

MERCER COUNTY COURT NEWS

DIST. CRIMINAL
The following cases are on record in the Mercer County Circuit Court clerk's office:

Crystal L. Devine, violating a Kentucky emergency protective order/domestic violence order, 43 days to serve.

DEEDS
The following property transfers are on record in the Mercer County Clerk's office:

Fix N Flips LLC to Clint Phillips, property located in Mercer County, \$131,000.

William and Amy Davis to Marchs and Breanne Warren, prop-

erty located in Mercer County, \$75,000.

Julia Ann Ferreira to Lauren and Daniel McJunkins, property located in Mercer County, \$193,000.

Craig A. and Brenda J. Green to Sharon K. Scott, property known and designated as 240 Fountain Trace, \$582,500.

The Estate of Robert Moore by Robin Humphrey, Executrix, to Nancy Lee Wesley, property located at 1051 Hopewell Road, fair cash value of \$77,744.

Keegan Edward Bottom to Bailie Elise and Nicholas Roney Bottom, property located in Mercer County, \$27,000.

POLICE NEWS

The following cases have been or are currently being investigated by the Mercer County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) or Harrodsburg Police Department (HPD). The information is drawn from police reports and public records at Boyle County Detention Center (BCDC). Anyone with information on cases still under investigation is urged to contact the

HPD at 859-734-5120 or the MCSO at 859-734-4221. Unless otherwise noted, all subjects are being held at BCDC.

All charges are merely allegations. All defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond reasonable doubt in a court of law.

Arrests:
Thursday, Jan. 29
• William J. Tate, 40,

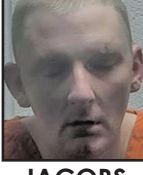
of Mackville, was served with five warrants—three Mercer County, two Boyle County— for



probation violation for a felony offense. Arrest: Dep. Catlett (Anderson County Sheriff's Office). No bond (Woodford

County Detention Center).

• Justin Jacobs, 37, of Harrodsburg, was served



with two warrants for another police agency. Arrest: Garrard County Sheriff's Office. Bond: \$500 (Jessamine County Detention Center).

What you need to know about High Path Avian Flu



Extension Notes
Linda McClanahan
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When news breaks about a new threat to livestock, the food supply, or even human health, it can feel hard to sort through basic info and what to do next. Kentucky has recently confirmed a couple of cases of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI), also called H5N1. Influenza viruses carry only a small set of genes, but tiny changes in that genetic "recipe" can alter which species they infect, how they spread, and how severe disease can be—sometimes in birds, sometimes in mammals, and sometimes in people. There are many influenza strains that affect birds and other animals. What makes this strain more concerning is its aggressiveness toward poultry. "Highly pathogenic" means it

spreads easily among birds and can cause severe disease. Once HPAI enters a flock of chickens, fatality rates can be extremely high—sometimes up to 90%. That kind of loss can devastate poultry farms and disrupt the supply of fresh eggs. Another reason this strain draws attention is its ability to infect a wider range of species than most bird flu viruses.

Wild birds—especially waterfowl—are natural reservoirs for avian influenza viruses. They can carry the virus and develop respiratory infections. During spring and fall migration, birds travel long distances, and an infected bird can expose domestic poultry and other wildlife along the way. If you find dead wild birds on your farm, report them to the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife so testing can be considered.

Backyard flocks and birds raised outdoors are at higher risk because they're more likely to be exposed to migrating birds overhead. Droppings can contaminate areas where poultry eat and drink. When possible, keeping poultry indoors can reduce risk. Outbreaks can also spread from farm to farm through movement of animals, equipment, vehicles, feed, or people.

With a virus this contagious, skipping biosecurity steps can put an entire flock at risk.

In poultry, HPAI often causes severe respiratory disease: discharge from the eyes and nose, sneezing, swelling or discoloration of the comb and wattles, loss of appetite, decreased egg production, and lack of coordination. Birds may only appear sick for a short time or die suddenly. Any flock with unexpected deaths or severe respiratory signs should be evaluated by a veterinarian and tested through state agencies or diagnostic laboratories to rule out avian influenza.

