

NOTARIZED PROOF OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF KENTUCKY

COUNTY OF FRANKLIN

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

November, 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

Duke Energy.

Signed Holly Willard

Notary Public Bonnie J. Howard

My commission expires 9-18-2028

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

Covington KY Enquirer—10/29, 11/5 & 11/12
Falmouth Outlook—10/28, 11/4 & 11/11
LINK nky—10/31, 11/7 & 11/14
Warsaw Gallatin Co. News—10/29, 11/5 & 11/12
Williamstown Grant County News—10/30, 11/6 & 11/13

Cheer for the Patriots



Third- and fourth-grade Pendleton Patriots Midgets took first place in Saturday's cheer competition at Northern Kentucky University. In the back row from left are head coach Cierra Harris, Patriots Cheer program coordinator Kayla Glass and assistant coach Casey Smith. In the middle row are Brynlee Webster, Yelena Clark, Anikah Downs, Josie Deglow, Patience Wilson, Ava Banta, Remi Harris, LeeAnn Daughterty and Graylee Sullivan. In the front row are Charlie Lunsford, Ella Glads and Aceley Pabst.



The Pendleton Patriots Spirit, coached by Stephanie Denton and Della Spencer, include preschoolers Emory Mallery, AnnaLee Gillespie, Brynli Ishmael, Dawson Geiman, and Madilynn Hutchinson.



Pendleton Patriots Starters, led by coaches Tara Wolfe and Kassidy Milburn, are comprised of girls in kindergarten to second grade. In the back row are Olivia Spencer, Kylee Heiert, Maci Phillips, Jessie Fletcher, Laynee Sullivan, Corinne Lunsford, Abigail Fry, Sophia Audas and Anna Carson. In the front row are Kinslee Duzan, Marcella Gregg, Harper Cahill, Riley Wolfe and Stellah Stinson.



Coached by Shannon Charlot, Jessica Iles and Brooke Bishop, the Pendleton Patriots Juniors include fifth-graders Laylah Bishop, Kynslie Iles, Constance Perkins, Makenna Gosney, Tallie Lewis, Bailey Zajac and Christina Brown. Photos courtesy of Kayla Glass and Jessica Iles.

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Linda's Legacy



For the first time in its history, the two Falmouth Rotary's Linda's Legacy scholarships were awarded to siblings, Damien and Grace Newman. The scholarships, named in memory of Rotarian Linda Thornton, an educator who introduced dual credit classes to Pendleton County High School, will pay for a three-credit-hour class for recipients. In the front row from left are PCHS Principal Chad Simms; Rotarian Dan Woodhead, Damien Newman, Grace Newman, Rotary President Shirley Merrill and Rotarian Darryl Ammerman. In the back row are Rotarian and former schools superintendent Patrick Clore and Rotarian Mary Woodhead Hillenmeyer. Photo by Rotarian Neil Belcher.

Preschool screenings beginning for 2025-26 year

All 3- and 4-year-old children who are Pendleton County residents are eligible for a preschool screening for the 2025-26 school year. The next screening date is Dec. 5 for both Northern and Southern elementary schools students. To schedule a screening appointment, call 859-654-6911 and choose option 3. Documents required at the screening appointment include the child's birth certificate, proof of residence, updated immunization record, custody documents if applicable and parents' proof of income.

MASTER COMMISSIONER SALES

In Order to comply with the orders of the Pendleton Circuit Court, the Master Commissioner will sell the property described in the following action(s) on November 5th, 2025 at the hour of 9:30 a.m., at the Pendleton County Judicial Center, 120 Ridgeway Ave, Falmouth, Kentucky 41040. Said property shall be sold to raise the amounts hereinafter set forth, together with interest and the costs of the action, and upon the (unless otherwise indicated) following terms and conditions: 1) The purchaser shall be required to pay ten percent (10%) of the purchase price on the date of the sale, to apply on the purchase price; 2) The balance of the purchase price shall be due and payable, in cash or certified funds, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale; 3) The purchaser shall be required to execute a bond, with good and sufficient surety thereon for the unpaid balance of the purchase price, said bond to bear interest at the rate of 8.25% percent per annum from the date of sale, until paid in action 24-CI-00209; and at the rate of 5% percent per annum from the date of sale, until paid in action 25-CI-00152; and at the rate of 6% percent per annum from the date of sale, until paid in action 25-CI-00021 4) Any Purchaser who is not paying the entire purchase price on the sale day must have his/her Surety on the Bond present at the sale and may not thereafter produce the Surety. If you cannot comply with this requirement, please do NOT bid. If prospective bidders do not fully understand this, they must consult with their attorney prior to the Sale to answer any questions. 5) The purchaser shall have the privilege of paying all or any part of the purchase price or paying said bond before maturity by paying the balance of the principal, together with all accrued interest thereon; 6) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay any and all ad valorem taxes on the subject property for the current year, and all subsequent taxes; 7) The subject property shall be sold free and clear of all liens and claims of any party to this action, except restrictions and easements thereon appearing of record in the Pendleton County Clerk's Office, if any; 8) Possession of the subject property shall be given to the purchaser upon confirmation of Commissioner's sale and payment of the purchase price, and the Defendants or any persons claiming through them shall have vacated the premises by that time; and 9) Said property shall be sold subject to: a) Assessments for public improvements levied against the subject property; b) Existing zoning ordinances, statutes, laws or regulations; c) Any facts which an accurate survey or inspection of the property may disclose; d) Right of Redemption, if any, of the Primary Defendant and of the United States of America pursuant to 28 USC §2410, where applicable; and e) The property is being sold "AS IS."

The Properties are as follows:

1. CitiMortgage, Inc., Plaintiff, v. Jeremy Nelson, Vickie Nelson, Pendleton County, KY, Defendants

PIDN #025-00-00-003.01
Address: 245 Wiley Lane, Berry, KY 41003

Pendleton Circuit Court Case: 24-CI-0209

Judgment: \$38,426.96 principal, the deferred principal amount of \$2,779.99, together with interest at the rate of 8.25% per annum from July 1, 2022 until paid; The property being sold is described in the Judgment; entered in Pendleton Circuit Court, Action No. 24-CI-00209 on July 8th, 2025 and Order of Sale Entered October 2, 2025, and with a Property Identification Number of 025-00-00-003.01. Being the same property conveyed Jeremy Nelson, no marital status shown, who acquired title by virtue of a Deed from Lester Nelson, married, and also signed by Vicki Nelson, husband and wife, dated February 24, 2000, recorded February 29, 2000, in Deed Book 227, Page 292 of the Pendleton County Court Clerk's Office.

All pursuant to Judgment Entered July 8th, 2025 and Order of Sale Entered October 2, 2025.

Plaintiff's Attorney: Blake Embry, Manley Law Firm, PO Box 165028, Columbus, OH 43216.
Phone: (614) 220-5611.

2. Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation as Trustee for Freddie Mac Seasoned Credit Risk Transfer Trust, Series 2018-1, Plaintiff, v. William R. Parker, Merry V. Parker and L&N Federal Credit Union, Defendants

PIDN #002-00-00-044.04
Address: 616 Adalin Drive, Demossville, KY 41033

Pendleton Circuit Court Case: 25-CI-00152

Judgment: \$109,802.31 principal, together with interest at the rate of 5% per annum from August 30, 2025 until paid; The property being sold is described in the Judgment; entered in Pendleton Circuit Court, Action No. 25-CI-00152 on September 29th, 2025, and with a Property Identification Number of 002-00-00-044.04. Being the same property conveyed to William R. Parker and Merry V. Parker, husband and wife, for and during their joint lives with remainder in fee simple to the survivor of them, by Deed dated May 31, 2005 and recorded in Deed Book 271, Page 164 in the Pendleton County Clerk's Office.

All pursuant to Judgment Entered on September 29th, 2025.

Plaintiff's Attorney: Jeffrey Helms, Diaz Anselmo & Associates. P.S.C., PO Box 19519, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33318.
Phone: (954)564-0071.

3. Freedom Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, v. Taylor Dickerson, Bradley McClanahan, Daniel Joseph Dickerson and the Unknown Spouse, if any, of Taylor Dickerson, Defendants

PIDN #002-50-00-008.00
Address: 4290 Center Ridge Road, Demossville, KY 41033

Pendleton Circuit Court Case: 25-CI-00021

Judgment: \$181,707.78 principal, together with interest at the rate of 6% per annum from August 31, 2025 until paid; The property being sold is described in the Judgment; entered in Pendleton Circuit Court, Action No. 25-CI-00021 on October 3rd, 2025, and with a Property Identification Number of 002-50-00-008.00. Being the same property conveyed to Taylor Dawn Dickerson, a married person, and Bradley McClanahan, an unmarried man, by Deed dated October 27th, 2022 and recorded simultaneously herewith in Deed Book 374, Page 346, in the Pendleton County Clerk's Office.

All pursuant to Judgment Entered on October 3rd, 2025.

Plaintiff's Attorney: Victoria M. Kadreva Holmes, Doyle & Foutty, P.C., 41 E Washington Street, Suite 400, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Phone: (317) 264-5000.

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Asbury Church Craft Fair returns

HIGHLAND HEIGHTS — The annual Asbury Methodist Church Craft Fair, a tradition for more than 50 years, will be held 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Nov. 7 and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 8 at the church, 2916 Alexandria Pike, Highland Heights.

The Asbury Cafe also will offer food both days. All proceeds are donated to dozens of local, regional, and international mission areas. All crafts—including Christmas décor, gifts, sweets, jams and pickles—are made by Asbury Church members. No outside vendors are accepted.

CHURCH NEWS

Blanket Creek

We are so blessed to have so many young people here. Vickie Carr gave a story for them called “The Monkey in the Lions Den.” We also want to thank Steve and Vickie Carr for opening their home to us for our Fall Festival and hayride.

The message was from Matthew 2:13-23. Starting a series “From The Cradle to the Grave.” God wants to protect us from evil. Don’t let the world influence you. For our evening service we prepared 300 treat bags to hand out for trick or treaters.

Please remember the families of Charles Klaber and Darryl Wright. Have a blessed week.

Butler Christ Community

Greetings friends. Hope you are planning on being at the Christmas auction on Saturday the 8. There will be great items to bid on. Marvin and Clay Sullivan will be there to auction the items for us. We will be having the barbecue dinner starting at 5:30 and the auction will begin at 7. Come out for a fun night.

New Life Wesleyan

Seeing God flow through our adult Sunday school class and the morning messages for two weeks now on the same line of thinking has been inspiring. Many have taken the call to be servant leaders. Our altars were full Sunday

morning with men seeking after God. It was truly inspiring.

You are always welcome to stop by at 420 Monument St., Falmouth, and join us. Sunday school is at 10 a.m. followed by morning worship at 11 a.m. Sunday A free breakfast for all starts at 8:15 a.m. Sunday.

Oakland Christian

Using Ephesians 1:13-14 as text, Bro. Kevin reminded us that we are claimed by God as one of His own. The Holy Spirit is our seal showing us we belong to God.

November 6 at 7 p.m. at the Unity Christian Church in Harrison County is a special evening celebrating the ministry of Camp Northward and its vision.

November 8 at 7 p.m. at Stonewood Gardens is the “Women’s Night of Worship”. Ladies come join us.

An Old - Fashioned Hymn Sing is November 9 at 4 p.m. at the Eastside Park Church of Christ in Butler.

Prayer concerns include Gary Barnard, Janice Bertram, Sandy King (foot), Connie McCann, Sherry Fields, Connie Jo Bowling, Jesse Browning, Lisa Blevins, Tirah Clemmons, Jeanine Cox, Luther Blevins, Wendy Rarriack, Benny Bruin, Danny Powell, Ernie Bishop, Pete Hargett, Mark Branham, Gary Bruin, Billie Conrad, Addison Himes, Dian Caldwell, Carol House, Phil Mosley, Misty Courtney, Mary Hurt, Patty Thomas, Beryl Mattox, our shut-ins, our nation and its military.

WILLIAM KENNETH BARKER, 68



FALMOUTH — William Kenneth Barker, 68, of Falmouth, passed away on Friday, October 31, 2025 at the River Valley Nursing Home, in Butler. Bill was a veteran of the US Air Force.

Surviving him are his wife, Sandy, and 10 children. Visitation will be held Tuesday, November 4, from 4-7 p.m. at Woodhead Funeral Home, in Falmouth.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, November 5, 2025 at 1 p.m., also at the funeral home, with Bro. Abram Crozier officiating.

Burial will take place at Riverside Cemetery.

Pleasant Ridge Baptist

Bro. Mark’s message was from Luke 6:1-11.

On two different Sabbath days Jesus did something that the Pharisees thought was wrong. Their laws said you can’t do any type of work on that day. While walking through some grain fields Jesus and his disciples broke off heads of wheat and ate the grain. The Pharisees said that it is illegal to harvest grain on the Sabbath. On another Sabbath Jesus was in the synagogue teaching and a man presented with a deformed hand. And of course the Pharisees were watching to see if Jesus was going to heal that man. Jesus said, reach out your hand and it was completely normal again.

Is it right to do good on the Sabbath day or to do harm? To save a life or destroy it? What is your initial response when you are confronted with your sins?

Trinity Southern Baptist

This Sunday at Trinity was filled with joy and purpose as we gained an extra hour of rest and celebrated our 34th baptism of the year! Our ongoing sermon series, Hope for Northern KY, continues to inspire and uplift our community with messages of faith and resilience.

As we look ahead, we’re committed to serving those in need—especially families affected by the loss of SNAP benefits. This Thursday, November 6th, from 6:30–7:30 p.m., we’ll be distributing essen-

tial food items including milk, bread, eggs, cheese, and peanut butter. And on Thanksgiving Day, we’re offering free Thanksgiving meals to anyone in need. It’s our way of sharing hope and hospitality during the holiday season. For more details or to request a meal, visit tsbcfalmouth.com/thanksgiving. Let’s continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus in Northern Kentucky.

Turner Ridge Baptist

If you don’t attend Sunday school I’m telling you, you’re missing a great time of fellowship diving into God’s word.

The beginning of our worship service was a special time, the children that usually attend children’s worship brought candy to Bro. Dale and flowers to Mrs. Ann to express their love for them, while in the background Robin sang and Sandy played, “Thank You for Giving to the Lord.”

Kip Gregg read Romans 12:4-7, followed by the Praise Team special.

