

NOTARIZED PROOF OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF KENTUCKY

COUNTY OF FRANKLIN

Before me, a Notary Public, in and for said County and State, this 17th day of

July, 2023, came Holly Willard personally known to me, who being

duly sworn, states as follows: that she is the Bookkeeping Assistant of the

Kentucky Press Service Inc. and 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.

Signed Holly Willard

Notary Public Bonnie A. Howard

My commission expires 9-18-2024
Id. # 14119



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Holly Willard
Bookkeeping Assistant

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List of newspapers running the notice for Duke Energy
Attached tearsheets provide proof of publication:

Covington KY Enquirer—6/28, 7/5 & 7/12
Falmouth Outlook—6/27, 7/4 & 7/11
Warsaw Gallatin Co. News—6/28, 7/5 & 7/12
Williamstown Grant County News—6/29, 7/6 & 7/13

HAPPENINGS

July Events

Saturday, July 1, 10-11 a.m. Kincaid Lake State Park, Lakeside below the pool. Yoga in the Park. Join Amber Herrmann for beginner yoga. Bring a mat, towel, or some soft surface. Questions, contact the park at 859-654-3531.

Saturday, July 1, Falmouth. 1 p.m. lineup, 2 p.m. start. PC Fourth of July parade. Start at the PC Fairgrounds. Lineup by 1:45 p.m.

Monday, July 3, 6 p.m. Butler. Fourth of July festivities.

Saturday, July 8, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. PC Farm Tour. See the tourism website for guided directions.

Monday, July 10 through Wednesday, July 12, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Red Ridge Farm, 169 Old Stepstone Road, California, KY. Summer camp for kids ages 8-12. Includes basic farming, horse care, playground, horseback riding, swimming, outdoor games, and fishing. Bring packed lunch, drinks/thermos, snack, swim suit and toel. Cost: \$150 per person. Visit Red Ridge Farm on Facebook to register.

Saturday, July 15, 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. PC Palooza (POP). Includes Nashville recording artists Kaitlyn Baker and Joe Lasher as headline performers for the evening concert.

Saturday, July 15, 10 a.m. Kincaid Lake State Park, Yoga at the Park. Yoga on the beach below the pool. For beginners. Bring a soft surface to work on.

Saturday, July 22, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. PC Fairgrounds. Early Childhood Carnival and Storywalk. Featuring the book *Alpactory*. Animal balloons, face painting, train rides, bounce house, fire truck, and Benton Farms Petting Zoo.

Saturday, July 29, 5 p.m. 110 Mill Street, Butler. Butler Lions Club Cruise-In, 31 anniversary. Food, drinks, games, music and a playground.

Calendar staples

- **Free day at Rumpke Landfill** takes place the second Saturday of each month from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- **Commodities distributed the second Monday of the month at 200 West Shelby Street,** Falmouth from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. These commodities are different than other food distributions held in the county, and you may participate if you are involved with other distributions in the county. Please bring your own bags or boxes.
- **Republican Party meets every third Wednesday** at 6 p.m. at Falmouth City Hall.
- **PC Mobile Food Pantry's Food for Friends.** Third Thursday from 2-4 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall, Bring ID identifying your residence in the county.
- **Pendleton County Historical and Genealogical Society meets every third Saturday** at 11 a.m. at the Historical Society, the Fryer House, in Butler.

Gathering Wing, 304 Park Street, Falmouth

- **Each Sunday, 10 a.m. N.A. Meeting.**
- **Every Monday and Tuesday,** hours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Each Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.,** Bible study and supper. (Study begins at 7 p.m.)
- **Third Tuesday of the month, 2-6 p.m. Senior commodities distribution.**
- **Second and fourth Wednesday of each month starting at approximately 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (or until produce is gone.)** This distribution focuses on fresh produce AND MORE. Food pantry and clothes shopping available.
- **Every Thursday by appointment.**
- **Friday, Saturday, and Sunday closed. (NA WILL MEET.)**

Affordable health screenings coming to Falmouth

Falmouth, Kentucky – Residents living in and around the Falmouth, Kentucky can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening.

Pendleton County Extension Center will host this community event on Tuesday, August 8, 2023. The site is located at 45 David Pribble Drive in Falmouth.

Screenings can check for:

- The level of plaque buildup in your arteries, related to risk for cardiovascular disease, stroke and overall vascular health.

- HDL and LDL Cholesterol levels
- Diabetes risk
- Kidney and thyroid function, and more

Screenings are affordable and convenient. Free parking is also available.

Special package pricing starts at \$159, but consultants will work with you to create a package that is right for you based on your age and risk factors. Call 1-877-237-1287 or visit our website at www.lifelinescreening.com. Pre-registration is required.

Vacation Bible School



Southern Hope Church of Christ:
20 Southside Church Rd., Falmouth
Theme: Keepers of the Kingdom
Dates: June 25-30
Time: 6 - 9 p.m.

Falmouth Christian:
303 W. Shelby St., Falmouth
859-654-2741
FalmouthChristianChurch.com
Theme: Keepers of the Kingdom
Date: July 9-12
Time: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Turner Ridge Baptist:
60 McGraw Rd., Falmouth
859-910-9707
Theme: Twists & Turns
Date: June 25-30
Time: 6:15 - 8:45 p.m.
Family Night: Friday 6/30

Antioch Mills Christian
12785 N. US 27, Berry
Theme: Glow in the Dark
Dates: July 10-13
Time: 6-8 p.m.
Ages: Toddlers-12th grade

Oakland Christian:
149 Oakland Rd., Falmouth
859-654-6174
Theme: Babylon
Dates: June 26-30
Time: 6 - 8 p.m.
Family Night: Friday 6/30

Fairlane Baptist
13033 E. Nagel Rd, Butler
Theme: Stellar-Shine Jesus' Light
Dates: July 10-14
Time: 6 - 9 p.m.
Carnival: Friday night 7/14

Second Twelve Mile Baptist:
held at *Ralph Schlueter Memorial Park 4307 Hwy 154 (across from Locke Rd)*
Theme: Stellar Shine Jesus' Light
Date: June 26-30
Time: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Family Night: Friday 6/30

Pleasant Ridge Baptist/Unity Baptist held at Unity
1486 Jagg Rd., Demosville
Dates: July 17-21
Time: 6 - 8 p.m.

Butler Baptist, Christian and Christ Community Church held at Butler Christ Community Church
Theme: The Great Outdoors.
Dates: July 31st- August 3rd
Time: 6:30 to 8:00.
Ages: K-2, 3-6 and 7-12.

Kincaid Regional Theatre Gears up for Million Dollar Quartet

Kincaid Regional Theatre (KRT) in Falmouth is abuzz with activity as the theatre prepares to open MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET in mid-July, its most ambitious production in many years. Set construction, costume creation, and music rehearsal began this past week, with the theatre welcoming a cast from across the country. Cast members have arrived from New York City, NY, Orlando, FL, Cincinnati, OH, Lexington, KY and right here from Pendleton County, KY. Many will recognize familiar faces like Sarah Beth Ganey, who played Maria von Trapp in KRT's THE SOUND OF MUSIC in 2022 and Pendleton County native Michael English, as well as a host of new friends.



The Tony® Award-nominated musical MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET is set on December 4, 1956, when an extraordinary twist of fate brought Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins and Elvis Presley together at Sun Records in Memphis for what would be one of the greatest jam sessions ever. MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET brings that legendary December night to life with an irresistible tale of broken promises, secrets, betrayal and celebrations that is both poignant and funny.

Relive the era with the smash-hit sensation featuring an incredible score of rock 'n' roll, gospel, R&B and country hits, performed live onstage by world-class actors and musicians. Showcased hit songs include "Blue Suede Shoes," "Fever," "Walk the Line," "Sixteen Tons," "Who Do You Love?," "Great Balls of Fire," "Folsom Prison Blues," "Whole Lotta Shakin' Goin' On," "Hound Dog," and more.

The production is slated to run July 14-30, 2023, Friday and Saturday evenings at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. In person ticket sales will be available starting Monday, June 19, at the KRT Box Office in the lobby of the theatre at 208 Memory Drive, Falmouth, KY anytime between 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Mondays or Tuesdays. Tickets are also available at the Falmouth H&R Block at 1311 W Shelby Street, Falmouth, KY from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays and online at www.krtshows.com or by calling 859-654-2636. Tickets are \$20, with senior, student, and group discounts available.

Falmouth Outlook delivery will be delayed due to holiday

The July 4 edition of the Falmouth Outlook will be delivered Wednesday, July 5, due to the holiday.

If at any time you do not receive your paper within a couple of days of its due date, please be sure to call the Outlook office at 859-654-3332. We are not always responsive to Facebook Messenger contacts due to circulation being unable to see those messages.

