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STATE OF KENTUCKY

COUNTY OF FRANKLIN

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

August, 2026, 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.

Notary Public Bonnie J. Howard Signed Holly Willard

My commission expires 9-18-28
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List of newspapers running the notice for Duke Energy
Attached tearsheets provide proof of publication:

Covington KY Enquirer—8/12, 8/19 & 8/26

Falmouth Outlook—8/11, 8/18 & 8/25

LINK nky—8/14, 8/21 & 8/28

Warsaw Gallatin Co. News—8/12, 8/19 & 8/26

Williamstown Grant County News—8/13, 8/20 & 8/27

Clerk earns international certification

By Nila Harris

BUTLER — Rebecca “Becky” Gruener is no stranger to hard work. When the city of Butler needed documents prepared for a major audit, she rolled up her sleeves and got to work, spending a multitude of hours gathering, completing and verifying receipts, services and anything else the auditor required.

So, it was no surprise that Gruener (in addition to working on the audit) completed 120 hours of required courses of study to complete her certification as a Certified Kentucky Municipal Clerk.

The certification through The Kentucky Municipal Clerks Institute not only allows her to work as a certified clerk in Kentucky but also permits her to work internationally.

Gruener thanked Mayor Mason Taylor for allow-



Butler Mayor Mason Taylor, left, presents City Clerk Becky Gruener with her certificate for completing 120 hours of required courses outlined by the Kentucky Municipal Clerks Association Education Committee and approved by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. Photo by Nila Harris.

ing her to take courses of study and certification, but Taylor and Councilwoman Bonny Bonar say it has all

been Gruener.

They both praised the accomplishments and dedication of Gruener.

Falmouth City Council hears about community priorities

By D. Franklin

FALMOUTH — The Northern Kentucky Area District Development joined the Aug. 6 Falmouth City Council meeting to present results from the community development forum that was held June 2.

The meeting kicked off with a brief presentation of the results led by an NKADD representative and Tami Vater, Pendleton County director of economic and tourism development.

According to the NKADD, five priorities were identified based on community feedback:

- 1 — Infrastructure, utilities, and flood resiliency
- 2 — Healthcare access and community wellness
- 3 — Economic development and downtown vitality
- 4 — Tourism, recreation and quality of place
- 5 — Housing and workforce retention.

The results of the forum were based on the feedback of approximately 40 local people who were surveyed.

The NKADD provided the City Council with links to resources to support these concerns in the community, as well as contacts for any questions or com-

ments.

In addition to the forum feedback, the NKADD is working with Vater to set up a communitywide brownfield assessment grant.

A brownfield is a property that may have environmental contamination that prevents it from being developed for use. Examples of brownfields include gas stations, repair shops, mills and other industrialized facilities.

The grant is for approximately \$500,000 to conduct assessments on several properties in the count, and will help to prepare plans on how to treat the sites after the assessment.

Vater provided additional details on pending grants that she is working on for the city. The city has applied for a Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant, which will allow for an additional \$3 million dollars to support flood mitigation.

In addition to this, the city is also securing a \$2 million grant to enhance the industrial park. The improvements include infrastructure, utility and aesthetic upgrades.

Ongoing improvements to the water treatment plant continue to move forward

as a new agreement was approved last week. The agreement addresses issues at the plant that include electrical improvements, service motors and pumps.

Meetings for pre-bid discussions will begin on August 20th. The plan will also include rehabilitation of the steel clearwell tanks, which hold filtered water.

City Council passed a resolution authorizing the filing of KY HB 900 Project Grant.

Tiffany Stewart was elected to the Falmouth Housing Authority Board. She will be serving on the board in place of Betty Turner, who stepped down. The term will end Jan. 31, 2029.

The Falmouth Fire Department joined the meeting in support of their team member, John Lucas, being elected as assistant fire chief of Falmouth. According to Mayor Sabrina Hazen, Lucas has been doing additional volunteer work around the fire department lately, such as painting and logging hours to help support the team.

Lucas told council, “I want to get the brotherhood and family atmosphere back into it (the firehouse). Let everybody else handle the politics.”

Prices at the pump ease downward

Average gasoline prices in Kentucky have fallen 12.4 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.53 a gallon Monday, according to GasBuddy’s survey of 2,623 stations in Kentucky.

Gasoline prices in Falmouth were \$3.81 and \$3.86 a gallon Monday morning.

Prices in Kentucky are 0.9 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 62.3 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

The national average

price of diesel has decreased 5.1 cents compared to a week ago and stands at \$5.275 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Kentucky was priced at \$2.99 a gallon Sunday while the most expensive was \$4.29, a difference of \$1.30.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 10.7 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.94 a gallon Monday. The national average is up

9.5 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 85.6 cents per gallon higher than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy, said, “For now, enjoy the dip, but keep a close eye on how the Strait (of Hormuz) situation (and Iranian push back) developments in the days ahead.”

Butler City Council agrees to needle exchange vehicle

By Nila Harris

BUTLER — During the Aug. 3 Butler City Council meeting, Korynn Marshall from Three Rivers Health Department talked to council about her work with the syringe service program.

Implemented in 2015, the program aims to keep needles off the streets and playgrounds.

Marshall asked council for permission to bring a mobile unit to Butler. The unit has a needle exchange program, HP testing, addiction services, rehab information and more.

Council members approved allowing the mobile unit to set up on Fridays, beginning Aug. 14, next to the city building.

The Northern Pendleton Fire Department will help get the word out to the community.

• In the monthly report from the fire department:

NPFD Assistant Chief Travis Reis reported 19 calls for service and completion of pump testing.

Station 3 (Butler) had its first full month with Tyler Trumble as paid staff.

Other fire department activity included a deep clean of the firehouse, a work bench constructed to create an area to work on equipment, a wait area designated, a car seat installed, and six businesses were inspected.

Aug. 7 was the first Food Truck Friday program. Food Truck Friday will take place 4 to 9 p.m. the first Friday of every month, with a different food truck each time.

Firefighters were scheduled to be at the day care on Aug. 7 as well as being at the Summer Bash at River Valley Nursing Home on Aug. 21.

The department should know the results of the Assistance to Firefighters Grants Program grant by Sept. 30.

Trumble demonstrated a CPR device purchased by the city. The device provides continual, exact CPR compressions for a patient in distress and determines if the compressions need to be deeper or wider. He thanked the city for purchasing the device.

• In the report from the police department, Chief Ken Hale reported 48 calls; two city and two state warnings were issued. He completed two vacation checks and 40 business checks. Vehicle maintenance was conducted and new tires were put on the police car.

• Tami Vater, Pend-

leton County economic and tourism development director, gave the council updates on the work in her office.

She established a website, locatependletonky.com, for small businesses to find out about community options.

Paragon Metal Fabricators, located in the former Hammer Strength building in Falmouth has doubled the number of employees hired in the past nine months.

The Boo Project has \$150,000 available for making improvements at the Butler Community Center. A walkway, boat ramp, sidewalks and recreational trail will be started soon, she hopes before cold weather sets in.

Taylor asked, “Do we (the city) need to do that (put in the sidewalks)?” Vater said that they will get together and make determinations.

There are some things they can/cannot do because of riverbank instability and flooding concerns, Vater said.

The boat ramp will allow responders to pull up easily in case of severe flooding. The Pendleton County Extension Office is still on board helping with the educational aspect of the trail.

Vater said they hope to continue the trail behind the Butler Park to the bridge. Signs need to be ordered, and fence railings need to be put up around the marquee.

A total \$250,000 has become available for development of a floodplain sink in Falmouth for flood mitigation, she said. Of that, \$55,000 is available for Butler to finance a hydraulic study, but this needs to be done after the sink is completed in Falmouth.

She talked about having conversations with bordering areas and counties, because the floodplain sinks will affect other areas too.

On the tourism end, Vater said she is going to the state fair. “We are getting a lot of return on that.”

She said that she is doing more digital advertising, trying to get people to come to the community.

“The biggest asset in Butler is The Kentucky Millstone.”

She told how the restaurant has been recognized in several areas outside of Pendleton County.

Vater said she is working on getting more faith-based leads such as The Ark Encounter and partnering with Northern Kentucky

and Grant County.

She mentioned that Mary’s Farm in Eastern Pendleton County has been getting more traffic.

In other business:

• Audience member Glenn Shell asked if Mayor or Mason Taylor found out the cost of a square foot of concrete. “I priced it for \$15 per square foot and can help with that,” Shell said.

Taylor said that he would get with Shell after the meeting.

Shell also asked about the road issue in front of River Valley. Taylor said that it would be fixed when the street is blacktopped.

Shell also mentioned that Tommy from Front Gate is back at the Post Office bothering people. Taylor said that he would have a conversation with Front Gate’s new owner.

• Butler resident Alred Polley asked about a sewer lid that is not fastened just off the street. The mayor said he’d have maintenance check into the issue.

• The second reading of Ordinance 455 was held and passed. This deals with water shortage response measures and penalties.

• Resolution 103 was read. This authorizes council to allow the city to lease out the property on 103 E. Mill Street. Attorney Steve Doan will see if there are any restrictions or liens on the property.

• Katie Jo Kirkpatrick of the Northern Kentucky Area Development District spoke with council about the programs the agency has to offer. She said that her agency serves as a liaison between the city and the state, and can offer programs for the aging population, people with disabilities, Medicaid, Medicare, Meals on Wheels, mobility, work force, water/wastewater services and grant writing.

Kirkpatrick handed out packets of information for each council member and encouraged them to contact the call center for needs/more information.

• Taylor told the council that if anyone is interested in attending the Kentucky League of Cities Conference and Expo in Covington, just let him know.

• Councilwoman Bonita Bonar congratulated City Clerk Becky Gruener for her completion of 120 required course work hours to become a Kentucky Certified Municipal Clerk. This certification not only allows her to work as a city clerk anywhere in Kentucky but also internationally.

Fastest-growing voter party declaration: ‘other’

FRANKFORT — In July, 8,598 new Kentucky voters registered, with Kentuckians outside the two major political parties once again showing their interest in November’s election, Secretary of State Michael Adams announced Friday.

“In July, more independents registered to vote in Kentucky than Republicans and

Democrats combined,” Adams said.

“Neither party can prevail in a statewide race with only its base; both must reach out to the center.”

Republican registration constitutes 48 percent of the electorate; Democratic registration accounts for 41 percent of the electorate; with “other” at 11 percent.

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Butler man serves 60 years in ministry

By Nila Harris
BUTLER — Preacher, teacher, assistant director of development and even a stint as a social worker... in whatever capacity, Jesse Henderson has been actively engaged in ministry for more than 60 years.

Currently serving as pastor emeritus at Christ's Church Eastside Park in Butler, Henderson recently stepped down from the pulpit for health reasons — a pulpit that he has filled for most of those 60 years.

When Kay Ewing first met Jesse, he was the preacher at CCEP and was also attending Cincinnati Bible Seminary, working toward a graduate degree. She was teaching fourth grade at Morgan School.

When asked how a Pendleton County girl met an Estill County boy, Kay said, "We met due to Corrine Britton (a fellow teacher) and David Pribble (former Pendleton County judge executive) telling

Jesse he needed to meet me and ask for a date. He followed their advice."

Sadly, at this time, Kay's uncle Harold Ewing, the Pendleton County attorney, had just passed away. Kay and Jesse had to wait.

But apparently, Jesse was in a hurry to meet the raven-haired beauty and ended up taking Britton to Ewing's visitation where he officially met his future wife.

"Our first date was a dinner at the restaurant outside of Falmouth, where Fisher's motel/dealership was located at the time. I thought he was good looking, had beautiful dark hair and was tall," Kay said.

This was in 1967, and the couple married on July 4th, 1968.

"Most people celebrate their independence on the Fourth of July. I lost mine," Jesse would jokingly tell people.

While Jesse was at CBS, he served as assistant direc-

tor of development, though his passion was more for teaching than administration. He worked five years in that position before deciding to do something different.

Jesse began his master's degree in education at Xavier University, then a Rank 1 degree in administration. He taught for 20 years at Grant County Middle and Grant County High Schools before retiring from education, along with Kay, in 2000.

During his time at Grant County, Jesse began preaching at Alexandria Church of Christ. Kay remembers a time when the church held a surprise 25th anniversary celebration for the couple.

"We were coming back from Gatlinburg with some friends, and they took us there (to the church). We thought it was a regular pitch-in dinner after church," Kay said.

The church's thought-

fulness greatly surprised and touched the Hendersons, she said.

In 1996, Jesse and Kay came back to CCEP and have served there since.

Kay remembers when Lisa and Adam McElfresh called them to the front of the church to honor them for 25 years of consecutive service at the church. Adam is currently serving as pastor.