Bro. Dale’s message from I Corinthians 12:4-7, “Empowered to Serve,” the message explained to us how the Holy Spirit empowers us to serve. When we accept Jesus Christ as our Savior, the Holy Spirit enters us and gives us a gift from God. The best way to discover your gift is to serve Christ and His church, we must take the initiative to figure out and use our gift. Some are given more than one, but everyone has at least one gift from God.

ALTA MARKSBERRY, 86

DEMOSVILLE — Alta Marksberry, 86, of Demosville, passed away Sunday, October 26, 2025, at Hospice of Hope Care Center.

She was born in Pleasant Hill on June 24, 1939, the daughter of the late Charles Robert and Lelia Thomas Earls Bonar.

After 25 years, Alta retired from Country Cousins Bakery, of Alexandria and worked part-time at Miss Shirley Bakers, of Alexandria. She loved working, flowers, gardening, quilting, and crocheting.

Preceding her in death, in addition to her parents, were her husband, Kenny Marksberry; daughter, Debbie Dempsey; brothers, Ronald, Donald, Alvin Bonar; sister, Ruth Ray; stepdaughter, Kim (John) Patrick; sister, Pat LaFollette; sister-in-law, Wilma Bonar; and grandchild, Timmy Dempsey.

Services were held Thursday, October 30, 2025, at Peoples Funeral Home, in Butler.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

Online condolences can be submitted at www.peoples-funeralhomes.com.



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ANNETTE ROSE MIGLIO BAKER, 69

CRESTVIEW —Annette Rose Miglio Baker, 69, of Crestview, passed away on Wednesday, October 29, 2025, at St. Elizabeth in Florence.

Surviving her is her husband, Buddy Baker.

Services were held Friday, October 31, 2025, at Asbury Methodist Church, in Highland Heights.

Burial took place at Saint Stephen’s Cemetery, in Ft. Thomas, under the direction of Peoples Funeral Home.

MILITARY SERVICES FOR PRATT

Military services were held Wednesday, October 22, 2025, for Larry Franklin Pratt, 80, US Army.

American Legion Post 109 held full military services for Mr. Pratt, at Lenoxburg Cemetery.

To Larry Franklin Pratt, we honor you and salute you. To the family, we offer our sympathy.

American Legion Post 109 members present were Jim Sharp, Mark Zaffuto, Steve Bowman, Don Wells, Tom Rector, Mike Helmer, Rick Herzog, Kevan Wolfe, Johnnie Parsons, and Mark Fields.

Chaplain: Tom Rector

Honor Guard Commander: Jim Sharp

Bugler: Mark Fields

Another Veteran Laid to Rest.



MILITARY SERVICES FOR ROLAND

Military services were held Friday, October 95, 2025, for James Roland, 80, US Army.

American Legion Post 109 held full military services for Mr. Roland, at Battle Grove Cemetery, Cynthia.

To James Roland, we honor you and salute you. To the family, we offer our sympathy.

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Definition of preaching demonstrated at Wool Festival

By I. Scott Tackett

I missed Kentucky Wool Festival last year for the first time in my life.

This year I was there all three days — the first full weekend of October — soaking it in. It had its hot spells, but mostly it was comfortable, steady, familiar.

And Sunday morning on that stage, Abram Crozier did something rare in our day: he preached.

Not with flourish or notes stacked high, but with conviction. He was in his bag. His whole message was the gospel itself — no tricks, no trends, no self-help polish.

He said, we are sinners. We are all destined for hell. But Jesus Christ came to save us. His grace is offered to all who will believe.

He went from bad news to Good News. That’s what preaching actually is. The Greek euangelion means “to

proclaim good news.” That’s the biblical definition — and somewhere along the way, we forgot it.

We’ve come to think preaching happens behind a pulpit on Sunday morning. But what happens there, most weeks, is something else just as important: teaching.

The pulpit is for invitation, for correction, for leading the body deeper into truth. But preaching — by definition — was meant for the streets, the workplaces, the back roads, the fairgrounds. It was never supposed to be trapped inside four church walls.

When Jesus rose from the grave, He didn’t tell His followers, “Go build buildings.” He said:

“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.” (Mark 16:15)

That wasn’t a request to pastors. That was a command to believers. Every one of them. Every one of us.

Somewhere along the way, the preachers decided to stay in the pulpits, and the people decided to let them. And the world went largely unreachable while the Church congratulated itself for full pews. We’ve become generous with our giving but stingy with our witness. We’ll host drives, fundraisers, and potlucks—but who’s standing on the corner of Main Street in Falmouth or Cynthia simply saying, “Friend, I’ve got good news?”

If you still need to be preached to after thirty years of church attendance, you might need to ask whether you’ve ever stepped into belief at all. Because preaching, biblically speaking, is for the lost.

Once you’ve received the news, your job is to tell it.

The pulpit can invite, instruct, and equip—but the true preaching begins when you leave the parking lot.

Abram reminded us

of that at Wool Fest. He preached the gospel exactly as Scripture defines it — bad news met by Good News, death swallowed by life.

And maybe that’s what the Church needs to remember most: that the Gospel isn’t meant to be admired from a pew. It’s meant to be proclaimed by a people who can’t keep quiet about what saved them.

Because the world is full of bad news, and the good news only matters if somebody’s willing to go out and tell it.

Tackett, of Foster, is a freelance writer who pens pieces as “The Watchman.”

MONEY FOR ON-FARM INVESTMENTS AVAILABLE...



Pendleton County Extension Office

45 David Pribble Dr.

Falmouth, KY 41040

859-654-3395

Lindie.huffman@uky.edu

Visit Pendleton.ca.uky.edu for more details or directions.

COUNTY AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENT PROGRAM (CAIP)

Applications will be available for Pendleton County’s CAIP to assist farmers in making important on-farm investments.

Informational Meetings:

Nov 4 – 10:00 AM or Nov 6 – 6:30 PM

Attendance not required but highly encouraged.

Call the PCEO to register 859-654-3395

Application Period:

November 4 – December 5, 2025

No applications will be accepted after December 5 -3 pm.

Application Availability:

Pendleton County Extension Office

Monday – Friday (8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.)

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For More Information:

Contact Martha Gosney at 859-743-8733

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CHURCH NEWS

Blanket Creek

It was an exciting day when the Holy Spirit lead Kyle Florer to go forward and accept Jesus Christ as his Savior asking to be baptize in His name and become a part of the Blanket Creek family. We welcome him and his family with open arms and love.

Scripture for Sunday was from Luke 2 where Jesus stays behind in the temple while his family moved on. When ask why, He said "Don't you know I have to be about my Fathers business." Which Father are you serving?

Please remember the families of Keith Wright and Bill Barker.

Join us at 9:45 for Sunday school where we are studying the book of Ezekiel and 11 for Worship.

Big things are happening come be a part of it.

Butler Christ Community

Greetings friends. Have you considered that we are all on the same team? Young Christians and established Christians alike. We all belong to God.

We here at BCCC wish to express our appreciation to everyone who supported our Christmas Auction on Saturday! It was a tremendous success and so much fun. We sure did miss Marvin, however.

The Women will be meeting on the 21 for their thank bank service at 7.

We will be hanging the greens on November 30 for the Advent season.

On Dec. 6 the ladies will have their Christmas party at Brenda's home.

Please pray with us for all our sick ones including, Mary Ann, Mark Kyle, Daryl Mullins, Nancy McElfresh's father, Carolyn, John Barrie, and our bereaved, the Hargett family.

We are so happy to welcome William and Elizabeth to our church as new members and dear friends. God bless you all!

New Life Wesleyan

Sunday school starts at 10 a.m., morning worship at 11 a.m. and Sunday night at service at 6 p.m., Men's meetings are 6 p.m. every Thursday. We go to River Valley Nursing Home at 11 a.m. the second and fourth Monday of each month. We offer a FREE breakfast every Sunday morning from 8:15 till 9:45 a.m.

Our pastors, Bro. Nick and Rachel Errico, are always willing to help everyone they possibly can. Everyone here is friendly, welcoming and caring. You're always welcome to come and see for yourself. We'd love to have you!

Oakland Christian

I hate to start off on a negative note, but sometimes Christians fail to see the treasures we have. The best treasure of all is knowing God personally and His power. If you have Jesus

within, you have the best treasure of all!

November 14 at 6:30 p.m. in our 2026 Ladies Day Committee meeting.

Ladies Bible Study is November 19 at 6:30 p.m.

November 23 at 5 p.m. is our annual Thanksgiving meal. Come join us. A program will follow.

Church Board meeting is November 24 at 6 p.m.

Prayer concerns include Sandy King, Frances Ramsey, Janice Bertram, Jesse Browning, Margaret Harper, Jeanine Cox, Jim McCann, Tirah Clemons, Patty Thomas, Ken Lafollette, Luther Blevins, Johnny Ray Reynolds, Wendy Rarriack, Gary Barnard, Benny Bruin, Robert Larimore, Danny Powell, Ernie Bishop, Hinkston Vaughn, Mark Branham, Betty Fields, Addison Himes, Dian Caldwell, A.J. Wright, Mary Hurt, Gary Bruin, Billie Conrad, Diana Wilson, Phil Mosley, shut-ins, our nation, our government, and our military.

Our sympathy to loved ones of Pete Hargett and Allen Mark Kelly.

Pleasant Ridge Baptist

Bro. Mark's message was from Ephesians 2:1-8. Grace....doomed forever for your sins. You went along with the crowd, full of sin. But God is so rich in mercy. We were spiritually dead but he gave us back our lives again when he raised Christ from the dead. God can now point to us as examples of how

rich his kindness is and it too is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good we have done. It's God himself who has made us what we are. If you give little you will get little. God will give you everything you need and more. We can count on God's grace to carry us through anything.

Turner Ridge Baptist

Sunday the children's message, Unto the Least of These, from Matthew 25:31-46, was a lesson for all to hear. Bro. Dale explained to the kids how we are serving Jesus by serving people. It's as simple as if you see someone at school that needs a pencil, give them one, if someone on the playground needs a friend, be one. "And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'" Matthew 25:40

Callie Seedle read Psalm 8:1, 3-5 followed by the Praise team special. The message, A Life of Thanksgiving from Luke 17:11-19, Bro. Dale shared his thankfulness for the things the Lord has done in his life; things such as a Christian home, keeping him, bringing Ann into his life, for saving him, for an education, for His call in our lives and for counting us worthy. Remember to thank God for the little things, they build up to the big things.

JOSEPH WAYNE 'PETE' HARGETT, 78



FALMOUTH — Joseph Wayne "Pete" Hargett of Falmouth, 78,

passed away Friday, November 7, 2025, at the Hospice of Hope in Maysville.

Pete was born in Bracken County on December 31, 1946, the son of the late Flora Hester Hargett and the late Homer Lee Hargett.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his 15 siblings.

Pete was proud to be a Vietnam Veteran. After his military service, he worked for Daugherty Lumber Company and later retired from Lowe's. Pete was a skilled craftsman and carpenter and enjoyed woodworking projects in his shop. He also enjoyed spending time with his family.

Pete is survived by his wife of 59 years, Rita Coleman Hargett and his children, Elaine (Lee) Randall and Julie (Matthew) Kirsch along with five grandchildren - Alex and Raegan Randall, Jordan, Austin, and Aaron Kirsch.

Visitation will be on Tuesday, November 11, 2025, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., at Woodhead Funeral Home in Falmouth, with funeral service to follow.

Pete's final resting place will be at Neave Cemetery in Bracken County, with full military honors by the Hardin-Browning Post #109. Memorials suggested to: Hospice of Hope, 909 Kenton Station Dr., Maysville, KY 41056.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.woodheadfuneralhome.com



PETE HARGETT

DARRYL KEITH WRIGHT, 74

PENDLETON CO. — Darryl Keith Wright, 74, a lifelong Pendleton County resident, passed away on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at his home.

Services were October 24, 2025, at Woodhead Funeral Home, Falmouth.

Burial took place at Lenoxburg Cemetery, Foster.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.woodheadfuneralhome.com

BARBARA JUNE VALLANDINGHAM, 85

EDGEWOOD — Barbara June Vallandingham (nee Faulkner) of Edgewood passed away peacefully at her home on November 4.

Surviving her are her children, Melanie Wood and Grady Vallandingham.

A celebration of life will be held by the family in 2026, with interment for Barbara and Charles taking place at the Pythian Grove Cemetery in Berry.

Veterans know the cost of peace

By I. Scott Tackett

There are two kinds of silence that follow war.

One is the silence of the fallen — the kind that hovers over graves and folded flags.

The other is the silence that walks beside those who return — the quiet that follows them through grocery aisles, across church pews, and into the sleepless hours before dawn.

Veterans live between both kinds. They have seen what most of us only imagine in nightmares, and they carry it with the restraint of saints. Not because they are unscarred, but because they understand that some truths are too costly to speak cheaply.

On Veterans Day, our nation pauses. We hang flags, play anthems, and post photographs of uniforms long folded away.

But if that is all we do, we have not honored them — we've only remembered them. And remembrance without repentance is theater.

The only way to truly honor those who fought is

to live as if their sacrifices meant something.

Scripture says, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

That isn't poetic decoration; it's the raw definition of love itself — and it was spoken by the One who proved it with His own blood. Every soldier who has stood between evil and the innocent has, knowingly or not, walked in the shadow of that same cross.

But not every war is righteous, and not every cause clean.

Veterans are not holy because of the wars they fought, but because of the willingness that led them there — the willingness to sacrifice for something beyond themselves. They remind us that freedom, real freedom, is not a natural state.

It is a maintained covenant. Someone always pays for it.

And in this generation, as comfort grows fat and attention spans thin, we risk forgetting the cost of that covenant. We treat peace like a right instead of a gift.

But veterans know better. They've seen how fragile it is. They've watched boys become bodies, and prayers turn into smoke.

They know that the peace we enjoy is only one heartbeat away from being lost again.

So this Veterans Day, let our gratitude take a different form. Let it sound less like applause and more like obedience — obedience to live justly, love mercy, and walk humbly before our God.

The truest way to honor those who bore the sword in our defense is to wield righteousness with the same resolve.

Christ Himself is called "the Captain of our Salvation." He leads not through conquest but through the self-giving love that conquers death itself.

Every veteran who has faced fear, endured loss, and returned home bearing the weight of both duty and memory is a living parable of that divine courage.

We thank them not merely for what they did, but for what they continue to bear so the rest of us

may sleep in peace. May the Lord heal their unseen wounds, steady their trembling hands, and remind them that their worth was never in the uniform but in the image of God they carried beneath it.

