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The Webster County Grand Jury convened July 9, returning indictments against ten individuals.

Shelby Michaela Alvey was indicted on charges of first degree trafficking in a controlled substance, first offense greater than or equal to 10 dose units, drug unspecified; a charge amended from third degree to first degree trafficking in a controlled substance, first offense, less than 20 dose units drug unspecified and controlled substance prescription not in original container, second offense

Six indictments were returned against Blake Daniel Crawford who faces charges of failure to register transfer of a motor vehicle; failure of owner

to maintain required insurance second or greater offense; driving a motor vehicle while license suspended for DUI, third or greater offense; failure to report traffic accident and operating a motor vehicle/motorcycle without a functioning ignition interlock device.

The case of Megan Marie Keeney who faces multiple charges including third degree criminal trespassing, first degree criminal mischief, theft by unlawful taking four counts, theft by unlawful taking or disposition all other \$1000 less than \$10,000 three counts, six counts third degree burglary, operating on suspended or revoked license and criminal littering, was passed to the August grand jury.

A single indictment for failure to comply with sex offender registration, first offense, was handed down against Donny Wayne Lofton.

Three indictments were returned against Ben William McCallister who is charged with drug paraphernalia-buy/possess; possession of marijuana; and first degree possession of a controlled substance, first offense, methamphetamine.

Christopher Allen McKay was indicted for fourth degree assault, domestic violence, minor injury and second-degree strangulation, domestic violence, amended to first.

Barbara Nichole Nalley was indicted on three charges: first degree trafficking in a controlled substance, first offense greater

than or equal to two GMS methamphetamine; first degree trafficking in a controlled substance, first offense greater than or equal to two GMS methamphetamine and first degree trafficking in a controlled substance greater than or equal to two GMS methamphetamine.

Jerry Dwight Nally, Jr. was indicted on a single charge of flagrant non-support.

Four indictments and a no true bill were returned in the case of

Robert Matthew Rhye. Indictments include careless driving, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance, first offense; first degree possession of a controlled substance, first offense, methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia-buy/possess. No true bill was returned on an improper windshield charge.

Derek Dakota Sigers was indicted on six charges that include first degree criminal

mischief, second degree burglary, resisting arrest, second degree fleeing or evading police and third-degree possession of a controlled substance, drug unspecified. A charge of first degree criminal trespass was dismissed.

Larry J. Wilson was indicted for fourth degree assault domestic violence minor injury. The grand jury found no true bill on a first degree strangulation charge, domestic violence related.

Webster County Water District Board To Work With Providence On Interconnect

The Webster County Water District Board spent part of their Thursday meeting discussing a new interconnect project with the city of Providence.

Following a catastrophic failure in the Providence water system in early July, Providence Mayor Tom Glover announced on July 7, at the city council meeting that the city is seeking funding to add another interconnect with the county water district. On Thursday, water district superintendent Trevor Baldwin discussed that project with the water district board.

In his comments, Baldwin noted that the city is interested in adding another interconnect on the westside of the community near the Crittenden County line. He added that the city of Providence is "doing all the work to secure funding," but WCWD is being included in meetings and ongoing discussions about the project.

Baldwin told the board that the county district has a six-inch line on Riden Road and it is likely that is the area where a master meter would be placed. There have been no dollar figures attached to the project yet, and no work on when such a project could start.

Board chair Tommy Robertson said the district said anything the county district can do is important and they will work with Providence on this project. The board agreed, and noted that at some point an updated contract between the two agencies will be necessary.

Baldwin also noted that the district may want to begin looking into the future and update wholesale sales plans. He also asked the board to consider having a hydraulic study completed on the county water system, noting that the system was originally designed to extend as far as the Dixon area, and as the county water service expands, the district needs to be prepared should Providence or other areas every need more water from the county. A hydraulic study of the county system has not been

performed since the 1990s, Baldwin said. Following the discussion, the board approved establishing an emergency interconnect with Providence.

In other business, the board learned that the district underwent a Public Service Commission inspection on Monday, July 7. According to Baldwin in the inspection went well and no deficiencies were found.

The water superintendent also reported that a job posting for a plant operator has been posted, and employees are working on pump three at the intake. According to Baldwin that pump has not been pulled in a while, so it will be pulled for inspection and a rebuild. While that pump is out of service, the VFD will be rerouted to pump two so service is not disrupted.

During the meeting, the board also reviewed the June water operations report. That report reflects 31,208,044 gallons of water produced and 26,389,540 gallons of water sold. The superintendent said that production and sales are down on the monthly report due to the dates the meters were read, but he also pointed out that water loss and work hours are also down. On the year to date, water sales are up by about 5.3 million gallons.

Before Thursday's meeting adjourned, Baldwin asked that the August meeting of the WCWD board be held at the plant near Onton. That meeting is scheduled for August 14, at 9:00 a.m.

