

**NOTARIZED PROOF OF PUBLICATION**

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

COUNTY OF Franklin

Before me, a Notary Public, in and for said county and state, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022 came RACHEL McCANTY, personally known to me, who, being duly sworn, states as follows: that she is the Advertising Assistant of the Kentucky Press Service, Inc.; that she has personal knowledge of the contents of this affidavit; and that the publications included on the attached list published the Legal Notice for Duke Energy Corporation.

Rachel McCanty  
Signature

Bennie J. Howard

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 9-18-2024

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long-time Marine from our area is Maurice Wilson. Wilson served our country for 24 years as part of the US Marine Corps.

Two other Marines are Katie Mains Sullivan and her mother-in-law, Michael Pintha. Sullivan started as an avionics Support Equipment Mechanic, then made a lateral move to Avionics on the AV-8B Harrier jet. She was primarily in Cherry Point, NC but was deployed to Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom. She reached the rank of Sergeant. Pintha served 20 years in the Marines also working the Harrier at Cherry Point. He was deployed to Iraq, Afghanistan, and had several ship deployments.

Private First Class Herman A. Bowling was wounded in action during World War II. As he was being removed from the battlefield, someone stepped on a land mine killing Bowling and several corpsmen. (kfv12.com) The tale tells of how Bowling's Purple Heart was found and returned to his family after years of research to try to find his family. Another sad story is of Marine Michael Smith who served three years at Camp Lejeune and according to his sister, Shannon Steffen Walls "Unfortunately, he was one of the 22 a day—he suffered from mental health issues." "The Veterans Administration statistics confirm Veterans a day are accumulating to suicide on American soil." militaryveteranproject.org

Anthony Mann, a Sergeant and Munitions Specialist, "hand-picked and flown overseas as the sole trainer for the F-18 munitions system for one of the countries we are allied. He was very proud of that," according to his wife Fay Mann.

Some local infantry Marines include John Ashcraft, Jerry Merrill, Josh Peluso, and active-duty Mason Wessel. Ashcraft served 1984-97 and was in the Gulf War and Operation Just Cause/Panama Conflict. He also served in Somalia and at Camp Lejeune. Merrill served first in a BN 9th MAR for four years then was an infantry platoon instructor. He was a 0311-infantry rifleman and had two combat deployments. Peluso went to infantry school at Camp Geiger, NC, and A-school in Pensacola, FL for aviation electronics. Then C-school at Cherry Point where he was trained to be a 6414 Communication Section tech. He was deployed on the USS PELELIU to the 5th fleet with HMM/VMM 364. He got home in 2014. Wessel just completed boot camp and is at Camp Geiger for infantry training. Two other Marines out of boot camp are Elijah Browning and Garrett Nel-Jordan. Browning is a Machine Gunner with a

licer at Camp Lejeune through 2016. Schalk was a 2841 Communications Technician. "My job was ensuring that ground tactical radios and other communication devices were safe and ready for battle." He served at Camp Lejeune and reached the rank of Corporal. He was deployed to Moron, Spain for a Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force-Crisis Response-Africa as a security response for anything that could happen in Africa. Gary Marshall was also in communications as a radio operator from 1965 to 1971.

Keith Gunkel did not grow up in this area but has made Pendleton County his home for much of his adult life. As an active-duty Marine, he was an Aviation Electrician for CH 53 helicopters. He went to school in Memphis, TN and for more advanced training at Jacksonville, NC. Roger Lawson served during the mid 80's like Gunkel. Lawson was with Fox Battery 2nd Battalion 11th Marines Field Artillery at Camp Pendleton.

Alex Jimenez was an 0111 Administrative Assistant for four years at JEB Little Creek Norfolk, VA and became a Corporal before she got out. Lincoln Wright served as an Administrator in South Carolina from 2011-2014.

Eric Varner was a 0814 Himars Crew Gunner. He was deployed in Afghanistan as part of Operation Enduring Freedom 13. Sebastian Ernst was a Sergeant and served as an

Avionics Electronics Technician for the CH-46 Helicopter. He was stationed at HMX1, which is the Presidential Helicopter Squadron based out of Quantico, VA.

Brett Mullins served as an MP for six years and received Marine of the Year from his unit. He was deployed to Iraq in 2006. Incidentally, his birthday is on November 11, so if you see this Marine, be sure to not only thank him for his service but wish him a Happy Birthday, too!

Juan Ruano earned some distinctions as well, while serving as a Sergeant and Personnel Clerk. He was part of the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit and Aircraft Control Group-28. He was deployed to Afghanistan and earned a Combat Action Ribbon. After being deployed to Iraq, Ruano was awarded a Navy Achievement Medal for Exemplary service.

