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Local Idol: Waits earns ticket to Hollywood

Berea native Kyra Waits impressed judges from American Idol during her audition shown last Sunday on ABC.

By Keith Taylor
Citizen Publisher

Kyra Waits is going to Hollywood.

Waits earned a gold ticket to the 22nd season of "American Idol" Sunday night following her impressive audition in front of judges Luke Bryan, Katy Perry and Lionel Richie on ABC. Waits performed "Up to the Mountain," made popular by Patty Griffin.

Perry was impressed and said she was "unrehearsed" and "not completely in control" but added the "massive talent" in her voice overshadowed the inexperience on the big stage.

"You've got a huge voice in there that just needs some shaping," Perry said. "You're a different kind — diamond in the rough."

Bryan also was impressed with the performance by Waits.

"Great big, big, big voice," Bryan said. "I love your cry that you have your voice. I love the volume. You're just raw and young and new and all this. You might have been there 100 times, as you said. But one thing, it was clear to me when you went to that note of the full scream, you had no fear — no fear."

"I thought, 'she is not going to let this door close,

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City closes in on park grant

By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

Berea is close to landing nearly a half a million dollars in grant money to upgrade local park facilities, according to City Administrator Rose Beverly.

Beverly made the announcement during Tuesday's Berea City Council meeting, noting the city received good news regarding its applications to the Land and Water Conservation Fund, which is administered through the Kentucky Department of Local Government.

"We did receive a preliminary approval for $245,000 for the land and water conservation grant for the pool," Beverly said, adding the city also got a preliminary nod for a $250,000 grant to renovate the restrooms at Duerson Stadium. The city has labored to maintain Berea City Pool as it ages, while also implementing upgrades over the years, including the splash-pad.

Beverly said the objective is to get bids out on the project either before or during summer, with work to begin on the pool during the off season. "As you know, we really don't have a very long window of good weather after the pool is shut down, so we would really like to get going on that as soon as it is shut down to get it done before the

See GRANT, A3

Flying high!

Madison Southern High School senior Zach Hudson and the rest of his teammates celebrate after the Eagles defeated rival Madison Central 69-58 to win the program's third 44th District title in three years last Friday night at Baptist Health Arena in Richmond. The Eagles (23-9) defeated Lexington Christian 76-70 in the opening round of the 11th Region Tournament Tuesday night at the Eagles' Nest. Southern will take on Great Crossing in the region semifinals at 4 p.m. Saturday at Paul L. Dunbar High School in Lexington. For more, see pages A10-11.

The Citizen/Keith Taylor

Olinger steps down as P&Z chair

By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

Outgoing Berea Planning Commission Chair Betty Olinger was sporting her Kentucky Wildcat gear at Tuesday's business meeting, the last session in which she presides over P&Z. Olinger has served as chair since 2018 and will be replaced by Greg Lakes.

The Berea Planning and Zoning Commission elected a new slate of officers Tuesday, signaling the end of Betty Olinger's tenure as chair.

Olinger, who was first appointed to the commission in 2004, then served as chair since 2018, encouraged others to seek leaderships roles during previous P&Z sessions. The change was made official when Greg Lakes was elected chair, Martin Richards was tapped as vice chair, and Ben Robinson III was selected to be secretary.

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Sunday, March 10

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- *Jerry Mitchell Blair*
- *Michael Chasteen*

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not one more time," Richie added. "I felt all of your energy go through your way through this thing. And I think that it's going to serve you well."

All three judges agreed Waits had "earned it" following her national audition.

"I've worked my whole life for this moment," she said. "I've watched the show since I was a little girl. It's always been a dream of mine. I'm holding my dream right here. That came true."

Waits had spent the past five years attempting to earn a coveted audition spot in front of the judges and finally experienced a breakthrough.

"It took a lot of hard work to get here," she said prior to her performance. "I'm very grateful to be here. … . I've tried out a million times. Nearly being an American Idol is a dream come true. It's all I've ever wanted. I've watched it since a young age."

Her family shared in the excitement after she retrieved the gold ticket to her next destination.

"I can't breathe," Waits' mother Tasha said. "I'm so excited for her. This is. This has been a dream forever and it's absolutely amazing — amazing."

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Message from Cora Jane Wilson

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."

JAMES 1:17 (KJV)

Employee Spotlight

Riley Ballinger

Berea Branch

Meet Riley Ballinger, a team member at Citizens Bank, Berea Branch! Riley was born and raised in Berea and is currently studying at EKU, where he has earned a spot on the Dean's List. In his free time, Riley loves learning about history and playing video games. His future goal is to delve deeper into the world of banking cyber security. Give a shoutout to Riley for his dedication and passion!

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Lawrence Ray "Larry" Wood

Lawrence Ray "Larry" Wood, age 78, husband of Velma Jane Lakes Wood, passed away Friday March 1, 2024, at UK Medical Center in Lexington, KY. He was born December 12, 1945, in Wayne County, IN to the late William and Ruth Kidwell Wood. Larry enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, fishing, and relaxing in his chair watching the squirrels in the trees. He loved spending time with family, especially his grandchildren. Larry was of the Baptist faith and a member of Middletown Baptist Church.

In addition to his parents, Larry was preceded in death by four brothers, Walter, Bill Darrell, Johnny, and Jimmy Wood.

Other than his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Marti Sexton and her husband Darrin of Berea, KY, Kristi Young and her husband Chris of Berea, KY, one step-son, Jeffery Crain and his wife Stacy of Berea, KY, one brother, Joe Kidwell of Berea, KY, one sister Lalonee Jacobs of Florida, six grandchildren, Victoria Sexton, Kaitlin Sexton, Alana Sexton, Hannah Young, Michael Young, Kalonny Crain, and one great grandchild, Laykyn Earlywine.

Funeral services will be 1:00PM Wednesday March 6, 2024, at Middletown Baptist Church with Rev. William Dooley officiating. Entombment will follow at the Madison County Memorial Gardens and Mausoleum. Pallbearers will be Darrin Sexton, Michael Young, Michael Winkler, Nick Parsons, Austin Earlywine, and Wayne Seals. Honorary pallbearer is Joe Kidwell. Visitation will be 11:00AM–1:00PM March 6, 2024, at the church.

Davis & Powell Funeral Directors in charge of arrangements.

Jerry Mitchell Blair

Jerry Mitchell Blair, 74, husband of 50 years to Elaine Nolan Blair, passed away Monday March 4, 2024, at Saint Joseph Hospital in Lexington. He was born September 27, 1949, in Richmond to the late Julius Kermit and Dorothy Barnett Blair. Jerry was a Rockcastle High School Graduate and an exceptional player for the high school football team. He loved the outdoors, spending time with family, especially his grandchildren, and fishing was his life. Jerry was a diligent worker. Working in construction, farming, and was the Owner/Operator of BCC Metals. He was of the Baptist faith.

Other than his wife Elaine, Jerry is survived by three sons, Jerry Scott Blair and his wife Laura of Berea, KY, Troy Blair and his wife Sharon of Berea, Bill Blair and his wife Malissa of Berea, three brothers, Gary Blair and his wife Irene, Jeff Blair and his wife Delilah, John Blair, six grandchildren, Jared, Cody, Kyle, Kurtis, Rachel (Andrew), McKayla Blair, and one great grandchild. A host of nieces and nephews also survive.

Funeral services were conducted on Thursday March 7, 2024, at Davis & Powell Funeral Home. Keith Taylor and Rev. William Taylor officiated. Burial followed in the Madison County Memorial Gardens. Pallbearers and Honorary Pallbearers were the grandchildren.

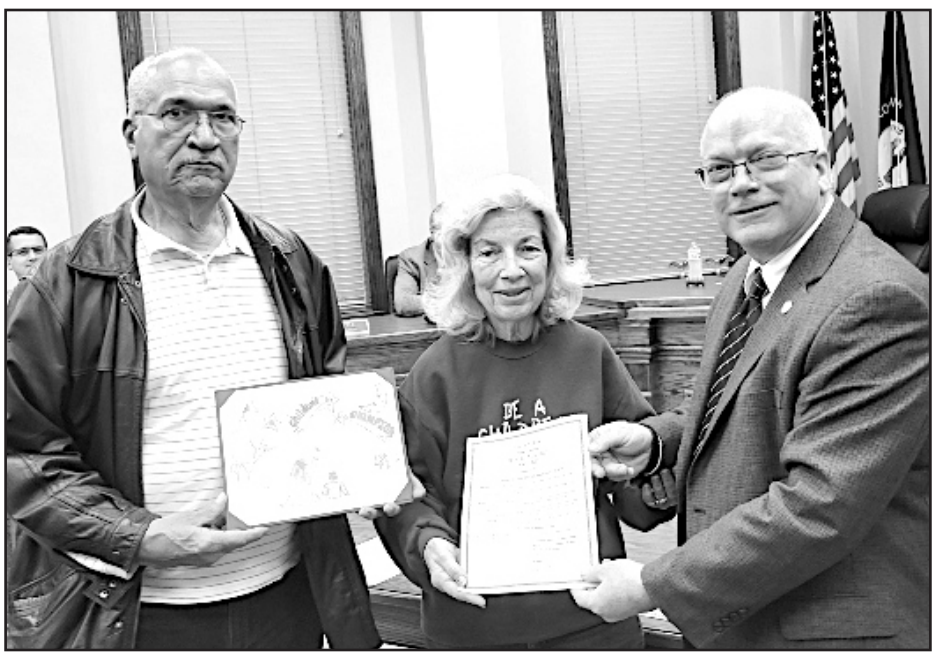
Davis & Powell Funeral Directors in charge of arrangements.

Michael Chasteen

Michael Chasteen, 61, son of Reecie Himes Chasteen, passed away Saturday March 2, 2024 under hospice care at the UK Medical Center. Michael was born in Berea to Reecie Himes Chasteen and the late Lloyd Chasteen. Michael was a graduate of Berea Community High School; he worked construction for many years. Michael loved to watch UK Basketball, Nascar, and professional wrestling, and he attended Baptist Church. Michael was preceded in death by his father Lloyd, and his grandparents: Robert and Ethal Chasteen, and Lige and Susie Himes.

Michael is survived by his mother Reecie Himes Chasteen, and many aunts, uncles, and cousins. Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday March 5, 2024, at Lakes Funeral Home. Bro. John Brown and Bro. Eddie Todd officiated. Pallbearers were Irvin Chasteen, Gerald Chasteen, Rocky Chasteen, Finley Blevins, Jamie Todd, Trevor Todd, and Luster Junior Chasteen. Honorary pallbearers were Billy Todd, Roy Todd, Eddie Todd, and Frank Himes.

Lakes Funeral Home in Berea was in charge of arrangements.



Children's Champions Month

Mayor Bruce Fraley officially designated March as Children's Champions of Madison County (CCMC) Month in Berea, citing the organization's advocacy on behalf of local youth.

The proclamation cites the importance of promoting public awareness to keep children drug and alcohol free, and to "…ensure that every child has the type of environment at home, at school, at childcare, and in the community that will promote healthy development and appropriate learning opportunities."

Accepting the proclamation presented at Tuesday's Berea City Council meeting were CCMC President Phillis Adams and David Olinger of the Berea Kiwanis Club. Adams noted that Shannon Johnson Elementary School student Zaiden Harvey submitted the winning entry to have his work displayed on billboards in the county, which will highlight the theme "Be a Children's Champion."

Addressing the council, Adams thanked local officials for their continued interest in the project. "We are very pleased to have your support because you, as leaders in the community, help others in the community know the importance of keeping children safe, and helping them be successful and have good environments to live in."

David Olinger, of the Berea Kiwanis Club, also addressed the council, noting that the Berea and Richmond clubs work together on the project on behalf of youth throughout Madison County. Olinger also thanked city officials for their support of the project.

Upon presenting the city proclamation, Fraley said Children's Champions of Madison County is just one example of a county-wide venture that brings the three governments and their citizens together for a common cause.

"This exemplifies how the county, the city of Berea, the city of Richmond, and the civic organizations are working together and collaborating more and more, and we hope to see that trend continue in the future," Fraley said.

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weather turns bad," Beverly told officials.

On a related note, Beverly encouraged citizens to look into several summer employment opportunities at the pool, including slots as pool manager, assistant pool manager, swim instructor, lifeguard, concession manager and concession worker. More information can be found at www.bereaky.gov or by calling (859) 986-9402.

In other business, the council unanimously adopted the amended mid-year budget for fiscal year 2023-2024.

The estimated fund balance as of July 1 is $18,889,000, total revenue is 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. The administration overestimates how much the city will spend and under estimates the revenue it will receive, a strategy that has resulted in budget surpluses at the end of recent fiscal years.

During the Mayoral Comments segment of the meeting, Fraley noted how few adjustments were made in this year's amended budget, crediting the planning and work of Finance Director Susan Helton, Beverly, as well as the city's department heads and staffers.

Councilman Steve Caudill revealed other finance-related news Tuesday, announcing the city will switch auditing firms from Baldwin CPAs to RFH CPAs of Lexington. The council's Audit and Finance Committee heard presentations from two bidding firms on March 1, after which RFH emerging as the winner.

The council also heard the first reading of an ordinance to establish regulations for businesses that sell alcohol in Berea. Among other provisions outlined in the ordinance, the hours for alcohol sales would be prohibited between 1 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Sunday, and prohibited between 1 a.m. and 6 a.m. Monday through Saturday. The measure also sets fees for various kinds of vendors and producers, whether it is distillers, microbrewers, wholesalers and others.

Following a presentation by Planning and Codes Enforcement Administrator Amanda Haney, the council voted unanimously to accept a stormwater retention pond in the Beaumont Subdivision into the city maintenance plan. Haney explained that under a previous development plan, the pond was allowed to be partially filled, leaving insufficient room for the volume of stormwater. Under the new arrangement, the developer will incur the cost of expanding the pond, while the city assumes responsibility for maintenance.

During a work session Tuesday, Berea Police Department Captain Casey Botkin presented options for a plan that will enable the city's police officers to consult with counselors in a Danville firm. Botkin noted the plan will enable the city to reduce burnout of officers in their course of their stressful jobs, potentially saving the city money on recruiting costs and legal liability. The council agreed on the plan, which will cost $2,200 annually, and will be implemented by executive order by Mayor Fraley.

Children's Champions of Madison County Month was declared in Berea by mayoral proclamation, advocating public awareness of the need to create safe schools, homes, and communities for local youth, especially when it comes to protecting them from drug and alcohol abuse. Children's Champions of Madison County President Phillis Adams, along with David Olinger of the Berea Kiwanis Club, were on hand to accept the proclamation.

Adams noted Shannon Johnson Elementary student Zaiden Harvey's work will be featured on billboards in the county, highlighting Children's Champions of Madison County's mission to advocate for local youth.

The next Berea City Council meeting is slated for March 19.

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American Idol contestant Waits an inspiration to us all

Keith Taylor

Never be afraid to dream. If you fail the first time, try again, again and, again.

It took our own Kyra Waits five times to reach the final audition stage of American Idol, and Sunday night she earned a golden ticket to Hollywood. It's the same step Kelly Clarkson took before her career took off after winning the first ever American Idol. Carrie Underwood, the fourth season American Idol, followed the same path.

Waits is the first known Berea resident to get beyond the preliminary rounds and audition in front of a national audience. Once she got there, she caught the attention of judges Katy Perry, Luke Bryan and Lionel Richie. Even before her national television debut, her friends and neighbors in Berea and Madison County were rooting for her to succeed and knew her name.

Because of Waits, she revived local and state interest in the show, which hasn't generated the success it once achieved in the early years. Despite the decline in interest, many of the winners during the past 21 years have enjoyed success in the music field since making a name for themselves during gut-wrenching and heart-stopping moments that transpired once they got beyond the final audition.

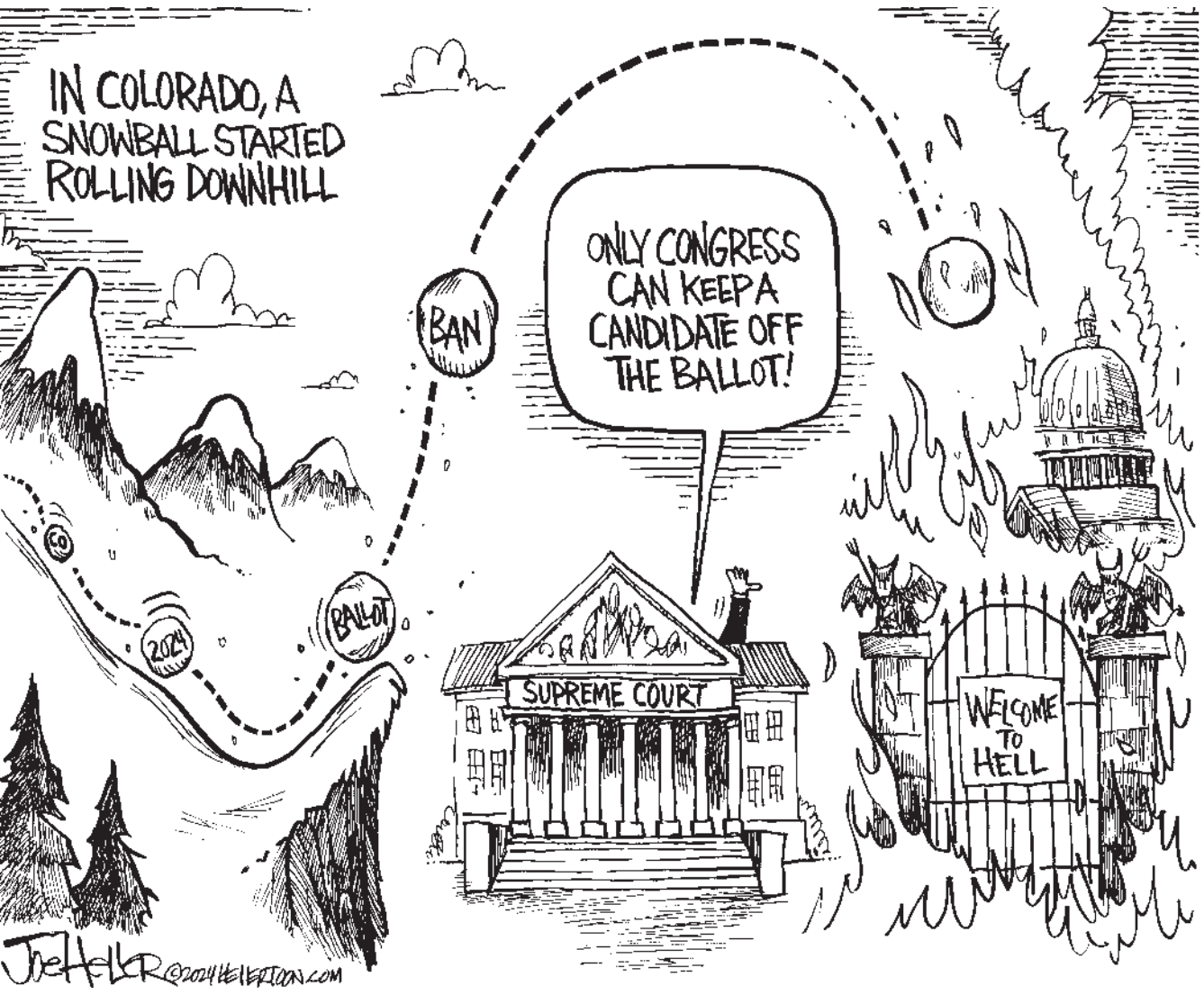
During her childhood, Waits dreamed of becoming a singer just like her mother Tasha. She watched as her mom performed shows at neighboring Renfro Valley. The desire to hold a microphone and sing was birthed in her soul right then and there.

She watched American Idol season after season as new future stars emerged from various backgrounds, neighborhoods and destinations all across the United States. Clarkson and Underwood had the same dream and desire to succeed. Not doubt both of them stumbled, fell and got right back up along the way to stardom.

Waits' path to stardom began Sunday night and will continue over the next few months as she performs in front of American Idol voters across the nation. Much like Clarkson and Underwood, her future depends on those who vote for her during the entire process.

The journey will be filled with trials and triumphs, but that's what makes the path to success worth it. No matter what happens during her chase to become the 22nd American Idol, we will be rooting her on from start to finish.

Keith Taylor



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Second: She Prayed, As She Brought His Children Into The World
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Third: Reflecting In The Face Of Her Grandson She Only Sees The Eyes Of Her Father
Reflecting Her Decision
Reflecting Her Roots
Reflecting Her Loss

Fourth: She Screams
Silently She Sees No Reflection Of Her
Silently She Sees Nothing Of Her Heritage
Silently She Passes…On

Fifth: Her Spirit Cries Out
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Cries When They Forget Her
Cries When They Are Still…Passing

There Are Drums Beating In These Veins From Our Ancestors, They Want To Be Remembered And Understood. Use Your Privilege To Speak Up For Your Neighbor, You May Have More In Common Than You Think.

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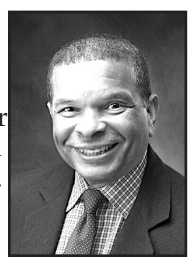
February 2024, In Honor of Black History Month And His Ancestor Whose Life Inspired This Writing.

McConnell's legacy



Lawrence Smith

I spent a decade reporting politics for WDRB Media, the Fox affiliate in Louisville and have covered Mitch McConnell off and on since the early 1980s when he was Jefferson County Judge-Executive. Recently, I was asked to return to WDRB to give my thoughts on the news that McConnell was stepping down as Senate Republican Leader in November. I thought I would share some of that analysis.

First, McConnell's move came as a surprise to all but a very few people. He is known as one who keeps most matters notoriously close to his chest, and that was often frustrating for those of us who covered him. Most of the political chatter has been about whether McConnell would finish his term in the Senate given his age and recent health scares — or, if he finished his term, whether he would run for reelection. Few thought he would step aside from leadership now, especially since there is a good chance Republicans will regain control of the Senate in 2025, potentially making him Majority Leader once again.

So — what changed? Admittedly, I have no firsthand knowledge of McConnell's thinking beyond what he said in his floor speech on Wednesday — but this statement was telling. "Believe me, I know the politics within my party at this particular moment in time," he said. "I have many faults; misunderstanding politics is not one of them."

Truer words were never spoken. McConnell is a traditional, Ronald Reagan conservative, and over the last several years, the Republican Party has been shifting under his feet. McConnell is a globalist who believes the United States should assert its influence to help spread democracy around the world. The Republican Party, under former President Donald Trump, is increasingly isolationist.

And then there's the relationship between McConnell and Trump — or the lack thereof. The two do not like each other. McConnell and Trump were able to work together during Trump's presidency to alter the makeup of the federal judiciary, including the U.S. Supreme Court, appointing more conservative, constitutionalist judges.

But the working relationship dissolved after McConnell refused to go along with Trump's claims that the 2020 election was stolen. He also blamed Trump for the Jan. 6 riot at the U.S. Capitol, though he voted not to impeach Trump because his presidency had already ended.

Trump has repeatedly insulted McConnell and his wife, former Labor and Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao, sometimes referring to her as "Coco Chow." McConnell has never publicly responded to those attacks but now, with Trump the presumptive 2024 Republican presidential nominee, McConnell was under increasing pressure to endorse him as many of his Senate Republican colleagues have already done.

Whether McConnell ultimately endorses Trump remains to be seen. But the pressure valve of Senate leadership has certainly been released.

McConnell has been a steady hand for Republicans in the Senate for nearly two decades and his departure from leadership will leave a huge vacuum — one that the race is on to try and fill. No doubt, the new leader will be one whom Trump approves, and that the former president believes he can work with should he win in November. McConnell's stepping aside is another sign that the GOP is now more fully Trump's.

McConnell's leadership has meant Kentucky has been able to punch above its weight in Washington, and his move is certainly a blow to the state's clout. But he leaves behind a Kentucky molded more to his image. When he first challenged and defeated incumbent Dee Huddleston to win the Senate seat in 1984, the state was solidly Democratic. Now 40 years later, in part because of McConnell's work, Kentucky is a deep red state. One that, ironically, supports Trump.

McConnell says he will continue to serve for the rest of his term, which ends in 2027. Now age 82, he likely will not run for reelection, and it will be a horse race fiercer than the stretch run of the Kentucky Derby to succeed him.

He will no longer be the Republican leader, but McConnell will no doubt use his still considerable influence to champion his state and his causes. And, as he concluded his speech on the Senate floor, McConnell indicated he will do it in a way that has both surprised and infuriated his political opponents for decades.

"I still have enough gas in the tank to thoroughly disappoint my critics and I intend to do so with all the enthusiasm which they have become accustomed."

Classic McConnell.

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• Kevin L. Perkins, 30, Richmond: possession of matter portraying a sexual performance by a minor over 12 but under 18 – 1st offense; tampering with physical evidence

• Mark B. Baker, 44, Mt. Vernon: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines

• Samantha Cox, 32, Berea: contempt of. Court, libel/slander, resistance to order

• Tonya M. Spalding, 46, Winchester: terroristic threatening, 3red degree; harassing communications; failure to appear, citation for misdemeanor (2 counts)

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• Rachel Lyn Dishon, 51, Richmond: probation violation (for technical violation); probation violation (for felony offense)

• Brandon James Smith, 42, Georgetown: failure to appear

• Heather Renea Wagers, 46, Richmond: failure to appear, citation for misdemeanor

• Charles Curtis Harvey, 44, Richmond: failure to appear, citation for misdemeanor

• Russell Kates, 33, Berea: trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (greater than or equal to 2 grams methamphetamine); drug paraphernalia – buy/possess; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (drug unspecified)

• Brandon James Mcintosh, 43, Richmond: burglary, 2nd degree

• Kera Love, 23, Corbin: alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses)

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• Nakeia Fox, 32, Richmond: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st; wanton endangerment – 1st degree; no registration plates; failure to use child restraint device in vehicle

• Mark S. Webb, 53, London: failure to appear

• Floyd Hardin Neeley, 52, Berea: failure to appear

• Sarah Thomas, 23, Harrodsburg: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting, $500 but less than $1,000

• Jeffery Allen Miller, 41, Richmond: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); possession of marijuana; drug paraphernalia – buy/possess; theft by unlawful taking or disposition, firearm; fraudulent firearm transaction – Class D Felony; misuse of electronic information – fund transfer; theft of identity of another without consent; theft by deception – include cold checks; theft by unlawful taking or disposition – all others

• Don A. Adams, 40, not given: serving weekends

• Ricky Arvel Mayes, 64, Waco: serving weekends

• Warren Glen McKinney, 49, not given: serving weekends

• Christopher Witt, 36, Richmond: driving on DUI suspended license – 1st offense

• Jeremy Scott Abrams, 42, Richmond: theft of identity of another without consent; failure to appear; failure to appear, citation for misdemeanor

• Kaitlyn V. France, 27, not given: serving weekends

• Ivan Curtis Watts, 39, Richmond: failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance/security – 1st offense; trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st offense (heroin); trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (less than 2 grams methamphetamine); trafficking in a controlled substance, 3rd degree, 1st offense; drug paraphernalia – buy/possess

Feb. 24

• Dylan Montgomery White, 29, Richmond: failure to appear (2 counts)

• Troy B. King, 39, Richmond: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08- 1st

• Jenrry Noyola Perez, 29, Berea: theft by deception – include cold checks, $1,000 but less than $10,000 (2 counts)

• Lesley Herring, 27, Berea: giving officer false identifying information; probation violation (for felony offense)

• James Parsons, 46, Berea: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1sr

• Erik Brion Beller, 40, Terre Haute, Indiana: probation violation (for felony offense)

• Ashlie Swiney, 39, Richmond: failure to appear

• Treshawn Macklin, 28, Louisville: failure to appear

• John Bradley Murrell, 33, Frankfort: failure to appear (2 counts); non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines

• Jerry Phillip Sanders, Jr., 56, Paris: alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offense)

• Jaydan Samples, 25, Richmond: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines

Feb. 25

• Autumn Marie Foley, 27, Mt. Vernon: assault, 4th degree (domestic violence) minor injury; criminal mischief, 2nd degree

• Keonta M. Goggins, 28, Richmond: assault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor injury

• Mark Nicholas Worrell, 45, Irvine: robbery, 1st degree

• Kacey Dawn Neeley, 32, Berea: public intoxication – controlled substance (excludes alcohol)

• Crystal L. Barnett, 42, Richmond: failure to appear

• Delver Isaacs, 51, Richmond: failure to appear (2 counts)

• John Bishop Kemper, 47, Berea: contempt of court, libel/slander, resistance to order; failure to appear

• John Tonge, 54, Richmond: contempt of court, libel/slander, resistance to order

• Gage A. Jayne, 22, Lexington: failure to appear; no registration receipt; no registration plates; operating on suspended or revoked operator's license; failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance/security – 1st offense; failure to produce insurance car

Feb. 26

• Saleeman Solomon Gashaw, 49, Georgetown: fugitive from another state (misdemeanor)

• Jennifer Sargent, 34, Richmond: hold for court

• Michael Wayne Cope, 36, Richmond: serving parole violation warrant

• Kacey Dawn Neeley, 32, Berea: public intoxication – controlled substance (excludes alcohol)

• Shannon Martin, 40, Richmond: hold for court

• Corea Ann Mills, 37, Richmond: hold for court

• Adam Stacy Castle, 49, Richmond: contempt of court, libel/slander, resistance to order

• Jared R. Kirkland, 43, Berea: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, all others, $1,000 but less than $10,0000

• Ronald Evan Alexander, 35, Richmond: video voyeurism

• Garney Glenn Smith, 49, Richmond: assault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor injury

• Dwayne Roaden, 63, Somerset: serving weekends

• Greg Damrell, 47, Berea: failure to appear

• Caroline Pearson, 62, Berea: contempt of court, libel/slander, resistance to order

Feb. 27

• Craig Freeley Shearer, 44, Richmond: rear license not illuminated; failure to wear seat belts; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance – 1st (aggravated circumstances)

• Johnathan Hernandez, 30, Live Oak, Florida: serving parole violation warrant; failure to appear (2 counts)

• Pear McKinney, 53, Berea: criminal trespassing – 3rd degree

• David Laurick, 66, Lexington: failure to appear (citation for misdemeanor)

• Steven D. Lowe, 44, Richmond: parole violation (for technical violation)

• Christopher L. Jones, 29, Richmond: strangulation, 1st degree

• Larahyn A. Estell, 21, Richmond: robbery, 1st degree; engaging in organized crime

• Felicity L. Antonchak, 24, Berea: failure to appear

• Brandy Deiser, 36, Corbin: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); possession of marijuana; drug paraphernalia – buy/possess; no registration plates; no rear view mirror

• Javin Denny, 19, Richmond: robbery, 1st degree; engaging in organized crime

• Gerius E. Walker, 19, Richmond: robbery, 1st degree; engaging in organized crime

• Harron Roberts, 18, Richmond: robbery 1st degree; engaging in organized crime

Feb. 28

• Steven F. Rogers, 65, Richmond: failure to wear seat belts; operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol – 1st; possession of open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle; possession of marijuana; drug paraphernalia – buy/possess; failure to produce insurance card; failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security – 1st offense

• Daniel Samuel Hoskins, 29, Irvine: probation violation (for technical violation)

• Donald Wayne Gross, 35, Richmond: probation violation (for technical violation)

• Randall T. Graves, 41, Winchester: failure to appear

• Tanner B. Barnett, 28, Richmond: failure to appear, citation for misdemeanor

• Todd Jackson, 45, Williamsburg, Maryland: probation violation, for felony offense

• Thomas Raider, 36, Irvine: serving parole violation warrant

• Terry Linkswiler, 43, Richmond: any non-criminal charge not covered by "these codes"

• Dustin Young, 38, Irvine: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting

• Charles Maness, 46, Richmond: any non-criminal charge not covered by "these codes"

• Brian Keith McIntosh, 35, Berea: failure to appear (2 counts); improper registration plate; no registration receipt; no registration plates; operating on suspended or revoked operator's license; failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance/security – 2nd offense; failure to produce insurance card

• Raymond Gilbert Jacobs, 46, Berea: failure to appear; trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st offense (carfentanil or fentanyl derivative); trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st offense (heroin); persistent felony offender II

• Antonio Johnson, 37, Richmond: trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, 2nd or greater offense (greater than or equal to 10 D.U. date rape drug); tampering with physical evidence; no operator's – moped license; drug paraphernalia – buy/possess

• Billy Carpenter, 34, Berea: driving on DUI suspended license – 1st offense

COURT RECORDS

Circuit Court

Feb. 22

• Faith Maria Morgan vs. Jared Paul Morgan

• Rose Mae Andrus vs. Timothy William Andrus

Feb. 23

• Leila Grant – Collis vs. Jerry Collins

Feb. 26

• Ashley Nicole Aurand vs. Joshua Caleb Aurand

Feb. 27

• Steven Murphy vs. Jennifer Murphy

• Aaron Gilbert vs. Kendra Taylor

• Charles May vs. Carrie Lamb

• Shawna Mae Hamilton vs. Charles Anthony Hamilton

Feb. 28

• CHFS for Deitra S. Taylor vs. James R. Prewitt

Foreclosure

Feb. 26

• Wells Fargo Bank, N, A. vs. James Jenry Mullins, ET AL

Feb. 28

• Habitat for Humanity of Madison and Clark Counties vs. Cody E. Callahan

• Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC vs. Joseph Smith, ET AL

MARRIAGES

Feb. 22

• Jessica Jean Brown, 41, Waco, teacher to Matthew Randol Burns, 53, Waco, Teacher