NOTICE

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DUKE ENERGY KENTUCKY PRESENT AND PROPOSED RATES

The present and proposed rates charged in all territories served by Duke Energy Kentucky are as follows:

Residential Service – Rate RS

Present Rates	
Rate RS, Residential Service	\$1.15/month
Proposed Rates	
Rate RS, Residential Service	\$0.08/ccf

General Service – Rate GS

Present Rates	
Rate GS, General Service	\$2.08/month
Proposed Rates	
Rate GS, General Service	\$0.02/ccf

Firm Transportation Service – Large Rate FT-L

Present Rates	
Rate FT-L, Firm Transportation Service – Large	\$0.00022/ccf
Proposed Rates	
Rate FT-L, Firm Transportation Service – Large	\$0.00072/ccf

Interruptible Transportation – Rate IT

Present Rates	
Rate IT, Interruptible Transportation	\$0.00020/ccf
Proposed Rates	
Rate IT, Interruptible Transportation	\$0.00079/ccf

IMPACT OF PROPOSED RATES

These rates reflect an increase in gas revenues of approximately \$5,948,929 for 2024 to Duke Energy Kentucky. The allocation of this estimated increase among rate classes is as follows:

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Rate IT – Interruptible Transportation Service	\$ 13,147	0.2%

The average monthly bill for each customer class to which the proposed rates will apply will increase approximately as follows:

Rate RS – Residential Service	\$ 2.85	4.02%
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Rate IT – Interruptible Transportation Service	\$53.45	0.50%

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For further information contact:

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
P.O. BOX 615
211 SOWER BOULEVARD
FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY 40602-0615
(502) 564-3940

DUKE ENERGY KENTUCKY
1262 COX ROAD
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(513) 287-4366

LOCAL



Licking River Clean-up #3

Contributed by Barth Johnson

For three years in a row, a group of volunteers floated down the Main Licking River from Falmouth to Kincaid Creek, clearing up the river. As was expected, the 12 canoes were full by the end of the trip. Some of items collected included 82 tires, 1,360 pounds of steel (consisting of a bicycle, a iron bath tub, a kitchen sink, most of a vehicle, and a coffee maker, just to name a few). Also collected was 35 pounds of aluminum, all of which was recycled. From everything collected, only 300 pounds of garbage ended up in the landfill.

It was a good effort put forth to improve the water quality of our river. Special thanks to the 109 Board and Billy Steele for the rental of canoes from Thaxton's Canoe Rental and for Glen Thaxton's help in unloading and loading of canoes and the all the times brought downstream.

The Butler Lions Club had six members helping out during the day, five floated the river and JoEllen Mitchell delivered our after-event meal. Brian Starz, the new Licking River Basin coordinator, supplied t-shirts from ORSANCO and was part of needed muscle on the bigger tires.

Five Kentucky conservation officers were involved, four floating in canoes, and a retired conservation officer let us use his land for the third year in a row to offload and remove all canoes and trash.

The grubbing hoes used were from Licking River Watershed Watch. Mike Moore, his daughter RN Emily, and Michele Hamilton represented the 911 Center for the third year in a row.

Finally, for the third year in a row, Retired Navy SEAL Joel Nahari fell in to float his hat. It's his annual cool down in the river.

The river thanks all the volunteers for help in getting the water quality improved, but there is still a lot of work to be done.



Group Photo of Wolfe Family Members: Korean War Hero Robert "Bob" Wolfe (center), Sara (Wolfe) Wilson, Marvin and Pat Wolfe, Robin Wolfe-Deitz, Hayden Schram, Keegan Dietz, Zola Wolfe, Reta Wolfe, Wilma (Wolfe) Bonar, Pamela (Bonar) Muirheid, Marilyn Wolfe-Robertson, Renee Redmon, Rich Robertson, Judy (Wolfe) Devers, Roger Wolfe, Melissa Cusimano, Asa and Sandy Wolfe, Herb and Regena Jameison, Paula (Jameison) Wolfe, Chad Borders, Elliott Wolfe, Kent and Karen (Bonar) Sorrell, Brad and Bridgette Sorrell, Bonnie Stewart, Carter Strickland, Ravon Taylor, Rose Ashley Henderson, Emilee Domaschko, Ellie Domaschko, Amy (Henderson) Hupp, Caleb Owen Hupp, Pastor Emeritus Ronnie Wolfe, David Wolfe, Chris Wolfe, Connor Wolfe, Eric Wolfe, Alan and Robin Wolfe, Jimmy Wolfe, Hunter Wolfe, Joshua "Jay Jay" Wolfe, Elizabeth Wolfe, Jason Wolfe, Marvin Wolfe, Sonya Wolfe, Betty Wolfe, Becky (Wolfe) Noonchester, Lorne Wolfe, Audriana Wolfe, Shirley and Carl Swartz, Tiffany (Webster) Farrell, Kent Farrell, Brenda Wolfe, Brandy Wolfe, Lorene Wolfe, Terry Wolfe, Jason Bishop, Brantley Bishop, Nancy List, Clinton Taylor, Ava Taylor, Brayson Taylor, Mary Jo Appel, and James Wolfe.

Family runs deep!

On Sunday, June 25, 2023, dozens of Wolfe family members gathered together to celebrate their family and pay respects to their ancestors at the Annual Wolfe Family Reunion. Wolfes from the tri-state area of Kentucky, Indiana, and Ohio, as well as family members from as far away as Washington, D.C. and New England, gathered at the Middleton-Mills Park in Independence, Kentucky for a celebration of family.

Despite the threat of severe weather, the day was beautiful; it was sunny and seasonably warm. Nearly 100 family members enjoyed a day of food, fun, storytelling, and reminiscing about childhoods.

It was noted that the Wolfe family is a strong representation of America, with members representing practically every trade that made our country great. From the very young to the very seasoned and experienced, this is a family with a strong Kentucky heritage! The Wolfe family is comprised of farmers, railroad workers, homemakers, military veterans, construction workers, stone masons, e-commerce leaders, college students, doctors, lawyers, bank presidents, renewable energy professionals, business executives, truck drivers, a race car driver, and a young man, Anthony Wolfe, who is likely the only member of the Wolfe family to have hiked the entire 2,190-mile Appalachian Trail. All of these trades and more form the backbone of this great country.



Army Veterans generations apart: Robert "Bob" Wolfe (Korean War Hero, 1950-52) and Elliott Wolfe (served in Korea, 2017-19) - Generations almost 70 years apart, but connected by the heart!

Wolfe family military veterans were present and were recognized for their service to our country. Those veterans who were present at the reunion were Korean War heroes Robert "Bob" Wolfe and Marvin Wolfe; Vietnam-era veterans Roger Wolfe and Terry Wolfe; Somalia veteran Brad Sorrell; Gulf War and the War on Terror veterans Alan Wolfe, Elliott Wolfe, and James Wolfe.

These Wolfe family members all have a common bond and are descendants of George Lewis Wolfe, Sr. (1752-1848), who lived, farmed, and raised a large family in Harrison County, Kentucky. Moreover, George Lewis Wolfe, Sr. was a Revolutionary War hero who fought for America and made our country great!

This George Lewis Wolfe, Sr. was recognized and celebrated in October 2022 in a gala of celebrations by the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution with a grave-marking ceremony in Barnes Cemetery near his home in Harrison County. The tribute was a rare occasion for the area and was capped off with a 21-gun salute to honor his life. The SAR/DAR event was well-attended by dozens of Wolfe family members, who witnessed history in the making.

UNPLANNED PREGNANCY?

SERVICES ARE FREE & CONFIDENTIAL

- Pregnancy Tests & Ultrasounds
- Parenting Classes for Moms & Dads - In-Person or Online
- Infant Clothing, Diapers & Formula
- Adoption Education & Referrals
- Community Resource Referrals

New Hope
Pregnancy Center

859-448-5868
newhopecenter.com
707 W. Shelby St., Falmouth KY

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CITY OF BUTLER, KENTUCKY
ORDINANCE #447

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BUTLER, KENTUCKY, ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2023, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024, BY ESTIMATING REVENUES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF CITY GOVERNMENT.

WHEREAS, an annual budget proposal has been prepared and delivered to City Council, and NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF BUTLER, KENTUCKY, that:

SECTION 1 -- That the budget of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, is hereby amended as follows:

ESTIMATED REVENUES:	ESTIMATED REVENUES:	ESTIMATED REVENUES:	
Property Tax	120,000	Charges for Services:	
Utilities: Telecom, Tangible, and Severance	3,500	Water	150,000
-Telecommunication	70,000	Truck Water	10,000
-Tangible	10,000	Sewer	140,000
-Severance	2,000	Water Meter Deposits	8,000
-County	165,000	Garbage Collection	45,000
Municipal Insurance	25,000	School & Sales Tax	5,000
Municipal Road Aid and Motor Vehicle Tax	2,000	Cleaner Water Grant	110,000
Occupational & Renter License	2,500	TOTAL REVENUES:	468,000
Interest	5,000	ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES:	
Charges for Mowing & Snow Removal	21,000	Personnel Services (½ sewer, ½ water)	58,000
Donations	5,000	Monitoring, Testing & Analysis:	
Building Rental	2,000	Water/Sanitation	12,000
KLEFPF Fund	5,000	Maintenance & Repair:	
KU Electric Franchise	21,000	Water/Sanitation	15,000
HB413	5,000	Utilities	25,000
ABC Revenue	3,000	ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES:	
TOTAL REVENUES	442,000	Other Contractual Services:	
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES:		Council & Legal	47,000
Council & Legal	15,000	Salaries, Benefits & Stipends	1,500
Salaries, Benefits & Stipends	115,000	Office Expense, Supplies	80,000
Office Expense, Supplies	8,000	Utilities: Gas, Electric, Phone & Internet	3,000
Utilities: Gas, Electric, Phone & Internet	30,000	Depreciation	9,000
Depreciation	20,000	Insurance: Building, Contents & Liability	3,500
Insurance: Building, Contents & Liability	15,000	Health and Accident, Work Comp, Unemployed	3,000
Health and Accident, Work Comp, Unemployed	28,000	Fuel	3,000
Fuel	2,000	Maintenance	67,200
Maintenance	3,000	Contributions/Donations	110,000
Contributions/Donations	3,000	Mowing/Repairs/Supplies/Snow Removal	8,000
Mowing/Repairs/Supplies/Snow Removal	8,000	Flood & Animal Coordinator	2,500
Flood & Animal Coordinator	2,500	Butler Fire Protection (Falmouth Contract)	500
Butler Fire Protection (Falmouth Contract)	5,000	Accounting	18,000
Accounting	18,000	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	\$272,500
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	\$272,500	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	446,700

