trafficking in marijuana (less than eight ounces) first offense; and engaging in organized crime.



Leah Carrender



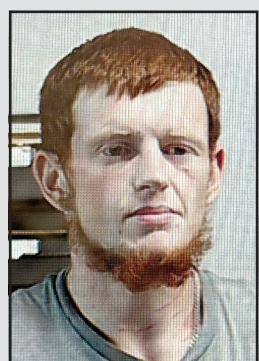
Jamison Wallace



Miguel Anaya



Kanubai Patel



Jeremy Albertson

Early voting dates, locations announced

Campaigning for the November General Election is heating up as time runs down to the date where voters will make the final decision in several local, state and federal races.

For more and more registered voters, however, many choose not to wait until election day itself to cast their ballots for their favorite candidates and take advantage of the increasingly popular “early voting” route.

Clinton County Clerk Nathan Collins has announced the dates, times and locations for voters who wish to vote early for whatever reason or circumstance they may have that would hinder them from voting on election day, Tuesday, November 3.

Early voting for the November General Election this year in Albany and Clinton County will take place the last three days in October -- Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 29, 30, and 31.

There will be the usual three voting locations for all voters, regardless of the precinct they are registered in, to cast a ballot. Those are the Clinton County Fairgrounds Building just west of Albany, the Clinton County Welcome Center in North Albany and the South Kentucky RECC Building in the Snow Community in the central portion of Clinton County.

Voting times each of the three days will be from 9 a.m. through 5 p.m. and proof of valid ID is required in order to cast a ballot.

Early voting is now used in every state, with some states beginning earlier than others and running extended periods of time.

One of the reasons behind early voting was to make voting more accessible to voters and more efficient, allowing more voters to avoid long lines at a polling place.

Although most voting and/or candidate deadlines have passed, persons who need to vote via absentee have until October 20 to request a mail-in absentee ballot.

All absentee ballots must be postmarked and received at the county clerk's office by October 20.

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‘Colors’ chosen for Judicial Center as construction work awaits

Mid-September is now in the rear-view mirror, and as many recall, that was the “unofficial” time that the local Justice Center PDB (Project Development Board) was told by project officials that work would begin on construction of the new Clinton County Judicial Center.

The local PDB met on September 18 with only four of seven members present and took only one official action and no further deadlines have been announced to the public or news media as to when crews may actually be on the ground for the construction phase.

Even though it was stated during the August meeting that crews would be working at the site by mid-September, no visible progress has been observed by the public.

During the September meeting, board member Jesse Stockton made a motion to allow the Executive Committee to decide on brick and mortar color(s) once all board members had viewed the options. The motion was seconded by Mike Lawson and passed unanimously.

On September 22, representatives of the PDB and construction team met to determine exterior color selections as discussed at the meeting.

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Social media threat public notice issued

AI (artificial intelligence) is getting more and more sophisticated daily and entering lives of unsuspecting people. Although many officials say AI is a wonderful tool, there are many dangers that are associated with it.

Anyone on the internet is susceptible to dangers associated with AI and small towns and communities are no exception.

In fact, images and threats made through generative AI have caused many to lose jobs, income and even in some rare but tragic cases, have led to suicide.

A recent threat made locally has prompted Clinton County Sheriff Ricky Marcum to make an online post addressing the matter in response to an apparent situation that occurred involving a social media platform.

Sheriff Marcum issued the following public notice pertaining to the social media threat on Friday, October 2:

“The Clinton County Sheriff’s Office is aware of a threat that has been circulating on Snapchat. We want to make parents, students, school staff, and our community aware of the situation. We take any threat involving the safety of our students and schools seriously.

“We are sharing this information so parents and students are aware and can remain alert.

“We ask parents to speak with their children about the importance of reporting threats or concerning social media activity to a parent, school official, or law enforcement officer immediately.

“If your child received the original Snapchat message or have information regarding who created or posted it, please leave a message, user name, screen shot, or other information and contact the Clinton County Sheriff’s Office.

“Please do not continue sharing or reporting the threatening message, as doing so can create unnecessary fear and confusion.

“We understand situations like this can be concerning

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Foothills XLVI is next weekend

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“American Spirit Lives in the Foothills” is this year’s theme for the 46th annual Foothills Festival to kick off next weekend. Included in this week’s edition is the Foothills Festival section jammed packed with event times and a schedule for all our faithful readers. We hope to see everyone as the Foothills Festival celebrates America’s 250th birthday.

“Come See it Our Way!”

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Foothills Festival 2026-XLVI

“American Spirit Lives in the Foothills”



CCHS Raider Bulldogs compete at Barren County meet

The Raider Bulldogs’ first competition of the year was held at Barren County on Saturday, September 26. The squad won third out of 21 schools.

“Most of these cadets are new to the Raiders. We still have a few veterans, but most of them graduated last year,” said sponsor Maj. (Ret) Melissa Ramsey. “Great Job to these Raiders.”

The Raiders will compete next on October 17 in Whitley County.

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