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Williamstown Grant County News—7/10, 7/17 & 7/24

# Monroe excited over growth, focus Wildcats showed over June schedule



Wildcats third year head coach Mason Monroe, has been satisfied with the focus shown by his players in the weight room and on the hardwood as the team looks to feature more depth and balance next season. Photo by Jenna O'Hara.

By Sam McClanahan

Third-year head coach Mason Monroe and his Pendleton County Wildcats wrapped up their summer scrimmage schedule and he was happy with what he saw from his team.

The Wildcats finished with an overall record of 9-11 while taking part in events held at Transylvania University, Hanover College, Morehead State and an NCAA live event held in Lexington.

Coach Monroe reflected on the goals his squad has set out to achieve following the conclusion of last season as well as the positives that stood out to him during the June scrimmage schedule.

"We had a solid summer. Our entire focus since April 1 has been adding muscle, getting stronger, and being more explosive. We've been going three to four days a week focusing solely on that. The way we lost in the district tournament left a bad taste in our mouths and our players are working hard to set ourselves up for success next season," Monroe said.

"We return a lot of familiar faces but each were figuring out their new roles. I like my team! Our rotation should be a little deeper this season with Micah Biddle,

Kevin Miles, and new comer Charlie Allen showing they can compete at the varsity level. There was no drop off when we subbed. Some games, we got better when those guys were on the floor. It gives our coaching staff great confidence knowing we can rotate guys in and still play at a fast tempo. I like the senior leadership I saw from Dawson Nichols this summer. This kid's work ethic is unmatched and his drive to compete elevates our entire team. Parker McCandless and Hunter Keeton have gotten a lot stronger this offseason. We are expecting each of them to have a bigger role of production this year. Hunter Keeton showed flashes of what he can become playing a variety of different positions on the floor. He had a really good summer. Ja'Zi Grayson and Kam O'Hara showcased their ability to score the basketball from every where this summer. When they are scoring, we can be really good," Monroe added.

"After dead period, we will continue to focus on our strength and explosiveness. I think it will pay dividends down the road.

I'm excited to take the floor with this team come October. I think Pendleton County will really enjoy this group!"

# Kelsch thrilled with Ladycats strides and chemistry during summer schedule



Ladycats head coach, Patrick Kelsch, now in his fourth season, believes his team has what it takes to bounce back from last season's disappointments and be a factor in the 10th Region once again this winter. Photo by Danielle Brown.

By Sam McClanahan

The Pendleton County Ladycats basketball team recently completed their summer exhibition schedule and head coach Patrick Kelsch was thrilled with his squad's results.

The Ladycats graduate two starters in Madison Verst and Kearstin Mayer but return plenty of talent and experience as they will look to compete for a district title and strong run in the regional tournament this coming winter. The team put together an 8-4 record while competing in various events throughout the state.

Coach Kelsch spoke at length about the strides he saw from his team not only on the court but also in the comradery they displayed as a unit in wanting to achieve success together.

"The Ladycats had a great summer. The varsity team finished 8-4 and a lot of different girls got valuable playing experience. We have a very exciting group of players that the school and community are going to love watching and be proud of. They've been very coachable and eager to learn this summer. Our attitudes and work ethic have been positive, and it's shown in our results. We've played some

great teams this summer and that level of competition is going to prepare us for this upcoming season," Kelsch explained.

Coach Kelsch then detailed the various events and opponents that his team faced during the month of June.

"A very positive experience for us was the KABC Bluegrass Cardinal Classic at GRC in Winchester. It's an NCAA live event where college coaches are able to watch and evaluate high school athletes. We went 3-1. Our lone loss came at the hands of Bullitt East. Our wins were against Lexington Christian Academy, GRC2, and Scott County. We had the opportunity to play in front of numerous college coaches (WKU, NKU, Bellarmine, etc.). This was a great experience for our Ladycats.

"We would end our summer at the Nicholas County Panorama where we got to play four games. We went 2-2 with victories over Mason County and Trimble County. We took a two point loss to Nicholas County as well as a loss to Bourbon County. Overall, it was a great summer where we played hard and learned a lot about ourselves. I believe it's going to be an exciting season in Falmouth for the Ladycats. Get your tickets now!"

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OUTLOOK



# Standard turnout gear poses threat to firefighters

Dear Editor,

Firefighters in Pendleton County and beyond risk their lives to protect our communities, but few realize the hidden danger lurking in their very equipment. Woven into the fabric of their turnout gear are per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) — chemicals that have been linked to cancer and other serious health problems. Exposure typically transpires through direct contact with their protective clothing and other contaminated materials they use regularly when responding to emergencies. This only means that this danger is almost inevitable for firefighters. Recognizing this urgent threat, the bipartisan Protecting Firefighters and Advancing State-of-the-Art Alternatives (PFAS Alternatives) Act, introduced by Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick on July 20, 2023, seeks to transition to safer firefighting practices. This legislation will not only prioritize the development of PFAS-free turnout gear but also advance education for first responders, enabling them to un-

derstand the immense danger and how to mitigate their exposure. For Pendleton County, home to approximately 43 firefighters, this legislation is both timely and essential, as they continue to face ongoing exposure risks due to their heavy reliance on PFAS-laden equipment. Since the 1950s, PFAS have been widely used in various industrial and commercial products due to their exceptional resistance to heat, oil and water. That same resilience soon found a role in firefighting, which is why by 1963, such chemicals were introduced into aqueous film-forming foam, a Class B fire suppressant designed to combat fuel-based fires. Then, later in 1976, they were embedded in turnout gear. But the very qualities that made PFAS so effective also made them hazardous. Over time, it became clear that these so-called “forever chemicals” do not break down in the environment and accumulate in human bodies. Because of this drawback, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has warned that there is no safe level of PFAS exposure, and

even minimal contact may lead to serious health consequences. Nowhere is this risk more troubling than in the fire service. Firefighters are particularly vulnerable to the harmful effects of PFAS because of repeated exposure through their turnout gear. Scientific studies have shown that all three layers of this gear — the outer shell, moisture barrier and thermal lining — contain significant amounts of PFAS. As the gear is subjected to heat, abrasion, laundering, and general wear, these chemicals are released and absorbed through the skin, inhaled, or inadvertently ingested. This routine exposure has led to significantly elevated PFAS levels in the blood of firefighters compared to the general population. More alarmingly, such exposures carry serious consequences, such as increased risks of aggressive cancers as well as thyroid dysfunction, reproductive harm, immune suppression, and developmental delays in children. Legal battles are now intensifying as affected firefighters, residents, and municipalities seek accountability for PFAS pollution