KSP Warns Of Scam

The Kentucky State Police (KSP) Post 2 is warning citizens about a phone scam affecting people in the Post 2 area. Individuals have reported receiving phone calls from someone falsely claiming to be Trooper Porter and other KSP Troopers. The caller threatens arrest unless money is sent to them immediately. Please know this is a scam.

Contact the local Kentucky State Police post to report these types of incidents.

Webster County Jailer's Report

Webster County Jailer Greg Sauls reports inmates worked a total of 1658 hours between July 6 and July 12, 2025. Hours worked include 520 hours at the detention center; 280 hours at the RCC; 80 hours mowing; 360 hours for Union County; 40 hours for the city of Clay; 40 hours for the city of Dixon; 80 hours for the city of Providence; 40 hours for recycling; 50 hours for the road department shop; 40 hours for the dog warden and 16 hours at Landon's Hope.

The total jail population is 163 with 47 county inmates; 25 Union County inmates and 91 state prisoners.

Twenty inmates participated in Moral Recognition Therapy; 28 participated in Anger Management with one graduating; nine attended Thinking for Good; 12 attended Untangling Relationships and five attended parenting. Three inmates

attended GED classes.

Incarcerated during the same period were

- Donnie Adams
- Jessy Adams
- Deandre Amadsun
- Roger Belt
- Anthony Blue
- Darrell Butler
- Amanda Carreno
- Virgil Carter
- Edward Dame
- Felicia Daveport
- Robin Deweese
- Ahmed Mostafa
- Daniel Oliver
- Nathaniel Ray
- Michael Rigdon
- Wendell Robinson
- Ernest Sawyer
- Valerie Seals
- Ronnie Starks
- James Thomas
- Michael Thrasher

Clay City Council Discusses Effects Of Kentucky SB 63

The Clay City Council met Tuesday, July 8, in a session that included a discussion about Senate Bill 63, a new law concerning "special purpose vehicles," but calls on cities and counties to determine their use on those roadways.

According to Mayor Jack Edens, the state will allow special use vehicles on state roadways, but local governments have the authority to prohibit their use on county roads and city streets. Among the guidelines for a "special purpose vehicle" are that it must be street legal with headlamps, taillamps, brake lamps, a trail lamp to illuminate the registration plate, red reflectors on the rear, an amber electric turn system on each front side of the vehicle, amber or red turn signals on the back of the vehicle, a braking system, a horn, working mufflers, review mirrors, a windshield (of the operator must wear eye protection); a speedometer; a roll bar or roll cage; seatbelts in multi-passenger vehicle; tires with 2/32 of an inch tread. The new law applies to all-terrain vehicles, utility terrain vehicles, minitrucks, pneumatic-tired military vehicles or full-size special purpose-built vehicles.

A copy of the new law was provided to

Interagency Council Meets Today

The Webster County Interagency Council will meet Wednesday, July 16th at the UK Extension Office at 1118 US HWY 41A S in Dixon from 12-1pm. Please RSVP if you plan to attend.

Speaker: Mallory Kramer

Agency: St. Anthony's

Lunch Sponsor: St. Anthony's

Upcoming Events

* 7/17 Back to School Carnival, Health First Community Health Center 140 Veterans Ave., Clay, KY 8am-5pm

* 7/22 Back to School Carnival, Health First Community Health Center 215 E. Main St., Providence, KY 8am-5pm

* 8/4 Back to School Ready Fest, Webster County Middle School, Dixon, KY 11am-2pm

* 9/24 Kentucky Kid's Day, Providence City Park - Hosted by Providence Tourism 5:30-7:30pm

each council member for them to review. The matters is expected to come back before the council at their August meeting. The Kentucky League of Cities has provided its members with a sample ordinance to consider for passage. Before the city makes a decision on whether to allow "special purpose vehicles" on city streets, Kelly Ware and Clint Knepper along with Mayor Edens will review the ordinance and make a recommendation to the council on whether or not to pass it or suggest modifications to be made.

In other matters, the council briefly discussed properties that have been cited per the city's nuisance ordinance. Some of those properties are expected to be sold at a master commissioner's sale, but no dates for sales have been set.

The council also learned that gas line inspections were conducted the first week of July in the community. Clerk Christy Freeman

reported that gas lines in the downtown area of Clay are inspected annually, and the city is divided into four sections with each section inspected every two to three years. Edens added that the most recent gas inspection "went well."

Freeman also told the council that recently, some city checks were stolen while enroute to city vendors. The checks were mail locally and were enroute to their destinations when the theft occurred. The routing numbers from city accounts were used and several purchases were made at a Best Buy using city account numbers. The clerk has worked with the police and bank and the city has re-couped its money. The bank is working with law enforcement to determine in which city the funds were spent and who may have stolen the letters.


Tuesday's council meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m. with the next meeting scheduled for August 12.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Webster County Public Health Taxing District financial statements, adopted budget, and the most recent financial audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 may be examined by the public at <http://kydigweb.ky.gov/>.

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