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Emergency Fund (\$750 Monthly)	9,000
Capital Fund (\$800 General & Water Monthly)	9,600
Grant Fund	3,000
Sinking (Yearly)	76,000
Festival	6,000
TOTAL:	125,200

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF BUTLER, KENTUCKY: The annual budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, attached as Exhibit "A" is hereby adopted.

ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUTLER, KENTUCKY at the Regular Board Meeting and In Special Session

The City of Butler

Mason D. Taylor
Mason D. Taylor, Mayor

Attest:

Donna M. Kendall
Donna M. Kendall, Clerk

Ordinance: 447
First Reading: 04/05/2023
Second Reading: 04/29/2023

VIEWPOINT AND LETTERS

Butler mayor reviews his first six months in office

Things Completed by Mayor Taylor since January 1, 2023.

1. Updated the computers at City Hall that were outdated.
2. Reduce the amount of office supplies and monies spent by leasing a new printer. The ink and toner for old printers cost anywhere from \$400-\$500 for each purchase.
3. Implemented a Work Order and Purchase Order system to have accountability of the work our maintenance crew does. The work orders and purchase orders account for every cent spent out of this office.
4. Creating an Inventory for all the supplies that the city has and evaluating all assets with the possibility to surplus items that we no longer need.
5. Updating old maintenance equipment that has either become obsolete or broken, as well as monitoring our lift stations for updates.
6. Reducing the time our sewage plant runs so we become energy efficient and cut down the cost on our energy bills.
7. Sent the city owned Fire Truck to the shop for extensive repairs that had been overlooked for too long. Also, replaced the air compressor in the fire station so the trucks remain ready for emergency responses.
8. Forged new working relationships with the County Judge Executive and the new Mayor of Falmouth.
9. Made the city compliant with the Kentucky Department of Local Government after budgets that were not reported to the Commonwealth so we can receive federal and state grants.
10. Updated our police chief's computer after the original one he had would no longer turn on. Also, now have capabilities for him to work remotely in his cruisers, updated his protective vest that was 14 years outdated.
11. Applied for numerous grants and will be applying for more in the future when the opportunity arises.
12. Forged a working relationship with the Northern Kentucky Area Development District to help us with grants and hazard mitigation as needs arise.
13. Created a budget that will have the City generating a surplus of money going forward and cut out useless spending by being fiscally responsible.
14. Made improvements to City Hall by having the roof replaced along with the soffit, siding, and gutters. We updated the A/C Unit as well after it stopped working.
15. Created a water loss program to ensure the City can find, fix, and mitigate leaks so we do not overspend money on the water that we purchase.
16. Switched the chemicals that are used at the sewer plant to reduce the amount of money spent. This also creates a cleaner environment and reduces the risk of having any violations with the Kentucky Division of Water.
17. Created a monthly report of activities I to or attend to that is presented to the council for accountability.
18. Worked on the installation of Wi-Fi at the Community Center so our workers and people that rent the center have access to in the case of emergencies.
19. Assisted in the completion of switching our water meter to a radio read system so the human error factor is reduced and water bills will be more accurate.
20. Reviewed most of our old ordinances with the possibility of revising some to become more up to date.

When I ran for this office, it was my hope to create more open relations with the public and make sure that the public knows I will do what I can to fix what is broke, but to always ensure they know every taxpayer dollar that is spent is going right back into the City. Once I finally did an in-depth evaluation of what we had currently, I immediately started making changes to cut out wasteful spending and make sure we are putting enough money in reserves. It is my intention to let the public know that this is and will remain a working office, and that there are still major changes that can and will be made. The amount of networking with other elected officials that I have done in six months is unfathomable, meeting folks from western parts of the Commonwealth to the eastern parts. I have helped other small cities like ours create and lay a foundation to build on by sharing budgets and ordinances they can adopt to make their city a vibrant place to live. In doing so, it is my thought that we expose Butler in a positive manner. When other cities have gone through devastating times like our city did in 1997, a vast majority of mayors and council members alike reached out to us, so it is our turn to extend that olive branch back to them. In conclusion, I want to round out by saying this has been an aggressive but fun first six months in learning what I can do to make this city better. It was hard to understand that this stuff will not happen overnight, and it does take time for things to mature and get accomplished. I look forward to improving our city so you too can and will want to raise your family here.

"Leadership is a highly personal, individual matter. Each leader must establish his own approach based on internal compass using a method geared to his personality, his capabilities but always oriented towards accomplishing the mission while knowing and taking care of his people." -Lt. General (Ret.) Hal Moore United States Army.

Respectfully,

Mason D. Taylor
Mayor, City of Butler



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City resident poses questions about county and city plans following recent meetings

Dear Editor:

I attended last week's city council meeting and watched the joint meeting between city council and the fiscal court. Both meetings raised concerns that I would like to address.

It seems the city is not even breaking even on fire runs and most of those runs are in the county. So, IF that is indeed the case, I agree with the mayor that the county needs to pay more for the service. I would have liked the mayor to have been more open to compromise than he was. The short version of how this was settled is that the county fiscal court plans, or at least threatened, to purchase land, build a new building on it, buy fire-fighting equipment, and start its own fire department. That's fine if the county can pay for it, but I question that ability since they already struggle to pay for a new building for the ambulance service. How is adding another building to the mix be fiscally responsible? I don't see that it is.

As for the city council, I question how the budget will really work. To any concern expressed about sewers, streets, and police protection, the mayor said he had allocated money for it. I wonder if the money allocated is enough. The mayor's plan involves half a million dollars for "economic development", coming in the form of a splash park and a community center. He claims these ventures will attract people to town and that businesses will reap the spoils.

We currently have a skate park, the Veteran's Park, Miracle Point, a nature trail at Southern Elementary, and the athletic park within the city limits. All have been vandalized. We do not have police protection in the county or in the city 24/7 and rely on state police protection during those unprotected hours. How will we protect the new "economic development" properties when we can't protect what we already have? Money was not allocated to hire another police officer, so this situation will not change as I see it.

The old middle school was purchased for \$60,000 and the mayor estimates \$1,000,000 for renovations. Estimates have not been taken. This is the mayor's estimate. Where does his figure come from? I looked at the inspector's report and found more wrong with the building than wasn't wrong with it. Since the gas and the water weren't turned on, not everything could be inspected, so we have no idea what expenses will be incurred to fix those problems. How will the building be protected from vandalism when we aren't able to protect what we already have? In its current state, there is evidence of vandalism. Will the taxpayers be asked to pay more than \$1 million to fix an old building? Will it be done just so far and then sit empty for a long time while the council argues over spending more money?

In the end, I do not see that these two "economic development" projects will bring so many people to downtown Falmouth that it will be worth the money spent; however, if we put that half million dollars into infrastructure and building a police and a code enforcement department, Falmouth MIGHT be able to attract businesses that will offer full-time and good paying jobs with benefits so people will want to live in town, own a home here and therefore pay taxes, making it a better place to live for all. A stable tax base should bring in enough money to prioritize maintenance of parks we already own and maybe build other venues.

First things first. Who wants to invest in a town that is run-down, inadequately protected and doesn't have the infrastructure to support viable businesses?

In sum, I do wish to see changes and Falmouth come back to life. I just think we need to lay the groundwork that will lead us to being able to have and do nice things.

Fran Carr
Falmouth, KY

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Vicky Sue Payton

Vicky Sue Payton, 66, of Warsaw, died Thursday, June 22.

She was born in Louisville, to the late Alan and Mary Pauline Meyer Robinson.

She was passionate about her 39 year career as a Special Education teacher.

She adored her five grandchildren and loved to shop for them and others. She also enjoyed singing in the choir at Warsaw Christian Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, David Payton; and her nephew, Eric Payton.

Mrs. Payton is survived by her son, Adam Payton; her daughter, Mary Sorrell; two brothers, Mark and Mike Robinson; her sister,



Vicky Sue Payton

Kathy Hilbert; and her five grandchildren: Ryan, Isla, Toby, Gus and Ryleigh.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, June 29, at 1 p.m., at the Garnett-New Funeral Home in Warsaw.