Two local Marines who served in the Vietnam War are Danny Flynn and Barth Johnson. Flynn was a Corporal Rifleman in the DMZ area of Vietnam from 1966-67. Johnson was in college living with five friends anxiously awaiting the results of the draft. Three were

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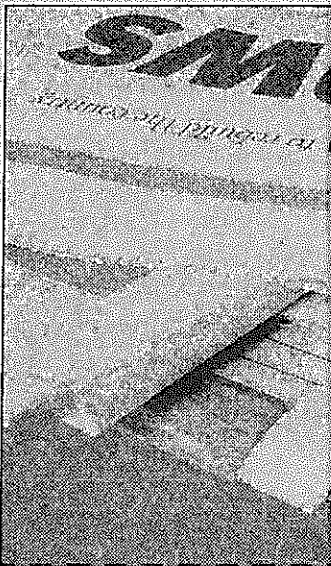
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**PENDLETON  
JOINT PLANNING  
LEGAL**

The Pendleton County Joint Planning Com during their regular meeting in the Fiscal C Falmouth, KY 41040, on Monday, Novembe

The purpose of Public Hearing: 202204PM on an application by Kevin Roseberry to an Map at the property addressed: 1937 Hwy 44 to Business "B".

All citizens interested in this matter are invit proposed map amendment may be examine Planning and Zoning at 233 Main Street, Request information by calling 859.654.1108 or



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**ATTENTION READERS**

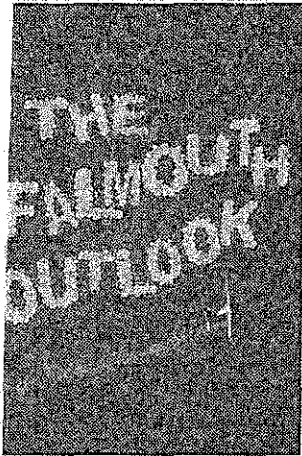
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When asked what his thoughts were after being told

out the award, Dale stated, "Why me? I know a lot of people more deserving than me!"

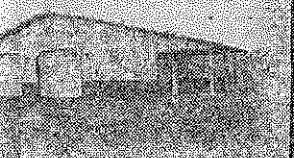
That humble reply shows a bit of their hearts and their love for God, community, and each other.



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member of the Grant County Chamber in good standing. Applications are due by Nov. 23. The committee will meet and review them with awards being announced in January.

Contact the Grant County Chamber of Commerce, 1350 North

**Shirley Marksberry**, 920 Mason Cordova Rd., Corinth, KY.

**Lendyn Webster and Jane Clifton** property on Goldsvalley Spur Road and Snell Lane.

**Property of Doering Family Ltd.** Partnership on Dry Ridge Mt. Zion Rd., Dry Ridge.

**TAYLOR FARM** located at 5098 Warsaw Road, Dry Ridge, KY 41035

**COLLINS PROPERTY** located at 215, 225 and 235 Frederica Rd., Dry Ridge, KY

**Janice & Jack Bowling** property located on White Chapel Road.

**415 Cash Drive.** Including dock and parking area. Dry Ridge, KY

**Sponcil, Wayne** 485 Sherman Newtown Rd., Sponcil Properties, 2895 Dixie Hwy.

**Lonald, Linda and Wesley Cook**, 1600 Corinth Road (40 acres).

**ALL PROPERTY BELONGING to Marcus and Michael Anderson**, beyond the end of Harris Ridge Road, and Old Sweet Owen Rd., Mudd Lick Creek Lane, 8 miles east of

Call 859-824-3322  
or send an email to  
jbaker@grantcommerce.org.

Main St., Williamstown, for more information.

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**Smith, George** - 4070 Heekin Lawrenceville Rd, Williamstown

**MCKEE PROPERTY**, 210 Mason Courdova Road, Corinth

**No trespassing, private property** at 613 Reeves Road, Dry Ridge, Ky. 41035

**MCINTIRE PROPERTY** located on Old Cynthia Rd. and Oak Ridge Pike.

**Henry Family Farm** at 1115 Smokey Rd., Williamstown, KY 41097

**MIKE SATTERWHITE FARM** 250 School Road, Jonesville, KY 41052.

**Byrley Property** located at 255 Turner Dr., Crittenden. **NO TRESPASSING & NO HUNTING!**

**MCKEE PROPERTY** at 4880 and 4890 Elliston Mt. Zion Road, Dry Ridge, KY.

**DEGLOW, RICHARD & LINDA.** Farm at 1495 Heekin Road, Williamstown, KY.

**PROPERTY LOCATED AT** - 5340 Stewartville Rd., Williamstown.

**BREWER Properties** located at 5075 Dixie Hwy. Corner of

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**Grant County Planning Commission  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

1. City of Crittenden/491 Corporation has requested a zone change from A-1 (Agricultural One) to HC (Highway Commercial).

Property location: 78.10 acres, located at 725 Lebanon Rd., Crittenden, Grant County KY: a sign will be posted on the property.