Christ's Church Eastside Park, 106 Mader Road, Butler, Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and worship service at 10:30 a.m. Sundays.

Over the years, Jesse has been given advice from various people. Early in his ministry, Britton told him that he was too soft-spoken and that he needed to speak up.

But what he counts as probably the best advice came from an older woman who told him, "Preach the Word!" That's exactly what he has done for more than 60 years.



Kay and Jesse Henderson today. Photos courtesy of Lisa McElfresh.

Pendleton at the pageants



Pendleton County continued to represent in Germantown Fair pageants, including the winner of the Miss Teen Germantown Fair competition on Aug. 4. From left are Miss Teen Germantown Fair Raelynn Steffen, daughter of Bradley and Lauren Morris of Butler; first runner-up Kate Henson, daughter of Adam and Jana Henson of Maysville; second runner-up Harmony Gampper, daughter of Mike and Emily Gampper of Woodford County; and People's Choice winner Hadley Walker, daughter of the late Garrett Walker, Laken Salsgiver and Billy McClurg of Vanceburg.



The Miss Pre-Teen Germantown Fair Pageant was held Aug. 5. From left are Miss Pre-Teen Germantown Fair Adelynn Faulkner, daughter of Craig and Danielle Faulkner of Dry Ridge; first runner-up Kate Sims, daughter of Spencer and Jenna Sims of Mercer County; second runner-up Emily Stevens, daughter of Christopher and Margaret Stevens of Lexington; and People's Choice Louie Palacios, daughter of Luis Palacios and Samantha Williams of Falmouth. As reported in last week's Outlook, Aubrey Record of Butler was second runner-up and People's Choice Award winner Aug. 3 in the Miss Germantown Fair pageant. Photos courtesy of Shelly Coleman.

Soccer cleats to be given away this Saturday

FALMOUTH — Instant Replay will hold a soccer cleats giveaway from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Aug. 22 at the Pendleton County Athletic Park.

Cleats for both boys and girls of all ages and sizes will gladly be accepted. For more information, contact Tammy Spicer via Facebook Messenger.

Germantown will be 'Jammin' at the Park

GERMANTOWN — The Germantown Public Park will hold "Jammin' at the Park" from 1 to 11 p.m. Aug. 22

The park's committee chose local and regional bands in a range of styles to play the first of many concerts at the Blue Rock Pavilion.

Coal will be on the stage from 1 to 2 p.m., followed by The Awkward Brunettes from 2 to 3 p.m., Last Rodeo Music Show from 3 to 5 p.m., Kentucky Train from 5 to 7 p.m., MAKs from 7 to 9 p.m., and Fade to Blackened, a Metallica tribute band, will close the concert from 9 to 11 a.m.

Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children younger than 12, and free for children younger than 3. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs. Food trucks will be on hand.

River Valley ready for its Summer Bash Friday

BUTLER — River Valley Nursing Home plans to host its third annual Summer Bash 4 to 6 p.m. Aug. 21 at the home, 305 Taylor St. The event will include free games and prizes, a bounce house, hot dogs, pork tenderloin sandwiches, chips and music. The celebration is free.

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Mildred Ashcraft to Rodney C. Mason and Lana Mason for \$1 for property located on Hwy 467, Williamstown

Kenneth L. Pugh and Susan Pugh to Phil Bolen, Jr. and Carrie Bolen for \$7,000 for property located on Beech Street, Falmouth

William Taylor Lunceford and James K. Lunceford to RD Holdings LLC for \$100,000 for property located in Pendleton County

Wade R. Lambert to RD Holdings LLC for \$1 property located in Pendleton County

Phillip C. Rawlings and Lori L. Rawlings to Phillip C. Rawlings and Lori L. Rawlings, Trustees of the Rawlings Living Trust for property located on State Route 177, Butler

Judy Steinhaus to Leslie S. O'Cull for \$735,000 for property located on Russell Cummins Road, Falmouth

The Estate of John W. Wright by Angie Wright, executrix, to Keith Herron for \$90,000 for property located in Pendleton County

Colin McCloud and Stacy McCloud to Robert L. Schiller for \$60,000 for property located on Main Street, Falmouth

Margaret Ann Tebbe and Jordan Tebbe to Jordan Tebbe for \$175,000 for property located on Barkley Street, Falmouth

Diane Humphrey (aka Phyllis Diana Humphrey) to Muhammed Jafarov and Angie D. Jafarov for \$68,000 for property located on Hwy 1054, Falmouth

John Nordheim and Molly Nordheim to Fredrick Gene Wiseman II and Paula Grace Wiseman for \$80,000 for property located in Hickory Grove Estates

Bonnie W. Browning to Duncan Lowell Rogers and Sarah Mary Eckhoff for \$472,000 for property located on Hwy 330, Falmouth

Olive Branch Properties to Malkut Prepteries LLC for \$1 for property located in Bushy Creek Estates, Williamstown

Anthony Johnson and Linda A. Johnson to Perscilla Isaacs for \$1 for property located on Wilson Lane, Falmouth

Mildred Ashcraft to Mark Boettcher and Grace Allyson Boettcher for \$1 for property located on Hwy 467, Williamstown

Michael A. Mann and Rebecca Thacker Mann (aka Rebecca J.) to Donald Hicks and Jessica Hicks for \$465,000 for property located on Center Ridge Road, DeMossville

Frank J. Isaacs and Perscilla Isaacs to James Evan Thomas and Alexandria Lee Sweasy for \$209,900 for property located in Cardinal Ridge Estates, Falmouth

Asa Miles Greenwood and Heather Jean Greenwood to Roy L. Collins for \$28,000 for property located at Sergeant Petry Landing, Falmouth

Rebecca Cryer, Daniel Cryer, Sheila Myrick (aka Sheila Geiman) and Randy Myrick to Jennifer Thornton, Camerin Ernst and Isabella Reis for \$150,000 for property located on Concord Caddo Road, Falmouth

Susan Patton to Anna K. Patton for \$315,000 for property located on Old 3L Hwy, Falmouth

Jeff Perrin (aka Jeffrey H.) and Amanda Perrin to Hunter P. Stanley for \$415,000 for property located on Crooked Creek Road, Berry

Rickey D. Burton to Rickey D. Burton (trustee) and Rickey Burton Living Trust for \$1 for property located on Willow Neave Road, Falmouth

Jeffrey Lustenberg and Kelly Lustenberg to Jeffrey Lustenberg and Kelly Lustenberg Living Trust for \$1 for property located on Fourth Street, Falmouth

Lillie Wilson to CMH Homes LLC for \$16,000 for property located in Grassy Creek Estates, Butler

Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Farm to Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Farm for \$1 for property located on Hwy 159 N, Falmouth

Salazar Juliandra Rojas to Andrew M. Sparks for \$110,000 for property located on Maple Avenue, Falmouth

Christopher Jay Caldwell to Pendleton County Fiscal Court for \$1 for located on Adalin Drive, DeMossville

Public Legal Notice

THREE RIVERS DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The adopted budgets, financial statements, and most recent audit of the Three Rivers District Health Department and the Carroll, Gallatin, Owen, and Pendleton County Public Health Taxing Districts may be examined at 60 Old Monterey Road, Owenton, KY 40359. For questions, please call 502-484-3412.

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8/4/2026

Estate of Roberta L. Mahaney, probate hearings; ordered entered

Estate of Richard Gillespie, motion hour; order entered

Joel Alick Jackson, 1991, arraignment; fugitive from another state; released to Ohio by Grant County prior to court, dismissed

Commonwealth vs Cynthia Marie Berry, 1975, review; \$300 paid in full, Sept. 15

Commonwealth vs Joseph Connor, 1974, review; bench warrant, 20 days, pay or stay

Commonwealth vs Sandy DeLong, 1982, review; bench warrant, four days, pay or stay

Commonwealth vs Daniel G. Bray, 1984, preliminary hearing; theft by unlawful taking or disposal auto \$10,000, criminal mischief first degree, criminal trespassing-third degree, operating vehicle with expired operator's license; by agreement waive preliminary hearing, \$2,000 bond, 10% bond with surety, submit to grand jury

Commonwealth vs Morgan Lynn Brewer, 1998, arraignment; speeding 10 mph over limit, careless driving, failure to produce insurance card, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security; pretrial Sept. 8

Commonwealth vs Amanda Estrada, 1985, arraignment; speeding 5 mph over limit; paid \$148 in full

Commonwealth vs Frank R. Goodnight, 1950, pretrial conference; speeding 25 mph over limit; show cause by mail Sept. 8

Commonwealth vs Samuel Lopez, 2002, arraignment; speeding 26 mph over/greater (guilty plea \$50 plus costs), reckless driving (guilty plea \$100 fine); pay in full by Jan. 12

Commonwealth vs Jamie Moneyhon, 1979, pretrial conference; failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance; appoint public advocate, pretrial Aug. 11

Commonwealth vs Jamie Allen Moneyhon, 1979, preliminary hearing; unlawful imprisonment-second degree, assault-second degree – domestic assault; continue Aug. 11, officer is out of town and unavailable to testify, bond \$5,000 – 10%

Commonwealth vs William Pollitt, 1988, arraignment; speeding 5 mph over limit; guilty plea, \$10 plus costs

Commonwealth vs Patrick C. Sharp, 1990, review;

speeding 26 mph over/greater, reckless driving, operating on suspended/revoked operator's license; continue Oct. 20, prior orders remain

Commonwealth vs Merle D. Williams, 1971, review; cruelty to animals-second degree; review Aug. 18

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Estate of Tom Pettit, other hearing; review Aug. 18

Estate of John Franklin Thomas, court trail; granted

Estate of Betty Ann McKinney, probate hearing

Estate of Matthew Shearer, probate hearing; granted

Commonwealth vs Garin Luken, 1978, motion hour; motion to redocket

Commonwealth vs Chase Camidge, 1984, review; review Nov. 24, no less/later than \$50

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs Russell Smith, motion hour; motion for default judgment; granted and signed

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs Tamme King, motion hour; motion for default judgment; granted and signed

LVNV Funding LLC vs Kristi S. Beck, motion hour; continued to Sept. 8, 9509 Hwy 10 N.

Saint Elizabeth Medical Center Inc. vs Brandon M. Stacy, motion hour; motion for default judgment; review Oct. 13

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs Cynthia J. Brown, motion hour; motion for default judgment; granted and signed

Saint Elizabeth Medical Center, Inc. vs Colona C. Widener, motion hour; motion for default judgment; signed agreed judgment

U.S. Bank National Association vs Jordan Bonar, motion hour; motion for summary judgment; signed agreed judgment

Midland Credit Management, Inc. vs Charles Yeary, motion hour; motion for default judgment; granted and signed

Saint Elizabeth Medical Center, Inc. vs Tyler R. Trumble, motion hour; motion for default judgment; granted and signed

Lendmark Financial Services, LLC vs Stephanie L. Ruf, motion hour; motion for default judgment; granted, amend attorney's fees down to \$500

Williams Place Inc. vs Susan Wells, court trial; dismissed

Williams Place Inc. vs Kennedy Love, court trial; granted

Commonwealth vs Zachary Ahrman, 2004, arraignment; speeding 15 mph over limit; \$30 plus court costs, review Feb. 9

Commonwealth vs James Amburgey, 1989, arraign-

ment; speeding 10 mph over limit; show cause by mail Sept. 8

Commonwealth vs Christina M. Bailey, 1983, preliminary hearing; no contact with victim, \$1,500 restitution, review Feb. 9, dismissal Aug 10, 2027

Commonwealth vs Trevor Baute, 2000, preliminary hearing; speeding 26 mph over/greater, reckless driving, fleeing or evading police-first degree (motor vehicle), operating on suspended/revoked operator's license, resisting arrest, wanton endangerment-first degree; waive to grand jury

Commonwealth vs Noah Beck, 2002, pretrial conference; operate motor vehicle under the influence, driving on DUI suspended license, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, no/expired registration plates; pretrial conference Sept. 8

Commonwealth vs Tyler Boggs, 1990, pretrial conference; speeding 21 mph over limit, operation motor vehicle under the influence; pretrial conference Sept. 8

Commonwealth vs Michael Boling, 2003, arraignment Sept. 15; speeding 10 mph over limit;

Commonwealth vs Christopher S. Brookman, 1992, arraignment Sept. 15; speeding 10 mph over limit;

Commonwealth vs Derek A. Buckner, 1966, arraignment; operating on suspended/revoked operator's license, failure to surrender revoked operator's license, rear license not illuminated; dismissed

Commonwealth vs Conner R. Clifford, 2004, pretrial conference; assault-fourth degree dating violence; dismissed, deceased

Commonwealth vs Timothy Wayne Cooke, other hearing; recall bench warrant, dismissed