Visitation will begin at 11 a.m.

Burial will follow at Warsaw Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Warsaw Christian Church.



To honor our Fourth of July

The Gallatin County Community Choir, pictured here in a past performance, for the first time will present its annual program of patriotic music twice this year. The first is at 7 p.m. Friday, June 30, at the Relevant Church, US 42 in Carrollton, and the second is also at 7 p.m. on Monday, July 3, in the sanctuary of the Warsaw Christian Church, 207 W. High St., Warsaw. Both concerts are free, and all are welcome as we celebrate our nation's 247th birthday. The Monday program in Warsaw will be livestreamed on the choir's Facebook page: @gallatincommunitychoir. Photo by Kelley Warnick

Planting by the Signs... by Phil Case



PTBS NOTE: Today we have the updated "Quick Takes" for the last few days of June and most of July followed by the detailed July Overview for your planning. While summer just began, we need to have an eye on fall when many of those veggies we plant now will be harvested.

QUICK TAKES: Today and Thursday, VERY fertile, above-grounders, Scorpio/secrets; June 30-July 5: Fertile signs, ABOVE-grounders July 1-2, moon moves to dark phase on July 3 at 7:37 a.m. EDT so BELOW-grounders through July 7 - Sagittarius/thighs, Capricorn/knees, Aquarius/legs; July 6-7, dark moon, VERY fertile, Pisces/feet, BELOW-grounders; **make changes most of July 3-7;** make changes; July 8-9, dark moon, NO PLANTING, killing sign Aries/head rules; July 10-12, dark moon, VERY fertile, Taurus/neck, below-grounders; July 13-14, dark moon, Gemini/arms/bean sign but moon in dark phase; July 15-17, dark moon until new moon at 7:46 p.m. on July 17, VERY fertile, Cancer/breast, below-grounders until 7:46 p.m. July 17 then above-grounders; July 18-19, light moon, NO PLANTING, killing sign Leo/heart rules; July 20-24, light moon, flowering signs, Virgo/bowels, Libra/reins

July Overview
MOON PHASES: The light moon is in force as the month begins, but only for a couple of days. It returns just past mid-month until the dark moon comes back into force on Aug. 1, 2:32 p.m.

When the light moon is in force, plant above-ground producers and it's below-ground producers when the dark moon rules. Don't plant when either of the killing signs, Aries (July 8-9) or Leo (July 18-19) are in force.

Planting when the fertile signs rule is a viable alternative to the VERY fertile signs, which are Scorpio, Pisces, Taurus, and Cancer. The fertile ones - just a little below VERY fertile - are Sagittarius, Capricorn, and Aquarius, ruling July 1-5, July 27-Aug. 1.

If you can only utilize one aspect of the system for planting, I would suggest going with the moon phases but still avoid the killing signs Aries and Leo and the flowering signs Virgo and Libra for anything but flowers.

THE SIGNS: Check to see if the moon is in the light or dark phase (information above and on any calendar) before proceeding with planting anywhere, or other moon-related activities. July begins with a series of fertile days in force, so that's where we'll start.

FERTILE DAYS: Sagittarius (the thighs), July 1, 27-28; Capricorn (the knees), July 2-3, 29-30; and Aquarius (the legs), July 4-5, July 31. There are 10 days ruled by these three signs - 11 if you count Aug. 1.

VERY FERTILE DAYS: The signs are accompanied by the phase of the moon in which they occur. Pisces (the feet), July 6-7, dark moon; Taurus (the neck), July 10-12, dark moon; Cancer (the breast), July 15-17, dark moon 15-16, moon moves to light phase on 17th, 7:36 p.m.; Scorpio (the secrets), July 25-26, light moon for above-grounders.

KILLING DAYS: No planting, transplanting, seeding, re-potting or dealing with things you want to thrive should occur on these days. Reserve them for anything but planting anywhere. No planting! Here's when they rule: Aries (the head) July 8-9; and Leo (the heart), July 18-19. There are four days on which we can't plant in July.

FLOWERING DAYS: Virgo (the bowels) is up for July 20-22, while Libra (the reins) rules July 23-24. There are five flowering days

in July. NO VEGGIES on flowering days!

PEA/BEAN DAYS: Gemini (the arms), the pea/bean sign, rules July 13-14, both with the dark moon ruling. At least half the equation is right with the sign being outstanding for beans and peas even if the moon is in the dark phase.

General tips, other items
MAKING CHANGES: This month the days that are perfect for making changes are July 3-7 when the moon is in the dark phase and the signs are going out of the body beyond anything that functions - Sagittarius/

thighs through Pisces/feet.

A "change" is doing something differently from how you are doing it now, like NOT smoking instead of smoking, going for a walk as opposed to sitting on the couch, eating yogurt instead of a donut - you get the idea. These days are great, too, for weaning small animals and children, castrating animals, scheduling elective surgery, and dental procedures. Be underway by July 8 when the sign moves back to Aries/head.

POURING GRAVEL: If you have gravel to pour on a drive or

road on your farm, do that when the light moon rules, which is this weekend (July 1-2), and then July 18-31.

The same applies for stones on a garden path: Place them when the moon is in the light phase, so they don't sink. If you're setting fence posts, do that in the light phase of the moon so the posts don't sink.

If you have questions, call or text me at 502-682-5995. If you are online, visit and follow my *Planting by the Signs* Facebook page devoted exclusively to this information. It's @planting-bysigns.

Pleasant Home Baptist Church Addiction Meetings

Pleasant Home Baptist Church, 1695 Pettit Pike in Glencoe, will be hosting a weekly meeting for people who have been struggling with addiction.

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Kenneth Craig McDanell

Kenneth Craig McDanell, 91, died Thursday, June 29, in Warsaw. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran and graduate of Eastern Kentucky University.

He worked in retail as a buyer and merchandise manager.

After retiring from Andersons in Owensboro, he split his time between Owensboro and Venice, Florida until moving to Frankfort in 2020.

He is preceded in death by his parents, William and Sue Craig



Kenneth McDanell

McDanell; and his brother, Charles William McDanell.

Mr. McDanell is survived by his niece, Peggy McDanell Trinkle;

his nephew, William McDanell and his wife, Linda Baker McDanell; his great-niece, Amanda McDanell Cermak; and his great-nephews, James Trinkle, Jesse Trinkle, Craig McDanell, and Kyle McDanell.

A graveside service will be held Thursday, July 6, at Warsaw Cemetery by Garnett-New Funeral Home.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the Warsaw Methodist Church or to the Owensboro First Christian Church.

Lewis Ray Setters

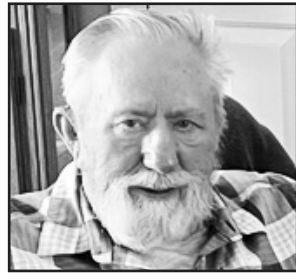
Lewis Ray Setters, 75, of Warsaw, died Tuesday, June 27.

He was born in Covington on Saturday, July 26, 1947, to the late George Setters and Bonnie Knight.

He was a 1966 graduate of Boone County High School and Covington Vocational School for Carpentry. Upon graduating, he began his service in the United States Air Force.

Throughout his years of service, he held a number of positions involving heavy equipment operations responsible for the maintenance, repair, and construction of military airbases.

Following his time in the Air Force, he used the knowledge and skills gained within the military for his career in commercial airlines. He was a CDL equipment



Lewis Ray Setters

operator and supervising trainer of fellow CDL operators at the CVG International Airport, where he eventually retired.

Mr. Setters and his wife towed their 5th wheel RV all across the country.

They would go camping, fishing, and boating together, whenever and wherever they got the chance.

Later in life they enjoyed gardening and eventually a friendly competition ensued as they began to cultivate "his and her gardens"

to settle any disputes of what to grow and who grew it the best.

Spending time with his grandchildren was what he considered his most special time in life.

Including his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Darline Eve Setters Barnes; one brother, Dewey Setters; and two sisters, Brenda Sue Baird and Bonita Jump.

Mr. Setters is survived by two daughters, Teena Steele of Burlington and Carrie Wilson of Florence; his brother, David Setters of Erlanger; and four grandchildren: Bryson Steele, Nicholas Wilson, Natasha Steele, and Alyssa Wilson;

Two great-grandchildren also survive.

A celebration of life memorial service will be held privately and at the convenience of the family.



Man's best friend

Pete Picklesimer took his chihuahua, Oliver, to the Three Rivers Health District rabies vaccination clinic in Warsaw. Pete was one of many people to take advantage of low cost shots. Photo by Kelley Warnick

KET unveils new program about Louisville

Inside Louisville, hosted by Kelsey Starks, features conversations with Louisville's biggest newsmakers and personalities, celebrating the people, places and traditions that make the River City such a vibrant and diverse community.

The half-hour weekly program also features stories that explore Kentucky's largest city, spotlighting its neighborhoods,

nightlife and noteworthy attractions.

Guests on initial episodes include Teddy Abrams, music director of the Louisville Orchestra; Darnell "SuperChef" Ferguson of the Food Network; Dr. Marty Pollio, superintendent of Jefferson County Public Schools; and chef Ed Lee.

Inside Louisville premieres Sunday, July 9, at noon on KET.

