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the disaster, the local communities and the region as a whole were devastated.

The tragedy ultimately led to the passing of the Federal Mine Health & Safety Act of 1977, changing the safety standards of mining and reorganizing MESA into MSHA to better govern safety regulations for all mines across the nation.

The 50th anniversary of the disaster was commemorated March 9 in two separate events, organized and led by the University of Virginia's Dr. Brian McKnight. The initial ceremony was held on site at the former Scotia Coal Company warehouse, which served as a base of operations and temporary morgue on that fateful day.

A large crowd made up of families of the victims, mine rescue men present that day, mourners, news outlets and historians, all



Those who remain of the rescuers who responded to the Scotia disasters are honored as Kentucky Colonels for their heroism and bravery.

who collectively joined together to commemorate a half a century since the disaster claimed the lives of 26 men.

Both McKnight and Meridzo Ministries' Chad Morgan spoke about the history of the disaster and the effects since, raising tribute to all that the disaster has affected. The idea of a large-scale memorial was also raised in hopes of gaining support towards an eventual placement in the future.

Following the ceremony, many adjourned and made their way to the Kentucky Coal Museum at Benham, where a post ceremony was held to honor the living mine rescue men who ventured within the Scotia mine on those fateful days in search of survivors. Each was presented with an award and named Kentucky Colonels for their heroism and bravery that day, and each humbly stated that they never did it for recognition.

Nearing the event's conclusion, the first Scotia Mine Disaster Memorial Scholarship fund was awarded to Harlan County High School student Kylee Hoiska in honor of the fallen men and the fund's late president, Ed Creech.

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were carefully considering how to proceed in regards to the cleanup of the building at the top of the hill on South Main Street, which burned in a fire last year, as this is a busy sector; it will require a tactful approach to carry out this much-needed job without impeding the flow of traffic.

Further areas of concern discussed by the council included overhanging tree branches along the bypass, which pose a potential safety hazard as some are entangled around power lines or are at risk of being carried off by the wind, as well as the need to replace old traffic lights



Harlan City Council members talked during Monday's meeting at the Harlan County History Museum.

and paint over some of the parking spaces in town. Additionally, brief mention was made regarding the Mountain Enterprise bid for asphalt, which will be used to provide fresh pavement along the roads—a continuation from the last meeting's agenda.

With these cumulative efforts, the council is

hopeful for a brighter, cleaner and more economically successful future.

Following an executive session, council voted to sell the Whitfield House on Ivy Street to Kellie Wilson, a Harlan attorney. Wilson was the high bidder of four bids submitted for the property which the city acquired

about three years ago as a possible site for a museum. Bids were sealed and opened on Friday by the mayor, police chief and city clerk. There was not a minimum bid listed in the legal advertisement soliciting bids for the property, which most recently housed the Gayle Huff Law Office.

WALLINS

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Center. Her bond was set at \$500 full cash.

The following inmates have been released from the Harlan County Detention Center: Robby Johnson, Bobby Lee Vandagriff, Zechariah Adkins, Joshua Conner, Christopher Blanton, Roger Bennett and Don Ray Helton (March 13).

John W. Holden, Kenny Perkins, Matthew Brent Saylor, Angela M. Myers and Gabrielle Fletcher (March 12).

Derek Tyler Cottrell, Aaron Waddell, Joseph Turner, Marquis D. Long and Dakota Bray (March 11).

Officers from the Harlan County Sheriff's Department made an arrest on a Harlan County resident recently.

Angela Marie Scott, 54, of Pathfork, was arrested by deputy Chauncey Tudor on multiple warrants, including indictments for tampering with physical evidence, first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), second-degree possession of a controlled substance, third-degree possession of a controlled substance, contempt of court and buy/possession of drug paraphernalia.

She was lodged in the Harlan County Detention Center. Scott is being held on a \$2,500 full-cash bond.

Vandagriff was once again lodged in the Harlan County Detention Center.

Jason Shepherd, of Cumberland, was arrested by Harlan County Sheriff's Department Deputy Chauncey Tudor on a warrant taken by Cumberland Police Department Officer Aaron Smith for first-degree possession of a controlled substance (third offense), buy/possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana and public intoxication in a public place (excludes alcohol).

Shepherd is lodged in the Harlan County Detention Center.

His bond has been set for \$2,500 full cash.

Bobby Lee Vandagriff, 50, of Caryville, Tenn., was arrested twice within four days last week.

He was arrested on March 8 and charged with third-degree terroristic threatening and public intoxication of a controlled substance (excludes alcohol).

Trooper Jerred Lovins, of the Kentucky State Police, was the arresting officer.

He was released from the Harlan County Detention Center on March 9.

Then on March 11, Vandagriff was charged with public intoxication of a controlled substance (excludes alcohol), second-degree disorderly conduct and loitering.

He was arrested by Officer Jared Powell, of the Harlan City Police Department.

In other police news:

John W. Holden, 38, of Evarts, was arrested and charged with fourth-degree assault (domestic violence with no visible injury).

He was arrested by Trooper Brandon Pierson, of the Kentucky State Police, on March 11.

Holden was lodged in the Harlan County Detention Center on a \$1,000 full-cash bond.

Zechariah D. Adkins, 41, of Cawood, faces several charges after being arrested on March 8.

Adkins was arrested by Officer Jecorey Fields, of the Harlan City Police Department.

He was charged with public intoxication of a controlled substance (excludes alcohol), resisting arrest, menacing, second-degree disorderly conduct, expired or no Kentucky registration receipt, expired or no registration plate, failure to produce insurance card, failure of non-owner operator to maintain

required insurance (first offense), failure to notify address change to the department of transportation, theft by unlawful taking (\$500 or more but under \$1,000).

He was lodged in the Harlan County Detention Center on a \$1,000 full-cash bond.

Jacob Cornett, 28, of Gordon, faces DUI and methamphetamine charges.

He was arrested by Trooper Jerred Lovins of the Kentucky State Police, and charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance (first offense), driving on a DUI-suspended license (first offense), license to be in possession, failure to give or improper signal and first-degree possession of a controlled substance (first offense, methamphetamine).

Cornett was arrested on March 11, and lodged in the Harlan County Detention Center.

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