

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

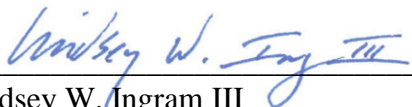
ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF)	
KENTUCKY-AMERICAN WATER)	
COMPANY FOR AN ADJUSTMENT OF)	
RATES)	CASE NO. 2025-00122
)	
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KENTUCKY-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY'S
NOTICE OF FILING OF PROOF OF PUBLICATION OF CUSTOMER NOTICE

Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 17(3)(b), Kentucky-American Water Company hereby gives notice of the filing of the attached proof of publication of customer notice for this matter.

Dated: June 2, 2025

Respectfully submitted,



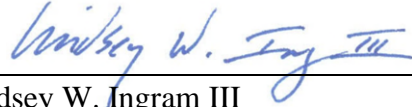
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

In accordance with the Commission's Order of July 22, 2021 in Case No. 2020-00085 (Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19), this is to certify that the electronic filing has been transmitted to the Commission on June 2, 2025; and that there are currently no parties in this proceeding that the Commission has excused from participation by electronic means.



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4909-6330-8617.1

NOTARIZED PROOF OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF KENTUCKY

COUNTY OF FRANKLIN

Before me, a Notary Public, in and for said County and State, this 27th day of

May 2025, 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

Kentucky American Water Company.

Notary Public Bonnie J. Howard

Signed Holly Willard

My commission expires 9-18-2028

KYNP # 14119



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List of newspapers running the notice for Kentucky American Water Company
Attached tearsheets provide proof of publication:

Carlisle Mercury—5/7, 5/14 & 5/21
Cynthiana Democrat—5/8, 5/15 & 5/22
Frankfort State Journal—5/7, 5/14 & 5/21
Georgetown News Graphic—5/6, 5/13 & 5/20
Lexington Herald Leader—5/7, 5/14 & 5/21
McKee Jackson Co. Sun—5/7, 5/14 & 5/21
Mt. Vernon Signal—5/8, 5/15 & 5/22
Nicholasville Jessamine Journal—5/8, 5/15 & 5/22
Owenton News-Herald—5/9, 5/16 & 5/23
Paris Bourbon Co. Citizen—5/8, 5/15 & 5/22
Versailles Woodford Sun—5/8, 5/15 & 5/22
Warsaw Gallatin Co. News—5/7, 5/14 & 5/21
Williamstown Grant Co. News—5/8, 5/15 & 5/22
Winchester Sun—5/6, 5/13 & 5/20

BREAD OF LIFE

Faith is the first step we must take to receive mercy or help from God. We must believe “that he is and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.” (Hebrews 11:6) works in plain Bible terms, is simple obedience. Obedience is the result of faith. By faith Abraham when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went “(Hebrews 11:8) God does not force salvation on anyone. We ask-God gives. We choose-God saves. Jesus revealed a great truth in John 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him” God calls us and we respond by coming to Him, as we see the love of God reaching down to us, we reach up in true faith accompanied by repentance to accept God’s offer of salvation. God through His spirit, leads each sincere seeking soul to the place where he can experience the miracle of regeneration. We are born again by His working power through the blood of Christ. We seek and God reveals and leads the way. We draw near to God-He draws near to us (James 4:8) We humble ourselves and submit to His will-He lifts us up and sets our feet upon the rock, Christ Jesus. We cast our care upon Him-He cares for us (I Peter 5:7) Salvation cannot be earned or merited by the good we do or by our self righteous acts. We must obey as the spirit of God speaks, prompts, convicts and leads. “If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed: and ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:31-32) Faith must be followed by works or faith will not

profit. Jesus invitation is “Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest” (Matthew 11:28) All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out (John 6:37) Faith must move us to action, or we will never experience salvation. The thief on the cross sought the Lord while He could be found. He called upon Him while He was near. He was willing to forsake his all and return to the Lord, he repented. He found mercy and pardon from the Saviour. The dying thief’s faith was expressed by the works of repentance. He did not earn or merit his salvation by works, but found it through a faith that responded to the saviour’s love. The impenitent thief sought for physical deliverance and was rejected. Christ has made the sacrifice for sin by his own death on the cross, thus accomplishing salvation for us. Our part is to believe in the finished work of Christ on our behalf. Then as a response of our love for what Jesus has done for us, we want to live in obedience for him. “If a man love me, he will keep my words; and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him”. (John 14:23).

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NOTICE

On behalf of the Nicholas County Board of Education, the Nicholas County Local Planning Committee will conduct a meeting at the Nicholas Co. Board of Education to review and discuss the proposed District Facilities Plan. The LPC meeting will be held on May 19, 2025, at 5:00 PM local time.

Published in the Carlisle Mercury on 05.07 & 05.14 of 2025

COMMUNITY Mercury Memories

1955
Betty Stephenson Named ‘Miss Nicholas County’ at 4-H Style Review Program
Miss Betty Faye Stephenson, graduate of Nicholas County High School in 1954 and a member of the Somerset Teenage 4-H Club, was chosen “Miss Nicholas County, 1955” at the annual 4-H Style Revue held last Friday night at the Nicholas County High School auditorium.

OTHER NEWS
Fire Department praised by state
Watkins attends dairy meeting
Assessments down on property here

TALK OF THE TOWN
Deloris Bussell weds Raymond Green on April 16
Mr. & Mrs. Ray Jones announce the birth of

son, Michael on April 22
Mr. & Mrs. Blanton Sanders announce the birth of a son on April 23

ADS OF THE WEEK
Libby pot pies 4 for 99 cents/Coatney Bros
Pastel shades shorty pajamas \$3.98/Garrett’s Dept Store
Deluxe hamburger and king size milkshake 39 cents/Little House Drive In

1975
Armory to be scene of Special Olympics and Auction May 10
The Carlisle Junior Woman’s Club, KFWC, will hold a Special Olympics and Auction for the Special Education Classes of the Nicholas County Elementary School on Saturday, May 10, at 10 am at the National Guard Armory.

OTHER NEWS

1975 ACP procedures announced
Unit to collect soft drink bottles
EKU to award 1900 degrees May 11

TALK OF THE TOWN
Mrs. Jessie Mitchell celebrates 82nd Birthday
Mr. & Mrs. Chester Bretz announce the birth of daughter, Angela Dawn on April 14

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Buckler announce the birth of daughter, Lorraine Carol on April 18
Thomas George celebrates 70th birthday with dinner

ADS OF THE WEEK
Pant suits \$12/Lerman’s
Latex ceiling paint

Mercury Memories cont. on pg. 17

Nicholas County Residents



Jehovah's Witness logo with a cross



Upcoming Distribution Dates

May 10th

New Traffic Flow Instructions:

For safety, do no block traffic on Concrete Road

New Double Lane Entrance:

Enter from the drive behind Save-a-Lot. Do no park in or black Save-a-Lot's parking lot.

New Pick-up Times:

To help us serve you better, please come at your designated time:

• 9-10am ONLY

Last names that start with A-K.

• 10-11am ONLY

Last names that start with L-Z.

Available to all Nicholas County residents. Please bring a photo ID or piece of mail to verify county of residence for the recipient. One per household.

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OPINION

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Sharing a Smile

By Tom Metcalfe

A Nothing Story

Anyone that knows me, knows I like a good joke. Sometimes its because I am attempting to tell the joke. Sometimes I am the joke (according to my wife). I also enjoy funny entertainment such as movies and TV shows.

One of my favorite movies is a comic western named Support Your Local Sheriff. This movie makes frequent appearances on rerun TV networks such as “Grit”. James Garner, along with Joan Hackett, Walter Brennan, Harry Morgan, and two of my favorite western bad guys, Bruce Dern and Jack Elam are some of the members of the cast.

One of the funniest TV shows is Seinfeld. Four single friends -- comic Jerry Seinfeld, bumbling George Costanza, frustrated working gal Elaine Benes and eccentric neighbor Cosmo Kramer -- deal with the absurdities of everyday life in New York City.

The series finale, entitled “The Finale”, was broadcast on NBC on May 14, 1998. It is the 23rd and 24th episode of the ninth season, and the 179th and the 180th episode overall. The episode, written by series co-creator Larry David and directed by Andy Ackerman, to an audience of 76 million viewers, making it the

third-most watched overall television series finale. In the preceding hour, a clip show called "The Chronicle" (also called "The Clip Show") aired. The initial running time for the finale was 1 hour and 15 minutes.

The finale begins with George and Jerry landing a production deal with NBC, the four head out for Paris on NBC's private plane and are waylaid in a small Massachusetts town. Jerry, George, and their friends Elaine and Kramer unknowingly violate a local duty to rescue law (referred to as a Good Samaritan law in the episode's dialogue) and are put on trial. Co-creator Larry David, who departed from the series after the seventh season, returned to write the script for this last episode.

The actors are some of the wealthiest in the business. According to Forbes, Seinfeld, the lead actor in the series using his name has a net worth, currently stands at a staggering \$1.1 billion. Much of this fortune comes from his stake in the show's syndication profits, with Seinfeld earning an estimated \$3 billion in re-run revenue since it went off-air in 1998.

There is no need to feel sad for the other actors. They have succeeded in creating some sizable bank accounts,

as well.

George Costanza, played by Jason Alexander is an actor, comedian, director, producer, singer, writer who has a net worth of \$50 million.

Michael Richards, who played Cosmo Kramer on Seinfeld, has an estimated net worth of \$30 million. He has maintained a lower profile since the show ended, but continues to earn money through royalties.

Elaine, played by Julia Louis-Dreyfus is worth an estimated \$250 million, according to Celebrity Net Worth. In addition to her earnings from her work as an actor, comedian.

Emma Joke - “I find it ironic that the colors red, white, and blue stand for freedom until they are flashing behind you.”

Wisdom of John Ed - “You can get a mule to work by talking soft to him, but you hit him between the eyes with a 2 X 4 to get him to pay attention.”

BREAD OF LIFE

John 15:12 This is my commandment that ye love one another, as I have loved you. 13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends 14 Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you 15 Henceforth I call you not servants for the servant knoweth not what his Lord doeth; but I have called you friends for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you 16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain; that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, He may give it to you 17 These things I command you, that ye love one another. Love is the first and foremost command that Jesus gave us. It's very important to walk in love because the Bible tells us faith worketh by love. (Galatians 5:6) We can't afford to let anything stop the power of God flowing in our lives. Strife stops the shield of faith. We must be in har-

mony and united to see the power of God work in our lives. Discord and strife stops the power of God from working in our lives. James 3:16 For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. Ephesians 4:1 Therefore, the prisoner of the Lord beseech you, that ye walk worthy of the vocation where with ye are called. 2 With all lowliness and meekness with long suffering, forbearing one another in love 3 Endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace 4 There is one body and one spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; 5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism 6 one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in you all. We need to set our hearts on keeping the commands of Jesus and speak out His word with confidence and authority and walk in the love walk, so we can truly see the power of God flow in our lives. I Corinthians 13:1 Though I speak with tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity (love). I

am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal 2 And though I have the gift of prophesy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains and have not charity (love), I am nothing. 3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned and have not charity (love) it profiteth me nothing 4 Charity (love) suffereth long and is kind charity (love) envieth not; charity (love) vaunteth not itself, Is not puffed up 5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh not evil 6 Rejoiceth not in inquiry, but rejoiceth in truth 7 Beareth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things 8A Charity (love) never faileth 13 and now abideth faith, hope, charity (love) these three: but the greatest of these is charity (love).

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THE NICHOLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Just You Wait, Eliza

Though it does not appear in any official list of public holidays, the 20th of May is Eliza Doolittle Day – at least according to Alan Jay Lerner, the song lyricist for the musical My Fair Lady.

My Fair Lady, the musical film, was released in 1964. It had been adapted from the long-running Broadway musical of the same name and proved to be a great popular and critical success. The movie, which starred Rex Harrison and Audrey Hepburn, won eight Academy Awards, including that for best picture.

I remember seeing the movie on Fourth Street in downtown Louisville in 1964. A female friend and I saw the movie together. Unbeknownst to me at that time, there was some controversy concerning the starring role - Eliza Doolittle.

With Lerner's lyrics and music by Frederick Loewe, the adaptation of George Bernard Shaw's Pygmalion story first appeared as a stage musical in 1956 with Rex Harrison as linguistics Professor Henry Higgins and Julie Andrews as Eliza Doolittle, the flower-girl he takes under his wing.

The show was a smash hit, setting box office records in both London and New York. It was so successful, in fact, that it came as a shock when Julie Andrews was dropped as Warner Brothers prepared the film version that was released in 1964.

Andrews was just 20 when she made her

stage debut as Eliza in New York. The problem for producer Jack L. Warner when he came to make the movie was that he thought she wasn't "known enough" as a film actress. So the Hollywood machine swung behind Audrey Hepburn with her star appeal.

Julie Andrews was not the only member of the original cast to come under Jack L. Warner's critical scrutiny. He also had doubts about Rex Harrison as Professor Higgins, thinking he might be too old for the part. So he drew up a list of alternative actors.

Among them was Cary Grant who, according to studio gossip, told Warner that not only would he not play Higgins, but if the role did not go to Rex Harrison, he would not even go to see the film.

In the end, Harrison triumphed and was voted Best Actor at the Oscars in April 1965 for his performance as the professor. My Fair Lady was voted Best Picture and won seven other Oscars.

Julie Andrews, bitterly disappointed at losing the Doolittle role, was adequately compensated at the same ceremony by winning the Best Actress Oscar for her performance as Mary Poppins, the film that she turned to after being rejected for My Fair Lady.

Audrey Hepburn was not even nominated for an Oscar and had to sit watching Andrews pick up her award. Behind the scenes it was said one reason for Hepburn's snub was that when she appeared to be singing in

the film she was actually lip-syncing professional singer Marni Nixon who supplied Eliza's singing voice.

Anyway, back to the movie: In her imagination Eliza has become a friend of the King of England, who tells her: "Next week on the 20th May, I proclaim Eliza Doolittle Day."

Eliza (Audrey) sang, "Just you wait, Henry Higgins, just you wait

You'll be sorry but your tears will be too late

You'll be broke and I'll have money

Will I help you, don't be funny

Just you wait, Henry Higgins, just you wait

Just you wait, Henry Higgins 'till you're sick

And you screams to fetch a doctor double quick

I'll be off a second later And go straight to the theater

Oh oh oh, Henry Higgins, just you wait"

Emma Joke - "Don't ever try to eat a clock. It's way too time consuming!"