[a] Carrie Ellen Grant, 32 of Richmond, teacher to Clifton Wayne Fortney, 34, of Waco, sheet metal worker

Feb. 26

• Jennifer Nicole Dixon, 35, of Richmond, self-employed to Jason Lee Snapp, 39, of Richmond, automotive engineering tech

• Brenee Afua Johnson, 25, of Richmond, unemployed to Alan Micheal Lodge, 45, of Richmond, Uber driver

Feb. 28

• Brooklynn Annmarie Bowen, 21, of Georgetown, unemployed to Nicholas Lee Shepherd, 24, of Georgetown, LFUCG

• Catherine Meredith Marcum Minnehan, 23, of McKee, executive director to Jacob Andrew Hammons, 28, of Richmond, financial services

• Maria Fernanda Rios, 23, of Lexington, unemployed to Hatziry Daniella Gallegos, 23, of Lexington, realtor

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Feb. 22

• Timothy Paul Luster and Petra Luster to Tracy Renee Boudrea and Shawn Boudreau, Danyel Fay Britz, Christopher Todd Luster and Jason Richard Luster, 105 Winburn Drive, Richmond, in consideration of love and affection for their brothers and in settlement of the Estate of James Richard Luster

• Christopher Todd Luster and Jason Richard Luster to Stargazer Homes, LLC, 105 Winburn Drive, $53,000

• Kenneth Duerson to Kenneth Duerson and Olivia G. Pettus, lot 3 Burnam Heights Addition, for and in consideration of the love and affection between Grantor and Grantee, Olivia G. Pettus, who is the granddaughter of Grantor, and in order to create survivorship interest

• Janey L. West to Janey Lee Jones West, in her capacity as Trustee for and on behalf of the Janey Lee Jones West Revocable Trust, 224 Savannah Drive, Richmond, for and in consideration of the sum of vesting title in the Trust name

• Houghton Homes, LLC to Melvin J. Spegal, lot 2 minor plat of Four Mile Road (lot 2 plat 31/18), $394,000

• Marilla Faye Bruin (a/k/a Marilla Fay Bruin) and Brittany Ann Nelson (f/k/a Brittany Ann Sanders) and Justin Corey Nelson to Kathy M. Tackett, lot 2 Oldham Subdivision, $99,700

• Jeremy P. Swiney and Morgan Elizabeth Swiney to Stephen Delbert Robbins, 4213 Equestrian Way, $55,000

• Jeremy P. Swiney and Morgan Elizabeth Swiney to Curtis Kent Robbins, Jr., 4187 Equestrian Way, $55,000

• Joe Bryant Koger and Helen Means Koger to The Board of Education of Madison County, Kentucky, Tract 2A plat 31/164 (at the intersection of Meadowbrook Road and Speedwell Road (a/k/a Kentucky Highway 374), $671,995

• Roberta McKinney to Douglas Norman Roberts and Brittany Nicole Roberts, lot 10C plat 18/333 (vicinity of Cherokee Lane), $40,000

• Dillard W. Parrett, Jr. and Peggy Edwards Parrett to Jacquilyn H. Keith and Zackary R. Davis, tract U.S. Highway 25, $5,000

Feb. 23

• Just 4 Kids, LLC to Jabez Construction, 934 Cobble Drive, Richmond, $28,000

• Jade Rental, LLC to Sapphire Rentals, LLC, 1643 Foxhaven Drive and 1671 Foxhaven Drive, $1,190,000

Feb. 26

• Joseph Napier to Tim Miller and Toni Miller, lots 27 and 29 in Block 15, Richmond Investments Company addition to the City of Richmond, $325,000

• Indigo Run, Inc. to Broaddus Homes, LLC, lot 15 final plat Berkley Hall Phase 3, $50,000

• Pennymac Loan Services, LLC to The Brian E Charles Living Trust, dated May 7, 2019, Brian E. Charles as Trustee, 104 Morning View Drive, Berea, $114,110

• Warren J. Cloke and Nancy J. Cloke and Joseph Mainous, Jr., Trustee to Warren J. Cloke and Nancy J. Cloke and Heather Kimberly Cloke, lot 77 Vineyard Estates Subdivision Phase 3B, $1.00 and for purposes of immediate reconveyance

Kiracofe, LLC to Randall Newman and Amy Newman, 233 Meridian Way, Richmond, $293,000

• Champ Properties, LLC to Doll Properties, LLC, 7050 Winner's Circle Drive, Richmond, $62,500

• Champ Properties, LLC to Extreme Properties, LLC, 7051 Winner's Circle Drive, Richmond, $72,500

• Barbara Thayer Taylor to Stephen C. Taylor and Philip C. Taylor, Co-Trustees of the Taylor Family Irrevocable Trust, dated February 13, 2024, lot 5 Elder Addition, Berea, for and in consideration of premises and to conform to the intentions of the Parties

• Alexander J. Miller and Isabelle G. Miller to Elijah J. Jones and Stephanie B. Jones, 1023 Judah Bear Boulevard, Richmond, $219,900

• Joseph McClary and Kelly McClary to Lesette Wright, lot 11 Roselawn Subdivision, Richmond, $180,000

Feb. 27

• Takk Rentals, LLC to Phara Pov, 1171 Judah Bear Subdivision, Richmond, $225,000

• Adam Warner and Loretta Lynn Warner to Linda Farley, 1006 Woodland Drive, Richmond, $339,900

• Todd Builders, LLC to Charity C. Ballard and Dakota Ballard, lot 84 Stoney Creek Subdivision, Unit 33, Phase 1-A, $262,400

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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:

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LEWIS E. PARKE 24-P-00061	*RAYMOND PARKE*	ROBERT L. RUSSELL 212 NORTH SECOND STREET PO BOX 1178 RICHMOND, KY. 40475	ADMINISTRATRIX FEBRUARY 6, 2024
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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 MARCH 7, 2024

DAVID FERNANDEZ BY SJ/DC

MADISON COUNTY CIRCUIT/DISTRICT CLERK

NOTICE OF FILING SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given to all persons that on the 10 day of APRIL 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
NORA LEE TIBBS 23-P-00237	ADAM DESI	JAMES O'TOOLE 3080 HARRODSBURG ROAD STE. 101 LEXINGTON, KY. 40503	FINAL SETTLEMENT FEBRUARY 14, 2024
BARBARA ABNER 22-P-00612	TONY ADKINS	JERRY W. GILBERT 212 NORTH SECOND ST. PO BOX 1178 RICHMOND, KY. 40475	FINAL SETTLEMENT FEBRUARY 28, 2024
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JAMES WILLIAM MANESS 18-P-00498	JASON T. MANESS	JEFFREY L. GEHRING 300 WEST VINE STREET LEXINGTON, KY. 40507	FINAL SETTLEMENT MARCH 4, 2024

This MARCH 7, 2024
David M. Fernandez by SJ/DC
Madison County District Court

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PUBLIC NOTICE

As required by State and Federal regulations, the public is hereby informed that KI USA was in violation of their Industrial User Permit during 2023 and the facility has been identified as being in Significant Noncompliance (SNC) for that year under guidelines set by the Berea Municipal Utilities, U.S. EPA and the Kentucky Division of Water. For violations of the discharge limits for nickel and zinc during the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th quarters of 2023, KI USA was issued Notices of Violation (NOVs) requiring corrective actions and meetings were held. KI USA has implemented improvements to its pretreatment systems and recent monitoring has shown that the facility is in compliance. No additional actions by BMU have been necessary.

Questions regarding this matter can be addressed to Kevin Howard, BMU Utility Manager, at (859) 986-4391 or Cynthia Leasor, the BMU pretreatment consultant, at (859) 885-3331.

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March 6, 1924
Cement walk

Anyone who walked the cinder path from Lincoln Hall to Pearson Hall, noticed that was extremely unattractive. Besides being an eyesore, it was unpleasant to walk on. It not only hurt feet, but it actually wore down shoe soles. Some people on campus had talked about this problem. Through the cooperation of the faculty and students, it was agreed to construct a cement walk from Lincoln Hall to Pearson and Howard Halls. The prudential committee agreed to furnish the funding and necessary tools for the work and the boys of Pearson and Howard Halls as well as the Guest House would provide the labor. Work was to begin as soon as arrangements could be finalized.

March 3, 1949
Capping ceremony

Capping exercises for fourteen nurses took place at Gray auditorium on Sunday, March 6th. Reverend Albert Sweazy of the Berea Methodist Church would be the speaker. The Foundation School Chorus would sing, and Dale Vickers would perform "My Creed" as a soloist. The student nurses being capped included: Virginia Bullen, Ruby Hurt, Edith Morgan, Betty Giles, Martha Salter, Mary Ann Ledbetter, Betty Lou Robinette, Edna Jones, Patricia Mace, Alice Woody, Betty Ann Redmond, Janet Webb, Dorothy Renchen and Stella Bymakes.

March 7, 1974
Dresser acquisition

Dresser Industries had taken steps to acquire Jeffrey Galion Incorporated, a manufacturer of construction and mining equipment based in Columbus, Ohio. Under the agreement, Dresser would pay Jeffrey Galion $120 million in cash, plus449,000 shares of Dresser common stock. Dresser planned to secure all or apportion of the required funds through a public offering of its equity securities and would file a registration statement covering the offering. The acquisition was slated to be completed in May of 1974. Jeffrey Galion was a leading producer of construction and earth moving equipment and continuous mining machines. The firm had sales totaling approximately $220 million in 1973 with net earnings of $12.5 million. Dresser supplied the worldwide energy industries and industrial markets with a broad range of products and technical industrial valves. The plant employed approximately 300 but plans had been announced to double the workforce in 1974.

March 4, 1999
Newman tops 1,000

Wednesday, February 24, 1999, was just like any other night for Berea Community School junior Sarah Newman. She laced up her shoes, took part in warm-ups and played well for her team. However, unknown to Newman, this night would have a surprise in the works for her. With 4:40 remaining in the fourth quarter, Berea Coach Greg Todd, called time out. During the time out, Newman was informed that she had just become the ninth player in school history to score 1,000 points. "It was a total shock to me," Newman said. "I just went over to the huddle. I didn't know why we called a time out. Then they told me, I had just scored the 1,001st point in my career. I was speechless."

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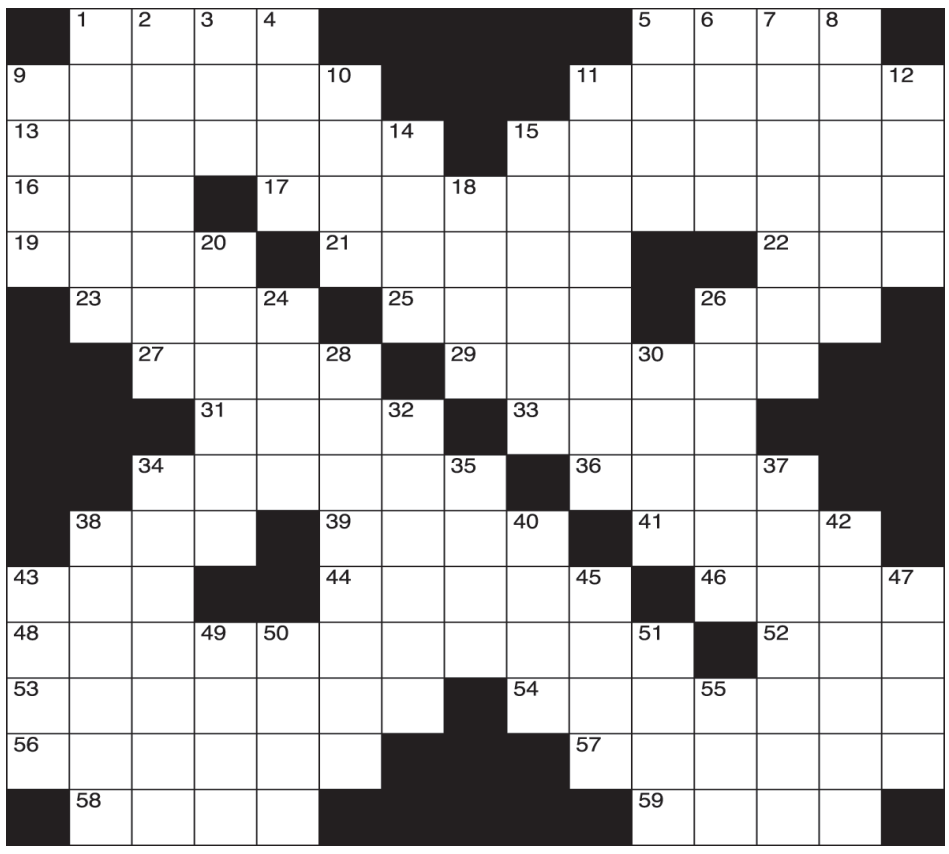
Sarah Newman, a junior at Berea Community High School, last week became the ninth player in the school's history to shoot 1,000 points over the course of her career.

Game Page

Crossword



CLUES ACROSS

1. Chaps
5. Currently fashionable
9. Collision
11. More slim
13. European city
15. Implicitly
16. The side of something that is sheltered from the wind
17. The Mount Rushmore State
19. Gold or silver wire cord
21. Muscles along insects' diaphragm
22. Trent Reznor's band
23. Sweet juicy gritty-textured fruit
25. Broken branch
26. Indicates ten
27. Expression of annoyance
29. Brings together
31. Ancient city in Thrace
33. Sailors' spirit
34. Looked into
36. Muckraking woman journalist Rheta
38. A type of cast
39. One's responsibility
41. Where golfers begin
43. Make a mistake
44. Semitic Sun god
46. Ancient Italian-Greek colony
48. Beheaded
52. A place to stay
53. Unwise
54. Most supernatural
56. "Dennis" is a famous one
57. Ointments
58. Exam
59. Leaked blood

CLUES DOWN

1. Baseball managers assemble it
2. Revised
3. Mountain is a popular kind
4. Takes to civil court
5. Pouches
6. A type of veil
7. Chants
8. Boston hoopster
9. Elongated appendage
10. Sailboat
11. 2017 Oscar-winning film
12. Actor Gosling
14. Monetary units
15. Assembly
18. Russian pop duo
20. Embellished with expressions
24. Infrequent
26. Temperature unit
28. Hydrophilic amino acid
30. Honk
32. Legislative body
34. Swinish
35. Russian assembly
37. Take over for
38. Put in advance
40. Satisfy
42. Felt
43. Dutch cheese
45. Witnesses
47. Strong insects
49. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
50. Ancient people of Scotland
51. Cheerless
55. Sick

SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

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ANSWER:

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

CRYPTO FUN

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to basketball.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 20 = T)

A. 11 7 19 19

Clue: Toss ball

B. 11 1 21 12 20 19

Clue: Score

C. 4 1 24 14 20

Clue: Playing area

D. 2 7 19 15 9 20

Clue: Hoop

Answers: A. pass B. points C. court D. basket

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Dogs are amazing, but ...

Roger Alford

Two old men were debating about whose dog was smartest.

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"I know that," said the other.

"Well, how could you possibly know that?"

"My dog's the new manager at McDonald's," the other said. "He told me all about it."

I love stories about dogs, even when they're stretched to the limit like that one. I love dogs, too. They have always been important to me. But, did you know, they're also important to God? In fact, every living creature — dogs, cattle, birds, everything — is important to God because they belong to Him.

"For every beast of the field is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills. I know the fowls of the mountains. And the wild beasts of the field are mine" (Psalms 50:10-11).

I'm glad He allows us to care for his critters, because they make our lives so much more fulfilled.

Our family had a treeing walker coonhound named Gizmo until he died of old age. We had purchased him from a fellow in West Virginia when he was 8 weeks old. He lived the rest of his life with us.

Gizmo actually belonged to our daughter, Mary. He loved Mary. Mary loved him. They played together. They jogged together. They hunted raccoons together. If she sat on the porch, Gizmo sat on the porch. If she took a walk, he took a walk. He might as well have been her shadow.

When Mary went off to college, Gizmo had to stay behind. Dogs weren't allowed in the dormitory, I guess. But when she came home for long weekends or holidays, Gizmo would meet her in the driveway for hugs, and then he'd say, "What did you bring me?"

And Mary would say, "I brought you the latest John Grisham novel."

And Gizmo would say, "Oh, thank you. He's my favorite author."

Then Gizmo would saunter off to read beneath a shade tree in the backyard.

OK, I made that up. Those two old men aren't the only ones who know how to brag on one of God's creatures.

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

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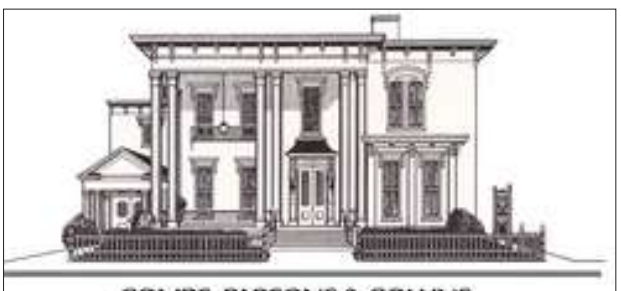
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FOOD SERVICE INSPECTIONS FOR WEEKS ENDING 02/16/24 to 02/29/24

Regular Inspections with no follow-up		Score	Explanation
Abundant Hope Naturals	972 Commercial Dr., Richmond	100%	
A Step Ahead Childcare	513 Hampton Way, Richmond	100%	
Dollar Tree	829 Eastern Bypass, Richmond	99%	
Dominion Senior Living	200 Meridian Way, Richmond	100%	
Ember & Oak	Mobile Unit	100%	
Neighbors Market	2057 Irvine Road, Richmond	98%	
Discount Tobacco	908 E. Main Street, Richmond	99%	
Sonic	100 Woodford Ave., Berea	95%	
Oh! Ky Campground Store	562 Paint Lick Road, Berea	100%	
EKU Athletics Nutrition Bar	103 Moberly Bldg., Richmond	99%	
Casa Fiesta	240 Eastern Bypass, Richmond	99%	
SBT Food Mart	200 Eastern Bypass, Richmond	100%	
Walgreen's	501 Caperton Dr., Richmond	99%	
University Shell	610 Eastern Bypass, Richmond	99%	
Mad Mushroom	626 University Shopping Ctr., Richmond	98%	

Regular Inspections with a follow up due

Purdy's Coffee Co.	212 W. Main Street, Richmond	97%	Prep cooler not holding cold at 41*F or lower. No date marking on food products. Fly strips above prep area, clean dishes & hand sink.
Mi Hacienda	688 University Shopping Ctr., Richmond	93%	

Follow Up Inspection with no follow up due

Purdy's Coffee Co.	212 W. Main Street, Richmond	100%	

BRIEF

Note card, auction set for Sunday

The Madison County Historical Society will have a note card unveiling & auction on Sunday, March 10 at White Oak Pond Christian Church, Richmond. A reception will be at 2 p.m., followed by an auction at 3 p.m.

Original watercolor paintings of local churches to be auctioned to benefit the Madison County Historical Society. Note card prints also available for purchase.

Measles comeback creates concerns

By Melissa Patrick
Kentucky Health News

A highly contagious childhood disease that was declared eliminated in the United States in the year 2000 is making a comeback, largely driven by a declining vaccination rate in the country.

"Unfortunately, as the measles vaccination rate has decreased, it's just one of those things where folks are opting out of vaccination more often, we're starting to see the increase of measles in the United States," Dr. Steven Stack, commissioner of the Kentucky Department for Public Health, said at a Feb. 29 press conference.

In Kentucky, about 90% of the state's kindergartners are vaccinated for measles, mumps, and rubella "and that has to be 95% or higher to stop transmission," said Stack.

Stack spent the bulk of his time talking about a disease that he said most people in our country, including health-care providers, have never seen. Further, he said, it is a disease that is "virtually, entirely vaccine-preventable."

"If you are vaccinated, you almost certainly will get no symptoms from measles," he said. "In fact, the vaccine is so effective, you won't get sick at all and you don't transmit the virus."

Stack said symptoms of measles include a cough, congestion, fever that may go up to 104 degrees, and a full-body rash. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also mentions sore, red eyes that may be sensitive to light; watery or swollen eyes; small greyish-white spots in the mouth, and a loss of appetite.

"You feel miserable," said Stack, adding, "In the unlucky ones, the complications are pneumonia, diarrhea, ear infections, and even sometimes brain swelling that can lead to things like seizures, developmental disabilities and other permanent brain damage."

Among the unvaccinated population, Stack said more than one in five measles victims are hospitalized and one in 20 get pneumonia, which is the most common cause of death.

"The most common age of death is under 5, those are the individuals hurt the most by this disease if you're unvaccinated," he said. "And for the really unlucky, one in one thousand can get a permanent brain injury from the brain swelling that I talked about."

Because measles is a highly contagious virus that is spread through the air, with an incubation period of 10 to 12 days, it is easy to spread it unknowingly. Stack said a person is contagious for four days before the rash and four days after the rash, which is why it is recommended for anyone who has been exposed to measles or who has it to stay at home for 21 days to avoid spreading the disease.

"Measles is probably the most contagious viral disease on planet Earth at present.

"The only thing that could maybe compete with it is COVID-19," he said.

MADISON COUNTY KENTUCKY

Public Notice

The Madison County Fiscal Court passed Ordinance 2024-02. View the full posting at www.madisoncountyky.gov/public-notices or view in person at 135 W. Irvine St., Richmond, KY by calling 859-624-4700.

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Madison County Clerk's Office Announces Flexible Voting Options for Upcoming Election, Registration Deadline, and Paid Election Officer Opportunities

The Madison County Clerk's Office is excited to share important details on approved Early Voting and Election Day polling locations, the voter registration deadline, absentee voting, and opportunities to become a paid election officer.

Voting Locations

Madison County residents can conveniently cast their votes at any of the following approved locations during Early Voting or on Election Day.

Early Voting (05/16/2024-05/18/2024, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM)

- Russel Acton Folk Center—212 W. Jefferson St., Berea, KY
- Madison County Public Library-Richmond Branch—-507 W. Main St., Richmond, KY
- Madison County Extension Office—230 Duncannon Ln., Richmond, KY
- Richmond Active Living Center—801 Brighton Ave., Richmond, KY (NEW)
- Ignite Academy-North Campus—2075 Merchant Dr., Richmond, KY
- Ignite Academy-South Campus—123 Farristown Industrial Dr., Berea, KY (NEW)

Election Day (05/21/2024, 6:00 AM-6:00 PM)

- Berea Church of God—189 Rash Rd., Berea, KY
- Russel Acton Folk Center—212 W. Jefferson St., Berea, KY
- Ignite Academy-South Campus—123 Farristown Industrial Dr., Berea, KY (NEW)
- Ignite Academy-North Campus—-2075 Merchant Dr., Richmond, KY
- Arlington's Mule Barn—1510 Lexington Rd., Richmond, KY
- Madison County Public Library—507 W. Main St., Richmond, KY
- Madison County Extension Office—230 Duncannon Ln., Richmond, KY
- Eastside Community Church—2010 Catalpa Loop, Richmond, KY
- Richmond Active Living Center—801 Brighton Ave., Richmond, KY (NEW)
- White Hall Baptist Church—-3401 Colonel Rd., Richmond, KY

CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY 1890

ORDINANCE # 08-2024

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, AMENDING THE 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BEREA, ORDINANCE #04-2023 REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES.

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

SECTION I

That Ordinance #04-2023, Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Annual Budget, be and the same is hereby amended so that the amended fund revenue, fund expenditures, and ending fund balances for each fund shall be as follows:

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

	General Fund	Road Aid	Tourism	BIDA	ARPA
Estimated FUND BALANCE @ JULY 1	$ 18,889,707	$ 280,729	$ 3,284,470	$ 510,300	$ 2,426
REVENUE					
Tax	2,242,000	305,250	1,500,000		
Licenses & Permits	10,041,000		-		
Charges for Service	94500		68,000		
Fines & Forfeitures	37,500		1,000		
Intergovernmental Revenue	3,471,374		13,000	500,000	2,000,000
Investment Income	335,900		42,900	800	1,500
Other Financing Sources	791,200		-	1,511,000	
Transfers To/From Other Funds	715,000		(135,000)		
TOTAL REVENUE	17,728,474	305,250	1,489,900	2,011,800	2,001,500
EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY DEPT					
General Government					
General Services	1,292,539				
Administration Department	615,500				
Business Development	210,850			1,120,000	
Mayor and City Council	1,018,400				
IT	448,850				
Finance	475,050				
Capital Projects	2,875,331				1,750,000
Total Administration	6,936,520	-	-	1,120,000	1,750,000
Public Safety					
Police	4,845,200				
Fire	3,215,710				
Total Pubic Safety	8,060,910	-	-	-	-
Public Works	2,862,450	315,000			
Parks					
Parks Operation	947,300				250,000
Swimming Pool	269,050				
Total Parks	1,216,350	-	-	-	250,000
Tourism			2,508,825		
Codes and Planning					
Codes & Planning	665,400				
GIS	153,700				
Total Codes & Planning	819,100	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	19,895,330	315,000	2,508,825	1,120,000	2,000,000
REVENUE OVER/(UNDER) EXP	(2,166,856)	(9,750)	(1,018,925)	891,800	1,500
ENDING FUND BALANCE	$ 16,722,851	$ 270,979	$ 2,265,545	$ 1,402,100	$ 3,926

Opiod Abatement	Urban Wildlife	Police Restrict - State	Police Restrict - Fed	Craft Festival	AMENDED TOTAL	ORIGINAL BUDGET TOTAL	Increase/ (Decrease)
$ 65,755	$ -	$ 64,336	$ 31,661	$ 77,237	$ 23,206,621	$ 24,609,235	$ (1,402,614)
					4,047,250	3,717,000	330,250
					10,041,000	9,987,200	53,800
				67,500	230,000	225,500	4,500
		15,000	23,500		77,000	53,500	23,500
					5,984,374	3,931,374	2,053,000
40	300,000	30	20	50	681,240	309,490	371,750
				1,000	2,303,200	2,535,200	(232,000)
				(10,000)	570,000	570,000	-
40	300,000	15,030	23,520	58,550	23,934,064	21,329,264	2,604,800
					1,292,539	1,189,539	103,000
					615,500	605,800	9,700
					1,330,850	210,150	1,120,700
					1,018,400	668,400	350,000
					448,850	447,450	1,400
					475,050	451,250	23,800
					4,625,331	4,955,331	(330,000)
-	-	-	-	-	9,806,520	8,527,920	1,278,600
65,733		10,000	28,000		4,948,933	4,815,733	133,200
					3,215,710	3,178,860	36,850
65,733	-	10,000	28,000	-	8,164,643	7,994,593	170,050
					3,177,450	3,142,850	
	124,800					2,037,500	(2,037,500)
						269,050	(269,050)
-	124,800	-	-	-	1,591,150	2,306,550	(715,400)
					2,508,825	2,317,325	191,500
					665,400	648,900	16,500
					153,700	153,700	-
-	-	-	-	-	819,100	802,600	16,500
65,733	124,800	10,000	28,000	-	26,067,688	25,091,838	975,850
(65,693)	175,200	5,030	(4,480)	58,550	(2,133,624)	(3,762,574)	1,628,950
$ 62	$ 175,200	$ 69,366	$ 27,181	$ 135,787	$ 21,072,997	$ 20,846,661	$ 226,336

PROPRIETARY FUND

	AMENDED TOTAL	ORIGINAL BUDGET TOTAL	Increase/ (Decrease)
Operating Revenue			
Electric Service	$ 12,376,500	$ 12,341,500	$ 35,000
Water Service	3,520,000	3,520,000	-
Sewer Service	3,266,000	3,266,000	-
Other Revenue	854,500	568,000	286,500
Transfers	(570,000)	(570,000)	-
Total Operating Revenue	19,447,000	19,125,500	321,500
Operating Expenses			
Administration	2,052,575	2,055,075	(2,500)
Electric	9,688,777	9,670,277	18,500
Water	1,996,211	1,893,211	103,000
Sewer	1,875,375	1,827,275	48,100
Depreciation	2,175,000	2,175,000	-
Total Operating Expenses	17,787,938	17,620,838	167,100
Income/(Loss) from Operations	1,659,062	1,504,662	154,400
Other Cash Outflows			
Debt Service Principle	1,877,100	1,877,100	-
Surplus/(Deficit) from Rate Revenue	$ (218,038)	$ (372,438)	$ 154,400
Grants & Contributed Capital	1,220,000	1,220,000	-
Capital Expenditures			
Administration Department	200,000	200,000	-
Electric	275,000	275,000	-
Water	283,000	343,000	(60,000)
Sewer	345,000	345,000	-
Capital Projects	13,620,000	13,610,000	10,000
Total Capital Expenses	14,723,000	14,773,000	(50,000)
Net Cost for Capital Additions	$ 13,503,000	$ 13,553,000	$ (50,000)

SECTION II

Each of the amendments made in Section I are hereby determined to before a public purpose and in the interest and for the benefit of the City of Berea and its citizens.

SECTION IV

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

ATTEST:

FIRST READING: February 20, 2024.

SECOND READING AND ENACTMENT: March 5, 2024.

City Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:

Corporation Counsel

CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY

APPROVED:

Bruce Fraley, Mayor

Eagles soar past Tribe to win district title

Madison Southern captured its second 44th District title in three years wityh a 69-58 win over Madison Central Friday night at Baptist Health Arena in Richmond.

The Eagles (23-9) advanced to the 11th Region semifinals following a 76-70 win over Lexington Christian on Tuesday night. The Indians fell to 10-22 on the season and will play their next contest on the road to open the first round of the region.

Jay Rose poured in 27 points to lead all scorers. Rose completed a double-double with 12 rebounds and played all 32 minutes. Zach Hudson followed Rose with 20 points and Casen Noble rounded out three players in double figures with 10. Braden Hudson scored six, Avery Davidson had four and Mason Davis added two for the Eagles.

Luke Asher led Madison Central with 23 points, Eli Steele followed with 10. Cody Morrison and Cam Steele just missed double figures with nine points each. Ricky Goatley had severn for the Indians.

MADISON SOUTHERN 69, MADISON CENTRAL 58

MADISON SOUTHERN BOYS (22-9) — Rose,Jay 10-12 6-10 27; Hudson,Zach 7-14 6-9 20; Nobbe,Casen 4-9 1-2 10; Hudson,Braden 1-8 4-4 6; Davidson,Avery 2-3 0-0 4; Davis,Mason 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 25-47 17-25 69.

MADISON CENTRAL BOYS (10-22) — Asher,Luke 9-11 5-6 23; Steele,Eli 3-8 4-4 10; Steele,Cam 3-4 0-0 9; Morrison,Cody 4-9 0-0 9; Goatley,Ricky 3-6 0-0 7; Powers,Joe 0-1 0-0 0; Ray,Landon 0-2 0-0 0; Richardson,Will 0-4 0-0 0. Totals 22-45 9-10 58.

Lady Eagles' rally falls short

Madison Central outscored Madison Southern 17-6 in the first quarter and held on for a 56-49 win in the 44th District finals Friday night at Baptist Health Arena.

The Lady Eagles overcame an 18-point deficit at the 3:24 mark of the third quarter and closed the gap to within five twice in the final quarter.

Overall, Southern outscored the Lady Indians 37-22 in the second half but it wasn't enough to overcome the early deficit.

Laci Sandlin paced the Lady Eagles (20-10) with 19 points and completed a double-double with 12 rebounds, including eight on the defensive end.

Hadley French followed Sandlin witth 16 points and connected on a pair of 3-pointers. Bailey Hensley added nine points, Cami Duerson scored three and Ashlan Estepp added two.

Madison Central (18-11) placed three players in double figures. Brittany Campbell and Nataya Strader led the Lady Indians with 17 points each and Cameryn Ridderikhoff scored 14. Eden Carter followed with six and Brooke Campbell chipped in with two.

The Lady Eagles' season came to an end with a 67-45 loss to Franklin County Monday night.

MADISON CENTRAL 56, MADISON SOUTHERN 49

MADISON SOUTHERN GIRLS (20-10) — Sandlin,Laci 6-7 7-10 19; French,Hadley 5-13 4-6 16; Hensley,Bailey 3-8 3-4 9; Duerson,Cami 1-3 0-2 3; Estep,Ashlan 0-1 2-2 2; Hensley,Briana 0-0 0-0 0; Wilson,Allie 0-1 0-0 0; Wagoner,Olivia 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 15-33 16-24 49.

MADISON CENTRAL GIRLS (18-11) — Strader,Nataya 6-12 3-4 17; Campbell,Brittany 3-4 8-8 17; Ridderikhoff,Cameryn 5-9 1-3 14; Carter,Eden 3-4 0-6 6; Campbell,Brooke 0-1 2-2 2; Metcalfe,Olivia 0-2 0-0 0; Miles,Jordynn 0-2 0-0 0; Long,Tiana 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 17-34 14-23 56.

School safety measure passes state Senate

FRANKFORT (KT) – Legislation intended to build upon a school safety measure approved a couple years ago was passed by the Kentucky Senate Tuesday afternoon and is now on its way to the House for consideration.

Senate Bill 2 is sponsored by Sen. Max Wise, R-Campbellsville, who was also the sponsor of the earlier legislation in the House "We've learned so much about the power of additional adults with very specific training who can help keep our schools safe," he told his colleagues while presenting the measure. "SB 2 complements our SROs (School Resource Officers) with another set of eyes on campus or may help provide additional coverage on a school with multiple campuses."

It establishes the Kentucky Guardian program, which allows school districts to hire employees to bolster safety and security on school premises. Beginning with the 2025-26 school year, local school boards facing challenges in meeting SRO coverage prerequisites may employ one or more guardians.

