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City goes with KYMEA as power provider

By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

The Berea City Council voted Tuesday to select the Kentucky Municipal Energy Agency (KYMEA) to provide electricity to the city.

The item was discussed

in a Monday work session in which Berea Municipal Utilities Director Kevin Howard explained that BMU sent out 14 requests for proposal for power providers, receiving four bids in return.

Howard said the city has been enjoying relatively

low electricity rates for the last five years, but economic and market changes have driven prices higher.

“In 2019, it was a totally different environment than we have today,” Howard said. “We knew that some of the savings we’ve been enjoying would go away.”

Howard noted that KYMEA emerged as the most cost-effective option because it also provides a capacity guarantee in its proposal – an agreement that even during peak demand, such as during severe weather incident, Berea’s electric service

would remain uninterrupted. KYMEA is a non-profit, government power collective that does not answer to stockholders, officials said.

The precise details of the rates will be subject to a

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31 stores licensed to sell alcohol

By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

There are 31 businesses currently licensed to sell alcohol in Berea, four of which are so-called retail package stores, according to Berea Police Chief Jason Hays.

Hays submitted the report to city officials Tuesday on behalf of Alcohol Beverage Control Administrator Casey Botkin, who is also a captain in the Berea Police Department.

The four stores that have obtained licenses to sell liquor include Bad Penny at 103 Clay Drive, Stop and Go Spirits at 120 Peggy Flats Road, Great Spirits at 608 Richmond Road, and Berea Liquor at 219 Prince Royal Drive.

Four additional licenses are in the portal for approval in Berea, Hays said, noting one microbrewery is in the process of completing construction, one restaurant has requested a license, Speedway has submitted an application, along with one unknown business on Paint Lick Road.

Initially, there were 25 retail package licenses available in the county after the alcohol referendum passed last May.

“As of this week, we believe there are still 12 quota retail package licenses available, and that’s to share with the county, Berea and Richmond,” Hays said.

Dancing in Disney



The Madison Southern High School Dance Team claimed fifth-place honors in the Gameday division (Division II) in the Universal Dance Association championships in Orlando, Florida last week. The Lady Eagles are shown celebrating with their hardware in the above photo.



For a video of Madison Southern's performance in Orlando, click on the QR code at left with your smartphone

Woman indicted in Dec. 2 home invasion

A Berea woman was indicted on burglary charges following an incident on Dec. 2 at a home, located at 187 Fentress Lane.

Misti Combs Robertson was indicted on first degree burglary charges after she entered the home of Glenn and Carla Reed with “the intent to commit a



Robertson

crime and causing injury to Carla Reed and Glenn Reed” by a Madison County grand jury on Jan. 31.

Armed with a handgun, Robertson also was indicted on two counts of kidnapping and second degree assault for hitting Glenn Reed’s head with a handgun several times, causing physical injury.

The jury also indicted Robertson for third degree terroristic threatening after

she threatened to kill Glenn Reed.

She also was charged with fourth degree assault by scratching and hitting Carla Reed’s face, which also caused physical injury.

During the burglary, Robertson also shot and killed a dog and was charged with second-degree cruelty to animals.

She remains lodged in the Madison County Detention Center.

Giving back: KBC keeps local blood supply flowing

By Keith Taylor
Citizen Publisher

The Kentucky Blood Center is all about saving lives and doing it locally.

All blood donated to the KBC is supplied strictly to more than 70 hospitals within the state of Kentucky, including CHI Saint Joseph’s Berea and Baptist Health Richmond. The organiza-

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tion boasts of six total blood centers, with its main facility in Lexington and a consistent flow of mobile units at local businesses, community

groups, schools and churches that host blood drives. There are eight donor centers spread throughout six states and open six days a week.

“Our mission is to collect blood, to process it, test it, and then distribute it to hospitals in the region,” said Eric Lindsey, director of media and branding at the KBC.

“That is our function. Blood is a vital, vital part of the

healthcare industry.”

According to Lindsey, one in four people will need a blood transfusion in their lifetime resulting from trauma, car accidents, gunshot wounds and cancer treatments. He added that blood also is used for routine surgeries, organ transplants, premature births and various diseases.

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BRIEFS

- Berea Home Village is sponsoring a workshop for older adults focusing on the preparations needed in the event of Disasters and Emergencies. The workshop will be at 11 a.m., Feb. 27 at the Randy Stone Community Room at the Berea City Hall. The event will provide basic information and led by Billie Dyer, retired public home health nurse and Margie Pride, retired minister. For more information, contact Katie Heckman at (859) 358-8610.
- Hospice Care Plus will host a new volunteer training on Saturday, March 2, from 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. in Richmond. Volunteers are trained to support patients and families either directly or indirectly. Lunch and refreshments will be served. Register online at hospicecareplus.org or contact Mariah Smith at (859) 986-1500 or hospice@hospicecp.org.



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Congratulations to one of our own here at the Berea Citizen. Advertising director Beka Powell recently married her best friend and soulmate, Chad Bingham. We wish you many years of happiness together!



Message from Cora Jane Wilson

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Psalm 121: 2 (KJV)

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Roscoe Daniel Jr.

Roscoe Daniel Jr., affectionately known as “Junie,” passed away peacefully on January 27, 2024, at the age of 71, in Lexington. Born on February 28, 1952, in Clay County, Junie was a man whose kindness and gentle spirit touched the lives of all who knew him. Junie was preceded in death by his loving parents, Roscoe and Josephine Robertson Daniel, as well as his siblings Sonny Daniel, Joe Daniel, Rachell Daniel, and Phyllis Powell. He leaves behind a legacy of love and devotion, embodied by his beloved wife of 30 years, Susan Daniel, and his son, Mathew Daniel. His memory will also be treasured by his living siblings, Marvin Daniel and his wife Tammy, Irvin Daniel and his wife Gwen, Charlene Graham, and Linda Taylor, along with her husband Greg. Junie’s warm spirit will continue to live on through the many nieces and nephews who survive him. A lifelong farmer, Junie’s passion for the land and the animals was evident to anyone who set foot on his property. His days were spent tending to his cattle, a job he did with love and dedication. Junie’s

Anna B. Kidwell Sears

Anna B. Kidwell Sears, born on June 9th, 1932, in Rockcastle County, departed this life on January 31, 2024, at the age of 91, in Berea. Ann’s life was a testament to her unwavering faith and her deep-rooted love for her family. She leaves behind a legacy of love, embodied in her children, Ronnie (Susan) Sears, Donna (Dean) Cromer, Lisa (Steve) Otis, Steve Sears, and Carla (Kevin) Minor; her cherished grandchildren Steve, Chris, Amy, Kelly, Tracy, Justin, Johnna, Sydney, Lindsey, Kayla, and Josh; 33 great-grandchildren, five great-great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews, three sisters-in-law Bettye Sears Bales, Jean Sears, Jean Kidwell, special friends, Terry and Darla Puckett, along with many other friends and family. Ann was preceded in joining the Lord by her beloved husband, Rev. Carl Denton Sr, her dear son, Carl Jr, daughter-in-law Dianne, grandson Scott, her father and mother, Stephen and Martha (Wilmot) Kidwell, her brothers, Chester, Cleveland, Delbert, Raymond, William, Edgar, Everett, Elmer, and Ellis, and her sister Marie McKnight. Ann found joy in gardening, minister-

connection to the earth was also seen in his love for gardening, a hobby that not only brought him joy but also provided bountiful harvests that he generously shared with family and friends. Fishing was another of Junie’s great pleasures. He found tranquility at the water’s edge, a pastime that allowed him to reflect on the simple beauties of life. Those who had the privilege of accompanying him on these fishing trips will forever cherish the moments of silence, interrupted only by the sounds of nature and the occasional splash of a fish. Junie’s kind heart and warm smile will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. He was a man of few words, but his actions spoke volumes about the depth of his character. His gentle demeanor and unwavering integrity made him a respected figure in his community and a pillar of strength within his family. As we bid farewell to Junie, we take comfort in knowing that his spirit will continue to live on through the lives he touched and the beautiful land he so tenderly cared for. His was a life well-lived, full of love, hard work, and the simple joys that make a life worth remembering. Lakes Funeral Home in Berea is in charge of arrangements.

ing for the Lord alongside her husband, and in her family especially preparing meals. Music was an integral part of Ann’s life. While many of her family members sang and played instruments, Ann also played the guitar and wrote songs and poems. She even had multiple opportunities to be featured on local radio stations with her sister, Marie when she was young. Above all, Ann was a living witness for the Lord. Her faith was as boundless as the sky, and through her actions and words, she shared the love of God with unyielding passion. Her testimony shone through her every deed, a guiding light leading the way to the path of righteousness and peace. Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday, February 5, 2024. Reverends Randy McPheron, Greg Lakes, Bobby Turner officiated. Burial followed in the Wilmot Cemetery in Rockcastle Co. Rev. Kenny Davis officiated. Lakes Funeral Home in Berea was in charge of arrangements.



Crystal Lynn Esparza-Siva

Crystal Lynn Esparza-Siva, age 28, passed away Thursday February 1, 2024, at Baptist Health in Richmond, KY. She was born June 5, 1995, in Richmond, KY to Britt Gadd and the late Donna Rose Gadd. Crystal was a talking machine and would talk with anybody. She loved spending time with family and playing bingo. Crystal was of the Holiness faith. In addition to her father Crystal is survived by her children, Jose, Josue, Savannah, and Hannah Esparza-Siva, two brothers, Jonathan Gadd, Michael Gadd, one sister, Samantha Luna.

Graveside funeral services will be held at Leger Cemetery on Sweetwater Rd. in Rockcastle County with Bro. Cecil Burns officiating. Visitation will be 1:00PM – 2:00PM at the cemetery. Family would like to offer a special thank you to Sissy Leger for her help, love, and support with Crystal’s children. Davis & Powell Funeral Directors in charge of arrangements.



Lowell Thomas McCollum

Lowell Thomas McCollum, passed away peacefully on January 30, 2024, at the age of 91. He was born March 29th, 1932, to the late John A. McCollum, Sr. and Rossie Bates McCollum. He was the second youngest of seven children. Lowell was married over 65 years to the late Mary Ann Raley McCollum. He grew up on Scaffold Cane Rd, attended Berea High, and after graduation served in the U.S. Army 3rd Division during the Korean War. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement when “on June 10th and 11th Sergeant McCollum ‘courageously volunteered to make repeated trips to the battered outpost and help evacuate the wounded. Constantly exposed to heavy mortar and artillery fire, he moved about the area, administering aid to the wounded and helping them to safer positions” (Berea Citizen Oct. 1, 1953.) He was very proud of his service and country. Following his return from the Korean War he met Mary Ann Raley, who was a student at Berea College. They were married on April 7th, 1957. Lowell graduated from Eastern Kentucky University in 1959 with a degree in



accounting. He was active for years in the Berea Lions Club and was the 1999 – 2000 Lion of the Year. He was the owner of Mac’s Wood Shop and received numerous certificates of excellence for his craftsmanship in woodworking. Fishing was his passion and Lake Cumberland was his ‘second home’. He also enjoyed spending time camping and waterskiing with his family. He was preceded in death by his brother John A. McCollum, Jr. sisters Ruth McCollum, Elizabeth McCollum, Lois Ann Haddix, Dorothy Caldwell, and Norma Robinson and one nephew Rob Haddix and nieces Barbara Caldwell and Carol Roberts. He is survived by three children Richard (Lynn) McCollum of Berea, Steve McCollum of Washington D.C., and Susan (Bob) Kaucic of Seattle, Washington. He was the proud grandfather five grandchildren Aaron (Lindsay) McCollum, Ethan (Gabby) McCollum, Catherine (Mark) Reeves, Robert Kaucic, Kimberly Kaucic, and one great grandson Liam Logsdon. He is survived by nephew John “Butch” Caldwell of Richmond and two nieces, Lora Haddix of Berea and Marilyn Jean Yorkovich of North Carolina. Funeral services were Saturday February 3, 2024. Rev. Curt Gardner officiated. Burial followed in Berea Cemetery. Lakes Funeral Home in Berea was in charge of arrangements.

Jack Ison

Jack Delano Ison, age 86, resident of Richmond, peacefully passed away on January 27th, 2024, after bravely fighting Parkinson’s disease. He was born on April 30, 1937 to Pearl Myrtle Ratliff Ison and James Thurman Ison in Flatwoods. He was a former assistant football coach at Eastern Kentucky University. The family will receive friends from 11 a.m.-2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 17, 2024 at Oldham, Roberts and Powell Funeral Home.

BEREA POLICE REPORTS

Arrests

• On Jan. 4 at approximately 8:50 p.m., officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop on Prospect Street. The suspect vehicle fled, and the pursuit was terminated. The vehicle was later located and a K9 track led to the discovery of the suspect. Raleigh Campbel was arrested and charged with Receiving Stolen Property \$1,000 < \$10,000, Fleeing or Evading Police 2nd (Motor Vehicle), Disregarding Stop Sign, Reckless Driving, Leaving the Scene of an Accident, Operating on Suspended License, No Operators License and Criminal Mischief 3rd. • On Jan. 8 at approximately 12:23 p.m., officers responded to a residence on Maple Street, in reference to a trespassing complaint. Jerry Prater was arrested and charged with Criminal Trespassing 3rd. • On Jan. 12 at approximately 12:20 p.m., officers responded to Walmart, in reference to a trespassing complaint. Officers arrested Jerry Prater and charged him with Criminal Trespassing 3rd, Disorderly Conduct 2nd, Menacing and Resisting Arrest. • On Jan. 12 at approximately 11:02 p.m., officers responded to L&K Store All storage units on 76

Boulevard, in reference to a trespassing complaint. Kacey Neeley was arrested and charged with Burglary 3rd. • On Jan. 18 at approximately 9:23 p.m., officers responded to the area of Jefferson Street, in reference to a shot fired complaint. Rodney Gipson was arrested and charged with Wanton Endangerment 1st, Murder (Attempt) and Possession of Handgun by Convicted Felon.

Drug arrests

• On Jan. 2 at approximately 2:21 p.m., officers conducted a traffic stop on Prospect Street. The operator, Derrick Hurt, has an active arrest warrant. Hurt was arrested and charged with Resisting Arrest and Possession of Marijuana. • On Jan 3 at approximately 9:53 a.m., officers conducted a traffic stop on Mount Vernon Road. The operator, Jacob Hall, was arrested and charged with Operating on Suspended License, Trafficking in Controlled Substance 1st (Methamphetamine), Drug Paraphernalia (Buy/Possess). • On Jan. 7 at approximately 1:56 p.m., officers conducted a traffic stop on Richmond Road. The operator, Kenneth Cobb, was arrested

and charged with Possession of Controlled Substance 2nd (Drug Unspecified) and Drug Paraphernalia (Buy/Possess). • On Jan. 9 at approximately 2:20 p.m., officers conducted a traffic stop on Scaffold Cane Road. The operator, Jerrod Abney, was arrested and charged with Driving on DUI Suspended License, Possession of Open Alcoholic Beverage Container in Motor Vehicle, Possession of Marijuana, Drug Paraphernalia (Buy/Possess) and other traffic violations. • On Jan. 14 at approximately 1:39 p.m., officers conducted a traffic stop on I-75 Northbound at the 76-mile marker. The operator, Wilgus Johnson, was arrested and charged with Trafficking in Controlled Substance 1st (Methamphetamine), Trafficking in Controlled Substance 1st (Cocaine), Possession of Controlled Substance 1st (Hydrocodone), Possession of Controlled Substance 2nd (Drug Unspecified), Possession of Controlled Substance 3rd (Drug Unspecified), Failure of Owner to Maintained Required Insurance, Failure to Produce Insurance Card, Prescription Controlled Substance not in Proper Container and Driving DUI-Suspended License. • On Jan. 14 at approximately 7:05

p.m., officers executed a search warrant at a room at Knights Inn on Chestnut Street. The tenant, Mary Hembree, was arrested and charged with Trafficking in Controlled Substance 1st (Methamphetamine), Possession of a Handgun by a Convicted Felon, Possession of Controlled Substance 1st (Drug Unspecified) and Drug Paraphernalia (Buy/Possess). • On Jan. 20 at approximately 11:09 p.m., officers responded to Walmart, in reference to a disturbance. Patricia Lester was arrested and charged with Public Intoxication (Excludes Alcohol). • On Jan. 21 at approximately 5:16 a.m., officers conducted a traffic stop on Kenway Street. The operator, Fred Reed, was arrested and charged with Operating a Motor Vehicle Under the Influence of Controlled Substance, Trafficking in Controlled Substance 1st (Methamphetamine), Operating on Suspended License, No Registration Receipt/Plate, Failure of Non-Owner Operator to Maintain Required Insurance and Improper Registration Plate.

Alcohol arrests

• On Jan. 11 at approximately

4:54 p.m., officers responded to the area of 6 Southbound Exit Ramp, in reference to a male subject asleep at the wheel of a vehicle. The operator, Richard Lyons, was arrested and charged with Operating a Motor Vehicle Under the Influence of Alcohol. • On Jan. 12 at approximately 12:20 a.m., officers responded to the area of the New Berea Bypass, in reference to a parked car on the bicycle path. The operator, Reva Tankersley was arrested and charged with Alcohol Intoxication in a Public Place 1st and Endangering the Welfare of a Minor. • On Jan. 14 at approximately 12:31 a.m., officers conducted a traffic stop on Big Hill Road. The operator, Joseph Smith, was arrested and charged with Operating a Motor Vehicle Under the Influence of Alcohol 1st, Possession of Open Alcoholic Beverage Container in Motor Vehicle and One Headlight. • On Jan. 20 at approximately 10:11 a.m., officers responded to the area of Phyllis Drive, in reference to a single vehicle collision. The operator, Courtney Brown, was arrested and charged with Operating a Motor Vehicle Under the Influence of Alcohol.

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Papaw and his pipe

The man who had the biggest impact on my life smoked a pipe filtered with black cherry tobacco.

That precious soul was my late grandfather Reed Taylor, known as papaw Taylor. He was a gentle and giant figure during my childhood.

Reed Taylor was short in stature and a man of a few words. He led by example, yet when he spoke, his words and instructions were powerful and impactful.

When I was young, my grandparents lived next to us in a mobile home for a few years and it was during those years my sister Taunya and I spent a lot of time with them, because they were so close to home.

I can remember trying to build a dog house or something like that one day and, not knowing any better, I took a few shortcuts. I asked Papaw what he thought of the job I was doing. He looked at me and told me, “Son, if you don’t do just one thing a day, do it right.”

From that point on, I never took a shortcut to anything. I make every effort to get it right on the first try, but I also realize that’s impossible sometimes. It may take two or three times to make it right, but I understand what papaw meant when he spoke those words of wisdom to a young boy just getting started on this journey of life.

He believed in hard work and was a man of faith. He attended church on a regular basis, and when he prayed, he bowed his head on the pew in front of him. He wasn’t loud or wanted to be seen. His example of a personal relationship with God always stuck with me during the days of my youth.

He loved his pipe and later chewed tobacco. I can still smell the aroma of that black cherry tobacco and see him taking puffs from his pipe to this day.

Papaw Taylor also was a patient man and took his time, especially when it came to driving. My sister always was embarrassed to ride with him because if he was leading the pack, there was a long trail of vehicles behind us. He took his time getting to and from his destination.

He loved his vehicles and always had the newest one in the family. I remember when he was picking out his last car — a brown 1990 Ford Taurus — I took it on a test drive and he asked me how I liked it, not knowing at the time he was going to purchase it. He signed the papers and he drove it home that day.

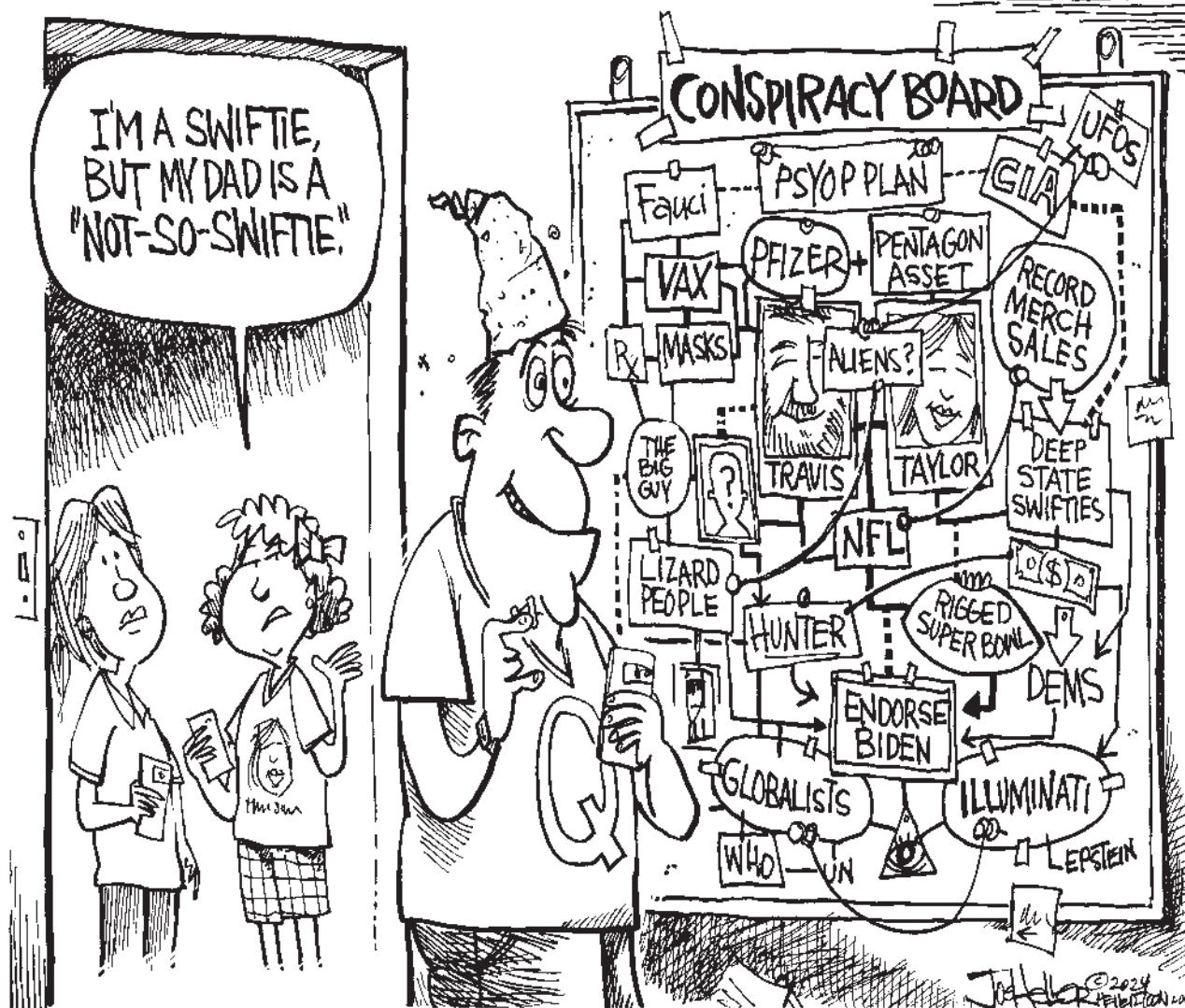
About a year or so later, papaw passed away at the age of 76, but left behind a legacy of honesty and integrity. It made a lasting impact on his grandson.

Papaw smoked a pipe, but when he spoke, he never blew smoke.



Keith Taylor

Keith Taylor



A dog named Opie

My wife would get between them, letting Ace know who was in charge. Ace ate out of his bowl and she fed Opie by hand. That then became the norm. Did I mention he was spoiled?

Opie loved his toys and he was familiar with all of them. When we picked up his toys to run the vacuum or pick up before company came, he was not happy. After we returned them to where he liked them, it was like he counted them by touching his nose against each one. He was such a good boy.

His favorite toys were an orange pig ball that squeaked, was soft and would bounce in different directions. The other was a floppy-eared dog he could sling around a room with the shake of his head. When he was young, he loved to play fetch and would fly around the yard at top speed until wearing out.

Opie was a good dog. And boy was he fast!

He loved when people visited and especially loved his second home at my in-laws

when we would go out of town. They loved him so much and always told us that Opie was such a good boy.

He had keen senses, especially hearing. When he heard a doorbell ring on television, he sprung up from the couch and raced to the front door. We had a doorbell, but it had not worked since Opie became part of the family. We never understood how he knew to go to the door. One of life’s mysteries. He could hear our car as we pulled into the driveway or hear someone come in the front before anybody else. He was like Radar on “MASH.”

We moved from Ashland to Florence two years ago to be near our grandchildren. We don’t have a fenced-in yard now, so Opie would have to adjust with us. He did. And he and I would take our 25-minute walks around our condo



Mark Maynard

neighborhood. He basked in just being with me. The condo neighbors loved him.

Opie was most definitely my wife’s dog, but he knew who to beg from when food was on the table. I made sure to always have something for him.

He was equally loved by his humans.

We had to say goodbye to Opie on Sunday. He had congestive heart failure and his overall health was in serious decline. Life was not the same for him. The walks had stopped, he wasn’t eating or drinking. He was coughing, sometimes for long periods. It was such a sad day for us. He died on my wife’s lap. We chose to be with him to the end.

Opie was such a good boy.

They say dogs don’t have souls, but looking into those expressive dark eyes often made me wonder.

Mark Maynard is managing editor for Kentucky Today and former longtime editor of the Ashland Daily-Independent.

Buy your Valentine’s Day candy early this year

Valentine’s day is coming soon and you better go to the store today if you want a cheap box of candy!

A pharmacist friend recalled a man coming into his store late on Valentine’s Day a couple of years back. He only had one big box of candy left that sold for over \$50. The man looked the shelves over but there wasn’t a more reasonable box of candy to be found in the store. He continued to eye the candy and finally paid for it and left the store. The pharmacist remembered that his cheaper boxes of candy were gone a couple of days before Valentine’s day. If you need a less expensive

sive box of candy, don’t delay, go today.

Roses and other flowers dramatically go up in price before Valentine’s day. As you are reading this column someone is doubling if not tripling the prices on their roses. Roses that might sell for \$39.95 off the grocery store shelf are now marked up to \$79.95 and often over \$100.00. If your roses are delivered to your sweetheart you can count on spending \$100.00 and probably much more. Flowers and candy are



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fine and dandy but woe be unto you if you fail to come through with at least something on Valentine’s day. Cards aren’t cheap. They are all prices but nice cards are more expensive all the time. Let’s say you buy a dozen roses, a mid-range box of candy, and a card. You could easily be out \$125.00. If you are going out to dinner on Valentine’s day then this doubles the price of your celebration depending on where you eat.

The jewelry store wants to convince you that buying expensive jewelry is necessary for the holiday occasion. I say it’s best to change the television channel and not listen to all the ridiculous jewelry store ads unless you want to drop some serious money on a piece of jewelry.

All in all, you and your sweetheart should celebrate Valentine’s Day in a way that is meaningful to you. A peanut butter and jelly sandwich at home while

watching Wheel of Fortune is okay as well. When you are with someone you love then it really doesn’t matter. When you first started dating your Valentine you were just happy to sit on the couch beside each other. You were glad to hold each other’s hand and you were just thrilled to be together. Maybe, your best Valentine’s day might be to remember how it used to be and how wonderful those simple, early days and dates were. Recapturing some of those good thoughts and feelings might make your Valentine’s day the best ever.

Just in case that doesn’t happen, try to get to the store early.