And may the rest of us learn to walk with a fraction of their discipline — watchful, steadfast, ready to stand when others falter. Because the peace we inherit must one day be defended again — and those who remember the cost are the only ones fit to keep it.

This Veterans Day, as the bells ring across Pendleton County and the flags lift in the November wind, may we do more than remember.

May we live worthy of what they gave.

Tackett, of Foster, is a freelance writer who pens pieces as "The Watchman."

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Williamstown Council holds final October meeting

BY BETSY SMITH
EDITOR

The Williamstown City Council held an unusually brief regular meeting Tuesday, Oct. 21 at which no actions were taken beyond convening and coming out of an executive session.

The bulk of the meeting was taken up by Mayor David Henson's update.

- He announced Trick or Treating for Williamstown will take place on the night of Halloween, Oct. 31, from 6 to 8 p.m.
- Two new police policies have

been created, one for the police boat at Williamstown Lake and one for the city's new Automated License Plate Readers.

Henson said he hopes to see expanded coverage at the lake next season, especially on weekends.

- Spending on Marigold Day stayed well within budget. Added to the initial \$14,000 budget were \$635 in vendor fees, \$255 in parade entry fees and a \$125 donation by Republic Services. Expenditures of \$14,116 left a balance of \$898.44.

Henson pointed out that some of the items purchased for Marigold

Day, such as tents and A-frame signs, can be used in the future.

- Construction on the new Williamstown sign should be completed soon. It is expected to cost approximately \$23,000, with up to \$10,000 coming from Grant County Tourism, Henson said.
- The new speaker system for downtown has been ordered and should be up in time for Country Christmas.

On the agenda under "Old Business" was discussion of Davis Parkway LLC, which was tabled at the Oct. 6 meeting.

At that meeting, developer Bob Davis approached the council hoping for a greenlight to create larger parcels—five to 15 acres—in the Davis Parkway development rather than the smaller lots originally approved. After a rather contentious discussion, council voted to table the matter.

Henson's call for a motion to bring the matter off the table for discussion at the Oct. 21 meeting was met with silence from the council. He announced that it remains off the take.

With that, a motion was made and approved to go into executive session

"pursuant to KRS 61.810 (b) Deliberations on the future acquisition or sale of real estate property by a public agency. (c) Discussions of proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of the public agency."

Upon returning to Council chamber Henson announced that no votes were made or actions taken. Council voted to reconvene the meeting, which was subsequently adjourned.

The next meeting of the Williamstown City Council will be Monday, Nov. 3, at 6 p.m. at the City Building, 400 North Main Street, Williamstown.

Where does all the money go?

BY DEBORAH LUCAS ANGEL
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

In this, the second in a two-part series concerning the “drug wars” and the lawsuits involving pharmaceutical companies that pushed the use of opioids, we will specifically look at the opioid fund settlements, where the money is going and how it is being used.

In Kentucky, the Kentucky Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission (KYOAAC) has been designated to oversee the program.

What happens when a large pot of money falls into the laps of local and state governments that has specific yet somewhat nebulous guidelines for spending attached? This question has been asked often since 2022 when the first of the opioid settlement funds began to arrive in Kentucky. To date, Kentucky has received \$869.8 million.

While 50% of the total settlement funds go to the state, the other 50% is divided among the cities, counties and entities across the state to use in somewhat specified manner.

According to KACo, the Kentucky Association of Counties, “All spending must align with approved uses outlined in Exhibit E of the national settlement and KRS 15.291, focusing on opioid remediation, which is defined as:

- Care, treatment, and other programs and expenditures (including reimbursement for past such programs or expenditures except where this Agreement restricts the use of funds solely to future Opioid Remediation) designed to:

1. address the misuse and abuse of opioid products,
 2. treat or mitigate opioid use or related disorders, or
 3. mitigate other alleged effects of, including on those injured as a result of, the opioid epidemic.
- How are the Funds being Used?
- Even though disbursement started in 2023, to date there is little to no tracking of funds. Indeed, when you try to follow links to the Attorney General's website for tracking, you get a “404” error message or a sign-in page.
- Upon being asked about it, Chief of Staff, Office of

Attorney General Kevin Grout replied, “While the portal you mentioned isn’t live yet, we hope to begin releasing portions of the information in the new year.”

KYOAAC’s website states “Kentucky is instituting new regulations for county reporting in 2025 that will allow the public to get more information on how city and county funds are being spent. Once the first year’s information has been collected, it will be shared with the public via this website.”

It goes on to say the responsibility for tracking the use of opioid settlement funds lies with “county fiscal courts and city financial officers."

Questions about spending should be directed to the treasurer or budget office of your local municipality.

Here in Grant County, the breakdown of settlement funds is as follows:

- Corinth has received no settlement funds to date.
- The City of Crittenden has received “year to date” \$91,137.10. “All funds are being allocated to the [Nature Park] project,” said Crittenden City Clerk Shawn McHolland.
- The City of Dry Ridge has received \$148,451.88 so far. The city is still in planning and development stage of how to spend the funds.
- The City of Williamstown has not responded to inquiries about funds received/utilized.
- Grant County has received \$764,237.55 so far and has disbursed \$380,480.94 to the Grant County Detention Center for opioid related processes.

What does the law say?

KRS Chapter 15.291(5) outlines the reimbursement criteria related to “opioid use disorder (OUD) or any co-occurring substance use disorder or mental health (SUD/MH) issues” are specifically outlined in that Chapter and Section of Kentucky Revised Statutes.

Following is the verbiage and notations for usage of the funds for reimbursement laid out in 2021 by the Kentucky General Assembly:

"(a) Reimbursement for:

1. Any portion of the cost related to outpatient and residential treatment services, including:

- a. Services provided to incarcerated individuals;
- b. Medication-assisted treatment;

- c. Abstinence-based treatment; and
 - d. Treatment, recovery, or other services provided by community health centers or not-for-profit providers;
2. Emergency response services provided by law enforcement or first responders; or
 3. Any portion of the cost of administering an opioid antagonist as defined in KRS 217.186; or
- (b) Provide funding for any project which:
1. Supports intervention, treatment, and recovery services provided to persons:
- a. With OUD or co-occurring SUD/MH issues; or
 - b. Who have experienced an opioid overdose;
2. Supports detoxification services, including:
- a. Medical detoxification;
 - b. Referral to treatment; or
- c. Connections to other services;
3. Provides access to opioid-abatement-related housing, including:
- a. Supportive housing; or
 - b. Recovery housing;
4. Provides or supports transportation to treatment or recovery programs or services;
 5. Provides employment training or educational services for persons in treatment or recovery;
 6. Creates or supports centralized call centers that provide information and connections to appropriate services;
 7. Supports crisis stabilization centers that serve as an alternative to hospital emergency departments for persons with OUD and any cooccurring SUD/MH issues or persons that have experienced an opioid overdose;
 8. Improves oversight of opioid treatment programs to ensure evidence based and evidence-informed practices;
 9. Provides scholarships and support for certified addiction counselors and other mental and behavioral health providers, including:
- a. Training scholarships;
 - b. Fellowships;
 - c. Loan repayment programs; or
 - d. Incentives for providers to work in rural or underserved areas of the Commonwealth;
10. Provides training on

medication-assisted treatment for health care providers, students, or other supporting professionals;

11. Supports efforts to prevent over-prescribing and ensures appropriate prescribing and dispensing of opioids;
12. Supports enhancements or improvements consistent with state law for prescription drug monitoring programs;
13. Supports the education of law enforcement or other first responders regarding appropriate practices and precautions when dealing with opioids or individuals with OUD or co-occurring SUD/MH issues;
14. Supports opioid-related emergency response services provided by law enforcement or first responders;
15. Treats mental health trauma issues resulting from the traumatic experiences of opioid users or their family members;
16. Engages nonprofits, the faith community, and community coalitions to support prevention and treatment, and to support family members in their efforts to care for opioid users in their family;
17. Provides recovery services, support, and prevention services for women who are pregnant, may become pregnant, or who are

parenting with OUD or co-occurring SUD/MH issues;

18. Trains healthcare providers that work with pregnant or parenting women on best practices for compliances with federal requirements that children born with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome get referred to appropriate services and receive a plan of care;
19. Addresses Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome, including prevention, education, and treatment of OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH issues;
20. Offers home-based wrap-around services to persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH issues, including parent-skills training;
21. Supports positions and services, including supportive housing and other residential services relating to children being removed from the home or placed in foster care due to custodial opioid use;
22. Provides public education about opioids or opioid disposal;
23. Provides drug take-back disposal or destruction programs;
24. Covers the cost of administering an opioid antagonist as defined in KRS 217.186;
25. Supports pre-trial

services that connect individuals with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH issues to evidence-informed treatment and related services;

26. Supports treatment and recovery courts for persons with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH issues, but only if they provide referrals to evidence-informed treatment;
27. Provides evidence-informed treatment, recovery support, harm reduction, or other appropriate services to individuals with OUD and any co-occurring SUD/MH issues who are incarcerated, leaving jail or prison, have recently left jail or prison, are on probation or parole, are under community corrections supervision, or are in re-entry programs or facilities;
28. Meets the criteria included in any settlement agreement, judgment, or bankruptcy order as provided in KRS 15.293(3) (a); or
29. Any other project deemed appropriate for opioid-abatement purposes by the commission."

For more information on these funds, you can either contact KYOAAC at kyoaac@ky.gov for state information or your local city or county government office.

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I was glad when they said unto me, “Let us go into the house of the lord.” (Psalm 122:1)

We hope to see you here.

Pastor Joe Kozar



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GRANT COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE RECORDS

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

· 10/23 – John Ellis Hodges, Jr and Nancy Childers to Diligent Properties, LLC, Tract 2, 5.00 Acres Kentucky 330 for \$192,000

· 10/23 – Edna R. Risen Estate and Gary Louie Jump Executor to Gary Louie Jump, Lot 22 Fieldcrest Subdivision for \$10.00

· 10/23 – Kentucky Farm Investments, LLC to Corbett DeMatteo and Helen Demat-
eo, Tract 1 – 5.003 Acres Dry Ridge Mt. Zion \$330,000

· 10/24 – James C. Lee and Jacqueline Claypool to James C. Lee and Jacqueline Claypool, 0.736 Acre Gardnersville Road for love and affection between parties

· 10/24 – Arthur Ray Ross to Jessica Nicole Wininger, Parcel Creek Road Dry Ridge for \$650.00

· 10/24 – Grant County Fiscal Court to Darin Collins and Anna Collins, 0.0413 Acre Keefer-Lawrenceville for \$0.00

· 10/24 – Darin Collins and Anna Collins to Grant County Fiscal Court, 0.1181 Acre Keefer-Lawrenceville for \$0.00

· 10/24 – Killian M. Gill, Camberley B. Arlinghaus and Camberly B. Gill to Dakota Hunter and Taylor Hunter, 16.108 Acres Kendall Road for \$474,250.00

· 10/24 – EARP Enterprises, LLC to Ivan P. Smith and Swana L. Smith, Lot 3 Summerfield Subdivision Phase 1 for \$295,000

· 10/24 – Matthew Carter and Stephanie Carter to James Lawrence Humphries

and Denise Humphries, 16.5705 Acres Humes Ridge Road for \$700,000

· 10/27 – Stephen Cox to Stephen R. Cox Jr., Lots 42 & 43 Lake Corinth Estates for \$78,000

· 10/27 – BTN Properties III, LLC to Stephanie Stump and James Kyle Patrick, Lot 85 Thoroughbred Run Subdivision for \$290,680

· 10/27 – Gannon C. Pettit and Amanda R. Pettit to Gannon C. Pettit and Amanda R. Pettit, 2 Parcels Montana Drive for \$1.00

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· 10/27 – Richard Hutchinson and Brenda Hutchinson to Douglas Clasen and Sandra Clasen, 3.2393 Acres Kentucky Route 36 for \$10.00

· 10/27 – Herbert Niesche, Executor and Mark Niesche Estate to Robert J. Aulbach and Julie E. Aulbach, 7.00 Acres Kentucky Rout 1942 (Elliston Mt. Zion) for \$70,000

· 10/27 – John C. Lowrey and Carolyn A. Lowrey to Lowry Real Estate, LLC, 17.764 Acres Mt. Zion Crittenden Road for \$1.00

· 10/28 – Willis Dale Williams and Tammy L. Williams to Garrett Smith, North Side of Vallandingham Road for \$1.00

· 10/28 – Wallace Boian Family Revocable Trust and MKD Land Trust Partners Trustee to Hometown Management, LLC, Lot 52 Section 2 Southern Hills Subdivision for \$100.00

· 10/28 – Jennifer Lynn Scott and Seth Lang to Douglas Baird and Holly Baird, Lot 138 Section 5 Grantland Estates for \$229,000

· 10/29 – Leemason Contracting to Melanie M. Brinkley and David L. Brinkley, Lot 38 Section 1 Maple Ridge for \$365,000

· 10/29 – Karen D. Story and Jeffrey Nicely to B & C Tobacco, LLC, 2 Tracts with 18.723 Acres Crittenden Mt. Zion for \$1.00

· 10/29 – Brown Holding Trust, James Brown Trustee and Betty Brown Trustee to Emily Rigney and Nathan Roberts, 1.6625 Acres South Side Napoleon Zion Station for \$1.00

· 10/29 – EARP Enterprises, LLC to Mallory Mae Hance and Baily Jo Spicer, Lot 110 Section 3 Eagle Creek Estates via general warranty deed for valuable consideration paid

· 10/29 – Gage S. Gabbert to Benjamin Riley Dunning and Kaitlyn G. O’Leary, Lot 13 Reeves Subdivision Section 8 for \$215,000

MARRIAGES

· 10/23 – Emily Alaina Yoakum to Quinnin Joseph Delgado

· 10/27 – Jessica Ann Napier to Nicholas Lee Currier

· 10/27 – Alyssa Jordan Thomas to Dewey Lee Helton, Jr.

· 10/27 – Abigail Grace West to Travis Dabrian Alley

· 10/28 – Shy Dora Alice Thompson to Jacob Timothy Baker

GRANT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE RECORDS

Between Oct. 19 and Oct. 25, 2025, the Grant County Sheriff's Office:

· Served 17 summons and/or subpoenas

· Spent 5.5 hours serving court

· Served three Emergency Protective Orders

· Investigated four collisions (out of county residence)

· Investigated two collisions (in county residence)

· Drove 84 miles transporting prisoners

COLLISIONS

10/19 –Deputy Bo Hammonds responded to a non-injury single vehicle accident at 8:14 a.m. on at the 164 Exit Southbound I-75 involving a 2017 Acura driven by Jewell Powell, 24, of Cincinnati, Ohio. Hydroplane

10/19 – Investigating Zachary Lewis and Deputy Bo Hammonds responded to a single vehicle, injury accident at 12:34 p.m. at exit 143 Southbound I-75 involving a 2016 Nissan driven by Cristina Russell, 29, of New Market, Tennessee. Driver lost control and hit a guardrail.