2. Max McComas has requested a zone change from A-1 (Agricultural One) to R-1A (Residential One A).

Property location: 1 acre, located at 6210 Stewartville Rd., Williamstown, Grant County KY: a sign will be posted on the property.

A full copy of all requests may be reviewed at the Planning Commission Office during normal business hours.

All public hearings will be held before said body on Monday - November 28, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., at the Grant County Courthouse - 101 N. Main St., Williamstown, Kentucky at which time those wishing to comment on these items shall appear and be heard.

- Grant County Planning Commission

**REQUEST FOR BIDS**

The City of Williamstown will be accepting sealed bids for various electric materials in order to do upcoming electrical projects within the City. Bids will be accepted at the Williamstown City Building, which is located at 400 North Main Street, Williamstown, Kentucky 41097 until 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 29, 2022, at which time all bids will be opened.

Specifications and materials list may be reviewed and picked up at the Williamstown City Building anytime Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Furthermore, specifications and materials list may be obtained at the City of Williamstown's web site at [www.wtownky.org](http://www.wtownky.org).

All bids are to be sealed and clearly marked "**SEALED BID FOR ELECTRIC MATERIALS**" and made to the Mayor's attention.

The City of Williamstown reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to award portions of the materials bid to more than one bidder, and to waive formality in bidding.

## 5 generations

Wanda Pence Covey of Dry Ridge, Rita Covey Gabbard of Independence, Jennifer Gabbard Purcell of Independence, Lance Purcell and Marianna Purcell of Dry Ridge are pictured.



## KDA holds poster, essay contest

Kentucky students are invited to enter the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's (KDA) annual Poster and Essay Contest. Commissioner of Agriculture Dr. Ryan Quarles has announced. The theme of the 2023 contest is "Kentucky Agriculture is Everywhere," encouraging contestants to illustrate in words or pictures how agriculture impacts their everyday world. "Agriculture is everywhere. It's in the things we eat, the things we wear, the places we live," Commissioner Quarles said. "Emphasizing the importance agriculture plays in our everyday lives reveals its importance in all we do and have. This year's contest allows students to give that knowledge greater thought."

Students in grades K-12 may submit a poster, an essay of 500 words or less, or a digital entry, which may be photos or original digital artwork. Each entry must include the actual written theme and be postmarked by Friday, March 3, 2023. Winners will be notified by Friday, April 14, 2023. Winners in the poster and essay competitions will be selected in each grade. One statewide winner will be selected for digital artwork. Each winner will receive a \$100 award from Kentucky Agriculture and Environment in the Classroom and will be recognized at the 2023 Poster and Essay Contest Awards Ceremony next year. Winning entries will be displayed in Commissioner Quarles' Frankfort office and at the 2023 Kentucky State Fair in August in Louisville. For more information, including complete contest rules and an entry form, go to <https://www.kyagr.com/marketing/poster-essay-contest.html> or contact Elizabeth Gordon, director of the KDA's Education and Outreach Division, at [Elizabeth.Gordon@ky.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.Gordon@ky.gov) or (502) 782-4125.

## KTC reminds travelers to buckle up, put down phone

### Effort aims to prevent crashes, injuries and fatalities throughout the holiday season

With the holidays quickly approaching, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's (KYTC) Office of Highway Safety (KOHS) is providing Thanksgiving travelers important lifesaving reminders — buckle up and put the phone down. "The upcoming holiday is one of the busiest travel times of the year, so we're asking Kentuckians to protect themselves and other road users by buckling up and putting the phone down every time they enter a vehicle," said Gov. Andy Beshear. "These basic safety practices will make a considerable difference in preventing crashes and lessening the severity of injuries and the number of deaths on our roads."

Over the past decade, distracted driving has become one of the leading causes of vehicle crashes on our nation's roads. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, while anything that takes a driver's eyes off

the road, hands off the wheel or mind off the task of driving is a hazard, texting and the use of phone while driving is especially risky because it combines all three types of distraction — visual, manual and cognitive. Data from the KOHS shows that each year in Kentucky, distracted driving results in more than 50,000 crashes, more than 15,000 injuries and approximately 200 deaths. "Preventable deaths and injuries are the hardest ones to accept," said KYTC Secretary Jim Gray. "These are not just numbers. These are people — mothers, fathers, sons, daughters — that either didn't survive or their lives were seriously altered due to someone not making a safe choice when behind the wheel."

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, when worn correctly, seat belts reduce the risk of death by 45% for front-seat vehicle occupants and by 60% for pickup truck, SUV and mini-

van occupants. Properly fastened seat belts contact the strongest parts of the body, such as the chest, hips and shoulders. A seat belt spreads the force of a crash over a wide area of the body, putting less stress on any one part, and allows the body to slow down with the crash, extending the time when crash forces are felt by the occupant. "Sometimes even the most attentive drivers are involved in a crash

caused by other drivers," said Sec. Gray. "A seat belt provides protection against a speeding, distracted or drunk driver, so please buckle up to help you and your loved ones make it home safely."

