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Fire chief: Service calls to BFD on the increase



By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

The Berea Fire Department has seen an increase in the number of service calls compared to recent years, according to a report by Berea Fire Department Chief Shawn Sandlin.

Sandlin addressed the Berea City Council Tuesday evening, highlighting the accom-

plishments of his department while also citing some future challenges.

Sandlin noted his department is on track to respond to approximately 1,030 service calls in 2023, compared to 910 in 2022 and 826 in 2021.

“That’s a pretty good increase for us,” Sandlin said, adding that approximately 50 of those calls were attributed to a severe wind storm earlier

in the year.

Additionally, Sandlin noted the fire department completed 4,871 hours of training as of December 1, which is an average of approximately 200 hours of training per fire-fighter.

The fire department has also certified the Berea Police Department in First Aid and CPR, and in 2024, aims to certify all City of Berea em-

ployees in First Aid and CPR, along with fire extinguisher training, Sandlin reported.

Also completed this year were 815 building safety inspections around the city.

Looking ahead, Sandlin said there’s a need to consider future equipment needs for the fire department, as well as

See CALLS, A9

‘Three is a Magic Number’



The Madison Southern Players will hit the books to teach history, grammar, science, and math through catchy, clever, and familiar songs in their production of “Schoolhouse Rock Live! JR.” The hour-long show will feature classic songs from the Emmy Award-winning series of Schoolhouse Rock cartoons that taught and continue to teach students how to unpack their adjectives, memorize the Preamble to the Constitution, and discover that “Three is a Magic Number.” Schoolhouse Rock covered grammar, history, science, social studies, and math in such a fun manner that the series became a pop culture phenomenon and is now a fast paced and entertaining musical. The Madison Southern Players are excited to bring the Schoolhouse Rock spirit of excitement, curiosity, and fun to the stage. Schoolhouse Rock Live! JR. will perform in the auditorium at Madison Southern High School on Dec. 8-9 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 10 at 2 p.m. Tickets will be \$5 for students and \$10 for adults. Based on the popular television show, Schoolhouse Rock Live! is a fun and educational show that teaches students and audiences of all ages that learning is fun. The show features music and lyrics by Bob Dorough, Dave Frishberg, George Newall, Kathy Mandry, Lynn Ahrens, and Tom Yohe; and a book by George Keating, Kyle Hall, and Scott Ferguson. Schoolhouse Rock Live! JR. is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized materials are supplied by Music Theatre International.

Taylor: County better together

By Keith Taylor • Citizen Publisher

RICHMOND — Madison County Judge-Executive Reagan Taylor isn’t alone when it comes to leading one of the largest counties in the Commonwealth.

Taylor touted his administration’s partnerships within its own branch of government, along with the Mayor Bruce Fraley and the City of Berea and City of Richmond Mayor Robert Blythe.

“If I were to describe 2023 with a word of the year, it would be partnerships and that makes me extremely proud of our county,” Taylor said during his annual State of the County address to point members of the Richmond and Berea Chamber of Commerce last Friday at the Perkins Building.

“I want to use this opportunity to celebrate all the ways we work together in serving our



Reagan Taylor

See TAYLOR, A9

‘Old Fashioned Christmas’



The 37th annual Berea Chamber of Commerce Twilight Christmas Parade was held last Saturday. The event theme this year was an “Old Fashioned Christmas.”

Photo by Robert Elam

Woman arrested after day-long standoff

A long standoff ended on Fentress Lane Saturday with the arrest of a Richmond woman.

Misti Robertson, 46, of Richmond, was arrested and charged with multiple offenses after she entered a family member’s residence on Fentress Lane at approx-

imately 1:30 p.m. Saturday.

According to a release from the Madison County Sheriff’s Department, Robertson entered the residence uninvited and was armed with handguns. She assaulted a family member



Misti Robertson

See STANDOFF, A9

Letters to Santa



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Message from Cora Jane Wilson

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Isaiah 40:31 KJV



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Don Mills



Don Mills, 86, widower of Kay Baker Mills passed away on Friday, December 1, 2023, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center. He was born on April 8, 1937, to the late Clarence & Myrtle Carnes Mills in Clay County, Kentucky. He was the owner of Don Mills- State Farm Insurance Agency.

Don moved to Berea in the late 40's where he was introduced to two of the loves of his life, Kay Baker who later became his wife, and basketball. While at Berea Community High School, Don led the team to a #1 ranking in the state. Recruited by legendary University of Kentucky Coach Adolph Rupp, he played four years including the 1958 National Championship team as the 6th man on the team Rupp referred to as the "Fiddling Five." Don was drafted by the NBA, but opted to stay local, going into partnership with his father-in-law Dr. John Baker at Maroon Lanes Bowling Alley, which Don managed for several years.

In 1965 Don began his career with

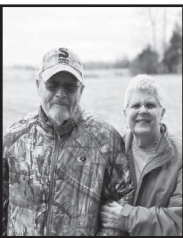
State Farm Insurance Company where he remained an agent until his death, earning five President Club Awards along with many other accolades. He returned to basketball serving as girls basketball coach at Model High School from 1980-1981. Don's passion later in life was raising and racing thoroughbred horses, which he did for over 40 years.

He is survived by two daughters, Kitty Allen (Rick) of Richmond and Wendy Mills of Charlotte, North Carolina; sisters, Ruby Pearson, Elaine Palumbo and Carol Bowling; brother, Holbert Mills; sister-in-law, Barbara "Biji" Baker; three grandchildren, Richard Mills Allen, John Bradley Allen and Hunter Carnes Allen, and several nieces and nephews. He also had two special people in his life that did more than their share for him, his horse trainer Aveory Faircloth and office manager Pam Bennett

Services will be held on Friday, December 8, 2023, at Oldham, Roberts & Powell. Visitation will be from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. with the funeral following. Burial will be in the Berea Cemetery.

Oldham, Roberts and Powell Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Carol Louise Kelley McCray



Carol Louise Kelley McCray, age 79, wife of Carl G. McCray, passed away Friday December 1, 2023, at Saint Joseph Hospital in Lexington. She was born July 25, 1944, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana to the late James Kelly and Mary Vannoy Brumfield. Carol was of the Christian faith and a member of the First Christian Church in Berea, where she served as secretary for many years and as Deacon. Carol also served for several years as secretary for the First Christian Church in Richmond. She was an avid UK Wildcats Fan.

In addition to her husband Carl,

Carol is survived by two sons, Carl A. McCray and his wife Libby of Burgin, Robert McCray and his wife Bridget of Plain City, Ohio, four siblings, Barbara Otte of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, James Kelley and his wife Diane of Nicholasville, Betty Jones of Nicholasville, Eileen Keeton and her husband John of Winchester, 6 grandchildren, Tegan McCray, Kaylee McCray, Kacey McCray, Sydney McCray, Rocco McCray, Carmela McCray, and one great grandchild, Amelia Jade McCray.

Memorial services were held Tuesday December 5, 2023, at First Christian Church in Berea. Revs. Mark & Lisa Caldwell-Reiss and Rev. Carl A. McCray officiated.

Davis & Powell Funeral Directors in charge of arrangements.

Jimmy Lee Short



Jimmy Lee Short, age 58, of Berea, passed away, Saturday, December 2, 2023, at his home.

Jimmy was born in Berea to James and Peggy Maupin Short. He retired from Berea College. He was a 1984 graduate of Madison Central High School. He enjoyed tinkering with cars, was passionate about keeping a neat yard, and enjoyed every minute he was able to spend with his kids.

Jimmy is survived by his children, Sierra (Dylan Lakes) Huff, Dillon Short,

and Leah Short; his parents, James and Peggy Short; his siblings, Cathy Short Weaver, Michael Short, and Greg (Norma) Short; two grandchildren, Kinsley Lakes and Kolton Lakes; also survived by several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Funeral services will be 2pm, Thursday, December 7, 2023, at Lakes Funeral Home with Pastor Jimmy Ashcraft officiating. Burial will follow in the Pilot Knob Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday from 11 am to 2 pm at the funeral home. Pallbearers will be Michael Short, Greg Short, Casey Short, Jordan Black, Tyler Black, Dillon Short, and Roger Young. Honorary bearers will be Bud Montgomery, Greg Saylor, Curtis McClure, and Charles Bishop.

William Preston Hill



William Preston Hill, age 86, died peacefully in his sleep after a long illness at his residence in Berea. He was born

December 27, 1936, in Berea to the late Luther D. and Martha Shearer Hill.

Living much of his life in Berea, Mr. Hill graduated from Berea College in 1961 and then received his master's from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1967. He loved nature, being outdoors, gardening, farming and anything with birds. He could identify birds by their faintest call. Mr. Hill was an avid news, weather watcher and U.K. fan. He always asked, "Has the mail run yet". He was a member of the Berea United Methodist Church.

In addition to his parents Mr. Hill was preceded in death by his first wife, Kathryn Jane Sands Hill in 1979 in

Brandon, Florida, and daughter Kathryn Jenan Burns in June 2023.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 42 years, Edna Mae Jacobs Hill, three children, Kevin Weisbrod and his wife Diane of Mountain View, Missouri, Scott Weisbrod and Darla of Mountain View, Missouri, Melanie Edmondson and her husband Brian of Canton, Georgia, and son-in-law Richard Burns of Brandon, FLorida, 14 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren, and 10 great great grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services were held Wednesday December 6, 2023, at Berea United Methodist Church. Rev. Timothy Karvonen officiated. Burial followed in the Davis-Witt Cemetery in Rockcastle County. Pallbearers were Kevin Weisbrod, Scott Weisbrod, Brian Edmondson, Deane Fore, Michael Morales, and Nathan Morales. Honorary pallbearers were John Jacobs, John Stevenson, and Doug Hazelwood.

Davis & Powell Funeral Directors in charge of arrangements.



Dolly (Coomer) Speers

Dolly (Coomer) Speers, 82, passed away peacefully on November 28, 2023, at 4:11 pm, at the Compassionate care center in Richmond surrounded by family who loved her more than words can express. Dolly was born in Morrow, Ohio on January 14th, 1941, at 1:30 am. Dolly was a special person who impacted many.

Dolly was also known as "Mom", "Nan", "Granny" and "Mamaw." Dolly had a life that was filled with much love; she had much empathy and so much understanding for anything that others were going through. She was "Nan" to many people. She was many people's "ride or die." Dolly had many sayings, but her favorite sayings were "Just put one foot in front of the other", and "Well we will just have to weather it," and "I love you bunches and bunches." As well as "Hugs and Kisses Honey."

Her formative years were spent in Morrow, Ohio. She was a high school graduate, earning her GED and later in life, she went back to school where she obtained her STNA and then later her Dietary manager license. She worked as a Dietary manager at Eagle Creek Nursing center in West union, Ohio, where she had a huge impact on everyone- the residents as well as the people she worked with. The story of her life is found in the impact she lovingly had

on other people. Over the years, many people called upon her for advice and she was a safe space for many people throughout her life. She would also often know who was calling before she even answered the phone, and she was a friend to many and intuitively knew what other people needed. She was a vessel of guidance, love and comfort to many throughout the years.

A person of many interests, Dolly lived a full life. Being very artistic, she enjoyed painting, woodworking and various arts and crafts that she created. Along with Ronnie, she created many crafts and painted ornamental concrete in her shop in Winchester, Ohio. She also created lasting memories there where much of the community would stop in just to say hello to her and Ronnie. Dolly never met a stranger and had a sixth sense when someone needed something and much of the time, she would take the time to stop doing whatever she was doing and to listen to whoever needed her to do so. Dolly was very protective of animals and anything and anyone that did not have a voice. The family's dogs were a huge part of her daily life; Henry in particular sat by her side every single day. Much of her joy later in life also came from spending time with her grandchildren who more than adored her, spending time with the dogs, doing crossword and puzzle books and scratching off lottery tickets as well as watching her favorite television shows.

Dolly was married to Ronald C. Speers in 1957, and together they raised five children and owned a beautiful farm in Tranquility Ohio. Together they moved to Adams County in the late 70's, from

Trotwood, Ohio where she had previously owned and operated a daycare business out of her home. In the early 90's they moved to Winchester, Ohio. Dolly lived in Adams County until 2015. Dolly lived with her daughter, son in law and grandchildren in Middletown, Ohio beginning in 2015 up until the time of her death. In 2023, she moved to Berea Kentucky with them.

Dolly was preceded in death by her Husband, Ronnie Speers, her son Terry Speers and her daughter Melody (Suzie) Erkenbrecher, as well as her parents Daisy and Fred Coomer, and Brothers Lenvil Coomer, Robert Coomer, Lonnie Coomer and Larry Coomer. Dolly is survived by Daughters Dawn (Lance) Holcombe Cherry (Ned) Nice and Heather (Harley) Rogers as well as her sister Dorothy (Gerald) Marcum. Dolly was blessed with many Grandchildren; Jordan (Tina) Speers, Justin (Danielle) Speers, Kimberly (Nick) Miller, Daniel (Ana) Novak, Stephanie (Fallon) Novak, Jennifer (Tim) Adams, Mathew (Kara) Garrison, David (Emile) Erkenbrecher, Andrew (Bittany) Erkenbrecher, Alex Rogers, Corbin Rogers, and Brooklyn Rogers. She also had 21 great grandchildren. Dolly also had many, many, many friends.

It was Dolly's wish that no service be scheduled at this time. Special mention and heartfelt thank you to the nurses and doctors in the emergency room and intensive care unit at St. Joseph Hospital in Berea for the loving care that they gave Dolly and her family. They routinely offered excellent care, loving support, many prayers, coffee, and food. Thank you also to Compassionate care Hospice in Richmond, Kentucky.

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Trash talk

I got some exercise in Saturday and supported a good cause at the same time.

As a fund-raising effort, the Madison Southern High School cheerleaders, their family members, and volunteers devoted the second morning of December to making our county a better place to live.

My niece Addie and I, along with Eli Campbell and his granddaughter Avenlea Hughes put on gloves, carried garbage bags and a scooper, and picked trash along both sides of Mayde Road. All four of us covered approximately a mile and a half along the road, while other groups were scattered throughout other areas of Berea.

Although the side of the road may appear to be clean while driving, walking the side of the road tells another story. We expected to find regular forms of trash, such as cups and empty soft drink cans and bottles, but you would be surprised what can be found on the side of the road, even in the city. We found beer cans, a laptop, marijuana containers, whisky bottles, an umbrella, trash bags. One group even found a gun on the side of the road and reported the discovery to the police department, which confiscated the weapon. We also found needles used for drugs and other sharp items.

Our group alone collected approximately eight bags full of trash and debris and we didn't even go beyond our limited trail. We did our route in two hours and did our part to make the country a better place to live.

While we did pick up a lot of trash that day collectively, we didn't even scratch the surface when it comes to cleaning the sides of our city streets. It would likely take a year to even get to the surface when it comes to removing trash from our roadways.

I knew we would find some trash, but seeing is believing, and we saw and picked up a lot of trash that day. Honestly I was surprised at the amount of trash that filters on our roadways, knowing how easily accessible trash cans are within our community. It's sad some people would rather throw garbage and trash out the window than place unwanted garbage in the trash can or recycle bins or containers.

Growing up, I can remember seeing the words, "please put litter in its place" on fountain drink cups to remind the public to do the right thing and dispose of waste properly.

I'm sure the roads in our county also are filtered with trash and we need to do our part to ensure our roadways are clean in the city and county. Instead of tossing your trash out the window, put it in the garbage can or the recycling bin where it belongs and not on the road.



Keith Taylor



Tell your Christmas story

We often reflect on past Christmases. We look back to the past because we have experienced the past. We haven't experienced the future. We have hopes and dreams for the future but we don't know what the future will bring.

Each day we create new memories. What you will remember next Christmas is happening now. Therefore, do the best you can do this month and then you can reflect on another good memory next Christmas season.

Christmas is a time of misery for many who have deceased loved ones. We miss parents, spouses, children and other family members. They were usually significant in our Christmas pasts and that's why we remember them. They are no longer with us and thus it brings a cloud over our celebration.

This is the time to reach out and embrace any loved ones and friends you may have left. Phone calls can be very helpful. Christmas cards are nice but they are nothing like a personal phone call or visit. Instead of sending out 25 Christmas cards why don't you make 25 five-minute phone calls. Simply say, "this is my Christmas

card. I'm calling you." You may not have time to make 20 to 30 phone calls but how long does it take to find cards, address and stamp them? I'm not encouraging you to discontinue your Christmas cards but consider making some Christmas card phone calls.

Emails are nice if your friends ever see them. I receive so much junk email that I often miss important emails.

Eat where and when you can with others. You may have a large family gathering or it may just be you and two or three more. Make the most of however you spend your Christmas. Last year my son and I were traveling three hours to celebrate with family but the weather was so bad we had to turn around and go back home. We hadn't prepared food because we were planning on connecting with our family at our gathering destination. When we got back home, we were thankful that our local restaurant was open. The place was crammed with people



Glenn Mollette

just like us who needed a place to eat on Christmas day. We ate some omelets and pancakes making the most of it and giving thanks that we had made it home safely and found a place to eat. I suspect we will remember the day forever. We were safe, had some food to eat and had a warm home to hang out and watch television the rest of the day.

Often, it's the simple things of life that we remember because it's the simple things that get us through. Often, we overwhelm ourselves with aiming for grandeur. We have to remember what grandeur is really all about. The first Christmas grandeur was a baby lying in a cow's trough. A peasant couple was thankful to just find a covering for their heads to bring their new baby into the world. Every year they are remembered and celebrated. Their Christmas was as simple as it gets but it was so significant and life changing for all who love their story.

As you celebrate this special season keep in mind that some of the simplest things you do will likely be the most significant part of your Christmas story.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Berea Food Bank thanks its donors

Your generous heart sustains us and our neighbors in need. Berea Food Bank's 2023 Annual Fundraiser ended Nov. 15 — your donations made it the most successful ever—with Bereans giving over \$35,000 straight from the heart. Thanks to you, in a time when many food pantries are shrinking, Berea Food Bank is thriving.

As you well know need is great in our community. Your support means we stand ready to meet that need! Our pantries are well stocked with nary an empty shelf with 7 chest freezers full to the brim—and plenty more on order for December and January delivery.

Because of your support we are on-track to provide enough groceries for over 200,000 meals for our neighbors in need this year—a 25% increase over last year and a ten-fold increase in less than 3 years. We are frugal with administrative costs so 96 cents of every dollar you donated goes directly to aid.

Your monetary gifts will allow us to continue to provide a full week's groceries to clients—some of whom make monthly visits. Our mix of foodstuff supports a healthy, balanced diet and all our food is newly bought—nothing is ever past date. Although our fresh produce selection is modest we have an almost steady supply.

But we are not satisfied to wait for need to come to us. I believe we must go out into our community to find hunger where it lives and do something about it. Your donations sustain all our external partnerships and allow continued growth of new initiatives. We are blazing a trail we hope other food pantries will follow...

Berea Food Bank External Initiatives and Partnerships include:

- ReachOut Initiative--provides fresh produce and other groceries to mostly elderly, disabled residents of an affordable housing community in Berea.
- We maintain proxy pickup and a modest last-resort delivery service.
- Berea Police Department Emergency Food Partnership--places an

emergency food box at the disposal of BPD Officers to distribute to hungry people they encounter during the course of their work.

- His Heart Outreach Ministry Partnership--we supply food their volunteers can cook to support their homeles feeding program--up to 100 meals every Monday.
- Berea Room In the Inn Partnership--we supply groceries RITI volunteers cook to support their Winter homeless shelter program.
- New Opportunity School Partnership--we supply groceries for their student sessions year 'round.
- Sustainable Berea Partnership--we provide raised bed gardens for families we serve who wish to grow some of their own food.
- Student Feminine Hygiene Initiative--we provide menstrual products to every school system's Family Resource Center, the Draper Building Project, His Heart Outreach Ministry, and Berea Room in the Inn.
- School Family Resouce Centers, Health Care Providers, Social Workers,

and Berea Clergy Partnerships--we provide them access to the food bank so they can act on behalf of their students, clients, and congregants in need.

- Growing Good Garden, a Berea Earth Warriors and Berea Food Bank Partnership--we've established our own garden with modest first year harvests in 2023. Our friends at Eastridge Community Garden provide two 30 X 60 plots with Berea Earth Warriors managing all aspects of planning, growing, and harvesting.
- Berea College CELTS Student Worker Partnership--students staff the food bank during Tuesday evening hours so working folks can more easily access our services.
- Berea College CELTS program continues their 31 year partnership with us carrying out innovative bian-nual fundraising--Empty Bowls in the Spring and Better Together 5K in Fall, student labor that staffs our pantry in the evening, as well as logistical and advisory support year-round.
- The City of Berea continues to generously provide our facility and

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A few policies you may not know about...We remain an all-volunteer organization; no one collects a paycheck for their service. Volunteers are in charge of almost every aspect of our day-to-day operation which allows streamlined service without delay for people in need. Clients are served immediately upon applying for aid--we have no waiting period. And our clients are treated with the utmost respect and shown universal love. No one is turned away from Berea Food Bank. Ever.

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• Antonio Humphries, 24, Lexington: failure to appear
• Angela Michelle Isaacs, 41, Berea: assault, 4th degree dating violence (minor injury)
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• Patsy Owen, 42, Richmond: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol - .08-2nd
• John Williams, 46, Richmond: failure to appear, citation for misdemeanor

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• Robert Glen Girdner, 42, Richmond: failure to appear, citation for misdemeanor (3 counts)
• Cody P. Beauchamp, 43, Louisville: failure to appear, citation for misdemeanor
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• Timothy L. Horn, 64. Berea: failure to appear
• Ronnie W. Lewis, 63, Berea: failure to appear (2 counts)
• Peter Hernandez-Escoto, 65, Richmond: serving weekends
• Misty Isaacs, 35, Waco: serving weekends
• Roman L. LaGrange, Jr., 49, Richmond: serving weekends
• Adam Little, 40, Richmond:

assault, 4th degree (domestic violence) no visible injury
• Mary Evelyn Robbins, 43, Berea: failure to appear
• Graham E. Robinson, 21, Richmond: wanton endangerment – 1st degree – police officer; reckless driving; operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 -1st; operating on suspended or revoked operator’s license

Nov. 25

• Leslie Owens, 25, Richmond: failure to appear (4 counts)
• Jamie Lynn Isaacs, 39, Richmond: failure appear (3 counts)
• Destiny Keith, 29, Richmond: assault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor injury
• Conley Wayne Jones, 54, London: escape, 2nd degree; resisting arrest; fleeing or evading police, 1st degree (on foot); assault, 3rd degree – police officer or probation officer; tampering with physical evidence; drug paraphernalia – buy / possess
• Aaron Jacob Stinson, 40, Richmond: alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses); criminal trespass – 1st degree
• Alex Echeverria, 20, Berea: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, under 21 years of age .02 -.07
• Christopher Allen, 30, Richmond: assault, 4th degree dating violence (minor injury)
• Kevin Lawson, 47, Richmond: failure to appear
• Melissa Carmen Woods, 45, Richmond: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (heroin); failure to appear (4 counts); non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines (2 counts)
• Michael S. Tackett, 32, Berea: failure to appear
• George C. Taylor, 47, Stanford: failure to appear
• Nevada Combs, 19, Richmond: assault, 4th degree dating violence (minor injury); menacing
• Misti Robertson, 46, Rich-

mond: public intoxication – controlled substance (excludes alcohol); resisting arrest; assault, 3rd degree -police officer or probation officer; criminal mischief, 3rd degree
• James C. Holman, 47, Richmond: assault, 4th degree (minor injury), failure to appear (2 counts)
• Jacob Christopher England, 34, Berea: failure to appear (2 counts)
• Ralph Carpenter, 61, Annnville: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting; contempt of court, libel/slander, resistance to order
• Darrell Louis Nester, 55, Richmond: alcohol intoxication in public place, 3rd or greater offense in 12 months; criminal trespassing – 3rd degree
• John Harrison, 26, Irvine: failure to appear, citation for misdemeanor
• Derek Logan Ward, 35, Richmond: failure to appear
• Gregory Lynn Wood, 42, Richmond: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08-1st; careless driving; improper display of registration plates
• Michael Scott Northern, 42, Berea: failure to appear
• Jim Bowie Asher, 33, Richmond: failure to appear

Nov. 26

• Robert Feltner, 46, Stearns: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines
• Verlia Oneida Ballew, 33, Richmond: possession of an open alcohol container in motor vehicle; alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses); public intoxication – controlled substance (excludes alcohol); theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting; bribery of a public servant
• Lester Ray Roberts, 61, Waco: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines
• Robert Blake Wiles, Berea: assault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor injury

Nov. 27

• Travis Orville Jones, 38,

Berea: probation violation (felony offense)
• Roberto Gonzalez, 24, Louisville: failure to appear
• Ashley Railey, 29, Richmond: failure to appear
• Dennis Henson, 34, Winchester: probation violation (for felony offense)
• Shyann Hooker, 28, Barbourville: failure to appear
• Dwayne Roaden, 63, Somerset: serving weekends
• Benjamin Patrick Gay, 56, Berea: driving or DUI suspended license – 1st offense; failure to produce insurance card; failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security – 1st offense; operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 2nd
• Dax Durham, 47, Berea: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); receiving stolen property, \$10,000 or more; improper use of prisoner of war registration plate; obscuring the identity of a machine, \$10,000 or more; failure to appear; receiving stolen property, \$1,000 but less than \$10,000

Nov. 28

• Brook Ray Cody, 40, McKee: hold for court
• Freddie V. Moore, 51, Brodhead: failure to appear
• Phillip Alderman Hicks, 44, Richmond: failure to appear
• Vicktory Jane Allen, 42, Richmond: failure to appear (2 counts)
• Rose M. Leedy, 33, Richmond: failure to appear
• Addie Mae Long, 44, Mt. Vernon: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (heroin); drug paraphernalia – buy / possess; giving officer false identifying information; failure to appear (2 counts); serving parole violation warrant (2 counts)
• Rodney Wayne Agee, 44, McKee: possession of a controlled substance, 1st

degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); drug paraphernalia – buy / possess; possession of marijuana; no registration plates; failure to or improper signal; driving on DUI suspended license – 1st offense; failure of owner to maintain require insurance/security, 1st offense; failure to produce insurance card; improper registration plate
• Elizabeth Jo Wiseman, 54, Berea: probation violation, for felony offense (3 counts)
• Deshawn C. Warford, 24, Richmond: failure to appear 92 counts)
• Melissa H. Lewis, 36, Russell Springs: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines
• Gerrie Anna Bailey, 32, Richmond: public intoxication – controlled substance (excludes alcohol)
Nov. 29
• Albert Deshannon Lear, 49, Berea: failure to appear, citation for misdemeanor
• Tyler Lee Calhoun, 31, Berea: burglary, 3rd degree; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); drug paraphernalia – buy / possess; endangering the welfare of a minor; possession of burglary tools
• Kimberly J. Virtue, 30, Berea: probation violation (for technical violation)
• Peter Ngugi Mwaura, 41, Lexington: failure to appear
• Aaron R. French, 46, Crab Orchard: failure to appear
• Delano Miller, 25, Stanford: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines
• Matthew Carmen, 42, Cincinnati, Ohio: theft by unlawful taking or disposition shoplifting, \$500 but less than \$1,000; failure to appear
• Bobby Crepack, 36, Richmond: terroristic threatening, 3rd degree; disorderly conduct, 2nd degree
• Christopher Lee Mullins, 40, Richmond: public intoxication – controlled substance (excludes alcohol)

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Nov. 27

• Daniel Potter and Latyscha Potter to Traviss Luke Witt and Chelsea Erin Witt, lot 1 plat 6/163 (Menelaus Pike), \$439,900
• RACO Home Creations, LLC to Bryan Mullins and Ashley Stepp, tract Madison County (Menelaus and Berea Pike), \$157,500
• David Burns and Mary Ann Burns to Henry Harrison and Jettielisa Harrison, tract Madison County (Hunter Road), \$59,000
• The Estate of Virginia Eves, by Douglas Lee Pressley, Executor to Mike Harold Murphy and Linda Joyce Murphy, 1998 Berea Road, Richmond, \$310,000
• Ronald J. Sowards, Successor Trustee of the Ruth A. Priestley Revocable Living Trust, dated June 12, 2017, to Drake William Staples and Mary Ellen Wimberly, lot 1 Ridgehaven Subdivision, \$895,900
• Todd Builders, LLC to Jonathan L. Wynn and Chelsey Wynn, 251 Stoney Creek Way, Berea, \$271,000
• Tighe Property Management, LLC to Kenneth Lynn Greer, tract A plat 20/120 (S. Dogwood, Berea), \$60,000
• Roberta Noe to David Denny, Jr., 2811 Robbinsville Loop Road, Richmond, for and in consideration of the love and affection a grandparent has for grandson

Nov. 28

• C and C Farms, a Kentucky general partnership to Wendell E. Combs and Diana Combs, tracts Madison County (vicinity of Hays Fork), for and in consideration of the exchange of real properties between brothers
• Wendell E. Combs, Diana

Combs, Dale W. Combs, and Sarah Kathy Combs to Dale W. Combs and Sara Kathy Combs, tracts plat 31/122, for and in consideration of the exchange of real properties, Wendell E. Combs and Dale W. Combs being brothers
• C and C Farms, a Kentucky general partnership to Sara Kathy Combs and Trenton Combs, tract Madison County (vicinity of U.S. 421), for and in consideration of the exchange of real properties, Wendell E. Combs and Dale W. Combs being all of the Partners of the Grantor and the Grantee being the wife and grand sone of Dale W. Combs
• Wendell E. Combs, Diana Combs, Dale W. Combs and Sara Kathy Combs to Wendell E. Combs and Diana Combs, tract A plat 31/123, for and in consideration of the exchange of real properties, Wendell E. Combs and Dale W. Combs being brothers
• Charles M. Eckler to Charles M. Eckler, Trustee of the Charles M. Eckler Revocable Trust, lot 70B Battlefield Estates, for purposes of funding the Charles M. Eckler Revocable Trust
• Chi H. Nguyen, Long Thanh Nguyen and Celina Phuong Nguyen to Chi H. Nguyen and Long Thanh Nguyen, 4037 Ruby Rose Drive, for and in consideration as set fort herein
• Robert Harris and Lisa Harris to George Terry and Freida Curry-Terry, 1570 Red House Road, Richmond, \$340,000
• Joey Dee Centers, Kimberly Centers, Shannon Brent Centers and Kristy Centers to Linville Rentals, LLC, tract Madison County, \$85,000

• Kristina Davenport (n/k/a Kristina Weinmann) and Aminu Mohamadu to BHV Holdings, LLC, 209 Bellwood Place, \$290,000
• BHV Holdings, LLC to Kaizen Investments Group, LLC< 209 Bellwood Place, \$293,000
• Stephane Anglin and Roy Anglin to A4 Investments, LLC, lot 6 Adams Subdivision (George Street), \$1.00
• BHomeKY, LLC to A4 Investments, LLC, 111 Wilson Street, \$1.00
• Level of Home, LLC to Agnes Oliver and Mazie Jolene Oliver, lot 46 Unit 1 Creekside Village, \$240,000
• Houghton Homes, LLC to Morgan M. Hensley and Leighton I. Hensley, lot 2 Brentwood Trace, \$319,900
• Joyce M. Moore to Arbor Woods, LLC, condominium Unit F Arcadian Condominiums, \$182,000

Nov. 29

• The Estate of Geneva Parrett (a/k/a Genevia S. Parrett) by and through Kevin Willis to Viola Marquette, tract 2B plat 6/377 (Menelaus Pike), pursuant to the devise contained in paragraph second A of the last will of S. Geneva Parrett
• KLPP, LLC to Devere Properties, 130 S. Killarney Lane, \$300,000
• Small Dog Properties, LLC to Devere Properties, LLC, 122, 126, and 128 Killarney Lane and access easement and parking lot, \$650,000
• DMD Properties, LLC to deVere Properties, LLC, tract 5-A plat 10/129, \$90,000
• Alan W. Reed to Pat B. Denham, unit 221 Clairmont at Grey Oaks (221 Clairmont Drive), \$281,000

• Doll Properties, LLC to Small Ferry Boat, LLC, lot 45 Fair Vista Landing Phase 1, \$50,000
• Doll Properties, LLC to Mark Allen Walters, lot 41 Fair Vista Landing Phase 1, \$50,000
• Mark Allen Walters and Ines Marie Walters to Edward Cook and Laura Cook, Trustees of the Cook Family Revocable Living Trust, under agreement dated October 1, 2003, and by the amended and restated agreement dated August 29, 2012, and by First Amendment dated May 28, 2015, lot 207 Doves Landing, \$269,900
• The Estate of Cheryl Ann Jackson by Aaron E. Jackson Administrator to Melvin Macomber and Cheryl Macomber, 152 Wesley Court, \$210,000
• James R. Kelley to Eric Johns, tract A plat 18/198, \$130,000
• SFS Investments, LLC to Cade Xavier Collins, lot 63 Block B Frazewood Subdivision, \$189,900
• Childers Custom Homes, LLC to Shannon Strivieri, lot 18 of Tahoe Way at Seven Oaks Subdivision, Phase 3, \$44,000
• Wavelyn Powell and Randall Powell to Johnathon C. Grant, tract Madison County, \$142,095
• Ellen K. Keaton-Ballard and Susan Elaine Keaton to Susan Elaine Keaton, tract 1 A plat 31/121, for and in consideration of the love and affection the parties have for each other as sister in-laws
• Ellen K. Ballard-Keaton and Susan Elaine Keaton to Ellen K. Keaton – Ballard, tract 1 plat 31/121, for and in consideration of the love and

affection the parties have for each other as sister in-laws
• Luther J. Cottrell, Jr. and Sheila Cottrell to Studio663, LLC, 335 Hagan Mill Road, Richmond, \$450,000
• Thurman Thomas Hicks, Sr. and Kristie Dawn Hicks to Jacqueline Morgan Vanzant and Timothy Aaron Vanzant-Bailey, 802 Becky Drive, Richmond, \$250,000
• Devin R. Miller to Catherine Nichols and Amanda Clem, 101 White Hall Avenue, Richmond, \$160,000

MARRIAGES

Nov. 28

• Brittany Michelle Marcum, sales rep, 31, of Richmond to Thomas Scott Taylor, self-employed, 43, of Richmond
• Brandon Eli Langford, sprinkler superintendent, 27, of Richmond to Sarah Elizabeth Price, unemployed, 27, of Richmond
• Yvonne Carol Day, retired, 66, of Richmond to James Daniel Brockman, retired, 69, of Richmond
• Zoe Leann Deaton, RN, 25, of Richmond to Deron Reid Miller, auto damage estimator, 26, of Richmond
• Tytus Kirk Robinson, state trooper, 34, of Richmond to Ryann Kenzie Brooke Chaney, registered nurse, 25, of Richmond



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The Housing Authority of Berea is taking bids on two mowers. This will be sealed bid process and bids will be accepted until Friday January 19 at 4 p.m. The bids will be opened publicly at the Housing Authority of Berea Board of Commissioners Meeting on Monday January 22, 2024.

The meeting begins at 11:30. The winning bidder will be contacted January 22nd, 2024.

To place a bid please mail in your bid amount name, address, and phone number to The Housing Authority of Berea 110 Orchard Street Berea, Ky 40403. If you would like to see the equipment, please contact the Housing Authority of Berea office 859-986-4436 or email berhousing@windstream.net.

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The Housing Authority of Berea is in the 45-day comment period for the 2023 Annual Plan and Budget. The plan is available at the Main office of the Housing Authority of Berea at 110 Orchard Street, Berea Ky 40403.

The public hearing will be held at 11:30 am, January 22nd, 2024 in the Randy Stone Meeting Room located in City Hall. City Hall is located at 212 Chestnut Street, Berea Ky 40403

Any interested persons may contact the Executive Director, Melinda Carter at 859-986-4436.

Great Spirits 23 Limited Liability Company hereby declares its intent to apply for the following ABC license: Transitional Distilled Spirits and Wine License, Transitional Malt Beverage License, NQ4 Retail Malt Beverage Drink License, Quota Retail Drink License, Quota Retail Package License, NQ Retail Malt Beverage Package License, and Sampling License no later than December 25, 2023. The sole member of the applicant is: Katelyn Coleman Franklin of 108 Blue Ridge Drive, Berea, Kentucky 40403. Any person, association, corporation, or body politic may protest the granting of the license by writing the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 1003 Twilight Trail, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601-8400, within 30 days (KRS 243.430) of the date of this legal publication.

Public Notice

Pursuant to section 324, Title III of the 1996 Federal Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) of 1986 (PL99-499), the following information is provided in compliance with the Community Right-To-Know requirements for SARA Law: The open meetings and record provision of Kentucky Open Meetings Law, and Madison County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) can be requested and obtained by writing to: Logan King, Chairman of the Madison County LEPC at 560 S. Keeneland Drive, Richmond KY 40475, or via phone at (859) 624-4787. The Open Meetings Law is applicable to the Madison County LEPC which meets at the Madison County Emergency Operations Center, 560 S. Keeneland Drive, Richmond KY 40475.

Members of the public may request to be notified of regular or special meetings as provided in KRS 61.820 and KRS 61-825. Records of the Madison County LEPC, including the county emergency response plan, material safety data sheets and inventory forms, or any follow up emergency notices as may subsequently be issued, are open for inspection and members of the public who wish to review these records may do so between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) Monday through Friday at the Madison County Emergency Operations Center as required by the Kentucky Open Records Law. The local twenty-four (24) hour telephone number for purposes of emergency notification as required by SARA is 911.”

Bad Penny LLC. 103 Clay Drive, Berea Kentucky 40403 hereby declares intention to apply for a Quota Retail Package License. no later than December 26, 2023. The business to be licensed will be located at 103 Clay Drive, Berea Kentucky 40403, doing business as Berea Tobacco Barn. Member: James C. Saylor of 200 Laurel Drive Berea, Kentucky 40403. Any person, association corporation or body politic may protest the granting of license by writing to the Dept. of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 500 Mero St 2NE33, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, within 30 days of the date of legal publication.