10/20 - Deputy Bo Hammonds responded to a non-injury single vehicle accident at 10:45 a.m. on Taft Highway, Dry Ridge involving a 2024 Volvo driven by Christopher Orsburn, 58, of Walton. Semi hi low hanging electric wires, damaged poles and wires.

10/20 – Deputy Bo Hammonds responded to a non-injury accident at 11:59 a.m. on Barley Circle, Crittenden involving a 2013 Ford driven by Tracey Rucker, 39, of Worthville, and a 1997 Toyota driven by Linda Harris, 51, of Lexington,

Kentucky. Swerve involved accident.

GRANT COUNTY JAIL REPORT

Population Analysis, October 22, 2025

Total Inmates: 325 (Male: 264, Female: 61)

INMATES BY COUNTY

64 Grant

45 Gallatin (Paying)

19 Pendleton (Paying):

3 Other (Arrested in Grant County on warrants, awaiting pickup)

STATE INMATES

103 SAP (Substance Abuse Program - Pays Extra)

41 SOAR I & 2 (Supporting Others in Active Recovery, Levels One and Two - Pays Extra)

50 Other (Regular Rate)



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9 Ac. Crittenden, pasture, views, quiet country road, city water, electric available, \$146,900. Owner financing available.

5 Ac. Williamstown area, all pasture, single wide homes welcome, partially fenced, city water at street, \$85,900, \$3,000 down, \$844 per mo.

27 Ac. Grant Co., near Mason, ideal location for homesite, weekend get away, hunting, 7 miles off I-75, \$189,900, \$8,000 down.

14 Ac. Grant County, scattered cedar trees, small pond, blacktop dead-end road, city water, \$136,900, \$4,000 down, \$1,370 per mo.

5 Ac. Grant Co, near Mt. Zion area, restricted homesite, open pasture, rolling down into woods, Arnolds Creek frontage, city water, \$92,900, owner financing.

8 Ac. Corinth, Bracht Road, mostly pasture, double wides welcome, view, city water available, \$99,900, \$3,000 down, \$997 per mo.

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Duke Energy Kentucky seeks approval to revise these rates as follows: Duke Energy Kentucky's monthly DSM rate for residential gas customers would increase to \$0.014440 per hundred cubic feet and for non-residential gas customers would remain at \$0.000000 per hundred cubic feet. Duke Energy Kentucky's monthly DSM rate for residential electric customers would increase to \$0.005514 per kilowatt-hour and for non-residential customers would decrease to \$0.001154 per kilowatt-hour for distribution service and would decrease to \$0.000053 per kilowatt-hour for transmission service.

The rate contained in this notice is the rate proposed by Duke Energy Kentucky. However, the Public Service Commission may order a rate to be charged that differs from this proposed rate. Such action may result in a rate for consumers other than the rate in this notice. The foregoing rates reflect a proposed increase in residential electric revenues of approximately \$4.7 million or 2.34% over current residential electric revenues and decrease in non-residential revenues of approximately (\$5.2) million or (1.98%) over current non-residential revenues. The proposed rates reflect an increase in residential gas revenues of approximately \$0.8 million or 0.81% over current total gas revenues. There is no change to non-residential gas revenues.

A typical residential gas customer using 70 ccf in a month will see an increase of \$0.92 or 0.8%. A typical residential electric customer using 1000 kWh in a month will see an increase of \$3.14 or 2.1%. A typical non-residential electric customer using 40 kilowatts and 14,000 kWh will see a decrease of (\$32.19) or (1.8%). A non-residential customer served at transmission voltage using 10,000 kilowatts and 4,000,000 kWh will see a decrease of (\$2,533.19) or (0.8%). Non-residential gas customers will see no change in their bills from this application.

Any corporation, association, body politic or person may by motion within thirty (30) days after publication or mailing of notice of the proposed rate changes, submit a written request to intervene to the Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, and shall set forth the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of the initial publication or mailing of the notice, the Commission may take final action on the tariff filing. The intervention may be granted beyond the thirty (30) day period for good cause shown. Written comments regarding the proposed rate may be submitted to the Public Service Commission by mail or through the Public Service Commission's website. A copy of this application filed with the Public Service Commission is available for public inspection at Duke Energy Kentucky's office at 1262 Cox Road, Erlanger, Kentucky 41018 and on its website at http://www.duke-energy.com. This filing and any other related documents can be found on the Public Service Commission's website at http://psc.ky.gov and are available for inspection at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
UNIFIED COURT OF JUSTICE
GRANT CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO. 25-CI-00215

KENTUCKY HOUSING CORPORATION

PLAINTIFF

VS.

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

DANIEL JOSEPH STEELE, ET AL

DEFENDANTS

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Grant Circuit Court on September 24, 2025, I will sell at public auction at the **Judicial Center Lobby**, 224 South Main Street, Williamstown, Kentucky, the property described herein located in Grant County, Kentucky, on **Wednesday, November 19, 2025**, at the hour of **1:30 p.m.**, prevailing time, and more particularly described as follows:

Property address: 202 Falmouth Street, Williamstown, KY 41097

Parcel No. 058-04-00-095.00

There is not a mobile home, doublewide and/or manufactured home included in the sale.

Announcements made on the day of sale take precedence over printed material.

The amount of money to be raised by this sale is the principal sum of \$146,886.38 plus interest at the rate of 3.75% per annum from November 1, 2024 until paid, plus late fees, costs, attorney's fees and other advances.

The real estate shall be sold on the terms of 10% cash at the time of the sale, except that said deposit shall be waived if the Plaintiff is the successful bidder at the sale, and the balance on a credit of thirty (30) days bearing interest at the rate of 3.75% per annum for the date of sale. When the purchase price is paid in full, the deed will be delivered to the purchaser. It is further provided that the property sold includes insurable improvements and the successful bidder at said sale shall, at bidder's own expense, carry fire and extended insurance coverage on said improvements from the date of sale until the purchase price is fully paid in the amount of the Court appraised value of said improvements or the amount of the unpaid balance of the purchase price, whichever is less, at minimum, with a loss payable clause to the Commissioner of the Grant Circuit Court and the Plaintiff herein. Failure of the purchasers to obtain such insurance shall not affect the validity of the sale or the purchaser's liability thereunder, but shall entitle, but not require, the Plaintiff to obtain said insurance and furnish the policy or premium thereon or the proper portion thereof shall be charged to the purchaser as purchaser's costs.

The aforesaid property shall be sold free and clear of all liens and encumbrances, except the following:

a. All unpaid state, county and city real estate taxes for the year 2025;

b. Easements, restrictions, and stipulations of record;

c. Assessments for public improvements levied against the property;

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

For further information, see the Final Judgment and Order of Sale and pleadings of record in the Office of the Circuit Court of Grant County.

/s/ Edward M. Bourne
MASTER COMMISSIONER
GRANT CIRCUIT COURT

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
UNIFIED COURT OF JUSTICE
GRANT CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 25-CI-00048

TAX BRAKE KY LLC

PLAINTIFF

VS.

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

TIMOTHY BOWMAN, ET AL

DEFENDANTS

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PROPERTY ADDRESS: 285 Keefer Road, Corinth, KY

MAP ID NO.: 062-00-00-038.00

There is not a mobile home, doublewide and/or manufactured home included in the sale.

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The amount of money to be raised by this sale is the sum of \$8,964.86 adjudged due to plaintiff on its first lien on the property, together with interest thereon at the rate of 12% per annum from September 30, 2025, until paid.

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

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

GRANT COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE RECORDS

PROPERTY TRANSFERS
· 10/30 – Linda Kay Howe to Rhonda Kaye Dailey, 4.13 Acres Ragtown Road for love and affection between parties
· 10/30 – Craddock Construction Company to Brandon Koors, Lot 144 Section 3 Eagle Creek Estates for \$285,000
· 10/30 – Steven W. Aulbach and Karen M. Aulbach to Jordan I. Poor and Bradley D. Scott, 23.661 Acres Gold Valley Road for \$136,000
· 10/30 – Lunsford Custom Homes, Inc. to Walter Ashley Hess and Alison Lee Hess, Parcel C with 0.293 Acre East Side Redbud Lane for \$300,000
· 10/30 – Bruce Poor to Walter Ashley Hess and Alison Lee Hess, Parcel D with 0.3009 Acre East Side Redbud Lane for \$275,000
· 10/30 – Sarah Theresa Sanchez to Dwayne Nickell, House and Lot North Main Street Williamstown for \$143,000
· 10/31 – Dwayne Nickell to Jamie Joel Hornsby, Lot 15 Section 2 Thoroughbred Run Subdivision for \$289,000
· 10/31 – Bobbi Barker-Kemp and Bobbi R. Barker to Michael Kemp, 69.03 Acres Buffalo Ridge Road for good and valuable consideration
· 11/3 – Anthony Wallace and Cara Wallace to Merritt Investments, LLC, House and Lot Falmouth Street for \$70,000
· 11/3 – Chad D. Stewart and Jennifer Stewart to R2R Grimes Investments, LLC, Lot 15 McGee Subdivision for \$500,00
· 11/3 – Chad D. Stewart and Jennifer Stewart to R2R Grimes Investments, LLC, Lot 16 McGee Subdivision for \$1.00
· 11/5 – Randy Hubbard, Sr. and Bonnie Hubbard to Steven W. Aulbach and Karen M. Aulbach, 41.2952 Acres Chipman Ridge for \$192,500
· 11/5 – Richard G. Reinhart and Lisa J. Mercer to Richard G. Reinhart Co-Trustee, Lisa J. Mercer Trustee and Reinhart-Mercer Family Trust, 3 Tracts Arnolds Creek Road for no consideration, grants, in fee simple, with general warranty

covenants
· 11/5 – James R. Palmer, Tosha Palmer and Molly B. Palmer to Molly B. Palmer, Lot 3 Shoenman Subdivision Section 1 for \$0.00
· 11/5 – Molly B. Palmer to Molly B. Palmer, Olivia Grace Satterly and Christopher Wayne Satterly, Lot 3 Shoenman Subdivision Section 1 for \$0.00
MARRIAGE RECORDS
· 10/30 – Sophia Layne Hornbeck to Colton Layne Beach
· 10/30 – Maggie Mae Brewster-Hatter to Justin Michael Pickering
· 10/30 – Kamryn Grace Warner to Ethan Jamie Evans

GRANT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Between Oct. 26 and Nov. 1, 2025, the Grant County Sheriff's Office
· Served 41 summons and/or subpoenas
· Spent 21 hours serving court
· Served six Emergency Protective Orders
· Investigated one collision (out of county residence)
· Executed two arrests/warrants (out of county residence)
COLLISION
10/27 – Sergeant Tyler Robinson responded to an injury involved, single vehicle accident at 8:46 p.m. on Warsaw Road, Dry Ridge involving a 2008 Ford driven by Alexander Clary, 18, of Burlington. The vehicle ran off road into ditch and overturned.
ARRESTS
10/28 – Sergeant Adam Prince arrested Makalynn Withrow, 19, of Williams-town at 7:56 a.m. on Cynthia Street in Williamstown on offense or charge of disorderly conduct, second degree. Withrow was lodged in the Grant County Detention Center.
10/29 – Sergeant Adam Prince arrested Ronald Dennis, 46, of Dry Ridge at 7:14 a.m. at Speedway Gas Station, Dry Ridge on offense or charge of probation violation. Dennis was lodged in the Grant County Detention Center.
GRANT COUNTY JAIL REPORT
Population Analysis, Nov. 6
Total Inmates: 298 (Male: 244, Female: 54)
INMATES BY COUNTY
52 Grant
38 Gallatin (Paying)
1 Owen (Paying)
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STATE INMATES
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47 Other (Regular Rate)

Rybakina beats No. 1 Sabalenka to win WTA Finals

ASSOCIATED PRESS
RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — Elena Rybakina won the WTA Finals after producing a nearly flawless performance to beat No. 1-ranked Aryna Sabalenka 6-3, 7-6 (0) on Saturday. The sixth-ranked Rybakina struck eight aces and converted the sole break of the match on the indoor hardcourt in Riyadh. “It’s been an incredible week. I honestly didn’t expect any result and to go so far is just incredible,” Rybakina said about a title run that included wins over No. 2-seeded Iga Swiatek, Amanda Anisimova and Jessica Pegula. It was a second loss in the final of the season-ending tournament for Sabalenka after the four-time Grand Slam winner lost to Caroline Garcia in the 2022 title match. Rybakina, the 2022 Wimbledon champion, was playing her first title match in her third consecutive WTA Finals appearance. She collected \$5.23 million after going 5-0 at the event featuring the top eight women. The WTA said that was the largest payout in the history of women’s sports. Sabalenka earned \$2.7 million as runner-up. Rybakina broke for a 4-2 lead in the first set, and Sabalenka then saved four break points in the second to force the tiebreaker. The

Belarusian entered the match with a 22–2 record in tie-breakers this year, but was shut out in this one — hitting a backhand return long on match point. Rybakina recorded her
SEE RYBAKINA/PAGE B5

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The Darlington Properties located at Lawrenceville Rd (East of Eagle Creek) Williamstown, Ky. and 10765 Taft Hwy., Williamstown, Ky.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The City of Williamstown is currently accepting applications for the **Cable Service Installer** position. This is a full-time position with a comprehensive benefits package. The starting pay rate is **\$19.00** per hour and will be based on the applicant's experience and qualifications. Primary responsibilities include installing cable telecommunications services in residential and commercial locations; constructing, repairing, and maintaining fiber optic and coaxial lines; and troubleshooting electronic and data communication systems. Experience in cable installation or telecommunications is preferred but not required. Candidates must be able to work in confined spaces, on ladders, at elevated heights, and be capable of climbing communication towers. City application and resumes will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, November 21, 2025. Please email submissions to bhall@wtownky.org or submit in person to the Mayor's Office located at 400 North Main Street Williamstown, Kentucky, 41097. A complete job description and application can be found on www.wtownky.org *A mandatory post-employment drug screening is required. The City of Williamstown is an Equal Opportunity Employer.*