Commonwealth vs Victor Daugherty, 1971, arraignment; improper passing; dismissed, county attorney traffic safety

Commonwealth vs Terry Davis, 1987, pretrial conference; assault-fourth degree domestic violence no visible injury, unlawful imprisonment-second degree; pretrial conference Aug. 18

Commonwealth vs minor, 2009, pretrial conference; speeding 10 mph over limit, careless driving; review Aug. 25

Commonwealth vs Amanda Eversole, 1978, other hearing; review Aug. 18

Commonwealth vs Tabitha Farewell, 1991, review; speeding 20 mph over limit; review Feb. 9

Commonwealth vs John Feeback, 1985, continued first appearance; operating motor vehicle under the influence, failure to or improper signal, disregarding traffic control device, traffic light; fined \$275 and \$475, operator's license suspension, alcohol driver education, hardship option-don't sentence yet, review Feb. 9

Commonwealth vs Isaac Douglas John Fultz, 1999, arraignment; speeding 10 mph over limit, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, no/expired registration plates; county attorney traffic safety, dismiss

Commonwealth vs Zachary Galloway, 1988, show

cause hearing; paid in full

Commonwealth vs David E. Geiman, 1967, continued first appearance Aug. 25; obstructed vision and/or windshield

Commonwealth vs Abilene Gilbert, 1975, other hearing

Commonwealth vs Daniel Hargett, 2006, review; traffic in marijuana, less than 8 oz., drug paraphernalia-buy/possess; waive public defender fee, dismiss with prejudice

Commonwealth vs Taylor Harmon, 1999, review Sept. 8; \$50 no less/later than

Commonwealth vs Eric Harris, 1989, show cause hearing; paid in full

Commonwealth vs Carlin Hernandez, 1998, arraignment; speeding 19 mph over limit, no operator's/moped license; show cause by mail Sept. 15

Commonwealth vs Allen Hoskins, 1990, review Sept. 8

Commonwealth vs Paul Thomas James, 1969, review Sept. 25

Commonwealth vs Kiswendsida A. Kagone, 1992, show cause hearing; speeding 10 mph over limit; county attorney traffic safety, review Sept. 29

Commonwealth vs Rylan J. Kearney, 2007, arraignment Sept. 15; speeding 15 mph over limit

Commonwealth vs Joseph M. Konde, 1977, continued first appearance; speeding 17 mph over limit; show cause by mail Sept. 15

Commonwealth vs Leslie J. Malicek, 1963, review; dismiss, diversion

Commonwealth vs Jamie Moneyhon, 1979, pretrial conference; failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance; review Feb. 9, fined \$500 and \$300, no driving uninsured

Commonwealth vs Jamie Moneyhon, 1979, preliminary hearing; unlawful imprisonment-second degree, assault-second degree, domestic violence; find probable cause, bind over to grand jury; meets criteria for serious physical injury; require GPS with notification device, Aug. 14

Commonwealth vs Paul Mullins, 1978, pretrial conference; fleeing or evading police-third degree; release on bond, diversion one year, review Feb. 9

Commonwealth vs Shonda Kay Nagel, 1978, review; show cause by mail Sept. 15

Commonwealth vs Dakota W. Randall, 2002, other hearing; review Sept. 15, \$200 no less/later than

Commonwealth vs Dakota Warren Randall, 2002, other hearing; inadequate silencer-muffler (\$10), failure to produce insurance card, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security (\$500, probate \$450 – maintain insurance), operating on suspended/revoked operator's license (amend to no operator's license in possession), failure to surrender revoked operator's license, failure to notify address change to department of transportation; review Feb. 9

Commonwealth vs minor, 2009, arraignment; speeding 20 mph over limit; review Sept. 29

Commonwealth vs Lincoln R. Sautbine, 2007, arraignment; speeding 10 mph over limit; county attorney traffic safety, dismiss

Commonwealth vs William J. Singer, 1971, review; \$193 paid in full, review Sept. 15

Commonwealth vs William B. Wood, 1983, pretrial conference; obstructed vision and/or windshield, failure to produce insurance card, failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance, license to be in possession, improper use of basic registration plate, no/expired registration plates, notify/report/record accidents (two counts), federal safety regulations parts needed for safe operation (eight counts), federal safety regulation driving of motor vehicle; not guilty plea, pretrial conference Sept. 15

Commonwealth vs Gerald C. Wright, 1977, pretrial conference; criminal trespass-first degree; dismiss with prejudice

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NOTICE TO BID

The East Pendleton Water District will be accepting sealed bids for the sale of the following vehicles and equipment. These vehicles and equipment may be viewed at East Pendleton Water District 601 Woodson Rd, Falmouth Kentucky, 41040 during normal business hours. Sealed bids shall be marked "BIDS" and submitted to East Pendleton Water District office no later than 8:30 AM September 16th, 2026. Bids will be opened and read aloud during the monthly board meeting on the same date. No faxed bids will be accepted. The East Pendleton Water District reserves the right to waive any and all formalities in bidding. The East Pendleton Water District further reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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Racers sprint from the starting line at the Annual Mile Race at the 2026 Grant County Fair on Aug. 1.

Annual Mile Race making a comeback

BY DEBORAH LUCAS ANGEL
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

When Jerry Thornton was 15, he had heart surgery. His doctors told him he needed to exercise for his heart health. Around 1980 or so, Thornton had an idea: combine the Grant County Fair with a fun race to bring families together for a county event. Thus, the annual Mile Race for the Grant County Fair was born.

In the beginning, the race was meant to be a fun way to enjoy family time and get a bit of exercise and was a part of the Children's Day at the fair. The mile distance was simply due to the track around the fair being roughly one mile.

Since that time, the race has ebbed and flowed in popularity. While the fair was at what is now Grant County Park in Crittenden, the race was run at 8 a.m. the last Saturday of fair week and at times had as many as 50 runners.

When the fair moved to Baton Rouge Road, for a time the race was moved to the Grant County High School track before it moved to the current fairgrounds. Popularity ebbed and there was a year here and there with no race and times with few runners or weather issues.

Through it all the race endured.

In 2025, Marlon Kinsey picked up the race baton. He and the Ridge Runners Men's Running Group decided to spearhead the race and keep a healthy

tradition going.

In 2025, there were three entrants for the race. This year, there were 18 racers who registered online. But, with heavy rain just before the race and with storms forecast; only nine of the 18 lined up at the start. Still, Kinsey and the Ridge Runners see this as a positive for the future.

For the 2026 race, Kinsey invited Thornton to be the honorary race director while Kinsey was 2026 race director.

Dave Clark, a certified in race time official, was asked to start and time the race. In case someone with special needs might be racing, the group chose to use a starter app on the phone instead of a loud starter pistol. The race began at 9 a.m. sharp with Clark pressing the app.

Unfortunately, the race began and ended without the balloon start/finish line originally planned. Apparently, a truck servicing the fair drove through the balloon arch, taking it with the truck. Not to be deterred, organizers drew a white line on the road to be the start/finish.

The competitors ran the mile course along Baton Rouge Road and the black-topped entrance road to the fair.

Coming in at 5:09.04, William Osborne was the overall race winner. Although last, little Chevelle Simons in the zero-to-nine-year-old class finished and with a respectable 13:23 time. Danni Whalen was the overall female winner with a time of 10:07.65. All



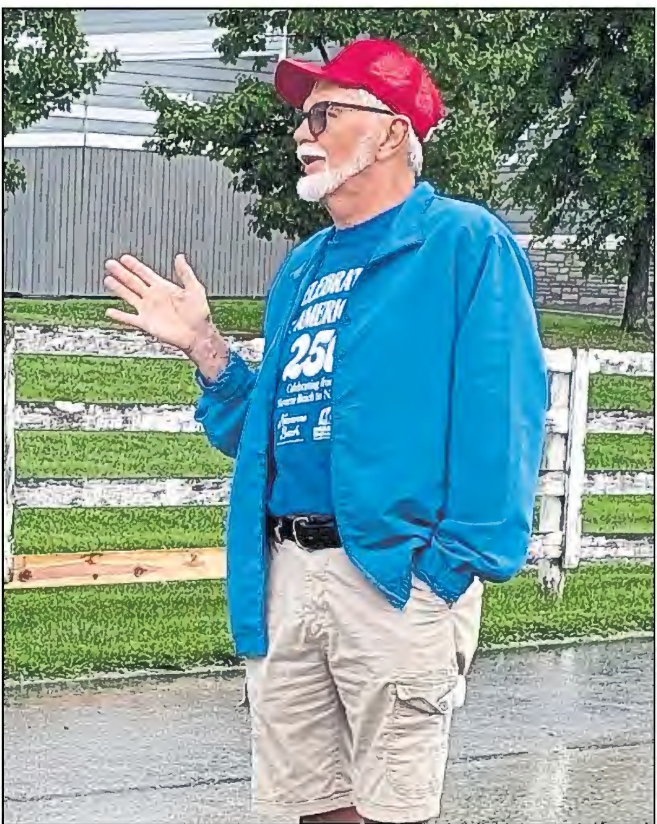
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Winner William Osborne and second place finisher Elijah Walters race to the finish line at the 2026 Grant County Fair Mile Race on Saturday, Aug. 1.

others finished the race and were awarded metals.

Plans are already being made for next year's race. According to Kinsey, eventually the race will be run inside the fairgrounds, as it was when the fair was in Crittenden.

Ridge Runners host other races throughout the year. The next will be the Rooster Run in October in Gallatin County. You can find them on Facebook or email at ridgerunracing@gmail.com.



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Jerry Thornton addresses the runners at the Grant County Fair's Annual Mile Race on Aug. 1. Thornton originated the race in the 1980s as a fun way for families to be healthy and was serving as the honorary race director.

VETERANS PHOTOS WANTED FOR UPCOMING VETERANS TRIBUTE TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE NOVEMBER 5th GRANT COUNTY NEWS

Honor your loved ones who have served or are now serving their country

Deadline: Thursday, October 15 for photos

Honoring Our Armed Forces

On November 5th, the Grant County News will be publishing a tribute to all of the men and women who have fought to preserve our freedom through service in the United States' armed forces.



In Memory Of Cpl. Lowell Thomas U.S. Army 1952-1954

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SUBMITTING PHOTOS

As some service members or their families may not wish to be included, we ask that you enter only for family members or close friends/associates.

2025 photos will be repeated again in the 2026 Veterans special. If changes need to be made to those please email bsmith@cynthianademocrat.com on those photos submissions by Oct. 15, 2026.

Email all new submissions to: bsmith@cynthianademocrat.com with the subject line "Grant County Armed Forces Dedication"

Please include in the email their photo as a jpg, and the name of person in photo, rank, branch of service, date of service who submitted photo.

All submissions must be received by Oct. 15, 2026.

If you are a veteran and you have a story to share from your time in service and would like to see it published in the veterans special please contact Betsy Smith at bsmith@cynthianademocrat.com by Oct. 8, 2026.

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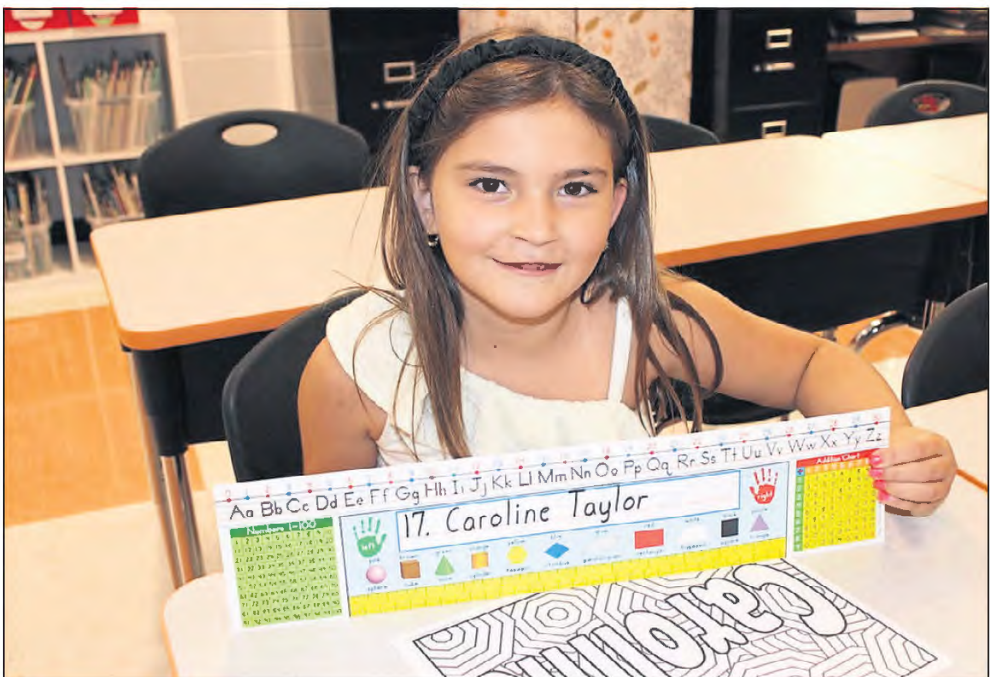
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Williamstown's fifth grade team is ready for duty!



