Riley receives Kentucky Arts Council Grant

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Dr. James Riley

Dr. James Riley, retired Professor Emeritus of English at the University of Pikeville, has received an Artist Rescue and Disaster Recovery Grant from the Kentucky Arts Council funded by the Kentucky General Assembly and the National Endowment for the Arts.

"To have your work recognized by the Kentucky Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts is an honor," Dr. Riley said. "It demonstrates the value of art and of local artists to our community's sense of culture and tradition."

The Kentucky Arts Council-Artist Relief and Disaster Recovery (ARDR) grant program is designed to assist rescue and recovery following the devastating environmental, economic and cultural effects of the December 2021 tornadoes and July 2022 floods in Kentucky.

Funds allocated represent a recognition of the value of individual artists to the commonwealth's economic recovery. KAC-ARDR funds, up to $5,000, are intended to help support practicing Kentucky professional artists.

Dr. Riley taught English and Creative Writing at the University of Pikeville for 35 years before retiring in May of 2022. He is the author of Broken Frequencies, a book of poems (Shadelandhouse Modern Press, 2019) and will use the ARDR grant to complete his second book titled Uncertain Mythologies.



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Pikeville Police officers recognized by the department were honored by the Pikeville City Commission during the commission's Feb. 13 meeting. From left are Officers Amanda Moore, Zachary Bowens, Austin Kranzman, Chief Mike Riddle.

Pikeville Police delivers annual report to Pikeville City Commission

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Pikeville Police Chief Mike Riddle presented his department's 2022 annual report to the Pikeville City Commission during its Feb. 13 meeting.

Joining Riddle were several of the recipients of awards handed out during the department's January 25 meeting.

"We made 1,914 arrests last year," Riddle said. "Pikeville PD booked in 1,497 individuals which accounted for 43 percent of all that was booked in 2022 at the Pike County Detention Center."

During the department's January meeting, several officers were recognized for their dedication and service.

The patrol activities awards were given to Officers Austin Kranzman and Larry Jo Thacker.

The recipient of the inaugural extra mile award was Officer Amanda Moore.

The Officer of the Year award, for a second time, went to Officer Zachary Bowens.

Pikeville Mayor Jimmy Carter congratulated the department and the award recipients.

"I want to thank our police officers and department for the outstanding work they do for the community," Carter said.

The mayor's sentiments were echoed by the members of the entire commission.

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Several lodged in Pike County Detention Center

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

Monday, Feb. 13

Howard K. Miller, 61, of State Highway 194 West, Pikeville, theft by unlawful taking.

Gary G. Tackett, 43, of Left Fork Joes Creek, Pikeville, fourth-degree assault (domestic violence).

Julia A. Dorton, 43, of Right Fork Three Mile Road, Jenkins, DUI and driving on a suspended license.

Jill B. Adkins-Coleman, 39, of Fourth Street, Harold, failure to appear in court.

Judy C. King, 62, of Penny Highway, Virgie, failure to appear in court.

Jeffrey Bentley, 61, of Highway 805, Jenkins, false report of an emergency and second-degree disorderly conduct.

Jessica Whitt, 23, of Bear Road, Pikeville, alcohol intoxication and second-degree disorderly conduct.

Karri Alley, 35, of Ivy Fork, Pikeville, first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance first-offense (greater than or equal to two grams of methamphetamine), first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance first-offense (opiates), engaging in organized crime and possession of a controlled substance.

Tuesday, Feb. 14

Lisa Stacy, 49, of Thistle Downs Lane, Paynesville, W.V., alcohol intoxication, resisting arrest and arrest of persons mentally ill and a danger to themselves or others.

Larry Leach, 35, of Right Greasy Camp Street, Pikeville, fourth degree assault.

Greta Ratliff, 57, of Douglas Parkway, Pikeville, DUI, third-degree possession of a controlled substance, driving on a suspended license and traffic charges.

Amy L. Galloway, 38, of Abner Fork, Belcher, contempt of court.

Joshua Combs, 24, of Highway 160, Whitesburg, probation violation.

John Sanders, 26, of Stillhouse Branch Road, Booneville, contempt of court and second-degree disorderly conduct.

Melissa A. Stevens, 45, of Hambley Boulevard, Pikeville, third-degree criminal trespassing, public intoxication, first-degree possession of a controlled substance second-offense (methamphetamine), second-degree disorderly conduct and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Frankie T. Myers Jr., 44, of Old Hardy Road, Hardy, fugitive from another state, second-degree burglary, theft by unlawful taking, persistent felony offender and failure to appear in court.

Wednesday, Feb. 15

Barry McClanahan, 30, of State Highway 94 East, Majestic, fugitive from another state and failure to appear in court.

Dennis R. Mullins, 54, of Mill Branch, Ashcamp, contempt of court and failure to pay fines.

Chris M. Yates, 48, of Kentucky Route 3379, Harold, contempt of court, flagrant non-support and failure to appear in court.

Sandra Boggs, 47, of Thornsberry Branch, Raven, theft by unlawful taking and third-degree possession of a controlled substance.

Kenneth W. Collins, 47, of Highway 582, Pine Top, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, first-degree possession of a controlled substance first-offense (methamphetamine) and first-degree promoting contraband.

William Chaney, 40, of Brown Street, Pikeville, flagrant non-support, contempt of court, failure to pay fines, persistent felony offender and failure to appear in court.

Jarrod D. Belcher, 39, alcohol intoxication, second-degree disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, menacing and third-degree terroristic threatening.

Thursday, Feb. 16

Ashley Mills, 30, of Rockhouse Circle, Elkhorn, flagrant non-support and failure to appear in court.

Isaiah Wolford, 30, of McCoy Bottom, Freeburn, third-degree criminal trespassing.

Editor's note: the above list reflects people who are lodged in the Pike County Detention Center. The charges against them are merely accusations and the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.



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