PUBLIC NOTICE

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The City of Berea is accepting applications for a **Wastewater Treatment Operator Class I (or Operator Trainee)** in the Utilities department. Responsibilities of this position include: Assists with the operation and maintenance of the wastewater treatment facilities and grounds. Monitoring all aspects of the plant for unusual conditions and problems. Inspection and/or monitors pumps, charts, gauges, and meters daily. Collection of wastewater samples and conducting lab tests. Preventative maintenance programs on plant and equipment; makes minor repairs and adjustments; forwards requests for major repairs to the Chief Operator. Assists with minor construction projects and the cleaning of the plant and grounds. Assists with the preparation of reports. Responds to calls in emergency situations at all hours. Performs other duties as required or requested.

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, possess a valid Kentucky Driver’s License, and hold a high school diploma (or equivalent). Applicant **MUST** obtain Class I, II, III, and IV Wastewater Treatment Operators License within one (1) year after meeting experience requirements at each level. Experience in the process of wastewater treatment and/or collections within the utility setting preferred but not required.

Applications are available online and may be e-mailed to HR@bereaky.gov or mailed to: City of Berea, ATTN: HR, 212 Chestnut Street, Berea KY 40403. Resumes will not be accepted unless accompanied by an application. For a full list of benefits, please visit the City’s [website](http://www.bereaky.gov). The City of Berea is an equal opportunity employer and Certified Drug-Free workplace.

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DEADLINE: Tuesday, January 02, 2024 at 4:00PM EST

Reflections

Berea Citizen archives

Tommy Cromer

Have you met the meanest person on earth?

An ill-tempered woman and her husband were driving along when a police officer pulled them over.

"Ma'am, did you know you were speeding?" the officer asked the woman, who wasn't wearing her hearing aid.

She turned to her husband and sneered, "What did he say?"

"He said you were speeding," he yelled into her ear.

The patrolman asked to see her license.

She turned to her husband again and said, "What did he say?"

"He wants to see your license," the husband shouted.

The woman pulled out her license and handed it over.

"I see you're from Tennessee," the officer said. "I once met a woman from there who was the meanest, nastiest, most overbearing person on earth."

The woman turned to her husband and asked, "What did he say?"

The old man yelled, "He thinks he knows you."

The late great Baptist evangelist Billy Kelly loved to tell that story occasionally in the leadup

to his sermons. He always got big laughs.

To have an unpleasant spouse would be no laughing matter.

David, the shepherd boy who would later become one of Israel's greatest leaders, apparently had a wife like that. In I Samuel 18, the Bible says that King Saul, who had been trying to kill David, decided to try a more subtle approach to do him in. Saul gave David his daughter Michal for a wife so that she would be "a snare to him."

That's certainly not the kind of spouse a clear-thinking person would want to marry. Most people would prefer someone who would be an encouragement to them, someone who would stand by them — not to be a snare.

Then came the day that David danced before the Lord as the Ark of the Covenant was brought into Jerusalem. He was so joyful. He simply couldn't

restrain himself. His dancing was an act of worship before Almighty God. But Michal tried to dash his joy. Listen to this:

"And as the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal, Saul's daughter, looked through a window, and saw king David leaping and dancing before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart" (2 Samuel 6:16).

When David came into his house, Michal, in a voice dripping with sarcasm, said: "How glorious was the king of Israel today" acting like "one of the vain fellows."

The world would be a much happier place if husbands and wives would support one another without question. They would accomplish so much more by cheering for one another.

Never should any spouse be described as the meanest, nastiest, most overbearing person on earth, like the old lady from Tennessee.



Roger Alford

Reach Roger Alford at (502) 514-6857 or rogeralford1@gmail.com

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Berea Baptist Church



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- The Berea Parks and Recreation Calls to Santa will be on Thursday, Dec. 7. To register for a call contact Mrs. Claus at (859) 986-9402. All participants must register by Dec. 6 to make the call.
- The "Where's Santa?" tour, sponsored by Berea Parks and Recreation will be Dec. 11 and Dec. 12. He will be at Whitaker Bank, Chestnut Street from 3-3:45; Ace Hardware (4-4:45 p.m.), Subway on Richmond Road (5-5:45 p.m.) and the Housing Authority (6-6:45 p.m. on Dec. 11. The following day on Dec. 12, Santa will make his rounds at Just Love Coffee (3-3:45 p.m.), Tractor Supply (4-4:45 p.m.) and the Folk Center (5-6:45 p.m.).
- Berea Mayor Bruce Fraley will give his State of the City address at 6 p.m. on Dec. 11 at the Folk Center.
- Christmas at the Richmond Battlefield is set for 6 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 9 at Mt. Zion Christian Church. The service will feature the members of the Central Kentucky Brass Quintet. There is no charge and donations of new and pre-packaged socks are encouraged as a dona-
- tion. For more information, call (859) 624-0013.
- Project Warm Feet, a project to make a difference in the lives of the less fortunate, will be held from Nov. 28-Dec. 20 and packages of new or pre-packaged socks will be accepted at the Battle of Richmond Visitors Center, located at 101 Battlefield Memorial Highway. The center is open 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Since 2014, "Project Warm Feet" has collected more than 18,000 pairs of socks. During the Civil War, socks were the most requested items when soldiers wrote letters home.
- The BRIDGE pregnancy ministry open house and drop-in baby shower at 310 Chestnut St. Berea at Berea Baptist Church, Dec. 10th, 2-4 p.m.
- A city-wide Hanukkah celebration will be at 6 p.m., Friday, Dec. 6 at Fee Park on Chestnut Street. The event will feature candle lighting, live music, blessings and a short story.

Send your calendar items to Keith Taylor at publisher@bereacitizen.net

FOOD SERVICE INSPECTIONS FOR WEEKS ENDING 11-16-23 to 11-30-23

Regular Inspections with no follow-up		Score	Explanation
Fire House Subs	1146 Barnes Mill Road, Richmond	100%	
Tropical Smoothie Café	440 Eastern Bypass, Richmond	100%	
Hardee's #1501952	520 Eastern Bypass, Richmond	99%	
Lee's Famous Recipe	1007 Center Dr., Richmond	98%	
Snowfruit #705 @ Kroger	890 Eastern Bypass, Richmond	100%	
AFC Sushi @ Kroger	890 Eastern Bypass, Richmond	100%	
Kroger L-705	890 Eastern Bypass, Richmond	99%	
Giovanni's Pizza	805 Eastern Bypass, Richmond	96%	
Starbucks #10639	2013 Colby Taylor Dr., Richmond	99%	
EKU Case Cafeteria	521 Lancaster Ave., Richmond	99%	
EKU Powell Food Court	521 Lancaster Ave., Richmond	100%	
EKU Case Food Court	521 Lancaster Ave., Richmond	100%	
Regular Inspections with a follow up due			
Logan's Roadhouse	2146 Lantern Ridge Dr., Richmond		Salad cooler food items not found at proper 93% temperature. (41* or lower)
Follow Up Inspection with no follow up due			
Logan's Roadhouse	2146 Lantern Ridge Dr., Richmond	99%	
Follow Up Inspection with a follow up due			
None			
Complaint Inspection with no follow up due			
None			
Complaint Inspection with follow up due			
None			
Other Inspections with no follow up due			
None			

CALLS

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a reduction on funding local fire departments will face as a result of the conclusion of the chemical weapons demilitarization project at the Blue Grass Army Depot.

Referring to future needs, Sandlin said one of his department’s ladder trucks is reaching the end of its 25-year life. Replacement of that equipment could cost \$1.5 million if purchased now. Berea City Administrator Rose Beverly thanked Sandlin for noting that future need now to allow the city to better plan for future costs.

Sandlin was also recently appointed to chair an intergovernmental committee to help Madison County’s local governments adjust to the end of federal funding of emergency services, which was provided during the chemical weapons demilitarization process at the Blue Grass Army Depot. The Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP) provided federal funding to the fire departments of Berea, Richmond and Madison County as long as chemical weapons were present. That changes next year since the weapons stockpile has been destroyed, Sandlin said.

“As you all know, the money is basically coming to an end. This will bring some hard decisions in 2024,” Sandlin said.

At the conclusion of his presentation, city officials expressed thanks for Sandlin’s efforts.

“Shawn was chosen to chair that group,” Mayor Bruce Fraley said of the post-

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citizens. Partnerships have been the cornerstone of our success, and they continue to be vital as we navigate the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. In the spirit of unity, let us reflect on the collaborative efforts that have shaped our county and will continue to lead us to a brighter future.”

Taylor, in his third term as the top official in the county, said those partnerships help improve the quality of life in our region with investments in “the long-term future of the county.”

He cited road improvements in Richmond and Berea, the ongoing renovations at the Madison County Courthouse, plans to improve the animal shelter, the Wilgreen Lake improvement project, expanding broadband services and outreach, opioid settlement funding, public safety, fire safety, EMA/CSEPP

(present and future) and continued economic development throughout Madison County.

He said the county’s relationship with the two city entities — Berea and Richmond — are valuable when it comes to making things happen in Madison County.

“I am so proud of this partnership and Mayor Blythe and Mayor Fraley who also believe in the power of partnership and working together,” he said. “Thank you, my friends, for seeing beyond the city limits. This is an opportunity to build trust and focus on not being competitors but being teammates.”

Taylor added the regional cooperation also is important in moving forward and a valuable component to the success of Madison and adjoining counties.

“We have unanimous support from the City of Berea, City of Richmond, Scott County, City of Georgetown and Lexington/Fayette Urban County Gov-

ernment on a joint economic development partnership,” he said. “This is a huge endeavor and exactly the definition of partnership. I’ve never been more encouraged and excited about where we are as a region and why regionalism matters. Amidst the rapid change happening throughout our county and region, regional planning and collaboration are essential if we want to grow and thrive in the future.”

He also noted that citizen engagement also is a priority.

“Partnership doesn’t just occur at an elected official level,” he said. “Another quality of having a successful community is getting involved in your community. It is indeed an honor to serve as your county Judge-Executive.

“I challenge each of you who may not be involved in our community in some way, to do so. Influence those around you and encourage them to also become engaged.”

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after an attempt was made to disarm Robertson.

Warrants were obtained for Robertson, who refused to exit the home and surrender to authorities. After “many hours” of trying to get Robertson to leave the residence, the Kentucky State Police Special Response Team sprayed GS gas into the residence to force Robertson to leave the home.

She was captured and then taken to Berea Hospital where she was treated and released.

Robertson was then lodged into the Madison County Detention Center and charged with Burglary 1st Degree, Wanton Endangerment 1st Degree (2 counts), Assault 4th Degree, Unlawful Imprisonment 1st Degree (2 counts) and Terroristic Threatening 3rd Degree.

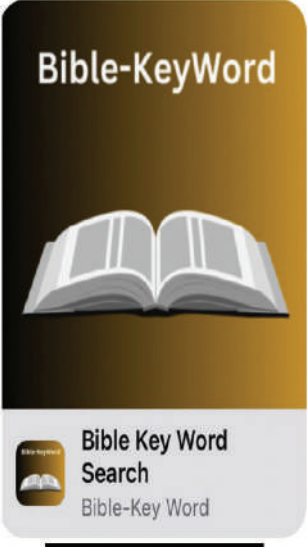
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watching it and we appreciate that.”

In other action, the council heard the first reading of an ordinance that would bring the city’s purchasing policies in line with a change in regulations at the state level.

Due to rising costs, the Kentucky legislature boosted the threshold at which city administrations need to seek council approval for contracts.

Under the previous provisions, if a contract exceeded \$30,000, the city needed to submit a request for proposal (RFP) to obtain bids. The Kentucky legislature increased that threshold to \$40,000.

The proposed ordinance, which will come up for a second and final reading in two weeks, would bring the city’s ordinance and purchasing policy manual more in line with state regulations. It includes provisions which would allow the mayor to make purchases without council approval in the event of an emergency situation.

The next Berea City Council meeting is scheduled for Dec. 19.



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Kentucky’s Statewide Motor Vehicle Database Upgrade

In the culmination of a thirteen-year endeavor, a transformative shift is underway in Kentucky’s Motor Vehicle database. This upgrade from the outdated AVIS system, developed in the 1970s, to the advanced KAVIS system marks a crucial step towards enhancing efficiency and delivering a superior experience for our residents. In-person and online Motor Vehicle services in Madison County will be suspended December 30th through January 5th as we undergo this transition.

December Renewals—Penalty and Interest Waiver

Residents with renewals in December are urged to take advantage of our services before the closure dates. To provide added flexibility and support during this period, we will be waiving all interest and penalties for December renewals through the end of January. “We’re committed to a smooth transition for our residents and appreciate your patience,” stated Clerk **Kenny Barger**.

Steering Success

Clerk **Barger** has played a pivotal role serving on the Steering Committee for the new database, KAVIS, contributing expertise and dedication for the past ten years. He has attended numerous conferences, workshops, and hearings, advocating for an efficient system that prioritizes the needs of the Clerk’s Office to provide an optimal customer experience. This proactive involvement positions Madison County as one of the pioneering counties to embrace the new KAVIS system. Clerk **Barger** stated, “It’s an exciting time. As one of the first twelve counties adopting the new database, we’re looking forward to making this shift forward.”

Important Dates

As we approach this milestone, it’s crucial to be aware of key dates:

- December 29th—Last day for in-person and online Motor Vehicle transactions before the transition.
- January 1st-2nd—Holiday closure.
- January 3rd—Normal business hours, excluding Motor Vehicles.
- January 4th—Office Closure for Team Building Day with office staff and Motor Vehicles Department.
- January 5th—Normal business hours, excluding Motor Vehicles.
- January 8th—Normal business hours; all services will be available.

We acknowledge that there might be lines leading up to the shift and following the launch of our new database. Your patience is highly appreciated as we strive to continue our mission to be the most cost-efficient and customer-focused Clerk’s Office in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

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Sports

Bowl foe excites Cats

LEXINGTON (KT) — Kentucky football coach Mark Stoops expects his squad to be “pretty darn close to 100 percent” when the Wildcats take on Clemson in the Gator Bowl.

“Our guys are excited about this bowl game (and they) want to play in this bowl game,” Stoops said Monday.

That includes running back Ray Davis, cornerback Andru Phillips and other players who have either declared for the NFL Draft or have announced plans to enter the transfer portal.

“I’m going to talk to (Ray) again,” Stoops said. “He’ll decide that ... I’m not sure there’s not a possibility that he can come back and play in this game. But the majority of everybody else I’ve talked to is excited about this opportunity.”

Last year, Stoops made the decision not to include players who had declared or had planned to transfer, on the team’s travel roster. Without its key components, including quarterback Will Levis, Kentucky dropped a 21-0 decision to Iowa in the Music City Bowl.

“You just want to make sure they want to go, they want to help this team,” he said. “They deserve that opportunity, but they can’t be a distraction. It can’t just be a paid holiday. They can go do that somewhere else.”

Kentucky quarterback Devin Leary is expected to play in the contest and indicated his desire to compete in the postseason before the Wildcats defeated rival Louisville on Nov. 25.

“This one, I’m going to live it up,” he said. “I can’t wait for the experience — being able to go out and actually play in a bowl game is kind of like a dream come true.”

Kentucky finished the regular season with a 7-5 mark and defeated rival Louisville to reclaim the Governor’s Cup for the fifth straight season.



UK players react during a loss to UNCW last Saturday.
Photo by Les Nicholson

Stunning loss Game of firsts a failure for UK

LEXINGTON (KT) — The first game of December featured a lot of firsts for Kentucky, one of which was a surprise outcome as UNC-Wilmington stunned the 12th-ranked Wildcats 80-73 Saturday.

Coming off an exciting 95-73 win over No. 8 Miami in the ACC-SEC Challenge Tuesday, the last home game before the Christmas break featured a duplicate performance of the team’s 96-88 overtime win over Saint Joseph’s on Nov. 20. This time, however, the outcome was different.

“This was Saint Joe’s again, where we couldn’t stay in front of the ball,” Kentucky coach John Calipari said. “The difference between this and Saint Joe’s? We made shots, so we were able to (win) the game.”

The Seahawks made shots, including 11 3-pointers, while Kentucky struggled and connected on a season-low five shots from long range on 17 attempts.

“They played their butts off and they deserved to win the game the way they played,” Calipari said. “The shots they made — I mean, and they were big shots when they needed to make a shot. They did. When we needed to make a shot for us, we didn’t.”

The Wildcats (6-2) made their debut on a new court, replacing the previous playing surface that had been in use since the 2001 season. It marked the third time the court has been replaced since the Rupp Arena opened its doors to the public in 1976.

Kentucky lost its first game on the previous court — a 64-52 setback to Western Kentucky 22 years ago and the debut on

the newest installation wasn’t a success either as UNC Wilmington handed the Wildcats their first home loss of the year.

“We came into this game selfishly, I think,” Kentucky forward Adou Thiero said. “First half we weren’t really swinging the ball to each other as much as we usually do. We didn’t get the same amount of assists we usually do; guys were trying to do things on their own - we were just out of it.”

Tough loss

Kentucky’s freshman sensation, Reed Sheppard, made his first collegiate start and scored seven of the Wildcats’ last nine points of the first half as the Wildcats trimmed a 14-point deficit to 41-33 at the half. His 3-pointer gave Kentucky its first lead of the game at the 15:38 mark of the second half, but it wasn’t enough. Sheppard finished with 25 points, nine rebounds, six assists and two steals.

“It was a tough game, a tough loss,” he said. “(I don’t care how) I played. Any time you lose a game, I don’t think that that matters. I don’t like losing and I don’t like losing at all. You’ve got to give a lot of credit to them. They came out and played a great game.”

The loss marked the long-awaited debut of 7-foot-1 center Aaron Bradshaw, who missed the first seven games of the season with an injured foot. Bradshaw’s first field goal was a two-handed slam dunk at the 15-minute mark of the first half. In his debut, Bradshaw scored three points, collected two rebounds and added a block.

“He’s still not in the flow of

the stuff yet but he did some good stuff,” Calipari said. “That’s a good start for him.”

Confidence boost

Trazarien White scored a career-high 27 points to lead UNC-Wilmington.

White scored 18 of the last 31 points. It was the first road win against a ranked opponent in school history and the biggest for the program since defeating Southern California in the 2002 NCAA Tournament.

“This is a big-time win for us and a confidence booster,” White said. “We will celebrate a little bit, get back to our process, because we don’t want to revert back to before now we’re on the high road.”

Deja’ vu

UNC-Wilmington coach Takayo Siddle played on a Gardner-Webb team that defeated then-No. 20 Kentucky 84-68 on Nov. 20, 2007. He defeated the Wildcats as a coach the first time he faced them.

Siddle mentioned the win “briefly” to his squad, but wanted his team to focus on the task at hand.

“It was so long ago, but my message was believe. Anything can happen and little Gardner-Webb came in here back in 2007 and we had the same outcome,” he said.

“I think they understood the message I was trying to get across to them.”

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10
Texas A&M Comm. • Won • 81-61

14
Kansas • Lost • 89-84

17
Stonehill • Won • 101-67

20
Saint Joseph's • Won • 96-88 (OT)

24
Marshall • Won • 118-82

28
Miami • Won • 95-73

December

2
UNC Wilmington • Lost • 80-73

9
Penn @ Philly • Noon • ESPN2

16
North Carolina • 5:30 p.m. • CBS

21
@ Louisville • 6 p.m. • ESPN

29
Illinois State • 7 p.m. • SECN

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6
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State of the City

Fraley touts city's infrastructure, job creation

By Andy McDonald

For The Citizen

The City of Berea has made significant gains in job creation and infrastructure development, but there's more to be done, according to Mayor

Bruce Fraley. Fraley outlined the city's progress and priorities in his annual State of City address held at the Russell Acton Folk Center Tuesday, a free public event hosted by the Berea Chamber of Commerce.

According to Fraley, Berea is in an especially strong position financially, both in terms of its fiscal budget and its efforts in growing municipal revenues through future job creation. At the end of the 2022-

2023 fiscal year, the city took in \$2.5 million more than it spent, while adding to a \$3.7 million Rainy Day Fund and its \$3.45 million Capital Sinking Fund, which is used for city projects and needed equipment, Fraley noted.

The mayor credited the city council, department heads, and Finance Director Susan (Meeks) Helton, and City Administrator Rose Beverly for the city's budgetary discipline.

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Sheriff's Captain left legacy of service

The Madison County Sheriff's Department is mourning one of its own. Captain Sam Manley, 71, passed away Tuesday after suffering a medical emergency. He was transported to Baptist Health, Richmond, where he later died. Manley was a retired member of the Richmond Police Department before joining the Madison County Sheriff's Department. He served 36 years in law enforcement and was assistant chief of police in Richmond upon his retirement in 2005. Manley also served in U.S. Army Reserves for 26 years as a Drill Instructor with the 100th Division; before retiring in 1998 as a First Sergeant. "We humbly request for you to keep the family of Captain Sam Manley and the Madison County Sheriff's Office in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time," the Sheriff's Department wrote in a social media post.



Sam Manley

Santa sighting



Santa Claus made his rounds through town Monday and Tuesday, making stops at various businesses, including Whitaker Bank on Chestnut Street Monday. Jordan Fetters, left and his sister Jacelyn Fetters, right, make sure Santa knows what is on their wish list. The "Where's Santa? tour was sponsored by Berea Parks and Recreation.

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Letters to Santa



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John Preston and his wife Cory walked through Berea last week on their 700-mile journey.

'22 and you'

Couple walks to raise suicide prevention awareness

By Heather Phillips

Citizen Staff Writer

On November 11, John Preston and his wife Cory set out to walk 700 miles over the course of the next month. Their mission? To raise awareness about suicide prevention. As a Marine combat veteran and a professional

firefighter, John has seen firsthand the hardships veterans and first responders struggle with behind the scenes. The courageous individuals, who put their lives on the line to protect and serve, often bear witness to the darkest aspects of humanity. Disturbingly,

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Fire & Rescue Banquet













The Berea Volunteer Fire & Rescue had its annual banquet last Friday night at Berea College. Those honored were: Volunteer Firefighter of the Year: Bill Osborne and Wade Holland (top left); Lowell Murray Training Award: Sam Gangodawilaga (top right); Top 5 Responders: Osborne, Brandon Benning, Chris Seals, Mike Morris and T.J. Trujillo (middle); Probationary Member of the Year: Rilie Ledford (above); Honorary Volunteer Firefighter award: Debbie Warford (third row left) and Donna Angel, third row bottom).

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Bertha Lee Griffin

Bertha Lee Griffin, age 80, passed away Monday November 27, 2023, at Clark Regional Medical Center in Winchester. She was born May 19, 1943, in Madison County to the late Carlos M. and Sarah Ann Centers Griffin. Bertha was a homemaker, enjoying small crafts, loved to crochet and spending time with family. She was of the Holiness faith.

Other than her parents Bertha was preceded in death by one sister, Dorothy Carol Himes.

She is survived by one son, Carlos Shane Griffin of Richmond, and one sister Mary Lou McCracken.

Funeral services were conducted on Saturday November 9, 2023, at Davis & Powell Funeral Home. Rev. Wayne Miller officiated. Burial followed in the Miller Cemetery on Red Lick Rd. Davis and Powell Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



William Bryan Castleberry Jr.

William Bryan Castleberry Jr passed away on December 3, 2023, after a brief illness. He was born on June 3, 1963, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to William Bryan Castleberry Sr. and Judy Herndon. He is survived by his loving wife Kimberly Bevan Castleberry and one son Cole (Jessica). In addition, he is survived by his father Bryan Sr., stepmother Barbara Marshall Castleberry, his mother Judy Duff, two sisters Kimberely (Ray Sikorski) and Suzanne Bender. Two nieces, Mary Golsan and Jacqui Verace, and nephew Dylan Hidalgo also survive.

In accordance with his wish's cremation was done. No services are scheduled. A celebration of life will be held at a later time.

Lakes Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Jimmy Junior Phillips

Jimmy Junior Phillips, age 74, of Berea, passed away Monday, December 4, 2023, at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington.

Jimmy was born in Garrard County, to the late James and Anna Lee Phillips. He worked at various fast-food restaurants and had been a farm hand.

In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by seven siblings.

He is survived by his son, Christopher Phillips, one sister, Helen Anderson, and four grandchildren. He is also survived by many cousins and extended family members.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, December 10, 2023. Lakes Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



Vickie Lynn McDaniel

Vickie Lynn McDaniel age 64, wife of Wayne McDaniel, passed away suddenly on December 5, 2023, at her home in Berea. Vicky is the daughter of Treva Saylor of Berea and the late Bobby Jack Allen. She was also preceded in death by her son Rodney Meadows, her daughter Amanda Meadows, and her brothers Bobby Jack Allen, and Bryan Allen.

Vickie is survived by her mother Treva, her husband Wayne McDaniel, her son Johnny Franklin Meadows Jr., her sisters: Becky Newby and Pam Flores and her brother Ronald Wayne Allen, and her grandchildren: Sierra Meadows, Daylon Meadows, Manuel Jaramillo, Christian Jaramillo, Arionna Villasuerte, Patricia Torivio, Savanna Hillard, and 7 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was conducted on Monday, December 11, 2023. Lakes Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

WALK

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it has been reported that 30 percent of first responders will grapple with depression or PTSD, and on average, 22 veterans succumb to suicide each day. That is why John committed to walking 22 miles a day. His operation is called , "22 And You" and its aim is to "strengthen community and encourage veterans and first responders struggling with mental health to seek help and strive for positive change."

Traveling from Parris Island, South Carolina to

Cincinnati, Ohio, John and his crew passed through Berea on December 6.

During his time as a Marine combat veteran, John struggled with alcohol to cope with what he would later learn was PTSD. In addition to his own struggle, John witnessed the struggles of his fellow veterans and wanted to do something about it. He began a successful music career that aimed to bring suicide awareness and prevention to the forefront.

In 2016, on the eve of a performance, John's world was shattered when he

received news of his older brother Michael's suicide — a fellow Marine and police officer. This heartbreaking event reinforced John's resolve to bring the darkness of mental health challenges into the light.

Fast forward to 2020 and John did his first 600-plus mile march along the West coast. Thousands joined him at different places along his journey. Many showed up vulnerable and shared their stories of personal struggle — a testament to the increasing awareness of this critical issue.

As a native Kentuckian, John's current route is a lot

more personal to him. With our narrow, winding roads John doesn't expect many people to show up physically this time around, but encourages anyone that wants to help further their mission to consider donating on their website www.22andyou.net. John reminded that these men and women are our country's heroes, and he calls upon everyone to recognize their duty to safeguard those who safeguard us.

With the awareness, John hopes action will follow. Traditional talk-therapy doesn't work for

everyone, so John is happy to see an influx of different, unconventional forms of therapy emerging.

He thinks we could further benefit by getting veterans and former first responders into the mental health industry. Most people struggling are looking for someone that truly understands what they're going

through. John says those resources are out there, but you may have to be your own advocate.

We may not be able to avoid those dark days, but we can surely find someone to help carry the load. Reach out, but more importantly, John says to "push through because there will be peace on the other side."



Message from Cora Jane Wilson

"O come, let us worship and bow down: Let us kneel before the LORD our maker."
Psalm 95:6 KJV

FRALEY

FROM PAGE 1

Growth in city revenue has driven an increase in occupational license fees following the creation of more jobs in Berea industry and growth of small businesses. Fraley credited his economic development team, which includes City Administrator Beverly and Business and Tourism Development Director Donna Angel.

Job growth

There has been job growth at Hitachi Astemo Americas Expansion, as well as over 160 new jobs at Hitachi Electric Motor Systems, and 200 new jobs at Motor Wheel. The city also secured a grant to construct building a new spec building near Farristown Middle School that attracted a supplier for Hyster-Yale Group. Another spec building pad is in the works.

"The city of Berea is recognized on a state level," Fraley said of Berea's job growth. "People want to be like us. We're considered to be among the best in our class when it comes to economic development."

Working with other local governments and pursuing economic development on a regional basis will be the key to future success, according to Fraley. In one example, the mayor said by fostering good working relationships with Madison County Judge Executive and City of Richmond Mayor Robert Blythe, new opportunities have been created. A cooperative economic development plan is in the works that includes all three Madison County governments as well as the governments of Lexington-Fayette, Scott County, and the City of Georgetown. The six local governments submitted a joint application to build a regional industrial park. An announcing is forthcoming concerning the approval of that application, said Fraley.

Building relationships

Additionally, Fraley said the city is constantly looking for ways to cooperate with federal, state and local officials, as well as Berea College, Eastern Kentucky University, and several regional development agencies, including the Blue Grass Area Development District, the Kentucky League of Cities, and the Bluegrass Alliance.

Funding for Berea projects has

been secured as a result, Fraley said, including the restoration of the Berea Bypass to the state's six-year transportation plan, funding of the Scaffold Cane Road shared use path and bridge, clearing the way for approval of the Owsley Fork Reservoir dam project, the widening of U.S. 25, as well as major improvements of the city's sewer system, including the Brushy Fork Sanitary Sewer Project and the KY 595 Pump Station Rehabilitation Project at a combined value of approximately \$1.5 million.

Future priorities

Addressing other future priorities, Fraley said Berea Tourism will continue its strategy to create facilities that will attract visitors while also benefitting local residents. Examples include a proposed \$1 million in park improvements using American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funds to build more ball fields and create new outdoor recreation facilities. The Silver Creek Bike Park, Berea's expanding network of walking trails and shared use paths, and the Chestnut Street Pavilion are funded by the Berea Tourism Commission.

Attracting small conventions and events will also be a priority in the future, Fraley said, especially with the completion of the Tolle Building renovation, which is expected after the first of the year.

Beverly speaks

In a break from State of the City routine, City Administrator Beverly addressed the audience, noting that her priorities have been revising the city's pay scale to stay competitive with other municipalities, as well as creating a road plan that enables the administration to make much needed repairs of city streets.

Beverly credited the city staff and department heads for keeping the budget on track, but she also thanked Fraley for staying focused on created jobs in Berea, calling him one of the best mayors in the commonwealth. Noting that other cities are suffering financial difficulties, Beverly said Fraley's aggressive pursuit of economic opportunities has made a difference.

"This man is going out and working hard every single day for this community," Beverly said. "It takes a lot of work to attract new businesses and industry, and that is what is helping us to get the money we need to make improvements and keep this city going."

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Worth repeating

Some movies never grow old.

Like many of you, I've watched National Lampoon's "Christmas Vacation" more than once and more than I can count on my fingers and toes not just once but twice.

Seems like each and every time I watch it, I see a sequence I had forgotten about or didn't catch the first time. Christmas Vacation is one of our family's favorite movies this time of the year and mom loved it, too.

It was one of her favorite Christmas movies.

We watch it non-stop on television even though we have a DVD version of the flick. It's just one of those movies that is memorable and the actors, starting with Chevy Chase, do a fantastic job depicting a Griswold Family Christmas.

Although a comedy straight out of Hollywood not based on a true story, some of the humor and characters in the movie reminds us of some of our family members. Every family has a "cousin Eddie" and I would venture to say real-life versions of Randy Quade's character are even more comical than cousin Eddie Griswold.

What makes the movie so memorable is the well-written script the actors and even the music used from beginning to end.

Who would have thought to use frozen ice as a weapon or even a well-greased sled to create memorable scenes?

Even though the scenes are less than realistic for most families, it does create a sense of family and what it means during this time of the year in a way that brings laughter, which is good for the soul.

The turkey that didn't turn out so well, despite looking tasty on the outside in one the scenes in the movie, was reminiscent of my first try at mom's homemade pecan pie. The outside looked much better than the inside, but I'm going to keep trying to perfect the pecan pie.

Clark Griswold had planned to install an in-ground pool with his annual Christmas bonus but instead received a subscription to the jelly of the month club.

Although it was a bonus that "keeps on giving" throughout the year, it wasn't the gift he was expecting from his employer.

Sometimes our gifts may not be what we expect, but it's important to appreciate the little things amid so much uncertainty.

Honestly, Christmas hasn't be the same for our family, we've made the best of it, because mom would have wanted it that way.

We also continue to watch "Christmas Vacation" over and over and over again. You may see a scene that you missed the first time or just need a few laughs ahead of Christmas.

Some movies are just memorable and "Christmas Vacation" is one of them.



Keith Taylor



Ever-changing Christmas story

Christmas is always changing. The biblical story never changes but your story is always changing. How we celebrate and view the story of Mary and Joseph and the baby Jesus may change throughout life. We view the story one way as children but then the story matures as we age.

We all have a lot of Christmas stories. I remember a large family. My mother came from a large family as did my dad. They all had children so the total number of family we felt connected to was great. The years have passed by and my mother and father have passed as have all their siblings and many of their children. The people we related to, heard from and spent Christmas with has changed. They no longer exist. Many of us have lost spouses and buried children and thus our Christmas has changed.

The story of Christmas is the same but it's not the same. For some of us we have a difficult time even recognizing Christmas. What once brought us laughter, joy and even peace

may no longer exist.

How you spend Christmas this year may be a distant memory next year. What you may dread or enjoy this Christmas may not even be possible next year.

In reality, very few of our Christmases ever look totally the same. Finances change. Jobs change. Health changes. Death robs us of loved ones. Our residences sometimes change.

Mary and Joseph certainly never celebrated Christmas ever again the way they celebrated their first one. The birth of Jesus in a stable and placed in a manger will always stand out as the Christmas we will remember about that family.

Hopefully they had a few easier Birthday celebrations for Jesus in the years ahead. Although it seems they may have had many more difficult ones as Jesus' father Joseph soon disappeared from the Biblical narra-



Glenn Mollette

tive. We don't know if Joseph died or left but his absence had to be a hardship on Mary and her family.

The story of the first family of Christmas was filled with ups and downs. What Jesus would face later in life was excruciating for his mother and siblings and certainly for him. The end of Jesus' life story is the best part. The story for Jesus ends well. He was abused, humiliated, lived-in poverty, executed but came out of his tomb as the living son of God. According to the scriptures he was seen by hundreds of people. The person who had to be more thrilled than all in seeing Jesus after his death had to be his mother. The way she would experience and celebrate Christmas, her son's birthday, would forever be changed. Her Christmas story became an amazing story of victory, triumph and great hope. Her story changed and it got better.

My prayer for us all is that we each will experience hope, peace and victory in our ever-changing Christmas story.

BBB holiday scams

1. Misleading social media ads BBB Scam Tracker receives reports of consumers paying for items that they never receive, getting charged monthly for a free trial they never signed up for, and receiving counterfeit products. When you see flashy ads pop up on social media, do your research first before you click buy. Check out the business profile on bbb.org and read reviews.

2. Social media gift exchange Variations of this scam pop up every holiday season. They typically revolve around exchanging bottles of wine, books, or small gifts. In each version, participants unwittingly

share their personal information along with those of their family members and friends, and are tricked into buying and shipping gifts to unknown individuals. Bottom line: it's an illegal pyramid scheme.

3. Holiday apps Browse Apple's App Store or Google Play and you'll see dozens of holiday-themed apps. Before you download, review privacy policies to see what information will be collected. Be wary of free apps as they can sometimes contain malware.

4. Alerts about compromised accounts BBB has received reports on Scam Tracker of scams that

claim consumers' Amazon, PayPal, Netflix, or even bank accounts have been compromised. Victims are tricked into thinking they need to provide personal and/or financial information in order to rectify their accounts. Be cautious of any unsolicited calls, emails, or texts you receive.

5. Free gift cards Scammers have been known to send bulk phishing emails requesting personal information to receive free gift cards. In some instances, scammers impersonate legitimate companies like Starbucks and promise gift cards to loyal customers. They may also use pop-up ads or send text messages

with links saying you've been randomly selected as the winner of a gift card or prize. If you receive any unsolicited emails or texts with gift card offers, do not click on any links and mark the messages as spam or junk.

6. Temporary holiday jobs While there are many legitimate seasonal job opportunities, job seekers should beware of employment scams aimed at stealing money and personal information from job applicants. Watch out for job opportunities that seem too good to be true, and research companies first before accepting a job offer.