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BREAD OF LIFE

Romans 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. Jesus tells us in the Bible, we must be born again. Born again of His spirit, to be a born again believer, we need to receive Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. The way to God is through His son Jesus Christ. (John 3:16) For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. We are God's creation and He loves us, you know how much most dads love their children? Well God loves us much more than that. Anyone that doesn't have love for their children does not know God, for God

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at Carlisle's two tennis courts

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youngtennisacademy2@gmail.com

Name of Participant _____

Phone _____ Birthdate _____

Mailing address _____

E-mail address _____

Summer Times:

___ Tues. Mornings 9-10 am Kids

___ Tues. Mornings 10-11 am Adults, includes a Family Play Day

11-12 noon on the last day of each session.

Sessions:

___ June 3, 10, 17, 24, 2025

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Board of Education amends 2024-2025 calendar a fifth time

BY DEVON WILLIAMS
NEWS REPORTER

It was a busy night for the Board of Education at their regular meeting held on Tuesday, April 29.

Of interest is the fifth amendment to the 2024-2025 school year calendar after April weather events forced the cancellation of a couple of days of in-person instruction. This version keeps the last day of school separate from graduation. The last day for students will now be May 22.

Director of Pupil Personnel Jenny Nichols requested an amendment to approve the latest version, which keeps the last day of school separate from graduation. The motion carried.

After the standard call to order and pledge of allegiance, Assistant Superintendent Jenny Lynn Hatter gave a good news report regarding the success of this year's "Starry Night." For its fifteenth year, students went all out in their performances. With a revitalization of the arts in Harrison County this year seeing stage-plays across all school levels, Hatter exclaimed, "I cannot wait for the year's [got] in store."

The shining moment of the evening occurred early with the Golden Horseshoe Awards. Every seat was filled in the central office and a good chunk of the attendance was due to this very moment.

Superintendent Harry Burchett described the award as, "a symbol of distinction. It is bestowed upon Harrison County's hard-working and devoted employees who go the extra mile demonstrating leadership qualities, innovation and excellence in their work."

The first April Golden Horseshoe Award was given

to Chuck Mullikin, custodian of Eastside Elementary School. Taylor Hill, Eastside Elementary Principal, was the one to give the award. "Welcome to your first board meeting, brother," opened Hill to tremendous applause.

Students were asked to describe Mullikin and standout remarks were that he "helps all the people, is a great manager and takes care of us."

"Mr. Rogers told us to look for the helpers," said Hill. "And that's what you do. You do take care of us and our Eastside family."

The other April Golden Horseshoe Award was given to Julie Lucky, band director and general music teacher at Harrison County Middle School (HCMS).

Eric Case, HCMS assistant principal, stated, "Mrs. Lucky has made hundreds if not thousands of connections with students and people in Harrison County throughout her career. Her mark will be left on not only the middle school but this district and the band program for a long time

"You have a gift in teaching music. But even more than that, I've seen your dedication and commitment to your students and school. You truly inspire everyone around you to become the best version of themselves."

Again, remarks were given by students in regard to Mrs. Lucky. The one that seemed to strike home the hardest was, "She's given me a reason to look forward to going to school every day."

"Thank you for everything you've done for our school and our community, congratulations on your upcoming retirement and on your Golden Horseshoe Award," finished Case.

Next up was approval of Harrison County High School

field trips which carried. Following was a quick approval of Consent Items: Board Minutes and Fundraisers which carried. Next was the approval of financial reports which carried.

Instructional Coordinator/Director of Federal Programs Melissa Miles and Hatter gave a quick, though extensive, presentation: "Measurable Results, a Collaborative Commitment to Student Success."

Hatter opened, "I am a staunch advocate for public schools because we are the things that make our children successful in a world filled with adversity."

Hatter mentioned the construction of a new high school. "If we build it, we have to have good things to put inside of it. And that's not just instruction, but it's such an important piece of it."

The presentation had to do with that instructional piece; a three to five year plan that may even extend beyond that.

"This is no overnight," explained Hatter. "It's working with existing systems honoring the works in the past to make the work even better for the future. I have six amazing men behind me," as she gestured to the principals for Harrison County Schools, "and those men lead our schools."

Those six men discussed the good that exists and the things that can be improved upon in the future to benefit Harrison County students.

"We are developing a collaborative system, where we can decide as a district in a collaborative setting what is best for students instructionally," stated Miles. "Instead of having highlighted classrooms, we want that consistency across all

classrooms."

Next on the agenda, Mary Grubb held the panel for several motions of approval: 2026 Staffing Allocations, 2026 SBDM Allocations, Allocating money for 2026 student supplies, 2026 salary schedule, independent audit and corresponding contract, athletic trainer agreement, renewal of KY Employers Mutual Insurance (KEMI), 2025-2026 SRO partnership agreements and cooperative memberships. All were quickly approved and caried.

Travis Curry and Scott Noel gave the board an update on the construction of the new high school with pictures and video taken at the building site.

"As you can see, the building is really starting to take shape," noted Noel. "I think the guys and contractors are doing a great job in all the mud." He pointed out in pictures and video the early shaping of what will be certain areas in the school. "We are very pleased with the progress happening right now despite the weather.

"I'm proud to say that Harrison County had two students last year that received our scholarships: Olivia Phillips and Chloe Vance. They're going to start their internship as part of their award and be here with us throughout the summer to help present what they've learned and give back to their community."

"The job is progressing well and hopefully you can see from the month-to-month updates that we've shown you the progress we've made," said Curry.

Next, Bill Blackburn motioned for the approval of a construction pay application for \$915,330.88 which carried.

Blackburn then motioned for approval for outside

groups to use HCBOE facilities, which carried.

Finally, Blackburn motioned to solicit bids for fuel/gasoline for buses and other vehicles, tires for school buses and painting. Motion carried.

Hatter then approached the Board for approval of Phase IV Comprehensive District Improvement Plan, which carried.

Approval of employee leave of absences carried.

Personnel actions:

NEW HIRES

Jenny Coldiron, Bus Garage - Substitute Bus Driver

Kortney Harney, HCHS - Math Teacher - Effective 7/1/25

Madelynn Denniston, Northside - Teacher - Effective 7/1/25

Melody Herrington, HCMS - Math Teacher - Effective 7/1/25

Annie Furnish, Eastside - Guidance Counselor - Effective 7/1/25

Carman Ratliff, High School - Bookkeeper - Effective 4/14/25

Maddy Caudill, Eastside - Teacher - Effective 7/1/25

Tina Kendall, HCMS - Cook - Effective 4/16/25

NEW HIRE-SUBS

William Turner, Bus Garage - Substitute Bus Driver

Connor Lakes, District Wide - Substitute Teacher

Mary Canupp, District Wide - Substitute Teacher

Lesa Taylor, District Wide - Substitute Teacher

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Jesse Florence, Bus Garage - Substitute Bus Driver

Extended/Extra Duty

Evelyn Kiser, HCMS Drama Coach

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TRANSFER

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RESIGNATION

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Stacy Lemons, HCMS ESS Coordinator - Effective 6/30/25

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Harmony Sowder, Eastside - Pre-K Instructional Assistant - Effective 4/14/15

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Kimberly Bishop, Athletics Concessions - Effective 6/30/25

Jeff Kinney, HCMS Assistant Girls Basketball Coach

RETIREMENT

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VOLUNTEERS

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Connor Kilpela, HCHS Volunteer Freshman Baseball Coach

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Gotcha

BY BETSY SMITH
EDITOR

For nearly seven months, we have been fostering crazy Vivian, a gorgeous black shepherd mix with with an oddly lopped off tail and three dog's worth of crazed enthusiasm and love to give. As they say in the mockumentary "This Is Spinal Tap," she's turned up to 11.

Vivian is an awfully lady-like name for her, but it's often shortened to "Vivi." Only recently did I realize "vivi" in Latin refers to life and vitality. That definitely suits her.

For all these months she has been my shadow and, frequently, the bane of our existence.

Our other dogs have a complicated relationship with her. She and Ruthie wrestle and play together a lot, but Vivian overwhelms her often. Radar, our eight-year-old elder statesman, did not like ceding his constant place at my side but tolerates her.

Strangely, the three dogs can lick the same plate clean companionably, without a hint of a growl.

To be clear, there was a lot of destruction when Vivian first arrived on the scene. She might have eaten a couple of books ... a corner of the bed ... a couch cushion.

And the peeing ... floors that could stand to be refinished before now definitely need refinishing.

We've overcome a lot of issues. She's a smart girl. But there are definitely Vivian rules that never had to be in place with Radar and Ruthie. Food cannot be left unattended on the counter anymore, for instance. Neither can books.

To be honest, Vivian can-



Ed Smith

Formerly foster Vivian and Radar share the space next to editor Betsy Smith while Ruthie sleeps on her preferred spot at the end. This is Vivian's first moment with an official home.

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not be trusted with a burnt out match and must be crated when we leave. Fortunately, she took to the crate like a duck to water, leaving us to wonder if maybe she didn't have a home at some point.

We don't know her story at all, just that she was picked up as a stray late last summer.

We don't know how old she is. Two? Three?

We took her in Oct. 14 which, oddly enough, was exactly one year after our cat, Meep, wandered into our alley the previous year.

We had never fostered a dog before, although Ruthie and our first dog, Skipper (a.k.a. The Great One) were shelter dogs, so we knew there would be adjustments and that we might have her a while, so we stuck it out.

But no matter how many

pretty pictures of her went up on the shelter's Facebook page, no one was interested. In all that time, no one even wanted to meet her.

Vivian's extra, to be sure, waaaaay extra, but not even to have a whisper of interest is sad. She is so affectionate and smart; we knew she'd make a great dog for someone who had the time to work with her.

This morning Ed and I were enjoying the first morning warm enough to sit on the back porch for coffee—oh happy day—when we got a text from Jess at the shelter saying Vivian had been accepted by a rescue organization with a track record of finding wonderful homes for the dogs in their care.

Gulp.

It wasn't until we read Jess's text that it hit us.

Vivian already has a home.

For all her cussedness, she's loved. She is part of the family.

I texted Jess back. "We will adopt her. We love her." What have we done?

Will there be more crazy? Doubtless. Will there be moments when we rue the decision? Probably. But as Lysander observed in Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream," "The course of true love never did run smooth."

She is curled up next to me as I type this.

And as if it was a sign, for the first time ever, Radar has snuggled up against her, half on top of her (see illustration) and they both have their heads resting on me.

So this is her gotcha day. It may be a bumpy ride, but I think it will be a fun one.

... Remembering one of Mr. Rogers's helpers

BY BRUCE FLORENCE
COLUMNIST

Last week I wrote of the changing of the guard up on the hilltop with the promotion of Sandy Power to the position of campus director of Licking Valley Campus. She tells us she is excited and energized by the challenge.

As I was visiting campus for a going away party for Melanie Morris's retirement, as director of the nursing program, I found myself remembering folks who, for one reason or the other, decided to support the tenuous beginnings of the college effort in our community.

You know, when we look at that sturdy little brick building perched high on our tallest hill, it might seem as if it was destined to happen and that things necessary just sort of fell into place. But I can promise you that is far from how things really were back then.

Remember when you were just a kid and wanted a play house or tree house or just a hidden corner for a clubhouse? More than likely you found a way to make that happen using what resources you could collect.

I once had my favorite play house in the root cellar along with the canned food, hanging onions and pecks of potatoes. If you have a similar memory then you are on to what had to happen to get a college presence started all those years ago.

Barbara Campbell, Lori Gaunce, Sandy Power and I set our minds to it and just plain started a few classes with almost no financial support, equipment or space. I guess the need for the opportunity for young people coupled with four bossy women who just pushed, schemed

and dreamed hoping to find people with willing hearts and ears was enough.

One of those people was David McIlvain. Somehow or other he convinced a young man who sold copiers to temporarily place one of his trade-in models in our tiny office. It worked like a charm, made thousands of copies in what was left of its useful life and made possible so many facets of the work needed for classrooms, advertising and mailings.

David wasn't through with us though. On a cold, snowy day he knocked on our door there on Oddville Avenue. He was carrying a very early computer that had been retired by one of the offices in town. It seemed like a miracle, and Sandy, who had been exposed to computer magic in another job, taught us how to make the best use of it.

With those two pieces of office equipment in place much of the work that was needed was so much easier to accomplish.

I have never forgotten how David cared about what we were doing and went about looking for ways to see if he could help us. His early support was so crucial, and for years after he never hesitated to inquire about how things were going. I told him often how much we appreciated what he did, but he would just laugh it off and insist it was nothing.

Sadly, David has slipped away from us much too soon, leaving sad and broken hearts behind. I would ask that the next time you drive by the college building to remember that this opportunity was built by people with generous hearts, like David, who had an earnest desire to make possible what once seemed only a dream.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, KENTUCKY
SUMMARY AND NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION**

The Board of Education of Franklin County, Kentucky (the "Board of Education") at a regular meeting on May 12, 2025, passed and adopted a Resolution entitled:

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The Resolution authorizes the issuance of \$40,445,000 of the Board of Education's General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2025 ("Bonds") (subject to permitted adjustment) to be issued for the purpose of financing construction, acquisition and equipping of a new Elkhorn Elementary School (the "Project").

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A copy of the Resolution is available in the office of the Secretary of the Board of Education. This summary has been prepared by David B. Malone of Steptoe & Johnson PLLC, Louisville, Kentucky, Bond Counsel to the Board of Education.

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Special to the News-Graphic

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“Kentucky’s goal is for 60 percent of adults to have a college credential by the year 2030, up from the current level of 56 percent,” said Dr. Aaron Thompson, CPE President. “Re-engaging the half million Kentuckians who left school without a credential will be critical to reaching our goal.”

When a stopped out student owes money, the college often places an administrative hold on their account until the debt is paid. A registration hold, for example, prevents a student from re-enrolling. While institutions are not in the financial position to resolve all debt, there are ways to work with students to provide more flexibility and simplify bureaucratic processes.

Elizabeth Looker, Senior Program Manager at Ithaka S+R, explains: “Through our research collaboration with CPE, we identified a range of actionable opportunities—both big and small—for postsecondary institutions to address the administrative and financial barriers that prevent adult learners from enrolling. By implementing these recommendations, colleges and universities across Kentucky can increase enrollment, support more adults in earning high-quality credentials and strengthen the state’s economy.”

The brief recommends that institutions identify ways to remove enrollment barriers through adjustments such as auditing existing holds on student accounts, offering flexible payment plans to adults wishing to re-enroll and creating debt forgiveness programs that dismiss some or all unpaid balances as students accumulate additional credits toward a degree.

If you go

CPE will host a webinar on **June 13 at 2 p.m.** to discuss the brief’s findings and recommended actions for campuses seeking to support adult learners as they begin or complete a college credential. To register, visit <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/mt4502nw7ug?#registration>.

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be moderated by Lynn Godsey, Campus Director for the Bluegrass Community & Technical College and President of the Georgetown – Scott County Chamber of Commerce.

