

Union County Grand Jury

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improper passing, a violation; disregarding traffic control device, traffic light, a violation; driving DUI on suspended license, second offense in five years, aggravator, a Class C misdemeanor; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance, second, aggravator a Class B misdemeanor; fleeing/evading police, first degree, a Class C felony and receiving stolen property, \$10,000 or more, a Class C felony.

Kenneth J. Moore was indicted on three drug related charges: trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, first offense, greater than two gms methamphetamine, a Class C felony; drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, a Class A misdemeanor; and

possession of marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor.

Indictments were returned against Amber N. Myers who is charged with drug paraphernalia-buy/possess a Class A misdemeanor; possession of a controlled substance, first degree, first offense, drug unspecified, a Class D felony; possession of a controlled substance, first degree first offense, drug unspecified and trafficking in marijuana, less than eight ounces, first offense, a Class A misdemeanor.

Four indictments were returned against Dustin Myer who faces charges of drug paraphernalia-buy/possess a Class A misdemeanor; possession of a controlled substance, first degree, first

offense, drug unspecified, a Class D felony; possession of a controlled substance, first degree first offense, drug unspecified and trafficking in marijuana, less than eight ounces, first offense, a Class A misdemeanor.

In the case of Amanda Carreno, the defendant was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, first degree, first offense, methamphetamine a Class D felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B felony; and drug paraphernalia buy/possess.

Ernest M Sawyer was indicted for operating a motor vehicle under/influence of a controlled substance, second offense, a Class B misdemeanor; criminal simulation, second degree, a Class A misdemeanor; possession of a controlled substance,

first degree, second offense, methamphetamine a Class D felony; and drug paraphernalia buy/possess a Class A misdemeanor.

Four indictments were returned against James Alvey. Alvey is charged with use of a booby trap to avoid theft of controlled substance, a Class C felony; cultivate marijuana, five plants or more, first offense, a Class D felony; trafficking in marijuana, less than eight ounces, first offense, a Class A misdemeanor and drug possession buy/possess, a Class A misdemeanor.

Eight indictments were returned against John T. Drake. Drake faces the following charges: trafficking in marijuana, more than eight ounces, less than five pounds, first offense, a Class

D felony; trafficking in a controlled substance, first offense-heroin, a Class C felony; possession of a controlled substance, first degree, first offense, methamphetamine, a Class D felony; possession of a controlled substance, first offense, LSD, a Class D felony; trafficking in a controlled substance, second degree, first offense; getting more than 10 dose units, scheduled one and two non-narcotics, Class D felony; drug paraphernalia-buy/possession, a Class A misdemeanor and operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance, first offense, a Class B misdemeanor.

Union Fiscal Court

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union district rates set at .023 for real property; .023 for tangible property and .040 for motor vehicles. The Green River Health Department rates of 5.25 for real, personal and motor vehicle taxes will remain the same as last year.

Two additional projects were approved following presentations by David Lamb. Lamb presented design information for renovations at John Arnold Arena and the exterior and interior of the courthouse.

Lamb reported that the

arena is “suffering from wear and tear”, and while the county wants to improve the appearance, they also need to make improvements that are maintainable. Among the improvements to the arena are changes from the current lighting to LED lighting and work on the doors of the facility. The estimated cost of the improvements is listed at \$390,000. The court agreed to move forward with the work which will be paid for through coal severance funds. Before any work can begin, the court will go through the procurement

process.

According to Lamb, the courthouse renovations are a two-phase project. He told the court that the exterior suffers from time with some of the outside molding showing signs of decay, something that could be remedied with aluminum replacement molding. He also reported that the front entrance suffers from a water issue that will require the steps to be removed and the drainage issues addressed. An emergency exit from the second floor of the building will also need to be addressed Lamb said.

Other issues to be addressed are the HVAC system for renovations that will take place in the sheriff’s department, and improvements to the ADA accessibility entry.

In total courthouse improvements are estimated to cost about \$2.25 million. The court approved moving forward with the coal severance funded project.

Other business to come before the court included hiring Lindsey Bradshaw as the director at Moffit Lake. That position comes with a \$50,000 annual salary. Other personnel matters include

advertising a custodial/maintenance position opening at the expo center. That position will be advertised August 13 and 20 with a hiring recommendation expected at the court’s September 9, meeting.

The single concrete bid for the bleachers at the fairgrounds was taken under advisement by the court. That bid totals \$117,322.