linked to hazardous firefighting equipment. As of May 1, 2025, the number of pending lawsuits in the AFFF multidistrict litigation has surged to 9,342, following the filing of 414 major cases in April alone. These lawsuits reflect growing national concern over the health and environmental damage caused by PFAS-laden products. The PFAS Alternatives Act offers a crucial pathway for communities like Pendleton County to protect firefighters from the toxic risks hidden in their protective gear. The legislation allocates \$25 million annually from fiscal years 2024 to 2028 for the research, development, and testing of PFAS-free turnout gear. Additionally, it designates \$2 million per year during the same period to support training programs aimed at reducing firefighter exposure to PFAS-contaminated equipment. This comes at a pivotal time for Kentucky, where state and local leaders are actively debating over budget priorities for equipping fire departments. While those discussions have primarily focused on immediate operation-

al needs, the issue of PFAS contamination must be part of the conversation. Without dedicated funding to transition away from hazardous materials, departments across the state, especially in rural areas, will continue to rely on gear that poses long-term health risks. Pendleton County’s fire crews, like many across Kentucky, stand at the intersection of innovation and inaction. The PFAS Alternatives Act provides the necessary resources to move forward, but only if state lawmakers recognize the urgency and align local budget decisions with federal support. This is more than a funding issue — it’s a matter of protecting the people who protect us. Now is the moment to act decisively. Ensuring that every firefighter in Kentucky has access to safe, modern equipment shouldn’t be a distant goal — it should be a budget priority. The health of our first responders depends on it.

Jonathan Sharp, CFO  
Environmental Litigation  
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Birmingham, Alabama

# Local newspapers, journalists need support

Dear Editor,

In August of 2023, I watched a program on PBS that focused upon the community impact resulting from the decline of local newspapers like the Falmouth Outlook. We had recently moved and I realized that my subscription to the Outlook had expired perhaps as much as several months earlier. I went to the Outlook and immediately renewed it. Thinking about how I could have not noticed something that had been a weekly presence in my life since I moved to Pendleton County in 1979 and spurred by the reporting of Judy Woodruff on the “PBS News Hour,” I decided to investigate the root causes of the demise of local newspapers. Woodruff’s report captured on film many of the negative consequences in communities across the nation when they lose their local paper. Research identified measurable decrease in civic engagement when the small-town paper closes. In small rural towns the newspaper is often the primary source of information affecting community involvement in local politics leading to a decline in voter turnout. Citizens become less aware of local issues. At the same time, communities without the local papers showed an increase in political polarization. Though I could not identify specific examples, sources reported potentially higher costs for local governments. The major role of newspapers throughout history is to hold the government accountable. Editorials provide diverse perspectives across the political spectrum which in turn help prevent misinformation a recognized primary cause of political divisions. Perhaps the most insidious loss to a community

when their local newspaper shuts down is the lack of accountability and oversight of local elected officials and public services including police, fire and utilities. The journalists writing for local news are tasked with scrutinizing local elected officials identifying corruption waste, and mismanagement saving taxpayers countless dollars as informed citizens themselves insist on improved policies and efficiency. Many city and county actions are required by law

to be posted in the local paper, if there is one. A perusal of just about any edition of the Outlook will catch a public notice or some form of city and county communication. Many people tap into the archives of local papers for historical reference and genealogy. These records of collective community knowledge end when the local newspaper closes their doors. The shared past events and shared achievements in the local news records are the foundation

on which a community was built, losing them erodes our sense of who where we came from, where we are, and where we as a community are going. The loss of local news also impacts the local economy not just from the shutting down of a newspaper and the immediate impact upon their staff, but also on local businesses that rely upon the paper to advertise, community outreach, along with the coverage of local events that have a positive impact upon their business. It is obvious by the ads in local papers that they help fuel their regional economy. But as ads drop due to competing technological advances, so does the ability of the paper to make their financial ends meet. They cannot afford to pay journalists, and the paper’s content begins to decline. It is a vicious spiraling cycle that can only be reversed by community support. If you’ve read this far, you can help. If you pur-

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Jim Thaxton  
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Paddlin' with Thaxton

Memory, memory drifts merrily down the stream

By Jim Thaxton

My memory is not always dependable. It is not just an aging thing; it has always been that way. Perhaps, no one's recollection of events ever is. So, I often rely upon others who were there to help me fill in the gaps and erase the cumulative errors that my active imagination tends to create.

With that in mind, I asked my son Glen if he remembered the intense storm that took our apple tree in the back yard down. "Yeah", he chuckled, "We were in the living room watching a movie you rented from the video store."

"The lamp in the living room moved across the floor!" he continued confirming that what I remembered actually happened and wasn't an exaggerated creation of my imagination.

"I thought I was just imagining that." I confessed.

"Yeah. Just before the power went out, we heard a loud crash and the floor lamp by your chair started moving towards the circuit breaker box on the outside wall," he recalled.

It was still storming when we walked outside and discovered the tree had fallen across the power line leading to our house and amazingly ripped the circuit breaker box partially away from the house tripping the main breaker but the live wire from the transmission line was arcing dangerously close to the wooden siding of the house.

The storm had toppled



the tree and pulled the roots completely out of the ground. The weight of the tree snapped the utility pole supporting our transmission line in half.

The live wire was now resting over the old concrete cistern and steps that once also served as porch into the back of our century old farmhouse.

Fortunately, the phone line was still attached, and I called the fire department.

The fire department arrived and with the spotlights from the fire engine we could see the damage more clearly and realized the arcing live wire still barely attached to the circuit breaker had already blackened the wood siding.

The fire chief said there was nothing he could do until the utility company arrived and cut off the power.

I recall arguing with the fire chief explaining to him that I was once a C-line-man for Cincinnati Gas and Electric and dealt with hooking up live wires to residential homes.

The fear of the house catching on fire became a powerful motivation to do something.

According to Glen, "You grabbed the fire axe off the fire truck, put on a pair of gloves and rubber boots

then walked to the cistern and with one swing cut the live wire and moved it away from the house."

I don't recall putting on boots or gloves nor grabbing the axe off the truck. I do recall using an axe to cut the wire. The axe also took a big chip of concrete out of the cistern.

That broken piece of concrete served as a reminder until we took the porch down years later. I also recalled using the pick side of the axe to drag the remaining live wire from the house.

Neither Glen nor I could remember where his younger sister Sara was at the time.

Perhaps she was staying overnight with friends, and we assumed that my wife was working. Ann was a certified chemical dependency nurse at the Care Unit always on the night shift so she could be around to help with the family business during the day.

His brother James was a rafting guide at Sheltoewe Trace Outfitters near Cumberland Falls and his sister Lori was still on active duty in the Army.

All my neighbors who witnessed this have passed away as have many of the volunteers who served on the fire department.

Even our insurance agent with State Farm, Bob Yelton, is no longer with us. So, we are relying on our own memories to retell this story.

What prompted my question to Glen was a flashback I had when bidding on a fire axe offered on an online auction. I can't explain the attraction

to cause me to bid on a fire axe. I didn't prompt Glen with a front loading question in any way. I don't recall talking to him about it since it happened and what Glen recalled was from his memory.

