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On the run

The Berea Chamber of Commerce had its annual Catch the Leprechaun 5K race last Saturday at the Berea Community School. The race, sponsored by Race Rise, featured 110 runners in various age groups. Jacob Kocis of Versailles was the overall winner with a finish of 15:46, while Danielle Tufone was the top female finisher and clocked a finish of 22:37. In top photo, Ray McKinney celebrates as he finishes the race, while Raymond McKinney — The Leprechaun — ran the course in 22:01 and won his division. At right, Katie Flynn gives the thumbs up after crossing the finish line on Saturday.

Photos by Ted Kinson

Public comment change defeated

Deadlock vote stalls measure

By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

City Council

The Berea City Council was deadlocked Tuesday on whether the comments segment of public meetings should be moved to an earlier part of the agenda to encourage citizen participation.

Under a municipal order proposed by Councilman John Payne, public comments would have been moved up in the order to ensure citizens had adequate time to voice their opinions on proposed legislation.

The rule change stalled however, when the council voted 4-4, at which point, Berea Mayor Bruce Fraley encouraged officials to discuss the matter further.

"This is a document on conduct of the legislative body meetings that the council should decide," Fraley said. "Without a majority, the motion is defeated, and I would suggest that you get together to come to a consensus to find common ground, something everybody can live with."

Payne said he proposed the legislation because the window for public comment is currently too narrow, since many citizens find it difficult to attend public meetings. He also suggested the public needs more time to review,

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Pool set to open on schedule as renovation project continues

By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

When a public pool is more than 32-years-old, things start to break down, and the city has to invest in keeping the facility operational, according to Berea Parks and Recreation Director Priscilla Bloom.

For that reason, the city has begun a $2.3 million renovation project that will make for a better experience for customers, but more importantly, it will address some chronic maintenance issues and extend the life of the pool.

Bloom said probably the biggest thing people will notice is the new pool floor, replacing the concrete with a softer PVC material. Replacement of the pool deck will also be a prominent feature of the renovation, which will also enhance the pool's appearance and public safety. Bloom said the floor renovation in particular will be a money-saver.

"We've had issues with the pool floor, with concrete breaking off," Bloom said, adding the new

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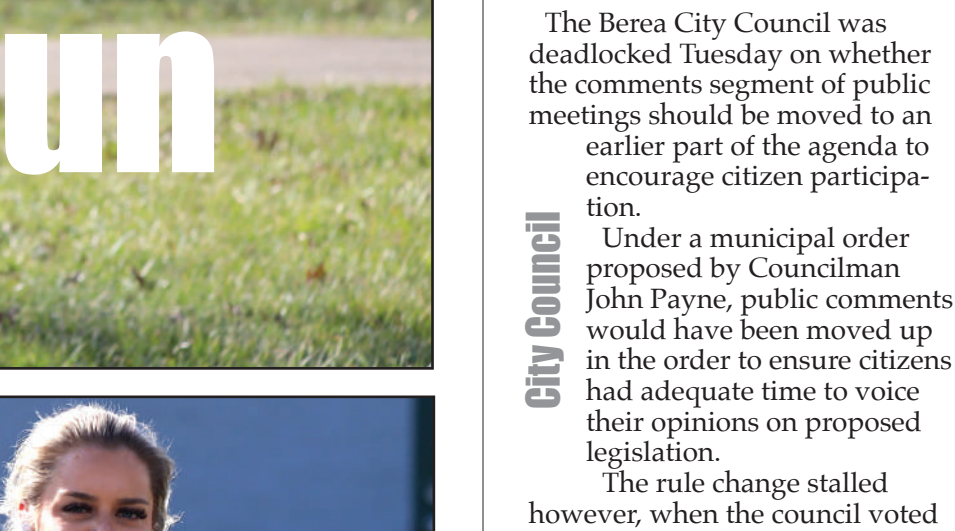

Stepping out!

The Berea Arts Council had a "Stepping out for Art" Mardi Gras event last Saturday at Churchill's. A silent and live auction was held, featuring more than 75 pieces, including jewelry by Jill Robertson, watercolor by Jerlene Rose and a handcrafted bench by Steve Farmer. (Ted Kinson photo)

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Obituaries

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It was a big week for Berea Citizen's ownership and Nolan Group Media as Senate President Robert Stivers celebrated the company's 100th anniversary. Present for the reading of Senate Resolution 31 were Glenn Gray, Claudia Nolan, James (Jay) Frank Nolan, James Frank Nolan Jr., and Senate President Robert Stivers. (Photo by Keith Taylor)

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Message from Cora Jane Wilson

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus
Romans 3:23-24 (KJV)

ORDINANCE NO. 03 - 2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AND REFERRED TO AS 599 RICHMOND ROAD NORTH AND OWNED BY JERRY LITTLE FROM R-3 (MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO B-2 (MAJOR BUSINESS DISTRICT)

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

Pursuant to the authority granted in KRS 100, and in Section 401.2 of the Land Management and Development Ordinance, and further pursuant to a hearing held on January 28, 2025, by the Berea Planning Commission, wherein the Planning Commission found that the proposal for zoning map amendment from R-3 (Multi-Family Residential) to B-2 (Major Business District) was appropriate based on specific factual findings, and said Planning Commission having recommended to the City Council that the requested map amendment be granted; therefore, the City Council adopts the findings of fact and recommendation of the Planning Commission and further, pursuant to KRS 100.211, the area as hereinafter described on Exhibit "A" hereto (1.69 acres) and located at 599 Richmond Road North be and the same is reclassified to B-2 (Major Business District) from R-3 (Multi-Family Residential).

FIRST READING: February 18, 2025.

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Irene Griffin

Irene Griffin, a beacon of love and kindness, passed away on Feb. 25, at the age of 88, surrounded by the love of her family. Born on February 14, 1937, in Clay County, Irene was a woman whose life was defined by her unwavering faith, her dedication to her family, and her passion for the simple joys of life.

Irene was the cherished daughter of the late Mark and Mattie Mathis Anderson. She was the beloved wife of Earl Griffin, with whom she shared a remarkable journey of 67 years until his passing. Together, they built a legacy of love that continues to resonate through their family. Irene was also preceded in death by her sisters, Margie Castle and Gearldine Ward, and a great grandchild, Lena Brooks.

She is survived by her loving daughters, Scotty (Ronnie) Abney and Tena (Jeff) Gabbard. Irene's role as a grandmother was one of her greatest joys, and she leaves behind her adored granddaughters, Shelby (Mark) Brooks and Sydni (Rick) Childers. Her great-grandchildren, Griffin Brooks, Lilly Brooks, Hiram Childers, and Raleigh Childers, will carry forward her legacy of love and kindness, and the family joyfully anticipates the arrival of great-grandchild Miller Brooks.

Irene's life was a testament to her loving nature and her kind spirit. For over 50 years, she taught Sunday school at Liberty Avenue Baptist Church, touching the lives of countless individuals with her wisdom and compassion.

A creative soul, Irene found great pleasure in making cards and crafts. Her love for the outdoors was evident to anyone who spent time with her, as she cherished the beauty of flowers and the tranquility of the beach.

Irene's impact on the world was as beautiful and varied as the flowers she adored. Her kindness was a gentle force that changed lives, and her loving nature was a comfort to all who were fortunate enough to know her. She was a woman of grace and dignity, always putting others before herself.

Funeral services wereheld at Lakes Funeral Home on Friday, Feb. 28, at 1p.m. Pastor Ken Felty officiated and burial followed at Berea Cemetery. Pallbearers were Jeff Gabbard, Ronnie Abney, Mark Brooks, Rick Childers, and Griffin Brooks. Honorary bearers were Travis Ward, Lilly Brooks, Hiram Childers, and Raleigh Childers.

Kenneth Edward Bowles

Kenneth Edward Bowles, 69, passed away suddenly at his home in Berea on Thursday Feb.27, 2025. Kenny was the son of the late John D. Bowles Jr. and Mae Dooley Bowles. He had attended Berea Community High School and was loved and cherished by his family. Kenny is survived by his sisters: Juanita (Rusty) Whittamore, and Diane (Joe Wittig) Acton, a niece Johnna (Jon) Thomas, a nephew Brent (Morgan) Whittamore, and his great-nephews: Sawyer and Lincoln Thomas.

Funeral services were held March 4 at Lakes Funeral Home. Rev. Wayne Miller officiated. Pallbearers were Brent Whittamore, Rusty Whittamore, Jon Thomas, Craig Dollins, Jacob Kirby and Keith Davidson. Honorary pallbearers were Joe Wittig, Ricky Clontz, Sawyer Thomas, and Lincon Thomas. Burial followed at Madison County Memorial Gardens.

Nona J Bond

Nona J Bond, 81, wife of Larry Bond, passed away on March 1, at the Baptist HealthHospital in Lexington. Nona was born and raised in Jackson County to the late George A. and Mary Fields Bingham.

Nona worked for and retired from Westinghouse and Phillips Lighting, and she was a member of the Richmond Church of Christ. Nona was also preceded in death by her siblings: Retha Rose, Ida Lakes, Teresa Turner, Cordell Bingham, and Tom Bingham.

Nona is survived by her husband of 60 years, Larry Bond, her son Clayton L. (Jackie Craig) Bond,her granddaughter Kendra (Devin) Shuman, her sisters: Huda L. Jones and Carrie M. Piercy, andseveral nieces and nephews also survive.

Funeral services will be Friday March 7, at 11 a.m. at Richmond Church of Christ 1500 Lancaster Rd. Richmond. Burial will be in the Madison County Memorial Gardens.The ministers officiating will be Michael Johnson, and Jack Hall. Visitation will be Thursday March 6 at Lakes Funeral Home from 6-9 p.m.

Mary Frances Harris

Mary Frances Harris, 92, widow of the late Charles Elwood Harris, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family, on Feb. 25, at the Compassionate Care Center in Richmond. Mary was born in Garrard County to the late Francis and Grace Carpenter Lear, she was a homemaker, a wonderful mother and grandmother, and a member of the Wayside Christian Church.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband Charles Elwood Harris, her parents and her siblings: James Earl Lear, and Ruby Day.

Mary is survived by her children: Clinton (Connie) Harris, and Darlene (TimTaylor, and her grandchildren: Christopher (Valentina) Harris, Hayley Harris, Stephanie (Devin) Lamb, and Heather Taylor, and her great-grandchildren: Nicholas Harris, Katerina Harris, Zoey Lamb, Courtney Lamb, Charlee Lamb, and Emersyn Taylor.

Funeral services were Wednesday March 5, at 2 p.m. at the Wayside Christian Church. Minister Ron Lutes officiated and burial followed in the Cartersville Cemetery. Pallbearers were Chris Harris, Devin Lamb, Leon Clark, Kevin Day, Scott Johnson, and Mark Day and Honorary pallbearer was Willie Day.

Lakes Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Sarah Riley

Sarah Riley, 90, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family, Friday Feb. 28, at the Berea Health Care Center. Sarah was born in Madison County to the late Leonard and Rachel Wilson, she was retired from Parker Seal Company and a longtime member of the Westside Baptist Church. After her retirement Sarah worked many years for Walmart as a Greeter and volunteering at Berea Hospital.

Sarah was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Walter Riley, and her siblings: Paul Wilson, Pat Wilson, Fern Botkin, and Vea rlene Sturdevan.

Sarah is survived by her children: Steve Riley, and Becky (Bobby Jack) Woods, her sister Norma Jean Marsh, her grandson Christopher (Donna) Riley, and granddaughter Jennifer Brooke Riley, and great-grandchildren: Zach Smith, Mackenzie Smith, Zoie Riley, and Walter Blake Riley.

Funeral services will be Thursday March 6, at 11 a.m. at Lakes Funeral Home with Rev. Allen Livingood officiating, burial will be in the Madison County Memorial Gardens. Visitation was Wednesday, March 5, from 6-8 p.m. at Lakes Funeral Home. The funeral services will be livestreamed on the funeral home website.

Michael 'Mike' Anthony Angel

Michael "Mike" Anthony Angel, 82, passed away peacefully at home on Feb. 26, 2025, surrounded by love, after a courageous battle with illness. Born in 1942 at Pine Mountain Settlement School to Susie (Hall) and August David Angel, Mike's life was a testament to integrity, resilience, and boundless generosity. In 1962, he married the love of his life, Fredrica ("Fredi") Lynn Andres of Brookfield, Ohio, with whom he built a life filled with adventure, family, and unwavering devotion.

A proud graduate of Sharpsville High School in Pennsylvania, Class of 1960, Mike answered the call to serve his country, joining the U.S. Marine Corps. During his four years of active duty, he was deployed to the Caribbean during the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis, demonstrating his steadfast commitment to protecting his nation. He continued his service for two additional years in the Marine Corps Reserve, achieving the rank of Sergeant. An avid runner, Mike later took on the challenge of the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C., twice, along with several other marathons, embodying the discipline and determination that defined his character.

Mike and Fredi were blessed with two children, Michael Kelly (Christie) Angel and Amber Lynnae Linnevers, as well as grandsons Kevin (Jewon) Linnevers and Eric John (Haley) Linnevers. Their family also included their beloved godson, Christopher Angel, and honorary grandson, Kyle Linnevers, all of whom Mike cherished deeply.

Throughout his distinguished career, Mike served in a variety of roles that showcased his courage and unwavering sense of justice. He began as a merchant in Viper, before serving for four years as a Kentucky State Trooper in Floyd County. His law enforcement career reached its pinnacle with 24 years as a Special Agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF). His tenure took him to Charleston, West Virginia; Cincinnati, Ohio; Cleveland, Ohio; St. Paul, Minnesota; and Atlanta, Georgia. In Cleveland, he was wounded in the line of duty during a drug arrest, suffering a serious injury to his right femur.

Despite the physical challenges that followed, his resilience never wavered—he returned to work and continued his service with distinction until his retirement in 1994. During his time in West Virginia, he also earned a degree in Law Enforcement from West Virginia State College, further exemplifying his lifelong pursuit of excellence.

Retirement did not slow Mike down; instead, he embarked on a new journey as a master craftsman, founding the renowned Red Dog & Company. Inspired by his grandfather's handmade chairs, Mike built stunning Appalachian-style furniture that became highly sought after. His work found homes among admirers nationwide, including former U.S. President George H.W. Bush, U.S. Representative Hal Rogers, former Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear, and legendary musician Tom T. Hall.

Mike's incredible life was recognized in numerous publications, including A Boy from Boone by Philip C. McGuire, where he was described as "one of many great special agents" and praised for his character, courage, tenacity, and loyalty. He was also honored in Kentucky: A State of Mind by David and Lalie Dick and Backwoods Chairmakers: In Search of the Appalachian Ladderback Chairmaker by Andrew D. Glenn. KET's BluegrassandBackroads series also featured his craftsmanship and life story.

Mike is survived by his devoted wife, Fredi; his children and grandchildren; his sister, Ann Angel Eberhardt (Thomas); his brother, Patrick Nicholas Angel (Glenna); a host of beloved nieces and nephews; cousins and countless friends whose lives he touched with his warmth, wisdom, and unwavering loyalty.

A graveside service and interment will occur March 7, at 11 a.m. at Camp Nelson National Cemetery, 6614 Old Danville Loop 2 Road, Nicholasville.

Following the service, friends and family are invited to celebrate Mike's life at 2 p.m., 994 Angel Acres in London.

Special thanks to Bluegrass Care Navigators for their compassion, care, and endless support.

Garrie Randall Baker Sr

Garrie Randall Baker Sr. was born June 17, 1947, in Berea, and departed this life Sunday, Feb. 23, at his residence, being 77 years of age. He was the son of the late William Vester & Rachel (Rowlette) Baker.