Starks, an Owensboro native, is a KET producer widely known for her work as host of the hit educational online program News Quiz, viewed by tens of thousands of students each week.

Inside Louisville KET Sundays, beginning July 9 • 12pm/11 am KET2 Mondays, beginning July 10 • 7/6pm

William J. Moorman

William Joseph Moorman, 81, of Wyoming, Ohio, died Friday June 23.

He was born on March 24, 1942, in Cincinnati.

He worked over 50 years in Occupational Health and Safety for the government. He retired and spent as much time as possible at his lake house on Craigs Creek.

He was a jack of all trades and loved working on boats and cars that needed a lot of care.

He also built numerous house and lakefront projects over the course of 40 years.

In addition to his love for fixer-up projects, he was a scientist at heart and enjoyed Astronomy, but loved to entertain debates on anything science, religion, and politics related.

Most of all, he just loved being in a boat with his wife Kathy.

He was preceded in death by his father, William Henry Moorman; his mother, Betty Moor-



William J. Moorman

man; and his sister, Betty Hosek.

Mr. Moorman is survived by his wife, Kathleen Jane Moorman; two children, William Henry (III) and Julie of Wyoming, Ohio; his granddaughter, Keira Moorman; two grandsons, Greyson and William Joseph; and his sister, Anne Goodwin.

A celebration of life will take place at a private gathering.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Alzheimer's Association or American Heart Association

Donate online at www.alz.org/donate or www.heart.org/en.

Chester D. Lester, Sr.

Chester Donald Lester Sr., 79, of Warsaw, died Tuesday, June 27.

He was born in Cincinnati to the late Arvis and Evelyn Petty Lester.

He was a self-employed auto mechanic and Nascar fan.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Mary Ann Lester; and his sister, Priscilla Johnson.

Mr. Lester is survived

by his wife, Nancy Lester Fightmaster; and his son, Chester Lester, Jr.

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Fireworks and furry friends

Keep pets safe this fireworks season

BY BETSY SMITH
NEWS EDITOR

With July 4 celebrations looming, it's worth thinking about how you can help your pets make it through what can be a traumatic experience for them: fireworks. When the fireworks start, many cats and dogs become terrified and run away, trying to escape the unpredictable noise and flashing lights.

Shelters across the country see an uptick in intakes after the holiday, with estimates ranging as high as 30 to 60%.

Veterinarian Dr. Jim Rice expressed frustration over the situation, saying that every year he writes a lot of prescriptions for Xanax for animals that suffer greatly because of fireworks. One recent year he wrote 50 prescriptions for the drug.

These are not just pampered pets that get a little scared or shaky. He describes animals that absolutely panic and run, crashing through glass and tearing through doors in their attempt to escape the noise and flashes.

Fireworks, while great fun for people, can be horrible for animals to endure.

Dr. Rice says fireworks "have ruined a lot of good hunting dogs." The sound of fireworks and the sound of hunting rifles can be similar to a dog. A dog traumatized by fireworks can be forever triggered to respond in panic to the sound of a gun, ending its hunting days.

In rural Grant County, fireworks also spell trouble for farmers who raise cows, horses, and other livestock. Once they get scared, Dr. Rice says, "They're just going to run until it (the fireworks) stops."

Horses and cows can really hurt themselves this way. They will run through fences and get out in the road. "Who's liable if it gets out and causes an accident?"

Grant County ordinances only regulate the sale of fireworks, not when they may be used. According to Chief Les Whalen of the Williamstown Volunteer Fire Department, "We only have oversight on fireworks stands selling these items that they are safe and meet the States recommendations for that location."

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calm their animals. According to Dr. Rice, for the drug to be effective it should be taken an hour ahead of time. You cannot do that if people are shooting fireworks whenever they want.

Not having set times when fireworks are allowed makes it difficult for pet owners who rely on Xanax to calm their dogs. According to Dr. Rice, for the drug to be effective it should be taken an hour ahead of time. How can you do that if people are shooting fireworks with no predictable schedule? What can you do to help your pets get through fireworks season?

Above all, make sure they do not have the opportunity to run. Dogs should not be outside when fireworks are exploding. Don't leave them tied out, confined in a fenced yard, or running loose. If they absolutely have to be outside, keep them securely leashed at your side and pay close attention.

The best choice is to provide a safe indoor place for your pet. Dogs instinctively want to be in a den, so a small place like a crate or a closet that they can go hide in is perfect for a dog. Cats often like to shelter under a bed or sofa. Put things in the safe space to comfort or distract your pet,

such as treats, chews, and toys. You could also add an item of clothing you've worn.

Another option is to secure your pet in a room in the central part of your home, furthest from the source of fireworks noise. Draw the curtains to block out flashes of light, provide comfort items, and turn on the television, a white noise machine, or music with the volume a little bit louder than normal.

There are calming treats and CBD products that you might be tempted to try, but Dr. Rice cautions against them. "There's no regulation so you really don't know what you're getting...there's no quality control and not enough research."

It's might help to tire your dog out earlier in the day with a long walk or intense game of fetch. If at all possible, remain home with your cat or dog, or have someone the animal knows and trusts stay at the house.

If the party is happening at your home, it becomes even more important to secure your pet. Guests, especially kids, cannot be relied upon to close doors and gates behind them. People coming in and out make it easy for pets to bolt.

To help your pets make their way home should they

escape, make sure they are microchipped. A microchip, inserted via injection, identifies your dog or cat should it be lost. If you have moved or have a new phone number, make sure that information is updated in the system.

Along with being microchipped, your pet should wear a collar with an I.D. tag. If you want even more protection, buy a collar equipped with a GPS tracker.

As a general rule, you should always have a clearly recognizable recent photo of your pet available. If he or she goes missing, a high quality picture will be helpful for showing neighbors, posting on social media, and making posters. A great local site on which to post animals is the Grant County Animal Shelter's Facebook page.

One final word of caution: if you or a neighbor close to you has used fireworks, check carefully for debris before letting an animal loose in the yard. Fireworks casings and other parts can be toxic, as well as a choking hazard.

Fireworks are not going to disappear any time soon. The best you can do is take precautions to keep animals safe, secure, and as protected as possible.

Are short term rentals a bane or boon?

BY DEBORAH
LUCAS ANGEL
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Governments see eyesores and run-down housing turned into quaint cottages bringing in jobs and tax dollars. Neighbors see constantly changing faces and cars. Schools see lost students and revenue. Renters and home-buyers see fewer available properties and higher costs. Real estate investors see dollar signs. Everyone above is seeing the same thing: short-term rentals (STRs) or, as most call them, AirBnb's.

So, just what is an STR? The acronym usually refers to rental properties that are leased for less than 10 days at a time, though some can be up to 30. Here in Grant County, 10 days or less tends to be the norm.

Arguments abound for and against STRs. At city council meetings, people talk about poorly maintained properties transformed into quaint, neat rentals for folks visiting our county.

Owners of such rental properties can potentially increase profits upwards of 400 to 600% by converting them to STRs. A glance at the numbers verifies this average. According to ApartmentHomeLiving.com, in Grant County the average rental property brings in \$820/month or \$9,840/year. The website learn.roofstock.com reports that the average income for an STR in Grant County is \$56,000/year.

On the flip side, every rental property converted to an STR is one less available property for new residents or young folks just starting out. The scarcity created is causing rents to skyrocket.

This is occurring at the same time homes and building costs are rising due to the high cost of construction materials and land prices combined with a seemingly shrinking construction labor pool.

Put the two issues together and you have the perfect storm to arrest population growth. Indeed, in 2021 Grant

County grew by only 2.3% compared to 3.7% in Kentucky and 7.3% in the USA.

It seems all around the country, people are taking notice of STRs. In Kentucky, cities and counties from Pikeville to Owensboro are regulating these entities. Closer to home:

- In Dec. 2022, the Covington Board of Commissioners instituted an emergency six month moratorium on new STRs because they felt the situation had "gotten out of control." While they had 37 legally operating units with "rental license and zoning approval," using "webcrawl software," they discovered "at least 277 different properties" being "advertised for short-term rental within the city" and the number was growing.

- In March, 2023, Lexington proposed licensing fees, reporting annual number of stays, maximum of 12 guests per property, taxing for different host platforms, and "increased regulation of where and what types of STRs are allowed."

- In Sept. 2022, in Louisville, whose original STR ordinance was in 2015 with modifications in 2019, a metro council member, said, "Now that we are a couple years in, we need to look at if the enforcement is appropriate, if the penalties are appropriate, and then ensure that, if we do have bad actors, ensure we have a process for denying that permit on a go-forward basis."

- In July, 2019, Cincinnati began requiring STR owners to register with the city before beginning operations.

- Grant County, Williamstown, Dry Ridge and Crittenden all have STR ordinances.

Are STRs a "new thing?" The answer is an emphatic no! As far back as the 1950's, folks started renting out vacation homes when not in use by the owner. The practice existed quietly for decades, but in the 1990's, the advent of online booking changed everything.

In 1995 Vacation Rental By Owner (Vrbo) was founded in the U.S., and in 1996, a company in the Netherlands launched Booking.com, which eventually became the first hotel booking site to advertise vacation rentals. Craigslist then adding sublets and short-term and long term rentals. In 2004, eBay jumped on board, buying 24% of Craigslist.