Community members are welcomed to submit questions early to the panelist group by scanning the QR code below:



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Fayette high school dean accused of pointing gun is on administrative leave

BY VALARIE HONEYCUTT SPEARS
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Bryan Station High School Dean of Students John “Jay” Bordas, accused of pointing a gun at a Lexington driver, is on administrative leave, Fayette County Public Schools’ superintendent has confirmed.

Demetrus Liggins additionally said Bordas won’t be attending a Las Vegas conference approved by the school board if he is still on leave in July.

Bordas was charged with first-degree wanton endangerment in March after a Lexington man says the dean followed him home and pointed a

gun at him.

In April, after he was charged, the school board approved for Bordas to attend a Las Vegas conference on learning. But Liggins said Bordas won’t be attending that conference if he is still on leave.

On May 2, Bordas’ criminal attorney Christopher Wilkie said in an interview with the Herald-Leader Bordas had entered a not guilty plea.

“When all the facts come out, we are looking forward to a favorable resolution,” Wilkie said.

In April, after Bordas was charged, the Fayette County Public Schools Board of Education approved Bordas and nine other Bryan Station High

School employees to attend a “visible learning conference” in Las Vegas July 20-24 at a cost of \$2,649 each.

The purpose “is to provide valuable insights into evidence based teaching strategies that enhance student achievement,” a meeting agenda document said.

“Per district policy and standard procedure, when an employee is accused of serious wrongdoing, they may be placed on leave with pay during the investigative process,” district spokesperson Dia Davidson-Smith said.

“This step is not disciplinary in nature, but is taken to ensure a safe, orderly and disruption-

free learning environment while allowing for due process. Final decisions about continued employment or participation in future district activities are determined based on the outcome of the investigation.”

Davidson-Smith added: “Regarding the Leadership and Professional Services Academy conference in Las Vegas, scheduled for July, the board approved participation for several staff members as part of their professional learning and growth. Participation by any staff member currently on administrative leave will be assessed based on their employment status at the time of the event. FCPS

remains committed to upholding the principles of due process and the presumption of innocence, unless proven otherwise,,” Davidson-Smith said.

As of May 5, Bordas was still listed on the Bryan Station Senior High School website as dean of students, head golf coach and an assistant boys basketball coach.

Bordas, 44, was charged in a warrant served March 21 with first-degree wanton endangerment after a Lexington man says the dean followed him home and pointed a gun at him.

The incident happened just before 4:45 p.m. Feb. 13 when a man said he approached the intersection of Clearwater Way and Fiddler Creek Way in Lexington, and another driver ran a stop sign, police say.

“As the victim braked heavily to prevent a collision, the suspect vehicle also stopped,” The criminal complaint reads. “The victim proceeded to drive around the suspect vehicle and continued to travel towards his residence.”

When the victim arrived at his home, he said the suspect vehicle pulled into the cul-de-sac, too, and parked in front of the victim’s home.

“As the victim stood in his driveway, he observed the suspect, who was seated in the driver’s seat point a black firearm at him,” the complaint reads.

The complaint said Bordas was identified as the suspect through the “use of investigative resources,” as well as the victim’s cooperation.

“While under circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to human life, Mr. Bordas wantonly engaged in conduct which created a substantial danger of death or serious physical injury to the victim,” the complaint said.

Bordas was arraigned in Fayette District Court on April 15. Court records say his next scheduled court appearance is May 22 for a pretrial conference.

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Kentucky pharmacist gets prison over stealing pills his wife traded for meth

BY BILL ESTEP
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A former Kentucky pharmacist who took part in stealing pain pills from his business that his wife traded for illegal drugs such as methamphetamine has been sentenced to three years in prison.

Joseph Patrick Huff, 46, pleaded guilty in the case to theft of medical products, conspiracy to illegal-

ly distribute drugs, health care fraud, aggravated identity theft and filing a false report.

His wife, Jenifer Huff, 46, pleaded guilty to theft of medical products, conspiracy to distribute drugs and health care fraud and was sentenced to two years in prison.

Huff operated Franklin Pharmacy, in Simpson County, but has lost his license and moved out of state, according to the

court record.

Between May 2020 and January 2023, Huff and his wife took oxycodone and hydrocodone from the pharmacy, which she often sold or traded to get cocaine, meth and marijuana, according to his plea.

Huff also admitted he provided a generic drug to customers but billed insurance for the brand name of the drug so he could get more money; billed insur-

ance for a blood thinner for one patient that the patient didn’t receive; billed Medicaid for medication for his wife even though she didn’t have a prescription; used the identification of another provider; and filed a false police report of a robbery and theft at the pharmacy.

The report was intended to hide the illegal drug distribution from the pharmacy, according to a sentencing memorandum from Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph R. Ansari.

Joseph Huff’s attorney, B. Alan Simpson, said in a sentencing memo that Huff’s life of service as a diligent, compassionate pharmacist and father of four unraveled after his wife became addicted to drugs.

Huff tried to get his wife to break off contact with people who were influencing her, but her addiction “consumed their home and ultimately dragged Patrick down with it” as he tried to support his wife, Simpson said in the memo.

“Patrick is not a habitual offender. He is a man who made poor decisions while trying to hold his family together,” the memo said, suggesting a sentence of probation, community service or home incarceration for Huff.

The prosecutor argued for a prison sentence for Huff, saying he and his wife diverted thousands of doses of drugs from the pharmacy that ended up in rural communities.

“The theft and sale of controlled substances created an extreme danger to the public,” Ansari wrote. “This all occurred in the backdrop of an opioid epidemic raging across America.”

Chief U.S. District Judge Greg N. Stivers sentenced Huff and his wife May 1 in federal court in Bowling Green.

The case was investigated by the Bowling Green/Warren County Drug Task Force, Kentucky State Police, the Warren County Sheriff’s Office, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and the state Cabinet for Health and Family Services Office of Inspector General.

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Lexington has a new health department director after 7 months of searching

BY KENDALL STATON
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The Lexington Fayette County Health Department has finally hired a new leader after seven months under an interim director.

Crystal Miller, who has over 20 years of experience in public health, will start as the health commissioner in July. She



Crystal Miller takes over from interim commissioner Steve Davis, who has been in the acting role since October. “I was born and raised in Lexington, and graduated from Bryan Station High School. Being given the opportunity to serve my

hometown in this capacity is exciting,” Miller said in a news release Monday. “I look forward to building relationships and forming partnerships that will continue to advance public health in our community.”

Miller currently serves as the director of the WEDCO District Health Department (W.E. Davis Counties), which serves Harrison, Nicholas and

Scott Counties in central Kentucky. She has been at the department for almost 18 years.

Prior to that she worked at the University of Kentucky College of Public Health for seven years.

The Board of Health, which approves the health commissioner, is appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council.

The Lexington Fayette County Health Department has about 170 employees and a \$27 million annual budget.

It oversees public health initiatives like restaurant inspections, school nurses, runs programs for new mothers and has a needle exchange program. Most of its funding comes from city taxes, including a local property tax that generates around \$9 mil-

lion annually.

The health department has struggled to retain a leader since 2021.

Dr. Joel McCullough was hired but resigned in July 2022.

After McCullough, Dr. Sheila Owens-Collins was appointed to the position in January 2023. She was fired in April 2023.

The board eventually entered a settlement agreement with Owens-Collins and paid her more than \$95,000, documents obtained by the Herald-Leader show.

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Supreme Court to weigh judges’ powers to stop Trump

BY KHALEDA RAHMAN
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The U.S. Supreme Court could soon curtail judges’ powers to rein in President Donald Trump.

The court is set to hear arguments on Thursday in three cases consolidated under Trump v. CASA that challenge Trump’s executive order to end birthright citizenship for the U.S.-born children of people who are in the country illegally. The order was halted nationwide by three district courts.

The legal issue before the court is not about birthright citizenship, but whether individual judges can give nationwide effect to their rulings. The Trump administration wants the court to narrow the nationwide injunctions to cover only the people and groups that are sued.

WHY IT MATTERS

Judges across the country have issued dozens of orders delaying Trump’s

agenda. There are currently more than 200 lawsuits challenging the administration’s actions.

But if the Supreme Court limits nationwide – or universal – injunctions, the president will have much more freedom to implement his policies, even if they are deemed illegal or unconstitutional by a lower-court judge.

WHAT TO KNOW

University of Notre Dame law professor Samuel Bray told The Economist that judges have been overreaching to thwart “almost every major executive initiative” from Democratic and Republican presidents in the past decade. Before 2015, universal injunctions had been far less common.

While Bray thinks Trump’s birthright citizenship order is wrong and would sow “chaos and harmful legal uncertainty,” he believes it could be better addressed by “declaratory judgments” and



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In recent years, some justices have expressed criticism of universal injunctions.

Justice Neil Gorsuch, one of the court’s conservatives, argued in a 2020

junctions is patently unworkable, sowing chaos for litigants, the government, courts, and all those affected by these conflicting decisions” and that the court must address them.

He also noted that nationwide injunctions mean that plaintiffs can shop around for the judge who is most likely to be sympathetic to their cause.

“Because plaintiffs generally are not bound by adverse decisions in cases to which they were not a party, there is a nearly boundless opportunity to shop for a friendly forum to secure a win nationwide,” he wrote.

Justice Elena Kagan, one of the court’s three liberal justices, has also taken aim at sweeping injunctions and the “judge shopping” by plaintiffs.

“In the Trump years, people used to go to the Northern District of California, and in the Biden years, they go to Texas,” she said in 2022. “It just can’t be right that one district judge can stop a nationwide policy in its tracks and leave it stopped for the years that it takes to go through the normal process.”

Republican and Democratic administrations

have complained about their policies being blocked by nationwide injunctions issued by a single judge. President Joe Biden’s solicitor general, Elizabeth Prelogar, filed a brief in December 2024, after Trump won a second term, asking the Supreme Court to limit these orders after a Texas judge blocked an anti-money laundering law.

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING

Ilya Somin, a law professor at George Mason University, told USA Today that the court could reaffirm the use of nationwide injunctions: “I would have thought that the faction that wants to end universal injunctions would have preferred a less sympathetic case to do that in.”

Trump, in a Truth Social post in March: “STOP NATIONWIDE INJUNCTIONS NOW, BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE. If Justice Roberts and the United States Supreme Court do not fix this toxic and unprecedented situation IMMEDIATELY, our Country is in very serious trouble!”

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Louisville judge allows bank victims’ lawsuit to continue

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A judge ruled that a lawsuit filed by families of victims of the Old National Bank mass shooting in Louisville can continue, which would hold a gun seller, a distributor and a firearm accessory manufacturer legally responsible.

Jefferson County Judge Mitch Perry ruled Monday a federal law that grants broad immunity to gun manufacturers does not prohibit the lawsuit from proceeding in court.

Family members of victims and survivors of the Old National Bank shooting filed a lawsuit in Jefferson County Circuit Court against River City Firearms in January 2024. Two companies that sell firearms accessories were soon added as additional defendants — RSR Group Inc. and Magpul Industries Corporation.

The shooting took place inside the Old National Building in downtown

Louisville on April 10, 2023, and left five people dead and eight others injured. The gunman, Connor Sturgeon, was also killed. Thomas Elliott, Jim Tutt, Josh Barrick, Deana Eckert and Juliana Farmer were fatally shot by Sturgeon.

PERRY’S RULING

Federal law protects gunmakers from liability in many cases, but an exception is made if the conduct of the company violated a state law.

In an eight-paged ruling filed Monday, Perry called the shooting “one of the worst acts of mass violence the community has ever experienced.”

Perry found that in the defendants’ claims so far, they have not met the legal requirements that would prevent them from being held liable in the shooting.

The defendants requested the lawsuit be dismissed, and cited the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act, saying it barred them from the allegations against them.

However, the standard for dismissal is extremely high — and one Perry said the gun manufacturer did not meet. During motions for lawsuit dismissals, a judge must hear facts about the case and view them in the light most favorable to the victims.

A large portion of the lawsuit centers around the claims toward the sale of gun accessories, which Perry ruled were not barred by the federal laws because the items are “accessories” and not “component parts” essential to the firearms function.

“Instead of recognizing the outward manifestations of mental turmoil, the Plaintiffs allege that not only did River City sell the shooter a weapon not suited for his stated purpose of self-defense, but also up-sold him enhancements to make the firearm even deadlier,” Perry said in denying the motion to dismiss.

Perry also allowed claims of violation of state law, negligent entrustment (meaning the companies

supplied dangerous tools to a person who was likely to cause harm) and general negligence to proceed. The lawsuit also accuses River City of negligence, wrongful death and deprivation of benefits of a parental and spousal relationship.

Tad Thomas, one of several lawyers for the plaintiffs, called Perry’s ruling a “major victory” for the victims and their families.

“That Monday morning, many families lost loved ones, and other members of our Louisville community suffered lifelong injuries,” Thomas said. “The court’s decision today puts us one step closer to holding the wrongdoers responsible for the tragedy they caused and making Louisville a safer place to live.”

WHAT THE LAWSUIT ALLEGES

The lawsuit alleges River City Firearms had a responsibility to notice Sturgeon was not an experienced firearms user and should have declined to sell to him.

Instead, River City sold Sturgeon several add-ons to the assault-style firearm making it more deadly, the lawsuit claims. These include a vertical power grip, red dot sight and three large-capacity extended magazines.

Sturgeon purchased the firearms and accessories four days before the mass shooting.

Thomas told the Herald-Leader in a previous interview that one of the first red flags was Sturgeon’s odd behavior in the store when he went to purchase the firearm — averting others’ gazes and speaking softly.

A witness from the store recounted the appearance of Sturgeon’s inexperience with firearms. A store employee had to show Sturgeon how to perform basic functions with the gun, including how to load it, hold it and use certain features, the witness said.

One witness from River City told her husband after the shooting, “I bet it was that kid at the store,” according to the lawsuit.

“It was obvious to the witness that Sturgeon had never handled a gun before,” the lawsuit said. “Sturgeon also commented about the high cost of the firearm and accessories — despite purchasing one of the cheapest AR-15-style rifles on the market —

further displaying his inexperience and ignorance about firearms.”

He paid \$762.90, according to a store receipt.

Witnesses at the store said Sturgeon claimed he was buying the weapon for “home defense” after his friend’s home was broken into.

Thomas said a novice like Sturgeon, who expressed concern about the price of the weapon he bought, would be unlikely to seek out an AR-15-style rifle for home defense.

“Therefore, River City knew, or reasonably should have known, that, under all the circumstances, an AR-15-style rifle was not a suitable choice for home defense for this purchaser,” the lawsuit read.

In 23 seconds, Sturgeon was able to fire nearly 30 rounds inside the Old National Bank conference room. He reloaded a new magazine before exchanging fire with responding to police officers, who killed Sturgeon.