One of the best things about the Back to School Bash is learning your way around and knowing you have a place ready for you.

WILLIAMSTOWN BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

Williamstown Independent Schools hosted their yearly Back to School Bash on Friday, Aug. 7. Putting the brakes on summer is always hard, both for families and staff. The annual Bash is a fun time to explore the school, see old friends or get comfortable in a brand new space. Students got to visit their classrooms, meet their teachers and get their schedules to help ease them into the new school year. Their big people got to put faces to the names of those who will be teaching their children for the next nine months. Williamstown's first day of school was last Wednesday, Aug. 12.



Above: Sophia and Cassi Mays leave the Braves Bash with a bag filled with school supplies Aug. 8. **Right:** Liam Byrd, Caiden Dyer, CJ Dyer and Chase Dyer wait in line at the Braves Bash on Aug. 8.

B R A V E S B A S H

Grant County Schools celebrated the start of the new school year with the annual Braves Bash on Saturday, Aug. 8. Sponsored by the Grant County Family Resource and Youth Services Centers (FRYSCs), the event took place 10 days before the first day of school—plenty of time to get used to the idea that summer is in the rearview mirror.

The event is an opportunity for the community to come together in support of the students, and local businesses and organizations partnered with the FRYSCs to make it a great start to the school year. Students took home large bags of school supplies and, hopefully, lots of encouragement.

The first day of school for students in kindergarten, sixth, and ninth grade was Tuesday, Aug. 18. The first day for all students except sixth and ninth grade was Aug. 19. (Kindergarten had their second day of school.)



KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Proposed Tax Notification

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The Williamstown Independent Board of Education is proposing a general fund tax levy of 86.4 cents on real property and 88.4 cents on personal property.

The General Fund tax levied in fiscal year 2026 was 85.1 cents on real property and 85.1 cents on personal property and produced revenue of \$2,765,327.93. The proposed General Fund tax rate of 86.4 cents on real property and 88.4 cents on personal property is expected to produce \$3,028,088.27. Of this amount, \$741,006.61 is from new and personal property. The compensating tax for 2027 is 80 cents on real property and 85.1 cents on personal property and is expected to produce \$2,828,156.04.

The proposed rate is expected to generate more revenue than received in the preceding year. The general areas to which revenue of \$262,760.34 above 2026 revenue is to be allocated are as follows: Cost of collections, \$6,569.01; building fund, \$33,185.00; instruction, \$153,206.81; transportation, \$18,201.51; and maintenance of plant, \$51,598.01.

This information is published pursuant to KRS 160.470. The proposed tax rate is not subject to recall under KRS 132.017.

The General Assembly has required publication of this advertisement and information contained herein.

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District: Grant County – School Year 2026-2027; Proposed on August 6, 2027

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The General Fund tax levied in fiscal year 2026 was 57.8 cents on real property and 57.8 cents on personal property and produced revenue of \$9,748,410.48 at 100 percent collection rate. The proposed General Fund tax rate of 55.5 cents on real property and 55.5 cents on personal property is expected to produce \$10,717,512.96. Of this amount, \$1,603,129.39 is from new and personal property. The compensating tax for 2027 is 53.4 cents on real property and 53.4 cents on personal property, including .01 allowable exonerations, and is expected to produce \$10,302,398.52.

The proposed rate is expected to generate more revenue than received in the preceding year. The general areas to which revenue of \$969,102.48 above 2026 revenue is to be allocated are as follows: Cost of collections, \$38,764.10; building fund, \$322,434.07; instruction, \$227,904.31, and maintenance of plant, \$380,000.

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GRANT COUNTY CLERK'S REPORT

GRANT COUNTY PROPERTY TRANSFERS

· 8/13 – James David Gould to Tarina D. Hensley and Steven W. Hensley, 11.2318 acres North Side Osborne Road for \$255,000
· 8/13 – Mary Lou Lillard to Mary Lou Lillard, 3 tracts Rainbow Drive for \$1.00
· 8/13 – David Feiler and Wanda Feiler to David Feiler and Wanda Feiler, 3.3670 acres Kentucky Route 36 for \$1.00
· 8/14 – George C. Code and Kimberly Code to Kenneth Winninger and

Patty Winninger, 0.39 acre Creek Road for \$20,000
· 8/14 – Wilma N. Chipman and Wilma M. Chipman to Debbie Lynn Hester, 1 acre Lawrenceville Road for \$58,662
· 8/14 – Zachary Nickels to Paul G. Nowak and Sheila Nowak, lot south side Knoxville & Dry Ridge Road for \$1.00
· 8/14 – William Willoughby, Amber Willoughby, Matthew A. Smith and Sara Smith to Darrin Disney and Kelcie Disney, 5.1914 acres east

side Oak Ridge Road for \$50,000
· 8/17 – Dianne Cook to Kyle S. Alexander, 1.4413 acres Lebanon Road for \$270,000
· 8/17 – TOC, LLC to Landrum Construction, Inc, Lot 106 Thoroughbred Run Subdivision Section 3 for \$38,330
· 8/17 – TOC, LLC to Landrum Construction, Inc, Lot 192 Thoroughbred Run Subdivision Section 3 for \$38,330
· 8/17 – TOC, LLC to Landrum Construction, Inc,

Lot 193 Thoroughbred Run Subdivision Section 3 for \$38,330
· 8/17 – Glenda G. Stone to HARP, LLC, Lot 10 Lemon Northcutt Land Company Subdivision for \$100,000
· 8/18 – Landrum Construction, Inc. to Ellen Elizabeth Ice and Benjamin A Chapman, Lot 107 Section 3 Thoroughbred Run Subdivision for \$299,400
· 8/18 – Carl R. Jackson Jr. and Carol R. Jackson Living Trust, Carl R. Jackson, Jr. Trustee and Carol R. Jackson, Jr. Trustee to Autun Collins

and Gregory Collins, Lot 51 Lexington Trails for \$482,000
· 8/18 – Shirley Jean James and Paul James to J&N Rentals, LLC, 2 parcels Waterworks Road for \$25,000
· 8/19 – Richard Austin and Nancy Austin to Gina Austin Smith, Lot 7 North Hills Subdivision for love and affection between parties
· 8/19 – Jay Clark Conrad and Sarah Conrad to Thomas D. McKinley and Thomas D. McKinley, Lot 116 Maple Ridge Section 2 for \$421,000
· 8/19 – Gary T. Lee and

Tammy B. Lee to Donna Rae Rose and Christopher Eric Rose, 0.3696 acres West Side Main Street Corinth for \$10,700
· 8/19 – Kovacik, LLC to Christopher Johnson and Kelsey Johnson, Lots 175 & 176 Cabana Shores for \$6,500

MARRIAGE RECORDS

· 8/13 – Natasha Kae Musser to Shawn Adam Myers
· 8/17 – Baylee Ann Goodin to Nicholas Edward Neal

GRANT COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE AND DETENTION CENTER REPORT

BETWEEN AUG. 9 AND AUG. 15, THE GRANT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

· Served 42 summons and/or subpoenas
· Spent 21.5 hours serving court
· Served four Emergency Protective Orders
· Investigated three collisions (out of county residence)
· Investigated four collisions in county residence)
· Executed three

arrests/warrants (out of county residence)
· Drove 66 miles transporting prisoners

COLLISIONS

8/12 – Sargent Adam Prince responded to a single-vehicle, non-injury accident at 6:06 a.m. at Falmouth Road, Williamstown involving a 1994 Chevrolet driven by Gavin Bock, 48, of Morning View. Hydroplane incident
8/15 – Deputy Bo Hammonds responded to a non-injury accident at 12:56

p.m. at Interstate 75 North, Crittenden involving a 2016 Kia driven by Jahanna Frazier, 47, of Lexington, and a 2020 Jeep driven by Joseph Profozich, 65, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The sunroof from the first vehicle “flew out and struck the windshield” of the second vehicle.
8/15 – Deputy Ruey Couch responded to a single-vehicle, injury accident at 9:02 p.m. on Interstate 75 South, Corinth involving a 2015 Dodge driven by Brandon Gibson,

32, of Irvine. Hydroplane incident. Gibson was transported to University of Kentucky Hospital for injuries.

ARREST

8/9 – Deputy Dakota Combs, arrested Charles S. Choate, 30, of Dry Ridge at 3:27 a.m. on mile marker 159, Interstate 75, Dry Ridge on offense or charge of operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol, 0.08 (189A.010(1A), first; possession of open alcoholic beverage container in motor

vehicle prohibited. Choate was lodged in the Grant County Detention Center.
8/10 – Deputy Dakota Combs under warrant, arrested William J. Rutherford, 23, of Williamstown at 11:13 p.m. on Barnes Road, Williamstown on offense or charge of criminal mischief, first degree. Rutherford was lodged in the Grant County Detention Center.

GRANT COUNTY JAIL REPORT

Population analysis, Aug.

20, 2026
Total inmates: 303 (Male: 246, Female: 57)
Inmates by county:
62 Grant
28 Gallatin (paying)
1 Owen (paying)
12 Pendleton (paying)
3 Other (arrested in Grant County on warrants, awaiting pickup)
State inmates:
101 SAP (Substance Abuse Program - pays extra)
52 SOAR I & 2 (Supporting Others in Active Recovery - pays extra)
44 Other (regular rate)

BRAVES

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game was not over as the Demons fought to contain Grant. Eventually, Howard, Cook, and Ball's efforts to turn the tide bore fruit.
After enduring 36 minutes on defense, Williamstown once again caught the Braves resting on their laurels. Not long after Jagger Gambrell made a save, the Demons striker broke past the back line.
With a touch past Grant's keeper, Williams-town landed one final strike to close out the game. Ending the district seed match-up at 6-2, the Braves defeated the Demons.
The Braves' offense won the day as their restless attack and great ball movement gave them additional chances to score compared to the Demons' stalwart defensive play.



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KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Proposed Tax Notification

District: 593 Williamstown Independent - School Year: 2026 - 2027
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The Williamstown Independent Board of Education is proposing a general fund tax levy of 86.4 cents on real property and 88.4 cents on personal property.

The General Fund tax levied in fiscal year 2026 was 85.1 cents on real property and 85.1 cents on personal property and produced revenue of \$2,765,327.93. The proposed General Fund tax rate of 86.4 cents on real property and 88.4 cents on personal property is expected to produce \$3,028,088.27. Of this amount, \$741,006.61 is from new and personal property. The compensating tax for 2027 is 80 cents on real property and 85.1 cents on personal property and is expected to produce \$2,828,156.04.

The proposed rate is expected to generate more revenue than received in the preceding year. The general areas to which revenue of \$262,760.34 above 2026 revenue is to be allocated are as follows: Cost of collections, \$6,569.01; building fund, \$33,185.00; instruction, \$153,206.81; transportation, \$18,201.51; and maintenance of plant, \$51,598.01.

This information is published pursuant to KRS 160.470. The proposed tax rate is not subject to recall under KRS 132.017.

The General Assembly has required publication of this advertisement and information contained herein.

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POSTED PROPERTY LISTINGS ARE BELOW.

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

PROPERTY LOCATED AT - 5340 Stewartsville Rd., Williamstown.

Dimitt Property 7120 Warsaw Rd Dry Ridge (Old Kelly Martin Farm).

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

MCINTIRE PROPERTY located on Old Cynthiana Rd. and Oak Ridge Pike.

MARTIN PROPERTY - Lots on Sunny Hill Drive, Dry Ridge, KY.

West-Marsh Property located at 2975 Falmouth Rd., Williamstown, KY

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

PICKETT Property located at 10490 Taft Hwy, Williamstown (Route 22 & White Chapel Road)

Janice & Jack Bowling property located on White Chapel Road.

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

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

Kathy and James Havens, 5843 Baton Rouge Rd.

PROPERTY LOCATED AT - 202 McGee Rd., Crittenden, Ky. and 207 McGee Rd., Crittenden, Ky.

340 Cash Drive Dry Ridge, KY 41035

Obituaries

John Richard Peck

John Richard Peck, 50, of Warsaw, died Tuesday, August 4, at the Carroll County Memorial Hospital.

Born May 3, 1976, he was the son of Ricky Peck and the late Wanda Barnett Peck.

John was a dedicated businessman and entrepreneur who took great pride in owning and operating Peck Construction and Top Dog Promotions.

