

COURTHOUSE

CIVIL SUITS

INEZ — Martin Circuit Clerk Denise Gauze reported the following civil suits filed in her office Aug. 8-14:

KY Foster Care Sys Acct vs. Haley L. Bowen.

One Main Financial Group LLC vs. Douglas B. Sheppard.

Hannah Moore Reed vs. Gage Dalton Reed.

NCB Management Services Inc. vs. Elizabeth Maynard.

Peoples Bank vs. William Matthew Howard.

Capital One NA Successor by Merger T vs. Robert Barras.

KY Foster Care Sys Acct vs. Chelsea Griffith.

KY Foster Care Sys

Acct vs. Dustin R. Crase.

Capital One NA Successor by Merger T vs. John Jarrett.

H&S Financial Inc. vs. Joshua Winfree.

Anna Marie Spence vs. Richard Wesley Elswick.

DEEDS

INEZ — Martin County Clerk Susie Skyles reported the following deeds recorded in her office Aug. 8-14:

Bernadette Horn and Alvis Horn to Thomas W. Perkins and Bernette Perkins.

Robert Hannah and Jennifer Hannah to Austin Ratliff and Brandy Ratliff.

Todd Horn and Melinda Horn to the Appalachian

Renewal Project.

Federal National Mortgage Association to Gregory Spence.

Mary Crum to Jennifer Mills.

Jimmy Dale Allen to James David Allen.

Debbie McCoy and Donna Muncy to Kimberleigh Holliann Ariel Smith.

MARRIAGES

INEZ — Martin County Clerk Susie Skyles reported the following marriages recorded in her office through Aug. 14:

Heather Renee Osborne, 49, of Inez, and Casey Roger Mollett, 52, of Inez.

Jada Marie Bauer, 23, of Inez, and Felix Tanner Lafferty, 29, of Inez.

Megan Victoria Preston, 26, of Tomahawk, and Trevor Alexander Morrison, 26, of Tomahawk.

DOCKET

INEZ — Judge John T. Chafin heard the following cases Aug. 11 and 12 in Martin District Court:

Holly Barnett (arraignment) — Contempt of court: Dismissed with prejudice.

Shane Bishop Cockrell (set aside) — Speeding 16 mph over limit: Defendant to do state traffic school, set for review 12/2/25 at 9 a.m. for completion of state traffic school.

William Tyson Compton (arraignment) — 1. Operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol, first; 2. Possession of open alcohol beverage container in a motor vehicle: 1. Pleaded guilty, \$200 fine and cost, loss of license to be determined by Department of Transportation, West Virginia operator's license, complete ADE, show cause 8/11/26; 2. Pleaded guilty, \$25 fine.

Clayton Hall (arraignment) — Operating on suspended/revoked operator's license: Dismissed.

Amanda Renee Mills (arraignment) — No/expired registration plates; no/expired Kentucky registration receipt; improper display of registration plates; failure to produce insurance card; failure to wear seat belt: Dismissed.

Ryan K. Sites (arraignment) — Intimidating a participant in legal process; violation of Kentucky EPO/DVO: Preliminary hearing 8/26/25 at 10:30 a.m.

Jessie Gabriel Cooper (pretrial conference) — Driving on DUI-suspended license, first offense: Reset 1/13/26 at 9 a.m.

Homer Evans (pretrial conference) — Careless driving; failure to wear seat belt; no/expired Kentucky registration receipt; failure to produce insurance card; operating motor vehicle under influence of substance, first; no operator's/moped license: Failure to appear, bench warrant, \$500 cash.

Brian Shane Jude (pretrial conference) — Assault, fourth degree (domestic violence), minor injury; alcohol intoxication in a public place, first and second offense: Reset 10/21/25 at 9 a.m.

Clayton Jude (pretrial conference) — Public intoxication of controlled substance (excludes alcohol); indecent exposure, first degree, first offense: Reset 9/9/25 at 9 a.m.

Anthony Keathley (pretrial conference) — Operating on suspended/revoked operator's license: Failure to appear.

Anthony Keathley (pretrial conference) — Reckless driving; operating on suspended/revoked operator's license: Failure to appear.

Steven Ray Marcum (pretrial conference) — 1. Drug paraphernalia-buy/possession; 2. Driving on DUI-suspended license, second offense: 1. Pleaded guilty, five days to serve, credit time served five days; 2. Amended to operating on suspended/revoked operator's license, pleaded guilty, five days to serve, credit time served five days, cost waived due to jail service.

Adam A. Maynard (pretrial conference) — Criminal mischief, third degree:

Reset 10/21/25 at 9 a.m.

Adam A. Maynard (pretrial conference) — Assault, fourth degree (minor injury); menacing; terroristic threatening, third degree: Reset 10/21/25 at 9 a.m.

Aaryn Muncy (review status of treatment) — Compliant, reset 12/2/25 at 9 a.m.

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Eric Preston (review completion of treatment) — Set for show cause hearing for contempt 8/26/25 at 9:30 a.m.

Matthew W. Proctor (review status of treatment) — On docket in error.

