

Two charged with trafficking in meth

A News-Express Staff Report

Two people were charged with trafficking in methamphetamine on Oct. 2.

According to a citation written by Kentucky State Police Trooper Billy Ball, a search warrant was executed at the residence of Keith Dye at Cabin Fork, Dorton. At that point, they made contact with Dye and Bronis F. Yates, 56, of Oak Drive, Fort Wayne, Indiana.



Keith Dye

The citation said Yates initially gave troopers false information, but later provided her real identity, at which time it was discovered she had four active arrest warrants.

Ball wrote in the ci-



Bronis Yates

tation, "Yates stated she had traveled from Indiana earlier that date on a bus to Ashland."

The citation stated Dye and others picked her up at the bus station in Ashland.

"Yates stated she brought approximately 7 grams of methamphetamine with her from Indiana, but it was for personal use," according to the citation. "Ms. Yates said they had used some of the meth, but what remained was in her luggage in the living room."

While checking the luggage, Ball wrote that a handgun was found "stuffed between the cushions" of the couch.

"It is important to note that Dye and Yates

are convicted felons and should not possess firearms," Ball wrote.

"With my training and experience, I believe Dye and Yates are involved in illegal drug activity," he wrote in the citation.

The citation said both individuals were transported to the Pike County Detention Center. Yates was charged with first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (greater than or equal to 2 grams of methamphetamine, first offense), possession of drug paraphernalia and convicted felon in possession of a handgun, and he was released from custody.

first offense), possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to appear.

However, according to court records, the jail refused to accept Dye because of an open wound on his foot. He was cited on charges of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (greater than or equal to 2 grams of methamphetamine, first offense), possession of drug paraphernalia and convicted felon in possession of a handgun, and he was released from custody.

Pikeville clerk recognized



News-Express photo by Gary Slone

Robbi Bentley, Pikeville city clerk, was recognized during the Sept. 28 Pikeville City Commission meeting. Bentley successfully completed the Level III Master of City Governance course during the Kentucky League of Cities (KLC) conference. "We are extremely blessed to have Robbi as our city clerk", Pikeville mayor Jimmy Carter said. "For her to achieve this level of excellence is remarkable and there aren't many Level III Master Clerks in the state and we now have one here."

Wheeler recognized by KLC



Submitted photo

Sen. Phillip Wheeler, R-Pikeville, was recently recognized by the Kentucky League of Cities with the organization's 2026 Friend of Kentucky Cities Award. According to a statement from KLC, Wheeler helped build support in the Senate for House Bill 780, a KLC initiative addressing delays in recording deeds following master commissioner sales. The measure was ultimately incorporated into House Bill 566 and signed into law. "His support helped advance a solution that gives cities another tool to address unrecorded commissioner deeds, maintain accurate property records and better manage properties in their communities," the statement said.

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funding from the Kentucky Foundation for Women and sponsorships.

"It's called Mountain Grrl Experience, but it really is for everyone," Preston continued. "We always have to fight that misconception. We say if you love your grandma, your sis-

ter, your momma or your wife, perhaps you want to support an event like this because what we want to do is uplift Appalachian women."

Preston said the event gives women a stage and an opportunity to show off artwork and talents they may not have felt competent to share before.

"As of now, we have around 19 arts and crafts vendors

booked to come and around 25 or so informational booths scheduled to come," Preston said. "So really, there will be something for everyone."

"We are an arts and crafts festival," Smallwood said. "That includes various arts and we'll have two stages set up in the park for music. We'll have things for kids to do and really we want to keep the Appa-

lachian culture alive, so you'll also see quilt making, flatfoot dancing, people playing a dulcimer; you'll see a lot of the history of Kentucky and those things are important to preserve."

The event will begin around 4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 16. On Saturday, Oct. 17, the event will continue beginning at 10 a.m. and will continue until 10 p.m. "We want to make sure

that our Appalachian culture is passed on to the next generation," Preston said. "So, we'll be having several workshops to teach various things like how to play a dulcimer, or how to start a business and many other workshops and all of this is free of charge."

For more information, check out the Mountain Grrl Experience Facebook page.





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