

Several lodged in Pike County Detention Center

A News-Express Staff Report

Several individuals were recently arrested and lodged in the Pike County Detention Center. Those arrested, according to the booking log at the jail, included:

Thursday, Feb. 19

Tameralee D. Sanders, 52, Blair Street, Elkhorn City, probation violation.

Kelli Reed, 27, Village Street, Pikeville, contempt of court.

Celena Lynn Fenstemaker, 52, Rocky Summit Road, Bean Station, Tenn., DUI (first offense), possession of drug paraphernalia, controlled substance prescription not in original container and traffic violations.

Blake Daughtery, 21, Phillips Branch, Jamboree, second-degree fleeing or evading police and traffic violations.

David May, 69, Phillips Hill, Ransom, failure to appear, contempt of court and traffic violations.

Kamera Akers, 28, Caroline Avenue, Pikeville, public intoxication, possession of drug paraphernalia and contempt of court.

Eric S. Blair, 47, Daniel Branch, Pikeville, failure to appear.

Friday, Feb. 20

Darren S. Bartley, 43, Douglas Parkway, Pikeville, DUI (first offense) and traffic violations.

Franklin R. Hackney, 51, Mudlick Road, Hardy, probation violation.

Dawson Layne Chaney, 21, DUI (first offense), possession of an open alcoholic beverage container in a motor vehicle and traffic violations.

William B. Anderson, 30, Pikeville, second-degree criminal trespassing and failure to appear.

Rebecca H. Stewart, 42, Rays Branch, Pikeville, contempt of court.

Rebecca Darnell, Hall, 35, Grand Branch, Cromona, first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine, first offense), DUI (second offense), possession of drug paraphernalia and a traffic violation.

Brian A. Barnett, 42, Brushy Road, Varnes, third-degree possession of a controlled substance, controlled substance prescription not in original container, possession of drug paraphernalia, contempt of court and failure to appear.

Christopher W. Coleman, 46, Road Fork,

Sidney, first-degree possession of a controlled substance (fentanyl), third-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Saturday, Feb. 21

Jennifer Guess, 38, Boardtree, Phelps, third-degree criminal trespassing, alcohol intoxication and second-degree criminal mischief.

Kaylee M. Maynard, 22, Knob Fork Road, Pikeville, DUI (first offense) and possession of an open alcoholic beverage container in a motor vehicle.

Jody Pruitt, 50, Chloe Road, Pikeville, second-degree disorderly conduct and public intoxication.

Peggy S. Charles, 59, Winns Branch, Pikeville, probation violation.

Brenda L. Robinette, 52, South Mayo Trail, Pikeville, theft.

Brandon Hunt, 40, Hurley Road, Hurley, Ky., leaving the scene of an accident.

Sunday, Feb. 22

Thomas W. Damron, 56, Marrowbone Creek Road, Elkhorn City, theft, first-degree possession of a controlled substance (fentanyl), second-degree possession of a controlled substance, third-degree possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Danny R. Whitt, 33, May Branch, Belfry, DUI (first offense) and traffic violations.

Johanna N. Trump, 37, Greasy Creek Road, Shelbiana, false report generating emergency response and second-degree disorderly conduct.

Benjamin E. Burks, 54, Webb Branch Road, Oakwood, Va., theft.

Lisa R. Burks, 54, Webb Branch Road, Oakwood, Va., theft.

Monday, Feb. 23

Jonathan Ray Newsome, 29, Elkhorn Creek Road, Elkhorn City, failure to appear.

Tuesday, Feb. 24

Brian S. Henry, 56, Ripply Branch, Shelbiana, third-degree terroristic threatening and theft.

Editor's note: The above list reflects people lodged in the Pike County Detention Center. The charges against them are merely accusations and the defendants are presumed innocent until, if and when, they are proven guilty or enter a guilty plea.

MEETING

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its life, but questioned the landfill project.