Even so, what Glen recounted may possibly have been influenced by past discussions of this event even though he didn't recall discussing it with anyone else over the past quarter century.

My daughter Lori and I often have completely different memories about the same events. We jokingly call this our "Purple Pause."

Over the years, I have concluded that individuals perceive reality differently. More recently due to the political divisions in our country, I have come to understand the impact on cognitive bias in myself and others.

In today's world, cognitive bias is enhanced thanks to algorithms built into search engines, especially on social media.

When you add subjective memory into the equation, it is not a matter of one person being right and another wrong but how our brain gets information, stores it, and then retrieves it and a lot of other things that happen during the process.

A highly emotional event like the tree ripping the electric from our house and nearly catching the house on fire can significantly impact how clearly it is remembered.

A person can even revise their memories to reflect what they wished they had or had not done. Memory

specialists refer to this as "hindsight bias." Misinformation, especially if repeated, can distort our memories.

Leading questions can alter a witness' memory of an event as memories are not static; they can change over time through conversations about an event. Which is why I tried not to offer or suggest any details when I questioned Glen.

As it turns out, I was outbid on the fire axe. Whoever bought it must have invested some emotional value into it because they paid more than twice what a new one would have cost them.

I must have had some emotional value in getting one, as well. I didn't buy a fire axe, but when I saw the double bladed "Paul Bunyon" axe on the wall at Harbor Freight, I had it in my cart without even looking at the cost.

I used my new axe to remove a tree stump from where my oldest daughter wanted to put her new chicken coop.

As I was removing the last root I turned and asked her, "Did I ever tell you about the time that crab apple tree in your backyard fell and took out the utility pole and a live wire nearly set the house on fire?"

"Many times, Dad, many times," she replied.

Suddenly, there I was, caught in that Purple Pause again.

*Thaxton is a retired Pendleton County High School math teacher. He and his wife, Ann, founded founded Thaxton's Canoe Trails and Paddlers Inn in Butler.*

KY entries sought for art show in West Va.

HUNTINGTON, West Virginia — Ameritas College Huntington is seeking the work of West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky artists for a fall juried exhibition at the school's historic downtown Huntington headquarters.

Entries will be judged by the acclaimed artist, author, and educator James Gordon Bennett. The deadline for entries is Aug. 1. Contact art@ameritas.edu for the full prospectus and entry form.

Artists working in visual media such as drawing, painting, photography, sculpture, and even digitally created imagery are encouraged to submit entries. The theme of the exhibition is Echoes of the Page: Visual Dialogues with Classical Literature.

"The exhibition is intended to highlight how literature shapes identity, moral questioning, and the human condition — offering artists a platform to engage with the written word through visual metaphor, narrative abstractions, or immersive storytelling," Bennett said. "Classical works from literary giants span many centuries. Just a few examples include Homer, Plato, Shakespeare, Chaucer, Austen, Dostoevsky and Dickinson. The choices are nearly endless."

Works selected for the exhibition will be on display at the college from September 5 (opening day reception) to December 12.

Serving students both nationally and in the Tri-State area, Ameritas College is headquartered in the historic Carnegie Public Library building at 900 Fifth Ave., in Huntington. Built in 1902 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the building was home to the Cabell County Public Library from 1904 until 1980.

Lawmakers question KY Wired project

Capitol Update

FRANKFORT — Legislators on the Information Technology Oversight Committee raised questions last Wednesday about long-standing problems and financial concerns related to the KentuckyWired project.

The KentuckyWired network is a physical system of fiber optic cable that allows broadband internet service to be brought to Kentucky communities. Construction started in 2015, according to the Kentucky Communications Network Authority (KCNA), which has partnered to build and oversee the project.

Committee Co-Chair Rep. Matt Lockett, R-Nicholasville, said, "The bottom line is we are here as representatives of our districts and people to make sure that we are spending Kentucky's taxpayer dollars wisely."

Lorran Hart Ferguson, chief of staff for the Kentucky Auditor of Public Accounts, said Kentuckians deserve answers to two "big" questions — why isn't the project complete and what needs to be done to get there. The audit is at its beginning stage.

Committee Co-Chair Sen. Gex Williams, R-Vernon, said one problem with the project is the government is involved in a "very dynamic, fast-moving industry."

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The public will take notice that the undersigned has qualified as the Executrix of the Estate of Lisa M. Lockard and was appointed on this day 7/8/25. All persons indebted to, will make their claims six months from this date of appointment.

Appointee: Clarence Mark Johnson  
303 E. High St.  
Warsaw, KY 41095

Deceased: Lisa Lockard  
303 E. High St.  
Warsaw, KY 41095

Attorney: David Stout  
3320 Clay Mill Rd.  
Lexington, KY  
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REPORT

FROM PAGE A5

Nanney/Cummings Land Division for \$145,000

- 6/27 — Ricky Prather to Sixgen, LLC, Lot 6 Nanney/Cummings Land Division for \$145,000
- 6/27 — Utha T. Simpson and Utha Tebelman Simpson to Carol J. Simpson-Spaw Trustee, Tina F. Simpson-Poole Trustee and Simpson Family Irrevocable Trust, Cynthiaana Road and Coppertown Creek for Fee Simple
- 6/28 — Christian Conley and Hannah Conley to Sherry G. Conley, 11.5781 Acres Heekin Clarks Creek for love and affection between the parties
- 6/28 — Katherine A. Schneider and Kelsey A. Schneider to William Edward Freeman, Jr. and Laura Selene Morado, Lot 212 Section 6 of Harvesters Subdivision for \$270,000
- 6/30 — Nancy E. Rice Trustee and Stamper Family Trust to James R. Perry, Lot 11 Ridgeview Acres Subdivision for \$55,000
- 6/30 — James R. Perry to Joseph Tyler Workman, Lot 11 Ridgeview Acres Subdivision for \$215,000
- 6/30 — David C. Thomas and Darlene Thomas to A & J Homes, LLC, Lot 97Maple Ridge Section 2 for \$50,000
- 6/30 — Traci Lynn Swanson, Traci Lynn Albert and Christopher Swanson to Ashley McKee, Lot 70 Section 1 Ashley Estates for \$245,000
- 6/30 — Davis Pointe, LLC to James Seebree, Lot 32 Davis Point Subdivision for \$350,000
- 6/30 — Terry Edwin Clifton and Sherry Clifton to Sagarkumar Patel, Lots 25-26-27-28-29 Section 1 Noble Hills for \$105,000
- 7/1 — Timothy A. Yazell and Emily D. Yazell to James Montgomery, Lot 111 Eagle Creek Subdivision Section 3 for \$275,000
- 7/1 — Marshall A. Blackburn to Timothy Yazell and Emily Yazell, Lot Elliston Mt. Zion Road for \$325,000

- 7/1 — Braden I. Phipps to Steven David Preston and Holly L. Preston, 1 Acre Thomas Lane for \$176,000
- 7/1 — Donald Raymond McDaniel Estate and Donald