According to KOHS, each year in Kentucky, more than half of those killed in motor vehicles are not wearing a seat belt. For more information, please visit <http://kyhighwaysafety.com/>.

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**Invitation to Bid**  
Sealed bids will be received in the Grant County Conservation District Office, 186 Helton Street, Williamstown, Ky. 41097 until Dec. 1, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. for the following item:  
(1) 1/2 2007 Puma Pleser 8 Stubble Drill Model # 121-900X Serial No. - A45306551. The equipment is in working condition but is being sold as is, where is.  
The equipment is available for inspection at the Crittenden farm lawn and garden center. Any other questions should be directed to Travis Woodyard 859-393-2440.  
The Grant County Conservation District Board of Supervisors will open the sealed bids at the Thursday, Dec. 1, 2022 board meeting at 6:30 p.m. The Grant County Conservation District Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and waive all informalities and/or technicalities where the best interest of the Grant County Conservation District can be served. Only a cashier check will be accepted as payment. All bidders will be notified by mail of the Board's action.

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**8 Ac. Mason-Cordova Road**, pasture, scattered trees, view, double wides welcome, city water, \$3,000 down, \$825 per mo.

**13.7 Ac. Keefer Rd.**, rolling pasture, semi-private livestock, ideal for livestock, city water available, \$114,900, \$5,000 down.

**16 Ac. So. Grant Co.**, mostly wooded, pond, great homesite, paved frontage, \$132,900, \$5,000 down, \$1,307 per month.

**1 Ac. Crittenden, Eagle Ridge Subdivision**, septic approved, no single wides, \$32,900, \$2,500 down, \$325 per mo.

**7 Ac. Grant Co.**, pasture, hilly, small pond, view, double wides welcome, city water, \$3,000 down, \$715 per mo.

**11 Ac. Jonesville area**, all woods, hilly, lots of frontage on paved road, septic approved, \$3,000 down, \$1,050 per mo.

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**McKee PROPERTY**, 210 Mason Cordova Road, Corinth

**Shirley Marksberry**, 920 Mason Cordova Rd., Corinth, KY.

**No trespassing, private property** at 613 Reeves Road, Dry Ridge, Ky. 41035

**MCINTIRE PROPERTY** located on Old Cynthia Rd. and Oak Ridge Pike.

**Henry Family Farm** at 1115 Smoky Rd., Williamstown, KY 41097

**SAALFELD, KURT**  
423 Peaceful Hollow Road, Dry Ridge, KY & Surrounding 42 acres.

**MIKE SATTERWHITE FARM**  
250 School Road, Jonesville, KY 41052.

**Janice & Jack Bowling** property located on White Chapel Road.

**415 Cash Road**. Including dock and parking area. Dry Ridge, KY.

**Spencil Wayne**  
485 Sherman Newsum Rd.  
Spring Properties, 2865 Dixie Hwy.

**DEGLOW, RICHARD & LINDA**. Farm at 1495 Heekin Road, Williamstown, KY.

**Lonsid, Linda and Wesley Cook**, 1600 Corinth Road (40 acres).

**PROPERTY LOCATED AT** - 5340 Stewartsville Rd., Williamstown.

**ALL PROPERTY BELONGING** to Marcus and Michael Anderson beyond the end of Harris Ridge Road and Old Sweet Owen Rd. Mudd Creek Lane, 2 miles east of Owenton, KY 40359

**Litrell property** at 800 Ashbrook Rd., Williamstown.

**BREWER Properties** located at: 5075 Dixie Hwy, Corner of Dry Ridge Rd & Assembly Church Rd, & 1725 Knoxville Rd.

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Grant County Judicial Center, 224 South Main Street, Williamstown, Kentucky 41097. Phone 502-334-4465 Fax 494-224-0305	
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Walke, Cynthia (Ex)	Walke, Cynthia (Ex)
Dry Ridge, KY	Dry Ridge, KY
July, Tom (Ex)	Anderson, Paul (Ex)
Crittenden, KY	Manning, Vicki, KY
10/18/2022	11/18/2022
Norman, Cecelia (Ex)	Norman, James (Ex)
Crittenden, KY	Harrington, R. KY
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Dry Ridge, KY	Dry Ridge, KY
10/29/2022	4/25/2023
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Dry Ridge, KY	Dry Ridge, KY
10/29/2022	4/25/2023
Co. Mark (Ex)	Walt, Chris (Ex)
Dry Ridge, KY	Edwards, KY
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Brown, Grant (Ex)	Brown, Larry (Ex)
Crittenden, KY	Crittenden, KY
10/29/2022	4/25/2023
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Crittenden, KY	Crittenden, KY
Final	12/29/2022

Any motion to vacate the above stated bid information may be filed in the Grant County District Court on or before the date and time specified in this notice. If an exception is filed, said motion will be confined to such.