Through his work, he earned the respect of countless customers, colleagues, and friends who admired his strong work ethic, honesty, and willingness to lend a helping hand.

When he wasn't working, John found his greatest happiness outdoors. He loved spending time hunting and fishing, where he could enjoy the peace and beauty of nature. He was also known for his love of demolition derbies.

John never met a conversation he didn't enjoy, especially when it came to local politics. He loved exchanging opinions, catching up with friends, and sitting around the table playing cards, where laughter and friendly competition were always part



John Peck

of the game.

Above all else, John's greatest joy was his family. He treasured every opportunity to make memories with his children and grandchildren.

Whether it was sharing stories, attending events, or simply spending time together, those moments meant the world to him. His love for his family was evident in everything he did, and the memories they created together will remain a lasting source of comfort and joy.

John will be remembered for his hardworking spirit, his outgoing personality, his love of the outdoors, and his unwavering devotion to his family and friends.

His legacy lives on in the lives he touched, the businesses he built, and the countless memories shared with those fortu-

nate enough to know him.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Scott Peck; and his grandfather, Wilson Barnett.

John is survived by his father, Ricky Peck; his daughters: Mayle (Colton) Perry, Makenzie Peck, and Maddie Peck; his sister, Suann McGuire; his brother, Tyler Peck; his grandmother, Adra Barnett; and his grandchildren: Larkyn Perry, Kellen Perry, and Barren Perry.

Pallbearers were: Dusty Stewart, Jason Smith, Josh Neale, Layne Miles, Colton Perry, Randy Duнавент, Ethan Moore, Brandon Terrell, Adam Riddle, Charlie French, and Jeremy Riley.

Honorary pallbearers were: Dwayne Wood, Michael Alexander, Travis Simpson, Kevin Rassman, Ryan Morris, Jeremy Goodrich, Johnnie Burke, Jon Jones, Brody Doolin, and Jason Jones.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, August 8, at the Gallatin County High School, with Ethan Moore presiding.

Burial followed at Warsaw Cemetery.

Garnett-New Funeral Home in Warsaw was in charge of arrangements.

Eugene Doolin

Eugene Doolin, 92, of Union, died Saturday, August 8.

He was born in Burlington on November 27, 1933, to the late J.W. Doolin and Everine Knight Doolin.

A lifelong farmer, he found great joy and comfort in working the land and spending time with those he loved most. Farming was more than his life's work; it was an important part of who he was.

Above all, he treasured this family, and the love they shared remained at

the heart of his life.

Mr. Doolin was preceded in death by three grandchildren: Lynette Hickman, Michelle Hilsercop, and Jenna Kilpatrick.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Doolin; his daughter, Wanetta Trapp; his son, Brian Doolin; and his grandchildren: Troy Giles, Brandon Doolin, Scott Doolin, and Kristian Atha.

His memory will be lovingly carried forward by the family he cherished so deeply.

Visitation is sched-

uled Wednesday, August 12, from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m., at Stith Funeral Home in Florence.

The funeral service will be held at the funeral home on Thursday, August 13, at 11 a.m.

Burial will follow at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Erlanger.

Memorial contributions in his name may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.stithfuneralhome.com.

Ronald Palmer

Ronald Palmer, 68, of Warsaw died Sunday, August 2.

He was born in Birmingham, AL, on May 26, 1958, to the late Ralph and Mary Ann Palmer.

He was passionate about ghost hunting and being a volunteer firefighter and telling us his stories. He was always eager to ex-

plore the unknown.

He is preceded in death by his son, Ronald Palmer; his sister, Tammy Palmer; and his twin brother, Donald Palmer.

Mr. Palmer is survived by his wife, Joann Palmer; his daughter, Summer Nienaber; his son-in-law, Chris Nienaber; his brothers: Jeffrey, Ricky, and

Roger Palmer; and his sister, Carolyn Palmer.

He is also survived by 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

As we say goodbye, we all cherish the times we had with him.

The family will be holding a memorial service with close friends and family.

Take Heart... An Ounce of Prevention by Monte Shinkle



If one of the warning lights flash on your car you probably should get it checked. It may be nothing to worry about but, then again, something may be wrong. It could be your windshield wipers or your oil level. Ignoring the problem won't fix the problem. If the outboard motor on your boat emits a loud siren-like warning, your oil reservoir is empty. Don't risk it. Deal with it.

We do spend a lot of time and creativity getting around situations that need to be dealt with. Ignoring the problem in our path won't eliminate it. In fact, it may serve to make the situation worse.

When I am mowing my yard, I really don't like to stop and move things in my path. Occasionally I have to stop. If it is a small branch, I can probably keep going and grind it up. If it's a rock or a tree limb, I may have to move them or I may be able to use the mower deck and just scoot them out of the way. I'll deal with it later.

I've also tried to do this with random pieces of paper that show up in the yard. Using the wind that is being generated by the mower deck, I can blow the paper out of the way. Or it may suck it back up

under the deck and shred it into a million pieces. I am left with a mess to pick up because I turned one problem into countless problems.

Ignoring a problem doesn't solve it. In fact, we can turn a little problem into a much bigger problem. Jesus talked about this in Matthew 6:25 when He said "Agree with your adversary quickly when the problem first happens or you may find yourself in a courtroom or worse." That is my translation of what I think He was saying. Prior to that, He had said that your spiritual life and your worship life are effected by hard feelings against people you know.

You can ignore it and mow around it but you run the risk out of making a bigger mess by avoiding a smaller one. Don't ignore the warning lights or bells. Deal with it and, according to Jesus, you may recover a relationship and that is good thing.

Thank you for reading these words week by week. I am grateful for the opportunity to do this. Take Heart Ministries drops a podcast each week of messages I have preached through the years. They are free on many podcast providers and I encourage you to give it a try.

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Out & About in Gallatin County

by Barbie Wright
Please email your items to:
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Another HOT and rainy week here in Gallatin County! I am officially about ready to be done with both of those weather types. Can we bring on some cooler, drier weather, please? Let's see what our friends and neighbors have been up to.

•**Sue and Carey Johns** attended the Gallatin County Democrats meeting on Monday evening. It was a sad evening spent choosing a replacement for **John Peck's** constable position. Such a terrible loss for the community.

Tuesday was prep day for Saturday's pantry distribution then Friday, Sue made ice cream to take to church on Sunday. She spent Saturday morning at the food pantry, then afterwards she and Carey joined **Tim Jenkins** for a meal at West Side Diner. Always yummy. Sunday was her church's Blessings for Backpacks service, followed by a luncheon to celebrate the kiddos and teachers as they start a new school year.

•**Dana Courtney** spent Friday and Saturday in Versailles with Cooper

and Courtney Maines. She says they were just lazy and it was nice. She also told me that the kids are getting to the ages that she doesn't really see a whole lot of them – Courtney spends a lot of time in her room and Cooper plays videogames. But they did manage to squeeze in a trip to Cattleman's while she was there. I think it's mandatory.

On Sunday, Dana and **Mike** attended the installation of **Fr. Jim Schaeper** as Pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Warsaw, and St. Edward Mission, Owenton. Even though he has been in Warsaw for quite some time, he is now officially the pastor. Dana says Fr. Jim is a blessing to our community and I have to wholeheartedly agree!

•**Clancie Sanders** reported that there was no Tri County Homecoming this week, but the fifth and final one would be NEXT Sunday, August 23rd, and will be held at New Liberty Second Baptist Church, Rev. William Logan, pastor. The morning guest will be Rev. Lance West and his congregation from

Riverview Baptist Church, and the afternoon guest will be Rev. Chris Forehand and his congregation from City of God Church, both in Louisville. There will be a meal served in between services with plenty of worship and fellowship. And as Clancie always says, let the church say AMEN!

•**Heather and Joe Wright** have spent as many days as possible in their pool keeping cool. On Sunday, they were joined by **Spike and Barbie Wright** for a swim. Always fun!

•**Chad Cuthbertson-Adams** worked to get the schools ready for the Open House and the first days of school, which he says were a great success. Then on Saturday, he spent the afternoon with his mom, **Cathy Adams**. Sunday, he and **Malcolm** went to church, where Chad played the pre-service music, then enjoyed the pot luck lunch afterwards with Malcolm, and **Sue and Carey Johns**. They brought Deaton's famous banana bread to share, and he says it was a hit. Chad says Sue made homemade ice cream but he missed getting any but heard it was great.

After church, Chad and Malcolm spent the rest of the day doing chores at home, had Subway for dinner, and watched Big Brother 28. Relaxing way to end the week and get ready for the week ahead.

•**Candi Thomas** related an interesting experience she had on the way home from work last week. As she was driving on I-71, she saw a biker gang called Satan's Sidekicks (written on the back of their jackets with a picture of the devil as a biker). They all rode in one lane but one, and that biker rode in the left lane so no one could pass them. When there was a car in front of them, he would go back into the right lane and they would all go around the car, then go back into formation blocking both lanes. She says she actually Googled them when she got home and they are out of Michi-

gan. Guess it takes all kinds!

•**Doug Keyes** announced that the local **Cub Scout Pack 132** will be starting meetings up again on September 14th at the Warsaw Baptist Church on Mondays at 6pm. There will be an informational Join Scouting Night at Gallatin County Schools soon – we'll let you know the date as soon as we know.

Cub Scouts range from kindergarten through 5th grade and are legally required to have a parent or guardian with them at every meeting. If you have any questions or would like to sign up your child, you can contact **Doug Keyes or Boston Beach** on Facebook at Cub Scout Pack 132, Warsaw KY.

•I just learned that **Sabrina Baron's** mother, **Clarice Alcorn**, passed away Sunday. Please keep the family in your prayers! Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

•**Mary Jane Day** spent some time on Tuesday freezing some corn from the garden. Not a lot, she says, but enough for several meals. That evening, she dodged the rain and attended choir practice at church to practice the songs for **Father Jim's** Installation Ceremony on Sunday. Later that night a tree fell across her road but luckily, **Randy** was able to cut it and clear it so they could get in and out.

Thursday, she helped at the St. Joseph food pantry. They were busy and everyone was pleased with all the produce they had to offer. Later she tried to cut the grass but got rained out. That rain put a lot of ruts in her road but again, Randy was able to get 'er done. Friday evening, she had dinner at the Sunset Grill with **Barb Finfrock and Mary MacIntosh**. They do have a really good Friday fish meal on their menu.

Saturday evening, she was at the Fairgrounds to hear **Tyler Mullins** per-

form. He was one of the singers at the Relay for Life event and, just as he was finishing, the rains came again and the winds came with it. Unfortunately, it had to cut the evening short for everyone.

Then on Sunday, St. Joe's celebrated the Pastor Installation for Father Jim Schaeper at the 10:00am Mass. Bishop John C. Ifert of Covington was the Celebrant and it was a full house. Afterwards there was lunch in the church hall, thanks to members of the parish. It was a very happy time for both the parish and Father Jim.

Mary Jane says she did manage to get her grass cut Sunday afternoon, so you know who to blame when the rain starts again!

•**Spike and Barbie Wright** are getting better at this retirement thing – slowly but surely -- although Spike did spend most of Monday morning in Court in Carroll County. That evening, we had a Democratic Party meeting to choose someone to fill John Peck's unexpired term as Constable, as well as to run in the November election. After discussion, we agreed on **Michael Alexander**, who we think will be a wonderful addition to the county. We also made plans for a Meet & Greet for the Democratic candidates to be held in September – more information on that will be forthcoming as plans are confirmed. But we are very excited about what the Democratic Party has to offer Gallatin County. Stay tuned!

Tuesday was spent typing much of the day. Spike went over to **Beth's** to have dinner with her and **George** but I decided I had too much work to do. Wednesday, I attended Michael Alexander's swearing in as Constable at the city building and took some pictures for the *Gallatin County News*. Thursday, I had a doctor's appointment uptown, then picked up a few groceries at Walmart before heading back home in time to go

to the Historical Society board meeting at 5.

Saturday after mass, Spike and I drove to Frankfort to have dinner with the boys and Michalia for Michalia's 30th birthday. She chose Ginza Japanese Hibachi and it was so good. After dinner, we all went back to Sam and Ben's apartment (Michalia says their place is bigger – really, they just have no furniture to fill up the space!) for cake and ice cream. Spike made a chocolate cake with chocolate icing and Sam and Ben provided the ice cream. We had a lovely evening, and hopefully Michalia had a good birthday celebration. HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MICHALIA!!

Sunday, I attended **Fr. Jim's** Pastor Installation at St. Joe's. Others have already mentioned it, so I will just say that I am very glad that I attended. The Mass was much more moving than I expected it to be. The lunch afterwards was wonderful, of course. We are just so grateful to have Fr. Jim at our parish. He is a wonderful priest, he honestly cares about our parish family, and works every day to make it stronger and more faith-filled. I pray that he stays with us for a good long time.