Garrie is survived by his wife, Sandra (Sparkman) Baker of McKee; by two children, Garrie Randall Baker Jr and his wife Aurora of Texas and Robyn Lynn Baker Wallum of Texas; and by his sister, Linda Carol (Baker) Johnson of Berea. He was blessed with five grandchildren, Ester, Joshua, Skye (Daniel) Gayle & Logan and by seven great grandchildren, Aiden, Liam, Lilliana, Jameson, Daniel, Roman & Eric. By his nephew, Brian Johnson & Jeannie; by a great niece Hannah (Nelson) and by two great grandnephews Clay (Emily) and Porter. Other survivors include. Garrie was also survived by his father-in-law, Wally Long, mother-in-law, Deamia (Hisel) Long both of McKee, by a nephew in law, Gary Libby. Garrie leaves behind the following special friends, April Hobbs, Henrietta Davidson, Estes Isaacs, Herman Isaacs, Chris Isaacs, Christopher Travis Isaacs, Thomas Isaacs, Miranda Hobbs Sizemore, Ben Davidson, Brian Davidson and Brandon Davidson as well as many, many additional dear friends.

In addition to his parents, Garrie was also preceded in death by a niece, Teresa Libby.

Paul Scott Schrader

With profound sadness, we announce the passing of Paul Schrader, 72, of Berea on March 1. Born in Seymour, Indiana, Paul dedicated his life to hard work, family, and the great outdoors.

A lifelong land surveyor, Paul most recently worked for the City of Berea, where his precision and integrity earned him the respect of colleagues and the community alike. Beyond his career, he held a pilot's license and found joy in the skies. He was an avid outdoorsman who loved hiking and camping, always seeking new trails to explore and the peace of being surrounded by nature.

Paul will be remembered for his kindness, honesty, and deep compassion. His integrity was unmatched, a guiding light for those fortunate enough to know him. He led by example, with quiet strength and unwavering principles.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 40 years, Tammy; his daughters, Laura and Amber; and his cherished grandchildren, John Paul, Zadie, Briar, Hoyt, Donovan, and Ethan. He also leaves behind his sister, Ellen, along with many nieces and nephews.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents, George and Edna Schrader, and his two brothers.

His memory will forever be carried in the hearts of those who loved him.

A celebration of Paul's life will be held on Saturday, March 15 from 2 - 5 p.m. at the Berea College Forestry Outreach Center at the Pinnacles.

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Opinion

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— The First Amendment

Keep your eyes on the skies

Keith Taylor

The weather is always weird in Kentucky.

This week has been designated as Severe Weather Awareness Week in the Bluegrass and it's a good time to be reminded about the risk for severe weather, especially as the season changes from winter to spring.

It seems like yesterday when I was awoken by what sounded like a roaring train at my Dad's residence on Haiti Road in the early morning hours of April 20, 1996.

Startled by a severe thunderstorm, I alerted my dad and told him I had heard what sounded like a locomotive zooming on I-75 nearby.

Although my father meant well, he said it was just a thunderstorm. Usually, those words are comforting. But this was different. I gave dad the benefit of a doubt because he was probably half asleep at the time, but because I'm such a deep sleeper, the sound was more than a few claps of thunder, a few lightning strikes, and a little rain. I tried to go back to sleep but just couldn't do it.

My reporter instincts took over. I just calmly got in my truck, and within minutes of reaching asphalt, I saw the aftermath of what I had heard just a few minutes earlier.

It wasn't pretty, either.

When I arrived at Dairy Mart — the current location of Circle K on Chestnut Street — it was evident a tornado had made its way through town. Circle K was located just a few miles from dad's residence at the time. I then traveled to Morningview Drive, where my mom and Kenneth lived at the time to make sure they were OK.

They were spared from the damage in the area, including structural destruction at the Parker Seal plant nearby. Downed trees and power lines were widespread in the area, including, the Old Town Village, and some trees were uprooted on the Berea College campus.

The night before, as I was leaving the newspaper office in Richmond, I grabbed more than a handful of camera film and threw a couple of rolls at Jeff Drummond, and told him to take them because you never know when you might need them. The weather forecasters predicted an outbreak of severe weather but not at the magnitude of what transpired in the early morning hours of April 20, 1996.

I had no idea.

As it turns out, he and I both needed film the very next morning. We didn't have iPhone technology, and I think a few of us had the old heavy flip Nokia cell phones of that era. The newsroom, led by Lea Schultz, gathered at a central location and devised a plan for coverage. My target area was Shortline Pike, and I came across a family that escaped by hiding in the bathroom of their mobile home under a mattress.

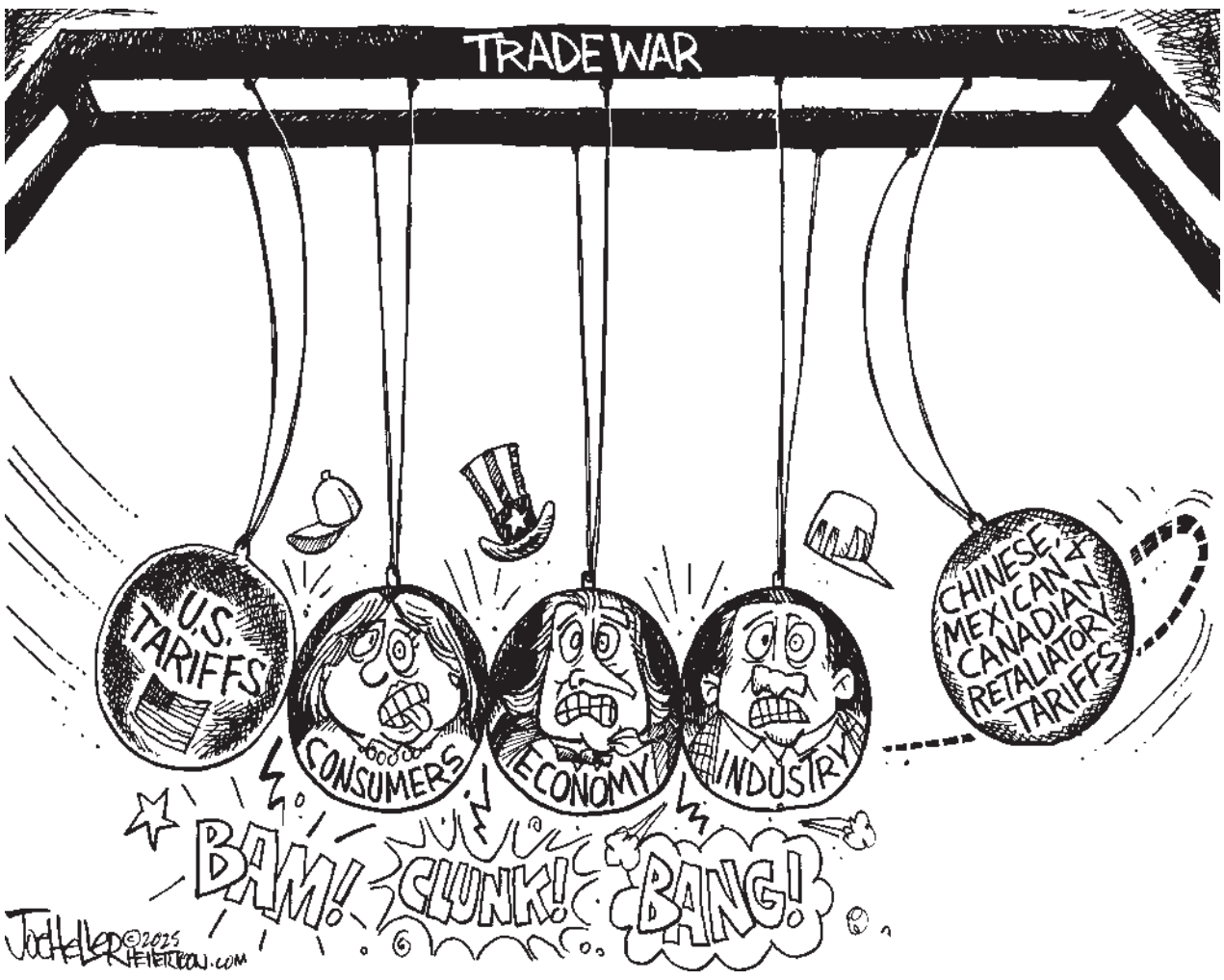
We had all of our news put together that night and ready for production the very next Sunday morning.

That was my first experience covering a natural disaster, and it helped prepare me for another tornado that hit the Kirksville community 13 years later in 2009.

By that time, technology had advanced, and sirens were more widespread in Madison County, giving residents more time to prepare for impending severe storms.

The tornado outbreak in 1996 still serves as a reminder to always be prepared when severe weather strikes. Sometimes you just never know.

Keith Taylor



Stay on your path

Bryan Golden

You have no control over other people's actions. But you do have total control over your response. Someone else can't upset you unless you empower them to. "They make me so mad," "they make me so upset," and "they make me so unhappy," are statements based on the false premise that other people have power over your emotions.

Don't empower others to upset you. Don't make excuses which justify your becoming upset. Comments such as, "I have every right to be upset," don't help you. Anger, bitterness, and resentment, are all self-destructive reactions which cause you a great deal of harm.

You obviously don't have to like, agree with, or condone what other people do. You allow other people to control you when you react to them by getting upset. Although people do things which are upsetting, you don't have to become ensnared.

You stop empowering people to upset you by taking responsibility for, and control of, your response to others. Your response is up to you. It's independent of anyone else's actions. You have no control over other's actions; you only have control over your actions.

Cutting free from this emotional entanglement begins with the recognition that you are in control of your thoughts, emotions, and behavior. Make a commitment to yourself to stop empowering others to upset you.

The next time someone does something which would normally upset you, say to yourself, "I will not empower this person to upset me." This strategy short circuits the automatic reaction you are used to having. It does not make issues requiring your attention disappear. It gives you a clear-headed response, which is the best way to handle problems.

Becoming upset, although a normal reaction to problems, does not benefit you. Your judgement is clouded and your perspective becomes distorted when you are emotional. You make better decisions when you are calm, collected, and rational. Sound decisions are essential for solving problems.

You won't change others. They are who they are and they do what they do. There are even some people who intentionally attempt to upset you. If they know you well, they say and do things specifically designed to set you off. They gain perverse pleasure from your distress.

Your stress level will be significantly lowered when you stop allowing others to upset you and when you stop trying to change others. You are responsible for how you respond to others. Don't make excuses or place blame.

In response to a situation which would normally upset you, try a new approach. Recognize and acknowledge what has occurred. Then you can objectively formulate what course of action you should take, if any, in response.

There are many circumstances where no response is appropriate. These are situations which don't matter in the long run. For example, you don't need to respond to idiotic comments. Ignore behavior and statements designed to annoy you. You don't have to react just because someone acts. Additionally, let stuff go that you have no control over.

For issues which do matter, and over which you have some control or influence, determine your objective. Your objective should be obtainable, relevant, and worth your time and effort. Achieving your objective should yield positive benefits which improve your life.

Negative objectives such as getting even, teaching someone a lesson, or retribution harm you when they are attempted or achieved. Your goal is to make circumstances better, not worse. Empowering others to upset you puts you on a negative path.

It doesn't matter what other people say, think, or do. Your thoughts and actions are what matter. Stay on your path. Don't empower others to upset you.

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• William Richardson, 50: failure to appear

• Victor Jackson, 38: probation violation (for technical violation)

• Pamela Gordon, 54: criminal abuse – 1st degree

• David Hamilton, 54: rape, 3rd degree; sodomy, 3rd degree; possession of matter portraying sexual performance by a minor over 12 years of age but less than 18 – 1st offense

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• Paul Watson, 55: failure to appear

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• Kevin Turner, 42: burglary, 2nd degree

• Baritta Willis, 48: serving weekends

• Arina Arroyo, 26: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, all others, $1,000 but less than $10,000; theft of identity of another without consent; failure to appear; theft by failure to make required disposition of property; escape – 2nd degree; tampering with prisoner monitoring device

Feb. 22

• Jeffrey Tipton, 56: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); trafficking in marijuana (less than 8 ounces), 2nd or greater offense; drug paraphernalia – buy/possess; operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/substance – 1st; improper use of blue lights; improper display of registration plates

• Cearia Buford, 32: failure to appear

• Joseph Kidwell, 57: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st; failure to produce insurance card; failure to report traffic accident

• James Scruggs, 64: failure to appear, citation for misdemeanor

• Tonya Smith, 43: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting; failure to appear

• Austin Dillon, 30: criminal trespassing – 3rd degree

• John Scruggs, 41: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting; no registration receipt; no registration plates; failure to produce insurance card; failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance/security – 1st offense; improper display of registration plates; failure to register transfer of motor vehicle; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); illegal possession of a legend drug; tampering with physical evidence; possession of a controlled substance, 3rd degree – drug unspecified

• William Moore, 41: failure to war seat belts; driving on DUI suspended license – 2nd offense

• Dennis Wells, 41: failure to appear

• Shawn Hardy, 45: receiving stolen property, $10,000 or greater; possession of a controlled substance, 2nd degree – drug unspecified; non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines – 2 counts

• Susan Bailey, 47: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (drug unspecified)

• Shannon Hardy,39: operating on suspended or revoked operator's license; receiving stolen property, $10,000 or greater

• Eric Preher, 38: possession of marijuana; drug paraphernalia – buy/possess; driving on DUI suspended license – 1st offense; failure to wear seat belts

Feb. 23

• Velveina Anderson, 43: failure to appear

• Michael Vanwinkle, 32: failure to appear (2 counts)

• Brandon Peyton, 38: failure to appear

• Sheila Patterson, 57: failure to appear (2 counts)

• Steven Jones, 23: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol -1st; possession of open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle; failure to wear seat belts

• Charles Hutton, 50: failure to appear

• Brad Riddell, 34: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting, $500 but less than $1,000; possession of a controlled substance,1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine)

• Derrick Hunt, 38: failure to appear

Feb. 24

• Robert Perkins, 56: failure to appear

• Chad Warren, 55: possession of open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle; operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st (aggravated circumstances)

• Ronnie Agee, 38: trafficking in controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (greater than or equal to 2 grams methamphetamine); trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st offense (heroin); trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (greater than or equal to 10 D.U. drug unspecified); tampering with physical evidence; drug paraphernalia – buy/possess; persistent felony offender I; serving parole violation warrant

• Kalin Elliott, 23: strangulation, 2nd degree; assault, 4th degree dating violence, minor injury; violation of a Kentucky EPO/DVO; unlawful imprisonment, 2nd degree

• Eric Cromer, 53: failure to appear

• Nelson Wyatt-Kelley, 19: assault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor injury; criminal mischief, 1st degree; criminal mischief-residential rental property – 1st degree; terroristic threatening, 3rd degree

• Christian Echeverria, 25: serving weekends

• Craig Cromer, 53: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, all others, $1,000 but less than $10,000

• Iddi Kaumba, 30: hold for other agency

• Danielle Butcher, 30: failure to appear

• Carmelita Collett, 30: hold for other agency

• Bekki Hoover, 42: hold for other agency

• Michael Taylor, 47: parole violation (for technical violation)

• Stevi Clontz, 34: failure to appear

Feb. 25

• Rebecca Hacker, 45: public intoxication – controlled substance (excludes alcohol)

• Jakob Williams, 23: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree; 1st offense (methamphetamine); drug paraphernalia – buy/possess; possession of marijuana

• Zachary Miller, 27: failure to appear

• Todd Sester, 42: failure to appear

• Lawrence Kehler, 30: public intoxication – controlled substance (excludes alcohol)

• Britt Anglin, 44: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); drug paraphernalia – buy/possess; possession of a controlled substance, 2nd degree – drug unspecified

• Christopher Woods, 35: serving parole violation warrant

Feb. 26

• Carrington Roberts, 33: driving on DUI suspended license – 1st offense; improper display of registration plates

• Terrance Secrist, 46: alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offense)

• Aaron Blevins, 26: assault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor injury

• Felix Martinez, 25: failure to appear

• James Cheeks, 37: public intoxication – controlled substance (excludes alcohol); possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (heroin)