McDaniel Estate to Timothy James Gunning, Lot 7 Claiborne Estates Section 1 for \$234,000

- 7/2 — Vanessa Rose to Open Door Baptist Church, 0.5334 Acres

Warsaw Road for \$18,000

- 7/2 — Terry Jackson, James Alvie Jackson, POA (Power of Attorney) to Deloris Mulberry, 0.395 Acre Cynthiaana Street for \$60,000

- 7/2 — Varni, Inc. to HBD, LLC, 2 Parcels Owenton Road for \$890,896.91

**Grant County Marriages**

- 6/26 — Kylie Sage

Michelle Troy to Shane Mitchell Schultz

- 6/27 — Madison Leigh Heinrich to Like Todd Herrington
- 7/1 — Kayala May Barnes to Scott Edward Regensburger

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

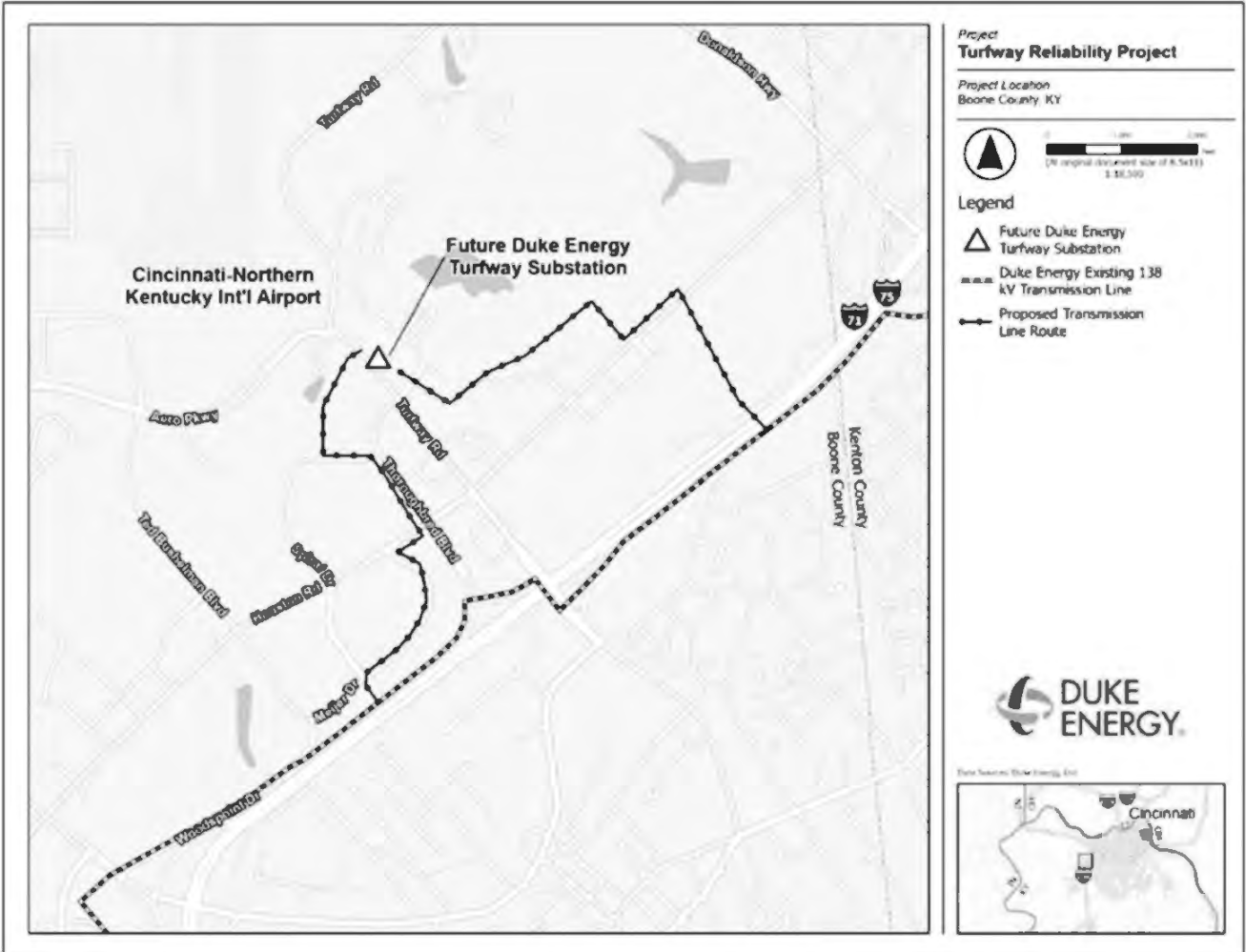
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The western transmission line is 1.2 miles long and starts at the Circuit 23984 Transmission Line north of Interstate 71 near the intersection of Spiral Drive and Meijer Drive. It then proceeds north along Meijer Drive and Thoroughbred Blvd, turns west along Spiral Drive, and continues north to the future Turfway Substation. The eastern transmission line is 1.3 miles long, beginning at the Circuit 23984 Transmission Line south of Interstate 71 at Erlanger Lions Club. It then crosses north over Interstate 71and Houston Road and crosses behind Tapestry Turfway and Turfway Park Racing and Gaming before reaching the future Turfway Substation. The new transmission lines will be constructed within a new right-of-way varying in width up to 100 feet.

The proposed construction of the nonregulated electric transmission lines is subject to approval by the Kentucky State Board on Electric Generation and Transmission Siting, which may be contacted through the Kentucky Public Service Commission at 211 Sower Boulevard, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0615 or by phone at (502) 564-3940.

Duke Energy Ohio is required to file an application with the Kentucky Electric Generation and Transmission Siting Board seeking a certificate of construction authorizing the Turfway Reliability Project. The application and other filings in connection with Duke Energy Ohio's application may be accessed at <http://psc.ky.gov> under Case No. 2025-00228 once filed. Project updates and further information may also be found on the Company's website: [www.duke-energy.com/Turfway](http://www.duke-energy.com/Turfway)

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GRANT COUNTY CLERK’S RECORDS

**PROPERTY TRANSFERS**

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· 7/3 — MKD Land Trust Partners Trustee, Michael S. Digman Partner MKD Land Trust Partners, Michael S. Digman Trustee and Dennis Byrne Family Trust to Andrea L. Wittich, 11.0829 Acres Kentucky Route 22 for \$452,000

· 7/3 — Taylor M. Bosse and Marisa Bosse to Cordelia Fuentes and Roberto Fuentes, 5 Acres Elliston Mt. Zion Road for \$1

· 7/3 — Deloris Mulberry to Dylan Lake and Jasmine Elizabeth Jernigan, 0.395 Acre Cynthiana Street for fee simple

· 7/3 — Terry Overcash and Conny Sue Carroll Brunson to Terry Overcash and Conny Sue Carroll Brunson, 5.00 Acres State Route 1993 for \$1

