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## MCSO seeking public assistance with reported theft; MFD responds to a fire downtown

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Assistance from the public is being sought by the Mason County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) to help identify the owner of a truck that was allegedly involved in a theft.

"On Thursday, March 19, 2026, at approximately 1:20 p.m., a single-axle trailer was stolen from a garage located at the corner of Helena Road and US 68," said MCSO. "The trailer was loaded with debris at the time of the incident."

It further noted that the vehicle belonging to the suspect does not

appear to be in its original color but has been repainted.

"It may have a white stripe running down the hood and noticeable damage, including a dent above the rear driver side-wheel," MCSO stated. "The vehicle was observed in the May's Lick area between approximately 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and was last seen traveling on US 68 toward Fleming County."

The MCSO encouraged anyone to contact them at (606) 564-3309 or to send an anonymous text to MPD212 if they have information regarding the vehicle, surveillance footage or even knowledge of the operator or owner of

the vehicle.

"Deputy J. Wagner is working the investigation," said MCSO. "All information is appreciated. Thank you for your assistance."

In additional news from the weekend, the Maysville Fire Department (MFD) responded to a fire in downtown Maysville early Saturday morning.

"At approximately 3:45 a.m. this morning, the Maysville Fire Department responded to a reported structure fire on the hillside of West Second Street," said MFD. "Upon arrival, Shift 1 crews found a three-story residence

with a room and contents fire on the second floor."

It noted that firefighters took quick, aggressive action, saving the structure and preventing the fire from spreading further in the home.

"We want to extend our appreciation to all Shift 1 personnel for their outstanding work on scene, as well as the off-duty MFD members who responded to assist," MFD stated. "A special thank you also goes out to Maysville Dispatch and the Maysville Police Department for their continued teamwork and support we truly value the strong partnership we share in serving our community."

## Sunset on the river



A sunset falls behind the hills along the Ohio River on the first day of spring.

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## PrimaryPlus Residency program welcomes four new MDs

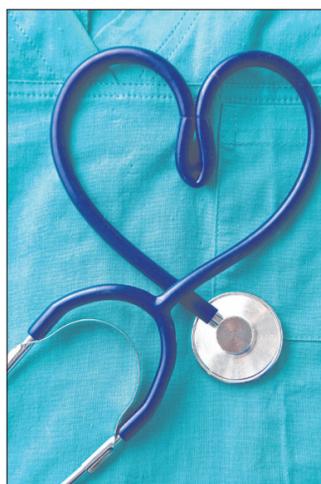
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On Friday, March 20, the PrimaryPlus Family Medicine Residency Program announced that four new residents have matched with the organization.

"Congratulations to all of the medical students who matched today — and a special welcome to the future physicians who will soon be joining our program," stated PrimaryPlus representatives. "We are proud to have you as part of our team and look forward to supporting you throughout your residency journey."

They continued, "Your dedication, hard work, and passion for patient care have brought you to this moment, and we can't wait to see the impact you will make in our community."

The individuals who matched with the PrimaryPlus Family Medicine Residency Program are Zara



Ashraf, MD; Megan Curtis, MD; Jeremy Croffie, MD; and Liseth Romero, MD.

Mason County Judge-Executive Owen McNeill remarked that the residents will spend the next three years of their training at PrimaryPlus's McDonald Parkway location.

"These students will join our last two years of physicians in training as we bolster our availability of healthcare providers here in Mason County," said McNeill. "Primary Plus Maysville is the country's only physician residency program partnered with a Federally Qualified Health Center of FWHC, a feat in and of itself."

The PrimaryPlus Family Medicine Residency Program was announced in February 2023 and officially launched on July 1, 2024.

A ribbon cutting for the location was held in November 2024 with Governor Andy Beshear in attendance. At the event, Beshear noted that this program is the only rural health care residency program that is not affiliated with a major university.

"That means Maysville and Mason County is doing something no one else in Kentucky have done in expanding healthcare to your people," proclaimed Beshear.



## MPD warns public of DMV text scam

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The Maysville Police Department (MPD) recently issued a warning to citizens about a text scam that is circulating locally.

According to the MPD, many local individuals have recently reported receiving text messages from an unknown number claiming to be with the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). These texts claim that the recipient has infractions on their driving record and insist that they send a payment to rectify the matter.

The MPD expressed that although some of these messages may include the individual's license plate number, they should remain vigilant and should "not engage or otherwise respond."

"Please also share this information with your family, friends, and neighbors who are not on social media," concluded MPD representatives.

## Two sentenced to prison time

Ripley Bee Staff Report

On August 21, 2025, a two-count indictment was filed against Aaron M. Williams, 32, of Sardinia, including count one, aggravated trafficking in drugs (methamphetamine), a felony of the second degree; and count two, aggravated possession of drugs (methamphetamine), a felony of the second degree. On March 3, Williams entered a plea of guilty to count two before Brown County Common Pleas Judge Scott T. Gusweiler.

On that same date, Judge Gusweiler sentenced Williams to an indefinite mandatory prison term of a minimum of five years and a maximum of 7.5 years in the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, to be served concurrently with the sentence imposed in case number 20242024. Count two was dismissed and Williams was also notified that post-release control is mandatory in this case for 18 months to three years.

On Jan. 23, a two-count indictment was filed against Thomas Lee Bruton, 53, of Ripley, including count one, domestic violence, a felony of the third degree; and count two, abduction, a felony of the third degree. On March 3, Bruton entered a plea of guilty to count one before Brown County Common Pleas Judge Scott T. Gusweiler.

On that same date, Judge Gusweiler sentenced Bruton to 18 months in the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction. Count two was dismissed and Bruton was also notified that post-release control is mandatory in this case for one to three years.



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