• Brian Adams, 28: no registration plates; no registration receipt; possession of marijuana; drug paraphernalia – buy/possess; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of substance(s) – 1st

• Donald Mull, 38: failure to appear (2 counts)

• James Goins, 50: public intoxication – controlled substance (excludes alcohol); possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (heroin); possession of a controlled substance, 3rd degree, drug unspecified

• Christopher Baker, 42: failure to appear

• Eddie Harrison, 55: violation of a Kentucky EPO/DVO

• Robert Damrell, 52: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (drug unspecified); possession of a controlled substance, 3rd degree – drug unspecified; possession of marijuana; drug paraphernalia – buy/possess

COURT RECORDS

District Court

Feb. 21

• Lavonna Hines vs. Jeremy Campbell

Feb. 24

• Emily P. Lemaster vs. Wyatt N. Kelley

Circuit Court

Feb. 25

• Patricia Faye Delaney v. Daniel Eugene

Feb. 26

• Devan Chasteen vs. Kyle Heath Chasteen

• Jennifer Leann Venable vs. Mary Elizabeth Johnson

• Michael Owen vs. Allison Owen

Foreclosure

Feb 26

• Whitaker Bank, Inc. vs. Kimberly Herron, ET AL

• PennyMac Loan Services, LLC vs. Kirt LaFond, ET AL

MARRIAGES

Feb. 13

• Donald Ray Taulbee, factory, 35, of Richmond to Patty Nicole Leger, cosmetology, 26, of Berea

• Kaitlyn Sierra Gamble, lead barista, 23, of Richmond to Caleb Jwayne Neace, lead barista, 23, of Richmond

Lucas Avery Miller, student, 25, of Richmond to Rowan Ambrose Atlas Emory, student, 23, of Richmond

Feb. 18

• Kelly Lynn Dixon, PCT, 42, of Richmond to Daniel Patrik Pliler, truck driver, 47, of Richmond

• Julia Elizabeth Kiser, registered nurse, 23, of Waco to Jonathan Alexander Ross, physician's assistant, 28, of Waco

• Natalie Nicole Hedges, barber, 34, of Richmond to Curtis Wayne Keazer, construction, 43, of Richmond

Feb. 19

• James William Kerby, retired, 49, of Richmond to Kelly Lynne Hardin, stylist, 48, of Richmond

• Colburn Lee Dorsey, III, self-employed, 39, of Livingston to Misty Dawn Sutton, self-employed, 45, of Richmond

Feb. 20

• Rebecca Dawn Bargo, disabled, 47, of Nicholasville to Matthew Scott Kirkland, management, 43, of Richmond

• Yoxcemi Majgualinda Fonseca Rodriguez, lawyer, 47, of Richmond to Jose Moncer Barreto Cordero, lawyer, 49, of Richmond

• Jeffrey S. Estes, self-employed, 41, of Irvine to Kerry Mae Thacker, self-employed, 37, of Irvine

• David Guillermo Ramirez Villalobos, self-employed, 47, of Richmond to Olga Lucia Maya Esguerra, self-employed, 50, of Richmond

24, of Richmond to Rose Mullins, delivery driver, 28, of Berea to Lucas Aaron Craig, self-employed, 30, of Berea

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Feb. 20

• Carie Marie Hager and Spencer Gravitt to Jerry Gobel and Melinda Gobel, 604 West Main Street, Richmond, 637,500

• Janet Bowman, Trustee of the Janet Bowman Revocable Living Trust, dated April 19, 2013, to Bartlee J. Bowman, Trustee of the Janet Bowman Irrevocable Living Trust, dated February 11, 2025, lots 4 and 5 Jennings Subdivision, Berea, for and in consideration of premises and to conform to the intentions of the parties

• Janet Bowman, Trustee of the Janet Bowman Revocable Living Trust, dated April 19, 2013, to Bartlee J. Bowman, Trustee of the Janet Bowman Irrevocable Living Trust, dated February 11, 2025, tract plat 26/388, for and in consideration of premises and to conform to the intentions of the parties

• Janet Bowman, Trustee of the Janet Bowman Revocable Living Trust, dated April 19, 2013, to Bartlee J. Bowman, Trustee of the Janet Bowman Irrevocable Living Trust, dated February 11, 2025, 325 Dale Lane, Paint Lick, for and in consideration of premises and to conform to the intentions of the parties

• Gary D. Barrow and Susan C. Barrow to Vaughn's Express Car Wash, LLC, lots 23 and 24 South Bluegrass Junction, Phase 1A, Lot 26A South Bluegrass Junction, Phase 1A, $875,000

• Gary D. Barrow and Susan C. Barrow to Vaughn's Express Car Wash, LLC, tract Boggs Lane at Gibson Lane, $875,000

Feb. 21

• U.S. Bank, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust, of C/O Hudson Mones Management, LLC to Edna Weeks and devon Jamal Row, 102 Highland View, Richmond, $135,010

• Gregory Dean Berry to Melisa Angel and Ronald Angel, 256 Tahoe Way, Richmond, $480,000

• Debbie A. Smith and Daryl Vearl McMasters to Jon Iggy Pichler and Stacy Blair Picler, tracts west side College Hill Road, Waco, $395,000

• Vaughn Joseph Schum, Jr. and Anna Marie Schum (a/k/a Anna Marie Pearson) to Lyle Cook, 1012 Highlands Drive, Richmond, $380,000

• Mark Bond and Mary Bond to Robert Meyer, lot 61 Welchwood Subdivision, Phase 4, $248,000

• Kim Anthony Billings, by his Attorney-in-Fact Malessa Jane Billings and Malessa Jane Billings to Taylor Billings, Trustee of the Billings Family Irrevocable Trust, dated February 14, 2025, lot 50 Highland Park Place, Phase 1, for and in consideration of premises and to conform to the intentions of the parties

• Joseph L. Anglin and Clara D. Anglin to Robin M. Lanter, tract Highway 21 S. Berea (tract1A plat 25/79), for and in consideration of the love and affection, Grantor being the parent(s) of Grantee

• Joseph L. Anglin and Clara D. Anglin to Robin M. Lanter, tract 2 plat 20/55, for and in consideration of the love and affection, Grantor being the parent(s) of Grantee

• Rebuilt Offers, LLC to TNT Rentals and Renovations, LLC, lot 8 Block A Baker Heights Subdivision, Richmond, $175,000

Feb. 24

• Rupa Alexander to Jyoti Conley, Charles Conley and Ana R. Rodriguez Balderas, lot 5 and 6 Highland View, Richmond, $200,000

• Todd Builders, LLC to Carl Joseph Brewer, lot 25 Stoney Creek Subdivision, Unit 3, Phase 1-B, $267,700

• Fairbanks Apartments, LLC to Moundale Property Investments, LLC, lot 14 Wayne Drive, Richmond, $1,950,000

• Jessie James Payne and Jessica Sharp to Wesley Rice, lot 10 Linden Street Phase IV, Richmond, $160,000

• Shelby Savannah Goff to Matthew Robinson, lot 23 Bush Bottom Estates, Phase 1, $270,000

• Combs Colt, LLC to Leslie Rutherford and Justin Rutherford, lot 48 Stoney Creek Subdivision, Unit 3, Phase 1-C, 263,900

Feb. 25

• Cecil Homes, LLC to Jeremy LaGrange, lot 198 Phase 7A Magnolia Pointe Subdivision, $414,500

• Harmony Property Management, LLC to Koa C. Mora and Sarai Mora, lot G1 plat 30/353, $179,000

• Chloe M. Jones and Taelor D. Witt; Donna Gail Farmer and Steven Scott Farmer to Daniel Guerrant and Jessica Miracle, tracts Madison County (vicinity of College Hill, Waco), $345,000

• DNM Properties, LLC to Samantha Dillard and Mark Dillard, lot 70 Fair Vista Landing Subdivision, Phase 1, $280,000

• Mule Shed Properties, LLC to C.J. Rule Holdings, LLC, 308 Wolverine Way, Richmond, $65,000

• Thomas Marion Benson, by and through his Attorney-in-Fact Michael Benson, to Michael Benson, Co-Trustee of the Thomas and Julia Irrevocable Trust, dated February 8, 2024, tracts Madison County, for and in consideration of premises and to conform to the intentions of the parties

• Carter Hogan Brandenburg and Anne Brandenburg; Susan Gail Brandenburg Bybee and Jackie Bybee; Michael Hampton Brandenburg; and Steven Noel Brandenburg to Jason R. Stewart and Stacey L. Stewart, 1978 Boonesboro Road, Richmond, $1,500,000

• Steven A. Durham and Cheryl E. Durham to Steven A. Durham and Cheryl E. Durham, lot 1 Blue Lick Acres Subdivision (a/k/a lot 1 Barker Lane), for and in consideration of the love and affection between parties who are husband and wife and in order to create a survivorship interest

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The name and address of the court are Hayward Hall of Justice, 24405 Amador Street Hayward, CA 94544. The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner's attorneys are: Janet L. Dobrovolny (SBN 87287), Teresa L. Peng (SBN 293038) Law Offices of Janet L. Dobrovolny 2000 Powell St. Ste. 1605 Emeryville, CA 94608. Telephone: (510) 653-3878

PROPOSED LAND USE CHANGE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

There will be a public hearing of the Madison County Planning Commission on
Tuesday March 18, 2025
at **5:30 p.m.** at the **Joint Information Center (558 S Keeneland Dr).** The purpose is to consider a land use change **for Parcel IDs: 119A-0000-0013-01, 119A-0000-0031B and 0019-0000-0002 on College Hill Road and Fike Road/ Flint Road (C-7 Agricultural and R-7 Agricultural) to UC-1 (Single Family Residential)** as shown on the map above. Contact the Madison County Planning and Development Office at 859-624-4780 for questions. Applications and other documentation may be found on the Madison County website at www.madisoncountyky.gov under the Planning and Development tab.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

There will be a public hearing of the

Madison County Board of Adjustments

On March 20th, 2025, at 5:30pm

At the Joint Information Center located at 558 S. Keeneland Dr, Richmond Ky 40475

The purpose is to consider the following:

Dimensional Variance: 220 Apache Dr

For more information call:

Madison County Planning & Development at 859-624-4780

Or Applications and other documentation may be found on the Madison County website at madisoncountyky.gov under the Planning and Development tab.

CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY 1890

SECTION 00010 – ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for the **"Ellipse Street Shared Use Path Project"** for the City of Berea, Kentucky will be received in the City Clerk's Office, 212 Chestnut Street, Berea, Kentucky, 40403 until 2:00 p.m. (local time) on March 31, 2025 at which time they will be publicly read aloud.

The scope of work includes the installation of approximately 2,200 linear feet of a 10' asphalt shared use path including existing sidewalk removal, drainage structures and storm sewer pipe, sediment control, signage, and pavement striping.

The Instructions to Bidders, Bid Form, Agreement Forms, Performance and Payment Bonds, Plans, Specifications, and other Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations:

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212 Chestnut St.
Berea, Kentucky 40403
Phone (859) 986-8528

AGC/Dodge
950 Contract Street, Suite 100
Lexington, Kentucky 40505
Phone (859) 425-6630

AGC/Dodge
1717 Alliant Avenue, Suite 11
Louisville, KY 40299
(502) 240-6026

Banks Engineering, Inc.
1211 Jessamine Station
Nicholasville, KY 40356
(859) 881-0020

Copies of the plans and specifications may be obtained from Lynn Imaging, 328 Old Vine Street, Lexington, Kentucky 40507, phone (859) 255-1021. Plans may be viewed and/or purchased on-line through www.lynnimaging.com. Plan holders will be responsible for all costs associated with obtaining the bid package from Lynn Imaging. Partial sets of documents will not be provided. **Bids will only be accepted from plan holders who have purchased the bid package from Lynn Imaging and are subsequently registered as "official plan holders".** The general contractor must be prequalified by the Kentucky Department of Transportation in "Asphalt Paving". All subcontractors must be prequalified by the Kentucky Department of Transportation for the appropriate "Contractor Work Classifications", where such classifications exist, with regards to the work functions they will perform. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal for the project is 8%. All DBE's shall be certified at the time of the bid opening

The OWNERS reserves the right to waive any informality or to reject any or all bids.

Each BIDDER must deposit with his Bid, security in the amount, form, and subject to the conditions provided in the Instructions to Bidders.

No BIDDER may withdraw his Bid within ninety (90) consecutive calendar days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Bruce Fraley
Mayor of Berea

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Reflections

Berea Citizen archives

March 6, 1925
Noll building team

With basketball season over since the University of Kentucky was unable to host their game against the Berea College Mountaineers, coach Noll turned his attention toward track season. He had called a meeting on Tuesday to talk things over and asked permission to start conditioning and getting athletes in shape. Professor Noll was enthusiastic over the talent at Berea, and he saw no reason why they would not make a showing at the state track meet that would be held in May.

March 9, 1950
Kavanaugh elected

George R. Kavanaugh of Jackson Street in Berea wa named president of the Board of Managers of the Kentucky Children's Convalescent Hospital that was being constructed on Versailles Road near Lexington. It was hoped that the 48-bed facility would open later in the spring of 1950. Kavanaugh was elected to his position on Thursday, March 2nd at the Lafayette Hotel in Lexington. Salem A. Wallace was elected vice-president. The hospital under construction would operate under the auspices of the Kentucky Society of Crippled Children of which Mr. Davis Geiger of Ashland was president. Mr. Kavanaugh had served on the board of the Society previously. It was expected that the soon to be completed facility would boast one of the best layouts in the country. The cost for the building and equipment was estimated to be $700,000. The superintendent of the hospital would be Miss Marjorie Tubbs of Cincinnati, Ohio.

March 6, 1975
Berea annexation?

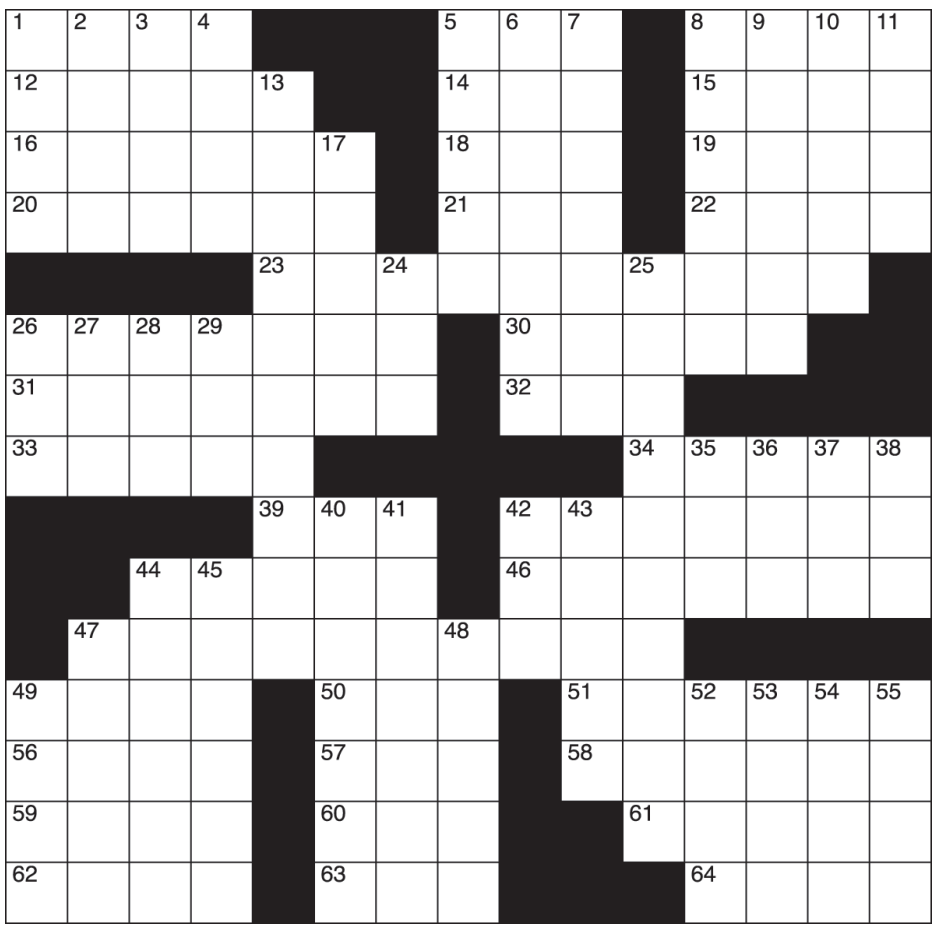
Berea was poised to potentially be the source of a precedent setting Federal court decision regarding Civil Rights. "It is possible. There are a lot of "ifs" involved, however. If neighborhoods request annexation to the Berea Independent School District and if the State Board of Education turns them down, according to Superintendent William Bennett who said he would consider taking the case to Federal Court. The case would have been a test suit pleading a violation of civil and property rights. "It is a violation of civil rights when parents can't send their students to the school they want to go to," Bennett said. "Parents have definitely shown that they want their children to go to this school by sending them here when they have had the choice and they may be deprived of that right… and property rights…" he continued, "would come under parents wanting to pay their taxes to the school their children go to." Bennett cited the Civil Rights Movement as a time people from the grass roots "turned everything around. You never know where you can go until you try," he said.

