

# March '26 Grand Jury Indictments

The Knox County Grand Jury returned the following indictments on Friday, March 27, 2026:

- Derrick Lynn Brock, 37: One count of possession of a controlled substance in the first degree; One count of public intoxication
- Jimi Josph Fritz, 39: One count of incest; One count of rape in the third degree
- Zachary James Setser, 19: One count of receiving stolen property of the value of \$10,000 or more
- Daniel Arthur, 47: One count of theft by unlawful taking of

the value of \$1,000 or more but less than \$10,000; One count of burglary in the third degree; One count of criminal mischief in the second degree; One count of persistent felony offender in the second degree

- Wiley Jack Medlin, 40: One count of burglary in the first degree; One count of possession of burglar's tools; One count of criminal mischief in the second degree
- Joseph Burley Elliott, 34: One count of burglary in

the first degree; One count of possession of burglar's tools; One count of criminal mischief in the second degree; One count of persistent felony offender in the first degree

### Cases Continued

- David Barnes
- Michael Dunn
- Chuck Bingham
- Wendell Hobbs
- Anthony Lawson
- Woodson Daniels
- Scott Taylor
- Estil Mills
- Thomas Engle

- Shawn Mills
- Christy Blanton
- Aaron Burnette
- Raymond Foley, Jr.
- Paul Cox
- John Gray
- Zach Horn
- Jason Bailey
- Brian Hamilton
- Zachary Setser
- Ronnie Gray
- Makayla Mills-Carter
- Steven Roark
- Danny Hubbard
- Bonnie Bargo
- Anthony Davis
- Laura Hammons
- William Harrison

- Christina Lawson
- Ricky Smith
- Jason Mays
- Deeana Moses
- Robert Williams
- Shelly Bramer
- Clovis Mayfield
- Jeffrey Campbell
- Robert Mayfield
- Emily Carnes
- Tabitha Joseph

### Cases Dismissed

- Steven Brewer
- McGarrett Honeycutt
- Jessica Perkins
- Lora Wombles
- Chad Bright

## ROADS FROM A1

the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence led by Judge-Executive Mike Mitchell in honor of families of recently fallen soldiers.

Before calling the meeting to order, citizen Adam Vandergrift addressed the court during the public comment period.

Vandergrift reported repetitive property damage caused by county mowing operations, deteriorating culverts and a lack of response to prior outreach in 2024. He said a county mowing crew damaged the end of his driveway culvert more than a year ago, and the damage led to a hillside slide on his property.

He added that the road was historically a dirt road that had been repeatedly paved and is now narrow, carries heavy traffic and has significant deterioration in multiple areas.

Vandergrift said he attempted to contact county and state officials by email, phone and in person to seek repairs but received little or no response.

Mitchell replied that the area in question falls within the county's right-of-way and that Vandergrift would need to post signs indicating he wished to opt out of mowing services. "That is county right-of-way," Mitchell said. "If you don't want that mowed, you'll need to mark that and identify that."

In a separate interview with The Mountain Advocate, Vandergrift said he remained unsatisfied with the response.

"I was told to come up and talk to them here — still not getting any resolution," he said.

Following public comments, officials passed a motion to adopt the agenda as presented.

Under announcements, Mitchell said Prayer on the Square

has been canceled for April 1. He added that the county's spring cleanup effort will begin soon and continue throughout April, describing the program as highly successful with a large volume of material collected each year.

Officials approved the minutes of the Feb. 26 meeting and the Knox County attorney's delinquent tax report for February, totaling \$25,846.69.

Officials discussed and approved Resolution No. 20260325-02, a grant for crumb rubber tire-derived products — specifically rubber mulch — for playgrounds at local parks.

A second measure, Resolution No. 20260325-02 Flex Funds, was also approved. The resolution establishes an agreement between the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Department of Rural and Municipal Aid and the Knox County Fiscal Court, authorizing additional road funding flexibility and allowing the

judge-executive to sign all related documents.

Officials approved the Sheriff's 2025 budget, which estimated total disbursements of \$2,306,446.22 for the year. Actual disbursements came in at \$2,054,145.27, reflecting a positive outcome of \$252,300.95.

A contract between McCreary County, the Knox County Detention Center and the Knox County Fiscal Court was approved, authorizing housing for adult county inmates with no reported changes from the previous year's contract.

Several personnel actions were approved. At the Knox County Detention Center, Sean Davis was hired part time effective March 2, and Christopher Hutchins was hired part time effective March 11. The road department hired Ray Castle as a full-time employee effective March 16. The court also approved a status change for 911 dispatch employee William Shelby from full time to part

time. Mitchell praised the county's 911 dispatch service for its operations.

