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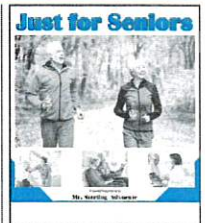
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BIG ANNOUNCEMENT— Local and state leaders and those affiliated with the Post Clinic are pictured behind Congressman Andy Barr, who was in town Sept. 1 to announce the clinic had received a \$1 million grant to fund a new clinic facility. The new facility will be built next to the existing facility on Sterling Avenue. Plans call for construction to begin in early 2023 and take approximately 18 months to complete. Local officials overcame some funding obstacles along the way before getting this grant they hope will complete the funding for the project.



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Barr presents funding for Post Clinic

\$1 million federal grant will be used toward constructing a new facility; it's estimated Post Clinic will be able to provide care to 4,000, up from 400

By Tom Marshall
 Senior Advocate writer

U.S. Congressman Andy Barr, R-Lexington, presented the Post Clinic with a \$1 million federal grant to complete the projected cost of a new facility at a ceremony Sept. 1.

The Post Clinic will use this federal funding for its project to construct a new facility next to the existing clinic to expand dental and health care services to Kentuckians throughout the Montgomery County, surrounding counties and the central and eastern Kentucky regions.

It is estimated that the Post Clinic will be able to provide care to 4,000 underserved Kentuckians, up from the approximately 400 it currently serves, according to a release from Barr's office.

The funds were secured during the most recent federal appropriations process, a release said.

"Today is the culmination of years of work by local leaders, Post Clinic staff and our office to

push this project across the finish line," Barr told the crowd of approximately 40 people who attended the event at the existing clinic on Sterling Avenue. "I want to commend these leaders for their perseverance in pursuing this grant award. Despite roadblocks along the way, we all remained committed to this critical project. The Post Clinic's new facility will make a difference in the lives of thousands of Kentuckians and make our community healthier in the years ahead."

Mt. Sterling Mayor Al Botts thanked Barr for his efforts in helping to secure funding for the project.

"We would like to thank Congressman Andy Barr for this continued support of the Post Clinic project," Botts said. "We started this process in 2019 and today, with this award announcement of \$1 million in Community Project Funding, we can report that we've met our goal for the projected cost of this project. It

truly has been a team effort, with local, state and federal elected officials all coming together to collaborate and find a way to get this project funded.

"Quality health care opportunities are so important to the overall health and success of a community," he added. "We are so very fortunate to have the Post Clinic here to provide free health and dental care to those who are without health insurance, and to those who are underinsured. This new building will help the Post Clinic team meet many of their operational goals and to allow them to provide quality care to our citizens."

Botts called the cooperation to secure the funding a prime example of "how good government is supposed to work."

Post Clinic Medical Director Dr. Ed Roberts stressed the importance of how the new facility will allow the clinic to serve more patients.

"This grant award will help us

expand our care to hundreds of Kentuckians and pave the way for a brighter, healthier future for the people we serve," Roberts said. "I want to thank Congressman Barr, Mayor Botts and all those who partnered with us to make this project a reality."

"We promise to use this money wisely and serve as many of the needs of the local community as we can," he added.

Lenise Summers, the clinic CEO, told the Advocate the clinic currently serves 22 counties, but with the new facility will be able to serve even more.

She said the funding will also allow the clinic to update equipment and hopefully attract even more volunteers, particularly from the medical community.

Barr noted that many of the patients who come to the clinic are in serious need of medical care by the time they come to the clinic. Clinic staff were treating emer-



Congressman Andy Barr talked about the importance of the funding going at the Post Clinic during his visit there Sept. 1 to announce the awarding of a \$1 million federal grant for a new facility. The project has already received two Community Development Block Grants and \$75,000 each from the city of Mt. Sterling and the Montgomery County Fiscal Court. Photos by Tom Marshall.



Family of local man killed in Vietnam connects with medic who served in same platoon after receiving unexpected package.

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Man authorities say believed to be on run with missing juvenile arrested, facing multiple charges

By Tom Marshall
 Senior Advocate writer

A Jeffersonville man who authorities say was believed to have been on the run with a missing female juvenile has been arrested and is facing multiple charges.

Shawn Taulbee, 37, according to the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, is charged with custodial interference, third-degree unlawful transaction with a minor, two counts of second-degree fleeing or evading police (on foot), second-degree burglary and resisting arrest.

He was lodged in the Montgomery County Regional Jail following apprehension and what the sheriff's office described on social media as an "intensive investigation."

"A search that lasted several days in the southern area of the county resulted in the juvenile being apprehended. After the juvenile was located and returned safe, deputies located Taulbee in the area of Camargo that ended with the apprehension of Taulbee inside a residence that he (reportedly) fled into attempting to avoid apprehension," the sheriff's office said in



Shawn Taulbee

Winchester man charged following altercation in which another individual allegedly stabbed

By Tom Marshall
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A Winchester man faces charges of first-degree assault and third-degree criminal mischief stemming from the alleged stabbing/cutting of a man during a reported altercation on Camargo-Levee Road Aug. 28, according to the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office.

McKinley Mitchell III, 26, was lodged in the Montgomery County Regional Jail. He was arrested Sept. 2.

The alleged victim, Keith Hinton, was transported by ambulance to the University of Kentucky Hospital for emergency surgery of reported multiple stabcut wounds to his lower left hip/abdomen, according to citation filed by sheriff's Det. Jarrod Nester.