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MADISON COUNTY DETENTION CENTER

Jan. 25

- Tyler Lee Money, 28, Richmond: public intoxication – controlled substance (excludes alcohol); possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (heroin); failure to appear, citation for misdemeanor; failure to appear
- Anthony Moore, 18, Howard City, Michigan: custodial interference
- Brian C. Pauldine, 40, Berea: strangulation, 1st degree
- Michael D. Gibson, 55, Berea: possession of a controlled substance, 1 1t degree, 1t offense (methamphetamine); possession of a controlled substance, 1sst 1st offense (cocaine); drug paraphernalia – buy/possess; possession of a handgun by a convicted felon; prostitution; theft of identity of another without consent; burglary – 2nd degree; theft by deception, all others, \$10,000 but less than \$1,000,000
- Tafathali Kareen Hemp-hill, 50, Morgantown, North Carolina: failure to appear
- Ronnie D. Allen, 53, McKee: failure to appear
- Steven Hawks, 41, Bowling: escape, 2nd degree
- Gerrie Anna Bailey, 31, Richmond: failure to appear (2 counts); possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine)
- Tyler M. Jordon, 26, Richmond: failure to appear
- Lealand Edwards, 35, Berea: failure to appear
- John Williams, 46, Richmond: contempt of court, libel/slander, resistance to order
- Jonah Riddell, 32, Richmond: contempt of court, libel/slander, resistance to order
- Simeon Toray Mullins, 33, Berea: strangulation, 1st degree; assault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor injury

Jan. 26

- Deonte Harris, 27, Grand Rapids, Michigan: serving time
- Roger Evans, 52, Berea: assault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor injury; violation of a foreign EPO/DVO; strangulation, 1st degree
- Jeremy S. Green, 38, Irvine: violation of a Kentucky EPO/DVO
- Jeremy Morris, 39, London: terroristic threatening, 3rd degree
- Amanda Gayle Hurt, 41, Richmond: failure to appear
- Christopher Troy Jones, 37, Mt. Vernon: failure to appear
- Joshua Dale Robinson, 29, Richmond: assault, 4th degree dating violence, minor injury
- Cynthia Pay, 42, Berea:

failure to appear

- Michael Andrew Armstrong, 53, Richmond: serving time
- Adam James Walker, 38, not given: serving weekends

Jan. 27

- Jasmine Grover, 27, Stanton: failure to appear
- Reece A. Peri, 22, Manassas, Virginia: failure to or improper signal; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st
- Tristan Sallee, 26, possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); possession of marijuana; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (drug unspecified); serving parole violation warrant
- Gabriel Blair, 22, Mt. Vernon: failure to appear
- Robert Wayne Short, 35, Berea: failure to appear
- Michael Dale Summers, 66, Richmond: failure to appear
- Monica Walden, 47, Richmond: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines; failure to appear
- Larry Dewayne Casteel, 41, Richmond: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines
- Christopher Witt, 36, Richmond: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of substance(s) – 1st; operating on suspended or revoked operator’s license
- Kyria Reed, 32, Berea: failure to appear
- Marcos Rodriguez, 30, Richmond: failure to appear
- Kyle Northern, 20, Richmond: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, all others, \$1,000 but less than \$10,000; fleeing or evading police, 2nd degree (on foot)

Jan. 28

- Justino Beciez, 51, Richmond: alcohol intoxication in public place (1st and 2nd offenses); promoting contraband – 1st degree; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (heroin)
- Jacob D. Troxell, 33, Lexington: failure to appear (2 counts)
- Justin Scott Wooley, 33, Richmond: failure to appear
- Martinez Guilebaldo Jimenez, 32, Richmond: careless driving; no operator’s – moped license; possession of an open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st
- Adrian James Jones, 20, Berea: rape, 1st degree – domestic violence; assault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor injury; sexual abuse, 1st degree; kidnapping – adult; strangulation, 1st degree; failure to appear; assault, 2nd degree – domestic violence; sodomy, 1st degree – domestic violence; failure to appear,

citation for misdemeanor

- Charles C. Lohre, 23, Richmond: failure to or improper signal; careless driving; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08-1st
- Patricia L. McCoy, 45, Richmond: careless driving; possession fo a controlled substance, 1st degree; 1st offense (methamphetamine); drug paraphernalia – buy/possess; failure to produce insurance card; license to be in possession; failure to appear (3 counts)
- Christopher Kirkpatrick, 52, Richmond: violation of a Kentucky EPO/DVO
- John C. Hacker, 43, Richmond: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offence (methamphetamine); theft by unlawful taking or disposition from building; tampering with physical evidence
- Remington Warren, 25, Lexington: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 3rd (aggravated circumstances); failure to wear seat belts; no registration receipt; no registration plates; failure to produce insurance card; possession of an open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle; improper equipment
- Stephen Dean, 34, Richmond: assault, 4th degree dating violence, minor injury
- Jason Dunn, 42, Richmond: failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security – 1st offense; operating on a suspended or revoked operator’s license; trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (greater than or equal to 2 grams methamphetamine); possession of marijuana; probation violation, for technical violation (4 counts)

Jan. 29

- Randolph B. Eason, 30, Richmond: hold for court
- Denise Stephenson, 60, Nicholasville: failure to appear, citation for misdemeanor (2 counts)
- Roy W. Osborne, 49, Richmond: hold for court
- Heather Nichole Estes, 40, Richmond: hold for court
- Joshua A. Burris, 34, Garrison: driving on DUI suspended license – 1st offense; failure to wear seat belts; failure to produce insurance card
- Steed Stubbs, 54, Richmond: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines
- Jeffrey A. Haynes, 44, Richmond: probation violation (for felony offense_
- Jennifer Sargent, 34, Richmond: hold for court; failure to appear
- Zachary B. Gobel, 33, Mt. Vernon: failure to appear, citation for misdemeanor

- Ricky Lady, 25, Berea: probation violation (for felony offense); failure to appear (2 counts)
- Michael S. Gilbert, 28, McKee: hold for court
- Elstine Lawrence, Jr., 48, Spring, Texas: hold for other
- Elisha Waldrop, 21, Lima, Ohio: failure to appear
- James Gentry, 59, Richmond: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting
- Dwayne Roaden, 63, Somerset: serving weekends
- Deshawn K. Abbott, 37, Richmond: public intoxication – controlled substance (excludes alcohol)
- Sarah Lowery, 25, Richmond: failure to appear

Jan. 30

- Kenny Skaggs, 49, Richmond: trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (greater than or equal to 2 grams methamphetamine); possession of a handgun by a convicted felon; possession of a defaced firearm; possession of a marijuana; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance -1st; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (drug unspecified)
- Courtney Allen, 34, Richmond: violation of a Kentucky EPO/DVO
- Brian Scott Tipton, 39, Irvine: manslaughter, 2nd degree; TICS, 1st offense, fentanyl
- James O. Allen, 35, Beatyville: violation of a Kentucky EPO/DVO
- Hayley Acevedo, 24, Richmond: alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses)
- Corey Ashbrook, 37, Paint Lick: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines
- Larry D. Dixon, 75, Richmond: distribution of matter portraying a sexual performance by a minor over 12 but under 18, 1st offense; distribution of matter portraying a sexual performance by a minor under 12 – 1st offense
- Wanda Estes, 47, Richmond: failure to appear, citation for misdemeanor
- Kenneth Johnson, 39, Richmond: failure to appear, citation for misdemeanor
- Jessica Davenport, 47, Richmond: failure to appear, citation for misdemeanor
- Cole Andrew Mahlestede, 19, Louisville: distribution of matter portraying a sexual performance by a minor under 12 – 1st offense; possession of matter portraying a sexual performance by a minor over 12 but under 18-1st offense
- Josh Shinall, 43, Indianapolis, Indiana: parole violation (for felony offense); possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine);

drug paraphernalia – buy/possess; failure to appear

- Jared Neeley, 23, Berea: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting; wanton endangerment –2nd degree; operating on a suspended or revoked operator’s license; failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance/security –1st; failure to wear seat belts; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/substance(s) – 2nd (aggravated circumstances)
- Samuel Warner, 48, Irvine: hold for court
- Charles Matthews, 40, Waco: hold for court
- Curry Gill, 32, Richmond: public intoxication – controlled substance (excludes alcohol)
- Billy Glenn Johnson, 51, Berea: assault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor injury
- Frances Hamburger, 33, Asheville, North Carolina: assault, 3rd degree -police officer or probation officer; assault, 3rd degree (EMS, fire, rescue squad); disorderly conduct, 2nd degree; public intoxication – controlled substance (excludes alcohol); resisting arrest
- Ambrose Mosley, 40, Richmond: driving on DUI suspended license – 1st offense
- Melissa Putteet, 41, Richmond: failure to appear
- Michael Burnam Rawlins, 52, Richmond: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of substance(s) – 1st; no registration plates; failure to produce insurance card
- Kevin Berry, 29, Berea: violation of a Kentucky EPO/DVO; strangulation, 1st degree; terrorist threatening, 3rd degree; assault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor injury (2 founts)

Jan. 31

- Sharmala Arvin, 42, Richmond: careless driving; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of substance(s) – 1st
- Elbert Kevin Boggs, 48, Somerset: serving parole violation warrant
- Thomas Wells, 47, Richmond: public intoxication – controlled substance (excludes alcohol); criminal trespassing – 2nd degree
- Jeffrey Farris, 52, Gray: failure to appear
- Christopher Spivey-Campbell, 30, Richmond: hold for court
- Ryan Spurlock, 33, Lexington: failure to appear
- Vera Walker, 43, Richmond: hold for court
- Angela Miserendiono, 42, Richmond: fugitive from another state
- John M. Marshall, Jr., 48, Richmond: failure to appear, citation for misdemeanor (2 counts)

MARRIAGES

Marriages

Jan. 26

- Trinity Elise Fogle, manager at Sonic Drive-In, 20, of Berea to Katey Ann Grant, kitchen manager, 29, of Berea
- Leslie Charlene Lowery, office manager, 54, of Richmond to Gary Douglas Reams, construction,

64, of Richmond

- Angela Maria Jackson, HR Director/realtor, 48, of London to Gary Phillip Harden, Jr., maintenance director, 45, of London
- Seth Christian Walker, student, 22, of Grayson to Darby Alexis Flickinger, nurse, 24, of Richmond

COURT RECORDS

District Court

Jan. 25

- Heather Elizabeth Pauldine vs. Brian Christopher Pauldine

Jan. 26

- Nikita Hedric vs. Brennan Kyle Oaks

Circuit Court

Jan. 26

- Kristy Puckett vs. Michael Dylan Wagers
- Hakeem Moore vs. Essence Crowdus, ET AL
- Courtney Ritz vs. Joshua C. Estep

Jan. 29

- CHFS for Richard Slone vs. Jacqueline S. Asher
- CHFS for Joel Sentmanat vs. Tierra T. Gaines

Jan. 30

- Dana Elizabeth Satterfield Isaacs vs. James Bradley Isaacs
- Mildred Turley vs. Thomas R. Turley

Jan. 31

- CHFS for Christy A. Agee vs. Kyle A. Cain
- CHFS for Kendra L. Bradley vs. Ronald D. Bradley, III

Foreclosures

Jan. 30

- Rocket Mortgage, LLC (f/k/a Quicken Loans) vs. K. Richardson Jan. 31
- Ads Tax Lien Company vs. Patrick W. Arvin, ET AL

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Jan. 25

- Ball Homes, LLC, by Kay Conley as Closing Agent to Landan Johnson and Kaitlyn Johnson, lot 56 Arbor Woods Phase II, \$329,000
- Indigo Run, Inc. to Johnna W. Thomas and Jonathon P. Thomas, lot 7 Berkley Hall Phase 3, \$50,000
- Doug Haley and Tuya Haley to Doug Haley and Tuya Haley, lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5lots new Berea Addition (vicinity of Hazel Street n/k/a Lester Street), for and in consideration of the love and affection the parties have for each other and the desire to hold the property with rights of survivorship between them

Jan. 26

- Keeneland Drive, LLC to Kobold Construction General Partnership, a California General Partnership, lot 2B South Bluegrass Junction Phase 1B, 672,000
- John W. Sweitzer and Patricia J. swelter to Jennifer S. Cooper, Trustee of the John and Patricia Sweitzer

Irrevocable Trust dated January 24, 2024

- Berea Industrial Development Authority to East Kentucky Power Cooperative Inc., tract Madison County (in the vicinity of Farristown Industrial Road), for and in consideration the receipt of all of which is hereby acknowledged
- Houghton Homes, LLC to Devin D. Adams and Tori A. Adams, 1621 Four Mile Road, \$346,900
- Duluth Investments, LLC to Aaron Sipple, tract Richmond (Parish Avenue), \$211,500
- Roy C. Gillespie and Angie Gillespie to Zachary A. Kelley, 1168 Menelaus Road, Berea, \$275,900
- JC Carr Builders, LLC to Charles A. and Shelley L. Mosher, lot 3 Phase 3 Berkley Hall, \$449,900
- Erby Powell to Erby Powell and James Erby Powell, 220 Red Lick Road, Berea, for and in consideration of the love and affection, Grantor being the father of Grantee and desire to hold title together

Jan. 29

- Michael F. Brandenburg, Executor of the Estate of John W. Brandenburg (a/k/a John Brandenburg and John Wilson Brandenburg), deceased to Michael F. Brandenburg, Trustee of the John W. Brandenburg Trust, under agreement dated October 14, 2002, Fund A, lot 1 plat 18/55 for and in consideration of the satisfaction of the terms of the will of John W. Brandenburg, who died on September 28, 2007 and the distribution of property described here in to Grantee pursuant to Article 5
- Michael F. Brandenburg, Executor of the Estate of John W. Brandenburg (a/k/a John Brandenburg and John Wilson Brandenburg), deceased to Michael F. Brandenburg, Trustee of the John W. Brandenburg Trust, under agreement dated October 14, 2002, Fund A, tract Madison County, for and in consideration of the satisfaction of the terms of the will of John W. Brandenburg, who died on September 28, 2007 and the distribution of property described here in to Grantee pursuant to Article 5

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APPOINTMENTS			
Pursuant to Section 424.120 and 420.340 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, Notice of Creditors, Administration has been granted by the District court upon the following:			
ESTATE	FIDUCIARY	ATTORNEY	KIND
PHILIP JOHN RUNGE 23-P-00669	PATRICIA STREDNICKY RUNGE	GREG K. PUCKETT 232 WEST MAIN ST. RICHMOND, KY. 40475	ADMINISTRATRIX JANUARY 3, 2024
BILL MILTON 23-P-00692	KORY ISAACS 306 WEST MAIN STREET RICHMOND, KY. 40475	JIMMY D. WILLIAMS PO BOX 266 RICHMOND, KY. 40475	ADMINISTRATOR JANUARY 3, 2024
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NELVINA V. AGEE 24-P-00002	STEVEN V. AGEE	MARC ROBBINS 214 NORTH THIRD ST. RICHMOND, KY. 40475	EXECUTOR JANUARY 30, 2024
All persons having claims against the above decedents are notified to file same, Property proven, with the respective representatives no later than 6 months from the date of appointment. THIS FEBRUARY 8, 2024 DAVID FERNANDEZ BY SJ/DC			

NOTICE OF FILING SETTLEMENT			
Notice is hereby given to all persons that on the 20 day of MARCH 2024 AT 1:30 p.m., the following fiduciary accounts will be read and confirmed in the Madison District Court. All objection must be filed on or before the above date.			
Estate Of	Fiduciary	Attorney	Kind
LILY MARIE GOSSETT HENSLEY 23-P-00322	ANGELA LEA PETERS SUSAN NICOLE NICHOLS	HEIDI ENGEL 43 MAIN STREET WINCHESTER, KY. 40391	FINAL SETTLEMENT JANUARY 10, 2024
VIRGINIA J. BOWLING 20P00174	DARRELL WEITKAMP DONNIE WEITKAMP	DAVID L. BOHANNON 218 WEST MAIN ST. RICHMOND, KY. 40475	FIRST PARTIAL SETTLEMENT JANUARY 10, 2024
C. MICHAEL WELDON 23P-00294	COY BURNAM WELDON	WIMBERLY AND WIMBERLY PO BOX 694 RICHMOND, KY. 40475	FINAL SETTLEMENT JANUARY 17, 2024
This FEBRUARY 8, 2024 David M. Fernandez by JS/DC Madison County District Court			

BLOOD

FROM PAGE 1

“You would be surprised when a medical official is trying to serve someone how often blood is used,” Lindsey said. “Hospitals are not in the business of collecting that blood. They rely on organizations like Kentucky Blood Center or wherever you’re out in the country. They rely on blood banks to provide that blood they work with, folks like us. Our job is to make sure we are supplying that blood, so when they need it, it sits on their shelves and ready to save people’s lives.”
The recent snow storm that impacted the region last month underscored the importance of keeping the blood supply flowing.
“We need blood, we’re short on load,” Lindsey said. “You tend to tune it out when you don’t realize that there is a real human being behind this gener-

ous time, that 45 minutes to an hour that you took with us. It’s not about helping Kentucky Blood Center, it’s about helping people in the community. It’s about helping everyday people. It’s an everyday need.”
Lindsey said Madison County is a “very, very loyal community” and of the top donation counties in the state. Since the pandemic began, Lindsey said donors are split between giving at a center and through mobile access. He added the KBC does approximately 2,000 mobile drives per year.
“We are specific to Kentucky, this region,” Lindsey said. “We are your local blood bank. That blood is going to possibly help your family, a friend or a neighbor ... it’s staying in the community, right down the street and that means something.”
Once blood has been donated and distributed, the donor is notified which hospital received the donation.
“People are constantly telling us they love that,” Lindsey

said. “It tells me exactly where my blood goes ... You want to know. You want to know who you’re helping.”
Jodi Whitaker has been a blood donor for 10 years and started giving after getting over being “terrified of needles.”
“For me, donating blood is about helping others,” she said. “The need for blood is constant. It’s easy to do, and it’s so critically important. I think about what would happen if someone I know and love needed blood and there was none available. What would happen? I do what I can to make sure that doesn’t happen to my loved ones, or to anyone else’s loved ones.
“Giving back is good for the soul. This is one simple way that most of us can do that.”
Lindsey said making the decision to donate blood is a “great decision to make.”
“If you make the great decision to give blood, we applaud that,” Lindsey said. “It doesn’t matter who it’s with, it is an incredibly selfless act.”

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closer. The Berea City Council approved a deal to acquire a piece of property on the north side of the intersection at Glades Road and Powell Avenue. After a brief closed session, the council voted unanimously to purchase a piece of property near the intersection from the Carpenter family. For \$10,000. To complete the transaction and give the city the property necessary for the intersection, the Carpenter property and a small piece of land, already owned by the city and located on the other side of the street would be traded for the property at the north corner of Glades Road and Powell Avenue. The property was owned by then Councilman Chester Powell, who did not participate in discussions on the matter. City Administrator Randy Stone said the two pieces of property involved in the trade appraised at the same price and would be an even trade. With the acquisition of the property at the corner of Glades Road and Powell Avenue, only one or two more right-of-way acquisitions would have the intersection ready for reconstruction to begin. If weather were to hold, construction

Game Page

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ANSWER:

Answers: A. omelet B. kitchen C. breakfast D. guests

Last words to pastor: ‘You’re standing on my air hose’

A young pastor was visiting a critically ill deacon in the hospital’s intensive care unit. That deacon kept making motions like he wanted to say something but couldn’t with all the machines and wires hooked to him.

“Here’s a pen and a piece of paper, write down what you want to say,” the pastor said.

Gathering his last bit of strength, the deacon scribbled a message, then died.

In the stress of the moment, the pastor, not taking time to read the note, stuck it into his pocket and forgot about it.

It wasn’t until the funeral days later that the pastor finally remembered the note. He pulled it from his pocket and told family members and friends gathered there that he held in his hand the deacon’s last words.

They weren’t the weighty words of wisdom the pastor had hoped for from a godly deacon. Instead, scribbled on the note was this:

“You’re standing on my air

hose.”

As you’ve certainly noticed by now, preachers aren’t perfect. They’re not immune to mistakes, and mishaps.

A pastor at a church not far from where I live had just finished preaching a funeral and was in a long line of vehicles heading to the cemetery when he reached over to pick up his notes for the graveside service. He was reviewing them when he slammed into the back of the hearse.

That’s the kind of thing you never live down.

One pastor loved the way his Christmas tree twinkled in the dark, and he told his congregation: “There’s nothing I love more than sitting in the living room with nothing on but the Christmas tree.”

Bloopers are always fun and memorable — so much so that a



Roger Alford

popular TV program was built on them.

That’s why I have always told nervous brides and grooms before their weddings that it will be things that don’t go exactly the way they want them to that will make their ceremony memorable, like bobbling words in the exchange of vows or dropping a ring and watching it take a bounce into a floor vent, which has happened.

The point is, we shouldn’t take ourselves too seriously. Look for levity, even in serious moments.

“A merry heart doeth good, like medicine, but a broken spirit drieth the bones.” (Proverbs 17:22).

I heard one preacher say he has been around people so dead that the flies had already left. We want to be those happy, helpful people who are always there for others when they need us.

But, for goodness sakes, let’s make sure we’re not standing on the oxygen hose.

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

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Super 8 Motel Food Service	107 N. Keeneland Dr., Richmond	100%	
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Fazoli's	441 Leighway Dr., Richmond		Inadequate hand washing between glove use. Prep coolers in need of cleaning. Shelving in walk in cooler in need of cleaning. Chemical 84% spray bottles found not stored properly.
Apollo @ Little Sack	3325 Colonel Road, Richmond		Live rodents observed in back storage area & 93% rodent droppings in establishment.
Masala Fine Indian Cuisine	1000 Center Dr., Richmond		Multiple food items found not properly date marked. Multiple chemical bottles found not 91% properly labeled.
Nuevo Vallarta	709 Big Hill Ave., Richmond		Employee observed eating in kitchen/food prep area. Chemical spray bottles observed not labeled. Containers in walk-in and reach in 87% coolers found not properly date marked.
Follow Up Inspection with no follow up due			
Masala Fine Indian Cuisine	1000 Center Dr., Richmond	97%	
946 Commercial Dr., Richmond		94%	
430 N. Second St., Richmond		96%	
430 Eastern Bypass, Richmond		93%	
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POWER

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forthcoming rate study, Howard said, though he added KYMEA's rates will be the best result for BMU's ratepayers. Bids included proposals from Kentucky Utilities and AMP Ohio. "Out of the four, this was the best cost alternative, so, whatever the effect on rates, it will be the least impact of the four responses we got without a doubt," Howard said.

The new power contract will not go into effect until May, however, because of contingencies built into BMU's annual budget, customers will probably not see rate changes in their bills until 2025, Howard said.

Berea Mayor Bruce Fraley expressed appreciation for officials who worked on securing the electricity contract, noting the selection process was a challenging one. He thanked Councilman Jerry Little for his knowledge and input during the process, Kevin Howard, Electric Division Supervisor Adrian Isaacs, City Administrator Rose Beverly for her business acumen, and for the guidance of corporate counsel

J.T. Gilbert and the city's legal consultant on the purchase agreement, Allyson Honaker. Fraley praised them all for being objective, analytical, thorough, and professional.

"We ended up making a choice tonight that's in the best interests of the citizens and ratepayers in Berea, Kentucky," Fraley said.

In other news, the council unanimously adopted an ordinance to raise compensation for the Berea City Council and the mayor. Under the new law, compensation for Berea City Council members will go from \$400 per month to \$600 per month, while the mayor's salary will increase from \$12,000 to \$25,000 per year. The increases will not go into effect until the new council is seated in 2025, and not until the next mayoral term begins in 2027.

Councilman Ronnie Terrill said the rates have not gone up for several years and that it was time for a change.

"There are some people that spend more on gas [inspecting city projects] than they make and it was time to raise it," Terrill said. "It's not much pay, but at least you get a little stipend."

Terrill added he also felt justified in proposing a

change in the mayor's salary, since it has essentially become a full-time job.

In other news, the council unanimously voted to accept a zone change recommendation from the Berea Planning Commission, amending zoning for a parcel at 334 Rash Road from R-1 single family residential to B-2 major business district. The property is already surrounded by business-zoned properties.

The council also voted to accept a stormwater design manual, and pay scale revisions, adding the positions of metering coordinator and small engine repair technician and deleting positions of electric meter technician and water meter

technician.

The council additionally heard the first reading of three new ordinances. The first accepts a recommendation from the Berea Planning Commission to rezone 688 Scaffold Cane Road from B-1 minor business district to B-2 major business, enabling the existing smoke/vape shop to sell packaged alcohol.

Also up for a first reading was a measure to release a right-of-way corridor near Neely Street, and to release of an alley on Oak Street. The Oak Street alley is adjacent to the FAHE building, and will border a development that will include new townhomes under development.

ORDINANCE NO. 03 - 2024

ORDINANCE REVISING THE AUTHORIZED POSITIONS' ASSIGNED PAY GRADE AND PAY SCALE BY ADDING THE POSITION OF METERING COORDINATOR, ADDING THE POSITION OF SMALL ENGINE REPAIR TECHNICIAN, AND DELETING THE POSITIONS OF ELECTRIC METER TECHNICIAN AND WATER METER TECHNICIAN

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Berea recognize that the City's authorized positions' assigned pay grades and pay scale must be updated from time to time in order to remain current and to maintain an effective and efficient work force;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council, City of Berea, Commonwealth of Kentucky;

1. That the Personnel Policies of the City of Berea are hereby amended by the attached Exhibit, which adds the position of Metering Coordinator (Pay Grade 7), Small Engine Repair Technician (Pay Grade 4), and deletes the positions of Electric Meter Technician (Pay Grade 5) and Water Meter Technician (Pay Grade 5).

SECTION I

The Pay Grade and Pay Scale herein shall be effective as of 1 March 2024.

SECTION II

That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed. This Ordinance shall be published according to law.

FIRST READING: January 16, 2024

SECOND READING: February 6, 2024

APPROVED BY:
 Bruce Fraley, Mayor

ATTEST:
 Robin Adams, City Clerk

Published this 7th day of February, 2024.

Prepared by:
 Amy H. Linn, Corporate Counsel

ORDINANCE # 04 - 2024

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, BY REVISING SECTION 20.100 AND SECTION 20.201 TO PROVIDE FOR AN INCREASE IN THE COMPENSATION OF THE POSITIONS OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS.

WHEREAS, the current City Code provides for an annual compensation for the position of Mayor of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00); and

WHEREAS, the current City Code provides for a monthly compensation of City Council Member of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00); and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the compensation for the positions of Mayor and City Council Member should be increased; and

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

That Section 20.100 of the Code of Ordinances shall be revised so that such section shall read as follows:

§ 20.100 COMPENSATION

The salary of the Mayor shall be the sum of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00) twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) per annum, payable monthly. The Mayor shall be allowed an amount not to exceed one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200.00) per annum for his or her expenses, payable upon proof of actual expenditures.

SECTION II

That Section 20.201 of the Code of Ordinances shall be revised so that such section shall read as follows:

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§ 20.201 COMPENSATION

Each councilmember shall receive as compensation the sum of four hundred dollars (\$400.00) six hundred dollars (\$600.00) per month, to be paid monthly.

SECTION III

Pursuant to KRS 83A.070(1), the effective date for this Ordinance shall be January 1, 2027, for Section 20.100 (Mayor's Compensation), and January 1, 2025, for Section 20.201 (Council Member Compensation).

SECTION IV

The revisions in this Ordinance shall be effective on and after January 1, 2025. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed. This ordinance shall be published according to law.

FIRST READING: January 16, 2024.

SECOND READING AND ENACTMENT: February 6, 2024.

APPROVED BY:
 Bruce Fraley, Mayor

ATTEST:
 Robin Adams, City Clerk

Published this 7th day of February, 2024.

PREPARED BY:
 Amy H. Linn, Corporate Counsel

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ORDINANCE NO. 01 - 2024

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AND REFERRED TO AS 334 RASH ROAD AND OWNED BY ROY TODD BUILDERS LLC FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO B-2 (MAJOR BUSINESS DISTRICT)

The City Council of the City of Berea, Kentucky, does ordain as follows:

Pursuant to the authority granted in KRS 100, and in Section 401.2 of the Land Management and Development Ordinance, and further pursuant to a hearing held on December 12, 2023, by the Berea Planning Commission, wherein the Planning Commission found that the proposal for zoning map amendment from R-1 (Single Family Residential) to B-2 (Major Business District) to was appropriate based on specific factual findings, and said Planning Commission having recommended to the City Council that the requested map amendment be granted; therefore, the City Council adopts the findings of fact and recommendation of the Planning Commission and further, pursuant to KRS 100.211, the area as hereinafter described on Exhibit "A" hereto (1 acre, more or less) and located at 334 Rash Road be and the same is reclassified to B-2 (Major Business District) from R-1 (Single Family Residential).

FIRST READING: January 16, 2024.

SECOND READING & ENACTMENT: February 6, 2024.

CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY
 Bruce Fraley, Mayor

Attest:
 Robin Adams, City Clerk

Published according to law on the 7th day of February, 2024.

PREPARED BY:
 Amy H. Linn, Corporate Counsel
City of Berea, Kentucky

ORDINANCE # 02 - 2024

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, ADOPTING THE 2024 STORMWATER DESIGN MANUAL AS A REFERENCE STANDARD FROM CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 34 STORMWATER CONTROL (SPECIFICALLY REFERENCED IN SECTION 34.005, 34.205.C, 34.206.E(4), AND 34.301.E).

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Berea, Kentucky as follows:

SECTION I

For purposes of all references to the Berea Stormwater Design Manuals (Chapter 34 of the Code of Ordinance), the 2024 Stormwater Design Manual attached hereto is incorporated by reference. The Codes & Planning Administrator shall maintain a copy of the 2024 Stormwater Design Manual in the Codes & Planning Office.

SECTION III

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

FIRST READING: January 16, 2024.

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Sports

Cats blast Vandy

Kentucky didn't have its full roster intact at Vanderbilt on Tuesday night but it didn't matter. The Wildcats (16-6, 6-4 Southeastern Conference) rebounded from Saturday's 103-92 loss to No. 6 Tennessee and ended a rare two-game losing streak with a dominating 109-77 win over the Commodores. It marked the first time since 1996 Kentucky reached the century mark at Memorial Gym. "How many teams do this and play like this against us? Play out of their minds. It's nice that we played out of our minds one time," Kentucky coach John Calipari said. It was a badly needed victory for a fan base that was growing frustrated after consecutive home losses and a slip in the national polls. "That's what it is," Calipari said. "But if you're going to coach at Kentucky or play at Kentucky, you better deal with it because it's not changing. And I imagine it's been



Aaron Bradshaw and Rob Dillingham were all smiles in Nashville Tuesday night. (UK Athletics Photo)

that way for 50 years." Vanderbilt (6-16, 1-8) defeated Kentucky twice last season with a stunner in the regular-season final and then a win in the SEC tournament. This time was different though with the Wildcats clicking from start to finish in a run-away victory before a pro-Kentucky crowd despite being on the road. Coming off back-to-back home losses to the Volunteers and Florida last week, No. 10 Kentucky led from start to finish in its easy win over struggling Vandy, which has lost eight of its first nine conference games. Kentucky was without starters D.J. Wagner (ankle) and Tre Mitchell (back). Wagner missed his

third straight game with a high ankle sprain while Mitchell sat out for the first time this season with a nagging back injury. The Wildcats had no trouble putting the Commodores away with a big outing in the opening half. Kentucky connected on 10 3-pointers in the first half and got a big spark from SEC Freshman of the Week Rob Dillingham. Coming off a career-high 35-point performance, Dillingham scored 13 points in the opening half. Dillingham drained four shots from long range and finished with 20 points. Dillingham has scored at last 20 points in Kentucky's last three games. He said the Wildcats

wanted to produce a better showing, especially on the defensive end. "We wanted to play like we had nothing to lose," Dillingham said. "We came in locked in (on defense) as a team. ... Once we play like we have nothing to lose, we'll be good." Leading scorer Antonio Reeves led all scorers with 24 points. Reeves knocked down six 3-pointers and provided a steady scoring presence. Kentucky made 15 of 26 3-pointers and hit all 12 of its free throws. "Coming off of two losses you know, it's devastating," Reeves said. "But we just stayed in the gym, stayed focused. ...

Just make sure we communicate out there as well just to do as much as we can on the defensive end." Led by Reeves and Dillingham, who also had nine assists, six players finished in double figures. For the first time this season, Justin Edwards tallied double figures against an SEC opponent and finished with a career-high 17 points in a breakthrough game. Fellow freshman Jordan Burks also tallied a career-high performance with 13 points, followed by Aaron Bradshaw with 12 points and seven rebounds. Zvonimir Ivisic added 11 points and seven rebounds with everybody seemingly getting in on the fun.