· 7/3 — Dale E. Schwab and Wanda C. Schwab to Evan Carnes and Miranda Carnes, Lot 106 Brentwood Estates Subdivision Section 3 for \$277,000

· 7/7 — Steven W. Aulbach and Karen M. Aulbach to Earl C. Taylor, 2.715 Acres Kentucky Route 22 for \$20,000

· 7/8 — Walter J. Nunnelley, Jr. and Irene Nikki Faye Nunnelly to Jordan Michele Adams and Samuel Williams, 3.89 Acres East Side Stone School House Road for \$420,000

· 7/8 — Kenneth Greer and Rachel Greer to Sean E. Smith and Heather Smith, 10.00 Acres Truner Road for \$260,000

· 7/8 — Charles D. Sherrod and Deborah S. Sherrod to Terri Marie Sproles Trustee and Sherrod Family Preservation Trust, Lot 61 Grantland Estates for \$1

· 7/8 — Troy J. Calloway to Rachel Greer and Kenneth Greer, 10.7538 Acres Greenville Road for \$110,000

· 7/8 — CAC Properties,

GRANT COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE REPORT

Between June 29 and July 5 the Grant County Sheriff’s Office:

· Served 34 summons and/or subpoenas

· Spent four hours serving court

· Served two Emergency Protective Orders

· Investigated one collision (in county residence)

· Executed seven arrests/warrants (out of county residence)

· Drove 1262 miles transporting prisoners

**ARRESTS**

· 6/29 — Deputy Chaz Jordan arrested Joseph Brummett, 56, of Williamstown at 3:12 a.m. on North Main Street on offense or charge of public intoxication — controlled substance (excludes alcohol), possible controlled substance (first degree, first offense, methamphetamine) and drug paraphernalia — buy/possess. Brummett was lodged in the Grant County Detention Center.

· 7/1 — Deputy Bo Hammonds arrested Timothy R. Smith, 40, of Jonesville at 11:28 a.m. on Jonesville Road on offense or charge of parole violation. Smith was lodged in the Grant County Detention Center.

LLC to Guardian Homes, LLC, Lot 63 Eagle Creek Estates Subdivision for \$35,000

· 7/8 — Nicholas G. Patti and Melissa D. Patti to Sharon Plascencia and Jose Plascencia, Sugar Creek Road, 10.260 Acres for \$460,000

· 7/9 — James T. Taylor and Gracey S. Taylor to Larry O’Neill and Connie O’Neill, 4.40 Acres Lemon Northcutt Road (image unavailable)

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· 7/8 — Michelle Lee Smith to Randolph James Garvey

**POSTED NO TRESPASSING**

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

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**Littrell Property located at 800 & 940 Ashbrook Rd. Williamstown, KY 41097 NO TRESPASSING & NO HUNTING**

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# No Chicago street race next year; may return 2027

BY JAY COHEN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — NASCAR is pressing pause on its Chicago Street Race, answering at least one major question about its schedule for next season.

NASCAR raced on a street course in downtown Chicago on the first weekend in July each of the last three years. But it had a three-year contract with the city, leaving the future of the event in question.

Writing to Mayor Brandon Johnson on Friday, race president Julie Giese said the plan is to explore the potential of a new event weekend with his office and other community leaders while also working on a more efficient course build and breakdown.

“Our goal is for the Chicago Street Race to return in 2027 with an event that further enhances the experience for residents and visitors alike, as we work together towards a new potential date, shorter build schedule, and additional tourism draws,” Giese wrote in her letter to Johnson.

Giese said NASCAR is keeping its Chicago Street Race office and plans to continue its community partnerships.

“We deeply value our relationship with the City of Chicago and remain steadfast in our commitment to being a good neighbor and partner,” she said in the letter.

NASCAR is replacing its Chicago stop with a street race in San Diego.

A message was left Friday seeking comment from Johnson's office.

NASCAR's Chicago weekend featured Xfinity and Cup Series races on a 12-turn, 2.2-mile course against the backdrop of Lake Michigan and Grant Park — to go along with a festival-like atmosphere with music and entertainment options.

The goal was an event that appealed to both a new audience in one of NASCAR's most important regions and the most ardent racing fans. NASCAR used to race at Chicagoland Speedway in Joliet, a 45-mile drive from downtown, but it pulled out after the 2019 season.

Johnson's predecessor, Lori Lightfoot, was in charge when the three-year contract for the downtown weekend was finalized.

It wasn't exactly a popular move in Chicago. Local businesses and residents were frustrated by the street closures in a heavily trafficked area for tourists in the summer. But organizers shrunk the construction schedule from 43 days in 2023 to 25 this year, winning over some of the race's critics.

Drivers and their teams had some concerns about the course ahead of the first weekend. But the setup was widely praised by the time the third year rolled around — both the course and the ability to walk to the circuit from their downtown hotel.

Hendrick Motorsports driver Kyle Larson called Chicago “probably my favorite event in NASCAR each year.”

The racing in downtown Chicago has been dominated by Shane van Gisbergen, who won the Xfinity and Cup races

this year from the pole. He also won in Chicago in his Cup debut in 2023 and last year's Xfinity Series race.

“I love the track,” he said after this year's Cup win.

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/s/ Chuck Dills  
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# Ex-Beechwood superintendent gives up teaching license amid sex controversy

**Jolene Almendarez**  
Cincinnati Enquirer  
USA TODAY NETWORK

Former Beechwood Superintendent Mike Stacy never told the Kentucky Board of Education about a teacher who was accused of grooming and having sexual contact with a teenager who attended the school.

Now, he's out of a job and has agreed to not renew his educator certification in the state of Kentucky.

Stacy told The Enquirer this spring that he was leaving his job – and his \$168,167 pay – because he was eligible for retirement and had a new employment opportunity outside of the K-12 education realm.

“It’s almost become a superhuman job. It’s almost more than one person can do,” he said at the time. A records request to the district revealed no grievances filed against him.

Documents from the Kentucky Department of Education’s Education Professional Standards Board tell a different story – one in which he was accused of creating an “unreasonably dangerous situation for all students in the Commonwealth.”

The allegations against him stem from a 2022 incident in which former Beechwood teacher faced a slew of allegations, including that he groomed and had “sexual contact” with at least one student or former student.

Stacy, the documents state, was obligated under state law to report the incident to the board, which has the authority to suspend or terminate teachers’ licenses.

He didn’t. Stacy did not return a phone call from The Enquirer seeking an interview.

The district said in a statement that Stacy never reported the incident to the standards board because he didn’t believe the report was warranted for a variety of reasons. For instance, the district never received a complaint about the teacher from students or former students and the teacher was never charged with a crime.

Here’s how Stacy’s inaction led to an agreement with the Education Professional Standards Board that eventually ended his career in education.