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MADISON COUNTY DETENTION CENTER

Nov. 30

• Brandi Dawn Carroll, 46, King Mountain: contempt of court, libel/slander, resistance to order

• Rebecca McKnight, 51, Richmond: probation violation, for technical violation

• Ricky Dale Wagers, 60, Richmond: failure to appear

• Jessica A. Winkler, 27, Richmond: failure to appear

• Deon Lamar Wilson, 53, Richmond: failure to appear

• Travis Nathaniel Isaacs, 35, Richmond: failure to appear

• Alexis Perez-Leyva, 19, Hazleton, Pennsylvania: failure to appear

• Daniel L. Carr, 45, Williamsburg: public intoxication – controlled substance (excludes alcohol)

• Ashley Hope Johnson, 34, Richmond: failure to appear; possession of a controlled substance, 3rd degree – drug unspecified

• Jeffrey B. Hoskins, 38, Richmond: failure to appear

• Allen Todd Wininger, 37, Richmond: non-payment of court costs fees, or fines (3 counts); contempt of court, libel/slander, resistance to order

• David Baker, 64, Lancaster: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines

Dec. 1

• Edrick Khan Harper, II, 24, Richmond: alcohol intoxication in a public place – 1st and 2nd offenses; disorderly conduct, 2nd degree; terroristic threatening, 3rd degree

• William Anthony Simmons, 39, Richmond: hold for court

• Brian Tolliver, 44, Richmond: hold for court

• Ebony Jones, 43, Louisville: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting, \$10,000 but less than \$1,000.000; theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting, \$1,000 but less than \$10,000 (2 counts)

• Kristopher Campbell, 19, Richmond: failure to or improper signal; no registration receipt; no registration plates; failure to produce insurance cards; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of substance -1st

• Ozum Bal, 39, Richmond: serving time

• Michael L. Cheeks, 41, Richmond: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); resisting arrest; menacing

• Michael Kinser, 39, Richmond: probation violation,

for felony offense (2 counts)

• Darrin Pingleton, 30, Berea: criminal mischief, 3rd degree; terroristic threatening, 3rd degree

• Rose Epps, 37, Richmond: criminal abuse, 1st degree – child 12 or under; endangering the welfare of a minor

• Amadou Diallo, 37, Richmond: criminal abuse, 1st degree – child 12 or under; endangering the welfare of a minor

• Edna Margaret Sparks, 51, Berea: failure to appear

• Peter Hernandez Escoto, 65, not given: serving weekends

• Sherri Danielle Winburn, 32, not given: serving weekends

• Marie Crutcher, 50, Richmond: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting; possession of a handgun by a convicted felon; non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines (2 counts); failure to appear (2 counts)

• Misty Isaacs, 35, not given: serving weekends

• Adam James Walker, 38, not given: serving weekends

• Deshawn K. Abbott, 37, Richmond: public intoxication – controlled substance (excludes alcohol)

• Chadwick Allen Coyle, 40, Richmond: alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses)

• Dillard Craige Norman, 42, Mt. Vernon: failure to appear (2 counts); robbery, 1st degree; resisting arrest; possession of a handgun by a convicted felon; possession of a controlled substance, 3rd degree – drug unspecified; tampering with physical evidence; criminal possession of forged instrument, 2nd degree

Dec. 2

• Robert Hobbs, 37, Pineville: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines

• Brian Smith, 36, Clearfield: strangulation, 1st degree; disorderly conduct, 1st degree; terroristic threatening, 3rd degree; resisting arrest

• Dilan Johnson, 19, Irvine: carrying a concealed weapon

• Barry D. Pittman, 61, Lancaster: operating on suspended or revoked operator’s license; drug paraphernalia – buy/possess; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (heroin)

• Edna Margaret Sparks, 51, Berea: criminal trespassing – 3rd degree

• Kevin Shaw Puckett, 44, Owensboro: criminal possession of a forged instrument,

1st degree; theft by unlawful taking, all others, \$1,000 but less than \$10,000; criminal possession of a forged instrument 2nd degree; theft by deception – include cold checks, \$1,000 but less than \$10,000

• Mark Anthony Schultz, 47, Richmond: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting; failure to appear

• Mary Wilson, 27, Richmond: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines

Dec. 3

• Misti Dale Combs-Robertson, 46, Richmond: burglary, 1st degree; wanton endangerment – 1st degree; assault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor injury; unlawful imprisonment – 1st degree; terroristic threatening, 3rd degree; cruelty to animals, 2nd degree

• Paul Coltan, 21, Richmond: disregarding traffic control device – traffic light; reckless driving; operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08-1st

• Jacob M. Bennett, 31, Richmond: failure to appear; alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses); disorderly conduct, 2nd degree; menacing; harassment – physical contact – no injury

• Deshawn K. Abbott, 37, Richmond: criminal mischief, 3rd degree; public intoxication – controlled substance (excludes alcohol)

• James Lopez, 53, Danville: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of substance(s) – 2nd; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine)

• Daniel Lockhart, 31, Redford, Michigan: assault, 4th degree, domestic violence, minor injury

• Cassie Regina Guinn, 35, Berea: failure to appear; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 2nd offense (methamphetamine); drug paraphernalia – buy/possess

• Justin W. Banks, 36, Berea: no registration plates; no registration receipt; operating on suspended or revoked operator’s license; no motorcycle operator’s license; failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security – 1st offense; failure to produce insurance card; failure to register transfer of motor vehicle; rubber on vehicle tire less than one inch thick

• Andrew Rhodus, 31, Richmond: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (drug

unspecified); drug paraphernalia – buy/possess; failure to appear

• Carl Eugene Ruppe, Jr., 44, Richmond: failure to wear seat belts; communication device violation, 1st offense; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (drug unspecified); possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 2nd offense (methamphetamine); drug paraphernalia – buy/possess; possession of marijuana

• Buffie Blair, 50, Berea: failure to appear, citation for misdemeanor

Dec. 4

• Elizabeth Rusch, 32, Morehead: operating motor vehicle under the influence of substance(s) – 2nd; careless driving

• Jason M. Durham, 44, Berea: probation violation, for felony offense (2 counts)

• William Luke Alexander, 28, Berea: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines

• Michael Glennon, 41, Richmond: assault, 4th degree domestic violence, no visible injury

• Bruce Readus, 31, Richmond: parole violation, for technical violation

• Brandon Hoefler, 31, Richmond: hold for court

• Eric Young, 26, Somerset: probation violation, for felony offense; receiving stolen property, \$1,000 but less than \$10,000

• Dwayne Roaden, 63, Somerset: serving time

• Harold W. Edwards, 52, Richmond: failure to comply with sex offender registration (1st offense); terroristic threatening, 3rd degree

• Christopher Douglas Still, 44, Richmond: strangulation, 1st degree; unlawful imprisonment, 1st degree; assault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor injury; terroristic threatening, 3rd degree; persistent felony offender, II

• Evelyn Bacchus, 49, Richmond: assault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor injury

Dec. 5

• Joseph Edward Schalk, 46, Richmond: no brake lights (passenger vehicles); operating vehicle with expired operator’s license; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 2nd offense (methamphetamine); tampering with physical evidence

• Justin Scott Wooley, 33, Richmond: public intoxication – controlled substance (excludes alcohol)

• Jessica Salfi, 35, Lexington: trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (greater than or equal to 40 grams cocaine); trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st offense (heroin); public intoxication – controlled substance (excludes alcohol); trafficking in a controlled substance, 3rd degree, 1st offense (greater than 120 D.U. drug unspecified; drug paraphernalia – buy/possess; failure to appear

• Zakery James Clark, 28, Berea: failure to appear

• James Earl Eldridge, 44, Winchester: trafficking in a controlled substance, 3rd degree, 1st offense; possession of a handgun by a convicted felon; public intoxication – controlled substance (excludes alcohol)

• Matthew Lee Goode, 38, Richmond: serving time

• Joseph Zackary Nicholson, 40, Richmond: serving time

• Charles D. Dearing, 43, London: failure to appear

• Cierra Mahaffey, 18, Berea: failure to appear

• Roseanna M. Brown, 41, Richmond: failure to appear (2 counts)

Dec. 6

• Halen Hansel, 26, Winchester: rear license not illuminated; possession of open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st

• David Arvin, 39, Stanton: failure to appear, citation for misdemeanor

• Aaron Christopher Dezern, 43, Richmond: failure to appear, citation for misdemeanor

• Mitchell Banks, 50, Lexington: failure to appear

• Samuel K. Warner, 46, Irvine: hold for court

• Alexander Shircliff, 22, Richmond: probation violation for misdemeanor offense

• Jonathan Melton, 33, Williamsburg: hold for court

• Christopher Spivey-Campbell, 30, Richmond: hold for court

• William D. Jones, 52, Berea: hold for court

• Roy W. Osborne, 49, London: hold for court

• Aaron Douglas Tate, 40, Richmond: failure to appear

• Jeffery S. Marcum, 49, Richmond: hold for court; failure to appear

• Robert Adams, 38, Berea: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines

• Samuel F. Dozal, 46, Richmond: failure to appear

MARRIAGES

Dec. 1

• Kendra Leeann Kelley, cashier, 25, of Berea to Katey Jo Clem, filling tech, 26, of Berea

Dec. 4

• Keisha Lynn Bruce, unemployed, 42, of Richmond to Kevin Dean Lawson unemployed, 47, of Richmond

• Katelynn Marie Morgan, teacher, 22, of Richmond to Isaiah Adam Vice, grocery clerk, 21, of Richmond

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• Bobby D. LaDuke vs. Patricia C. Walker

• Christopher Shane Conner vs. Tami L. Conner

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• Katrina Renee Wal-len, clinic supervisor, 34, of Richmond to James Michael Hicks, union laborer, 36, of Richmond

• Mark Anthony Huguely, philanthropy associate, 31, of Berea to Marilyn Suzanne Escalante-Guimaraes, teacher, 30, of Berea

Dec. 6

• Chase Andrew Wainscott, food service, 22, of Richmond to Lyndsey Anne Perkins, food service, 21, of Richmond

Maloney

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• CHFS for Catherine F. Cook vs. James W. Perkins

• Shelby Gene Lawson vs. Amanda Sue Lawson

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• Christian Blake Sadler vs. Leeanna Mae Sandlin

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Nov. 27

• Freedom Mortgage Corporation vs. Jason White, ET AL

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• Whitaker Bank, Inc. vs. Loren Bishop

Nov. 30

• Michael Burnam Witt (a/k/a Michael B. Witt) and Rhonda Witt, Kevin Boyd Witt and Gina Witt, Patricia Mae Frazier and Paul Frazier to ROMD, LLC and Tudor Holdings, tracts Madison County (vicinity of Red House, KY), \$1565,000

• James G. Lewis and Jenny E. Lewis to John S. Otis and Lisa S. Otis, 256 River Run Drive, Richmond, \$490,000

• Peggy S. Moss to Andrea Freeman, Trustee of the Peggy S. Moss Irrevocable trust lot 89 Castlewood Subdivision, for and in consideration of the premises and to conform to the intentions of the Parties

• Ronald Joe Ginter and Mary Jane Ginter to Andrea Holeccek and Timothy Creekmore or survivor, lot 24 Highland Park Places Subdivision, \$455,000

• Marian Adams Cook and Scott P. Cook, Julia Katherine Adams and Marian Adams Cook, Successor Trustees of the Marion F. Adams, Jr. Family Testamentary Trust and Julia Katherine Adams, individually and as Executrix of the Estate of Iva Cowan Adams to Julia Katherine Adams, tracts Madison County (vicinity of Hagans Mill Road), for the purposes of divid-

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ing and distributing the assets of the Estate of Ivan Cowan Adams and of the Marion F. Adams, Jr. Family Testamentary Trust and for an in exchange of partial interest in farms previously convey to the party of the Second Part and to her sister Julia Katherine Adams and for and in consideration of \$152,806

• Marian Adams Cook and Scott P. Cook, Julia Katherine Adams and Marian Adams Cook, Successor Trustees of the Marion F. Adams, Jr. Family Testamentary Trust and Julia Katherine Adams, individually and as the Executrix of the Estate of Iva Cowan Adams, to Marian Adams Cook, tract Madison County (vicinity of Hagans Mill Road) for the purposes of dividing and distributing the assets of the Estate of Ivan Cowan Adams and of the Marion F. Adams, Jr. Family Testamentary Trust and for an in exchange of partial interest in farms previously convey to the party of the Second Part and to her sister Marian Adams Cook

• Scudder Pearson, Barbara jean Gilbert and Harlen Dewayne Gilbert, Thomas Clay Pearson and Bessie Mae Pearson to Barbara

Jean Gilbert and Harlen Dewayne Gilbert, Thomas Clay Pearson and Bessie Mae Pearson and James Allen Pearson, tract 1 plat 31/43, for and in consideration of the division of property between parties

• Scudder Pearson, Barbara Jean Gilbert and Harlen Dewayne Gilbert, Thomas Clay Pearson and Bessie Mae Pearson and James Allen Pearson to Scudder Pearson, tract 2 plat 31/43, for and in consideration of a division of the property between parties

• Madison Tylor Wright to J. Flynn, Inc, 703 Goldenwood Drive, Richmond, \$48,500

Dec. 1

• Dennis M. Williams and Lisa Williams to Matthew Neal and Mia Neal, 413 Hackett Pike, Richmond, \$660,000

• Bobby Gene Carr and Judy McCollum Carr to The Bobby Gene Carr and/or Judy McCollum Carr Revocable Living Trust, lot 54 Lower South Pointe, Phase I, \$1.00

• Ricky Sam Horn and Tina Horn to Wesley B. Witt and Susan Witt, unit 1000 of 1000 Golden Leaf Condominiums (1040 Golden Leaf Blvd. Unit #3), \$207,500

• James Michael Renfro to Abundant Hope Naturals, LLC, 141

Rose Lane, Richmond, \$105,000

Dec. 4

• Keith D. Rogers, Administrator of the Estate of Wanda L. Rogers (a/k/a Wanda Lou Rose Rogers, and Keith D. Rogers and Nancy Alice Sturgill, daughter of Wanda L. Rogers to Keith D. Rogers and Nancy Alice Sturgill, daughter of Wanda L. Rogers, lots P1/77, in order to provide for the orderly administration of her estate and to distribute her real property to her heirs-at-law, Keith D. Rogers and Nancy Alice Sturgill, in exchange for their mutual love and affection

• The Estate of Robert Craft, by Tammy Short, Administratrix to Tammy King (f/k/a Tammy Short), 329 King’s Trace Drive, #161,797.20

• Charles M. Stull and Sandra R. Stull to Charles M. Stull and Sandra R. Stull, Trustees of the Charles and Sandra Stull Revocable Trust, lot 14 Hillcrest Subdivision, for the purposes of funding the Charles and Sandra Stull Revocable Trust, dated November 14, 2023

• Gary E. King and Carolyn S. King to Sarah K. King, 309 Bocote Drive, Berea, \$302,740

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Aim at the right target

Maybe you heard about the proud dad who was teaching his young sons how to shoot. The first little fellow took a breath, held his rifle steady, and fired. “Good news,” the father said. “You hit the bullseye.” Before his head could swell too much, the father continued, “The bad news is it was on your brother’s target.”

In the divisive times we’re living in, people seem to be firing shots in all directions — verbal shots, that is. The late, great evangelist Maze Jackson said when he was young and didn’t know any better he stood in the pulpit one evening and took aim at other preachers, firing verbal volleys at all of them.

After the service, Brother Maze recalled asking his dad how he liked that sermon. His dad told him through tears that it’s not wise to shoot his own people, that he would need

every one of them to stand with him in such times as these. It is so disheartening to hear of people speaking harshly of other folks. If you’re a regular on Facebook and other social media platforms, you’ll see neighbors speaking harshly of neighbors, brothers speaking harshly of brothers, sisters speaking harshly of sisters, cousins of cousins, children of parents, government leaders of government leaders, even pastors of pastors. Ugly stuff.

Perhaps you’ve heard Christians described as the Lord’s army. You may also have heard that it is the only army in the world that shoots its own wounded. When Christian brothers or sisters have stumbled, it’s shameful when, instead of reaching



Roger Alford

out a hand to help them up, we give them a kick while they’re down.

During Jesus’ three-year public ministry, He spoke very pointedly to people like that, saying: “Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?” (Matthew 23:33).

Those are strong words for a people who saw themselves as high and mighty. They were critical. They were judgmental. They were awful human beings.

They were not the kind of people any of us would like to hang out with.

And, for goodness sake, let’s do our best not to be one of them.

Let’s keep our sights set on the right target, as we’re told in Hebrews 12:2, “looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.”

Reach Roger Alford at (502) 514-6857 or rogeralford1@gmail.com.

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Dentistry

- Mary Oldfield, DMD, PSC, 126 North Broadway, Berea. Phone: 986-2060

Pharmacy

- Berea Drug, U.S. 25 North. Phone: 986-4521

RiverKeeper dedicated to preservation of the Kentucky River

By Jerlene Rose

Pat Banks

to the voices of citizens and leaders throughout the watershed. Riverkeeper is part of the Waterkeeper Alliance, a group of more than 300 “Keepers” around the world. The Kentucky River Watershed encompasses about 7,000 square miles with 42

Pat Banks was the guest speaker of the Tuesday, Dec. 5, meeting of the Berea Rotary Club at Just Love Coffee. Besides being an accomplished artist, Banks is director of RiverKeeper, an independent non-profit devoted to the preservation of the Kentucky River and the communities that depend upon it. The Kentucky River, a 256-mile long tributary of the Ohio River, is the central artery for the state of Kentucky. She explained that RiverKeeper focuses on education, research/monitoring, litigation, advocacy and listening

counties in its basin and supplies drinking water to nearly one million residents of Kentucky.

Banks said, “If a factory or construction company has a spill that affects the river or a tributary, they are required to report it. Contamination of a waterway is a violation and is required to be reported. It is a system of ‘self-reporting.’ In our research,” she said, “we discovered that there were thousands of self-reports of violations. The problem is that there is only one person tasked with following up on those thousands to see that the spills are cleared satisfactorily.”

“Everybody likes clean water,” she said, “but who will care about your water?”

Banks pointed out that much has been done to improve pollution problems. Mining and clear-cutting cause pollution and erosion. People used to toss their trash over the bank. Now, most counties have garbage pick-up.

RiverKeeper has worked with other agencies in a unifying effort to create a Kentucky River Trail which would further aid in protecting the river and waterways, she said.

In 2021, the Kentucky River Authority, which is in charge of 14 lock and dam properties, began working on opening dams, renovating the hydroplants, and creating parks with signage and parking to make those areas more accessible to tourists. “It costs about \$2 million to open a dam,” Banks said. “They are hiring only Appalachian people to do the work on these dams. They are not outsourcing anything.”

Banks also showed a prototype of a book she is working on about the Kentucky River, complete with maps, color photographs, and information on the flora and fauna, fish and wildlife that the Kentucky River supports. “It will be a wonderful asset for teachers to get their students interested in the environment and protecting the river,” she said.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

• Project Warm Feet, a project to make a difference in the lives of the less fortunate, will be held from Nov. 28-Dec. 20 and packages of new or pre-packaged socks will be accepted at the Battle of Richmond Visitors Center, located at 101 Battlefield Memorial Highway. The center is open 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Since 2014, “Project Warm Feet” has collected more than 18,000 pairs of socks. During the Civil War, socks were the most requested items when soldiers wrote letters home.

Send your calendar items to Keith Taylor at publisher@bereacitizen.net

Angel: Industry sparks Berea's economy

By Jim Snyder

The Berea Lions welcomed Donna Angel, Director of Business and Tourism Development, Berea, as guest speaker at its bi-weekly meeting on Nov. 28 at the Dinner Bell Restaurant.

Angel spoke about happenings in the areas of industry, small business, and tourism. "It kind of all flows together because everything circles back around this revenue into our city, whether it's from industry income, small business income, or an artist and craft maker."

Angel highlighted the importance of industry in Berea, "...That is truly our bread and butter. We have 10 great factories... without our factories here we would probably be in a heck of a mess." She cited the emerging demand for electric vehicle engines for factories such as Hitachi Electric, building 3 new engines for Honda; Hitachi Automotive building motors for General Motors.

"Factory life is not what it used to be like - it was extremely dirty, long laborious hours ... cleaner environment work in our industry today, a more scientific, IT - higher technology as well that has changed the industry world... These are very electronic-driven which need to be manufactured in an ultra-clean environment."

The additional revenue generated by new employees hired to meet the demands in local automotive industries has benefited Berea in occupational taxes. "That's great for us because we need employees that need jobs here in our town - we get workers that travel to come here from Georgetown, Midway, Mt. Sterling, Winchester, Rockcastle, etc.," said Angel. She cited the hope that these newcomers would perhaps buy new homes and live here in our community.

Pandemic

Mention was made of the difficulties in 2020 when a COVID outbreak was happening. "No one was left untouched with Covid... March 16, that was the day that we kind of closed down - Learned to operate on essential employees only. At that time we had prospects that were lined up to bring their companies here, start small businesses here - everything was totally unknown on how we were going to communicate, how we were going to carry on... but you know what - we did! There was never a way that we didn't stop learning during the year of 2020. In that Year we continued to open 47 new businesses, either home businesses, as well as brick and mortar. We lost only 6 stores that closed that year. To come out and lose only 6 businesses - that was a miracle.

Challenges

A challenge for Berea with the influx of new employees brought in by new industry, is housing. While most of the new employees are living in a 30 miles radius of the city, a shortage of housing is a concern.

"If we anticipate bringing in 2,000 workers, then we want to be able to say you can live here with us, buy our groceries, put



your kids in our schools... The diversity of finding availability of homes, and affordability of homes has become a topic now we are paying more attention to... not everyone can afford to go out and buy a \$250,000 home...but the builders are saying 'I can't build you a half-way decent home over 1500 square feet for less than \$250,000... We need to find more ways that we can work with developers to create lesser quality built homes but something that can be sustainable and affordable at the same time.'

Jobs

Angel spoke of another issue confronting small corporate businesses such as specialty restaurants, which are having trouble finding people that want to work. "We find several restaurants want to consolidate down, not have such a huge dining area anymore, they want another drive-through lane, lesser employees, cost savings to them. At the same time, it hurts the community when you take away a job."

Special praise was given to the role of small unique businesses, entrepreneur-run shops. "The college has always been a strong supporter...being the arts and crafts capital [Berea] of Kentucky. Our artists and crafts makers are born and raised from here, and this is their home, where they work from...We find that we've got to get out of our box as economic/business development, to create ways that we can help them in getting employees that they can afford to pay and teach their business to.

Tourism

Tourism development has taken on special emphasis with the end of the covid recovery phase, said Angel.

"We are now trying to recruit more and more travelers - motor coach buses, and different ways of attracting international trade into Berea, Kentucky...This year we, Berea Tourism, hosted 3 different countries that were here.

These were all tour agents that had come from Switzerland, Canada, and Germany that were here to scout out our city. It was really a great conference! We had them all here for a full week, scouting, taking them around town, talking about our artists and what we do, they absolutely loved to see demonstrators, how our products are made - but most importantly...they were in love with the history of Berea."

Interested in community service and helping people? Come visit the Berea Lions Club on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 6 p.m. at the Dinner Bell Restaurant, 127 Plaza Dr., Berea.



PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Dec. 4

Susan Hatfield and Paul Hatfield to Justin R. Waggoner and Taylor L. Wagoner, tract III plat 29/283, \$285,000

- Snapp Property Group, LLC to Brandon M. LaBelle, lot 37 Southern Hills Subdivision, \$289,900

- Elaine Susie Copher and John Wayne Frederick to Leonard Midden and Karen Midden, 416 River's Trace, Richmond, \$325,000

- Old Town Properties, LLC to Cubby Angel Properties, LLC, lot 6 plat 14/89, \$485,000

- CHAMP Properties, LLC to MA Conley Construction, LLC, lot 30 Lake Ridge Estates, Phase 2, \$60,000

- Christopher A. Jackson and Oliva B. Jackson to Gabriel Gene Camberos and Stevi Morgan Camberos, tract 2 plat 25/348, \$250,000

Dec. 5

- PNC Bank National Association to Elizabeth H. Pendley, lot 36 Jacks Creek Homes, \$61,000

- Jill Williams Carney, Trustee of the JW and BW Irrevocable Trust, created under agreement dated December 26, 2019, to Vickie Lynn Jones, 301 N. 2nd Street, Richmond, \$234,750

- Logan M. Gabbard and Leah L. Gabbard to Aaron Tyler Bartley, lot 12 plat 15/383, \$425,000

- Alice Jean Adams (on and the same person as Alice Boggs Adams) to Stephanus R. Lemmer, tract Madison County, as satisfaction in full by Grantor of a certain Contract for Sale of Real Property between parties dated January 10, 2003

- William Boyd Wells, same person as William Wells and Carlavon L. Wells, same person as Carlavon Wells to Southland Christian Church of Lexington, Kentucky, Inc., tracts Madison County (in the vicinity of Robert R. Martin By-Pass, Richmond), \$1,410,000

- Richard G. Baker and Susan D. Baker to Cody B. Baker and Nicoletta K. Baker, 14.95 acres Battlefield Memorial Highway, Berea, \$30,000

- Ronald Jody Angel and Melissa J. Angel to William Hamilton, lot 45 Ashwood Country Estates, Richmond, \$500,000

Dec. 6

- Hazette Thompson and James P. Thompson, said James P. Thompson, by Hazette Thompson, Attorney-in-Fact to Joseph Carl Johnson and Irene Olais Johnson, 908 Turnberry Drive, Richmond, \$425,000

- Indigo Run, Inc. to Shad H. Herrenkohl and Amy D. Herrenkohl, lot 14 Berkley Hall, Phase 3, \$50,000

- Craig Danner and Christy Dawn Danner to Kathleen Mary Carpentier and Richard Michael Carpentier, lot 121 The Oaks Subdivision, Unit 2, Berea, \$285,000

- BT Investments Group, Inc, as Trustee of 304 Shiloh Court Family Trust to Jeremy K. Dowell and Miyuki Dowell, 304 Shiloh Cove Court, conveyed the below property to Grantees by deed dated March 25, 2014, and now of record. Whereas the original deed inadvertently misstated the lot number for the property in legal description

- Selby Wiggins, Coy Perkins and Thomas Perkins and Sara Schlegel Wiggins (a/ka/ Sally Schlegel Wiggins) to Clayton Taylor Rule and Katherine Leslie Wimmer, lot 4 Greenway Heights Subdivision, \$300,000

Hanukkah Party

A city-wide Hanukkah Party was held in Berea at Fee Park last Thursday. The candles will continue to be lit through Friday at nightfall. In left photo, Charlena Kay Wirth and husband David Wirth performed during the ceremony, which also featured speaker Dr. Rod Eisenberg. They danced the hora, and ate traditional food fried in oil (sufganiyot). Dreidels kits also were handed out by a 10-year-old boy during the event.

(Photo by Robert Elam)

Christmas Parade winners



First-place business: King's Eye Care



First-place non-profit: Redeeming Hope



Second-place business: Tina's Crafting Corner



Second-place church: New Heights Church



Second-place non-profit: Madison County Library

First-place winners sponsored by Whitaker Bank. Second-place winners sponsored by Davis and Powell Funeral Home. Not pictured was first-place church winner Richmond House of Prayer.

Chamber honors

The Berea Chamber of Commerce had its annual awards banquet last Thursday at Churchill's. Whitaker Bank was named Corporate Business of the Year, while Dad's Flooring received the Small Business of the Year award. Donna Mabes received Newcomer of the Year and Danny Miller was named the Volunteer of the Year.

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Boys Schedule

November

28 — Collins, W, 79-56

December

2 — Boyd Co., L, 92-91
11 — at Fern Creek, 7:30 p.m.
13 — Jeffersontown, 7:45 p.m.
15 — Madison Central, 7:30 p.m.
16 — @ Harrison Co., 6:15 p.m.
20-22 — @ PRP, MAC's
Holiday Classic
27-29 — @ Lexington Catholic
White, Greer & Maggard
Holiday Classic

January

2 — Wellspring Guardians, 7:30 p.m.
6 — @ Lincoln County, 7:30 p.m.
12 — Ashland Blazer, 7:30 p.m.
13 — Corbin @ S. Laurel, 5:30 p.m.
19 — at Somerset — 7:30 p.m.
20 — Mason Co. @ Fleming Co.
23 — Great Crossing. 7:30 p.m.
27 — Jackson Co. @ Berea, 6 p.m.
(Bill Smallwood Classic)
30 — @ Jeffersontown, 7:30 p.m.

February

2 — Rockcastle Co. 7:45 p.m.
8 — at GRC, 7:30 p.m.
13 — @ North Laurel, 7:30 p.m.
20 — @ Lex. Christian, 7:30 p.m.
22 — Bryan Station, 7:30 p.m.

Girls Schedule

November

30 — Wayne County (L) 59-51

December

5 — Grant County (L) 50-47
7 — Bourbon Co. (W) 56-37
9 — W. Jessamine (L) 61-54
12 — Whitley Co. (W) 64-27
14 — Madison Central, 7:45 p.m.
Dec. 19 @ Orlando, Fla.
Dec. 28 — @ Berea Holiday
Classic

January

3 — @ Bryan Station, 7:30 p.m.
6 — Bourbon Co., 3:30 p.m.
11 — @ Harrison Co., 7:30 p.m.
16 — @ Somerset, 7 p.m.
19 — Berea, 7:30 p.m.
23 — @ Lincoln Co., 7:30 p.m.
27 — Owsley Co.
@ Jackson Co., 6:15 p.m.
30 — @ Boyle Co., 7:30 p.m.

February

1 — Lafayette, 7:30 p.m.
2 — Rockcastle Co., 6 p.m.
5 — @ Henry Clay, 7:30 p.m.
8 — Bates Creek, 7:30 p.m.
10 — @ Estill Co., 3:30 p.m.
14 — @ LexCath, 7:30 p.m.
16 — Scott County, 7:30 p.m.
17 — Hazard, TBA
20 — E. Jessamine, 7:30 p.m.
23 — @ Breathitt Co., 7:30 p.m.

- 35 — Landon Adams, So.
11 — Zach Adams, So.
13 — Braxton Arnett, Jr.
22 — Blake Bonham, So.
24 — Luke Daniels, Fr.
33 — Avery Davidson, Sr.
10 — Mason Davis, Jr.

23 — Jordan Dunaway, Fr.
15 — Braydon Hall, So.
3 — Braden Hudson, Sr.
4 — Zach Hudson, Sr.
0 — Casen Nobbe, Jr.
1 — Jay Rose, Sr.
12 — Colin Sebastin, So.

10 — Noah Thompson, Jr.
5 — Micah Whitaker, Jr.
40 — Preston Williams, Jr.
Sam Little, So.
- Coach: Steve Wright

Madison Southern High School



2023 - 2024 Lady Eagles Basketball

- 11 — Cassidy Bailey, Fr.
22 — Oliva Coburn, 8th
1 — Anna Kate Cress, 7th
2 — Cami Duerson, 8th
21 — Ashlan Estep, Jr.
20 — Hadley French, So.
4 — Kenleigh Grant, 8th

42 — Bailey Hensley, Sr.
15 — Briana Hensley, 8th
24 — Shelby Hensley, Sr.
3 — Maria Himes, Jr.
23 — Lilly Kirk, 8th
14 — Laci Sandlin, So.
10 — Avery Simmons, 7th

0 — Bailey Sparks, So.
35 — Ellen Todd, 8th
40 — Olvia Wagoner
25 — Allie Wilson, 8th
- Coach: Josh Curtis





Meet the Berea Pirates



- 23 — Nick Ballew, Sr.

35 — Tommie Banderman, Jr.

22 — Jesse Benton, So.

1 — Finley Blevins, So.

11 — Samuel Bolakoro, Jr.

5 — Liam Brewer, So.
- 10 — Jack Hemenway, So.

24 — Aiden Huston, So.

4 — Jake Mills, So.

3 — Cameron Puckett, Jr.

33 — Javen Randall, So.

00 — Wiley Reed, So.
- 34 — Trey Smith, Jr.

12 — Michael Winkler, So.

Coach: Eric Fields



- 2 — Absady Baker, 8th

10 — Abigail Beard, Sr.

32 — Sophie Brewer, Sr.

23 — Neveah Coleman, So.

4 — Riley Cooley, 8th]

3 — Shaylee Damrell, Fr.
- 5 — Maddy King, Sr.

42 — Tess McLin, Jr.

33 — Brooke Miller, Jr.

22 — Mandy Newman, Sr.

13 — Kennedy Oglesby, 8th

55 — Kadence Stepp, So.
- 24 — Lauren Stepp, Sr.

12 — Miranda Thacker, Sr.

Coach: Dammian Stepp



Boys Schedule

November

27 — @ Southwestern, (L) 84-55

December

1 — Heritage Academy, W, 65-60
5 — @ Jackson County, W, 84-67
8 — @Phelps, (W) 77-74
9 — @ Belfry, (L) 62-58
15 — vs. West Carter @ Rowan
16 — vs. Menifee Co. @ Rowan
20-22 — Berea Holiday Classic
27-29 — @ Bobcat Classic

January

2 — @ Casey County, 7:30 p.m.
4 — Wellspring Guardians, 7:30 p.m.
6 — Burgin, 2:30 p.m.
9 — All "A" Classic, TBA
16 — Estill County, 7:30 p.m.
19 — @ Model, 6:30 p.m.
22 — @ Corbin, 7:30 p.m.
26 — Barbourville, 7:30 p.m.
27 — Belfry, 1:30 p.m.
(Bill Smallwood Classic)

February

2 — @ Somerset Christian, 7:30 p.m.
3 — @ Pineville, 7:30 p.m.
6 — @ Frankfort, 7:30 p.m.
10 — Phelps, 7:30 p.m.
13 — @ Lee County, 7:30 p.m.
15 — Sayre, 7:30 p.m.
17 — Leslie County, TBA
23 — @ Dunbar, 7:30 p.m.

Girls Schedule

November

28 — Barbourville (W) 44-37
30 — Paris (W) 54-39

December

2 — @ Bryan Station (L) 39-35
4 — @ Lafayette (L) 47-35
7 — Estill Co. (L) 37-35
8 — @ Frankfort, (W) 47-39
14 — Lee Co., 6 p.m.
20-22 @ Clinton County
28-30 — Berea Holiday Classic

January

5 — Lincoln Co., 7:30 p.m.
10-13 — All "A" Classic
16 — @ Menifee Co., TBA
19 — @ M. Southern, 7:30 p.m.
27 — LexCath, noon
30 — Bath Co., 7:30 p.m.

February

1 — Madison Central, 7:30 p.m.
3 — Wayne County @ Hoosier Gym, 11 a.m.
7 — @ Lee Co., 6 p.m.
8 — @ Williamsburg, 7:30 p.m.
10 — E. Jessamine, 4:30 p.m.
13 — Henry Clay, 7:30 p.m.
16 — Frankfort, 7:30 p.m.
20 — @ Scott Co., 7:30 p.m.
22 — Montgomery Co., 7:30 p.m.
23 — @ Breathitt Co., 7:30 p.m.



Sports

Cats closer to healthy roster

LEXINGTON (KT) — Kentucky is inching closer to a full roster of healthy players.

The recent return of Aaron Bradshaw gives the Wildcats the presence they need in the post and Kentucky coach John Calipari could get an extra boost sooner than later when another 7-footer, Ugonna Unyenso, is cleared to play. Calipari hinted he hopes to have Onyenso available when Kentucky takes on North Carolina in the CBS Sports Classic Saturday in Atlanta.

Bradshaw scored a career-high 17 points and completed a double-double with 11 rebounds in the win over the Quakers. Bradshaw is one of six Kentucky players averaging double figures this season. Veteran Antonio Reeves leads the Wildcats in scoring with 18 points per game, followed by Rob Dillingham (14.1 ppg), Tre Mitchell (13.2 ppg), Reed Sheppard (13 ppg), DJ Wagner (12.6 ppg) and Bradshaw with 10 ppg.

Penn coach Steve Donahue wasn't surprised by Bradshaw's performance against his squad.

"I've seen Aaron play



in high school and I always admired his skill level," Donahue said. "Then you look at his size and to me, that's a difference maker for them. When you watch them on film, they're shooting threes and they're playing, but they have someone out there to protect the rim and is that skilled. I think it takes their program to another level."

While the scoring has been evenly distributed, Calipari would like to see his team eliminate mistakes.

"We still, I have some guys that have to make the absolute hardest

play they can try to make, and they make it one out of four, 25 percent of the time something good happens. The other three are turnovers. And breakouts for the other team. Hopefully, when we hit February, that won't be the case."

ECLIPSING CLIFF

When Cliff Ellis stepped down as coach at Coastal Carolina last week, Calipari became the winningest active coach with 839 career victories.

Following the win over the Quakers, Calipari now has 394

wins as coach of the Wildcats.

"I saw his Clemson team play Connecticut, it might have been in the NCAA Tournament," Calipari said. "Cliff sings, he plays piano, he makes you laugh. He'll call me. The year we were struggling he said, 'You got three haircuts... Three more haircuts and the season's over, you're fine.' That's what he said to me and we bust out laughing."

Calipari said Ellis, 78, plans to send him a list he compiled at age 42.

"He told me last night he wrote something down when he was 42 years old about 14 things he wanted to do. 'I'm sending it to you, wait until you see what I was writing when I was 42. I'm 78.' ... I invited him to Kentucky. 'Why don't you come up?' I said, 'If you like to coach my team and get a couple more wins you're welcome to do it.' He said he might. He's a good man. He's a good man."

FLOOR LEADER

D.J. Wagner has impressed Calipari with his ability to lead at the point-guard position.

Wagner made his return to the lineup last Saturday after missing the team's surprising 80-73 setback to UNC-Wilmington the previous week. Wagner turned his ankle in the team's win over Miami in the ACC/SEC Challenge.

"He's not afraid to lose," Calipari said of Wagner. "We're not thinking about losing. We've got a will to win. He leads our team. He talks like he's a senior. He gathers them and he builds their confidence because of what he says to them. And now, he's getting more consistent in doing all of the other stuff: Defensively (against Penn) he did a heck of a job."

Sheppard started in Wagner's absence against the Seahawks.

CLIMBING HIGHER

Kentucky moved up to No. 14 in this week's Associated Press Top 25 poll released Monday, while North Carolina, the Wildcats' next opponent, remained idle at No. 9.

Gametracker: Kentucky vs. North Carolina, 5:30 p.m., Saturday. TV/ Radio: CBS, UK Radio Network.

Georgia backup QB commits to UK

Former Georgia backup quarterback Brock Vandagriff will transfer to Kentucky for his final two seasons of eligibility as a graduate transfer.

Vandagriff announced his decision on Monday in a post on X in which he thanked Bulldogs teammates, coaches and fans. A Wednesday post showed him superimposed in blue-and-white Kentucky

gear under the heading "Committed" with the comment, "Ready to get to work."

"I really like what they do on offense and believe it will get me ready for the next level, which has always been the goal," Vandagriff said to On3's Chad Simmons. "I really enjoyed talking ball with Coach [Liam] Coen and Coach [Mark] Stoops. 'I'm just really ex-

cited to go in there and get to work. Ready to meet my new teammates and learn this offense and be ready to roll this spring!"

Across three seasons in Athens, Vandagriff appeared in over 10 games as a reserve QB for the Bulldogs. He served as the backup to Caron Beck in 2023.

Vandagriff is expected to be the third straight starting Kentucky quarter-

back from the transfer portal. He is similar in a lot of ways to Will Levis, the rookie starting quarterback for the Tennessee Titans who played two years at Kentucky after transferring from Penn State. Devin Leary, this year's starter, transferred from N.C. State.

Vandagriff completed 12 of 18 passes for 165 yards and two touchdowns in eight contests while backing up Beck.

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28

Miami • Won •

2

UNC Wilmington • Lost •

9

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Fraley touts city's infrastructure, job creation

State of the City

By Andy McDonald

For The Citizen

The City of Berea has made significant gains in job creation and infrastructure development, but there's more to be done, according to Mayor

Bruce Fraley. Fraley outlined the city's progress and priorities in his annual State of City address held at the Russel Acton Folk Center Tuesday, a free public event hosted by the Berea Chamber of Commerce.

According to Fraley, Berea is in an especially strong position financially, both in terms of its fiscal budget and its efforts in growing municipal revenues through future job creation. At the end of the 2022-

2023 fiscal year, the city took in \$2.5 million more than it spent, while adding to a \$3.7 million Rainy Day Fund and its \$3.45 million Capital Sinking Fund, which is used for city projects and needed equipment, Fraley noted.

The mayor credited the city council, department heads, and Finance Director Susan (Meeks) Helton, and City Administrator Rose Beverly for the city's budgetary discipline.

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Sheriff's Captain left legacy of service

The Madison County Sheriff's Department is mourning one of its own. Captain Sam Manley, 71, passed away Tuesday after suffering a medical emergency. He was transported to Baptist Health, Richmond, where he later died. Manley was a retired member of the Richmond Police Department before joining the Madison County Sheriff's Department. He served 36 years in law enforcement and was assistant chief of police in Richmond upon his retirement in 2005. Manley also served in U.S. Army Reserves for 26 years as a Drill Instructor with the 100th Division; before retiring in 1998 as a First Sergeant. "We humbly request for you to keep the family of Captain Sam Manley and the Madison County Sheriff's Office in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time," the Sheriff's Department wrote in a social media post.