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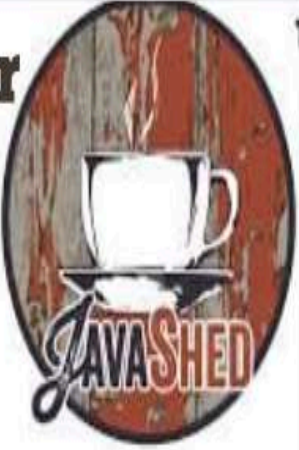

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Court: Safety, security a priority for sheriff's office

By Leslie Barlow
Citizen Staff Writer

Putting value on the safety and security of Madison County residents was determined to be more important than saving money for the future the Madison County Fiscal Court determined with the approval of Madison County

Sheriff's Department 2024 budget. In a vote of 3-1, the court approved the department's budget request. Magistrate Stephen Lochmuller was absent from the Feb. 13 meeting at Berea City Annex. Magistrate Billy Ray Hughes cast the lone no vote on the budget request. The sheriff's department will op-

erate this year on a \$6,112,798.00 budget. The county fiscal court will fund \$2.63 million, about \$100,000 increase over last year's amount given by the fiscal court's general fund budget. The department originally requested \$3.1 million from the court. "I've studied this pretty hard," said Hughes. "I'm very proud

of our sheriff's department and I do believe we have the best but we are the fiscal court and fiscal is financial. I just don't think we can afford to do this. I'm looking at the long term and I have to say no." Hughes said he would like to

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GRRRR-8



The Madison Southern High School cheerleaders placed 8th overall in the UCA Nationals Super Varsity Division II category in Orlando, Florida this week. The squad reached the finals of the Game Day routine. The team's score was over 90 points in a field that featured 1, 200 teams, including 128 squads from the state. For a video link of the team's performance in the finals, click on the QR code at right, with the camera on your smartphone.



Pictured from left to right: Sherri Craig, Sara Smith, (SJ) Katie Heckman, Patrick Dillon and John Yanes. Heckman and Dillon are with Berea Home Village, and Sara Smith, manager of pharmacy at Berea and board member of Berea Home Village.



BHV receives grant

Saint Joseph Berea has awarded a \$10,000 grant to Berea Home Village, a nonprofit organization that engages the community to help Berea residents ages 50 and older to remain and live independently in their own homes. The funding will be used for the 2024 calendar year. The grant funding from Saint Joseph Berea will support the non-

profit's village-model system that provides personalized and relationship-building services and programming that connect volunteers with adults in the community, addressing social isolation and access to health care. Berea Home Village serves primarily senior citizens who are low-income, minority, and at risk for health inequity.

American Idol winner coming to Renfro Valley

By Heather Phillips
Citizen Staff Writer

Calling all country-soul music fans. The 2006 winner of American Idol, Taylor Hicks, is coming to Renfro Valley Entertainment Center in Mount Vernon on Feb. 24.

Coming from humble beginnings in Birmingham, Alabama, Taylor's life took a pivotal turn at the age of 16 when he bought a flea market harmonica.

It was then Taylor discovered he possessed perfect pitch and began teaching himself other instruments. He performed and released music independently for over a decade before he auditioned for American Idol.



Taylor Hicks

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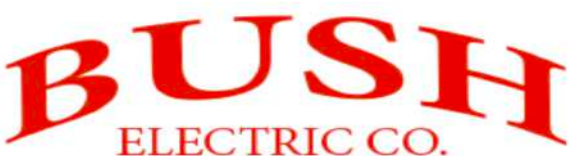
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Man killed, another injured in crash

A Berea man was killed and another seriously injured following a single-vehicle collision at 1 a.m. on Wednesday morning, Feb. 7.

According to a release from the Madison County Sheriff's Department, Alex Clark, 20 of Berea, was killed when the Buick passenger car he was driving on Mayde Road left the roadway and struck a tree. He was pronounced dead at the scene by the Madison County Coroner's office.

A passenger in the vehicle, Ty Thompson, 19, also of Berea, suffered serious injuries and was transported to the University of Kentucky Chandler Medical Center.

According to the release, alcohol and speed are suspected in the crash.

The accident is being investigated by the Madison County Sheriff's Office Collision Reconstruction Unit. They were assisted on the scene by Richmond Police Department, Berea Police Department, Madison County EMS, Berea

Fire Department and the Madison County Coroner's Office.

Man dies after hitting tour bus

On Tuesday, Feb. 13, The Kentucky State Police, Post 11 London investigated a two-vehicle fatal collision that occurred approximately 10:28 p.m. in Rockcastle County on South Wildness Road.

The preliminary investigation indicates a 2004 Toyota Rav4, operated by James M. McPheron, of Mount Vernon was traveling westbound on South Wildness Road when he lost control of his vehicle and veered into the path of a 1997 Vanhool (Tour Bus). The bus was operated by Roger D. Miller 43 years old of Lancaster.

As a result of the collision, McPheron

was transported by Rockcastle EMS to the Rockcastle Regional Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased by the Rockcastle County Coroner.

Police: BCS threat false

The Berea Police Department responded to a threat by a juvenile made on social media directed toward students at Berea Community Schools on Wednesday night, Feb. 7 and investigators and the school resource officers have identified the juvenile who allegedly made the threat.

School administrators and the Berea Police Department determined the threat made by the juvenile was false and students were never in danger.

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Message from Cora Jane Wilson

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3 John 1:11 (KJV)

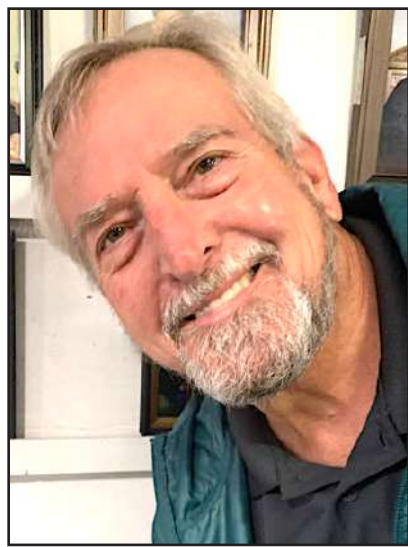
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Like many people I got most of my information from conversation, TV and internet. It has been over a decade since I have had a subscription to a newspaper. Recently, my wise wife subscribed to the The Berea Citizen. To my embarrassment I made fun of her. You are being an old fogie. I decried, a paper's times have come and gone! Now I admit I was wrong. When I held the first paper, a flood of memories came to me. I enjoyed the the tactile act of merely holding the paper. My childhood memories of reading the morning and evening papers with my father came back to me. I always enjoyed those times --- debating the news and sports with my father.

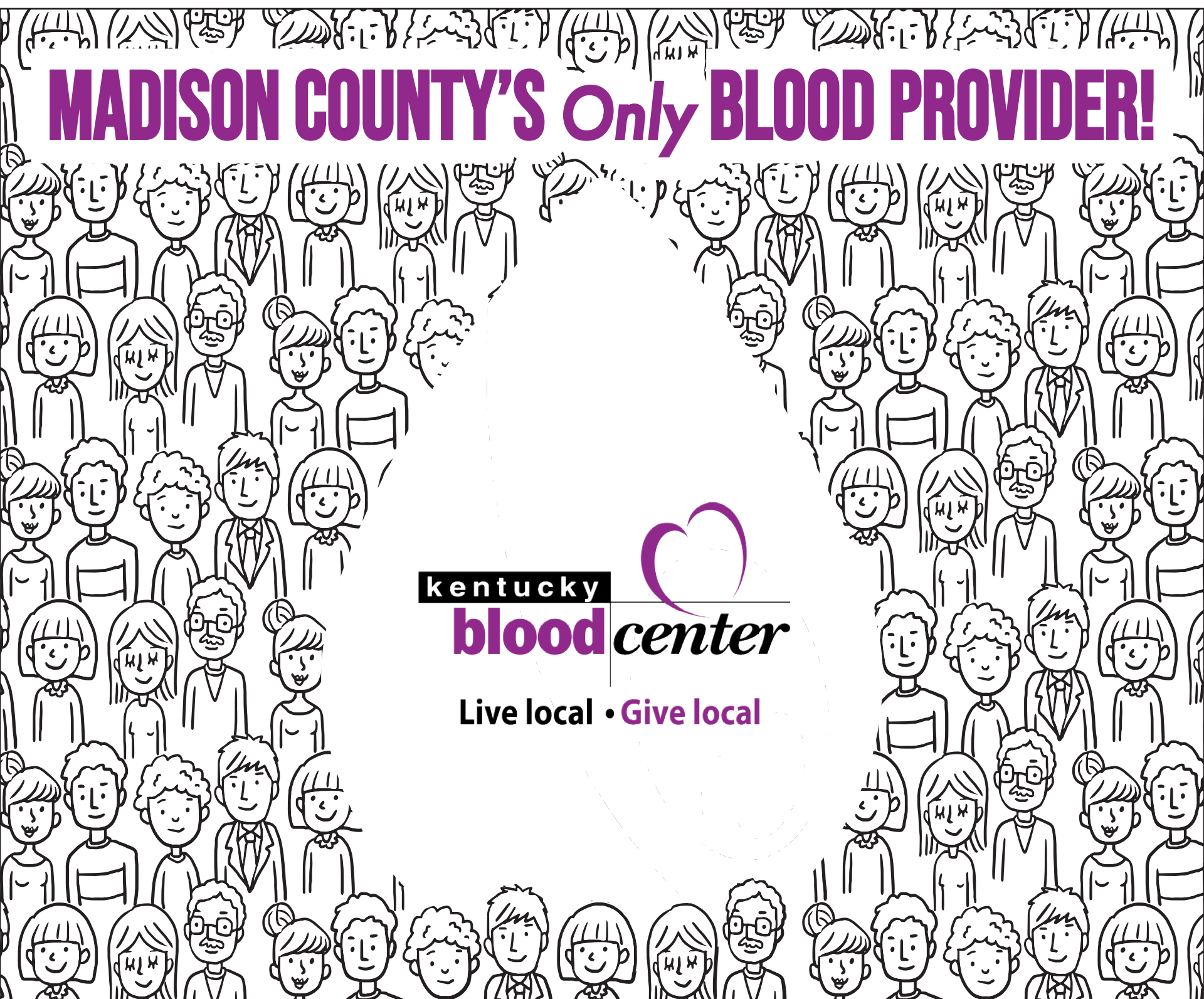
The Berea Citizen to me is more than a dance with my past. The paper has given me a feel of community. I enjoy reading about the happenings around Madison County.



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Teresa M. Bowlin

Teresa M. Bowlin, passed away peacefully on February 2, 2024, at the age of 70. Born on July 13, 1953, in Lexington, Teresa's gentle spirit and enduring kindness profoundly touched all who knew her. Teresa was the cherished daughter of Abbie Griffith and the beloved late wife of Charlie Bowlin. She leaves behind a legacy of love, including her devoted son, Pete Dixon; her adoring daughters, Roxanne Durham (Dannie) and Maggie Bowlin (David); the late Kristie Bowlin, and her stepson Charles Bowlin. Her memory will live on through her treasured grandchildren: Halley, Devin, Zackery, Dane, Julia, and Hannah. Teresa and Charlie worked in tobacco in their younger years and farmed. She raised her children plus any others that was around. Teresa was a great mom and loving wife, and a nurturing sister to her late siblings Frances

Roger Harrison

Roger Harrison, age 58, husband of JoAnn Isaacs Harrison, passed away Tuesday February 6, 2024, at Saint Joseph Hospital in Lexington. He was born April 15, 1965, in Leslie County, to the late John D. Harrison, Sr. and Nancy Cinda Joseph Harrison. Roger enjoyed woodworking, turning on a lathe, building furniture for family and friends. He loved animals, especially cats and dogs. His favorite cat was named Lilly. Roger loved his family and friends with all his heart, especially his wife and son. He enjoyed just spending time at home, laughing, and joking with family and friends. Roger was of the Christian faith. In addition to his parents Roger was preceded in death by one brother, John D. Harrison, Jr., and one nephew, John D. Harrison, III.



Reynolds, Naomi Whittaker, Judy Mae Barnes, Micheal, Phillip, and Charles Barnes, and she will be fondly remembered by her brothers Billy, Roy (Rocky), and Steven Barnes. Teresa's career as a day care worker at Grow N Learn Day Care was a testament to her nurturing nature, where she shaped countless young lives with her compassion and particularly enjoyed arts and crafts with the children. Teresa M. Bowlin's journey on this earth was marked by an unwavering dedication to her family and community, leaving behind a trail of warmth and cherished memories. Her radiant example of kindness will continue to inspire those who were fortunate enough to feel the embrace of her love. Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 7, 2024. Pastor John Doss officiated. Pallbearers were Pete Dixon, David Barrett, Dane Durham, Zack Durham, Tyler Dyer, and Brian Barnes. Burial followed in Wallaceton Cemetery. Lakes Funeral Home in Berea was in charge of arrangements.

Other than his wife he is survived by one son, Josh Roger Harrison, Jr. (Makaila Goddard) of Berea, four sisters, Bonnie Lou Hopkins of Berea, Betty Ann Lewis of Berea, Pearlie Faye Harrison of Berea, Barbara Ellen Cuthbertson of Berea, nieces and nephews, Lonnie Lewis, Jr., James Lewis, Cassie Harrison, Ruby Lu Cinda Lewis, Dakota Lewis, Stephen Michael (Ray Nikkia) Hopkins, Roger David Lewis, and Christopher Lewis (Tara). Several grand nieces and nephews also survive. Funeral services were conducted on Saturday February 10, 2024, at Davis & Powell Funeral Home. Bro. Joe VanWinkle officiated. Burial followed at the Pilot Knob Cemetery. Pallbearers were William "Billy" Moore, Scott Moore, Chris Halcomb, Ben Halcomb, Clifford Lewis, and Stuart Cuthbertson. Honorary pallbearers were Roger David Lewis, and James Lewis. Davis and Powell Funeral Home was in charge of arrangement.

Thomas Marshall Wilson



Thomas Marshall Wilson, 73, a proud Air Force veteran and devoted truck driver, passed away peacefully on February 6, 2024, in Lexington. Born on September 7, 1950, in London, he was the cherished son of the late Clarence D. and Dorothy Taylor Wilson. He leaves behind a legacy of love and dedication with his wife, Theresa Hudson Wilson; daughters, Jennifer Shannon Wilson King, and her husband David and Melissa Sue Wilson; grandchildren, Thomas

Jason Dylan Fugate, wife Amber, and Amberly Shane Hardin Berry, husband Patrick; and sister, Margaret Wilson Tilsley, along with her husband Fred; and a host of cousins. Thomas served his country honorably for 26 years before steering his life down new roads as a truck driver for 22 years. Thomas's life was a journey worth celebrating, representing honor, integrity, and the importance of family. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date at the Madison County Veterans Center. Lakes Funeral Home in Berea is in charge of arrangements.

Polly Gail Lakes



Polly Gail Lakes was born November 20, 1955, and departed this life on February 6, 2024. A native of McKee. She was a graduate of the University of Kentucky school of nursing and worked as a nurse for many years in Berea. She moved to Frankfort after her retirement and had many friends in both communities. She is survived by her husband, Lee Creech of Frankfort, and three siblings: sister Loretta Miller and husband Jerry Miller of Panama City Beach, Florida; sister Sharon Buckingham and husband Tommy

Buckingham of Morristown, Tennessee; and brother Lowell Lakes of Morristown, Tennessee. She also leaves behind one son, Brentley Jay Harding of Berea, and a grandson, Keaton Robinson of Berea. She was a member of Immanuel Baptist Church in Frankfort and sang in the church choir. Polly loved gardening, animals, music, and outdoor activities of all kinds. She was known for her outgoing nature, generosity and care for others, always manifest in both her professional and personal life. She will be deeply missed and always remembered by the many people whose lives she touched. Funeral arrangements are by Lakes Funeral Home in McKee.

Alex Jonahs David Clark



Alex Jonahs David Clark, 20, of Berea died Thursday, February 8, 2024, of injuries sustained in a vehicle accident. He was a lifelong resident of Berea born December 18, 2003, management team member at Exit 77 Shell Mart, and member of the Baptist Faith. In his spare time Alex enjoyed baseball, football, hunting, fishing and music. Survivors include his mother Alexis Hembree (Cliff Bass); father Kevin Clark; siblings Katrina Clark,

Kayle Clark; Grandmother Jean Clark; uncles Noel Hembree, James Hembree; girlfriend Brooke Miller; cousins Brooklin Hart, Tamra Miller; specials friends Evan and Diane Smith; as well as numerous relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandmother Karron Hembree and paternal grandfather Robert Clark. Funeral Services were conducted Saturday, February 10, 2024, at Reppert Funeral Home. Bro. Larry Freeman officiated. Burial followed in Silver Creek Cemetery. Pallbearers were Kevin Clark, Noel Hembree, Sam Miller, Timmy Thompson, Cameron Thompson, Cameron Burkhart.

Dolly D. Fritz



Dolly D. Fritz, 92, passed away on Thursday, February 8, 2024 at The Terrace in Berea. She was the widow of Sherman Fritz. Dolly was born on June 21, 1931 in Nashville, Tennessee, and was the daughter of Louise Kirkland Joplin. She was a floral designer for many years at Madison Flower Shop in Richmond. Dolly was a longtime member of First Baptist Church where she had taught Sunday school and worked in the youth department. Dolly enjoyed all things to do with taking care of the home, especially gardening

and working in the yard. She loved holidays and would decorate for each one. She was a talented seamstress and in earlier years made all of her own and her daughters' clothing. She was an excellent cook and loved looking at recipes and cookbooks, of which she had quite a collection from the places she and her family had traveled. She enjoyed taking trips with Sherman, especially to Myrtle Beach. Above all, Dolly genuinely loved people. With her friendly smile and gentle nature, she made everyone she met feel special. Survivors include: two daughters, Vickie Fritz Moberly and Linda K. Fritz; and two grand-dogs, Cricket and Lucy.

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Keith Taylor

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Your smartphone is a handy tool when it comes to tracking events — both good and bad — that occur in our daily lives. I've used my cell phone many times to take photos of or record breaking news events and they have been used on our web site, social media pages and even shared on the local television stations.

In this day and age, we can't be every where or even at every event. Even before we had the technology we have in our hands now, it was impossible for the news media to be everywhere and at every event.

I'm asking our readers and subscribers to keep us up to date on what's going on in your neighborhood.

You can participate by simply sending us a photo, with pertinent information, of an event that you consider newsworthy and would like to see in the newspaper for others to see. It may or may not make the newspaper, but we still want to see and hear from our community.

Secondly, we have a calendar of events page that is pretty popular and we want to make sure your church, social, or school event gets published for our readers to see and know about. As a news media publication, our job is to keep the community informed and we reach more readers than your social media page ever will reach. The more people who know about your event, the better the turnout will be and a successful one at that.

Our clubs are welcome to submit their news to us and the Berea Rotary Club and the Lion's Club are active participants. We welcome club news to our pages and look forward to hearing from you!

We now have a business directory page for our businesses to participate in and also give them the opportunity to reach more readers and generate more business.

We receive so many phone calls from people that want to know who to contact when it comes to a certain project or question they have about a specific item. Our first step is providing those who want to know with an avenue to those businesses.

We also offer a package for our local churches to promote their service times and offerings for those who are looking for a local congregation to become a part of within the community. If you and your church want to let people know where you are and what you are about, the church page is the perfect spot to reach the harvest field in our own community.

Our goal is to make sure our readers are informed and we want you to become involved in that process.

To participate, send an e-mail to Heather Phillips (reception@bereacitizen.net), Beka Bingham (advertising@bereacitizen.net) or myself (publisher@bereacitizen.net).

Hole in the wall

The show, 60 minutes reported, on Sunday evening Feb. 3, about a gap in our border wall. The gap is reported to be about sixty miles east of San Diego and is a global destination for migrants from around the world. The news source reported that during a four day watch they personally witnessed about 600 illegal entries come through the small gap.

According to the report people from China are the fastest growing number of illegal immigrants coming into our country. Over 37,000 just last year which is a growing number. Stories were told about people who had sold their houses and gave up everything to make the trip. The trip had cost one person \$14,000 and another reported the trip took ten days traveling through multiple countries.

TikTok has a video that provides all the details on where to find the gap and how to obtain the help needed in Mexico to get to the destination.

Who are these people? Are

they simply well intended people who are coming here to make our country better? Is this a move to fill our country with Chinese soldiers who may be positioning themselves to attack America from inside? Hopefully, it's just a large group of people trying to escape from a bad country where life is not good.

The dumbest part of this "60 Minutes" story is the 4-foot gap so many are coming through. Reportedly, there isn't any federal money allocated to fix the gap. We've sent billions to Ukraine and Israel but we don't have any money to plug up a hole used by people who are essentially invading our country.

We don't call them invaders, but they come illegally and in massive numbers. It may not feel like an invasion in Iowa but it does to people who live on



Glenn Mollette

the U.S.-Mexico border.

Why doesn't someone take a dump truck or two of rocks and close up that gap? If President Biden wanted to improve his dismal ranking in the polls, then he should coordinate such an effort. He and Vice President Kamala Harris could each drive a big truck of rocks and dump into the gap. I bet he would have an impressive convoy of people who would join him in the effort. I can't see how it would be that much of a strain on the federal budget. Of course he won't do that nor will any other politician. There is probably some kind of rule or law that forbids such an action.

One elderly man who owns property close to the gap fired a gun in the air because migrants were burning trees on his farm. He was arrested for trying to protect his property.

Fixing that hole in the wall seems like a simple common-sense thing to do. When you bring Washington into the process there is no common sense.

We've sent billions to Ukraine and Israel but we don't have any money to plug up a hole used by people who are essentially invading our country.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thankful to community for kindness after fire

Dear Editor:

We would like to thank so many people in this community for their help during our tragedy. On January 19th our lives were totally changed when a kerosene fire completely destroyed our house and belongings, burned my dad's head, hands and feet, and killed our

precious lab Duke and our cats. My dad's shoes were burning on his feet while I escaped out a window; Adam was at work. Despite all the physical and emotional turmoil, we feel fortunate to be alive and Dad is recovering.

Also, we are blessed to have such wonderful friends, co-workers, family, church groups, and others in the community to drop off clothes, donate gift cards and money, and call to

see what help we need. Adam and I, along with my dad Lloyd Bowles, knew that we lived in a great community, but your generosity and kindness have surpassed anything we could ever imagine. You are amazing people and we thank each of you and want you to know that we are grateful that God put you in our lives.

Adam and Tammy Holt, and Lloyd Bowles

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Berea Board of Adjustment will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers at the Berea City Annex located at 304 Chestnut Street to consider the following request:

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give the sheriff’s department all of the money they are requesting but due to increased expenses, despite increased revenues, he believes the county should conserve its money for upcoming expenses and the loss of CSEPP (Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program) funds following the closure of the Bluegrass Army Depot. Before the budget request was funded, the magistrates and representatives from the sheriff’s office worked together to review each line item to better understand how the money is being spent. The court began discussions about the budget Jan. 6 and called a work session Feb. 6 at the request of Lochmuller to review each item of the

budget in order to get a better understanding of how the money is spent and why the department was requesting additional funding. Sheriff Mike Coyle and Chief Deputy Anthony Terry highlighted some of the department’s work over the past year and how much manpower it takes to keep his department running at a high level.

- Responded to 286 escort calls, noting non-injury accidents often require two-to-three deputies to control traffic
- 208 injury accidents
- 96 drunk or impaired drivers
- 38 burglary arrests for burglary in progress calls
- 929 warrants served
- 185 domestic violence calls
- Investigated 28 sex offense crimes
- 40 misdemeanor assaults
- 31 violent felony offenses
- 33 death investigations,

of which eight were overdoses

- 386 general investigations
- 453 motorist assist calls
- 116 drug complaints

came in through the tipline. Coyle and Terry explained that their work does not begin and end with the numbers they presented. The department is responsible for transporting prisoners to and from all courts in the county. Last year, the department transported 3,879 prisoners to court, in and out of Madison County. The deputies drove 82,419 miles across the state to transport prisoners to different courts. Of that number, 731 were out-of-county prisoners. The fuel costs of transporting the prisoners totaled \$13,323 for the 3,990 gallons of gas used. In addition, Terry told the court that the department continues to fight the drug epidemic in the county. Over the past five years, the department has

seized 3.88 lbs of methamphetamine, 2,929 doses of oxycontin, 8.5lbs of cocaine, 10.1lbs of heroin, and 8.38lbs of fentanyl. To get a better idea of the amount of drugs seized within the county, Terry explained, “A sugar packet that you would get at Cracker Barrel is three grams. Two milligrams of fentanyl within that size packet is enough to kill 1,500 people. If you put 8.38 lbs, the DEA (Drug Enforcement Agency) says that 2.2lbs, which is a kilo of fentanyl, is enough to kill 500,000 people. Eight pounds is enough to kill two million people, so over the past five years we have confiscated enough fentanyl to take out half of the population of the state of Kentucky,” he said. Magistrate Tom Botkin said he understands the money crunch the county is looking at in the future but believes the court can not place a dollar amount on

the lives of citizens of the county. “When you are talking about \$2.5 or \$2.6 million dollars coming from the general fund that could be used for the purpose of supporting our sheriff’s department and supporting the community, that’s it,” Botkin said. “For me, personally, nothing is more important.” After casting his vote in favor of the budget, County Judge-Executive Reagan-Taylor said, “We have to start asking the community what they want. And if they say they want this, at some point, we or whoever is sitting in these seats, are going to have to increase our revenue to be able to afford it. It’s just that plain and simple.” In other action, the court approved on first reading a zone change for 301 Crutcher Pike and Tract One of Crutcher Pike from UC-7 agriculture to UC-1 single-family residential.



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February 14, 1924 Mammoth still

Deputies, consisting of Ben Davis, T. J. Robertson, S. M. and W. P. Kindred and S. Kelly, found a site at the foot of Brushy Fork a 1 ½ inch copper worm, 200 gallons of mash (ready to run), bottles, jugs, jars and barrels along with a kettle ready for running. It was thought that word was given to the party or parties running the still, but tracks made during recent muddy weather were found which led from the still quite a distance. No arrests were made.

February 17, 1949 Winning photo

This picture of David “Andrew” Sherrard of Berea portraying “Big Barnsmell” was the winner of a national contest sponsored by Argosy Magazine. The pose won David prizes such as a fishing rod, a year’s supply of can-

dy bars and an autographed drawing of “Big Barnsmell,” by Al Capp. David moved to Berea from Richmond when he was five years old. He attended Berea schools and U.K. He was employed by Blue Grass Ordinance. He was married to Martha Durham of Greensburg, Kentucky. The couple had two children. Sherrard’s Studio did the photography work.



February 14, 1974 Dresser expansion

A. B. Carter, manager of Dresser Industries, Industrial Valve and Instrument Division located in Berea, announced the awarding of a contract to Robert E. Lamb for plant expansion. Construction was slated to begin immediately and would expand the facility from the current 50,000 square feet to nearly 100,000 feet. Additionally, new roadways, expanded parking a bridge over Brushy Fork Creek to connect the recent improvements to Silver Creek Drive were planned. The bridge and roadway improvements were expected to reduce the volume on of traffic leading to the plant site. Carter stated that the purpose of the expansion was to provide manufacturing and storage space to allow the plant to handle the rapid growth in spall pressure gauges sold to the fire protection market and general industry. This addition would be the second expansion of Dresser since locating in Berea in 1961. It was

estimated that employment would also increase over the next five years from the present 380 to 600.

February 11, 1999 Cars damaged

Flames fanned by wind gusts up to 50 mile per hour, destroyed two cars and damaged four other vehicles parked in a Berea College Parking lot off of Kentucky Highway 595. According to Berea Fire Chief Bob Davis, the fire started just before 11 a.m. on Sunday, February 7th in a Buick Skylark

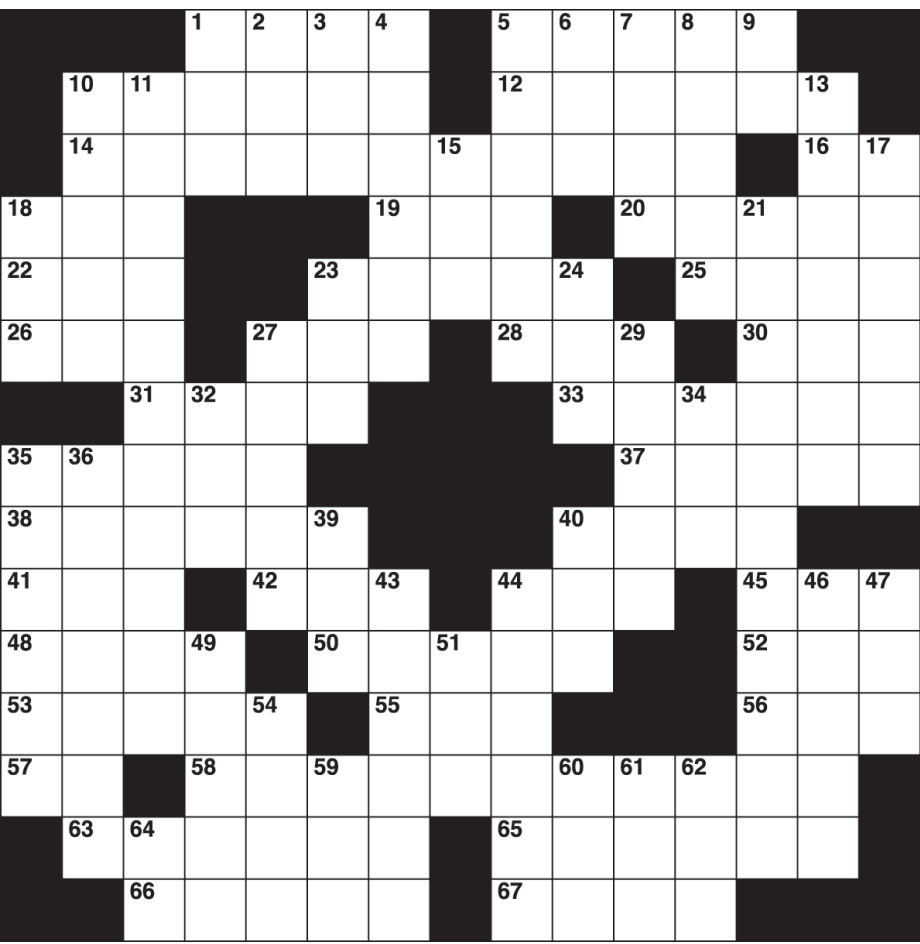
owned by Jennifer Abney. Davis said the cause of the fire was undetermined. The wind snot only fanned the flames causing them to destroy Abney’s car, but they also blew the fire to five other vehicles parked nearby. The Skylark sustained an estimated \$8,000 in damage. One other vehicle, a Plymouth Sundance, was mostly destroyed. The other four vehicles sustained varying degrees of damage according to Davis. No one was injured in the blasé and no other property damage was reported.