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
UNIFIED COURT OF JUSTICE
GRANT CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO. 25-CI-00215

KENTUCKY HOUSING CORPORATION PLAINTIFF

VS. **NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE**

DANIEL JOSEPH STEELE, ET AL DEFENDANTS

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Property address: 202 Falmouth Street, Williamstown, KY 41097
Parcel No. 058-04-00-095.00
There is not a mobile home, doublewide and/or manufactured home included in the sale.
Announcements made on the day of sale take precedence over printed material.
The amount of money to be raised by this sale is the principal sum of \$146,886.38 plus interest at the rate of 3.75% per annum from November 1, 2024 until paid, plus late fees, costs, attorney's fees and other advances.
The real estate shall be sold on the terms of 10% cash at the time of the sale, except that said deposit shall be waived if the Plaintiff is the successful bidder at the sale, and the balance on a credit of thirty (30) days bearing interest at the rate of 3.75% per annum for the date of sale. When the purchase price is paid in full, the deed will be delivered to the purchaser. It is further provided that the property sold includes insurable improvements and the successful bidder at said sale shall, at bidder's own expense, carry fire and extended insurance coverage on said improvements from the date of sale until the purchase price is fully paid in the amount of the Court appraised value of said improvements or the amount of the unpaid balance of the purchase price, whichever is less, at minimum, with a loss payable clause to the Commissioner of the Grant Circuit Court and the Plaintiff herein. Failure of the purchasers to obtain such insurance shall not affect the validity of the sale or the purchaser's liability thereunder, but shall entitle, but not require, the Plaintiff to obtain said insurance and furnish the policy or premium thereon or the proper portion thereof shall be charged to the purchaser as purchaser's costs.
The aforesaid property shall be sold free and clear of all liens and encumbrances, except the following:
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/s/ Edward M. Bourne
MASTER COMMISSIONER
GRANT CIRCUIT COURT

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
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GRANT CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 25-CI-00048

TAX BRAKE KY LLC PLAINTIFF

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TIMOTHY BOWMAN, ET AL DEFENDANTS

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PROPERTY ADDRESS: 285 Keefer Road, Corinth, KY
MAP ID NO.: 062-00-00-038.00
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Announcements made on the day of sale take precedence over printed material.
The amount of money to be raised by this sale is the sum of \$8,964.86 adjudged due to plaintiff on its first lien on the property, together with interest thereon at the rate of 12% per annum from September 30, 2025, until paid.
The real estate shall be sold on the terms of 10% cash at the time of the sale, except that said deposit shall be waived if the Plaintiff is the successful bidder at the sale, and the balance on a credit of thirty (30) days bearing interest at the rate of 12% per annum for the date of sale. When the purchase price is paid in full, the deed will be delivered to the purchaser. It is further provided that the property sold includes insurable improvements and the successful bidder at said sale shall, at bidder's own expense, carry fire and extended insurance coverage on said improvements from the date of sale until the purchase price is fully paid in the amount of the Court appraised value of said improvements or the amount of the unpaid balance of the purchase price, whichever is less, at minimum, with a loss payable clause to the Commissioner of the Grant Circuit Court and the Plaintiff herein. Failure of the purchasers to obtain such insurance shall not affect the validity of the sale or the purchaser's liability thereunder, but shall entitle, but not require, the Plaintiff to obtain said insurance and furnish the policy or premium thereon or the proper portion thereof shall be charged to the purchaser as purchaser's costs.
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d. Any facts which an inspection and/or accurate survey of the property may disclose.
For further information, see the Final Judgment and Order of Sale and pleadings of record in the Office of the Circuit Court of Grant County.

/s/ Edward M. Bourne
MASTER COMMISSIONER
GRANT CIRCUIT COURT



Road woes

We received several complaints about the condition of Speedway Boulevard that links KY 35 with the western part of the county. It's a private road owned by the Kentucky Speedway that seems not to care about maintaining it. Photo by Kelley Warnick

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Watch for deer this fall

Peak season has arrived for deer activity on Kentucky roadways, and motorists are reminded to stay alert for wildlife to keep safe as state transportation officials' issue their annual Antler Alert. Nearly half of wildlife collisions occur during the last three months of the year.

"We see deer-related crashes rise sharply this time of year," said State Highway Engineer James Ballinger. "Last November we had more than 700 wildlife collisions – the highest of any month. Drivers should be extra alert, especially at dawn and dusk, and slow down in areas where deer are likely to cross. A moment of caution can prevent a serious crash."

According to Joe McDermott, deer program coordinator with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR), deer movement is near peak activity this year when the rut, otherwise known as mating

season, begins at the end of October and continues through December.

"Deer activity peaks in the fall not only because of the rut, but also because their food sources and cover change as the seasons shift," McDermott said. "As foliage disappears and crops are harvested, deer are more likely to travel greater distances and cross roadways in search of food and shelter. That means drivers should expect to encounter deer almost anywhere, anytime this season."

In Kentucky, there were 3,406 highway crashes in 2024 that reported a vehicle striking a deer, up nearly 180 over the previous year and the highest recorded in the last five years. As a result of those collisions, six people were killed – three more than the previous year – and 22 were seriously injured, which was a decrease from last year.

Hopkins County saw the highest number of reported crashes last year – 133. Half of the top 10 counties with the most crashes were in western Kentucky. A list of crash counts by county are available here.

State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Co. issues a yearly report of collisions involving deer and other wildlife based on insurance claims. Despite a national decrease in wildlife involved collisions, for the year ending June 30, 2025, State Farm reported more than 1.7 million animal collision claims in the United States, of which more than 1.1 million involved deer.

The Transportation Cabinet offers these driving tips to stay safe:

Stay Aware: Be vigilant, especially in forested terrain, and during dusk and dawn when deer are most active.

Be Prepared: Always wear a seat belt (it's the law) and eliminate distractions (phones down!).

Turn On Headlights: Keep them on bright unless other vehicles are approaching.

Slow Down: Take your foot off the gas immediately if you spot a deer crossing the roadway; they tend to travel in groups.

Don't Swerve: Trying to avoid a deer can result in a more serious crash with an oncoming vehicle or roadside object.

If There's a Crash: Keep both hands on the wheel and apply brakes steadily until stopped.

Kentuckians should drive safely and scan the roadside, especially at sunrise and sunset when deer are most active. Motorists are asked to report all deer-vehicle collisions to police. KYTC traffic engineers use the crash data to aid in placing deer-crossing warning signs and other safety measures.

Kentucky was one of 17 states to receive a federal grant aimed at making roadways safer for people and wildlife. The \$1.2 million award funded a wildlife-vehicle collision reduction plan and a pilot study in central Kentucky that was completed this year. Analysts examined vehicle collisions along the U.S. 60/ Interstate 64 corridor in Jefferson, Shelby and Franklin Counties where white-tailed deer are involved in a high number of collisions. Data was collected to understand deer habitat and behavior patterns using drones, GPS collars, trail cameras and field surveys. Countermeasures like adding fencing, managing vegetation and lighting expansion are some considerations being considered.

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LEGAL NOTICE –
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Gallatin County Regional Airport
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Sealed bids will be received at the office of Jon Ryan Morris, CJE at 200 Washington Street, Warsaw, KY 41095 until 2:00 p.m. local time on December 17, 2025. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at Gallatin County Regional Airport, Sparta, KY at the Gallatin County Public Library at 209 West Market Street, Warsaw, KY 41095 at 2:30pm local time on December 17, 2025 for the furnishing of all labor, materials, equipment, and services necessary for the construction of a new airport terminal building.
Scope of Work:
The project includes, but is not limited to, the construction of a new passenger terminal building approximately 5,250 SF, including associated site work, utilities, parking, roadway improvements, and all related mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and architectural elements, as shown in the plans and specifications prepared by Goodwyn Mills Cawood, LLC.
Bid Documents:

qualified under the laws of the State and shall demonstrate experience in projects of similar size and complexity. All bidders must comply with requirements of the Contractor's Licensing Law of the State of Kentucky, be certified for the type of work on which the proposal is submitted, and shall demonstrate experience in projects of similar size and complexity. Owner's Rights: The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive informalities or irregularities, and to award the contract in the best interest of the Owner. Contact Information:
Questions regarding this Invitation to Bid should be directed to Ashlynn Adelman (850) 432-0706 or ashlynn.adelman@gmcnetwork.com .
Bidders will be fully responsible for the delivery of their bids in a timely manner. Reliance upon the U.S. Mail or other carriers is the bidder's risk. 44-2c

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Gallatin County, in partnership with the City of Warsaw, are accepting bids for the construction of the concession building at the Warsaw Sports Complex. Drawings and bid sheets can be picked up at the Gallatin County Judges Office.

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Heron on the hunt

A Great Blue Heron stands on a piece of driftwood and waits for a meal to swim close. Herons are the largest water birds that live in Gallatin County. Photo by Kelley Warnick

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PUBLIC NOTICE:
The public will take notice that the undersigned has qualified as the Administrator of the Estate of Melvin Adams and was appointed on this date 11/4/2025. All persons indebted to, will make their claims six months from this date of appointment.

Appointee: Chastity Griffin
3665 White Pine Dr.
Lexington, KY 40514

Deceased: Melvin Adams
208 W. Main St.
Warsaw, KY 41095

Attorney: N/A
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PUBLIC NOTICE:
LEGAL NOTICE –
INVITATION TO BID
Gallatin County Regional Airport
Project Title: Construction of New Gallatin County Regional Airport Terminal Building
Sealed bids will be received at the office of Jon Ryan Morris, CJE at 200 Washington Street, Warsaw, KY 41095 until 2:00 p.m. local time on December 17, 2025. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at Gallatin County Regional Airport, Sparta, KY at the Gallatin County Public Library at 209 West Market Street, Warsaw, KY 41095 at 2:30pm local time on December 17, 2025 for the furnishing of all labor, materials, equipment, and services necessary for the construction of a new airport terminal building.

Scope of Work:
The project includes, but is not limited to, the construction of a new passenger terminal building approximately 5,250 SF, including associated site work, utilities, parking, roadway improvements, and all related mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and architectural elements, as shown in the plans and specifications prepared by Goodwyn Mills Cawood, LLC. Bid Documents:
Electronic bidding documents, including drawings and specifications, may be obtained by General Contractors beginning 11/5/2025 by contacting Ashlynn Adelman (850) 432-0706 or ashlynn.adelman@gmcnetwork.com or through the Builders Exchange of Kentucky website (https://www.bxkentucky.com). Pre-Bid Conference:
A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on 11/19/2025 at 1:30 p.m. Meet at Gallatin County Public Library at 209 West Market Street, Warsaw, KY 41095, then travel to site.

Attendance is encouraged for all prospective bidders. Bid Security:
Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. Contractor Qualifications:
Bidders must be licensed and qualified under the laws of the State and shall demonstrate experience in projects of similar size and complexity. All bidders must comply with requirements of the Contractor's Licensing Law of the State of Kentucky, be certified for the type of work on which the proposal is submitted, and shall demonstrate experience in projects of similar size and complexity. Owner's Rights:
The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive informalities or irregularities, and to award the contract in the best interest of the Owner. Contact Information:
Questions regarding this Invitation to Bid should be directed to Ashlynn Adelman (850) 432-0706 or ashlynn.adelman@gmcnetwork.com .
Bidders will be fully responsible for the delivery of their bids in a timely manner. Reliance upon the U.S. Mail or other carriers is the bidder's risk.

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PUBLIC NOTICE:
Gallatin County, in partnership with the City of Warsaw, are accepting bids for the

construction of the concession building at the Warsaw Sports Complex. Drawings and bid sheets can be picked up at the Gallatin County Judges Office.

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PUBLIC NOTICE:
The Gallatin County Board of Education hereby invites offers to purchase surplus property, which is owned by the Board of Education and will be sold through a sealed bid process. Written sealed bids shall clearly be marked "sealed surplus property bid" and will be accepted at the Gallatin County Board of Education Office located @ 75 Boardwalk Warsaw, KY 41095 until 2:00 PM on December 1, 2025 Bids will be considered at the regular Board meeting on December 2, at 5:00 PM. Any and all bids are subject to approval of the Gallatin County Board of Education. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all offers. If the highest proposed purchase price submitted is the same in more than one offer, then the Board will invite those bidders to submit a second "best and final" proposal within (4) business days. The properties purchased shall be sold in "as is" condition. The successful purchaser agrees that they will be acquiring the property as an "as in" condition with all faults and existing conditions on the property. Prospective buyers may schedule a viewing of the items by visiting the district website www.gallatin.kyschools.us or by calling David Arvin to schedule an appointment at 859-567-1820.

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PUBLIC NOTICE:
The City of Warsaw is soliciting bids for the collection and disposal of residential and commercial solid waste within the city limits for the next 2 years with a 1 year option (effective February 1, 2026). Dumpster accounts are not included in the bid specifications. Specifications may be obtained at the Warsaw City Hall, 303 East Main Street, Warsaw Kentucky, Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4pm. Please call before coming to pick up specifications. Bids must be submitted with a bid bond of (10%) 10 percent of the first year bid amount and must be returned to the above address no later than December 8th, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. Bids will be opened and read publicly at the City Council meeting at 6:00p.m. December 8th, 2025 at the City Building. For information concerning bids please call 859-567-5900. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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NOTICE

Please take notice that, in an application to be filed no later than November 3, 2025, Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. will be seeking approval from the Kentucky Public Service Commission to revise its Demand Side Management (DSM) rate for gas service and electric service for residential and commercial customers, with changes to become effective on or after December 3, 2025. Duke Energy Kentucky's current monthly DSM rate for residential gas customers is \$0.001249 per hundred cubic feet and for non-residential gas customers is \$0.000000 per hundred cubic feet. Duke Energy Kentucky's current monthly DSM rate for residential electric customers is \$0.002418 per kilowatt-hour and for non-residential customers is \$0.003409 per kilowatt-hour for distribution service and \$0.000674 per kilowatt-hour for transmission service. Duke Energy Kentucky seeks approval to revise these rates as follows: Duke Energy Kentucky's monthly DSM rate for residential gas customers would increase to \$0.014440 per hundred cubic feet and for non-residential gas customers would remain at \$0.000000 per hundred cubic feet. Duke Energy Kentucky's monthly DSM rate for residential electric customers would increase to \$0.005514 per kilowatt-hour and for non-residential customers would decrease to \$0.001154 per kilowatt-hour for distribution service and would decrease to \$0.000053 per kilowatt-hour for transmission service.