Sam Manley

Santa sighting



Santa Claus made his rounds through town Monday and Tuesday, making stops at various businesses, including Whitaker Bank on Chestnut Street Monday. Jordan Fetters, left and his sister Jacelyn Fetters, right, make sure Santa knows what is on their wish list. The "Where's Santa? tour was sponsored by Berea Parks and Recreation.

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Letters to Santa



The Berea Citizen is accepting letters to Santa. Deadline for submission is Dec. 15. Send to Heather Phillips at reception@bereacitizen.net or Libby Horn at circulation@bereacitizen.net.

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John Preston and his wife Cory walked through Berea last week on their 700-mile journey.

'22 and you'

Couple walks to raise suicide prevention awareness

By Heather Phillips

Citizen Staff Writer

On November 11, John Preston and his wife Cory set out to walk 700 miles over the course of the next month. Their mission? To raise awareness about suicide prevention. As a Marine combat veteran and a professional

firefighter, John has seen firsthand the hardships veterans and first responders struggle with behind the scenes. The courageous individuals, who put their lives on the line to protect and serve, often bear witness to the darkest aspects of humanity. Disturbingly,

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Bertha Lee Griffin

Bertha Lee Griffin, age 80, passed away Monday November 27, 2023, at Clark Regional Medical Center in Winchester. She was born May 19, 1943, in Madison County to the late Carlos M. and Sarah Ann Centers Griffin. Bertha was a homemaker, enjoying small crafts, loved to crochet and spending time with family. She was of the Holiness faith.

Other than her parents Bertha was preceded in death by one sister, Dorothy Carol Himes.

She is survived by one son, Carlos Shane Griffin of Richmond, and one sister Mary Lou McCracken.

Funeral services were conducted on Saturday November 9, 2023, at Davis & Powell Funeral Home. Rev. Wayne Miller officiated. Burial followed in the Miller Cemetery on Red Lick Rd. Davis and Powell Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



William Bryan Castleberry Jr.

William Bryan Castleberry Jr passed away on December 3, 2023, after a brief illness. He was born on June 3, 1963, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to William Bryan Castleberry Sr. and Judy Herndon. He is survived by his loving wife Kimberly Bevan Castleberry and one son Cole (Jessica). In addition, he is survived by his father Bryan Sr., stepmother Barbara Marshall Castleberry, his mother Judy Duff, two sisters Kimberely (Ray Sikorski) and Suzanne Bender. Two nieces, Mary Golsan and Jacqui Verace, and nephew Dylan Hidalgo also survive.

In accordance with his wish's cremation was done. No services are scheduled. A celebration of life will be held at a later time.

Lakes Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Jimmy Junior Phillips

Jimmy Junior Phillips, age 74, of Berea, passed away Monday, December 4, 2023, at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington.

Jimmy was born in Garrard County, to the late James and Anna Lee Phillips. He worked at various fast-food restaurants and had been a farm hand.

In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by seven siblings.

He is survived by his son, Christopher Phillips, one sister, Helen Anderson, and four grandchildren. He is also survived by many cousins and extended family members.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, December 10, 2023. Lakes Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



Vickie Lynn McDaniel

Vickie Lynn McDaniel age 64, wife of Wayne McDaniel, passed away suddenly on December 5, 2023, at her home in Berea. Vicky is the daughter of Treva Saylor of Berea and the late Bobby Jack Allen. She was also preceded in death by her son Rodney Meadows, her daughter Amanda Meadows, and her brothers Bobby Jack Allen, and Bryan Allen.

Vickie is survived by her mother Treva, her husband Wayne McDaniel, her son Johnny Franklin Meadows Jr., her sisters: Becky Newby and Pam Flores and her brother Ronald Wayne Allen, and her grandchildren: Sierra Meadows, Daylon Meadows, Manuel Jaramillo, Christian Jaramillo, Arionna Villasuerte, Patricia Torivio, Savanna Hillard, and 7 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was conducted on Monday, December 11, 2023. Lakes Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

WALK

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it has been reported that 30 percent of first responders will grapple with depression or PTSD, and on average, 22 veterans succumb to suicide each day. That is why John committed to walking 22 miles a day. His operation is called , "22 And You" and its aim is to "strengthen community and encourage veterans and first responders struggling with mental health to seek help and strive for positive change." Traveling from Parris Island, South Carolina to

Cincinnati, Ohio, John and his crew passed through Berea on December 6.

During his time as a Marine combat veteran, John struggled with alcohol to cope with what he would later learn was PTSD. In addition to his own struggle, John witnessed the struggles of his fellow veterans and wanted to do something about it. He began a successful music career that aimed to bring suicide awareness and prevention to the forefront.

In 2016, on the eve of a performance, John's world was shattered when he

received news of his older brother Michael's suicide — a fellow Marine and police officer. This heartbreaking event reinforced John's resolve to bring the darkness of mental health challenges into the light.

Fast forward to 2020 and John did his first 600-plus mile march along the West coast. Thousands joined him at different places along his journey. Many showed up vulnerable and shared their stories of personal struggle — a testament to the increasing awareness of this critical issue.

As a native Kentuckian, John's current route is a lot

more personal to him. With our narrow, winding roads John doesn't expect many people to show up physically this time around, but encourages anyone that wants to help further their mission to consider donating on their website www.22andyou.net. John reminded that these men and women are our country's heroes, and he calls upon everyone to recognize their duty to safeguard those who safeguard us.

With the awareness, John hopes action will follow. Traditional talk-therapy doesn't work for

everyone, so John is happy to see an influx of different, unconventional forms of therapy emerging.

He thinks we could further benefit by getting veterans and former first responders into the mental health industry. Most people struggling are looking for someone that truly understands what they're going

through. John says those resources are out there, but you may have to be your own advocate.

We may not be able to avoid those dark days, but we can surely find someone to help carry the load. Reach out, but more importantly, John says to "push through because there will be peace on the other side."



Message from Cora Jane Wilson

"O come, let us worship and bow down: Let us kneel before the LORD our maker." Psalm 95:6 KJV

FRALEY

FROM PAGE 1

Growth in city revenue has driven an increase in occupational license fees following the creation of more jobs in Berea industry and growth of small businesses. Fraley credited his economic development team, which includes City Administrator Beverly and Business and Tourism Development Director Donna Angel.

Job growth

There has been job growth at Hitachi Astemo Americas Expansion, as well as over 160 new jobs at Hitachi Electric Motor Systems, and 200 new jobs at Motor Wheel. The city also secured a grant to construct building a new spec building near Farristown Middle School that attracted a supplier for Hyster-Yale Group. Another spec building pad is in the works.

"The city of Berea is recognized on a state level," Fraley said of Berea's job growth. "People want to be like us. We're considered to be among the best in our class when it comes to economic development."

Working with other local governments and pursuing economic development on a regional basis will be the key to future success, according to Fraley. In one example, the mayor said by fostering good working relationships with Madison County Judge Executive and City of Richmond Mayor Robert Blythe, new opportunities have been created. A cooperative economic development plan is in the works that includes all three Madison County governments as well as the governments of Lexington-Fayette, Scott County, and the City of Georgetown. The six local governments submitted a joint application to build a regional industrial park. An announcing is forthcoming concerning the approval of that application, said Fraley.

Building relationships

Additionally, Fraley said the city is constantly looking for ways to cooperate with federal, state and local officials, as well as Berea College, Eastern Kentucky University, and several regional development agencies, including the Blue Grass Area Development District, the Kentucky League of Cities, and the Bluegrass Alliance.

Funding for Berea projects has

been secured as a result, Fraley said, including the restoration of the Berea Bypass to the state's six-year transportation plan, funding of the Scaffold Cane Road shared use path and bridge, clearing the way for approval of the Owsley Fork Reservoir dam project, the widening of U.S. 25, as well as major improvements of the city's sewer system, including the Brushy Fork Sanitary Sewer Project and the KY 595 Pump Station Rehabilitation Project at a combined value of approximately \$1.5 million.

Future priorities

Addressing other future priorities, Fraley said Berea Tourism will continue its strategy to create facilities that will attract visitors while also benefitting local residents. Examples include a proposed \$1 million in park improvements using American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funds to build more ball fields and create new outdoor recreation facilities. The Silver Creek Bike Park, Berea's expanding network of walking trails and shared use paths, and the Chestnut Street Pavilion are funded by the Berea Tourism Commission.

Attracting small conventions and events will also be a priority in the future, Fraley said, especially with the completion of the Tolle Building renovation, which is expected after the first of the year.

Beverly speaks

In a break from State of the City routine, City Administrator Beverly addressed the audience, noting that her priorities have been revising the city's pay scale to stay competitive with other municipalities, as well as creating a road plan that enables the administration to make much needed repairs of city streets.

Beverly credited the city staff and department heads for keeping the budget on track, but she also thanked Fraley for staying focused on created jobs in Berea, calling him one of the best mayors in the commonwealth. Noting that other cities are suffering financial difficulties, Beverly said Fraley's aggressive pursuit of economic opportunities has made a difference.

"This man is going out and working hard every single day for this community," Beverly said. "It takes a lot of work to attract new businesses and industry, and that is what is helping us to get the money we need to make improvements and keep this city going."

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P&Z pauses Bond Street rezoning proposal

By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

The Berea Planning and Zoning Commission has asked for more information about a proposal to rezone a parcel in midtown Berea to major commercial.

The proposal was heard recently at P&Z's monthly business meeting, when the owners of a two-acre parcel at 102 Bond Street requested a zone change from R-2 single or multi family to B-2 major business. The property includes a small building that used to be a Windstream office, among other uses.

Representing the owner of the property, Boone Square Shopping Mall, attorney Jordan Tillery said there are no specific development plans for the property, but that the owner was hoping to enhance the value of the parcel with a zone change. He added building another office building was also a possibility.

Local residents voiced concerns about the proposed zone change, however. Michelle May of 112 Bond Street suggested Bond Street is currently too narrow to bear traffic of a B-2 zoned business. She also stated that it would negatively contrast with the existing residential zoning on Bond Street.

Pearl Street residents Paul Baker and Ed Fredrickson also voiced concerns, noting a business would create noise,

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Future of short-term rentals questioned

By Leslie Barlow
Citizen Staff Writer

The future surrounding short-term rental regulations dominated the Dec. 19 Madison County Fiscal Court meeting at Richmond City Hall despite not being on the agenda.

When Madison County Judge-Executive Reagan Taylor opened the floor for public comments Kentucky River Road resident Stephanie Adkins questioned the court about why an Airbnb is operating in her community of 47 residents, who reside on a 25-mile-per hour speed limit one-lane road.

"The guests staying at the Airbnb are continuously causing traffic problems," Adkins said to the court. "I just don't understand how something like this is allowed to happen on our little road in our community."

Adkins and the residents of Kentucky River Road have been fighting the Airbnb since it began operating in November 2021 through March 2022 when we finally got (Madison County Director Planning and Codes Bert (Thomas) to send out a letter telling the home's owner to stop using it as an Airbnb.

In July, the group met with the county board of adjustments who voted

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School spirit



The Madison Southern girls and boys basketball teams swept rival Madison Central in a pair of games last week at the Eagles' Nest. The Madison Southern student section and Santa Claus cheered on the Eagles during their 73-53 win over the Indians last Friday night. In bottom left photo, Madison Southern senior Zach Hudson (4) reacts after hitting a half-court 3-pointer while teammate Noah Thompson celebrates in the background. In bottom right photo, Madison Southern sophomore guard Laci Sandlin drives to the basket during the Lady Eagles' 38-35 victory Thursday night.

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Stinchcomb, Baskin top volunteers

Symerdar Baskin, who was announced as Volunteer of the Year on Dec. 12, was recognized for her exceptional dedication to Berea Home Village. She has served on the Board of Directors and chaired two annual fundraisers in a row, leveraging her community connections to encourage participation and support from local businesses and individuals. Symerdar's people skills and professional experience have been instrumental in guiding the Board of Directors in planning for the future of Berea Home Village.

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BEREA POLICE REPORTS

Arrests

- On Nov. 7 at approximately 10:41 p.m., officers conducted a traffic stop on Chestnut Street. The operator, Quintaurious Nason was arrested and charged with No Registration Plate/Receipt, Failure to Produce Insurance Card, Failure of Owner to Maintain Required Insurance, Operating on Suspended License and Failure to Wear Seat Belt. The subject also had an outstanding warrant for his arrest.
- On Nov. 9 at approximately 8:30 a.m., officers conducted a traffic stop on Scaffold Cane Road. The operator, Trina Abney was arrested and charged with No Tail Lamps, No Registration Plate/Receipt, Operating on Suspended License. The subject also had an outstanding warrant for her arrest.
- On Nov. 9 at approximately 4:30 p.m., officers conducted a traffic stop on Prospect Street. The operator, Jeremy Felty was arrested and charged with No Registration Plate/Receipt, Operating on Suspended License, Failure to Register Transfer of Motor Vehicle, Failure of Owner to Maintain Required Insurance, Failure to Notify Address Change to Department of Transportation and Failure to Produce Insurance Card. The subject also had an outstanding warrant for his arrest.
- On Nov. 10 at approximately 10:21 a.m., officers responded to Circle K gas station on Chestnut Street, in reference to a male subject causing a disturbance. Joseph Dawson was arrested and charged with Disorderly Conduct 2nd.
- On Nov. 16 at approximately 1:18 p.m., officers conducted a traffic stop on Mount Vernon Road. The operator, Christina Williams, was arrested and charged with No Registration Plate/Receipt and Operating on Suspended License. The subject also had an outstanding warrant for her arrest.
- On Nov. 18 at approximately 1:15 p.m., officers responded to North Dogwood, where witnesses observed a suspect from a burglary that occurred the day prior. Charles Allen was arrested and charged with Resisting Arrest, Burglary 3rd, Theft by Unlawful Taking from Building \$1,000 < \$10,000, Theft by Unlawful Taking (Shoplifting).
- On Dec. 2 at approximately 12:07 p.m., officers responded to Dollar General on Paint Lick Road, in reference to a trespassing complaint. Edna Sparks was arrested and charged with Criminal Trespass 3rd.

Drug arrests

- On Nov. 11 at approximately 3:27 p.m., officers responded to Circle K gas station on Chestnut Street, in reference to a drug complaint. Kolan Durham was arrested and charged with Possession of Controlled Substance 1st (Methamphetamine). David Pearson was also arrested and charged with Trafficking in Controlled Substance 1st (Cocaine), Trafficking in Controlled Substance 1st (Methamphetamine) and Drug Paraphernalia (Buy-Possess).
- On Nov. 11 at approximately 12:42 p.m., officers conducted a traffic stop on Jill Drive. The passenger in the vehicle, Janae Stiles, was arrested and charged with Possession Controlled Substance 1st (Methamphetamine) and Possession of Controlled Substance 1st (Heroin).
- On Nov. 18 at approximately 11:24 a.m., officers conducted a traffic stop on Walnut Meadow Road. The operator, Jackson McFarland, was

arrested and charged with Careless Driving, Trafficking in Marijuana 1st and Drug Paraphernalia (Buy-Possess).

- On Nov. 21 at approximately 8:54 a.m., officers served a search warrant on a residence on Mount Vernon Road. Jamie Bowling was arrested and charged with Possession of Controlled Substance 1st (Methamphetamine), Possession of Controlled Substance 1st (Drug Unspecified), Illegal Possession of Legend Drug and Drug Paraphernalia (Buy-Possess).
- On Nov. 22 at approximately 10:41 a.m., officers conducted a traffic stop on Prince Royal Drive. The operator, Brian Muse, was arrested and charged with Possession of Controlled Substance 1st (Methamphetamine) and Drug Paraphernalia (Buy-Possess).
- On Nov. 28 at approximately 12:21 p.m., officers conducted a traffic stop on Paint Lick Road. The passenger, Addie Long, was arrested and charged with Possession Controlled Substance 1st (Methamphetamine), Possession Controlled Substance 1st (Heroin), Drug Paraphernalia (Buy-Possess) and Giving Officer False Identifying Information. The operator, Rodney Agee, was also arrested and charged with Possession of Controlled Substance 1st (Methamphetamine), Drug Paraphernalia (Buy-Possess), Possession of Marijuana, No Registration Plate/Receipt, Failure to or Improper Signal, Driving on DUI Suspended License, Failure of Owner to Maintain Required Insurance and Failure to Produce Insurance Card.
- On Nov. 29 at approximately 2:52 a.m., officers responded to Tractor Supply on Cooper Drive, in reference to an alarm call. Officers arrived on scene and discovered Tyler Calhoun attempting to break into the business. Calhoun was arrested and charged with Burglary 3rd, Possession Controlled Substance 1st (Methamphetamine), Drug Paraphernalia (Buy-Possess), Endangering the Welfare of a Minor and Possession of Burglary Tools.
- On Dec. 3 at approximately 3:19 p.m., officers conducted a traffic stop on Chestnut Street. The passenger, Cassie Guinn, was arrested and charged with Possession of Controlled Substance 1st (Methamphetamine) and Drug Paraphernalia. The subject also had an outstanding warrant for her arrest. The operator, Justin Banks, was also arrested and charged with Operating on Suspended License, No Registration Plate/Receipt, No Motorcycle License, Failure of Owner to Maintain Required Insurance 1st, Failure to Produce Insurance Card, Failure to Register Transfer of Motor Vehicle and Rubber on Vehicle Tire Less Than 1 Inch Thick.
- On Dec. 5 at approximately 7:41 a.m., officers responded to Speedway on Prince Royal Drive to conduct a business check. The officer observed a female slumped over in a vehicle. The officer made contact and following an investigation, the female, Jessica Salfi, was arrested and charged with Trafficking in Controlled Substance 1st (Cocaine), Trafficking in Controlled Substance 1st (Heroin), Public Intoxication (Excludes Alcohol), Trafficking in Controlled Substance 3rd (Drug Unspecified) and Drug Paraphernalia (Buy-Possess). The female also had an outstanding warrant for her arrest. The operator of the vehicle, James Eldridge was also arrested and charged with Trafficking in Controlled Substance 3rd (Drug Unspecified), Possession of Handgun by Convicted Felon and Public Intoxication (Excludes Alcohol).



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Samuel A Manley

Samuel A Manley age 71, Captain for the Madison County Sheriff's office, passed away suddenly on Tuesday Dec. 12, 2023, at Baptist Health in Richmond. Sam was born to the late Jack and Loretta Berry Manley, he served 27 years in the US Army Reserves as a Drill Instructor, 2005 he retired as the Assistant Chief of Police for the City of Richmond, in 2008 he began his service as Captain of Madison County Sheriff's Office until his passing on Tuesday. Sam is survived by his wife Barbara Manley of Richmond, his

daughters: Melissa Manley Berry, Kasi Miller (Savannah), and Katie Johns, his brother Jay Manley, his grandchildren: Kaitlinn Berry, Gabriel Berry, Sydney Berry, Eva Prothro, and Lola Johns, his niece Jaylena Manley, and nephews: Hunter William Manley Miller, Trey Briggs, and Jayden Briggs. Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday Dec. 19, 2023, at Church on The Rock. Rev. Larry Burton and Chaplain Josh Horn officiated. Burial took place in the Madison County Memorial Gardens, with Military Honors. The Madison County Sheriff's office served as Honor guard and pallbearers as well as Jay Manley, Savannah Miller, and Ryan Young. Lakes Funeral Home in Berea was in charge of the arrangements.

Charlotte Ann Griggs



Charlotte Ann Griggs age 51, passed away suddenly Dec. 11, 2023. Charlotte was born in Richmond to Joyce Durham Griggs Mullins and the late Fred Griggs. Charlotte was of the Holiness Faith, she loved playing piano and singing, and she attended church at Little Clear Creek Holiness Church, and Pine Woods House of Prayer, and she enjoyed spending time with friends, family and going to a good yard sale. Charlotte is survived by her mother Joyce Griggs (Morris) Mullins, her son Jacob Griggs and special

niece Ella Vaughn, special friend John Gilispe, her siblings: Matthew (Janice) Griggs, Tabitha Perritte, and Daniel Griggs, her stepsiblings: Tim Ray (Sybil) Mullins, Tina (Michael) Miller, and Travis Mullins, and a host of nieces and nephews also survive. Funeral services were conducted on Thursday December 14, 2023, at Lakes Funeral Home. Bro. Matthew Griggs, Bro. Buddy Durham, and Bro. TC Fraley officiated. Burial took place in the Flat Gap Cemetery. Pallbearers were Daniel Griggs, Matt Griggs, Buddy Durham, Mark Durham, Britt Eads, Josh Lamb, Brian Fryer, and TC Fraley. Lakes Funeral Home in Berea was in charge of the arrangements.

Phyllis Elaine Huntley East



Phyllis Elaine Huntley East passed away peacefully at home on December 13, 2023, at age 90. A devout Christian, she grew up in San Diego, California, the daughter of Rev. Arthur V. Huntley and Marjorie Huntley. She attended Francis Parker School and graduated from San Diego High School. She was an accomplished musician, playing the marimba, cello, piano and recorder with joy, defense and passion, often playing solo or in string quartets or accompanying choral groups and church choirs throughout her life. In addition to her piano skills, she excelled at other keyboards as well, typing in excess of 100 words per minute, and producing dozens of doctoral and masters' dissertations and theses for seminary students. Her mother taught her to knit and crochet and other handcrafts and Phyllis's crocheted wall hangers and centerpieces won awards. She made hundreds of crocheted and knitted scarves and caps to warm the less fortunate. In addition, she enjoyed creating decoupage and raising succulent flowers. Her handmade Raggedy Ann dolls gave joy to many young girls. She was an equestrian in her younger days and an avid hiker and camper, loving California's Sierra Nevada and Cuyamaca mountains and the wilds of Kentucky. In 1967, Phyllis married George East and embarked on a 53 year journey with him. George and Phyllis started a puppetry troop while in San Diego, joined the San Diego Puppetry Guild and produced parable-themed puppetry shows at

the San Diego Puppetry Theater and many churches. New opportunities led them to relocate to Portland, Oregon, where they bought a house near Western Baptist Theological Seminary. George worked for the seminary, and they boarded seminary students while Phyllis went back to college at Portland State University where she graduated with high honors studying exercise science and linguistics. She studied Greek and Hebrew biblical languages at the seminary to gain a deeper understanding of scripture and her faith. She added French to her language skills later in life. An amazing cook, she loved nothing better than hosting a group of people around her dinner table. George and Phyllis moved to Berea in 1997 to be closer to his family. They made a beautiful life in Kentucky. Her beloved George passed away in June 2020. Phyllis is survived by her sons, Stephen East and Charles East, her stepson, Daniel East, stepdaughter Carole East, nephews Paul Huntley and Daniel Huntley and nieces Marie Baldner, Mary Poe and Lesley Dumais. She is also survived by her beloved friends and caretakers, Timothy McHargue and Kimball Winters. She's also survived by 6 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. George and Phyllis supported the Gideons and many local charities and churches. Funeral services will be at 2pm, Thursday, December 19, 2023, at Lakes Funeral Home with Pastors Kenny Davis, and Brad Napier officiating. Burial will follow in the Berea Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday from 12pm to 2pm at the funeral home. Services will be livestreamed at www.lakesfuneralhome.com Lakes Funeral Home in Berea is in charge of arrangements.



Katie Lee Savage Fowler

Katie Lee Savage Fowler, 81, of Berea died Monday, December 11, 2023, at Rockcastle Regional Hospital after a long illness. She was a Pigeon Roost, Tennessee native born March 10, 1942, daughter of the late John Wesley and Margaret Griffis Savage. Katie was a retired Missouri Department of Education Employee (kindergarten teacher) and seamstress when she relocated to Tennessee. She was a member of the Lords House in Columbia, Tennessee and resident of Kentucky since 2021. Survivors include two daughters Rebecca Hayes, Deborah Claxton (Wade); two sisters Betty Wales,

Connie Morris; two brothers Dale Savage, Johnny Savage (Janet); grandchildren Fawn Zalabak, TJ Cates (Kris), Brandee Deckard (Michael), Ryan McCully; great grandchildren Benjamin (Alyssa), Piper, Tucker, Sawyer, Charlee-Kate, Olive; great-great grandchild to arrive soon Axle. In addition to her parents, she was proceeded in death by one sister LaVonda Price: three brothers James Savage, Joe Savage, George Savage. In accordance with Katie's wishes she was cremated. A Memorial Service was on Monday, December 18, 2023, at Glendale Methodist Church in Culleoka, Tennessee. Bro. Ken Klassen and Bro. Kenneth Unger officiated. Reppert Funeral Home and Cremation Service entrusted with arrangements.

Haze Golden Blevins



Haze Golden Blevins (also known as Bill Blevins), age 83, died Thursday, December 14, 2023, at the Compassionate Care Center in Richmond. He was a Stoney Fork (Bell County) native born October 12, 1940, son of the late Talton and Carrie Saylor Blevins, retired builder and construction worker. Haze was a member of the Holiness Faith and a resident of Berea since 1969 when he relocated from Cincinnati. In his spare time Haze enjoyed gardening, fishing and serving as a handyman to anyone who needed help. He enjoyed taking things apart and putting them back together.

Survivors include his children Ronnie Blevins, Vickie Damrell (Clarence), Dwanna Harrison; siblings Wanda Neeley, Ron Blevins, James Blevins; special friend Jimmy Todd; 8 grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren; as well as numerous relatives, friends and church family. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his loving wife Della Lee Blevins; son Ronald Blevins; granddaughter Sheena Damrell. Graveside Service were conducted Tuesday, December 19, 2023, at Saylor Cemetery in Pathfork (Harlan County). Bro. Robert Lee officiated. Pallbearers were John Brock, Shane Damrell, Clarence Damrell, Ronnie Blevins, Jason Blevins, Sean Barnhill. Reppert Funeral Home and Cremation Service entrusted with arrangements.

Message from Cora Jane Wilson



"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, good will toward men."

Luke 2:10-14 (KJV)

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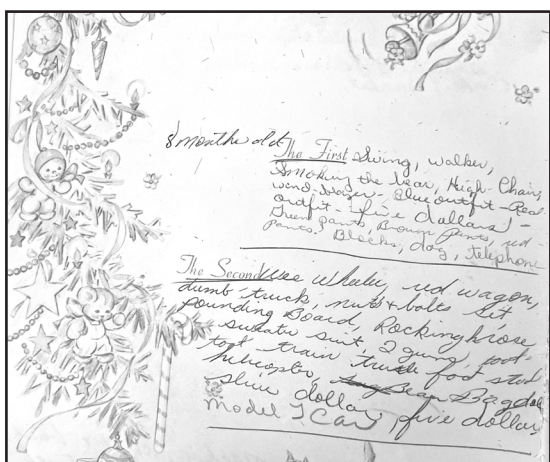


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Christmas Day 1971

I’m not sure if there was snow on the ground in 1971, but it was the first Christmas I experienced as a newcomer to this world.

Granted, I don’t remember anything about that first visit from Santa Claus, but my late mom didn’t want to forget what the holly jolly fellow left under the Christmas tree that morning.

Mom compiled a diary for my sister and I in a teal blue “Baby’s Story” book that has notes, photos and plenty of memories written down on paper that is still clear to read with mom’s unique handwriting.

As an eight-month old, I received a swing, walker, Smoky the Bear outfit, red outfit, green pants, brown and red pants, building blocks, a toy dog, toy telephone and five dollars. Mom kept track of what Santa brought us up until the “eighth Christmas.”

That year, is the one I remember the most. Underneath the tree on Christmas morning in 1979, there sat a Hungry Hippo game, Starsky and Hutch toy guns, race cars, a puppet, candy, brown shirt and pants, socks, star patrol car, Crane Log truck, and my favorite — a record player with a collection of 45s.

Since I came along three years earlier than my sister Taunya, I would imagine mom and dad had a fun time making their first child happy on my first Christmas. It was a special one, considering I was born two-months premature and weighed less than two pounds.

In our later years, Taunya and I couldn’t wait to get the latest and greatest J.C. Penny Christmas catalogue and would spend hours at my grandmothers house looking through those pages making a list of what we wanted for Christmas that year.

We would receive what seemed like hundreds of Christmas cards in the mail and at church back then. We would go through them over and over and over again and pick out our favorites and compared them at the end. Those were the simple times when real life was miles ahead of us.

It certainly didn’t take long to get to our teenage years and adulthood.

We were always blessed at Christmas and mom and dad made sure we received what we wanted each year, but more importantly, they made sure we understood the meaning of Dec. 25. They taught us about the birth of Jesus and how he was born in a manger in Bethlehem and how God provided a divine and miraculous answer to mankind’s need for a Savior.

They also taught us the value of family and being together at Christmas and spending quality time with each other. Things have changed in the past three years, but we still cling to each other during the holidays and that’s the most important thing.

It may not be 1971, but the meaning of Christmas has not and never will change for me. Merry Christmas to you and yours this holiday season!

Keith Taylor



Keith Taylor



Extraordinary opportunity

Christmas was bleak when I was 14-years-old. My father had fallen off the roof of our barn while trying to make a repair. He was severely injured. His hospital and home recovery took months. As a coal mining family, we lived financially tight in the best of times. Although farming and gardening often got us over the hump. With no paycheck coming into our household for several months, I have no clue how my mother and father kept the lights burning.

My mother worked only briefly outside of the home and it wasn’t during this critical time.

Christmas came and my father was recuperating but was still on crutches. We had a Christmas tree but there weren’t any packages. I understood. I didn’t even think about Christmas gifts or packages or a Santa coming around. I knew it was not the best of times.

We did have food and the furnace was on and the fact that my dad was getting well gave us all a sense of optimism that

things would eventually return to normal.

On Christmas Eve my mother surprised me by handing me a tiny package. “Thank you,” came from my lips, but I know I barely mumbled in disbelief. Ripping off the paper I beheld a watch. It was my one and only Christmas gift. It was a simple gift but it was thrilling to me at that time. I knew it came with sacrifice and love. I remember the blessing I felt.

A year later I would celebrate Christmas as a new Christian. I would even share in my church family’s Christmas program. Two other teenagers and I sang, “We three kings of orient are bearing gifts we’ve traveled so far.” We walked down the aisle of our church in bathrobes and weird looking crowns as we approached Mary, Joseph and the Christ child in the manger. It was all so simple but filled



Glenn Mollette

the greatest need of my heart. I remember that simple Christmas program. I remember the fellowship and love of the church. I remember the delight I felt in my Christian infancy. I remember that my dad was physically healed and doing well. I thought about how great life really was. I remember the blessings.

Today, I continue to count the blessings. The greatest blessing of all is God’s gift to us, his Son.

We celebrate his birthday once again. Hopefully, we won’t lose sight of what Christmas is about. We never really know just how God may work in our lives during this season. So often it’s in unexpected ways and in unexpected places and sometimes through unexpected people.

May we all be at peace this season of the year and try to look up higher than ourselves to God who has given us Christmas. Christmas is God’s extraordinary opportunity to do something special in our lives.

A home for the holidays

By Dr. Tom Carew

The holiday season is a time for enjoying family, food, and flashing Christmas lights. Families often find themselves asking big questions like who’s hosting dinner on which day, do we make a ham or a turkey, and whose house do we go to on Christmas day. There might even be debate about how much to spend on presents this year or how much to decorate.

There is one foundational element to all of these questions, and that is having a place – a home – in which to spend time with family, cook and eat good food, and decorate. Having a home is incredibly important to family! Our homes, in addition to keeping us warm and the rain/snow off our heads, provide sanctuary and security; it contributes to our sense of community and belonging, and it’s a place to build

and grow our families, lifelong memories and if we’re lucky the bonus of a good nest egg.

Thousands of our fellow Kentuckians lost their homes to the devastating tornado in the West and the historic flooding in the East, and ever since, USDA Rural Development has been working with the Commonwealth and our many non-profit partners to help them come home.

The unfortunate truth is that there was an affordable housing crisis before either of those natural disasters, and that crisis has only been exacerbated.

There are pockets of light in the darkness though. Look at the multiple higher ground projects in East Kentucky made possible by Gov. Beshear’s leadership in conjunction with resources from philanthropists, non-profit organizations, and state and federal governments. In

Fulton County in West Kentucky, it brought me so much joy to hear about the completion of Ruby Burton’s new home made possible by Community Ventures. With the exception of one Habitat for Humanity home, this is the first new home constructed in Fulton in the last 15 years, and I know Community Ventures has more planned for the area.

During this holiday season, we want every Kentuckian celebrating the season and not worrying about having a home in which to celebrate.

That may be a lofty goal, but we’re steadfastly committed to working with the Commonwealth and our non-profit partners in addressing the affordable housing crisis.

Dr. Tom Carew is State Director
USDA Rural Development
in Kentucky

MADISON COUNTY DETENTION CENTER

Dec. 7

• Angela M. Varwig, 45, Richmond: assault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor injury

• Lane Abney, 22, Berea: possession of marijuana; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08-1st; excessive windshield / window tinting; failure to produce insurance card; no registration receipt

• Reagan E. Read, 39, Richmond: disregarding stop sign; possession of marijuana; drug paraphernalia -buy / possess; theft of identity of another without consent

• Isaiah Howard, 28, Berea: fugitive from another state – warrant required (2 counts)

• Thalia Rudie 27, Berea: alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses)

• Bobbie Hasty, 49, Berea: probation violation (for felony offense)

Dec. 8

• Michael W. Abney, 36, Richmond: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); possession of marijuana; drug paraphernalia – buy / possess

• Rachel Renee Vanwinkle, 41, Richmond: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); possession of marijuana; drug paraphernalia – buy / possess

• Marvin Collins, 59, London: failure to appear

• Scott Brown, 47, Crab Orchard: failure to appear (2 counts)

• Aric Wilcher, 21, Richmond: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines

• Bradley A. Hardy, 23, not given: serving weekends

• Douglas Tremayne Parks, 38, Richmond: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); drug paraphernalia – buy / possess; failure to appear (2 counts)

• Dakota Floyd, 31, Richmond: serving time

• Kelsey Perkins, 31, Richmond: failure to appear

• Sherri Danielle Winburn, 32, Richmond: serving weekends

• Misty Isaacs, 35, not given: serving weekends

• Marcus Keith Ray, 57, Richmond: failure to appear

• Adam James Walker, 38, McKee: serving weekends

• Rachel Lyn Dishon, 51, Nicholasville: failure to appear (3 counts)

• Jessie Hall, 33, Richmond: failure to appear

• Daniel L. Carr, 45, Richmond: alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses)

• Dakota Floyd, 23, Richmond: serving weekends

• Johnny Brooks, 46, Irvine: fleeing or evading police, 2nd degree (on foot); contempt of court, libel / slander, resistance to order

Dec. 9

• Tylor A. Miller, 27, Richmond: failure to appear

• Caleb Gilliam, 20, Camp-ton: alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses)

• Amy M. Fuson, 42, Richmond: one headlight; no operator’s – moped license; non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines

• Rojas Flores, 37, Richmond: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 -1st; careless driving; reckless driving; no operator’s – moped license; failure to produce insurance card; failure to wear seat belt

• Hannah E. Volter, 33, Berea: failure to appear (2 counts)

• Grayson D. Lovelace, 44, Richmond: failure to appear

• Jerry Starling, 55, Richmond: assault, 4th degree domestic violence, no visible injury

• Tyler B. Hill, 26, Richmond: public intoxication – controlled substance (excludes alcohol)

• Jeffrey Martin Turner, 48, Berea: serving weekends

• Kelsie Adams, 28, Richmond: assault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor injury

• Darshae D. Bruck, 22, Richmond: alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses); possession of marijuana

Dec. 10

• April Ray, 27, Richmond: wanton endangerment – 2nd degree

• Charles Henry Hill, 26, Richmond: alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses); failure to appear (2 counts)

• John Brennan, 28, Richmond: failure to or improper signal; disregarding stop sign; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol – 1st

• Tamara D. Stamper, 38, Lexington: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol / substance(s) – 1st;

possession of an open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle

• Justin Marin, 18, Richmond: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st

• Lucas Roberto Miranda, 28, Richmond: alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offense)

• Isaac Powell, 44, Richmond: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st

• Natalie Samples, 23, Richmond: reckless driving; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st

• John William Pence, 38, Richmond: public intoxication – controlled substance (excludes alcohol); possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (heroin); drug paraphernalia – buy / possess

• April M. Berryman, 44, Irvine: failure to appear

• Stephen Franklin Short, 38, possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (heroin); failure to appear

• Bentley David Carpenter, 49, Berea: serving parole violation warrant

• Curtis D. Montgomery, 29, Russell Springs: parole violation, for technical violation

• Braham Miller, 28, Lexington: serving time

• David M. Williams, 34, Richmond: careless driving; failure to wear seat belts; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of substance(s) – 1st

• Wayne Scott Cornett, 56, Richmond: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting

Dec. 11

• April Ray, 27, Richmond: wanton endangerment – 2nd degree

• Charles Henry Hill, 26, Richmond: alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses); failure to appear (2 counts)

• John Brennan, 28, Richmond: failure to or improper signal; disregarding a stop sign; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol -1st

• Tamara D. Stamper, 38, Lexington: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol / substance(s) – 1st; possession of an open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle

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vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st

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• Branham Miller, 28, Lexington: serving time

• David M. Williams, 34, Richmond: careless driving; failure to wear seat belts; operating motor vehicle under the influence of substance(s) – 1st

• Wayne Scott Cornett, 56, Richmond: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting

• Joseph Donovan Crowdus, Jr., 27, Richmond: driving on DUI suspended license – 1st offense; assault, 4th degree domestic violence, no visible injury

• Justino Beciez, 51, Richmond: failure to appear

• Dalton Hill, 32, Richmond: probation violation (for technical violation)

• Justin K. Dobbs, 34, Berea: failure to appear

• Zachary Penwell, 42, Lawrenceburg: hold for court

• Cassie Torres, 34, Richmond: failure to appear; theft by unlawful taking or disposition, all others, \$500 but less than \$1,000

• Kevin Sherrow, 31, Lexington: hold for court

• Dwayne Roaden, 63, Somerset: serving time

• Christopher Wayne Witt, 36, Richmond: failure to appear

• Luciana Ruth Lawhorne, 47, Richmond: non-payment

of court costs, fees, or fines

Dec. 12

• Michael Kent Cornett, 36, Winchester: assault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor injury

• Charles A. Neal, 41, Richmond: alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st an 2nd offenses)

• Ronald T. Conley, 47, Richmond: possession of a handgun by a convicted felon; receiving stolen property (firearm); fugitive from another state – warrant required

• James Clay, 38, Richmond: failure to appear

• Bryan Nicholas Mounts, 41, London: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, all others, \$500 or more but less than \$10,000; theft by unlawful taking or disposition, all others under \$500

• Sabrina Nicole Neeley, 35, Berea: disregarding traffic control device – traffic light; no operator’s – moped license; operating on suspended or revoked operator’s license; receiving stolen property, \$1,000 but less than \$10,000; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); careless driving; failure to appear

• Jamon Louis Feltner, 23, Richmond: failure to appear (2 counts)

• Bobby Allen, 21, Richmond: hold for court

• Caresa A. Waller, 32, Winchester: contempt of court, libel / slander, resistance to order

Dec. 13

• Rose A. Thompson, 45, Detroit, Michigan: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of substance(s) – 1st

• Roy Lee Turner, 41, Richmond: failure to appear

• Brian Matthew Eldridge, 49, Richmond: hold for court

• Amanda M. Whittamore, 36, Richmond: failure to appear

• Phillip Kevin Watson, 40, London: hold for court

• Jessica Greenhaw, 32, Richmond: criminal abuse, 1st degree – child 12 or under; criminal abuse -1st degree

• Damien Lucas Lebourhis, 28, Richmond: hold for court

• Brandon L. Campbell, 42, Harrodsburg: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); failure to appear (2 counts)

• Frankie S. Young, 54, Irvine: failure to appear

MARRIAGES

Dec. 11

• Jayden Layne Barrett, EHS specialist, 21, of Richmond to Chad Tyler Barrett, maintenance tech, 34, of Waco

• Samantha Marie White, chiropractor assistant, 36, of Richmond to Victor Lee Moore, mechanic, 37, of Richmond

• Eddie McIntosh, Jr., electrician, 39, of Berea to Mallory Katherine Rice, therapist, 33, of Berea

• Sheila Leeann Hampton, teacher, 24, of Richmond to Noah

Bryce Cox, accounting software consultant, 26, of Richmond

• Angelique Nicol Moore, instructor, 42, of Lexington to Aaron David Sciscia, research director, 45, of Richmond

Dec. 12

• Lindsey Taylor Black, student, 26, of Richmond to Sky Justin Reed Gornick, construction, 44, of Richmond

• Bertram Allen Caverly, cook, 58, oof Richmond to Lisa Jane Hall, unemployed, 63, of Richmond

• Sara DeJesus Hernandez, unemployed, 41, of Richmond to Jose Luis Mora Garcia, construction, 36, of Richmond

• Kassidy Adair Easterling, teacher, 24, of Richmond to Cordell Bryce Marcum, firefighter, 27 of Richmond

Dec. 13

• Montana Rose Hite, administrative coordinator, 24, of Berea to Jacob Christopher Beckman, academic advisor, 25, of Berea

COURT RECORDS

District Court Dec. 7

• Jennie Kuhn vs. Edward Louis Kuhn

Circuit Court Dec. 7

Cheryl Lynn Power vs. Kevin Lee Power

Dec. 8

• Gerson Luna Perez vs. Gerson Wosbley Castillo Perez, ET AL

• Ruben (Gamboa) Ruiz vs. Pamela Ruiz

Dec. 11

• Rebecca Akers vs. Luther Akers, Jr.