“If River City had not sold Sturgeon this extra (magazine), Sturgeon would not have been able to continue firing. Instead, bullets continued to rain down on innocents until Sturgeon was incapacitated,” the lawsuit said.

A hearing has not yet been set for the lawsuit.

Kentucky American Water wants another customer rate increase

BY BETH MUSGRAVE
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Kentucky American Water wants a rate increase that would cost the average user an additional \$9 a month.

The water system, which covers Fayette and surrounding counties, wants the increase to pay for more than \$212 million

in infrastructure upgrades, including replacing 30 miles of aging water pipes, upgrading storage tanks and pumping systems.

The new rate would generate about \$26.9 million for the company that serves more than 527,000 Kentucky customers in 13 counties.

“Kentucky American Water is dedicated to the health and safety of our

customers and the communities we serve,” said Rob Burton, president of Kentucky American Water. “Our approach to long-term, efficient and consistent investments in our water systems enables us to deliver high-quality service to the more than half a million people we serve in 13 counties.”

The company filed the request for the rate in-

crease with the Public Service Commission, which regulates utilities, last week.

The \$9 a month increase is based on an average homeowner who uses 3,900 gallons per month.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

The Kentucky Attorney General and the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government can intervene in the case on behalf of rate payers, which they typically do.

Susan Straub, a spokeswoman for the city, said

Lexington will intervene on behalf of residents.

“We work to keep the cost of living low,” Straub said.

Those groups typically argue a utility’s rate increase is too high and ask the Public Service Commission to decrease the rate. It is rare for the PSC to grant a utility company’s full requested rate increase.

The rate increase can go into effect on a temporary basis in seven months. The PSC typically enters its decision 10 months after a rate increase re-

quest, according to the water company.

If the PSC sets a lower rate increase than Kentucky American Water requested, rate payers will get a refund. Rate payers will be notified of the new rates by mail and on the company’s website, according to the water company.

The last time Kentucky American Water asked for a rate increase was in 2023.

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ARRESTED - FROM FRONT

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Search incident to the arrest of McGeorge led to the discovery of a small clear plastic baggie containing a white crystal-like substance that is consistent with crystal Methamphetamine, in addition to a syringe and two clear glass pipes with burn marks.

No law enforcement officers nor members of the public were injured due to this arrest.

Mark McGeorge was transported to and lodged in the Jackson County Detention Center on the charges of: Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon, Fleeing or Evading Police 1st Degree (on foot), Resisting Arrest, Possession of a Controlled Substance 1st Degree (methamphetamine), Drug paraphernalia (buy/possess), Menacing, Assault 3rd Degree Police Officer, in addition to his outstanding warrant of arrest.

On Monday (May 05, 2025) McGeorge appeared before Judge Henria Bailey-Lewis in District Court for arraignment in Case #25-F-00056 to answer for the above referenced charges. McGeorge entered pleas of “not guilty” to all charges. A preliminary hearing was scheduled for May 12, 2025. Judge Bailey-Lewis ruled that McGeorge should be considered a “danger to self or others” and that he was a “flight risk”. His bond was set at \$10,000 cash.



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TRIAL - FROM FRONT

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As in any case at this stage of adjudication, the arrests are part of a preliminary investigation, and the charges are allegations. The defendant(s) are presumed innocent until the court provides due process and determines them to be guilty.

MAILBOX - FROM FRONT

made a diligent effort to locate them.

Throughout investigation, we were able to positively identify those responsible for this act, and Deputy Hacker was able to provide sufficient evidence to pursue charges on those individuals responsible. I would also like to add that throughout the course of this investigation that there were over 54 mailboxes damaged, and Deputy Hacker's diligent effort in gathering ALL addresses for those properties was a large undertaking, and I commend him for his excellent investigative work and in seeing the case through. These individuals have been lodged in the Jackson County Detention Center on the charges of Criminal Mischief in the 1st Degree. I, alongside my Deputies and Office Staff, appreciate our communities engagement in our activities and in assisting us when requested. Thank you.”

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GUILTY - FROM FRONT

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Deputy Brewer notified the Department for Community Based Services (DCBS) and they told him to take the children into protective custody. Deputy Brewer went back to the church where the kids were located and stayed with the children. Shortly after he arrived at the church, King texted the Church Pastor and told him she would be there soon to get her kids. King arrived at the church about 35 minutes later and was placed under arrest. According to the police report, King’s daughter is 10 years old and has special needs. King’s son is 3 years old. The police report stated that the 3-year-old’s diaper was full and looked like it had not been changed in days and the child was covered in feces. One of the women at the church went to Dairy Queen and got the kids some food and brought it back to the church. The report states that the children ate the food so fast that they started to choke as if they were starving.

King was transported to the Jackson County Detention Center, where she was booked and charged with wanton endangerment, 1st degree (2 counts), and abuse or neglect action – UJC (2 counts). King entered a plea of “not guilty” to all charges. King is in custody with a \$10,000 cash bond while she awaits her next court appearance. A preliminary hearing was scheduled for September 09, 2024.

During the preliminary hearing on September 09, 2024, Judge Henria Bailey-Lewis determined that probable cause had been found and the case was bound over to the Grand Jury for consideration. In addition, the two counts of abuse or neglect action were “closed out” for the purposes of the criminal court since those were scheduled to be dealt with in Family Court.

A grand jury returned indictment #25-CR-00014 on February 04, 2025, confirming that probable cause existed for the charges of wanton endangerment, 1st degree. At the latest review in Circuit Court, King changed her pleas of “not guilty” to pleas of “guilty” for the charges. A pre-sentence investigation was ordered by Judge House, and a sentencing hearing was scheduled for August 05, 2025.

PROM PROMISE - FROM FRONT

could destroy their life, and put others at risk. Therefore, by making the Prom Promise, we stand together to protect our future and ensure that prom is a night to remember—for all the right reasons.

This would not be possible without the leadership of English teacher and Link Crew Coordinator, Mrs. Tiffany Medlock, senior Link Crew students, and our Deputy Director of Emergency Management Brody Keck along with the rest of Jackson County Emergency Management, 911, EMS, Jackson County Sheriff’s Office, Jackson County Coroner’s Office, and McKee Police Department, along with everyone who donated the vehicles we needed for the skit.

We also would like to thank our Principal, Mr. Parrett, for trusting us, and allowing us to showcase this event to the whole school. Thank you to Ms. Bingham for allowing us to use her space, along with Mrs. Young, her culinary class, and Assistant Principal Mr. Coffey for cooking a nice meal after the event, and Justin Lakes from PRTC for coming out to film the event.

It truly takes a village, and I am thankful for ours.

(The skit told a story of 2 students leaving from prom in their car, while others had left earlier to go night riding in their side by sides. We chose this idea because this is a more modern occurrence that we see in the community, as it is a fun pastime. However, the students in the side by sides had been drinking which altered their ability to drive safely. As they were driving on the highway, they crossed over onto the other lane and collided into the car of the 2 students who were leaving prom. This left 1 deceased, 2 in critical condition, 2 in stable condition, but minor injuries/trauma, and the others were charged for driving under the influence, and vehicular manslaughter.)

MAILBOX - FROM FRONT

properties was a large undertaking. I commend him for his excellent investigative work and for seeing the case through.”

After obtaining criminal complaint warrants, Miller and Wilson were arrested and lodged in the Jackson County Detention Center on the charges of Criminal Mischief in the 1st Degree.

Miller and Wilson both entered a plea of “not guilty” to the charge of criminal mischief, 1st degree. Both defendants waived the days on their preliminary hearings. Each of their bonds was modified with the condition requiring no unwanted contact with any of the alleged victims. A preliminary hearing was scheduled for each defendant to be held on June 30, 2025.

In Kentucky, Criminal Mischief in the First Degree is a Class D felony, carrying a sentence of 1 to 5 years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000. This penalty applies when the value of the property damage exceeds \$1,000.

As in all cases at this stage of adjudication, the charges are allegations and the defendants are presumed innocent until provided due process and determined to be guilty by the court.

Sheriff Encourages Fentanyl Awareness at Fiscal Court Meeting

Jerry Sparks
Co-Editor/Senior Reporter

The Jackson County Fiscal Court met on Thursday, May 15, 2025. Present were Magistrates Dale Vaughn, Garvin Baker, and Danny Todd, Sheriff Daniel Isaacs, Jailer Brian Gabbard, and County Clerk Donald “Duck” Moore. County Judge Executive Shane Gabbard was not in attendance and was dealing with personal matters. The Magistrates nominated and approved Magistrate Dale Vaughn to facilitate the meeting in Judge Gabbard’s absence.

County Clerk Moore opened the meeting by reading the minutes of the last regular monthly meeting.

In the District report, Magistrate Vaughn discussed an inquiry he received from the public regarding the potential for the county to subcontract out trash pick-up services in specific areas of the county. The item was discussed but all were in agreement that a consultation with the County Attorney should be accomplished before any action taken. Magistrate Vaughn also indicated he had been asked about the possibility of moving the time of the Fiscal Court meetings. This was also tabled until the full fiscal court could entertain the notion and hold a discussion.

Sheriff Isaacs reported to the court and informed them that his office had been conducting targeted enforcement and serving numerous warrants. The sheriff reported that fentanyl is becoming more abundant in the community and cautioned everybody to be aware. Fentanyl is an extremely dangerous synthetic opioid that looks like coffee creamer in its powdered form. However, it is often mixed with other drugs, such as heroin, cocaine, and methamphetamine. It is impossible to tell if a substance contains fentanyl just by looking at it, as even a tiny amount can be fatal. Sheriff Isaacs says that people will frequently throw their drugs out the car window when approaching a roadblock or being stopped in a traffic check. This means fentanyl may find its way into a roadside ditch or near a residential yard. If you encounter any suspicious substance, it is best to avoid it and seek help from law enforcement or medical professionals.

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Correction of Omission: In last week’s article congratulating Roger & Joan Williams on their 80th birthday, the author (“The Boy”) failed to include two additional facilities that have benefited from the services and guidance of Mr. Williams. These include serving at the Masonic Home & School in Fort Worth, TX and the Corinth Baptist Church in London, KY

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City of Livingston to provide spaces for community use

By: Mike French
Editor

The City of Livingston is about to open several locations for local activities.

Many have shared their feelings that there should be more to do in Rockcastle County, especially for youth.

Talk of economic development and expansion suggest a growing population and more business in the near future. State Representative Josh Bray provided a grant to the county of over \$4 million last year to provide a recreational complex in the county. However, though many are looking forward to such growth and development, according to some officials, none of it helps the immediate situation.

"We wanted to do something that can potentially help the problem today. Right now," said Livingston Mayor Sandi Singleton. "We can't build a play park over night but we basically already have one."

Singleton is referring to the upstairs space at the old Livingston Visitor Center (old Livingston School) as well as space available in the old Livingston School Cafeteria. "There is a huge space just filled with toys and games and many things that kids enjoy above the old visitor center," she said. "It has been inspected and deemed safe and ready to use and all those toys and games and activities are just sitting there. I mean good quality, nice equipment."

Singleton said the space used to be used for school aged childrens' classes but the space has been abandoned for some

time. "We decided to make all that available for anyone in the county. Anyone who has children can bring their kids and

use everything up there, including the fully functional kitchen."

The Old Livingston School Gymnasium is al-



Kitchen space, shown above in the old Livingston school building cafeteria, is ready to use, according to Livingston officials. Shown below is a part of the play space, in the same building, available to rent beginning immediately.



KSP graduates over 30 new cadets

On May 2, 2025, The Kentucky State Police (KSP) announced the graduation of 33 cadets from the KSP Training Academy. These troopers will begin their new public safety careers in communities throughout the commonwealth. One of the graduates will be serving at KSP Post 11.

KSP Post 11 Captain Ryan Catron is excited to welcome new Trooper Derek Dennis to London. Captain Catron said, "It is always amazing to see new

young Troopers on the roadways in the London Post area and around the Commonwealth of Kentucky."

Cadet Class 105 arrived at the KSP Academy on Nov. 10, beginning hands-on training required to become a state trooper. Cadet Class 105 underwent more than 1,000 hours of classroom and field study in subjects such as constitutional law, juvenile and traffic law, use of force, weapons training, defensive tactics, first aid, high

speed vehicle pursuit, criminal investigation, computer literacy, hostage negotiations, evidence collection, radio procedures, search and seizure, crash investigation, drug identification, traffic control, crowd control, armed robbery response, electronic crimes, sex crimes, hate crimes, domestic violence, bomb threats and hazardous materials.

Cadet Class 105 graduate assigned to Post 11 is: Derek Dennis, Monticello, Ky.

ready available for rent for all citizens and brings income to the county each month.

Singleton says there is also a cafeteria space available that anyone can use as well. "It is a great place for birthday parties, events, meetings, baby/wedding showers and most everything else," she said.

Singleton and City Clerk Samantha Smoker said the city will have to charge a minimal amount since the city has to pay utilities and provide maintenance and upkeep but they plan to keep the fees at a minimum. "We will just charge \$50 for two hours or people can rent it all day if they want," Singleton said.

The idea, according to Livingston officials, simply uses resources that are already available for citizens to utilize while waiting for the promised economic development and growth in the county. "We hope these spaces and materials and equipment that we have can provide a way for parents and citizens to get out and enjoy their community now. People can schedule an event, hold parties or just go play with their children immediately," Singleton said.

According to officials, anyone interested in using any of the space available in Livingston should contact City Hall and schedule your event or drop by City Hall and go on to the play space from there.

During last Friday's City Commission meeting, the commission

agreed unanimously to provide the spaces for rent.

Singleton also mentioned future plans to enlarge and improve the play space at the visitor center.

MAMAW'S KITCHEN

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egg mix. Remove one piece at a time and place in flour mixture to coat. Place in prepared baking dish. Repeat until all veggies are coated and on pan. Pour remaining butter or margarine over each piece of veggie. Bake 10 to 12 minutes or until tender. Drain and sprinkle with parmesan cheese, if desired.

ONION PATTIES

3/4 cup all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 tablespoon cornmeal
2/3 cup milk
2 and 1/3 cup chopped onions

Mix all together. Heat oil in large skillet. Form onion mixture into patties and place in hot skillet. Cook on one side until brown. Turn over and cook until browned on other side.

HONEY CARROTS

1 bag (1 pound) baby carrots
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RCIDA is pleased with progress of Farmers Market

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Members of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority held their regular monthly meeting last Wednesday morning at the courthouse.

Chairman Roland Mullins opened the meeting and, after approval of the minutes, the board reviewed the financial reports which shows \$1,782,786 as the balance at the end of April.