From 2004, change moved quickly. A company called CEH Holdings merged websites into one huge vacation marketplace and in 2009 purchased Vrbo. Meanwhile in 2008, a small startup in San Francisco called AirBnB joined the fray and was the first to allow booking of a single room in a host home to be paid via credit card over the internet. Today, like

Reynold's Wrap is synonymous for tin foil, Airbnb is synonymous for STR. So what does all this have to do with Grant County? Perhaps more than you would think. In a county with less than 10,000 homes, there are estimated to possibly be over 250 STRs with more being added nearly every day. In mid-June, there were a total of only 25 homes available in

the real estate market in Grant County.

Citizens are taking notice, and our cities and county governments are starting to look into how to handle this influx of visitors and potential loss of residences for folks to live here.

Next week, we will look more closely at what is happening in Grant County specifically and what the future holds for STRs.

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Submitted by Jamie Baker

Several from Grant County attended the official ribbon-cutting of the new Gallatin County Regional Airport on June 28 including Grant County Economic Development Director Jamie Baker; Deputy Judge-Executive Colton Simpson; Judge-Executive Chuck Dills; Gov. Andy Beshear and Dry Ridge Mayor Greg Brockman. Not pictured but attending were Fred Scheffler, a Grant County resident and pilot and Rep. Savannah Maddox, R-Dry Ridge. Gov. Beshear pointed out the regional benefits of the new airport for businesses, tourists and commercial purposes. The Gallatin County Regional Airport has been in the works for several years. Additions to the facility include a terminal and fueling stations slated for 2024.

Gallatin County cuts ribbon on regional airport

Boosts economy, emergency services and tourism in Northern Kentucky

Gov. Andy Beshear accompanied federal, state and local officials for a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Kentucky's newest and 58th General Aviation airport, the Gallatin County Regional Airport in Sparta.

The airport closes a logistical gap for aircraft users in the area while boosting economic development, emergency services and tourism in the region.

"This is an amazing milestone for Gallatin County and Northern Kentucky, more than 20 years in the making. Today, we showed everyone that when we work together as Team Kentucky, we get big things done," Gov. Beshear said. "This airport is going to support our booming economy, promote tourism in this region and provide a new site for emergency responders."

The Gallatin County Regional Airport will be the first general aviation airport to serve the I-71 corridor between Louisville and Cincinnati. The non-commercial airport features a 5,000-foot by 75-foot concrete runway with a full parallel taxiway and apron. The \$44 million project received \$18 million in state funding, \$25.5 million in federal funding and \$55,500 from the county.

The airport is near the Kentucky Speedway, home to motorsports racing and events, and is expected to boost economic development in this growing region by offering a convenient location to land and take off. In attendance at the ribbon-cutting were local executives from Nucor Steel Gallatin, who plan to use the airport for corporate travel to their nearby mill used to produce sheet steel for automotive, appliance, construction, pipe and other industrial and consumer products.

The Governor said he also expects the new airport to host future flight-training and aviation maintenance classes in partnership with community colleges. This will assist in statewide efforts to address the nationwide pilot and aircraft mechanic shortages.

Department of Aviation Commissioner Mark Carter credits federal, state and local official collaboration to complete this long-awaited project that has stretched more than 20 years. More enhancements are planned at the airport, including a state-funded terminal building and fuel system

that will open in 2024.

"Today's opening of the Gallatin County Regional Airport represents the culmination of nearly two decades of work from Gallatin County leaders, consultants, contractors and the Kentucky Department of Aviation. We are thrilled to be a part of this historic effort to see the project through to the finish line," said Commissioner Carter.

Gallatin County Regional Airport is expected to be a home base airport for over 20 aircraft and host approximately 13,000 takeoffs annually. The airport will be funded using revenue from jet fuel sales, hangar rental fees and fuel excise tax returns, among other federal, local and state project funds.

The airport is managed by the Gallatin County Regional Airport Board of Directors. Gallatin County Judge/Executive Ryan Morris currently serves as the airport manager handling day-to-day operations, like closure alerts to pilots and routine communications with the Federal Aviation Administration. "I'm beyond excited to see planes finally land in Gallatin County," said Judge Morris. "Our county supports four major modes of transportation: rail, roadways, waterways and now aviation. The sky is the limit regarding the opportunities this opens up for our region, and we're proud to offer travelers more ways to get to Gallatin County."

"With half of Nucor's steel across all of its mills going into the non-residential construction market, we know firsthand the value of infrastructure projects like this general aviation airport opening today," said Greg Mitchell of Nucor Steel Gallatin. "Not only are we incredibly excited to start utilizing this facility to help our business, but we cannot wait to see the impact it will have on the economy of this region."

The Kentucky Aviation Association (KAA), a nonprofit that promotes aviation facilities, safety, education and business in Kentucky, congratulated the state on the latest airport, which not only meets business needs but supports the future aviation workforce.

"Kentucky is a multi-modal state, and investing in aviation is a smart choice to ensure we remain competitive to attract recreational and business travelers," said KAA President Paul Steely. "It's always exciting to see a new airport open, and its presence will provide valuable services, as well as training opportunities to support the next generation of aviators and mechanics."

Library's summer T-shirts made locally

BY PATRICK GOODMAN
DIRECTOR, GRANT COUNTY LIBRARY

Over the last three years, the Grant County Public Library has passed out over 1,000 brand new high quality T-shirts to children ages 10 and under who sign up for the library's Summer Reading Program. This year's T-shirt features an adorable scene of a lion and a mouse reading together based off an old Aesop's fable. What may not be widely known is that all of the t-shirts have been printed right here in Grant County at Shirt and Stuff Happens in Dry Ridge.

"Shirt and Stuff Happens has been making our staff uniforms for years," said Assistant Director Angie Gabbard. "So when we first planned to give out free tees to help market our Summer Reading Program, (owner) Debbie was the first person we called."

Previous years have featured narwhals leaping from the pages of an open book and another interpretation of two well-known Aesop characters, the tortoise and the hare, reading together. What will be on next year's t-shirt is already in the works. Whatever it turns out to



The library's Summer Reading Program participants each received a T-shirt printed by local business Shirt and Stuff Happens.

be, it's a given that the county will once again be filled with many happy children.

The library's Summer Reading Program begins its second half of the Summer in July. A calendar

of events can be found at www.grantlib.org or in multiple locations at the library.

PARK

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Solid Waste and Extension" Rates are increased from \$10.75. Beginning July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 monthly rates increase to \$12.60; July, 2024 to June 30, 2025 monthly rates increase to \$13.17. Council unanimously approved.

- Approval of Municipal Order 2023-01, City Personnel Policy Update. Little said there was a

"workshop (including department heads (and a couple of concerned employees" to update attendance policy, taking vehicles home (police, fire, etc.), mental health, FMLA leave, social media platform usage, etc. Council unanimously approved.

PLANNING AND ZONING UPDATES

- Across from the City Offices, there may be a medical office coming to that location.

- The additional Hampton Inn beside

the one in existence is scheduled to start construction soon.

- The Holiday Inn is nearing completion; it should be on schedule to open in August or September.

- Harbor Freight is moving along toward opening mid-July.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Dilapidated building next to Outdoor Power Store is to be torn down.

Repairs to the emergency vehicles, included "finaliz(ing) paperwork

on remount on EC2 still at Ken's Body Shop getting parts" that are back-ordered. "EC 4 with turbo issues is back in service." Engine 31 quote: a second opinion on pump issues was received, and bearings and seals may be able to be put on instead of pulling the pump apart, which reduces initial estimates.

The next meeting will be held on July 17, 2023 at 6:00 PM at the City Building. For questions or more information, contact the City at (859) 824-3335.

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Williamstown Community Cookout

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The annual Williamstown Independent Schools Community Cookout is coming up on July 20 at Webb Park. Everyone is invited to enjoy food, water games, yard games, and door prizes.