Way 1 Jump Circuit Clerk  
By: Jack Garland, CLK

**NORTHERN KENTUCKY INDEPENDENT DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

Proposals will be received by the Northern Kentucky Independent District Health Department on the date listed for the following:

**PROPOSAL ITEM:** Mobile Immunization Vehicle

**OPENING TIME:** 12:00 PM Eastern Standard Time

**DATE:** December 8th, 2022

**LOCATION:** NORTHERN KENTUCKY HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
Office of Director of Administration & Accounting  
8601 Veterans Memorial Drive  
Florence, KY 41042

The RFP and BIDDING will provide may be obtained by contacting George Moore, by phone at (859) 544-2461, by fax at (859) 576-2689 or by e-mail at [George.Moore@nkihealth.org](mailto:George.Moore@nkihealth.org). Sealed proposals must be clearly marked "Mobile Immunization Vehicle" on the outside of the envelope and must be accompanied by a single document in PDF format containing all information submitted on paper. Proposals will be opened and read aloud. The Health Department reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive any informalities and to negotiate for the modification of any proposal or accept any proposal which is deemed the most desirable and advantageous from the standpoint of costumer value and any use, on its face, appear to be the lowest and best price. No proposal may be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days after the established proposal opening date.

The NKIHD cautions proposers to insure actual delivery of mailed or hand-delivered proposals directly to the Northern Kentucky Health Department prior to the deadline set for receiving proposals. Telephone confirmation of timely receipt of the proposal may be made by calling (859) 351-5161, before proposal closing time. Any proposal received by the NKIHD after the established deadline will be returned unopened to the proposer.

# Dry Ridge woman wins \$1 million scratch off

A Dry Ridge, Kentucky woman (who wishes to remain anonymous) has won the first \$1,000,000 prize on the Kentucky Lottery's new \$50 500X scratch-off ticket.

She purchased the 500X ticket earlier this month out of a vending machine at Crittenden Fastlane in Crittenden.

"After I won thirty dollars on a Jackpot Fortune ticket, I went back in the store to cash in my ticket. That's when I noticed there was a new fifty-dollar ticket. So, I took my winnings and bought one of them (500X ticket)," she said.

As she scratched off the 500X ticket, she uncovered a "500X" multiplier symbol with a prize amount below of \$1,500. Next to the "500X" symbol was a "100X" multiplier symbol, with a \$2,500 prize. The symbols she revealed totaled the game's

\$1 million top prize.

"Is that one thousand dollars? No wait, that's one million," she said.

"I was in shock. I couldn't sleep," she told lottery officials.

She drove to lottery headquarters the next day, walk-

ing away with a check for \$710,000, after taxes. The Grant County woman told officials she is thankful for her winnings and plans to pay off her car and purchase land.

Crittenden Fastlane will receive a \$10,000 bonus for selling the winning ticket.



# Country Christmas is this weekend

BY BOBBIE CURD  
@BOBBIEMKML

"Country Christmas is one of my favorite events," wrote Jamie Baker, director of Grant County Chamber of Commerce, Tourism and Economic Development. She lined out what's involved in "ringing in the holidays" during this special event, a tradition which began more than 20 years ago.

This year's celebration will be held Saturday, Dec. 3, and offers several free activities, all leading up to the community Christmas tree lighting and, of course, the parade.

"The Country Christmas parade is an easy way to showcase your business, your support of the chamber and your community by entering a float and/or a vehicle..." Baker wrote. Entry forms will be accepted through Nov. 29 and are available at grantcommercer.com.

But the fun starts earlier on Dec. 3, with the Frosty Fun 5K walk at 4 p.m., sponsored by Fitness for Life Around Grant County. It will begin and end at the Williamstown City Building, with participants encouraged to dress in holiday attire and decorate strollers, wagons and wheelchairs.

Pre-registration for the event ends on Nov. 30, and will include a shirt, but participants may register the day of, as well. Visit fitnessforlife.com for more 5K information.

"Journey Through Bethlehem," a live nativity, will be presented by Williamstown Christian Church in three different showings at 4:30, 5:15 and 6 p.m.

Also at 4:30 p.m., a free pancake supper is offered by the Williamstown Kiwanis at

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Williamstown Baptist Church through 6:30 p.m., featuring a free magic show by Brad Brown.

Families can also take in visits from Santa in the main entry of the church 4:30-6:30 p.m.

And on the Main Stage in front of the Grant County Courthouse, live entertainment by Absent Dawn and local choirs will start at 4:30 p.m. Performances will also be given by the Hills of Kentucky Cloggers.

Main Street will also be the site of multiple vendors, and downtown shops will have extended hours.

There will be free games and wagon rides, horse and other rides sponsored by the City of Williamstown.

Vendor information, rules and applications can be found on the chamber website, or by calling (859) 824-3322.

schools as well as businesses, churches and other organizations.