• Keggon Jennifer

Maddox vs. Lindy Doris Maddox

Dec. 13

• Alexandra E. Thompson vs. Jordan T. Thompson

• Rachael M. Kulikowski vs. Robert S. Thompson

• Michael Ray vs. Lois Burton

• Melanie E. Sharp vs. Michael W. Sharp

Foreclosure Dec. 7

• Planet Home Lending, LLC vs. Carlene McCrary, ET AL

Dec. 11

• Richwood Subdivision HOA, Inc vs. Leslee Abney, ET AL

• Richwood Subdivision HOA Vs. Christopher B. Martin, ET AL

• Richwood Subdivision HOA vs. Christopher M. Pence, ET AL

Dec. 12

• Kentucky Housing Authority vs. Spencer O. Meredith, ET AL

• Whitaker Bank, Inc. vs. Jason K. Garrett, ET AL

• Pennymac Loan Services, LLC vs. Matthew Childers, ET AL

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Dec. 7

• Gary Jones and Charles Jeffrey Johnson, Co-Administrators of the Estate of Donald I. Combs, Gary, Jones, Charles Jeffery Johnson, Tamara Jones Riley and her husband, Gerald Jones, by and through his Attorney-in-Fact, Tamara Jones Ray to Jerry Mullins and Linda Jones, lot 87 Stoney Creek Subdivision, \$256,400

• Robert Cohen to Eric Crouch, lot 2-B P17 /65(vicinity of Snowden Lane), \$1.00

• Matthew Harris Sears and Kara Sears to MK Capital, LLC, lot 18 P30 /380, \$1.00

• A&R Contractors, LLC to Jaquelin Yvette Damron, lot 185 Magnolia Pointe Subdivision Phase 7A, \$327,900

Dec. 8

• Shiloh Cove Properties, LLC to Bruce Cope Builders,

Inc, lots 9 and 12 Shiloh Cove Subdivision, Phase 1, \$78,000

• Community Trust and Investment Company, Successor Trustee of the Barbara Carfield Revocable Trust to Dianna D. Wioszynski, tract plat 2 /102 (Hillcrest Subdivision) for the purposes of distributing property from the Barbara Carfield Revocable trust, dated January 30, 2006, to the Trust’s designated beneficiary

• Thomas M. Fassas and Robbin Fassas to Leaso, LLC, tract Kentucky Highway 52, \$120,000

• Thomas M. Fassas and Robbin Fassas to Leaso, LLC, tract A Plat 29 /264 (107, 117 Greens Crossing Road and 2707 Robbinsville Road), \$165,000

• Doris Crawford Thompson to Thanh Trung Ly and Vicky Bui, 128 Castlewood Drive, Richmond, \$297,000

• Chandler Hope Kelley to Chandler Hope Kelley and Kayla Marie Pittman, lot 65 Indian Hills Subdivision Berea, \$1.00 and the purpose of creating a survivorship deed

Dec. 11

•Hannah Hazelwood Madden (f /k /a Hanna Brooke Hazelwood) and Spencer Madden, Scott Hazelwood and Cindi J. Hazelwood, to DLC Rentals, LLC, 625 Oldham Avenue, \$215,000

• Glenn Deaton and Angela Deaton to DLC Rentals, LLC, lot 53 Final Subdivision Plat for Lower South Pointe Phase I, \$229,900

• William E. Hunter to David E. Bonnet and Elizabeth A. Bonnet, tract 1 P31 /112, \$37,000

• Jonathan M. Dill and Sarah Dill (f /k /a Sarah Baker) to Gene H. Wilhowsky and Ruth

A. Wilhowsky, lot 121 Section 3 Boone’s Trace Development, \$471,000

• Nathan Daniel Sweet and Stevenna Kaylen Sweet to Justin Ray Coyle, 114 Jonathan Drive, Richmond, \$174,000

• Melissa Tevis to Pamela Jean Bell, tract Madison County (vicinity of Dunbar Lane), \$142,000

• John Ryan Sparks and Ashley Nichole Sparks to William Brandon Pace and Shannon Lynn Pace, lot 30 Final Plat Oak Ridge Farms Phase 1, \$64,500

• Gregory Newman and Maria Elein Newman to Day Enterprises, LLC, lot 22 Eagle Point Subdivision, \$155,000

• Houghton Homes, LLC to Paul Jared Noble, lot 16 Plat 30 /380, \$334,900

• Pluto Properties, LLC to HLB Investments, LLC, lot

25 Block A Phase 2 Section 1 Madison Hills Subdivision, \$190,000

• Jeffrey S. Sandwith, Trustee of the Jeff Sandwith Perpetual Assets Shield Trust to Jeffrey S. Sandwith, Trustee of the Jeffrey S. Sandwith 2023 GST Exempt Trust, lot 32 Bay Colony Subdivision, for and in consideration of transferring the assets of the Jeff Sandwith Perpetual Asset Shield Trust, which trust has merged into the Jeffery S. Sandwith 2023 GST Exempt Trust

• Brenda Jo Isaacs to Esmeralda L. Wilson, tract Richard McIntosh Subdivision (Kentucky Highway 52), \$43,000

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Request for bids

The Housing Authority of Berea is taking bids on two mowers. This will be sealed bid process and bids will be accepted until Friday January 19th at 4pm. The bids will be opened publicly at the Housing Authority of Berea Board of Commissioners Meeting on Monday January 22nd, 2024.

The meeting begins at 11:30. The winning bidder will be contacted January 22nd, 2024.

To place a bid please mail in your bid amount name, address, and phone number to The Housing Authority of Berea 110 Orchard Street Berea, Ky 40403. If you would like to see the equipment, please contact the Housing Authority of Berea office 859-986-4436 or email berhousing@windstream.net.

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Caudill Cafeteria	1428 Robert R. Martin Bypass, Richmond	100%		
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Smokin Jax Grill	473 Alexander Road, Richmond	100%		
Happy Meadow Natural Foods	286 Glades Road, Berea	100%		
Dollar General #14045	2412 Big Hill Road, Berea	100%		
The Terrace	1043 Brooklyn Blvd., Berea	100%		
Snappy Tomato	610 Big Hill Ave., Richmond	99%		
Tokyo Sushi & Hibachi	410 Eastern Bypass, Richmond	97%		
Babylon Café	213 W. Main Street, Richmond	95%		
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Miss Mattie Dalton

December 18, 1924
"Christmas Carol"

An unusually attractive and worthwhile program was presented for the Graded school on Saturday evening at the College Chapel. The program was given under the auspices of the local Kiwanians Club. Miss Mattie Dalton came to Berea highly recommended by artists and

critics. She presented Dickens's famous story "Christmas Carol." M.A. Cassidy commented on Dalton's work by saying, "I liked Miss Mattie Dalton's lecture on Charles Dickens so well the first time I heard it, that I went to hear it a second time and I liked it the second time so well that I engaged her to deliver it to the high school students and after hearing her there, I liked it so well that I invited her to give it a second time to the high school students."

December 16, 1948
Brothers buy shop

Sherman Ray and Russell H. Parsons purchased the Davidson and Stivers electric shop on December 14, 1948, and would take possession

of the business the first of January. The shop would be operated along with the Parsons Electric shop which the Parsons were operating at the time. The plan was to bring the merchandise of Davidson and Stivers to their present store as soon as room could be made for it. Russell stated, "Business will be carried on in the same manner. Customers will get the same service. We are also obtaining a complete line of General Electric household appliances." As for Mr. Harold Davidson and Mr. Harry L. Stivers, former owners, Mr. Davidson would continue his work with Davidson Brother's wholesale grocery and Mr. Stivers would continue as sales manager of the Berea College Bakery.

December 20, 1973
Forgotten veterans

Music, as well as cakes, cookies and gifts were sent to the forgotten patients at the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Lexington. The 15 member pep band of Berea Community went along and played music in the two hospital buildings. Twenty other students also went along to tour the hospital. An estimated 200 homemade cakes and 200 gifts were donated by Berea area people on this, the 20th year of the forgotten Patient project sponsored by the Berea Chapter of the Red Cross. Fifty of the cakes and approximately 30 of the gifts were brought by students of the junior and senior high school at Berea Community. Twenty names were picked

from the donating student list and they were taken along for the delivery and tour of the hospital.

December 17, 1998
Moonshine stills found

Two fully operational moonshine stills were located by Kentucky State Police and the Jackson County Sheriff's Department on Monday, December 14th. According to KSP, they were acting upon a tip when the stills were found. Police confiscated both stills as well as all of the products being used in the manufacture of the "white lightning." In addition, approximately 30 to 40 gallons of processed moonshine were confiscated by police. The investigation was ongoing.

Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

1. Droops
5. Subatomic particle
10. Not in danger
14. Nursemaid
15. Black band worn in mourning
16. Long song in opera
17. Edible seed of a Philippine tree
18. Chicago political family
19. Pursues pleasure from one place to another
20. Appetizer
22. Hill (Celtic)
23. Simple shoe
24. Songs to one you love
27. Secret activities
30. Upset
31. Popular hot drink
32. Body art (slang)
35. Fired
37. Blood relation
38. Identical
39. Porticos
40. Partner to cheese
41. Type of sword
42. Enough (archaic)
43. Surface layer of ground
44. Cotton fabric woven like satin
45. Choose for a post
46. Father
47. Tell on
48. Indian title of respect
49. Fonts
52. Fencing sword
55. Mock
56. Vaccine developer
60. Atmosphere sur-

place

61. Marten with a short tail
63. Chinese temple
64. Invests in little enterprises
65. Popular cut of meat
66. Charity
67. Iron-containing compound
68. River in Northern Europe
69. One point east of southeast

CLUES DOWN

1. Exhausts
2. Genus of fish related to gars
3. Impudent behavior
4. Adherents to Islam
5. They come after A
6. Spoke
7. Room to receive guests
8. About opera
9. End-blown flute
10. Heroic tales
11. Member of a Semitic people
12. Dog's name
13. Opposite of west
21. Political divisions in ancient Greece
23. Ocean
25. Cool!
26. Young woman about to enter society
27. One from central Caucasus
28. Indian city
29. A way to serve ice cream

33. Escort aircraft carrier
34. Italian city
36. Mythical settler of Kansas
37. Unhappy
38. High schoolers' test
40. Measured in pace
41. Satisfies
43. Gullible person
44. Enclosed space
46. Substance used to color something
47. Shirt type
49. Discover by investigation
50. ___-Castell, makers of pens
51. Semitic Sun god
52. Grads wear one
53. French river
54. Part of a cap
57. Digestive fluid
58. Metrical foot
59. Body part
61. Very fast airplane
62. Supplement with difficulty

Is spitting allowed when you mistake butter for white chocolate?

More than a hundred preachers from all over the state were gathered for a fancy banquet when a small town pastor walked to the microphone to give a brief report. “If you think I’m more of a slick talker than usual today, you’re right,” he told them, smacking his lips together. “What I thought was a dish of white chocolate turned out to be butter.”

I suppose a mouthful of butter would make a fellow a slick talker, and that’s fine. But the Bible warns us about people who use slick talk to cause harm.

In Psalm 55, the Bible describes a slick talker in very unflattering terms. “The words of his mouth were smoother than butter, but war was in his heart: His words were softer than oil, yet were they drawn

swords” (Psalms 55:21). At some point, most of us have likely had someone go behind our backs, telling people things that paint us in a bad light. It’s an ugly thing, especially when that someone is supposed to be a friend.

The Bible speaks to that, too.

“It was not an enemy that reproached me; then I could have borne it. Neither was it he that hated me that did magnify himself against me; then I would have hid myself from him. But it was thou, a man mine equal, my guide and mine acquaintance. We took sweet counsel together and walked unto the house of God in company” (Psalm



Roger Alford

55:12-14). You realize that when the devil wants to hurt us the worst, he doesn’t get our enemies to attack us. He gets those who we love most to attack us.

That really, really hurts. I’ve been there. Perhaps you have, too.

What the Bible shows us in this passage is that the best way to handle such situations is to turn them over the Lord and let Him deal with them.

“Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee” (Psalm 55:21).

Letting the Lord handle it is always best, even though you may be tempted to cram their mouths full of butter and tell them: “Now you have a reason to be a slick talker.”

Reach Roger Alford at (502) 514-6857 or rogeralford1@gmail.com.

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Berea Baptist Church

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- Mary Oldfield, DMD, PSC, 126 North Broadway, Berea. Phone: 986-2060

Pharmacy

- Berea Drug, U.S. 25 North. Phone: 986-4521

Olinger addresses Berea graduates

Berea College recognized 77 students during its Mid-Year Recognition Ceremony on Dec. 10. Berea alum Dr. Betty Hyatt Olinger addressed the students, who represented 21 states and three different countries.

Dr. Olinger began her career as a nurse after graduating from Berea College in 1969, taking her first job as a nurse and supervisor at Garrard County Memorial Hospital. Olinger married her husband David—also a Berea alum—in Danforth Chapel the day after their graduation. The couple moved to Rhode Island and, while there, Olinger expanded her career to nursing education, teaching for three years at the Newport Hospital School of Nursing.

Olinger later returned to Kentucky, where she began her 20 years of teaching in the Berea College Department of Nursing. In 1977, she completed a master’s degree in nursing and her doctorate in higher education administration in 1987 at the University of Kentucky.

In 1994, Olinger joined Kentucky State University as assistant vice president for Academic Affairs. She later served as acting vice president for Academic Affairs. Olinger says these two roles provided her with “a wealth of knowledge and experience in administration of academic programs and academic services.”

Olinger was later appointed as the division director for Local Health Department Operations in the Kentucky Department of Health. There, Olinger was responsible for day-to-day operations in health departments across Kentucky and gained a broader perspective on public health nursing, policy development and management of the state’s personnel system.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Dec. 12

- Duain John Hawkins, Jr. and Ruth R. Hawkins to JoLynn S. Phillips, lot 38 Brookline Subdivision, \$275,000
- David N. Smiley, Co-Executor of the Estate of Claudia Mae Smiley and Jeffrey A. Smiley, Co-Executor of the Estate of Claudia Mae Smiley to Glennell Baker, lot 5 Block A Lakewood Estates, \$245,000
- Stephanie Leann Conn and Kirt Conn to Rebecca Kate Gooch (f/k/a Rebecca Kate Durham) and Timothy Gooch, tract Madison County (vicinity of South Dogwood Drive, Berea), for and in consideration of the love and affection between parties
- Cade M. Stidham and Autumn Stidham to Taylor Cain and Meagan Cain, lot 39 East Point Estates, \$260,000
- Andrea Freeman, Trustee of the Peggy S. Moss Revocable Trust to C. Wesley Morgan and Lindsey Morgan, lot 89 Castlewood Subdivision, \$280,000
- Robert B. Broaddus to Cheris Skelton, lot 11 Orchard Hills Subdivision Phase 2, \$262,000
- Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to Hayley Rogers, 136 Crossing View Drive, Berea, \$191,086
- Hayley Rogers to Jennifer E. Busson, Trustee, Hayley Rogers, William Dale Adams and Sandy Adams, 136 Crossing View Drive, Berea, the party of the first part desires to

transfer and covey all of the foregoing property to party of the second part

- Marvin Rose and Donna Rose to Shane Garrett and Kelly Garrett, 124 Woods Pointe Drive, Berea, \$33,000
- Mary L. Cornett to Lindsey H. Cornett and Carla D. Cornett, tract Madison County (vicinity of Whitt Road), \$1.00 and love and affection

Dec. 13

- James A. Hendricks (a/k/a James Anson Hendricks, Sr, by and through his Conservator, Terry Alan Hendricks to Terry Allen Hendricks, Trustee of the James and Patsy Hendricks Irrevocable Trust, dated July 20, 2023, 124 Eastern Hills Drive, Richmond, for and in consideration of premises and to conform to the intentions of the parties
- Joyce Stocker to Donnie Stocker, Trustee of the Stocker Family Irrevocable Trust, dated August 8, 2023, tract Madison County (vicinity of Burton Lane), for and in consideration of premises and to conform to the intentions of the parties
- Ronnie D. Reynolds and Janet S. Reynolds to Jarred Michael Abney and Morgan Faith Abney, tracts Madison County (vicinity of Bethlehem Road), \$120,000
- William C. Eriksen and Sarah Eriksen to IBS (US), LLC, tract U.S. Highway 25, \$508,200

P&Z

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light pollution, and encroach on their privacy, since their back porches are directly across the ravine where a future development might occur. “If you make something beautiful like the library (which is nearby) that’s not objectionable,” Frederickson said. “But if it is another tire shop, that would be a problem and would certainly affect that property values of those of us living on Pearl Street.” Both Baker and Fredrickson also alerted Codes Enforcement Administrator Amanda Haney that potentially illegal dumping is occurring on the site. Haney said the codes department will investigate the matter further.

During discussion of the item, some commissioners added their reservations about the proposed zone change.

“Everything that is permitted in B-2, I don’t personally feel is appropriate for this property,” said Commissioner Martin Richards. “The rest of the commission can vote how they want, but I’m not going to vote in favor of changing it to B-2.”

Commissioner Denise Hagan agreed, stating, “I think you’re going to change the whole makeup of that area if you rezone it.”

Richards then moved to table the zone change proposal until the property owner submits a conceptual plan that would give officials more information about what will potentially be built on the property. The motion was seconded and was adopted unanimously.

In other action, the commission approved a zone change request for 334 Rash Road from R-1 residential to B-2 major business district. The property is next to a Madison County EMS station, and is surrounded by B-2 zoned properties. P&Z unanimously endorsed that zone change request, which will go on to the Berea City Council for final approval.

In other discussion, Commissioner Stephanie Hembree, who is a realtor, announced plans to brief the commission on housing market trends in Berea for 2023, to provide planning officials with snapshot of what kind of housing is needed in the city when future projects come up for consideration.

Recycle your tree

FRANKFORT — Help improve Kentucky’s fisheries by donating your natural Christmas tree to the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources “Christmas for the Fishes” tree recycling program this holiday season.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife will be accepting evergreen trees at 29 drop-off locations across the state from Dec. 26 through Jan. 15, 2024. Trees should be real, not artificial, and should be free of lights, garland and decorations. Limbs, wreaths, brush or other plants will not be accepted.

Donated trees will be anchored to environmentally-friendly weights and submerged at various depths in different lakes and reservoirs across Kentucky to provide places for fish to feed, shelter and spawn. They make great refuge and feeding habitat for game fish, as well as small fish and invertebrates that are crucial for a thriving ecosystem.

The locations where trees are installed generally become hot spots for fish species targeted by anglers. The locations are recorded by Kentucky Fish and Wildlife staff and the GPS coordinates made available to anglers through the “Lakes with Fish Attractors” on the website.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife is funded through the sale of fishing and hunting licenses, boat registrations and related grants. Conserving Kentucky’s fishes and their habitats and providing related recreational opportunities are important aspects of the department’s mission.

VOLUNTEERS

FROM PAGE 1

Gene Stinchcomb was trained with one of the initial orientation classes and has since kept himself occupied by transporting members while also serving as the primary volunteer for several members. He is known for being kind, supportive, and respectful, and is enthusiastic, dependable, and steadfast. Gene has a calm demeanor in times of crisis and has been known to step in at short notice when a ride falls through. He has represented BHV well in the community and has generously donated handcrafted items for the BHV fundraiser auction. Additionally, Gene makes regular donations to BHV.

We at BHV congratulate to Symerdar Baskin and Gene Stinchcomb for their selfless dedication to BHV, and for being recognized as Volunteers of the Year.

The next new volunteer orientation will take place on March 19. For more information, please call Katie at (859) 985-0099.

RENTALS

FROM PAGE 1

3-0 to not issue a conditional use permit due to the condition of the road leading to the property. “Then, the owner began renting it monthly,” she said. “I would go ask the new residents each month if they would slow down and recognize the speed limit. Then, I would do it again next month, and so on. Someone is going to get seriously hurt,”

Adkins asked the court how the Airbnb could be operating if it was denied a license in July.

Thomas said until recently the county did not regulate Airbnbs or VRBOS or any types of short-term rentals. Regulations have now been established for the operation of such rentals.

The new regulations make that a permitted use permit can be issued with certain standards being met, a licensing process, followed by a permitting process.

“We do an inspection process for the amount of off-street parking, smoke detectors, life-safety-type things to make sure the residence is safe for people to be in and we issue a permit,” said Thomas. “That’s our new process.”

Thomas said he sympathizes with Adkins because “Kentucky River Road is a terrible road. It’s a very narrow road. It’s gotten better with being paved but it’s still very narrow and if you meet another car in certain spots you have to stop and back up or somebody’s back down the hill.”

Addressing the

speeding on the road, Scott Shepherd, Madison County Road Supervisor, said he drove the road and noted the number of posted speed limit signs “From the beginning of the road through 1.1 miles there are four posted speed limit signs,” said Shepherd. “It is triple what it should be. There should only be one.

Shepherd said due to the location of the road, a deep mountainside on one side and a hollow on the other the road can not be widened or have pull offs added to the sides. Speed bumps can not be added to the road either because Kentucky River Road is maintained by the county which forbids speed bumps due to possible damage to county-owned road equipment.

No action was taken on the road or licensing regulations for short-term rentals, but Taylor told Adkins and others in attendance that maybe it’s time for the county to revisit the regulations for short-term rentals.

“We recognize the issue, now it’s what we do and can not do about the issue,” said Magistrate Stephen Lochmuller, whose district Kentucky River Road resides.

In other business, the court heard the Madison County Sheriff’s office collected \$14,182.36 in 2022 mineral taxes.

- Voted to discontinue county road maintenance to Kavanaugh and Cherokee Lane, and entered into an agreement with Michael Leger, doing business under the name Inspector Corrector, LLC as a contract electrical inspector.

POEM

What Christmas Really Means

A long time ago in a place so far away,
a child was born on Christmas day.
He was wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger,
God’s greatest gift to us ‘JESUS OUR SAVIOR’.

Three wise men presented him with precious gifts,
of gold, myrrh, and frankincense.
But their precious gifts could never touch,
The greatest gift ‘THAT GOD GAVE US’.

Today we forget the true meaning of Christmas,
It’s not the time to write down your gift list.
Nor for telling the story of Santa Claus,
nor for wrapping up those Barbie dolls.

But it’s a time of tender loving care,
for that little heart in despair.
So give to those who have need,
then you’ll know what Christmas really means.

*Submitted by
W. Lamb 10/31/1989*

OBITUARY

Rose Eleanor (Sallee) Johns

Rose Eleanor (Sallee) Johns, 85, of Richmond, passed away Monday, December 18, 2023 at the Terrace Nursing Home in Berea after a long illness. She was born April 16, 1938 in Richmond to the late Garnett and Opal Sallee. She is also preceded in death by her husband of 55 Years, John A. Johns.

She was a lifelong resident of Richmond and Madison County. Rose was a dedicated wife, mother, caregiver and neighbor.

Rose is survived by one son, Keith Johns and his wife Sue (Jennings) Johns of Berea; one sister, Barbara Sue Weir of Carlsbad, New Mexico; two grandsons, Jason Johns and Jaaron Johns (Kristen Rebsch) both of Richmond; as well as her three great grandchildren, SheaLee Johns and Jaycie Johns of Berea and Eli Coy-Johns of Frisco, Texas; and one special niece, Karen Pike of Carlsbad, New Mexico. Rose is also survived by many nieces and nephews on both sides of her family.

Visitation will be 10 a.m.-noon at Oldham, Roberts and Powell Funeral Home on Tuesday, December 26, 2023. Funeral service will follow at noon. Burial will follow at Madison Memorial Gardens with Jake Jennings officiating.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Frances Mills, Jelemia Sanders, Patty Saylor, and Doe Moody.



ORDINANCE # 11 - 2023

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, ADOPTING A REVISED PURCHASING POLICY MANUAL, AND AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, BY REVISING SECTION 24.309 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REMAIN CONSISTENT WITH THE REVISED PURCHASING POLICY MANUAL.

WHEREAS, in Ordinance 12-2021, the City Council adopted Section 24.100 of the Berea City Code, providing for the adoption of a Purchasing Policy Manual to guide City officers and employees in the procurement process; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to revise the current Purchasing Policy Manual; and

WHEREAS, consequently, it is necessary to revise Section 24.309 to be consistent with the revised Purchasing Policies in the revised Purchasing Policy Manual;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Berea, Kentucky, that the Code of Ordinances of the City of Berea be revised as follows:

SECTION I

The City of Berea hereby adopts the attached Purchasing Policy and Manual, by reference herein, and a copy of such Purchasing Policy and Manual shall be maintained in the Office of the City Clerk.

SECTION II

That the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to revise § 24.309, of the Code of Ordinances, so that such section shall read as follows:

Upon adoption of the budget summary as provided for in § 24.303, the City Council of the City of Berea shall be provided a monthly detailed activity report of each line item as provided for in §§ 24.304 and 24.305. This report shall list every revenue item and each expenditure item during a particular month for each line item as provided for in

§§ 24.304 and 24.305. Total expenditures for each line item provided for in § 24.307 may not exceed 10% of the line item budget or \$5,000.00, whichever is greater, without prior approval of the City Council. Line items exceeding these thresholds which would cause total expenditures in any budget summary item to exceed the amount budgeted for that summary item, shall require the immediate passage, approval and publication as required by law of a revised budget. Line items exceeding these thresholds which would not cause total expenditures in any budget summary item to exceed the amount budgeted for that summary item shall be accumulated until such time that a revised budget is deemed necessary to prevent budget summary items to exceed the amount budgeted for that summary item. Provided, however, that in the event of an emergency declared and certified by the Mayor in writing, the City Administrator may make the purchase as specified in the Mayor's Declaration, and report the purchase to the City Council at the next scheduled City Council meeting.

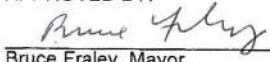
SECTION III

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed. This ordinance shall be published according to law.

FIRST READING: December 5, 2023.

SECOND READING AND ENACTMENT: December 19, 2023.

APPROVED BY:


Bruce Fraley, Mayor

ATTEST:


Clerk of the City Council

Published this 20th day of December, 2023.

PREPARED BY:


Corporate Counsel

Sports

Cats make jump in poll

LEXINGTON — Kentucky made the biggest jump in the Associated Press Top 25 poll Monday.

The Wildcats (8-2) moved up five spots and are now ranked No. 9 going into Thursday's contest against in-state rival Louisville. It marked the first time this season Kentucky has entered into the Top 10.

In three games against ranked foes, Kentucky has won twice against teams ranked in the Top 10. The Wildcats defeated then-No. 9 North Carolina 87-83 last Saturday in the CBS Sports Classic in Atlanta and earlier downed then-No. 8 Miami.

The Tar Heels fell to No. 11, but Kentucky coach John Calipari thinks North Carolina will be among the teams in the hunt for a national title.

"UNC is a Final Four-level team," he said. ... They're good. We were lucky to win, but I'm happy for this young group because they've really worked hard."

HOORAY FOR D.J.

For the second time this season, Kentucky point guard D.J. Wagner was named SEC Player of the Week.

In his second game after returning from an injury, Wagner played 35 minutes in the win over North Carolina. He scored 14 points, grabbed six rebounds and dished out five assists.

Wagner is averaging 12.8 points per game on a squad that has balanced scoring. In the win over North Carolina, eight players scored seven points or more.

"I've seen it all season, we've got four, five, six dudes in double figures multiple games this year," Tre Mitchell said. "It comes down to we know the dude to the left and to the right of us is an elite basketball player."

"It makes the game so much easier for each one of us when each individual person is capable of drawing so much attention."



Aaron Bradshaw celebrates Kentucky's win over North Carolina last Saturday. (UK Photo)

Signature victory

Cats edge North Carolina in Classic

Kentucky picked up its second signature win of the season with an 87-83 victory over No. 9 North Carolina Saturday in the CBS Sports Classic at State Farm Arena in Atlanta.

Kentucky (8-2) has won two straight since an 80-73 loss to UNC-Wilmington on Dec. 2. The Wildcats also have won two of its three games against Top-10 foes this season. The Wildcats defeated then-No. 8 Miami 95-73 in the ACC-SEC Challenge on Nov. 28 but lost to then-No. 1 Kansas 89-84 in the State Farm Champions Classic in Chicago on Nov. 14.

"That (was) a veteran team that came in with one idea: they were going to be physical with us," Kentucky coach John Calipari said. "That's what they did. You know what, we held our own." This is a group of young talented basketball players that are still learning. We're not near where we should be or where we will be, but I'm kind of liking where we are at this stage of the season. But now it's time to say, okay, let's go. (They are) a really smart team, too. Like really smart." In his third game back since returning from a foot injury, Aaron Bradshaw made three free throws in the final 46 seconds to help the Wildcats

hold off the Tar Heels, who led just once in the contest. Bradshaw finished with 12 points as four Kentucky players finished in double figures.

Rob Dillingham led the Wildcats with 17 points and scored four of those during a 6-0 Kentucky run after the Tar Heels (7-3) took their lone lead of the game at 72-71 with five minutes remaining. The spurt created enough spacing for the Wildcats down the stretch.

D.J. Wagner had 14 points and Reed Sheppard finished with 11 points and added six rebounds. Led by Dillingham, Kentucky's freshmen — Dillingham, Bradshaw, Wagner, Sheppard and Justin Edwards — combined for 62 points. "They have a number of players that can create their own shot in one-on-one situations, and so from a defensive standpoint and the way that we play defense, they had to make some tough shots, one-on-one against us, and specifically down the stretch they were able to do so," North Carolina coach Hubert Davis said.

Kentucky leading scorer Antonio Reeves scored a season-low nine points and didn't score his first basket - a 3-pointer - until the 16:33 mark of the second half.

The Wildcats evened their record at 5-5 in the event and have posted four of those victories over North Carolina. In the opener, Ohio State defeated UCLA 67-60.

Davis fell to 0-2 against the Wildcats. The Tar Heels were led by RJ Davis, who finished with 27 points.

ONYENSO RETURNS

Kentucky sophomore Ugonna Onyenso made his first appearance of the season, returning from a foot injury. Onyenso entered the lineup at the 13:04 mark of the first half.

The 7-foot center played 10 minutes, scored one point, grabbed a rebound and had three blocks.

"How about Ugonna?" Calipari said. "He just started practicing. He got the flu and could not travel with us. Flew in this morning, went to the shootaround, had to do what? Went in the bathroom. I can't play him. He said, 'I'm going to be fine.' He helped us."

Overall, Kentucky had nine blocks, including four by Adou Thiero.

Gametracker: Kentucky at Louisville, Thursday, 6 p.m.. TV / Radio: ESPN, UK Radio Network.