## ‘A little bit of grooming’

On March 23, 2022, Kentucky State Police interviewed a Beechwood teacher who was employed at the district from 2017-2022.

Since he was never charged with a crime, The Enquirer is not naming him. But according to documents from the standards board, the state police detective reported that the teacher admitted to having “sexual contact” with a student.

During the interview, the teacher allegedly agreed that there was “a little bit of grooming going on” with two kids.

The documents state the teacher also admitted to sending at least one student or former student photos of himself without a shirt on, worked out at the gym with the person and had

“sexual contact” with the person. But he told police he wasn’t sure if the sexual contact happened while the young person was a student.

It’s unclear where the interview took place within the district, but Stacy and Justin Kaiser, Beechwood High School principal, were both in the room where it happened, the documents note. Kaiser was appointed superintendent in May 2025.

The teacher resigned from his job that spring and surrendered his educator certification in May 2024 after someone filed a complaint against him with the Kentucky Board of Education.

## ‘Bad decision making’ or an ethics violation?

The standards board also received a complaint against Stacy last year.

In it, the complainant said Stacy was legally obligated to report the teacher to the standards board following the man’s resignation. The complaint cited Kentucky state law 161.120, which gives a long list of reasons teachers can be reported to the board for an investigation.

That includes engaging in sexual contact with a student, dishonest or immoral behavior, and



Beechwood Independent Schools Superintendent Mike Stacy left the school district at the end of the 2024-2025 school year. ENQUIRER FILE PHOTO

careless disregard of the welfare of others.

But Stacy never filed a report on the teacher.

Stacy said in the standards board documents that he was in-and-out of the detective’s interview with the teacher and did not hear the man admit to grooming students.

“I was told – by the detective – ... that he didn’t have enough to even detain (the teacher) for further questioning because he and the alleged victim were holding to the claim that the relationship was post graduation,” he wrote.

Stacy also said he gave the teacher two options after the interview: to resign or risk an open investigation that would include all the band students at the school. The teacher decided to resign.

“I had no information to sustain an ethics violation from facts presented by the state police detective, or the part of the interview I heard,” Stacy wrote. “Bad decision making, yes ... bad decisions do not necessarily equal an ethics violation.”

In May, Stacy agreed to

an order with the standards board that prohibited him from renewing his educator certification and barred him from seeking employment that requires the certification in the state of Kentucky.

## Beechwood: There was no ‘cover up’

Kaiser, the district’s new superintendent, did not respond to an emailed request from The Enquirer for an interview about the incidents.

Instead, the district said in a statement through attorney Jeremy

Deters that there was never an attempt by Stacy to “cover up” the allegations against the teacher.

“Beechwood does not condone employee misconduct, and Dr. Stacy never attempted to cover up or hide any alleged inappropriate behavior by the teacher in question. ... Dr. Stacy never received any report from any student or former student alleging misconduct by the teacher,” the statement said.

The statement goes on to say that Stacy did not make the report because he did not “reasonably believe he had information that would warrant such a report,” because the teacher was never charged with a crime.

State law, however, does not require criminal charges to be filed against a teacher in order to be investigated by the standards board.

The statement confirmed that the 2022 investigation stemmed from complaints about a former teacher and a student who graduated in 2020.

The Enquirer has requested public records from the standards about any grievances filed against Kaiser to determine if a complaint has been filed against him for not reporting the teacher.

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# School districts fear possible override of DeWine budget veto

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Columbus Dispatch  
USA TODAY NETWORK

After Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine vetoed a proposal that school officials say would be devastating to their finances, districts say they are continuing to pressure state lawmakers to not override the veto.

On July 1, DeWine vetoed several property tax measures in the budget passed by the GOP-controlled Legislature, saying too many changes at once would hurt school districts. The move came as frustrated Ohioans push for a constitutional amendment to eliminate property taxes, which have risen with home values in recent years.

The provisions that DeWine vetoed allowed counties to reduce property taxes in school districts that carry cash balances that are more than 40% of their budget from the previous year and authorized county budget commissions to reduce millage on levies if they believe tax collections are excessive or unnecessary.

School district treasurers have fought the move, some calling it a “disaster” for public school finances.

Some state lawmakers have suggested the possibility of overriding DeWine’s veto and restore the measure. The House and Senate must agree to the override with at least

a three-fifths vote, and Republicans have super-majorities in both chambers that could override his veto if members agree.

Amid the possibility of an override, Ohio public school officials say they will continue advocating against the proposal.

David Hile, superintendent at Vermillion Local Schools in Erie and Lorain counties, said he was grateful for DeWine’s veto. Some state lawmakers who pushed for the cap didn’t understand how schools used their cash balances, he said.

“I guess all it proves is that there’s a lot of politicians in Columbus that just don’t understand school finances,” Hile said.

### ‘You can’t rest or relax’

Hile said school officials “can’t rest or relax” after the governor vetoed the legislation, considering the possibility of an override.

“Now we have to worry about the override, so you need to contact your legislators and ask them not to do that,” Hile said. “That never stops.”

State advocacy organizations have also pointed toward the need to continue lobbying against the limit on cash balances. Nicole Piscitani, deputy director of legislative services for the Ohio School Boards As-



**Ohio Governor Mike DeWine speaks to the media about House Bill 96 during a press conference on July 1 in Columbus. House Bill 96 is the biennial operating budget for fiscal years 2026-2027.** SAMANTHA MADAR/COLUMBUS DISPATCH

sociation, said the OSBA will continue working to educate members about what the state budget and vetoed proposal means for their districts.

“The money is meant for students – we want to ensure that they have the resources they need,” Piscitani said.

Piscitani also said that the OSBA “is committed to thoughtful and targeted property tax reform.”

“Our members hear the concerns of constituents just like the Legislature,” Piscitani said. “However, we have to stay focused on ensuring that students receive the resources they need, because at the end of the day, it is really about students.”

Athens City Schools

Superintendent Chad Springer said he was grateful to DeWine for vetoing the proposal but also for the state lawmakers in the area who have listened to public school concerns about the cash balance proposal. The Athens City School district is represented in the Statehouse by Rep. Ty Moore, R-Caldwell, Rep. Kevin Ritter, R-Washington County, and Sen. Brian Chavez, R-Marietta.

Springer said Athens City Schools has been working with the OSBA and the Coalition of Appalachian Regional Schools to advocate against the proposal.

“If you look at our demographics and the percentage of our our students that attend public

schools, it’s overwhelming,” Springer said.

South Western City Schools spokesperson Evan Debo said DeWine’s veto created a budget that “honors tax reform efforts, while also protecting financial safeguards vital to student success.” But he acknowledged the fight isn’t over.

“While the possibility remains that the Legislature can override this line-item veto,” Debo said, “we are reminded that continued advocacy for state funding is necessary to uphold the governor’s action.”

Melanie Amato, spokesperson for Westerville City Schools, said the district is “optimistic and grateful for all of the vetoes that protect criti-

cal funding for Ohio’s public schools.”