March 9 2000
Driver a hero

Donna Glenn, a 16 year bus driver for Madison Southern was driving an alternate route on Monday for driver Judy Rose. They were on the afternoon return trip to Madison Southern from Richmond when a student swallowed an earring which he had placed in his mouth. Rose Stopped the buss and Glenn administered the Heimlich maneuver. It was successful and they continued on their way. One of the requirements to be a bus driver was to pass a first aid class. "I personally think we need more of this type of training," Glenn Said in a telephone interview. She said that at the beginning of each school year, drivers get update training to cover new laws and first aid procedures. She said she would also like to see drivers be able to present a class to students on the importance of safety as a bus rider. Glenn had been a driver since 1984.

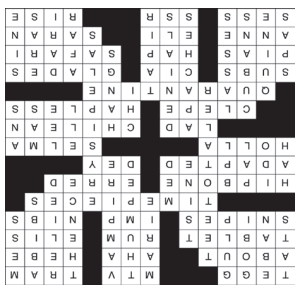
Game Page

Crossword



CLUES ACROSS
1. Unsheared sheep
5. Rock TV channel
8. Streetcar
12. Concerning
14. Expression of recognition
15. Greek goddess of youth
16. An iPad is one
18. Adult beverage
19. Manning and Wallach are two
20. Makes a petty verbal attack
21. Tyrion Lannister's nickname
22. Pointed ends of pens
23. Wristwatches
26. Body part
30. Made a mistake
31. Adjusted
32. Turkish honorific title
33. Yell
34. Historic Alabama city
39. Cub
42. Type of sea bass dish
44. To call (archaic)
46. Unfortunate
47. Separate oneself from others
49. Hero sandwiches
50. Former OSS
51. Open spaces in a forest
56. Innermost brain membranes
57. Fortune
58. Hunting expedition
59. Doomed queen Boleyn
60. Peyton's little brother
61. Type of wrap
62. Scottish tax
63. Soviet Socialist Republic
64. An increase in price or value

CLUES DOWN
1. Works of body art
2. Abba __, Israeli politician
3. A desert in Asia
4. Eat greedily
5. Doomed French queen
6. Beat
7. One who survives on blood
8. As a consequence
9. Counted on
10. Acquired Brain Injury Behavior Science
11. Unclean
13. One who does not drink
17. Wild ox of the Malay Archipelago
24. __ student, learns healing
25. Bacterial skin infection
26. Expresses surprise
27. What one says on a wedding day
28. Crony
29. Where you entered the world (abbr.)
35. Unit of length
36. Side that is sheltered from the wind
37. More (Spanish)
38. Autonomic nervous system
40. Violent troublemakers, originally in Paris
41. Statements that something is untrue
42. Greek alphabet letter
43. Suspends from above
44. Popular types of cigars
45. Girls
47. U.S. philosopher and logician
48. Nocturnal hoofed animal
49. Relaxing spaces
52. From a distance
53. Form of Persian
54. Amounts of time
55. Trigonometric function



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Level: Intermediate

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ANSWER:

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

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

Solve the code to discover words related to pet sitting.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 10 = R)

A. 26 22 10 4 12 2 9 4 10
Clue: Babysitter

B. 6 21 6 6 8
Clue: Young dog

C. 16 14 22 10 13 2 7 12
Clue: Overnight animal care

D. 1 10 22 9 4 24
Clue: Vacationing

Answers: A. caregiver B. puppy C. boarding D. travel

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The story is told about an old man who was having no luck at his favorite fishing hole.

Try as he might, he could catch nothing. Meanwhile, a boy just down the way was pulling them out one after the other.

Just as we might have done, the old man swallowed his pride and asked the boy how he was catching all those fish. The boy mumbled back something that sounded like "roo raf roo reep ra rums rarm."

"What was that?" the old fellow asked.

The boy responded again: "Roo raf roo reep ra rums rarm."

"I can't understand a word you're saying," the old man said.

The boy then spit a wriggling reddish blob into his hand and said, "You have to keep the worms warm."

I'm always glad to meet Christians who, like that boy, are willing to do whatever it takes to catch fish. You see, Jesus calls us to "fish" for people who don't yet know Him. He said his disciples, "follow me and I'll make you fishers of men" (Matthew 4:19).

I've been impressed with the great lengths many of today's church folks go to to be fishers of men.

Roger Alford

I talked to a man the other day who had introduced 11 people to Christ in the waiting room of a dental office. People were sitting around trying to pass the time with nothing to read but months-old magazines. So provided a life-changing way to pass the time by telling them about Jesus.

Why not make Jesus the topic of conversation?

One preacher I met owns a motorcycle and is part of a club that travels backroads. Those riders love to talk to one another during their stops. While everyone else is talking motorcycles, this preacher is sharing the gospel to great effect.

In one school district, kids whose families were behind on their cafeteria bills had been given only peanut butter sandwiches and water for lunch … until church folks got involved. The children's parents heard about that good deed and started attending the church, and, as a result, were introduced to Christ.

I've heard of several churches that are getting barbers to come and volunteer their time to give free haircuts to impoverished families. The kids go to church looking just as spiffy as anyone else. The parents go to work trimmed neatly. Why? Because those free haircuts provided a way for Christians to share the gospel with entire families.

Some people are convinced that the culture in some parts of the U.S. is no longer conducive to front porch evangelism. They say folks consider it a bother to have someone show up at their doors to talk about spiritual matters. They say it could cause more harm than good. If that's true in the area where you live, you may have to find another fishing strategy that does work.

You need to do whatever works, but I'd advise against shoving worms in your mouth to keep them warm.

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

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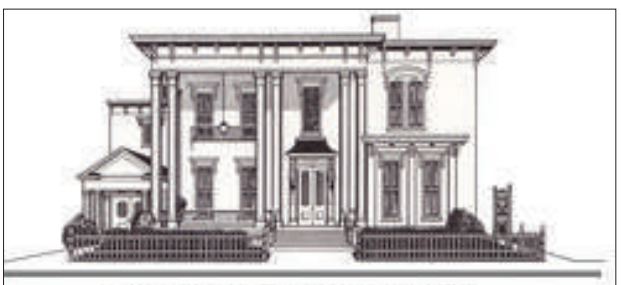
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COUNCIL

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evaluate, and voice their opinions on proposed law changes.

"Expecting the public to voice opposition or affirmation [to legislation] only after the first reading sets a prohibitively high bar for the community at large, and it would deny nearly all citizens the reasonable opportunity to speak. Speaking after the vote is made, there's simply no persuasion at that point," Payne said. "The public should be given the opportunity to give an informed, persuasive comment before their representatives vote on legislation."

At one point in the discussion, Councilman Steve Caudill proposed an amendment to permanently change the order of the agenda, allowing public comments earlier in the meeting. Cora Jane Wilson responded that the current agenda order has been working since it was changed in 2019. Prior to that, Wilson recalled a contentious period when public comments were especially 'ugly' in her words. Back then, some citizens used the public comments segment as an opportunity to personally attack the mayor and council members. Payne countered that while some comments could be ugly, the council should just listen, then move on.

When the vote was cast on Caudill's amendment, Ronnie Terrill, Cora Jane Wilson, Jerry Little and Teresa Scenters voted no. Steve Caudill, Katie Startzman, John Payne and Steve Davis voted in favor. Fraley declared the amendment defeated since it needed a legislative majority.

When the original motion on Payne's rule change came back to the floor, Katie Startzman expressed her support, citing a recent instance in which the public was denied the chance to comment on a proposed ordinance. Startzman was referring to the law adopted last November that prohibits adult-themed entertainment in Berea establishments that serve alcohol.

"I do feel concern about the perception of the community, about us being open to hearing public comment," Startzman said. "If there's anyway that we could lower the bar for public participation, then I would welcome that."

Voicing opposition to the order, Teresa Scenters cited a "city to the south" in which the public comments segment has devolved into what she referred to as a "circus." For that reason, she suggested the council's current public comments procedure should remain the same.

City receives liability grant

The Kentucky League of Cities (KLC) presented the City of Berea with a KLC Liability Grant. KLC has awarded more than $6.5 million to its members since 1999 to help fund initiatives to reduce liability for its members.

"The City of Berea is deeply grateful to the Kentucky League of Cities for their continued support and the valuable grants they provide," Interim City Administrator Shawn Sandlin said. "Thanks to this generous grant, we have been able to install backup cameras in our vehicles, enhancing safety and providing a more secure option when reversing. Your commitment to helping communities like ours make meaningful improvements is truly appreciated."

"At KLC, we are dedicated to serving our members," stated KLC Executive Director/CEO J.D. Chaney. "We are grateful to be able to help our members fund important initiatives that reduce liability and provide the best quality of life for their citizens."

KLC Insurance is the commonwealth's largest municipal insurance program.vices, training, community development, and other resources that serve cities.

Above: Kentucky League of Cities Loss Control Consultant Chris Hayes presents a KLC Liability Grant to former City Administrator Rose Beverly (left) and City Clerk Robin Adams.

ORDINANCE # 02-2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, AMENDING THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BEREA, ORDINANCE #13-2024 REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES.

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

SECTION I

That Ordinance #13-2024, Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Amended 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	Industrial Dev.	ARPA	Opioid Abate
Beginning Fund Balance (est)	$ 20,642,847	$ 361,410	$ 3,590,127	$ 355,387	$ 67,363	$ 159,797
Revenue Source						
Tax	2,445,000	305,000	1,500,000			
Licenses & Permits	10,556,000					
Charges for Service	122,500		68,000			
Fines & Forfeitures	37,500		4,000			
Intergovernmental Revenue	6,679,974		138,000		2,347,000	
Investment Income	839,900	5,000	84,000	800	20,000	40
Other Financing Sources	910,000			1,511,000		
Transfers To/From Other Funds		150,000	(330,000)		250,000	
Total Revenue Source	21,590,874	460,000	1,464,000	1,511,800	2,617,000	40
Expenditures						
General Government						
General Services	1,472,035					
Administration Department	720,800					
Business Development	297,500			1,307,000		
Mayor and City Council	1,242,700					
IT	562,650					
Finance	526,350					
Total General Government	4,822,035	-	-	1,307,000	-	-
Public Safety						
Police	5,176,300					78,415
Fire	3,336,800					
Total Public Safety	8,513,100	-	-	-	-	78,415
Total Public Works	3,117,350	525,000				
Parks						
Parks Operation	1,004,750					
Swimming Pool	336,650					
Total Parks	1,341,400	-	-	-	-	-
Total Tourism			2,393,832			
Codes and Planning						
Codes & Planning	772,500					
GIS	169,900					
Total Codes & Planning	942,400	-	-	-	-	-
Total Capital Projects	6,356,000				2,617,000	
Total Expenditure	$ 25,092,285	$ 525,000	$ 2,393,832	$ 1,307,000	$ 2,617,000	$ 78,415
Total Revenue Less Expenditures	$ (3,501,411)	$ (65,000)	$ (929,832)	$ 204,800	$ -	$ (78,375)
Ending Fund Balance	$ 17,141,435	$ 296,410	$ 2,660,295	$ 560,187	$ 67,363	$ 81,422

	Urban Wildlife	Police - State	Police - Federal	Airport Utilities	Craft Festival	AMENDED TOTAL	ORIGINAL BUDGET	INCREASE/ (DECREASE)
Beginning Fund Balance (est)	$ 308,246	$ 68,561	$ 54,558	$ -	$ 114,120	$ 25,722,414	$23,489,171	$ 2,233,243
Revenue Source								
Tax						4,250,000	4,250,000	-
Licenses & Permits						10,556,000	10,556,000	-
Charges for Service					75,400	265,900	262,900	3,000
Fines & Forfeitures						41,500	41,500	-
Intergovernmental Revenue			7,000	1,024,800		10,196,774	8,977,394	1,219,380
Investment Income	2,500	30	100			952,370	516,370	436,000
Other Financing Sources				462,700		2,883,700	2,116,200	767,500
Transfers To/From Other Funds				-	(10,000)	60,000	570,000	(510,000)
Total Revenue Source	2,500	30	7,100	1,487,500	65,400	29,206,244	27,290,364	1,915,880
Expenditures								
General Government								
General Services						1,472,035	1,432,035	40,000
Administration Department						720,800	690,800	30,000
Business Development						1,604,500	1,553,500	51,000
Mayor and City Council						1,242,700	1,088,700	154,000
IT						562,650	562,650	-
Finance						526,350	524,100	2,250
Total General Government	-	-	-	-	-	6,129,035	5,851,785	277,250
Public Safety								
Police			27,000			5,281,715	5,229,715	52,000
Fire						3,336,800	3,328,400	8,400
Total Public Safety	-	-	27,000	-	-	8,618,515	8,558,115	60,400
Total Public Works						3,642,350	3,407,850	234,500
Parks								
Parks Operation	124,800					1,129,550	1,128,650	900
Swimming Pool						336,650	282,550	54,100
Total Parks	124,800	-	-	-	-	1,466,200	1,411,200	55,000
Total Tourism					49,800	2,443,632	2,443,632	-
Codes and Planning								
Codes & Planning						772,500	762,500	10,000
GIS						169,900	169,200	700
Total Codes & Planning	-	-	-	-	-	942,400	931,700	10,700
Total Capital Projects				1,487,500		10,460,500	8,262,331	2,198,169
Total Expenditure	$ 124,800	$ -	$ 27,000	$ 1,487,500	$ 49,800	$ 33,702,632	$ 30,866,613	$ 2,836,019
Total Revenue Less Expenditures	$ (122,300)	$ 30	$ (19,900)	$ -	$ 15,600	$ (4,496,388)	$ (3,576,249)	$ (920,139)
Ending Fund Balance	$ 185,946	$ 68,591	$ 34,658	$ -	$ 129,720	$ 21,226,026	$ 19,912,922	$ 1,313,104

PROPRIETARY FUND

	AMENDED TOTAL	ORIGINAL BUDGET TOTAL	Increase/ (Decrease)
Operating Revenue			
Electric Service	$ 13,587,000	$ 13,587,000	$ -
Water Service	3,347,500	3,347,500	-
Sewer Service	3,116,000	3,116,000	-
Other Revenue	1,430,500	750,500	680,000
Transfers	(570,000)	(570,000)	-
Total Operating Revenue	20,911,000	20,231,000	680,000
Operating Expenses			
Administration	2,364,800	2,330,550	34,250
Electric	13,135,035	13,135,035	-
Water	2,181,770	2,181,770	-
Sewer	1,996,450	1,996,450	-
Depreciation	2,100,000	2,100,000	-
Total Operating Expenses	21,778,055	21,743,805	34,250
Income/(Loss) from Operations	(867,055)	(1,512,805)	645,750
Other Cash Outflows			
Debt Service Principle	1,926,550	1,926,550	-
Surplus/(Deficit) from Rate Revenue	$ (2,793,605)	$ (3,439,355)	$ 645,750
Grants & Contributed Capital	9,260,769	9,260,769	-
Capital Expenditures			
Administration Department	185,000	185,000	-
Electric	67,500	67,500	-
Water	160,000	160,000	-
Sewer	95,000	95,000	-
Capital Projects	21,418,075	21,368,075	50,000
Total Capital Expenses	21,925,575	21,875,575	50,000
Net Cost for Capital Additions	$ 12,664,806	$ 12,614,806	$ 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 III

Other than specified in Section I above, the provisions of Ordinance No. 13-2024 as amended, remain in full force and effect.

