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## Baker performs at the MAC

Floyd Chronicle and Times photos by Trevor Thacker  
Comedian Donnie Baker, above, was joined by Harlan-based musician Eldon Huff, below, and his band in entertaining the crowd at the Mountain Arts Center on June 24.

BY TREVOR THACKER  
STAFF WRITER

The Mountain Arts Center, last Thursday night, continued with its jam-packed summer lineup as Donnie Baker, from "The Bob and Tom Show" fame, took to the stage.

The venue had been in talks with booking Baker, according to Joe Cambell, Director of the MAC.

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## Auxier man indicted on federal drug charges

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A Floyd man is facing federal charges related to THC possession and misbranding.

According to court documents, on June 24, a federal grand jury in London indicted Zachary Butler, 27, of N. River Street, Auxier, on charges of misbranding of a consumer product and possession with the intent to distribute THC.

According to the indictment, between June 2019 and May 2020, Butler caused "the introduction and delivery for introduction into interstate commerce ... delta 9 tetrahydrocannabinol (THC)" which was misbranded in several ways. Included in the misbranding was that the labeling did not state information about the manufacturer, the contents and the active ingredient. The charge carries a maximum sentence of one year in prison and a maximum \$1,000 fine.

In addition, the indictment charges, on May 15, Butler knowingly and intentionally possessed with the intent to distribute a quantity of delta 9 tetrahydrocannabinol. The charge carries a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison, a maximum \$1 million fine and a term of supervised release of three years.

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## Beshear: E.Ky. 'leading the way' in rebound

BY RUSS CASSADY  
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Gov. Andy Beshear said this past week that, as he sees it, Eastern Kentucky is not only included in the economic recovery from the tumultuous past year, but is leading the way.

In an interview with Appalachian Newspapers, Beshear pointed to numerous project and project announcements underway in the eastern part of the

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State and local officials joined local businessman Jim Booth in Martin County on June 22 to unveil Booth's newest project — an apple orchard on a former surface mine site.

Appalachian Newspapers photo by Trevor Thacker

## From coal to apples — new project seeks to use fruit to change area's fortunes

BY TREVOR THACKER  
STAFF WRITER

According to special assistant to Gov. Andy Beshear, Rocky Adkins, local businessman Jim Booth is a "visionary." Now the long-time coal operator is now turning his focus to a life after

coal — Apples.

On Tuesday, Booth and his partners unveiled "AppleAtcha" Agritech KY LLC, in Martin County, with the hopes of turning Eastern Kentucky into the "Apple Capital" of the nation.

Beshear was the keynote speaker for the

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