Guardians may be honorably discharged military veterans, retired Kentucky state troopers, retired law enforcement officers, and former federal agents who may provide temporary safety measures until certified SROs become available. School districts may opt to retain guardians to augment existing security infrastructure with no obligation for participation if SROs are already in place.

In addition to enhancing security measures, SB 2 addresses trauma-informed care by integrating school guidance counselors, school psychologists, social workers, SROs, and mental health service providers into a comprehensive team. This multidisciplinary approach aims to support students affected by trauma, identify mental health issues, and promote resilience and wellness among all students.

It also requires increased suicide prevention awareness and training for teachers and students, expanding the scope of intervention and support for at-risk students. It also permits the implementation of secondary locking mechanisms on classroom doors, provided they comply with the Kentucky Building Code.

Opponents said the bill is another unfunded mandate imposed by Frankfort, since there is no money included for the districts to hire the guardians or SROs and that appropriations should be made to go with the requirement.

The bill passed 28-10.

Westerfield bil provides support for mothers and babies

Sen. Whitney Westerfield, R-Fruit Hill, presented Senate Bill 110, a significant piece of legislation to provide for expectant mothers and it was passed out of the Senate on a 34-2 vote.

SB 110 would enhance support for mothers and babies while addressing the concern of absent fathers by allowing a child support order filed within the first year of birth to be applied retroactively nine months.

"Life begins at conception and so do expenses and obligations related to being pregnant and preparing to be a parent," said Westerfield. "These costs are very real and add stress to what is and should be an exciting and beautiful time in a young mother's life. Our courts should be able to order those costs as recoverable through a child support order."

Hundreds took part in commemorating Martin Luther King Jr.'s March on Frankfort in 1964. From left with arms linked: Franklin County Judge Executive Michael Mueller, Gov. Andy Beshear and Rep. Derrick Graham, D-Frankfort. (Kentucky Today/Tom Latek)

Remembering MLK

FRANKFORT (KT) – The 60th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr's. March on Frankfort was observed Tuesday as a procession took place from downtown to the front steps of the Capitol.

The anniversary walk drew several hundred participants, compared to the 1964 event, which saw an estimated 10,000 people march to the Capitol. In addition to Dr. King, one of the other guest speakers in 1964 was baseball legend Jackie Robinson. Music was provided by folk artists Peter, Paul and Mary and the Kentucky State University choir, led by Dr. Carl H. Smith.

The March on Frankfort led to the passage of the Kentucky Civil Rights Act of 1966. Kentucky was the first state south of the Mason-Dixon Line to pass its own state-level Civil Rights Act. Kentuckians demonstrated, and demanded, freedom.

One of the 2024 speakers, who also attended the 1964 event, was State Sen. Gerald Neal, D-Louisville.

"Together, we have gathered to celebrate a watershed moment in history," he told the crowd. "This march was not merely a walk. It was a bold declaration that Kentucky, our commonwealth, was ready to lead the South out of the shadows of segregation and discrimination. In the years that followed, we witnessed the power of collective action."

He noted, "Let us remember that the March on Frankfort was not just a march for civil rights, it was a march of the soul of our Commonwealth and our country. It challenged us to live up to our highest ideals and to fulfill the promise of equality and justice for all."

Describing the 1964 event, Gov. Andy Beshear, another one of the speakers, said, "Dr. King offered words to inspire the crowd, protesting racial segregation and discrimination, and advocated legislation to start an end to racial injustice. It was a significant moment in the civil rights movement, in Kentucky and in the United States."

Beshear pointed out a historic aspect to the 2024 march involving local Frankfort students. "Today we have our school systems marching with us, making sure that the young people here today get a glimpse of the fight that took place 60 years ago, and also the hard work that is ahead. While we have made a lot of progress since Dr. King marched on Frankfort, we still have a lot of work to do."

CHAIR

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Their terms as officers will begin at the next planning commission meeting.

Following the vote, officials expressed appreciation for Olinger's leadership. "Betty, I just want to extend from the city our sincerest thanks for all the years that you have served as the chair. You have done such a great job," Codes Enforcement Administrator Amanda Haney said.

In response, Olinger expressed gratitude for the incoming officers, who will serve a one-year term. "My thanks and appreciation to Greg and Martin and Ben for taking on these responsibilities this coming year," Olinger said. "P&Z is really a good place to be. I really enjoyed it and will continue to enjoy it, I hope."

Olinger's current term as a commissioner expires in 2026.

During a work session and business meeting, the commission reviewed a final plat application for Stoney Creek Subdivision Unit 3, Phase 1C. Haney noted that the city agreed to approve the plat subject to conditions noted at an August planning commission meeting. Turn lanes had to be installed into the subdivision off of U.S. 25 N., and Wyldwood Way had to be paved. Both of those conditions have been met, Haney said.

At one point, Commissioner Ben Robinson III expressed concern about the mowing and maintenance of green spaces in the subdivision, particularly around retention ponds. Haney said the city is working with the developers on that issue, but that additional regulatory measures can be addressed in future revisions of the city's codes regulations. Haney also noted the city encouraged developers of Stoney Creek to form a homeowner's association to facilitate on-going maintenance, but that the developers chose not to do so.

When the item came up for a vote, the plat was approved unanimously. However, in related business, the commission voted to retain a $375,825 bond for street construction in the subdivision. As the streets are completed and accepted into city infrastructure, the developer can petition to reduce the amount of the bond.

Haney also noted that the city has taken some measures to enhance traffic safety in the subdivision, including the installation of stop signs at some locations as well as direction arrows at a roundabout on Wyldwood Way, though the city is not yet officially responsible for maintenance of the street.

In other business, the commission voted unanimously to extend a $26,609 bond for Beaumont Subdivision for one year. Speaking on behalf of the application, Beaumont co-owner Harvey Kidd said all of the lots in the subdivision have been sold, but that not all developers have completed the required sidewalks in front of their property.

Haney noted there is approximately 1,200 linear feet of sidewalk to be completed. Kidd, meanwhile, stated once he and his partners meet the city's obligation to have all of the sidewalks installed, they intend to dissolve the Beaumont corporation.

Addressing one other item, the commission voted unanimously to approve a lot size variance for Jerry Little at 311 Richmond Road N., on a property that currently houses a car lot near Nueva Vallarta Mexican restaurant. Little, who said he has owned the lot for approximately 35 years, said he wants to subdivide part of the property into a separate lot, but that it falls approximately 1,800-square-feet short of the 10,000-square-foot minimum lot size requirement. Little added he has no plans to sell or develop the property. The lot and surrounding properties are zoned B-2 major business. Little currently serves on the Berea City Council.

The next Berea Planning and Zoning Commission meeting is slated for March 12.

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Sports

Sheppard claims 3rd SEC honor of year

LEXINGTON (KT) — For the third time this season, Reed Sheppard was named Southeastern Conference Freshman of the Week.

The freshman guard scored a career-high 32 points to lead the Wildcats to a 91-89 win at Mississippi State last week. Sheppard scored 23 points in the second half, including 11 in the final 93 seconds, one of which was the game-winner with five tenths of a second remaining.

"It was a heck of a play," Mississippi State coach Chris Jans said. ""(Sheppard) controlled, for his team, the last minute of the game. He's so savvy and so smart, it's like a coach out there on the floor. He's inbounding the ball and getting it right back. He's obviously an excellent free throw shooter and put us in some tough positions, having to foul him down the stretch."

Sheppard added five rebounds, seven assists, two blocks and a pair of steals in the come-from-behind victory.

"Until I got on the plane, I didn't know he had 32 points," Kentucky coach John Calipari said. "He has the ability to stay calm and not worry about losing. You only worry about winning. How do we win? You can't play not to lose."

In wins over Mississippi State and Arkansas, Sheppard averaged 21 points in the two victories and his 76 steals on the season rank him third on the school's all-time list.

Arkansas coach Eric Musselman was impressed with the Wildcats following his team's setback Saturday at Rupp Arena.

"I'm not sure that I've been around a team that played this hard," he said. "They went 27-28 from the foul line, had 10 steals, 13 assists, and we come away with a loss, but you're talking about a Kentucky team that can win a National Championship."

Kentucky (21-8) moved up to No. 15 in this week's Associated Press Top 25 poll released Monday.

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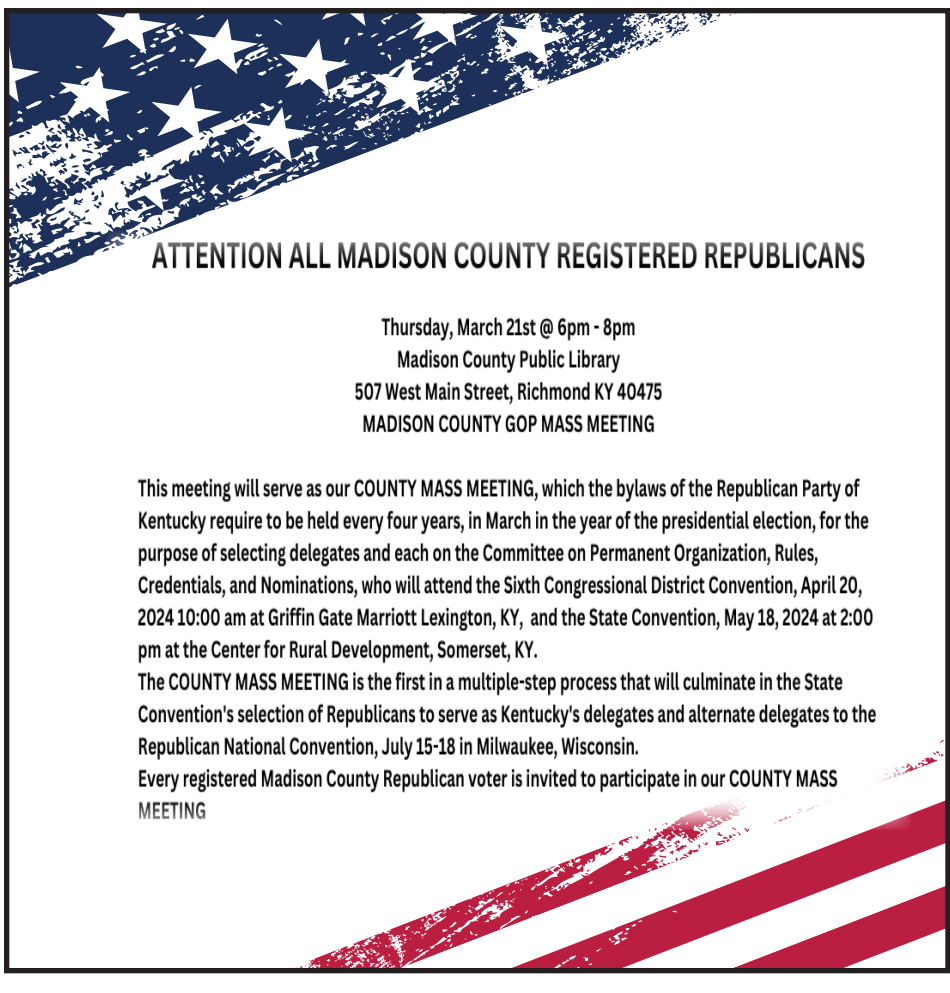

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County road projects are moving forward

Fiscal Court

By Leslie Barlow
Citizen Staff Writer

In a two-part motion the Madison County Fiscal Court voted to approve the state recommended roads for improvement using the fiscal year 2025 Rural Secondary Road Funds, while voting against applying flex funds for improvement on state-maintained roadways.

Casey Smith, Kentucky Transportation Department Section Supervisor, told the court at its March 12 meeting at Berea City Hall, that the state recommends resurfacing 1.352 miles of Ky 1156, Jacks Creek Road, beginning at Kentucky River Road out to KY169.

The exact cost of the project will be determined later in the year.

Smith also told the court that fiscal year 2025 will see a decrease in the amount of funding for road projects the county will receive from the state. The funding will decrease from 20% to 15%. The funding the 120 counties of the state receives is based on the state fuel tax.

During fiscal year 2024, the state and court approved improvement projects on a portion of Kirksville Road, College Hill Road, Maple Grove Road, and Barnes Mill Road.

Last week, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet awarded emergency road repair funding in the amount of $76,410 to the Madison County Fiscal Court.

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Counseling program to benefit BPD

By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

Berea Police Department Captain Casey Botkin briefed the Berea City Council at its last meeting, outlining a counseling program that could help city police officers better deal with the stress of their jobs while reducing job turnover costs and enhancing public safety.

Casey Botkin
Berea PD

The job of policing is becoming more difficult by the year, but Berea law enforcement officials believe they have a solution that could bolster the mental health of the city's police officers.

Citing statistics from a federal study of law enforcement, Botkin noted that within the 17,000 police departments around the country, an estimated 15 percent of officers are in some burnout phase in their careers, where the stress of the job begins to impact their personal lives and their professional judgement. The same study indicated approximately 5 to 7 officers nationally are completely burned out.

"The unfortunate side of this

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Playing at the Park

The warmer temperatures and the switch to daylight savings time last Sunday provided an opportunity for area youngsters to enjoy the outdoors. Memorial Park on Broadway was the happening place on Tuesday. In top photo, Fisher Devasher enjoyed his time on the playground, while Clara Saylor, left, took her turn on the swings. The early spring warm-up will be short-lived as rain and cooler temperatures will move into the region on Friday. Rain is expected to impact the state Friday and temperatures will slowly climb back into the 60s by late next week, with rain in the forecast.

The Citizen/Keith Taylor

College, residents oppose proposed power line

Big Hill

By Whitney McKnight
For the Berea Citizen

Area residents opposed to Eastern Kentucky Power Cooperative's plans to develop property within the Owsley Fork Reservoir watershed will hold a public meeting at the Berea College Forestry Outreach Center at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 13.

The meeting organizers say they aim to raise public awareness about EKPC's intention to build a 69-kilovolt electric transmission line stretching approximately 9 miles through Jackson and Madison counties. The line's substation will be built near the intersection of Ky. 421 and Red Lick Road in Madison County, and the line will run through the reservoir watershed. The reservoir is the main water supply for Berea and much of southeastern Madison County.

"The Big Hill line is necessary to meet growing energy demands in the region," EKPC spokesperson Nick Comer said.

Currently, Big Hill EKPC/Blue Grass Energy cooperative members are served by the Hickory Plains substation further north in Madison County. Approximately 4,100 meters connect to that substation, more than any other in EKPC's system. The Big Hill substation

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The funds will be used for slide repairs on Bethlehem Road (CR1117). The repairs will make travel safer for motorists, pedestrians, school buses and other vehicles that use the road for daily commutes.

"The Transportation Cabinet is pleased to approve this request for funding to provide timely assistance to Madison County to repair and maintain safe connections in the community," said Transportation Secretary Jim Gray said in a release.

Bethlehem Road is located 0.50 miles northeast of KY 3376, extending northeast to ending milepoint 0.52.

The Madison County Fiscal Court is responsible for administering the work, the release said.

• In other business, the court gave approval to apply for the TC Energy Build Strong Grant Funds for first responders. The grant is worth $7,625 and will be used for Cell Phone Sally to teach the children of Madison County various 911 life-saving skills.

• The court also gave approval to apply for the United Spay Alliance Grant Funds. To receive the $2,000 grant, the county would be required to create a fundraiser to match the amount of the grant.

BRIEFS

College granted FM radio license

Berea College Radio will soon be available on FM 91.7, thanks to a low-power FM license recently awarded by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

The license will allow Berea College to build an FM radio station by constructing an antenna and connecting it to a transmitter to broadcast.

The new antenna will likely be built on top of the Computer Science, Digital Media and Information Technologies building, which will house the radio station as well.

The station will emit around 100 watts, translating to a 10-12 mile broadcast radius—more than enough to reach all of Berea.

The plan is to begin construction of the station as early as this summer, with a goal of FM broadcasting beginning this fall.

Auxiliary Tea set for April 20

The 28th annual Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary tea will be held on Saturday, April 20 at 2 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church Life Center. Activities include performances by Madison Central High School Musical Theater, a hat contest, and a silent auction. Tickets are $25 each.

For more information and reservations, call (859) 625-4474.

Message from Cora Jane Wilson

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

John 14:6 (KJV)

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Lynda S. Ratliff

Lynda S. Ratliff, 75, of Berea, passed away peacefully on March 8, 2024. Born on May 24, 1948, in Michigan to Jasper and Christine Moss.

Lynda's role as a homemaker was one, she cherished deeply, creating a loving and welcoming home for all who entered. Her dedication extended beyond her household as a valued member of the Berea Church of God, where she cultivated lifelong friendships and served with grace.

She leaves behind a legacy of love and devotion to her husband of fifty years, Roger Ratliff, her beloved children, Heath Ratliff (Brittany) and Melissa Cahall (Tobias), and her adored grandchildren, Paxton, Bronx, Tinsley, and Parker Ratliff. Lynda's memory will also be treasured by her sister, Doris Borne, and her much-loved grand pup, Lilly.

Lynda was preceded in death by her parents, brother Jerry Moss, and sister Helen Schultz.

Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at Lakes Funeral Home. Pastor Stephen Hobbs officiated. Entombment followed in the Madison County Memorial Gardens.

Lakes Funeral Home in Berea was in charge of arrangements.

Mattie Jo Warford

Mattie Jo Warford, age 83, widow to the late Uranus Warford, Jr., departed this earthly life for her Heavenly home on Monday March 4, 2024, at the UK Good Samaritan Hospital in Lexington, KY. She was born December 25, 1940, in Richmond, KY to the late Matthew and Ida Ross Willis. Mattie retired from retail sales with the K-Mart Company. She loved baking, mostly sweets, music, and dancing. Mattie was of the Baptist faith and a member of the First Baptist Church of Richmond, 302 Francis Street.

In addition to her husband and parents, Mattie was preceded in death by one daughter, Vivian Warford.

Mattie is survived by one son, Dr. Gary Warford and his wife Chrystal of CedarBluff, VA, one daughter, Janice Baxter and her husband Ralph of Louisville, KY, bonus daughter, Georgia Parks of Richmond, KY, one brother, Bert Robinson of Tacoma, WA, one sister-in-law, Betty Ann Johnson of Dayton, OH, four grandchildren, Jasmine Baxter, Christopher Baxter, Ida Warford, Mikayla Warford, and four great grandchildren, Traymarius Warford, Coronta'e Warford, Aulbree Gill, and Amaria Gill.

Funeral services will be12:00PM Monday March 18, 2024, at First Baptist Church of Richmond, 302 Francis Street, with Rev. Mitchell Brown officiating and Rev. Dr. Robert Blythe doing the eulogy. Burial will follow in the Madison County Memorial Gardens. Pallbearers will be Gary Warford, Jarrett King, Shaun Schetka, Chris Baxter, Jaun Gill, and Antoine Jackson. Visitation will be 10:00AM – 12:00PM Monday March 18, 2024, at the church.

Davis & Powell Funeral Directors in charge of arrangements.

Jewell Alice Smith Wilmot

Jewell Alice Smith Wilmot, 80, wife of 60 years to Robert Wilmot, passed away Wednesday March 6, 2024, at Saint Joseph Hospital in Berea. She was born August 13, 1943, in Jackson County, to the late Donald and Clara Lamb Smith. Jewell was a retiree in Customer Service with Dresser Industries. She loved spending time with family, cooking for and feeding them. Jewell attended the Berea United Methodist Church.

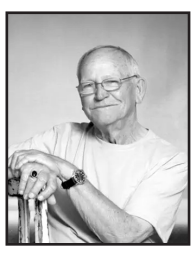
Other than her parents, Jewell was preceded in death by one niece Sheila Smith.

In addition to her husband Robert, she is survived by three daughters, Connie Mondine and her husband John of Berea, Anita Callahan and her husband Chuck of Cincinnati, Ohio, Mary Mitchell and her husband Matthew of Lawrenceburg, five grandchildren, Jacob Mondine of Lexington, Alex Mondine of Nashville, Tennessee, Sarah Callahan of Cincinnati, Ohio, Aspen Mitchell, Camden Mitchell, both of Lawrenceburg, and one brother Leon Smith and his wife Hazel of Berea.

Funeral services were conducted on Monday March 11, 2024, at Berea United Methodist Church. Rev. Timo Karvonen officiated. Burial followed in the Cartersville Cemetery. Pallbearers were John Mondine, Chuck Callahan, Matthew Mitchell, Alex Mondine, Jacob Mondine, and Randy Lamb.

Davis & Powell Funeral Directors in charge of arrangements.

Paul Broughton



Paul Douglas Broughton, 78, of Garrard County, died suddenly at his residence Saturday, March 9, 2024. He was a Crab Orchard native born March 23, 1945, son of the late Rube and Anna Mae Adams Broughton, retired Garrard County School System employee, attended Harmons Lick Church of God, and had been a resident of Garrard County most of his life.

He was a former member of the Archery Club, avid Bingo player and was widely known for his candy making ability.

Survivors include his loving wife Shirley Caldwell Broughton; son Sonny Broughton; siblings Larry Broughton (Kelly), Jennifer Owen (Dennis); grandchildren Candace Himes, Patrick Himes, Aleecia Broughton, Bradley Broughton; great-grandchildren Everleigh, Marleigh, Cailee, Sierra; special nephew Jack Middleton; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, relatives, friends and church family.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his daughter Marla Himes; grandson Logan Himes; siblings Virginia, Hattie, Etta, Ruby, Delbert.

Funeral Service 2:00 PM Saturday, March 16, 2024 at Harmons Lick Church of God. Burial will follow in Ramsey Cemetery. Visitation 6:00 PM Friday at the church. Pallbearers will be Bradley Broughton, Johnny Baker, Seth Tackett, Nathaniel Mullins, Jamie McQueen, Patrick Himes. Honorary Pallbearers will be Wayne Cash, Darrel Robinson, Jack Middleton.

Reppert Funeral Home and Cremation Service entrusted with final arrangements.

Carolyn Whittemore

Carolyn Sue Linville Whittemore, 71, of Berea died Sunday, March 10, 2024 following an illness. She was a Dayton, Ohio native born September 2, 1952, daughter of the late Preston and Bonnie Miracle Linville and had been a resident of the Berea area most of her life. Carolyn was a member of Clear Creek Baptist Church.

Her greatest pleasure in life was being a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She showed unlimited love to her family which was her greatest pleasure in life.

Survivors include her loving husband of 51 years David Whittemore; children Tonya Sizemore, Casey Coffey (Eddie), Tiffany Whittemore (Kelly Morgan); grandchildren J. D. Sizemore, Donovan Coffey, Zoey Morgan, Thorin Morgan, Kaylie Morgan, and a grandson expected in April to be named Vulcan Morgan; brother Norman Linville; as well as numerous relatives and friends. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by brothers Cecil Linville, Albert Linville.

In accordance with Carolyn's wishes, she was cremated and a private Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

Reppert Funeral Home and Cremation Service entrusted with final arrangements.

Larry Hobbs

Larry Joseph Hobbs, 77, of Lexington died Sunday, March 10, 2024 at St. Joseph Main. He was a Fleming-Neon native born January 22, 1947, son of the late Orbin Hobbs and the late Alpharetta Baker, retired machinist at Trane Technologies, attended Crestview Holy Sanctuary and had been a resident of Lexington for over 53 years.

In his spare time Larry enjoyed playing guitar, singing, fishing, hunting and gardening.

Survivors include his loving wife Joyce Powell Hobbs; daughters Melissa Brock (Chris), Heather McCay (Mason); grandson Wesley Brock; siblings Charles Hobbs (Olive), Billy Hobbs, Patricia Jones.

Funeral Service 11:00 AM, Saturday, March 16, 2024 at Crestview Holy Sanctuary with Pastor Mark Adams officiating. Burial will follow in Scaffold Cane Cemetery in Rockcastle County. Visitation after 6:00 PM Friday at the church. Pallbearers will be Mason McCay, Chris Brock, Scott Powell, Jimmy Gadd, Elwood Gadd, Ben Burdette, Josh Bogie.

Reppert Funeral Home and Cremation Service entrusted with final arrangements.

Julio Ernesto Fidel Ramirez

Julio Ernesto Fidel Ramirez, 5 week old son of Julio and Shasta Richmond Ramirez, died Thursday, March 7, 2024, at U.K. Medical Center in Lexington. He was born Tuesday, January 30, 2024, at Baptist Health Richmond.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by 3 siblings Leotie, Zenova, and Ruger Ramirez; paternal grandparents Filo and Alma Ramirez; maternal grandparents Robbie Richmond (Katie Goode) and Christy Smith (Kenny); as well as numerous relatives.

Funeral Service were conducted on Monday, March 11, 2024, at Reppert Funeral Home. Pastor Chad Miller officiated.

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— The First Amendment

SUNSHINE® WEEK
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Keeping the light shinning

Keith Taylor

We covered a City Council meeting this month. We also cover Madison County Fiscal Court meetings.

Why do we make an effort to cover and report those meetings? It's simple: To keep you informed on what is going on within the city and county government.

This week, as has been observed in mid-March since 2005, is Sunshine Week, used "to educate the importance of open government and the dangers of excessive and unnecessary secrecy."

It's our job to keep our readers informed of what transpires during those meetings, especially items that are specifically tied to the agenda, whether it's a resolution or an ordinance that was passed in the city and county. We also are required by law to publish those ordinances before they can be enforced.

Every year it seems, an elected official wants public notices to be online and managed by a local government agency or a third-party entity. Imagine the possibility of corruption that could take place if such law was passed by our state legislature.

We are fortunate to have a mayor and city council as well as county officials, judge-executive and magistrates who are transparent and willing to share what the public needs to know.

We have an open democracy and the people elect those who represent the citizens in local, state and national government. They are to be held accountable to the public because "government functions best when it operates in the open."

In an era where news can be derived from a variety of sources, including social media, it's important now more than ever, to consider your source when it comes to the news. Seek to find journalists who strive to present the facts without tilting the scale.

Our role is to report the news to you, the reader, and keep you updated on the latest government decisions that will affect your life in one way or another.

If not for this paper you wouldn't know when the U.S. 25 widening project was complete and rely strictly on heresy or what someone posted on social media that may or may not be true, considering the source of the information.

There are more than 1,400 cities and towns across America that have lost a newspaper during the last 17 years, according to the Associated Press, based on analysis of data that was compiled by the University of North Carolina.

It's sad.

Imagine a community without a newspaper, whether it be online or print.

How would you know about what happened at the last government meeting? How would you find out what's going on this weekend to plan ahead?

That's why it's vital to have journalists looking after your best interests at all times.

Keith Taylor

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Shrinking candy bar

Glenn Mollette

In his State of the Union address, President Joe Biden referred to an American dilemma – the shrinking Snicker's bar. He pointed out that his Snicker's bar purchase had less or fewer Snickers. I'm not exactly sure what a Snickers is, nuts, chocolate, sugar, the content of the bar. Size matters, when you're hungry. It's just a bad thing when you stop at your local convenient store to buy a soda pop and you walk out with a Snicker's bar that cost more but has less in the wrapper. Apparently, there must be less Fritos and Cheetos in the bags as well. This is a sad time in America.

I remember buying a large bottle of coke, a bag of chips and a pastry for 25 cents. Those were the days but they are long past.

It's an epidemic of course. It's not just candy bars and junk food. Check the size of your fast-food hamburgers and the cost. You are paying more for less. A hundred dollars doesn't go very far at the grocery store. American families are having a difficult time putting food on the table. A mother who cooks for her family every day is having to stretch her budge more and more.

President Biden is concerned about the problem but it's been a growing problem for three years. It's not getting better When does he propose to fix the problem, after he is reelected? Why not now? Or, why not over the past three years? People are hurting today. Promises of a better life if he is reelected are not reassuring to many Americans.

The border crisis is our No. 1 issue this election. It's not a priority with President Biden. He's had three years to be walking that border. He's had three years to stop the invasion of illegals and gang members into our country. His recent photo op to the border is too little too late. Joe Biden stopped the progress of the border wall. He opened the gates wide to the illegals. The results are not positive. We have major cities on the verge of economic collapse. Public schools, housing and more are suffering. Mayors are pleading for help.

Recently, Biden submitted a Border Immigration Bill to Congress that has not been approved. The bill still allows for an average of 5000 people a day over seven days to come into the United States illegally before closing the border. Or, the one-day maximum number is 8,500 entries before the border is closed. This a larger number of people than some of our rural counties in America. Over the course of a year this would amount to a city the size of Indianapolis or larger coming into our country. This is not border security, but only a continuation of Biden's insanity.

We do need to help Ukraine. Putin is not anyone's friend. Trump made a stupid statement about Putin attacking non supportive NATO countries. However, the border security and Ukraine expenditures should be separate bills.

If we don't tightly secure our border our children are going to have a scary place to grow up. Sadly, we may already be in that place.

Civic ed valuable

Michael Adams

The test results are in, and Kentucky is barely passing when it comes to civic health. Civic education is desperately needed in our schools, and our lawmakers need to act now to ensure our children will grow into adults capable of self-government.

My Office recently conducted a Civic Health Assessment, with mixed results. Relative to the rest of the country, Kentuckians seem to be more accepting of other viewpoints. Our Assessment found that 75 percent of Kentuckians are friends with people who have opposing viewpoints, and 61 percent think it is better for politicians to compromise than to constantly bicker.

Another bright spot in the Assessment was that just 19 percent of Kentuckians get their news primarily from social media. Kentuckians overwhelmingly get their news from legitimate, local news outlets, whether television or newspaper.

That's the good news. Here's the bad news.

When Kentuckians were surveyed on their civic knowledge, they didn't pass. Just half could name the three branches of government. Under half could name a local elected official. That number dropped further when asked to name a legislator or constitutional officer. For some constitutional offices, just 30 percent of Kentuckians could identify the officeholder – that's despite the survey taking place in the year during elections for these offices.

We did not do much better when we looked at social civics – the relationship between civic health and social interaction. Those who mix civics and personal relationships tend to be the most civically engaged and healthy. Our survey found that 54 percent of Kentuckians talk about politics with family or friends a few times a week and just 38 percent had contacted a public official in the past year.

There are things we can do to set up future generations for success. I have asked the Legislature to require civics education in all Kentucky high schools, as we are one of the few states that do not. Our kids deserve better than to be set up for failure.

We also need a robust civics exam for our high school graduates. The current test is woefully inadequate and a poor measure of civic understanding.

These two requirements are not only logical moves to set up a future of engaged citizens, but they can reap benefits across the board. Research from Harvard and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation found that many of the skills that are required to succeed in the 21st century workforce – like civility and cooperation – are associated with higher levels of civic education.

Let's take this Civic Learning Week to think about the importance of civics and push our state leaders to do more to improve our children's future.