"Is this the best solution?" Ford asked. "Is this the only alternative?"

Ford also said the group has been in contact with environmental lawyers who are looking at the group's case.

Several speakers during the meeting also discussed concerns about the landfill potentially being located on a former mine.

Larry Thacker of Dorton said that, because of the way that mining was conducted and the fact that many mine maps were destroyed, there isn't any readily available way to know what's under the site.

"You could have as many as four or five seams up there," he said.

Thacker said that, when the project reaches the permitting point, people, especially older people more familiar with the mining that was done there, need to make sure to voice their concerns and provide their knowledge to regulators.

What comes next?

The group put together a committee during the meeting, which will lead the opposition effort and those present said they wanted to hold another meeting prior to the March 3 Pike County Fiscal Court meeting, during which Jones has said public comments would be allowed.

Attendees at the coalition meeting discussed the need to have specific people set to talk.

Jamie Little, one of several Dist. 3 magisterial candidates who attended the coalition meeting, said that there is recent history that can help the group prepare to make its case effectively.

"(Jones has) done this previously; I don't know if you recall when they had the bridge fiasco over at Draffin," he said.

"I think that we need to have one spokesperson picked out, but I don't think that spokesperson should be any candidate. I think it should be a resident of Long Fork, Virgie, Jonancy, Myra, Beehide, Brushy — somewhere where that property directly attaches to them."

Larry Thacker, of Dorton, told those gathered at the coalition meeting that they need to contact their legislators and tell them to vote against Senate Bill 29, which has been approved in the state Senate and has moved on to the state House.

"If this bill, Senate Bill 29, passes, it doesn't make any difference," he said. "It takes complete control from the county and the fiscal court, and it gives it to the corporate landfill."

Thacker said he wants to see legislators actively work against the landfill.

"I want them on that floor," he said. "I want our state representatives on the floor down there arguing against this landfill. When they take that vote, you hold them accountable for it."

There is also a petition drive underway in opposition to the landfill.

United beyond politics

Ford said he has not seen, in his 40 years involved in politics, such a united front by candidates running for the same office as what has occurred in Magisterial District 3, where the landfill is proposed to be located.

"They see the bigger picture," he said of the candidates.

Magistrate candidate Nathan Little, who helped organize the Feb. 19 meeting, said the issue is bigger than the magistrate's race.

"This is our way of life, our whole identity up here in the Shelby Valley area; it's going to

destroy all of that," Nathan Little said.

He also said that, to his understanding, all Dist. 3 candidates are in opposition to the landfill and attended the fiscal court meeting.

Many other elected officials and hopefuls were present at the coalition meeting, as well

Candidate Rob Elkins, who is among those seeking the Dist. 3 Republican nomination, said the politics are not involved because the stakes are so high.

"This is going to affect everybody," Elkins said. "This is going to destroy our area

"It is going to destroy our property value; we'll just have to give it away and move," he continued. "We've laid down the Democrat and Republican parties and picked up another fight completely, and our community has come together as one."

Jamie Little said the nature of the land beneath the proposed landfill site makes it particularly concerning.

"We know that there's been trouble in the past with those mines," he said. "If we put a landfill over top of them and there's any type of breach in that liner, those mines are going to fill up again."

"This is about a lot more than any election," he said. "This is about our home, about our water, about our legacy, about what we leave our kids and grandkids."

"Whoever wins is fine, as long as we get this stopped and save our home for future generations," Jerry Little said.

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programs and cuts to programs like the state's Family Resource and Youth Service Centers.

These cuts are more than just numbers on a spreadsheet. Reducing funding for education can reduce bloat, sure, but most likely it's just going to impact how prepared our children are to build Kentucky's future.

In the present, we may have a little more money in the bank, but it's entirely possible we're selling the future to get there. There's also the possibility that school districts begin raising property tax rates to make up for the state's reductions.