SECTION IV

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

FIRST READING: February 18, 2025.

SECOND READING AND ENACTMENT: March 4, 2025.

CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY

APPROVED:

Bruce Fraley, Mayor

ATTEST:

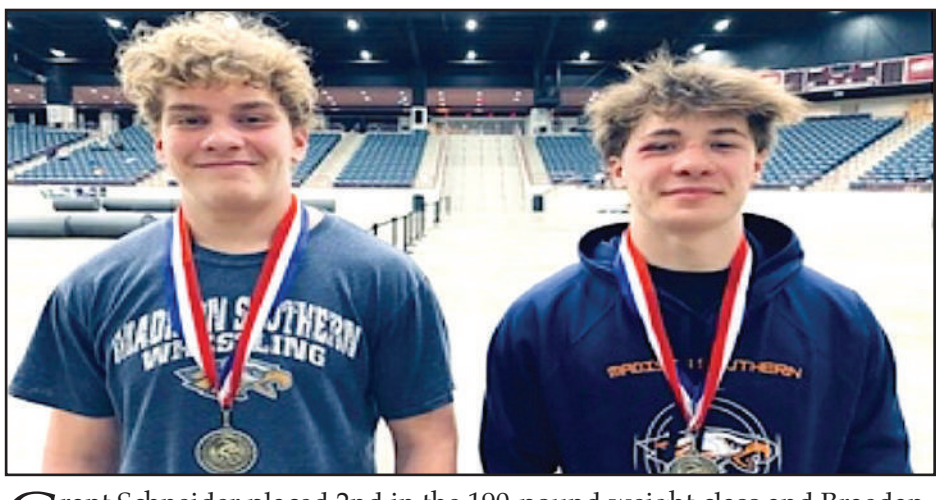
City Clerk

Published this 5th day of March, 2025.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:

Corporation Counsel

Top wrestlers



Grant Schneider placed 2nd in the 190-pound weight class and Braedan Kelley placed 4th in the 165-pound class during the Region 7 Kentucky High School Wrestling Tournament last month at The Corbin Arena. The top 4 from each Region competed in the state competition this Friday and Saturday at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington. Both are seniors at Madison Southern High School.

POOL

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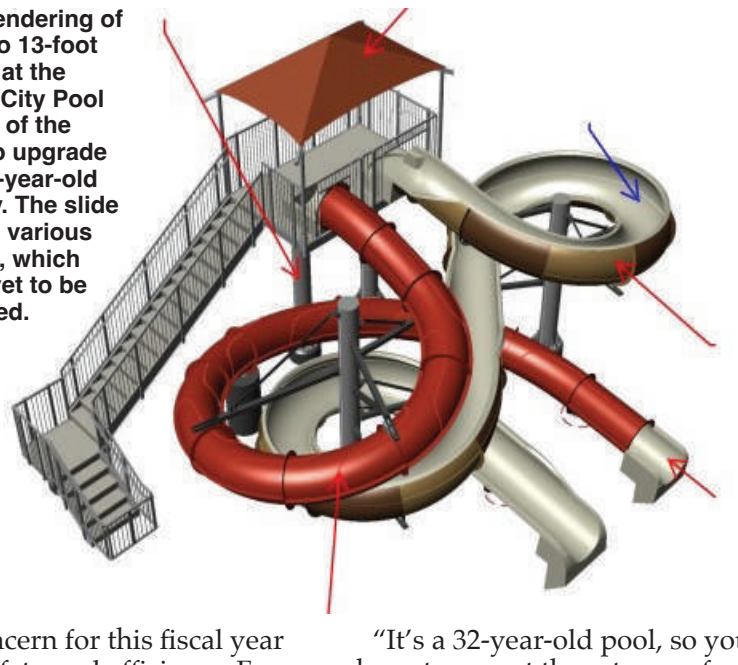
material will be nicer for customers while also saving the city future labor and material costs. "For us, it's great, because it's very low maintenance. We've spent a lot of time repairing that floor every year."

Other plans for the pool include having two 13-foot-high slides to replace the old ones, which were 10 feet and 7 feet, respectively.

Additionally, Bloom said two new diving boards will be included in the improvements.

"Hopefully, the new deck, the diving boards, slides and the floor are things people can appreciate, but we do understand that people want other things, like more shade. That's important to us, also," Bloom said.

According to Bloom, adding shade is in the works for future improvements, but the immediate concern for this fiscal year was safety and efficiency. For example, the pool has lost a substantial amount of water over the years due to leaks. Work on two new drains and accompanying gutters will help the city conserve water and spend less money keeping the pool filled.



This rendering of the two 13-foot slides at the Berea City Pool is part of the plan to upgrade the 32-year-old facility. The slide will be various colors, which have yet to be selected.

"It's a 32-year-old pool, so you have to expect these types of renovations, otherwise, the public wouldn't have the pool for much longer," she observed.

Crews are currently working on the pool in the hope that it can be up and running by Memorial Day Weekend.

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Fiscal Court

Housing development on pace with growth in county

By Keith Taylor
Citizen Publisher

Madison County Planning and Development Director Bert Thomas provided the Fiscal Court with a statistical overview of real estate development in the county during a bi-monthly meeting Tuesday at the Berea City Annex.

The review addressed how the county is proceeding with its development, comparing statistical numbers from the three years. To achieve responsible growth, the county relies on population trends hoping demands, transportation capacity and available services, such as water, sewer and emergency response.

Bert Thomas

The county makes up approximately 45 percent of the population, while Richmond is 39 percent and Berea stands at 16 percent. Thomas added the county approved 90 lots and 209 permits in 2022, compared to 149 lots and 252 permits a year later. In 2024, that number stood at 155 permits for lots and 163 permits.

The county's website had posted that the county issued "between 500-600" building permits last year, but that number, Thomas said, "doesn't tell the whole story."

"We issue permits on barns, garages, swimming pools, decks — everything," Thomas said. "And that's what that's the number you were seeing and that probably if we were issuing that many building permits for single family houses, I think that that would be a cause for concern."

Thomas added that the county

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Williams receives big honor

By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

Community and environmental advocate Craig Williams was honored with the Defense Community Champions Award last week, one of 18 recipients from around the United States.

Craig Williams

The presentation took place last week in Richmond at a meeting of the Kentucky Chemical Demilitarization Citizen's Advisory Commission and the Chemical Destruction Community Advisory Board.

Citing Williams'

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'Fur'-ever homes

Kindergarten students at Kingston Elementary learned about responsibility, ownership and adopting pets in a unique way earlier this week. Each student had the opportunity to adopt their own stuffed animal dog, give them a name, and sign a certificate of ownership. They also designed their own dog collars and received a free book.The experience helped the students understand care and commitment. Above, Kington Family Resource Director Angie Daniels prepares adoption papers for Kelton Hooten while Spencer Hillman, right looks over a selection of stuffed pets for adoption.

The Citizen/Keith Taylor

Children's champion

The Berea Kiwanis Club presented a $100 check to Children Champion poster contest winner Daniella Martin, a student at Daniel Boone Elementary School. Richmond Kiwanis and Children's champion director Phillis Adams each presented Martin with a $100 check. (Submitted)

Victory Garden Blitz empowers families to grow food at home

Sustainable Berea has provided more than 1,600 raised beds since 2014.

Recent statistics say that half of the American population has at least one chronic illness and 70 percent of the American diet consists of processed foods.

The 11th Annual Victory Garden Blitz helps families in Berea and Madison County grow fresh, healthy food in raised garden beds at home. Practicing urban agriculture also helps a family's food budget as the prices of fresh produce continue to rise across the country.

"Sustainable Berea has provided more than 1,600 raised beds since this program began in 2014. This year, we will supply 150 beds through full service (we construct and install your bed at your home) as well as DIY (Do It Yourself) options," said Betina Gardner, executive director of Sustainable Berea.

The Blitz depends on volunteers and on support from donors.

"Each board in a raised bed is handled nine times from the moment we pick it up at the sawmill to the yard where it is installed,"

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BEREA POLICE REPORTS

Arrests

• On Jan. 21 at approximately 6:20 p.m., officers responded to the area of Haiti Road in reference to an EPO Violation. David Bell was arrested and charged with Assault 3rd Degree-Police Officer, Fleeing or Evading Police 3rd, and Resisting Arrest.

• On Jan. 28 at approximately 1:02 p.m., officers responded to the area of Dollar Tree on Glades Road in reference to locating a reported stolen vehicle. Heather Peterson was arrested and charged with Receiving Stolen Property $1,000 < $10,000.

• On Feb. 2 at approximately 9:10 a.m., officers conducted a traffic stop in the area of Main Street North. Johnny Powell was arrested and charged with Disregarding Traffic Light, Operating on Suspended License, and Operating Vehicle with Expired Operators License.

• On Feb. 14 at approximately 2:15 p.m., officers responded to the area of Oak Street in reference to a disturbance between two males. Andrew Isaacs was arrested and charged with Assault 2nd.

• On Feb. 15 at approximately 11:59 p.m., officers responded to the area of I-75 SB 76-mile marker in reference to a male walking in the roadway. Joshua Wells was arrested and charged with Alcohol Intoxication.

• On Feb. 17 at approximately 4:17 p.m., officers conducted a traffic stop in the area of Cooper Drive. Johnna Higgins was arrested and charged with No Registration Plates/Receipt, Resisting Arrest, Operating on Suspended License, Failure to Produce Insurance Card, Obstructed Vision/Windshield, and Disorderly Conduct 2nd.

Drug arrests

• On Jan. 23 at approximately 1:03 p.m., officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle on Paint Lick Road. Officers made contact with Alvin Knuckles, Knuckles was arrested and charged with No Registration Receipt, No Registration Plate, Receiving Stolen Property $1,000 < $10,000, Trafficking in Controlled Substance 1st (> OR = 2gms Methamphetamine), and Drug Paraphernalia.

• On Feb. 02 at approximately 6:11p.m., officers responded to the area of Tractor Supply in reference to a male slumped over in the parking lot. Jonathon Lewis was arrested and charged with Public Intoxication, Possession of Controlled Substance 3rd, Trafficking in Controlled Substance 1st (methamphetamine), Possession of Marijuana, Drug Paraphernalia, and Possession of Controlled Substance 2nd.

• On Feb. 11 at approximately 1:02 p.m., officers responded to Dollar General (Richmond Road) in reference to an intoxicated male. Jason Willey was arrested and charged with Alcohol Intoxication, Possession of Marijuana and Drug Paraphernalia.

• On Feb. 12 at approximately 2:36pm, officers conducted a traffic stop in the area of Paint Lick Road. Newt Carpenter was arrested and charged with Possession Controlled Substance 1st(methamphetamine), Possession Controlled Substance 3rd, and Careless Driving.

• On Feb. 18 at approximately 4:23 p.m., officers responded to Walmart in reference to a shoplifter. Eddie Gentry was arrested and charged with Theft of Legend Drug, Criminal Trespassing, Theft of Contents from vehicle, Possession of Marijuana, Shoplifting, and Possession of Controlled Substance 2nd.

• On Feb. 21 at approximately 6 a.m., officers responded to Walmart in reference to shoplifting. Officers arrested and charged Tonya Smith and John Scruggs with Shoplifting, No Registration Plates/Receipt, Failure to Produce Insurance, Illegal Possession of Legend Drug, Tampering with Physical Evidence and Possession of Controlled Substance 3rd.

DUI Arrests

• On Jan. 13 at approximately 9:02 a.m., officers responded to the area of Blue Lick Road in reference to a single vehicle collision. Officers arrested and charged Colton Cochran with Operation of Motor Vehicle Under Influence Alcohol/Substance 1st, No Registration Plate, and No Registration Receipt.

• On Feb. 8 at approximately 3:03 p.m., officers responded to the area of Elm Street in reference to subjects fighting. Rodrigo Perez Recinos was arrested and charged with Operating Motor Vehicle Under Influence/Alcohol, Wanton Endangerment 1st, and Criminal Mischief 1st.

BRIEFS

Man sentenced for involement in murder

Sentencing for a man who admitted to being involved in the murder of a Richmond couple took place Friday in Madison County Circuit Court.

Lebruce Ellington admitted to receiving $50,000 for his role as a middleman in the deaths of Sonsaray "Sonsi" Warford and Charles "Chew" Walker in 2010. Ellington was sentenced to 35 years for a charge of complicity to commit murder, kidnapping and burglary. The sentences will run concurrently for 35 years.

Daniel Keene and Matthew Denholm, along with Ellington, entered a guilty plea for the murders of Warford and Walker in 2016. A fourth man, Ja'Kolbe Chenault, pleaded guilty to two counts of conspiracy to commit murder last month. Chenault, who has been blamed for paying for the murders, has a sentencing scheduled on April 10.

Man indicted for firing gun at man, children

The Madison County grand jury indicted David A. Hobson Jr. on three counts of wanton endangerment, torture of a dog, and second-degree cruelty to an animal following an incident on Nov. 24.

According to the indictment handed down on Wednesday, Hobson fired a handgun in the "direct proximity" of Jesus Flores Sr. He also fired the handgun at two children before fatally shooting a dog. Hobson was released on bond.

In other indictments:

• Regeina Arvin was indicted on 1st-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), possession of drug paraphernalia and contempt of court on Feb. 26.

Message from Cora Jane Wilson

"For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

Philippians 1:21 KJV

Cleveland Frost Post 50

High School students honor, meet veterans

Last December, the Madison County TPUSA (Turning Point USA) high school chapter shared Christmas cards addressed to "A Special Veteran" and had them delivered to veterans during a monthly meeting of the American Legion Cleveland Frost Post 50 in Berea.

Along with the cards, was a verbal message that the students desired to talk with veterans.

Arrangements were made for the students to visit Post 50 in January but it had to be rescheduled because of inclement weather conditions. Students visited Cleveland Frost Post 50, 101 Holly Street, on Saturday, March 1, where veterans had breakfast prepared for all in attendance.

Informal conversations between students and veterans took place over pancakes, bacon, and sausage followed by students leisurely viewing a display of military uniforms and equipment. Photos of local veterans (in their uniform while in service years ago) with a short history of their duties and assignments covered the walls throughout the building. Students and teachers alike were especially excited when they saw the information of a veteran they recognized.

Formal classroom-style presentations were made to the group by selected individual veterans talking about their personal military experiences, which were the highlight of the event. It's been said that "Experience is the Best Teacher," if true then learning from someone else's experience must be a great way to learn also. That's what took place at Post 50 as students and teachers learned from the experience of local veterans who have served our great nation during their youth. The veterans were pleased to be in the company of and share their specific experiences with those still in their youth who have an interest in and appreciation for what veterans did during their service to our country.

At the conclusion of what turned into a 3-hour visit, personalized Valentine cards from the students addressed to "A Special Veteran" were given to the Post 50 commander to be distributed to local veterans.

All agreed the event was a pleasurable educational event and a desire from both veterans and school officials to "do this again" was expressed and will be scheduled.

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Aaron Buford Mayne

Aaron Buford Mayne, 94, of Berea, passed away peacefully on March 4. Born on April 12, 1930, in Rockhold.