“From the very start of the budget process, we worked to engage our community, board members, and advocates to share what was at stake,” Amato said. “The advocacy work is not over, but we appreciate the governor’s commitment to Ohio’s children.”

### Will state legislators pursue a veto override?

Rep. David Thomas, R-Jefferson, said he plans to advocate for a veto override on the property tax measures.

“I think this is a huge mistake,” Thomas said. “It fuels the flames of our taxpayers believing that Columbus isn’t listening.”

Sen. Andrew Brenner, D-Delaware, however, said it was not immediately clear whether the Senate Republican caucus would pursue a veto. He also pointed to disagreements over the size of any cap and the governor’s remarks about his veto.

“I think it seems to be, based on the governor’s veto message, that he wanted something phased in a little more,” Brenner said. “That’s something we should consider and make adjustments as need be.”

*USA Today Ohio Statehouse Bureau reporter Haley Bemiller contributed to this report.*

## Ohio monthly cell phone fees to increase for 911 services

**Anthony Shoemaker**  
Columbus Dispatch  
USA TODAY NETWORK

If you have a cell phone, your bill is going to see a slight increase.

An item in the massive state budget that Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine signed this week will raise the fee for Next Generation 911 services from 40 cents a month to 60 cents a month.

Funds received from the 911 charge are used by countywide 911 systems to provide and maintain countywide wireless enhanced 911 service.

### What is Next Generation 911?

Next Generation 911 is a technology that offers citizens advanced communication for emergencies, including text messaging instead of just calling. It can help enhance emergency management by minimizing call transfers between 911 call centers and pinpointing caller locations more accurately using callers’ cell phones.

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*Reporter Mariyam Muhammad contributed to this report.*

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# Soliman

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## What is the Muslim Brotherhood?

The Muslim Brotherhood has been around for almost a century. It was founded in Egypt as a religious and activist organization that opposed colonial rule and sought to establish a new government built on Islamic law.

From the beginning, some supporters of the group sought change through politics, while others pursued more aggressive tactics, including armed resistance and assassinations.

More recently, the Muslim Brotherhood and off-shoots of the group throughout the Middle East have been linked to charitable, political and radical groups, including the militant Palestinian group Hamas, though experts disagree on how strong those links may be and whether the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt should be held responsible for the actions of others claiming an affiliation with it.

When former Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak was deposed in 2011, the Muslim Brotherhood, which had been suppressed for decades, emerged as a political force. Its candidate for president took power after a national election but was deposed in a coup.

The current president, Abdel Fatah al-Sisi, declared the Muslim Brotherhood a terrorist group, blamed it for unrest in the country and imprisoned many of its leaders. Amnesty International has said the Egyptian government has targeted members or suspected members of the Brotherhood for years, jailing them and violently cracking down on peaceful protests.

According to Soliman's attorneys, this is when he fell into disfavor with Egyptian officials and fled Egypt, arriving in the United States in 2014. They said he worked as a freelance journalist during the turmoil and was jailed and tortured.

"Going back to Egypt for me is a death sentence," Soliman, 51, said shortly before officials detained him.

**Loss of asylum follows legal battle**

Soliman's case has stirred outrage among his supporters, including local politicians, activists and former colleagues, who describe him as a thoughtful, caring chaplain with no criminal record and no known association with terrorists. They say he was a valued employee at Cincinnati Children's and should be permitted to remain in the United States.

Government officials have said little about the case, aside from a social media post by Tricia McLaughlin, the assistant secretary for public affairs at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. In her post, McLaughlin said Soliman was "flagged on the FBI terror watchlist."

That post came after three years of fighting in court between the government and Soliman's lawyers, who sought an explanation for why a "FBI flag" appeared on one of Soliman's employment background checks in 2021.

Appearing on a watch list could be grounds for removing someone's asylum status, as could the emergence of new information about worrisome

connections to overseas groups. But Soliman's lawyers said neither he nor the charity he worked for are linked to any such group, including the Muslim Brotherhood.

## Muslim Brotherhood designation long debated

While some have argued the Muslim Brotherhood should be regarded primarily as a political organization, others see it as a potential threat. Steven A. Cook, an author and senior fellow with the Council on Foreign Relations, said the Brotherhood's charitable and activist work around the world is intended to advance an extreme religious ideology.

"They are often involved in charities that seem aboveboard," Cook said in an email to The Enquirer. "The group generally seeks to use political and social institutions to advance an inherently anti-democratic agenda, which includes Islamizing societies."

Those who believe the group is dangerous, including Trump, have argued the U.S. State Department designation should be changed. Sen. Ted Cruz, a Texas Republican, said in June he intends to introduce legislation that would declare the Brotherhood a terrorist group.

In a 2018 Congressional hearing, former House member and current Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis declared the group a threat, claiming it fo-



Supporters gathered outside the Butler County Jail on July 9 to demand Ayman Soliman's release. PHIL DIDION/THE ENQUIRER

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mented violence around the world. "The Muslim Brotherhood has been militant from its very beginning," DeSantis said at the time. "There's no question that the Muslim Brotherhood affiliates are involved in terrorism."

Details about Soliman's charitable work in Egypt remain fuzzy, and The Enquirer was unable

to independently confirm the existence of the ASG or ASJ charity that his attorneys say became an issue with the asylum officer. It is not unusual, however, for charities in Egypt and elsewhere in the Middle East to have some connection to the Muslim Brotherhood.

Stephen Brooke, a political scientist who has

studied the Brotherhood, wrote for Brookings in 2016 that the group's network of charitable and cultural organizations is extensive. And while he said it is a means to advance the Brotherhood's political and religious agenda, much of the group's work is helpful or even essential to those who rely on it.

He said his research found that aid provided by groups aligned with the Brotherhood wasn't contingent on support for the Brotherhood.

"Of the millions of Egyptians who interacted with and benefited from the Brotherhood's services, some would go on to become supporters of the group, and some would even vote for the Brotherhood's candidates because of it," Brooke wrote. "But others would use the services while remaining staunch Brotherhood opponents."

Firooz Namei, a Cincinnati immigration lawyer with no connection to Soliman's case, said allegations of ties to the Muslim Brotherhood come up sometimes in asylum cases, in part because the Brotherhood is such a large part of Egyptian culture and politics. In some cases, he said, associating with the Brotherhood "was the only way to express dissent with the government."

To revoke asylum in Soliman's case, Namei said, the government would need to show it learned pertinent new information or that Soliman lied to his original asylum officer back in 2018 when the government approved his asylum application.

"Once the asylum officer makes a decision in good faith, there's a perception he made the decision fairly," Namei said. "You cannot go back and say, 'Oh, I changed my mind.'"

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this? Tipton said he has learned more about what the concerns are each year.

told the Kentucky State Police would not

trict received any information from the state police or the commonwealth's attorney's office, he did not reasonably believe there was anything he needed to report to the board.