Following approval of the claims and transfers, the court went into a closed session at 9:54 per KRS 61.810 (1)(c) to discuss pending litigation.

Submitted By Katie Hughes

Union County Agriculture Notes

O v e r s e e d i n g
Lawns: Healthy, well maintained lawns are attractive landscape additions. Lawns in poor condition, however, are somewhat unsightly.

The poor condition of a lawn may be due to poor management, heat, drought, diseases, insects or other factors. In severe cases, the existing lawn may have to be destroyed and a new one established on the site. Lawns that contain over 50 percent desirable grasses can often be improved by overseeding. Overseeding is the sowing of grass seed into an existing lawn.

Site Preparation:
Good site preparation is necessary for successful overseeding. If possible, identify and correct the problems causing the lawn to decline. Overseeding may only be a temporary solution if these problems are not corrected. To reduce the competition from the established turfgrass, mow

the lawn at a height of 1-1/2 to 2 inches. Successful overseeding also requires good seed-to-soil contact. Simply throwing or broadcasting seed over the lawn typically results in poor seed germination as much of the seed is resting on the thatch layer or soil surface. Rakes, core aerators, vertical mowers, and slit seeders can be used to ensure good seed-to-soil contact.

Overseeding Small Areas: Small areas can be prepared by gently raking the thin spots. When raking, it’s necessary to break the soil surface without pulling out the existing turfgrass. After raking, sow the seed by hand. Then, work the seed into the soil by gently raking the areas a second time.

Overseeding Large Areas: Large areas can be prepared by using a core aerator. Core aerators are machines with hollow metal tubes or tines. They remove

plugs of soil when run over the lawn. To prepare the site, go over the lawn three or four times with the core aerator. When finished, there should be 20 to 40 holes per square foot. Apply the seed with a drop seeder.

Afterward, drag the area with a piece of chain link fence or drag mat to break up the soil cores and mix the seed into the soil. It’s also possible to prepare the site with a vertical mower. When run over the lawn, the knife-like blades of the vertical mower slice through the thatch and penetrate into the upper 1/4 to 1/2 inch of soil. One or two passes should be sufficient.

Afterwards, remove any dislodged debris from the lawn. Sow grass seed over the lawn with a drop seeder. Work the seed into the soil by again going over the site with the vertical mower. Large areas also can be over-

seeded with a slit seeder. A slit seeder makes small grooves in the soil and deposits the seed directly into the slits. Core aerators, vertical mowers and slit seeders can be rented at many garden centers and rental agencies. If you would rather not do the work yourself, many professional lawn care companies can overseed your lawn.

Post Seeding Care:
Keep the seedbed moist with frequent, light applications of water. It’s usually necessary to water at least once or twice a day. Continue to mow the lawn at a height of 1-1/2 to 2 inches. Mow the lawn frequently to reduce the competition from the established turfgrass. When the new seedlings reach a height of 1-1/2 to 2 inches, gradually increase the mowing height over the next several weeks. The final mowing height should be 2-1/2 to 3 inches. Approxi-

mately six weeks after germination, fertilize the lawn by applying 1 pound of actual nitrogen per 1,000 square feet.

When properly overseeded, a thin, scruffy-looking lawn can be turned into a thick, lush lawn in just a few weeks. Source: UK Ag. Communications Exclusive, “Identifying and taming poison ivy,” Shawn Wright, UK Extension Specialist, 2023

Union County Agricultural Incentives Program (CAIP): The County Agricultural Incentives Program (CAIP) provides Kentucky agricultural producers cost-share assistance on practices that increase net farm income and opportunities to try new/innovative technologies or systems that improve farm efficiency and

productivity. Eligible Investment Areas are: Agricultural Diversification, AgTech and Leadership Development, Large Animal-Small Animal, Farm Infrastructure, Fencing and On-Farm Water, Forage and Grain Improvement, Innovative Ag. Systems, On-Farm Energy, Poultry and Other Fowl, and Value Added and Marketing. Applications will run from July 28 and due no later than August 25,2025.

Pick up applications and return them back to the Union County Conservation District. For more information contact Union County Conservation District 270-389-2393 or the Union County Extension Office 270-389-1400.

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Treasurer: Carrie Divine, 1515 St. Route 56 E, Morganfield
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Chairman: John Royster, 8385 US Highway 60 E, Waverly
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