Before his retirement, Aaron proudly served his country for 22 years in the United States Army. Following his military career, he continued to serve his community as an ordained minister, touching the lives of many with his unwavering spiritual guidance and compassion for others. Aaron's education and dedication to personal growth were evident in his academic achievements, having graduated from Berea College and furthered his studies at the Southern Baptist Seminary.

Aaron was a revered member of Silver Creek Baptist Church, where he devotedly practiced his faith and enjoyed the fellowship of his church family. His love for religion was only matched by the adoration he held for his beloved wife, Glenda Sue King Mayne, and their beautiful blended family.

Aaron's journey through life's seasons was shared with his children, Jeff Allen Mayne and Zandra Mayne Davis; his stepsons, Russ (Hope) Hoover and Tim (Kim) Hoover; and his brother Dave (Sharyn) Mayne. His legacy will continue through his three grandchildren, Dustin Philip (Sam Wagers) Skidmore, Ronald Cedric Davis, and Samantha Jade Mayne; his four great-grandchildren, Ashtyn Jewelianna Skidmore, Finley Joshua Aaron Wagers, Elliott Archer Thompson, and Bernadette Louise Thompson; and his four step-grandchildren, Gwen, Quinton, Nate, and Cassadee. Aaron's memory will also be cherished by his many nieces and nephews.

Aaron was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence John and Lucy Morgan Mayne; his first wife, Carol Joan Horton Mayne; his brother, James Ralph Mayne; and sister, Janice Mayne Dunbar.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m., Saturday, March 15, at Silver Creek Baptist Church with Pastor Jimmy Ashcraft officiating and Nate Becknell assisting. Burial will follow with military honors in Berea Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11 a..m. to 1 p.m. at the church. Condolences may be left for the family at www.lakesfuneralhome.com

As the Mayne family navigates this difficult time, any support to help cover expenses will be greatly appreciated.

Gary Wayne Stout

Gary Wayne Stout, a man whose life was characterized by a deep love for his family, An unwavering faith in the Lord, and a profound connection to the rhythms of the land, passed away peacefully on March 6, in Berea. He was born on Oct. 17, 1945, in Richmond, to the late Paul and Flossie McKeehan Stout.

A devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Gary leaves behind a legacy of warmth and kindness. His love story with his wife, Paula Roark Stout brought forth two children, Elizabeth (Trent) Caswell and Gary Lee (Michelle) Stout, who were the pride of his life. The family circle extended with the arrival of six grandchildren – Austin VanWinkle, Ashley (Bijan) VanWinkle, Alydia Caswell, Chelsey (Justin) Flannery, Cierra (Tanner) Ramsey, and Brandon Ramsey – as well as ten great-grandchildren, Asher, Aria, Kaylee, Leah, Haley, Harvey, Lucas, Ellie, Harper, and Millie. He is survived by his sister, Paula Carolyn (Johnny) Gilliam, and brother-in-law, Glenn (Norma) Roark. He was predeceased by his brothers, Ronald Stout and Paul William Stout.

In his professional life, Gary was known for his versatile skills and strong work ethic. As a blacksmith, dairy farmer, horse trader, and truck driver, he met every challenge with determination. His dedication to serving others shone through as a Sunday School Teacher and Liberty Avenue Baptist Church member, guiding and nurturing the faith of many.

Gary's passion for horses was not just a hobby—it was a vessel through which he taught invaluable life lessons to his children. Beyond his many roles, Gary was best described as loving—a man who cherished moments sipping coffee with buddies at 76 Truck Stop.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m., Tuesday, March 11, at Lakes Funeral Home with Pastor Ken Felty officiating. Burial will follow in Richmond Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Dale Smith, Harvey Whittemore, Ernie Kidd, Russell Isaacs, Ray Yoder, and Mitch Clark. Honorary pallbearers were John L. Gilliam, David Gilliam, Austin VanWinkle, Brandon Ramsey, Trent Caswell, Bijan Vedad, and Liberty Ave. Men's Sunday School Class.

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Fairly Holden Turner

Fairly Holden Turner, 73, of Berea, died Wednesday, March 5, at his residence surrounded by family after a courageous battle with cancer. He was a lifelong resident of the Berea area born July 12, 1951, son of the late Vernon and Ella Carpenter Turner. " Farley" as he was affectionately known by everyone was a dedicated maintenance man, small engine repairman, and member of Lighthouse Baptist Church. In his spare time, he enjoyed camping, fishing, and working outdoors.

Survivors left to treasure his memory include his loving wife Diane Young Turner, step-children Angie Thacker, Bobby Abner (Cristi), Vicki Spivey, and Donna Branham (Kenny); special sister-in-law that he considered his child Sheila Abrams (Billy); brother Charles Turner; sister Alma B. Turner; 11 step-grandchildren; 8 step-great grandchildren with 2 additional expected in May; as well as numerous relatives, friends, neighbors and church family. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife Joan Fields Turner; and brothers James Turner, and Allen Turner.

Funeral Services were at 1 p.m., Saturday, March 8, at Lighthouse Baptist Church. Pastor Chad Miller officiated

Pallbearers were Billy Abrams, Holden Abrams, Timothy Branham, Derick Thacker, Dylan Thacker, and Dalton Turner. Honorary Pallbearers were Bobby Abner, Terry Arvin, Lonnie King, Ron Lamb, Dar-

Stephen Robert Lloyd

Stephen Robert Lloyd, a devoted and cherished husband, father, brother, and friend, passed away peacefully on March 9, in Berea. Born on Sept. 24, 1974, in Canton, Ohio, Stephen's warm spirit and endless kindness touched all who knew him and knew of him.

Stephen will be lovingly remembered by his devoted wife, Janette Diamond Lloyd, with whom he shared an unbreakable bond since their high school days. His loving legacy will continue through his daughters, Kyla Orpurt (married to Garett) and Kally Lloyd, who will miss their father's guidance, support, and endless love.

Stephen's memory will also be honored by his father, Robert Lloyd, sister, Laura (Craig) Sampsell, and his in-laws, Frank and Susan Diamond. He was preceded in death by his mother, Cheryl Stauffer Messerly.

As a respected supervisor for Lowe's, Stephen demonstrated a strong work ethic and supportive leadership. He was an avid golfer and a proud member of the Berea Golf Club, often found with a smile on the fairway laughing and enjoying the presence of all those around him. Stephen's passion for life will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure of his company.

Stephen's wishes were to be cremated. His family will be accepting friends from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, March 21, at Lakes Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

James Randall Hamm

James Randall Hamm, born on Oct. 22, 1983, in Frankfurt, Germany, passed away peacefully on March 9, in Berea. He was a beloved husband to Amy Hamm, a devoted father to Chyler Hamm, and a cherished son to Randy (Linda) Hamm and Sandy (Dennis) Murphy. His memory will be treasured by his brother, Brandon (Tori) Murphy, and sister, Bryttani (Caleb) Lyons, along with his paternal grandmother, Wilma Faye Fitzgerald. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Herman and Mildred Hunt, his father-in-law, Lonnie Hall, and his step mother, Brenda Hamm.

James was a man of many passions, including working on cars, woodworking, shooting guns, and cheering for UK basketball. His kindness touched everyone he met, and his legacy will live on through his family and friends, including his lifelong best friend, Matthew (Sara) Burns, and his mother-in-law, Ann Hall. James's life was a testament to the love and joy he brought to the world, and he will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

A celebration of life will be held at Lakes Funeral Home on Friday, March 14. The family will be accepting friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m..

In Lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Chase Bank for future expenses for Chyler Hamm.

Harrie Ray Buswell

Harrie Ray Buswell, 86, of Owensboro, passed away peacefully in his home on March 5. Harrie was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend to all who met him. He never met a stranger. He loved music, often playing the autoharp while singing. He made a ministry of going to nursing homes and playing and singing with the folks there. The evening before his death, he was singing K-K-K-Katy to his beloved bride. He also loved reading and writing poetry, some of his poetry was even about the lives of groundhogs. He enjoyed fishing and treasured all of nature. He lived his life as a teacher, inventor, philosopher, and writer. His passion was creative thinking and innovating new ways to do things better, both physically and ideologically. He lived by his philosophy of the Five Elements of Life: Love, Honesty, Change, Simplicity and Enthusiasm. Harrie began his life in Carroll, Iowa in 1938, the youngest of five children of Ray and Grace Buswell. He was raised on a farm along the Raccoon River. Harrie was raised as a Methodist and his strong faith continued and strengthened throughout his life; he was a member of St. John United Methodist Church here in Owensboro. He graduated high school in 1957 from Churdan, Iowa, graduated from the DeVry Technical Institute in Chicago, Illinois and served in the Air Force in Syracuse, New York. Following his service in the military, Harrie received both his bachelor's and master's degrees from Iowa State University and eventually his PhD from the University of Georgia. His professional career began and ended with teaching students ranging from the seventh grade to university graduate students in the studies of mathematics, industrial technology, electronics, computer building, and creative thinking. Over his lifetime he had worked at Iowa State University, Georgia Tech and Berea College. In the mid-1970s and early 1980s he owned and operated, along with his wife Katy, an appliance and electronic retail and service business in both Ogden and Grand Junction Iowa. In the 1990s, Harrie developed a more efficient system for the design of electrical transformers with foreign and US patents for his technology.

Harrie was preceded in death by his parents Ray and Grace Buswell, and his brothers, Elmer, Vernon and Dale Buswell.

He is survived by his wife of over 60 years, Katy (Langford) Buswell; daughters Laurie (Kris) Cook of Boone, IA, Christy (Keith) Hartman of Henderson, and Mary Ellen (Steve) Parham of Knoxville, TN; sister, Mary Mallison of Atlanta, GA; nine grandchildren, James, Lauren, Josh, Gunnar, Cheyenne, Blake, Mallory, Riley, and Bradley; nine great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, and other loving family and friends.

The family would like to thank all who have supported them with their outpouring of love, support and prayers

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Opinion

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— The First Amendment

Has it been 5 years?

Keith Taylor

Five years ago, the first case of COVID-19 was reported in Kentucky.

In just a matter of a short few days, the deadly virus brought our county, state, nation, and world to its knees. Restaurants, churches, and sporting events were shut down. It was an eerie feeling.

It seemed like the world stopped turning, and social distancing and masks became part of everyday life. Life changed suddenly and not for the better, especially for me following the loss of my mom to COVID-19 on Oct. 5, 2020.

I can still remember driving to Nashville to cover the Southeastern Conference Tournament five years ago this week. I made it to Bowling Green and my boss called and told me to return home because the tournament had been canceled.

At the time, I wasn't happy and frustrated, not fully knowing the full danger the virus had imposed on humanity. After all, it had been more than 100 years since a pandemic gripped humanity from all walks of life.

Sports suddenly took a backseat to a health crisis. At Kentucky, former coach John Calipari's team was on the brink of a possible deep run in the NCAA Tournament. Out West, Brigham Young, coached by current Wildcats coach Mark Pope, was enjoying one of the best seasons the Cougars had put together in a decade.

At the time, it didn't take Pope long to realize that COVID-19 was a serious matter and a health crisis "way more serious than basketball."

"It was way more far-reaching, and way more important than anything that we do in basketball," Pope said last week.

However, the thought of not finishing a season was hard for Pope and his squad.

"It was devastating," he said. "We had a great team. We were a Top 20 team. I think the first team at BYU in a decade that had that had been a Top 20-ranked team. We had a bunch of seniors that had never been to the NCAA Tournament in their tenure at BYU, and guys that had just gelled together and kind of defied all the odds to put together an unbelievable product, unbeatable team on the floor."

Much like Kentucky at the time, Pope's squad was "in full prep mode" before leagues and conferences around the nation blew the whistle on the season. Pope remembers the feeling his team experienced after their league tournament was canceled.

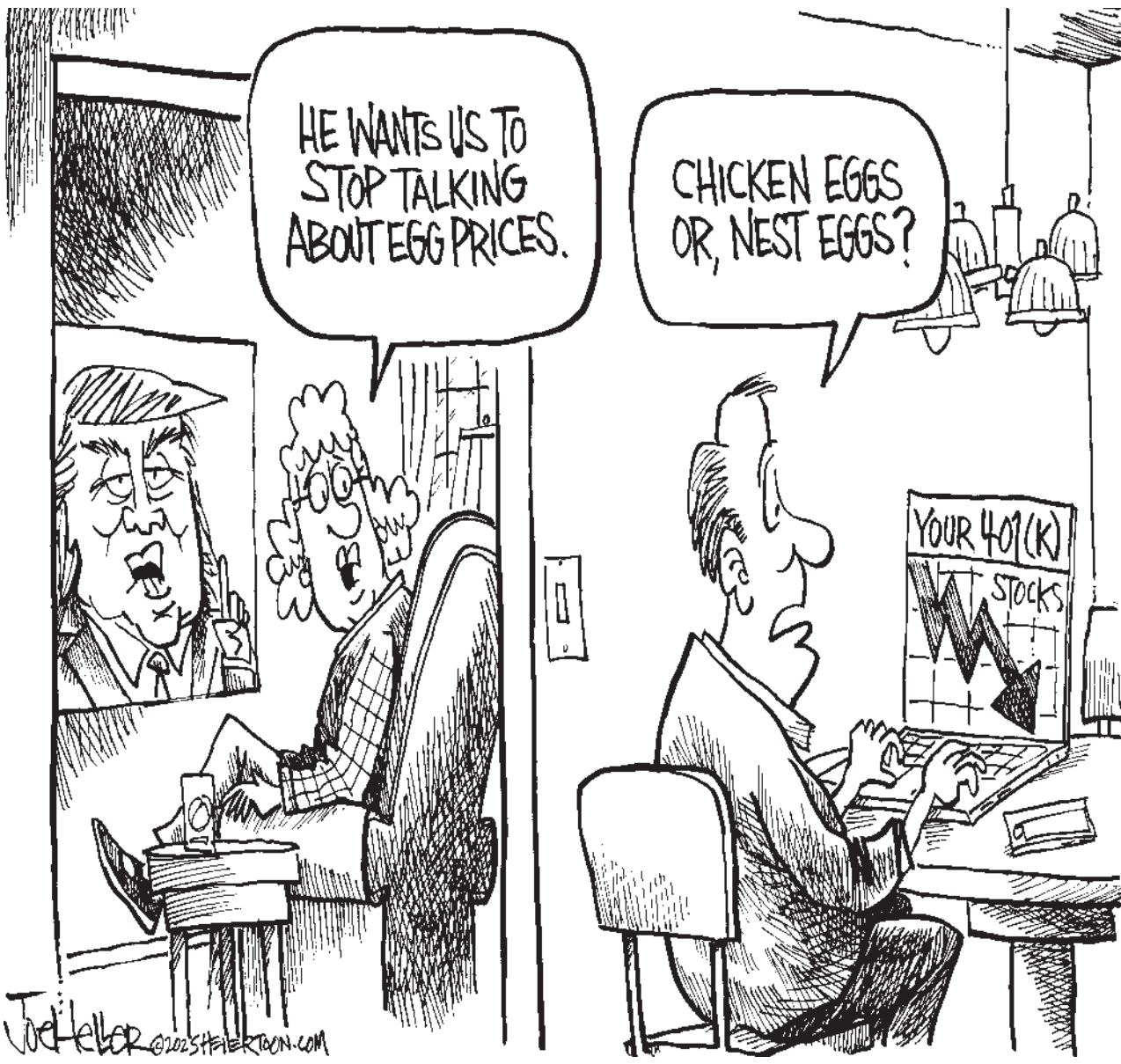
"I remember most is like the absolute gut-wrenching and guttural devastation of my guys," he said. "It was devastating — just on that little slice of the part of basketball that just mattered to us individually. It was devastating."

Looking back, Pope said the experience served as a reminder to live in the precious moment on and off the court.

"It's one of those things that we have throughout our life that helps you get better at being in the present, enjoying every single moment because you just know you don't and might not get the next one.

"Those guys, those seniors who'd worked their entire lives to finally get over the hump in or earn that opportunity to go play in that tournament as a team, that was pretty hard and pretty exciting to lose. That is just a reminder of, 'let's make sure that we never take for granted today again.' That's what I remember."