The rate contained in this notice is the rate proposed by Duke Energy Kentucky. However, the Public Service Commission may order a rate to be charged that differs from this proposed rate. Such action may result in a rate for consumers other than the rate in this notice. The foregoing rates reflect a proposed increase in residential electric revenues of approximately \$4.7 million or 2.34% over current residential electric revenues and decrease in non-residential revenues of approximately (\$5.2) million or (1.98%) over current non-residential revenues. The proposed rates reflect an increase in residential gas revenues of approximately \$0.8 million or 0.81% over current total gas revenues. There is no change to non-residential gas revenues.

A typical residential gas customer using 70 ccf in a month will see an increase of \$0.92 or 0.8%. A typical residential electric customer using 1000 kWh in a month will see an increase of \$3.14 or 2.1%. A typical non-residential electric customer using 40 kilowatts and 14,000 kWh will see a decrease of (\$32.19) or (1.8%). A non-residential customer served at transmission voltage using 10,000 kilowatts and 4,000,000 kWh will see a decrease of (\$2,533.19) or (0.8%). Non-residential gas customers will see no change in their bills from this application.

Any corporation, association, body politic or person may by motion within thirty (30) days after publication or mailing of notice of the proposed rate changes, submit a written request to intervene to the Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, and shall set forth the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of the initial publication or mailing of the notice, the Commission may take final action on the tariff filing. The intervention may be granted beyond the thirty (30) day period for good cause shown. Written comments regarding the proposed rate may be submitted to the Public Service Commission by mail or through the Public Service Commission's website. A copy of this application filed with the Public Service Commission is available for public inspection at Duke Energy Kentucky's office at 1262 Cox Road, Erlanger, Kentucky 41018 and on its website at http://www.duke-energy.com. This filing and any other related documents can be found on the Public Service Commission's website at http://psc.ky.gov and are available for inspection at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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PUBLIC HEARING

In Compliance With KRS 178.116 - Gallatin County will hold a Public Hearing to discuss the discontinuance of a portion of Montgomery Road.

The Public Hearing will take place: Tuesday November 18th, 2025 - 6 pm

At the M.E. Bogardus Extension Office Annex, 395 US 42 West Warsaw, Kentucky 41095

Special Meeting Gallatin County Fiscal Court

Tuesday, November 18th 6 p.m. at the Gallatin County Extension Office US 42 West Warsaw Ky 41095

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Pursuant to Section 324, Title III of the 1986 Federal Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) of 1986, 42 U.S.C. 11001 et seq., the following information is provided in compliance with the Community Right-to-Know requirements of the SARA Law, and the open meetings and open records provisions of KRS 61.800, 61.805, 61.810, 61.823, 61.826, 61.835. Members of the public may contact the Northern Kentucky Emergency Planning Committee by writing Steve Hensley, Chairman of the Northern Kentucky Emergency Planning Committee, 3000 Conrad Lane, Burlington, Kentucky 41005, or contacted by telephone at (859) 334-2279. The Northern Kentucky Emergency Planning Committee conducts meetings at Boone County EMA, 3000 Conrad Lane, Burlington, Kentucky 41005, or at other locations, in accordance with the Kentucky Open Meetings Law. Members of the public may request to be notified of regular or special meetings as provided in KRS 61.820. Records of the Planning Committee, including the county emergency response plan, material safety data sheets, and inventory forms, or any follow-up emergency notices as may subsequently be issued, are open for inspection, and members of the public who wish to review these records may do so 8:00a.m. - 4:30p.m., Eastern standard time, Monday – Friday, at 3000 Conrad Lane, Burlington, Kentucky 41005, as required by the Kentucky Open Records Law. The local 24-hour telephone number for purposes of emergency notification, as required by SARA Law, is 911.

The NKEPC will meet in regular session in 2026 as per the following schedule:
Tuesday January 6th, 2:00pm, Sub Committee, **Tuesday January 27th**, 2:00pm at Kenton County EMA 1840 Simon Kenton Way, Suite 2400, Covington, Ky. 41011 **Tuesday March 3rd**, 2:00pm, Sub Committee, **Tuesday March 17th**, 2:00 pm at Boone County EMA, 3000 Conrad Lane, Burlington, Kentucky 41005 **Tuesday May 19th**, 2:00pm at, Campbell County Fire Training Center, #10 Fire Training Drive, Highland Heights, Ky. 41076. **Tuesday, September 15th**, Sugar Bay Golf Course 975 Dry Creek Road, Warsaw, Kentucky 41095. Hosted by Gallatin County EMA, **Tuesday, November 17th**, 2:00pm at Bracken County Extension Office, 1120 Brooksville Germantown Rd, Brooksville, Ky 41004

Sub-committees for January and March meetings will meet two weeks prior to each regularly scheduled meeting at 2:00pm at the same location. All special meetings will be published as needed.

2025 VOTER GUIDE

Meet the candidates running for 3 seats on Northwest Local Schools’ Board of Education

Grace Tucker
Cincinnati Enquirer
USA TODAY NETWORK

The Enquirer sent questions to all the candidates running for seats on the Northwest Local Schools’ Board of Education this November. There are four candidates running for three seats.

Current board members Christopher Heather and Nicole Taulbee are running for reelection alongside candidates Ciera Jones and Matt Tietzsort. Jones did not complete The Enquirer’s questionnaire. The other three candidates did.

Their responses, which have been edited slightly for length, can be found below.

Christopher Heather

Age: 69
Hometown: Cincinnati
Years living in the district: 69
Education: 5. BA-UC and Doctorate, Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland
Job: Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner
Do you have children? Do they attend public schools? No
Why are you running for a school board position? To put a common sense, taxpayer advocate on the Board.
What do you think is the district’s greatest strength? Greatest strength is our wonderful community and wonderful teachers and staff.
In what 2-3 areas would you like to see the district improve over the next 5 years? 1. Discipline. 2. Attendance. 3. Reading for our youngest students.

Nicole Taulbee

Age: 46
Hometown: Cincinnati
Years living in the district: I have lived in the Northwest Local School District my entire life.
Education: I am a 1997 graduate of Colerain High School. I have an associate’s degree from Cincinnati State in Computer Science and my bachelor’s degree from Kaplan University.
Job: I have worked at Ameritas (formerly Union Central) for 25+ years. I am a Lead AI Product Owner in our Artificial Intelligence Office. I am also the Chairperson for our Community Involvement Council, partnering with Ameritas leadership and area charitable organizations on funding and volunteer opportunities.
Do you have children? Do they attend public schools? My husband, Tom (also a 1997 Colerain graduate), and I have three sons: Carson, a 2023 Colerain High School graduate and current junior at Mount St. Joseph University; Austin, a



A handful of people wait outside of a polling site at Harlan Elementary School in Wilmington, Ohio, to vote.
DAMIAN GILETTO/DELAWARE NEWS JOURNAL



Christopher Heather is running for Northwest Local school board.
PROVIDED BY CHRISTOPHER HEATHER

sophomore at Colerain High School; and Blake, a fifth grader at Colerain Elementary.

Why are you running for a school board position? I am proud to be running for a second term on the school board. As the only board member with school-aged children, I bring a perspective that keeps students and families at the center of every decision. Over the past four years, I have worked tirelessly to be a strong voice and liaison for both public and private school students, helping parents resolve concerns quickly and effectively. I am committed to continuing



Nicole Taulbee is running for Northwest Local school board.
PROVIDED BY NICOLE TAULBEE

this work by championing transparency, accountability, and open communication to ensure our families and community remain informed and engaged.

What do you think is the district’s greatest strength? Our staff and families are the heart of our district and our greatest strengths. Each day, our dedicated staff go above and beyond to provide students with an excellent education and prepare them for bright futures. The pride our families and students have in our schools is evident – whether walking the halls, attending a music concert, or cheering at a sporting event. I also want

to recognize our bus drivers, who play a vital role in our district by safely transporting more than 10,000 students to and from school each day, often while navigating challenging circumstances.

In what 2-3 areas would you like to see the district improve over the next 5 years? I would like to see our district continue to improve on our state report card, district transparency and trust within our community, and student behavior and discipline.

Matt Tietzsort

Age: 54
Hometown: Colerain Township (Groesbeck)
Years living in the district: 53
Education: Northwest HS
Job: Retired
Do you have children? Yes Do they attend public schools? My wife and I have 4 boys whom graduated Colerain HS.
Why are you running for a school board position? I feel a call to serve and want to support the community. I want to see NWLSD thrive.
What do you think is the district’s greatest strength? Its staff and students.
In what 2-3 areas would you like to see the district improve over the next 5 years? I want to see NWLSD continue to improve its state test scores. I’d also like to see the district improve its transportation department.

ID Ohioans will need to vote on Election Day

Mariyam Muhammad
Cincinnati Enquirer
USA TODAY NETWORK

Election Day 2025 is rapidly approaching. Since Ohio requires photo ID to vote in-person, it’s important to know what you need to bring to get into the voting booth.

What you need to bring to polling sites in Ohio

Enacted in 2023 after Republicans pushed for voting restrictions in 2020, the Buckeye State has implemented

stricter voter ID laws.

During the primary elections in March 2024, more than 8,000 voters did not have their votes counted because their ID was not accepted, according to USA TODAY.

Before you arrive at your polling station, keep in mind that your ID must be an unexpired, government-issued photo ID.

What ID do I need to vote?

According to the Ohio Secretary of State website, there are several forms of identification acceptable to vote, in-

- cluding:
- Ohio driver’s license
 - State of Ohio ID card
 - Interim ID form issued by the Ohio BMV
 - A U.S. passport
 - A U.S. passport card
 - U.S. military ID card
 - Ohio National Guard ID card
 - U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs ID card

When is the last day to vote early in Ohio?

The last day for early in-person voting is Nov. 2. Absentee ballots being mailed in must be postmarked by Nov. 3.

The last day for absentee voting is Election Day, Nov. 4, and ballots must be returned by mail or delivered to local boards of elections by this date.



“Ohio Voted” stickers are distributed to voters at Congregation Agudas Achim in Bexley on Nov. 5, 2024. BARBARA J. PERENIC/COLUMBUS DISPATCH

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Cheney

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congressional fellow and rising in short order to become White House chief of staff for President Gerald Ford, a member of House Republican leadership and wartime secretary of Defense for the President George H.W. Bush.

Then, for eight years as vice president for President George W. Bush, Cheney acted as no second-in-command had before – directing the presidential transition, devising energy policy, leading an effort to restore and expand executive authority – and playing a central role in a hard-edged approach toward terrorism that included unprecedented electronic surveillance within the United States and aggressive interrogation of foreign combatants that many called torture. He was an architect of the decision to invade Iraq, a war that in large part defined the younger Bush’s presidency.

On foreign affairs, national security, energy issues and other fronts, Cheney was second only to his boss in shaping policy and strategy, though his influence declined and his relationship with Bush cooled toward the end of their time in office.

“He was certainly the most powerful vice president, but I hate to damn him with that moniker,” said Paul Light, a political scientist at New York University and author of “Vice-Presidential Power: Advice and Influence in the White House.”

“He was much more than vice president,” Light said. “There’s practically nowhere in the administration where you don’t see his engagement.”

Cheney became a frequent target of Democrats and other administration critics, particularly for his rosy predictions for the Iraq War and his ties to the oil services giant Halliburton. He was portrayed by late-night comics and “Saturday Night Live” as a sort of puppet master of Bush, an image he rejected as ridiculous and offensive.

Still, during the 2008 Republican primaries, the candidates vying for the GOP presidential nomination said that their vice presidents would have different roles.

“Only under Cheney was there ever the question whether or not the vice president might really have been running things,” said Joel Goldstein, a professor at Saint Louis University Law School and author of “The Modern American Vice Presidency.”

Power, not ambition

The irony was this: Cheney drew his power in part from his lack of ambition. In the 1990s, he briefly tested the waters for a presidential bid but concluded that he lacked the fundraising prowess, campaign skills and electoral base.

“Lots of time vice presidents spend all their time getting ready to run themselves,” Cheney told USA TODAY in a telephone interview on Jan. 17, 2001. “That’s not why I’m here. I’m here to serve as his vice president and that’s it.”

Perhaps as a result, Cheney seemed unconcerned about the strong feelings he engendered. After the 9/11 attacks of 2001, he was sometimes out of public view entirely, working from so-called undisclosed locations to ensure that a terrorist strike wouldn’t hit both the president and vice president.

He played the traditional running mate’s role of hatchet man in the 2004 reelection campaign, attacking Democrat John Kerry as a man of unsteady convictions.

During his vice presidency, Democratic partisans and the mainstream news media hammered and misrepresented Cheney, said former Wyoming Sen. Alan Simpson, a friend since they met in their home state in 1967. They portrayed him as a “devil incarnate” caricatured with “the leer, the sneer” on his face, Simpson told USA TODAY in an interview before his death in March 2025.

The public’s impression soured. Soon after Cheney was sworn in as vice president, the Gallup Poll found that Americans approved of the job he was doing by 3 to 1, or 63% to 21%. By the time he left office, in January 2009, they disapproved of him by nearly 2 to 1, or 59% to 32%.

Cheney’s two daughters described him as a loving father, and his wife testified to his wry humor. The vice president and his wife performed a comic tango on stage in 2002 at the Gridiron Dinner, an annual white-tie press dinner, spoofing his stays in undisclosed locations to the tune of “Hernando’s Hideaway.”

But Cheney rarely tried to combat the image painted by critics and comedians of him as a dour partisan, dark and forbidding. There were jokes after he accidentally sprayed a companion with bird shot while quail hunting in Texas in 2006. At the Gridiron Dinner the next year, conservative columnist Robert Novak was costumed as Darth Vader as he



Former Vice President Dick Cheney’s daughter, Liz Cheney, followed her father into politics. The former Wyoming representative said her father voted for Democrat Kamala Harris in the 2024 presidential election. JACK GRUBER/USA TODAY FILE



Before becoming vice president under George W. Bush, Cheney become White House chief of staff for President Gerald Ford, a member of House Republican leadership and wartime secretary of defense for the President George H.W. Bush. STEPHEN JAFFE/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES FILE

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portrayed Cheney on stage. Cheney uncharacteristically reminisced a bit during the 2001 interview, which took place amid hectic preparations for the inauguration.

“I remembered arriving in Washington in September, October of 1968 as a poverty-stricken graduate student,” he said. He got on a bus from his newly rented apartment in suburban Virginia and found himself flummoxed. “I couldn’t figure out how to work the transfer system, and finally I walked all the way to the Longworth House Office Building, across Capitol Hill,” he said. “Now I’ll have this opportunity. It’s been quite a trip.”