This Buick Skylark (left) and Plymouth Sundance (right) were almost completely destroyed by a fire of undetermined origin on Sunday morning. The high winds spread the blaze to four other vehicles parked nearby, which were also damaged in the blaze. No one was injured in the incident.

Game Page

Crossword



CLUES ACROSS

- Gene type
- Prefix denoting “in a”
- Spiritual leader
- Cavities
- Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- Foot (Latin)
- Sweet potato
- Pharaoh of Lower Egypt
- Land
- More inquisitive
- Dog breed: ___ Apso
- Stood up
- Direct and uninhibited
- Authorless
- Blocking type of drug (abbr.)
- Retrospective analysis (abbr.)
- Root mean square (abbr.)
- Macaws
- Actress Remini
- Polynesian wrapped skirt
- City of Angels hoops

CLUES DOWN

- team (abbr.)
- Fitzgerald and Baker are two
- Bowling alley must-have
- A way to cool down
- Ethnic group in Asia
- A way to alter
- Set of five
- Removes from the record
- Dummies
- Set period in office
- DC Comics superhero
- Brew
- Play
- Single-celled animals
- Rough to the touch
- Small island (British)
- Often noted alongside cons
- Preparation of root-stock
- Egyptian #44
- Atomic unit of capacity
- About secretary
- Particular groups
- Poke fun at
- Make certain that something occurs
- Financial term
- Justify
- Arbiter
- 007’s creato
- Czech name for Prague
- Groans

- American time
- No seats available
- ___ Stahl, journalist
- Cleft lip
- Talk incessantly
- Expresses atomic and molecular weights (abbr.)
- A part of a river where the current is very fast
- Curdled milk
- Running competitions
- A team’s best pitcher
- Carthaginian explorer
- World-renowned city
- Most common Japanese surname
- The bill in a restaurant
- They ___
- City of Angels football team (abbr.)
- Distinctive practice
- One quintillion bytes



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Level: Intermediate

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5	1	8	3	4	7	6	9	2
9	6	6	5	8	2	7	7	1
2	4	2	6	9	1	6	3	5
7	9	7	8	5	6	5	3	4
1	9	5	2	3	4	7	6	8
3	8	3	7	9	1	7	5	2
4	6	1	9	7	1	6	2	3
8	2	8	6	9	1	3	6	7
9	8	1	3	2	4	6	5	7

ANSWER:

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to Valentine’s Day. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 11 = C)

- A. 1 16 13 13 20 1**
Clue: Candy
- B. 14 5 6 3 7 11 13**
Clue: Excitement about love
- C. 11 3 14 9**
Clue: Offers a greeting
- D. 11 15 5 11 5 18 3 20 13**
Clue: Rich and creamy treat



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Desperate bachelor finds potential wife in garden

Perhaps you heard about the elderly bachelor who had grown tired of being alone, cooking his own meals, washing his own clothes and cleaning his own house. He desperately wanted to find himself a wife. About that time, he looked out the window and saw a new neighbor lady out digging in the garden, so he decided to go introduce himself. “Well, hello,” he said with all the charm he could muster. “What are you up to?” “I just killed my husband, chopped him into pieces, and buried him here in the garden.” “Oh,” he said, his eyebrows arching with interest. “So, that means you’re single.” Feeling desperate can lead to poor choices. David, the Old Testament hero who is described as a man after God’s own heart, learned that the hard way. You may recall that King Saul was trying to kill David, and, in a fit of desperation, he fled to

the land of the Philistines, apparently thinking he could live among Israel’s enemies, out of the reach of King Saul. So, instead of trusting God to protect him, David went to, of all places, Gath, which happened to be the hometown of the nearly 10-foot-tall Goliath, the soldier he had killed with a sling and stone. Of course, the Philistines recognized David immediately, and, again, instead of trusting God to protect him, he took things into his own hands by pretending to be crazy. He was so convincing that the Philistine leader told his men to send him away. I’m convinced David left there a much wiser man, having seen that desperation led him to make a poor choice that could have easily cost him his life. David, like the rest of us, made



Roger Alford

his share of poor choices. His are spelled out in vivid detail for everyone to read in the pages of the Bible. The late great George Jones, before he died, recorded the song Choices. In it, he sang: I’ve had choices Since the day that I was born There were voices That told me right from wrong If I had listened No, I wouldn’t be here today Living and dying With the choices I’ve made The truth is we do live and die by the choices we make. That’s why we need to make right choices, including in who we choose for a spouse. May we never be as desperate as the elderly bachelor who flirted with the woman who had just murdered, chopped up, and buried her husband. Reach Roger Alford at 502-514-6857 or rogeralford1@gmail.com.

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PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Feb. 2

- Thomas Wallace and Sau Wallace to Joey Centers and Kimberly Centers, lot 19 Battlefield Estates Subdivision, Block 1, \$325,000
- Hershell Ray Anglin, Etta Anglin and Blevins Law, PLLC to Hershell Ray Anglin and Etta Anglin, track Madison County (vicinity of Pilot Knob Road), for and in consideration of love and affection between spouses
- E T Properties, Inc to Signature Rentals, tract plat 7/16 (north side of Geri Lane and St. George Street, Richmond), \$575,000
- James D. Vanwinkle to TTS Properties, LLC, 337 South Dogwood, Berea, \$202,000
- Sandra Broadbent (a/k/a Sandy Broadbent and Roger Rawlins, her husband, by and through is Attorney-in-Fact, Sandy Broadbent to Thomas Hart and Sarah Hart, lot 13 Stonewall Estates Subdivision, Richmond, \$500,000
- Kistin Scott and Arthur Joseph Scott to Guetty C. Richard and Jean G. Richard, lot 5 Still Meadow Estates, \$298,500
- Real Estate Daily, LLC to Hayle Baxter Wilson, 334 West

Kentucky Avenue, Richmond, \$112,00

- Frances Abatemaroco to Frances Abatemaroco and Debora Lambdin, Unit 13 Acadian Cottages Condominiums, for and in consideration of the love and affection between Frances Abatemaroco and Debora Lambdin, who are mother and daughter

Feb. 5

- Randall Gray to G Auto Sales, LLC, lot 2 plat 30/6, \$121,000
- Deborah W. Hester (f/k/a Deborah Ann Robb and Glenn H. Hester, Jr. to Deborah W. Hester and Glenn H. Hester, Jr, 414 Michael Drive, Whereas Deborah W. Hester (f/k/a Deborah W. Robb) is sole owner, and she wishes to create joint title with right of survivorship and in consideration of the love and affection the First Parties have for the Second Parties, being wife and husband
- Wavelene Webb Watkins, by Lora Ann Adams, POA to Lora Ann Adams and Lester Adams, Sherri Watkins Cornelison and John F. Cornelison, IV, 130 Rose Lane, \$84,000

- Diversified Investments, LLC to Penny L. Harris, 108 Jack Marie Drive, Richmond, \$175,000
- Warford Rentals, LLC to The Madison Lofts, LLC, 1010 and 1030 Brooklyn Boulevard, Berea, \$650,000
- Joe David Cummins, as Executor of the Estate of Kenneth Lyle Kavanaugh to Darci Burton, 5006 Secretariat Drive, Richmond, \$313,000
- Eddie I. Feltner, Jr. and Jennifer Renee Feltner to Avery Sweat and Adrienne Sweat, 902 Countryside Drive, \$235,000
- Houghton Homes, LLC to Hunter C. McFerron, lot 9 plat 30/380
- Wayne King and Tammy King to Craft Masonry, Inc., 1069 Mission Drive, Richmond, \$1.00
- Samuel Delbert Fritz (a/k/a Samuel D. Fritz; a/k/a Delbert Fritz; a/k/a Samuel Fritz), by and through Christopher Fritz, Guardian to Timothy Cornett, tract 2-A plat 29/315, \$138,000

Feb. 6

- Melanie Ann Fish, Jerome Sullivan Fish, and Harold Stephen Robinson to Melanie

Fish, Jerome Sullivan Fish and Harold Stephen Robinson, 108 Pasco Street, Berea, for and in consideration of the settlement of the Estate of Lillian Hurst and Anita Lynn Robinson (a/k/a Anita Barker), an undivided 1/3 interest to each grantee

- Arbor Woods, LLC to PR Williams, Investments, LLC, lot 4 Harvest Park Subdivision, Berea, \$41,000
- Arbor Woods, LLC to PR Williams Investments, LLC, lot 6 Harvest Park Subdivision, Berea, \$41,000
- Arbor Woods, LLC to PR Williams Investments, LLC, lot 5 Harvest Park Subdivision, Berea, \$41,000
- DDT Development Co., LLC to A+ Roofing and Exteriors, Inc., lot 1 Fair Vista Landing Subdivision, \$52,000
- Kara Susan Patton and Hank Patton to Kara Susan Patton, tracts Berea (lot 5-A Leslie Drive, 113 Leslie Drive, lot 6 Leslie Drive), for and in consideration of the terms of the will of Judy Dean Murphy

Feb. 7

- Travis Haney and Sarah

Haney to Brianna Willis and Jacob Willis, lot 98 Deacon Hills Subdivision, Richmond, \$285,000

- Karen Hamilton to Dwayne Brion Vaughn, 225 Sunset Avenue, Richmond, \$185,000
- Doris Ann Brown and Billy Joe Brown to Sarah Nicole Brown and Aaron Scott Brown, tract Madison County, \$1.00 and for the love and affection of their children
- Robert L. Palmer and Amy M. Palmer to Tom C. Harper, parcel A plat 31/161, for and in consideration of the exchange of property
- Tom C. Harper and Manojkumar Patel and Sapnaben Patel, lot 25, Phase II Stonegate Estates, \$700,000
- Arbor Woods, LLC to A&R Contractors, LLC and Berea Property Development, LLC, lots 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, and 21 Harvest Park Subdivision, \$246,000
- Jessica Lee Ramsey and Adam Todd Campbell to Rachel Marie Ramsey, lot D1 Plat 25/298, for and in consideration of the love and affection Grantors have for Grantees convey ½ interest

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HICKS

FROM PAGE 1

Despite Simon Cowell insisting he wouldn't make it, Taylor became a fan favorite and walked away as the season 5 American Idol winner in 2006.

Taylor equates being on American Idol to a crash course in show business. He felt so blessed by the opportunity that he made sure

to learn all that he could while there. After the show concluded Taylor would put out what he describes as a pop-soul album. While he didn't feel the genre was his sweet spot, it's what the people wanted, and it became a certified platinum album. Taylor became what he called a 'ten-year, overnight success'.

So many other doors began to open to Taylor, and with an attitude of 'never say no', he

found himself writing a book, hosting a food and travel series, and opening a restaurant among other things. While he continued to perform and write music, Taylor took over 10 years off before releasing another single. Now that he's really stepped into his role as a southern-roots/country-soul artist, Taylor couldn't be prouder of his new song "Porch Swing".

Taylor soon followed up with another new single,

"Teach Me to Dance", which is being hailed as the new wedding anthem. The day after that song's release, Taylor had more reason for celebration as he made his Grand Ole Opry debut in June 2023. Taylor was honored to perform in the circle. He compared it to being in the minor leagues and getting the call to come play in the major leagues. "You work your whole life for a call like that," Taylor said.

Taylor is excited to share his music with central Kentucky, a state he says he could spend the rest of his life in. Spending some time in Kentucky during filming of his show State Plate, Taylor says he "fell in love with how great the state is and how nice the people are."

While he hopes to play more in Kentucky in the future, this is the only stop here on this tour so grab your tickets now.

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Building for the future: Construction projects underway

City Council

By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

Building projects are continuing at a brisk pace in Berea, according to a report from city officials. Assistant Codes and Planning Administrator Brian Reed provided an update to the Berea City Council Tuesday, noting that work to demolish the old Holiday Motel, located next to Cracker Barrel, has begun. A new Starbucks coffee outlet, in addition to other shops, is currently proposed for the property. Additionally, Reed noted that the four-story Berea College Computer Science, Digital Media and Information Technology building is moving forward, along with significant expansions at Motor Wheel, and a 100,000 square-foot renovation at Hitachi. Plans for replacing the college's Edwards Building are also under review to replace the existing facility with a three-story residential facility, Reed said. Residential property is also being built in Berea, including the start of construction for 58 new homes in Stoney Creek Subdivision, according to Reed. Additionally, a 112-unit apartment complex in the same subdivision will be starting soon, and they are also reviewing a preliminary plat for

See FUTURE, A9

Man killed in crash

The Kentucky State Police, Richmond Post, was contacted just before 8 p.m., Monday in reference to a two-vehicle collision on Mt. Vernon Road. The initial investigation indicated that a 2003 Chevrolet Silverado operated by Jackson Curtis, 44, of Berea, was traveling on Slate lick Road and attempted to make a left-handed turn onto Mt. Vernon Road (US-25), crossing into the path of a 2000 Harley Davidson motorcycle, operated by Jeffrey Crowe, 25, of Berea, who was traveling north on Mt. Vernon Road. As a result of the collision, Crowe was fatally injured and pronounced deceased on scene by the Madison County Coroner. Curtis, was transported to Baptist Health in Richmond with non-life-threatening injuries. Lieutenant Hunter Martin with the Critical Incident Response Team is conducting the ongoing collision investigation.

No vacancy



Demolition crews with Goff Excavating began tearing down the former Holiday Hotel and Home-town Inn at 100 Jane Street this week to make room for new development. The hotel was a staple in Berea for many years and is located adjacent to Cracker Barrel and near Central Bank. A new Starbucks will be located on the site as well as more small businesses within business space. Berea Business and Tourism Director Donna Angel made the announcement last summer.

The Citizen/Keith Taylor

Obituaries

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- Scharme Ann Brunner Price
 - David Eugene 'Gene' Lamb
 - Katherine St. Clair
 - Charlie Walker
 - Barbara Richmond Cain
 - Debra Brown Lynch
 - Elmer Thomas 'ET' Farris
 - William Harold Christoffersen

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Power surge



Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear was joined by other officials in Richmond on Monday to break ground on the first Electric Vehicle (EV) charging station in the southeastern United States supported by the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Program. For more on the station, see page A2.

Tourism gives green light on golf carts

By Andy McDonald • For The Citizen

The Berea Tourism Commission voted to recommend legalization of electric or gas-powered carts on city streets. The unanimous vote was tallied at the commission's business session Wednesday following a brief presentation from Chairman Bill West. West first proposed the idea last year as a way to attract more tourists to the city, and to provide additional transportation options for city residents. Under Kentucky law, electric carts are allowed on streets in which the speed limit is 35 miles per hour or lower. The city does have the option of making exceptions on

See CARTS, A10

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BRIEFS

Advisory group to meet March 6

The Kentucky Chemical Demilitarization Citizens' Advisory Commission (CAC) and Chemical Destruction Community Advisory Board (CDCAB) will hold a meeting on Wednesday, March 6, at 1:30 p.m. in Rooms A and B on the lobby level at Eastern Kentucky University's Carl D. Perkins Building located on Kit Carson Drive in Richmond.

The event is open to the public.

Chemical weapons destruction operations are complete at the Blue Grass Army Depot (BGAD) near Richmond, Kentucky. Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant managers want to keep citizens informed and receive community feedback about the closure phase and processing of agent-contaminated secondary waste.

For those who are not able to attend in person, a live video stream of the meeting will be available on the Program Executive Office, Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives (PEO ACWA) YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/user/usaeacwa and the PEO ACWA Facebook page at www.facebook.com/peoacwa. Viewers may ask questions, make comments and receive feedback during the livestream event.

Man arrested after barricade incident

The Kentucky State Police, Richmond Post, was contacted just before 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 17 in reference to a shots fired complaint that occurred outside of a residence on Riney B Drive.

The initial investigation indicated that Ryan E. Oller, 39, of Richmond, discharged several rounds from a firearm outside of a residence on Riney B Drive. The Kentucky State Police made contact with Oller by phone. After lengthy negotiations by the KSP, Oller refused to cooperate and discharged several more rounds from a firearm inside the residence.

The Kentucky State Police Special Response Team responded to the scene and placed Oller under arrest without incident. He was charged with Wanton Endangerment 1st Degree, Resisting Arrest, and

County, state drought free

Disorderly Conduct, and was lodged at the Madison County Detention Center.

No citizens or officers were injured during the incident.

FRANKFORT (KT) – The precipitation of the past week means Kentucky is drought free, according to the weekly U.S Drought Monitor that was issued on Thursday, based on precipitation that accumulated through Tuesday morning.

It was just one week ago that the Drought Monitor reported there was still 22.18 percent of the state that was considered "Abnormally Dry," or D0 on the scale that goes up to D4 indicating "Exceptional Drought." However, that area has

now been wiped out due to precipitation over the past 7 days.

This is also the first time that Kentucky has been 100 percent drought-free since May 9, 2023, according to Shane Holinde, the Outreach Manager of the Kentucky Mesonet and Climate Center, located at Western Kentucky University.

Looking ahead, the outlook from Feb. 20-24 from the National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center calls for above normal temperatures in Kentucky, along with near normal precipitation in the northern half of the state.

below normal in the southern half. For the period ending Feb. 28, the forecast is for continued above normal temperatures and slightly above normal precipitation.



Message from Cora Jane Wilson

"But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased."

Hebrews 13:16 KJV

60th anniversary



Bill and Barbara Rogers celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on Wednesday, Feb. 21. The couple was married on Feb. 21, 1964, at Big Hill Avenue Christian Church. Bill is a retired firefighter with Richmond Fire Department and Barbara is a retired teacher from Kingston Elementary. The couple has one daughter, Libby Rogers Horn (Larry) and three granddaughters; Laura Horn, Lyndsey Horn and London Horn-Shannon.



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Chad's Hope, a faith-based substance abuse recovery ministry, will be sharing testimonies of hope and deliverance at Bethel Baptist Church located at 847 Scaffold Cane Road in Berea, Kentucky this Sunday February 25 at 11 a.m.

If you or someone you love is seeking freedom and deliverance from the destructive cycle of substance abuse please join us for a time hearing about how Jesus is still setting folks free.

Bethel Baptist Church





Scharme Ann Brunner Price

On February 7, 2024, Scharme Ann Brunner Price (age 65), of Berea passed away at home. She was in the presence of her husband, children, and faithful dog. Scharme’s curiosity and adventurous spirit led her to adventures including traveling extensively, zoo and museum excursions, chaperoning school, and Berea Festival Dancer trips, eating at local restaurants, hiking at state parks, and discovering a treasure trove of Kentucky history. She brought each of these experiences to life through her incredible storytelling. A true creator, Scharme transformed everyday life into art. Seamstress, gardener, photographer, and editor; she was all these things and more. Crafting and design ran deep in her veins. Her epic party-hostess skills were shared with kids and adults alike - oh, the birthday cakes! Everything she embodied could not be contained to her own home and family. She let her gifts and

passions expand beyond herself and into the community of Berea and those who traveled here. She volunteered to make costumes and sets for plays and created the decorations for multiple Berea Arts Council events. Scharme’s home was always warm and inviting and served as a second home for many. She hosted exchange students, prepared teen lunches for Christmas Country Dance School, and always, always, always pleasantly answered phone calls. There’s too much to say, between her burning food, inserting a quick punny joke into a conversation, or being the one who knew what was going on, how to get it done, how to get there, when to arrive and when to call it a night- and in true Scharme fashion she knew when to sneak off this earth: quietly, peacefully, and in her words “ready”. A Celebration of Life will be held at Churchill’s in Berea on Saturday, July 13, 2024, from 4-6 P.M. Attendees are invited to wear bright, joyful attire. [There will be opportunities to share memories...] Davis & Powell Funeral Directors in charge of arrangements.

David Eugene “Gene” Lamb



David Eugene “Gene” Lamb, 68, husband of 42 years to Linda Kaye Gabbard Lamb, passed away Wednesday February 14, 2024, at Saint Joseph Hospital in Lexington. He was born April 10, 1955, in Madison County, to the late Carlo Lamb and Mary Ballard Johnson. Gene enjoyed fishing and watching old westerns. He loved spending time with family, his grandchildren were the apple of his eye. Gene was of the

Baptist faith. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two children, Regina Fry, Jessie Dale Lunsford, one brother, Harold Ballard, and one sister Joyce Robinson. Other than his wife, Gene is survived by his children, Chad David Gabbard Lamb, Michael, Tim, Kimberly, Penny, and two grandchildren, Caylee Grace, and Gage Eli. Memorial services were held on Tuesday February 20, 2024, at Richmond House of Prayer with Bro. Dylan Ballard officiating. Davis & Powell Funeral Directors in charge of arrangements.

Katherine St. Clair

Katherine St. Clair, a devoted social worker and cherished member of the Mt. Vernon community, passed away peacefully on February 8, 2024, at the age of 68. Born on January 4, 1956, in Berea, she dedicated her life to serving others selflessly. Katherine, a proud alumna of Eastern Kentucky University, served as a compassionate social worker for the state of Kentucky, touching countless lives through her work. Her kind spirit and unwavering commitment to those in need were an inspiration

to many. She was a faithful member of Roundstone Baptist Church. Her memory will be treasured by her loving daughter, Jaclyn St. Clair Shoop, and son-in-law, Langdon; her beloved granddaughter, Delpha Claire Shoop; and her esteemed friend, Sarah Stallsworth. She was preceded in death by her devoted parents, John D. and Marilyn Towerly Bullen; her husband, John St. Clair; and her brother, Johnny Bullen. Per Katherine’s wishes, services will be private with a burial at Berea Cemetery. Lakes Funeral Home in Berea was in charge of arrangements.

Debra Brown Lynch

Debra Brown Lynch, 67, passed away at her home in Berea on Saturday, February 17, 2024. She was a member of Berea Church of Christ and leaves behind a beautiful family. Surviving are her two daughters, Shauna Tolson (Danny) and Lindsey Helmen (Graham). She also leaves behind 5 grandchildren – Alexis Helmen, Emmerson Coffey (Bryton Anglin), Tyler Helmen, Matt Tolson and Keira Tolson - as well as her two brothers, Felix Delton (April Lynn) Brown, and Dwight (Stephanie R.) Brown. She was preceded in death by her husband William Lynch, mother, Christine Brown and father, Homer Brown. A celebration of Debra’s life will take place at Berea Church of Christ, 357 N Dogwood Dr, Berea, KY 40403, on Friday, February 23, 2024, with Pastor Stephen Boyd officiating. The family will accept friends from 4-6 p.m. and the services will begin at 6 pm. Lakes Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.



Elmer Thomas “ET” Farris

Elmer Thomas “ET” Farris, age 69, passed away Saturday February 17, 2024, at Berea Health & Rehabilitation. He was born June 10, 1954, in Richmond to the late Elmer and Joyce White Farris. Thomas Retired from Hyster-Yale Group after 41 years of service. He enjoyed restoring his Camero, fishing, travel, and friends. Thomas considered his co-workers at Hyster as family. He was of the Baptist faith being baptized October 2, 1966, by Rev. William Proctor and became a member of Farristown Baptist Church. In addition to his parents Thomas was preceded in death by one sister Brenda Farris, one brother, Ronald Wayne Farris, and two nephews,



Charles Dwayne Martin, and Melvin Shane Farris. He is survived by one sister, Velma Farris of Berea aunts, Pat Farris, Daisy Farris both of Richmond, special aunt Jorretta Hill of Richmond, one uncle, Charles White of Austin, Texas, one niece, Lashonda Martin of Lexington and a special friend Marilyn Rhodus. Funeral services will be at noon Saturday February 24, 2024, at Farristown Baptist Church with Rev. Ray Reed officiating. Burial will follow in the Madison County Memorial Gardens. Pallbearers will be Monroe Chenault, Darnell Martin, John S. Walker, Jr., Robert Chenault, Lamont Cornelison, and Marshall Washington. Honorary pallbearer is Stewart Martin. Visitation will be 10 a.m. until service time at the church. Davis & Powell Funeral Directors in charge of arrangements.

William Harold Christoffersen

William “Bill” Christoffersen Jr., 82, passed away on Sunday, February 18, 2024, at his home in Berea. He was born on January 21, 1942, to the late William and Alice Kiley Christoffersen. In addition to his parents, he is also preceded in death by one sister, Alice Schrameyer. Bill is survived by his wife Alice and one stepson, Chris Dodd and his wife Misty.



Charlie Walker



Charlie Walker was born in Gloucester City, New Jersey, the son of Hap and Marge, who he loved and respected, and missed dearly since their passing. He was the big brother of George and had the best of adventures with his childhood friend Ron. Charlie earned his higher education in Beatrice, Nebraska, and was a serviceman of the Army National Guard of New Jersey. He spent many years in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, where he was a jack of all trades. Always making friends along the way. When he returned to New Jersey, he met his soulmate and best friend, Diane. The two were married in 1987, and Charlie became the bonus dad to Dominic, Tommy, and Sarah. Later, Will and Casey were born, and Charlie and his family moved to Kentucky. He was a provider for his family and a hard worker of AGC in Richmond, from 1998 until his retirement in 2021. He cared about and for Diane for the better part of 25 years, until her passing in 2013. He was a family man, and especially enjoyed his time spent with his grandchildren, Meaghan, Gianna, Henry, Samuel, and Benson. He remained on his mountain with his “critters” as long as he could and spent much of his final year in the compassionate care of Walker’s Trail



Barbara Richmond Cain

Barbara Richmond Cain, 91, of Berea passed away peacefully Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at her home due to declining health. She was born June 11, 1932, daughter of the late John and Mae Anderkin Richmond. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her loving husband of 69 years Miley T. Cain and sister Lorene Hylton. Barbara was a member of Liberty Avenue Baptist Church. She loved her church and her church family. Barbara was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She loved spending time with

Senior Living. He was lucky enough to meet his great-granddaughter, Jase, before his passing. Charlie loved chocolate milkshakes, fixing things, breaking things, fishing, Milky Way bars, singing, a good book, model trains, anything plaid, and blacksmithing. Not necessarily in that order. He hated peanut butter and practical jokes. He was a master blacksmith who created incredible iron art, and a skilled tinkerer with an eye for mechanics. Charlie was also great at singing the jolliest of tunes, playing instruments despite not being able to read music, and loving anything with a heartbeat completely and unconditionally. He never met a person (or animal) unworthy of his kindness and respect. He was witty and enthusiastic–the very best at telling a good story. When Charlie was reunited with his beloved parents and wife, he left behind a whole slew of family and friends who will dearly miss his big bear hugs and wise advice. Truly one-of-a-kind. Funeral mass was held on Sunday, February 18, 2024, at St. Clare Catholic Church in Berea and was officiated by Rev. Dr. Alfredo Basualdo. A happy little get-together will proceed after mass. Burial and a memorial will occur at a later date, for family and friends. Davis & Powell Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

her family, especially her granddaughter Nicole. Always opening her home to family and friends, there was never a dull moment in her household. In her spare time Barbara enjoyed crossword puzzles and Bingo. Left to cherish her memory are her daughters Linda Buchanan (Duane), Debbie Hazelwood (Gary); granddaughter Nicole Heckel (Grant); great-granddaughter Adeline. Funeral Services were conducted on Friday, February 16, 2024, at Reppert Funeral Home with Pastor Kenny Felty and Pastor Grant Heckel officiating. Burial followed in Berea Cemetery. Reppert Funeral Home and Cremation Service entrusted with arrangements.



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Transparency not secrecy

Transparency matters, and our elected officials and our government agencies need to be held accountable to those who are responsible for their employment: the taxpayers.

For more than 50 years, the Kentucky Open Records Act has provided an avenue for the press and citizens to know what their leaders and our agencies are doing behind the scenes. The current law defines as public record any record prepared, owned, used, processed or retained by a public agency regardless whether it be in paper or electronic form, what it contains and where the record is stored. Some agencies claim some records are exempt, but the agency must search for a record, admit there is a record on file and then explain why it shouldn't be released.

For many years, the Kentucky State Legislature has been trying to redefine what a public record is and HB 509 was introduced last week in the House, by Rep. John Hogdson, R-Fishersville. It's also co-sponsored by Speaker of the House, Rep. David Osborne, R-Prospect, and House Majority Whip Rep. Jason Nemes, R-Middletown. The bill seeks to place limitations on the Open Records Law, which would define a public record release as a "final action" determined by the agency and nothing in between. You wouldn't know what was said before the final action was taken and citizens would be left in the dark regarding circumstances that led to the "final action."

Under the proposal, an investigation file by a police department before a final action wouldn't be disclosed. Body camera footage wouldn't be available, either, which would eliminate investigations by the media regarding a shooting, a dangerous incident or e-mails that were exchanged between elected school board officials regarding district policies and or incidents relating to the school system in our district.

What is defined as "preliminary" documents won't be available or defined as public records if the proposal makes its way into law. Currently, preliminary documents can be withheld but just temporarily, and once a final decision has been determined, the reason for non-disclosure must be given.

Also at risk are texts, e-mails and any exchange given on a personal device would be exempt under the proposed law. The proposal would provide a way of escape when it comes to private conversations between elected officials and our government agencies.

The danger, as the court of appeals stated, "would encourage the use of personal electronic devices and place vital public records beyond the reach of citizens."

What are you trying to hide?

The Kentucky Press Association has denounced the bill and rightfully, so.

"The bill's sponsors have been quoted as saying that it does not exempt from disclosure anything that is currently available to the public, but that is simply false," the KPA said in a statement. "Nor is the bill wise simply because it requires agencies to provide e-mail accounts to employees, board members, and commissioners. No one should be fooled by these Trojan Horse arguments; This bill is a wolf in sheep's clothing."

