Mercer County Court News

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Criminal

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

Lukas Dale Jones, careless driving, $25 fine.

Austin D. Richards, license to be in possession, $25 fine.

Jeremiah John Fraser, speeding 24 MPH over the posted limit, $48 fine.

Meril Allan Childers, drunk in public, 45 days to serve (consecutive), probation two years; shoplifting, 45 days to serve (consecutive).

Haley Graves, unauthorized use of motor vehicle, 270 days to serve, probation two years.

Zachary Jones, failure to report (two counts), $50 fine each count; 2nd degree criminal mischief, 120 days to serve, probation one year; driving under the influence, $200 fine, license suspended six months.

William B. Kookendoffer, driving under the influence, $200 fine, license suspended six months, 14 days to serve.

Evictions

The following evictions are on record in the Mercer County Clerk's office:

J.M. Elliott Properties LLC was awarded restitution of the property located at 151 Dedman Street from Jessica Manning and Dristen Saylor and Ryan Saylor, et al.

Deeds

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

Lisa B. Goodrich to Andrew M. Thompson and Staci Opal Thompson, property located in Mercer County, $1.

Andrew M. Thompson and Staci Opal Thompson to Kimberly Luckett and James R. Haverly, property designated as 899 Chimney Rock Road, $325,000.

Mitchell Thomas Weise and Sarah Jane Danielle Wises to Megan Mattingly and Matthew Mattingly, Lot 28, Caddell Farm, Tract 1E, $273,000.

Siesta Casa LLC to Robert Sidney Bennett and Stacy Bennett, Lot 95, Final Subdivision Plat, Unit 2, Harrods Trace, $237,000.

Stephanie P. Poole and David R. Kielar to Kristi Lynn Richardson and David Michael Richardson, Lot 118, Chimney Rock Subdivision, $550,000.

The Estate of Jennifer L. Love to Grant King and Lindsey P. King, Lot 10, containing 0.159 acres, Harrods Glen, Phase Three, $245,000.

Jeanette Shuman, Administratrix of the Estate of Steven R. Shuman, to David Arnold and Dawn Moore, property located at 130 Mann' Road, $260,000.

Eric Lee Hamilton and Lori Michelle Hamilton to Rosetta Homes LLC, property located at 487 Price Avenue, $176,000.

Otto Stanislaw and Kevin Lyn Goley to Kevin Lyn Goley, property located in Mercer County containing 1.198 acres, more or less, $170,000.

Danny Johnson to Heather Amanda Dunaway, property located in Mercer County, fair cash value of $225,000.

Civil

The following civil cases were filed at the Mercer County Circuit Clerk's office:

Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance Inc. vs. Betty Horton Wilson and Joy Dossett, $73,223.75 plus any and all other relief.

Credit Acceptance Corporation vs. John W. Hopper, $16,744.63 plus any and all other relief.

Heights Finance Corporation vs. Jonathan Richardson, $6,422.94 plus any and all other relief.

Bluegrass Tax Services vs. Norman A. Blomberg Lifetime Advocacy Trust, $1,194.02 plus any and all other relief.

Citibank N.A. vs. Mark Jenkins, $8,795.30 plus any and all other relief.

J.P. Morgan Chase Bank N.A. vs. Laura Barker, $29,043.06 plus any and all other relief.

Planet Home Lending LLC vs. Freda Hayes and Amy Faye Hayes et al., $89,499.80 plus any and all other relief.

Capital One N.A. vs. Forrest D. Pennington, $6,349.10 plus any and all other relief.

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 detention facilities holding Mercer County prisoners. 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.

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

Arrests:

Thursday, Oct. 29

• Amber Riley was arrested and charged with driving under the influence, driving with an expired license and one headlight. Arrest: Patrolman Dominic Pusey (HPD). Released on a $4,000 bond (Jessamine County Detention Center).

Friday, Oct. 30

• Jacquelyn Morgan Puryear was arrested and charged with 2nd degree criminal abuse/neglect, 2nd degree possession of an unspecified drug, 1st degree possession of an unspecified drug, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana and invalid registration plates. Puryear was also served with two warrants for failure to appear. Arrest: Patrolwoman Erin Fraddosio (HPD). Bonds: $15,000 (Franklin County Detention Center).

Sunday, Nov. 8

• Jordan Montrell Dunn, 31, of Harrodsburg, was arrested and charged with 1st degree possession of an unspecified drug. Arrest: (MCSO). Bond: $4,000 (Jessamine County Detention Center).

Protecting your paycheck in case of an accident



Financial Focus
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When people think about protecting their financial future, they often focus on saving for retirement, building an emergency fund or purchasing life insurance. One form of protection that is often overlooked is disability insurance. Your ability to earn an income may be your most valuable financial asset. If an illness or injury prevents you from working for an extended period, disability insurance can help replace a portion of your income and keep your financial goals on track.

Understanding the Basics

Disability insurance provides income replacement if you're unable to work due to a covered illness or injury. There are two primary types of disability coverage: short and long term. Short-term disability insurance typically replaces a portion of your income for several weeks or months after a waiting period. Long-term disability coverage generally begins after short-term benefits end and may continue for several years — or until retirement age — depending on the policy. Most employer-sponsored plans replace between 50% and 70% of your base salary, although coverage levels vary.

What Employers Typically Provide

Many employers offer disability insurance as part of their benefits package, often at little or no cost to employees. Short-term disability coverage is commonly offered as an optional or employer-paid benefit. Long-term disability coverage is also frequently available, and employees may have the option to purchase additional coverage.

It's important to review your benefits carefully. Pay attention to key details such as the percentage of income replaced, waiting periods before benefits begin, benefit duration and whether bonuses or commissions are included in covered earnings. You should also understand whether benefits would be taxable if you needed to use them.

