

**POLICE BLOTTER**

Two Lewisburg police officers and two Jones Circle residents were injured by a woman during a fracas at the home early Saturday, Dec. 31.

Crystal J. Baugh-Hamler, 31, of Hill Street was tased after fighting officers attempting her arrest, a report filed by officer Wyatt Evans said.

A 911 call at 1:43 a.m. reported a fight involving a knife. Two people at the home, one 78 years old, suffered minor wounds from the knife allegedly wielded by Baugh-Hamler.

Baugh-Hamler resisted being handcuffed and began clawing at officers until being "drive-stunned" by Officer Adam Ferguson's taser, the report said. A drive stun involves the taser's blunt end being placed against an individual and a shock administered.

Cpl. Jenny Frost suffered a knee injury — her second on-duty injury in recent weeks — and Evans several cuts from Baugh-Hamler allegedly scratching him during the arrest.

Baugh-Hamler was charged with two counts of aggravated domestic-related assault, two counts of aggravated assault against a first responder, and resisting arrest. Bond was set at \$17,000.

**CHICKEN STOLEN**

An 80-year-old man was charged with stealing a chicken Monday, Jan. 2, after the property owner allegedly caught him in the act and locked him in the birds' pen, a Marshall County Sheriff's Office report said.

James Avery Sons of Collier Road was still in the pen when Deputy Clyde Ragsdale arrived. Sons allegedly said he saw the chicken in the middle of Yell Road and was returning it to its pen.

The chicken's owner told Ragsdale he heard the chickens making noise and saw Sons in the pen "corralling" three or four before grabbing one by its legs and attempting to leave.

"(The victim) said he approached the guy and pushed him back into the pen and locked him in," Ragsdale's report said.

"I asked him what he was doing. He didn't have an answer," the

chicken's owner told Ragsdale.

Sons' truck was in the middle of Yell Road with the driver's door open and engine running when Ragsdale approached.

Six chickens have been stolen in earlier incidents, always on Mondays, the victim's wife said.

Sons is charged with theft and criminal trespassing. Bond was set at \$1,000.

**ATTACK BY VEHICLE**

Aggravated domestic assault charges were filed against a couple who allegedly attacked each other's vehicles in the yard of their Mahaley Road home on Tuesday, Jan. 3.

A witness told Deputy Christopher Burgess that Roberta Pienkowski, 48, allegedly rammed a Nissan Quest van belonging to her husband Kurt Franklin Luna, 52, several times with her Dodge pickup. Luna is accused of slashing one of the truck's tires.

Pienkowski allegedly retaliated by shooting the radiator of Luna's van.

Neither suspect was listed as injured.

Both received \$10,000 bonds.

**FLAGPOLE AS WEAPON**

A man whom complained of being struck repeatedly with a flagpole Saturday, Dec. 31 at a Jesse Lane home was himself charged with two counts of domestic assault.

Mark Myers, 54, of Jesse Lane allegedly entered through an unlocked door and attacked a man. A woman using the flagpole to keep the men separated was allegedly thrown over a kitchen island by Myers but caught in the air by her brother. Both victims were listed as suffering minor injuries.

Myers was stopped and arrested by a deputy around an hour later. He was treated and released at Marshall Medical Center for a bloody left eye, then released on recognizance at Marshall County Jail.

**PASSING THE POT**

A man who police say had marijuana in his vehicle Wednesday, Jan. 4, allegedly tossed them to a younger passenger, telling her she

wouldn't be charged due to her age.

Ian Harrison, 19, of Hampshire was stopped in the parking lot of the Columbia State Community College center on South Ellington Parkway for a vehicle light violation.

Officers noticed and smelled marijuana, a police report said. A search allegedly revealed 7.90 grams of marijuana.

Harrison told police the marijuana did not belong to him or the 17-year-old passenger, who told an officer of the alleged toss.

Police charged Harrison with felony simple possession and possession of drug paraphernalia.

**ASSAULT**

A suspect was charged with aggravated assault for allegedly pointing a handgun at a man during an argument Thursday, Jan. 5, the MCSO said.

Jamaric Armstrong, 18, of Holly Grove Road is accused of calling the victim to a home on Highway 40 after sending Instagram messages. The victim told investigators he didn't know Armstrong.

The victim said Armstrong challenged him to fight and "pulled, cocked, and pointed the gun" at him before placing it on the ground. An investigating deputy was given Facetime screenshots of Armstrong holding a handgun the victim said were from a Facetime conversation. A witness also said Armstrong pointed the handgun.

Armstrong denied having a gun, police said. Bond was set at \$7,500.

**THEFT**

More than \$1,800 worth of tools, wooden doors valued at \$1,000, and items listed as "housewares" were taken from a home being remodeled in the 2000 block of Spring Place Road overnight Sunday, Jan. 8, the MCSO was told.

Entry was gained through a rear door and an attempt was made to enter the front door, Deputy Sam Shelby's report said.