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Basketball

Schedule

November



6

N. Mexico State • Won • 86-46



10

Texas A&M Comm. • Won • 81-61



14

Kansas • Lost • 89-84



17

Stonehill • Won • 101-67



20

Saint Joseph's • Won • 96-88 (OT)



24

Marshall • Won • 118-82



28

Miami • Won • 95-73

December



2

UNC Wilmington • Lost • 80-73



9

Penn @ Philly • Won • 81-66



16

North Carolina • Won • 87-83



21

@ Louisville • 6 p.m. • ESPN



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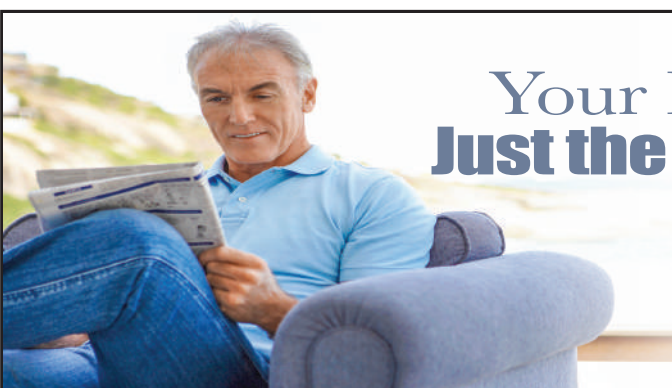
Illinois State • 7 p.m. • SECN

January



6

@ Florida • 12:30 p.m. • ESPN



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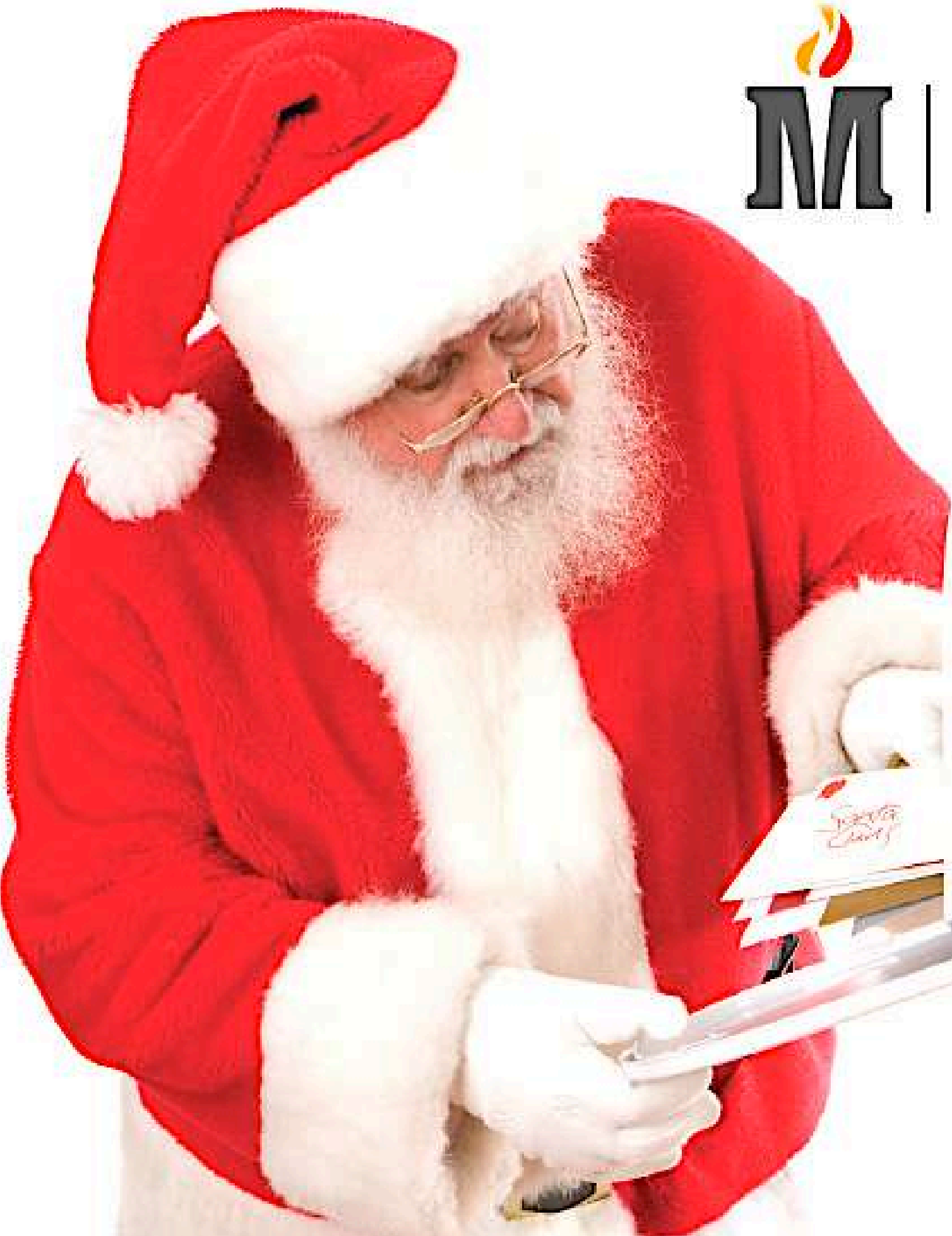
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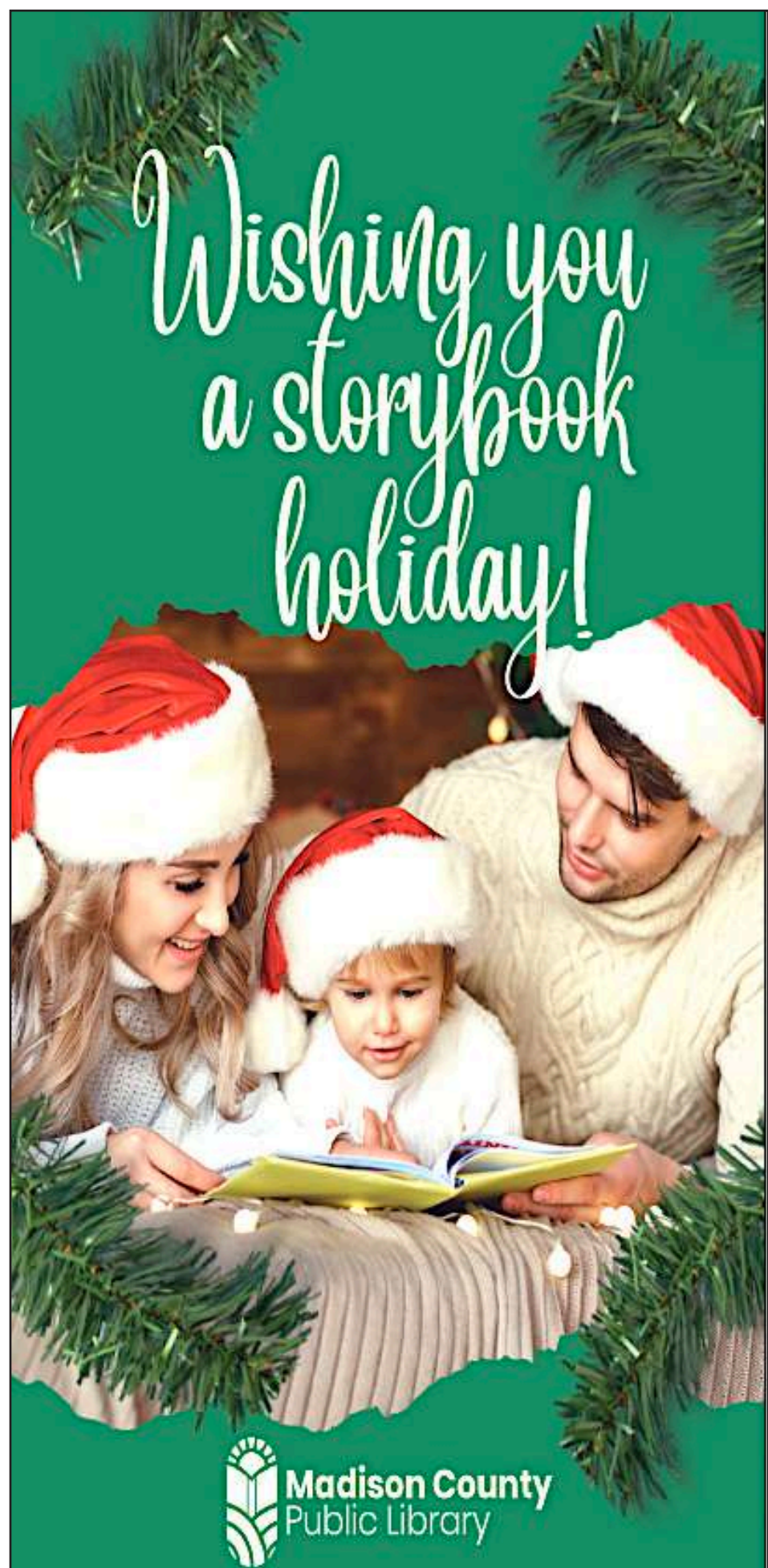


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Kingston Elementary School

Dear Santa,
My name is Greer Conte. I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things that I am wishing for this year: minecraft legos, PS5, and a go cart. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
Your friend,
Greer Conte
Kingston Elementary
Mrs. Haynes’
2023 Kindergarten Class

Dear Santa,
My name is Evan Creel. I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things that I am wishing for this year: slinky, lego dino, and lego car. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
Your friend, Evan
Kingston Elementary
Mrs. Haynes’
2023 Kindergarten Class

Dear Santa,
My name is Xander Cornett. I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things that I am wishing for this year: 12V Yamaha Raptor ATV Ride-On, Bowser Battle Play Set, and Twister. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
Your friend,
Xander Cornett
Kingston Elementary
Mrs. Haynes’
2023 Kindergarten Class

Dear Santa,
My name is Hawk Brock. I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things that I am wishing for this year: Light up dion, Groot , and Paw Patrol. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
Your friend,
Hawk Brock
Kingston Elementary
Mrs. Haynes’
2023 Kindergarten Class

Dear Santa,
My name is Adelynn Collins. I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things that I am wishing for this year: Fingerling , easy bake oven , and a pink play kitchen . I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
Your friend, Addy
Kingston Elementary
Mrs. Haynes’
2023 Kindergarten Class.

Dear Santa,
My name is Karter Clayton. I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things that I am wishing for this year: Dinosaurs, masc, and cars. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
Your friend,
Karter Clayton
Kingston Elementary
Mrs. Haynes’
2023 Kindergarten Class

Dear Santa,
My name is Lucas Spanke. I am five years old. This year I have been .Really good . These are three things that I am wishing for this year: A Paw patrol playset,A mini kids kitchen, and Paw Patrol stories. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
Your friend,
Lucas Spanke
Kingston Elementary
Mrs. Haynes’
2023 Kindergarten Class

Dear Santa,
My name is Jackson Thacker . I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things that I am wishing for this year: disney doorables , technic motorcycle lego set , and an x-treme airwave . I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
Your friend,
Jackson Thacker
Kingston Elementary
Mrs. Haynes’
2023 Kindergarten Class

Dear Santa,
My name is Emma Bingham. I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things that I am wishing for this year: a camera, my

puppy’s home, and a guitar. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
Your friend,
Emma
Kingston Elementary
Mrs. Haynes’
2023 Kindergarten Class

Dear Santa,
My name is Dawson Taylar. I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things that I am wishing for this year: Melissa and Doug wooden toy fruit, Minecraft lego, and hotwills. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
Your friend,
Dawson Taylar
Kingston Elementary
Mrs. Haynes’
2023 Kindergarten Class

Dear Santa,
My name is Bayleigh Wynn. I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things that I am wishing for this year: Stitch, hog, and cat-mom milk. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
Your friend,
Bayleigh
Kingston Elementary
Mrs. Haynes’
2023 Kindergarten Class

Dear Santa,
My name is Nash Kelly. I am 5 years old. This year I have been trying to be nice. These are three things that I am wishing for this year: 24V Real-tree XD UTV Ride-on,Pig On Trampoline game , and Mutant Mayhem PizzaFire Van. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
Your friend,
Nash Kelly
Kingston Elementary
Mrs. Haynes’
2023 Kindergarten Class

Dear Santa,
My name is Harrison Strack. I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things that I am wishing for this year are a Squirtle and Pikachu plushie. A nerf sling-shot. And a ps5. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
Your friend,
Harrison
Kingston Elementary
Mrs. Haynes’
2023 Kindergarten Class

Dear Santa,
My name is Arabella McCarty. I am five years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things that I am wishing for this year: Puppy dog toy,fingering, and a kitty cat toy. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
Your friend,
Arabella McCarty
Kingston Elementary
Mrs. Haynes’
2023 Kindergarten Class

Dear Santa,
My name is Paisley Reed. I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things that I am wishing for this year:A Plush Fox, Number Block characters, and a coloring kit. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
Your friend,
Paisley Reed
Kingston Elementary
Mrs. Haynes’
2023 Kindergarten Class

Dear Santa,
My name is Alice Carver. I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things that I am wishing for: sky stuffed toy, bumper car , and squirter stuffed toy. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
Your friend,
Alice Carver,
Kingston Elementary
Mrs. Haynes’
2023 Kindergarten Class

Dear Santa,
My name is Zoey Huffman. I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things that I am wishing for this year: Fourwheeler,Magic mixies pixies and a Rainbow high doll. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
Your friend,
Zoey
Kingston Elementary
Mrs. Haynes’
2023 Kindergarten Class

Dear Santa,
My name is Connor. I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. These are

five things that I am wishing for this year: making monsters, RC RZR car, lego spider robot, bumper car, and a mario race car track. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
Your friend,
Connor Leedy
Kingston Elementary
Mrs. Haynes’
2023 Kindergarten Class

Dear Santa,
My name is Carly Adams . I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things that I am wishing for this year: Barbie Chelsea Doll , Twister Air , and a Camera. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
Your friend,
Carly Adams
Kingston Elementary
Mrs. Haynes’
2023 Kindergarten Class

Dear Santa,
My name is Ella Risk . I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things that I am wishing for this year: mini verse food , scooter , and a Ken Doll . I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
Your friend,
Ella Risk
Kingston Elementary
Mrs. Haynes’
2023 Kindergarten Class

Dear Santa,
My name is Luke Haynes . I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things that I am wishing for this year: Lego City Set, Lego Ninjago Set and Spiderman Toy. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
Your friend,
Luke Haynes
Kingston Elementary
Mrs. Haynes’
2023 Kindergarten Class

Dear Santa,
My name is Lillian Fields . I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things that I am wishing for this year: Gummy Bear Toy set, Pets Alive Kittens, Polly Pockets . I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
Your friend,
Lillian
Kingston Elementary
Mrs. Haynes’
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Dear Santa,
My name is Noah Henery . I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things that I am wishing for this year: Minecraft Lego Set, Luigi Mansion DS game, Super Mario Party DS game . I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.
Your friend,
Noah
Kingston Elementary
Mrs. Haynes’
2023 Kindergarten Class

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Dear Santa,

My name is Serenity. I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for:
 1. A stuff pup and a dog house
 2. Furde
 3. Hello kitty plushie
 I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.

From,
Serenity R.
Mrs. Strack’s Kindergarten
Kingston Elementary
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Dear Santa,

My name is Moses. I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: a nerf blaster pedal cart, a Ps5, and a Nintendo switch. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas eve.

Love,
Moses W.
Mrs. Strack’s Kindergarten
Kingston Elementary
2023

Dear Santa,

My name is Dallas. I am 5 years old.

This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for. I want hot wheel cars, a mini jeep, and a pokemon toy set. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.

Your Friend,
Dallas C.
Mrs. Strack’s Kindergarten
Kingston Elementary
2023

Dear Santa,

My name is McKenna. I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for: a princess tea party set, princess play items, and a pink princess play suitcase. I also want a Minnie boutique shopping cart. I will set out chocolate cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.

From,
McKenna L.
Mrs. Strack’s Kindergarten
Kingston Elementary
2023

Dear Santa,

My name is Aubrey. I have been nice. I am asking for a dentist kit, a gabby doll house, a cooking set, and a mermaid-lantis figure set. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.

Love,
Aubrey O.
Mrs. Strack’s Kindergarten
Kingston Elementary
2023

Dear Santa,

My name is Karter. I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for: a remote control car, a nerf gun, and a PS5. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.

From
Karter C.
Mrs. Strack’s Kindergarten
Kingston Elementary
2023

Dear Santa,

My name is Kayson. I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for: a nintendo switch and I want lankybox toys and I want a stormcharge nerf gun. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.

From,
Kayson J.
Mrs. Strack’s Kindergarten
Kingston Elementary
2023

Dear Santa,

My name is Raelynn. I am 6 years old. I have been nice this year. These are three things that I am wishing for. I want a Stitch stuffed animal, a bratz doll, and a stuffed doggy with a dog house. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.

Love,
Raelynn T.
Mrs. Strack’s Kindergarten
Kingston Elementary
2023

Dear Santa,

My name is Maverick. I am 5 years old this year. I have been nice! These are the things I want for Christmas. I would like a Minecraft nerf gun, a Minecraft lego set, and a 4 wheeler. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.

Love,
Maverick H.
Mrs. Strack’s Kindergarten
Kingston Elementary
2023

Dear Santa,

My name is Jaxon. I am 5 years old. I have been nice. Three things I want are a remote controlled vehicle, a tiny car, and a spider man super bumper car ride-on. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.

From,
Jaxon C.
Mrs. Strack’s Kindergarten
Kingston Elementary
2023

Dear Santa, My name is Zaynan. I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for: a motorcycle, a drone, and a transformer. I will set out cookies for you on Christmas Eve. Merry Christmas! From your friend, Zaynan S. Mrs. Strack’s Kindergarten Kingston Elementary 2023	From your friend, Alex B. Mrs. Strack’s Kindergarten Kingston Elementary 2023 Dear Santa, My name is Cashton. I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for: a power wheel jeep, a cooking set, a four wheeler. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Cashton B. Mrs. Strack’s Kindergarten Kingston Elementary 2023 Dear Santa, My name is Mickey Neely. I am 5 years old. I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for: I want 2 nerf guns, and a PS5. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas eve. From, Micky N. Mrs. Strack’s Kindergarten Kingston Elementary 2023 Dear Santa, My name is Harper. I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. Three things I am wishing for this year is a baby doll, a make up set, and a toy food market. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas eve. Your friend, Harper B. Mrs. Strack’s Kindergarten Kingston Elementary 2023 Dear Santa, My name is Sebastian. I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for. I want a Jurassic Park lego set, a playhouse, and a city lego set. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. Your friend, Sebastian P. Mrs. Strack’s Kindergarten Kingston Elementary 2023 Dear Santa, My name is Sawyer D. I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. I have been nice by helping people up when they fall. Three things I am wishing for is: a lankybox, a go cart, and a nerf gun. I will set out some cookies and milk for you and candy canes for the reindeers on Christmas eve. Love, Sawyer D. Mrs. Strack’s Kindergarten Kingston Elementary 2023	From, Easton Kwao Mrs. Witt’s class Kingston Elementary Dear Santa. My name is Briceton Hall. I am 5 years old.I have been nice.I want a Paw Patrol toy and Star Wars figures and a Ninja Turtle toy. I will set out milk and cookies. From, Briceton Hall Mrs. Witt’s class Kingston Elementary Dear Santa, My name is Isaiah Willoughby. I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for: RC car, some colored pencils, and a photo camera. I will set out cookies and milk for you. From, Isaiah Willoughby Mrs. Witt’s class Kingston Elementary Dear Santa, My name is Kyler Bailey, I am 6 years old, I have been nice this year. The three things I am wishing for are Zuru Smashers Mega Jurassic Light up dino, cars, and a Gumball Machine.I will set some cookies and milk out for you on Christmas Eve. From, Kyler Bailey Mrs. Witts class Kingston Elementary Dear Santa, I have been really nice this year. My name is Cam Flannery, three things I want are a four wheeler, a drone, and a BIG 10 in 1 game table. I will send you out milk and cookies on Chrstmas eve. From, Cam Flannery Mrs. Witt’s class Kingston Elementary Dear Santa, My name is Kayson Hill. I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. One thing I am wishing for is Hot wheels. Also I want a Bluey Plush this Christmas. The last thing I want is Throw, Throw, Burrito. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Kayson Hill Mrs. Witt’s class Kingston Elementary Dear Santa, My name is Aurora Smith.I am 5 years old.This year I have been nice. One of the things I want is a Minnie Mouse Buggy. Another thing I want is a Minnie Mouse Kitchen Set. The last thing I would like is a Minnie Mouse Go Cart. I will send out cookies and milk for you on Christmas eve. From, Aurora Smith Mrs. Witt’s class Kingston Elementary Dear Santa, My name is Corbin Clark. I am 5 years old. This year I have been: nice this year. These are three things I am wishing for: a Minecraft Lego set, Melissa and Doug food ket, and a cooking set. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Corbin Clark Mrs. Witt’s class Kingston Elementary Dear Santa, My name is Emmalynn Alexander.I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. Things I want this year are Barbie dream house, Barbie car, Barbie pool. I will set cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Emmalynn Alexander Mrs Witt’s class Kingston Elementary Dear, Santa My name is Bethany Schenk. I am 5 years old and I have been really good this year. Here are three things I wish for for Christmas. I want a cooking set with a cleaning set. I also want a swing set with slides. Lastly I will set cookies and milk out for Santa on Christmas eve night. From, Bethany Schenk Mrs. Witt’s class Kingston Elementary	Dear Santa, My name is Sarah Bowling, and I am 6 years old. I was nice this year. These are three things I am wishing for a bike and Minnie Mouse kitchen and a tool shed. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Sarah Bowling Mrs. Witt’s Class Kingston Elementary Dear Santa, My name is Violet Rose. I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I wish for are Furby, Trolls House, and a Squish-mallow. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas eve. From, Violet Rose Mrs Witt’s class Kingston Elementary Dear Santa, My name is Paxton Palmer. I am 6 years old . This year I have been nice. This year I want a Minecraft Lego set and I want a Lego unicorn. I also want a Paw Patrol the Mighty Movie set. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Paxton Palmer Mrs. Witt’s class Kingston Elementary Dear Santa, My name is Raina Dannelly. I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. One thing I want for Christmas is the Extended Heeler Family Figures 8-set. Another thing I want for Christmas is a Monster High Fashion Doll. The final thing I would like for Christmas is a Bratz Doll. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Raina Dannelly Mrs. Witt’s class Kingston Elementary Dear Santa, My name is Maycee. I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. Three things I want for Christmas are a bumper car ride on, an easy bake oven, and a cry babies baby doll . I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Maycee Quiles Mrs. Witt’s class Kingston Elementary Dear Santa, My name is Liam. I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. Three things I want for Christmaw are a toy dog house, Spiderman music player, and Luigi’s haunted mansion switch game. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Liam Norton Mrs. Witt’s class Kingston Elementary Dear Santa, My name is Mila. I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for: magnetic building tiles, Gabby’s doll-house toys, and Anna and Elsa toys. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Mila Clark Mrs. Witt’s Class Kingston Elementary Dear Santa, My name is Nickolas. I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for: paw patrol construction toys, a doctor set, and dinosaurs. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Nickolas Gallardo Mrs. Witt’s Class Kingston Elementary Dear Santa, My name is Maliah. I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for: toy dog with a house, lego doll set, and a store toy set. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. From, Maliah Beem Mrs. Witt’s Class Kingston Elementary
Dear Santa, My name is Alex B. I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. Three things I am wishing for is a PS5, a drone, and a Lego set with minecraft. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. I like you Santa. Dear Santa,	Dear santa, My name is Easton Kwao. I am 5 years old. I have been nice this year. These are three things I am wishing for Potato connection, Marvel characters, and a Groot toy. I have been good. I will set cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.		

Mrs. Baldridge
 Second Grade
 Kingston Elementary

Dear Santa,
 Hello my name is Olivia. I am 8 years old. How are the reindeer? For Christmas this year I would like basketboll, car, Nintendo games. I want lot lot and lot of Pokemon cards. I want all the Pokemon cared in the world and I want Pokemon cared. Thank you for bringing presents.
 Your Friend, Olivia M

Dear Santa,
 Hello my name is Augustus. I hope I am on the nice list for Christmas I would like a IPad, Drone, a kid Jeep, toy fridge, a toy sink, ear Buds, a X Box, a fox, squishmallow, rc car, and a go-cart.
 Hoo hoo hoo
 From,
 Augustus N

Dear Santa,
 Hello my name is Logan. I am yeas old. How are you doing? For Christmas this year I would like a New dirt bike, and dirt bike gaer. I would also like a Pokemon FollPac card. Thank you for bringing presents.
 Your frend.
 From,
 Logan S.

Dear Santa,
 Hello! My name is Sawyer. how are you? For Christmas this year. i would like a drone playstion five Gameboy advance xbox Mario bros wonder apple ipad thank you for brining presents.
 From,
 Sawyer C

Dear Santa,
 Hello my name is Easton. How are the reindeer? For Christmas this year, I would like a drone, puppy, and a squishmallos. I woud like a PS5. Thank you for bringing pres-ents.
 From ,
 Easton C

Dear Santa,
 Hello! My name is Larkyn. I am 8 years old. How are you doing? For Christmas this year, I would like make-up phone, motorcycle, figet toys I would also like a pink Lam-borghini.
 From,
 Larkyn A

Dear Santa,
 Hello! My name is Bricen. How are the reindeer? I am 7 years old. For Christmas this year I would like animas’ Pokmon cards, spashis crafted, sea shipped, squshmallows, nacher legos, botes, shareks.
 From,
 Bricen R.

Dear Santa,
 Hello! My name is John. I am 8 years old. How are you doing? For Christmas this year, I would like 22 bolt action rifle. Thank you for bring-ing presnts.
 Your Fren,
 John S

Dear Santa,
 Hllo my name is Bryson. I am 8 years old How are you doing For Christmas this year I would like 10 packs of vintige Pokemon cads and Chirzard Pokemon pack. I would also like a Xbox and PS5 36 pack of sun in moon Pokemon and thank you for bringing presens.
 From Bryson B

Dear Santa,
 Hello my name is Logan. I am 8 years old. how are you doing. for Christmas this year I would like basketball cards, jersey, IPadPro, Phone, drone, Nerf Gun, baseball cards. I would also like a football. Thank you for bringing presents.
 From,
 Logan R.

Dear Santa,
 Hello, my name is Eli. I am 8 years old. How are you doing. For Christmas this year, I would like Pit Viperes PS 5, football cards, Bengals jersey, Cowboys jersey. I would also like a stich. Tank you for bringing prents.
 From,
 Eli C.

Dear Santa,
 Hello My name is Tucker D. I am 7 how are the reindeer for Christmas this year i woud like a Nintendo cards a five nigts fo fed-dys, and youtub, and a wwe, and a xbox 360
 thank you for bringing presents
 From,
 Tucker D

Dear Santa,
 Hello! My name is Kenzlea. How are you doing? I am 7 years old. For Christmas this year I would like a paint kit. fidget toys and a bike I would also like a blue shops.
 From,
 Kenzlea

Dear Santa,
 Hello! My name is Brayden I am 7 yeas old how are the reindeer For Christmas this year I would like animals, Pokemon, Fotball cards. I would also like a PS 5. Thank you for bringing presents.
 From,
 Brayden

Dear Santa,
 Hello! My name is Adeline. I hope I’m on the nice list. For Christmas this year I would like a mini Jeep, and kids tattoos, a phone toy fridge, and a ipad, and make-up, and hatchimals.

From,
 Adeline

Dear Santa,
 Hello! My name is Lincoln. How ar you, doing? For Christmas, this year, I would like Eagles jersey, Basketball jesey, Jordans, and Poke-mon cards I would like basketball cars Thak you for bringing presents.
 Your Friend,
 Lincoln

Dear Santa,
 Hello my name is Kyler. I hope I’m on the nice list. I want a need for speed game for a switch for Christmis. I would also like a rc boat. thank you for the presints.
 From,
 Kyler

Dear Santa,
 Hello! My name is Grant. I hope I’m on the nice list. for Christmas this year I would like a dirt bike, phone, Pokemons. I would also like a Elf. Thank you for bringing pres-ents.
 Your Frind,
 From,
 Grant

Dear Santa,
 Hello my name is Rory. I am 7 years old. How are you doing For Christmas this year, I would like thos eggs thangs and they have stoft anumols and I would like a Barbie, and a sluberbag you can chos wutevr you want, and I would like a PS5, a fon, a intidowich, a squwashmelo, a now set that Max has.
 From,
 Rory

Dear Santa,
 Hello my name is Ruby I am 7 years old how are the reindeer? for Christmas this year, I would like a Barbie, green house, and a Iphone 15 and, I, also, like a , LOL, doll, house, and a citen. Hoo Hoo hoo
 From Ruby

Dear Santa,
 Hello my name is Gabe. I am 7 years old. How are you doing? For Christmas this year, I would like a toy sound wave. Thank you for bringing presents.
 From,
 Gabe

Dear Santa,
 Hello! My name is Natalie. I am 7 years old. How are you doing? For Christmas this year, I would like a scishmallo, a pokemon game, and a pokemon booster pack. Thank you for bringing presents.
 From,
 Natalie

Dear Santa,
 Hello my name is Tucker. I am 9 years old. How are you doing? For Christmas this year, I would like a PS5, a four wheelr, and a remot cgon.
 From,
 Tucker N

Dear Santa,
 Hello! My name is Levi. I am 8 years old. How are you doing? For Christ-mas this year, I would like a Xbox 360.
 From,
 Levi

Dear Santa,
 Hello! My name is Zoey I am 8 years old. How arn the elves this year im on the nuis list. I wut make-up and a make-up bag and skin care thas all I wut. Mereee Christmas.
 From,
 Zoey

Mrs. Kettler
 Second Grade
 Kingston Elementary

December 1, 2023
 Dear Santa,
 How do your reideer fly? I want a side by side because is fun. I woud like to give you sume coskies.
 Love,
 Klayton

December 1, 2023
 Dear Santa,
 How is your family doing? Can you bring me a laptop because I think it will be entertening me. I want an art set with lots of colored pencils and stuff. I will leave you a glass of milk and cokies.
 Love your good friend,
 Jaxton

December 1, 2023
 Dear Santa,
 Why do you like cookies and milk? I would love a supermarket toy. I need clothes. I love purple and bleu the best. Please get me some squish mellowes. They are cute and soft. Thank you Santa Claus.
 Bye,
 Kairi

December 1, 2023
 Dear Santa,
 Hou is the reinder doing? I want a PS5 becuse my brother has one. I want a Rb alive because it would kep me busy. Oculus woud be cool and fun to. I will leave you coolkess and milk.
 Your friend,
 Elaina

December 1, 2023
 Dear Santa,
 Santa how old are you? Thank you for the giftes. I want a 1000,00 because I want to be rich. Then I went to have a purse. I don’t have one. I want macup because I love it.
 Katie

December 1, 2023
 Dear Santa,
 How is your family doing? Last year I had so much fun! But this year I would like some unspeakable merch. I want unspeakable because he is my favorite youtuber. Good by till next year. By the way I lef you cookies and milk.
 Sincerely,
 Sophia

December 1, 2023
 Dear Santa,
 I want the 2 best akeydos in the world beose its fun. A golden pokemon card with more cards. A sonic race car with a trak becose its fun to race. I want A power ranger the white ranger helmet becose ive wanted one. How do you know?
 Love your good frend,
 Kamden

December 1, 2023
 Dear Santa,
 How is your family doing? I want a PS5 becuae my brother has one. I would like a robo alive because it would entertain me. It would be fun to. I will leave you cookies and milk.
 Your friend,
 Jon

December 1, 2023
 Dear Satna,
 Santa how is mis Clos? I wood like sum Eldore toys. I want them becaus I just have a few. Pleas can I maybe have a big stuf animal becaus I don’t have a big one.
 Love,
 Jude

December 1, 2023
 Dear Santa,
 How many elfs do you have? Thank you for giving us joy. May I have a oculus because I never had one. Please get me fun for my family and a x box. Could you get me a robot? I don’t want to clean my room.
 Sincerely,
 Rayden

December 1, 2023
 Dear Santa,
 Santa I love snow I like the raindear. I was good at doing a 360 so I wunt a skateboard. I wud like a beast lab pleas and tape. My dog loves tap. Can I have a robot so I have a BFF because I have five friends and I wunt six friends.
 Love,
 Arya

December 1, 2023
 Dear Santa,
 Are you doing good? Can you make a PS5 for me? Santa make an xbox for me. Pleas Santa can you make a beast lab.
 Love,
 Conner

December 1, 2023
 Dear Santa,
 How are you doing? And I thank you for brining us stuff that we need. And I raely whant a bluey stuyffy, a new doll and unicorn skateboard to. A new Jackit so I can stay warm and I hope you have a good chrismis eve.
 Love,
 Lauren

December 1, 2023
 Dear Santa,
 Santa how many cooikes can you eat? Could you bring me a new soccer goal. My goal is broken and worn out. I need a new rc car cuz the wheel don’t work. Will you get me nba 2k 24? I really want it. Can you get me a mini frigraer to hold my drinks.
 Love,
 Keegan

December 1, 2023
 Dear Santa,
 I was wondering how old are you? Thak you for giveng me presints! I like lots of money to go to Aus-traile. I will like a new babedoll. Skateboard I like them. I like screen robot if I can get one. I left you coces and milc.
 Sincely,
 Attie

December 1, 2023
 Dear Santa,
 How is the workshop going? I need a new tablet because my tablet is full of games. I need a bedside table to put lights on. I want to be a scientist.
 Sincely,
 Conor

December 1, 2023
 Dear Santa,
 Hello Santa. How is Mrs. Claus? May I have a mouth gured because I need it for my wrestling tournam-ents. Please bring me a tv for my bedroom to watch stuff. I want a go pro to take videos with my brother on his youtube channel. I hope to see you on Christmas.
 Sincerely,
 Caden

December 1, 2023
 Dear Santa,
 Santa how do you make toys? I want some pokemon cards because I want to have shiny pokemon cards. Please buy sonic toys because I never played with sonic toys befor. My hot wheels are cool but I want more because I want a full set of them. May I have pokemon toys because I never saw a chizard. Mer-ry Christmas.
 Love,
 Cinco

December 1, 2023
 Dear Santa,
 How are the raindeer? May I have a creeper to play with. May I have a beast lab to play with. Hope you have a merry Christmas!
 Love,
 Devin

December 1, 2023
Dear Santa,
How do your elves make toys? I need tape so I can make crafts. Please bring my a blanlet to keep me co-mafy. Santa I want a stuffed animal. I will leave you cookis and milk.
Love,
Ben

December 1, 2023
Dear Santa,
How’s you’r famlee dooing? Wod you please bring a Robo Alive snake or geco? I want one because I want to see it slitr or see if it can climb up walls. Plese bring sum candy canes. May I have sum candy canes so I can eat them and I can hang them on the tree. Please spred you’r christmas magik. My famlee and me really want you to come to my house that is what I really want.
Sincerely,
Aniayh

December 1, 2023
Dear Santa,
Is your family ok? May I have aph-mau toys so I can have fun pleas. I want linky box stuf becus I like lankybox. Pleas can I have Robux so I can buy stuf on Roblox and the last thing I want is legos so I can bild stuf.
Mery Christmas,
Raven

December 1, 2023
Dear Santa,
How does your elveves make all those toys? I want an RC car. Myne broke and you can get me another one. I hop you have a Merry Christmas to.
Merry christmas,
Jonah

December 1, 2023
Dear Santa,
I was wondering how old are you? Thank you for giving presents to everyone. Could you please bring me an oculus because it would intertane me. I would also like to re-seve a little bag of raindeer food and mabey a pet fish. May I have a small thing of ice cream. Oh and by the way I left you cookies and milk.
Sincerely,
Conley

Mrs. Ping
Second Grade
Silver Creek Elementary School

Dear Santa,
I hop you have an awesome Christmas this year. I have Worked hard all year long. i have bin rilee good boy this year. the reason Im writing you this letter is to let you know what I want for christmas. Can I please have a alekch(electric) bike, can I please have a ulekchrik scooter, can i please have a new phone? I hope I haven’t acted for too much.
Love
Riley A.
Mrs. Ping’s Second Grade
Silver Creek Elementary

Dear Santa,
I was wondering what your fworrito cookie is? I am writing this letter because I want to tell you what I want for Christmas. I would like a lego Spiderman set with all the bad guys. I also want a Spiderman bed and Spiderman covers and Spiderman decorations and toys in my room. I hope to see you soon.
Love,
Robert A
Mrs. Ping’s Second Grade
Silver Creek Elementary

Dear Santa,
I was wondering what your favorite cooties is? I like cooties to. Wod you like choklit cooties or powder cooties. I like Christmas Can I please have a VR hed set and a iron and a Str Wars Legow set. I Will play with my va heb set and play With Str Wars Legow set. Also I Will tak selfie wif my family. I hop you will have a Wnrl Christmas.
Love
Jasper B
Mrs. Ping’s Second Grade
Silver Creek Elementary

Dear Santa,
How has your year been? I hope it has been good. I hope you have a good year. I had a good year so far. I been a good girl so much. The reason I’m writing to you is what I like for Christmas. Can i please have a new phone, a bitzee, Hey dudes, electric scooter, crop top, Nikes. Most what

I want is a phone. So I can call my friends. And hang out and talk with each other. I haven’t been comfy in my shoes. Have a wonderful Christmas.
Sincerely yours,
Eliza B
Mrs. Ping’s Second Grade
Silver Creek Elementary

Dear Santa,
How has your year been? My year has been a good year too. Can I please have some new Nike alehc shoes and a hole basgotball hoop and candy and a naw phone and a phone case rinibow roller blades.
Love,
Harleigh C
Mrs. Ping’s Second Grade
Silver Creek Elementary

Dear Santa,
I was wandering if what is your favorite cookie is? I am writing you to tell you what i want for Chrismas. Can i please get Apple i pad aJujitsu and a squishmellow and a Chrismas PJmamas. Thank you Santa. And tell Mrs Clus I said hello.
Love,
Silas C.
Mrs. Ping’s Second Grade
Silver Creek Elementary

Dear Santa,
I was wondering what your favorite cookies are? My favorite cookies are oreos. I was being bad but I fixed that. The reason why Im wrighing this letter is that I wanted to tell you what I want for christmas. Can you please get me a xbox game pass, and more fidget ring. But most of all I would like a xbox game pass.
Love,
Riley C.
Mrs. Ping’s Second Grade
Silver Creek Elementary

Dear Santa,
Please have a good year and how are you booing? I been a good girl. I’m writing you this letter is to let you know what I’d like for Christmas. Can I have a new , a new bookshelf, a new Alf Mel doll, a new Alf Mel fluffy, a new bluey play dow, a new bluey dance toy, a new bluey doll hose and Mracris bug dolls. My bookseff lil hip me organize my books.
Sincerely
Lillyonna J.
Mrs. Ping’s Second Grade
Silver Creek Elementary

Dear Santa,
How have you and Mrs Claus been? How bo you not get the fule with eating a’ll thos cookese? I have been wokting on reeding book My favrit books are the diary of the wimpy kib! I’ve been a good boy this year. The reson I’m wrting you this leter to let you know what Id like for christn Can I please have a new i phone11, ps6, vr3, legoe, ticit to a boy with ucke, jordens. Most off all that I wont is the Legoe. To keep my hands activ. I hope I have it acks for much. have a wondrful and tell mrs clos and the raneDeer that i sed Hi.
Love
Kian K.
Mrs. Ping’s Second Grade
Silver Creek Elementary

Dear Santa,
I hope you have an awesome Christmas. How has your year been. I was wondering what your favret cookies is? How have you and Mrs. Clalls been. I have been nise to for you. I have been a good boy. Can I please have a xbox and a nintendo switch. Most of all I wold like the xbox because I want to play the game The Dove. have a wondrful Christmas and tell the randerand Mrs. Clalls Hello.
Love
Xander
Mrs. Ping’s Second Grade
Silver Creek Elementary

Derar Sant
I hope u had a grat christmas last year for christmas. i am writing you to tell you what i want for christmas. Can i please have a dog and a scooter last linky blocks. I well take my dog to the lake and take pichre. i hope ms clos a nice christmas.
Love,
Olivia L.
Mrs. Ping’s Second Grade
Silver Creek Elementary

Dear Santa,
I hope you have an awesome Christmas this year. I was theaking rele hard because I was trying to get my cousins ageft. I was so good thex year. The resot I am whiting to you

because I wut to tel you wut for christmas. Can I Please have a slimp and a nintendo switch, a new sim puppet sniper-wolf sweatshirt and nikes and a Christmas books and a Baby a life cus I was going to gefing it to my cousin. And new legos. I hope I haven’t askt tomuch.
Love
Bryonna L.
Mrs. Ping’s Second Grade
Silver Creek Elementary

Dear Santa,
I hope you have an asesome Christmas this year. I was wondering what your favorite cookie is or cookies. My favorite cookie is Cholklet chip. I have heard a rumor that you have been hard at workon I hope that you Know that I just want 3 things. Can I please have some new NIKES, and a new Ipad, and some Legos. Most of all I would like the I pad cuse I Lost my other one.
Sincerely,
Patience M.
Mrs. Ping’s Second Grade
Silver Creek Elementary

Dear Santa,
How has your year been? I have been working so hard like you I trid to be a good gril thise year. I like Christmas. Can I’d please have skoosmel- ons, and a new Fake Kibs dimins reg and a new yoyo and a Nallsata and I wote the November and a puppy and a new cat and a new bik and a new Chrstmas stuFF for my home. I hope I havent acted fort much. Have a wanderful Christmas.
Sincerly,
Kay M
Mrs. Ping’s Second Grade
Silver Creek Elementary

Dear Santa,
I hope you have an awesome Christmas this year. I em haveing a wun-df Chresmes too. I have ben a vare good grl. Can I please have a new study bar, and Lechek scooter, and a fonej? Mostly I wot a study bar. To play with it. I hope you have a wud-fol Crismes.
Sincerely yours,
Nevaeh M.
Mrs. Ping’s Second Grade
Silver Creek Elementary

Der Santa,
I hare you have an awesome Christmas ttis year. I wos wondering what your favorite cookie is or cookie. My favonte cookie is cholklet drip I hop you no tat I wun a dord boj. Cuse I loe
Sineer
Destiny P
Mrs. Ping’s Second Grade
Silver Creek Elementary

Dear Santa,
How is your reindeer doing? Are they ready. I hope the are! I’ve been playing sports all year I’ve worked very hard like you. I’ve been a good boy right and I’ve worked very hard this year. I writing you this because I’m telling you want I want for Christmas. Can I please have a can of spicy cheetos, a new alectric scooter please , a new dude perfect basketball game please, some candy please, legos please?Most of all I would like the aslictric scooter because my other broach. I hope I haven’t acted for too much. Have a wonderful Christmas and tell Mrs. Claus and the reindeer I said”Hellow.”
Sincerely your,
Tyson R.
Mrs. Ping’s Second Grade
Silver Creek Elementary