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• Phillip J. Bingham, 49, Berea: failure to appear
• Eddie Boyd, 43, London: failure to appear
• Shalyn Brewer, 20, Winchester: probation violation (for felony offense)
• John E. Combs, 76, Richmond: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting
• Gregory T. Combs, 32, Richmond: assault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor injury
• Angel Jones, 25, Berea: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); possession of a controlled substance, 3rd degree – drug unspecified
• Virgil R> Millsaps, 25, Berea: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting
• David Stamper, 58, Midway, failure to appear (3 counts)

March 1

• Michael Bond, 43, Lexington: failure to appear
• Kentharvarius Keyshawn Brown, 23, Groveport, Ohio: disorderly conduct, 2nd degree; resisting arrest
• Ricky Arvel Mayes, 64, Waco: serving weekends
• Warren Glen McKinney, 49, Berea: serving weekends
• Marvin Florida Noland, 57, Richmond: serving weekends
• Autumn Reynolds, 22, Richmond: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of substance(s) – 1st; drug paraphernalia – buy/possess; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); possession of a controlled substance, 3rd degree – drug unspecified; prescription controlled substance not properly contained – 1st offense
• Joseph Smith, 19, not given: serving weekends

March 2

• Ginger M. Bray, 48, London: serving parole violation warrant
• Walker J. Brockton, 21, Catlettsburg: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol -1st
• Tristen Bujanos, 24, Berea: no registration plates; driving on DUI suspended license (3rd offense)
• William Burton, 65, Waco: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines
• Sammy Lee Holland, Jr., 38, Richmond: probation violation (for felony offense)
• Jennifer Nalley, 44, Richmond: assault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor injury

March 3

• Rayjon Johnson, 18, Richmond: alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offense); menacing
• Tyler Artez McKinley, 26, Chattanooga, Tennessee: fugitive from another state – warrant required
• Victor W. Mundy, 49, Richmond: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st
• Selena Stewart, 24, Berea: robbery, 1st degree; promoting prostitution; prostitution

March 4

• Guy Scott, 39, Irvine: failure to appear
• Bobby B. Meeks, 26, Berea: wanton endangerment – 1st degree; terroristic threatening, 3rd degree
• Dailey Grant McGuire, 50, Beattyville: serving time
• Heather Nichole Estes, 41, Richmond: hold for court
• Ricky Ashley, 37, Richmond: parole violation (for technical violation)
• Gregory Scott Sizemore, Jr., 36, Richmond: hold for other
• Keith Adams, 55, Richmond: hold for court
• Makenzie Anderson, 26, Nicholasville: failure to appear, citation for misdemeanor (3 counts); failure to appear; serving warrant, for other police agency (2 counts)
• Jennifer Robinson, 47, Lexington: failure to appear
• Randolph B. Eason, 30, Richmond: hold for court
• Bryana M. Harlan, 27, Richmond: failure to appear (4 counts); probation violation, for felony offense (2 counts)
• Brandon B. Garner, 44, Midway: failure to appear, citation for misdemeanor
• Ashlee Cottrell, 32, Nicholasville: failure to appear (3 counts)
• Daniel Ray Gadd, 39, Berea: failure to appear
• Leslie Rawlins, 53, Richmond: hold for other; alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses)
• Dwayne Roaden, 63, Somerset: serving weekends
• Ashley Hope Dargavell-Ruble, 35, Waco: theft of identity of another without consent; fraudulent use of a credit card, $1,000 but less than $10,000

March 5

• Lisa Renee Robinson, 51, Mt. Vernon: failure to appear (2 counts)
• Larry K. Thacker, 45, Berea: failure to appear
• Darell W. Slayback, 40, Cincinnati, Ohio: operating motor vehicle under the influence of substance(s) – 1st
• Gary Michael Brock, 55, Berea: serving time
• Cody L. Hall, 27, Berea: probation violation (for technical violation)
• Sharon Robinson, 47, Richmond: hold for court
• Jerry D. Smith, 36, Frankfort: terroristic threatening, 3rd degree
• Jenalien B. Jonathan, 25, Richmond: assault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor injury
• Lori J. Hazelwood, 38, Berea: probation violation (for technical violation)
• Gunvant Balbov-Shai Patel, 48, Berea: improper passing; possession of open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle; failure of ower to maintain required insurance/security – 1st offense; operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/substance(s)-1st
• Robert Lee Cody, 63, Richmond: failure to appear
• Steven Arthur Napier, 40, Richmond: failure to appear (3 counts)
• Jeremy Ramsey, 38, Richmond: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines
• Bradley Daugherty, 41, Richmond, wanton endangerment – 1st degree – police officer; assault, 3rd degree- police officer or probation officer; resisting arrest; assault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor injury; terroristic threatening, 3rd degree

March 6

• Joseph P. Chestnut, 33, Richmond: fleeing or evading police – 2nd degree (on foot); resisting arrest; loitering
• Dakota M. Burns, 24, Berea: terroristic threatening – 3rd degree
• David A. Dean, 44, Richmond: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); possession of a controlled substance, 3rd degree (drug unspecified)
• Aaron Devon Estell-Bradshaw, 30, Richmond: hold for court
• Jesse W. Smith, 31, Richmond: hold for court
• Christopher Spivey-Campbell, 30, Richmond: hold for court
• Michael Wayne Cope, 36, Richmond: serving time
• Steven L. Denny, 48, not given: hold for court
• Kennetha Frye, 32, Lexington: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines; violation of a Kentucky EPO/DVO; failure to appear (3 counts)
• Amanda Whitaker, 42, Louisville: failure to appear (4 counts)
• Alicia G. Stewart, 44, Berea: hold for court
• Melissa Noel Malicote, 54, not given: hold for court
• Norma Marie Gootee, 36, Berea: contempt of court, libel/slander, resistance to order
• Sheyenne M. Hurt, 23, Hustonville: failure to appear
• Allen Ray Roberts, 51, Mt. Vernon: violation of a Kentucky EPO/DVO
• Timothy Martin, 34, Berea: failure to appear (2 counts)
• Michael Gootee, 38, Berea: failure to appear
• Amber M. Gonzalez, 39, Berea: failure to appear
• Avis Barger, 53, Richmond: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08-2nd (aggravated circumstances); possession of open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle

COURT RECORDS

Circuit Court Feb. 29

• Logan Elizabeth Marcum vs. Christopher Marcum
• David Burton vs. Mecha Burton

March 1

• CHFS for Paul C. Reaves vs. Katherine M. Reaves
• CHFS for Brandy N. King vs. Chad A. King
• CHFS for Portia Edwards vs. Brittany N. Roberts
• CHFS for Jacqueline King vs. Daniel W. King, Sr.
• Tyler Hughes vs. Emily Angel

Foreclosures Feb. 29

• Central Bank and Trust Co vs. Jacob Dylan Masters, ET AL
• Ameri home Mortgage Company, LLC vs. Amanda M. Witt, ET AL

March

• U.S. Bank National Association not in it vs. Unknown Executors/Heirs of Loretta S. Hall

MARRIAGES

March 4

• Yudith Elizabeth Sotillo, MD, 28, of Richmond to Benjamin Ryan Caudill, general contractor, 46, of Richmond
• Hannah Butler Fowles, office manager, 38, of Mt. Vernon to Michael Lee Wardlow, machinist/programmer, 29 of Mt. Vernon
• Brandi Rae Martin, caregiver, 26, of Richmond to Tyler Artez McKinley, manufacturing, 26, of Richmond
• William Bailey Herbst, security officer, 35, of Richmond to Rachel Lynn Smith, general manager, 34, of Richmond
• Jamie Lynn Lakes, factory, 34 of Richmond to Deza Ray Danell Oliver, cosmetologist, 37, of Richmond
• Sookie Jane Shreve, unemployed, 58, of Richmond to David Allen Holton, general

March 5

• Harold Bruce Adams, Jr., contractor, 59, of Berea to Besy Yasenia Lavaire Gusman, unemployed, 49, of Berea
• Travis Kenneth Sturgell, caregiver, 30, of Richmond to Kaylyn Michelle-Grace Hagerdorn, medical assistant, 22, of Winchester

March 6

• Stephanie Renae Coffey, unemployed, 28, of Waco to Brandon Douglas Holt, excavating operator, 30, of Waco
• Amanda Witt, nurse, 44, of Berea to Joshua Ruben Marshall, auto mechanic 32 of Berea

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Feb. 29

• Ball Homes, LLC to Randall P. Maddox and Faith L. Maddox, lot 58 Phase II Arbor Woods, $299,056
• Keith Carpenter and Rhonda Carpenter to James Beaver and Robin Beaver, 610 Bratcher Lane, Berea, $115,000
• Nathan Congleton and Emily Congleton to Justin Alan Pyatt and Leah Marie Pyatt, tract P23/53 (vicinity of College Hill Pike, Waco), $100,000
• Kenneth W. Hale and Terri Lynn Hale to Kenneth W. Hale and Terri L. Hale, tract Madison County (vicinity of Elm Street Berea), to create joint title with rights of survivorship between husband and wife and for and in consideration of love and affection
• Nancy Lynn Snowden, as Trustee of the Carl William Snowden and/or Nancy Lynn Snowden Revocable Trust, dated May 28, 2014, to Jesse M. Jones and Elizabeth N. Jones, tracts Madison County (lot 13 and lot 14 of a subdivision of the Lackey property located on Rosedale Avenue, Richmond), $180,000
• Bobbie Germaine Hobbs and Jennifer A. Duerson, Co-Executors of the Estate of Gertrude S. Scrivner to Jabez Construction, LLC, lot 28 Laney Brook Place (a/k/a Laney Brook Estates), $30,000

March 1

• David Joseph Everett and Vicki Ann Everett to James Osborne, Jr. and Julia Osborne, 2028 Hidden Falls Trail, $630,000
• Houghton Homes, LLC to Charles Mitchell, lot 19 Bentwood Trace, $284,900
• Loretta Smith and Ahmed H. Faraj to Ken-Tuck Solutions, LLC, 1014 Race Street and 1002 Race Street, Richmond, $72,000
• Delbert Russell Rudolph, Jr. (a/k/a Delbert Rudolph), Susan Rudolph (a/k/a Susan Bryant), and Blevins Law, LLC to Delbert Russell Rudolph, Jr. and Susan Rudolph, 356 Owsley Fork Road, Berea, for and in consideration of the love and affection between spouses
• DS & JV Properties, LLC to Tommy Cope Properties, LLC, lot 93 Firebrook Subdivision, Phase 1, $58,000
• Ridgeline Premier Properties, LLC to ADI Homes, LLC, 106 Eastern Hills Drive, 112 Anderson Court, 125 Grant Drive, and 404 A Charles Claiborne Court, $1,650,000
• Jannus F. Rhodus and Tina French Realtor, LLC to Manuel Goins, 206 Hanover Street, $95,000
• Alan Wayne Sharkey to Alan Wayne Sharkey, Trustee of the Alan Wayne Sharkey Living Trust, dated February 28, 2024, lot 35 Fincastle Subdivision Phase 1, for and in consideration of the premises and to conform to the intentions of the Parties
• Rebecca M. Turner, by and through her Attorney-in-Fact, Jonathan S. Turner to Jonathan S. Turner, Trustee of the Rebecca Turner Irrevocable Trust, dated February 22, 2024, Parcel 0002-0000-0021 Kirksville Road, Richmond, for and in consideration of the premises and to conform to the intentions of the Parties
• Rebecca M. Turner, by and through her Attorney-in-Fact Jonathan S. Turner to Jonathan S. Turner, Trustee of the Rebecca Turner Irrevocable Trust, dated February 22, 2024, 2550 Lancaster Road, for and in consideration of premises and to conform to the intentions of the Parties
• Rebecca M. Turner, by and through her Attorney-in-Fact Jonathan S. Turner to Jonathan S. Turner, Trustee of the Rebecca Turner Irrevocable Trust, dated February 22, 2024, 928 Kirksville Road, Richmond, for and in consideration of premises and to conform to the intentions of the Parties
• Wilma Jean Swope to Warren Swope, tract Madison County (vicinity of Red Lick Road, Berea), for and in consideration of the love and affection she has for Grantee (her son)
• John Sharkey and Tabitha Sharkey to Anthony Ray and JoAnn Parks Ray, tracts Madison County (Parcel A – north side if Kentucky Highway #51 and east side of Charlie Norris Road, Parcel B lot 2 Estonia Estates), $235,000
• The Secretary of Housing and Urban Housing, Washing D.C., acting by and through the Federal Housing Commissioner to Mary M. Conn, 337 College Hill Road, Waco, $75,000
• Richard Florence and Sandy Florence to James Miller and Taylor Kelley to Stargazer Homes, LLC, tracts Madison County (vicinity of Tate's Creek Road), $35,000
• Doris Jean Cates to Jonathan Walters, 209 Tony Drive, Berea, $250,000

March 4

• The Estate of Barbara W. Richardson to Hunter Logan Elliott and Erin Rose Miller, lot 3 and Lot 4 Chestnut Drive Court Drive, Berea, (plat 2/32), $200,000
• Dennis Christopher Gilbert and Danielle Gilbert to Mitchell A. Elliott and Allison Y. Elliott, 3012 Planter's Row Drive, Richmond, $60,000
• A&R Contractors, LLC to Susan M. Brinkman, lot 225 Magnolia Pointe Subdivision Phase 7A, $314,900
• C. Beach, III Enterprises, LLC to Shiloh Macy Mullins, 604 Persimmon Ridge Trail, $34,000
• Michael W. Sharp to Melanie E. Sharp, 612 Four Winds Drive, pursuant to a property settlement agreement of Civil Action No. 23-CI-50581, Madison District Court, Decree of Dissolution entered February 9, 2024
• Cameron Brunty and Christina Brunty to Trevor Chadwick Allen and Cassidy Brooke Johnson, 185 Elliot Ford Road, Richmond, $222,750
• Virginia Louise Adams and Derek Adams to Michael Terrell Barnes and Tammy Lynn Barnes, 1019 Judah Bear Boulevard, Richmond, $224,000
• Shad H. Herrenkohl and Amy D. Herrenkohl to Indigo Run, Inc, lot 14 Berkley Hall Phase 3, $48,400

March 5

• Extreme Properties, LLC to Jaylen Caine Abbott and Madison Abbott, 604 Lillie Court, $280,000
• Fred Johnson and Krista L. Johnson to Nehemiah Doderer and Tiffany Doderer, 1020 Isaac Drive, Richmond, $235,000
• Michael W. Whitaker and Rosemary Whitaker to KY Home Investors, LLC, lot 3 East Point Subdivision, Richmond, $150,000
• KY Home Investors, LLC to Stargazer Homes, LLC, lot 3 East Point Subdivision, Richmond, $165,000
• AS Thomas Enterprises, LLC to Brian E. Charles, Trustee of the Brian E. Charles Living Trust, u/a/d May 7, 2019, tract Madison County (vicinity of U.S. 25 South near Seventh Day Adventists Church and Sky Ranch Motel), $420,000
• Clint Taylor Construction, LLC to Timothy D. Hounshell, lot 6 Fair Vista Landing Phase I, $267,100
• Stock Yards Bank & Trust Company, a Kentucky corporation (successor in interest to King Sothern Brank (f/k/a Peoples state Bank, Chaplin KY and successor in interest to Madison Bank, a Kentucky banking corporation to Remington SWC Advisors, LLC, tract Madison Count (vicinity of West Main Street), $50,000

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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:

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- Match Existing Top-Coat Asphalt in Type and Thickness
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- Seal Joints with Approved Material
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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 26, 2024**.

Bids will be opened at 2:15 pm, March 26, 2024, in the office of the City Clerk located at Berea City Hall, 212 Chestnut Street, Berea, KY 40403.

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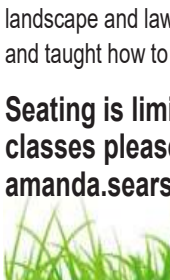

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Reflections

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March 13, 1924 Dixie Route "A"

Dixie Route "A" (Scaffold Cane section of the Dixie Highway) was inspected on March 7th by a committee of twenty men from Richmond, Paris, Cincinnati and Lexington. They found that an average of four hundred tons of rock a day was being put on the road at an average cost of $1 a ton. Workers were working forty teams and seventy extra men. The committee was enthusiastic about the work that was being done and said it was the best for the money that was being put into it that they had seen anywhere in the United States.

March 10, 1949 Used car lot

Hymer Motor Company was building an attractive entrance to the new used car lot located between the 5 cent & $1.00 Store and Blue Grass Hotel. Two high posts had been placed at the entrance and each post carried a huge Indian head, which was the sign of Pontiac Motors. On the side wall of the hotel and the 5 cent & $1.00 stores were large letters designating the lot as a used car area. Mr. Dempsey Hart was finishing up the design. Mr. Hymer purchased the lot several years prior from Mr. J.M. Coyle, who was the owner of the Blue Grass Hotel.

BILL MONROE

March 14, 1974 Monroe performs

Bill Monroe and the Bluegrass Boys presented a free concert at Berea College's Phelps Stokes Chapel on March 21st. Monroe, who was a star of the Grand Ole Opry for years, was credited with originating "Bluegrass" music, named for his band in 1939. He learned music from his mother, a fiddler, and his uncle Pen Vandiver, whom he played with for neighborhood parties as a child. He began his radio career in 1930 with his brother Charlie and formed his own band eight years later. Monroe was elected to the Bluegrass Hall of Fame in 1970. He had written and recorded for Decca and toured most of the United States, Canada, England, Italy and Germany.

March 11, 1999 House Fire

An early morning fire destroyed a two-story house at 310 Prospect Street. Although the six residents who occupied the four apartments in the house all escaped safely, their belongings were completely destroyed along with the entire structure. According to Berea Fire Chief Bob Davis, the call came in at approximately 3:58 a.m. Firefighters were on scene withing five minutes. Davis said that neither residents nor firefighters were able to save any belongings from the house. "After we saw all of the residents were out safely, we made two or three interior attacks, but the fire had already gone through the fire, so there wasn't much we could do," Davis commented.

photo by Danna Eskridge

Firefighters responded to a two-story house fire on Prospect Street early Tuesday morning. The residents all got out safely, but the structure and everything in it were destroyed. Traffic was routed around the area for several hours while fire fighters stayed on the scene to allow the fire to burn itself out.

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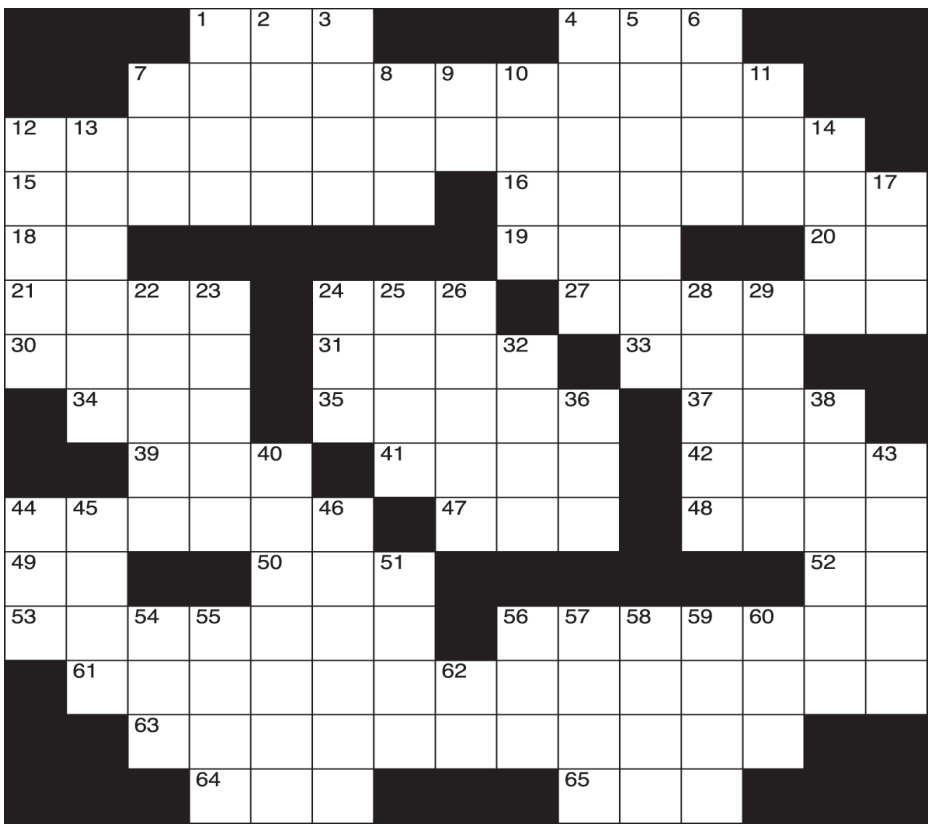
Crossword



CLUES ACROSS
1. Helps little firms
4. Political action committee
7. Allowed
12. Olivia Colman played one
15. Open
16. He had a notable lamp
18. Promotional material
19. Domesticated animal
20. Larry and Curly's buddy
21. The best ever
24. TV network
27. Checked for
30. Dry or withered
31. Expression of annoyance
33. Dash
34. Fifth note of a major scale
35. A secret clique
37. Partner to cheese
39. __ school: where to learn healing
41. City in ancient Syria
42. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
44. Established practice
47. Thanksgiving side dish
48. District in Peru
49. It's becoming more prevalent
50. State in India
52. Measure of illumination
53. Raised platform
56. Japanese warrior
61. R.L. Stevenson novel
63. Transitory
64. Advanced degree
65. Fiddler crabs

CLUES DOWN
1. Prevent from seeing
2. Czech city
3. __ and Andy, TV show
4. A young pig
5. Removed surgically
6. Covered with
7. Chest muscle (slang)
8. Nigerian City
9. Midway between south and east
10. A way to shut
11. Stop playing
12 Marshy places
13. Takes apart
14. Ten cents
17. A gesture of assent
22. Scent
23. Teletypewriter
24. General's assistant (abbr.)
25. Hillside
26. Taxi driver
28. Semitic Sun god
29. Town in India
32. Traditional rhythmic pattern
36. Fugitives are on the __
38. Type of dance
40. Two letters, one sound
43. Having a strong, pleasant taste
44. Golf score
45. Mayhem
46. Drenched
51. River in northeastern Asia
54. Drug to treat anxiety (abbr.)
55. Part-time employee
56. A very large body of water
57. Aboriginal people of Japan
58. Millisecond
59. Forearm bone
60. Subway dweller
62. Royal Mail

SUDOKU

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ANSWER:

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

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to St. Patrick's Day.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 15 = E)

A. 16 7 12 2 15 22
Clue: Little plant

B. 9 22 15 15 26
Clue: Color associated with nature

C. 17 24 8 26 1
Clue: Holy being

D. 11 24 1 22 12 26
Clue: Someone who supports a cause

Answers: A. clover B. green C. saint D. patron

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Favorite flower or flour?

Bubba and his wife had gone to one of those marriage retreats that have become so popular in recent years. You know, those events that bring together groups of couples to strengthen their marriages.

One of the speakers said many husbands have no idea what his wife's favorite flower is.

"I know yours," Bubba whispered to his wife. "It's self-rising, ain't it?"

Roger Alford

Flowers certainly do beautify this old world. I love them all — the daffodils and tulips of spring, the daisies and black-eyed Susans that come a little later, the goldenrods of fall and every blossom and bloom in between.

The Bible talks about a good many flowers, including rose of Sharon, lily of the valley and myrtle. Those flowers, as we know them today, are certainly among the most beautiful in the world.

God created those beautiful flowers, in all their splendor, and He supplies the water and nutrients they need to flourish. And, in His Word, He tells us He will do the same for us.

"Consider the lilies how they grow; they toil not; they spin not; and yet I say unto you that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. If God then so clothe the grass, which is today in the field and tomorrow is cast into the oven, how much more will He clothe you?" (Luke 12:27-28)

What's really cool about flowers is that they bloom where they're planted. If it's a well-tended garden in the backyard, flowers will bloom there. If it's a crack in a sidewalk where a dandelion might take root, you can expect a beautiful yellow bloom.

We should be like the flowers and bloom wherever we're planted, wherever we happen to be, regardless of our circumstances.

We should let our light shine before men so that they can see our good works and glorify our Father in Heaven.

All that said, I also have to admit, I'm a huge fan of self-rising flour as well. There's not much prettier than those homemade, golden-brown cathead biscuits I grew up on.

I can certainly understand why Bubba might think his wife's favorite flour is self-rising.

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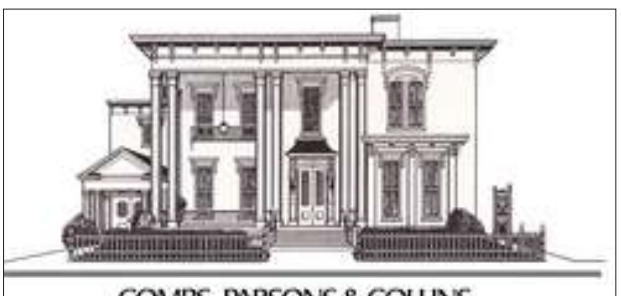
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Going strong: Boone Tavern is still thriving

By Jerlene Rose
Berea Rotary

Miranda Gooch, Sales Manager and Wedding Coordinator, and Joseluis Pulido, who is a student and worker at Berea College, were guest speakers at Berea Rotary on Tuesday, March 5, at Just Love Coffee.

The histories of Boone Tavern Hotel and Restaurant and Berea College are closely intertwined and remain so today.

Founded in 1855 by the abolitionist and Augusta College graduate John Gregg Fee (1816-1901), Berea College admitted both black and white students in a fully integrated curriculum, making it the first non-segregated, coeducational college in the South and one of a handful of institutions of higher leaning to admit both male and female students in the mid-19th century. It is a private liberal arts work college.

Boone Tavern was built at the request of Eleanor Frost, the wife of Berea College president William Frost, to accommodate the many visitors of Berea College. The term

Jose Pulido, Berea College freshman is pictured with, Miranda Gooch,right, Hotel Sales Manager at Berea College.

"tavern" at that time referred to a public inn for travelers, rather than today's definition as a place that serves alcoholic beverages. The name was to honor the Appalachian hero, Daniel Boone.

Construction began in 1907. It took two years to construct Boone Tavern with students from Berea College brickyard supplying the materials for the project and its Woodwork department providing most of the labor. Students are still an integral part of Boone Tavern's operation.

Berea College has students from more than 40 states and 70 other countries, though its primary focus is the southern Appalachian region. It offers bachelor's degrees in more than 30 majors.

Pulido, a freshman from Chicago, explained that he would not have been able to attend college if not for work-study program that covers the remaining tuition fees after subtracting the total sum a student receives from Pell and other grants and scholarships. Students are required to engage in a minimum of 10 hours per week of work for the college.

Pulido said his duties at Boone Tavern vary depending on need, such as waiting tables, dip spoon bread, or clear tables. He is enrolled in a pre-med program, with a goal of becoming a biological engineer.

"Berea College is very different from my high school in Chicago," he said. "There was very tight security because of the potential for violence. I have never heard of anything bad happening in Berea. I like that." He added that, although the college is multi-racial in the makeup of students, "It is hard to find people like me. I like meeting people and I've met a lot more people from different places."

Ms. Gooch told the Rotarians about the newly renovated Boone Tavern Event Center which is nestled adjacent to the Boone Tavern dining room. The 2,834 square feet of space can accommodate up to 150 guests banquet style. There are seven separate event rooms for from six to 150 guests. Meeting amenities include cutting-edge AV, high resolution projection, video playback flat screen TV's, portable staging, and guest restrooms exclusive for the event center. Energy efficient heating and cooling systems, LED lighting and large windows to provide natural light.

"We host a variety of events," Gooch said, "from small parties like anniversaries, proms, and class reunions, to weddings and receptions." She noted that Boone Tavern recently hosted a Bridal Show with vendors from all types of businesses related to weddings.

"There were racks of wedding gowns, tuxedos floral selections, invitations, beverages, photography, and anything a wedding planner might need," she said. "Many photographs have been taken around our beautiful Colonial-Revival style porches."

"We love it when people take photos and post them," she said, pointing out that it helps to spread the word and bring more visitors, not just to the hotel but to the local business community.

Each season focuses on diverse types of events, she said. "Advertising for wedding parties begins in late March or April." She added that they also host an event for the local fifth grade students who get to tour and enjoy the experience of eating in the hotel dining room at a discounted rate.

Concluding her presentation, Ms. Gooch gave members present a coupon for a discount on a meal or beverage at Boone Tavern.

The Berea Rotary meets at 1 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays at Just Love Coffee.

PROGRAM

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is that it can lead to suicide, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and depression," Botkin said, noting that the likelihood of suicide is four times higher in police departments with less than 50 officers. Berea has 33 officers.

Botkin noted that a number of factors have put pressure on police officers in recent years, which has prompted more officers to leave law enforcement. That includes the so-called Ferguson effect, in which police departments are impacted by decreasing morale, negative portrayal in the media, and increased legal liability, all of which make the job more stressful. In 2014, Ferguson, Missouri, saw a deadly encounter between an officer and a suspect that spurred a media and legal firestorm, as well as civil unrest.

The results of a California study, meanwhile, indicated that an estimated 35 percent of officers suffer some degree of PTSD. Officers who suffer trauma can withdraw from family and friends, bringing on mental health issues that can negatively affect their personal lives, their professional judgement, and potentially expose themselves and their departments to safety and legal liability.

"The numbers aren't getting better for us, but we're hoping this program will change that," Botkin said. Additionally, he noted the process of replacing and training new police officers is costly to cities.

To remedy the situation, Botkin and Police Chief Jason Hays are proposing a program to give officers access to counseling. Administered through the Danville Counseling Center and a state-funded organization called Mend the Line, officers would be given two weeks off at every three-year milestone of employment with the BPD, enabling them to consult a counselor during that period. The program will cost the city $2,200 annually.

Botkin said the upside of the program is that it can help police officers avoid burnout that is plaguing law enforcement generally, and it can reduce costs by helping the city reduce employee turnover. Botkin noted that since 2011, 49 officers have left the Berea Police Department, with three retired, and four terminated, and 42 resigning, losing an average of almost four officers per year.

In addition to economic benefits, Botkin said the program could go a long way in helping local police officers deal with the stress of their jobs.

"This is what I hope will fix the problem for a lot of our guys," Botkin said. "This is something that we can offer as a resource, and I think it would be a pretty good benefit for all of our people." Councilman Steve Caudill agreed, stating the program could open the door for some officers to address personal issues that impact how they do their jobs.

Councilmembers Ronnie Terrill and Teresa Scenters suggested that counseling should also be made available to the Berea Fire Department, since those first responders are also exposed to traumatic events.

LINE

FROM PAGE 1

will service 1,500 meters. The project as proposed best balances the needs of power customers and the environment, according to Comer.

Opponents of the Big Hill line claim EKPC has not been transparent with the community about its plans.

"They are not sharing information that we know they have. They know it would help us be more organized in opposing them, and they don't want that," Berea resident and meeting co-organizer Mark Jeantheau said. Jeantheau's property is less than a mile from the reservoir but will not be directly impacted by the line itself, he said.

"EKPC has been responsive to requests for information, and has provided reasonable information about the needs and plans for this project," Comer said. He noted that affected area residents were notified through the mail, and that a public meeting about the project was sponsored by EKPC at the Forestry Outreach Center last fall. There is also a substantial document about the project posted on the EKPC website.

Some of the information sought from EKPC by opponents of the line includes proof the Big Hill substation isn't necessitated by increased demand for power at industrial sites further North such as in the Duncannon Lane area.

"The new substation will be devoted to Big Hill area cooperative members only and will ensure reliable service now and into the future," Comer said when asked in the interview whether the substation was intended for industry.

Also at issue for opponents of the Big Hill line is whether conclusive health and environmental safety data have been collected by the power cooperative.

"We're in the process of some of those regulatory approvals. I am not sure where we are with each of them," Comer said.

In late February, Berea College President Cheryl Nixon issued a statement that the College has retained "special legal counsel and consultants" to represent their interests to EKPC, citing the power cooperative's failure to respond adequately to requests for more information about the project's environmental impact.

"I take Berea [College]'s stewardship of its forest lands very seriously and will do my best to assure that our community's voices on this important issue are heard by EKPC and in the courts, if necessary," Nixon wrote.

"We're engaged in negotiations with property owners all along the line. Berea College is one of those property owners, obviously. Those negotiations, there's give and take with that, right?" Comer said when asked about Nixon's statement.

The College is among the landowners most impacted by EKPC's plans. If built as intended, the line will cross the easternmost portion of college-owned forest, which sits within the Owsley Fork Reservoir watershed. The development would also impact multiple viewsheds from The Pinnacles, a popular hiking spot, also owned by the College.

According to Nixon, talks with EKPC "will unfold over the next several months." Meanwhile, Comer said the Big Hill project is on schedule.

EKPC representatives are at present negotiating with affected property owners in order to create the necessary 100-foot easement that will run the length of the line, according to Comer. "Eminent domain is a last resort," he said. The parcel of land on Ky. 421 where the substation is to be sited was purchased by the power cooperative last fall.

For more information: TheBigHillLine.com and www.ekpc.coop/big-hill-three-links. The Forestry Outreach Center is located at 2047 Big Hill Rd, Berea, KY 40403. The meeting is open to the public.

Obituaries

Anneliese Baumann

Anneliese Baumann, Stuarts Draft, Virginia, 99, passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 2, 2024, at the Paint Lick home of son Lothar Baumann. Born on January 15, 1925, in Brambauer, Germany, to Anton and Marguerite Samhuber, she was welcomed into a large extended family and close neighborhood where she attended the local public school.

It was in that context that she learned the homemaking skills that she perfected as a wife and mother. She excelled at baking, sewing, gardening, knitting, crocheting, and devoted her life to creating a loving home environment for her family of three rowdy boys and husband.

Anneliese met the love of her life, Karl, in primary school, but their marriage was delayed until 1946 when he returned to Germany after being held as a prisoner of war in France and Stuarts Draft, Virginia. At the beginning of the war, Anneliese was enrolled in the traditional German apprentice program which meant leaving her home in northwestern Germany to work on the Bavarian farm of an uncle. Missing her family, she left the safety and beauty of that region to return to Brambuer to be with her family during the war. In a recent conversation, she spoke of her declining health while reflecting that, as a young woman, she had been strong and able to outrun the numerous bombs that were released in her neighborhood.

After their marriage and several attempts to come to the United States, the couple were finally granted permission to come, arriving in July 1951, to Ellis Island. Sponsored by a Mennonite family for whom Karl had worked while a prisoner of war, this community became their family. In the beautiful Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, they welcomed three sons – Lothar (Carla), David, and Michael (Melody).

Anneliese was preceded in death by her husband Karl after 62 years of marriage. She was also preceded in death in 2008 by her son David, and in 2020 by brother Gunther (Ann) Samhuber of North Port, Florida. At the time of her death, she had three grandchildren – Bryce (Anna) Baumann, Krystal Holmes, and Kody (Ashley) Baumann – and four greatgrandchildren – Jack Baumann, Molly Baumann, Karlee Holmes, and Amelia Baumann.

While she was happy living in the United States, she missed her family and the beauty of Germany. Gifted with an incredible memory and attention for details, she kept those family connections alive by sharing many stories with her children and grandchildren. Riding the train to family in Bavaria alone at the age of 9 with her 5-year-old brother, riding her bicycle to pick blueberries in the mountains and sleeping in the hay barn of a friendly farmer, home visits by the local homeopathic doctor, helping with household chores like scrubbing the windows and kitchen floor, and always having beautiful flowers on the porch stoop and in the windows. Memories of living in wartime Germany also made her particularly sensitive to injustice. For instance, in recent years in the US, she was concerned about rhetoric against immigrants, stating that she "had witnessed that kind of hatred before."

Raised in the Catholic tradition, she and Karl became Mennonite where they were faithful to the teachings and traditions of that community. Later in life, they became part of the Assemblies of Yahweh community, and attended the Seventh Day Adventist Church. Her adult life was infused with a quest to live a life committed to her Creator; the last years of her life were spent in almost continuous prayer and reading of Scripture.

Through the years, the family has appreciated the support and loving embrace of the Virginia families of Galen and Mary Heatwole, Perry and Elizabeth Showalter, Paul and Martha Wenger, and Rule and Clara Driver.

Her remains will be interred at Augusta Memorial Gardens, Augusta County, Virginia.

Lakes Funeral Home is overseeing arrangements.