Keith Taylor



Love not hate

Glenn Mollette

Hate is a toxic emotion. Hate is a dark, negative, tumultuous, heavy, internal, disgusting, poisonous, vile feeling that will hurt others and hurt you.

Hate lashes out with ugliness spewing out words intended to cut deep into the soul of the intended target. Words are uttered with the intention of inflicting harm. The hater often will try to dress up their speech as though they are kidding. But normally, the window dressing they try to drape around their words doesn't prevent what they say from penetrating deep into someone's heart.

Hate is not a winning way. Hate will eventually act out in violence or participate in an action that brings pain to someone.

No one was hated more than Jesus. The religious leaders of that day hated him so much that they joyfully participated in all they could do him harm. They killed him as savagely and ruthlessly as anyone in human history. If you want to understand what hate is, what it does and how it acts just think about how the religious leaders made up stuff about Jesus and then promoted his barbaric death on the cross.

Hate is scary because the hater will do anything, without even considering the cost or the ramifications, to assault, hurt or brutalize their intended victims.

Recognizing what hate is and what hate is capable of must make us wary of the haters. You cannot play with a poisonous serpent. You can't pet a ravenous lion or swim with the crocodiles. You will be killed. You can pray for people and try to help those with whom you can have a civilized conversation. Unfortunately, you can't converse with a rattlesnake. You will be bitten and could easily die from such actions

You can't trust the Taliban, Vladimir Putin, the Mexican drug cartel and so on. I'm sure we could all come up a with a list. Sadly, we often have to be leery of extremists who can only see their points of view. If you don't succumb to their points of view then in their eyes you are an infidel and are worthy of death. Stay clear of these people. They are venomous and dangerous.

Here are the lyrics to "Stop The Hate" that came out about a year ago.

Stop the hate. It's not too late. We can't wait any longer to stop the hate. Start to love. Look up higher than ourselves to God above. Stop the hurt. It won't work. Stop the hate.

We all bleed. We all need, help from each other to survive. It's past time, to stop the hate. We all need some peace of mind and we know it's way past time, to stop the hate.

Stop the hate. It's not too late. We can't wait any longer to stop the hate. It's past time, to stop the hate.

We don't all have to agree on everything. If and when we do disagree, can we please agree not to hate each other? Love is the greatest of all.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Don't abandon Ukraine

Dear Editor:

At least one of my ancestors fought in the War of Independence against a world power that shared his language but not his love of liberty or representation.

He and his fellow soldiers didn't look like much, but they were willing to sacrifice their lives to establish freedom. They were backed by another world power that clinched the final surrender of the British at Yorktown by blocking the British navy from evacuating Cornwallis and assisting General Washington in encircling the British forces.

Next year, we will celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

We are now a world power, and have often supported people in other countries who sought freedom and independence. Most recently we have joined Canada and Europe to help the Ukrainians in their valiant fight to remain independent of Russia, retaining freedom of religion, freedom of speech, and a freely elected government (an election Americans helped to monitor). In the territory Russia has already captured, freedom disappears: the Ukrainian language is forbidden, independent journalism gives way to Russian propaganda, evangelical and Ukrainian Orthodox churches are closed, leaders and soldiers are arrested and often tortured and executed, Ukrainian history is suppressed and Russian citizenship is required to attend school or work.

Yet, last week, our elected leaders abandoned any attempt to block Russia from swallowing Ukraine whole and stamping out their independence. The signers of the Declaration of Independence would be ashamed of us.

Only last year, Congress appropriated funds for Ukraine and assured them we were backing them against Russia.

Why isn't Andy Barr, who was part of that budget process, objecting to this shameful retreat? He needs to hear from us!

Sincerely,
Grace Sears

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• Tamara Stamper, 39: failure to appear

Feb. 27

• Cory Cope, 29: parole violation (for technical violation)
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March 1

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March 2

• Christy Robinson, 50: robbery, 2nd degree; assault, 4th degree domestic violence – minor injury; possession of open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle; failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security – 1st offense; failure to surrender revoked operator's license
• Trenton Durham, 26: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st; careless driving; possession of open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle
• Victor Dezha, 44: possession of open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle; no operator's – moped license; operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st
• Paris Reese, 26: parole violation (for technical violation)
• Caleb McClellan, 20: parole violation (for technical violation)
• Aaron Conley, 41: receiving stolen property, $1,000 but less than $10,000; no operator's – moped license
• Donald Redmon, 49: criminal trespassing, 3rd degree; drug paraphernalia – buy/possess; theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting
• Peggy Eversole, 34: failure to appear
• Robert Smith, 45: theft by unlawful taking or disposition – shoplifting; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (heroin)

March 3

• Timothy Jackson, 20: tampering with physical evidence; 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, 1st degree, 1st offense (less than 10 D.U. opiates); trafficking in a controlled substance, 2nd degree, 1st offense (less than 20 D.U. barbiturates); criminal possession of a forged instrument – 2nd degree
• Monica Stamper, 51: failure to appear, citation for misdemeanor (2 counts); failure to appear (2 counts)
• Brittany Mink, 26: failure to appear
• Erin York, 51: no registration plates; no registration receipt; failure to yield to right of way of emergency vehicle; operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st
• Christian Echeverria, 25: commitment order
• Bobbie Byrd, 50: hold for other agency
• Tristian Luke, 33: failure to appear; probation violation for felony offense; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); drug paraphernalia – buy/possess; operating on suspended or revoked operator's license; possession of open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle; possession of marijuana
• Timothy Puckett, 21: nonpayment of court costs, fees, or fines
• Christopher Creamer, 33: failure to appear

March 4

• Miguel Devers, 42: assault, 2nd degree domestic violence
• Guillermo Hernandez-Noyola, 21: burglary, 1st degree; robbery, 1st degree
• Brian Rupard, 39: failure to appear (3 counts)
• Jeffrey Flannery, 55: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine)
• Graham Robinson, 22: public intoxication – controlled substance (excludes alcohol); disorderly conduct, 2nd degree
• Lauryn Eigel, 21: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st; possession of open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle; illegal possession of legend drug
• Lucero Regalado, 42: failure to appear
• Dax Durham, 48: failure to appear (4 counts); serving probation violation warrant
• Britney Rose, 35: probation violation warrant (technical violation); probation violation (felony offense)
• Latroy Fowler, 36: failure to appear
• Addie Long, 45: hold for other agency
• James Whittamore, 47: hold for other agency
• Matthew Webb, 46: failure to appear, citation for misdemeanor
• Amelia Thomas, 23: strangulation – 1st degree

March 5

• Martin Zacharias, 33: consuming alcohol beverage in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses); failure to appear (2 counts); immigration detainer
• Tina Hoskins, 38: serving parole violation warrant; theft of identity of another without consent; trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (less than 2 grams methamphetamine); drug paraphernalia – buy/possess; possession of marijuana; tampering with physical evidence; promoting contraband - 1st degree; failure to appear (2 counts)
• Jamie Eades, 45: alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses)
• Joshua Amburgey, 40: failure to appear
• Xavier Campbell, 30: failure to appear
• James McDowell, 32: hold for other agency
• Fonnie Horn, 40: hold for other agency
• Johnathan Davis, 30: hold for other agency
• Joshua Anders, 34: hold for other agency
• Christian Stamper, 28: failure to appear
• Don Metcalf, 46: hold for other agency
• Robert McElroy, 64: probation violation (for technical violation)
• Aaron Estell-Bradshaw, 31: hold for court
• McKenzie Anderson, 27: hold for other agency
• George Lowery, 46: failure to appear (2 counts)
• Timothy Powell, 50: hold for court
• Cecil Church, 40: failure to appear (2 counts)

COURT RECORDS

District Court

Feb. 27

• Laura Lorraine Miranda vs. Lucas Roberto Miranda

Feb. 28

• Karla M. Sterner vs. Matt May
• Austin MacAllister Perkins vs. Stormy Brooke Perkins

Circuit Court

Feb. 27

• Sarah Faye Bradley vs. Dewey Ray Bradley

Feb. 28

• David William Rockey vs. Samantha Paige Rockey
• Brandi McKinley vs. Tyler McKinley

March 2

• Rebecca Louise Mitchell vs. Raymond Tre Mitchell

March 3

• Jason Norton vs. Mahaleigh A. Broaddus

March 4

• Melissa Himes vs. Brian Himes

March 5

• CHFS EX. REL, Diamond J. Murphy vs. Seth M. Ritchie
• Diamond Murphy vs. Dmitri A. Carter
• Katelyn E. Lowery vs. Tanner W. Casey
• Casey Elizabeth Tolson vs. Timothy Dwayne Divers

MARRIAGES

March 5

• Nikki Jane Blake, grill cook, 32, of Richmond to John Carlos Engard, maintenance, 36, of Richmond
• Kimberly Sue Muncy, cost accountant, 53, of Richmond to Junior Fry, safety technician, 46, of Richmond
• Heather Danyel Woollard, self-employed, 30, of Richmond to Amanda Rose Adams, self-employed, 38, of Richmond
• Kaitlyn Elizabeth Sellers, optometrist technician, 22, of Richmond to Bryan Paul Moore, supply chain, 20, of Richmond

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Feb. 27

• Tavaris M. Arrington to John Davis, 699 Cottonwood Drive, Richmond, $225,000
• Ball Homes, LLC to Brandon Henson, 7033 Arbor Ridge Drive, Richmond, $336,536
• Michael Parker and Stephanie Parker to Jessie Parker, 643 Pine Woods Road, Berea, for and in consideration of love and affection, Grantor being parents
• Sea Island Soil Company, LLC, as successor in interest to J.T. Barrett Land Holding, LLC to Eston Fredericks and Kathy Darlene Fredericks, lot 11 Pine Woods Subdivision, $170,000
• Dennis Williams and Lisa Williams to Matthew Neal and Mia Neal, parcel A plat 31/387, (vicinity of Rolling Hills Subdivision), for and in consideration of consolidating aforementioned property
• Kenneth Duerson and Olivia G. Pettus to Kenneth Duerson and Olivia G. Pettus, lot 3 – 4 Block 1 Burnam Heights Addition (Hill Street), Richmond, for and in consideration of the love and affection between Grantor and Grantee, Grantee being granddaughter of Grantor

The Martha Anne Hundley Revocable Trust to Commonwealth of Kentucky for the use and benefit of the transportation Cabinet, Department of Highways, 200 Mero Street, Frankfort, Kentucky 40622, tract Madison County (vicinity of Madison County Airport Road and Peytontown Road), $7,500
• Sarah Y. Tsaing to Sarah Y Tsaing, Trustee of the Sarah Y. Tsaing Revocable Trust, dated February 27, 2025, lot 16 Oakdale Subdivision (vicinity of Hackett Pike), for the purposes of funding the Sarah Y. Tsaing Revocable Trust, dated February 27, 2025

Feb. 28

• KJC Properties, LLC to Charles M. Herald, 201 Brook Cove Road, $295,700
• Ball Homes, LLC to Krystal K. Layne and Andrew S. Layne, lot 42 Phase II of Arbor Woods, $325,002
• Megan McCreary, f/k/a Megan Lunsford and Scott McCreary to Rebecca Renee Boersen and Michael D. Boersen, 204n Walnut Hill Drive, Richmond, $290,000
• John Carson and Kimberly Carson to Thomas Fryer, Sr. and Cynthia Fryer, lots 13A and 14 Plat 28/29, $625,000
• Richmond Apartment, LLC to Gemstone Apartments, 241 McDaniel Avenue; 324 Kristin Drive, $4,673,673
• Berea Apartments, LLC to Gemstone Apartments, 1103 Blackberry Lane, Berea, $737,948
• Berea Apartments, LLC to Sapphire Rentals, LLC< 1007-1021 Brooklyn Boulevard, Berea; 101 – 106 Kayla Drive, Berea, $6,039,379
• Randall Winkler, Jr. and Rebecca Winkler to Brandon Tyler-Makana O'Connor and Rachel Nicole O'Connor, tract 55 plat 31/334 (vicinity of Barnes Mill Road and Poosey Ridge Road), $250,000
• Richmond Development Company, LLC and Spangler Apartments, LLC to Trafford Properties, 156, 157 and 158 Carriage Place, Phase 2, $240,000
• Burley Burns to Johna B. Alexander, lot 18 and 18 Block C Clarksville Subdivision, $1.00 and the love and affection between parent and child
• Donald Dezarn to Donald Dezarn and James Robert Willis, tract 2 Sherley Durbin Subdivision (vicinity of Union City Road), as a gift between step-parent and step-child
• Mule Shed Properties, LLC to Sears Homes, LLC, lot 85 Crutcher Pike Estates Subdivision, $65,000
• Barnes Mill 920, LLC to L&K Stor-All, LLC, tract Madison County, (vicinity of Barnes Mill Road a common corner to Eastgate Motel), $1,400,000
• Monica Wyatt to Tracy Shreve and Steven Shreve, lot 36 Final Plat Sycamore Park at Golden Leaf, $395,000

March 3

• Davis Stuart Welch, Successor Trustee of the Louis M. Welch Revocable Trust, u/d/a August 8, 2008 to Davis Stuart Welch, Trustee of the Davis Stuart Welch Trust, u/d/a August 2, 2020; Murray Morgan Welch, IV, Trustee of the Murray Morgan Welch IV, Trust, u/d/a August 2, 2020; and Jennifer Welch Moser, Trustee of the Jennifer Welch Moser Trust, u/d/a August 5, 2020, tracts Madison County (Hayden-Forbes Farm, Boonesboro Road; Welch Farm, Boonesboro Road), for purposes of distributing the assets of the Lois M. Welch Revocable Trust, u/d/a August 8, 2020 to beneficiaries, one trust to benefit the children of Lois M. Welch, party of the first part and does convey 1/3 undivided interests in aforementioned properties between Grantees)
• John C. Coburn and Janice Coburn to Laura Hughes, 211 Brooks Road, Richmond, $186,000
• Robin L. Newton Sparks (f/k/a Robin L. Newton) and Ricky David Sparks to Harold Wayne Creech and LaTori Lea Thurman, 200 Wilshire Way, Richmond, $325,000
• Corey Smith and Breanna Smith to James Cameron Dunn and Kelsey Dunn, 133 Lakeshore Drive, Richmond, $465,000
• James C. Dunn and Kelsey Dunn to Cody Mulvey and Lacena Mulvey, lot 22 Shiloh Cove Subdivision, Phase 1, $439,990
• Brandon Roseberry and Tasha Roseberry to Jesse A. Comer and Elizabeth Grace Comer, 139 Mountain View Drive, $260,000
• Big Life, LLC to Welch Real Estate Holdings, LLC, 4007 Ruby Rose Road; 4009 Ruby Rose Road; 4011 Ruby Rose Road; 4013 Ruby Rose Road; 4015 Ruby Rose Road; 4017 Ruby Rose Road, $1,200,000
• Harold D. Horn and Tammy P. Horn to Hunt Property Holdings, lot 12 Section 1 White Hall Manor, $65,500
• Isreal J. Rearick to Denver Rearick, tract Kentucky 52 (Irvine Road), for and in consideration of the love and affection from brother to brother
• CT&W Capital, LLC to Jonathan Reed Brooks and Kelsey Elizabeth Brooks, lot 9 Jacks Creek Subdivision, $202,500
• Rod Jeffery French and Deborah Lynn French to Kenneth R. Wells and Debra B. Wells, 168 Woods Point Drive, Berea, $360,000

March 4

• Donald Gene Rhodus and Della M. Rhodus to Orvil Nelson and Company, Inc, tract Madison County (vicinity of Rosstown Road), $90,000
• Thomas Gilbert Blankenship to Ramon Grimaldo and Kelsey Lynn Grimaldo, 70 Patsy Lane, Berea, $230,000
• Dawn Burgan to Amy Jo Walls, 619 Mataline's Way, $210,000
• James C. Barnes and Carol Anne Barnes to Juanito Fabian and John Christopher Fabian, lot 14 Linden Street Phase III, $176,900
• Scotty Anderson and Christy Anderson to Chris Frontz and Marsha Frontz, 167 Ogg Lane, Berea, $376,000
• Cheryl Richardson to Dorothy Irene Enderle and Steffany Marie Enderle, lot 26 tract 4 Mountain View Estates, $219,000
• Michael Lamb, John Lamb and Sharlene Lamb, Mitchell Lamb (a/k/a Mitchell Everett Lamb) and Connie Dee Lamb to Mitchell Everett Lamb (a/k/a Mitchell Everett Lamb and Connie Dee Lamb, tract 2A plat 9/276 (vicinity of Frog Branch Road and Wallacetown Road, Berea), $160,000
• Dennis Williams and Lisa Williams to Jay T. Holley, parcel A plat 31/387 (tract 2 Rolling Hills Subdivision), $122,000
• Haleigh L. Ward and Jonathon Ward and Jordan L. Adams to Jordan L. Adams, tract Madison County (vicinity of College Hill Road), $76,714.89

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Divorce Summons

Notice to respondent, Donaven Poete Singleton. You have been sued. A petition for divorce has been filed by Ariel Van Couvering ("petitioner") in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, requesting a divorce from Donaven Poete Singleton. The case name is Ariel Van Couvering v. Donaven Poete Singleton and assigned Case Number 24FL099355. You have 30 calendar days after the first date this notice is published in the newspaper to file a Response (Form FL-120) at the court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter, phone call, or court appearance will not protect you. If you do not file your Response on time, the court may make orders affecting your marriage or domestic partnership, your property, and custody of your children. You may be ordered to pay support and attorney fees and costs. For legal advice, contact a lawyer immediately. Get help finding a lawyer at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp), at the California Legal Services website (www.lawhelpca.org), or by contacting your local county bar association.