After church, Spike and I went out to **Joe and Heather's** to swim. The pool was so refreshing after being out in the heat for even 30 seconds. It was lovely. Afterwards, though, we both passed out - nap time! Spike got up in time to play D&D with the kids, but I slept a little longer. If only every day could be so relaxing.

So, is this the Dog Days of Summer, or what? I hate to complain, but when I walk out the door and can't see because my glasses have steamed up, there's a problem. Don't forget to check on any elderly neighbors or anybody who may not have adequate cooling in their home. Animals, too. Let's take care of each other! Until next week –

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Leo

THE LION



- Thursday, August 20** - Elisha Glacken, Kristy Sorrell, Kay Barcol, Dwayne Lewis, Brett Alexander, Larry Stolz, Dorothy Hawkins, Katie Turner
- Friday, August 21** - Eileen Mikel, Stephanie Harris, Nick Boots, Joann Garner
- Saturday, August 22** - Candra Lynn Rea, Connie Marksberry, Molly Carlton, John Jones, Shelby Nichole Davis, Logan Matthew Riddle

Virgo

THE VIRGIN



- Sunday, August 23** - Erin Giles, Randy Wainscott, Karen Gross, Ricky Perkins, Brittany Easton
- Monday, August 24** - Peggy Gould, Joey McGuire, Misty French, Alicia Cruz, Sidney J. Webster, Shavon L. Luster
- Tuesday, August 25** - David Morris, Anita Garner, Dorothy Sullivan
- Wednesday, August 26** - Bill Zubaty, James Douglas Craig, Gary Wayne Hamilton, Nathan Behymer



YOGA

- Tuesday mornings at 10 AM.** Chair Yoga at 9:15 a.m.

STORY TIME

- **Tuesday @ 10:30 AM** for ages 2–5. Miss Emily leads weekly themed stories designed to spark imagination and nurture a lifelong love of reading. This week's theme will be Rocks. Every rock has a story, explore pebbles, rocks, boulders and the amazing world beneath our feet!

ZUMBA

- Tuesdays at 6 PM** with instructor Carmen Williams.

NA MEETINGS

- **Wednesday evenings, 7 PM.** Please enter through the small meeting room door in the back parking lot.

AA MEETINGS

- **Friday evenings, 7 PM.** Please enter through the small meeting room door in the back parking lot.

FARMERS MARKET

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Take Heart... Sermons We See

by Monte Shinkle



“A picture is worth a thousand words.” No one knows for sure where that saying originated and in fact it may have come from the far east. A Chinese proverb says, “One picture is worth ten-thousand words.” Wherever it came from, we know that it is true. In fact, the people who listened to me preach this past week probably wish I had just drawn them a picture.

The Bible is full of stories that paint pictures. I first traveled to Israel in 2008. Bible stories came alive as I stood on Mt Carmel where Elijah faced the prophets of Baal. Standing in one place I could see the valley of Megiddo and, by turning around, I could see the Mediterranean Sea. I could imagine the fire falling.

As we sailed on the Sea of Galilee after sundown, we watched as lights began to come on in the villages surrounding that Biblical place. I thought of how Jesus said, “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.” That statement made sense to those people who watched candlelight flood through windows.

Some of the best lessons we learn are lessons taught without words. Jesus taught in parables but He also taught by example. It was watching Him pray that made the disciples want to pray like He did. “Lord, teach us to pray.” And He did!

In John 13, Jesus and His disciples had just had their last supper together. The Bible says that as supper was finished, without a word, He got up. He laid aside His outer cloak and took a pitcher and bowl of water and washed the disciples feet and dried them with a towel. This is what a servant would have done for weary travelers fresh off a dusty road. Simon Peter protested that Jesus should not be doing this, but Jesus was teaching them by example.

“If I, your Lord and Master wash your feet, then you should wash one another’s feet.” He was instructing them. It wasn’t about how you hold a towel or the temperature of the water. It was a simple call to be a servant and I’m sure they got the point.

He finished His nearly wordless sermon by saying, “If you know these things, happy are you if you do them!” Most of us don’t think of happiness from that perspective and it is a slow lesson to learn. All the way to their very last time together, before the cross, they were arguing about who would be the greatest in the kingdom.

Poet Edgar Guest wrote in *Sermons We See*

I’d rather see a sermon than hear one any day.

I’d rather one would walk with me than merely show the way.

The eye’s a better pupil and more willing than the ear,

Fine counsel is confusing, but examples always

clear;

And the best of all the preachers are the men who live their creeds,

For to see good put in action is what everybody needs.

I taped that poem, the whole thing, not just this passage, into my Bible years ago. It reminds me that my example is more important than my words. A poor example can cancel out a good sermon. Years ago I heard someone say, “Your walk talks and your talk talks, but your walk talks louder than your talk talks”.

I am thankful for good examples, clear pictures and short sermons.

Take Heart! Jesus cares for you.

Old Louisville voted the most “Kentucky” place to live

Every state has a look. Some places announce themselves with porches and live oaks; others with bungalows, balconies, mountain views, or coral-pink Mediterranean homes.

To find out which neighborhoods best capture that sense of place, the Justin Havre Real Estate Team surveyed 3,021 respondents, asking them to name the residential area they believe is the most quintessential representation of their state.

In other words: if one neighborhood had to stand in for the whole place, which would it be?

In Kentucky, the survey results were as follows:

#1 Old Louisville, Louisville

Old Louisville captures one of Kentucky’s most dramatic residential landscapes, with grand Victorian mansions, stone façades, stained glass, turrets and shaded streets. The neighborhood is known for its concentration of late 19th-century architecture, including Romanesque, Queen Anne and Italianate homes set close to walkable urban streets. Its scale, detail and historic atmosphere reflect Kentucky’s old urban elegance - Southern, ornate, leafy and deeply tied to



Jeff Michels, Poplar Grove, sells his potatoes at the Farmers Market, every Thursday. His father taught him how to grow potatoes and now he carries on the family tradition. He said the Gallatin County Farmers Market is the best one around and the only one he goes to. Photo by Kelley Warnick

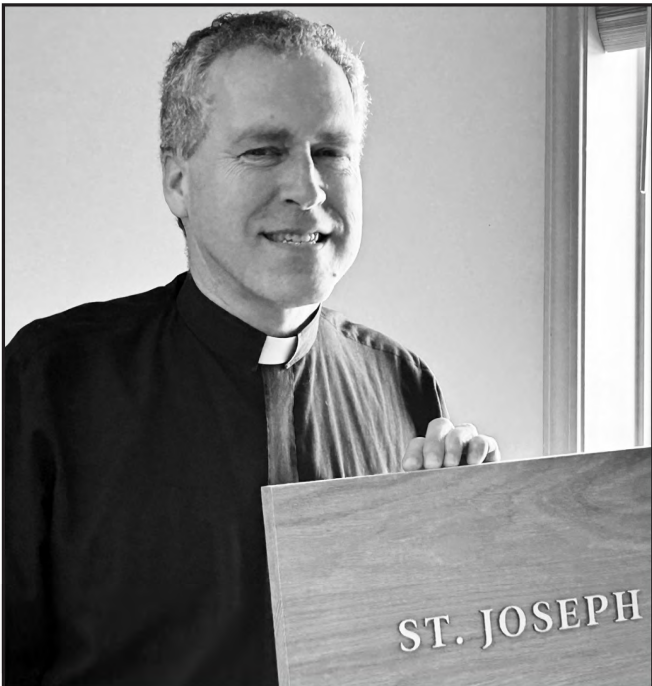
Selling his potatoes

Father James Schaeper installed as pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church

On Sunday, August 16th, parishioners from St. Joseph Catholic Church in Warsaw and St. Edward Mission in Owenton had the pleasure of celebrating the installation of our new Pastor, Father James Schaeper. For the past two years, Fr. Jim has been our “parochial administrator”, which is a fancy way of saying he’s on a trial run, but Bishop John Iffert finally came to Warsaw to formally install him as our permanent Pastor.

Fr. Jim is the youngest of three boys, one of whom is also a priest in the Diocese of Covington. His parents are both deceased. He was born in Cincinnati and graduated from Xavier University with a bachelor’s degree in chemistry. He worked at Procter and Gamble for a while, then went to Miami University for a master’s degree in chemistry, and later to the University of Tennessee in Knoxville for a doctorate in analytical chemistry. It was there that he first started thinking about the priesthood. He did a postdoctoral fellowship in Greenville, SC, and was then hired at Thomas More University to teach chemistry as a visiting assistant professor. He later did cancer research for four years at a company in Newport, KY.

In 2006 and 2007, he suffered from spinal cord tumors and underwent surgery, radiation, and physi-



Father James Schaeper

cal therapy. This experience brought him closer to God and he decided to become a priest. After six years of training at St. Vincent Seminary in Latrobe, PA, he was ordained in May of 2016. He has worked at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Fort Mitchell, Immaculate Heart of Mary in Burlington, Mary Queen of Heaven in Erlanger, the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption in Covington, and now he is pastor here at St. Joseph, Warsaw, and St. Edward, Owenton.

According to Bishop Iffert, the role of pastor comes with increased duties and responsibilities. “When a man becomes pastor, he becomes the shepherd of a local flock.”

Father Jim vowed to fulfill his duties as pastor, making sacraments regularly available to his flock and sharing the word of God in accordance with the Church.

He stated, “I would like to thank my family, friends, Bishops Iffert and Foys, and all those who have made this great day possible. My loving parents shared their faith with me, and I was blessed by God to have them. Their deep faith inspired me to the priesthood along with my brother. I appreciate all the wonderful parishioners who have been such a blessing to me over the years. It is an honor and a pleasure to be pastor of St. Joseph and St. Edward parishes.”

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Batavia

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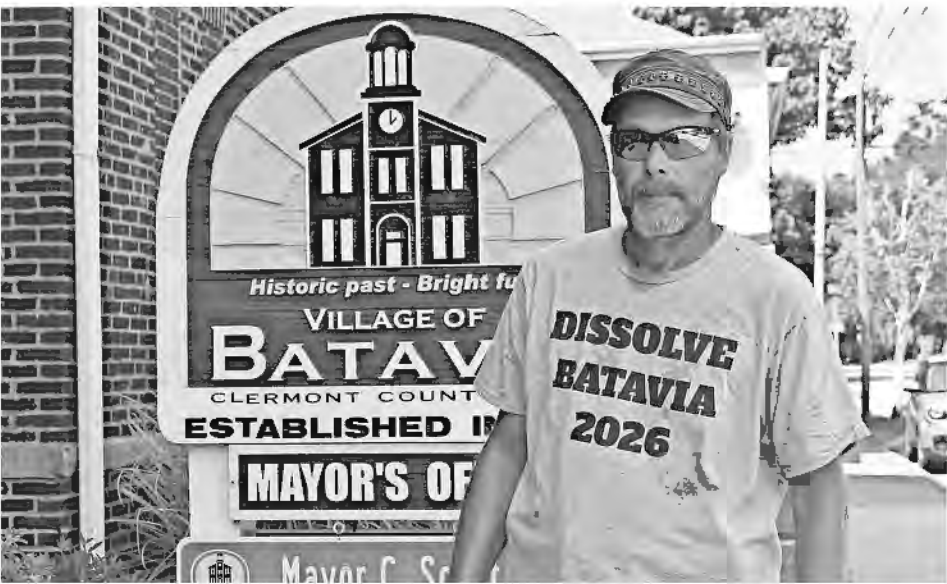
Ohio attorney general’s office whether the county seat would need to be moved if Batavia dissolves, but has not received a response.

If Batavia were to dissolve, it would be incorporated into Batavia Township. Christopher Moore, Batavia’s solicitor, said there is no Ohio law that requires the county seat to be located in an incorporated municipality.

Moore called several people to testify about their signatures or what they witnessed about signatures being collected. He accused petition circulator William Albright of “multiple instances of circulator malfeasance,” which Albright denied.

Kelly Wright, a Batavia resident, said Albright left his signature booth at a Batavia school district building unattended on May 5. Albright, during his testimony, said he was there that day.

Jeffrey Bach, a member of the committee to dissolve Batavia, uses a Batavia address as his voter registration and said he lives there. But board members agreed with Moore – that Bach’s actual residence is his home in Owensville, invalidating his petition signature. How-



William Albright, 58, submitted petitions to dissolve the Village of Batavia. Village officials fought those petitions in Clermont County Board of Elections hearings on Monday, Aug. 17. VICTORIA MOORWOOD/THE ENQUIRER

ever, as a non-Batavia resident, Bach was still legally allowed to collect signatures.