The citation claims Hinton was also treated for a substantial amount of blood loss at the hospital.

The citation claims Keith and his wife, Laryn Hinton of Morehead, had provided a rule for Lacey Ross from their residence to visit Mitchell, who was reportedly staying at a friend's house on Camargo-Levee Road.



McKinley Mitchell III

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gency patients mere moments before the press conference got under way.

"We knew right away what great work these folks did," Barr said. "All you have to do is go in and see and hear the stories of the people they serve and the difference they make in the lives of the patients they see here."

State Rep. David Hale, R-Williamson, thanked Barr for never giving up on the project despite obstacles, and applauded the work being put into it at the clinic by people like Roberts, dental clinic director Dr. Charlie Tingle, Summers and the volunteers who are "the backbone" of the operation.

"It's an honor to see a project like this moving forward," Hale said.

Several of the officials who addressed the crowd made a point to highlight the important role played in the project by the Gateway Area Development District, current director Josh Partow and former director Orl Wright.

In addition to the \$1 million in Congressional funding announced by Barr last week, the clinic has already received \$500,000 in traditional state funding through a Community Development Block Grant and another \$1 million in CDBG funding through money tied to COVID-relief.

The city of Mt. Sterling and Montgomery County Fiscal Court have also pledged \$75,000 each toward the project.

The city had previously been denied for an \$850,000 grant it had applied for through the Appalachian Regional Commission.

The city had been awarded a \$50,000 grant from the ARC to conduct a feasibility study for a proposal to build a new facility for the clinic.

The study recommended the construction of a new clinic, not rehabilitation of the current facility, officials said.

Despite the setback, the project would not be denied

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TALKING IT OVER— From left, Louise Summers, CEO of the Post Clinic; Dr. Charlie Tingle, the clinic's dental director; and Dr. Ed Roberts, the clinic medical director; discussed the importance of the work under way at the clinic with Congressman Andy Barr, R-Leonington. Barr was in Mt. Sterling Sept. 1 to announce a \$1 federal grant for a new clinic facility. Mayor Al Botte said the grant, combined with other funds, should complete the funding needed for the project. The free clinic serves the uninsured and underserved.

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TAULBEE

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the post.

Additional charges are pending, the sheriff's office said.

The sheriff's office first became involved in the case just before 10 a.m. Aug. 14 when it received a complaint in reference to 15-year-old female who was reportedly missing, according to a uniform citation filed by Deputy Dalton Hayes.

Upon arrival at a residence on Pine Hill Road Hayes states in the citation that he spoke with the mother, who reportedly claimed she had lost soon her daughter Aug. 13 about 11 p.m. in the kitchen getting food.

The mother then advised she went to sleep and when she woke up the next morning the daughter was reportedly gone, the citation claims.

The mother reportedly told authorities it wasn't unusual for the daughter to be gone the majority of the day, but called to report her missing when she failed to return home later that day, the citation said.

Hayes claims in the citation that he and Deputy Bryan Beane went to numerous locations where the girl was allegedly known to frequent, including 45 Myras Cemetery Road where Taulbee reportedly

edly lives.

The girl was allegedly recently located at Taulbee's address Aug. 3 at approximately 7:37 a.m. after her mother reported her falling to severe home during a previous incident, the citation claims.

Following the Aug. 14 incident, the citation claims that deputies were unable to locate the girl and she was listed as missing.

Throughout the time the girl was entered missing, the citation claims dispatch received multiple calls reporting Taulbee and the girl as allegedly being together.

The citation claims she sheriff's office received a complaint in reference to Taulbee and the girl allegedly being together on Calk Lane in Jeffersonville.

Deputies arrived in the area, but were initially unable to locate them, the citation claims.

As Lt. Tommy Parker was leaving Calk Lake, the citation claims he spotted both Taulbee and the girl allegedly walking through an opening in the woods between Calk Lake and Spruce Valley Lane.

The citation claims Parker parked his patrol vehicle and began giving commands to Taulbee and the girl. Taulbee allegedly fled on foot into the

woods and could not be apprehended.

Det./Sgt. Robert Workman and Det. Jared Nester then arrived on the scene, the citation claims, and conducted a second interview with the girl, who allegedly confirmed she had been staying in the woods with Taulbee.

The girl reportedly claimed she and Taulbee were of no relation and described herself and Taulbee as "best friends," the citation says. She had reportedly been missing for four days.

Aug. 24, deputies were dispatched in the area of Cooper Lane and McCormick Road on a reported sighting of Taulbee, according to a citation filed by Sgt. Jared Clachan.

While searching the area, Taulbee allegedly fled on foot toward Whitaker Bank in Cannago, the citation claims.

Taulbee had allegedly unlawfully gained entry into a dwelling and had hidden inside, the citation claims. The property owner reportedly allowed officers to search the residence with the help of K9 officer Jago, according to the citation.

Taulbee was allegedly found hiding in a dryer at the residence, the citation claims.

Once located, the citation claims Taulbee actively resisted efforts by law enforcement to safely take him into custody.

Taulbee was allegedly transported multiple times.

Keith Hinton was reportedly transported by his wife, Laryn, from the scene to the Cannago Fire Station and then on to UK Hospital, the citation claims.

He has since been discharged, according to UK.

Auntiebus said it was not immediately clear what started the dispute.

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