



District Court News

**Hon. Paul E. Craft
Hon. Benjamin L.
Harrison
County Attorney
July 15, 2025**

Terry Downey. Arraignment. Assault, 2nd degree, domestic violence. Pled Not Guilty (PNG). PH 7-22.

Joshua Posey. Arraignment. (1) Traffic in controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (> = 2 GMS methamphetamine) METHBLK. (2) Drug paraphernalia, buy/possess. Appoint PD. \$5,000 cash bond. PNG. PH 7-22, 10:00.

Joshua K. Posey. Other Hearing. (1) Leaving scene of accident/failure to render aid or assistance. FTA eligible. (2) Reckless driving. FTA eligible. (3) No/expired Kentucky registration receipt. (4) Failure of non owner operator to maintain required insurance, 1st. FTA eligible. Enhanceable. (5) No operators/moped license. FTA eligible. PH 7-22.

Brittany R. Remy. Other Hearing. Unlawful transaction with a minor, 3rd degree. OR bond. PTC 9-9, 10:00.

Inez Burns. Arraignment. Unlawful transaction with a minor, 3rd degree. PNG. 8-5.

Matthew Carver. Show Cause Hearing. (1) No/expired

Kentucky registration receipt. (2) No/expired registration plates. (3) Failure to register transfer of motor vehicle. (4) Failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, 2nd or >. FTA eligible. Enhanceable. (5) Operating on suspended/revoked operators license. FTA eligible. (6) Improper registration plate. FTA. BW. OR.

Matthew Brent Carver. Show Cause Hearing. (1) No/expired registration receipt. (2) No/expired registration plates. (3) Improper registration plate. (4) Failure to produce insurance card. (5) Failure of non owner operator to maintain required insurance, 1st. FTA eligible. Enhanceable. (6) Failure to register transfer of motor vehicle. (7) Operating on suspended/revoked operators license. FTA eligible. (8) Failure to surrender revoked operators license. FTA eligible. (9) Failure to wear seat belts. FTA eligible. FTA. BW. OR.

David Evans. Arraignment. Local county ordinance. PNG. PTC, 8-12, 10:00.

Trey A. Flinders. Diversion Completion. Dismissed/diverted.

Allison Gifford. Arraignment. Unlawful transaction

with a minor, 3rd degree. PNG. PTC 8-5, 1:00.

Delton Gifford. Arraignment. Unlawful transaction with minor, 3rd degree. Reset 8-5, 1:00.

Michael Hartley. Arraignment. Criminal littering. 12 months, c/d 2 years, Restitution \$200.

Dawn Hudson. Arraignment. Local county ordinance. PNG. PTC 8-12, 10:00.

Charles R. Johnson. Diversion Completion. Summons. Dismissed/diverted.

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Anne M. Kegley. Arraignment. (1) Operate motor vehicle under influence alcohol/ substance (189A.010 (1E) 1st. FTA eligible. (2) Possession of marijuana. (3) Drug paraphernalia, buy/possess. Appoint PD. PNG. Stip to bond violation. Amend bond. OR 6 months inpatient.

Dalton R. King. Show Cause Hearing. FTA 6-24-25 for DCPT def did not comply with SB90 program. Warrant. FTA. BW. Reset 8-26, 10:00.

Paul McKinney. Show Cause Hearing. (1) Failure to wear seat belts. FTA eligible. (2) No operators/moped license. FTA eligible. (3) Failure

to produce insurance card. FTA. NF.

Jeremy McQuaid. Status Hearing. Fines and costs will be c/d if property is cleaned up within 30 days. 14 day extension. 7-29, 10:00.

Lee C. Reaser. Diversion Completion. Dismissed/diverted.

Samantha D. Rister. Arraignment. Summons. Criminal littering. 12 months, c/d 2 years. \$250 restitution.

Anthony R. Snyder. Arraignment. (1) Disorderly conduct, 2nd degree. (2) Criminal trespassing, 3rd degree. FTA. BW.

Marvin Teegarden Jr. Status Hearing. See if 90 day in house rehab is completed, need to set for money due date. Waive fines and costs.

Sarah Webb. Diversion Completion. Dismissed/diverted.

Aiden P. Andresen. Pretrial Conference. (1) Reckless driving. FTA eligible. (2) Operating on suspended/revoked operators license. FTA eligible. (3) Operate motor vehicle under influence substance (189A.010(1C) 1st. FTA eligible. (4) Failure to notify address change to Department of Transportation. Motion to continue, overruled.