Cattle and other mammals can be infected. In cattle, respiratory signs may be mild and short-lived, but mastitis can occur and may last weeks, with decreased milk production and an inflamed udder. Avoid drinking raw (unpasteurized) milk, especially from sick animals. Cats, including barn cats, may develop neurologic signs such as staggering, tremors, or seizures, along with eye/nose discharge. Illness in cats can be severe and progress quickly.

People exposed to sick wild birds, poultry, or raw milk can become infected. Symptoms

often resemble influenza—fever, body aches, fatigue, runny nose, sore throat, and cough—and conjunctivitis (pink eye) is also common.

To report sick wild birds, call the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife: 1-800-858-1549. For poultry deaths or severe respiratory disease, contact your local veterinarian; state or federal agencies can help arrange testing. For sick poultry questions, call USDA: 1-866-536-7593. For questions about people and avian flu, contact your health care provider or the Kentucky Department of Public Health: 502-564-3970.

(The Mercer County Cooperative Extension Service also has information on safety practices around the home, farm and business. Educational programs of the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of economic or social status and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnic origin, national origin, creed, religion, political belief, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy, marital status, genetic information, age, veteran status, or physical or mental disability.)

Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center earns ECMO Award

Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center in Danville has been designated a Silver Level Center on the Pathway to Excellence in Life Support by the Extracorporeal Life Support Organization, effective Jan. 1, 2026. McDowell Regional Medical Center joins an exclusive group of just 306 internationally recognized ECMO centers—and is one of only 80 centers worldwide to hold Silver Level designation. The Silver Level award is the highest recognition available to ECMO programs in their first three years of operation, acknowledging centers that demonstrate exceptional commitment to evidence-based care, rigorous staff training, and outstanding patient outcomes.

providing temporary support for patients experiencing acute heart or lung failure. The technology functions as an external heart-lung machine, oxygenating blood outside the body and allowing damaged organs time to heal. ECPR extends this capability to patients in cardiac arrest, offering a chance at survival when conventional CPR alone is not sufficient. EMRMC's ability to place patients undergoing CPR onto ECMO at the bedside in minutes, 24/7, is unique in the state of Kentucky and places it amongst only a handful in the world to provide this level of care.

Since performing its first case in January 2023, McDowell Regional Medical Center's ECMO program has achieved remarkable results. The program is the first and only center in Kentucky to offer 24/7 in-house ECPR (extracorporeal cardiopulmonary resus-



Photo Submitted
Pictured: Dr. Jason Bowman, Emergency/Critical Care physician and ECMO medical director at Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center, and Kacie Kelso, ECMO coordinator at Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center.

citation) capability, and the 14th hospital nationwide to provide this level of around-the-clock cardiac arrest intervention. Despite being a relatively young program, McDowell Regional Medical

Center's survival rates exceed national averages and are on par with other centers of excellence in resuscitation. The program has also achieved several

See Ephraim 5B

Joey Hurst named Atmos Energy's operation supervisor for Danville

Joey Hurst recently became Atmos Energy's operation supervisor of the Danville service area. Hurst, whose career with Atmos Energy began in 2013, will be responsible for overseeing all operations of Danville's 12,000 customers in the four-county area.

Hurst served as a construction operator, where he performed meter reading, service and construction work. He was promoted to senior construction operator in 2019, followed by Distribution Operator in 2024. Hurst is active in the community and works with his church. He coaches his daughter's traveling softball team. He

is also active with the Backpack for Kids program. He enjoys spending time with his family.

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04 Help Wanted

Cooperative Extension Service

EXTENSION ASSISTANT
4-H Youth Development
Mercer County

RE53012

Deadline:
February 15, 2026

Apply online at:
<https://ukjobs.uky.edu/postings/616248>

For assistance call:
(859)734-4378

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210 Morris Drive, Harrodsburg, Ky.
Grooming by Amanda
Office Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:30-5:00;
Sat. 9:00-12:00
Phone 734-5546

21 For Rent

FOR Rent - 2 bdrm townhouse, no pets, \$900 mo., 859-368-1255

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