•A Remington 20 gauge shotgun and a grease gun were stolen Friday or Saturday from a residence in the 1500 block of Holly

Grove Road, the MCSO said.

Entry was through the front door.

Several items taken from the garage area were found in the rear of the back yard, Deputy Jerel Neill's report said.

Lewisburg city police reported several things stolen from a barn, truck, and horse trailer overnight last Tuesday, Jan. 3, were found along another nearby fence line on Holly Grove Road the next day, along with several power tools taken from a neighbor's shed.

\*Wrapped Christmas presents, a 55-inch Roku television and a Zippo lighter were stolen from a Washington Drive home Thursday, Dec. 29, between 5:40-10 p.m., police said.

Neighbors said a white car was at the home with someone removing items from inside during that period.

**SHOPLIFTING**

•A man scanned \$400 worth of items at a Walmart self-checking station, then left without paying, Lewisburg police said.

The items included food, a rug and scented candles.

The man ran to an SUV and left quickly when confronted by employees.

•A Pulaski man previously banned from all Walmarts after an arrest in his hometown store was charged again Sunday, Jan. 7, following an arrest at the Lewisburg location.

William Ellis, 73, allegedly failed to pay for Icy Hot and pain pills.

He was cited for shoplifting.

**THREAT**

A man allegedly pointed a gun at a family as they drove past a home in the 1700 block of Old Berlin Road on New Year's afternoon.

Deputies checked the home and made contact with the suspect by phone and through the patrol vehicle's public address system.

The suspect walked onto the front porch, told deputies he had nothing to say to them and would not "be bullied by the police."

Supervising officers ordered the deputies to clear the scene. No arrest was made.

**Shall we sing the praises of public restrooms?**

By **Danny Tyree**

It's an amenity that most consumers take for granted. It's an amenity that most retailers/professionals grudgingly accept as a cost of doing business.

But I simply must salute those businesspeople who provide the miracle of indoor plumbing to their patrons.

When traveling or shopping, a restroom can be a lifesaver. We use the euphemism "when Nature calls," but Nature doesn't usually phone ahead. It shows up unannounced, kicking the front door in and toting two weeks' worth of luggage.

I am not here to chastise those business owners who in their infinite wisdom decide not to go to the hassle of providing a restroom. Just know that the shoppers who make selections while squirming, fidgeting and joggling in place tend to overwhelm the Returns desk a few days later. ("Stains? What stains?")

I will not go as far as a theologian friend, who speculates that these businesspeople have a special corner reserved in hell. ("Don't sweat the flames. Drink all the water you want. You just can't get rid of it.")

Next up on the scale is the establishments with strings attached. I remember a vacation when the "Any port in a storm" mantra guided us as we parked at a rural crossroads market. Our mission was urgent enough that we were not deterred by the sternly worded "Restroom reserved for paying customers!" sign or the glowering clerk. ("You folks just passing through? Would you recognize a meth lab? Does your next of kin know you're here?")

Predictably, this establishment did not provide paper seat liners. They would probably have clashed with the deep-fried toilet paper, anyway.

Besides, anything short of an exorcist, a flame thrower and Anthony Fauci's home phone number would

have been inadequate.

On the next rung is the place where you have to wait in line and ask for the key. I can't decide if this is more like Oliver Twist meekly asking for more gruel or your younger self asking Dad if you can take the training wheels off the bicycle.

As you do the walk of shame with the key, you are tempted to bluff to maintain your privacy. ("I donated my urethra and my gastrointestinal tract to African orphans, and I just need to use the mirror to check my worry lines.")

Even when no key ritual is required, you can rest assured that the person who beats you to a single-occupancy restroom is going to be the person with (a) a free hour of playtime on Candy Crush, a person with a distorted sense of time ("2023? Already? Get outta here!") or a person with a bashful bladder. When dealing with the latter, you might yell through the door, "I can be your bladder's wingman!" or "Let me buy your bladder a copy of 'How To Win Friends and Influence People.'"

The holy grail, of course, is a spacious, modern, palatial, multi-stall, graffiti-free restroom.

That has its own problems. Operating in "we're not worthy" mode, you feel obligated to buy something, despite the inflated prices. And the guilt trip just accelerates.

"Take the cart. I need to call my mother. And send that waitress a bigger tip. And if your pocketknife is still sharp, maybe I could do something for Locks of Love! Wait...Mom said Nature kicked in her door. I hope the potty at the hardware store is unoccupied."

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**Sobriety roadside safety checkpoints**

The Tennessee Highway Patrol will be conducting sobriety roadside safety checkpoints during the week of 1/28/2023 on US Hwy 31Alt in Marshall County starting at 9:00 P.M.

Impaired driving is a serious crime that kills more than 16,000 people and injures 305,000 people every year in the United States.

Troopers will evaluate drivers for signs of alcohol or drug impairment. Troopers will target those who operate a vehicle while impaired and take corrective actions for other violations observed while ensuring the protection of all motorists.

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