The parade is just part of "what sets the mood for the holidays and showcases some of the best our community has to offer," Baker wrote. She said someone described the day's events as a "Hallmark Christmas," and that's exactly the feeling we want this festival to have.

That night, winners will be announced from the Grant County Chamber's Best Decorated Window/Storefront Display contest, with a \$100 first-place prize up for grabs.

Non-chamber member winners will receive a one-year chamber membership.

The William Arnold Log Cabin will be open for tours during

Country Christmas, and Sherman Tavern will host a candlelight tour 6-8 p.m., with live music, refreshments and interpreters in period dress.

Baker said that since the first event over 20 years ago, which was started by community members, the festival has grown and evolved. "Our goal is to add something new and fun each year, that will keep bringing folks back. It's

a night to let the kids have some fun and do some Christmas shopping, which keeps dollars in our community."

Baker said the need for chamber volunteers has grown as festival activities have expanded.

Volunteers are needed to assist with crowd control, activities, set-up, clean-up, etc. and may email jbak@grantcommercer.org for more information.

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**Grant County Board of Adjustment  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the Grant County Board of Adjustments will hold the following public hearings:

1. Jackie & Christina Williams have filed an application with the Board of Adjustments requesting a Dimensional Variance Permit to reduce the front yard setback from 50' to 41' for the property located at lots 13, 14 & 15 Seven Creek Subdivision Stevens Creek Rd., Grant County, KY.

A full copy of all requests may be reviewed at the Planning Commission Office during normal business hours. All public hearings will be held before said body on Thursday, December 8th, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Grant County Courthouse, 101 North Main Street, Williamstown at which time these wishing to comment on these items shall appear and be heard.

— Grant County Board of Adjustment

**LEGAL NOTICE  
WILLIAMSTOWN ORDINANCE 2022-13**

**TITLE**  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WILLIAMSTOWN, IN GRANT COUNTY, KENTUCKY, AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBERS 1986-252 AND 1991-320 AS CONTAINED WITHIN THE CITY OF WILLIAMSTOWN CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 51 (SEWERS), SECTION 047 (DESIGN AND INSTALLATIONS).

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**PENALTIES**  
The full text of each section of the Williamstown Ordinance No. 2022-13 that imposes fine, penalty, forfeiture, tax, or fee is as follows: NONE

**CERTIFICATION**  
The undersigned, Jeffrey C. Shipp, hereby certifies that he is an attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and that he prepared the attached Summary of Williamstown Ordinance No. 2022-13, pursuant to the requirements of K.R.S. 83A.06(9), so that it includes the following:

- (a) The title of the Ordinance;
- (b) A brief narrative setting forth the main points of the Ordinance in a way reasonably calculated to inform the public in a clear and understandable manner of the meaning of the Ordinance; and
- (c) The full text of each section that imposes fines, penalties, forfeitures, taxes, or fees.

(s/ Jeffrey C. Shipp  
Jeffrey C. Shipp

as well as sent players to the NFL.

"I knew when I hired him, I said that day one, that it was extremely important, number one, to develop the talented outside backers that we had in the program and then, number two, he was a big-picture guy," Stoops said.

"I knew right away

and 400 yards or less in 12 of the last 13 games and three times this season has held a team to three points or less in the first half. Kentucky also allowed Missouri to convert just two of 13 third-down plays and held Missouri under 100 yards rushing the third time UK has done that to a team this season.

ard. Reeves, an Illinois State transfer, knocked down six of the team's 11 3-pointers in the easy victory. The six treys by Reeves set a school record for the most made in a debut.

"That's wild," Reeves said. "I didn't know that. ... I did pretty well for my first game. I was able to knock down shots and the team did as well. We

going into Friday's contest against Dusquene. Tshiebwe missed both exhibition games, while Wheeler sat out the blowout win over Kentucky State last Thursday night.

The Wildcats started freshmen Cason Wallace and Chris Livingston in the absence of Tshiebwe (right leg) and Wheeler (right leg). The Wildcats also were without sophomore forward Daimion Collins (dealing with his father's unexpected death). Collins is expected to play Friday.

Celebrating his 19th birthday, Wallace provided a solid floor game for Kentucky and just missed a triple-double in his collegiate debut. Wallace finished with 15 points, eight rebounds and nine assists.

"I couldn't have imagined this (kind of game)," Wallace said. "This is great. I'm just coming out and (trying to play) my best game. ... I played with my guys today, the best gift I could have."

Kentucky coach John Calipari praised the performance by Wallace, who had just two turnovers in 35 minutes.

"He's a guard is what he is," Calipari said. "The best players I've had have been guards. They can play on the ball and they can play off the



## Soccer winners

The Chiefs and the Tiger Cats competed in the Three Rivers U8 Soccer Tournament in Carrollton recently, and both of the U8 Gallatin teams played in the Championship Game. Chelsea Young coaches the red team (The Chiefs) and Jose Chavez coaches the blue team (The Tiger Cats). The final score was 4-2.