Those citizens are the ones who voted you into office and entrusted you to do the right thing. Being an elected official comes with responsibility and accountability. Why do some of leaders in state government so intent on hiding what is the business of those who put you into office in the first place.

For our elected officials and our agencies: It's not your money, it belongs to the taxpayers and they deserve to know what goes on behind the scenes.



Keith Taylor



The solution? Simply vote

We are saturated with news in America. We know about the legal troubles of former President Donald Trump.

Every day we are updated about the latest court proceedings and what is still to come. What can you do about it? Nothing. You didn't loan Trump the money and he doesn't owe you.

Loan officers from lending institutions worked these deals with Trump. It's between Trump and them it seems to me. Every day you are bombarded with every detail of Trump's legal issues from a woman he reportedly assaulted to a porn star who is dissatisfied with the hundred thousand dollars plus hush payment she reportedly received. What can you do about it? Nothing. Is all of this supposed to make you hate Trump and vote for someone else? It must be or we wouldn't hear so much about what he has been accused of doing.

Almost every day we are reminded by some about the cognitive decline of President Joe Biden. Just like any President he is derided on a daily basis for his handling of our Southern border crisis, the economy,

the decline of our military and much more. We care because it all impacts us, but what can you do about it? Nothing really. You can be mad and frustrated but that's about all.

Minneapolis police officers were killed over the weekend. People were shot and one killed at a Kansas City Chiefs' citywide Superbowl party. Numerous people were shot. It makes us sick. We hurt for those whose lives were taken. We hurt for those families who lost loved ones.

We hurt every day and week in America as more and more mass shootings occur. So what? What can you do about it? Nothing really. We vote. Of course, that's the one thing we can do, but that's about all. We can protest, march and scream and holler but Congress doesn't pay any attention to that. Marches in Washington, D.C. are common and seemingly ignored.

Every day we hear about the border crisis. It seems to be a



Glenn Mollette

commonsense fix but what are you going to do? Many of us would go to the Southern border and volunteer to complete the wall and fix the holes but our government would probably put us in jail for trying to protect America. Thousands are illegally pouring into our country and we hear about it every day, but what are you going to do about it? Nothing really.

Every day we hear about the crisis of the Middle East. Israel, Gaza, Russia, and Ukraine. We hear a lot about Ukraine needing more and more money. It doesn't matter if you think they need more or less money, it's out of your hands. What can you do about it? Call your Congressman? Call the President? Do you think they care about what you think? They care about one thing and that's doing whatever it takes to be re-elected.

All you can do is what you must do and that is vote and you already know almost for sure who your options are for this upcoming election.

That's the one thing we can do. Since you and I can't really do anything about all of this mess we had better elect someone who will do something.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Donate to Life scholarship

Dear Editor:

I am pleased to share news of a significant initiative by the Kentucky Association of Circuit Court Clerks – a new scholarship opportunity aimed at raising awareness about organ donation and transplantation among students. The Association's commitment to the Donate Life mission dates back to 1992, inspired by a Circuit Clerk who tragically lost a loved one while awaiting a heart transplant. Over the years, the Circuit Clerks have raised over \$20 million for the public education and celebrated over 2 million Kentuckians

registering as donors.

I am thrilled to announce a new scholarship opportunity for students who share a passion for helping others and promoting the lifesaving mission of organ, eye and tissue donation. Recognizing that today's students are the future leaders of our community, we believe that this scholarship will not only support their education but also foster a sense of responsibility towards this noble cause.

The projects are meant to be personal, independent and creative such as writing a heartfelt song about donation and playing it on social media, creating a speech for their school about the reasons people should register, or displaying information

in the cafeteria to educate fellow students on the facts of donation and transplantation. There are toolkits available with additional ideas and tools. We have designed this scholarship to be inclusive, not requiring a high GPA or extensive extracurricular activities. The application process is straightforward, ensuring accessibility for all students, regardless of their circumstances. The deadline for applying is April 5, 2024.

In addition to the chance to receive a scholarship, students will gain transferable skills through their projects, such as public speaking, marketing, graphics, networking, and media.

They will also be a vital

part of spreading hope and saving lives through organ donation and transplantation.

Thank you for helping us spread the word. Today 100,000 Americans wait for their lifesaving gift of an organ transplant, and sadly 17 people die each day waiting.

We appreciate the community's support of this lifesaving mission to reach our vision of a world where no one waits for their lifesaving transplant. Learn more and register as a donor at www.donatelifeky.org and view the scholarship application online: bit.ly/donatelifescholarship.

David Fernandez,
Madison County Circuit Clerk

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Feb. 8 • Tiffany Louise Berry, 28, Berea: alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses) • Timothy Wayne Fryer, 43, Richmond: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting; public intoxication – controlled substance (excludes alcohol) • Curry Gill, 32, Richmond: public intoxication – controlled substance (excludes alcohol); possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (heroin) • Jonathan Wayne Isaacs, 34, Richmond: assault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor injury menacing; theft by unlawful taking or disposition – all others • Jonathan R. Isaacs, 44, Richmond: assault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor injury menacing; theft by unlawful taking or disposition – all others • Taylor D. Isaacs, 25, Richmond: alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses); resisting arrest • Michelle Jones, 42, Richmond: assault, 4th degree, minor injury • Joshua Ryan Lamb, 36, Berea: failure to appear • Johneishia Lewis, 33, Richmond: commitment order • Jeannie Marie Peterson, 53, Richmond: public intoxication – controlled substance (excludes alcohol) • Melissa Shelton, 38, Richmond: assault, 4th degree dating violence, no visible injury/ resisting arrest Feb. 9 • Billy Carpenter, 34, Berea: no tail lamps; operating on suspended or revoked operator’s license; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); failure to appear (2 counts) • Michael D. Blythe, 43, Richmond: failure to appear • James Parsons 30, Paint Lick: violation of a Kentucky	EPO/DVO; criminal mischief, 1st degree; criminal trespassing – 3rd degree; strangulation – 1st degree; assault, 4th degree dating violence, no visible injury • Sarah A. Andrews, 36, Ravenna: failure to appear (2 counts) • James Lee Ogle, 39, Richmond: failure to appear • Jeremy Woods, 42, Richmond: failure to appear • Lena Weddington, 49, Richmond: public intoxication – controlled substance, (excludes alcohol); possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine) • Don A. Adams, 40, not given: serving weekends • Jason Lee Johns, 40, not given: serving weekends • Ricky Arvel Mayes, 64, not given: serving weekends • Nakota C. Clifford, 28, Richmond: failure to appear (3 counts) • Jerry Phillip Sanders, Jr., 56, Paris: alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offense) • Devon Shults, 19, Berea: rape – 1st degree – victim under 12 years of age • Hakeem A. Moore, 31, Richmond: failure to appear • Christopher Lee Mullins, 40, unknown: contempt of court, libel/slander, resistance to order • Gunner K. Cornett, 21, Irvine: failure to appear Feb. 10 • Thalia Rudie, 27, Berea: failure to appear; probation violation (for felony offense) • Arturo Rodriquez, 48, Flint, Michigan: careless driving; possession of marijuana; operating motor vehicle under the influence of substance(s) – 1st • Tyler Faison, 40, Wylie, Texas: careless driving; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st • Devin M. Johnson, 18, Beattyville: rape, 2nd degree – no force • Steven L. Denny, 48, Richmond: contempt of court, libel/slander, resistance to order • Jerry Phillip Sanders, Jr., 56, Richmond: alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses); criminal trespassing – 3rd degree • Alvan McQueen, III, 47, Richmond: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, all others • Melissa G. Compton, 52, Richmond: criminal abuse – 1st degree; failure to report abuse/neglect/exploitation of an adult • Carrie V. Lamb, 24, Richmond: criminal abuse – 1st degree – child 12 or under; criminal abuse, 1st degree; failure to report abuse/neglect/exploitation of an adult • David H. Lamb, 21, Richmond: criminal abuse – 1st degree; failure to report abuse/neglect/exploitation of an adult • Alphonso A. Durso, 57, Richmond: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st Feb. 11 • Anthony Lawrence Bartley, 40, Richmond: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 3rd or greater offense (methamphetamine); probation violation (for felony offense) • Lemuel Phillips, 25, Richmond: prescription controlled substance not properly contained – 1st offense; operating on suspended or revoked operator’s license; menacing; failure to dim headlights • Mallory Druck, 20, Louisville: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol under 21 years of age, .02-.07 • Rojas Flores, 37, Richmond: careless driving; operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 -1st; no operator’s – moped license • Terry Hamilton, Jr., 42, Berea: failure to appear Feb. 12	• Jeremy Abshear, 26, Lexington: strangulation – 1st degree; assault, 4th degree dating violence (no visible injury); failure to appear • Alexander Violette, 21, Richmond: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08-1st • Jeffrey K. Justice, 42, Pikeville: failure to appear, citation for misdemeanor • Michael Miller, 45, Medina, Tennessee: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines • Hubert D. Stewart, 43, Richmond: hold for court • William Joshua Wilds, 38, Berea: trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (less than 2 grams methamphetamine); possession of marijuana; drug paraphernalia – buy/possess • Jackie Radford Bishop, II, 30, Berea: probation violation (for felony offense) • Leslie Owens, 25, Richmond: failure to appear, citation for misdemeanor (3 counts) • Melissa Flannery, 39, McKee: failure to appear, citation for misdemeanor • Pearl McKinney, 53, McKee: contempt of court, libel/slander, resistance to order • Zachary Enders, 33, Richmond: failure to appear, citation for misdemeanor • Jeffrey Pettit, 45, Stanton: hold for court • Kevin H. Robinson, 43, Lexington: serving bench warrant for court (2 counts) • James West, 57, Richmond: hold for court • Shawn Taulbee, 39, Richmond: serving time • Erik Oliver, 37, Richmond: hold for court • Austin Blake Howard, 21, Salyersville: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines • Dwayne Roaden, 63, Somerset: serving weekends • Melvin Rejano, 27, Richmond: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting Feb. 13 • Glen Preston Caudill, 34, McKee: failure to appear, citation for misdemeanor	• Chad A. King, 40, Berea: probation violation (for technical violation) • Brieauna Herrington, 21, Richmond: strangulation, 2nd degree; assault, 4th degree (minor injury) • Robert Steven Jones, 56, Richmond: receiving stolen property, \$1,000 but less than \$10,000 Feb. 14 • Zachary Cordle, 29, Richmond: serving parole violation warrant • Jeffrey Tarter, 26, Richmond: hold for court • Carlos Dobson, 43, Richmond: hold for court • Stephen E. Officer, 51, Richmond: failure to appear • Nathan Hamilton, 40, Richmond: hold for court • Devon Matthew Davis, 33, Chillicothe, Missouri: violation of part 302 Federal Safety Regulation -driving of motor vehicle • Bryan Henson, 34, Richmond: hold for court • Terence Raines, 52, Richmond: hold for court • Chantel Wright, 34, Stearns: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines • Terry Wayne Anglin, 47, not given: hold for court • Nicholas L. Vickers, 37, Berea: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08-1st; disregarding traffic control device – traffic light; careless driving; failure to or improper signal • Thomas Brent Tyler Crowe, 32, not given: hold for court • Leslie Pope, 61, not given: hold for court • Michael Gadd, 29, Berea: failure to appear • Joan Hope Engle, 46, Richmond: assault, 4th degree dating violence (no visible injury) • Summer Kay Hampton, 26, Berea: contempt of court, libel/slander, resistance to order • Kasey R. Gullette, 28, Berea: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines
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Lewis Foreclosure Feb. 8 • ADS Tax Lien Company, LLC vs. Edna Bernice Toler, ET AL Feb. 9 • ADS Tax Lien Company, LLC vs. Madison County Coonhunters, CLU Feb. 12 • Christopher Russo vs. Josephine J. Clay, ET AL	Feb. 8 • C. Cannon Construction, LLC to Mark Glenn Ford and Elizabeth Gail L. Ford, lot 3 Fair Vista Landing Subdivision, Phase 1, \$272,500 • Proudtec Associates, LLC (f/k/a Proudtec Associates, Inc) to Dreaming Creek Properties, LLC, 155 Golfview Drive, \$250,000 • Ronald D. Hatfield and Kathy Hatfield to Kyle Cove, LC< lot 64 Argyll Subdivision, \$285,000 • Stoney Creek Holdings, LLC to Larry Todd Moses and Leslie Moses, lot 62 Stoney Creek Subdivision Unit 3 Phase 1A, \$258,000 • Tom C. Harper to Robert L. Palmer and Amy M. Palmer, lot 23 Stonegate Estates, Phase II, for and in consideration of the exchange of property Feb. 9 • Winterwood, Inc to Kentucky Homes, LLC, lots 30, 21, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36 and 37 Block F Roselawn Subdivision Section III, Berea, \$484,848.48 • Triple Play, LLC to Gated Properties XII, LLC, 522, 530 and 534 Claire Place, Richmond, \$7,502,900 • Luther J. Cottrell, Jr. and Shelia Cottrell to C. Cannon Construction, LLC, lot 29 The Crossings Subdivision, \$43,500 • Indian Valley Farm, LLC to Bryant K Eden and Misty K. Eden, tract E minor subdivision plat for Indian Valley Farm, LLC, \$476,700 • Indian Valley Farm, LLC to Jonathan Cody Jones and Johnny Lee Jones, II, tract E minor subdivision plat for Indian Valley Farm, LLC,	\$592,600 • James C. Deboard, Trustee of The Sue R. Logsdon Charitable Remainder Trust, u/s 10/02/2023 to Anna Deer Thakur, lot 25-G estate for George C. Robbins, \$761,000 • Billiter Group, LLC to Terry Winford Billiter, II and Linda Sue Billiter, tract 6 plat 10/3, \$80,000 • Blake Miles Burchell and Jamie C. Burchell to Dallas C. Austin, 412 Cypress Place, Richmond, \$305,000 • Edith King, as Executrix for the Estate for Charlene Barger Allen to Mary Cathern Werkmeister and Aaron Michael McNabb, lot 96 Stoney Creek Subdivision Unit 2 Block 1 Phase 2, \$246,000 • Donald G. Stamper to OTW Property, LLC, tracts Madison County (vicinity of Irvine Road), \$275,000 • Terry B. Salyer and Megan Salyer to Greg Wayne Wells and Rhonda Brattin Wells, 1813 Adkinson Drive, Richmond, \$269,000 • 108 Barnes Mill Road, LLC to Walter Craig Smith, Darrell K. Smith and Sara J. Smith, lots 15 and 16 Greenway Addition, Richmond, \$235,000 • Laura A. Maher and Katherine T. Maher to Kevin Guzman and Kevin Guzman, 742 Oakmont Trail, Richmond, \$90,000 • CJE, Inc. to Star-gazer Homes, LLC, lots plat 1/73, \$165,000 • Arthur G. Pace to DDD&W, LLC, lot 76 Battlefield Place \$295,000 • Rental Investments, Inc. to Charles and Patsy Parker, tract Madison County (Bark Road), for and in consideration of	obligations contained in certain Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Judgement entered by the Madison Circuit Court, Division II, Civil Action NO. 210CI-511 Feb. 12 • Charles Dargavell to Luz Celenia Neff, lots Clay Tower Addition, \$173,000 • Snapp Construction, LLC to Snapp Property Group, LLC, 206 and 207 West Main Street, Richmond, for and in consideration of an agreement between parties, the same individual being the sole member of both Grantor and Grantee • Charles Owen Daab to KHD Properties, LLC, lot 6 Block B Wanda Land, \$200,000 • Craft Masonry, Inc to Wayne King and Tammy King, 1073 Mission Drive, Richmond, \$1.00 • Betty Lynn Hubbard to Michael G. Howard, lot 21 Block 7 Dillingham Addition, for and in consideration of the love and affection Feb. 13 • Dennis Kunitsa and Sophia Kunitsa, lot 48 Fieldstone, to Bradley R. Pearce and Cassidy B. Pearce, , lot 48 Fieldstone Block 1, \$400,400 • Kenneth S. Greenbaum to Waco P.O., LLC, tract p18/138, in exchange for proportional membership interest • Advanced Roofing and Construction, Inc to Robert Skaggs and Amber Skaggs, 4044 Loblolly Lane, \$359,000 • Linda Maupin to Linda Maupin and Kristal Gilkey, 253 Patsy Drive, for and love and affection Kristal Gilkey being daughter of Linda Maupin, has conveyed, transferred,	remised, set over and quit claimed unto the survivor of them • Matthew Gene Kimbler and Breanna Jones to James Tanner Caudill and Sierra Nicole Caudill, easterly ½ of lot 2 Wendell Combs Lot survey, \$212,500 • Edward Morrison and Cathy Morrison to Wilson Dwayne Shepherd and Pamela Lynn Shepherd, lot 25 Phase 3 Berkley Hall, \$60,000 • Spyglass Construction Co., LLC to Theodore Mark Braden and Beverly Braden, lot 34 Phase II Prairie View @ Twin Lakes, \$339,000 • Blue Lick Mountain Development Co, Inc to Glen David Wagoner, Jr. and Beverly Hogge Wagoner, tract P30/77, \$40,000 • Harold D. Potter and Shirley R. Potter to Deana Lynette Grant, Trustee of Harold and Shirley Potter Irrevocable Trust, dated, February 8, 2024, lot 9 and 10 Boone Village Subdivision, for and in consideration of premises and to conform to the intention of the parties • The Estate of Ronald Blake Cunliffe (a/k/a Ronne B. Cunliffe, by Ronald Blake Cunliffe, Jr, as Executor to The Brian E. Charles Living Trust, dated May 7, 2019, 140 Holly Street, Richmond, \$50,000 • KWC Properties, LLC to Janice Carnes Luxon, William Edwin Luxon, Katherine L. Congleton and William Edwin Luxon, Jr., Co-Trustees of the Janice Carnes Luxon Trust, U/T/A May 14, 1982, lot 2 Hillcrest Addition Phase 6, \$260,000
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MARRIAGES

Feb. 13 • Keiara Paige Wilson, unemployed, 25, of Richmond to Alwyn Stanley Perry, unemployed, 26, of Richmond • Natasha Marie Hendricks, accountant, 39, of Richmond to Justin Robert Hendricks, electrician, 36, of Richmond • Derrik Tyler Ab-	ner, Toyota Motor Manufacturing, 31, of Richmond to Jacob Alexander Godin, unemployed, 23, of Richmond Feb. 14 • Abigail Elizabeth Voltz, assistant equine director, 27, of Lexington
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City of Berea Blacktop RFP 2024

The City of Berea is accepting sealed bids for the repairs and/or maintenance (resurfacing) of various streets in the Berea city limits. Sealed bids will be accepted until Friday, March 8th, 3:00 pm EST, in the City Clerk's office at 212 Chestnut St., Berea, KY 40403. Bids will be opened March 8th at 3:30 pm in the City Administrator's office. Bid instructions, project information, and/or questions can be obtained by contacting Public Works Director, Roy Curtis, or Secretary, Mildred Mad-sen, at the Public Works Office, 200 Harrison Road, or by calling the office (859) 986-8792 during normal busi-ness hours or by email at mmadsen@bereakv.gov. The scope of work included in this bid shall be completed on or before June 30th, 2024. Square yard pricing for base failure:

Invitation to bid

The Housing Authority of Berea is taking bids on a mower. This will be sealed bid process and bids will be accepted until Friday March 15th at 4 p.m. The bids will be opened publicly at the Housing Authority of Berea Board of Commissioners Meeting on Monday March 18, 2024. The meeting begins at 11:30. The winning bidder will be contacted March 18th, 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.

2017 Grasshopper 52 inch cut with Collection System

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City of Berea, Kentucky

ORDINANCE NO. 05 - 2024

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AND REFERRED TO AS 688 SCAFFOLD CANE ROAD AND OWNED BY MICHAEL W. KING FROM B-1 (MINOR BUSINESS DISTRICT) TO B-2 (MAJOR BUSINESS DISTRICT)

The City Council of the City of Berea, Kentucky, does ordain as follows:

Pursuant to the authority granted in KRS 100, and in Section 401.2 of the Land Management and Development Ordinance, and further pursuant to a hearing held on January 23, 2024, by the Berea Planning Commission, wherein the Planning Commission found that the proposal for zoning map amendment from B-1 (Minor Business District) to B-2 (Major Business District) to was appropriate based on specific factual findings, and said Planning Commission having recommended to the City Council that the requested map amendment be granted; therefore, the City Council adopts the findings of fact and recommendation of the Planning Commission and further, pursuant to KRS 100.211, the area as hereinafter described on Exhibit "A" hereto (0.79 acres) and located at 688 Scaffold Cane Road be and the same is reclassified to B-2 (Major Business District) from B-1 (Minor Business District).

FIRST READING: February 6, 2024.

SECOND READING & ENACTMENT: February 20, 2024.

CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY

Bruce Fraley, Mayor

Attest: City Clerk

Published according to law on the 21st day of February, 2024.

PREPARED BY: Corporation Counsel

City of Berea, Kentucky

ORDINANCE NO. 07 - 2024

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, VACATING AND CLOSING A CERTAIN PLATTED RIGHT-OF-WAY WITHIN THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY PROVIDING ACCESS TO AND FROM NEELY STREET.

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the request of Andrew Tolliv Hannah Tolliver, William O. Lowder and Theresa B. Lowder, being all of the prope owners in or abutting the portion of thirty-foot (30') right-of-way, as described on Exhi A attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the thirty-foot (30') right-of-way appears on a plat recorded in t Office of the Madison County Clerk in Plat Book 7, page 369;

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that (1) all of the property owners abutting t right-of-way to be closed have requested this closure; (2) written notice has been sent Andrew Tolliver, Hannah Tolliver, William O. Lowder and Theresa B. Lowder, being all the property owner in or abutting the portion of the thirty-foot (30') right-of-way to closed; and (3) all property owners in or abutting the right-of-way being closed have giv written consent; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the public interest of the City of Berea wor be advanced by closing the thirty-foot (30') right-of-way as described in the attachm hereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Berea, Kentucky, does ordain as follows:

SECTION ONE

The following described thirty-foot (30') right-of-way in the City of Berea, Kentuc be and is hereby closed:

The right-of-way to be closed, and the property to be combined with the abutting property owner, is described on the attached Exhibit A.

SECTION TWO

Pursuant to KRS 82.405, and the findings of fact set out in the preamble to this Ordinance, the right of way described in Section One of this Ordinance be and the sam is hereby CLOSED AND VACATED, and the land delineated in the right-of-way sha revert to the abutting property owners as shown on Exhibit A.

SECTION THREE

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. Thi Ordinance shall be recorded in the Office of the Madison County Clerk and be publish according to law.

FIRST READING: February 6, 2024.

SECOND READING & ENACTMENT: February 20, 2024.

APPROVED: Bruce Fraley, Mayor

CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY

ATTEST: City Clerk

PREPARED BY: Corporation Counsel

City of Berea, Kentucky

ORDINANCE NO. 06 - 2024

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, VACATING AND CLOSING A CERTAIN PLATTED RIGHT-OF-WAY WITHIN THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, KNOWN AS OAK STREET ALLEY.

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the request of Arbor Woods, LLC, FAHE Holding Company, LLC, and Larry Helton, being all of the property owners in or abutting the portion of Oak Street Alley, as described on Exhibit A attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, Oak Street alley appears on a plat recorded in the Office of the Madison County Clerk in Plat Book 1 at page 61; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that (1) all of the property owners abutting the alley to be closed have requested this closure; (2) Written notice has been sent to Arbor Woods, LLC, FAHE Holding Company, LLC, and Larry Helton, being all of the property owner in or abutting the portion of Oak Street Alley to be closed; and (3) all property owners in or abutting the right-of-way being closed have given written consent; and

WHEREAS, FAHE Holding Company, LLC, has agreed to convey by quitclaim deed any ownership interest in the closed Oak Street Alley to Arbor Woods, LLC, for consolidation with its property for the purpose of development of Harvest Park Subdivision; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the public interest of the City of Berea would be advanced by closing the Oak Street Alley as described in the attachment hereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Berea, Kentucky, does ordain as follows:

SECTION ONE

The following described Oak Street Alley in the City of Berea, Kentucky be and is hereby closed:

The alley to be closed, and the property to be combined with the abutting property owner, as described in the attached Exhibit "B"

SECTION TWO

Pursuant to KRS 82.405, and the findings of fact set out in the preamble to this Ordinance, the right of way described in Section One of this Ordinance be and the same is hereby CLOSED AND VACATED, and the land delineated in the right-of-way shall revert to the abutting property owners as shown on Exhibit A.

SECTION THREE

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. This Ordinance shall be recorded in the Office of the Madison County Clerk and be published according to law.

FIRST READING: February 6, 2024.

SECOND READING & ENACTMENT: February 20, 2024.

APPROVED: Bruce Fraley, Mayor

CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY

ATTEST: City Clerk

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February 21, 1924 Community Meets

Thirty-three members of the Jackson Street League attended the monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 12th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall E. Vaughn. After a short business session, with new president E.L. Roberts, in the chair, the gathering was delightfully entertained by the entertainment committee. A guessing contest was held as to the identity of shadow profiles and youthful pictures of Jackson Street folks. Mrs. F.O. Clark and D.W. Webb won first prize. Good-nights were tinged with sadness because of the approaching removal from Jackson Street of the gracious hosts and popular neighbors, the Vaughn family.

February 24, 1949 Long Story

Arthur Rogers' 25' by 18' garage located at 39 Center Street looked like any other garage. A first glance in the struc-

ture reveals a pot belly stove, cigar boxes, work desks and boxes of ugly rocks. The unpretentious garage was serving as the workshop of Frank Weathers Long, painter, sculptor and lapidary. The interview that ensued occurred while Frank Long was cleaning rough spots from stones with a hand grinder. He made the desk that he worked on as well as constructed the diamond saw which was used in his stone cutting. As remembered by a layman, a cutter clamps a rock in the clamp of the saw which does the work of shaping the stone. Little diamonds, worth about \$26 were encased in the blade. When needed, Long recharged the saw himself. He fixed the saw with Vaseline, crushed diamonds, a toothpick and common brick. The saw would cut thousands of square inches and the blade would be the only part that would become unusable. Long used the saw for about 6 months. Later he planned to use a cutoff saw. The saw he was presently using

cut one square inch of material per minute. Frank god down a cigar box off of the shelf and opened it. Beautiful stones were soon displayed, amongst them feldspar, moonstone, and sunstone. All of which were part of a vast collection.

Frank Long
Plans to demonstrate silver smithing at Craftsman's Fair of the Southern Highlands, Gatlinburg, Tenn., July 27-30.

**January 21, 1974
School discussed**

The Kentucky Department of Education had granted the Madison County School Board permission to convert a school building under construction at the time from a middle school to an elementary school. The board had originally planned to use the facility to house elementary classes. How-

ever, a facilities survey report issued by KDE last April ordered that the building be used as a middle school. However, in an apparent reverse of its findings, the state department told the county board that the building may be used to house elementary classes "until a second new building could be construction in the southern part of the county." In addition to recommending the use of the new building in Richmond as a middle school, the report issued last April also ordered a second middle school and a second county high school near Berea. In recommending the use of the building as a middle school, the April report ordered the system to "give first priority for moving 7-8 grade students from Kingston and Silver Creek to the new center." Such a plan would allow expansion of the present Kingston and Silver Creek school districts into areas around Berea from which students were being bussed long distances to school in

Kirksville.

February 18, 1999 Mascot proposes

A strange thing happened during the U.K. basketball game on February 13th. A cat asked a girl to marry him. You may wonder how something like this could happen but if you were at the UK vs. South Carolina Game, you already know it can be done. It just so happened that the cat, U.K. Wildcat mascot Gavin Duerson and the girl, Duerson's high school sweetheart, Karla Sodan, were from Berea. Duerson's proposal would definitely be something they would both remember. With 7:53 remaining in the game, Duerson climbed to the top of the cheerleader pyramid at half court wearing a shirt with the words, "Karla will you marry me?" emblazoned on the front and back. As another cheer leader brought her out to center court, the stunned Sodan could only manage to say "Oh, my gosh! Oh, my gosh!" As

the cat dropped to one knee and presented her with the ring, she managed to say "yes!" The triumphant cat then proceeded to lift his new fiancée in his arms and pack her off the court while the crowd cheered frantically. Duerson managed to have both his and Sodan's family in the stands during the event. However, only Sodan's father was aware of the upcoming proposal. The rest of the family found out with the 23,889 fans in attendance and thousand watching the game on television.

Game Page

Crossword

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CLUES ACROSS

- Golf scores
- Shock therapy
- Ballplayer's tool
- Quench one's thirst
- Female relatives of American war vets (abbr.)
- Every one of two or more things
- Member of Muslim people
- Play
- Type of cheese
- Type of lounge chair
- King Cole, musician
- Fellows
- North, Central and South
- In an early way
- Foes
- Georgia rockers
- Cryptocurrency
- Narrow path along a slope
- Disallow
- Joyousness
- Inaccessible
- Evoke emotions
- Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- Boston Celtic punk rockers (abbr.)
- Sword
- Actor Idris
- Affirmative (slang)
- Afflicted
- One point north of

CLUES DOWN

- Pacific Standard Time
- Protruding ridge on nematodes
- Indian king
- Type of milk
- One who brings home the bacon
- More comprehensible
- Connected with sense of touch
- Red mineral
- Breezed through
- Therefore
- Supplement with difficulty
- Early kingdom of Syria
- Satisfy
- They confuse doctors (abbr.)
- Brass instrument
- Domesticated animal
- Ribonucleic acid
- Snakelike fish
- Woman (French)
- Economically-minded aircraft
- When you hope to get somewhere

CLUES ACROSS

- Tease
- Actress Gretchen
- Midway between northeast and east
- Inoffensive
- Yellowish cotton cloth
- Consume
- Does not tell the truth
- Improved something
- Spiritual leader
- Abba __, Israeli politician
- Fix
- Evergreen tree genus
- Swiss river
- Prejudice
- Major C. European river
- Long, narrow strap
- Male parent

SUDOKU

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1	2	7	3	6	5	9	4	8
5	6	8	2	4	6	7	3	1
8	3	1	7	9	6	5	2	4
2	6	5	4	3	8	1	7	9
4	7	9	5	1	2	8	6	3

ANSWER:

CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to weddings. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 14 = R)

A. 12 7 5 4

Clue: Promises

B. 10 14 9 3 11

Clue: Woman on her wedding day

C. 18 14 7 7 20

Clue: Man on his wedding day

D. 20 21 14 14 17

Clue: Get hitched

Answers: A. vows B. bride C. groom D. marry



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You might be a redneck if ...