Aiden Andresen. Pretrial Conference. Violation of conditions of release. Motion of CW to dismiss. Stip PC. Dismissed.

Nathaniel T. Coffey. Pretrial Conference. (1A) Operate motor vehicle under influence alcohol .08 (189A.010(1A) 1st (aggravating circumstances). FTA eligible. (2) Operating on suspended/revoked operators license. FTA eligible. 9-9, 10:00.

Robert Victor Daniels. Pretrial Conference. (1) Failure to wear seat belts. FTA eligible. (2) Failure to notify address change to Department of Transportation.

Robert Victor Daniels. Pretrial Conference. (1) Operate motor vehicle under influence alcohol .08 (189A.010(1A) 1st. FTA eligible. (2) Obstructed vision and/or windshield.

Roger D. Dyer Jr. Pretrial Conference. (1) Alcohol intoxication in a public place, 1st and 2nd offense. Enhanceable. Merge. (2) Disorderly conduct, 2nd degree. Pled Guilty (PG). 90 days. Credit any time served.

Adam Crit Hall. Pretrial Conference. (1) Violation of Kentucky E.P.O./D.V.O. (2) Assault, 4th degree, domestic violence, minor injury.

Enhanceable. Reset 7-22.

Dakota Knisley. Pretrial Conference. (1) No operators/moped license. FTA eligible. PG. \$150. (2) Failure of non owner operator to maintain required insurance, 1st. FTA eligible. Enhanceable. PG. \$500.

Garnetta L. Rickett. Pretrial Conference. Endangering the welfare of a minor. Reset 7-29, 10:00.

Daniel E. Schuman. Preliminary Hearing. (1) Criminal mischief, 1st degree. Amend Criminal Mischief 2nd. (2) Assault, 3rd degree, police/probation officer, identify. FTA eligible. Merge. Dismiss. (3) Resisting arrest. Merge. Dismiss. (4) Menacing. Merge. (5) Criminal trespassing, 3rd degree. Merge. (6) Possession of marijuana. Merge. (7) Drug paraphernalia, buy/possess. Merge. (8) Failure to notify change of address to Department of Transportation. Merge.

James Wright. Pretrial Conference. Local county ordinance. 7-29.

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Lewis County Chamber of Commerce

Douglas Lodge, President



By Lisa Grabinski

Honoring Excellence: A Celebration of Local Chamber Members

Plaques of Distinction Crafted by Griffin Hollow and Joey Dog Productions

In every thriving community, some milestones mark the collective spirit of achievement, gratitude, and growth. This past month, our local chamber office orchestrated a significant event: an awards meeting honoring several outstanding members of our Chamber family. This gathering was not just a celebration of individual accomplishment, but also a testament to the artistry and collaboration that define our community. The plaques awarded were designed and crafted by none other than our own Griffin Hollow Hardwoods and Joey Dog Productions—two local enterprises whose creativity and craftsmanship added an extra layer of pride to the evening.

The Essence of Community Recognition

Awards, at their core, are a way to say, "thank you." They are tokens of appreciation, tangible manifestations of the high regard in which we hold our peers. At last month's Chamber meeting, the tradition of recognition was elevated by the unique touch of local artisanship. Instead of generic tokens, each plaque was a work of art, embodying not only the recipient's achievement but also the spirit of the community that made it possible.

Behind the Scenes: Collaborative Design and Craftsmanship

The story of these plaques began months before. Recognizing a desire for something truly special, our chamber office reached out to Griffin Hollow Hardwoods and Joey Dog Productions—both celebrated for their exceptional work in design and fabrication. What followed was a collaboration marked by creativity, ingenuity, and a shared commitment to excellence.

Griffin Hollow: The Visionaries in Design

Under the leadership of the creative team at Griffin Hollow Hardwoods, Laurie Yanoshek and Phil Traxler aimed to create pieces that were elegant, meaningful, and reflective of the chamber's values. Their selection of sustainably sourced wood brought this concept to life.

Joey Dog Productions: Bringing Ideas to Life

Once the designs were finalized, Mark Kinney of Joey Dog Productions took over the fabrication process. His meticulous attention to detail and innovative use of materials. Each plaque was cut, carved, and polished—a process that underscored the value of craftsmanship in a world increasingly dominated by mass production.

Our Chamber Meeting: A Night of Shared Pride

The awards night unfolded in the heart of our community downtown in our very own coffee shop, Kangaroo Ridge Farms, transformed for the evening into a space of warmth and festivity. The air was abuzz with excitement and anticipation as members gathered, friends greeted each other with laughter, and the scent of locally catered fare wafted through the room.