Board member Corey Craig suggested the board set aside some funds each month for maintenance, upkeep and improvements at the Farmers Market. "I don't know that the property needs anything right now but I'd rather be proactive and have the funds available for a new coat of paint or repairs that may arise," he said.

The board agreed and Executive Director Jeff VanHook said the property brings in \$5,000 to \$6,000

per month in rental fees and provides a space for many community activities. "I wish we had several buildings just like our Farmers Market," said Craig.

VanHook said Rick Brummet keeps the property in good condition. "This is the most successful project we have ever undertaken," He said. "We sometimes rent space three times per day. We can start now keeping funds in the budget for repairs and/or maintenance."

VanHook also provided a report on the RGL (Rockcastle/Garrard/Lincoln) Industrial Board. He said CSX Railroad has now deemed the megasite as a Select Site Designation. "This means they, too, are now marketing our premier industrial site."

The director also said property purchases at the site are about 98% complete with only two remaining. "I expect all purchases to be completed in May," he said.

VanHook also reminded the board that the Delta natural gas line is now in Rockcastle County and the main line is expected to be complete this month. Distribution lines to cities and other areas are expected to begin immediately after the main line is completed. "We are very close now to using natural gas in Rockcastle County," VanHook said.

The Executive Director's report lists countless meetings and events VanHook attends to market Rockcastle County and con-

tinue to develop local and regional projects.

VanHook said the US-461 widening project is still on schedule and expected to begin soon.

The board then entered into closed session to discuss contract negotiations. No action was taken upon reopening the meeting.

The next regular meeting of the RCIDA is scheduled for Wednesday, June 4 at 8:30 a.m. in the third floor conference room of the courthouse. The public is invited to attend.

Sheriff's office needs Flock cameras

**By: Mike French
Editor**

A growing trend among police departments across the nation involves a new technology called "Flock cameras," and the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Office is hoping to take part in this high-tech

system.

According to Flock Safety, makers of Flock Cameras, over 3,000 communities now use the cameras which can identify a specific vehicle as it passes through their community. The entire system is tied together so that police in one

community may enter a license plate number and a Flock camera in a community in another state can spot that license tag, take photos of the vehicle and send that photo and other information to all police agencies involved.

Rockcastle County Sheriff's Detective Sam Brock said the system would be of tremendous use in Rockcastle County. "Especially considering where we are located, Flock cameras would be a very strong addition to our force," he said. "We could have both exits, US-461, US-25 and KY-150 all covered with just three cameras."

used in the apprehension of suspect of the drug store robbery last month in Danville.

Some law enforcement agencies say the system is capable of tag, vehicle color, facial and specific vehicle trait recognition and much more. "Once you place information in the system, Flock will be looking across the nation for that vehicle and that suspect," said Brock.

The system costs about \$3,000 per year, per camera. "We hope to fund this particular system through donations from businesses and individuals who want to help make our community safer," said Brock.

Brock said he and others at the department are looking into Flock cameras in more detail and will inform the public when a drive will begin to fund the project. But officers agree the system will increase crime solving abilities throughout the county and benefit all citizens.

Anyone interested in donating to the sheriff's office for Flock cameras should contact the sheriff's office or speak with a deputy.

• Reunions •

Thacker/Brooks Family Reunion

To the Thacker and Brooks family and friends,

We are once again asking for your help in spreading the word to all family members as to the date and location of the Thacker and Brooks Family Reunion. The reunion will be held Saturday, June 14th, noon to ? at the Roundstone Baptist Church.

Please bring a covered dish and join us.

If you will provide us with a mailing address, e-mail address or phone number of any other relatives, we will gladly provide them a copy of this and future reunions.

Contact: Jesse Thacker: 606-308-4308, Brenda Chappell: 606-256-5275 or 606-308-2245 or email:

jwthacker10@gmail.com

**Mullins Reunion/
Fairview Homecoming**

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A potluck lunch will be served at the shelter around noon. Bring a covered dish and spend the day with friends.

Donations are needed toward the mowing and upkeep of the cemetery. Bring your donation to the reunion or deposit at Citizens Bank anytime. We look forward to seeing you there.

Everyone welcome.

Beautification project



Summer flowers provided by Clear View Acres and paid for by the City of Mount Vernon have been planted by a group of volunteers from the Rockcastle Garden Club and employees of Community Trust Bank. Garden Club President Sarah Parsons organized members of the club to plant at the History Garden. The group included: Nancy Mullins, Silvia Coldiron, Sandi Oram, Rebecca Leger and her children James, Rachel and Ruth. Chamber member, Community Trust, donated the time of two employees Malinda Pigg and Rachel Taylor. They planted the pots on Main Street and Art Alley. Preparation of the soil was done by city workers, Nathan Bullock and Zack Miller. Thank you to everyone for contributing to this beautification project.

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Fiscal Court holds monthly meeting

By: Mike French
Editor

Members of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court held their regular monthly meeting last Tuesday with a full agenda.

First on the agenda, the court accepted a \$100,000 check as a grant for broadband, high-speed internet for 45 households in Livingston. (See story in this issue.)

The court also heard from Kathy Robinson, Chairman of the Rockcastle County Development Board concerning plans and goals.

After accepting the minutes from last month's regular meeting, and a special meeting, the court approved the addition of a Ford Taurus to the Sheriff's Department which was donated to the county by the City of Florence, Kentucky.

The court then accepted the annual reimbursement from the Administrative Office of the Courts for \$176,300 for fiscal year 2025-26.

Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr., told the court the 2025 Boone Forest Road Rally Race will take place once again, using the same roadways as the 2024 race. The court approved the rally.

Holbrook also informed the court that he had ordered the tractor that the purchase of was approved at the special meeting recently and was able to have the tractor shipped free. This brings the total

number of county tractors to four.

The court also approved \$3,500 for roof repairs on the Senior Citizens Center, heard the animal shelter and the Livingston Trail Town reports for April and May.

Holbrook said the City of Livingston has requested to rent the old American Water Co. space for \$200 per month to be used as the office of the Police Chief Nathaniel Price. The request was approved.

The court also accepted the annual Kentucky Pride Fund grant and a Waste Tire grant agreement.

The court was given a copy of the county's administrative code with a change concerning check cashing policies of the county. The code must be approved in June.

The court then entered closed session to discuss contract negotiations. After the meeting was reopened, Magistrate Doug Prewitt made a motion to terminate one employee from the current insurance program and enroll them in another, and for the fiscal court to cover the additional cost per month and cover the \$2,500 out-of-pocket amount to enroll. The total expense will be \$6,969 and the motion was made at the advice of the county's insurance advisors to avoid a potential minimum \$250,000 hospital bill, Holbrook said.

Officials say an out-of-town hospital refuses to negotiate and does not accept the county's health insurance company. The motion passed unanimously.

There were no transfers between accounts since they were

done at a recent special meeting.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 11 at 4 p.m. at the courthouse. The public is invited to attend.

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Notice of Bid Opportunity

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Rockcastle County Fiscal Court reserves the right to award the bid to the lowest vendor or the bid that meets the specifications of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court.

Rockcastle County Fiscal Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Questions regarding the bid should be addressed to the County Judge's Office at 606-256-2856.

Bids may be mailed to Rockcastle County Fiscal Court, P.O. Box 755, Mount Vernon, Kentucky, 40456. Please mark envelopes "Sealed Bids" and specify materials for which you are placing a bid.



Above - Answers for 5/22 • Below - Answers for 5/15



PUBLIC NOTICE

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You can also reach out to the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court local government agency at 606-256-2856 or at wcoffey@rockcastlecountyky.com

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EST/PHILLIPS, L.

JESSAMINE JOURNAL:
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NOTICE OF SELF STORAGE SALE

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OWEN CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION # 24-CI-00019

ADS TAX LIEN COMPANY, LLC

PLAINTIFF

VS.

NOTICE OF SALE

PATRICIA LANCASTER, ETAL.

DEFENDANTS

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered in the Owen Circuit Court on the 22nd day of April, 2025, I will sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder on the front steps of the Owen County Courthouse, 100 North Thomas Street, Owenton, Kentucky at the hour of 10:00, a.m. on Saturday, May 24, 2025, the following described property:

Two tracts lying on Point of Rock Road in Owen County, Kentucky, containing 6.852 acres and conveyed and fully described in Deed Book 230, page 292 in the Owen County Clerk's Office. Property Address: 770 Point of Rock Road, Owenton, KY 40359 Map #: 053-00-00-022.03

The amount of money to be raised and for which this sale is being made is the sum of \$6,655.44 adjudged due to plaintiff on its first lien on the property, together with interest thereon at the rate of 6% per annum, from April 22, 2025, until paid.

The real estate shall be sold on the terms of 10% cash at the time of the sale, with the balance payable within 30 days, except that the deposit shall be waived if plaintiff is the successful bidder. Any purchaser, other than the plaintiff shall be required to execute a bond, with surety thereon acceptable to the Master Commissioner, to secure the unpaid balance of the purchase price, and said bond shall bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date of the sale until paid, and shall have the same force and effect as a judgment and shall remain and be a lien on the property until paid. The purchaser shall have the privilege of paying all or part of the balance of the purchase price prior to the 30 day period.

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c. Assessments for public improvements levied against the property;

d. Any facts which an inspection and accurate survey of the property may disclose.

For further information, see the Judgment, Order and pleadings of record in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Owen County.

s/ Mark R. Cobb
MARK R. COBB
MASTER COMMISSIONER
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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
UNIFIED COURT OF JUSTICE
OWEN CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION # 19-CI-00063

MID SOUTH CAPITAL PARTNERS, LP

PLAINTIFF

VS. NOTICE OF SALE

DARIAN CARTER, ETAL.

DEFENDANTS

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered in the Owen Circuit Court on the 22nd day of April, 2025, I will sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder on the front steps of the Owen County Courthouse, 100 North Thomas Street, Owenton, Kentucky at the hour of 10:00, a.m. on Saturday, May 17, 2025, the following described property:

A parcel of real property lying in the City of Owenton, Owen County, Kentucky, being the west half of Lot 84 in said city and conveyed and fully described in Deed Book 185, page 347 in the Owen County Clerk's Office.

Property Address: 214 W. Seminary St. Owenton, KY Map No.: 061-20-00-035.00

The amount of money to be raised and for which this sale is being made is the sum of \$6,578.88 adjudged due to plaintiff on its first lien on the property, together with interest thereon at the rate of 6% per annum, from March 1, 2025, until paid.

The real estate shall be sold on the terms of 10% cash at the time of the sale, with the balance payable within 30 days, except that the deposit shall be waived if plaintiff is the successful bidder. Any purchaser, other than the plaintiff shall be required to execute a bond, with surety thereon acceptable to the Master Commissioner, to secure the unpaid balance of the purchase price, and said bond shall bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date of the sale until paid, and shall have the same force and effect as a judgment and shall remain and be a lien on the property until paid. The purchaser shall have the privilege of paying all or part of the balance of the purchase price prior to the 30 day period.

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LOOKING BACK

1950 Drive-In Opens
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Jack McPherron, state representative, sponsored the appointment of Miss Jean Glass of Rockdale, as honorary page in the lower house of the 1950 Kentucky General Assembly. Miss Glass is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilkes Glass and is a popular student at Bethany school where she will be a freshman next year.

Surprise!
Mrs. Ollie House was very happily surprised Sunday when a number of relatives came with well-filled baskets to celebrate her 37th birthday anniversary.

Poplar Grove
Due to the change in time services at Poplar Grove Baptist church have been changed. Sunday school will be at 10 am. Fast time and the evening service at 8 o'clock.

Wheatley
Mrs. Tilly Jacoby entertained Sunday for Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hance, Carrollton, and Claude Furnish, New Castle.

Sweet Owen
Moving, house cleaning,



1975: Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Green, Owenton, will celebrate their 53rd wedding anniversary. They were married May 18, 1922, by Rev. H.L. Robinson, pastor of Second Baptist church. They have lived in Owenton all their lives.

and repairing is the order of the day. Bill Duvall is leaving Sweet Owen for Stewartsville where he has bought property. Mr. and Mrs. Dub Osborne and family have moved from Richmond to the Lindsay Ransdell place in Sweet Owen. Mr. and Mrs. Perryman Jenkins are building a new front porch to their house. G.C. Thornton is doing some repairing on his residence.

Swope
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Prather and son spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Tucker Gaines and family of Frankfort.

Long Ridge
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wright were visitors at Eminence Sunday.

Worthville
Mrs. Maymie Godman has returned to her home here after a 10-day stay at the home of her son, Paul Godman, in Carrollton, where she recuperated from the effects of a fall.

New
People are somewhat confused over the change of time. Some of the radio fans are missing their favorite programs.

Needmore
Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Landrum spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Buford Wainscott and family.

Jonesville
Mrs. Maud Cobb is quite sick at this writing.

Monterey
Mrs. R.L. Armstrong is expected home this week after spending the winter in Florida.

1975 New Superintendent
In a special session of Owen County Board of Education, members present voted unanimously to employ Gayle Ecton as Superintendent of Schools. The board indicated that lengthy discussion had been held following the interviews of five men for the position. Members stated that many hours had



2000: Susan Colligan and Nicole McNay participated in an eight-mile walk Friday to raise money for the Relay for Life.

been spent in learning the backgrounds and qualifications of the applications.

Missing and Slaughtered
R.C. Perkins reported a 500-pound heifer missing. The black with white face animal has been gone since the first of the month. The possibility exists that dogs are responsible said Deputy Sheriff H.T. Allnutt. Bob Ford, Owenton, reported an Angus calf slaughtered on his farm. The meat was taken; head and hide were left. Mrs. Thomas Burford, Richland church area, reported six rolls of barbed wire fence missing.

Graduates
Jim Lynn graduated from Middle Tennessee State university with a Bachelor of Science degree majoring in animal science and minoring in history. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tennie Lynn, Owenton. He has accepted a position as manager and trainer of Tennessee Walking horses at Scotch Acres ranch in



1950: MISS JEAN GLASS

Modesto, Calif.

Highest Award
Jeff Gibson attended the Agricultural Science Day at the University of Kentucky recently and received the highest award of 30 schools that participated. The contest involved farm tractor mechanics and trouble shooting. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Gibson, Pleasant Home.

Anniversary
Mr. and Mrs. C.R. Kemper, Greenup road, will celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary. They were married May 18, 1921, at the home of the bride.

Sweet Owen
Mrs. Clifford Smith was scheduled for surgery at Christ hospital, Cincinnati.

Owenton
Mrs. Walker Ellis underwent surgery Monday at Norton's in Louisville.

Canby
Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hammond and sons, Covington, brought a mobile home to their farm to live in on weekends and vacations. Lots of people are trying to get their garden planted

so they can beat these high prices and have lots of good eating.