Dear Santa,
I hope you have an awesome Christmas this year. My teechr sed I have bin gud this yir and I have bin a gude (girl) this yir. This is wye im riding this becuse I Luve you. Can I have a new watch that cols inee bide in my famleey and ginu and a new PS-fife and new rollerskates and a new Kemru. A new fone and a new lidol figrabore. This is wiy Im ridinge this is becuse I wot sher with Rivre. Can you saye to the randerd and the elfs “I Love You”
Veyah S
Mrs. Ping’s Second Grade
Silver Creek Elementary

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a good Christmas are you esided for Christmas. I am esided for Christmas. I am just to let you wot I wot for christmas. Can I have a durt bike, RC car. Thank you for everytheg you Have give my thes 8 years. I love you Santa.
Jaxon S
Mrs. Ping’s Second Grade
Silver Creek Elementary

Dear Santa,
I hope you have an awesome Christmas this your. I have been nicse for you. I been a good girl. The reason I’m writhing you this letter is to let you know What I’d like for Christmas Can I please have a Rainbow hillo Dolls the hole sateg and a sleep mashe and a presse suitcas and a big skishmellow Rik baby a life Doll. I hope I have’nt ackse tomuch for Christmas this your
Sincerely your
Alenna W.
Mrs. Ping’s Second Grade
Silver Creek Elementary

Dear Sant,
I hope you have an awesome Christmas this year. I have bin gudol gud dis yuy. I have bin gud grl. The resin (I’m writing is) a lus. Can I please have a new . can I have a bol, an alatri-ric (scooter), a tuy Kray? I wrly play wif miy tus. The risan I wut the tus to play all day. I hop I haven’t acted for too much.
Zoey W.
Mrs. Ping’s Second Grade
Silver Creek Elementary

Mrs. Howard
Second Grade
Silver Creek Elementary

Dear santa,
How are you doing cus im doing good. Can I have a iphone, headphones, spiderman toys, tablit, and candy toys and block buddys pls. Thank you so much!
Love xavier.
Mrs. Howard’s 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
I wud like a Spuj Bob stufy. I oso wot a WWE figr. I hope you got my lis.
Love, Bentley
Mrs. Howard’s 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
Why ded you gev me a new elf? I want a silicon doll and a ipad and a horse too.
Merry Christmas Santa, Melody
Mrs. Howard’s 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
how are you dowing? For Christmas I want to see you and drink hot coco. Plese and Thanks for Evrething!!
Arionna
Mrs. Howard’s 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
I want a PS5. I want a mini dirt bike and I want a brand new TV. I want a gas powered Rc car please! Have a good day Santa
Love, Jaxon
Mrs. Howard’s 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I would like to ask you can I have Rudolph? For Christmas, I would like a rainbow dragon thats alive. I would also like a spiderman mask that you can move your eyes and a matching web shooter, 100 dollars, and unicorns.
Your friend, Penny
Mrs. Howard’s 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
Is Mrs. Claus doing good. And my elf Mary Joy Spacls are doing good at my haws. I want a toy horse that I can ride, I want a phone the cind of phone I want is a Iphon 15 and I want a fuzz blakeit. And I have bin good.
Thank you
Meredith
Mrs. Howard’s 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I have been good all year. How is your randeer doing? Can I please Have a elf for christmas? I love you! Am I on the notty list or good list?
Love you Friend, Abilene
Mrs. Howard’s 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
how are you. I dont know if yer rel but I do now tat the Christmas spirit is. I want roler skats that you can tak off. I oso wut a video game and a iPhone that fips up ad Last but not lest a Bone Bok Set.
Love Griff
Mrs. Howard’s 2nd grade

Dear santa,
How is Mrs. Klaus been and you? Can you give Me a par of jrbin shos I am a 13K shoo sis. Yes or No ? Plese. Can I haeeer pods. And a ivon 15.
Merry Christmas, Jace
Mrs. Howard’s 2nd grade

Dear Santa
Can Roedolf guide your sleigh? Can I get Madden 24 and a bunch of foot-ball cards and college SEC 22 and a Bengals phone case Thank You! Love You Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus. Am I on the noty list? Merry Christmas and Ho Ho Ho!
Love, Tristan
Mrs. Howard’s 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Can I have a pickshar of Rudoff plles. Thank you for the viteo. Can I have ear bus, I fone 16 and camera that printz.
Love Davina
Mrs. Howard’s 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
how is the reindeer? I speshlee want a Voodoo doll and new clothes and dress and sintest kits and roler scates and stitch and one more brats doll and toy cars ps. I left carrets for Roodof.
Your friend,
Cam
PS I left carrets for Roodof
Mrs. Howard’s 2nd grade

Dear santa,
How rae doing? I wat a doll ples. My name is Mila Isabella. I Love the priest you gave me. Haw is Miss claus doing to?
Love, Mila
Mrs. Howard’s 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
how are you? Good or not good? Santa can I have Stitch things?
Thank You! Alice
Mrs. Howard’s 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
how long dus the Elfs work? Can I mack a wish? I wish that my mom fills beter.
Love, River
Mrs. Howard’s 2nd grade

Dear santa,
I wut a RC car and a BayBlade and hilees. I hop you have a grat Christ-mas!
Love, Chase
Mrs. Howard’s 2nd grade

Dear santa,
for curismis I wut a mohoc helmet and a iclectric scodr and a toe dino-saur and I wut a dron and a venum costum and a robot and a rmot car. And Merry Christmas Santa, Theo
Mrs. Howard’s 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
I no that i rote you a leter but last yere and this yere i would like My Elfs to get in misdrif. Can i have a pikshar of roowdof. I no youcudint understand about the 100 dollars can i git the ril live santa hat is the north oile clod how is msis claus Merry Christmas
Jeremiah
Mrs. Howard’s 2nd grade

Dear santa,
how are you Thank you for the pres-ents and you are the best. Can i have a elf on the shelf. And a ps fife. And can i have a untendo switch. And can i have mordll combat. And a splat ball. These are evfreething i want for christmas! Santa you ar the best!
Grayson
Mrs. Howard’s 2nd grade

Dear Sasnta,
can you get leon to come home I mes hem and want hem and newsas. I want a xbox for cresmes you friend, Justice
Mrs. Howard’s 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
can I have the splat ball.
Thank you, Cage
Mrs. Howard’s 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
I wut to heve a Mosd pcholer and a toy truck. I wut to heve a bablad. I wut to heve a blablob spin. I wut a baby.
Love, Allie
Mrs. Howard’s 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
I want for christmas is a ifone for christmas. I want a remote car for christmas. I want for christmas is a Bobey Drem Hows I want new headphones for christmas.
Mire christmas Santa.
Aaliyah

Mrs. Howard’s 2nd grade

Mrs. Bowman
Second Grade
Silver Creek Elementary

Dear Santa,
I hope you had a fabulous year. How is Mrs. Claus the elves and all the reindeers? Thank you for the presents you gave me last year. This year for christmas I wold like a new drone becos my othr drone broke. I wold like a dirt bike. I will make you some cookies and milk.
Love,
Silas
Mrs. Bowman
2nd Grade
Silver Creek Elementary

Dear Santa,
If I got what I wish for I want it to be real please I want a phone for christ-mas please Santa. My phone broke a long time ago. I will leave some rein-deer food for all of your reindeers.
Love.
Destiny
Mrs. Bowman
2nd Grade
Silver Creek Elementary

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a good christmas but you better eat my cookies or I will. But one thing what is your fa-vrite reindeer you have and you bet-ter give me presents and not coal for christmas becas i am doing good. I whant a xbox game pass, pokemon cards, a new night light that has Joe Burrow and Jamar Chase on it, and a back plate, legos and hot wheels. Thank you for giving me presents and a elf.
Love,
Bentley C
Mrs. Bowman
2nd Grade
Silver Creek Elementary

Dear Santa,
Hi santa how have you been this year. This is my favorite holiday. How is everyone I hope thay are good and thank you for the preis last year. This year for Christmas I would like Barbies because mine boke and ruined. And I whant art suplis and have a great rest of this year. I will see you next year.
Love,
Bella
Mrs. Bowman
2nd Grade
Silver Creek Elementary

Dear Santa,
I hope you had a good year. And thank you for the presents and your the best all of these presents. And i hope you eat the cookies i leve for you. And how are you doing santa. And you better give me presents and you better not give me cole. This year for Christmas i would like a PS5 because my brother will not chir hes and i whant a pair of jardens and a luchbox. I will leave you some cake and milk on the table so my cats will not get them!
Love,
Lucas
Mrs. Bowman
2nd Grade
Silver Creek Elementary

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents that you gave me last year. I love you so much Santa Claus. I want a fidget spinner because I lost my other one, a brace-let maker because I havent had one in a long time, teacher set because I like playing school at home, new born baby doll because I love play-ing with baby dolls, iphone 13 be-cause my other one was to old and broke, puppy dog because I never seen a puppy dog, cow printed hay duds because my other ones are lost and I would also like a snow glob with a horse inside because I am a farmer and one of my fav farm ani-mal is a horse. I will leave you some cookies and milk and maybe some carotes for the reindeer. Love,
Mya
Mrs. Bowman
2nd Grade
Silver Creek Elementary

Dear Santa,
I hope you had a good day in the north pole. Thank you for the pres-ents last year. This year for Christ-mas I would like a bew iphone 15 and a new cumpedor. I hope you like the cookies I leave out.
Love,
Charlotte
Mrs. Bowman
2nd Grade

Silver Creek Elementary
Dear Santa,

Are you ok from thos cookies and milk. Is Mrs. Claus ok are ine elves sic I hope you state saf. Flrst I whant a 3D pin and the titanic of legos. I whant some more dirt bike gear. And some pokemon to. And a bebe gun. And a huvbord. And a skabord, And a drone. Santa I will give you some carits and some cookies and some milk.
Love,
Waylon
Mrs. Bowman
2nd Grade
Silver Creek Elementary

Dear Santa,
Is Mrs. Clos doing well how is Dashr and Pransr and rudolph. I bet the elfs have ben rking hard I love you Santa and Mrs. Closs. This year can I get my own phone because that way I can text my friends, I osow want a robot cat and can I have rolrskats with wills. I love you SAnta and Mrs. Closs. Can you sind munee to homeless people.
Love,
Emma
Mrs. Bowman
2nd Grade
Silver Creek Elementary

Dear Santa,
How are you doing and how is Mrs. Claus and I hop you have a grate year and have a great christmas. And thank you for the prezits last year. This year I would like to have a rc car and I would like to have a new nurf gun and can i please have xbox. I will leave you some milk and cookies on the table so my dog dusit eat them.
Love,
Bentley L
Mrs. Bowman
2nd Grade
Silver Creek Elementary

Dear Santa,
I misd you and Lucky my elf. I thank you for the priests from last year. I hope you have a good year, THis year I would like a jumbo mee meow and I want rolr skats I will leave you milk and cookies.
Love,
Lennox
Mrs. Bowman
2nd Grade
Silver Creek Elementary

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa I hope your year was great. Hope is everyone at the north pole? Hope their ok. This year for Christ-mas I would like a new ipad because my okd one got water damage. Next I want a dirt bike for me and my sis-ter to ride around my drive way and last I want toy non sound making pistol. I will leave milk and cookies on one of the glass tables in my liv-ing room just make sure you dont wake up my dogs.
Love,
Garhett
Mrs. Bowman
2nd Grade
Silver Creek Elementary

Dear Santa,
I hope Mrs. Clos and you radir are doing goos. Thank you for the priests last year. This year I want a fidget and 4 wheeler and scooter. I am going to bake you extra cookies. I will put the cookies on the tale so my new puppy wont eat them.
Love,
Lily
Mrs. Bowman
2nd Grade
Silver Creek Elementary
Dear Santa,
Are your reindeer goos. Is mis sloc doing good. Are the elfs working hard. I hope you have a good year. This christmas I wold like a robor cat, lecrich scuder, a new sweater, a cody mug, a fut rubber. I will put out cookies and milk for you Santa and caries for your reindeer.
Love,
Annly
Mrs. Bowman
2nd Grade
Silver Creek Elementary
Dear Santa,

I now you are not real but St Nik was but he dies and my mom and dad put the suff that the name santa under the evergreen tree. This year for Christmas I would like a werden robot 3 inches tall that have sound affts, shoes because I olay have 2 pares, and a pokedex which all the pokemon in it. But my mom makes me put out coffe and faege on the

mini taebe by the tree.
Love,
Charlie
Mrs. Bowman
2nd Grade
Silver Creek Elementary

Dear Santa,
I hop you had a lot of good days. Someone said you were fat but I think you are so cool Santa. What I want for Christmas is bakuge cause I was at hurricane martial arts abd U saw a lot of bakuge and I played with them and I had a lot of fun, My family loves you so much and how is my mom’s friend elf. What my dad wants is a pronu 5 riyal because he was so sad cause pronu 5 royal left game pass on xbox. I will give you a carrot for the reindeer and 10 cook-ies and a cup of milk and I will leave a nice present for you. What my sis-ter wants is princess dolls make sure they do not have a lot of small stuff. My other sister wants good chew toys for teething and I hope you have a good Christmas.
Love,
Daniel
Mrs. Bowman
2nd Grade
Silver Creek Elementary

Dear Santa,
I hope you had a fun year. Plese can you git me a shot gun, some shot gun bulis so I can practice to be able to go hunting later with my dad, a xbo a xbox cinchoir a flashlit a drt bike gluvls, a drt bike boos and a drt nike sterling well. I prom I will leve some milk and cucuse.
Love,
Leo
Mrs. Bowman
2nd Grade
Silver Creek Elementary

Dear Santa,
How is the reindeer and mrs. clause and you doing. And how is the leves and the work? Be very very quiet my brother will be quiet. For Christmas I would lke a new nerf gun please and make it big please and I would like a new skateboard. It is pink and it would be with a helmet. I will make you some cookies and some milk. I will leave it on my table. I love you.
Love,
Lakyn
Mrs. Bowman
2nd Grade
Silver Creek Elementary

Dear Santa,
I hope you had a fabulous year. Thanks for the presents I would like a roblox cards. I would like an apple ipad. I will leve you cookies and milk,
Love,
Ezra
Mrs. Bowman
2nd Grade
Silver Creek Elementary
Dear Santa,
I hope that you have a merry christ-mas. I would like a new baby alive. I would also like a 3D pen. Also a whole set of makeup. I will put cook-ies, milk, and carrots on my desk.
Love,
Ayranna
Mrs. Bowman
2nd Grade
Silver Creek Elementary

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa. I hope you had a great time in the north pole with the rein-deers, miss claus and the elfs. I am excited for christmas this year. This year for christmas I would love a robux game card because I want to buy stuff on roblox. I would love a new set of LED lights because mine has something wrong with it. By the tree I will leave you some cook-ies and milk so my dogs do not get them and make sure my cats do not get them. Love,
Rosemary
Mrs. Bowman
2nd Grade
Silver Creek Elementary

I hope your reindeers are okay I will like to say your the best because your elfs work very hard and I really like christmas Santa claus your the best ever. This year I want to get a alarm clock because I am alway late. And Santa I allsow want a lamp because I am scared of the dark. I want a toy train and I want a toy robot and a small guitar and last toy cars. I could put a bowl of cookies on the counter in the kitchen with a note that says I hope you like the cookies Santa your the best.
Love,
Isaiah
Mrs. Bowman

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Dear Santa, Thank you for my presents last year. What are the reindeer doing? This year for christmas I would like a heater to keep my family warm, projector and xbox. I would also like a minicar, little bike and candy. I would love to	bake you cookies and buy you a coat to keep you warm. I can't wait for you to visit. Love, Hezekiah Mrs. Bowman 2nd Grade	Silver Creek Elementary	phone case and a phone card because I want to call on my phone and my phone case is old. Love, Sophie Mrs. Bowman 2nd Grade Silver Creek Elementary	
Dear Santa, My name is Braxton. I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for a PS5 to play. The second thing is a Nintendo Switch and a Razor dirt bike. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.	Mrs. Schenk's Kindergarten Class Dear Santa, My name is Jayde. I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. These are the three things I am wishing for: Little live pets, Barbie dream camper, and rollerblades. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas eve.	the cars on there go super fast when you pull them back. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.	Dear Santa, My name is Easton and I am five years old. This year I have been nice. I am wishing for lanky box, X-box, and Nikes. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.	
From, Braxton G. Kingston Elementary Mrs. Schenk's Kindergarten	From: Jayde H. Kingston Elementary Mrs. Schenk's kindergarten.	From Noah C. Kingston Elementary Mrs. Schenk's Kindergarten Class	Sincerely, Easton M. Kingston Elementary Mrs. Schenk's Kindergarten	
Dear Santa, My name is Bronx. I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. One thing I am wishing for this year is a ninja turtle plush. Another thing I want for Chirsmas is a Bluey and Bingo plush.The last thing I want for Chirsmas is a Cookie Monster plush. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Chirsmas eve.	Dear Santa, My name is Jackson. I am 5 years old.This year I have been nice. Three things I am wishing for are a green four wheeler, a gumball machine, and a Bluey book that is titled, "Meet Bluey's Friends." This year I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.	My name is Zach. I am 5 years old this year. I have been nice.These are three things I am wishing for: an electric four wheeler, a toy car, and a Minecraft Lego set. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve	Dear Santa, My name is Ashton. I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for Christmas: Lankybox, Pokemon stuffed animals, and a Jetson bike. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.	
From, Bronx R. Kingston Elementary Mrs. Schenk class.	From, Jackson D. Kingston Elementary Mrs. Schenk's class.	From, Zach R. Kingston Elementary Mrs. Schenk's Kindergarten	Sincerely, Bryson C. Kingston Elementary Mrs. Schenk's Kindergarten	
Dear Santa, My name is Ibrah and I am 5 years old.This year I am on the nice list. Three things that I want for Christmas are a camera, dinosaur coloring things, and Spiderman shooters. I will set out cookies and milk on Christmas Eve.	Dear Santa, My name is Gemma and I am six years old. I have been really good this year. For Christmas I want a Trolls playset. I also want a "Cry Babies" doll. I want an Anna Barbie doll. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.. Thank you for reading my letter.	From, Ashton C. Kingston Elementary Mrs. Schenk's Class	Dear Santa, My name is Hazel . I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice and kind to my family and friends. The first thing I want for Christmas is a little vanity with fake make-up. Another thing I want for Christmas is a Poppy Troll playset. The last thing I want for Christmas is a unicorn/ human doll. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.	
Ibrah D. Kingston Elementary Mrs. Schenk's class	Your friend Gemma.P Kingston Elementary School Mrs.Schenk's class Dear Santa,	Dear Santa, My name is Macie . I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice and kind to my family and friends. The first thing I want for Christmas is a playdough set. Another thing I want for Christmas is a Doorables Academy toy set. The last thing I want for Christmas is baby dolls. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve so you can enjoy your Christmas.	Your friend, Hazel S. Kingston Elementary Mrs. Schenk's Class	
Dear Santa, I am 6 years old and this year I have been nice. The three things I am wishing for Christmas are Monster Jam, dinosaur four wheeler, and laser x. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.	My name is Azlyn. I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things that I am wishing for this year: Minnie Mouse kitchen set, food kit, and a dentist kit play set. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.	Your friend, Macie C. Kingston Elementary Mrs. Schenk's Class	Dear Santa, My name is Finn. I am 6 years old this year. I have been nice this year. I am wishing for a power wheeler, a phone, and an x-box. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve	
From, Alex M. Kingston Elementary Mrs. Schenk's Class	Your friend, Azlyn C Kingston Elementary Mrs. Schenk's 2023 Kindergarten Class	Dear Santa, I am 5 years old. This year I have been nice. I want four Disney dolls. I also want a toy suitcase that has a fake phone, makeup, and cards. The last thing I want is a Frozen color reveal and a normal color reveal. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.	From, Finn W. Kingston Elementary Mrs. Schenk's Kindergarten	
Dear Santa, My name is Judah I am 6 years old This year I have been good The three things I want are a ps 5 with spider -man 2, lankybox and wwe figures I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas	Dear Santa, My name is James and I am six years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for are Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle plushies, a Groot action figure, and a Minecraft lego set. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.	From, Genesis C. Kingston Elementary Mrs. Schenk's Class.	Your friend, Tanner W. Kingston Elementary Mrs. Schenk's Class	
From Judah S Kingston Elementary Mrs. Schenk's Class	Sincerely, James H. Kingston Elementary Mrs. Schenk's Kindergarten	Dear Santa, My name is Emily and I am six years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things I am wishing for: baby doll, a stroller, and a doll where you can fix its hair. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.	Dear Santa, My name is Colt. I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. The first thing I want for Christmas is a desk so I can draw. Another thing I want for Christmas is pokemon. The last thing I want is a playground set. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.	
Dear Santa, My name is Emory. I am five years old. This year I have been nice. These are three things that I am wishing for this year: Minnie Mouse kitchen set, Super Smile dentist kit, and a wooden pizza playset. I will set out cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve.	Dear Santa, My name is Noah. I am 5 years old and this year I have been nice. Three things I want for Christmas this year are a Paw Patrol toy crane, a Paw Patrol toy excavator, and a Paw Patrol Hot Wheel playset. I want the toy crane because it makes noises. I want the excavator because it goes with the toy crane. I want the Hot Wheel Paw Patrol playset because	Sincerely, Emily D. Kingston Elementary Mrs. Schenk's Kindergarten	Your friend, Colt K. Kingston Elementary	





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Year in Review

2023



1 Deadly chemical weapons are no longer stored at the Bluegrass Army Depot or in the United States. The final piece of chemical warfare remaining in the nation was destroyed, ending a four-year campaign that eliminated 101,000 rockets containing 523 tons of deadly chemical agent stored at the Richmond facility for more than eight decades. The last chemical weapon destroyed by workers at the plant was an M55 rocket containing GB nerve agent. During the process, five different kinds of chemical agent-filled weapons originally stored at the depot — 155mm projectiles containing mustard agent, 155mm projectiles containing VX nerve agent, 8-inch projectiles containing GB nerve agent, M55 rockets containing VX nerve agent and M55 rockets containing GB nerve agent — were safely destroyed.

2 The phase II project of the Berea Bypass opened in November. The route from East Berea Road US 25 will extend to Big Hill Road/KY 21. The new road begins at the existing bypass and mile markers will be 4.3 to 7.87. The intersection of the new bypass (KY 956) and US 25 provide a new avenue for drivers in the city. Berea Mayor Bruce Fraley said the bypass will provide an avenue for steady traffic flow in the city.

“We expect reduction of traffic congestion in the area of Main Street and Chestnut

Street, along with improved traffic flow along Glades Road, US 25 North, and Shortline Pike.” The project dates back to 1981 when the Berea City Council envisioned “a road that would encircle Berea”

3 The voters of the county spoke during the primary election in May and Berea and Madison County will be considered wet. According to vote totals from the Madison County clerk’s office, the “yes” vote carried 9,883 votes compared to 4,792 “no” votes in the local option election. Madison County was made dry by prohibition in 1919. After prohibition ended Kentucky created a system in which an area could vote to be wet, but Madison County never voted wet county-wide until Tuesday’s vote. Prior to the local option vote, the city limits of Richmond are wet, meaning you can purchase alcohol in restaurants, bars, and stores. The city of Berea is considered moist — meaning alcohol can be purchased by the glass in restaurants but is not sold in stores. Outside those locations the county is dry with the exception of places like golf courses, which require a special license.

4 A rare macroburst severe storm swept through the area on June 25, leaving almost 17,000 Madison County households without electricity and caused damage across the region. The storm blew across

Kentucky, leaving more than 100,000 homes across the Bluegrass without power. Residents reported large hail and property damage as a result of the high winds. Meteorologist Chris Johnson at FOX 56, reported hail as large as baseballs and winds of up to 70 mph. According to the National Weather Service, Madison County experienced a macroburst. The NWS defines as an outward burst of strong winds at or near the surface with horizontal dimensions of 2.5 miles or larger and winds of 100 mph or more. The macroburst had peak winds of 110 mph, along a path that was nearly 8.5 miles long and 2.5 miles wide. It affected an area from the Hillview to Bybee communities of Madison County.

5 The gavel was passed and history was made in July at Berea College. During a transition ceremony, Dr. Cheryl L. Nixon received the torch from outgoing Berea College President Lyle Roelofs and became the school’s 10th president. She became the first female president in the 167-year history of the institution on July 1. “I don’t think that anyone can enter into this position of leadership of such a special institution, and not feel called,” she told reporters. “Not feel called by the importance of what it is that Berea does. Nixon previously served as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Fort Lewis College in Colorado, a post she held for nearly four years. Roelofs had

been president at Berea since 2012 and retired to Michigan.

6 The historic Edwards Building on the campus of Berea College was demolished in July after college officials spent more than a year of pondering renovations for the structure. Officials at Berea College determined a renovation of the building would be more than erecting a new structure. The building, also known as the Trades Building, the Bruce Building and the Foundation School, was renamed the Edwards Building in 1959. The cornerstone was laid on Oct. 18, 1902 and the dedication took place on Dec. 4, 1903 at a cost of \$35,000. Officials plan to use a section of brick and the cornerstone, which says, “Industry, Skill, Brotherhood, Religion” in the new structure that will house offices and space for the Alumni and Philanthropy and Strategic Initiative.

7 Former Madison Southern standout Samantha Cornelson became a part of history when the Transylvania Pioneers won the school’s first-ever national championship by beating Christopher Newport 57-54 last Saturday in Dallas to finish the season at a perfect 33-0. The 2023 NCAA Women’s Division III Championship was held at American Airlines Arena and marked just the second time in history that DI, DII, and

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Reaching the elderly

An elderly gentleman said he was rather shocked when a lady leaned in close and asked him, “Do you have hairy legs?” “Well, yes, I do have hairy legs,” he replied. “Why do you ask?” “No, no,” she said a bit louder this time. “I said, ‘Do you have hearing aids?’” I couldn’t help but laugh when a fellow told me that the other day. To state the obvious, speaking clearly matters. If we’re to be understood, we have to be able to express ourselves clearly with words. Yet, for some reason, many Christians mistakenly believe they can communicate the gospel without using words.

The old adage, “share the gospel, and, when necessary, use words,” works only when those you’re reaching out to know you are a follower of Christ and know that your kindnesses are motivated out of your love for Christ.

I met a new neighbor the other day. He was clean cut, had a big smile on his face, and was dressed like he was ready for Sunday worship. He looked and behaved every bit like a Christian. But, as I chatted with him, I quickly learned that he was an atheist. He told me so. Sadly, he was proud of it.

This fellow enjoyed explaining the faulty logic behind his atheism. He stood there and did his best to explain away God and His only begotten Son, Jesus. He was clever. He was engaging. And, I fear, he could be convincing to people who don’t know any better.

Christians need to be just as capable to explain why they are followers of Christ. They, too, need to be clever, engaging, and convincing.

But, most of all, they need to rely on the Holy Spirit to pierce the hardened hearts of people like this neighbor so that the Word can penetrate.

I’ve been praying for God to open this neighbor’s heart to the gospel. Perhaps you’d be willing to pray for him as well so that the next time I chat with him he will be ready to surrender his life to the Jesus he has thus far denied.

I want him to experience the forgiveness of Christ. I want him to be redeemed. I want him to abandon his faulty logic and become a clever, engaging, and convincing Christian.

That’s what happened in the Apostle Paul’s life. He had denied Christ and persecuted Christians, until the day he had a life-changing encounter with Him.

That’s when Paul abandoned his faulty logic and became a clever, engaging and convincing preacher of the gospel of Jesus Christ, declaring Him the Savior for all who would believe and confess.

God used the Apostle Paul to preach all over the known world of his day and to write much of the New Testament. He understood the value of words, when those words lifted up Christ.

Let’s commit to do our best to be clever, engaging and convincing representatives for Jesus, speaking his Word so clearly that even a man with hairy legs in dire need of a hearing aid can understand it.

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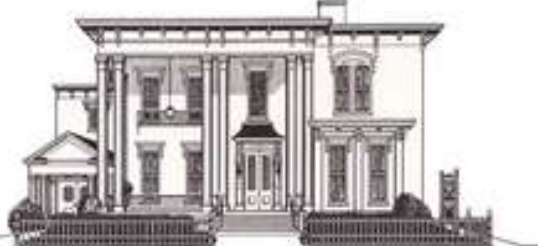
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Clifford Casteel

Clifford Casteel, 79, of Berea passed away Sunday, December 17, 2023, at Baptist Health Hospital Richmond. He was born May 9, 1944, son of the late Earnest and Daisy Turner Casteel. Clifford was retired from Irvin Industries as a Manufacturing Engineer and an Air Force Veteran where he served as a Sergeant. He was a member of Galilee Baptist Church, enjoyed participating in Civil War Reenactments, loved collecting cars and car shows. Survivors include one son Clifford Joel Casteel (Cheryl); one daughter Tonya G. Smith (David); two grand-

children Jonathan Travis Casteel, Brittany Nicole Moody; two great grandchildren Kayce and another to be born in June; several special friends Joe Anglin, Colin Powell, Jerry Mullins, Boyd Ingram, Henry Carpenter (Peggy). In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his loving wife Virginia Sparks Casteel; three brothers George Casteel, Reo Casteel, Kenneth Casteel; two sisters Nellie Hayes, Dorothy Combs; special friend Ralph Marcum.

In accordance with Clifford's wishes he was cremated. A Memorial Service will be announced at a later date.

Reppert Funeral Home and Cremation Service entrusted with arrangements.

Dorothy Wylie



Dorothy Wylie, 92, of Berea, died Wednesday, December 20, 2023, at Compassionate Care Center of Richmond after a gradual decline in health. She was a Mount Vernon (Rockcastle County) native born October 18, 1931, daughter of the late Estill and Ada McCray Rucker. Dorothy was raised in Berea and relocated to Frankfort in 1960. She belonged to Crestwood Baptist Church where she participated in the Young at Heart Program and Franklin County Homemakers Association. Survivors include two sons John

Wylie, Doug Wylie; two grandchildren Rachael, Nathan; one great grandchild Olivia. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her late husband William Allen Wylie; two sisters Mildred Casteel, Emily Marchica.

Funeral Services were conducted on Wednesday, December 27, 2023, at Reppert Funeral Home. Rev. Paul Casteel officiated. Burial followed in Berea Cemetery. Pallbearers included John Wylie, Doug Wylie, Nathan Wylie, Raymond Keith Casteel. Honorary pallbearer was Glenn Edward Casteel.

Reppert Funeral Home and Cremation Service entrusted with arrangements.

Matthew Scott Gadd

Matthew Scott Gadd, 55, passed away Saturday December 16, 2023, at his residence in Berea. He was born February 19, 1968, in Berea, to the late Leroy and Brenda Roberts Gadd. Scott loved the outdoors, fishing, grilling, woodworking, and spending time with family. He is survived by his wife, Reddia Dawn Gadd, three children, Adrienne Cotton, and her husband Lewis, of Mount Vernon, Patrick Gadd, and his wife Rose Marie of Mount Vernon, Matthew Gadd of Mount Vernon, one sister, Angel Roberts, and grandmother, Hazel Roberts.

Five grandchildren, Katie Day, Jaiden Cotton, Brantley Cotton, Wayne Gadd, and Harley Gadd also survived.

Graveside funeral services were conducted Friday December 22, 2023, at the Rice Cemetery 3142 Old State Rd. Mount Vernon. Rev. Wayne Miller officiated. Pallbearers were Patrick Gadd, Matthew Gadd, Jacob Sparks, Tyler Sparks, Frankie Carrier, and Kelvin Damrell.

Davis & Powell Funeral Directors in charge of arrangements.



Jerry Wayne Lewis



Jerry Wayne Lewis, a cherished father, brother, grandfather, and friend, passed away on December 18, 2023, at the age of 71, in Mt. Vernon. Jerry's story began in the heart of Kentucky, where he grew up to embody the spirit of kindness and hard work that would define him. Unfortunately to have been preceded in death by his beloved parents Cowley and Anne Lee Lewis, his soulmate Kathy Lewis, his son Jerry Wayne Lewis Jr., grandson Landon Hays, and two sisters Joy Lewis Farler, and Virginia Lewis, he continued to pour his love into his family, leaving behind a legacy of resilience and devotion.

Jerry is lovingly remembered by his daughters, Tina Renee Adams and her husband Junior, and Holly Lynette Sowder with her husband Shawn. His brother, Cowley Lewis, and his wife Peggy, along with his sister Brenda Nogalski. His life is also celebrated by his treasured grandchildren, Taylor Truett, Katlyn Gabbard, Dalton Combs, and Logan Sowder, and his great-grandchildren Madysen Smith, Seth Smith, Grayson Gabbard, and Everleigh Truett, who brought immense joy to his later years. A man beloved by family and friends, he leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, and good friends, all of whom will miss him deeply.

A skilled auto mechanic by profession, Jerry was respected for his work ethic and expertise. His enduring passion for the outdoors was the backdrop to many a tale of hunting and fishing adventures, pursuits that he found endlessly rewarding. Jerry's life was further enriched by the companionship of his loyal dog and best friend, Lacey, a constant and comforting presence.

A memorial service for Jerry was conducted on Friday, December 22, 2023, at First Faith Independent Church, in Berea. His son-in-law, Shawn Sowder officiated the service

Lakes Funeral Home in Berea was in charge of arrangements.

Jerry Wayne Lewis



Callie Mae Smith Isaacs Settlege

Callie Mae Smith Isaacs Settlege, 83, wife of Lewis Herman Settlege, passed away Saturday, December 23, 2023, at Baptist Health in Richmond. She was born February 18, 1940, in Fairmont, North Carolina, to the late Robert "Bobby" and Flay Seals Smith. Callie was very artistic and enjoyed painting on both stone and canvas; she also loved to garden. Callie enjoyed going to the Berea Senior Citizens Center and playing and was very competitive with her favorite card game, Skip-Bo. She loved to travel and was baptized in the River of Jordan in 2017. She also enjoyed visiting historical sites with her husband, Lewis. Callie was very proud of her Indian heritage. She was a member of the Lumbee Tribe in Pembroke, NC, attending all Lumbee events, when possible, especially the homecoming in July each year. She was a devoted Christian and member of the Berea Church of God. In addition to her parents, Mrs. Settlege was preceded in death by her first husband, Charles Herbert Isaacs, in 2009, two sons, Godfrey Isaacs and Herbert David Isaacs, and

eleven siblings, Donnie, Oscar, Willie, Alex, Belton, Robert, Mary, Adell, Leola, Gollmer, and Beulah.

Other than her husband Lewis, Callie is survived by nine children, Debbie (Jimmy) Rogers of Richmond; Damaris Robbins of Kirby Knob; Eliza Jane Isaacs of Berea; Julie Ann (David) Losh of Nicholasville; Joni Lynn (Willie) Hood of Marietta, Ohio; Charles Robert (Kimberly) Isaacs of McKee; Henry Waylon (Shay) Isaacs of Berea; James Joseph (Jessica) Isaacs of Wilmore; and Makala Wanda Settlege (Terence) Witherspoon of Birmingham, Alabama. Four siblings: Marvin Smith of Pembroke, North Carolina; Wade (Judy) Smith of Elizabeth City, North Carolina; Margaret Himes of Joppa, Maryland; Cora (Jack) Stokes of Farragut, Tennessee. Twenty-six grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren also survive.

Funeral Services will be at 11:00 AM Thursday, December 28, at the Berea Church of God with Pastor Stephen Hobbs, Bro. Larry Isaacs and Bro. Artie Alexander is officiating; you can view the service live at www.davisandpowellfuneralhome.com. The burial will follow in the Red Lick Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5-8 PM on Wednesday, December 27, 2023, also at the church.

Davis and Powell Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Sex trafficking not limited to the bigger cities

Providing freedom, hope, redemption, and restoration for sexually exploited teenage girls is the goal of Redeeming Hope of Kentucky. Lisa Foster, founder of Redeeming Hope, and Zinnia Hensley, Social Worker, explained the mission's goals and needs to the Berea Rotary at its Tuesday, Dec. 19, meeting at Just Love Coffee.

Foster, a Realtor with Berkshire Hathaway, was looking for a mission in life and a way to live with a grieving heart after the murder of her daughter, Jordan, in 2022. Jordan had been a prosecuting attorney in Northern Kentucky and a member of the Human Trafficking Task Force.

Lisa discovered that mission through a friend who suggested helping teenage girls dealing with victimization and abuse, victims of human trafficking or sexual exploitation.

Foster reached out to friends and individuals who shared her passion. The goal is to provide a loving home – a brick and mortar building – a place of healing for these girls, 14-18 years old. Together, the group sought help, resources and expertise from others in the community. Many volunteers and many commitments have come together toward that goal.

Foster shared statistics that were shocking to those listening: "There are victims of sexual abuse and human trafficking in Berea. It's not just in the big cities," she said. In 2019, 50% of girls involved in trafficking are from parents or caregivers selling their children for money and drugs. In 2022 there were 173 cases of human trafficking in Kentucky. "Those



Lisa Foster, left, and Zinnia Hensley, right, spoke to the Berea Rotary Club earlier this month. (Submitted)

are just the ones reported," she said. "There are many more that never get reported."

"Grooming of children for the human trafficking and sexual exploitation trade begins at a very young age," she explained. "Grooming involves building trust, often through gifts, special attention to make the child feel loved, and a gradual introduction into sex and crime."

Groomers look for girls, and boys too, who have low self-esteem and they often spend several years conditioning them into the sex trade. Often, the victims, by age 12-16, have become the groomer of other children. That is their way to get money, clothes, technical gadgets, drugs, and alcohol. The victim becomes the trafficker. Foster advised, "Know who your children are talking to and hanging out with."

Hensley, a Social Worker who works with the Police Department,

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‘Thank God for Kids’

The 23rd Christmas of this century was a memorable one.

It was the first one for great nephew Walker, who will soon hit the first big number in February. He’s already crawling around and inching to take the first steps on his own. On Christmas Eve, he was learning how to unwrap his presents and loved playing with wrapping paper. Unwrapped paper does wonders for toddlers, and adults too, as great uncle Keith sat on the floor and had as much fun as Walker Kade Johnson.



Keith Taylor

It was our third Christmas gathering since Mom’s passing and we are carrying on her tradition of eating Chili and exchanging our gifts on Christmas Eve. I know she would have been beside herself with her first great-grandson in the room, but I know she was looking down from above and smiling big.