Sue Huggins Blevins

Sue Huggins Blevins, 62, of Berea died Friday, March 8, 2024, at Baptist Health Lexington. She was a Beckley, West Virginia native born August 3, 1961, daughter of the late William and Georgie Roseblock Huggins, retired Berea Hospital Certified Nursing Assistant with 20 years of service, and resident of Berea for over 55 years. In her spare time, she enjoyed being a homemaker, watching television and being an internet shopper.

Survivors include her loving husband, Clarence Blevins; children Jonathan Hayes, Amanda Erb, Stephen Abner, Justin Blevins, Nicole Blevins, Leann Blevins; siblings Raymond Craft, Kenneth Huggins, Patricia Abner, Sandra Jones; 3 grandchildren; special friends Wilma, Cindy; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by siblings Robert Craft, William Craft, Williams Huggins, Jr.

Funeral Services were conducted on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at Reppert Funeral Home. Burial followed in Madison County Memorial Gardens.

Reppert Funeral Home and Cremation Service entrusted with arrangements.

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Tourney time!

Kentucky doesn't need to win the Southeastern Conference Tournament to earn a ticket to the Big Dance. That's already been taken with a solid regular season.

The 15th-ranked Wildcats are one of six SEC teams expected to receive a bid to the NCAA Tournament. But there's still plenty at stake depending on the outcome of this week's conference tournament in Nashville.

Kentucky coach John Calipari isn't a a big fan of conference tournaments, but a solid showing at Bridgestone Arena this weekend will elevate the team's chances for better seeding when the NCAA Tournament bracket is revealed Sunday. Most bracketology experts have Kentucky as a No. 3 of 4 seed.

The Wildcats (23-8) have endured a roller-coaster of a season but have seemingly turned the corner going into the postseason. Kentucky carries a five-game winning streak into its game in the SEC Tournament on Friday.

The victory at No. 4 Tennessee Saturday, one that would likely have been improbable a month ago, showed the growth and maturity the Cats have experienced during the past four weeks. The lone slipup was a 75-74 buzzer-beater loss at LSU on Feb. 21. As turns out, one point was the difference between a first- and second-place finish in the regular season.

Keith Taylor

The late-season turnaround can be attributed to a healthy roster, which hasn't been a luxury this season. At various times, Aaron Bradshaw, Ugonna Onyenso, D.J, Wagner, Adou Thiero, Tre Mitchell, Justin Edwards and Rob Dillingham missed at least one game because of nagging injuries. Only Antonio Reeves and Reed Sheppard played in all 31 of the team's games.

"The last four games, the end game was us," Calipari said after a season-ending win at Tennessee Saturday. "We're playing better (and) we're healthy now."

While the team's defense has been mediocre at best much of the season, Kentucky can score and do it consistently. The Wildcats reached the century mark six times and tallied 100 or more points four times against conference foes. Kentucky averaged 89.5 points per game and made 307 3-pointers.

Leading scorer Antonio Reeves has been among the team's top scorers but he has gotten plenty of help from his teammates, taking pressure off the team's total dependency on Reeves to lead the way on a game-by-game basis. Five different players — Sheppard, Dillingham, Edwards, Wagner and Mitchell - have led the team in scoring at least once this year.

"He's a high-level scorer (and) he can give it to you from different levels," Tennessee coach Rick Barnes said. "John does a good job getting him in positions to where he can get some things done, but again, they're surrounded by guys that can play and they're hard to defend."

The Wildcats are playing their best basketball of the season and have the attention of Big Blue Nation and maybe college basketball pundits across the country. The timing could not be better.

It's time to bring on the postseason. Enjoy the ride.

BRIEFS

Elzy relieved of coaching duties

LEXINGTON (KT) — Kyra Elzy was relieved of her duties as head women's basketball coach at Kentucky Monday morning.

Elzy was named interim coach after Matthew Mitchell stepped down prior to the 2020 season. Elzy went 11-20 this season and lost to Tennessee in the quarterfinals of the Southeastern Conference Tournament last week.

The Wildcats won the 2021 SEC Tournament but Elzy failed to regain the same success during the next three seasons. She went 61-60 overall in her four-year tenure. She also served eight seasons on the Kentucky staff as assistant coach (2008-09 and 2009-10) and associate head coach (2010-11, 2011-12 and 2016-17 through 2019-20).

"I appreciate Kyra for her efforts at Kentucky on and off the court," Kentucky Athletics Director Mitch Barnhart said in a statement released by the university. "(We) wish her and her family the best in the future."

Sheppard, Reeves honored by SEC

Kentucky men's basketball swept this week's Southeastern Conference Awards as Antonio Reeves was selected as the league's Player of the Week, while Reed Sheppard was tabbed Freshman of the Week, it was announced on Monday.

Reeves led UK with 23.5 points per game in the team's latest two victories, including a 27-point performance in a crucial road win over No. 4 Tennessee.

Sheppard averaged 17.5 points, 5.0 rebounds and 8.0 assists as Kentucky extended its winstreak to five games with wins over Vandy and Tennessee.

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Swatting call led to school lockdown

Madison Southern High School went on lockdown Tuesday morning as a precaution.

According to a press release from the Berea Police Department the school received a call at approximately 8:59 a.m. Tuesday with the caller "making threats to harm students and responding officers."

The Berea Police responded and arrived "on the scene to ensure the safety of students and staff. Multiple agencies assisted in this response including the Berea Fire Department, Berea Public Works, Madison County Sheriff's Office, Eastern Kentucky K9 unit, Kentucky State Police and representatives from the FBI".

Following an investigation, the threat was determined to be a "swatting" incident with no immediate danger.

"We then coordinated with MSHS administration to assist with an optional student pick-up process," the social media post said. "We are extremely grateful to all of the responding agencies and the community who showed patience while we investigated the incident. We take these threats very seriously and will always be there to make sure our schools are a safe place for students to grow and learn."

Foley Middle School and Shannon Johnson Elementary School also were placed on a soft lockdown.

Swatting is "the action or practice of making a prank call to emergency services in an attempt to bring about the dispatch of a large number of armed police officers to a particular address."

Man dies in Bypass crash

An early morning crash claimed the life of a Richmond man Monday morning.

Bruce Anthony Kelley, 42, was pronounced dead by Madison County Coroner Jimmy Cornelison at the scene at approximately 5:45 a.m. after his motorcycle collided with a vehicle at the intersection of old U.S. 25 and the new Berea Bypass. The accident occurred at approximately 5 a.m.

According to the Madison County Sheriff's office, the initial investigation indicated a Harley Davidson motorcycle was traveling north on Old US 25

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CSEPP exit an issue

By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

When Madison County, Richmond and Berea lived in the shadow of a deadly chemical weapons stockpile, the three local governments and their first responding agencies worked together on a plan to mitigate a potential accident or disaster at the Blue Grass Army Depot.

Now that over 500 tons of chemical weapons at the depot have been destroyed,

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Dorsey going dancing

Former BCHS star, Western earn bid to NCAA Tourney

By Keith Taylor
Citizen Publisher

Jaylen Dorsey never gave up on his dream.

The former Berea Community High School standout kept dreaming even when he enrolled at Western Kentucky University with no scholarship or walk-on spots available on the basketball team. Eager to get his foot in the door, he took a spot as a manager and worked his way back onto the court.

The sacrifice eventually paid off for Dorsey who earned a spot as a walk-on a year later and has been a member of the team ever since. Now a junior, Dorsey and the Hilltoppers are one of 68 teams competing in the NCAA Tournament. Western Kentucky, a No. 15 seed in the South Region, will take on second seed Marquette at 2 p.m. Friday in Indianapolis.

The Hilltoppers (22-11)

Jaylen Dorsey, top photo, expresses his excitement after Western Kentucky defeated UTEP to win the Conference USA Championship and earn a bid to the NCAA Tournament. Above, Dorsey celebrates with teammate Teagan Moore in Birmingham. The Hilltoppers will play No. 2 Marquette in the first round of the South Region at 2 p.m. Friday in Indianapolis (Savannah Philpot/WKU Athletics)

earned a ticket to the prestigious event with a 78-71 win over UTEP to win their first Conference USA Tournament championship. The successful run in the tourney — three straight wins in 36 hours — came after Western closed the regular season with four consecutive setbacks.

"It was just surreal." Dorsey said. "We always believed that we could do it."

"After battling some adversity, losing the last four games of the (regular) season, we all joined together and said 'we're going to win this and we're going to do it for each other.' It was really special."

While growing up, Dorsey dreamed of playing for the Hilltoppers and considered

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officials face a new challenge: How to pay for emergency services in the three communities when federal disaster preparedness funding comes to an end.

To come to terms with the problem, the three governments have formed a post-CSEPP task force comprised of Richmond Police Chief Rodney Richardson, Madison County Fire Chief/EMA Director Tim Gray, Berea Fire Chief Shawn Sandlin, Madison County Director of Information Technology Chris Iseral, Richmond City Manager Rob Minerich, and Berea City Administrator Rose Beverly.

Richardson said the work of the task force is critical because the three local communities have come to depend on Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP) funding to address emergency preparedness. With that funding set to expire as early as March of 2025, Richmond, Berea and Madison County will have to foot the bill for a wide range of equipment and services that have been paid for with federal dollars since the 1990s.

"For my entire career, CSEPP has paid for radios, police cars, and fire trucks," Richardson said. "They pay to maintain the entire radio infrastructure and the towers that are all through the county. When that funding goes away, there's currently no money to replace it."

Along with day-to-day equipment used by first responders, local governments will lose other benefits, such as funding for the Madison County Emergency Management Center/911 dispatch center and the maintenance of emergency sirens – advantages county residents have always taken for granted. "We've had it good for so long that most people who live here don't know what it means for CSEPP to pull out," Richardson said.

Determining how much money the three governments are going to need in the future is a complicated matter, according to Madison County Fire Chief/Emergency Management Agency Director Tim Gray.

Gray said his department faces future costs to replace fire apparatus, command vehicles, self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) to fight fires, along with other equipment that had been fully funded.

Berea Fire Department Chief Shawn Sandlin said his agency is confronted with the same dilemma. CSEPP funding helped pay for the purchase of a tanker, a ladder truck, and other equipment for Berea, but the additional costs of maintaining and eventually replacing that equipment will continue long after CSEPP is gone.

"Once we've got it, we have to maintain it, and that will mean future costs to the city," Sandlin said.

Determining how to ensure public safety at a level local citizens have come to expect will be a challenge, Sandlin said.

Because of that, the post-CSEPP task force has met often in recent weeks, discussing strategies to streamline services and cut costs, while trying to find new sources of funding.

"We're figuring out what is necessary, keeping only the things that we need for the community and letting go of the things that might not be as necessary now that CSEPP is going away," Sandlin said. "It's a balancing act, but I think we're on the right track."

In the weeks ahead, officials will project how much it will cost their respective agencies to replace CSEPP money, then propose budget alternatives. As steep as that challenge is, Richardson said it's important that inter-agency cooperation has begun.

"It's a tough spot that we're in, but I think there are other communities out there where CSEPP funding has ended but there's been no planning on how they're going to be funded after," Richardson said. "So, for some, services will just get cut. We don't want that for Madison County. We want someone to be able to pick up the phone, and when they call 911, a first responder will be dispatched."

Richardson said because the three governments and their respective first responders already have a good track record of cooperation and mutual aid when it comes to disaster preparedness, it should make finding a common solution easier.

"We couldn't do it by ourselves – Richmond, Madison or Berea," Richardson said. "There would be no way any of us could do this alone, but it's something that we have to do together to sustain public safety."

Saint Joseph honored

Saint Joseph Berea has earned a place on the "Best Places to Work in Kentucky" list for the second consecutive year. Each year, the list identifies and recognizes Kentucky's best employers. Saint Joseph Berea is one of 31 businesses making the list of top medium-sized employers, which includes businesses with 150-499 employees.

It also received the 2024 Outstanding Patient Experience Award™ recipient by Healthgrades, the leading resource consumers use to find a hospital or doctor. This distinction for the second straight year again places the hospital in the top 10% of hospitals nationwide for patient experience.

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Message from Cora Jane Wilson

"A soft answer turneth away wrath; but grievous words stir up anger"

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CRASH

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when the driver disregarded a stop sign at Old US 25 and the Berea Bypass and collided with a Nissan Pathfinder. The motorcycle then slid across the roadway and collided with a Chevrolet Tahoe and came to rest. The driver of the Pathfinder and Tahoe weren't injured in the collision.

The Madison County Sheriff's Office collision reconstruction Unit was called to assist the Berea Police Department. They were assisted on the scene by the Richmond Police Department, Berea Fire Department, Madison County EMS and the Madison County Coroner's Office.

Employee Spotlight

Hannah Precour

Berea Branch, CSR

Citizens Bank would like to introduce Hannah Precour! Hannah is a CSR at our Berea Branch located at 856 Ridgewood Drive in Berea! She is a smiling face you don't miss when you come into our branch and she is here to help with all of your account needs! Whether it's a new bank account or making a deposit, Hannah can do it all. Hannah is a student at Somerset Community College and is studying Business Finance. Hannah enjoys banking because "it is a chance to teach people about financial literacy and to tailor their financial journey to their specific needs. You don't know what you don't know!" Hannah also enjoys baking, being active, and spending time with friends and family! Stop by the Berea branch to see Hannah today!

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Joel Shane "Joey" Eaton

Joel Shane "Joey" Eaton, passed away peacefully at the age of 55 on March 14, 2024, in Lexington. Born on May 9, 1968, in Berea, Joey was a loving husband, father, and friend who brought joy and laughter to all who knew him.

Joey is preceded in death by his father, Jerome Lee Eaton. His loving spirit will be cherished and remembered by his adoring children, Seth Eaton and wife Shelby, Tanner Eaton and wife Stacy, and Marriah Eaton and wife Mariah. He also leaves behind his wife, Rosetta Eaton, his caring mother, Rieta Jo Eaton, his siblings, Andrea Eaton and husband Jermaine, with their children, Brayden Chase and Bryce Chander, as well as Jason Eaton and wife Kristy, and their children, Greenlee Noel, Maris Harper, and Esmae Kate. Joey's legacy continues through the joy of his three grandchildren, Brinklee Alice, Millie Elizabeth, and Huxley Elijah Eaton.

A dedicated employee, Joey served as a supervisor at Johnson Controls in Lexington. He was also a member of the Full Gospel Outreach Church in Berea.

An enthusiastic fan of the University of Kentucky sports, Joey's passion for the game was second only to his love for his two dogs, Dalilah and Cam. Joey's warm presence and infectious smile will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all who were privileged to know him.

Funeral services were held, Monday, March 18, 2024, at Lakes Funeral Home. Kevin Slemp officiated.

Lakes Funeral Home in Berea was in charge of arrangements.

Dearl Rose

Dearl Rose, 88, passed peacefully into the arms of Jesus surrounded by his family on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at the Hospice Care Center in Richmond. He was born February 15, 1936, to the late Charlie Green and Martha B Rose in Jackson County. Dearl worked numerous jobs over the years, where he made many friends. He worked for RCA Records and drove a semi-truck before retiring from Hyster in Berea. Dearl loved being outdoors, chopping wood, sharing a meal with loved ones, and spending time in his favorite resting spot— the front porch.

Left to celebrate his life and continue his legacy are his wife of 14 years, Elva Drewsella Rose, his stepchildren, Kim (James) Rice, Doug (Malinda) Pigg, and Jessica (Troy) Baker, 12 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

Dearl is also survived by his sisters, Yvonnia and Janette, his beloved brother, Dallas, as well as many nephews and nieces. Besides his parents, Dearl was preceded in death by his siblings: Elverta, Violet, Villar, and Arlon.

Funeral services for Dearl were conducted Sunday, March 17 at Davis and Powell Funeral Home in Berea. Bro. Johnny Gross and Bro. Kevin Cooper officiated the service. Burial followed in Pilot Knob Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Doug Pigg, Troy Baker, Kyle Baker, Kaden Baker, Justen Rice, and Elvis Ingram. Honorary pallbearers will be Craig Hale, Kelly Hale, James Rice, Roger Rose, Aaron Smith, and Adam Price.

Davis & Powell Funeral Directors entrusted with arrangements.

Janice Lipps Blevins

On March 16th, 2024, after 78 years, Janice Lipps Blevins left her earthly body to inherit her glorified body; one that is incorruptible and eternally free of any imperfections.

The first of five kids, Janice was born August 5th, 1945, in Hazel Green, Kentucky to the late William 'Tip' & Zudia Elam Lipps. Janice spent her younger years growing up in the Northern Kentucky & Cincinnati area, before her parents and siblings relocated to Berea, KY in the late 60's.

On May 17th, 2005, she married the love of her life, Greg Blevins. They enjoyed the best 15 years of their lives together, until his passing on February 25, 2021.

Janice worked a variety of jobs in the medical field, but she was most remembered as a switchboard operator at Pattie A Clay hospital and working at Central Kentucky Eye Associates. Not having any biological kids of her own, her most important role was simply, "Aunt Janice". As she helped to raise and deeply cared for her nieces, nephews and the younger generations of hers and Greg's family.

Once retired, Janice loved to go traveling, attend church at New Hope and Crestview Holy Sanctuary. Cooking to feed her family, and having loved ones gather at her house was one of her favorite past times. She loved the holidays and loved to cook peanut butter fudge to distribute as gifts to her family and friends.

In addition to her parents, and husband, Janice was preceded in death by her only brother Michael Lipps, a sister Judy Blanton, and a special niece Paula Beth Taylor.

Janice is survived by her sisters: Margie Sandusky, and Lucy (Gaines) Cummins, a special sister-in-law Kathy Lipps, a brother-in-law Paul Blanton, her stepmother June Lipps, step siblings Marietta (Jerry) Maggard, Pam (Bill) McCoy and Flip (Gene) Wooten. She is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends both near and far. She is also survived by a close and dear friend Betty Goins.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at the Combs, Parsons & Collins Funeral Home, W. Main St., Richmond. Rev. Chuck Elam & Rev. Greg Cress officiated. Burial followed in the Richmond Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Jerad Taylor, Trenton Clontz, Caleb Alexander, Tim Alexander, Aaron Blanton & Kenny Sandusky. Honorary Pallbearers were Jeff Sandusky, Chris Lipps, Patrick Lipps, Jordan Lipps, Jason Neil, Brian Dalton & Rob Szenyeri.

Combs, Parsons and Collins Funeral Home in Richmond was in charge of arrangements.

Vicky Lynn Todd

Vicky Lynn Todd, 54, passed away on March 12, 2024, at Saint Joseph Main in Lexington. She was the wife of David Kevin Todd. They shared 34 years of marriage together.

Born in High Point, North Carolina. She was the daughter of Lynn Lockhart and Roy Roberts. She enjoyed spending time with her family. She will be remembered for being a loving, strong, independent mother, and wife.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by her spouse, David Kevin Todd, Children, Brittney Roberts and her partner Omar Cardona, Zachary Todd and his partner Rebecca Weems, Nicholas Todd and his partner Glenda Reed, and Christopher Todd, grandchildren, Mikey Hardin, Avelyn Cardona, Marley Cardona, Treylyn Todd, Trey Todd, Trinity Todd, Harper Todd, and Brantley Todd. She will be deeply missed by her friends, family and all who knew her.

Visitation was conducted on Tuesday, March 19th.

Lakes Funeral Home in Berea was in charge of arrangements

Vicky French

Vicky French, born on August 14th, 1953, in Berea, passed away peacefully on March 13th, 2024, in Lexington. She was a beacon of light and joy in the lives of all who knew her.

Her memories are lovingly cherished by her children, Fredrick Karl Davis and Saundra Beth Taylor, alongside her son-in-law David Ray Taylor. She was a proud grandmother to Levi and Logan Taylor, whose lives were enriched by her unconditional love and support. Vicky was the caring sister to Debbie Mullins and Tammy (Tracy) Gabbard, and a fond aunt to Stefanee Chaffins, Bayleigh Mullins, Deana Hale, and David Gabbard.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Carl and Fern Dooley French, leaving behind a legacy of love and devotion that will be remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Graveside services were conducted on Monday, March 18, 2024, at Phillips Cemetery in Rockcastle County.

Lakes Funeral Home in Berea was in charge of arrangements.

Lani Jo Johnson Harris

Lani Jo Johnson Harris, 47, passed away Friday March 15, 2024, at her residence in Berea. She was born March 2, 1977, in Pikeville to Rita Hall Johnson and the late Clifford Lane Johnson. Lani worked as a special needs aid with Berea Community Schools. She loved her family, her pets, flowers, and watching her children play sports, especially football. Lani enjoyed her Jewelry sales adventure as the Glitzy Goddess for Paparazzi Jewelry. She attended the Church of Christ and other churches.

In addition to her mother Lani is survived by two sons, Xavier Drake Harris of Berea, Keygan Lane Harris of Berea, her companion, Aaron Williams of Berea, and a host of relatives and friends.

First visitation will be 6:00PM – 9:00PM Sunday at Davis & Powell Funeral Home with Services at 7:30PM. Rev Achee Eads will be officiating. Second visitation will be after 6:00PM Wednesday March 20, 2024, with services at 7:00PM at Hall & Jones Funeral Home in Virgie, KY. Funeral services will be 12:00PM Thursday March 21, 2024, with the Church of Christ Minister officiating also at the Hall & Jones Funeral Home. Burial will follow in the Johnson Memorial Park in Pikeville, KY.

Davis & Powell Funeral Directors entrusted with arrangements.

Timothy Joe Walker

Timothy Joe Walker, 65, of Richmond, died March 8, 2024, at his home after battling cancer. He was a partner of the law firm Fogle Keller Walker, PLLC, and a graduate of the University of Kentucky Law School, Class of 1985.

Tim was married for 34 years to his wife Dale Rankin Walker. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his children: Lizz Walker (Nina) Lexington, Christopher Walker Lexington, and Matt Walker of Richmond.

Tim was the son of Gary Walker and the late Mona (Donegan) Walker of Ashland. He is survived by his father as well as his siblings: Patrick Walker, Nathan (Shuang) Walker, Carrie Walker of Ashland, and Megan McGuire (Gary) of Ohio, as well as a host of other cherished family and friends.

Tim was licensed in both Kentucky and Georgia to practice law and was recognized by Martindale Hubbell with their highest AV preeminent rating. He took great pride in his work and enjoyed sharing his passion for theater, music, pickleball, and the outdoors. His friends recall that he had a big personality and the most incredible laugh.

In accordance with Tim's wishes he is to be cremated. There will be a Celebration of Life service on March 23 at his father's home at 9609 Naples Road, Ashland, Kentucky and an additional service will be held in Richmond, KY at a date to be announced.

Lakes Funeral Home of Berea is in charge of arrangements.

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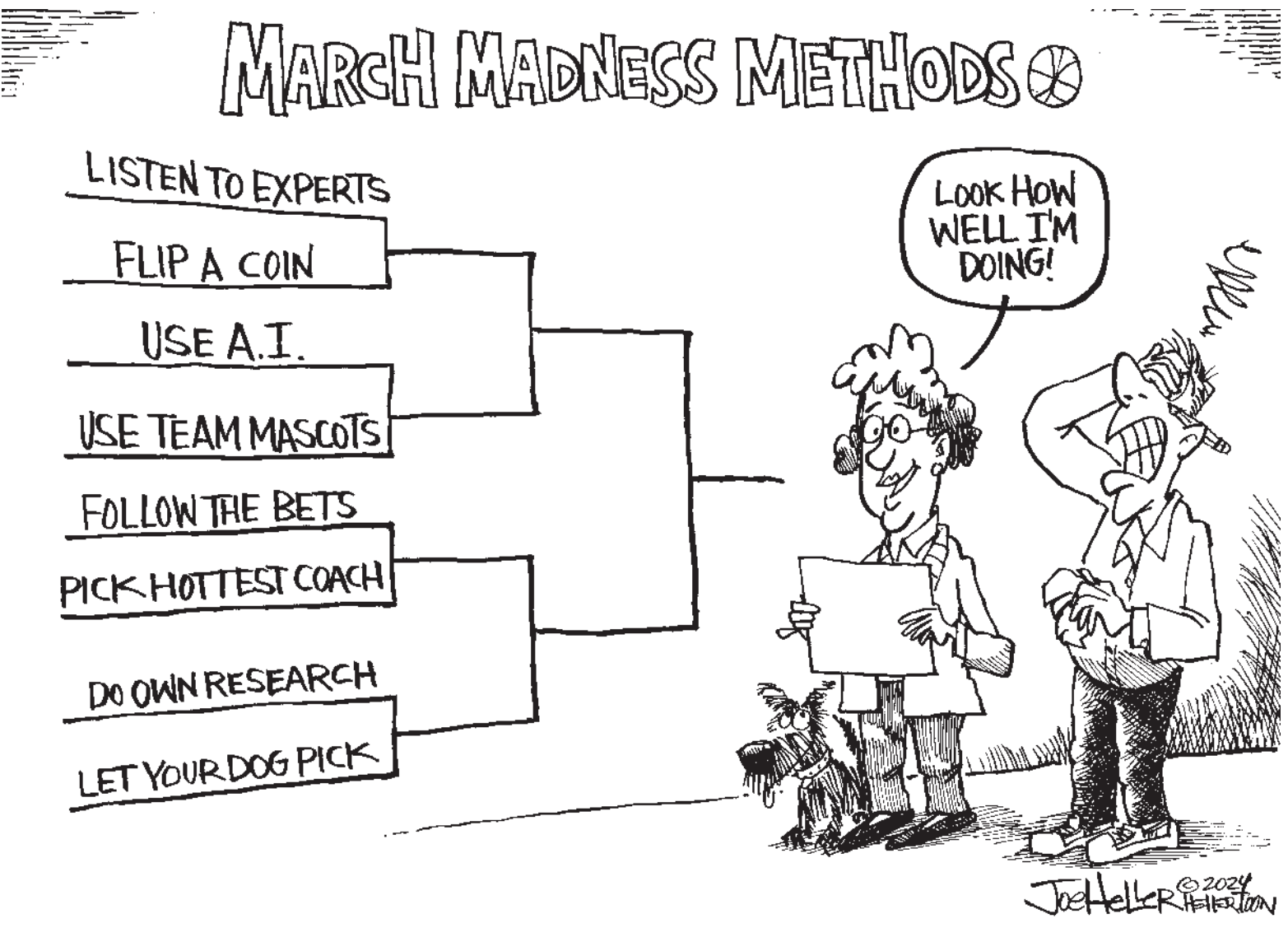
Opinion

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people to peacefully assemble and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

— The First Amendment



Win or go home

Keith Taylor

Win and advance or lose and go home. It's that simple.

The NCAA Tournament is college basketball's biggest showcase, a 68-team event that culminates with the crowning of new national champion in "One Shining Moment."

Kentucky has ended the season at the top eight times and won its last title 12 years ago in New Orleans. The Wildcats are a No. 3 seed in the South Region and are under pressure to make a deep run after several years of disappointments in the tournament.

The Wildcats are one of eight Southeastern Conference teams in the field and one of three state programs still playing college basketball in the middle of March.

Western Kentucky is a No. 15 seed in the South Region and play second-seeded Marquette. The Hilltoppers haven't been dancing since 2013 and received an automatic bid after winning the program's first Conference USA championship last weekend.

Another state school, Morehead State, is back in the field for the second time in four years and first time since 2021. The Eagles, who have compiled a 94-29 record during the past four years, are the No. 14 seed in the East. Morehead opens against Big Ten tournament champion Illinois, the third seed in the East Region.

Former Kentucky standout and BYU coach Mark Pope and his Cougars are the No. 6 seed in the East. Pope was part of Kentucky's national championship team in 1996 and has a squad that loves to shoot the 3-pointer.

If you are looking for more programs to root for with Kentucky ties, consider New Mexico, which won the Mountain West Conference Tournament title. The Lobos are coached by Richard Pitino, son of former Kentucky and Louisville coach Rick Pitino. New Mexico's roster features Jamal Mashburn Jr., son of former Kentucky All-American Jamal Mashburn.

Rick Pitino, now at St. John's, will be watching instead of participating in the tourney after the Red Storm failed to have their name called on Selection Sunday despite a strong finish.

New Mexico's roster also features well-traveled guard Jemarl Baker, who started out at Kentucky in 2017 (medical redshirt season) and has since played six more college seasons combined at UK, Arizona, Fresno State and finally New Mexico.

Outlook

Naturally, I would like to see Kentucky reach the Final Four and they have the talent and team capable of playing on the final weekend of the season. Winning six games in three weeks is all it takes to win the title.

My brackets — I filled out two — have Kentucky winning the South Region and Purdue emerging as the winner in the Midwest. Purdue impressed me early in the season and they haven't been a disappointment since despite an overtime loss to Wisconsin in the Big Ten Tournament semifinals.

The Boilermakers are the only team from Indiana in the tourney although Indiana State turned heads with its 28-6 record this season. But the Sycamores instead will compete for a NIT title in the school's most serious push at a national championship of any kind since Larry Bird led Indiana State to a national runner-up finish in 1979.

UConn will attempt to win a second straight title, but will fall to red-hot Iowa State in the East Region finals, earning the Cyclones a spot in the Final Four. North Carolina will join Iowa State in Glendale, Ariz., before falling to Iowa State in the national semifinals.

Purdue will take care of Kentucky and then defeat Iowa State in the finals.

Congress must do what it takes to succeed

Glenn Mollette

Life is fragile and doesn't last very long, so we should try to enjoy every day.

Be good to yourself and be good to other people. Treat people the way you would like to be treated. Speak to people in a manner that you would like for them to speak to you. Treat motorists on the highway the way you want others to treat you.

If you can help someone in some way, then don't miss the opportunity of being blessed by doing an act of kindness.

Forgive yourself and forgive others. Extend grace and move forward with life. Some things are hard to overcome but carefully consider what you want to carry around the rest of your life. If someone broke in front of you at the cafeteria line then don't hold that against them the rest of your life. It harms you more than it harms them. Some much of the baggage that we carry all our lives is not worth the burden and unrest that it causes. Let it go and move forward.

Try to do what you enjoy every day or at least some of the time. There are always dishes to wash, grass to mow and bills to pay. Life is filled with the daily chores and tasks of life. Try to fit into your schedule what brings you some pleasure. It may be the simplest of activities but that's okay. A car drive, a walk around the block, fishing or sitting in church, whatever it is then find time for the simple pleasures of life.

Life is fragile. We are all one heartbeat away from death. We never know what's lurking inside these bodies that could disable or kill us at any moment. Routine physical exams are vital to try to maintain our health but even then, they are not the silver bullet. Anything can happen at any time. Take value in this day that you have and soak in the sunshine or the rain, whatever is going on, find joy in another day of life.

Do not fall out with people over politics and issues. It's important to be able to express our points of view and work to accomplish change.

However, the only way we are going to bring about change and progress is by working together. A divided house cannot stand, nor can a divided nation The planet needs for America to be "United."

United doesn't necessarily mean in harmony. I heard a story about a little boy who tied the tails of two tomcats together and hung them on a clothesline. They were very united but they had no harmony. Obviously, this would be a bad thing to do but it's sort of like our United States Congress. They are all united by political positions and have to show up in the same room but they argue, fight and scratch every day without bring about solutions. Each of us must demand from our local Congressional representation that they go to D.C. to work beyond party lines, embrace each other, and get things accomplished.

Those who serve us in D.C. must demonstrate to the American people what it takes to get things done instead of what it takes to fail.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter because of the dangerous intersection of the new Bypass and US25 North.

I live in the Vineyard subdivision and have notice Police, fire truck and ambulance presence at the intersection three times since the Bypass has opened. There needs to be street lights or a stop light installed.

At night, it's so dark you cannot judge other traffic. I, myself have come down the bypass to turn on US25 with a car sitting on 25 and when I turned, I could not judge good enough because of darkness and I have ended up turning in the grass near the stop sign.

On Monday, March 18, there was the third accident. I am sure others would agree the city needs to install street lights or the state needs to put in a stop light before there is a fatality. Our city officials need to check into this situation and help keep the citizens of Berea safe.