Decades later, Cheney’s daughter, Liz Cheney, represented Wyoming in the House for three terms, eventually being ousted by a Republican challenger backed by President Donald Trump and becoming one of the leading voices in the party against him. In a 2022 ad for his daughter’s congressional campaign, Dick Cheney called Trump a coward. “There has never been an individual who is a greater threat to our republic,” he said.

In 2024, he announced he was voting for Democrat Kamala Harris for president.

Putting down roots

Dick Cheney was born in Lincoln, Nebraska, on Jan. 30, 1941. His parents, Democrats both, boasted that their son had been born on President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s birthday. His father was a soil conservation agent with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, his grandfather a cook on the Union Pacific Railroad.

At 13, Cheney and his family moved to Wyoming, where he put down roots. He learned to hunt pheasant and fly-fish for trout, passions he pursued for the rest of his life. He was a standout at Natrona County High School, playing halfback on the football team and winning election as senior class president. His high school sweetheart, Lynne Anne Vincent, was the school’s head baton twirler and a straight-A student.

But Cheney floundered for a time after he won an academic scholarship and went east to Yale. He dropped out his sophomore year and moved back to Casper. He began working full-time on power lines, a union job he had held during summers.

It was Vincent who would “lower the boom and tell Dick to stay on track,” her college roommate, Janet Rogers, told

USA TODAY years later. “But there was never any question that she was going to marry Dick.”

Cheney went back to school, first at Casper College, where Vincent was enrolled, and then at the University of Wyoming, where he received bachelor’s and master’s degrees in political science. Both enrolled in doctoral programs at the University of Wisconsin, and they were married in 1964. Daughters Elizabeth and Mary were born in 1966 and 1969.

He won a fellowship in the office of William Steiger, a Wisconsin Republican. Before the year was over, Steiger had loaned him to an up-and-coming staffer in President Richard Nixon’s White House named Donald Rumsfeld.

When Nixon was forced to resign, Ford named Rumsfeld as his top assistant. Cheney was his deputy; at 34, he became the youngest White House chief of staff in history.

Ford lost his election bid in 1976 and Cheney returned to Wyoming for a job in banking. But two years later, he was back in Washington after winning the first of six elections to Congress.

In the House, Cheney’s manner was moderate, but his voting record made him among the most conservative members at the time. He voted against the Equal Rights Amendment, federal funding for abortions for low-income women, school busing to achieve integration, sanctions on the apartheid government in South Africa and the creation of a federal Department of Education. He supported prayer in schools and a balanced-budget law, as well as just about every weapons system that President Ronald Reagan proposed. He boosted legislation to help energy companies, important in the Cowboy State. (Later, as vice president, he would break with many in the GOP by supporting same-sex marriage, noting that his daughter Mary was gay. “Freedom means freedom for everyone,” he said.)

Cheney’s pragmatism and low-key style made him trusted across ideological lines. By his second term, he had been elected to House Republican leadership.

In 1989, the Senate rejected President George H.W. Bush’s nomination of Texas Sen. John Tower as Secretary of Defense. The next day, Bush named Cheney. There was a kerfuffle because Cheney had used five deferments to avoid the draft during the Vietnam War. He had “other priorities than military service,” he would later say.

But the Wyoming rep’s standing among Washington insiders paid off: He was unanimously confirmed.

Search for running mate lands Cheney top job

A decade later, the elder Bush advised his son that Cheney – by then the CEO of Halliburton, a job that made him a multi-millionaire – had the discretion and judgment to lead the search for his running mate. The younger Bush found himself so taken by those qualities, and by the breadth of Cheney’s experience, that he offered Cheney the job.

“An outstanding individual capable of serving as president of the United States,” Bush declared when he announced his pick.

Cheney replied, “Big changes are coming to Washington, and I want to be a part of it.”

Some outsiders wondered if Cheney had engineered the selection process to put his own name forward; he was selected without the typical extensive medical and financial background checks. Simpson said Cheney was reluctant to accept the job, initially turning it down.

He never fit the traditional mold for a running mate. He didn’t deliver a key state. “He’s certainly not a charismatic campaigner or a particularly riveting speaker,” noted James Patterson, a historian and author of “Restless Giant: The United States from Watergate to Bush v. Gore.” And his health was always an issue: He suffered multiple heart attacks, starting at age 37.

What Cheney offered Bush in 2000 was the reassuring gravitas of someone who knew Washington, had helped run the first Persian Gulf War and had prospered in the private sector, too. Bush, the two-term governor of Texas, was appealing but in some ways untested. Cheney helped fill in the gaps.

Once in office, Cheney didn’t fit the traditional mold for a vice president, either. He was the only vice president in modern times without presidential aspirations. Instead, he served as Bush’s senior liaison to Congress, especially to the old bulls with whom he had served.

After terrorists struck New York and Washington, Cheney’s role expanded.

“The invasion of Iraq was in many ways Dick Cheney’s war,” James Mann wrote in “Rise of the Vulcans: The History of Bush’s War Cabinet.” The vice president “wielded extraordinary influence in the administration’s backroom decision making.” His network of aides and former aides, forged over decades, was in the forefront of those pushing for Saddam Hussein’s overthrow – unfinished business, they argued, from the first Gulf War.

Cheney helped make the public case for war.

“I think things have gotten so bad inside Iraq, from the standpoint of the Iraqi people, my belief is we will, in fact, be greeted as liberators,” Cheney said on NBC’s “Meet the Press” on March 16, 2003. He argued that it was nearly certain Saddam Hussein was pursuing weapons of mass destruction and dismissed the idea of a long and costly war: “I don’t think it’s likely to unfold that way.”

Years later, Cheney acknowledged that no stores of such weapons had been found and that the war hadn’t gone with the ease he had predicted. But he defended the course he had advised and Bush had chosen.

“If we have learned anything in the last 25 years – from Beirut to Somalia to the USS Cole – it is that terrorist attacks are not caused by the projection of force; they are invited by the perception of weakness,” he told the conservative Heritage Foundation in January 2006. “And this nation made a decision: We will never go back to the false comforts of the world before Sept. 11th, 2001. We will engage these enemies with the goal of victory. And with the American military in the fight, that victory is certain.”

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ENQUIRER SPECIAL REPORT: THE SENIOR HOUSING DILEMMA

Couple builds home with aging in mind

Accessibility, ‘aging in place’ was key to design

Randy Tucker
Cincinnati Enquirer
USA TODAY NETWORK

This is part of an Enquirer special report exploring older Cincinnatians’ struggle to secure affordable housing.

When you step into the home of Joseph Farrell and Karen Wachs, both 73, you don’t immediately think “senior living.”

There are no clinical handrails or obvious signs of aging-related adaptations in their home in the Sanctuary at River Green development in Cincinnati’s California neighborhood.

But look closely and you’ll notice the home is filled with subtle, thoughtful features – each carefully designed to help the couple live safely and independently as they grow older.

That was the goal from the start. “We don’t know what our situation will be years from now,” Farrell said. “We both have some mobility issues, so we planned around that. We want to be as independent as we can for as long as we can.”

Farrell and Wachs are among the majority of older Americans who want to age in place – staying in their homes and communities rather than moving into assisted living. According to AARP, 75% of adults age 50 and older want to remain in their homes as they age, and 73% hope to stay in their communities. Yet many don’t prepare until a health crisis forces change. Experts say aging in place successfully requires early planning – from home design to social support – to maintain safety, independence and quality of life.

“People really just don’t think about it until they have something happen like a fall that compromises their mobility or general health,” said Katherine Robinson, who owns the senior housing and care referral service, Oasis Senior Advisors Cincinnati. “They realize they can’t walk up the stairs anymore, or they need a walker and the door frames are too narrow.”

The earlier people think about addressing those issues, Robinson said, the better their chances are of staying in their home.



Joe Farrell stands in the kitchen of his home in the Sanctuary at River Green development in Cincinnati’s California neighborhood. He and his partner, Karen Wachs, both 73, built their new home with plans to “age in place,” opting for features like an elevator, low-rise stairs and lever-style doorknobs. PHOTOS BY SAM GREENE/THE ENQUIRER

“We both have some mobility issues, so we planned around that. We want to be as independent as we can for as long as we can.”

Joseph Farrell
Homeowner

Aging in place without slowing down

Farrell, who grew up in Anderson Township and worked at Coney Island as a teen, returned to the Cincinnati area in 2016 to reunite with Wachs, his college sweetheart from Miami University.

“We reconnected in 2010 and did the



Grab bars, detachable sprayers and benches make the shower more accessible at the home.

long-distance thing for a while – but that got old fast,” he said, joking that they call themselves “retrosexuals” for rekindling their past romance.

In 2020, shortly after the onset of COVID-19, the longtime domestic partners were living in Wachs’ home in Ryland Heights, Kentucky. They started planning to build a home that would support them as they aged while bringing them closer to family and friends in Cincinnati.

Today, the couple remains active. They kayak regularly on the Ohio River – just steps away from their back deck – and bike the nearby 5.2-mile Lunken Airport Loop trail regularly.

Still, they’ve begun to experience some age-related challenges: Wachs is recovering at home from spine surgery that temporarily requires her to use a wheelchair.

Fortunately, their home is ready. Wachs said her physical therapists

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Joe Farrell, left, with his neighbor, Tony Giambra, on their street in the California neighborhood of Cincinnati.

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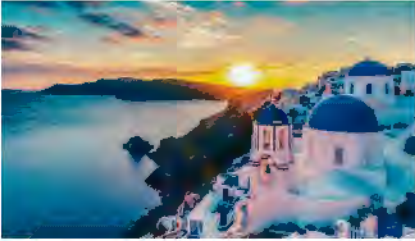
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another. Commissioner Tim Downing thought that, if it were enacted, the commission should “go slow to make sure that we have every single detail outlined and established.”

Commissioner James Toebbe said that he personally thought the area would be “beneficial,” but he said he would make his decision based on feedback he got from the community.

Mayor Ron Washington was likewise undecided and even expressed some uneasiness. He recounted growing up on Sixth Street and having to witness public drunkenness during big events like Oktoberfest. At the same time, he understood why businesses would be in favor of it.

“Covington is a unique place,” Washington said. “A lot of people love coming here and living here and playing here now. Do we need to do this? I’m not sure that we do, but I know that we have to help our businesses survive.”

No ruling on quorum from Park Hills walkout, attorney general says



Kentucky’s attorney general’s office said it lacked jurisdiction over a complaint tied to whether a vote by Park Hills city council was legal. Provided | City of Park Hills

A Park Hills resident’s challenge over a city council walkout won’t get an answer from the Kentucky attorney general.

The complaint, from Park Hills resident Gretchen Stephenson, sought an opinion from the office after council member Sarah Froelich walked out of a meeting in protest at the end of September, seemingly to deny the body the number of legislators necessary to cast votes.

The attorney general’s office argued that it “lacks jurisdiction to determine whether the Council complied with provisions of law other than [the Kentucky Open Meetings Act], such as a statute requiring the presence of a quorum to take action.”

Stephenson argues in her complaint that Froelich’s walkout denied the council a quorum, the necessary number of people to conduct business.

Stephenson pointed to two different laws in her complaint: One was a portion of the commonwealth’s open meetings law, and the other was the statute laying out what counts as a quorum. She argued the vote that followed the walkout violated the state’s Open Meetings Act as well as the law dictating what’s necessary for a quorum. The city later responded, denying it had violated the Open Meetings Act.

The attorney general’s response argues that it could issue opinions only about vio-

lations of open meetings laws themselves, and the law establishing a quorum did not fall under that umbrella. As a result, “issues not arising under the [Open Meetings Act] cannot be addressed in an opening meetings appeal.”

The office states that Stephenson can escalate the case to the county circuit court. Stephenson confirmed with LINK nky she plans to do so.

Kenton County Schools to unify staff with move to new Covington offices

Kenton County School District will soon be moving its offices from Fort Wright to Covington.

LINK spoke with Jessica Dykes, the district’s director of public information and community engagement, and Matt Rigg, chief operations officer, ahead of the opening. “We’ll move in at the end of December, and our target date is to be open for business on Jan. 5,” Dykes said.

The new office is at the intersection of Madison Pike and Tuscany View Drive. That’s less than two miles from its current location in Fort Wright. It offers more space and will include a parking lot for staff and visitors.

“The biggest benefit of this new office is that it can actually accommodate all of our staff,” Rigg said. “Right now, we’re having to send some of our people to use school classroom space. We’re excited to return that space to the schools and to the students.”

Additionally, the new building will serve as a virtual learning center for Kenton County Schools (the county has a robust virtual learning program which students can attend full-time), and it will include a dedicated virtual learning classroom, along with meeting spaces.

The school district financed the new building with general obligation bonds.

Elsmere ‘chicken man’ announces mayoral run, files financial papers



Eric Bunzow. Provided | Eric Bunzow

Eric Bunzow, former deputy clerk at the Kenton County Clerk’s office known locally as the “Elsmere chicken man,” announced his intention to run for Elsmere mayor. He made the announcement Oct. 20 after filing a statement of spending intent with the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance.

“I’m running for mayor because I believe in Elsmere’s potential and want to ensure our city continues to move forward with integrity, transparency and unity,” Bunzow

wrote in a statement to LINK nky.

Although candidates cannot officially file to run with county clerks until Nov. 5, they’re required to declare with the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance if they want to spend more than \$5,000 during a campaign. Filing with the registry is often seen as a first step in a candidate’s campaign.

Bunzow resigned from the clerk’s office Oct. 22, thereby allowing himself to run for office – clerks’ employees aren’t allowed to run for elected office since they deal with voter information as part of their jobs. He’d worked there since December 2022 while also working as a self-employed realtor. He’s also previously worked in IT.

Bunzow has been a frequent advocate of allowing residents to legally keep chickens at their homes, hence his nickname. He was also a leading critic of former Elsmere Council Member Serena Owen, who was removed from her seat on council earlier this year.

Former SEAL garners Trump backing in bid to unseat Massie

Former Navy SEAL Ed Gallrein has an-



Former Navy SEAL Ed Gallrein is running against U.S. Rep. Thomas Massie. Provided | Ed Gallrein campaign

nounced his candidacy for Kentucky’s 4th Congressional District in a challenge to incumbent U.S. Rep. Thomas Massie.

In what is shaping up to be a high-profile

race, Gallrein looks to unseat Massie, who has held the seat since 2012. Gallrein’s campaign published a statement on Oct. 21 that emphasizes his support for President Donald Trump.