I’m not sure if Mom would have approved of having a dog in the house, but it was the first Christmas for Jupiter, who received her fair share of gifts under the tree. She was adopted from the Madison County Animal Shelter last fall and she has been a joy to have around the house. She’s still a puppy but growing up fast and getting used to her surroundings.

It was also great niece Eva Rae Vickers’ first Christmas and we celebrated with her at our house with Rhonda’s family on Dec. 17. Much like Walker, Eva is a bundle of joy and so much fun to be around. There’s just something about adding “great” in front of uncle and niece, a joy I never knew until Walker and Eva arrived in 2023.

Like many of you, the pinch of inflation made it harder during the Christmas shopping season, but we were still blessed to be able to provide gifts for our family, especially Walker and Eva. Walker is about four months older and watching him experience his first Christmas was a real treat and Eva will be in full gift opening mode next year.

Our first Christmas with the two newborns, reminded me of a song, “Thank God for Kids” recorded by the Oak Ridge Boys a few years ago. I’ve heard the song a thousand times, but it didn’t fully resonate until the past few weeks.

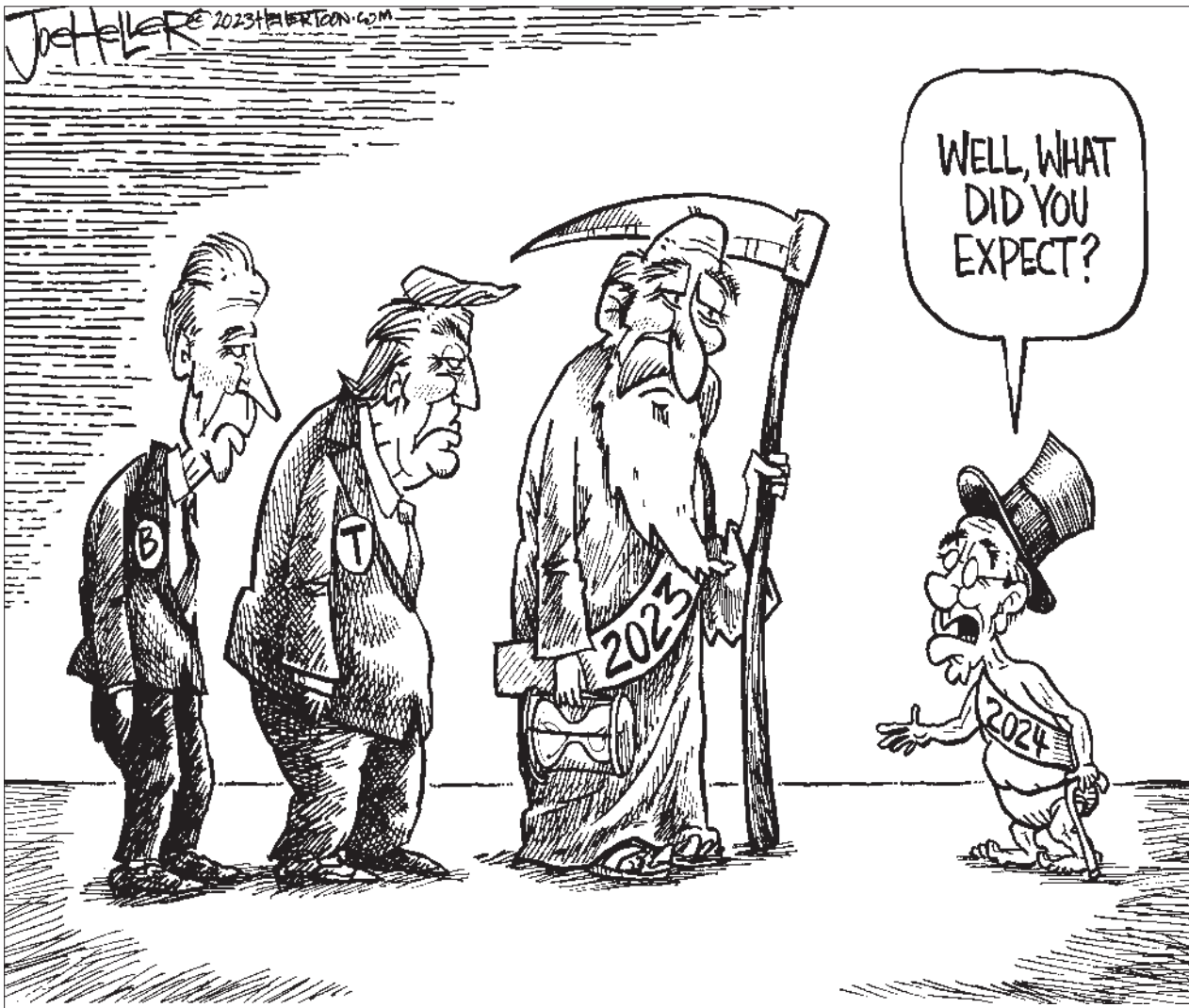
“If it weren’t for kids have you ever thought — There wouldn’t be no Santa Claus — Or look what the stork just brought thank god for kids — And we’d all live in a quiet house without Big Bird or Mickey Mouse — And cool-Aid on the couch thank god for kids. ... Thank god for kids there’s magic for a while — A special kind of sunshine in a smile — Do you ever stop to think or wonder why? — The nearest thing to heaven is a child.”

Thank God for new beginnings and Thank God for kids.

Keith Taylor

Letters to the editor

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Facing the future

Wages are not keeping up with the cost of living. The cost of groceries, fast food, building materials, and most anything you can name has increased dramatically.

Millions of Americans are Social Security recipients. The modest increase coming in January will feel like a drop in the bucket. Every little bit helps and it will truly be a little bit compared to the financial needs of senior adult Americans.

Almost every day we see the national reports of the thousands of undocumented immigrants flooding our country, This does not make us feel very secure. Our government could stop this but they don’t. We have the ability to stop this insane invasion of America but for some reason our leaders obviously want the masses to keep coming. This is fearful. How will these people survive in America? Where will they live? Are there jobs for all these people? Is this really fair and helping them when so many of them will have to sleep on the streets of our major cities? I don’t see how. Will this invasion become the eventual end of the America we have enjoyed, without a shot being fired?

Politics is not comforting to most Americans. Who can we trust? Is anybody telling the truth? Are all politicians liars and thieves? Do they all have nasty baggage in the closet? Are there any real leaders that we can respect and admire without having to look down or look away when we mention their names?

Yes, there are those we believe in but none of them are perfect and most are far



Glenn Mollette

from perfect. Of course, no one is perfect. This is nerve wracking for Americans, especially in such a crucial election year.

We are constantly bombarded with pleas for support. Currently it’s Ukraine. Ukraine obviously needs help. It’s difficult for us to fathom billions of dollars for Ukraine when we won’t secure our own borders and protect our own citizens. How does this make sense?

Interest rates may come down in 2024 but will they come down enough? A seven percent rate on a \$40,000 car is a tough payment for many Americans. The housing market is struggling. Who can afford a \$350,000 house along with a seven or eight percent loan? Obviously not many as home sales are badly slumping right now.

There is a lot to scare us in this world. Cancer, diabetes, neurological diseases, and more. When we do get sick there is the price tag that comes with waging a medical war to survive.

So often, people postpone going to the doctor because they don’t want to see the medial bills and this ends up being a very unhealthy and often deadly decision. The whole scenario is fearful.

However, life is not to be lived in fear. Fear freezes us, paralyzes us, and overcomes us. We seldom move forward when frozen by fear.

My hope for all of us is that we might overcome fear in our lives and dethrone the beast from ruling over us in 2024. My hope for you is that you might have the power of God in your life in such a way, that his presence will be greater in you than all the fears we are facing in the world.

May you have this power in you in such a way that you will face this next year with strength and fearlessness.

Why pause annexation?

Why would the Kentucky legislature enact a bill (SB 141) that would put a one year pause on city annexations? It was such an important topic that the legislature wanted to do a deep dive on the issue.

Growing cities are a concern for counties and that is a concern for all Kentuckians. Not all Kentuckians live in a city but all Kentuckians do live in a county. Kentucky’s 120 counties provide constitutionally mandated services to residents, workers and businesses within that county such as jails, maintaining roads and bridges, public safety, administering elections and much more. To provide these services counties need revenue.

Annexation is the process of extending a city boundary. Unfortunately city annexation can, and has, threatened the ability of county governments to effectively serve all residents, including city residents.

For decades the law has allowed cities to annex property and grow their tax base at the expense of counties. This is often carried out without any input from the county fiscal court. One state representative described the situation in come counties as “islands of prosperity in seas of misery”.

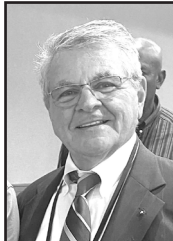
Several counties and cities have interlocal agreements on economic development and quality of life improvements for residents. However these local agreements are usually only as strong as the elected officials currently in office. With the exception of combined E911 services there are no significant economic development interlocal agreements currently in Madison County.

In general, counties have no voice in the annexation process or a mechanism to oppose annexation proposals.

Part of the legislation for the annexation pause (set to expire July 1, 2024) established a task force to review annexation regulations and make recommendations to the state legislature for the upcoming session.

As always I welcome your comments or questions at wcrhughes@gmail.com.

Billy Ray Hughes
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Dec. 14

• Rodney Beard, 31, Detroit, Michigan: improper pass-ing’ disregarding stop sign; improperly passing on left side of road; trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st of-fense (heroin)

• Ralph Carpenter, 61, McKee: hold for court

• Karl Dowda, 31, Mt. Sterling: rape, 3rd degree; sodomy, 3rd degree; use of a minor (under 18) in a sexual performance; possession of matter portraying a sexual performance by a minor over 12 but under 18, 1st offense; distribution of obscene matter to minors, 1st offense

• Jason Daniel Fugett, 34, Harrodsburg: theft by un-lawful taking or disposition, shoplifting, \$500 but less than \$1,000

• Michael Lee Marlow, 46, Berea: serving parole viola-tion warrant

• Justin Martin, 18, Rich-mond: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, auto-mobile, \$1,000 but less than \$10,000

• Jeremiah J. Mitchell, 19, Lexington: robbery, 1st degree

• Britney Dawn Rose, 34, Richmond: probation vio-lation (for felony offense); possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); drug paraphernalia – buy/ possess

• Elizabeth Deshah Roth-well, 40, Richmond: con-tempt of court, libel/slander, resistance to order; carrying a concealed weapon

• Jason Wren, 42, Richmond: criminal abuse, 1st degree

– child under 12; criminal abuse, 1st degree

• Atlas D. Young, 18, Georgetown: robbery, 1st de-gree; aggravated TICS greater than or equal to 10 grams carfentanil/fentanyl deriva-tives; possession of marijuana

Dec. 15

• Christina Jill Abrams, 55, Waco: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 2nd offense (meth-amphetamine)’ possession of a controlled substance, 3rd degree -d rug unspecified; possession of marijuana

• Kimberly Gamble, 37, Richmond: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 -2nd (aggravated circumstances); wanton endangerment – 2nd degree

• Bradley A. Hardy, 23, not given: serving weekends

• Sabrina Louise Harrison, 36, Manchester: failure to appear

• Alexander Herrera, 24, Richmond: failure to appear

• Misty Isaacs, 35, not given: serving weekends

• Kevin Lawson, 23, Berea: strangulation, 1st degree; assault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor injury

• Melissa Robbins, 52, Rich-mond: criminal abuse, 1st degree, child under 12

• Adam James Walker, 38, not given: serving weekends

• Russell W. Wheeler, 49, Lexington: serving time

• Sheri Danielle Winburn, 32, not given: serving week-ends

Dec. 16

• Justin W. Banks, 36, Berea: public intoxication – con-

trolled substance (excludes alcohol; possession of mari-juana

• Candy R. Chambers, 40, Richmond: non-payment of. Court costs, fees, or fines

• Cameron J. Davis, 26, Richmond: reckless driv-ing; operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol .08 – 1st

• Zachary A. Mack, 28, Nor-wood, Ohio: failure to appear

• Jimette Matheny, 59, Lexington: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol – 2nd; license to be in possession

• Savannah Northern, 25, Richmond: hold for court

• Jared Wehrle, 36, Berea: violation of a Kentucky EPO/ DVO; staking, 1st degree; failure to appear

Dec. 17

• Sydney Bragg, 22, Rich-mond: alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses)

• David Nicholas Peters, 40, Berea: alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd of-fenses); possession of an open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle prohibited

• Holly Nicole Smith, 33, Berea: failure to appear (3 counts)

Dec. 18

• Justin Campbell, 36, Jeff: contempt of court, libel/sl-an-der, resistance to order

• Jason Dolen, 25, Rich-mond: reckless driving; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 -1st

• Wesley T. Johnson, 30, Richmond: hold for court

• Delieto Antonio Jones, 36, Richmond: hold or court

• Terry Montjoy, 50, Mt. Vernon: contempt of court, libel/slander, resistance to order

• Terence Raines, 61, Rich-mond: hold for court

• Dwyane Roaden, 63, Som-erset: serving time

• Justin Ross Tate, 39, Rich-mond: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines

• Robert Willie Wilburn, 44, Richmond: assault, 4th de-gree dating violence (minor injury)

Dec. 19

• Anna Brooks, 41, Rich-mond: contempt of court, libel/slander, resistance to order

• Blake A. Dawson, 37, Richmond: fugitive from an-other state – warrant required

• Matthew Lee Goode, 38, Richmond: serving time

• Tina Hoskins, 37, Rich-mond: hold for court

• Timothy Dewayne Isaacs, 53, Berea: no registration plates; no registration receipt; operating on suspended or revoked operator’s license; failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security -1st offense

• Cardiff Judd, 40, Rich-mond: assault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor injury

• Michelle Miller, 33, Rich-mond: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shop-lifting; failure to appear

• James Darren Reynolds, 40, Richmond: hold for court

• Pasquale Scavo, 29, Richmond: trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st de-gree, 1st offense (greater than

4 grams cocaine); wanton endangerment, 1st degree

• Michael Wayne Vanwin-kle, 31, Richmond: failure to appear (2 counts)

• Ricky Dale Wagers, 60, Richmond: alcohol intoxica-tion in a public place, 3rd or greater offense in under 12 months; criminal trespassing – 3rd degree

Dec. 20

• Dakota Scott Baldwin, 27, Richmond: hold for court

• Bobby Brewer, 35, Jackson: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st of-fense (methamphetamine)

• Bryan Henson, 34, Rich-mond: hold for court

• Charlie Howard, 60, Richmond: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (metham-phetamine)

• Kiersten Hurst, 27, Rich-mond: robbery, 1st degree

• Jonas Mason, 25, Rich-mond: violation of a Ken-tucky EPO/DVO

• Erik Oliver, 37, Richmond: hold for court

• Minerva Perez, 42, Rich-mond: failure to appear (5 counts)

• Joshua Aaron Powell, 33, Lexington: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shop-lifting

• Jennifer Sargent, 34, Rich-mond: hold for court

• Deanna J. Smith, 53, Rich-mond: hold for court

• Jeffrey Tarter, 26, Rich-mond: hold for court

• Darrell Wayne Veach, 45, Richmond: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 2nd offense (meth-amphetamine); robbery, 1st degree

MARRIAGES

Dec. 14

• Miranda Gail Polston, CPSS, 39, of Richmond to Aaron Uriah McKinney, HVAC technician, 33, of Richmond

• Gwendolyn Ryan Schneider, student, 19, of Berea to Matthew Christopher Knowles, food service, 22, of Berea

• Kimberly Fay Hubbard, assistant manager, 23, of Richmond to Andrew Dalton Morrow, delivery driver, 23, of Richmond

• Kokilaben Patel, housewife, 59, of Richmond to Hasmukhlal Patel, businessman, 64, of Rich-mond

Dec. 19

• Michael Scott Fritz, grocery clerk/ Kroger, 32, of Richmond to Lindsey Danielle Baker, grocery clerk/ Kroger, 35, of Richmond

• Kaylee Richele Pocahontas Phillips, reception-ist, 20 of Irvine to Becham Turner Lockard, man-ager, 23, of Georgetown

• Taryn Hope Cecil, student, 24, of Richmond to Jarrod Raymond Duncan, police officer, 25, of Richmond

• Zachary Michael Vaught, postal clerk, 27, of Richmond to Jacob Kenneth-William Stringer, student, 28, of Richmond

Dec. 20

• Skylar Jordan Barger, therapist, LPA, 25, of Richmond to Logan Ray Everett Oliver, labor worker, 25, of Richmond

• Deeva Jean Bowie Quitugua, not given, 23, of Richmond to Ethan Izaiah Cabrera Lizama, U.S. Army, 25, of Richmond

COURT RECORDS

Circuit Court

Dec. 14

• Gary Michael Watkins vs. Morgan Michelle Watkins

• Melissa Ann Hickie vs. Thomas Leroy Hickie

• CHFS for Emily E. Wallace vs Daniel C. Ball

• CHFS EX REL., Makayla M. Rambo vs. Domi-nick A. Samudio

• CHFS EX REL., Monica Blake vs. Faustin Hakizimana

Dec. 15

• Andreau Edwards vs. Lealand Edwards

Foreclosures

Dec. 14

• Chase Mortgage Trust 2016 vs. Jeremy Manci, ET AL

• Carrington Mortgage Services, LCC vs. Ricky Bell, ET AL

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Dec. 14

• Bolt Development, LLC to 6013 Atwood, LLC, tract 7 plat 22/ 135, \$1,490,000

• J and F Grant, LLC to Debo-rah Abernathy, lot 206 Dove’s Landing Subdivision, \$254,900

• Robley Vincent and Lydia Carolyn Vincent to Diana G. Taylor, as trustee, Robley Vincent and Carolyn Vincent, 360 King’s Trace Drive, Berea, for no monetary consideration but rather as a gift between husband and wife and for the benefit of establishing a survi-vorship relationship

• Kyla Pike and Alan Pike to Aneta Kordas and Bogdan Kor-das, lot 1 p30/185, \$315,000

Dec. 15

• Southern Investment, LLC to David Joseph Lovings and Brenda Baldos Lovings, lots 3 and 4 Ashby Addition (Fourth Street Richmond), \$165,000

• John Franklin Cornelison, IV and Sherri Cornelison and Elizabeth Kay Cornelison and Trent Funk to Elizabeth Kay Cornelison and Trent Funk, tract 6 plat 29/ 63, \$40,000

• Ronald A Crepps and Rena M. Crepps to Jeffery K. Ingram and Janice B. Ingram, tract Madison County, \$10,000

• St. Andrews Place Retire-ment Community, Inc to Joseph I. Sanchez and Helen Sanchez, 501 Caledonia Drive, Unit 8A, Richmond, \$251,000

• William Dale Adams and Sandy Adams to Bleed Blue Properties, LLC, 1113 Manna Drive, \$435,000

• Gordon H. Cotton and Sally J. Cotton to Gordon H. Cotton, 33 Acres Duck Branch, Rich-mond, for and in consideration of the love and affection the first parties have for the second parties

• Daniel L. Black, Darrell T. Bicknell, by and through his Attorney-in-Fact Kyle Ray Bicknell to Carol Stutts, Trustee of the James and Carol Stutts Revocable Trust, dated July 12, 2013, \$37,000

• Jason Helton and Tammy Helton to Danny O. Helton and Nancy K. Helton, lot 60 Indian Hills Subdivision, Berea, for and in consideration of the love and affection which a child has for his parents

• Albert Lee Turner and Teresa Lynn Turner to Katie Danielle Schill and Seth Neil, lots 28 and 29 Country Estates, \$225,000

• Timothy Vanzant-Bailey and Jacqueline Vanzant to Phillip Bufour and Theresa A. Bufour, lot 78 Creekside Village, Unit 1, \$175,000

• Via Vitae Development, LLC to James C. Monroe, lot 117 Phase 2 Magnolia Pointe Subdivi-sion, \$1.00

• James C. Monroe and Mar-tha M. Monroe to JCM2, LLC< lot 117 Phase 2 Magnolia Pointe Sub-division, \$1.00

• John F. Gillespie Revocable Trust, dated June 11, 2019, by John P. Gillespie, Trustee to Phillip M. Hampton and Tommie J. Hampton, tract 1 Plat 8/266 (south side of Jacks Creek Road), \$600,000

• Christopher Short to Chris-topher Short and Christine Short, 322 4th Street, Rich-mond, \$1.00 and love and affec-tion between spouses

• Chuck Dewayne Alexan-der and Michelle Alexander to Teresa A. Webb, tracts Madison County (vicinity of Red Lick Road, Berea), \$182,000

Dec. 18

• John Devere Builders, Inc to Rollie W. Brown, lot 22 Fair Vista Landing, Subdivision, \$270,000

• Joshua Gatton to William David King, III and Wendy Marie King, 539 Southern Cross Drive, \$260,000

• Gregory L. Abney, Executor for The Estate of Kathleen Ab-ney to Craig Scott Danner and Christy Dawn Danner, lot 238 Burnell’s Homestead Estates, \$299,000

• Timothy W. Little and Mary C. Little to David T. Benton and

Micaela A. Benton, 505 Hunter Lane, \$395,900

• Michael H. Wolf and Rox-anne Wolf to Amy R. Marshall, lot 9 plat 31/ 107, for and in consideration of the love and affection First Parties have for Second Party, relation shop be-ing parents and child

• Miro, LLC to Michael H. Wolf and Roxanne Wolf, lot 8 plat 31/ 107, for the purpose of making a distribution of assets from Miro, LLC to its members

Dec. 19

• Louisa J. Whitaker to Ellen A. Kilgore and Andrew Kilgo-re, lot 62 Lexington Heights Subdivision, \$292,500

• Lauren K. Wilburn and An-thony R. Wilburn to BHOME-KY, LLC, tracts 5-A and 5-B plat 26/ 421, \$560,000

• Bleed Blue Properties, LLC to Eric Payne, 1113 Manna Drive, \$450,000

• United Property Holdings, LLC o SGB8839, LLC, lots 60, 63, 66, 69, 75, 78, 81, 87A, 90, 96, 99, 102, 105, 108, 111, 114, 117, 138, 141, 144, 147, 150, 153, and 156 Arbor Woods Phase III final subdivision plat for Pavil-ion@ Golden Leaf, Richmond, \$1,350,000

• Kelsey Scenters and Adam Scenters to Michael W. Ballard, parcel 1 Plat 31/137,

Dec. 20

• Terry Hendricks and Kathy Hendricks to Angela Dawn Slone, 1068 Bay Colony Drive, \$390,000

• AR Contractors, LLC to Virginia Gayle Ceesay and Ismaila Ceesay, lot 55 Vineyard Estates Subdivision Phase 3-A, \$359,000

• Richard D. Williamson and Linda P. Williamson, Rhonda Henson, Sarah Rebecca Conn (f/k/a Sarah Simpson) and Kyle Lee Conn and Teddi Lynn Williamson to Eli C. Lakes and Cari Powell, lot 13-D Fentress Lane (tract 13D plat 18/362), \$35,000

New fees for EV charging set to take effect Jan. 1

FRANKFORT (KT) – Under the terms of legislation that takes effect on New Year’s Day, owners of elec-tric vehicles and gasoline-electric hybrid vehicles in Kentucky will soon pay new fees for registering or charging up at public stations.

Passage of one measure (which was House Bill 360 in the 2023 Kentucky General Assembly) was a significant development for the long-term stability of the Kentucky Road Fund. It ensured that EV and

hybrid owners pay a fair share of the cost of building and maintaining Kentucky’s transportation infra-structure.

The new, annual ownership fee structure under Kentucky law in-cludes the following:

--\$120 for electric vehicles.

--\$60 for hybrids.

--\$60 for electric motorcycles.

The fees will go into the Road Fund, which pays for road construc-tion, maintenance, engineering,

planning and research, as well as administrative functions to keep the Kentucky transportation network moving.

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) will mail a postcard to Kentuckians subject to the fee. Payments can be made online start-ing sometime next month at EVHV.ky.gov, or at your county clerk’s office when renewing your registra-tion.

In another bill (HB 8), passed in

2022, the General Assembly added a dealer tax of 3 cents per kilowatt-hour of electricity for EV charging stations on or after July 1, 2022.

Similar to Kentucky’s Motor Fuels Tax, it will be added to the selling price of the charge to those who operate charging stations. The tax revenue also goes to the Road Fund. “Sharing the roads also means sharing the cost to maintain them,” said KYTC State Highway Engineer James Ballinger.

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The Madison County Fiscal Court will have a second reading of Ordinance 2023-16 during the regularly scheduled meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Berea Annex, Council Chambers, 304 Chestnut Street, Berea, KY. View full posting at www.madisoncountky.gov/public-notices or view in person at 135 W. Irvine St., Suite 300, Richmond, KY by calling 859-624-4700.

REVIEW

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DIII played the national championship games in the same location together. The three divisions played together in honor of Title IX, a 1972 ruling that gave women athletes the right to equal opportunity in sports in educational institutions that receive federal funds, from elementary schools to colleges and universities. "It felt amazing," Cornelson said of winning the national championship. "It will be a memory that I will never forget. It was a great feeling that we just won it all, especially being undefeated."

8 Former State Representative Lonnie Napier passed away April 14 at the age of 82. Napier served 14 terms in the Kentucky State Legislature from 1985-2013. He represented the 36th District of Berea, Cartersville, Lancaster, Paint Lick, Waco and Red Lick. Napier was owner of Napier Brothers Clothing and Shoes n Lancaster.

9 Late Berea College Men's Basketball coach Roland Wierwille was inducted posthumously into the Madison County Sports Hall of Fame last May at the Perkins Building in Richmond. The award was presented by Berea Citizen Publisher Keith Taylor, who also is a board member of the Madison County Sports Hall of Fame. Also inducted were the 1982 Madison Central baseball team, the 1969-70 Madison High basketball team, Robert Brooks, Shirley Kearns, Monty Joe Lovell, Edwin Luxon, Sandy Martin, Buddy Roberts and Talbot Todd.

10 In April, the Madison County Clerk's office has relocated and is open for business after moving from its previous location this week. The Richmond branch is now located at 321 North Madison Avenue in Richmond. The Berea branch remained in its normal location at the Berea City Annex. The courthouse renovation project began and county offices and offices of the court were temporarily moved to another location, including the former Chase Bank Building on Main Street.

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said, "The trauma these victims of sexual exploitation experience often leads to depression and self-loathing. We see a lot of cutting, self-harm, especially in female victims, as their way to ease inner pain. The most difficult group to deal with are teenage girls. They are already traumatized, but once they are rehabilitated, they become the strongest advocate for saving other victims of sexual exploitation," she said. "Once they understand what happened to them, and that it was not their fault, they get it."

Foster said, "We have a piece of property that was donated. We are on the verge of getting licensed with the state so we can accept girls into our program, rather than having them sent to foster care. In a loving home-like environment, we will teach them the fundamentals of cooking, health, cleanliness, taking care of their body, care for babies, and help them gain self-confidence and life skills."

"It will be the first group home of this type in Kentucky. We will have paid staff as well as volunteers, social workers, and psychologists, and possibly some interns from area colleges and universities. Programs and on-going costs will be through grants and donations."

"January is Human Trafficking Month," Hensley said. "There is a video everyone should watch. It's 'Your Eyes Save Lives.'"

Berea Rotary approved a donation to the Redeeming Hope of Kentucky project.

The next meeting will be at 1 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 2, at Just Love Coffee, Chestnut Street, Berea.

--Submitted by Jerlene Rose



Message from Cora Jane Wilson

"My flesh and my heart faileth:
But God is the strength of my heart,
and my portion for ever."

Psalm 73:26 KJV



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Reflections

Berea Citizen archives

December 25, 1924 Break in

Burglars go to places of excitement or some sort of disturbance or upheaval to do their work. On Thursday evening, as many of the students and faculty were going home for the holidays burglars made a raid on Berea's West End. Sometime that evening, the beautiful glass windows of T. F. Coyle's store were smashed, and several things were taken from the show case windows. Mr. Coyle was out of town and had no idea of who may have committed the crime nor was he sure of exactly what timeframe the crime occurred. Reverend Holder's car was also taken from its garage the same night but was located the next day near the printing establishment.

December 30, 1948



Adams postmaster

John Brent Adams began his new role as postmaster in Berea on Friday, December 31, at the close of the business day. Mr. Morris Todd would act as postmaster until

this time. Mr. Adams graduated from Male High School in Louisville in 1932. He entered Berea College in 1933 and became a guard on the varsity basketball team. After graduation in 1937, he became an employee of the Kentucky State Revenue Department. Adams entered the Navy in 1943 and went to the submarine base at Pearl Harbor, where he was assistant procurement officer. He became Lt. J.G. since his discharge and had been located the Blue Grass Ordinance Depot in Richmond as the chief of the procurement division. The Adams family made their home in Berea on Prospect Street.

December 27, 1973 Strike nears end

A tentative agreement was reached on Friday in contract talks between General Telephone Company of Kentucky and the Communications Workers of America. The negotiated agreement included improvements in both wages and fringe benefits. It was awaiting ratification by union membership. This meeting was held on December 28th and were held in Ashland, Hazard, Lexington and Morehead.

December 24, 1998 Leaker at Depot

Army officials confirmed the presence of the chemical agent mustard vapor leak within a chemical munition's storage igloo at the Blue Grass Army Depot's Chemical Ac-

tivity. The igloo contained 155 millimeter artillery shells filled with the chemical blister agent. The chemical was detected during routine igloo monitoring of the chemical stockpile. Army officials said that there was no danger to the surrounding community. Officials closed the air vents and installed filters on the igloo which was continuously filtered until crews were able to enter the igloo on Tuesday to determine the exact source of the leak. As of press time, the leaker had not been located but Richard Sloan, spokesperson for the Bluegrass Chemical Activity, said the leaker should be located and isolated within a few days at the most.

Game Page

Crossword

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CLUES ACROSS

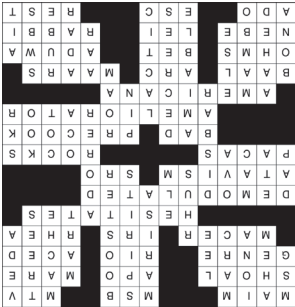
- A way to injure
- Mutual savings bank
- Rock TV channel
- Large number of fish swimming together
- Military mailbox
- Female of a horse
- Category
- City
- Breezed through
- Officer who bears a mace
- Tax collector
- "Cheers" actress Perlman
- Pauses before acting
- Extracted information from a wave
- Tendency to revert to something ancestral
- No seats available
- Nocturnal rodents
- Moves gently to and fro
- Not good
- A way to ready
- One who makes something better
- Things associated with American history
- Ancient Phoenician fertility god
- A continuous portion of a circle
- Volcanic craters
- Units of electrical resistance
- Gamble on

CLUES DOWN

- "The world's most famous arena"
- Polite interruption sound
- Private school in New York
- Refuse of grapes
- __ Tomei, actress
- Adult beverages
- Supporter
- Papier-__, art material
- Forests have them
- Most ancient Hindu scriptures
- Downwind
- Marketplace
- Flowering plant genus
- Street where nightmares happen
- Admirer
- Dip lightly into water
- When you hope to get there
- Partner to cheese

CLUES ACROSS

- Egg
- A way to disqualify
- South American plant
- Fold-away bed
- Debbie Harry album "___ Koo"
- Swedish krona
- Displaying warmth and friendliness
- Official orders
- Bowling alley necessity
- Stray
- About milk
- Expressed pleasure
- Caribbean dance
- If not
- __ fide (Latin)
- Swiss river
- Hebrew calendar month
- One easily swindled
- Point that is one point south of southwest
- Small island (British)



SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

3	9	5	4	6	1	7	2	8
6	8	7	5	2	9	4	3	1
2	4	1	3	7	8	5	9	6
8	7	2	1	9	5	3	6	4
5	3	9	7	4	6	1	8	2
1	6	4	2	8	3	9	7	5
7	5	6	8	3	4	2	1	9
4	2	8	6	1	7	6	9	3
9	3	1	6	5	2	8	4	7

ANSWER:

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to winter.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 13 = I)

A. 7 12 13 22 22 11 5 9

Clue: Big snow storm

B. 21 16 13 12 12 18

Clue: A bit cold

C. 9 5 13 24 6

Clue: Pile of snow

D. 25 3 10 14

Clue: Frozen precipitation

Answers: A. blizzard B. chilly C. drift D. snow

Sports

Sheppard claims 2nd SEC honor of year

LEXINGTON (KT) — For the second time in his collegiate career, Reed Sheppard was named Southeastern Conference Player of the Week.

Sheppard had his first career double-double with 11 points and 11 rebounds in Kentucky's 95-76 win over Louisville last Thursday. His 11 assists were the most in the series against the Cardinals.

The freshman guard also had two steals in the win and he has recorded multiple steals in each of the team's 11 games this year. Sheppard has shared the weekly honor with teammate D.J. Wagner, who also has won the weekly award twice this season.



Jeff Sheppard

Sheppard has been a bright spot off the bench for the Wildcats and is averaging 12.6 points per game, fourth on the team. His biggest supporters have been his parents, former Kentucky guard Jeff Sheppard and Stacey Reed, who also played for the Wildcats. The presence of his parents in the stands hasn't been a distraction for Reed.

"They've been that way my whole life — they've been every single game," Sheppard said. "They've always been supportive and cheering for me and the team. It's not just starting now that I'm at Kentucky, so for them, I still just see my Mom and Dad (in the stands). I don't look at them as anything different now, just because everyone else is starting to look at them that way. But to me, I've seen them my whole life and they're just being who they are."

Cats climbing higher

Kentucky climbed to No. 8 in the latest Associated Press Top 25 poll released Monday. Kentucky moved up one spot to No. 8 following last Thursday's win over Louisville, the team's third third straight victory.

Tennessee is ranked No. 6, followed by Florida Atlantic at No. 7. North Carolina is No. 9, while SEC member Ole Miss, which is 12-0, is ranked No. 24 this week.

Purdue remains No. 1 for the third straight week and plays host to Eastern Kentucky University Friday night to close out the 2023 calendar year.

Kentucky takes on Illinois State on Friday night and will open the SEC portion of the schedule at Florida on Jan. 6.

Transfers highlight new class

LEXINGTON (KT) — Kentucky football coach Mark Stoops came away happy with his team's updated roster and raved about his new additions during National Signing Day last Wednesday.

Stoops and his staff signed a mixture of players from the transfer portal and the Class of 2024, adding 28 players, including seven transfers to next year's roster.

The Wildcats added a pair of quarterbacks, including Georgia transfer Brock Vandagriff, who is expected to be the team's starter next season.

"Very important for us, very important piece," Stoops said of Vandagriff. "The thing you look at with Brock is, you look at his film, you know he'll be able to come in and work with us. Very excited about him."

Stoops also is excited about prep standout Cutter Boley, a player Stoops and his staff have targeted as their signal caller of the future. Boley enjoyed a stellar career at Lexington Christian.

"Cutter was a guy that we had targeted and recruited for years," Stoops said. "What a great year he had. We are proud to have Cutter be our high school quarterback and a guy that will come in and compete. He has a contagious personality, very likeable."

In addition to the two quarterbacks and the expected return of signal-caller Beau Allen, Stoops also added wide receiver transfers Ja'Mori Maclin (North Texas) and Raymond Cottrell (Texas A&M).

Stoops lauded the addition of Maclin and Cottrell.



Brock Vandagriff came to Georgia as a 5-star quarterback. He will have two years of eligibility at Kentucky as a graduate transfer. (University of Georgia photo)

"(Mclin is) very talented player — love his work ethic, love his attitude," Stoops said. "I think he's going to be a big addition to our wide receiver room. Along with Raymond Cottrell from Texas A&M, a big, strong receiver who can really run."

Florida offensive guard Jalen Farmer

also decided to transfer to Kentucky, The Georgia native has three years of eligibility remaining. He also considered Tennessee.

At running back, the Wildcats signed former Ohio State backup running back Chip Trayanum and prep runners Jason Patterson (Sneads, Fla.) and Tovani Mizell of Fort Lauderdale.

"Running backs, we needed some depth there," Stoops said. "Got two high school guys (and) one out of the portal. ... The big get for us out of the portal is Chip, extremely mature, extremely hard-working, great fit for us and our culture. Very excited about him."

Former Georgia linebacker Jamon "Pop" Dumas-Johnson, who was a two-year starter for the Bulldogs, earning All-America

honors in 2022 on Georgia's national championship team, also transferred to Kentucky. He is expected to help bolster the Kentucky defense and take over for Trevin Wallace, who declared for the NFL draft.

"Defensively, we went pretty heavy with the linebacking unit," Stoops said. "It's good balance all the way around. A big get for us, that will get a lot of attention, is, any time you get a transfer like that who's a Butkus finalist and a first-team All-American in Pop Johnson from Georgia. Brings an awful lot to our football team. Unbelievable experience and has that desire to bring that winning culture with him."

Dumas-Johnson never lost in a game he started at Georgia.

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November

**6**

N. Mexico State • Won • 86-46

**10**

Texas A&M Comm. • Won • 81-61

**14**

Kansas • Lost • 89-84

**17**

Stonehill • Won • 101-67

**20**

Saint Joseph's • Won • 96-88 (OT)

**24**

Marshall • Won • 118-82

**28**

Miami • Won • 95-73

December

**2**

UNC Wilmington • Lost • 80-73

**9**

Penn @ Philly • Won • 81-66

**16**

North Carolina • Won • 87-83

**21**

@ Louisville • Won • 95-76

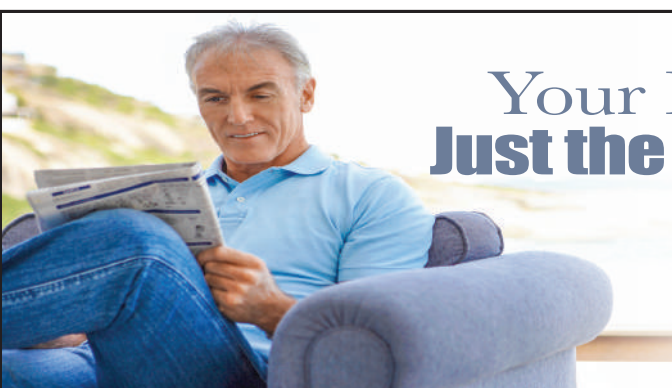
**29**

Illinois State • 7 p.m. • SECN

January

**6**

@ Florida • 12:30 p.m. • ESPN



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