

Multi-state fugitive arrested in Boyd

STAFF REPORT

A multi-state fugitive was arrested in the Rush area of Boyd County recently, according to a Facebook post by the Ashland Police Department. Northeast Kentucky Drug Task Force of Appalachia HIDTA members executed a search warrant on Aug. 28, resulting in the arrest of Shannon Badalamenti of West Virginia, a fugitive with active arrest warrants from

multiple surrounding states, and the seizure of significant quantities of illegal drugs, weapons and cash. Officers executed the warrant at the intersection of Route 3 and Clay Jack Road in Rush. According to APD, seizures include: suspected meth, fentanyl, cocaine, multiple types of pills, one firearm and \$1,555 in cash. APD posted the following: “This successful operation

demonstrates our continued commitment to disrupting drug trafficking networks and removing dangerous individuals from our communities. The collaboration between federal, state and local agencies was instrumental in achieving this outcome.” The Northeast Kentucky Drug Task Force is comprised of investigators from the ATF-Ashland Field Office, APD and the Boyd County Sheriff’s Office.

Sheriff’s Office: Summit man arrested after cutting down phone lines

STAFF REPORT

A Summit man is facing criminal mischief and meth possession charges, among others, after deputies responded to a report of suspicious activity Wednesday, according to the Boyd County Sheriff’s Office. Corey McCallister, 34, was arrested Wednesday just before noon after a caller had observed him attempting to

cut down phone lines in the area of Meade Springer and U.S. 60. Sheriff Jamie Reihs said Deputy Ashley Elmore and Sgt. Mark Wheeler discovered several sections of phone line had been cut and removed. They apprehended McCallister hiding in a nearby creek bed. The suspect possessed tools consistent with cutting wire. Officers found items used for rolling up wire near-

by. McCallister is charged with first-degree, second-offense possession of meth, first-degree criminal mischief (tamper key infrastructure assets) and two outstanding bench warrants. McCallister is in the Boyd County Detention Center. The investigation is ongoing. Additional arrests are pending, according to the county sheriff.

Kentucky public TV announces layoffs in response to loss of federal funds

BY JAMIE LUCKE
FOR THE KENTUCKY LANTERN

KET, Kentucky’s statewide public television network, announced a 22% reduction in its workforce on Thursday, including 15 employee layoffs. “Unfortunately, with the loss of federal funding, there is no way around the need for significant budget reductions,” Shae Hopkins, KET’s executive director and CEO said in a statement. “It is a sad but unavoidable situation for our dedicated team, and the loss will affect operations throughout the agency.” In July, Republicans in Congress, at President Donald Trump’s urging, eliminated funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and rescinded more than \$1 billion that Congress already had approved for public broadcasters such as KET. At the time, KET said \$4.2 million from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting had paid for the majority of its local productions and 25% of its workforce. The staff cuts announced Thursday include the layoff of 15 individuals. The network also eliminated another 21 positions that had been held vacant in anticipation of possible federal funding cuts. After the reduction in force, KET’s workforce will number 122. In the news release, Hopkins said “even during this difficult time, KET remains as committed as ever to serving Kentuckians across the commonwealth.” KET had an operating budget of \$28.9 million in fiscal year 2024, according to its annual report, with state general funds providing the largest share, 59%. The Corporation for Public Broadcasting provided 13% of the operating funds while 14% came from private donors and another 14% from grants and other sources.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Tri-County Choir in concert

COAL GROVE
The Tri-County Choir will be in concert — “Praising Our Lord in Song” — on Saturday, Sept. 13, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Zoar Baptist Church. Bryan Wheeler is the choir director. Call Betty at (606) 928-6347 for more information. The concert is free.

“Come join together in an evening of worship, fellowship and singing of Gospel hymns and music,” the statement read. Zoar Baptist is at 1009 Marion Pike.

Hot dog sale slated for Monday

CATLETTSBURG
A hot dog sale will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday at the Boyd County Senior Center at 3015 Louis St. Cost is \$5 for a hot dog, chips, drink and dessert.

For more information, call the church at (606) 324-6159 or email editor@ashlandfirstumc.org.

Morning Pointe plans celebration

RUSSELL
Morning Pointe of Russell will celebrate National Assisted Living Week with Gospel Fest, set for noon to 4 p.m. Sept. 13. In addition to live music, inflatables for children and other activities are planned.

MEETING

Wednesday, Sept. 10, at noon: Boyd County Fiscal Court, regular session, 2800 Louisa Road.