Those redneck jokes are everywhere these days, and I can't help but laugh when I hear them.

Here are two I heard just the other day:

You might be a redneck if your dad walks you to school because he's in the same grade you are.

You might be a redneck if you've ever financed a tattoo.

I suppose rednecks are the last group that it's OK to poke fun at, perhaps because it's an all-inclusive bunch that includes people from pretty much every ethnic group.

A fellow joked the other day that a redneck told him his uncle, cousin and brother-in-law came to his family reunion. "To keep things simple," the redneck said, "I just called him 'Daddy.'"

I had to think about that one for a bit.

The beauty of redneck jokes is that they portray people and families who are more messed up than we are. But the truth is, we're all messed

up to one degree or another. That's why we need Jesus, the One who can clean up our messes.

Our Lord is so kind to show us there is a better way.

"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow, though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isaiah 1:18).

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Roger Alford

Stained and tarnished, that kettle didn't seem to be worth that much. But when the cleanser was applied, it was the most valuable item there.

A simple cleansing changed everything.

We may feel like we're pretty worthless when we're stained with the sins of the world. But get this: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

I could tell you so many stories of people I've met over the years who were stained by the sins of this world but who called out to Christ for cleansing and became valuable members of the family of God.

And what a family to be a part of. It's wonderful to be a child of God and to have spiritual brothers and sisters, even if some of them are rednecks.

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

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New opportunities available for Appalachian women

By Jerlene Rose

Young women from Appalachia have a new opportunity to overcome barriers in their day-to-day lives, thanks to Jane Stephenson, who founded the New Opportunity School for Women in 1987. Berea Rotarians learned more about this school, its goals, and successes, at the Feb. 6 meeting at Just Love Coffee, Chestnut Street, Berea.

Jennifer Walden, Program Coordinator, and Chystal Burton, Program Assistant, know the benefits firsthand, having been graduates of the program.

Walden and Burton pointed out that, as most people are aware, Appalachia is under-served and under-resourced. The NOSW provides young women in Kentucky and especially the Appalachian area, the tools to help them build confidence and gives access to resources to improve their financial, educational, and personal circumstances.

"Appalachian women are strong. They are caregivers; always thinking of other people and they put other people's needs above their own," Walden said. "The New Opportunity



Crystal Burton and Jennifer Walden of the New Opportunity School spoke to the Berea Rotary Club earlier this month.

School for Women offers them a chance to do something that will make a difference in their own lives. It helps them gain education, job skills, and self-confidence. That helps them get out of the cycle of poverty."

"Most young women, especially if they have a child, can't afford to leave home for extended periods in order to go to college or learn job skills," Walden said. "We offer programs in several formats – online, two-week or one-year residential programs, as well as graduate enrichment, monthly graduate group meet-

ings, and leadership retreats." To qualify for the program, applicants must be at least 18 years old.

Burton, who grew up in Carter County, told the group how the program had changed her life. "We had no running water or plumbing, and I saw no way to improve the situation," she said. "I was so shy I would never have been able to stand in front of a group and speak. I would barely lift my head to look people in the eye. The program gave me confidence, helped me build my self-esteem and provided me with job skills. Now, I can help other women."

The history of the organization began with founder Jane Stephenson, who at the time was the wife of then-president of Berea College, John Stephenson. Her friend Gurney Norman, a well-known Kentucky writer, came to her with a concern for a friend who needed help to get her life back together after a divorce. She had never worked and had two small children. From that individual's needs, a program was born. Help came via a call to John Stephenson from a California-based foundation that

had funded an earlier program at Berea College. He called his wife, and she wrote a proposal for a project to help Appalachian women. The California foundation agreed to fund the project for two years. The first program was a three-week residential program for 14 women. Applications exceeded expectations and capacity, and the Ford Foundation awarded a grant of \$50,000. Another big boost came from the Oprah Winfrey Show. Jane Stephenson was awarded Oprah's Use Your Life Award as one of Oprah's "angels" and was presented a check for \$100,000.

The program has since separated from Berea College and is an independent nonprofit with tax exempt status as a 501(c)(3). NOSW now has satellite programs in other states in the Appalachian region, such as North Carolina, and Virginia.

Walden noted that there is a foundation which accepts donations to continue NOSW programs. The Berea Rotary Club voted to donate to the group.

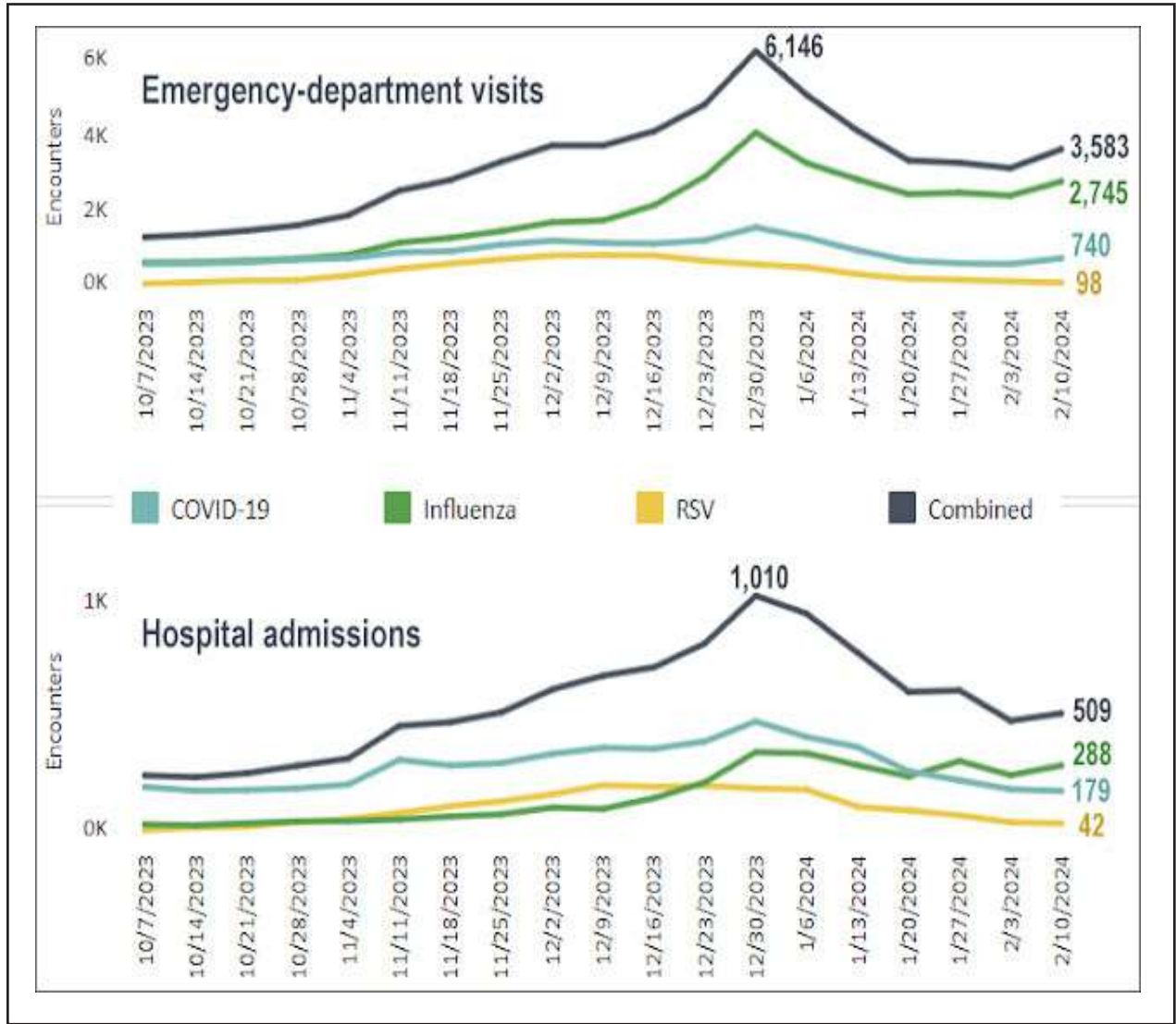
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Berea Rotary meets the first and third Tuesdays at Just Love Coffee, Chestnut Street, Berea.



Hospice training

New Hospice Care Plus volunteer, Luanne Wulf, trains alongside Barbara Rupard. Feb. 28 is the deadline to sign up for the March 2 training for new Hospice Care Plus volunteers, to be held in Richmond. Hospice Care Plus is Madison County's provider of hospice, palliative, and grief care. Those who prefer online training can also sign up. Volunteers are trained to support patients and families in their own communities, either directly or indirectly. Contact Mariah at (859) 986-1500 to learn more or to sign up or sign up online at hospicecareplus.org.



Flu, COVID-19 cases spike across state

By Melissa Patrick
Kentucky Health News

After weeks of overall decline, three major respiratory illnesses increased in Kentucky during the week ended Feb. 10, with children between the ages of 5 and 17 getting hit hard by influenza.

The Kentucky Department for Public Health’s weekly report says flu and Covid-19 activity is elevated and increasing and hospitalizations for respiratory illnesses are considered high.

Emergency-department visits for the three respiratory viruses tracked by the state -- flu, Covid-19 and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) -- increased nearly 16% in the week ended Feb. 10, to 3,583.

The increase was driven by a 16% increase in visits for flu, to 2,745, and a 26% increase in Covid-19 visits, to 740. RSV visits dropped 26%, to 98.

In the same week, Kentucky

hospital admissions for the respiratory diseases increased 6% from the previous week, to 509. Flu was the only one of the tracked viruses to see an increase in hospital admissions in the week ended Feb. 10, with a 17% increase to 288. Covid-19 and RSV admissions had slight drops.

Four northeastern Kentucky counties had high rates of Covid-19 hospital admissions in the week, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which considers high to be 20 or more admissions per 100,000 residents. Rowan, Morgan, Menifee and Elliott counties had 27 Covid-19 admissions per 100,000.

Ten Kentucky counties had admission rates between 10 and 19.9 Covid-19 admissions per 100,000, a rate the CDC considers “medium.” They were Pike County, in far Eastern Kentucky, and McCracken, Marshall, Lyon, Livingston,

Hickman, Graves, Crittenden, Carlisle, and Ballard counties, in far Western Kentucky.

Children between the ages of 5-17 saw an 84% jump in emergency-department visits for respiratory illness in the week ended Feb. 10, to 970. This was driven by flu-related visits, which were up 82% over the previous week, to 876. Hospital visits for this age group dropped to 15 in that week, down from 22 the prior week.

In the week ended Feb. 10, the state reported 3,912 laboratory-confirmed cases of the flu, up 17% from the prior week. It reported 2,459 laboratory-confirmed cases of Covid-19, up 16% from the week prior.

Since the respiratory-illness season began the first week in October, 327 Kentuckians have died from Covid-19, and 28 from the flu, the health department says. One Covid-19 victim and one flu victim have been children.

FUTURE

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102 single family homes.

Housing in Berea is in high demand, as 15 of 16 apartment buildings at Harvest Commons near exit 77 are already taking occupants, with approximately 60-70 percent of the units rented, Reed estimated. Each building has a capacity of 12 and 16 apartments, respectively. Construction of new town-homes on Oak Street has also started.

In other business, the council heard the first reading of an ordinance for an amended mid-year budget for fiscal year 2023-2024.

The estimated fund balance as of July 1 is \$18,889,000, total revenue projected at \$17,728,000, total expenditures \$19,995,000, revenue under expenditures estimated at \$2,166,000, and an ending fund balance of \$16,722,000. As usual, the administration overestimates how much the city will spend and under estimates how much revenue it will receive, which typically results in budget surpluses at the end of the fiscal year.

Mayor Bruce Fraley thanked Berea City Administrator Rose Beverly and Finance Director Susan Helton for their efforts, but also praised city department heads for their continuing efforts to find ways to cut costs.

“The level of planning, detail and transparency with council and the public over the last six, seven months is incredible,” Fraley said. “I compliment Rose

for her leadership in this process and also we’re very lucky to have an outstanding finance director on the budget in particular, but in management in general.”

The council also voted 4-3 to amend the zoning classification at 688 Scaffold Cane Road from B-1 minor business to B-2 major business, allowing the vape shop to sell alcohol. In a January 23 Berea Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, proponents of the measure argued the proposed change is appropriate because the county referendum to approve alcohol sales spurred significant cultural and economic changes in the area.

Ronnie Terrill, Steve Caudill, Katie Startzman and Jerry Little voted for the zone change, with Cora Jane Wilson, Teresa Scenters and Jim Davis casting dissenting votes.

“The problem I have with it is it is right in the middle of a residential neighborhood,” Davis said, noting that all other alcohol sales in the city are in commercial districts.

Teresa Scenters said she also had reservations, since Scaffold Cane Road has a lot of pedestrian traffic, particularly from Berea College.

“I agree with him about the residential neighborhood. But I also have some concerns about the conditions of Scaffold Cane Road,” Scenters said.

Davis encouraged citizens to speak up in the future if they have concerns about a proposed zone change.

“When there is a zoning change proposed in your neighborhood, come to the planning

and zoning meetings to voice your opinion,” Davis said. “I think it’s very important for planning and zoning to hear from the citizens and the neighbors of the adjoining property. I just encourage you to come and participate.”

The council welcomed Amanda Dube to the business meeting to give an update on the activities of Habitat for Humanity for Madison and Clark County. Dube, who is the executive director for the organization, expressed hope to form a partnership with the city to possibly acquire acreage and build habitat housing.

She noted habitat has partnered with the City of Winchester, which has helped facilitate the purchase of property and build infrastructure for six new habitat homes.

“We would love to start a conversation with the City of Berea about a partnership that we can forge for families in Berea to empower them and help them find that kind of stability,” Dube said.

Concerning the Madison County EMS Board, Mayor Fraley announced the reappointment of Leshia Hays for another two-year term, praising her dedication and good work on the board.

Turning to future infrastructure, the council approved a resolution extending an agreement with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet for the 2026 completion of a shared use path on Ellipse Street. The measure was approved unanimously.

The next Berea City Council meeting is scheduled for March 5.

PUBLIC NOTICE

For

Blue Grass Army Depot and
Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant
431 Battlefield Memorial Highway, Richmond, KY 40475
EPA I.D. NUMBER KY8-213-820-105

By

Blue Grass Army Depot and
Bechtel Parsons Blue Grass
431 Battlefield Memorial Highway, Richmond, KY 40475
Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
Class 2 Hazardous Waste Permit Modification Request

Background: The U.S. Army owns the facility located at the Blue Grass Army Depot (BGAD), 431 Battlefield Memorial Highway, Richmond, Kentucky. BGAD owns and Bechtel Parsons Blue Grass (BPBG) operates the Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant (BGCAPP) also located at 431 Battlefield Memorial Highway, Richmond, Kentucky. This public notice includes a permitting action by BPBG being sought under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). BPBG is submitting a RCRA Class 2 Permit Modification Request to the Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection (KDEP) to allow processing of drained VX warheads in canisters at the Static Detonation Chamber (SDC) 2000 facility. This request is being made to provide for contingent operational availability of the SDC 2000 unit once containerized GB warhead processing is complete. The BGCAPP facility is currently permitted under a RCRA Part B permit by KDEP.

In support of the operation of BGCAPP, a RCRA Class 2 Hazardous Waste Storage & Treatment Permit Modification Request, to allow processing of drained VX warheads at the SDC 2000 facility, is being submitted to KDEP for review and approval. The Class 2 Permit Modification Request was submitted on February 15, 2024.

Public Comments: The RCRA Class 2 Permit Modification Request is being placed before the public for a 60-day public comment period beginning February 15, 2024.

Copies for Review: Copies of the proposed Class 2 modifications are available for viewing at the following locations:

**Madison County Public Library
Richmond Branch**
507 West Main Street
Richmond, KY 40475

Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office
1000 Commercial Drive, Suite 2
Richmond, KY 40475

Estill County Public Library
184 Broadway Street
Irvine, KY 40336

**Madison County Public Library
Berea Branch**
319 E. Chestnut
Berea, KY 40403

KY Division of Waste Management
300 Sower Blvd., 2nd Floor
Frankfort, KY 40601

John G. Crabbe Library
Eastern Kentucky University
521 Lancaster Avenue
Richmond, KY 40475

Berea College Hutchins Library
100 Campus Drive
Berea, KY 40404

Persons wishing to comment on the permit modification request are invited to submit comments by letter or email during the 60-day public comment period beginning February 15, 2024, and ending April 15, 2024. All written comments must be submitted by close of business on April 15, 2024 to Mr. Brandon May at the KDEP address below or via email at brandon.may@ky.gov

Commonwealth of Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection
Division of Waste Management, Hazardous Waste Branch
ATTN: Brandon May
300 Sower Boulevard, 2nd Floor
Frankfort, KY 40601
Email: brandon.may@ky.gov

Copies for Review: The permit modification request is available for review on the Program Executive Office, Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives public website: <https://www.peoacwa.army.mil/bgcapp/environmental-activities-at-bgcapp/>

Public Meeting: BGCAPP will host a public meeting on March 7, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at the Blue Grass Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office, 1000 Commercial Drive, Suite 2, Richmond, KY. Representatives from BGCAPP will be present to answer questions and discuss the proposed revisions and modifications. The public is invited to obtain information and ask questions about the BGCAPP and the permitting process at the meeting. For special access or other assistance to participate in the public meeting, please contact:

Mark York
Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant
830 Eastern Bypass, Suite 106
Richmond, KY 40475
(859) 625-1291
mhyork@bechtel.us

The meeting location is wheelchair accessible.

CARTS

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designated streets. Additionally, the carts must be equipped for safety, including seat belts, brake lights, windshields, windshield wipers and turn signals. According to West, carts would be an attractive transportation option for both tourists and local residents. He noted that many tourists who drive recreational vehicles choose to stay in places that rent or allow electric carts in the city. That would enable Berea commerce to benefit since it would make the city a more likely destination for tourists who use carts, West said. Commissioner Will Gover, who owns a camping ground in town, said he sees many recreational vehicle drivers who tow trailers carrying electric carts. He, too, said making the city more cart friendly could be good for business. “I definitely think it’s a great thing for our city. I’ve visited a lot of areas that have this. It also brings a lot of new businesses to the area,” Will Gover said, noting there are many electric cart rental businesses in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. West agreed, noting tourists who drive RVs tend to have a lot of money to spend on hospitality, including entertainment, retail and dining. Last year, West said he became more convinced the idea would work after visiting with tourists who stopped in to dine at his restaurant, Hon-ey-suckle Dining and Bourbon House. West previously told the commission that

the use of electric powered carts is legal in 46 states. Berea Business and Tourism Development Director Donna Angel interjected that the use of electric carts has been legalized in several surrounding local governments under the Kentucky law, including Danville, Winchester, Irvine, Garrard County, and others. Officials listed a number of reasons to favor an ordinance, including the fact that it is a quieter, environmentally friendly form of transportation, provides residents with more transportation options, and it may help relieve traffic congestion, Angel said, highlighting the report West submitted to the commission. “I really like it and I think it adds another new attraction for Berea, another part of the Berea experience,” Angel said. Commissioner Rick Thomas added he likes the idea of an ordinance because it would clarify precisely where electric carts can be driven, and how they need to be equipped to operate legally on city streets. Thomas motioned to submit a formal recommendation to the city council to adopt an ordinance, Gover seconded the motion, and the measure was adopted. The issue now goes on to the Berea City Council for further consideration.

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Madison Garden Bar & Grill	152 N. Madison Ave., Richmond	100%
Master Donuts of Berea	140 Mini Mall Dr., Berea	100%
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Stratton Cafeteria	EKU-Kit Carson Dr., Richmond	99%
Nuevo Vallarta #2	391 Richmond Road, Berea	97%
Dos Hermanos	1900 Berea Road, Richmond	97%

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Pizza Hut #41456	116 S. Keeneland Dr., Richmond	92% Cleanliness
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Follow Up Inspection with no follow up due

Burger King	100 Prince Royal Dr., Berea	100%
Tienda Hidalgo	517 Leighway Dr., Richmond	99%
Pizza Hut #41456	116 S. Keeneland Dr., Richmond	95%

Kentucky Chemical Demilitarization Citizens' Advisory Commission and Chemical Destruction Community Advisory Board Meeting

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wednesday, March 6, 2024 1:30 p.m. ET

Eastern Kentucky University Carl D. Perkins Building
Rooms A & B – Lobby Level
Kit Carson Drive Richmond, Kentucky

PROJECT INFORMATION

Local leaders will discuss closure activities at the Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant where the last chemical weapons stored at Blue Grass Army Depot were destroyed. Public comment periods will occur throughout the meeting. A live video stream of the meeting will be available at www.youtube.com/usaeacwa and www.facebook.com/peoacwa.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Blue Grass Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office
Phone: (859) 626-8944 | Email: bgoutreach@iem.com
Web: www.peoacwa.army.mil

The meeting space is handicapped accessible. To request reasonable accommodation due to special accessibility needs, please contact the Outreach Office at (859) 626-8944 as soon as possible but not later than the Monday prior to the meeting.

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Kentucky Chemical Demilitarization Citizens' Advisory Commission

This quarterly meeting is sponsored by the governor-appointed Kentucky Chemical Demilitarization Citizens' Advisory Commission (CAC). The CAC represents community and state interests to the U.S. Army and Department of Defense. The Chemical Destruction Community Advisory Board (CDCAB) is an independent sub-committee of the CAC made up of a diverse group of community leaders who organized to represent the views and concerns of the local community on issues regarding Kentucky's chemical weapons destruction program. Join community members for an update on chemical weapons destruction in Madison County and share your views with community leaders.

This meeting is open to the public.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY

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Phone: (859) 986-4391
200 Harrison Rd
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Berea Municipal Utilities will accept sealed bid proposals for a waste-water treatment process chemical. Submittals shall include pricing from April 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. The bid shall include the cost per pound and cost per gallon for the following chemical as well as anticipated shipping costs for each delivery:

- Wastewater Treatment Sludge Dewatering Polymer Coagulant: Estimated yearly quantity: (32) 55-gallon drums— (4) 55-gallon drums per delivery. PRODUCT MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING SPECIFICATIONS AND CRITERIA:
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 - Average Non-Volatile Solids: 49-56%
 - Approx. viscosity @ 5 g/L (cP): 1900
 - Storage temperature (degrees C): 5-35
 - Shelf life (months): 6

The bid shall include a technical data sheet (TDS) confirming the above specifications are met. Only bids submitted with a technical data sheet will be considered. Furthermore, qualified products may be subject to on-site jar testing and plant trials to ensure adequacy before acceptance. Please send any questions or clarification requests to Josh Gabbard, Berea Municipal Utilities Assistant General Manager: jgabbard@bereaky.gov Bids will be accepted at the office of the CITY CLERK, BEREA CITY HALL, 212 CHESTNUT STREET, BEREA, KENTUCKY 40403. Bid proposals are to be clearly marked “Berea Municipal Utilities Chemical Bid Submittal” and MUST CONTAIN A SUMMARY TOTAL LISTED ON A COVER SHEET. Bid proposals are to be submitted no later than 2:00 pm on March 1, 2024. Bids will be opened at 2:15 pm, March 1, 2024, in the office of the City Clerk located at Berea City Hall, 212 Chestnut Street, Berea, KY 40403. The City Council of the City of Berea reserves the right to accept or reject all bids, to waive any irregularities or discrepancies in bidding, and to select the bid, if any, that it determines to be in its best interest.

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CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY

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Berea Municipal Utilities will be accepting sealed bid proposals for street-cut asphalt and concrete repair of current and future street utility cuts. Submittals shall include pricing for the period of April 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. The first bid component is for utility cut asphalt repair on Berea City streets. The bid shall include a cost per square foot pricing and capture all services, labor, materials, hauling, and incidentals related to the repair for the following specifications:

- Dense Grade Aggregate (DGA) Compressed Base
- 6 to 8 Inches of Base Asphalt (minimum 2500 PSI)
- 2 Inches of Top-Coat Asphalt
- 6 Inch Cutback on All Sides

The second bid component is for utility cut asphalt repair on KY State highways. The bid shall include a cost per square foot pricing and capture all services, labor, materials, hauling, and incidentals related to the repair for the following specifications:

- Flowable Fill to Existing Pavement Structure (flowable fill specifications available upon request)
- Match Existing Base Asphalt in Type and Thickness
- Match Existing Top-Coat Asphalt in Type and Thickness
- Edge Key Cutback When Necessary for Uniformity
- Seal Joints with Approved Material
- Replace Disturbed Traffic Control Markers to Match Existing per KYTC Spec.

The third bid component is for concrete repair. Certain instances require concrete work to repair curbs, gutters, sidewalks, and driveways. The bid shall include a cost per cubic yard pricing and capture all services, labor, materials, hauling, and incidentals related to the repair. Repair locations are issued when the necessary repairs meet at least a 5-yard minimum and may be in different areas to satisfy the 5-yard minimum quantity. Bidding entities shall identify any subcontractors in their bids. For a complete list of bid specifications, questions, or clarification requests please contact Josh Gabbard, Berea Municipal Utilities Assistant General Manager: jgabbard@bereaky.gov Sealed bid proposals will be accepted at the office of the City Clerk, BEREA CITY HALL, 212 CHESTNUT STREET, BEREA, KENTUCKY 40403. Proposals are to be clearly marked “Berea Municipal Utilities Street Cut Asphalt Repair Bid Submittal” and MUST CONTAIN A SUMMARY TOTAL LISTED ON A COVER SHEET. Bids are to be submitted no later than 2:00 pm on March 1, 2024. Bids will be opened at 2:15 pm, March 1, 2024, in the office of the City Clerk located at Berea City Hall, 212 Chestnut Street, Berea, KY 40403. The City Council of the City of Berea reserves the right to accept or reject all bids, to waive any irregularities or discrepancies in bidding, and to select the bid, if any, that it determines to be in its best interest.



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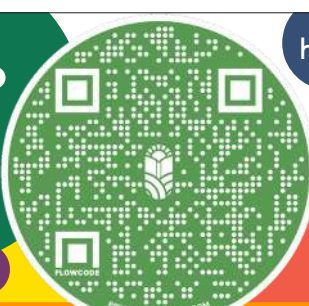
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Sports

Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2024

The Berea Citizen A12

Cats back in the thick of SEC race

LEXINGTON (KT) — Kentucky is back in the chase for a double-bye in the Southeastern Conference Tournament.

A pair of losses by South Carolina last week and the Wildcats' 70-59 win at Auburn Saturday proved to be just what Kentucky needed to regain its confidence following an unprecedented three straight losses at Rupp Arena during the past two weeks.

Kentucky (18-7) has compiled a 7-3 record in road and neutral-site games this season, including a 4-2 mark in league games. Kentucky has won three straight road contests.

"We go on the road again — we're pretty good," Kentucky coach John Calipari said after his team's win at Auburn Saturday. "For some reason we're better on the road than we are at home,"

The Kentucky coach didn't have an answer for his



Ugonna Onyenso celebrates after the Wildcats defeated Auburn Saturday. (UK Athletics Photo)

team's recent success away from home, but offered a theory.

"It's probably, maybe at home, we're expected to win every game because we've won 90-something percent of our home games," he said. "We're expected (to win) and the crowds have been off the charts. So now you go on

the road and you've got no chance of winning and now they play looser? Maybe? I don't know. But we seem to be better on the road than we are at home."

The Wildcats moved up five spots to No. 17 in this week's Associated Press Top 25 poll released Monday.

Tennessee is ranked fifth,

followed by Alabama at No. 13. Auburn is ranked 14th, Kentucky No. 17, while South Carolina fell nine spots to 20th. Florida made its debut at No. 24.

Kentucky played at LSU on Wednesday and will take on Alabama in a 4 p.m. tip-off Saturday.

Towns scores 50 in All-Star game

Former Kentucky standout Karl-Anthony Towns scored a game-high 50 points in the NBA All-Star game in Indianapolis on Sunday night.

"It was amazing, amazing to be able to be in this position," the Minnesota standout said.

"After everything that happened last year with me and the injury and everything, you learn more to appreciate and cherish the moments and opportunity you're given.

"(Sunday night) was one of those times where you just realize being in a locker room full of some greats in the NBA and the best players in the world and be able to be out here and be able to represent my country and my organization, I just wanted to cherish this moment and make the most of it."

Towns played his final collegiate game in Indianapolis in 2015 and played at Kentucky from 2014-15. He was a member of the school's 38-1 squad that lost to Wisconsin in the Final Four. The Wildcats compiled a perfect 31-0 mark during the regular season before falling to Badgers in the national semifinals.

"Indy is such a pinnacle of basketball," Towns said. "I had such love for Indy watching them. For me growing up, Reggie Miller was the guy that just was electric to me, especially his shooting."

Craig Loftis

State Farm



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Basketball
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February

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Tennessee • Lost • 103-92

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@Vandy • Won • 109-77

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Gonzaga • Lost • 89-85

 13

Ole Miss • Won • 75-63

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Madison County 911 fielded over 100,000 calls in 2023

By Keith Taylor
Citizen Publisher

The Madison County 911 center stayed busy last year and fielded more than 100,000 calls last year. Wendy Lynch, Madison County Public Safety 911 Director, presented a report to the Madison

County Fiscal Court during its bi-monthly meeting Tuesday at Richmond City Hall.

Overall, the county's dispatch center received 116,105 calls last year, including 46,110 emergency calls. Many of those calls — 87 percent — were cell phone calls and 12 percent of the calls were

made on a landline phone.

"It gives you a variant, which is the trend as people are doing away with landlines and those are going away," Lynch told the court.

Lynch was pleased with her team's response time, which was more than the NENA standard time ratio of 95 percent of the

calls answered within 20 seconds. The Madison County dispatchers answered their calls within 20 seconds 98 percent of the time.