Why do residents want to dissolve Batavia?

Roughly 25 miles east of Cincinnati, Batavia and its surrounding rural coun-

ty have become a magnet for home developers in recent years thanks to inexpensive land, relaxed zoning rules and an improved Ohio Route 32 corridor that makes it an easier commute to Cincinnati.

Residents have pushed back against that growth and tax-abated developments, worrying that those agreements

... Batavia and its surrounding rural county have become a magnet for home developers.

pull money away from public services. Albright, 58, a Batavia Township resident, started pushing to dissolve the Village of Batavia two and a half years ago when developers began the process of building a large development, originally 794 houses, near the Clermont County Airport. In July, he submitted signatures to put village dissolution on the November ballot.

Proponents of dissolving the village are also concerned about two other tax-abated housing properties: Streamside, a 265-house and 300-apartment development, and a 400-home subdivision called Harvest Meadows.

Albright could legally circulate and submit petitions to dissolve Batavia even though he does not live in the village, said Chris Dennison, deputy director of the county’s board of elections.

Moore questioned Albright about his role as petition circulator and challenged some of the signatures he collected.

Teacher

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social studies teacher. Mulcahy denied the accusations in a statement to The Enquirer, as well as in court documents and statements to school officials.

“I was a new teacher, learning how to draw boundaries,” Mulcahy said. “I never meant for anything to be misconstrued or interpreted in a negative way. I didn’t intend for any contact to be construed as inappropriate or sexual as that would never be my motive.”

The claims against Mulcahy have remained mostly out of public view for the past several years, but that changed Aug. 14 when his daughter, Ireland Mulcahy, referred to the students’ accusations in a long Facebook post critical of her father’s conduct at home and in the classroom.

She accused him of being emotionally and verbally abusive toward her and of behaving “sexually inappropriately” around her.

“I can attest from my personal experience as his daughter, growing up in his house, he should not be around children or young women,” she wrote.

In an interview with The Enquirer, Ireland Mulcahy said she decided to write the post after seeing young girls on TikTok praising The Hidden Chapter Bookstore in Fort Thomas, which her father owns with his wife. She said she wanted to warn girls about her own experience and the allegations he faced as a middle school teacher.

David Mulcahy, in his statement, denied his daughter’s claims and said her Facebook post was “slandorous and defamatory.” He described her as a difficult child, which required him to be “strict,” but he said he never acted inappropriately toward her.

A hug and a ‘possible inappropriate touch’

The first accusation against Mulcahy was made in 2019. A Grant County Middle School student said she witnessed him hugging a female student and rubbing her buttocks during a class change, according to a police report.

The police report, written by school resource officer Robert Morgan of the Grant County Sheriff’s Office, shows that the accusation prompted an internal investigation into a “possible inappropriate touch involving a student.”

School officials conducted interviews with the student, other alleged eye-witnesses and Mulcahy himself, according to the deputy’s report. The student who was allegedly touched denied that Mulcahy acted inappropriately, and other students said they did not see anything.

The report states that the girl said, “Nothing happened between her and [Mulcahy] because he is like a dad to her.”

The deputy’s report indicates he discussed the matter with his supervisor and a representative from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services and declined to pursue the matter further. The school district ordered Mulcahy to complete online training courses on professional boundaries, sexual misconduct and mandatory child abuse reporting.

In Kentucky, if school superintendents receive a report that an educator may have engaged in sexual contact with a student, they must report the incident to the state’s Education Professional Standards Board, which oversees teacher certifications. It is unclear

whether the conduct contained within the complaint regarding Mulcahy qualified as sexual contact. A staff attorney for the Kentucky Department of Education said that the standards board did not receive a report from Grant County regarding Mulcahy.

Matthew Morgan, who was the district superintendent at the time, retired from Grant County School District in 2023. He did not respond to The Enquirer’s multiple attempts to reach him for an interview.

An April 2021 evaluation of Mulcahy’s performance as a teacher concluded that he should be “Recommended for Dismissal/Non-Renewal.” Grant County schools followed that recommendation and his contract was not renewed. School officials did not explain their decision in the letter they sent Mulcahy notifying him that his contract would not be renewed.

Soon after, he applied for and got a job teaching social studies with Turkey Foot Middle School in the neighboring Kenton County School District.

More allegations arise at another middle school

In January 2023, two female students at Turkey Foot told a teacher that Mulcahy inappropriately touched their buttocks while hugging them. These concerns were then relayed to Turkey Foot Middle School Principal Holly Spritzky, who has since retired. That same day, Spritzky reported the complaints to the Edgewood Police and the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

In February 2023, Kenton County Schools Superintendent Henry Webb filed a report on the matter with the Kentucky Department of Education, according to the department’s records.

Documents from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services indicate another student subsequently made a similar complaint. In total, three Turkey Foot students accused Mulcahy of inappropriately touching their hands, shoulders and backs. One student alleged that Mulcahy’s hand had crept up her inner thigh, close to her private parts, according to police records.

When Edgewood Police Detective Jimmy Kreinest questioned Mulcahy about the allegations, he acknowledged hugging students but denied any inappropriate touching. “I wasn’t in need of contact with anybody,” Mulcahy said, according to Kreinest’s report. “I was just trying to be ... a good person.”

At one point in the interview, Kreinest asked if Mulcahy had read the school district’s policy on proper conduct with students.

According to the detective, Mulcahy responded, “I never bothered to read that.”

Other students told Kenton County Assistant Superintendent Malina Owens that Mulcahy would show favoritism to female students, hugging and buying them gifts beyond the birthday gifts all students received from him. In police interviews, Mulcahy acknowledged that he gave extra gifts to some students, regardless of gender.

When Owens interviewed Mulcahy, she said he told her that he is “better with girls, prefers girls, and thinks they are just easier,” according to records from the Kentucky Department of Education.

The Cabinet for Health and Family Services told the Kenton County School Board in April 2023 that it substantiated the allegations against Mulcahy. That same month, Mulcahy was terminated from his teaching position at Turkey



Turkey Foot Middle School in Edgewood, Kentucky. CHRIS MAYHEW/ENQUIRER FILE

Foot Middle School. Records from the Kentucky Department of Education showed that Mulcahy voluntarily gave up his teaching license.

But he appealed the substantiation from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services and, in March 2024, state officials reversed their decision. The letter granting Mulcahy’s appeal did not explain why the original determination was overturned.

Kreinest filed his report with the Kenton County Attorney’s office. It did not pursue criminal charges.

“At the time we received the completed investigation, the available evidence was not sufficient to support criminal prosecution under the laws then in effect,” said Susan Topmiller, executive director of the Kenton County Attorney’s office.

In his statement to The Enquirer, Mulcahy said his physical contact with students never went beyond hugs and that the subsequent investigations showed he intended no harm.

“I have never abused any children in any way,” he said. “I was investigated for inappropriate contact via hugs, those investigations ultimately ended with no evidence and unsubstantiated. I was never arrested or charged, because I didn’t commit a criminal offense of any kind.”

Parents say they weren’t told of ‘potential danger’

In July 2023, Ryan Tinker, a parent of one of the Turkey Foot Middle School students who had accused Mulcahy of touching her buttocks, filed a civil lawsuit against Mulcahy, Spritzky and Webb. It said the Turkey Foot administrators should have known about con-

cerns surrounding Mulcahy before hiring him.

Mulcahy has asked the Kenton County judge to be dismissed from the case, but the judge denied this motion in June, saying “there are remaining genuine issues of material fact” to be resolved at trial.

The Kenton County School District declined to comment. Spritzky, Webb and their lawyer, Suzanne Cassidy, could not be reached or did not respond to interview requests. A Kenton County judge dismissed Spritzky and Webb from the suit in July, according to court records. Tinker is appealing that decision.

Tinker declined to comment for this story, and his lawyer did not respond to an interview request. But in an interview with The Enquirer, Heather Tinker, the mother of the student, said that Spritzky initially downplayed the students’ claims. “She said, ‘This is a non-issue’ and that ‘We were not escalating,’” she said.

In their lawsuit, the Tinkers said Spritzky first told the parents that Mulcahy had “accidentally grazed her thigh in the hallway.”

It wasn’t until their daughter came home that they found out about the incident. Tinker said her daughter was “adamant that something happened.”

Three years have passed since Mulcahy left Turkey Foot Middle School, but Tinker said she and her family are still just as angry. She said the family has pursued the lawsuit to hold Mulcahy accountable and to ensure the safety of other children.

“Parents should be notified that there was a potential danger,” Tinker said. “What if there were other students that are too afraid to come forward?”

Tinker’s daughter, who is now 17, has since moved to a different school due to a lack of trust in the school’s administration, Tinker said. Her son is still in the Kenton County School District, but her family is planning to move before he begins middle school. The primary reason? To avoid sending their son to Turkey Foot.

“There needs to be consequences for actions for this type of stuff,” said Tinker. “It’s how I raise my girls. It’s how I raise my son. This stuff should not be happening, especially within our schools. We send our kids to school to be protected.”

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11 hidden gems throughout Ohio for road-tripping before summer ends

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There’s so much to explore in Ohio, from the mesmerizing Lake Erie to its beautiful state parks. But have you checked out Ohio’s hidden gem towns and suburbs? Because the Buckeye State is home to some must-see places that lie off the beaten path.

11 Ohio hidden gem cities a little off the beaten path

WorldAtlas compiled a list of 11 towns ranked among the publication’s favorites in the U.S., and several of them are near large cities such as Canton, Cincinnati, Columbus, Dayton and Toledo. So, if you’re looking for something to do while summer is still around, here are a few cities that aren’t too far away.

Loveland

A small town near Cincinnati is Loveland, which features a historic castle and an infamous “truck eating bridge.” You can grab a sweet treat at their ice cream shops along the Loveland Bike Trail, go kayaking along the Little Miami River, or live out your storybook fantasies at the Loveland Castle, also known as Château Laroche.

Dublin

With walkable districts like Bridge Park, which you may have heard of, Dublin is home to many spots to explore. Irish is in the city’s name – the Dublin Irish Festival, which happens for three days in early August in Coffman Park, features food, festivities and live entertainment.

Mariemont

If you live down south near Cincinnati, Mariemont with its Tudor architecture and cobblestone streets is just a short drive away. If you’re a nature person or a book person, the town with 3,500 residents is known for its family-friendly Dogwood Park and family-owned bookstore, The Village Bookworm.

Yellow Springs

Not only is Yellow Springs Dave Chapelle’s adopted hometown, but it is also home to Young’s Jersey Dairy, a popular year-round destination known for its homemade ice cream. If you’re a nature lover, you can also enjoy the fresh air at many parks, including Glen Helen Nature Preserve, Clifton



A view of a low bridge crossing in Loveland, Ohio, on Nov. 12, 2025. ALBERT CESARE/THE ENQUIRER

Gorge State Nature Preserve and John Bryan State Park. The city east of Dayton also offers access to the Little Miami Bike Trail.

Oberlin

Not only is Oberlin home to the first U.S. college inclusive of all races and first coeducational college (Oberlin College), the progressive community is home to tree-lined neighborhoods, historic college buildings and monuments. In a town of 8,300 residents, you’ll find students playing Frisbee or visiting one of several locations on the National Register of Historic Places. If you like visiting old but gold spots, you can check out the Apollo Theatre, a 1913 movie house, and a five-and-dime (a classic retail store), Oberlin’s Ben Franklin.

Hudson

If you’re headed up to Cleveland, you can stop at this historic town and take a spontaneous excursion around its Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area. And if you like parks to picnic or walk in, Hudson offers 20 nature spaces surround the town, such as Hudson Springs Park, Cascade Park, and Wood Hollow Metro Park.

Bowling Green

A drive south from Toledo is Bowling Green, a friendly spot for students, walkers, bikers and explorers of the small town. You can learn Bowling Green’s history at Wood County Museum, check out sweet rides at Snook’s Dream Cars, and enjoy a meal on Main Street, including Pagliai’s, Old Town Buffet, Mr. Spots and Kermit’s Family Restaurant.

Columbiana

Located near the Pennsylvania border, Columbiana was named the “Nicest Place in America” by Reader’s Digest in



Alveo Sandwich shop in Mariemont, Ohio, makes its sandwiches with fresh schiacciata bread, baked fresh daily. PHIL DIDION/THE ENQUIRER

2019. With family-friendly areas for shopping and dining, TownCenter at Firestone Farms has a wide range of restaurants and shops, including a fan favorite called Homestead Kitchen & Cocktails. There’s even a bonus if you want to pay a visit during December with the Joy of Christmas and Christmas in the Woods events.