Staff reports

PUBLIC NOTICE

**PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF CATLETTSBURG
CATLETTSBURG, KY
PUMP STATION REHABILITATION**
Sealed Bids for the construction of the Catlettsburg Pump Station Rehabilitation will be received, by the City of Catlettsburg, at the office of the City Clerk, 2611 Louisa Street, Catlettsburg, KY 41129, until 1:30 p.m. local time on September 8, 2025, at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. The Project consists of rehabilitation or replacement of several wastewater pumping stations and appurtenances.

Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a lump sum basis, as indicated in the Bid Form. An Additive Alternative Bid schedule is included for Point Repairs, on a unit price basis.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: Lynn Imaging, 328 Old Vine Street, Lexington, KY 40507, Phone: 859-255-1021, Website: www.lynnimaging.com. Prospective Bidders may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below.

Bidding Documents also may be examined online at: Builders Exchange of Kentucky, Inc. www.bxkentucky.com and McGraw-Hill Construction/Dodge www.mcgraw-hill.com.

Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Bidding Documents are available by electronic download (as portable document format (PDF) files) for a non-refundable charge of \$115.00. Alternatively, printed Bidding Documents may be obtained from the issuing Office either via in-person pick-up or via mail, upon Issuing Office’s receipt of payment for the Bidding Documents. The non-refundable cost of printed Bidding Documents is \$130.00 per set, payable to “Lynn Imaging”, plus a non-refundable shipping charge. Upon Issuing Office’s receipt of payment, printed Bidding Documents will be sent via the prospective Bidder’s delivery method of choice; the shipping charge will depend on the shipping method chosen. The date that the Bidding Documents are transmitted by the Issuing Office will be considered the prospective Bidder’s date of receipt of the Bidding Documents. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.

The project will be funded by State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds established under the American Rescue Plan Act, and must comply with all Federal, State and Local requirements of that funding program. These include Records Retention, Termination Clause, Clean Air Act, Federal Water Pollution Control Act, Debarment and Suspension clause, and Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment.

All Bidders must comply with the President’s Executive Order No. 11246 as amended, which prohibits discrimination in employment regarding race, creed, color, sex, or national origin.

All Bidders must comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Anti-Kickback Act, the Contract Work Hours Standard Act and 40 CFR 33.1016.

All Bidders must comply with OSHA (P.L. 91-596) and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (P.L. 91-54). The successful Bidder and all Subcontractors will be required to conform to the labor standards set forth in the Contract Documents. If Owner awards the contract for the work, such award shall be to the responsible Bidder submitting the lowest responsive Bid. Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

Owner: City of Catlettsburg
By: Faith Day
Title: Mayor
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Two winning tickets sold in Kentucky Wednesday

STAFF REPORT

Two large winning Powerball® tickets were sold in Kentucky Wednesday night during the game’s current \$1.7 Billion Jackpot run, according to a news release. The \$50,000 winning tickets were purchased at the following retailers: • Saddlebrook One, 525 West Laurel Road, London.

• Speedway, 411 Mount Zion Road, Florence. Wednesday night’s winning Powerball® numbers were: 03 – 16 – 29 – 61 – 69 and Powerball 22. The winning tickets matched four white-ball winning numbers and the Powerball, winning \$50,000. The current jackpot is estimated at \$1.7 billion — the third-largest jackpot in the history of the game — for Saturday night’s drawing. The

estimated cash value is \$770.3 million. This current jackpot run, which started May 31, 2025, has produced several big wins in Kentucky including a \$1 million win from Monday night and a \$1 million winning ticket sold at the Kroger at 1670 Starlite Drive in Owensboro on July 7. There have also been nine \$50,000 winners of the third prize, including one \$150,000 ticket.

The Kentucky Lottery advises the winners to: • Sign the back of their tickets. • Keep them in a secure location. • Claim their prize within 180 days from the date of the drawing. Winners must claim their prizes at lottery headquarters — 1011 W. Main St. in Louisville. Winners should contact the lottery at 1-877-789-4532 to make an appointment to claim their prize. There was no jackpot winner on Wednesday night’s Powerball drawing. The next drawing will take place at 11 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 6. Kentuckians can purchase their Powerball tickets at any of the Kentucky Lottery’s 3,500 retailers across the state or online at kylottery.com, stated the press release. In 2025, the Kentucky Lottery paid out more than \$1.6 billion in prizes.

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