"Dr. Stacy has been in public education for 28 years and has never previously been accused of any educator misconduct," the statement concludes. "Dr. Stacy acknowledges he did not reasonably believe he had information that would warrant such a report, particularly when the KSP and the Kenton County Commonwealth Attorney's

ment, that because neither he nor the dis-

Stacy maintains, according to the state-

ty of students and staff."

to Beechwood's campus, ensuring the safe-

teacher never returned to the classroom or

igation, the teacher elected to resign. The

advised he would need to open an inves-

statement says. "However, when Dr. Stacy

who denied any misconduct," the district

Dr. Stacy immediately met with the teacher

"After the KSP detective left Beechwood,

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But the bill met just enough resistance in

the end that it was put on hold again. "So,

we continue to work on the subject," he

said.

"I would anticipate that it be brought up

again next year," Tipton said. "I'm debat-

ing whether or not to try and find another

sponsor."

A bill that did pass in the 2025 session was

Senate Bill 181, which establishes a trace-

able communication system for electronic

students. The bill prohibits staff from using

personal communication platforms like

social media or personal messaging apps

for school-related communication with

students without written parental consent.

Sen. Lindsey Tichenor, a Republican from

Smithfield, sponsored the bill.

All communication between students and

school staff, according to the bill, must be

traceable and accessible to parents and the

district.

"The thing about Senate Bill 181 is it is in-

tended to not only to protect students, but

to protect teachers," Tipton said. "This is a

way to protect teachers from these false

accusations where there is traceable com-

munication."

"Beechwood does not condone employee

misconduct, and Dr. Stacy never attempted

to cover up or hide any alleged inappropri-

ate behavior by the teacher in question,"

says a statement provided to LINK nky

through the school board's attorney, Jere-

my Deters.

The statement goes on to say that, when

the Kentucky State Police detective arrived

unannounced to question the teacher, dis-

trict administrators cooperated and gave

KSP full access to school facilities and the

teacher in question.

No arrest was made after the interview,

the statement says, and Filiaudeau said he

would need to confer with Sanders. Though

Stacy asked to see the student's written

statement that led to the interview, he was

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A formerly vacant 20,000 square-foot factory in Bellevue was converted into 66 living units named the Kent Lofts. At left, the building before renovation; at right, a rendering of the completed project, which was funded in part by the Catalytic Fund. Provided | Catalytic Fund



Another, across the Ohio River, is the Cincinnati Development Fund. Also a CDFI, the Cincinnati Development Fund already has a specific subprogram for affordable housing. Called the Affordable Housing Leverage Fund, it provided roughly \$75 million in investment to 54 projects, comprising about 1,800 income-restricted units, in the fund’s service area between September 2022 and September 2024.

“I do think there’s a lot of partners within the region that are interested in supporting this initiative,” Schroer said.

• **Employer-assisted housing.** These programs are exactly what they sound like – programs designed to help employers defray the cost of housing they provide to attract and retain qualified workers.

The Brighton Center, which was instrumental in producing the initial 50 strategies in the “Home for All” report, already provides a variety of workforce training and housing programs for its clients.

Wonda Winkler, president and CEO of the Brighton Center, said, “there could be a role for our organization to partner with employers to make support available to their employees, for example, and align what we do as an organization well in support of what innovations employers might be interested in pursuing.”

Winkler said that key measures were being developed to track the progress of the region’s housing initiatives.

Winkler and Cooper emphasized that there was no single solution for every community in the region. “What is needed in the urban core of Northern Kentucky is different than [what] might be needed in the five lower counties,” Winkler said.

“Each [recommendation] is going to have to be worked on and done collaboratively across the region,” Cooper said. “This is a heavy lift; it is. It’s a heavy lift, but it’s a heavy lift that we know that we need to make in order to keep our region competitive.”



## Read the report

You can download and read the full Northern Kentucky Housing Blueprint report and the earlier “Home for All” and 2023 Area Development District reports. All three are available at [nky-chamber.com/housing](https://nky-chamber.com/housing).

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Women entrepreneurs find a home at Aviatra's incubator expansion

Since Aviatra unveiled its new incubator space in November, CEO Jill Morenz has said it has bolstered the accelerator's curriculum offerings while providing program participants with a more collaborative environment to pursue their entrepreneurial ambitions.

Aviatra, a Covington-based entrepreneur-



Allison Schroeder, from left, Jill Morenz and Laurkita Sheffield at Aviatra. Photo by Kenton Hornbeck | LINK nky

ial accelerator, provides women entrepreneurs in Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky with resources, mentorship and communi-

ty to help them advance their businesses.

The incubator, located next to Aviatra's headquarters at 112 W. Pike St. in Covington, significantly expanded the accelerator's physical footprint. It offers below market-rate office spaces for six women-owned businesses, as well as several co-working spaces, rentable pop-up retail spaces, a versatile event space and membership in Aviatra's paid community. So far, the upgrade has been a success.

"Having businesses call us home has been

wonderful for us, for Aviatra, to feel more closely connected with the women who are running their businesses here, and the co-workers and the members," Morenz said. "I'm hoping that they find it easier to access the resources that we have."

Allison Schroeder, founder of Pomme Communications, has worked remotely since starting her business around a decade ago. However, as her aspirations grew, Schroeder felt her business needed a proper space to host meetings with clients. Aviatra's co-working space allowed her to see if upgrading to an actual office space was the right move for her business without requiring a substantial financial commitment.

"It's been such a game-changer," Schroeder said. "I didn't realize how much it's improved team productivity and collaboration and stuff like that. Just having a home base for us to come has been great."

Laurkita Sheffield, founder of Sheffield Financial and Accounting Services, told LINK her business has seen improvements thanks to the incubator's expanded presence, which has given her access to a broader entrepreneurial community.

"I would say definitely the community factor has been a game-changer for me and my business," Sheffield said. "You don't feel like you're alone."

Aviatra offers six-month office space leases in its incubator. Since opening its expansion, all the spaces have been rented. Aviatra also offers product-based businesses a pop-up retail space, allowing them to test their concepts before moving into a larger space.

From Morenz's perspective, Aviatra's incubator occupies a critical position in Greater Cincinnati's entrepreneurial ecosystem. Women entrepreneurs face specific challenges in their journeys, such as access to capital and shouldering the majority of child care responsibilities, she said.

Aviatra provides women entrepreneurs with physical space and intellectual resources tailored to help them navigate these issues, along with a community committed to supporting them.

"Having that community for support and for learning from each other is what we're really building," she said.

Erlanger business hosts event to interest students in civil engineering paths



Justin Verst, senior design engineer at Viox & Viox, leads students through a topographic site analysis. Students study the map to determine where a building and its infrastructure should go. Provided | Viox & Viox

Erlanger-based civil engineering, land surveying and landscape architecture firm Viox & Viox recently held an event to offer local high school and college students a window into civil engineering as a career path.

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