CIRCUIT COURT RECORDS

Property Transfers

- 6/29 — Danny Cain and Donna Cain to Brian Maines and Heather Maines, 6.3827 acres Lawrenceville Road for Consideration of Love and Affection
- 6/29 — Jack Faulkner and Barbara Faulkner to Jason Bradley Jones and Katie Lee Jones, 2 Tracts with 53.62 acres on Kentucky Route 22 for \$400,000
- 6/29 — Jeremy Herrington and Megan Herrington to Luke Todd Herrington, 26.30 acres Calendar Road for \$75,000
- 6/30 — Robert A McIntosh, III and Rebekah McIntosh to Elvin R. Patrick and Valerie R. Patrick, Lot 9 Harvesters Section 2 for \$209,900
- 6/30 — John Sebree and John Morton Sebree to Stanley Properties, LLC, Lot 4 N S Mathews Division for \$249,900
- 6/30 — Linda B Shipp, Co-Trustee and Jeffrey C. Shipp, Co-Trustee and Darl B. Shipp, Revocable Trust to Linda B. Co-Trustee and Jeffrey C. Trustee and Irrevocable Marital Trust of Darl B. Shipp, 51.5911 acres KY Route 1994 for \$1
- 6/30 — Linda B. Shipp Co-Trustee, Irrevocable Marital

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- 6/30 — Allison Stewart and Christopher Stewart to David C. Trunnell and Catherine D. Trunnell, Lots D, E & F Section 2 Lake Corinth Estate for \$1,134
- 6/30 — William W. Huffman and Pamela G. Huffman to Cody L. Rice and Kristin D. Rice, 5.03 acres Campbell Road for \$0.00 and other good and valuable consideration
- 7/3 — CMH Homes, Inc. to Victoria S. Haas, Lot 21 Lemon Northcutt Land Co. Section 4 for \$66,000
- 7/3 — Misty Michelle Fannin and Misty Michelle Ratliff to Thane Witzak and Syndey Hicks, Lot 2 Harvesters Section 2 for \$235,000
- 7/3 — Reyarts Investments, LLC to Grant County Air Conditioning, Heating, Inc, 1.5193 acres US 25 for \$145,000
- 7/3 — Clare C. Tempel, Robert T. Tempel and Rose A. Tempel to Andrew T. Bulluck, Arin E. Fletcher-Bulluck, Lot 11 Bennett Subdivision for

valuable consideration paid

- 7/5 — Kyle W. Chamblin and Jennifer Chamblin to Curtis M. Bethea and Melody Bethea, 8.15 acres KY 36 for \$265,000.

- 7/5 — Williams Boyd Todd Sr. Estate to Ronald Steven Boyd, Jr. and Samantha Boyd, 10.0003 acres Baker Williams Road for \$250,000
- 7/5 — Stephen

Wayne Boston, Donna M. Howe Boston, Donna M. Howe-Boston and Donna Marie Howe Boston to Gilbert C. Chonje, 24.9333 acres Kendall Road for \$699,000

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Laws

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attempts to move them to counties outside the Franklin and Jefferson circuit courts.

The Kentucky Supreme Court is taking up the constitutionality of a new law allowing Cameron to move cases to different counties before those cases can proceed. According to agreed orders in both cases, the games from Pace-O-Matic and Prominent Technologies may remain in stores while the cases proceed, but the games must be turned off and rendered inoperable.

Sports betting

The legislature passed House Bill 551 just before the end of the session, which will legalize, regulate and tax sports betting in Kentucky — joining most states that have already done so.

Under the new law, horse racing tracks must pay a fee to operate as sports betting facilities, with bets allowed there and on their licensed websites and phone apps. Wagers placed at tracks would have an excise tax of 9.75% and online wagers a rate of 14.25%.

While these facilities and apps won't be ready to take bets right away, state regulations are expected to be in place by the fall for those tracks to start their new business.

Delta-8 regulations

While a different bill failed that would have banned it entirely, the legislature instead passed House Bill 544 into law, which bans delta-8 just for those under the age of 21 and regulates the sale and testing of the products resembling marijuana.

The Cabinet for Health and Family Services is responsible for the regulation of the widely sold products.

Ban on gender-affirming care for trans youth

While certain portions of the wide-ranging Senate Bill 150 targeting transgender youth have already gone into ef-



A display case at Electric Ladyland in Louisville on Jan. 19 shows off various delta-8 products that can be eaten or vaped.

JEFF FAUGHENDER/COURIER JOURNAL AND USA TODAY NETWORK

fect, the part of the bill banning all gender-affirming health care for trans kids will go into effect this week.

The types of gender-affirming care that are banned include not just surgeries, but puberty blockers and hormone therapy.

The American Civil Liberties Union filed a federal lawsuit last month on behalf of seven transgender children and their parents, arguing it unconstitutionally singles out trans kids by blocking their access to health care cisgender kids can receive and stifles parents' rights to make medical decisions for their children. Unless the judge quickly grants their motion for a temporary injunction on this part of the law, the ban will go into effect Thursday.

Fentanyl testing strips

In an effort to prevent accidental overdoses, House Bill 353 will remove fentanyl test strips from state laws prohibiting possession of drug paraphernalia, unless they are being used in connection with the manufacture or sale of the drug.

The powerful opioid fentanyl is responsible for the nationwide spike in fatal drug overdoses in recent years. Fentanyl is often mixed with other types of

drugs by dealers without the knowledge of the user. The testing strips allow them to make sure it is not present.

Pension investment ESG ban

Under House Bill 236, Kentucky's public pension systems are now prohibited from basing investments on environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors, a common complaint of Republicans and conservatives nationally over the past two years.

The new law would require pension investments to be based only on pecuniary factors of minimizing financial risks and maximizing returns.

Louisville juvenile justice facility

House Bill 3 appropriates \$13.4 million to reopen a youth detention center in Jefferson County, along with adding stricter rules for youths charged with or convicted of violent crimes that won't go into effect until July 1, 2024.

While the city closed the Jefferson County Youth Detention Center in 2019 due to lack of local funding, the reopened facility will now be operated by the Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice, which also received additional funding

for staffing, raises, services and security upgrades.

Among the reforms that won't go into effect until next year: mandatory detention holds on youths charged with serious violent crime (until they have appeared before a judge, at a maximum of 48 hours); possible criminal charges for parents found to not be cooperating with their child's diversion program; and the unsealing of criminal records for juveniles convicted or pleading guilty to violent crimes for at least three years.

Reading research center

Senate Bill 156 sets a process to establish a new entity to run Kentucky's state-wide reading research center using evidence-based reading practices, with that organization required to update lawmakers on their impact on state reading and writing test scores. Most provisions of the law go into effect Saturday.

The legislation was spurred by a Courier Journal investigation into why Kentucky kids struggle to read, highlighting the lack of curriculum focused on a phonics approach.

Unemployment insurance eligibility

Just a year after the legislature dramatically cut the number of weeks unemployed Kentuckians are eligible for benefits (from 26 weeks to 12 weeks), House Bill 146 passed this session to add another four weeks, with the maximum now 16 weeks.

The new law also requires state unemployment officials to advise those with unemployment claims on available educational and skill training opportunities. The new law goes into effect Saturday.

Student discipline

House Bill 538 is a student discipline measure allowing K-12 school leaders to craft policies on when disruptive students can be removed from classrooms.

Under the new law, principals can move disruptive students to a different classroom or, with the superintendent's permission, to an alternative school.

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Here's why Ky. officials must swear they never fought in a duel

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Kentucky is the only state in the country where the swearing-in ceremony of people taking their oath of office routinely elicits giggles from those present.

The cause of those giggles is the Kentucky Constitution, which for nearly two centuries has required officials to swear that they've never fought a duel with deadly weapons or been involved in one in any way.

Of the roughly 300 words in Kentucky's oath of office, a majority are devoted to putting the official on the record about any history of taking 10 paces, turning and firing a bullet at a person who has besmirched their honor.

Despite no known instances of a formal duel taking place in Kentucky since 1867, to this day any public office holder or attorney admitted to the bar must take this oath — which has not existed in any other state for many years.

Here's the strange and violent story of why Kentucky's anti-dueling oath was created — and why it has stuck around.

A history of elite violence

The practice of dueling immigrated to the United States from Europe in the 18th century, becoming commonplace among the elites from late in that century until the Civil War — especially in the South.

The most famous of these took place in 1804, with Vice President Aaron Burr killing former Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton, but there were also at least 41 documented formal duels fought inside Kentucky or by Kentuckians between 1790 and 1867 — which included prominent elected officials.

Stuart Sanders, the research director of the Kentucky Historical Society who has an upcoming book this fall on dueling in Kentucky, says these duels were mostly fought by the wealthy elites of the upper class who adhered to a “code of honor,” using regulated violence to settle disputes regarding anything from money to personal insults.

“The whole concept of dueling was created, ironically enough, to keep it very fair and dispassionate,” Sanders said. “The idea was, you're a high tone gentleman, you don't let passion and anger get in your life, so dueling sort of prevents all that from happening in a very kind of controlled environment.”

More irony: Henry Clay, one of the most prominent statesmen in Kentucky history who was known as the “Great Compromiser,” fought in not one, but two duels. One was in 1809 when he was speaker of Kentucky's House and challenged fellow legislator Humphrey Marshall (over opposing his proposed boycott of British clothing), and the other was in 1826 when he was the U.S. secretary of state, dueling U.S. Sen. John Randolph of Virginia over an insult on the Senate floor. Clay was wounded and wounded Marshall in the first duel, but Clay and Randolph both missed in their two shots in the second duel.

Other duels in Kentucky involved future President Andrew Jackson — who in 1806 was shot in the chest, but then fatally shot his opponent (over a horse race dispute and traded insults) — and John Rowan, who would go on to be Kentucky's secretary of state, a U.S. senator and a Court of Appeals judge.

In Rowan's 1801 duel against physician James Chambers (over a fight at a card game), they missed the first time, but then Rowan fatally shot Chambers in the second round. Rowan never dueled again as his political career advanced, but he kept a ring containing a lock of Chambers hair. Sanders assumes there were actually many more than 41 duels fought in Kentucky that were not reported on in the press, as dueling was against the law and they would try to keep the number of witnesses down.

Anti-dueling efforts included adding oath to Ky. Constitution

By 1800, dueling was already illegal in Kentucky, which could be punishable by a fine.