Jonesville
Rodger and Ronda Snell spent last week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R.G. Snell while their mother, Mrs. Ronald Gayle Snell, was in the hospital. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Mickel Tedesco.

2000 New Dog Law
The Monterey City Council is updating its dog ordinance. The move came after two children were bitten by a dog in Monterey earlier this month. The owners have been ordered to appear in district court because of the number of problems arising from the eight dogs they own, and the council wants to put more teeth into its ordinance concerning the animals.

Resigns
Owen County high school is losing another band teacher. But his students are losing one of their best friends. Donald Barker has been directing the middle and high school bands and choir for four years, but in late April he told his students his time in Owen County would end with the semester. Barker said he was aware that at some point he would have to return to college to obtain his masters' degree.

Colonel
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Letter carrier food drive is set for Saturday, May 10

Saturday, May 10th marks the 31st anniversary of one of America’s great days of giving - the National Association of Letter Carriers Stamp Out Hunger® Food Drive.

Letter carriers travel through the communities daily, often coming face to face with a sad reality for too many, hunger. Each year on the second Saturday in May, letter carriers across the country collect non-perishable food donations from our customers. These donations go directly to local food pantries to provide food to people in Paris who need our help.

Leave non-perishable food donation in a bag by your mailbox Saturday, May 10, 2025 and your letter carrier will do the rest.

Ruddles Mills Methodist Church to host revival services May 16-18

Revival at Ruddles Mills Methodist Church will be hosted on May 16, 17, and 18th with evangelist Rev. Ron Bodager. Services on Friday and Saturday begin at 7:00 a.m. and Sunday at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Special music each service will be Luke Purvis on Friday, Mile Kind and group on Saturday, and Larry Tucker on Sunday.

Everyone is welcome to join and be blessed.

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The Class of 2025 will be honored.

Ben Basone, Class of 1966 will be this year’s guest speaker. Basone is a music director at Armstrong Chapel United Methodist Church in Maineville , Ohio. After graduating from Paris, Basone attended Morehead State University and studied conducting/voice at the University of Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music.

The Paris High Schools Alumni Association is one of the oldest of its kind in the nation and its annual dues of \$10 go into the Alumni Fund to help defray mailing costs and support the Alumni Scholarship Fund.

Century Club Members are recognized for their generosity of having contributed \$100 or more the Scholarship Fund. Each year the association sponsors scholarships to graduating seniors through these donations.

The slate of officers for 2025 are Clay Sturgeon (1990) as president, Bobby Sturgeon (1969), vice president, Ann Park (2018), Secretary and Cary Barr (1971) Treasurer.

To attend, contact the Association by emailing parisindalumni@paris.kyschools.us. or write to P.O. Box 387, Paris, KY 40362.

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Neither Do I Condemn Thee

John 8:11 “...And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.”

There could have been no more beautiful words that could have been heard by the woman that was accused of adultery. Many were her condemners, but the One who had the greatest right to condemn was the One who had shown the greatest compassion. Consider for just a moment the compassion of our Savior, dear reader. There was no compassion by those who condemned her; even if they were trying to be obedient to the law, they seemed more than happy to try to use this opportunity to trap the Savior. They viewed this woman as nothing more than a means to an end, and not someone who was guilty of sin and in need of mercy. One would think that if anyone could show even the slightest bit of compassion, it would have been those who were also guilty of breaking God’s law. But it’s apparent that they thought much of themselves; they even thought themselves better than the God-man, since they were testing Him with this situation. There was not an ounce of compassion that came from them, for all they cared about were their own selfish desires.

While we do fault these people for their lack of compassion, we do acknowledge that she didn’t deserve compassion, as none of us do. She was guilty of sin. Some writers theorize that she wasn’t really an adulteress, which doesn’t seem to be the case, but even if it was, by the very fact that she was human, we know that she was guilty, because all are guilty before God. But even in the midst of all this, our Savior, the God-man, showed great compassion. Unlike the others present here, He didn’t once accuse her. While He was present, even by His actions He separated Himself from these arrogant accusers by kneeling on the ground while the rest of them stood over her. He wasn’t like them. He truly was Love manifested in the flesh.

But this does present us with a quandary: how could He show compassion to someone who did deserve it? That doesn’t seem right. After all, even the law required justice; it required her death. The reason Christ could show compassion was because within a short period of time, He was going to go to the cross to take her place. The One who knew no sin, was going to become sin; the great un-condemnable One was going to be condemned. And He knew this. He didn’t just pardon her because He couldn’t just pardon her. Christ knew the law for He was the One who gave the law. He knew someone had to die, and He decided in eternity past that He was going to be the One who was going to die, and not this woman. And so He could confidently look at her and say, “Neither do I condemn thee.”

Just like this woman, these are the sweetest words that the Christian has ever heard. Because of our Savior, we are no longer condemned. Paul would later write, “...If God be for us, who can be against us?” Since Jesus is the one who pardoned that woman, there is no one that could lay anything to her charge. And dear reader, the same is true for us. Through His death on the cross, Christ says, “Neither do I condemn thee,” and there is no one who can say otherwise. Listen to those sweet words, because in them is hope found.

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HMH honors auxiliary members

The Harrison Memorial Hospital (HMH) Auxiliary held its annual spring volunteer luncheon on Wednesday, April 23. Thirty volunteers plus several HMH staff attended the event. The volunteers enjoyed a delicious meal provided by HMH.

Theresa Philpott, HMH Auxiliary President, gave an overview of the activities of the auxiliary over the past year. Dr. Kathy Tussey, HMH CEO, gave a brief update on current initiatives at the hospital and thanked the volunteers for their service. The volunteers were also given a gift of appreciation from HMH.

The installation of officers took place at the luncheon. HMH Auxiliary officers for the upcoming year are President Theresa Philpott, Vice-President Beverly Judy, Secretary Teresa Stinson, Corresponding Secretary Tina Ring, Treasurer Gary Philpott, Ways and Means Chair Christy Hall, Public Relations Chair Mollie Smith, Gift Shop Buyer Judy Letcher and Gift Shop Coordinator Trudie Harrison.

The HMH Auxiliary had a very successful year in 2024. Two of the main sources of income were the Auxiliary Gift Shop, raising \$22,000, and Auxiliary fundraisers, which garnered \$26,161.

In 2024, the HMH Auxiliary assisted with the HMH Foundation Gala donating \$35,000 for the C-Section Suite and \$5,000 to the

HMH educational assistance fund. Additionally, members donated to Harrison County Relay for Life, Jackie’s House, HMH S.A.N.E. Program, HMH Breast Cancer Awareness Event, Hope’s Helping Hands Food Pantry and Cynthia-Harrison County Food Pantry through the Dairy Queen Fundraisers.

In addition, the HMH Auxiliary hosted its first annual Holiday Tree Lighting for the community. Also, the members hosted one holiday movie event for the employees at Rohs Theatre.

Since 2012, the HMH Auxiliary has donated more than \$519,000 for patient equipment and staff education.

“Our HMH Auxiliary members are an incredible part of the HMH family,” said Dr. Kathy Tussey, HMH Chief Executive Officer. “Their commitment, compassion, and willingness to serve make a meaningful impact on our patients, staff, and community every single day. We are truly grateful for all they do.”

The HMH Auxiliary is comprised of 52 members who volunteer their time. Volunteers are always welcomed. If you are interested in becoming an HMH Auxiliary member, please contact Theresa Philpott at 859-588-2804.

Obituaries

Cristie Lynn Johnson Dishman



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Cristie Lynn Johnson Dishman, a beacon of unwavering love and faith, peacefully entered eternal rest on May 10, 2025, at her daughter’s home in Paris, Kentucky – the same town that was graced with her birth on April 8, 1964. She closed her eyes to this world, leaving behind a legacy of warmth and selflessness that has deeply touched all who knew her.

Cristie’s life journey was shared with her loving husband of 37 years, Charles Dishman. In their abundant years together they crafted a family rich in love

and laughter. She was a devoted mother to her cherished daughter, Heather (Michael) Alcorn, and a guiding light to her two stepsons, Les (Sonny) Dishman and Eddie Dishman. Cristie’s joy was multiplied with the giggles and hugs of her eight adored grandchildren, Sarah, Abigail, Mariah, Selena, Bella, Michaela, Elijah, and Karen. The family circle included her brother, Barry (Tabitha) Johnson, and a tapestry of nieces, nephews, and cousins. She rejoined in peace her late parents, Billy "Willy" Eugene and Rebecca Turner Johnson, who predeceased her.

Before retiring, Cristie dutifully imparted wisdom as a dedicated middle school teacher at Bourbon County Middle School, earning the respect and love of numerous students and colleagues. Her commitment extended beyond the classroom through her active membership in The River of Life Ministries and her youthful involvement in the ROTC during high school.

Cristie’s essence was characterized by her unwavering kindness, her profound faith, and her selfless nature. She relished moments spent with her family and found solace in the soft purring of her cat, Trixie. Travel adventures with her husband and participation in women’s ministries at church were sources of immense joy and fulfillment in her life.

In a world that often hurried, Cristie walked gently, planting seeds of compassion that will blossom in the hearts of those she touched for generations to come.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 AM Friday May 16, 2025, by Pastor Krista Hampton at the Lusk-McFarland Funeral Home Chapel, 1120 Main St., Paris, KY. Burial to follow in the Evergreen Memory Gardens, Paris, KY.

Visitation will be from 5-8 PM Thursday May 15, 2025, at the Lusk-McFarland Funeral Home Chapel.

Pallbearers will be Eddie Dishman, Michael Alcorn, Chris Denney, J.D. Johnson, Robert Warner and Jarred Johnson.

The funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Lusk-McFarland Funeral Home Chapel, 1120 Main St., Paris, KY. The online guest-book is at www.luskmcfarland.com and a 24-hour funeral information line can be reached by calling 859-987-4387.

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In Loving Memory Of Myself



PHIL’S
PHILOSOPHICAL FODDER
Guest Columnist
by: Phil Gladden
<https://www.facebook.com/storyman40361E>
mail: me33619@gmail.com

Most of the men in my family have historically lived well into their eighties. I hope to continue that trend. But the fact is, I take a handful of pills every day for a variety of ailments, of which I will spare you the details. None of which are life-threatening in the short term, but still, one never knows when their time may come.

One day, someone will be tasked with writing my eulogy, as well as my obituary. It will probably be someone near and dear to me, so I have decided to alleviate their stress by writing my own. Or at least provide them with some guidance. After all, who knows me more than I? So here goes:

“Phil Gladden, also known as Philosophical Phil, passed away peacefully in his sleep last night while sitting in front of his computer. He was searching for a story that, unknown to him, would never have an ending. Since he often spent hours staring at a blank Word document, trying to break free from the bonds of writer's block, no one realized he was dead until days later, when he began to stink and turkey buzzards began landing on his head.

Phil loved to write and found it amazing that anyone read his words. But early on, he realized that he was writing for people who the daily barrage of bad news had beaten down. That, of course, doesn't apply to the *Bourbon County Citizen* because they are the exact opposite, and one of the few publications that gets it right. Plus, they have great taste in guest columnists.

Phil leaves behind a world that he prayed would be better because of something he wrote, said, or did. Often, someone made his day when they said they enjoyed his articles. Many said they felt like they knew him through his writing. That warmed his heart more than even his own words could adequately express. He considered his readers as friends, because they took the time to slow down and visit with him between the letters to the editor and the sports section.

He asked that you mourn for only a short time, no more than a day or two. He always said that life is too short to spend a lot of time

Help “Fill a Bin” during Recycling/Waste Depot open house on May 31

The open house of the new Paris Recycling and Waste Depot is almost here!

Bring your recyclables from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 31st to participate in the City of Paris’ “Fill a Bin” event!

“Take actions, recycle now.”

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Phil leaves behind his wife, Ruth Gladden, who deserves the key to the city for putting up with him for over thirty years. The woman is an absolute saint. He also leaves behind a daughter, Darlene Eder, whom he knows will be alright. She is a kind and generous soul who has one of the worst memories of anyone he has ever met. Part of the reason she will be okay is that she will likely forget he’s gone a day or two after the funeral.

He wanted to thank a few thousand people. However, if he thanked them all in his obituary, there would be no room for the want ads or the sports section.

He was thankful for the mail carrier who always bypassed his mailbox and handed him his letters in person when delivering the mail, so he wouldn’t have to get off his rear end while writing on the porch. He was also grateful for the treats he fed his dogs, as were they.

He was grateful for all the smiles he received from Miss Debra, who works at the CVS drive-through window. He often faked an ailment just to get the doctor to prescribe something so he could pick it up and be uplifted while doing it.

He wanted to thank the rescue squad for all the times they helped get Ruth in and out of the house during the three years she was unable to walk. Taking that stress out of their doctors' visits was such a relief. She looks forward to the day she can walk into the station on her own and thank them in person. She will be carrying two boxes of mixed glazed donuts, a generous amount of apple fritters, and bear claws.

He wanted to thank all the friends he made in the writing community. Being around people who realize the power of the written word kept him young at heart.

He was grateful to everyone at Walmart who stopped to talk to him in one of the aisles of the grocery store. Once, he got a little long-winded in the refrigerated aisle, which had beer on one side and orange juice on the other and nearly died from frostbite.

Most of all, he wanted to thank the Lord for such a long, fruitful life, for the blessings he enjoyed and the challenges that caused him to grow.

So, rest in peace, Philosophical Phil, and until next time ... we'll think about you.”

The Poetry Corner

Strangers

By Glen A. Culbertson II

I've never met one. Have you?
I've never been afraid to talk
To anyone, anywhere I may be.
In fear of this, some will walk.

From my singular perspective,
What is there to lose?
Offering a smiling "good morning!"
This is the path that I choose.

Strangers are merely friends
That we haven't met yet.
Your smile may open a door
To a friendship you won't regret.

So, when walking down the street,
Full of folks, an effort to be chanced,
Is to open your inner window and smile,
Albeit unaware, their aura is enhanced.

But, should you have walked on by,
In fear or consideration of the cost,
Revealing you are just like all others,
May well prove, an opportunity lost.

For me, there are no strangers,
For me, all are potential friends,
Regardless of how someone appears,
I accept whatever the universe sends.

Sometimes, this is a dangerous tact,
Declaring oneself so approachable,
But I'd rather be open to contact,
Than to remain with the unnoticeable.

Therefore, count me in with the living!
Refusing to just be a part of the crowd,
Making eye contact and offering a smile,
Insomuch as I am allowed.

I am simply you,
From another point of view.