An Important Part of Financial Wellness

Disability insurance works alongside emergency savings, health insurance, life insurance and retirement accounts as part of a comprehensive financial plan. Without adequate income protection, even a temporary loss of earnings could disrupt your ability to pay bills, cover healthcare expenses or continue saving for retirement (not to mention contributing to a college savings plan or funding other family financial goals).

During your next employer benefits enrollment period (which typically occurs in November of each year), take a few minutes to review your disability coverage. It could be one of the most important financial decisions you make.

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Second One Health Week is building a healthier Kentucky together



Extension Notes
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Across the Bluegrass, health is more than just a personal matter—it's something we often experience together as a community. That's the heart of the One Health Initiative, a statewide effort led by the University of Kentucky and supported by The Bill Gatton Foundation. Its mission is to highlight the vital connections between the health of people, animals and the environment.

Kentucky One Health Week 2026—observed Nov. 1 through Nov. 7—brings this mission to life with the theme, "Connected by Health. United for Kentucky." Whether it's clean water, safe food or strong communities, our well-being is deeply tied to the world around us.

Your Mercer County Extension Service plays a key role in this initiative. Extension serves as the link between university research and everyday life. We're not just sharing information—we're helping Kentuckians turn knowledge into action. Through local events and practical information on nutrition, agriculture and environmental care, Extension helps build healthier habits across the Commonwealth.

During One Health Week, you may come across social media posts highlighting tick-borne disease, sustainability and animal care. You might also hear radio messages encouraging you to prioritize health. These reminders reflect how individual choices can strengthen families and communities.

One Health is more than a call to personal action—it's a collaborative solution to complex challenges. By connecting people, animals and the environment, the initiative is laying the foundation for a stronger, more resilient Kentucky.

Backed by UK's 16 colleges, hundreds of academic programs and a network of community partnerships, the UK Cooperative Extension Service is helping build a healthier future together.

To learn more about One Health or get involved in One Health Week, contact your Mercer County Extension office.

(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.)

Caudill named runner up for KFB's 2026 Farm Woman of the Year

Tess Caudill of Mercer County was a runner up for the Kentucky Farm Bureau's 2026 Farm Woman of the Year.

Jennifer Poole of Daviess County was selected as KFB 2026 Farm Woman of the Year.

Caudill, also a 2025 runner-up, and her fiancé farm approximately 800 acres in Mercer County, where they raise commercial cattle and Katahdin sheep. She served more than 20 years as a sheep and goat marketing specialist in the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's Office of Agriculture Marketing before retiring in 2019 to farm full time. She is currently Mercer County Farm Bureau president.

The annual award honors women whose exceptional contributions to agriculture exemplify innovation, leadership and community service. Poole will be recognized during KFB's Gold Star Luncheon held in conjunction with the organization's annual meeting in December.

Poole, who was named a runner-up for the award in both 2024 and 2025, and her husband, Wes, are first-generation farmers who operate Poole Farms in Lewisport. The diversified operation includes six mega turkey grow-out houses, roughly 1,500 acres of row crop rotating between corn and soybeans, and a beef herd of about 115 cow-calf pairs supported by approximately 600 acres of forage ground.

"Kentucky Farm Bureau is proud to honor Jennifer Poole," said KFB President Eddie Melton. "Jennifer's hard work and dedication are essential to the success of her family farm. She brings that same commitment and leadership to her community and to Farm Bureau. Women like Jennifer are a driving force in Kentucky agriculture and play a vital role in keeping our rural communities strong."

Poole left her public career in 2013 to work on the farm full time and was pivotal in moving the operation from tobacco to turkey production. Today, she handles bookkeeping, payroll and Farm Service Agency and USDA paperwork, keeps the farm's crop and cattle records and manages sales and marketing for its alfalfa hay, beef and sweet corn. She also helps manage the turkey operation, works in the barn when calves are processed and hauls hay during the busy season.

In 2025, Poole received an Accelerating Appalachia grant recognizing the farm's conservation work on its row crops. Poole Farms is completing a USDA Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) contract that added more than five miles of fence and 18 waterers for prescribed grazing, which helps conserve the ground. Poole helped install some of that fence herself.

Poole's Farm Bureau involvement dates to the Daviess County Young Farmer program, and her family competed for KFB's Outstanding Young Farm Family award in 2018. During the 2025-26 school year, she read to more than a dozen classrooms for Ag in the Classroom on behalf of Daviess County Farm Bureau.

She is an active voting member of the Kentucky Poultry Federation, Ohio Valley Farm Analysis, Daviess County Extension District and Daviess County Conservation District boards. In 2025, she spearheaded KY Team Poultry, a Kentucky Poultry Federation health initiative. This March, at the team's first race, the Wendell Foster Half Marathon, she led the team in planning and providing food for more than 1,000 participants while running the half marathon herself.

Poole and her husband have four children. She volunteers in her children's schools and serves as a lector at her church.

Ashley DeBord of Pulaski County was the other runner-up for the 2026 Farm Woman of the Year award.

DeBord has owned Glory Gardens & Greenhouse since 2017, building the first-generation operation with her husband, Stephen. It has grown from an initial 1 acre of vegetables to four greenhouses and 8 acres of produce, with an on-farm market that is now a Kentucky Farm Bureau Certified Farm Market. She serves as co-chair of the Pulaski County Women's Committee and organizes annual Ag in the Classroom events for all 11 elementary schools in her county.

Kentucky Farm Bureau is the state's largest general farm organization with nearly 475,000 member families. For more news and updates from Kentucky Farm Bureau, visit KYFBNewsroom.com.

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