A stricter law was passed in 1812, but that did nothing to deter dueling, as the

few people who were prosecuted for the crime were all acquitted.

That would change with Kentucky's new constitution in 1850, which added a section prohibiting anyone who had participated or assisted in a duel from holding a public office, serving in the General Assembly or being a lawyer with the bar. Another section required anyone being sworn into office or to the bar to swear in their oath they had not participated in any way with a duel.

That same oath remains in effect, as it was picked up verbatim in Kentucky's final constitution of 1891.

Noting that members of Kentucky's elite had simply ignored legal prohibitions on dueling up until 1850, Sanders said the constitutional change was an attempt to “dissuade the sort of people with political ambitions,” and curb violence “by appealing to their vanity and their desire to have political office.”

What is Kentucky's anti-dueling oath?

The anti-dueling oath of Kentucky's 1850 constitution, which remained in the 1891 constitution and is still in effect, is as follows:

“I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth, and be faithful and true to the Commonwealth of Kentucky so long as I continue a citizen thereof, and that I will faithfully execute, to the best of my ability, the office of according to law;

“And I do further solemnly swear (or affirm) that since the adoption of the present Constitution, I, being a citizen of this State, have not fought a duel with deadly weapons within this State nor out of it, nor have I sent or accepted a challenge to fight a duel with deadly weapons, nor have I acted as second in carrying a challenge, nor aided or assisted any person thus offending, so help me God.”

When Kentucky held its constitutional convention in 1891, there had not been a documented duel in the state for 24 years — which had largely died off after

the widescale death of the Civil War — yet they still chose to include the anti-dueling oath.

Sanders said there were still serious concerns about violence among legislators in that decade, as many still carried guns with them into the Capitol and violence among that well-armed class “was still pretty prevalent in Kentucky at that time” — citing the specific example of short-lived Gov. William Goebel.

In 1895, Goebel, then a state senator, traded shots and killed political rival John Sandford in what he said was self-defense — after Goebel published an editorial accusing him of corruption ... and having gonorrhea.

Goebel was acquitted, but in 1900, just after being his party's gubernatorial nominee in a heavily contested general election, he was shot by an unknown assassin on the Capitol grounds. Despite winning fewer votes than his opponent, Goebel was sworn in as governor the next day on his bed, where he died three days later. For the next century after the 1891 convention, there wasn't much of an effort to amend the constitution to take out the anti-dueling oath, as other southern states such as Mississippi and Louisiana had done.

Two years after state Rep. Ricky Lee Cox challenged a newspaper editor to a duel in a 1998 published letter (which he said was a joke, but still created a constitutional question), a bill was filed to amend the constitution to take out the references to duels in the oath of office, but it did not move. A decade later, former state Rep. Darryl Owens made another serious push to strike these lines from the constitution, saying the references to duels turned what should be solemn swearing-in ceremonies into embarrassing spectacles of giggles, as well as perpetuating the stereotype of Kentucky as a backward state.

In the 2010 session, Owens' bill passed a House committee, but that's as far as it went, and critics said it was important to preserve this unique part of Kentucky history. This was the last time such a bill was filed in the General Assembly.

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6 central Ohio true crime cases featured on TV programs, podcasts

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As true crime podcasts, TV shows, books and online content continue to prove popular, cases never truly fade from the spotlight.

There are some high-profile cases that are frequently revisited, but others only get a temporary moment of attention.

Here are six central Ohio cases that have been featured in popular true crime programming in recent years.

Brian Shaffer

The disappearance of Brian Shaffer has been a mystery that has been investigated numerous times in the 17 years since he was last seen.

Shaffer, who would now be 44, has not been heard from since April 1, 2006.

Around 2 a.m. that morning, Shaffer, who was 27 and a Ohio State University medical student at the time, was seen inside the since-closed Ugly Tuna Saloon in the North High Street area. Cameras inside the bar captured Shaffer talking to two women but walking away. He is not seen on any camera footage leaving the bar and has not been seen since.

In 2021, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation released an age-progressed photo of what Shaffer might look like in his 40s.

Since his disappearance, Shaffer's case has been the subject of podcast episodes – such as “All the Time Unsolved” and “Crime Junkie” – featured on television shows like Amazon Prime’s “The Missing,” and it has its own Wikipedia page.

In 2020, a photograph of a homeless man in Mexico was sent to the FBI for facial recognition software to be used to determine if it was Shaffer. The FBI determined it was not him.

Judy Malinowski

In 2015, Malinowski, who was 32 years old, was doused with gasoline and set on fire by her ex-boyfriend, Michael Slager.

For 22 months, the mother of two survived before ultimately succumbing to her injuries in June 2017. Malinowski's story and determination struck a chord with the community.

She endured more than 50 surgeries and was hospitalized for the remainder of her life after the fire, which disfigured her.

Malinowski fought through a video deposition that was later used to convict Slager and resulted in a change to Ohio law for felonious assault cases in which there is permanent disfigurement or incapacitation from an accelerant being used, dubbed “Judy’s Law.”

MTV produced a documentary, “The Fire That Took Her,” about the case that was released on the streaming service Paramount+ in May, sparking new interest in the case.

Articles have also been featured in People magazine and on several true crime podcasts like “Murder and Such” and “Crime Curious.”

Asenath Dukat

The case of Asenath Dukat, an 8-year-old girl from Upper Arlington that went missing while coming home from school, has been another case that frequently has been mentioned on podcasts like “True Crime Garage” in particular because of the case’s age.

Dukat went missing in June 1980 while walking home from Barrington Elementary School. Her body was found about four hours after she was reported missing in a shallow stream near First Community Village. Police said a 20-pound rock had been used to hit her in the head.

The case remained unsolved until 2022, when genetic genealogy resulted in Upper Arlington police being able to close the case by identifying Brent Strutner, who died by suicide in 1984 at the age of 24, as the killer.

Her death rocked the Upper Arlington community and has been featured in a variety of media, as well as having its own website: “The Long Walk Home: The Asenath Dukat Project.”

Billy Milligan

Nearly 50 years ago, Billy Milligan made front page news in Columbus. And then, there wasn’t much written about him.

However, in recent years, fascination in Milligan’s case has again increased with the 2021 release of a Netflix documentary “Monsters Inside: The 24 Faces of Billy Milligan.”

Milligan was accused of kidnapping, robbing and raping three women near Ohio State University’s campus in the 1970s. When the case went to trial, he presented evidence – which was unique at the time – that he had multiple-personality disorder and the crimes had actually been committed by his alternate personalities.

A Franklin County Common Pleas Court judge found Milligan not guilty by reason of insanity. After 10 years in state mental hospitals, Milligan was released.

Milligan’s story also led to a 1981 book by Daniel Keys, “The Minds of Billy Milligan,” which inspired the first season of the Apple TV+ series “The Crowded Room,” starring Tom Holland and Amanda Seyfried. That series debuted earlier this month.

Milligan died in Columbus in 2014.

Chillicothe’s missing women

The stories of multiple missing women of Chillicothe have been a source of mystery and speculation for more than five years.

The suspicious circumstances struck fear in the hearts of those living in the rural community about 50 miles south of Columbus. The women, who were reported missing between 2014 and 2016, were known to have run in similar circles, hung out in similar places and all went to the same area of 2nd Street to look for drugs.

Chillicothe police and the Ross County Sheriff’s office joined forces with state and federal authorities to try and find connections between the women, some of whom were friends.

Tameka Lynch, 30, was found in Paint Creek, wearing only socks. Char-

lotte Trego, 27, who was last known to be with Lynch, remains missing. So does Wanda Lemons, 37.

Shasta Himelrick, 20, was pregnant. She was found drowned, and her death was ruled a suicide.

Tiffany Sayre, 26, was found in Highland County and her death was ruled a homicide. Timberly Claytor, 38, was found shot to death. Rebecca Cade, 31, was found bludgeoned and stabbed to death, hanging by a sleeve on a fence.

Charges were filed against the person suspected in Cade’s death, but that man was acquitted at trial. A jury found a man guilty in Claytor’s death.

In 2019, five years after the women first started disappearing, the Ross County authorities seemed no closer to finding out who was responsible for each death – or determining if they were even connected.

In the intervening years, multiple miniseries have documented the cases, including “Gone: The Forgotten Women of Ohio,” on Spike TV and “The Vanishing Women” on Investigation Discovery. Podcasts like “True Crime Chronicles” have also featured the women.

Brittany Stykes

The case of Brittany Stykes, a 22-year-old mother of a 1-year-old girl and with a second child on the way, was found shot on Aug. 28, 2013.

Stykes’ body was found off an isolated highway in Brown County in southwestern Ohio inside the Jeep she was driving. Her daughter was shot but survived her injuries.

For nearly 10 years, the case has remained unsolved. The Brown County Sheriff’s office initially investigated Stykes’ husband as a possible suspect but later said publicly he was no longer a person of interest in the case.

Styke’s homicide has remained unsolved. In 2022, the podcast “Culpable” devoted its entire second season to Sykes’ case, interviewing her family, friends, detectives and her surviving daughter.

There is a \$20,000 reward for information leading to an arrest in the case.

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