When the time came for the presentation of the plaques, our chamber president spoke of the importance of recognizing those who go above and beyond. Our members tonight exemplify the values we cherish—service, innovation, and the courage to lead. It is only fitting that their recognition comes in the form of something as unique as their contributions.

One by one, the honorees were called to the front to stand with our chamber president, Doug Lodge. As each plaque was handed over, a palpable sense of connection was evident between the recipients, our chamber, and the artisans whose hands had shaped these tokens of esteem. The designs shimmered under the lights, revealing intricate inlays and subtle engraving, personal touches that made each piece one-of-a-kind.

Celebrating Local Talent

The collaboration with Griffin Hollow Hardwoods and Joey Dog Productions was more than a matter of convenience; it was a deliberate choice to invest in local talent. Both companies have deep roots in our community, employing local craftsmen and fostering apprenticeships for young artists. Their involvement in the chamber awards is a reminder that supporting local enterprises pays dividends in culture, economy, and pride.

Attendees lingered after the meeting, many pausing to examine the plaques more closely. Some remarked on the smooth finish of the wood. For our recipients, the plaques become more than just awards—they hold the value of an heirloom, destined to adorn office walls and serve as daily reminders of achievement, gratitude, and community.

Reflections from Honorees and Artisans

Our members were unanimous in their appreciation. Receiving this plaque means so much more, knowing it was made right here by people who understand the heart of our town. It's a piece of our story. Our recipients included: Wilma Dunbar with D&F Lumber for her unwavering dedication to supporting local contractors and enhancing community infrastructure. Mike and Jenni from Kangaroo Ridge Farms, who have provided an exceptional space right here on Second Street with their coffee, baked goods, and hospitable atmosphere. Brent and his family with Dovetail Acres celebrated for their innovative approaches to providing our community with an outdoor ceremonial place.

Gordleys are recognized for providing an outdoor recreational area. TJ with NextStep Construction was applauded for building, but also community connections.

The artisans of Griffin Hollow Hardwoods and Joey Dog Productions, too, felt the significance of their work. There's something special about creating for friends and neighbors. You know who will hold this piece, you know what it will mean. That gives the work a sense of purpose.

Looking Forward: A Tradition in the Making

The success of our newest award design and production has sparked discussion about making locally designed and crafted plaques a tradition. We are eager to see how the process will evolve. Our chamber office has pledged to support local artisans, reinforcing a cycle of investment that benefits every corner of our community.

Conclusion: More Than an Award

In the end, the plaques distributed at our chamber meeting were more than mementos—they were emblems of what can be accomplished when communities honor their own. They celebrated not only the individuals recognized, but also the artistry,

ingenuity, and spirit of collaboration that define our town. Through the hands of Griffin Hollow Hardwoods and Joey Dog Productions, a simple act of recognition was transformed into an enduring legacy—one that will inspire future generations to strive, to create, and to celebrate one another.

The chamber office's commitment to elevating local talent and honoring its members has become a shining example of what's possible when tradition meets innovation. As the final applause faded and the last awardee stepped from the stage, everyone present knew they had witnessed more than an awards

ceremony—they had participated in the living story of their community.

We warmly invite both our valued members and those yet to join our community to attend our next engaging chamber meeting on Tuesday, July 22, at 6:00 p.m. This is an unmissable opportunity to engage with our dynamic community, and it promises to be an enriching experience filled with insightful discussions and networking opportunities.

Don't forget to explore our vibrant Facebook page, where you can discover the latest news, updates, and support tailored just for you! We look forward to seeing you there!



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Chamber President Doug Lodge, TJ Evans of Next Step Construction, Chamber Vice President Roger Jahn, and Chamber Treasurer Mark Kinney.

NEW MEMBER OF THE VANCEBURG ETHICS BOARD

It seems as if we are establishing a pattern with Mayor Dana Lynn Blankenship's newest appointees to the Ethics Board. What exactly is the relationship between Blankenship and the newest appointee? Did she ever work for him? Has she been his close personal friend for many years? Keep in mind there is a good chance the mayor would be the subject of a complaint to the Ethics Board. Are either of the latest appointees appropriate for the job?

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Notice of the Filing of a Final Settlement

Pursuant to KRS 395.625, notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of July 2025, a final settlement was filed by Carla Jane Truesdell, Executrix of the Estate of Eldred F. Warder, deceased.

A hearing will be held on said final settlement at 9:00 a.m. on August 12, 2025. Exceptions to said final settlement must be filed before said hearing.

**Teresa Callahan, Clerk
Lewis Circuit & District
Courts**