The Chiefs (at left) : 1st Place Coach: Chelsea Young, Back row: Luke Crawford, Charlie Young, Cordell Cole, Barrett Howell, Branson Bowen, Jackson Walton. Front row: Araiya Dunkel, Miles Dryden, Boomer Jones, Gary Lewis.

The Tiger Cats: 2nd Place Coach: Jose Chavez, Back row: Marc

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40 hours/week; 40 weeks/year**

**Responsibilities:** Provides developmentally appropriate preschool activities in a safe, active and child-oriented environment; develops lesson plans; arranges for materials and supplies; works closely with the child's guardian to provide a meaningful classroom experience for the child.

**Requirements:** Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education required, Bachelor Degree preferred. Elementary Education or other degrees may be considered.

**Starting Rate of Pay:** \$17.71/hour for Associate Degree; \$19.37/hour for Bachelor Degree

**CLASSROOMAIDE (Lawrenceburg, East  
Enterprise, Sunman)  
28 hours/week; 38 weeks/year**

**Responsibilities:** Essential job responsibilities include food duties (i.e., prep, service, cleanup). Assists the classroom Teacher in all aspects of the classroom activity, providing a safe, active and child-oriented environment.

**Requirements:** High School Diploma/GED required. Experience as a volunteer in the Head Start classroom would be helpful.

**Starting Rate of Pay:** \$10.90/hour

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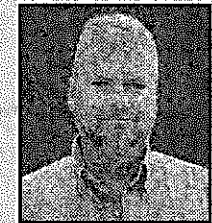
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will be used to provide increased access to quality health care, specifically in the areas of mental and behavioral health.

The applicant has submitted an Environmental Assessment (EA) that documents impacts of the proposed action. This EA is incorporated by reference into this FONSI.

Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Assessment for this project, which is on file at the following address for public examination upon request between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Triad Health Systems, Inc.  
441 U.S. Hwy. 42W  
Warsaw, KY 41095  
Attn: Jessica Wheeler  
Phone: (859)567-1271

Email: [jwheeler@triadhealthsystems.com](mailto:jwheeler@triadhealthsystems.com)

No further environmental review of this project is proposed prior to final approval from HRSA.

#### Public Comments

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on these projects may submit written comments to the Triad Health Systems, Inc., Attn: Jessica Wheeler at the above referenced address or P.O. Box 845, Warsaw, KY 41095.

HRSA will consider all comments received within 15 days of this "Notice" prior to final approval from HRSA.

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#### PUBLIC NOTICE:

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By virtue of a judgment and order of sale of the Gallatin Circuit Court rendered July 15, 2013 the above case, I shall proceed to offer for sale on the SECOND FLOOR LOBBY OF THE GALLATIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE (or on the Gallatin Courthouse lawn, weather permitting) in Warsaw, Kentucky, to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, December 15, 2022 at the hour of 1:30 p.m. or thereabouts, the following described property to-wit:

FVA PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 011-30.05

AMOUNT OF JUDGMENT: \$226,349.23

THE COMPLETE LEGAL DESCRIPTION IS PARTICULARLY SET OUT

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/s/ Larry B. Dillon  
LARRY B. DILLON,  
SPECIAL MASTER  
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DATED: NOVEMBER 16, 2022  
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## US identifies American slain in Baghdad

**Qassim Abdul-Zahra**

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BAGHDAD — An American aid worker who was fatally shot in central Baghdad was identified as 45-year-old Stephen Edward Troell, the U.S. Embassy based in the capital said Tuesday.

Troell, a native of Tennessee, was killed by unknown assailants in his car as he pulled up to the street where he lived with his family in Baghdad's central Karrada district. It was a rare killing of a foreigner in Iraq, where security conditions have improved in recent years, even opening the door for tourism.

The embassy said it was closely monitoring an investigation begun by Iraqi authorities, but declined to comment further out of respect for his mourning family, the embassy statement said.

A State Department official said he was a private citizen with no connection to the government. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to go on the record.

Prime Minister Mohammed Shia al-

Sudani ordered an investigation in the hours after Troell was killed. Troell's body had already arrived at Baghdad's Sheikh Zayed hospital.

The circumstances surrounding Troell's death and his activities in Iraq are shrouded in mystery. No group has claimed responsibility for the killing. Security officials dismissed the possibility it was a kidnapping gone wrong.

Security officials said as Troell drove through his street toward his home in Karrada's Wahda area on Monday, a car cut him off and assailants in another vehicle then shot him dead. The officials also said his wife was in the car with him but had not been hurt. Her whereabouts and that of their children are not known.