Regina Douglas,
Berea

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March 7

• Jack Dailey, 31, Richmond: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines

• Derek A. Hasselbrink, 47, Lexington: failure to comply with sex offender registration (2nd or greater offense)

• Dollicia T. Scott, 31, Richmond: failure to appear, citation for misdemeanor

• Glen G. Long, 47, Richmond: use of a minor (under 16) in a sex performance)

• Brandon Seely, 25, Richmond: parole violation (for technical violation)

• Phyllis Davis, 50, Berea: contempt of court, libel/slander resistance to order

• Casaundra L. Warren, 34, Manchester: failure to appear, citation for misdemeanor (2 counts)

• Elliott Dooley, 45, Broadhead: serving time

• Chase Hutchinson, 38, St. Catharine: failure to appear (2 counts)

• Dietra Taylor, 35, Richmond: assault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor injury; strangulation, 1st degree

• William R. Richardson, 49, Richmond: failure to appear

• Brandy Ritchie, 45, McKee: contempt of court, libel/slander, resistance to order

March 8

• James Smith, 18, Richmond: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, contents from vehicle; criminal trespassing- 3rd degree; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (drug unspecified); theft by unlawful taking or disposition, controlled substance

• Crystal Long, 48, Richmond: failure to appear; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine)

• Kristopher Campbell, 19, Richmond: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, contents from vehicle; criminal trespassing – 3rd degree; possession of burglary tools; carrying a concealed weapon; criminal mischief, 2nd degree; theft by unlawful taking or disposition, auto, $1,000 but less than $10,000

• William Allen, 33, Berea: probation violation (for technical violation)

• Kayla Nunn, 35, Westwood: failure to appear

• Joshua Taylor New, 33, Richmond: serving time

• Kassie Garrett, 38, not given: serving weekends

° Rebecca Gregory, 33, Richmond: serving weekends

• Ricky Arvel Mayes, 64, Waco: serving weekends

• Warren Glen McKinney, 49, not given: serving weekends

• Tyler Jay Palmer Combs, 33, Richmond: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); public intoxication – controlled substance (excludes alcohol); possession of a controlled substance, 3rd degree – drug unspecified

• Alexander Michael Dewulf, 28, Plymouth: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st

• James Scruggs, 63, Hyden: failure to appear

• Michael S. Tackett, 32, Berea: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting; criminal trespassing, 3rd degree

• Ryan H. Sizemore, 31, Richmond: criminal abuse, 1st degree – child 12 or under; assault, 2nd degree – domestic violence

• Franky Mason Wagers, Richmond: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine)

March 9

• Bryan C. Pogue, unlawful transaction with a minor, 3rd degree; endangering the welfare of a minor (5 counts)

• Elizabeth Nicole Harrison, 37, McKee: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines

• Ryan N. Dulen, 24, Liberty: disorderly conduct, 2nd degree; menacing; probation violation (for misdemeanor offense); failure to appear (2 counts)

• Glen R. Spencer, 28, Lexington: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st

• Driscilla Ann Land, 55, Richmond: contempt of court, libel/slander, resistance to order

• Michael Shane Day, 35, Berea: probation violation (for felony offense)

• Christopher Finley Couch, 40, Richmond: failure to appear (2 counts)

• Gerrie Anna Bailey, 32, Richmond: assault, 3rd degree p police officer or probation officer; assault, 3rd degree – peace officer-communicable bodily fluid

• Kenneth Wayne Couch, 42, Richmond: failure to appear (2 counts); probation violation (*for misdemeanor offense)

• Wesley J. Edmonson, 47, Irvine: failure to appear

March 10

• Brian Douglass Hatcher, 40, Richmond: failure to appear, burglary, 1st degree; criminal mischief, 2nd degree; persistent felony offender I (2 counts); burglary 2nd degree; fleeing or evading police, 2nd degree (on foot); resisting arrest; public intoxication – controlled substance (excludes alcohol); trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, 2nd or greater offense (greater than or equal methamphetamine); trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st offense (heroin); possession of a controlled substance, 3rd degree – drug unspecified; possession of a. controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (drug unspecified); possession of marijuana; drug paraphernalia – buy/possess

• Justin Allen Richardson, 34, Richmond: contempt of court, libel/slander, resistance to order (3 counts)

• Amie Lee Hale, 45, Livingston: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting

• Margaret Thurman, 39, Richmond: bail jumping, 1st degree; failure to appear; trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, 2nd or greater offense (greater than or equal to 2 grams methamphetamine; trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st; offense (heroin); possession of a controlled substance, 3rd degree – drug unspecified; possession of marijuana; drug paraphernalia – buy/posses

• Pablo J. Martinez, 22, Maines, Florida: no operator's – moped license; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st

• Daniel Muthig, 31, Richmond: menacing; terroristic threatening, 3rd degree; criminal mischief, 3rd degree

• Kelly Hardin, 47, Berea: public intoxication – controlled substance (excludes alcohol)

• Raymond Harris, 45, Berea: failure to appear

• Shannon M. Gardner, 50, Richmond: assault, 2nd degree domestic violence

• Diamond Regaines-Lacey, 24, Richmond: failure to appear

• Damien Night, 34, Richmond: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines

• James Conway, 38, Dillsboro, Indiana: public intoxication – controlled substance (excludes alcohol)

• Tommy Masters, 62, Richmond: alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses)

• Christopher White, 41, Richmond: failure to appear; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); drug paraphernalia – buy/posses

March 11

• Dwight M. Barry, 35, Richmond: failure to appear; possession of marijuana

• Michael Genero Sanchez, 33, Richmond: assault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor injury

• Gregory Wilson, 55, Richmond: assault, 4th degree dating violence (minor injury); terroristic threatening, 3rd degree

• Dustin Vaughn Rudie, 32, Berea: alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses).

• Raymond Smith, 31, McKee: hold for court

• Nancy Kaye Damrell, 48, Richmond: hold for court

• Akayla A. Cummings, 25, Richmond: contempt of court, libel/slander, resistance to order

• Samuel M. Fugate, 37, Richmond: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines

• Cameron Amburgey, 36, Richmond: failure to appear, citation for misdemeanor

• Samarth Patel, 21, McDonough, Georgia: operating motor vehicle under the influence of substance(s) – 1st; possession of an open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle

• Robert Waters, 35, Richmond: failure to appear, citation for misdemeanor

• Delieto Antonio Jones, 36, Richmond: hold for court

• DeShawn K. Abbott, 37, Lexington: assault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor injury; probation violation (for felony offense)

• Robert Chair, 40, Richmond: hold for court

• Buckley A. Kidd, 42, Knoxville, Tennessee: charges not visible

• Monroe Dale Wright, 52, Richmond: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines

• Adrean Watkins, 21, Nicholasville: rape, 1st degree – incapable of consent – physically helpless

• Noah Ray Davenport, 39, Louisville: wanton endangerment – 1st degree

March 12

• Lealand Edwards, 35, Berea: failure to appear

• Bobby Cook, 38, Richmond: wanton endangerment – 1st degree

• Tristen Bujanos, 23, Berea: serving time

• Christopher A. Adkins, 35, Irvine: fleeing or evading police, 2nd degree (on foot); resisting arrest; failure to comply with sex offender registration (1st offense); assault, 3rd degree – police officer or probation officer; registered sex offender – school restrictions; fugitive from another state – warrant required; non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines

• Dustin Ray Hughes, 31, Richmond: hold for court

• Martha Alice McKinney, 42, Mt. Vernon: hold for court

• Michael J. Eggleston, 49, not given: hold for other

• Floyd Hardin Neeley, 52, Berea: public intoxication – controlled substance (excludes alcohol)

• James Ray Willis, 34, Richmond: criminal trespassing, 3rd degree; failure to appear

• Michael Boles, 43, Richmond: failure to appear

• Alfi Mihutu, 48, Berea: failure to appear

March 13

• Samuel Bailey, 40, Carlisle: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines

• William Curtiss James, 36, Danville: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st (aggravated circumstances); leaving scene of accident – failure to render aid or assistance; reckless driving

• Daniel Damrell, 31, Richmond: failure to appear; possession of marijuana; public intoxication – controlled substance (excludes alcohol); fleeing or evading police, 2nd degree (on foot); drug paraphernalia – buy/possess

• Phillip Kevin Watson, 41, Richmond: hold for court

• Jeffery Clark, 36, Richmond: probation violation (for technical violation)

• Timothy Stone, 45, Richmond: hold for court

• Dennis E. Jones, 30, Richmond: hold for court

• Terence Raines, 62, Richmond: hold for court

• Kevin A. Bowen, 26, Richmond: hold for court

• Casey Allen Myers, 36, Richmond: parole violation (for technical violation)

• William Thomas Sanders, 64, Berea: serving weekends

• Wynoma M. Lear, 50, Richmond: public intoxication – controlled substance (excludes alcohol)

• Bobbie, Hall, 27, Richmond: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting; failure to appear (2 counts)

• Dorothy Epling, 68, Berea: failure to appear

• Clarissa D. Richmond, 31, Berea: failure to appear (2 counts)

• Briana M. Coffey, 27, Richmond: failure to appear

COURT RECORDS

District Court

March 7

• April Renee Wilson vs. Wesley Lewis Hurt

March 10

• Mitckia A. Santiago vs Jorge J. Martinez-Rodrigues

March 11

• Cantrece Shanqued Lyvers vs. Tiffany Michelle Lewin

• Brittney A. White vs. Cody A. Davis

March 12

• Dollicia Tekara Scott vs. DeShawn Karl Abbott

• Brandi Shanae Jones vs. Bobby Eugene Cook

• John Randal Gibson, II vs. Erica Danielle Kidd-Gibson

March 13

• Rachael L. Corrone vs. Zachary H. Finuf

Circuit Court

March 7

• Kari Elizabeth Smith vs. Cullen Marshall Smith

• Jasmine S. Mullins vs. Christopher A. Mullins

March 8

• CHFS for Tiffany M. Turner vs. Roy L, Turner

• Latasha Renee Walters vs. Joseph Ray Scott

• Amanda Camerer vs. Jorge Luis Mujica, Jr.

March 10

• Laura Leeann Begley vs. Brandy Lee Johnson

March 11

• Marriah Walters vs Kamaka Saylor

March 12

• Janet L. Thacker vs. Joshua A. Thacker

• Tyler J. Coffey vs. Leigh A. Lammon

March 13

• Kelly Noell Lamb vs. James Douglas Lamb

• Stacy Rae Snyder vs. Eric Lee Snyder

Foreclosures

March 7

• Central Kentucky Agricultural Credit Association vs Kasey Lynn Cox, ET AL

• Colonial Savings F.A. vs. James Whitelaw, ET AL

March 8

• ANP Tax Lien Company, LLC vs. Stephen Doss, ET AL

March 11

• PennyMac Loan Services, LLC vs. Charlotte Dee Martin, ET AL

March 12

• ANP Tax Lien Company, LLC vs. Barbara Michelle McWhorter

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

March 6

• Riley Rentals, LLC to Richard Kiern and Cristina Kiern, lot 32 Crow Addition (vicinity of Elm Street), $20,000

• Dustin K. Riddell and Leslie Riddell to Judy Baker, lot 8 Block A Stateland Subdivision, $249,900

• The Estate Cheryl Lovejoy to Jennifer Leigh Hickman and Aaron Yancy Hickman, tract Madison County (vicinity of Oakley Wells), $265,000

• Jennifer Nicole Dixon to Courtney M. Reichley and David Reichley, 209 Langford Court, Richmond, $180,000

• Teresa Yeary and Eddie Wayne Yeary to Rick Thomas, Trustee for and on behalf of the Yeary Family Irrevocable Trust, February 29, 2024, tract 1 plat 5/239, Berea, for and in consideration of the terms and conditions of the Yeary Family Irrevocable Trust, dated February 29, 2024

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• ColBrown, LLC to Lucas Berrett Shepard, lot 2C plat 30/344, $630,000

• Patti F. Anderson and Rex Anderson to Abbigail Brooke Anderson, 222 Stratford Drive, Richmond, for and in consideration of love and affection between grandparents and grandchild

• Joseph Scott McIntosh to Tasha Danielle Jackson, 111 Mill Irons Road, $19,000

• The Estate of Paul David Jett, by and through Lucy Jett Waterbury to Hart wwand Sowers, LLC, tract Madison County (vicinity of West Main and South Second Street known locally as The Stanifer Building), $220,000

• Arbor Woods, LLC (a/k/a Arbor Woods, LLC to A&R Contractors, LLC, lots 27, 28, and 29 Harvest Park Subdivision, Berea, $123,000

MARRIAGES

March 7

• Rebeca Santiago Hernandez, housekeeper, 25, of Richmond to Adrian Navarro Moreno, landscaping, 25 of Richmond

• Natalie Marie Irwin, warehouse, 24, of Richmond to William Hutchinson Howard, HVAC, 25, of Richmond

• Rebecca Sue Newby, retired, 65, of Berea to Larry David Horn, USPS, 65, of Richmond

March 11

• Meagan Anne Bydal, team lead, 33, of Harrodsburg to Seth Parker Royalty, materials handler, 29, of Harrodsburg

• Stacy Amber Kelly, nursing assistant, 34, of Richmond to Robert Darin Kelly Reese, A.V. Tech, 35, of Richmond

• Olivia Doreen Pace, CAN, 34, of Richmond to Timothy Lamont Hill, KFTC, 36, of Richmond

March 12

• Jeremy Vincent Hamilton, Law Enforcement, 31, of Lancaster to Madison Paige Barnard, registered nurse, 22, of Richmond

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Obituaries

Dr. Roswell "Ros" David Cox

Dr. Roswell "Ros" David Cox (79) of Berea, was born April 2, 1944, to Paul and Effie (Akers) Cox in Roswell, New Mexico. Dr. Cox passed away at home on March 10, 2024, after many years of battling chronic illness. Other than his parents, he was preceded in death by grandson David, granddaughter Arowyn, infant sister Melinda Rose, former spouse and friend Fredonna Ritchie, and many beloved grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Teresia, and four children: David (Casie) Cox of Cincinnati, Ohio, John (Angela Eades) Cox of Berea, Sarah (David) Gray of Richmond, Virginia, and Julia (Rahim) Cox-Mohamed of Calgary, Alberta. He leaves behind siblings: Paul (Colleen) Cox of Princeton, West Virginia, Linda Carnell of Barren Springs, Virginia, Cindy Webb of Pulaski, Virginia, Jimmy Cox of Pulaski, Virginia, Mike (Cassandra) Cox of Alisonia, Virginia, Danny (Marsha) Cox of Alisonia, Virginia and Ellie Dalton of Max Meadows. He is also survived by nine grandchildren: Madeline Vowell, Allison Vigil, Brennen Cox, Ian Cox, Eliza Gray, Austin Cox, Megan Colwell, Emily Colwell, and Olivia Colwell. He is further survived by many beloved former students, colleagues, dear friends and family members. For full obituary, please visit www.lakesfuneralhome.com

John Roland Cottrell

John Roland Cottrell, 80, of Berea died Friday, March 15, 2024, at Life Care Center Morehead. He was a Canton, Ohio native born December 26, 1943, son of the late John and Lue Ellen Brown Cottrell, retired general contractor, and member of the Pentecostal Faith. In his spare time John enjoyed gardening, camping, fishing, and hunting.

Survivors include son John Randall "Duke" Cottrell (Ginger); daughter Patty Cheeks (Terry); brothers Steven Cottrell, Timothy Cottrell, Robert Cottrell: sister Lucinda Davis; grandchildren Jonna, Terry, Jaylinn, Brandon, Courtney; three great grandchildren Kellie, Katie, Amelia; as well as numerous children him and his late wife Rosa Lee raised as their own, including Paul Edward Smith. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his loving wife Rosa Lee Centers Cottrell; sister Dorcus Cottrell.

Funeral Service 11:00 AM Thursday, March 21, 2024, at Reppert Funeral Home with Pastor Greg King officiating. Burial will follow in Madison County Memorial Gardens. Visitation 6:00 – 9:00 PM Wednesday at the funeral home. Pallbearers will be John "Duke" Cottrell, Brandon Cottrell, Jonathan Chiantaretto, Terry Ray Cheeks, Terry Joe Cheeks, Chris Mize. Reppert Funeral Home and Cremation Service entrusted with arrangements.

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 09 - 2024

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, MAKING CLERICAL AND TECHNICAL CHANGES TO SECTIONS 56.004(G) and (H); REVISING SECTION 56.004(P) TO PROVIDE FOR A SAMPLING LICENSE PURSUANT TO KRS 243.0307; REVISING SECTION 56.005 TO MAKE PROHIBITED BUSINESS HOURS THE SAME FOR DISTILLED SPIRITS, AND WINE BY THE DRINK, AND PACKAGE SALES OF DISTILLED SPIRITS AND WINE, FOR CONSISTENCY; AND DELETING SECTION 56.005(B)(3)(f)2 PROVIDING FOR DIFFERENT BUSINESS HOURS WHEN CHRISTMAS OR NEW YEAR'S DAY FALL ON A SUNDAY.

Prepared by:

Corporation Counsel

Sample Ballot

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Reflections

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March 20, 1924
Dr. Wright speaks

On Friday and Saturday evening at united chapel, Dr. Wright of Beloit College gave illustrated lectures on Classic Greece. He was thoroughly acquainted with Greece, ancient and modern, having studied in Athens and traveled back to Greece twenty-six times. Miss May B. Smith of Berea College studied Greek under Dr. Wright at Beloit College. The pictures presented on Friday were of the Olympic Games. They showed ruins of the ancient city of Olympia, various statues of Greek wrestlers, runners and other athletes; the Temple of Zeus and numerous other interested pictures connected with the old games. The last pictures illustrated the recent revival of old Olympic Games, the sprit that has entered into it, the particular part that America and different European nations had played and in the great new stadium at Athens which would seat more than a hundred thousand people. Saturday's pictures showed Greece of home, the ruins of Troy, Mycene and other towns, temples and architecture of the Homeric age. It also showed paintings, carvings and statues of Classic Greece (made by Greeks of the Classic age) but representing Homeric times. He also showed rovings and adventures of Odysseus as his story was told by Greeks of later times in sculpture, painting and pottery. Dr. Wright added greatly to the pictorial presentation by reciting poems of his own composition about these old Grecian heroes, statues, and cities.

March 17, 1949
Allen becomes Pilgrim

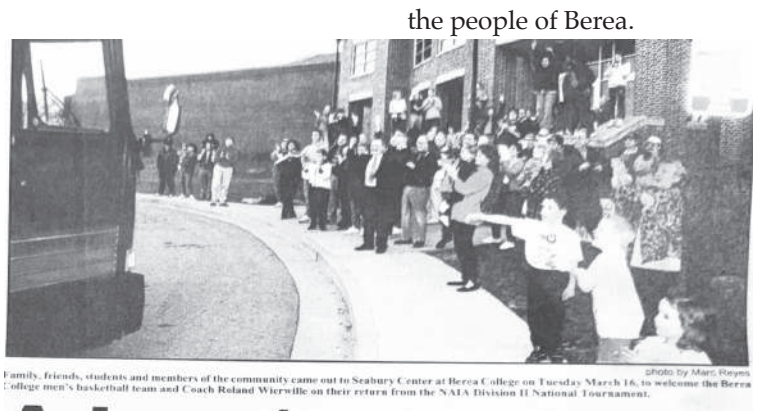
Miss Mary Lou Allen, daughter of Mr. John Allen of Berea was chosen by the Berea High School to be the Good Citizen Pilgrim for this year. The Pilgrim was sponsored by the Berea-Laurel Ridges Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Miss Allen would be one of many such Pilgrims sponsored by the fifty-six chapters in the state of Kentucky. A tour of the historic places in and around Frankfort was planned for these Pilgrims. They would be guests of the DAR while in Frankfort. One name would be drawn from the group for a trip to Washington D.C. and the winner would receive a one-hundred dollar government bond. The Good Citizen had to be selected from the senior class in a public high school and meet qualifications. The qualifications were: dependability, service, leadership and patriotism.

March 21, 1974
Bids sought

The long-awaited Red Lick Watershed project was finally becoming reality in the wake of a decision by the U.S. Soil Conservation Service to advertise for bid on construction for the first phase of the massive flood-control project. The system of five reservoirs would encompass portions of Madison, Estill and Jackson counties to provide relief to areas in the Red Lick Watershed plagued by periodic flooding and to ensure a continued water supply for the City of Berea. The first phase of the project would involve the construction of the largest of the lakes to be located two miles off Big Hill at the Madison Jackson County line. The 150 acre lake would serve dual function of providing the area relief from flooding and as an additional source for Berea.

March 18, 1999
Hero's welcome

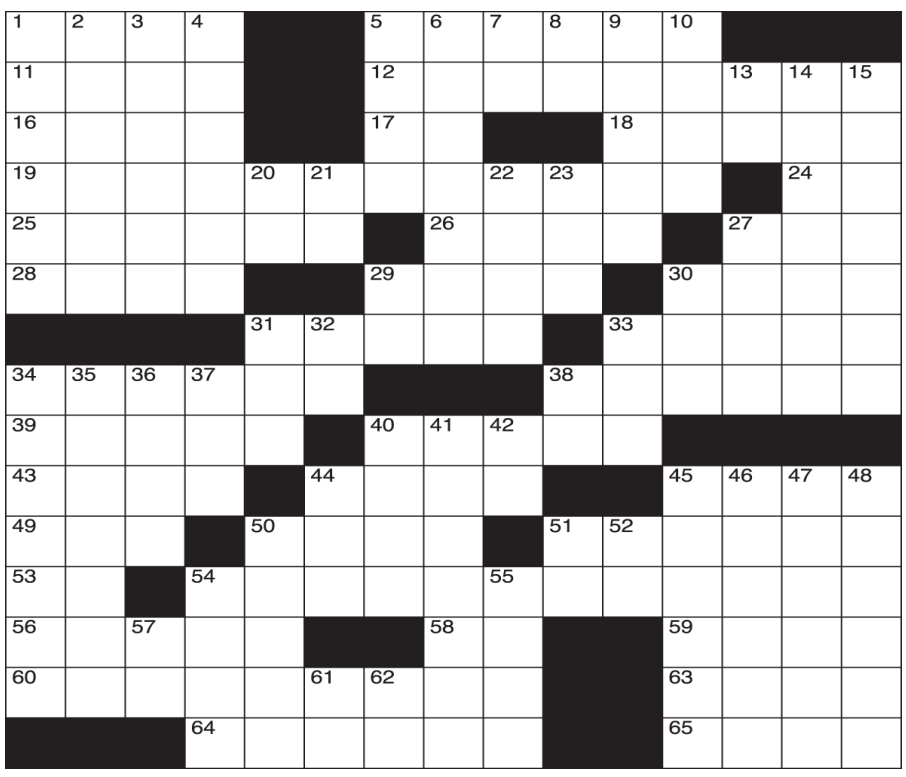
Berea College's 1998-99 basketball team would go down in the record books as one of the greatest teams to ever don the blue and white. This team advanced to the national semi-finals, making it further than any team before. The team had exceptional players as well as an exceptional coach in Roland Wierwille to guide this accomplishment. Their hard work and leadership throughout the tournament meant a lot to everyone. From the mayor to one of the first players to play under Wierwille. Their landmark achievements would be remembered in the minds of the people of Berea.



Family, friends, students and members of the community came out to Seabury Center at Berea College on Tuesday March 16, to welcome the Berea College men's basketball team and Coach Roland Wierwille on their return from the NAIA Division II National Tournament. Photo by Marc Reyes

Game Page

Crossword



CLUES ACROSS
1. Database management system
5. Medical procedures
11. __ Clapton, musician
12. Defender
16. Exert oneself
17. Indicates position
18. Quay
19. Atrocities
24. A way to address an adult man
25. Ends
26. Unable
27. Taxi
28. Gratuities
29. A famous train station
30. Japanese persimmon
31. Sours
33. Beneficiary
34. Baseball official
38. Confused situation
39. Unworldly
40. Yemen capital
43. Type of soil
44. Beloved beverage __-Cola
45. Lying down
49. __ Angeles
50. Fail to amuse
51. Collapsible shelter
53. Commercial
54. Taste property
56. Lordship's jurisdictions
58. It cools your home
59. Dismounted
60. Charge in a court of law
63. One less than one
64. Spoke
65. Famed garden

CLUES DOWN
1. Show a picture of
2. Small sultanate
3. Unfortunate incident
4. A way to ski
5. Abba __, Israeli politician
6. Observed
7. "Westworld" actor Harris
8. Belonging to me
9. Shoelace tube
10. Takes to civil court
13. Early multimedia
14. Produces anew
15. Horse races
20. Of I
21. Equally
22. Changes color
23. A place to stay
27. Town in Galilee
29. Mathematical figure
30. Klingon character
31. They __
32. Atomic #58
33. Showed up extinct
34. Loosen grip
35. Unpleasant smell
36. Innermost membranes enveloping the brain
37. Esteemed college "league"
38. Partner to Pa
40. Small American rail
41. A salt or ester of acetic acid
42. Sodium
44. Military figure (abbr.)
45. Lighted
46. Paid to get out of jail
47. All of something
48. Ohio city
50. More abject
51. A radio band
52. Scientific development (abbr.)
54. Monetary unit
55. Scored perfectly
57. A punch to end a fight
61. The Golden State (abbr.)
62. The Beehive State (abbr.)

SUDOKU

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ANSWER:

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

CRYPTO FUN

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to flowers.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 19 = L)

A. **18 19 2 2 6 15 12 5**
Clue: Flowering

B. **1 24 23 4 19**
Clue: Part of flower

C. **7 2 16 19**
Clue: Dirt

D. **18 24 24 7**
Clue: Buzzing insects

Answers: A. blooming B. petal C. soil D. bees

Bubba had the only beagle ever to kill a grizzly bear

Roger Alford

I heard a fellow the other day tell about little Bubba who came to school one morning bragging about all the catfish he and his dad had caught the night before.

"We caught 25 catfish, and every one of them weighed 25 pounds," he told his classmates.

The teacher thought this might be a good time to try to explain to Bubba that such exaggerations make him sound silly.

"What if I told you that I saw a beagle chase down and kill a grizzly bear?" the teacher asked little Bubba. "Would you believe that?"

"Well, sure I would," he said. "That was my beagle."

What I really love about Jesus is that He did such amazing things that no exaggeration is necessary to amaze others when we tell about them, like the time he walked on water.

For folks who grew up in the Bible Belt, we might assume that everyone is familiar with the miracles of Christ. That's not always the case.

I may have told you about the fellow in Georgia who didn't grow up in a Christian family and who had never been to church. He was around 18 when someone told him about Jesus for the first time.

I know that's hard to imagine in a region where churches are on nearly every corner. But no one had gotten around to that young man.

So, when he came to faith, everything he heard about Jesus was new and exciting. He listened with wide eyes about Jesus healing sick people and restoring sight to the blind. You've never seen anyone more excited than he was as he read the Bible.

But when he heard about Jesus walking on the water, he was truly amazed.

The Bible tells us that the disciples were in a boat, and Jesus walked to them on the surface of the Sea of Galilee.

"And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear. But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid."

That you man was amazed.

"Are you pulling my leg?" he asked. "He really did that?"

That young man went on to serve as a church pastor for some 40 years, and he never tired of telling others about the wonders of Christ, repeating the stories again and again with the vigor little Bubba showed in telling people about his catfish and his beagle.

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Bats aplenty in Kentucky

By Jim Snyder

The Berea Lions Club welcomed Chrystal Birdsall, a biologist with Copperhead Consulting, to be its featured speaker at the club's bi-monthly meeting, Feb. 27, at the Dinner Bell Restaurant.

Chrystal shared her group's mission protecting bat populations in Kentucky. "We have 16 species of bats here in Kentucky, three of which are federally endangered: The Indiana Bat, the Northern Long-eared Bat, the Virginia Big-eared Bat - and soon to be listed, are the Tri-colored Bat, and the Little Brown Bat.

Chrystal remembered one study involving bat fatalities from wind turbines. "I was astonished by how many bats and birds got killed every night." She did a quick mental calculation from this one location to estimate the kills over a larger area.

Habitat loss was cited as another cause of bat fatalities, along with climate change. White Nose Syndrome was cited as being a major cause of bat fatalities. The disease, which affects hibernating bats, is caused by a "PD" fungus first discovered in America in 2006, and found in a cave in New York. From that cave, bats had spread the disease to the East, South, and was recently making its way to the West. During Spring and Fall migrations, bats can travel thousands of miles. The disease kills by waking bats up early from hibernation causing them to use up their stored food reserves. The bats coping best are tree dwelling species which don't hibernate in caves.

The group studies factors such as temperature and humidity in abandoned railroad tunnels, to see what makes them so attractive to bats. Steps in the study involve tunnel location, and getting landowner permission for access. Aids for location include word of mouth, and topographic maps. Data collected are height and length measurements of the tunnels, presence of water, condensation, and evidence of human disturbance. Other related information are bat migration patterns. "we have one [a study] coming up in Pennsylvania in April to study Little Brown Bats...We're trying to find new maternity colonies," said Crystal.

One of the tools the group uses to track bat where-a bouts, are miniature radio transmitters which are attached to bats before release. In addition to ground trackers, the group has 4 members who are pilots that pick up signals in the air to locate bat presence.

"So why are bats important - bats play an important role in pest control, pollinating plants, and conserving bees...down in the South pollinating agave, a prime ingredient for tequila! Bats are credited with saving three billion dollars per year in agriculture. Without bats, the main means of pest control would be insecticide - and that's not good for our crops!"

FOOD SERVICE INSPECTIONS FOR WEEKS ENDING 03-01-24 TO 03-15-24

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Mountain World Concessions	3525 Irvine Road, Richmond	100%	
Brandi's Bakery & Bistro	154 Mini Mall Dr., Berea	100%	
Taqueria Don Max	Mobile Unit	100%	
Big City Pizza	1105A Kim Kent Dr., Richmond	99%	
Bluegrass Child Care Center	211 Pin Oak Dr., Richmond	100%	
Winks Bar	115 E. Water Street, Richmond	98%	
Kona Ice Truck #5	240 N. Keeneland, Richmond	100%	
Kona Ice Truck #12	240 N. Keeneland, Richmond	100%	
Seasonal Food Concepts-Commissary	240 N. Keeneland, Richmond	100%	
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Nutrition Center #3	630 Big Hill Ave., Richmond	100%	
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Franks and Ice	Mobile Unit	100%	
Bert's Speakcheezy Mobile 1	Mobile Unit	100%	
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University Club At Arlington Dinning	1510 Lexington Road, Richmond	95%	Dish Machine not properly sanitizing No response proceedures for vomiting/diarrhea event found at
Giovanni's of Berea	1300 Walunt Meadow Road, Berea	93%	establishment No manager on duty during inspection. Food in hot holding found at less than 135*F. Half of heating bulbs not working. Time control not properly used for food products. Times must be written down. Food items found not
Merrick Shell	2048 Merrick Dr., Richmond	83%	properly date marked in walk in cooler.
Follow Up Inspection with no follow up due			
Giovanni's of Berea	1300 Walnut Meadow Road, Berea	98%	

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- S: Boise St. (22-10) 10 vs Colorado (24-10) 10

EAST

- 1 UConn (31-3)
- Mar 22: 16 Stetson (22-12)
- 8 Florida Atlantic (25-8)
- Mar 22: 9 Northwestern (21-11)
- Brooklyn
- 5 San Diego St. (24-10)
- Mar 22: 12 UAB (23-11)
- 4 Auburn (27-7)
- Mar 22: 13 Yale (22-9)
- Spokane
- 6 BYU (23-10)
- Mar 21: 11 Duquesne (24-11)
- 3 Illinois (26-8)
- Mar 21: 14 Morehead St. (26-8)
- Omaha
- 7 Washington St. (24-9)
- Mar 21: 10 Drake (28-6)
- 2 Iowa St. (27-7)
- Mar 21: 15 South Dakota St. (22-12)
- Omaha

WEST

- 1 North Carolina (27-7)
- Mar 21: 16 Howard/Wagner
- 8 Mississippi St. (21-13)
- Mar 21: 9 Michigan St. (19-14)
- Charlotte
- 5 Saint Mary's (26-7)
- Mar 22: 12 Grand Canyon (29-4)
- 4 Alabama (21-11)
- Mar 22: 13 Charleston (27-7)
- Spokane
- 6 Clemson (21-11)
- Mar 22: 11 New Mexico (26-9)
- 3 Baylor (23-10)
- Mar 22: 14 Colgate (25-9)
- Memphis
- 7 Dayton (24-7)
- Mar 21: 10 Nevada (26-7)
- 2 Arizona (25-8)
- Mar 21: 15 Long Beach St. (21-14)
- Salt Lake City

SOUTH

- Houston (30-4) 1
- Mar 22: Longwood (21-13) 16
- Memphis
- Nebraska (23-10) 8
- Mar 22: Texas A&M (20-14) 9
- Wisconsin (22-13) 5
- Mar 22: James Madison (31-3) 12
- Brooklyn
- Duke (24-8) 4
- Mar 22: Vermont (28-6) 13
- Texas Tech (23-10) 6
- Mar 21: NC State (22-14) 11
- Pittsburgh
- Kentucky (23-9) 3
- Mar 21: Oakland (23-11) 14
- Florida (24-11) 7
- Mar 22: Boise St./Colorado 10
- Indianapolis
- Marquette (25-9) 2
- Mar 22: Western Kentucky (22-11) 15

MIDWEST

- Purdue (29-4) 1
- Mar 22: Montana St./Grambling 16
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- Utah St. (27-6) 8
- Mar 22: TCU (21-12) 9
- Gonzaga (25-7) 5
- Mar 21: McNeese (30-3) 12
- Salt Lake City
- Kansas (22-10) 4
- Mar 21: Samford (29-5) 13
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- Mar 21: Oregon (23-11) 11
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- Creighton (23-9) 3
- Mar 21: Akron (24-10) 14
- Texas (20-12) 7
- Mar 21: Virginia/Colorado St. 10
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March 21 and 23 first-/second-round sites: Charlotte, Omaha, Pittsburgh, Salt Lake City.
March 22 and 24 first-/second-round sites: Brooklyn, Indianapolis, Memphis, Spokane.
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Sports

Kentucky forward Tre Mitchell was all smiles after he learned the Wildcats would be going to Pittsburgh for the opening round of the NCAA Tournament during a selection show party last Sunday at John Calipari's home. The Wildcats earned a No. 3 seed in the South Region and will take on Oakland in the first round on Thursday night.

UK Athletics Photo

Cats ready for NCAA Tourney

LEXINGTON (KT) — An early exit in the Southeastern Conference Tournament didn't prove to be costly to Kentucky's NCAA seeding after all when pairings were announced Sunday.

The Wildcats (23-9) received a No. 3 seed in the South Region and will open against No. 14 seed Oakland of the Horizon League on Thursday at 7:10 p.m. (CBS).

Oakland (23-11) won the conference tournament with an 83-76 win over Milwaukee last week. The Golden Grizzlies split two games with Northern Kentucky, both of which went into overtime. Darren Horn's Norse lost to Oakland 70-65 on the road, but rallied for a 99-89 overtime win at NKU on Feb. 8.