"It's an outstanding job by the team," Lynch said.

The Madison County Coroner's

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Next Idol?

Berea's Waits to audition Sunday

By Heather Phillips
Citizen Staff Writer

Berea's own Kyra Waits will be auditioning in front of Katy Perry, Luke Bryan, Lionel Richie and millions of television viewers Sunday, March 4 at 8 p.m. on American Idol.



Kyra Waits

After auditioning for years Kyra was ready to throw in the towel but decided last summer to give it one more shot. After numerous auditions for the show's producers over Zoom, Kyra finally secured her spot for a live audition.

Born and raised in Berea, Kyra says she grew up in a musical family. She credits her mom specifically for passing down the love of music as she was a well-known bluegrass singer at Renfro Valley. With no formal training, Kyra has sharpened her skills over the years by singing

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Children's Champion



Zaiden Harvey, a third-grader at Shannon Johnson Elementary School, was the winner of the 2023 Annual Children's Champion billboard contest. Madison County Judge-Executive Reagan Taylor presented Harvey with a proclamation proclaiming Wednesday, Feb. 28 as "Zaiden Harvey Day" in Madison County Wednesday morning at the school. Pictured with Harvey is Courtney Story, art teacher at Shannon Johnson Elementary School. Harvey was presented a \$100 check from Dr. Glen Kleine of the Richmond Kiwanis Club and David Olinger, Berea Kiwanis Club, presented Story with a \$100 check.

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Tourney time



The 44th District Tournament began this week at Baptist Health Arena in Richmond. Madison Southern boys and girls basketball teams defeated Berea Tuesday night to earn a spot in the finals. The Lady Eagles defeated Berea 54-45, while the Eagles beat the Pirates, 75-50. Both teams will play Madison Central Friday night in the finals. The girls game is set for 6 p.m. followed by the boys contest at 7:45 p.m. at Eastern Kentucky University.

Speak up!

Councilman Davis urges more citizen participation

By Andy McDonald • For The Citizen

Berea City Councilman Jim Davis urged citizens to speak up and be more active in local government after a zone change paved the way for alcohol sales in a Scaffold Cane business.

Davis's remarks were heard on Tuesday, Feb. 20 after the council voted 4-3 to amend the zoning classification at 688 Scaffold Cane Road, the site of Berea Smoke Tobacco Outlet, from B-1 minor business to B-2 major

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OBITUARIES

Janath Ann Casto Walters

Janath Ann Casto Walters, affectionately called Jan, Mom, Grandma and Mema by her beloveds, passed away Wednesday, February 21, 2024. Born; January 29th, 1932, Jan grew up in “God’s Country, West Virginia”. She was born in Dunbar, but lived and grew up in the Pocatalico River District of Poca, West Virginia. She graduated from Poca High School, whose mascot is the “Dot”. Jan was an eager student with excellent grades. She held an infectious vibrance as exemplified by her leadership as the Poca Dot’s Majorette. Jan’s father Hubert provided for his family of 8 by serving his small community as its only barber. Jan was a gorgeous blue-eyed blonde who was doted on by her parents, older sister and 4 older brothers. Times were hard in the 30’s, but Janath Ann wore beautiful garments made from flour sacks and ribbon. She used a dressing table made from vegetable crates adorned with a table skirt made from scrap cloth. Her brothers worked hard to help the family and provided Jan with luxuries most girls her age went without. Jan’s mother, Sadie, was a talented homemaker who valued making the best of what you owned by treating it with love and care.



in 1951. Roy Jr. left Berea for the US Airforce and Jan soon followed. It was at Roy’s first duty station in San Antonio where they had their first son, Steven Casto Walters. Jan and Roy’s family grew as they moved back to Berea and welcomed their second child, Carol Ann, who passed away from respiratory illness after 6 months. They welcomed another beautiful baby girl born in 1957, named Catherine Elaine. Another handsome son, Jeffrey Scott followed 1961 when they moved to Morganton. Jan and Roy would later adopt another daughter, their youngest, Connie Ann. In 1959 Jan and Roy moved their family to Morganton. Jan attended nursing school at Western Piedmont Community College in the 1970’s. Her nursing career spanned over 40 years. She served her patients lovingly at Grace Hospital, Broughton Hospital and even though she officially retired in the mid 90’s; her fellowship with friends there lasted throughout the remainder of her life. The Walters family of 5 spent many happy years in Morganton, NC. Roy Jr. passed in February 2020. A couple of years after his passing, Jan moved to Walnut Cove, NC where she exercised advanced health care options and spent more quality time with her oldest children, Elaine and Steven who lived close by. Jan passed February 21, 2024 from complications of end-stage Parkinson’s Disease. Jan’s beauty and zest for life, lives on in her amazing children: Steven Casto Walters (Nancy), Catherine Elaine Whicker (Warren), Jeffrey Scott Walters, Connie Walters Brockland, (Rob), and beloved Grandchildren (in order of birth): Nathan W. Whicker (Elizabeth), Dalton

Bradley ‘Buddy’ Montgomery

Bradley Buddy Montgomery, a cherished pillar of the Madison County community, went home to be with the Lord on Feb. 24, 2024, in Lexington, at the age of 56. Born on October 2, 1967, in Madison County, Bud was a man whose warmth and generosity touched all who knew him. Bud’s life was one of service and dedication, both to his family and to the community he loved. He was the proud owner of Montgomery Farm Store, a local establishment that served as a hub for neighbors and friends to gather and support one another. Bud’s commitment to his hometown was further evidenced by his tenure as past president of the Berea Chamber of Commerce, where he worked tirelessly to foster a vibrant business community. Beyond his professional endeavors, Bud was a man of many passions. He enjoyed engaging in politics, always eager to contribute to mean-



ingful discussions and advocate for the betterment of his community. His love for his hometown was matched only by his dedication to volunteering for numerous community events, where his presence was a source of joy and inspiration. He took delight in helping coach his daughter and other athletes in volleyball, he and his wife went on to coach in many aspects of the game and loved seeing his players excel. Not only was he a coach but he was an athlete as well, he enjoyed playing softball with his dad all over the state and went on to win two championships at the Bluegrass State Games. He was a dedicated member of Silver Creek Baptist Church and a 12-year veteran of the Kentucky National Guard. Bud’s legacy is carried on by his beloved family. He is survived by his parents, Bradley and Rozella Montgomery, who instilled in him the values of hard work and compassion that he lived by every day. His loving wife, Dr. Brenda Huser, and his two children, Brianne and Brad Montgomery, will forever cherish the memories of a husband and father whose love knew no bounds. Bud’s

sister, Buffey Robinson and her husband Wayne, and his nephew, Brandon Robinson, will also hold dear the countless moments of laughter and kindness shared with him. He is also survived by his loving in-laws, Mike and Nina Huser, his sister-in-law, Christy Huser, and her children, Ella and Erlyn Alderman. He leaves behind many aunts, uncles, and cousins who were very close to him. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, Feb. 29, 2024, at Silver Creek Baptist Church, with Pastor Jimmy Ashcraft officiating. Burial will follow in the Pilot Knob Cemetery. Pallbearers were Brandon Robinson, Kaden Agee, Josh Agee, Jim Hess, Rick Clontz, Scott Crane, Gary Collins, and Stephen Boyer. Honorary bearers were Gene Collins, Ricky Broughton, Tim Walker, Brian Abney, Ryan Willis, Bob Carney, Bennie Gay, Leonard Bratcher, Tony McHone, Eddie Montgomery, Bill Parker, and Carl McCray. Lakes Funeral Home in Berea is in charge of arrangements.

More obituaries appear on page A2.

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Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.sossomanfh.com.



Message from Cora Jane Wilson

“But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost

Jude 1:20 (KJV)

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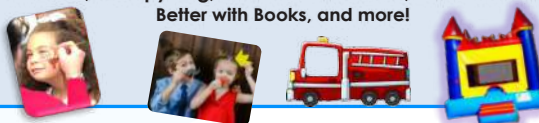
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Children's Champions Activities March 2024

March 2: 10am-1pm

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March 16: 12pm-2pm

Kent Family Circus Magic and variety show Acton Folk Center



March 5: 11am-9pm

Children's Champion's Fundraiser

Mention Children's Champions when you order; 20% will be donated to Children's Champions of Madison County. Sonny's BBQ – Richmond, KY



March 17: 1pm-6pm

Family Bowling Day Galaxy Bowling Center \$10 per lane for 1 hour for up to 6 people per lane (includes shoe rental)



March 23

Irish Dancing and Live Music

1pm - Berea Location 4pm - Richmond Location Madison County Public Library



March 30: 11am-1pm

Easter Eggsstravaganza

Community booths, egg hunts, inflatables, petting zoo, candy, games/activities, concessions, and the Easter Bunny

Lake Reba Park



March 27: 5:30pm-7:30pm

Easter Extravaganza

Family Easter Experience Indoor Egg Hunts First Baptist Church Richmond



March 30: 9am-11am

Easter Egg Hunt

Berea - Kiwanis Berea Skate Park





Howard Lee Belcher

Howard Lee Belcher, 78, of Berea, passed away surrounded by love on February 19, 2024, in Lexington. Born to the late E.B. “Slim” and Dorothy Lillian Belcher on December 22, 1945, Howard’s life was characterized by dedication to his family, his country, and his community.

After bravely serving in the U.S. Army, Howard retired Toyota Automotive Manufacturing, after many fulfilling years.

He leaves behind a legacy of love and devotion, which will be cherished by his beloved wife of many years, Barbara Raines Belcher, his adored daughter, Paula Gail (Richard) Miller, and his caring sisters, Bonnie Faye Howell, Linda Gail Shouse, and Jennifer Lynn

Bryant. His memory will also be treasured by his numerous nieces and nephews, who will miss his guidance and gentle spirit.

Howard absolutely loved playing golf and was a proud member of the Berea Golf Club. Happy moments on the green and joyful gatherings with friends and family will keep his memory alive in the hearts of all who knew him.

Burial took place on Friday, February 22, 2024, with military honors at Camp Nelson National Cemetery.

Pallbearers were David Todd, Kenny Howell, Tony Shouse, Kenny Bratcher, Tyler Adams, and Jordan Robinson. Honorary bearers will be Jimmy Belcher, Benny Lanham, Carl Broaddus, Glenn Reed, Kenny Hayes, Jimmy Scully, Clifton Scully, Richard Miller, Irvan Raines, Larry Raines, Robert Raines, and Jeffrey Raines.

Lakes Funeral Home in Berea was in charge of arrangements.



Rebecca Lee Conley

With heavy hearts, we share the news that Rebecca Lee Conley, 81, of Berea, peacefully passed away on Tuesday February 20, 2024, after an extended battle with Alzheimer’s. We celebrate her passing as she was surrounded by her husband and children and passed into eternal peace with the same gentleness and grace with which she lived her life.

Rebecca (Becky) was born in Barboursville, West Virginia, to the late Jesse and Catherine Bird. After graduating from Union College, she answered her calling to work with children by teaching kindergarten at Berea Community School. Even after retirement, Becky continued to substitute in schools around Berea for several years. Becky built a reputation in the field of education by starting the first kindergarten in Kentucky to integrate children with significant disabilities into her classes. She subsequently traveled to several school systems, both in and out of the state, to share her expertise in this endeavor. Later in her career, Becky received her Rank One from Eastern Kentucky University, while also lovingly caring for her aging parents, her in-laws and her young grandchildren.

Becky is survived by her devoted and loving husband Charles N. (Chuck) Conley and her sisters, with whom she enjoyed traveling, Judy Calitri (Donald) and Margaret Tucker (Wayne). Becky was an outstanding mother to Cary N. Conley, Melanie Turner (Dean) and Kristin Clark (Todd). Her greatest enjoyment was being Nana to grandchildren Caitlin Conley, Colby Conley (Brooklyn), Carly Conley Zaayer (Daniel), Aaron Clark, Nick Clark, Rudy Conley, Brandon Turner, and Logan Turner as well as great-grandchildren Sophie Hodgkinson, Isaac Porter, Kellan Conley, Beckett Conley, and Eloise Conley. These children received the

gift of having the best storyteller, book reader, and field trip guide imaginable. She is also survived by a host of nephews, nieces, family members and friends, and special care giver and friends Ginene Randall and Jordan Jennings, all of whom have been impacted by her kindness.

Becky was a member of Berea United Methodist Church for 59 years, having served in every position possible. However, her most enjoyment came from the children’s programs. She loved children from a young age and involved herself in the lives of countless children over the years. As a member of United Methodist Women for 59 years, she had a heart for service and showed this daily, from casseroles for grieving families to rides to and from church services.

Although Becky was a teacher and faithful church member, most important to her was her family. Chuck and Becky enjoyed exploring other cultures and traveled to Italy, Mexico, Japan, Honduras, and numerous islands and states. Throughout her travel, her shopping lists always included children’s books and small figurines, including angels, to enjoy and share with others. Her favorite phone call to make to anyone lucky enough to receive a gift from her was “I got you something really nice,” keeping you on the edge of your seat until the gift arrived.

As a beloved Nana, she attended grandchildren’s events, from school plays and magic shows to athletic events and many graduations. Each of the grands have fond memories of Nana being a daily part of their lives.

Becky was a selfless person whose touch has impacted the lives of hundreds of people from every walk of life, filling those lives with joy, laughter, generosity and compassion. We find solace in knowing she has left behind a legacy of love and kindness that continues to inspire us all.

Visitation was held on February 24, 2024, at Berea United Methodist Church.

Lakes Funeral Home in Berea was in charge of arrangements.

Rebecca Dawn Abrams Martin

Rebecca Dawn Abrams Martin, 49, passed away Tuesday February 20, 2024, at UK Medical Center in Lexington. She was born August 11, 1974, in Berea, to Larry and Ina Johnson Abrams. Rebecca enjoyed the simple things in life and did not need the extras. She was a quilter, gardener, raised flowers, and a people person. Rebecca loved the Lord and her Church Family, spending time with family, and “LIFE.” She lived her life to the fullest each and every day. Rebecca was of the Baptist Faith and



member of Galilee Baptist Church.

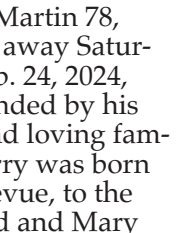
In addition to her parents Rebecca is survived by her husband, Gene Martin of Berea, two children, Matthew Douglas Martin of Berea, Megan Shea Dawn Martin of Berea, one sister Margaret Hensley of Berea, and mother-in-law, Linda Martin of Berea. Several aunts, uncles, neices, nephews, and cousins also survive.

Funeral services were conducted on Saturday February 24, 2024, at Galilee Baptist Church Rev. John Brown officiated. Burial followed in the Johnson Cemetery. Pallbearers were Ben Bowman, Jeff Bowman, Ryan Reed, and Andy Northern.

Davis & Powell Funeral Directors in charge of arrangements.

Harry Martin

Harry Martin 78, passed away Saturday Feb. 24, 2024, surrounded by his wife and loving family. Harry was born in Bellevue, to the Edward and Mary Louise Murphy Martin. Harry had worked several jobs over the years, and he had his own cleaning business, and he attended the New Vision Missionary Baptist Church. Harry was also preceded in death by a grandson: Christopher Martin and his brothers, Mike Martin and Bud Martin, and sister Ann Walton,



Harry is survived by his wife Brenda Childers Martin, his children: Tammy Beltz, Junior Martin, Andrew (Ashley) Martin, Anita Martin, Jody (Ann) Martin, and Anthony (Punkin) Martin, 14 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Friday, March 1, 2024, at 1:00 PM at Lakes Funeral Home, burial at Madison County Memorial Gardens. Pallbearers are Joe Childers, John Wayne Childers, Justin Martin, Dakotah Mays, Doug Graves, and Cheyenne Smith, honorary pallbearers will be Junior Martin, Tim Childers Sr., Tim Childers Jr. Visitation will be Friday from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Lakes Funeral Home. Lakes Funeral Home in Berea is in charge of arrangements.

Eric Karl Kauer

Eric Karl Kauer, 56, of Berea, passed away peacefully on February 22, 2024. Born on October 11, 1967, in Kingston, New York, he was a man of honor and integrity, known for his compassionate spirit and unwavering dedication to his family and country.

Eric proudly served in the U.S. Army, a commitment that reflected his deep sense of patriotism and duty. After his military service, he was a business owner in North Carolina, he then retired and moved



his family to Berea to be closer to his in-laws.

He is lovingly remembered by his wife, Stephanie Kauer; his father, Alexander Kauer; his sons, Samuel and Phillip Kauer; his sister, Susan (Michael) DeBender; his brothers, Paul (Ericka) Kauer and Neil (Jan) Kauer; his mother-in-law, Janice Robbins; his brother-in-law, David Robbins; and his sister-in-law, Esther (Marty) Castle. Eric was preceded in death by his mother, Catherine Kauer, and his father-in-law, Gene Robbins.

Eric’s wishes were to be cremated and a service will follow at a later date in North Carolina.

Lakes Funeral Home in Berea is in charge of arrangements.

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Court storming unnecessary, & dangerous

There's nothing wrong with celebrating a big win and fans have every right to be happy after their team accomplishes a feat worthy of over-the-top excitement. However, a line needs to be drawn when it comes to storming the court. It's dangerous, worthless and serves no purpose other than allowing hundreds of fans huddling on the court, where they don't belong, in a mad dash that clearly puts fans, coaches, players, cheerleaders and officials in harm's way.



Keith Taylor

The Southeastern Conference has been placing fines on its member schools who violate the league's policy on storming the court for two decades. Reportedly, the league has handed out \$3.9 million in fines and many of those have been because of violations in the "access to the competition area" in men's basketball. The league's penalties are among the harshest among the Power 5 conferences.

The fines haven't prevented schools from holding back while in celebration mode after an upset. The fines haven't stopped the practice but at least gives schools more of a reason to discourage its fan base from rushing the court.

Since moving its fan bases and student sections closer to the court and taking up space that was once considered a place for working media, the absence of working press tables and adequate spacing between the playing surface and the stands has made it even easier for fans to make their way onto the playing floor when the buzzer sounds.

There are more gaps and fewer restrictive areas, giving fans

easier access to the court. Self-control and common sense are out the door during those times of excitement that rarely happen in any sports other than football and basketball.

Maybe schools need to revisit moving fans so close to the court to draw a proverbial line in the sand? Maybe have a barrier-type system that automatically provides a shield between the fans and the court in the event of a possible upset.

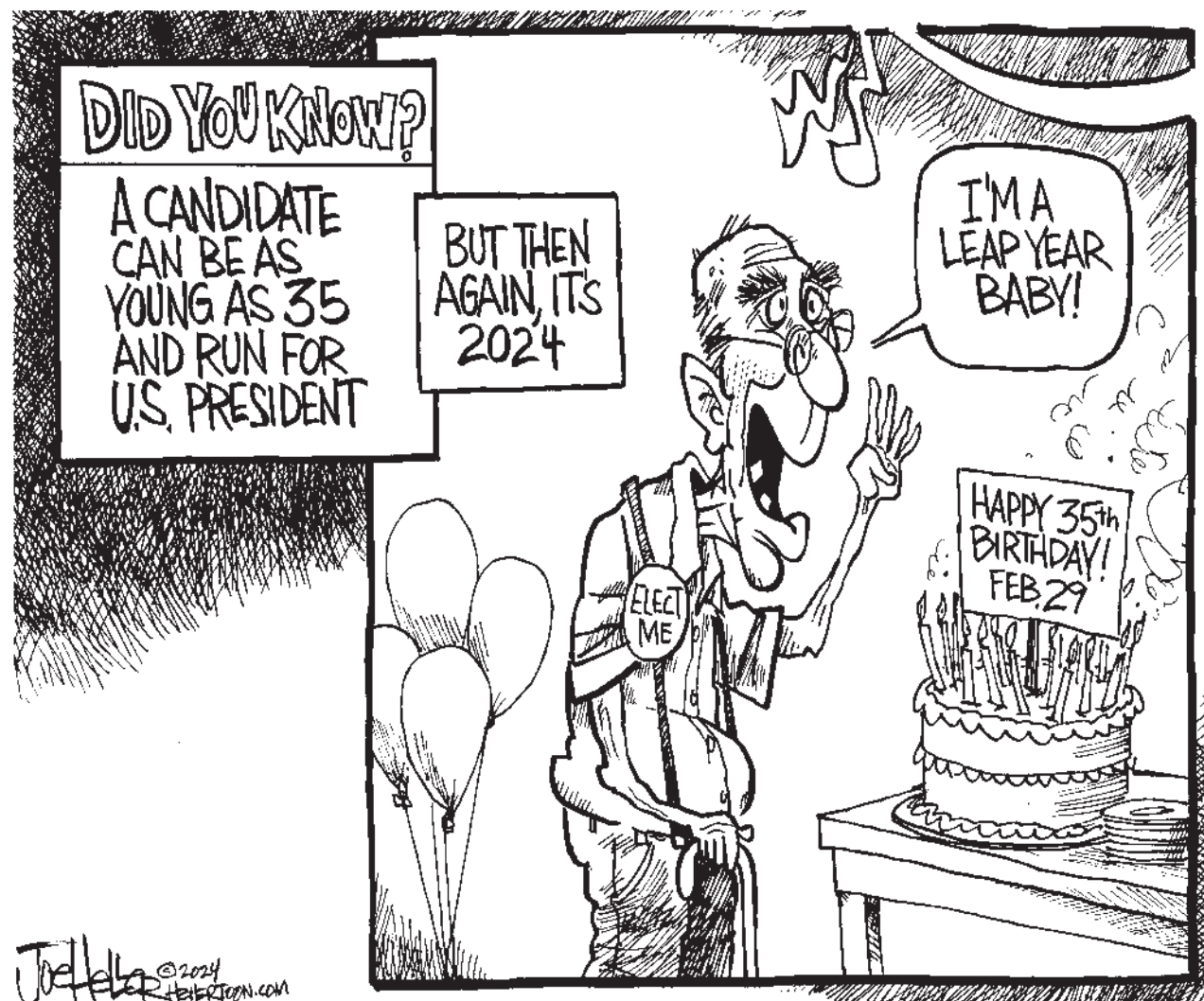
Remember when tearing down the goal posts was a big thing in football? Now they are automatically shut down instead of forcibly after each contest to eliminate costs and the danger of someone getting hurt while bringing down the goal posts.

Instead of fining the school, how about charging the fans who storm the court with unlawful trespassing, an offense that would be on your arrest record for at least five years? That would give the offenders a reason not to storm the court and give second thought to a knee-jerk reaction. But where do you start with hundreds involved in the court-storming? The best solution is to stop them from racing onto the floor altogether.

Last Saturday's storming-the-court incident at Wake Forest resulted in a knee injury to Duke star center Kyle Filipowski, who was spun to the floor as the Wake fans came at him in a wave. The injury could keep him out of Wednesday's game against Louisville. Iowa women's basketball phenom Caitlin Clark had a similar scare when fans ran into her as she was trying to get off the floor.

A big win deserves to be celebrated but not on the playing surface. There needs to be a quick fix before something tragic happens.

Keith Taylor



What should Joe and Nikki do?

Nikki Haley is overall respected for her political service. She did a good job as Governor of South Carolina for two terms and as an Ambassador for our country. Personally, I can see her as doing a fine job as President of the United States, but it won't be this time around.

Haley has already lost Iowa, New Hampshire and even her home state of South Carolina. She wasn't even in the contest when it came to the voting. Outcomes don't look any more promising for her in the state of Michigan and the following Super Tuesday states.

There are reports that Haley might be a possible contender to run in the Presidential election as an Independent candidate in November.

Senator Joe Manchin is overall appreciated by many Democrats. and



Glenn Mollette

even by some Republicans. There is rumored speculation that Manchin might also run as an Independent.

Manchin has done a respectable job in the Senate and most likely would be fine as President. The only problem with Manchin is the same problem with Haley. Neither one has a snow ball's chance in July of winning the election for President of the United States. Some Republicans would be accepting of Haley and many would be accepting of Manchin but the majority of Republicans aren't going to vote for either one. Some Democrats would be okay with Manchin but again, he doesn't have a chance of winning.

The greatest disaster for the Republican party would be for Haley to run in November and siphon off ten percent of the Republican voters for her. This would be enough votes to insure a loss for Trump. Or, if she doesn't run and Manchin runs, he would surely glean about ten percent of Biden's votes and insure Biden's loss.

Manchin and Haley running in

November as Independents or representing some other party is not a good long-term plan for either of them. Both parties will view their runs as selfish acts and probably never elect either one of them to anything again.

Haley has every right to keep slugging in Michigan and even on Super Tuesday if she wishes. However, there comes a time to fold and support her party's chosen candidate, who will be former President Donald Trump.

Manchin needs to run now and go for his party's support. There's nothing heroic about being a spoiler of Biden's reelection. The same is true for Haley.

Trump would be smart to make Haley his running mate. A solidified ticket would serve the Republicans better. Regardless if Biden or Trump is elected President, chances are we could be swearing in the Vice President as President before the next four years are over. Americans surely will be looking closely at the Vice-Presidential contender this November.

Forever 'Crazy' about the Cats

Like many of my fellow Kentuckians, I am perhaps overly invested in college basketball. Especially as February turns to March. In fact, I'm writing this column while watching a University of Kentucky basketball game. Like the slogan on star UK guard Reed Sheppard's merchandise, "it's in my blood"

While I grew up a fan and I'm also an alum, what's special to me about UK basketball is its deep-rooted connection to Kentucky history. Whether you are an avid fan or not, it's undeniable that Kentucky's identity is closely tied to college basketball. Basketball stories are Kentucky stories.

Perhaps no one understands this more than Jamie H. Vaught, Kentucky sportswriter and author of the new book "Forever Crazy About the Cats: An Improbable Journey of a Kentucky Sports-writer Overcoming Adversity." A 408-page paperback brimming with captivating tales and insider accounts, it offers readers a front-row seat to the rich tapestry of

Kentucky Wildcats sports.

Vaught's book, which also contains UK football stories, features an all-star list of Wildcats including Adolph Rupp, Dan Issel, Mike Pratt, Tubby Smith, John Calipari, Paul "Bear" Bryant, Ray Correll, Blanton Collier, Fran Curci, Jerry Claiborne, Vic Adams, Mark Stoops, Maci Morris, and Oscar Tshiebwe, among others. The book begins with a chapter on legendary broadcaster Cawood Ledford and ends with a chapter on legendary coach Joe B. Hall.

What sets this book apart is not only its exploration of Kentucky's sporting history but also its deeply personal narrative. Through the lens of his own journey, Vaught provides a candid glimpse into the trials and triumphs of covering one of the nation's most storied basketball programs while overcoming



Christina Cornelison

personal adversity – a profound hearing loss since birth. It's a testament to resilience, determination, and the unyielding power of pursuing one's passion.

Join us as we welcome Jamie Vaught to the Madison County Public Library's Berea location on Saturday, March 2, from 10-11:30 a.m. for a special author meet and greet. The event promises to be a morning of spirited conversation and storytelling. Also of note, it will end in time for Mr. Vaught to cover the Kentucky vs. Arkansas game Saturday. Whether you're an avid reader, a Kentucky sports aficionado, or simply curious to learn more, this event is open to all.

Copies of "Forever Crazy About the Cats" will be available for purchase and signing, so be sure to bring your copy or pick one up on-site.

