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“Local residents search for words in reaction to attacks on nation”

As more information unfolds about Tuesday's tragic events, the nation is dealing with shock and disbelief.

But many people have already formed opinions about the developments of Sept. 11, 2001, a day



Americans will not soon forget.

Even locally, the tragedy has had far-reaching effects and every person will testify to its horrific nature.

“What can you say,?” said Susie Hargett of Augusta. “There are no

words to express how it has effected us. All you can really do is pray.”

Hargett, an employee of Kmart, said other employees have been able to watch the news on a TV in the break

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New brewery to open in Augusta

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AUGUSTA — A new brewery will be arriving in Augusta, Ky. later this year, joining the town's thriving wines and spirits industry and offering guests a comprehensive experience.

In an interview with The Ledger Independent, Pamela Ashcraft stated that in 2017, she and her husband Kevin bought the property for what will become 19 North Brewery. Having worked for a glass company based out of Pittsburgh, Pa. that makes glass for the spirits industry and local bourbon distilleries, Ashcraft continued to pursue her goal and took brewing classes, receiving her certificate in sales and marketing for brewing in 2021 and her associate's degree in brew science in 2022.

19 North Brewery's logo and social media page was officially launched late last month.

Ashcraft has stated that the 4,000-square-foot facility will be multi-functional, containing



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a taproom, event space and lodging.

The lodging will consist of a two-bedroom, one-bath apartment available for rent through Airbnb. Although it will be located within the brewery, the 900-square-foot apartment will have a private entrance, keeping it separated from the public areas. The apartment will be open all year round.

The event space will include an indoor space and outdoor covered deck, which will fit approximately 70 people. Ashcraft stated that the space will likely only be open Friday through Sunday; however, they are open to changing the operating hours depending on the business's success. She noted that they



Provided by Pamela Ashcraft

would like to host at least one event per month, with opportunities for live music and seasonal events. Reservations will be taken for some events in advance.

Similarly, the brewery will also be open on weekends and will offer seasonal drinks, lagers, pilsners and IPA beer. Ashcraft estimated that the taproom will include 10 to 12 taps.

“So, what we're hoping is that we will add to the tourism of Augusta,” Ashcraft expressed. “So, Augusta has the winery at Baker-Bird, has a dis-

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MCSO releases August report

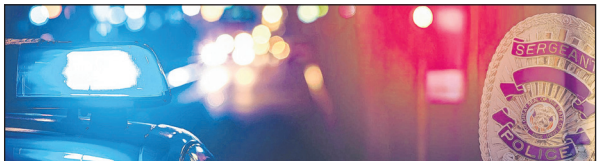
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The Mason County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) recently released its report for the month of August.

According to the report, last month, there were 831 documented incidents, 16 citations, 51 traffic or other citations, six transports, 92 civil or criminal papers served, 27 warrants served and 143 school hours logged.

Further, to date in 2026 there have been 5,296 incidents, 126 collisions, 421 traffic or other citations, 56 transports, 555 civil or criminal papers served, 169 warrants served and 1,861.5 school hours logged.

According to Mason County Sheriff Ryan Swolsky, 12 criminal investigations were opened in the month of August. Of those, one led to the arrest of a male who had been attempting to induce a minor to engage in sexual activities. The arrest was made after the MCSO received a tip from Predator Poachers, a citizens' group that targets this type of activity



online and reports it to law enforcement.

MCSO deputies were security at the Old Reliable Germantown Fair.

The department also hosted its 27th annual golf scramble. Swolsky noted that all of the funds from the scramble were given to the Kentucky Sheriff's Boys and Girls Ranch.

“Thank you to our players and numerous donors for their support,” he stated. “If you are interested in sending a child to the ranch, please call us.”

Swolsky also shared his thoughts about school resource officers (SRO), explaining that in 2019, Kentucky began directing school districts to assign resource officers to campuses “as funds and qualified personnel became available.” In 2022, stricter mandates came through House Bill 63 requiring at least one resource officer on each public school campus.

Under the leadership of former sheriff Patrick Boggs, the MCSO began a school resource officer program with Mason County Schools in 2017 and have maintained its partnership ever since. Swolsky noted that the MCSO currently has three SROs.

“The SROs primary duty is the safety and security of students and staff,” said Swolsky. “Throughout their shifts, SROs check to ensure doors are secure, monitor video cameras, patrol the campus, respond to requests for assistance from staff, and work investigations. It is a demanding job and we are fortunate to have extremely capable deputies work these positions.”

For comments or questions, contact the MCSO at (606) 564-3309. To submit a tip, text MPD212 to 847411 to reach the MCSO or the Maysville Police Department.

Fleming Co. Chamber of Commerce opens nominations for annual awards

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FLEMINGSBURG — The Fleming County Chamber of Commerce has begun seeking nominations for its 2026 annual chamber awards.

“Help us recognize the people, businesses and organizations whose leadership, service and accomplishments make Fleming County a stronger place to live, work and do business,” the Fleming County Chamber of Commerce stated.

It further noted that nominations are open to the public and that chamber customers, members, employees, residents and community organizations may nominate any eligible organization, individual or business. Self-nominations are also accepted.

“After nominations close, the chamber board

of directors will review all submissions to confirm eligibility. All eligible nominees will then be placed on the official ballot for consideration by chamber members in good standing,” the chamber stated. “Each chamber member in good standing may cast one vote in each award category. The eligible nominee receiving the highest number of votes in each category will be selected as the award recipient. The chamber champion award is selected separately by the board of directors and will not appear on the member ballot.”

According to the chamber, the nomination period will end on Wednesday, Sept. 30. Nomination forms may be submitted to the chamber's office at 165 W. Water Street in Flemingsburg, Ky. via Google Form, by



Courtesy of the Fleming County Chamber of Commerce
The QR code for the 2026 Fleming County Chamber of Commerce nominations form.

mailing them to PO Box 24 in Flemingsburg or by emailing them to rob-bie@flemingkychamber.com. A printed version of the form may also be obtained at the chamber's office.

This year's award categories include Agriculture Leader of the Year, Community Impact Award, Citizen of the Year, Educator of the Year, Health and Well-

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