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Bids must be made on the CONTRAC-TOR'S BID FORM in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. The Contract Documents, of which the Bid Form and Instructions are a part, are published by and available through the Woodford Theatre upon request at 275 Beasley Road, Versailles, KY, 40383 or by contacting:

Daniel Ellis Artistic Director, Woodford Theatre 859-873-0648
danielellis@woodfordtheatre.com
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Applied Limestone and Quartz Veneer at Project KY36P049501-24
519 Poplar Street, Versailles, KY 40383
Bids are to be delivered or mailed to the Housing Authority:
Date: May 6, 2025
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Address: 519 Poplar Street
Versailles, KY 40383
Phase II

Supplementary General Conditions
1.Scope:
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2.Examination of Premises:
Before submitting bids for this work, each bidder is required to visit the project and be responsible for having examined the work required to be performed by this contract and shall have satisfied himself concerning the existing conditions under which he will be obligated to operate. No allowance will be made to the Contractor for any error or negligence on his part.
3.Sales Taxes:
All applicable federal, state and local taxes relating to materials that are to be used on this project will be paid by the Contractor.
4.Dimensions:
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Contractor shall accept the site and physical structures as he finds them at time the work is to commence. Contractor shall be deemed to have visited the site before placing his bid and to have thoroughly acquainted himself with the conditions at said site and physical structures.
After occupying the site, the Contractor shall be responsible for the management, care and maintenance of site and buildings or portions of buildings thereof relating to any and all items pertaining to this work. Contractor shall be solely responsible for damage to all existing properties resulting from his work or from causes to site or building for which the Contractor is responsible and shall immediately adjust all claims or suits accruing there from without loss or expense to the PHA. The Contractor is responsible for protecting all buildings, lawns, shrubbery, trees, articles, items, vehicles, etc. from damage caused by operations during the course of the work. Any damage caused by the Contractor to lawns, driveways, sidewalks, etc., will be immediately repaired to match existing at no cost to the PHA. Contractor will maintain a clean job site at all times. All waste material and debris will be immediately cleaned up and removed from site by Contractor. 5.8.1t

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Woodford County Theatre Modernization Project
Demolition and Rebuild of the Stage Floor
103 South Main Street
Versailles, Kentucky 40383

Sealed proposals will be received by the Woodford County Fiscal Court at the office of Woodford County Judge/Executive James Kay, whose office is located at 103 S. Main Street, Room 200, Versailles, Kentucky 40383, until 9:00 a.m., Monday, June 2, 2025. A mandatory walk-through meeting for all interested contactors will be held at the Woodford Theatre 275 Beasley Road Versailles, Kentucky on May 19, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. Proposals will be opened publicly and read aloud in the presence of the Fiscal Court Clerk, or her designated representative, who shall record the proposals on Monday, June 2, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. The proposals will be presented to the Fiscal Court at its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, which begins at 5:30 P.M.

Proposals must be made on the CONTRACTOR'S PROPOSAL FORM in accordance with the Instructions to Contractors. The Contract Documents, of which the Proposal Form and Instructions are a part, are published by and available through the Woodford Theatre upon request at 275 Beasley Road, Versailles, KY, 40383 or by contacting:

Daniel Ellis Artistic Director, Woodford Theatre 859-873-0648
danielellis@woodfordtheatre.com
Envelopes containing the proposals shall be addressed to Woodford County Judge/Executive James Kay, 103 S. Main Street, Room 200, Versailles, Kentucky 40383, must be sealed, must clearly show the name and address of the contractor, the date and time of proposal opening, and bear the statement "Woodford County Theatre Modernization Project – Stage Floor." Proposals may be withdrawn prior to the scheduled opening.
All contractors must comply with all State, Federal, and local laws and ordinances regarding taxes, fees, insurance, licensing, and bid requirements. 5/8/2t

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Average Monthly Bills:

	Monthly Usage	Current Average Bill	Proposed Average Bill	\$ Change	% Increase
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Commercial (5/8")	36,304 gallons	257.97	313.98	56.01	22%
Industrial (2")	1,705,505 gallons	9,432.49	11,885.09	2,452.60	26%
Other Public Authority (2")	128,172 gallons	928.23	1,156.94	228.71	25%
Sales for Resale (6")	1,934,938 gallons	11,307.30	14,370.04	3,062.74	27%
Miscellaneous (1")	12,346 gallons	100.55	124.52	23.97	24%
Private Fire Hydrant	N/A	96.82	121.00	24.18	25%
Public Fire Hydrant	N/A	61.57	76.90	15.33	25%
Private Fire Line (6")	N/A	100.35	125.70	25.35	25%

Proposed Rate Increase for all customers:

Monthly Service Charge by Meter Size:

Meter Size	Present Rate	Proposed Rate	Change	% Increase
5/8"	\$ 17.55	\$ 19.45	\$ 1.90	11%
3/4"	26.20	29.00	2.80	11%
1"	43.60	48.30	4.70	11%
1 1/2"	87.30	96.80	9.50	11%
2"	139.70	154.80	15.10	11%
3"	261.90	290.30	28.40	11%
4"	436.60	483.90	47.30	11%
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Commercial	6.0875	0.60875	8.1129	0.81129	2.0254	0.20254	33%
Industrial	5.0324	0.50324	6.8779	0.68779	1.8455	0.18455	37%
Other Public Authority	5.6070	0.56070	7.8187	0.78187	2.2117	0.22117	39%
Sales for Resale	4.9527	0.49527	6.9266	0.69266	1.9739	0.19739	40%
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2"	\$ 10.25	\$ 13.85	\$ 3.60	35%
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8"	165.00	223.00	58.00	35%
10"	257.85	348.90	91.05	35%
12"	385.90	521.40	135.50	35%
14"	371.80	502.40	130.60	35%
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Midway University graduates 454 at commencement, largest in school history

By SCOTT WHITE
MANAGING EDITOR

Midway University held its annual commencement exercises on Saturday, May 10, at the Graves Amphitheater on campus under a beautiful blue sky.

The official procession was led by Jebediah Gorham, Ph.D., chair of the

faculty council. The platform party included Ms. Donna Campbell ’62, chair of the Midway University Board of Trustees; Trustee Anne Boton; Trustee Ieasha Allen; Trustee Die Green; President John P. Marsden; and other distinguished guests.

Marsden opened the event with welcoming remarks and expressions of gratitude

to attendees. The National Anthem was performed by the Midway Chorale under the direction of Mr. Randall Merchantman. Pastor Amy Jo Cook, Campus Minister, delivered the invocation.

Haley Thule ’25, president of the Student Government Association, delivered the student address, encouraging graduates to carry forward the

values and memories from their time at Midway.

Allie Martin ’13, president of the Alumni Association Board, welcomed the Class of 2025 into the alumni network, encouraging them to stay engaged and involved with the University.

Two awards were presented at the commencement. The President’s Award went to Morgan Harper, who earned a BSN in Nursing. The Midway Woman Award went to Elisma Stoltz, who earned dual degrees in computer science and mathematics.

A total of 454 students earned degrees this academic year, including graduates from December 2024 and spring and summer 2025. Of those, nearly 300 students participated in the ceremony, making this the largest commencement ceremony in the school’s history.



ELISMA STOLTZ received the Midway Woman Award from Midway University Trustee and Board Chair Donna Campbell. (Photo from Midway University)



MORGAN HARPER receives the President's Award from Midway University President John Marsden. (Photo from Midway University)



NEARLY 800 GRADUATES, faculty, family and friends attended the 2025 Midway University Commencement Exercises held on its campus Saturday, May 10. (Photo by Mark Mahan)

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MICK McNULTY shows his feelings about the proposed Troy Pike development. (Photo by Scott White)

PARK
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Judge-Executive James Kay said, “The flood may be over, but the reality is county agencies are still actively working on flood recovery, putting in long hours, visiting the affected area and residents. We are still in active flood recovery. This is the largest disaster in Woodford County history. We need to continue to remember, support and help the displaced and suffering. It will be weeks, months and years for them to recover.”

EMT/Paramedic career pathway with Woodford County Schools

The court approved a memorandum of understanding with Woodford County Schools to begin offering a new Emergency Medical Services Career Pathway this fall. This will allow students to enroll in classes to become fully trained EMTs at the time they graduate. The county

will provide instructors for the program, which will be overseen by EMS Director Freeman Bailey. The classes will take place at the old high school

Kay said, “This is (a) really big deal. We want to work with the school system to provide for and support career pathways for students interested in pursuing a career as an EMT or paramedic, and hopefully, many of them will remain here in Woodford County.”

EMS mental health wellness program

The court approved an annual \$3,066 contract with Compass Counseling and Psychological Services. This will provide mental health support for EMTs and paramedics who encounter a variety of traumatic and difficult situations regularly.

“This is an important service for our people,” said Bailey. “They need to have this available to them, given the work we ask them to do.”

Budget update

Kay reported that the Fiscal Court has now met three times in the Committee of the Whole to work on the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget, by going line by line through the proposed budget.

At the Fiscal Court’s regular meeting on May 13, the court went through what is known as the “include/exclude list.” Kay and Woodford County Treasurer Melody Traugott explained that as the court works through the specific items on the budget, it pulls certain items, usually newly budgeted, to allow magistrates more time to think about those items, obtain additional information from county employees and consult constituents.

Of those pulled, the court approved the following items to be included in next year’s budget, \$150,000 for an affordable housing initiative and courthouse and annex projects totaling \$43,000. These items will be voted

on as an entire ordinance in the future.

It put off approving the \$300,000 renewal project for the Woodford Theatre to find out more information on the status of the theater’s contribution.

Claims paid

The court approved paying the following claims: debris clean up and hauling to J&S Services, \$7,000; Ricky Foley, \$1,400; Tipton Installations, \$13,000; and PST Septic and Excavation, \$3,200.

Contracts approved

The court approved the purchase of a 2020 Nissan Armada for \$23,500 from Kain Ford for the Animal Control Department; and, \$55,350 to Harp Enterprises for election equipment.

Danny Ray White pulling track

The pulling track located at the county fairgrounds, which is used for truck and tractor pull events, will be

Midway Council approves annual Juneteenth plans

By Scott White
Managing Editor

Midway City Council got an update on the city’s Juneteenth celebration, which the mayor said is a day meant to celebrate diversity.

“Midway was the first municipality in Kentucky to recognize Juneteenth as a formal city holiday,” said Mayor Grayson Vandegrift. “This is something to celebrate diversity, which isn’t DEI . . . which is used now as a cudgel to divide people. Midway isn’t interested in dividing people, but we want to unify and celebrate our common heritage.”

Amber Rogers and Mary Kane provided the update on the event, which will be held Saturday, June 21 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Main Street.

Juneteenth, which is sometimes called the Second Independence Day, not only celebrates the freeing of the last slaves in the United States in Texas on June 19, 1865, but honors the freedom and perseverance of African-Americans.

Rogers explained that the celebration will involve three events.

The event kicks off with an art event on June 1 at 1:30 p.m. at Midway Presbyterian Church, where community members of all ages will begin work on the art to be used for the June 21 Wisdom Walk, where participants will march from downtown to the Sons & Daughters Cemetery beginning at 4:30 p.m. The route will feature colored chalk markings

from stencils that display African symbols, with placards placed along the way displaying African and contemporary wisdom sayings.

Next, on June 8 at 4:30 p.m., a writing workshop will be offered with noted author Eugenia Johnson-Smith at the Midway Museum titled “Shining the Light”.

Finally, on June 21, there will be music under a tent similar to other Midway festivals, booths, food, authors and speakers. On this day, South Main Street will be closed. The march will close the celebration, though the art and writings from the workshops will continue to be displayed at the Midway Branch of the Woodford County Library and store fronts.

Bourbon & Blues Festival

Zach Wiles, owner of Midway Makers Market, told the council that the town is ready for the Bourbon & Blues Festival that is scheduled for June 6 in downtown. Wiles said there are still a few volunteer spots which need to be filled. He said anyone interested can contact him at Makers Market to sign up.

Budget ordinance

Vandegrift gave the fiscal year 2025-26 budget ordinance its first reading. The council will vote on it at the next meeting. A copy of the proposed ordinance can be obtained from the Midway City Office on Winter Street.

Tourism Commission

The council approved Vandegrift’s re-appointment of Cortney Neikirk as the city’s representative to the Woodford County Tourism Commission.

COUNCIL

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fourth grade at Southside. She remembers, “I told them the city has a big problem, and we need your help. It was funny because they all gasped!”

Dake explained she had come to Southside to ask for help in designing a flag for the city. Adams picked up from there, saying, “Our kids were immediately sold on the idea.”

She said they also invited Lt. Gov. Jacqueline Coleman to come talk to our students about the importance of making a change in the community. She said the student researched the principles of good flags and analyzed flags all over the world, and they took field trips in Versailles to better understand what would best represent the city.

The student then broke into groups to begin designing a flag to encompass all they had learned. When complete, they did multiple presentations to showcase their work.

“Our fourth Graders were featured in an episode of News Quiz and will soon be featured on Kentucky Edition,” said Adams. “After Expo Night, our fourth grade team helped narrow the race to four finalist groups.”

Jaye Williams, a graphic artist and designer at Ruggles Sign, then worked with the finalists to fine-tune the designs to then be presented at the May 20 Versailles City Council meeting.

“This experience has taught our students so much about the importance of making change and an impact in the community in which they live,” Adams said. “We are so proud of their creativity, resiliency, and courage. One day, every student in this fourth grade class will be able to look at the Versailles flag with pride, knowing they helped shape a symbol that represents the heart and spirit of their city.”

Each of the carefully designed parts of the project involved key components of the Portrait of a Learner curriculum that help students become “resilient learners,” “reflective collaborators,” and “empathetic communicators.”

The council room was packed with parents, teachers, grandparents and school officials as each member of the four teams spoke before the council. At the conclusion, the council and mayor led the entire room in a standing ovation.

Dake also issued a proclamation, a copy of which each student and teacher received, recognizing the exemplary effort in designing a new city flag. The members of the four groups that made the “finals” and were recognized are: Mayleigh Breh, Dominic Lopez, Charlotte Shumate, Jordan Crabtree, Edwin Lopez, Allison Sierra, Madi Greene, Harry Prather, Ella Spaulding, Davis Hall, Zoe

Ratliff, Henry Venis, Owen Harris, Carleigh Robey, Lilah Waters, and Ian Honican.

Proposed budget

Dake submitted her proposed budget to the City Council for fiscal year 2025-2026. A council work session is being scheduled, which will be open to the public, for councilpersons to go into the details and hear presentations from the city department heads.

Dake plans to give the budget ordinance its first reading on June 3, and the second reading, when it will be voted on by the council, on June 17.

145 Bell Avenue

At the last council meeting on May 6, 145 Bell Avenue was on the Abandoned/ Blighted property tax list and City Attorney Bill Moore sought approval to file a lawsuit, with the goal of securing a judgment of unpaid taxes via a sale of the property by the master commissioner. At that time, Councilperson Chantel Bingham said she knew the heirs of the last resident and believed they would want an opportunity to resolve the issue and retain the property.