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Feb. 15

- Glendon Lee Eversole, 34, Berea: serving parole violation warrant
- Gary Wolf, 22, Meza, Arizona: failure to appear
- John C. Hardin, 57, Richmond: criminal trespassing, 1st degree
- Jonathan Simpson, 33, Richmond: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines
- Bradley Aaron Smith, 32, Richmond: serving time
- Charles Henry Hill, 26, Richmond: alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses); possession of marijuana
- Kevin L. Estep, 45, Richmond: failure to appear (2 counts)
- Sarah Elizabeth Riddell, 33, Richmond: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines
- James Timothy Winkler, 43, Richmond: theft of identity of another without consent; failure to appear
- Robert Harvey Creech, 39, Richmond: probation violation (for felony offense); trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree (heroin); trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (greater than 4 grams cocaine); trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (carfentanil or fentanyl derivatives)
- Stephanie Runyan, 32, Richmond: license plate not legible; failure to produce insurance card; operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st (aggravated circumstances)

Feb. 16

- Kenneth E. Richmond, 40, Richmond: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 -1st
- Pricilla Ann Fusion, 40, Richmond: drug paraphernalia – buy / possess; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); possession of a controlled substance, 3rd degree – drug unspecified
- Hailey Boggs, 23, Berea: failure to appear
- Evan Campbell, 25, Richmond: driving on a

DUI suspended license – 1s offense

- Ryan Anderson Blake, 35, Richmond: probation violation, for felony offense (2 counts); failure to appear
- Chelsea Ramsey, 32, Richmond: fugitive from another state – warrant required (2 counts)
- Donna Cook-Scriver, 53, Richmond: failure to appear
- Lori Beth Wilson, 44, Richmond: hold for court
- Jim Freeman, 48, Danville: failure to appear
- Ashley Ray Semones, 35, Richmond: hold for court
- Don A. Adams, 40, not given: serving weekends
- Ricky Arvel Mays, 64, not given: serving weekends
- Jason Lee Johns, 40, not given: serving weekends
- Justine Bicknell, 29, Richmond: failure to appear
- Logan P. Southfield, 21, Willow Springs, Illinois: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting; resisting arrest
- Jerry Phillip Sanders, Jr., 56, Paris: alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses)
- Tyler Bloodfield, 24, Richmond: failure to appear

Feb. 17

- Crystal Isaacs, 40, Berea: failure to appear
- Iddi Kaumba, 29, Richmond: failure to report traffic accident
- Alyssa Potter, 28, Cumberland: disregarding traffic control device – traffic light; no registration receipt; failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance / security – 1st offense’ failure to produce insurance card; license to be in possession; careless driving; failure to appear
- Taylor Danielle McQueen, 32, Richmond: burglary, 2nd degree
- Jerry Phillip Sanders, Jr., 56, Richmond: alcohol intoxication in a public place 3rd or greater offense in 12 months
- Jessica L. Ferguson, 43, Richmond: parole violation (for felony offense); serving parole violation warrant
- Logan P. Southfield, 21,

Willow Springs, Illinois: criminal mischief – 3rd degree; assault, 3rd degree – police officer or probation officer

- Trevor Allen Queen, 22, Lexington: failure to produce insurance card; criminal mischief, 1st degree; leaving the scene of an accident – failure to render aid or assistance

Feb. 18

- Christian Echeverria, 24, Richmond: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st
- Hamilton Young, 25, Springfield: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st; possession of an open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle
- Ryan Edward Oller, 39, Richmond: resisting arrest; disorderly conduct, 2nd degree; wanton endangerment, 1st degree; wanton endangerment, 1st degree – police officer
- Crystal Jacob, 37, Berea: criminal mischief – 3rd degree
- Jerry Lee Whitaker, 52, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (hydrocodone); possession of a controlled substance, 3rd degree – drug unspecified; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st; possession of an open alcohol container in motor vehicle prohibited; prescription controlled substance not properly contained – 1st offense; resisting arrest
- Kyle Northern, 20, Richmond: failure to appear, citation for misdemeanor

Feb. 19

- Vance T. Blevins, 34, Mt. Vernon: terroristic threatening – 3rd degree
- Austin G. Daniel, 25, Richmond: hold for court
- Melissa Shelton, 36, Richmond: theft by failure to make required disposition of property, \$10,000 or greater; resisting arrest
- Johnny Brooks, 47, Irvine: failure to appear, citation for

misdemeanor

- Donald Shane Gooch, 26, Richmond: hold for court
- James Morrow, 31, Richmond: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1asst offense (methamphetamine); possession of a controlled substance, 2nd degree – drug unspecified; parole violation (for technical violation)
- Walter Compton, 54, Richmond: criminal abuse, 1st degree; failure to report child dependent neglect / abuse – 1st offense
- Dwayne Roaden, 63, Somerset: serving weekends
- Kevin Burns, 39, Estill: contempt of court, libel / slander, resistance to order
- Christopher Gordan, 44, Richmond: failure to appear
- Chris Shawn Spoonamore, 43, Berea: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (drug unspecified)

Feb. 20

- Travis S. Grubb, 25, Berea: criminal possession of a forged instrument, 1st degree; theft by deception – include cold checks, \$1,000 but less than \$10,000; failure to appear
- David A. Gilbert, 45, Richmond: registered sex offender, school restrictions
- Medena Gail Stamper, 52, Richmond: serving time
- Christian Braun, 34, Lexington: commitment order; terroristic threatening, 3rd degree
- Pamela Smith, 43, Stamping Ground: commitment order
- Regina E. Jones, 48, Berea: failure to appear (2 counts)
- James Charles Fleming, 43, Danville: license plate not legible; license to be in possession; trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (greater than or equal to 2 grams methamphetamine)
- Michael E. Hayes, 47, Richmond: theft by deception – include cold

checks (2 counts)

Feb. 21

- George Wendell, 59, Richmond: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines
- Corey Hill, 29, Richmond: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines
- Tanna Jo King, 22, Berea: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st
- Aaron Davis, 30, Lexington: failure to appear, citation for misdemeanor
- Shawn Farrow, 47, Ravenna: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, all others, \$1,000 but less than \$10,000
- Ricky C. Green, 37, Ricetown: failure to appear, citation for misdemeanor
- Kenneth D. Willis, 48, Richmond: failure to appear (2 counts)
- Bonnie Spencer, 44, Jackson: parole violation (for technical violation)
- Donna J. Camel, 49, Berea: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); drug paraphernalia – buy / possess; non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines
- Donald Herring, 32, Lexington: failure to appear
- Patricia Edington, 44, probation violation (for felony offense); possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine)
- Seth Merida, 41, Richmond: public intoxication – controlled substance (excludes alcohol)
- Bobby Dale Samples, 36, Berea: assault, 4th degree dating violence (no visible injury); failure to appear
- Kolan Phillip Durham, 44, Berea: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, contents from vehicle; possession of burglary tools; public intoxication – controlled substance (excludes alcohol); possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); possession of marijuana
- Amber Babor, 36, Berea: failure to appear (2 counts)

COURT RECORDS

District Court Feb. 19

- Kelly Hardin vs. John L. Hardin
- Andrea Jones Oller vs. Ryan E. Oller
- Emily Lemaster vs. Nolyn Lee Cambron

Feb. 20

- Ashley Nicole Aurand vs. Joshua C.

Aurand

Circuit Court Feb. 15

- Diana Willis vs. Stephen Willis
- Colton Reece vs. Bethany Reece
- Michael Clay Berryman vs. Natalie Ann Berryman

Feb. 19

- Hannah E. Hunt vs. Rondarius L. Hunt
- CHFS for Vanessa Vanmetare vs. Anirudha D. Jagtap

Feb. 20

- CHFS for Christy A. Agee vs. Joshua D. Robinson
- Tanesha Lashay

Thurman vs. William Daniel Thurman

- Elizabeth Todd vs. Kevin Todd
- Charlotte Jean (Martin) Douglas vs. Walter Taff Douglas, III

Feb. 21

- Genesis Adams vs. Tyler Adams
- Heather Elizabeth Pauldine vs. Brian Christopher Pauldine

Foreclosure Feb. 15

- Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC vs. Yasawi Rachakonda
- Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC vs. Jo Ann Snowden, ET AL

Feb. 16

- ANP Tax Lien Company, LLC vs. Joanne Hugely

Feb. 19

- Stoncor Group, Inc. vs. Mastronardi Berea, LLC, ET AL
- The Bank of New York Mellon as Trustee vs. Thomas Taylor

MARRIAGES

Feb. 16

- Randolph Thomas Hopkins, retired, 63, of Richmond to Carrie Rose Salmons, CMA, 59, of Danville
- Michelle Lee Ewing, retired, 52, of Berea to Marco Antonio Diaz, not given, 56, of Berea

Feb. 21

- Darrin Denny, healthcare provider, 49, of Berea to Penny Kay Cheeks, disabled, 52, of

Berea

- Michael Steven Brooks, dog groomer, 34, of Richmond to Ryan Mark Elliss, cat groomer, 32, of Richmond
- Matthew Joseph Martin, restaurant manager, 30, of Richmond to Elizabeth Payne Frodge, musician / teacher, 30, of Richmond

Feb. 15

- Richard A. Hayes and Rhonda L. Mullins, as Co-Executors of the Estate of Jerry R. Hayes (collectively “Grantor”) to Silicon Ranch Corporation, tracts Madison County, for valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Grantor hereby conveys to Grantee, its successors and assigns, a fee simple interest in and to the real property described
 - John M. Lamb and Sharlene Lamb to Melvin Lamb and Delta Lamb, tract 2-A plat 9 / 276 (vicinity of Paint Lick- Wallaceton Road), \$1.00
 - Steven L. Ball and Rachel W. Ball to Steven L. Ball and Rachel W. Ball, tracts Madison County (vicinity of Wallaceton Pike Road), for and in consideration of the love and affection the parties have for one another being husband and wife
 - Robert David Eads and Mary Louise Sewell, Power of Attorney, for and on behalf of Macie Lee Eads to Matthew Kyle Strunk and Shawnee Strunk, tract 6 plat 10 / 114 (9999 Charlie Norris Road), \$235, 000
 - Jade Rental, LLC to Foxhaven Rental, LLC, 1642 Foxhaven Drive, 1644 Foxhaven Drive, \$1,125,000
 - Steven Lance Neal (a / k / a S. Lance Neal) and Jennifer G. Neal to William Brandon Pace and Shannon L. Pace, 1048 Meadow Ridge Drive, \$630,000

Feb. 16

- Champ Properties, LLC to Four Mile Investments, LLC, lot 31 Lake Ridge Estates, Phase 2, \$67,000
- The Estate of Ronald Blake Cunliffe (a / k / a Ronnie B. Cunliffe), by and through Ronald

Blake Cunliffe, Jr., to Lyndsey Lyle, tracts Madison County (vicinity of Highway 52, Waco), \$180,000

- Dupuy Rentals, LLC to John Dupuy (a / k / a John B. Dupuy, IV) and Shannon Dupuy, tract plat 17 / 199, for and in consideration of vesting titles in Grantees, John B. Dupuy being the Sole Member of Grantor
 - John Dupuy (a / k / a John B. Dupuy, IV) and Shannon Dupuy to James Laird and Carrie Laird, tracts Madison County (vicinity of Baldwin Pike and Whitlock Road), \$580,000
 - Sherra L. Morgan to Drema Gayle Gentry and A. Hasan Davis, 222 Old Wallacetown Road, Berea, \$245,000
 - Jamie Rhodus to Sabrina Dawn Riley and Hannah Riley, tract 1-B plat 26 / 442 (Caleb Lane, Paint Lick), \$65,000
 - Wesley Terry and Jaime Terry to Susan Shell-Atkinson, 1018 Woodland Drive, Richmond, \$340,000
 - Roger Dale Faulkner and Darlene B. Faulkner to Clayton R. Gibb, 310 Fourth Street, Richmond, \$150,000
 - KJC Properties, LLC to LeAndra Sexton and Kevin Nathaniel Sexton, lot 77 Stoney Creek, Unit 3, Phase 1-A, \$257,900
 - Collis R. Robinson and Shaniqua Ashby Robinson to Nicholas P. Christopher and Cacey Christopher, lot 82 Ashpark Subdivision, Phase 2, Section 2, \$290,000
 - Paul Mrock and Anna Mrock to Collis Ray Robinson and Shaniqua Ashby Robinson, lot 121 Phase 2, Magnolia Pointe Subdivision, \$375,000
 - Tammie Renee Bowling (f / k / a Tammie Bowling) and Randy G. Bowling to Matthew G. Kimbler and Breanna

Jones, 206 Saddle Brook Court, Berea, \$400,000

- Joan L. Lainhart to Denny Siding and Continuous Guttering, Inc, 1310 Red House Road, Richmond, \$281,881
- Wayne E. Blanton to Debra Lamb, tracts Madison County 3301 Tate’s Creek Road, 3225 Tate’s Creek Road and Store House Building, \$1.00

Feb. 20

- David Kendrick to David Kendrick, Trustee (or any successor) of the David Kendrick Revocable Trust, under agreement dated February 8, 2024, 1029 Palmetto Drive, Richmond, for nominal consideration
 - Frank James Properties, LLC to Lesley Buckner, lot 34 Southern Hills Subdivision, \$270,000
 - Dupuy Rentals, LLC to Charles Emmett Mann, II, tract Madison County (vicinity of Jackson Branch Road), \$45,500
 - Polly Tilden, through her Attorney-in-Fact, Robert Jacobs to Robert Jacobs, 217 Bruce Court, the Grantor maintains life estate, for and during the life of Grantor, with remainder conveyed in fee simple to Grantee, his heirs and assigns forever
 - Paula Smith, Clyde Smith, Lorna May and John May to Brenda Smith, lot E vicinity of Kennedy Lane, as a gift between siblings
 - Terry Salyer to Terry B. Salyer and Megan Salyer, lot 19 Clarks Place Subdivision, \$122,000
 - Kelsey Merritt to Kelly Scott, lot 33 The Meadows Subdivision, Phase 3, \$431,000
 - Dalton Kelly to Rachel Price, 101 Chris Drive, \$191,500
 - Eastern Kentucky

District Church of the Nazarene a Kentucky Corporation to John David Reddington and Lindsey Nicole Reddington, 134 General Nelson Drive, \$360,000

- Brandi Lynn Linville to Nancy McConnell, 124 Redbud Drive, \$280,000
- Raymond Wiles and Andrea Wiles to Linville Rentals, LLC, lot 7 plat p3 / 71 (vicinity of Logston Lane), \$105,000
- Nebraska Witt, as Executrix of the Estate of Audrey Trina Hall, deceased and Nebraska Witt, Individually and Seth Witt, Savannah Dobson and Nicholas Dobson, Zachariah Bacic (a / k / Tyler Bacic to Jason Sommerfeld and Gianna Sommerfield, lot 19 King’s Trace Subdivision, Phase II, \$289,900

Feb. 21

- David L. Pigg and Karyn Pigg to Robert Brian Cathey and Jennifer Logsdon Cathey, parcels p3 / 185 (Boone Village Subdivision), \$280,000
- Gordon and Ballou, LLC to Radio Park, LLC, 311 Radio Park Drive, \$1,700,000
- The Estate of Emily Barnett to Chancey Brandon Green, lot 11 Battlefield Place \$295,000
- Timothy Skinner to Ambria Bell Thompson and Keith A. Harmon, lot 1 plat 31 / 156, \$90,000
- Ronald Roberts and Judy Roberts to Michelle L. Roberts, lot 38 Lower South Pointe, Phase 1, for and in consideration of the love and affection Parties of the First Part have for Parties of the Second Part, that relationship being parent and child



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City of Berea Blacktop RFP 2024

The City of Berea is accepting sealed bids for the repairs and/or maintenance (resurfacing) of various streets in the Berea city limits. Sealed bids will be accepted until Friday, March 8th, 3:00 pm EST, in the City Clerk's office at 212 Chestnut St., Berea, KY 40403. Bids will be opened March 8th at 3:30 pm in the City Administrator's office. Bid instructions, project information, and/or questions can be obtained by contacting Public Works Director, Roy Curtis, or Secretary, Mildred Madsen, at the Public Works Office, 200 Harrison Road, or by calling the office (859) 986-8792 during normal business hours or by email at mmadsen@bereaky.gov. The scope of work included in this bid shall be completed on or before June 30th, 2024. Square yard pricing for base failure:



Invitation to bid

The Housing Authority of Berea is taking bids on a mower. This will be sealed bid process and bids will be accepted until Friday March 15th at 4 p.m. The bids will be opened publicly at the Housing Authority of Berea Board of Commissioners Meeting on Monday March 18, 2024. The meeting begins at 11:30. The winning bidder will be contacted March 18th, 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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Red Hed Oil Co. d/b/a Redi Mart #8 hereby declares its intention to apply for a NQ Retail Malt Beverage Package license no later than March 31st, 2024. The license premises will be located at 1102 Paint Lick Rd. Berea, KY 40403. The owner and president is Alexandar Fassas of 602 Apricot Dr. Richmond, KY 40475. Minority owner is Demetrius Fassas of 602 Apricot Dr. Richmond, KY 40475. Any person, association, corporation, or body politic may protest the granting of the license by writing the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 500 Mero St. 2NE33 Frankfort, KY 40601 within thirty (30) days of the date of legal publication.

BRIEFS

Carpenter honored

Senator Jared Carpenter, R-Berea, was recently presented with the 2024 Housing Hero Award from the Home Builders Association of Kentucky (HBAK). The recognition highlights Carpenter's leadership, particularly in championing Senate Bill (SB) 54 during the 2023 Regular Session. SB 54 mandates that Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES) awardees can use their scholarship monies at proprietary schools, provided that the program falls within one of Kentucky's top five high-demand



workforce sectors. To be eligible to use KEES dollars at a proprietary school, students must be enrolled in programs deemed high demand by the Workforce Innovation Board. Programs considered high-demand industries could include nursing and welding programs, advanced manufacturing, business technology, construction, healthcare, transportation, and agriculture. "I am truly honored to be recognized as the 2024 Home Builders Association of Kentucky's Housing Hero," said Carpenter. "As a home builder myself, I know all

too well the struggles of finding qualified skilled labor. Kentucky is currently facing a crisis level of skilled labor shortage, but with thoughtful legislation like this, we are making recruitment and retainment at our propriety schools a lot easier. I am grateful for HBAK's partnership and look forward to identifying more legislative action that further helps Kentucky workforce development needs."

Inmate escapes

The Kentucky State Police, Richmond Post, is searching

for an inmate who walked away from the Bluegrass Career and Development Center shortly before noon Monday. KSP is searching for James D. Jackson, 43, from Albany, KY, described as a white male, 5-foot-11 and 181 pounds, with brown hair and blue eyes. Jackson was last seen wearing a gray hat, brown long sleeve shirt, blue jeans and work boots. Jackson was serving a sentence for Trafficking Methamphetamine, 1st Degree, and Possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Anyone who may have information about the location of

James D. Jackson is asked to call their local law enforcement or KSP Post 7 at (859) 623.2404. The ongoing investigation is being conducted by KSP Trooper John Odea.

Correction

An article in the Feb. 23 Berea Citizen incorrectly stated plans for Berea College's Edwards Building, which was torn down last year. The plan is to rebuild Edwards with a similar, non-residential structure. Berea College hopes to have plans for the new building finalized in the spring.

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Berea Citizen archives

Stella Parton, singer/songwriter and sister of famed Dolly Parton, was the keynote speaker at Saturday's New Opportunity School for Women graduation at Boone Tavern. Parton also shared a song with the graduates in a special show of kinship with the women. She also gave encouragement to the graduates through her own story of hardship and struggles.

Game Page

Crossword

[illegible]

SUDOKU

ANSWER:

Clue: Pull attention away

Answers: A. schedule B. calendar C. plan D. distrae

Digging in the right direction

Maybe you heard about the husband who had a wicked wife who fussed and fumed at him constantly, calling him every imaginable name. Neighbors would hear her yelling and screaming at him late into the night.

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When she died, that husband went about his life as if he had nary a concern in the world. The neighbors asked him if he was at all worried that she might be able to dig out of that grave?

"Let her dig," he said. "I had her buried face down."

I couldn't remember whether I shared that old joke in the past, but it fit well with today's message looking at how we want to be remembered after we're gone.

Certainly we wouldn't want to be remembered as wicked, but kind, helpful, friendly, and loving.

In fact, the Bible calls us to

that.

"Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and evil speaking be put away from you. Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you" (Ephesians 4:31-32).

Perhaps you've seen the man or woman who was filled with bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking come to Christ. You've seen the incredible change that comes about in that person after they surrender to Christ. All of a sudden, they become kind, tenderhearted and forgiving.

Some years ago, I wrote a story about a fellow who was a drug addict and dealer. During one of his stints in jail, he heard a gospel sermon in which the preacher said Jesus came to seek and to save the lost, that who-



Roger Alford

soever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved, that God will forgive our sins and give us a new start in life, that He will make us new.

This man had lived a terrible life. His family was afraid of him. He had no real friends. And, on the day he was released from jail, he had no place to go. He spent the night in a portable toilet on a construction site where he called on the Lord, asking for forgiveness and salvation.

The Lord honored his prayer and radically changed that fellow. He became an Ephesians 4 Christian, serving the Lord with all his heart. He became kind, tenderhearted and forgiving.

I'm glad the Lord can change us so dramatically. He will do that for anyone who asks.

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

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Berea Baptist Church



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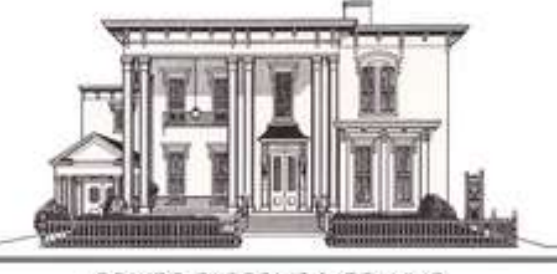


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Pregnancy Help Center to open office soon

By Jerlene Rose
Berea Rotary Club



Donna Proctor, left, and Sarah Roof, right, spoke to the Berea Rotary Club on Feb. 20 at Just Love Coffee.

The Pregnancy Help Center of Richmond will soon be opening an office in Berea. Sarah Roof, Executive Director, and nurse, Donna Proctor, addressed the Berea Rotary Club at its Tuesday, Feb. 20 meeting.

The agency has been operating for 33 years, serving 20 counties, and providing resources such as a medical clinic, pregnancy tests, and ultrasound.

Literature provided states "Pregnancy Help Center is a ministry that empowers individuals facing an unexpected pregnancy by meeting their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs so that they may make life-affirming decisions." "We are trying to reach

do parenting or give the child up through adoption. We are a life-affirming ministry."

The Pregnancy Health Center is a non-profit agency and partners with other agencies to provide resources to help pregnant women. "We also offer counseling to women who have had an abortion, regardless of when that occurred," Roof said.

Proctor stressed that the decision to end a pregnancy impacts a person's life for years. "Sometimes the impact of feelings of guilt and regret results in emotional problems such as depression, alcoholism and drug abuse, without the mother realizing where those issues are coming from," she said.

The Center currently has five employees. To help provide

services and supplies to pregnant women, they host fund-raisers each year, such as the Baby Bottle campaign, a golf scramble, and Walk for Life. They also operate a Boutique where women can get diapers, bibs, strollers, and other supplies, either free or for nominal fee. "We do not provide car seats and do not accept donations of car seats because of legal issues," Roof said. "If someone needs a car seat, we purchase a new one that has FDA approval."

The agency has about 600 to 800 individuals in the parenting program annually. "Last year we counseled 16 women who were abortion minded. Fifteen of them changed their mind," Roof said. "Regardless of their decision, we let them know they are loved, not

judged."

The Pregnancy Help Center also offers classes in CPR, housing, labor, delivery, post-partum depression, and finance.

Roof said they also have counselling for drug abuse and have both men and women who attend, often by court order.

PHC's Richmond location is at 227 W. Irvine Steet. The Berea location of Pregnancy Help Center will be behind Dinner Bell restaurant, in the same building as the Berea Citizen. It will begin with limited hours on Wednesday and Thursday.

Berea Rotary meets at 1 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays at Just Love Coffee, Chestnut Street.

Winter Open success

Students from the Hurricane Mixed Martial Arts, owned by Harry Hunsucker, enjoyed success at the Good Fight Sub Only KY Winter Open event in Gi and No Gi Brazilian jiu-jitsu recently and captured a No. 2 ranking for overall team awards. Winners were as follows: Hunter Ruse, first in Gi and NoGi; Carter Taylor, first in NoGi and second in Gi; Reagan Walters, second in Gi and NoGi; Landry Bowling, third in Gi and NoGi; Christopher Walters second in Gi and third in NoGi; Ash Downing, second in Gi; Willow Downing, third in NoGi; Brandon Brazil, third in Gi; Ruby Weaver, third NoGi and Jonathan Quintana finished third Gi.



Cornett makes debut

Hurricane Mixed Martial Arts student Ray Cornett picked up a unanimous Decision Victory Saturday night in New Albany, Indiana at Kings of Kickboxing: Episode V in his amateur Kickboxing debut.

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anywhere and everywhere she is invited to, from her high school graduation to friend’s weddings. While she can sing any genre, Kyra’s favorite is country. She expects the judges to be a little shocked when they hear her sing for the first time because “when you look at me, you don’t expect my voice to sound so country” Kyra says. Planning to sing the folk/country classic ‘Up To The Mountain’ by Patty Griffin, Kyra has been rehearsing a lot and drinking plenty of hot water with honey and lemon. Kyra says she grew up watching American Idol and could always see herself on the show someday. She’s eager to hear the words “you’re going to Hollywood!” this Sunday as she has big dreams of launching a music career. With countless videos of her singing all over social media, Kyra is ready to do more with her one true passion. Tune into ABC this Sunday at 8 p.m., or find it on Hulu the following day, and discover one of Berea’s shining stars.

CALLS

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office had 873 calls, which doesn’t mean all of those calls were deceased calls. “That means we did 873 tasks,” Lynch said. “That means people will call in asking about death certificate or a funeral home and we take those calls.” The Madison County EMS did 21,396 and Lynch said the numbers were “pretty close to accurate.” The county law enforcement agencies received 103,105 calls, including 19,606 that were fielded by the Berea Police Department. The Madison County Sheriff’s Office

took in 37,642 calls and the Richmond Police Department had 45,857 calls. The local fire departments, including volunteer departments in Red Lick, Union City, White Hall and Waco, had 7,393 calls to dispatch last year. The City of Berea Police Department had 1,381 calls and the Madison County unit had 2,672. The City of Richmond Fire Department took in 2,063 calls. The court agreed to allow a repair a road slide at Bethlehem Road (CR1117) for \$76,410, which are emergency funds. The county will be reimbursed up to 80 percent of the project costs by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. **In other business the court:** • Proclaimed Feb. 28 as

Zaiden Harvey Day in Madison County. Harvey won the Children’s Champion Billboard contest. The court also proclaimed March as Children’s Champions Month in Madison County. Phyllis Adams accepted the honor. “I certainly am very thankful that the leaders of our community are stepping up to help spread the word about being a Children’s Champion.” • Approved second reading of an ordinance for 301 Crutcher Pike and Tract One of Crutcher Pike from UC-7 agriculture to UC-1 single-family residential. • Awarded a bid to 13 Layers LLC for \$369,438 for a CSEPP Hyper Converge Server Infrastructure. The

court received one bid for the project – 13 Layers LLC — based in Nicholasville. • Re-appointed Mary Louis Kerns and Chad Hembree to the Madison County ethics board. • Agreed to apply for a Kentucky 911 service grant funds. • Agreed to a one-year medical service agreement with West Kentucky Correctional Healthcare, LLC. • The court approved the hiring of seasonal workers at Battlefield Golf Course. Those hired were: Amelia Foltz (\$10.75 hour), Carl McCray (\$9.50); Daniel Wood (\$9.50); Danny Isaacs (\$9.50); David Hall (\$9.50); Derek Isaacs (\$9.50); Ronnie Lakes (\$9.50); Noah Eastham (\$10.25) and William McGuire (\$9.50).

SPEAK

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business. The change allows the vape shop to sell alcohol. In a January 23 Berea Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, proponents of the measure argued rezoning is appropriate because last year’s referendum to approve county-wide alcohol sales spurred significant cultural and economic changes in the area. It was also asserted that the zone change is appropriate because it is consistent with the transportation facet of the Berea Comprehensive Plan. Ronnie Terrill, Steve Caudill, Katie Startzman and Jerry Little voted for the zone change, with Cora Jane Wilson, Teresa Scenters and Jim Davis casting dissenting votes.

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Eastern Kentucky University Carl D. Perkins Building
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Kit Carson Drive Richmond, Kentucky

PROJECT INFORMATION

Local leaders will discuss closure activities at the Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant where the last chemical weapons stored at Blue Grass Army Depot were destroyed. Public comment periods will occur throughout the meeting. A live video stream of the meeting will be available at www.youtube.com/usaeacwa and www.facebook.com/peoacwa.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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The meeting space is handicapped accessible. To request reasonable accommodation due to special accessibility needs, please contact the Outreach Office at (859) 626-8944 as soon as possible but not later than the Monday prior to the meeting.



This quarterly meeting is sponsored by the governor-appointed Kentucky Chemical Demilitarization Citizens’ Advisory Commission (CAC). The CAC represents community and state interests to the U.S. Army and Department of Defense. The Chemical Destruction Community Advisory Board (CDCAB) is an independent sub-committee of the CAC made up of a diverse group of community leaders who organized to represent the views and concerns of the local community on issues regarding Kentucky’s chemical weapons destruction program. Join community members for an update on chemical weapons destruction in Madison County and share your views with community leaders.

This meeting is open to the public.



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Sports



Reed Sheppard scored 32 points to lead Kentucky past Mississippi State Tuesday night in Starkville.

File Photo by Les Nicholson

Reed rallies Cats past Bulldogs

Freshman phenom Reed Sheppard took his turn in the spotlight in a big way for 16th-ranked Kentucky on Tuesday. His last-second shot provided the difference in a big Southeastern Conference road victory over Mississippi State. Sheppard scored a career-high 32 points to carry Kentucky to an exciting 91-89 triumph over Mississippi State in Starkville. Sheppard's performance came three days after freshman classmate Justin Edwards scored 28, a career high, to lead the Wildcats to a 117-95 rout of No. 13 Alabama.

"He plays to win," Kentucky coach John Calipari said. "He's not playing not to lose. And we had to make some 3s to stay in the game. So we were running stuff to make some 3s in the first half to stay in the game. They went zone (in the second half), but we still ran stuff to get off some looks on 3s."

Kentucky (20-8, 10-5 Southeastern Conference) overcame a 13-point deficit and withstood a 34-point performance by Mississippi State guard Josh Hubbard to complete a regular-season sweep of the Bulldogs.

The Wildcats snapped Mississippi State's five-game winning streak and remained in contention for a first-round bye in the conference tournament with three games remaining in the regular season. The Bulldogs fell to 19-9 overall, 8-7 in the conference and lost for the 19th time in the past 20 games against the Wildcats.

Nearly a week after dropping a 75-74 decision to LSU at the buzzer in Baton Rouge, a floater in the lane by Sheppard with five tenths of a second remaining helped the Wildcats avoid another heartbreaking loss on the road. Sheppard sealed the game when he snatched a desperation inbound heave at the buzzer.

"Growing up, as a little kid always wanting to play at Kentucky, being out there and being able to hit the game-winning shot for Kentucky was really cool," Sheppard said. "It was really special for me. To be able to deal with this group of guys, that we're all really, really close with each other on and off the court was really special."

Sheppard scored just seven points in the first half, but saved his best for last. He tallied 25 points in the second half and made 11 of his 14 attempts from the field. Sheppard made four 3-pointers, swished all six of his free throw attempts, grabbed five rebounds, had seven assists, two steals and a pair of blocks in 35 minutes.

Antonio Reeves followed Sheppard with 21 points, followed by Adou Thiero with 11 and D.J. Wagner with 10.

Mississippi State led 52-39 minutes into the second half and maintained a lead until a 3-pointer by Rob Dillingham gave the Wildcats their first lead at 72-71 with 4:24 remaining. Kentucky led 83-75 with 57 seconds remaining, but staved off the Bulldogs who tied the game at 89 on another spectacular 3-pointer from Hubbard.

Sheppard made four clutch free throws and connected on the decisive jumper in the final 35 seconds to give Kentucky its fourth win in the past five games.

"They got good looks out front and on ball screens we were not as aggressive for whatever reason," Mississippi State coach Chris Jans said. "But got to give them a lot of credit."

"They made a heck of a play and (Sheppard) is like another coach out there. We had the game where we wanted and they flipped the script on us."

Gametracker: Arkansas at Kentucky, 1:30 p.m., Saturday. TV/Radio: CBS, UK Radio Network.

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Future Eagles



The Madison Southern High School Cheerleaders hosted the Little Eagle Future cheerleaders during a game last Thursday against Bryan Station. The current and future Eagle cheerleaders performed a routine at halftime of the contest.