"A lot of people don't see it because it's not out in the public, but they do a tremendous job responding to emergencies," he said. "I'd like to commend them for the job they do."

Officials also noted

and recognized positive conditions at the Knox County Detention Center following a recent inspection.

Lastly, officials approved budget transfers, the treasurer's report, interfund transfers and claims.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, April 22, at 2:30 p.m.

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### Lend-A-Hand Food Pantry

Need help with food? Lend-A-Hand can help! To sign up, you need: a driver's license and the names and birthdays of family members living in the same home. The pantry is open every third Saturday of the month, and one Thursday each month. To make an emergency appointment, please call 606-524-3901, 606-622-7384 or 606-622-2286.

### Knox County Preschool, KCEOC Head Start Screenings

Screenings will be held for Knox County Preschool and KCEOC Head Start on the following dates: March 6 - Jesse D. Lay Elementary, March 13 - Flat Lick Elementary, March 13 - G.R. Hampton Elementary, March 20 - Lynn Camp Elementary and March 20 - Central Elementary. Call 606-645-2830 ext. 2419 for an appointment today.

### Al-Anon meets weekly

Al-Anon (Support for Families and Friends of Alcoholics) meets weekly on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at

# Community Events

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First United Methodist Church in Barbourville.

### Therapeutic Foster Care

Benchmark Family Services is a Therapeutic Foster Care agency offering free orientation classes for anyone interested in information about becoming a Foster Parent. Please call our office at 606-526-6992 for more information.

### Redemption & Recovery

Fridays at 12:30 p.m. Redemption & Recovery meets at East Barbourville Baptist Church. Lunch provided.

### Feed My Sheep Community Meal

Feed My Sheep Community Meal is once again starting our free weekly meal. We will serve on each Thursday at 6 p.m. except for 1st Thursday of the month. Hope to see all our old friends. We are located in Corbin on College St in The Barn.

## WED., APRIL 1

### Free Diabetes Screening

The Knox County Health Department will host a free diabetes awareness screening from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1 at the Trademart Shopping Center Save-A-Lot location. Free A1C screen-

ings, diabetes risk tests, local resources, door prizes, giveaways and more.

## THURS., APRIL 2

### First Christian church hosting Maundy Thursday service

On Thursday, April 2nd at 6:00 p.m. there will be a Maundy Thursday service in the sanctuary of First Christian church. All are welcome and invited.

## FRI., APRIL 3

### First Christian Church hosts Good Friday service

On Friday, April 3rd at 12 noon, there will be a community Good Friday service at First Christian Church with the Community Chorus participating. A light lunch will be provided after the service in the recreation building adjacent to the church. All are welcome and invited to attend.

## SAT., APRIL 4

### Gospel Barn presents "Meet the Candidates"

Williamsburg Gospel Barn presents "Meet the Candidates", Saturday, April 4th at 4 PM, auction at 5 PM, and candidates will speak at 6 PM. Giving away cash door prizes every hour! Fundraising spaghetti

dinners dine-in or pick-up your dinners to go. Located at 90 Happy Hollow Rd, Williamsburg, KY

## SAT., APRIL 11

### Local Candy Showcase

All local candy makers are invited to showcase your sweets at the Knox County Extension Office for "The Sweet Life: The Story of Ruth Hunt" on April 11. For more information, call 606-546-3447 or email [knox.ext@uky.edu](mailto:knox.ext@uky.edu).

### FREE Community Fish Fry

Saturday, April 11th, 1:00pm at Keck Baptist Church. With special singing by Mountain Heir

## SUN., APRIL 19

### GFWC KY Barbourville Junior Woman's Study Club 100 year Anniversary Celebration

The GFWC KY Barbourville Junior Woman's Study Club is having a 100 year anniversary celebration on April 19, 2026, at the First Christian Church of Barbourville, 201 High Street, at 2 pm. The Barbourville Juniors are the first federated juniors in Kentucky, being federated since 1926. All previous BJWSC members are invited to attend. If you are planning to attend, please RSVP Sherri Hammons at 545-2400, with your name and number attending please.

## SAT., JUNE 20

### You can have your own gospel music recording for FREE

Williamsburg Gospel Barn will be hosting a Sing-A-Thon on Saturday, June 20th. Winner receives free recording. Must register online or in person before June 20th. Together wil our partners, we take singing ministries to the next level. For more information contact Tina Farmer at 606-280-5513

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