Granville

Near Newark is Granville, home of Denison University and a rich history you can learn more about at the Granville Historical Society Museum. With its New England influence, you can check out one of Ohio’s oldest operating lodging centers, Granville Inn and Buxton Inn, or take a stroll through Granville’s business district along Broadway, which is full of local shops, restaurants and parks.

Sugarcreek

Ever been curious about the Amish country in Ohio? Sugarcreek, known as Little Switzerland, has you covered. The town southwest of Canton celebrates the rich Ohio history of Amish, Swiss and German immigrants in the 1800s at the annual weekend-long Ohio Swiss Festival, held every fall since 1953. While strolling through town to absorb its rich history, you can stop by the Broad Run Cheese to try their award-winning Swiss cheese, or check out the town’s cuckoo clock, which won a Guinness World Record.

Loudonville

In Ashland and Holmes Counties southeast of Mansfield lies Loudonville, the Canoe Capital of Ohio, where you can enjoy miles of water recreation on the Black Fork Mohican River or enjoy family-friendly activities outside of the water.

The Point/Arc hosts dating event for adults with disabilities

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Adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities will have an opportunity to make social and romantic connections during a speed-dating event at The Point/Arc of Northern Kentucky in Covington on Aug. 28.

The free event is planned from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Zembrodt Education Center, 104 W. Pike St., according to a community announcement.

Organizers said the event is designed for people 38 and older and will feature a series of brief conversations that allow participants to meet multiple potential partners in a structured setting. Afterward, attendees can indicate who they would like to see again, and organizers will exchange contact information when interest is mutual.

“At The Point/Arc of Northern Kentucky, we believe that meaningful relationships are a fundamental part of a full and inclusive life,” event coordinator Lexi Martini said.

Building connections

Martini said people with intellectual and developmental disabilities often have limited opportunities to build social and romantic relationships in supportive environments. “We’re trying to reach an older audience,” Martini continued, “by creating a space that builds confidence, strengthens communication skills, and allows genuine connections to form.”

Organizers expect nearly 30 participants. Interest has been high, according to the announcement. The Point/Arc said structured speed-dating events specifically tailored for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities remain uncommon, particularly in Kentucky. To register, call 859-491-9191 or email lmartini@thepointarc.org. *This story was created with the assistance of Artificial Intelligence (AI). Journalists were involved in every step of the information gathering, review, editing and publishing process. Learn more at cm.usatoday.com/ethical-conduct.*



Lexi Martini is coordinator for the The Point/Arc’s speed dating event set for Aug. 28. PROVIDED BY ANDY FURMAN

Pet lovers invited to PAWS-A-PALOOZA fundraiser this week in Monroe

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Animal lovers, rescue groups and families with pets will gather at Monroe Community Park this week for PAWS-A-PALOOZA, a fundraiser benefiting homeless dogs and cats cared for by PAWS Adoption Center.

The event is scheduled for Aug. 29 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. at 500 S. Main St. in Monroe, according to a community announcement.

PAWS-A-PALOOZA is designed to bring together pet owners, local businesses, rescue organizations and community members while raising money to support animal care and adoption services at the shelter.

Attendees can watch Wiener Dog Races, see a police K-9 demonstration and participate in contests for pets and their owners. Scheduled competitions include a Best Costume Contest for dogs and a Pet & Owner Look-Alike Contest.

Visitors also will be able to browse vendors offering crafts and pet-related products, meet rescue organizations and animal-care professionals, and interact with animals available for adoption.

Food vendors Chester’s Pizza and Jolly Treats are expected to serve food and treats during the event.

Activities support shelter programs

Organizers encourage people to bring well-behaved pets on leashes to participate in the activities. In addition to attending the event, community members can support the organization through volunteer opportuni-



Pending any prior adoption, Stormcloud, a 9-month-old hound mix, will be one of many adoptable pets looking for a loving home at PAWS-A-PALOOZA this week. PROVIDED BY JEANNA DOROW

ties, sponsorships and purchases from participating vendors. According to the announcement, proceeds help provide food, shelter, veterinary care and adoption services for animals housed at PAWS Adoption Center.

Long-running shelter serves southwest Ohio

PAWS Adoption Center is a private, no-kill nonprofit animal shelter based in Monroe. The organization has operated for more than 40 years and works to place homeless dogs and cats in permanent homes. PAWS also promotes spay and neuter programs, responsible pet ownership and animal-welfare education throughout Southwest Ohio, according to the announcement.

More information about contest rules, sponsorship opportunities, vendor registration, volunteer opportunities and event updates is available on the shelter’s website at pawsadoptioncenter.org and through its Facebook page. *This story was produced with the assistance of Artificial Intelligence (AI). Journalists were involved in every step of the review, editing and publishing process. Learn more at cm.usatoday.com/ethical-conduct.*

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The agencies in NKY that use the technology are shown in the table to the right.

Automated license plate recognition systems, or ALPRs, are mounted at fixed angles on poles and use a combination of computer software and cameras to read a vehicle's license plate, make, model and color as it passes by. The software then converts that information into searchable data that law enforcement agencies — and sometimes private customers — can use to track vehicles. Flock Safety isn't the only company that makes the devices, but it's the only one active in NKY, according to public records.

The Newport town hall revealed the central tension between police departments, who find the technology useful as an investigative tool, and members of the public, who have expressed concerns about mass surveillance, data security and breaches of constitutional protections against unwarranted search and seizure.

The Kenton County Sheriff's Office uses ALPRs but was not able to locate pricing information related to its contract. Kenton County Sheriff Jude Hehman did not respond to two direct requests for more information.

Some departments, such as the Covington Police Department, do not have any ALPRs but still employ conventional security cameras to monitor government buildings and other public spaces. Several departments, such as the Taylor Mill Police Department, have expressed interest in getting the devices but have not yet secured a contract.

The following departments do not have any contracts for ALPRs:

- Alexandria Police Department
- Campbell County Police Department
- Campbell County Sheriff
- Cold Spring Police Department
- Covington Police Department
- Erlanger Police Department
- Fort Wright Police Department
- Kenton County Police Department (NOTE: Kenton County Police Department has asked the fiscal court to begin bidding for contracts, but the court has not voted on it, as of this story's publication)
- Ludlow Police Department
- Newport Police Department (NOTE: Newport had trialed Flock devices but recently decided not to seek a permanent contract)



Flock camera. Photo provided | Mother Flocker via Unsplash

Department or authority	Company	No. of devices	Cost
Bellevue PD	Flock Safety	6	\$43,200
Boone County Sheriff	Flock Safety	20	\$198,000
Dayton PD	Flock Safety	2	\$12,800
Edgewood PD	Flock Safety	4	\$42,000
Elsmere PD	Flock Safety	11 (includes moving cameras)	\$75,000
Florence PD	Flock Safety	10	\$69,100
Fort Mitchell PD	Flock Safety	5	\$34,000
Fort Thomas PD	Flock Safety	4 (with four additional budgeted for the the future)	\$29,000 (not including recent \$12,000 budget allocation)
Highland Heights PD	Flock Safety	2	\$11,500
Independence PD	Flock Safety	15 (with five more approved for future installment)	\$128,900
Kenton County Sheriff	Flock Safety	3	unknown
Lakeside Park/Crestview Hills PD	Flock Safety	3	\$19,550
Southgate PD	Flock Safety	5	\$28,750
Villa Hills PD	Flock Safety	5	\$33,250
Wilder PD	Flock Safety	1	\$15,600

- Northern Kentucky University Police
- Park Hills Police Department
- Taylor Mill Police Department (NOTE: Taylor Mill has set aside money for ALPRs in the future but had not secured a contract, as of this story's publication)

agreement, which is "perpetual" and "subject to automatic renewal," unless mutually modified by all parties, on Dec. 18, 2025. Erlanger's city administrator confirmed the city signed the agreement before it ceased using ALPRs.

LINK nky's records requests have also turned up an agreement between the Kenton County Sheriff's Office and the cities of Erlanger, Independence, Villa Hills, Dayton, Highland Heights, Southgate, Fort Mitchell, Lakeside Park and Edgewood for cost sharing of services provided by a subcontractor called Tyler Technologies — billed to Independence — which provides call interfacing services for Flock systems. The heads of those respective departments signed the

Tyler Technologies is the company that provides the technology used by dispatchers in the Kenton County Emergency Communications Center, which all fire and police departments in Kenton County use to communicate. Independence was the first department to contract with Tyler Technologies and initially paid to integrate its Flock Safety hit list (i.e., the records of vehicles flagged on an ALPR reading) into the dispatch network. 

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20% parole eligibility under the law.

"We pursued and got the maximum sentence permitted by law for the charge, and then subsequent to that, we actively opposed his parole," Zimmerman told LINK nky.

At the time of sentencing in 2023, Phipps was given the sentence of 10 years for second-degree manslaughter, five years on each count of tampering with physical evidence, leaving the scene of an accident and 12 months for driving while his license was suspended for a DUI aggravator by Campbell County Circuit Court Judge Julie Reinhardt Ward. Those sentences ran concurrently.

Phipps had already served 376 days and received credit for that toward his sentencing.

Phipps' mandatory supervision date began June 9.

Through his attorney, Phipps filed a motion on Aug. 4, asking for the return of items in evidence, including but not limited to his truck and tools that were in the truck. Ward is scheduled to hear the motion on Aug. 7 at 9 a.m.

LINK nky reached out to that attorney for comment but has not yet heard back.



Gloria San Miguel was killed in August 2022 after she was struck riding her bike across the 11th Street Bridge connecting Newport and Covington. Photo provided | Vision Zero Cincinnati



Gloria San Miguel (right), pictured with her daughter, Luna. Photo provided | Roebing Books & Coffee

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he started applying for jobs.

Shelvers did what it sounds like — you put books back on the shelf.

"I hadn't really thought about working in the library, particularly beyond that, and then it just kind of grew," Schroeder said.

It grew from his work as a shelver to his role in the local history department in 1987, indexing historic newspapers, which was fitting for someone earning their history degree. Schroeder earned that degree from Thomas More University, then began a master's in American history at the University of Cincinnati.

He then left the library system from 1996 to 2000 to serve as archivist for Thomas More University and the Diocese of Covington. During that time, he earned his master's in library science at the University of Kentucky.

Schroeder returned to the library in 2000 as the Kentucky history librarian, a role he held until he became the Kenton County Public Library director in 2006, when former director Wayne Onkst was appointed state librarian.



Kenton County Library Director Dave Schroeder retires after nearly 40 years with the library system. Photo provided | Dave Schroeder

Schroder was the third library director for Kenton County; the first, Mary Ann Mongan, started her tenure in 1967.

Schroeder said Onkst first hired him as a shelver and then hired him back as the local history librarian. He said he worked with all the library's directors, which was a really great way to learn.

"Dave has Northern Kentucky in his veins," Onkst said. "He was born here, and his family is very involved in all kinds of local affairs, civic affairs, and so he knows the area inside out. So it's a perfect fit, and he got a lot of great experience, both inside the library and outside the library, which makes a great combination for a job as a director."

Many things have changed in public library systems since Schroeder was shelving books in 1986. At that time, he said there was only one computer in the building.

"We had typewriters in the building when I started," he said. "One of the things that we always hated when you worked the reference desk was if somebody came up and said the ribbon needed to be changed on the typewriter because nobody wanted to change the ribbon. I remember when we got the first fax machine, and we thought that was the coolest thing ever."

Progress in technology went from terminals for people to look up books to the internet being publicly available. Magazines are now online. E-books and audiobooks are the new in-demand rentals.

Schroeder said that back then, the only sound-related item people could rent was music on records. Then that switched to CDs. When the library got movies in, they were in two competing formats. BETA and VHS. Schroeder said VHS eventually won out, then was replaced by DVDs, then Blu-ray and now those numbers are declining as streaming has taken over.

"He was a leader among librarians, certainly in the state of Kentucky, and I think



Library Director Dave Schroeder (left) presents a prize basket to a child who was the 2 millionth patron to check out items at the Erlanger library. Library board member Milton Mains (right) stands beside Schroeder. Photo provided | Kenton County Faces and Places

in the greater Cincinnati area, he was very highly respected, and looked to for leadership," Onkst said. "It's not been an easy time for libraries in the last 20 years or so. There've been a lot of challenges, and I think Dave was ideally suited to lead the library during those changes."

Aside from technological advances, Schroeder said that programming in the library has changed over time. He said Kenton County Public Library has always done programming since it began as the Covington Library in the early 1900s. Still, it has grown into something that 170,000 people attended last year.

The library offers everything from story times for kids to science and STEM programs to genealogy and book talks from authors.

"They're coming in to use study spaces, they're coming in to go to programs, they're coming in for a third space, which I think is really interesting," Schroeder said. "Libraries have always served that purpose, but even to a greater degree now, people are looking for places where they're not alone."

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