I agree that changes are needed in Kentucky's public education system, but simply taking funding won't necessarily result in the positive

change that could come through an effort like comprehensive reform.

And it should go without saying that cuts don't impact all districts across the state equally. A cut to district transportation funds in Lexington won't have the same impact as in Eastern Kentucky. The challenges are different, although on paper it might appear like comparing apples to apples.

The opposite extreme to this idea is to simply throw money at problems in hopes that we can spend our way out. That won't work. It never has and never will.

I guess my ultimate concern about where we're headed is that I'm afraid we're simply moving numbers on a piece of paper and creating challenges, instead of seizing the opportunities that are open to us at this time.

Trying to buy our way out of problems is a bad idea, but targeted, adequate investment in our future is never a bad thing. I'm not sure that the legislature's budget is targeted at more than just making the numbers look good, instead of taking steps that can sometimes be painful, but push us toward a better future.

Cutting taxes is always a good idea, but it can't happen in isolation. It won't happen in isolation, either, as the impacts of setting our priorities today will impact tomorrow.

I've not heard anyone saying how the education cuts will improve Kentucky's education system, and if one thing is happening without the other, then we're not budgeting, we're just politicking.

And that's a costly proposition.

put up a privacy fence because somebody decides to raise hogs next door. Pike County should offer more for the tourist than a trip to the Breaks, a visit to Ole Ran'l McCoy's grave on the hill above Dorsie's, or a climb up the 99 steps at UPike to show the kiddies where "Cotton Top" Mounds was hanged.

Unfortunately, we're not talking about these things because there is no immediate profit from them. Instead, we have gathered to talk about a colossal injustice, a massive landfill that can only bring disease and heartache to those within its reach. We're talking about an unforgivable crime against thousands of Pike County citizens. This

project may save the Pike Fiscal Court \$4 million a year, but there is no way to measure its cost to the human spirit.

Robinson Creek citizen Wayne Osborne says the only sure way to stop this thing is to put some of them endangered striped crawdads in the creek up around Myra and hope they take up. If that doesn't work, we're on our own.

So, spill your guts on Facebook, Instagram and TikTok. Attend meetings. Call your congressman. Call your friends. Call your granny. Raise hell all the way to Frankfort. And do it now!

The maggot train is blowing for the crossing.

WHEELER

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benefits and tuition waivers to include search and rescue personnel who lose their lives in the line of duty.

- SB 69 creates the Autism Spectrum Disorder Trust Fund and allows voluntary tax refund contributions to support autism research and services.

- SJR 74 directs the creation of a statewide fiscal map of substance use disorder programs to improve coordination and accountability.

- SB 85 allows public pension benefits to be placed in a Special Needs

Trust to help families protect long-term care while maintaining eligibility for support programs.

- SB 104 establishes a safety zone around first responders and strengthens penalties for those who interfere or threaten them, while protecting constitutional rights.

- SB 141 modernizes public notice laws to improve transparency, expand digital access, and help control costs.

- SB 152 strengthens school leadership by affirming principals' authority while maintaining input from teachers

and parents.

- SB 159 improves coordination in missing persons cases to help locate individuals more quickly and support families.

Each of these measures now moves to the House for consideration.

If you have questions or ideas, feel free to contact my office at, (502) 564-8100, or email me at, Phillip.Wheeler@kylegislature.gov. You can learn more about bills, committees and other updates from the Kentucky General Assembly at, www.legislature.ky.gov

COMPTON

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rotten cabbage and a few dead fightin' roosters shouldn't make us sneeze.

They throw them losing roosters in the creek up my way.

Pike County, Kentucky, is home to most of us. We care about its future, or we would not be fighting to protect it. Pike County has the potential of becoming, as it once was, the most beautiful and inviting county east of the Mississippi.

Kentucky Pride should mean more than men in orange picking up litter along Country Music Highway. We need enforced litter and zoning laws.

We should not have to

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