Troell worked for a language center in Baghdad's Harthiya neighborhood and was also reportedly employed by an American non-governmental organization, Millennium Relief and Development Services. The Associated Press reached out to the organization's main country office in the northern province of Dohuk, but local authorities said it had not been operating for two years.

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# Harris backs order in S. China Sea

VP stresses commitment to US ally the Philippines

Jim Gomez  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PUERTO PRINCESA, Philippines — Vice President Kamala Harris urged countries on Tuesday to stand up for territorial integrity and freedom of navigation in the South China Sea, which has been challenged by China, and said Washington would press an international campaign against “irresponsible behavior” in the disputed waters.

Harris did not cite China by name but was obviously referring to Beijing when she underscored America’s support to treaty ally the Philippines “in the face of intimidation and coercion in the South China Sea.”

She spoke aboard a Philippine coast guard patrol ship docked in Puerto Princesa in the western island province of Palawan, which lies at the edge of the disputed waters.

The highly symbolic visit was the last leg of a two-day visit that kicked off in Manila on Monday with talks with President Ferdinand Marcos Jr.

Citing profound stakes for America and the international community in the region, particularly in the busy South China Sea, she called for a broad effort to fight for unimpeded commerce and freedom of navigation and overflight in the disputed waters.

“We must stand up for principles such as respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity, unimpeded lawful com-

merce, the peaceful resolution of disputes,” Harris said.

“We will continue to rally our allies and partners against unlawful and irresponsible behavior,” she said.

“When the international rules-based order is threatened somewhere, it is threatened everywhere.”

A new confrontation erupted ahead of her visit to Palawan when the Philippine navy alleged a Chinese coast guard vessel had forcibly seized Chinese rocket debris as Filipino sailors were towing it to a Philippine-controlled island.

Marcos told reporters without elaborating that he was inclined to send a diplomatic protest to China over the incident. He added that he wanted a clarification because China denied that it forcibly seized the debris.

The long-seething territorial conflicts involving China, the Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia, Taiwan and Brunei are regarded as an Asian flash point and a delicate fault line in the U.S.-China rivalry in the region.

In her talks with Marcos on Monday, Harris reaffirmed Washington’s commitment to defend the Philippines under a 1951 Mutual Defense Treaty that obligates the allies to help defend either side that comes under attack.

“An armed attack on the Philippines armed forces, public vessels or aircraft in the South China Sea would invoke U.S. Mutual Defense commitments,” Harris told Marcos.

“And that is an unwavering commitment that we have to the Philippines.”

Marcos thanked Harris, saying that with the upheavals in the region and be-

yond, “this partnership becomes even more important.”

In Palawan’s main city of Puerto Princesa, Harris visited a small fishing community and spoke with impoverished villagers about the impact of illegal fishing on their livelihood.

She was welcomed by dancing children and talked with women drying fish under the sun by the sea.

“This is my souvenir,” she told one of the women in jest as she held a nugget of fish. The proud villager joked that the vice president could take all their products home.

The U.S. will provide an additional \$7.5 million in aid to Philippine maritime law enforcement agencies to boost their capacity to counter illegal fishing, carry out sea surveillance and help in search and rescue efforts, including in the South China Sea, according to a statement issued by her office.

The Philippine coast guard will also receive additional U.S. help to upgrade a vessel traffic management system for better safety at sea.

The Philippines is also now receiving real-time surveillance data to be able to detect and counter illicit activities at sea in a project by the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue, an informal strategic bloc that involves the U.S., India, Japan and Australia, according to Harris’ office.

While the U.S. lays no claims to the strategic waterway, where an estimated \$5 trillion in global trade transits each year, it has said that freedom of navigation and overflight is in America’s national interest.

In March, U.S. Indo-Pacific com-

mander Adm. John C. Aquilino told The Associated Press that China has fully militarized at least three of several islands it built in the disputed waters and armed them with anti-ship and anti-aircraft missile systems, laser and jamming equipment in an increasingly aggressive move that threatens all nations operating nearby.

In Sunday’s incident in the Spratlys, the most hotly contested area, Vice Adm. Alberto Carlos, commander of the Philippine military’s Western Command, said a Chinese coast guard ship twice blocked a civilian boat manned by Philippine navy personnel before seizing the debris it was towing off Thitu island.

China denied there was a forcible seizure and said the debris, which it confirmed was from a recent Chinese rocket launch, was handed over by Philippine forces after a “friendly consultation.”

Chinese coast guard ships have blocked Philippine supply boats delivering supplies to Filipino forces in the disputed waters in the past, but seizing objects in the possession of another nation’s military would constitute a more brazen act.

China has warned Washington not to meddle in what it calls an Asian dispute and has said that U.S. Navy and Air Force patrols and combat exercises in the disputed waters were militarizing the South China Sea.

In July, U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken called on China to comply with a 2016 arbitration ruling that invalidated Beijing’s vast territorial claims on historical grounds in the South China Sea. China has rejected the decision.



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