The SEC tourney opener was a setback for Kentucky, but Tre Mitchell wasn't concerned after the loss to the Aggies. "This minor setback is going to motivate a lot of dudes to play that much harder come the tournament," he said.

Kentucky coach John Calipari believes his team will value the sense of urgency following Friday's letdown in Nashville.

"I think they'll know when we talk about it next week, that wherever we end up, we're going to have a tough first game," he said. "It will be hard."

Kentucky has won five of its last six games going into the tournament. The Wildcats lost to Texas A&M 97-87 in the quarterfinals of the SEC Tournament on Friday in Nashville.

"We have shown that we can guard the best teams in the country," Calipari said. "We have shown that you can score 100 on us. We just got to lock in and know we've got to get better defensively."

Two other state schools — Morehead State and Western Kentucky — join the Wildcats in the 68-team field. The Hilltoppers (22-11) will be making their 24tht appearance in the Big Dance after winning their first Conference USA title Saturday night.

The Hilltoppers are a No. 15 seed will play Marquette, the second seed in the South Region, on Friday in Indianapolis with a 2 p.m. tipoff (TBS).

Morehead State (26-8) earned the first automatic bid to this year's tourney following a 69-55 win over Little Rock to win the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament.

The Eagles, a No. 14 seed, will take on Illinois in the East Regional on Thursday in Omaha, Neb., at 3:10 p.m. (truTV)

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Western his college destination, with Belmont a close second.

"I have always wanted to be a Hilltopper," he said.

While a basketball opportunity wasn't an immediate option upon arrival on campus three years ago, he gladly washed uniforms, wiped floors and did other student manager duties and kept thinking, 'it's all going to be worth it.'"

"I knew I wanted to play and I kept working at it," he recalled.

That desire, coupled with consistent prayers from his biological mom, Casey Pritchard, and foster mom Carissa Cummins and foster dad Kerry came true at the beginning of his sophomore season.

"They kind of kept telling me to keep going and the Lord is always going to find a way for you," he said.

Even when he was placed in foster care when he was a teenager as his mom battled addiction, he relied on his faith to carry him through the dark days of uncertainty.

"God's brought me through a lot," he said. "I came from being a 1,000-point scorer (in high school). Everybody knew me around my region, in my area too. I came here, no one knew me. How could I show the love of Christ through how I treat people? And that's kind of where I kind of took that personally. If you were to look at my life and see who I was, not as a basketball player for a year, but more like, he still serves the Lord and he does the right things."

He also wanted to be an example for his younger brother Isaiah, who is 14 months younger. During the past decade, his mom has overcome her drug addiction and is in remission and Dorsey has renewed his relationship with his mom.

"Now she's like my best friend," he said. "She is completely a different person. Her sobriety and our story of coming back after all these things, it's just incredible. I owe a lot to my mom because she really instilled that no matter what happens, you need to have faith in God."

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Splitting the costs: Officials address CSEPP exit

Joint Meeting

By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

Elected officials from Madison County, Berea and Richmond met last week to discuss how to replace federal funding for emergency services that will end in June, 2025.

In a meeting at the Madison County Extension Office, the Post CSEPP Task Force, an intergovernmental work group, briefed officials on the end of Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP) funding, which provides approximately $1.68 million annually for emergency services operations.

CSEPP has helped pay for facilities and emergency equipment for over 30 years, including the 911 dispatch center, radios for first responders, warning sirens throughout the county, as well as fire trucks and other vehicles. The money was allocated to help local governments prepare for a potential chemical weapons accident at the Blue Grass Army Depot. CSEPP funding is scheduled to cease next year now that the chemical weapons have been destroyed.

Berea Fire Chief/Task Force Chair Shawn Sandlin said the committee proposed streamlining many services to reduce costs. The number of outdoor warning sirens will be reduced to one per zone, and the FM alert radios distributed

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Prepped & prepared

Agencies praised for response to swatting incidents

By Keith Taylor
Citizen Publisher

When Madison County Schools were hit by a swath of swatting calls last week, first responders were prepared to protect students, faculty and staff from threats that were directed at Madison Southern High School and Kingston Elementary School.

The threats began last Tuesday at Madison Southern that led to a lockdown and swatting incidents followed on Thursday and students at Kingston were transported to Church on the Rock while

> **"It's unbelievable how some of these things go. I don't know whether you call it foreign or domestic terrorism, but basically that's what it is."**
>
> Madison County Sheriff Mike Coyle

authorities used a trained K-9 bomb dog to search the building. The sheriff's office is staffed with a bomb dog, four drug canines and one therapy dog.

"It's earned its money the last few days out," Madison County Sheriff Mike Coyle told the Madison County Fiscal Court Tuesday during its bi-monthly meeting in Richmond. "That dog can cover a room in seconds. They're trained to find those bombs or those type of things and it does an excellent job. … It's all about the community and it's all about making people feel safe and be safe It's an excellent program."

The swatting incidents last Thursday also were reported in neighboring Rockcastle County and Fayette County. Coyle said the evacuation at Kingston "went well" and his office was prepared when the first swatting call was reported on March 19.

"This has been unbelievable," Coyle said. "The manpower and everything it takes. You can't take any of this lightly. You have to call out people and get people to fill in on other positions.

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'We didn't have time to be scared'

Documentary to be shown on 50th anniversary of tornado outbreak

Video

Click on QR code above with your smart phone for a promo on the documentary.

By Keith Taylor
Citizen Publisher

Next week will mark the 50th anniversary of the deadly tornado outbreak that struck Madison County claiming seven lives and leaving a path of destruction. The impact is still being felt nearly five decades later.

The Battle of Richmond Association will present, "We didn't have time to be Scared," a collection of stories and remembrances from the tornado during a documentary on Wednesday, April 3 at White Hall Elementary School. The video will begin at 7:12 p.m., the exact time day and date the tornado tore through White Hall Elementary School in 1974.

"Madison County, Richmond and Berea has had some great days in its 200-plus year history," Battle of Richmond Curator Phillip Seyfrit told the Madison County Fiscal Court during its bi-monthly meeting Tuesday at Richmond City Hall. "There are other days than weren't so great."

The documentary, Seyfrit said, will featured area residents recalling the experiences they, along with millions in surrounding states in the south, experienced during the unprecedented outbreak. Madison County residents Dan, Mary and

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Obituaries

Elaine Thacker Grant

Elaine Thacker Grant, 73, of Mt. Vernon, died Friday, March 22, 2024, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center. She was a Rockcastle County native born April 10, 1950, daughter of the late Kenneth and Edith Baker Thacker, retired Goodwill Industries employee, member of the Baptist Faith and had been a resident of the Berea area most of her life.

Her greatest pleasure in life was caring for her family which she loved beyond measure! In her spare time Elaine was a dirt car racing enthusiast and auto racing enthusiast.

Survivors include 3 children Anita Azbill, Sherry Grant, Bartley Grant (Erica); 4 siblings Virginia Saylor (Widow of Conley), Laverne Powell (John), Debbie Thompson (Dennis), Mike Thacker (Carolyn); 7 grandchildren Aubrey, Jamie, Maggie, Tori, Daniel, Dylan, Reagan; 6 great-grandchildren Taylor, Lucas, Finley, Paisley, Cooper, Mabel; special friends Kevin McClure, Heather McClure, Deborah Counts. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by 5 siblings George, Rabon, Kenneth Freeman, Wayne, Margie.

In accordance with Elaine's wishes, she was cremated, and a Memorial Service was held on Tuesday, March 26, 2024 in Rock House at Church on the Rock. Pastor Mark Sarver officiated.

Laura Elizabeth (Nichols) Zelenka

Laura Elizabeth (Nichols) Zelenka, 49, died peacefully in the arms of her husband on January 21, 2024, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Laura was born in Rochester, MI on July 10, 1974, to Eugene and Betty Nichols. She lived her formative years in Leonard and Almont. Michigan, but always dreamed of seeing other places. In her early twenties she moved on her own to New Orleans, Louisiana. A place she had visited and fallen in love with. She met the love of her life and husband of 23 years, Chris (Kael) Zelenka.

Laura was proud to work as concierge of Le Richelieu hotel in New Orleans for many years. A place where she could always be herself and assist people as was her nature.

Eventually, Laura and Chris would move to Kentucky to be closer to family, and receive their greatest treasure, Lilly Elena Zelenka. Laura said that adopting and raising Lilly was the single most wonderful thing she had ever done. No child was loved more by their mother.

After their move to Kentucky, Laura spent nineteen years in finance, eighteen of which were in banking, then as a Branch Office Administrator at Edward Jones.

Laura loved spending time with her family. She enjoyed comic conventions, cosplay, Disney, Renaissance Faires and all things Halloween and Christmas. Laura was a loving and giving person, who took great joy in showing those around her how much she cared.

Laura was predeceased by her mother, Betty Nichols; and survived by her husband, Christopher Zelenka; daughter, Lilly Zelenka; father, Eugene (Donna) Nichols; sister, Eugenia (Brian) Edwards; nieces, Jennifer Edwards and Christina Edwards; and great-nephew, Chance Blevens.

Please join us for Laura's Celebration of Life on May 18, 2024, 1 pm – 4 pm. The gathering will be held at Rustic Ridge, 2880 Lancaster Rd., Richmond.

Reppert Funeral Home and Cremation Service entrusted with arrangements.

Norman Lee "Cotton" Carpenter

Norman Lee "Cotton" Carpenter, 88, of Berea, passed away Friday, March 23, 2024, in Georgetown after being involved in an auto accident after suffering a medical event. Cotton was born in Sand Springs, KY to the late Robert "Bob" and Annie Kirby Carpenter. He was a member of the Big Hill Holiness Church.

In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his first wife, Alice Young Carpenter, and his second wife Ruth Bailey Carpenter; his sisters, Reece Anderson, Pearl Thomas, Gladys Mink, Nettie Fletcher, and Elizabeth Carpenter; a brother David Carpenter; one son Robert "Bobby" Malicoat, and grandson John Malicoat, and a great granddaughter, Jenny Marie Anglin.

Cotton is survived by his daughters, Mary Etta Spires of Berea, and Della Mae Berry of Somerset; sisters, Faye Miller and Dessie Himes of Lexington; brothers, Jay (Mildred) Carpenter and Ronald (Judy) Carpenter of Richmond; grandchildren, Mark Berry, Randy Berry, June (Jack) Frank, Pam Thacker, Iva Wolfe, Bart (Sue) Malicoat, Tom (Amy) Malicoat, Doug (Becky) Malicoat, Sherry (Herb) Dinkle, and Tracy (Bill) Peck; great granddaughter, Jessica Thacker along with 15 other great grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, and special family, Bradley and Anjellica Isaacs and their girls.

Cotton made his trade as a welder, working in Lexington for D&S pipeline, CS&P pipeline then taking a job at Berea College where he retired after several years. He loved to weld trailers and doing some woodworking as well.

Funeral services will be 1pm, Thursday, March 28, 2024, at Lakes Funeral Home with Bro. Stevie Isaacs officiating. Burial will follow in the Scaffold Cane Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6- 9pm, Wednesday evening at the funeral home. Lakes Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Steven Ray Hayes

Steven Ray Hayes, 67, widower of Patricia Lynn Hayes passed away Wednesday, March 20th, 2024, at his home.

He was born November 28th, 1956, in Berea, to the late Oscar and Christine Hardix Hayes. He was a family man loving his wife, children, grandchildren, brothers, and sisters with all his heart. Steve retired from Hitachi where he worked in the maintenance department and was a former machinist, he also had owned and operated several small businesses in the past to include Snyder Grocery and his machine shop. After his retirement he and Patty spent lots of time helping his son at Hayes Market in Mount Vernon. Steve enjoyed his farm and caring for his horses, especially his broodmare Bell, he raised Tennessee Walking Horses and had shown them in the past. He was a musician and enjoyed playing the guitar, especially his bass, Steve was a part of the Renfro Valley Jamboree cast in the 1980's. He was an active member of his church Emmanuel Baptist where he sang in the choir.

Other than his parents and his wife he was preceded in death by four brothers and two sisters, Jimmy, Tommy, Frankie, and Jack Hayes, Cynthia Rose, and Bessie Parsons. Steve is survived by two sons, Andrew Hayes and his wife Patty of Berea, and Luke Hayes and his wife Jennifer of Mount Vernon. Four grandchildren, Aubrey, Ally, Evan, and Eli Hayes. One brother, Bob Hayes and his wife Carol of Nicholasville, three sisters, Eva Hubble and her husband Kirby of Berea, Sue Cole of the Villages, and Chrissy Collier of Berea. A host of nieces, nephews and in-laws also survive.

Funeral services were conducted on Monday, March 25th, 2024. Rev. Joey Kays officiated. Burial followed in the Pilot Knob Cemetery. Pallbearers were Roger Rucker, Chris Parsons, Shannon Hayes, Kirby Hubble, Billy Joe Hackworth, and Greg Cox.

Davis and Powell Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Hamburger indicted

The Madison County grand jury indicted Frances Hamburger with five counts of third degree assult after "kicking, hitting and attempting to bite" five first responders following an incident on Jan. 30.

Hamburger was indicted for assaulting Richmond Police officers Jedidiah Hetrick, Lani Coleman, Charles Champbell and Madison Countt EMS workers Jared Sparks and Levi Tyring.

Hamburger also was charged with resisting arrest, second degree disorderly conduct and public intoxication.

For more indictments, scan QR code with your smart phone.

Glenda Lee Smith

Beloved Glenda Lee Smith, a radiant soul whose love and faith illuminated the lives of all who knew her, was called home to the Lord on the 14th of March 2024, at the age of 58. Born on the 21st of March 1965, in Indianapolis, Indiana, Glenda was a beacon of joy and a testament to the strength of the human spirit. She departed from this earthly realm in Berea, Kentucky, after a valiant battle with cancer, leaving behind a legacy of love and devotion that will forever be etched in the hearts of her family and friends.

In the words of the Apostle Paul, "And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love." (1 Corinthians 13:13). Glenda embodied this scripture, living her life as a vessel of love and a warrior of faith. She was a woman of unshakable belief, and her trust in the Lord was as steadfast as the mountains of her adopted Kentucky home.

Glenda was the cherished daughter of the late Larry Williams and Brenda Hooven, and she grew up alongside her siblings Larry Williams and Dawn Bailey, with whom she shared an unbreakable bond. She found her life's partner in Jerry Smith, and together they built a family grounded in the principles of faith, hope, and love. Glenda's heart was most full when surrounded by her children: Jason Hall, Josh Hall, Zachary Smith, and Madison Smith, who will carry forward her legacy of kindness and generosity.

The circle of life continued to shine brightly upon Glenda with the birth of her grandchildren: Tyler Smyth, Kindle Morgan, Kiana Morgan, Daegon Hall, Kyra Miller, Carson Hall, Zadie Hall, Henry Hall, Canon Hall, and Ryleigh Hall. Each of them was a precious gem in her crown of life, reflecting the light of her love and the joy she found in her role as a grandmother.

Before dedicating her life to her family as a stay-at-home mom, Glenda touched the lives of many young souls as a pre-school teacher. Her gentle guidance and nurturing spirit helped shape the futures of countless children, and the impact of her kindness in their lives cannot be overstated. Glenda's involvement in her church community was a testament to her unwavering faith, and she found solace and strength in the fellowship of her brothers and sisters in Christ.

Glenda's passions were as varied as they were heartfelt. She found God's beauty in the simple pleasures of life, such as the quiet reflection of crystals, the thrill of rock hunting, the mystical allure of the moon, the tranquility of her garden, and the warmth of family gatherings. Each interest was an extension of her soul, a way to connect with the world and the Creator she so fervently worshipped.

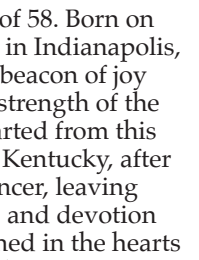
To describe Glenda is to speak of a loving, faith-filled, and selfless woman. Her actions spoke louder than words, and her selflessness was a beacon that guided others through their darkest times. She gave without expecting anything in return, and her love was a shelter for all who sought comfort and peace.

As we gather to celebrate Glenda's life and her journey to eternal rest, we take solace in knowing that she is now in the presence of our Savior, free from pain and suffering. Her life was a sermon of love, a living example of the grace of God in action. We will miss her deeply, but we rejoice in the knowledge that we will be reunited with her in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Today, we do not say goodbye to Glenda Lee Smith; instead, we say, "Until we meet again." Her spirit lives on through her family, her friends, and the countless lives she touched. May her memory be a blessing to us all, and may we strive to embody the virtues she held dear—love, faith, and selflessness. Rest in peace, dear Glenda, until the glorious day when we shall all be together once more.

Lakes Funeral Home in Berea was in charge of arrangements

Ruth Jean Barnett Wallace



Ruth Jean Barnett Wallace, 79, of Berea died Sunday, March 17, 2024, at her residence surrounded by her family. She was born June 16, 1944, daughter of the late Strauder and Carrie Richardson Barnett, a homemaker and member of the Baptist faith. In her spare time Ruth enjoyed cooking, gardening, and farming. She was a member of the Wallaceton Homemakers.

Survivors include her loving husband of 59 years Thomas "Butch" Wallace; sons Glen Wilson (Vickie), Tony Wallace (Melissa), Tom Wallace (Karla); daughter Tammy Jones (Scott); sisters Beatrice Clem, Katherine Watts; grandchildren Michael, January, Kristian, Chelsea, Joey, Lindsey, Rachel, Cory, Lauren, Joshua, Ashley, Megan; twenty-two great grandchildren and one to be expected in the fall. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by six siblings.

Funeral Service 11:00 AM, Friday, March 22, 2024, at Reppert Funeral Home with Brother Glen Whittemore officiating. Burial will follow in Madison County Memorial Gardens. Visitation 6:00 – 9:00 PM Thursday at the funeral home. Pallbearers will be Michael Wilson, Joey Wallace, Cory Wallace, James Wallace, Josh Moberly, Ed Anglin.

Reppert Funeral Home and Cremation Service entrusted with arrangements.

Jane Douglas Wilson

Jane Douglas Wilson, 61 of Berea, passed away after a brief illness at the St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington. Jane was born in Madison County, Kentucky to Gladys Richardson Douglas and the late Alfred Douglas.

She was a nurturing in home health care worker and enjoyed being with her church family with Living Hope Ministries. Jane loved to help others and always had a hug and a smile for anyone who needed it.

She is survived by her daughter, Dagni Wilson and her husband Joseph Goblick; her granddaughter, Athena Goblick; her mother, Gladys Richardson Douglas; one sister Kaye Douglas Young and her daughter, Shana Douglas.

In addition to her father, Jane was also preceded in death by her grandmother, Bernice Douglas, who was a special light in her life.

A memorial service is planned for 1 pm, Sunday, April 7, 2024, at Lakes Funeral Home with Pastor Walter Rhodus officiating.

Lakes Funeral Home in Berea is in charge of arrangements.

Amann Moore Sowell

Amann Moore Sowell, 49, of Richmond, passed away Sunday, March 10 at Baptist Health Richmond, following a brief hospitalization for cancer. He was much loved by his family and many friends, and he will be greatly missed.

Amann was born in Athens, Ga. on Nov. 3, 1974. He lived most of his life in Berea, but spent his early years in Paint Lick, a place he considered a perfect childhood setting. He moved to Richmond only a year ago when he bought a house there. Amann attended Paint Lick Elementary School, St. Mark Catholic School in Richmond and Berea Community Schools, graduating from BCHS in 1993. He earned a bachelor's degree in technology from Eastern Kentucky University, and later completed coursework there toward a master's degree.

For the past few years, Amann had been part of the Bechtel Parsons team at Bluegrass Army Depot that destroyed the last remaining chemical weapons stockpile in the United States. He was proud of his involvement in this historic achievement and was currently employed by the Parsons Corp. in closure of the plant.

Amann had a wide variety of interests, talents, and creative pursuits. He had studied commercial music recording, loved listening to many kinds of music, going to concerts, writing songs and was a fine musician. He played guitar and was a vocalist with the blues/jazz/classic rock group Blues Invention for the past several years, performing at various venues and events in Berea and Richmond. As an increasingly serious photographer, Amann was drawn to subjects and scenes in the local landscape, creating beautiful, dreamy or moody images, some of which had been included in local photography exhibitions. A natural athlete, he had played sports all his life and been a basketball standout at BCHS. He enjoyed fishing, hiking and other outdoor activities. When his parents moved to coastal Georgia, he loved getting out on the water, sailing, fishing or just taking in the beautiful marsh and ocean views there. He was smart, witty, funny and fun to be around. He liked cats.

Amann will be remembered by those who knew him as a soft-spoken, kind, caring and generous person and as someone who gave far more than he took. He looked for ways to make people's lives better and almost always did.

Surviving Amann are his parents Cliff and Julie Sowell of Darien, Georgia; brothers Andrew Sowell also of Darien, and Patrick (Caitlin) Sowell of Blue Ash, Ohio; nieces Stella and Emma Sowell and nephew Billy Sowell, also of Blue Ash; and beloved aunts, cousins and their families in Lexington and Savannah, Georgia. Amann was preceded in death by paternal grandmother Ida Carolyn Sowell, maternal grandparents Margaret and William F. Moore Sr., and Uncle William F. Moore Jr. A Memorial Service for Amann will take place Saturday, April 13, 2 p.m., at St. Thomas Lutheran Church, 1285 Barnes Mill Rd. in Richmond. A reception will follow in the church fellowship hall. A memorial gift may be made to the charity of one's choice. Davis & Powell Funeral Directors entrusted with arrangements.

Freddie Dale Noe, Jr.

Freddie Dale Noe, Jr., 62, passed away Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at his home in Mount Vernon. He was born in Berea on May 17th, 1961, to the late Freddie Dale Sr. and Lorene Baker Noe of Mount Vernon.

Dale's love for the outdoors, specifically plants and exploring Caves, led him to a degree in biology from Berea College. He worked for many years as a botanist with the Kentucky State Department of Transportation in Frankfort. Most recently he was employed by Hardee's in Mount Vernon.

Survivors include one son, Mason Sage Noe, of Berea, and former spouse Lisa Noe.

In accordance with Dale's wishes he is to be cremated. There will be a private time of remembrance.

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Easter offers hope, new beginning

Keith Taylor

Easter is a special time to celebrate.

For as long as I can remember, our family has always celebrated the risen Savior and dressed our best on Easter Sunday. I can remember Mom and Dad taking us shopping at the Old J.C. Penny store on Main Street in Richmond to get a new outfit to wear to church. I always enjoyed everyone looking their best and the crowds that were routinely larger than any other time of the year. No matter what, most families took the time to attend Easter services at the church of their choice.

Most of them still follow that same practice.

After church services, I can still recall Easter dinner — back then we called the evening meal supper — at my grandparents house at Round Hill, where we all hunted eggs and got together as a family. We always sat at the "little table" and I couldn't wait to sit at the "big table."

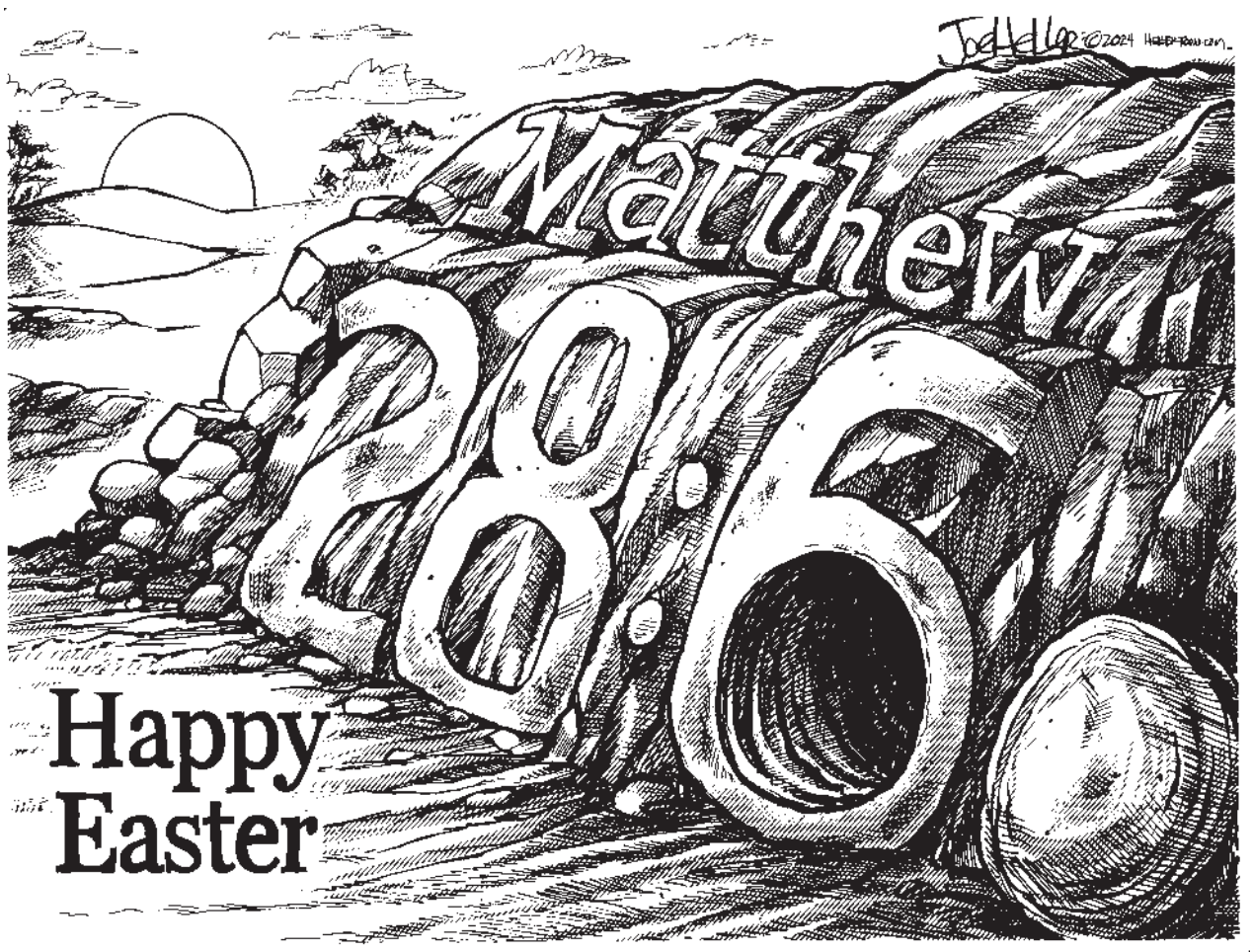
In later years, mom cooked Easter dinner for all of us and Shelby and Addisyn hunted Easter eggs. When Shelby was a child, we discovered a new way to dispose of Easter eggs after we were finished hiding and hunting them for what seemed like 100 times over and over again. Shelby now has a child of her own, Walker, who will celebrate his first Easter with us this year.

He's not old enough to hunt for eggs just yet, but that's coming. By this time next year, he should be ready for his first egg hunt that will bring back old memories and create new ones.

After we hid and hunted eggs for hours, they became worn and cracked from the hand-to-hand contact, we teed them up on a golf tee and hit them with our golf clubs. Of course we threw them at each other, too, but there was something about hitting those boiled eggs with a golf club. We also threw them at the building behind mom's house.

Growing up that would have been a no, no. My sister Taunya and I couldn't get away with that when we were young, but when the grandchildren came along, the rules seem to bend a little more and that's totally OK. It was all in fun and provided some memorable moments at Easter.

We won't be throwing eggs or hitting them with a golf club, but we do plan to celebrate Easter and the resurrection with the newest member of our family. Just like the resurrection more than 2,000 years ago, we as a family will celebrate a new beginning and mom will be looking down smiling big and proud.



Take control of your life

Glenn Mollette

Feeling like you have some control over your life is vital for life happiness.

Control is not always easy. It takes planning, sacrifice, work and good fortune.

Lots of things can happen in life that will shake the earth beneath our feet. Illness, weather disaster, a bad accident, and stupid mistakes. We are all vulnerable to any and all of these.

Considering anything can happen in life and chances are it will, we can all still make an effort to be in control of our daily lives.

First, know who you are and build on who you are. There is only one you and there will never be another like you. Chances are you may have become a clone. You started out as an original but became someone else. You may have redesigned your life to be accepted by a certain workforce, group, religious entity, fraternity, sorority, or political party mindset. This works for a while but you won't be very happy because it requires more work to not be you than it takes to just be you. This doesn't mean that you can't be a better you. We all can and should strive to be better, smarter, and the best we can be. Being lazy, irresponsible, and ignorant are sure ways to not feel good or very secure in life. Life security and a feeling of having control over our lives requires work and living higher. Living lower will sink you. Build on who you are for success and happiness.

Next, you have to work. Yes, we have to work. It's essential to life security. The person who can work and wants to work will feel better and sleep better. There are all kinds of work and not every kind of work is for everyone. Discover what kind of work you enjoy and can do and learn to do it as well as you can. Working will give you a feeling of well-being. Millions of people in America can't work for various reasons. Disability happens, millions are handicapped by various health related issues.

Our country helps millions with Social Security disability and Medicare. At least with these government assistance programs people have something on which to survive. Keep in mind that a disability income is never a ticket to prosperity. What you can afford will be very limited. However, I do know people who have done well investing in the stock market even on a limited disability income and have done amazingly well financially. Keep in mind if you are going to make a house or car payment it requires a serious income and a paying job. Try to look into a job that you enjoy and can do.

Third, save money and stay out of debt as much as possible. Buy a house you can afford and save some money every month in an IRA or 401k or whatever is available to you. Research index funds and consider buying some stock in an index fund if you can. Index fund fees are typically cheaper. I'm not a stock advisor so do your own investigating. A school teacher friend bought index fund stocks every month for years and ended up with over a million dollars in stock by her retirement. Money isn't everything but you'll sleep better if you know you can buy groceries tomorrow and can pay your utility bills.

Finally, take a few minutes every morning and at the end of the day to be grateful. Give God thanks for all and anything you have and ask him to give you strength, wisdom and peace for the day or throughout the night.

HOLY WEEK

Holy Week consists of various days that have their own special significance in the minds and hearts of Christians.

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. Trinity College at the University of Melbourne notes that Palm Sunday commemorates Jesus's entry into Jerusalem, where he was greeted with crowds that enthusiastically waved palm branches. In commemoration of that entry and greeting, Christians receive palm branches or palm crosses during Palm Sunday Mass.

Holy Wednesday

Once known as "Spy Wednesday," Holy Wednesday focuses on the darkness of Holy Week and is meant to symbolize the abandonment of Jesus by his disciples. The religious service of Tenebrae, which is a Latin word meaning "darkness" or "shadows," is typically observed during Holy Wednesday services.

Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday commemorates the Washing of the Feet (Maundy) and the Last Supper. The Last Supper is the final meal Jesus shared with his apostles prior to his crucifixion. Christian scriptures indicate that, during the Last Supper, Jesus predicted his betrayal by one of the apostles present at the meal. It was also during the Last Supper when Jesus foretells that Peter will deny knowing him three times before the next morning. Trinity College notes that Maundy Thursday reminds Christians of the new commandment that Jesus gave his disciples. That commandment was to love others as Jesus has loved them.

Good Friday

Good Friday commemorates the trial of Jesus, his subsequent sentence of death, his torture, his crucifixion, and burial. Non-Christians may wonder why a day commemorating such events would be characterized as "good," but Trinity College notes that, in this sense, the word "good" is meant to connote something "holy" or "pious."

Holy Saturday

Holy Saturday marks the conclusion of Holy Week. Celebrations of Holy Saturday typically include a late-night Easter Vigil service that involves a liturgy and ultimately the celebration of the Eucharist. The two-part celebration is designed to commemorate the emergence from darkness into the light that is the Eucharist.