“I’ve dedicated my life to serving my country, and I’m ready to answer the call again,” Gallrein said. “This district is Trump Country. The President doesn’t need obstacles in Congress – he needs backup. I’ll defeat Thomas Massie, stand shoulder to shoulder with President Trump, and deliver the America First results Kentuckians voted for.”

Gallrein, who hails from the Louisville area, recently gained the backing of Trump, who posted a lengthy endorsement of the candidate on Truth Social before Gallrein officially entered the race.

“In Congress, he will fight tirelessly to Keep our now very Secure Border, SECURE, Stop Migrant Crime, and Defend our always under siege Second Amendment...CAPTAIN ED GALLREIN IS A WINNER WHO WILL NOT LET YOU DOWN. Should he decide to challenge Massie, Captain Ed Gallrein has my Complete and Total Endorsement,” wrote the president.

Gallrein’s only prior electoral experience was an unsuccessful primary bid for the District 7 seat in the Kentucky State Senate, where he narrowly lost to now-Sen. Aaron Reed, who was also vetted by Trump’s team as a potential challenger to Massie.

The primary is shaping up to be a proxy war between Trump and Massie. Trump has publicly clashed with Massie over his voting record, as the representative has split with the president on several legislative initiatives. Most recently, Massie was one of two Republican House members to vote against the so-called One Big Beautiful Bill Act. Massie has also publicly called for releasing the highly publicized Epstein Files.

Primary elections are scheduled for May 19.

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mayor, have already been trained in AI proficiency, certifications that cost about \$450 each. Elgusain put future costs for group training of lower level employees at about \$5,000 per group. He also said the city could hire an AI consultant to help with the rollout.

Although Elgusain and Washington seemed optimistic about the initiative, Elgusain admitted it carried risks. In fact, much of the policy adopted Oct. 28 formalized guardrails against problems that inherently afflict AI platforms and against misuse by humans using them.

Even with AI's potential, Elgusain said, "with that potential comes a set of responsibilities, ethical challenges, data privacy concerns and the need to make sure that the tools that we'll eventually be using are transparent, and we're using responsibly, especially at the local government level."

The new policy establishes protocols for purchasing AI tools and sets up training requirements for the IT department. City workers would not be allowed to enter any sensitive information into an AI model, and the use of any AI product for work purposes would require sign-off from a department head. Employees would also have to fact-check any AI-generated results.

Other prohibitions laid out in the policy include transmitting AI outputs containing city information in personal emails, creating deepfakes or other misleading imagery or media, using AI to generate legal or contract documents "without human review and oversight," using unlicensed products, using AI for making hiring or disciplinary decisions, and using copyrighted materials either as an AI input or in an AI output without legal permissions.

Downing then recommended restricting city AI use to a single, controlled platform rather than allowing multiple platforms (and potentially multiple payment agreements) for city business. "Having a singular entity like Copilot [a generative AI chatbot from Microsoft]," Downing said, "that we can put parameters and controls around tends to allow us greater limitation on the way that information is being used."

Commissioner James Toebbe wanted to know if the city had used AI or even other programs to automate repetitive tasks. Elgusain said they did not use bots or pre-AI programs, but the department was using AI now to begin automating some tasks.

"I think with City Hall running short-staffed, anything that increases employees' capacity is great," Toebbe said.

Applicants sought for 2025 Covington neighborhood grants

Covington's Neighborhood Services Department is accepting applications for the city's neighborhood grant program.

This will be the seventh year the program has sought applicants. Winners will be awarded up to \$5,000 for projects that support the upkeep, beauty and social cohesiveness of the city's neighborhoods.

Grants are usually given to neighborhood organizations and other community groups to support beautification initia-

tives, blight removal, community events and "other activities that build pride and cohesion among neighbors," according to a city announcement.

"The Neighborhood Grant Program reflects Covington's ongoing commitment to supporting efforts that make our neighborhoods stronger and more connected," Walt Mace, the city's assistant director of neighborhood services, said in the announcement. "These are small grants that create big community impact."

The application window is open until 4 p.m. Dec. 8. Go to <https://bit.ly/cov-grants-2025> to see full application instructions and information.

Questions can be directed to:

- **Walt Mace**, assistant director of neighborhood services: 859-292-2143 or wmace@covingtonky.gov.
- **Cate Douglas**, community building director, Center for Great Neighborhoods: 859-547-5550 or cate@greatneighborhoods.org.

After county's zoning OK, Crescent Springs weighs 17-townhome development

A plan to build a 17-townhouse development in Crescent Springs came before city council in late October for a first reading and discussion after council member Jeanine Bell Smith appealed the county planning commission's September approval of the plan.

No official action was taken – the council will vote on the plan, which is in its early stages, later this month – but it served as a forum for city officials, land owner and developers to discuss the issue openly.

Bell Smith told LINK that she appealed the approval, which would have gone into effect after 90 days if no one objected, to help keep the community informed. "The people need to know," she said.

At the beginning of the meeting, Cincinnati-based Thomas Breitenstein, attorney for landowner David Heidrich, asked three council members that had spoken to the planning commission against the development – Bell Smith, Jeff Smith and Carol McGowan – to recuse themselves. "Any decision that they make would be tainted by bias, prejudice, conflict of interest and blatant favoritism," Breitenstein said.

Breitenstein submitted the sign-in sheets from the planning commission meeting, which the three council members had signed as opposition parties, and the documentation of Bell Smith's appeal as evidence, as well as a single case law citation.

Mayor Mike Daughtery deferred to the city's present legal counsel, David Steele, sitting in for City Attorney Mike Baker, who didn't think Breitenstein's cited precedent sounded "definitive of what you're asking."

The discussion continued with all of the council members present.

The land spans only about an acre on the northeast corner of the intersection of Ireland Avenue and Harris Street in Crescent Springs. Queen City Avenue flanks the land to the east. The areas around the parcels are a mixture of single-family, multifamily

and commercial developments, including a Panera Bread and a paint store.

Plans to develop the land date to 2007, when former owner JACS Property submitted a plan to the county to build 32 townhomes across three buildings.

Only a portion of the roughly two acres in the original concept was developed into condos, and the remaining land eventually fell into receivership before being sold by the county master commissioner, effectively dividing the property rights in half.

Ireland Properties, a limited liability corporation, bought the remaining land in 2017 but struggled to develop it. Ireland Properties later contracted with Legacy Management, a Fort Wright-based property management firm, to revise the original concept plan and head up asking for a variance from the county.

The new concept plan calls for two buildings with a total of 17 units. Plans for the first building call for a 15-foot setback from Ireland Avenue and Harris Street. Plans for the second building call for a 12-foot setback from the adjacent commercial lot and a 15-foot setback from Ireland Avenue. Each unit would have rear-entry, two-car garages and walk-out access onto Ireland Avenue.

Typically, the zone where the property sits requires 25-foot setbacks, but the planning commission in September approved variances to align with the concept plan. While variances from the commission are treated as final, they depend in this case on the whole plan's being approved. If Crescent Springs' council denies the plan, the variances would dissolve.

Plans also call for a water detention basin (in addition to the one nearby) along with attendant landscaping and signage.

Ross Kreutzjans of Legacy Management, which plans to lease the units once completed, told the planning commission the

townhomes would have three bedrooms and 2.5 bathrooms.

Plummer to seek reelection as county property administrator



Darlene Plummer is seeking reelection as Kenton County's property valuation administrator. Provided | Strategic Advisors

Darlene Plummer announced Oct. 30 that she will seek reelection as the property valuation administrator, often shortened to PVA, for Kenton County.

Although she couldn't officially file for candidacy until November, she filed a statement of spending

intent with the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance last month, which is usually seen as the first step in campaigning.

"I am honored to serve the citizens of Kenton County and remain committed to providing accurate, transparent and exceptional customer service," Plummer said in a written announcement. "If reelected, I will continue to advance technology, strengthen customer relationships, and ensure fair and equitable assessments for all property owners."

The PVA's office is responsible for assessing the value of properties throughout the county. Assessments are then used to determine property tax bills, although the PVA is not responsible for collecting taxes.

Plummer was first elected to the position in 2014. She has a bachelor's degree in management and a certificate of accounting from Northern Kentucky University. She's also a licensed real estate broker and an active volunteer in the community.

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debt instruments like industrial revenue bonds, are backed by the district itself. The city solicits investors to buy bonds, in this case \$16.74 million worth, which will provide the district with cash to finance the building's construction.

The district is then fully on the hook to pay back the principal of that debt plus any interest. In a scenario where the project fails to generate revenue for the repayments, the district would have to make up the money in some other way. In some cases, this could entail raising taxes.

The Kentucky foster system needs help. How to contribute



Kids holding hands. Photo by Ben Wicks on Unsplash

Representatives from the Kentucky Foster Adoptive Caregiver Exchange System, the official name of the foster care system in the commonwealth, have been making their rounds to cities throughout Northern Kentucky in an effort to get the word out about the need for help.

Boone, Kenton and Campbell counties are part of the system's Northern Bluegrass region, which includes the 12 northernmost counties in the state. There were 1,220 kids in the system as of Oct. 1, according to Kristina Niergarth, social service clinician with Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

Niergarth and others have already spoken before local governments and with businesses around the region, mostly recently before the Covington Board of Commissioners on Oct. 28. The system's Kenton County office is actually in Latonia.

"We have a lot of kids who are unfortunately sleeping in our offices because we don't have placement," said Jenni Wiehe, who supervises recruitment within the system.

Covington Mayor Ron Washington is a former foster child.

"There's a big need in our community for this," Washington told Niergarth and Wiehe at the Oct. 28 commission meeting. "My mom was a foster mother, and we had over a dozen children that passed through our house at one time or the other, and my sister's a foster mother. So, it means a lot to me, and you guys are doing good work."

There were 432 kids in the system in Kenton County as of Oct. 1. Split out by age groups, there were 144 between the ages of 0 and 5, 87 between the ages of 6 and 11, and 201 between the ages of 12 and 21.

Foster homes, meanwhile, are broken down between state-certified homes and privately managed agencies. As of Oct. 1, there were 267 cabinet homes and 252 privately managed agencies in the Northern Bluegrass region, including 74 and 67, respectively, in Kenton County.

With those numbers, Niergarth said, "we're only meeting 85% of the need."

Placing kids with family members or trusted family friends tends to be easier, both logistically and for the kids themselves, than placing them in a strange home. Foster parents must go through the required training to get certified. Once they're certified, foster caregivers become eligible for a state stipend to help defray the cost of caring for the kids.

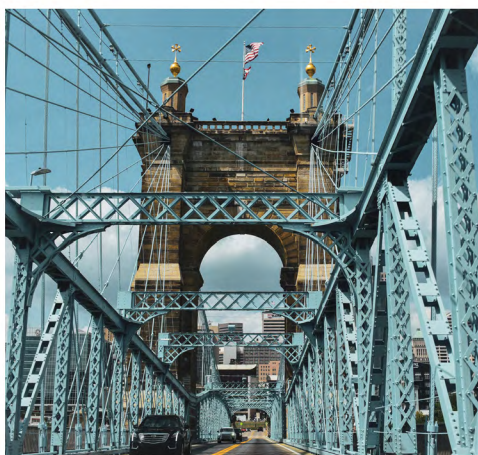
Foster caregivers can adopt through the system, as well. When that occurs, the family continues to receive the stipend until the child turns 18. The child adopted through the system also gets free in-state tuition at any Kentucky public college or university.

There are also people called respite providers. Respite providers watch kids for a short time, such as over the weekend, to give the full-time foster caregivers a break.

Even if you aren't ready to become a full-on foster parent, said Niergarth, there are other ways to help.

"A lot of families might just start out with respite..." Niergarth said. "There's an app called Foster Friendly. Businesses can get signed up on that to offer a discount to foster families... You can donate items to local foster care closets: you know, baby items, clothing, supplies and basically just helping spread the word is one of the biggest things."

Horizon Community Foundation launches NextGen Giving Guide



A view of the John A. Roebling Suspension Bridge. Photo by Haily Roden | LINK nky

Horizon Community Foundation of Northern Kentucky has launched the NextGen Giving Guide, a new digital resource designed to help individuals, families, educators and professionals learn about charitable giving and explore ways to support their communities.

The guide was developed in partner-

ship with Magnified Giving and Northern Kentucky University's Mayerson Student Philanthropy Project. It offers tools, stories and interactive content to help users learn how to give their time, talent and financial resources in meaningful ways.

"This is an important step in making philanthropy accessible and fun for the next generation," Horizon Community Foundation CEO Nancy Grayson said in a news release. "By working with NKU's Mayerson program and Magnified Giving, we're helping learners of all ages and stages find their own pathway to impact."

NKU President Dr. Cady Short-Thompson said the project reflects the university's commitment to community engagement.

"We are proud to have our students and faculty help bring the NextGen Giving Guide to life and create a resource that will empower others to give back to their communities in any way they can," she said in the release.

The guide also serves as a tribute to the late Dr. James Votruba, whose leadership helped shape Horizon Community Foundation, Magnified Giving, and the Mayerson Student Philanthropy Project. The resource honors his legacy of education, empathy and civic engagement.

Gold Star opens nominations for 2025 Teacher of the Year

Gold Star and The Children's Theatre of Cincinnati are once again teaming up to recognize outstanding educators through the annual Gold Star Teacher of the Year program.

Now in its seventh year, the program invites parents, students and community



Chris Wheeler (center) is a finalist in 2025's Goldstar Chili Teacher of the Year Award. Photo provided | Bellevue Independent Public Schools

members across Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky to nominate teachers who demonstrate exceptional dedication to their students and classrooms.

Nominations are open online through Dec. 19 at goldstarchili.com/goldstarteacher.

Ten finalists will be selected from this year's nominees. Each will receive a \$100 Gold Star gift card, four tickets to a Children's Theatre production, and other prizes. The community will have the opportunity to vote for one of the finalists beginning in February 2026, with the winner announced in March 2026.

The 2025 Gold Star Teacher of the Year will receive a \$2,000 classroom grant, a \$1,000 donation to their school's PTO/PTA, \$500 in gift cards, a school-wide cheese coney giveaway, and additional prizes totaling more than \$7,000.

Since 2020, nearly 3,000 teachers have been nominated for the program. The winner from last year was Tricia Richardson of St. Mary's School in Alexandria.

New this year, nominators and teachers will both receive rewards through the Gold Star Rewards app, including a free "BOGO Burger & Fries" for nominators and a complimentary meal for nominated teachers.



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