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## PPD: Woman charged with cruelty to animals after dogs found without food or water

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A Prestonsburg woman was charged recently after Prestonsburg Police

went to her residence and allegedly found three dogs which had been left without food and water and were eating garbage due to not having any

food. According to a citation written by Prestonsburg Police Officer Zachary Neice, on Aug. 3, he was dispatched to the

Trimble Branch residence of Laura A. Wireman, 44, to conduct a welfare check on some dogs that were eating garbage because they had no food.

According to the citation, upon arrival, Niece noted a large amount of garbage around the

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## Art Reducing Stigma project unveils art

BY TREVOR THACKER  
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Mountain Comprehensive Care Center's Art Reducing Stigma Campaign returned to the Mountain Arts Center Aug. 5, to display the portraits painted by University of Rochester Resident Artist Charmaine

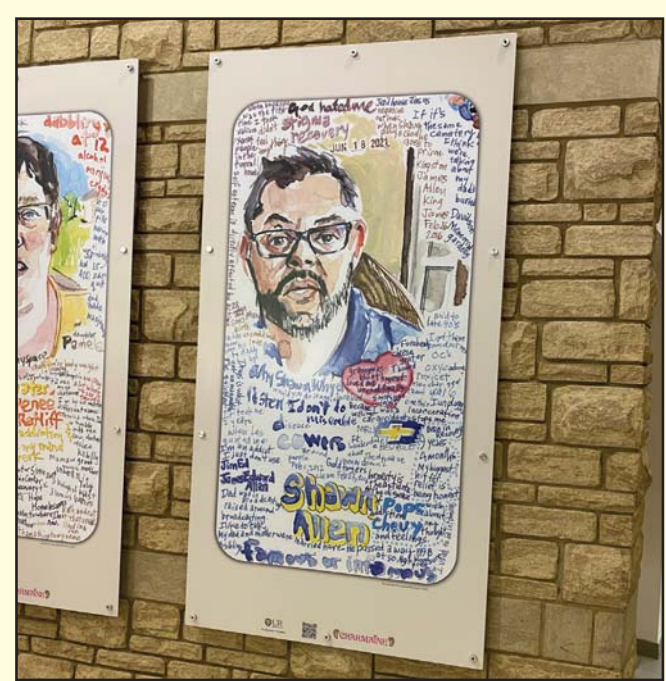
Wheatley. The campaign, tasked with reducing the stigma that comes with addiction by showing that recovering addicts can succeed and become productive members of society.

"There's a stigma that goes with it. That people are weak, that

people don't want help out of this, and that's not true at all," said Prestonsburg Mayor Les Stapleton.

While impacting nearly every household in America, opioid abuse is rampant in the more rural and poor parts of

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Floyd Chronicle and Times photos by Trevor Thacker  
Recovering addict and advocate Shawn Allen, portrayed in Charmaine Wheatley's portrait displayed at the MAC on August 5.



Artist Charmaine Wheatley's rendering of Shawna Edwards displayed at the MAC on August 5, as part of the "Art Reducing Stigma" campaign.



Portrait of Prestonsburg Mayor Les Stapleton painted by University of Rochester Resident Artist Charmaine Wheatley.

## Big Sandy CTC opens next week

BY TREVOR THACKER  
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Big Sandy Community and Technical College's Prestonsburg Campus is preparing to open for the fall term.

BSCTC will offer in person classes starting next week. However, they will also offer online and Sync classrooms, which allow students to remain home, yet, sit in on the in-person classes.

The college wants to

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