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Holy Week is a significant period for Christians across the globe that commemorates many of the events that preceded the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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March 14

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

• Gracie E. Murray, 21, Annville: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08-1st; possession of an alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle

• Cainan Musgrove, 23, Richmond: leaving scene of an accident – failure to render aid or assistance; operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08-2nd; no registration plates; no registration receipt; failure to produce insurance card; failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security – 1st offense\

• Lora A. Thompson, 34, Richmond: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines

• Austin Madden, 25, Berea: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines

• Byron T. Watson, 63, Somerset: serving time

• Haskell Shawn Varney, 51, Lancaster: menacing; fleeing or evading police, 1st degree (on foot); resisting arrest; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); drug paraphernalia – buy/possess; failure to appear (2 counts)

• Ashley N. Vanwinkle, 32, Berea: failure to appear

• William Keith Ballard, 21, Richmond: failure to appear

• Troy A. Riddell, 59, Waco: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); failure to appear

• Oliver Bautista-Urbana, 32, Richmond: alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses)

• Eric Matthew Powell, 45, Berea: operating a motor vehicle/motorcycle without ignition interlock device; driving on DUI suspended license – 1st offense; non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines

March 15

• James Gentry, 60, Richmond: failure to appear; fleeing or evading police, 2nd degree (on foot); resisting arrest; giving officer false identifying information; trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (greater than or equal to 2 grams methamphetamine); possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (heroin)

• Joseph Callahan, 30, Richmond: failure to appear

• Kassie Garrett, 38, Richmond: serving weekends

• Dante Richard Nelson, 43, Richmond: serving parole violation warrant

• Dillard Craig Norman, 42, Mt. Vernon: receiving stolen property, $1,000 but less than $10,000; no registration plates; no registration receipt; operating on suspended or revoked operator's license; improper registration plates; possession of a controlled substance – buy/possess; failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security – 1st offense

• Jeremy Clifford Crain, 46, Moore's Hill, Indiana: failure to appear

• George Burton, 46, Moore's Hill: failure to appear

• Daniel Lawrence Jacobs, 24, Berea: contempt of court, libel/slander, resistance to order

• Raymond Shryock, 70, Richmond: abuse of a corpse

• Steven M. Miller, 34, Mt. Vernon: burglary, 3rd degree; criminal mischief, 3rd degree

• Nicole Simon, 46, Somerset: probation violation, for felony offense

• Ramee L. Birchfield, 56, Paint Lick: intimidating a participant in the legal process

• Emily Anderson, 29, Richmond: contempt of court, libel/slander, resistance to order

• Evan Campbell, 25, not given: serving weekends

• Ethan Campbell, 22, Nancy: serving weekends

• William Thomas Sanders, 64, not given: serving weekends

• Ricky Arvel Mayes, 64, not given: serving weekends

• Warren Glen McKinney, 49, not given: serving weekends

• Kimberly Gamble, 37, not given: serving weekends

• Sauntavious Wagers, 31, Richmond: failure to appear (2 counts)

• Amanda Gayle Hopkins, Waco: failure to appear

March 16

• James T. Roark, 58, Richmond: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st

• Jamie S. Wilhoit, 35, Richmond: failure to appear

• Carlous Tackett, 61, Berea: no rear view mirror; possession of an open alcohol container in motor vehicle; operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/substance – 1st; leaving scene of accident – failure to render aid or assistance

• Eric Hall, 42, Richmond: failure to appear (2 counts)

• Melinda Combs, 49, Nicholasville: theft by deception – include cold checks; failure to appear (3 counts)

• Elijah Clint Durham Walker, 22, Mt. Vernon: receiving stolen property, $1,000 but less than $10,000

• Angela Marie Terrill, 51, Richmond: probation violation (for felony offense); failure to appear

March 17

• Freddy L. Robinson, 42, Mt. Vernon: failure to appear (2 counts)

• Zachary K. Mullins, 19, Richmond: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol – 1st; careless driving; reckless driving

• Clinton C. Smith, Jr., Richmond: failure to appear

• Christopher Taylor, 29, Richmond: theft by disposition, all others

• John M. Marshall, Jr., 48, Richmond: failure to appear (2 counts)

• Jeffrey Wayne Cope, 51, Richmond: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines; speeding, 26 mph or greater over limit; driving on DUI suspended license – 1st offense; operating motor vehicle/motorcycle function without ignition interlock device; improper display of registration plate

• Angel Carter, 30, Richmond: theft by unlawful taking, shoplifting; failure toa appear

• Christopher Dale Flanner, 28, Richmond: probation violation (for technical violation); possession controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine)

• William Thomas Sanders, 64, Berea: serving weekends

• William Burton, 65, Waco: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting

March 18

• Dustin T. Smallwood, 32, Richmond: serving parole violation warrant; failure to appear

• Justin Lee Foster, 35, Winchester: burglary, 1st degree

• Kevin L. Estepp, 45, Richmond: failure to appear

• Asharay Christian, 31, Lexington: assault, 2nd degree

• Elijah Carter, 20, Richmond: hold for court

• Preston Eugene Marion Hardy, 35, Irvine: failure to appear

• Timothy Wayne Fryer, 43, Richmond: contempt of court, libel/slander, resistance to order

• Stephanie Nicole Maupin, 38, Richmond: failure to appear

• Raymond, Smith, 31, Richmond: hold for court

• Brandon L. Campbell, 43, Richmond: hold for court

• Brian Keith Beagle, 39, Shelbiana: failure to appear; contempt of court, libel/slander, resistance to order

• Jerry Edington, 46, Richmond: parole violation (for technical violation)

• Ricky Dale Wagers, 60, Richmond: disorderly conduct, 2nd degree

March 19

• Hank A. Adkins, 50, procurement or promoting use of minor by electronic means; serving parole violation warrant

• Aaron Blanchet, 27, Sumter, South Carolina: failure to appear (2 counts)

• Corbin Fee, 40, Berea: failure to appear

• Jeremy B. Felty, 46, Mt. Vernon: failure to appear

• Jessica L. Ferguson-Dasher, 43, Argillot: hold for court

• Michael Glennon, 42, Richmond: hold for. Court

• Angel Gooch, 42, Somerset: probation violation, for felony offense)

• Bryana M. Harlan, 27, Richmond: hold for court

• Jessica N. Henderson, 31, Richmond: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines

• Brianna Holliman, 36, Cawood: failure to appear, citation for misdemeanor (2 counts)

• Timothy Dale Huggins, 40, Richmond: hold for court

• Samuel Lowman, 29, Richmond: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); possession of marijuana; drug paraphernalia – buy/possess

• Kassandra McEathron, Richmond: operating on suspended or revoked operator's license; failure to surrender revoked operator's license; possession of marijuana; failure to appear

• Erik Oliver, 37, Richmond: hold for court

• Laura Pope, 50, Berea: contempt of court, libel/slander, resistance to order; failure to appear

• Ladonna Susan Riddell, 43, Irvine: hold for court

• William Thomas Sanders, 64, Berea: serving weekends

• Brandon Gayle White, 36, Richmond: wanton endangerment – 1st degree (2 counts); terroristic threatening, 3rd degree (2 counts); violation of a Kentucky EPO/DVO; contempt of court, libel/slander, resistance to order

• William Joshua Wilds, 38, Berea: criminal trespass-1st degree; burglary, 2nd degree; drug paraphernalia – buy/possess; possession of marijuana; possession of a controlled substance, 3rd degree – drug unspecified; probation violation, for felony offense

• Misty Dawn Wilson, 43, Irvine: hold for court

• Miranda Michelle Wiseman, 31, Somerset: hold for court

March 20

• Lecretia Alexis Jones, 27, Lexington: disorderly conduct, 2nd degree; hitchhiking – disregarding traffic regulation by pedestrian

• Jaxon Kemper, 21, Richmond: speeding, 26 mph or greater over speed limit; operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol – 1st

• Patrick Wayne Goodwin, 42, Berea: failure to appear (2 counts)

• Kevin Stevens, 51, Hamilton, Ohio: serving parole violation warrant

• Kelley L. Anderson, 53, Richmond: contempt of court, libel/slander, resistance to order

• Joseph D. Murphy, 28, Richmond: hold for court

• Elizabeth Coyle, 41, McKee: hold for court

• Michael S. Bishop, 27, Richmond: hold for court

• Wesley T. Johnson, 31, Richmond: hold for court

• Michael Fox, 44, Irvine: failure to appear; probation violation (for technical violation

• Erica D. Kidd-Gibson, 36, Richmond: assault, 2nd degree domestic violence

• James Matthew Cheeks, 36, Richmond: failure to appear

• Jennifer Lynn Prather, 47, Dry Ridge: non-payment of fines; probation violation, for technical violation (2 counts)

• Lester Marvin Poynter, 45, Berea: hold for court

• Britney Dawn Rose, 34, Richmond: hold for court

• Patrick James Padgett, 31, Liverpool, New York: failure to appear

COURT RECORDS

District Court

March 15

• Mandy Falconer vs. Kirt Aurthur LaFond

March 19

• Jackie Richerson vs. Nathaniel Tristan Richerson

March 20

• Stephen S. Robyn vs. Eric A. Tayor

Circuit Court

March 14

• CHFS for Cheyann S. Hall vs. Jamie Hall

• Jessie Mendoza-Merion vs. Gonzalo Merina

March 15

• Amber Reinhardt vs. Cody Reinhardt

March 18

• Christopher Carroll Meadows vs. Mary Lynn Meadows

• Andrea Catherine Coates vs. Ray Collon Coates

• CHFS for Sherie D. Foister vs. Eric T. Foister

•CHFS for Randy M. Conkright vs. Geneva F. Morton

March 19

• Apryl Skaggs vs. Eugene Williams

• Alexandria Walters vs. Jacob Mullen

• Brianna J. Turner vs. Thomas D. Turner

March 20

• Zachary Eugene Main vs. Jennifer Gail Nalley

• Katrina Ann Cardenas vs. Ricardo Carnedas – Hernandez

Foreclosures

March 14

• Nationstar Mortgage, LLC vs. Melissa Mullannix Lindsey

MARRIAGES

March 14

• Jacques Mzabonimpa, army, 23, of Richmond to Aline Safi, Amazon, 21 of Knoxville, Tennessee

• Angel Gail Comley, retail, 52, of Richmond to Grant D. Comley, retired, 54, of Stanford

Fabiola Louisjean, CAN, 22, of Richmond to Pierre Kindly Bienvenu, food services, 26, of Richmond

March 18

• Joel Franklin Bowling, Jr., pilot, 45, of Richmond to Ashley Jillian Clark, RN, 36, of Richmond

• Mackenzie Madison Miller, marketing, 27, of Berea to Timothy Trent Nichols, Jr., factory, 34, of Berea

• Jenna Cait Hockensmith, collections specialist, 22, of Richmond to Nathan David Bunch, steel worker, 20, of Richmond

• Sabrina Nicole Neeley, unemployed, 35, of Richmond to Bruce Anthony Kelley, unemployed, 42, of Richmond

March 20

• George Baker, Jr., Enersys, 54, of Berea to Tonya Renee Gilbert, unemployed, 46, of Berea

• Lisa Danielle Sobie, real estate, 39, of Union to Allen Thacker, Jr., letter carrier, 50, of Richmond

• Kartikkumar Sureshbhai Patel, store clerk, 35, of Lexington to Tejalben Bhailalbhai Bajaniya, unemployed, 29, of Lexington

• Elizabeth Brook Thompson, driver, 44, of Richmond to Peter Wayne Snyder, disabled, 53, of Richmond

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

March 14

• KJC Properties, LLC to Zackary P. Garmon, 141 Stillwater Drive, Berea, $259,900

• Dorothy Vaughn (a/k/a Dorothy Vaughn Mullins) to Aaron Powers, 3631 Berea Road, $240,000

• Kristine E. Potter and Hunter Potter to Kristine Potter, lot 218 Block 5 Madison Village Subdivision, pursuant to an agreement in their how pending divorce

• William Kindred and Sharon Kindred to Kaydon Kindred, tract 2B Cedar Drive, for and in consideration of the love and affection which a grandparent has for their grandchild

• David Ray Nichols to Jason Lee Miller, tracts Madison County (vicinity of Fee Street, Berea), $100,000

• Lucy Meade (f/k/a Lucy May) and Jason Mead to Kevin Webb and Christy Webb, tract Madison County (vicinity of Maupintown), $30,000

• Matthew Coburn and Alicia Coburn to Alex Property, LLC, 108 Commerce Drive, $127,600

• Christian Jarrett Vandall and Rizza Galisanao Vandall to Steven T. Langford and Jeanine L. Langford, lot 19 Phase III Double D Meadows, $360,000

• Dwight Bush Marshall to Dwight Bush Marshall and Fannie Rebecca Marshall, 371 College Hill Road, Waco, $1.00 and the love and affection between spouses

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• Gary D. Reams and Leslie C Lowery to Leathan Properties, LLC, 1833 Red House Road, $150,000

• J. W. Smith Properties, LLC to Jeffrey L. Stricker and Catherine M. Stricker, 226 Primrose Circle, Richmond, $275,000

• Victory Lane Development, Inc. to Shaddie Habash, lot 46 Phase 2 Warrior's Trace Subdivision Phase 2, $59,900

• Ida O. Wall to Marcus Wall (a/k/a Mark Wall), tract Madison County (on what is called Squirrel Ridge near Doylesville), for and in consideration of the love and affection which grantor has for grantee being son of the grantor

• Fritz Investments, LLC to Justin Davis and Kimberly Davis, 215 Brittany Circle, $245,000

• Todd Builders, LLC to Katelyn Jean Hall and Kaitlynn Marie Paige Hall, lot 81 Stoney Creek Subdivision Unit 3 Phase 1-A, $254,000

• Lydia Irene Wilson to Steven Wascher and Lena Wascher, lot 36 Block B Stonewall Estates Subdivision, $473,000

• Frances L. Baxter by Ralph E. Baxter, Jr., her Attorney-in-Fact to The Commonwealth of Kentucky for the use and benefit of the Transportation Cabinet, Department of Highways, tract of land lying along 1983 Menelaus Pike over CSX Railroad, $1450

• Everett Ballard to Austin Scott, lot 13 Oliver Subdivision, $157,500

• Zachary Hanson and Erica Hanson to Brandon C. Boggs, lot 96 Prairie View @ Twin Lakes Subdivision Phase I, $287,000

• Tristan B. Girod and Meghan Girod to Keith A. Hollified, lot 124 Battlefield Place, $355,000

• E.T. Properties, Inc to Fritz Investments, LLC, 103 Purcell Drive, $257,000

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PRAISE

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I mean, really it's a disturbing situation when you're dealing with these, and we had the first one at Madison Southern, where the shooter was supposed to be outside and when he called in, he was going to start picking people off as they come out of the school because of the bomb threat. …

"It's unbelievable how some of these things go. I don't know whether you call it foreign or domestic terrorism, but basically that's what it is."

Berea Mayor Bruce Fraley said the city's first responders and other crews were readily able to assist with the response.

"The response of our police department, along with support from the Berea fire department and the Berea Public Works department, showed a high-level of training, commitment to being prepared, and a high level of professionalism," he said. "I also know that the Madison County Public school staff responded with swiftness and professionalism during this incident. My compliments to all involved for making sure that safety of our students and staff was the number one priority.

Magistrate Tom Botkin praised the sheriff's office and other first responders throughout the county and the state, including the Kentucky State Police and the FBI.

"That's something you never want in your communities," he said. "Sooner or later it's coming to your communities whether you like it or not as we've seen this week. In the summer time, a lot of the agencies, they practice active shooter (drills), but practice all you want to, but it's not the same thing when the horn goes off. Everybody involved did an outstanding job, and we certainly appreciate that. We don't ever want that (disaster) to happen, but we want our people to be prepared."

Coyle added his department handled the incidents with ease, despite being short staffed. He added he will be losing a deputy next month, which will leave his office four shy of full capacity.

"We're struggling to get our manpower built back up," Coyle said. "I know we're speaking to a few (candidates) this week, but we do have people who will try to monitor traffic situations around the schools (such as) passing and improper passing and things like that. Just bear with us, we are a little short on manpower and we're still four people short with court security."

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Reflections

Berea Citizen archives

March 27, 1924
New buildings

When students return to Berea College campus in September for the fall, 1924 term, they would hardly know their college campus. There was perhaps more building taking place at this point more construction taking place than there had ever been before. The Women's Industrial Building (Emery Building) was well under way. The stone foundation had been laid and the brick work was progressing. The building would greatly improve the looks of the section of campus between Lincoln Hall and the regular industrial buildings. On the north side of Boone Tavern, an addition was being constructed which would give additional office pace and three extra bedrooms. On the south side of the laundry, a good sized addition was under construction. To the power plant, the two great water pipe boilers and stokers would be a great improvement, capable of taking care of all the lights, power and heat for many years to come. Construction for a dormitory for Normal women had also begun construction. Excavation for the foundation and loading the Rogers House and the Annex to move them away, to allow room for the new dormitory. The addition of a new door to each side of the main chapel building was also underway. This would allow students to assemble and leave the chapel more efficiently. Curbing and sidewalk additions were also in the plannings where the college property joined the town. To complete all of the work projects, sixty to eighty men (besides the students) were employed, and it was hoped that all projects would be completed before the September deadline.

March 24, 1949
Road improvements

The Kentucky Highway Department would be opening bids on April 8th for the construction and repairs of highways in ten counties. One of the projects would be in Madison County on the Richmond-McKee highway just north of Kingston. The sharp curves were to be eliminated at two points and a new culvert was to be built over the creek. The new road was to be 0.643 miles in length and would begin at a point near the Terrill home and stretch North to a point a little more than one half mile beyond. The bid would include the culvert and approaches, grading, draining and high type surface road. The two curves on this road had been a menace to travelers and innumerable accidents had occurred at these two points resulting in sever lives being lost in vehicle accidents.

March 28, 1974
Shopping center

Plans had been revealed for the development of a 61,000 square foot shopping center on Berea's north end. The development, undertaken by Consolidated Developments, Inc., of Lexington would be situated on a 15 acre tract bounded on two sides by U.S 25 and Glades Road. Henry Vance, spokesman for Consolidated, said five leases had already been acquired with additional space still available for leasing. Initial tenants in the project would include Ben Franklin Department Store, which would occupy 17,000 square feet, Malone & Hyde Supermarket, occupying 10,800 square feet and Begley Drugs, which would occupy 6,500 square feet. In addition, Vance said leases had been acquired by a men's clothing outlet and a jewelry store. Vance said the initial development would consist of approximately 47,000 square feet with provisions for immediate expansions of an additional 14,000 square feet. Access to the shopping center would be provided by 150 feet of frontage on U.S. 25 and 150 feet of frontage on Glades Road. Plans called for the widening of U.S. 25 to three lanes to provide a lane for turning. The Kentucky Department of Highways was planning a massive rebuilding of Glades Road in the near future. The project was hinging on a right-of-way agreement yet to be made with the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company. The development, to be called Boone Square Shopping Center, would sport an architectural design similar to the Landsdowne Shopping Center in Lexington.

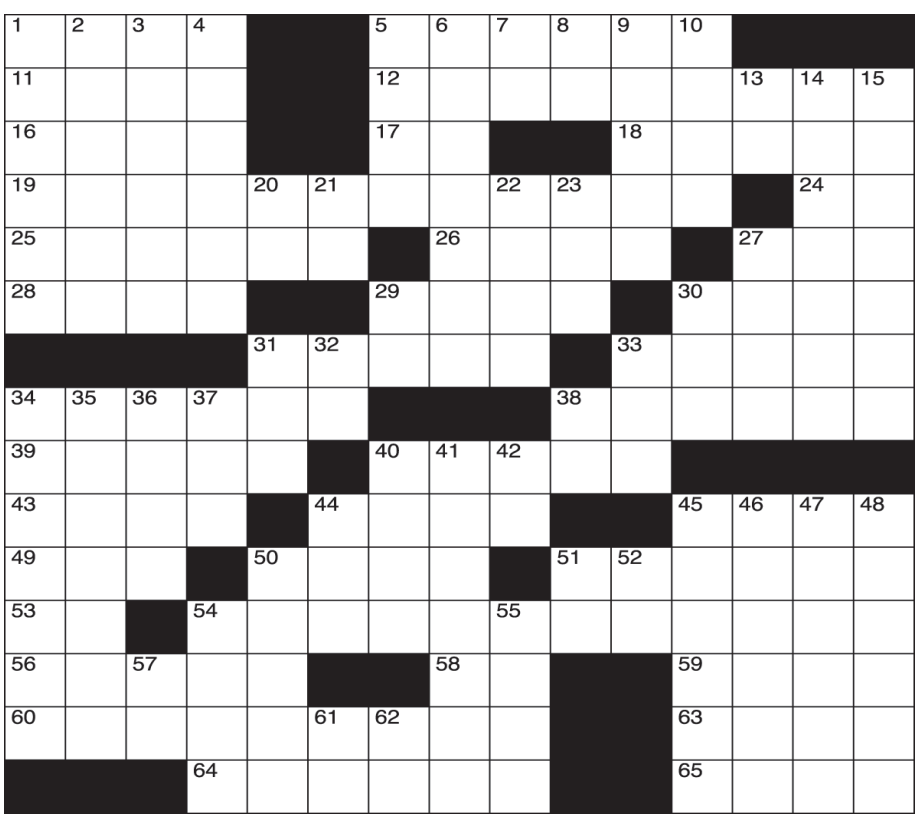
NE SQUARE SHOPPING CENTER, as shown in the sketch ill sport an architecture somewhat similar to Lansdowne Shopping n Lexington. Developers of the project, to be located on U.S. 25 North, say five major leases already have been acquired, with construction set to begin next month.

March 25, 1999
Grass and brush fires

Several grass and brush fires had kept Berea firefighters busy for the past week. According to Berea Fire Chief Bob Davis, two grass fires had burned at least 11 acres in and around Berea. Davis said the fire department responded to Arthur Jackson Road on March 17 for a grass fire that burned approximately six acres. A little later the same day, they responded to a brush fire on Old U.S. 25 that had been a controlled burn that had gotten out of control. On March 18, firefighters responded to South Dogwood for another grass fire that spread to Interstate 75 and the Berea Fire Department called Madison County Fire Department and the state Forestry Department which lend mutual aid in times of need. According to Davis, that fire burned approximately five acres.

Game Page

Crossword



CLUES ACROSS
1. Database management system
5. Medical procedures
11. __ Clapton, musician
12. Defender
16. Exert oneself
17. Indicates position
18. Quay
19. Atrocities
24. A way to address an adult man
25. Ends
26. Unable
27. Taxi
28. Gratuities
29. A famous train station
30. Japanese persimmon
31. Sours
33. Beneficiary
34. Baseball official
38. Confused situation
39. Unworldly
40. Yemen capital
43. Type of soil
44. Beloved beverage __-Cola
45. Lying down
49. __ Angeles
50. Fail to amuse
51. Collapsible shelter
53. Commercial
54. Taste property
56. Lordship's jurisdictions
58. It cools your home
59. Dismounted
60. Charge in a court of law
63. One less than one
64. Spoke
65. Famed garden

CLUES DOWN
1. Show a picture of
2. Small sultanate
3. Unfortunate incident
4. A way to ski
5. Abba __, Israeli politician
6. Observed
7. "Westworld" actor Harris
8. Belonging to me
9. Shoelace tube
10. Takes to civil court
13. Early multimedia
14. Produces anew
15. Horse races
20. Of I
21. Equally
22. Changes color
23. A place to stay
27. Town in Galilee
29. Mathematical figure
30. Klingon character
31. They __
32. Atomic #58
33. Showed up extinct
34. Loosen grip
35. Unpleasant smell
36. Innermost membranes enveloping the brain
37. Esteemed college "league"
38. Partner to Pa
40. Small American rail
41. A salt or ester of acetic acid
42. Sodium
44. Military figure (abbr.)
45. Lighted
46. Paid to get out of jail
47. All of something
48. Ohio city
50. More abject
51. A radio band
52. Scientific development (abbr.)
54. Monetary unit
55. Scored perfectly
57. A punch to end a fight
61. The Golden State (abbr.)
62. The Beehive State (abbr.)

SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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ANSWER:

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

CRYPTO FUN

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to agriculture.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 11 = E)

A. 11 22 19 20 8 18 11 24 17
Clue: Machinery

B. 15 5 16 18
Clue: Where some food is grown

C. 10 20 1 11 13 17 12 6 7
Clue: Farm animals

D. 9 5 16 1 11 13 17
Clue: Gathering in crops

Answers: A. equipment B. farm C. livestock D. harvest

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Roger Alford

A fellow the other day said he heard about a truck overturning out on the interstate, spilling a load of Vicks VapoRub.

"Amazingly," he said, "there was no congestion for eight hours."

I was driving Interstate 75 in Tennessee here while back and noticed dead chickens along the shoulder. There were bunches of them scattered here and there along several miles of that road, and I became quite curious about what had happened.

I checked the Internet to see if there were any news articles about the dead chickens. I found nothing. I wondered if they were trying to jump to their freedom from a northbound tractor-trailer traveling at 70 mph, risking all for that most precious gift, freedom.

Freedom is indeed a precious gift.

You realize much of the Bible focuses on the quest for freedom, beginning in the Book of Genesis when the nation of Israel ended up bondage. They lived as slaves in Egypt until God sent Moses to free them. That typifies what Jesus has done for people who have ended up in bondage to sin. He came to set us free.

"If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." (John 8:36)

One of the most amazing instances of a man being set free was the fellow who called himself Legion. He was an absolute mess, living like an animal on the far banks of the Sea of Galilee. He was filthy, and people were afraid to go near him. Jesus wasn't afraid, though. Jesus recognized that Legion was living in bondage to sin. In fact, he was demon possessed.

Jesus cast out the demons and the next thing you know, that man was clothed and in his right mind. He wanted to go with Jesus and his disciples, but Jesus had an important mission for him.

"Go home to thy friends and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee and hath had compassion on thee. And he departed and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him: and all men did marvel" (Mark 5:19-20).

We can't help but marvel when we encounter someone the Lord has freed from sin. You've known a good many such people yourself. Perhaps people who were in bondage to alcohol or drugs. They may have lost their jobs and their families because of it. Perhaps they had lost everything they owned because of it. Perhaps they were living like Legion had been and people were frightened of them. Then they encountered Christ, and He set them free. Just like Legion, they went to tell their friends what Jesus had done for them, and those friends were amazed by the transformation.

That's what being set free looks like. And it always stops us in our tracks, like an overturned load of VapoRub.

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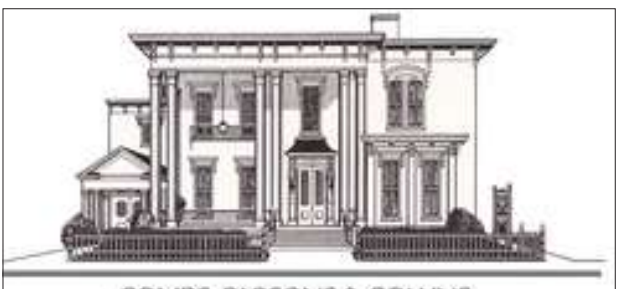
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EXIT

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to every household will be discontinued, since notifications are now available on cell phones. Additionally, alert services like the RAVE Mass Notification system will be rolled into the county's 911 system. Individual radios for personnel and vehicle will hereafter be paid for by the three governments.

Some systems must remain, since they are crucial to public safety, Sandlin said. The 800-megahertz radio system allows for interagency communication among all first responders.

Meanwhile, other funds for Madison County's 911 dispatch center are diminishing. Revenue from a household telephone land line fee continues to taper off as customers opt out of that service. The county's joint 911 dispatch center operates with a $2.5 million budget funded by both land line and wireless fees. The three governments each supplement those costs by chipping in $1.05 million annually.

The task force anticipates emergency system maintenance and replacement costs of $13 million over a 15-year life cycle, in addition to day-to-day operating costs. As such, they are proposing a E911 land use fee based on two categories: Residential/Farm, and Non-Residential, which would include businesses, industries, or other non-residential entities that pay property taxes. For example, if officials were to set the 911 fee at $75, a home with one primary front door would be charged $75 annually, while an apartment complex with up to 30 front doors would be assessed a maximum of $1,200. A complex with more that 31 doors would be assessed a maximum of $2,700. Homes on farms would be assessed in a similar manner.

In the non-residential category, which includes large retailers, the assessment switches to square-feet formula. A non-residential structure with a building that is 125,000-square-feet or larger, would be assessed $4,800 annually, while in contrast, a structure that is between 1 and 500-square feet would be charged $500.

A $75 fee would ensure funding for emergency services through 2030. Sandlin emphasized, however, that the final amount of the fee is up to public officials.

"We want everybody to share in this cost because first responders obviously serve everybody in the county, whether it's a farm with a tractor accident or a business where somebody has had a medical emergency. Everybody gets emergency services, so we need everybody to pitch in," Sandlin said.

Under the plan, the Madison County Emergency Communications Center will become an arm of the county government. The operation of the facility would be funded by the 911 fee. The Emergency Management Agency (EMA) would be funded by the three governments, according to the proportion of first responders in each entity. Under that formula, Madison County would pay 53 percent of the cost, Richmond 29 percent, and Berea 18 percent.

In the coming weeks, the three governments would have to adopt resolutions authorizing the collection of E911 fees, which would begin in October with distribution of county tax bills.

Madison County Magistrate Billy Ray Hughes asked what would happen if officials didn't approve the fee. Richmond City Manager Rob Minerich responded the three governments would have to pay out of their operating budgets, splitting $3.6 million in operating costs.

During the ensuing discussion, some officials raised concerns. Richmond City Commissioner Mike Brewer and Berea City Councilman Katie Startzman expressed concern about the fee's potential impact on small businesses and economic development, while other officials said there seems little choice but to impose some kind of fee to pay for emergency services. The cost of 911 service is estimated to be $4.3 million in Fiscal Year 2025, while EMA service costs are estimated at $346,291.

"When all is said and done, I don't think we have much of an option," said Berea City Councilman Steve Caudill. "I don't see us making incremental increases, so I think we need to look to the six-year plan." Magistrate Tom Botkin agreed, noting the governments can't keep going back to taxpayers year after year for fee increases.

The Berea City Council may be considering the first resolution next week.

Easter Cantata

Westside Baptist Church will present an Easter Cantata on Sunday, March 31, at 11 a.m. The public is invited to attend this special Easter service.

(Submitted)

TORNADO

FROM PAGE 1

Barbara Long, Benny Joe Pearson, and Alvin and Rutha Lainhart lost their lives that fateful day.

"It's a collection of stories and interviews of people who survived it and people who had significant roles to play in the recovery from it," said Seyfrit, who was watching "Sonny and Cher" when the tornado made its way through the county. "We just want to remember what happened, where we came from since then, but most especially the Longs, the Lainharts and the Pearsons that we lost that day. Remember what happened and hopefully we're better for it."

Other business:

• The court proclaimed March as Hunger Awareness Month in Madison County. The 25th Empty Bowls event is set for April 5 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Richmond. Minimum donation is $15 for a bowl and soup. Those who just want a serving of soup, the cost will be $8.

• The court proclaimed March 30 as Doctor's Day in conjunction with the national recognition set for Saturday. The court also proclaimed April 5 as Arbor Day in Madison County. A tree planting ceremony at 11 a.m. on April 5 at Berea College.

• Approved a resolution to apply for a household hazardous waste grant, which will be held Oct. 5. Approximately 300 participants took part in the event last fall.

• Re-appointed Mark Farris and Rob Brock to the Madison County EMS Board.

* Approved the SOPs and SOGs, standard operating procedures for the Madison County Fire Department.

• Recognized Bobby Aldridge, Madison County Animal Control Officer

• Deputy Judge Jill Williams announced the Madison County Animal Shelter has received a PETCO grant.

Next meeting: April 9 at 9:30 a.m., Berea City Hall.

NCAA Bracket Challenge

Iowa State

Creighton, San Diego State

North Carolina

Tennessee

UConn, Gonzaga

Arizona, Alabama

Marquette

Houston, Duke, N.C. State

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Message from Cora Jane Wilson

"A soft answer turneth away wrath; but grievous words stir up anger."

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Sports

Calipari to return for 16th season

LEXINGTON (KT) — John Calipari met with athletics director Mitch Barnhart Tuesday and the Kentucky coach will return next season.

"As we normally do at the end of every season, Coach Calipari and I have had conversations about the direction of our men's basketball program and I can confirm that he will return for his 16th season as our head coach," Barnhart said in a statement.

In his first public comments since an 80-76 loss to Oakland in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament last Thursday in Pittsburgh, Calipari said on his radio show Monday night he has been at a loss of words following the team's second first-round exit in the last three years. He added he "probably" had 300 texts and 100 phone calls" on his silenced phone since the loss, but needed to "get my mind back" and "it was devastating to all of us."

"I've have have had better weekends — hurting, our team, players, staff, their families," he said. "We're all hurting, (I'm) hurting for them, but, hurting. I'm hurting for our fans. I know many fans out there are hurting, but I want to say no one is hurting more than me right now."

Calipari's immediate concern, he said, is meeting with his squad that finished the season with a 23-10 record. Kentucky won five in a row and seven of its last eight regular-season games, but ended the season with two straight setbacks.

"I've got to turn my attention to this current team," he said. "I have individual meetings set up. My staff has been spending time with the guys because we got to find out where are they right now and where are they is they're going to go through the process, who's going through it and how we're doing that. We've got to live through that stuff right now."

As with in the past, Calipari also plans to re-evaluate the program from top to bottom to gauge future decisions and his immediate concern is getting back to being a defensive-minded and physical team.

"How do we get back there?" he said. "What about in the summers instead of a Bahamas or Toronto? We're really back to where we're grinding and we're working on our physicality and we're working on defense, and we're trying to set a foundation of who we're going to be, because I don't want to change offensively."

On the final segment, Calipari said he remains committed to meeting the expectations of the program set by late coach Adolph Rupp and the others that preceded him and added winning and competing for national titles continues to be his mission as long as he's coach of the Wildcats.

"I'm not changing — 24/7 – let's go," he said. "Whether it's recruiting, all the stuff that we've got to do, that is the commitment that I give to the fans. And I haven't changed.

"This is like wearing a coat. It never goes away," he said. "But I love it. This is what I want. This is what I wanted. This is why I never left. This is it. And now — let's come together and let's go do something.

"Let's do something special and we can do it. We've done it. Let's do it again."

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NCAA Tourney

East Regional

At TD Garden, Boston
Regional Semifinals

Thursday, March 28
UConn vs. S.D. St., 7:39 p.m.
Iowa St. vs. Illinois, 10:09 p.m.

Regional Championship
Saturday, March 30

South Regional

At American Airlines Center
Dallas

Regional Semifinals
Friday, March 29
Houston vs. Duke, 9:39 p.m.
Marquette vs. NC St., 7:09 p.m.

Regional Championship
Sunday, March 31

Midwest

At Little Caesars Arena
Detroit

Regional Semifinals
Friday, March 29
Purdue vs. Gonzaga, 7:39 p.m.
Tennessee vs. Creighton, 10:09 p.m.

Regional Championship
Sunday, March 31

West

At Crypto.com Arena, L.A.

Regional Semifinals
Thursday, March 28
N. Carolina vs. Alabama, 9:39 p.m.
Arizona vs. Clemson, 7:09 p.m.

Regional Championship
Saturday, March 30

FINAL FOUR

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