Lonnie Robinson (pretrial conference) — Criminal trespassing, third degree: Conditional dismissal for two years, stay off property of Ohio Valley Physicians.

Lonnie Robinson (pretrial conference) — Violation of Kentucky EPO/DVO: Dismissed, no unlawful contact with Angie Robinson.

William Crum (pretrial conference) — 1. Failure to wear seat belt; 2. No/expired registration plates; 3. No/expired Kentucky registration receipt; 4. Registration and title requirements vehicle not to be operated on highway; improper display of registration plates; license to be in possession: 1. Reset 9/9/25 at 9 a.m.; 2-5. Dismissed; 6. Reset 9/9/25 at 9 a.m.

Thomas Wood (pretrial conference) — Leaving scene of accident/failure to render aid or assistance; drug paraphernalia-buy/possession: Reset 8/26/25 at 9 a.m.

Amber Brown (to revoke probation) — False report of incident to law enforcement: Preliminary hearing 8/26/25 at 9:30 a.m.

George W. Chapman (set aside bench warrant)

— Write off balance of fine/costs, balance zero.

George Washington Chapman II (set aside bench warrant) — Write off balance of fine/costs, balance zero.

Kevin E. Chatfield (set aside bench warrant) — Write off \$200 toward fine/costs, reset 2/10/26.

Kevin Everett Chatfield II (set aside bench warrant) — Write off balance of fine/costs, balance zero.

Kathleen Collins (preliminary hearing) — Theft of services \$10,000 or more: Dismissed without prejudice.

Cindy Lea Estepp (preliminary hearing) — Theft by unlawful taking or disposition all others \$1,000-\$10,000: Reset 8/26/25 at 10:30 a.m.

Thornton Eddie Goble (preliminary hearing) — Driving DUI-suspended license, second offense; possession of open alcohol beverage container in a motor vehicle; operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol, fourth or greater; failure to produce insurance card: Defendant stipulates to probable cause, waived to grand jury.

Bertha Jude (preliminary hearing) — Burglary, third degree; criminal mischief, second degree: Probable cause, bound to grand jury.

Kayla Jude (preliminary hearing) — Burglary, second degree; assault, fourth degree (minor injury): Probable cause, bound to grand jury.

Mitchell Lonnie Pauley (preliminary hearing) — Burglary, third degree; criminal mischief, second degree: Probable cause, bound to grand jury.

Garnet Scott (preliminary hearing) — Possession of controlled substance, first degree, first offense (methamphetamine): Waived to grand jury.

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FROM FRONT PAGE

cording to Chief Deputy Sheriff Chris Kidd.

The investigation, described by the sheriff's

office as "long and strenuous," involved undercover purchases of both drugs and weapons from Jimmy Cornette, 60, of Tomahawk.

Law enforcement took Cornette into custody without incident and transferred him to the U.S. Marshals Service.

Inside the home, officers found Kasandra Hamilton, 33, of Tomahawk, with a 4-month-old child. Kidd said the infant was within reach of suspected methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia.

The deputy charged Hamilton with endangering the welfare of a minor, possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was taken to the Big Sandy Regional Detention Center.

Child Protective Services removed the child from the residence to seek alternative safe placement.

Sheriff John Kirk, Deputy Kidd, KSP Detective Dustin Thompson and KSP Detective Brad Martin were the local authorities involved in carrying out the investigation.

Kidd thanked all agencies involved on behalf of himself and Sheriff Kirk.

MARTIN COUNTY SHERIFF TAX COLLECTION SCHEDULE

For 2022 Unmined Coal Taxes:

The Martin County Sheriff's Office will start collecting 2022 Unmined Coal Taxes on **September 1, 2025**. We have a drop box on the outside back of the courthouse for your convenience. Please only deposit checks and money orders in the drop box. Payments can also be mailed to PO Box 407, Inez, Ky 41224. If you would like a receipt mailed back to you, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your payment. We accept cash and checks for in person payments. Our office hours are Monday - Friday 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

2% Discount	09/01/25 - 09/30/25
Face Amount	10/01/25 - 10/31/25
5% Penalty	11/01/25 - 11/30/25
10% Penalty +10% Add On	12/01/25 - 02/15/26

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Rules for Harvest Fest Treasure Hunt

1. The Harvest Fest Treasure Hunt will last for four weeks.
2. The clues will be printed in the newspaper.
3. The first three clues will be worth \$50. The final clue will be worth \$100.
4. A person is eligible to redeem only one of Clue No. 1, Clue No. 2 and Clue No. 3. Clue No. 4 is open to all.
5. Clues will be on a laminated business card with the clue number and "Martin County Kiwanis Harvest Fest" printed on the card.
6. Clues will be hidden in Martin County in an outdoor public place at ground level (0 - 6 feet).
7. Members of the Greater Martin County Kiwanis Club are not eligible to participate in the hunt.
8. Mountain Citizen and Stayton Law Office employees and their family members are not eligible to participate in the hunt.
9. To redeem the clue, bring it to Bobby Hale at the Martin County PVA office for verification and to receive your prize.

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