At the May 20 meeting, Moore reported the heirs had paid all of the back taxes and no further action would be required.

Lexington Street pothole

Councilperson Freddie Siegelman asked if the Public Works Department was aware of a large pothole in the interior lane of eastbound Lexington Street near the intersection with Bowmar Street. He said he’d had reports of some residents having suffered damage to tires and suspension systems.

Public Works Director Bart Miller said, like several roads in and around Versailles, Lexington Street is a state road, so the city cannot unilaterally make repairs, but has to work with the State Transportation District Office. Miller said he would immediately follow up with the state. Siegelman reminded everyone that if someone sustained damage to their vehicle due to the pothole, a claim could be made against the state and to contact District VII.

In a follow-up conversation the morning of May 21, Miller confirmed the city has contacted the state.

Contracts

Council approved the following contracts: \$6,101 to Elastec, Inc. for a portable incinerator to destroy drug evidence that is no longer to be maintained by the Versailles Police Department, and \$13,339.77 to Acqua-Aerolair Systems, Inc. for a replacement mixer to go into an SBR machine used by the sewer department.

CHURCH

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Facebook. Sunday School, for all ages, is at 10 a.m. There is Wednesday night programming for all ages.

Visit our Facebook page for more details at facebook.com/versaillesbaptistchurch.

Versailles Presbyterian

We worship every Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. (contemplative service) and 10:30 a.m. (traditional worship). The 10:30 a.m. service is live-streamed on YouTube and Facebook.

We are an open, welcoming, and inclusive church

family that is active in our community. Please join us for worship, study, fellowship, and service.

Versailles United Methodist Church

We invite you to join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. for traditional worship services and 10:30 a.m. for contemporary services with William Herndon, pastor. Our Life Groups are held at both 9:15 and 10:30 a.m. Our fellowship time is at 10:15 a.m. All are welcome. We are located at 2300 Paynes Mill Rd., Versailles. Contact us at 859-873-4304 or versaillesumc@gmail.com.

Wesley Covenant Fellowship

Join us for our Sunday morning worship at 134 Court St. Fellowship begins at 9:30 and is immediately followed by our worship service at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome!

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Up in the air

Ryan Bailey, assistant director of Gallatin County’s 911 center, used a bucket truck, Monday, to repair a flag pole at the courthouse. Bailey, who lives in Warsaw, also works as a professional fire fighter in Walton. Photo by Kelley Warnick

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Tales from the gap in the mountains

by Frances Bayes

Thinking of Mom for Mother’s Day

As I was shopping last week, I saw some Mother’s Day cards and I picked one out, and read it. Of course, I thought about the cards I used to send to Mom. She couldn’t read or write, and she had to get a neighbor to read it to her. I wondered if it would have made a difference if she could have read it herself. It saddens me that I could have helped her to read, and I didn’t. I guess when you are young, your focus is on yourself.

I was young when I had my children, and sometimes I just felt overwhelmed. The phone would ring, and it would be Mom. She would say: Just wanted to know how you are doing. She seemed to know when I needed to talk, and hear from her.

Sometimes I’d get a letter in the mail with a \$10 bill, or maybe a \$20 bill. The letter would say: Thought you might need something extra. A mother always seems to know when she is needed.

Mom didn’t have much of a child’s life, as most children know. She was farmed out during the week to homes, where they needed help. It could be housework, taking care of a baby, or outside farm work. Grandpa brought her home on the weekend.

I’m sure she learned a lot about hard work. Her mother died when she was very small. Mom didn’t complain or say anything about what she had to do.

Mom and Dad raised four children. I guess most of us think we have the best Mom in the world. I thought I did. She was always there for me.

I have a little story about Mom and the mules.

Dad smoked Prince Albert tobacco, and we were out taking a drive. Dad told Mom to take the wheel while he rolled his ciga-



rette. There was a wagon on the side of the road being pulled by two mules. She got so close to those mules. Dad said you almost shaved those mules. Mom looked at Dad, and said: I didn’t know you could shave mules!

True story. it scared me, but I had to laugh.

Have a Happy Mother’s Day!

— Card of Thanks — Family of Lon Faller

I truly apologize for not thanking Phil Case for giving the perfect heart felt and upbeat eulogy at Lonni Faller’s funeral service on March 19th. I would also like to thank the Warsaw Christian Church for providing the delicious sandwiches and fruit tray on that day as well. The Gallatin County

News also provided drinks for her service, along with years of employment. Everyone was so incredibly kind. Lonni was so very blessed to have such genuine and caring people in her life. The very essence of what being Christian is truly all about!

Thank you all,
Lawrence Faller

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Taurus

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Wright — Klee Engagement Announced

Mr. & Mrs. John G. (Spike) Wright announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Grace (Maggie) Wright, to Aidan Scott Klee of Maysville, Kentucky. Maggie is a graduate of Gallatin County High School and Transylvania University. She will be attending the University of Pikeville Medical School beginning in July. Aidan is the son of Robert Klee of Maysville and Tonja Harris of Columbia, Kentucky. He is a graduate of St. Patrick Catholic School and Maysville Community and Technical College. A spring wedding is planned.

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- Friday, May 16 - Marie Hayton, Patsy L. Williamson, Tyler Lewis
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Kentucky Humanities plans 2025 Kentucky Reads

Kentucky Humanities has selected *Savory Memories* edited by L. Elisabeth Beattie (now Linda Elisabeth LaPinta), for its 2025 Kentucky Reads. The novel will serve as a focal point for community-wide book discussions that promote a shared literary experience and celebrate the diverse voices and stories that shape Kentucky's rich cultural landscape. Kentucky Reads will offer scholar-led discussions of *Savory Memories* to community organizations throughout the Commonwealth.

Any non-profit organization in Kentucky can host a discussion of *Savory Memories* for a book-

ing fee of \$50, and each host organization will be provided with 10 copies of the novel to share among participating members. Publicity materials to promote the discussion will also be provided. A list of scholars can be found at <https://kyhumanities.org/programs/kentucky-reads-savory-memories/>. New this year, organizations may opt for a discussion leader who can not only drive the group conversation but also can offer a writing prompt and direction for individuals who may want to share their own memories of food and family.

Savory Memories beau-

tifully intertwines personal essays and cherished recipes from some of Kentucky's most esteemed writers, offering readers a delectable journey through the Commonwealth's culinary and cultural heritage. With contributions from notable authors such as Joy Bale Boone, George Ella Lyon, Ronni Lundy, Ed McClanahan, Sena Jeter Naslund, and Richard Taylor, each essay reflects on the profound connections between food, family, and memory, providing a rich tapestry of Kentucky's diverse traditions. "We are delighted to feature *Savory Memories* for this year's Kentucky Reads," said Bill Good-

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More delays on U.S. 127

Traffic delays continue on U.S. 127 as crews work to control erosion. There had been just one area where travel was limited to one lane but now there are two places that are one lane only. Photo by Kelley Warnick

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Riding in style

One of the highlights of the Peony Festival was the horse and carriage rides down High Street. Here, the horse and carriage, from the Olds Farm in Owen County, makes its way past the Courthouse. Photo by Kelley Warnick

Scholarship available for the study and making of wine.

The French Broad Vignerons announces the availability of a Scholarship of \$500 to prospective enology students.

The French Broad Vignerons of Western North Carolina is a nonprofit organization focused on the viticulture and enology education of its members. Knowledge of vineyard

management and wine-making requires dedicated study and real time experience. From careers in winemaking to distribution sales to sommelier positions at fine restaurants, there are many career opportunities for students passionate in the field. This scholarship aims to support the next genera-

tion of wine professionals as they pursue their collegiate studies in the field.

Any undergraduate or graduate student in the USA who is studying viticulture or enology may apply for this scholarship if they're planning to work in the wine industry.

Selection criteria includes ambition, drive,

and passion for the field of grape growing.

Application deadline is June 10, 2025 and the winner will be announced July 10, 2025. This is the link to the actual scholarship on Bold.org:

<https://bold.org/scholarships/french-broad-vignerons-annual-scholarship/>

A beautiful green lawn starts with the right grass seed

by Melinda Myers

Growing a healthy lawn in a more sustainable manner is better for the environment and can also help reduce maintenance. As a major component of landscapes, they provide living surfaces for play areas and pathways while protecting the soil from erosion and slowing stormwater runoff.

When starting a new lawn, selecting the best lawn grass is as critical as selecting the right plant for your gardens. Look for a mixture of grasses that thrive in your growing conditions and activity level, provide the aesthetics you prefer and with the care you are willing and able to provide.

Fescues are known for their shade and drought tolerance and ability to thrive in warm and cold climates. Tall fescues are among the toughest with their dense root system, ability to tolerate heavy foot traffic and other wear and compaction. Turf-type tall fescues have finer leaf texture, denser growth, and tend to spread better than the bunching tall fescues.

When selecting a tall fescue grass seed, look for one with several varieties to create an attractive, resilient and low maintenance lawn. Va-

rieties like Annihilator, Ma-rauder, Rhizing Moon, and Bloodhound have excellent heat resistance while Channell is great for high traffic and low maintenance areas. Barbarian can be managed at a moderate height. Roman tolerates diverse soils and Warhawk produces a beautiful dark green lawn.

Using a mixture of grass seed allows the various varieties to fill in where they excel, tolerate the often-challenging growing conditions and work together to create an attractive lawn. Grass seed mixes, like Combat Extreme Transition Zone (Outsidepride.com), contain several tall turf type fescue seeds to create a heat, cold, and drought resistant lawn that looks good and requires less watering and fertilizing and is suitable for zones 3 to 8.

Prepare the soil and begin planting the seeds when the soil temperature is 55 degrees and warmer or up to six weeks before the first fall frost. Use this seed calculator to help you determine how much seed you'll need.

Broadcast the seed over the soil surface and lightly rake to ensure adequate seed to soil contact. Water enough to keep the soil slightly wet.

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Gemini



THE TWINS

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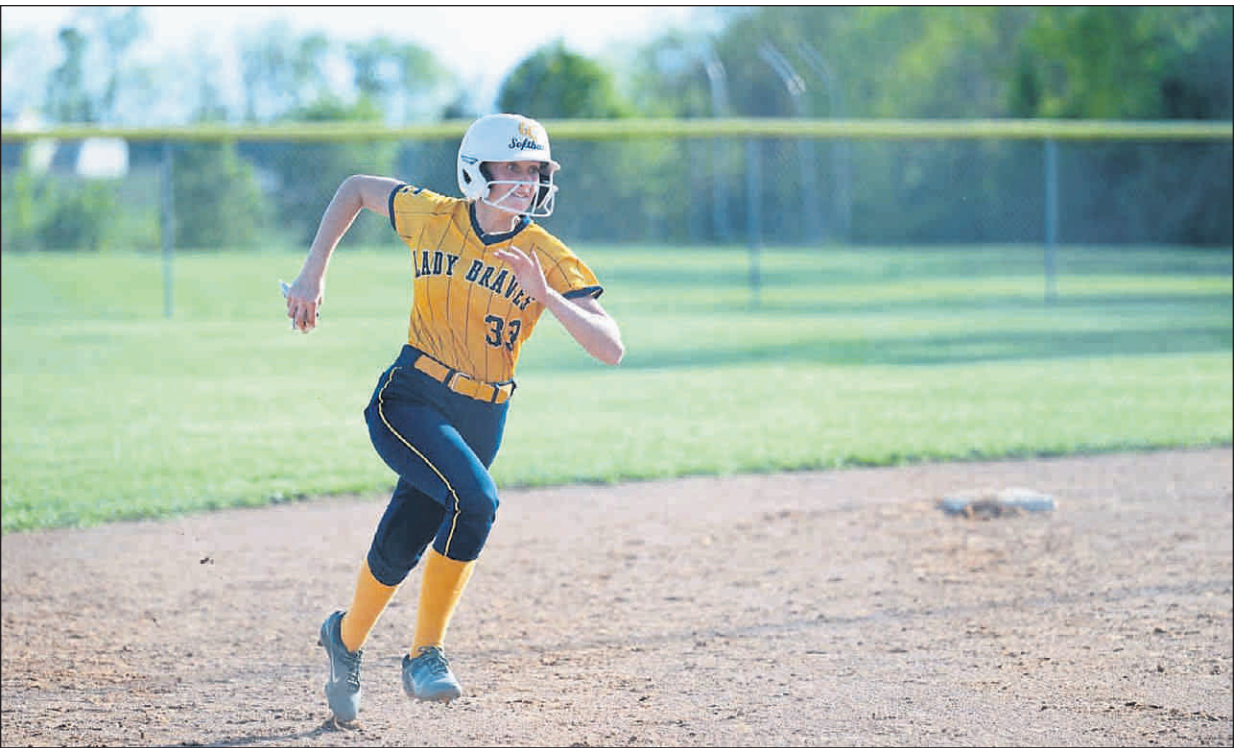
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NEWS REPORTER

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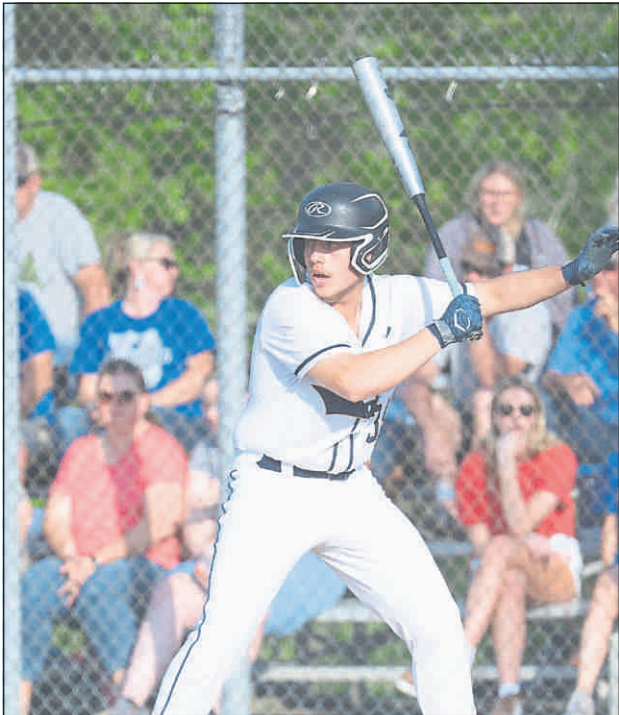
Riley Hartloff steps into a pitch on the mound.

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Cooper Chaplin eyes the pitcher down at bat.

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	<u>Monthly Usage</u>	<u>Average Bill</u>	<u>Bill</u>		
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Monthly Service Charge by Meter Size:				
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