The name and address of the court are Hayward Hall of Justice, 24405 Amador Street Hayward, CA 94544. The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner's attorneys are: Janet L. Dobrovolny (SBN 87287), Teresa L. Peng (SBN 293038) Law Offices of Janet L. Dobrovolny 2000 Powell St. Ste. 1605 Emeryville, CA 94608. Telephone: (510) 653-3878

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Berea Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on March 25, 2025, at 6:00 PM, in the Council Chambers of the Berea City Annex located at 304 Chestnut Street for the purpose of considering a proposal to amend the text of the Land Management and Development Ordinance regarding the following:

SECTION 406.6 ALLOWABLE LAND USES: COMMUNITY USES, LIGHT MANUFACTURING, LIGHT WAREHOUSING IN AN I-2 (INDUSTRIAL) ZONE.

The public is invited to attend and make comments.

Amanda Haney
Codes Administrator

Melissa Isaacs–
Records Clerk

Yard sales!

It's that time of year! Place your yard sale notices in the Berea Citizen! Call Vickey at (859) 986-0959 to place your ad!

SECTION 00010 – ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for the **"Ellipse Street Shared Use Path Project"** for the City of Berea, Kentucky will be received in the City Clerk's Office, 212 Chestnut Street, Berea, Kentucky, 40403 until 2:00 p.m. (local time) on March 31, 2025 at which time they will be publicly read aloud.

The scope of work includes the installation of approximately 2,200 linear feet of a 10' asphalt shared use path including existing sidewalk removal, drainage structures and storm sewer pipe, sediment control, signage, and pavement striping.

The Instructions to Bidders, Bid Form, Agreement Forms, Performance and Payment Bonds, Plans, Specifications, and other Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations:

Berea City Hall
212 Chestnut St.
Berea, Kentucky 40403
Phone (859) 986-8528

AGC/Dodge
950 Contract Street, Suite 100
Lexington, Kentucky 40505
Phone (859) 425-6630

AGC/Dodge
1717 Alliant Avenue, Suite 11
Louisville, KY 40299
(502) 240-6026

Banks Engineering, Inc.
1211 Jessamine Station
Nicholasville, KY 40356
(859) 881-0020

Copies of the plans and specifications may be obtained from Lynn Imaging, 328 Old Vine Street, Lexington, Kentucky 40507, phone (859) 255-1021. Plans may be viewed and/or purchased on-line through www.lynnimaging.com. Plan holders will be responsible for all costs associated with obtaining the bid package from Lynn Imaging. Partial sets of documents will not be provided. **Bids will only be accepted from plan holders who have purchased the bid package from Lynn Imaging and are subsequently registered as "official plan holders".** The general contractor must be prequalified by the Kentucky Department of Transportation in "Asphalt Paving". All subcontractors must be prequalified by the Kentucky Department of Transportation for the appropriate "Contractor Work Classifications", where such classifications exist, with regards to the work functions they will perform. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal for the project is 8%. All DBE's shall be certified at the time of the bid opening

The OWNERS reserves the right to waive any informality or to reject any or all bids.

Each BIDDER must deposit with his Bid, security in the amount, form, and subject to the conditions provided in the Instructions to Bidders.

No BIDDER may withdraw his Bid within ninety (90) consecutive calendar days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Bruce Fraley
Mayor of Berea

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Reflections

Berea Citizen archives

March 12, 1950
March winds

The March winds, aided by dry weather caused a very exciting and disastrous fire on the West End on Tuesday. A couple of out houses belonging to Mr. Gardner were destroyed but nothing serious developed from the fire. No one knows just how the fire started, but it started over the hill, several hundred yards from the street. The dry grass and leaves, coupled with the strong March winds quickly spread it to the structures. It took a great deal of effort to keep it away from three very nice homes on Chestnut Street. It burned across the lawns and up to the doorsteps and street. While excitement and danger was great, damage was minimal.

March 16, 1950
Unusual accident

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ultes were traveling from Florida back to their Springfield, Ohio home in a new green and grey Cadillac sedan. On their way, they stopped in Berea on Tuesday to eat dinner at Boone Tavern. They parked their car on the opposite side of the street in front of Union Church. Their dinner was interrupted when a tractor trailer attached itself to the back of their vehicle. John Neely was driving the truck, which belonged to Harrison Brothers. He was going to eat on Chestnut Street and was headed toward Prospect Street. According to a witness, Carlos Lopes, the tractor became separated from the trailer near the corner of Main and Chestnut. Neely pulled ahead the trailer continued on its merry way. A Cadillac connected to the big orange tractor was a sight to see. The trailer hit the ar in the rear window, smashing it. The top and trunk also sustained damage. After the State Police arrived, the two vehicles were separated and Mr. and Mrs. Ultes continued on their way home to Ohio.

March 12, 1975
Prices dropping?

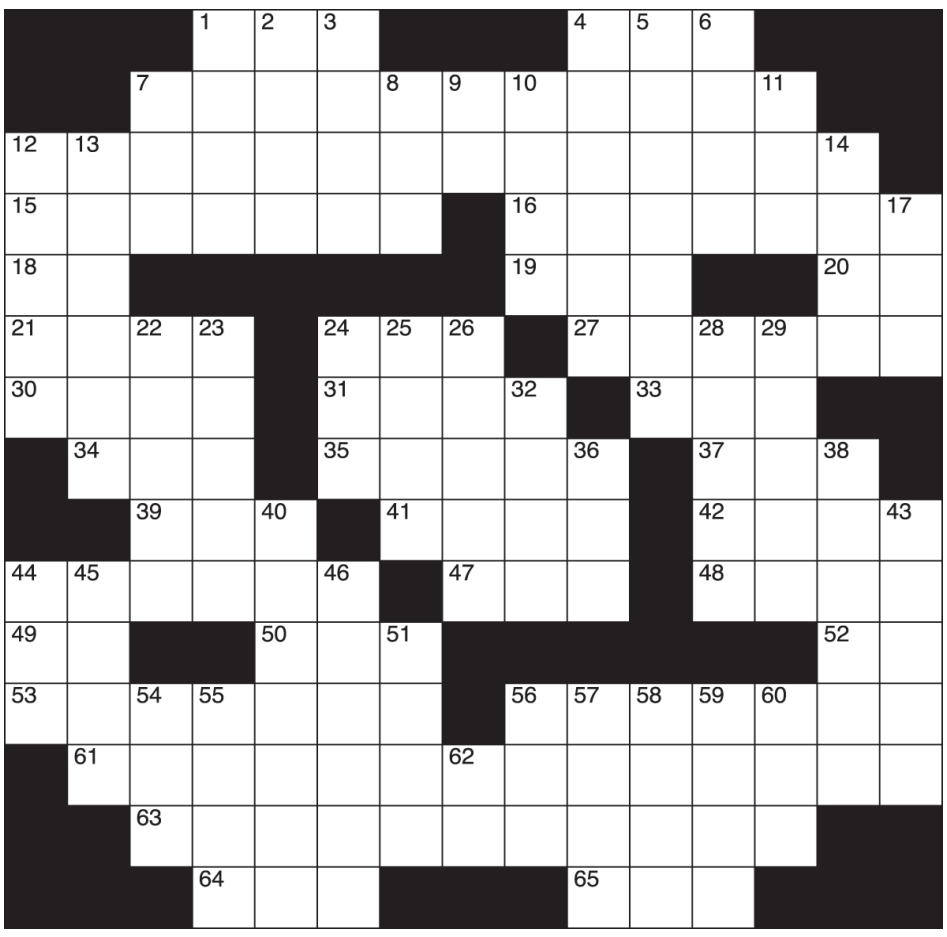
Everyone was talking about inflation but there were indicators that some prices were coming down. Bert Barker, the operator of Barker's Men's Store dropped by The Citizen recently. When asked, he said some prices of clothing were coming down and other list prices at least weren't going up anymore. In a telephone interview, Charles Fields, manager of the Kroger Store in Richmond, said both pork and beef prices were down, as were sugar and sugar based products. He said fresh vegetables and other produce items offered some good buys at that time as well.

March 16, 2000
Fain Executive Director

Kristie Fain was named Executive Director for the Berea Chamber of Commerce. She started her new position on Monday, March 13th. She came to the Chamber with an extensive background in sales and marketing with experience gained from working in advertising. Fain was a graduate of Berea College and had also attended Eastern Kentucky University. Fain was married to Steve Fain, who was the coordinator for Student Crafts at Berea College since 1994 and they couple had two children (twins), Christina and Bryant.

Game Page

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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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!

Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

ANSWER:

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

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

Solve the code to discover words related to agriculture.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 22 = O)

A. 5 18 20 10
Clue: Growing operation

B. 3 20 18 6 3 22 20
Clue: Farm equipment

C. 3 17 6 4 11 22 26 22 12 21
Clue: Scientific tools

D. 6 20 22 19 14
Clue: Plants

Answers: A. farm B. tractor C. technology D. crops

Even a broken clock is right twice a day

A fellow walked out of an antique shop carrying a big grandfather clock he'd just purchased. He had always wanted one and was happy to shell out big bucks for such a great find.

Roger Alford

The fellow made it onto the sidewalk when an old drunk bumped into him, knocking the clock out of his hands. It broke all to pieces on the concrete.

"Look what you did," the fellow said angrily.

"Why don't you just wear a wristwatch like everyone else?" the old drunk asked.

Time tends to be very important to us on this side of eternity. We keep our watches and clocks handy so we'll always know the time of day. We have them on our arms, on our walls, on our phones, on our kitchen ranges, on our nightstands, in our offices, on our vehicle dashboards. Then, twice a year, we have to change all those clocks, at least those that don't change automatically.

That can be quite the chore, especially with those dashboard clocks. I always struggle to remember which buttons to push and which dial to turn when it comes time to spring forward or fall back. I always feel a great sense of accomplishment when I, through much trial and error, finally get done.

Perhaps you remember the time that the Lord set back the clock – well, it was actually a sundial – for King Hezekiah.

Hezekiah was ill and dying, and he prayed for healing. The Bible tells us he turned his face to a wall and wept as he prayed. God heard Hezekiah's prayer and added 15 years to his life.

Hezekiah had the audacity to ask for proof that the Lord had answered his prayer. I find it fascinating that the Lord, in his great patience, provided that proof.

The prophet Isaiah, who was with Hezekiah at the time, offered a time change as the proof. He asked Hezekiah whether he'd rather the Lord set the sundial forward 10 degrees or back 10 degrees?

Hezekiah thought about this for a moment and decided it would be a lot more difficult to set a sundial back 10 degrees. So, that's what he asked for.

"And Isaiah the prophet cried unto the Lord: and he brought the shadow 10 degrees backward" (2 Kings 20:11).

That was an incredible miracle. Think about what had to happen in the heavens to make it happen. People have questioned for years how the Lord pulled that off. I'm glad for folks who don't worry about the "how" but instead just marvel that He "did" it.

There are times when we, like the old drunk who thought the fellow was carrying around a grandfather clock so he'd know the time, can miss the obvious. And, in this case, the obvious is that there's nothing our Lord can't do.

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

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Wednesday
6 p.m.

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Rotary helped carve life path for speaker

By Jerlene Rose
Berea Rotary Club

"They are looking for me!"

That was what Dr. Rochelle Arms Almengor thought when she saw the criteria for a Rotary Peace Fellowship sponsored by Rotary International.

She was researching scholarships when she found the information about the Rotary Foundation's World Peace Scholarship and Professional Development Certificate programs. She applied for and won a World Peace Scholarship.

Speaking to the Berea Rotary Club recently, she stressed how grateful she is to Rotary for "opening so many doors for me."

Almengor had been volunteering with a struggling nonprofit Mediation organization in Lexington. She became interested in mediation procedures, restorative justice, and the impact of crime against victims during her early 20s. "Soon," she said, "it became a life path."

Almengor, who is an Assistant Professor of Peace and Social Justice Studies at Berea College, is a Panamanian-American scholar, mediator, and restorative justice practitioner.

"Rotary provided what I needed to continue my studies," she said.

The Fellowship was a two-year program to study abroad. "You cannot study in your own country," she explained. "It is designed to broaden your experiences."

Rochelle studied in Argentina and Bosnia, and earned a Master's in International Relations.

"The focus of restorative justice is helping people respond to harm in ways to heal and repair," she explained. "It is very intense work, dealing with incarcerated persons, criminal court, and impact of crime against victims, helping neighbors work out conflict, and even divorce cases."

Prior to academia, she served as Restorative Justice Coordinator of New York Peace Institute where she managed mediation and restorative justice initiatives with the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office, Juvenile Justice Courts, schools, and community agencies in Brooklyn and Manhattan.

Since 2000, she has worked in the U.S. and abroad in collaborative processes and restorative justice projects, with a variety of groups, including civil society organizations in India, indigenous peoples in Argentina, immigrants and refugees, and homicide offenders and victim survivors in Kentucky.

She convened the Restorative Roots Collaborative, a participatory action research group where practitioners from underrepresented communities in the U.S. and Latin America work in co-inquiry to investigate challenges in their practices.

Rochelle also authored a chapter in Colorizing Restorative Justice and has organized initiatives to underscore the experiences of BIPOC practitioners facing the harmful legacies of settler-colonial attitudes and white supremacy within the field.

"Rotary is currently recruiting for the next round of fellowships," she said, noting that the deadline is May 2025. "It is such a worthwhile program. I encourage anyone interested to apply soon."

She explained that this year's programs will be for individuals who already have some "life experiences in the field of mediation."

"I am so grateful to Rotary for providing the opportunities to expand my experiences and continue a work I love," she said.

"Rotary is currently recruiting for the next round of fellowships," she said, noting that the deadline is May 2025. "It is such a worthwhile program. I encourage anyone interested to apply soon."

Since transitioning out of New York City with her husband, daughter, and mother, she has enjoyed building and rekindling community in Kentucky, her first U.S. home.

Rotary meets the first and third Tuesdays at 1 p.m. at Just Love Coffee, 636 Chestnut Street.

Lenten lunch series begins

As Christians around the world prepare to enter the season of Lent leading up to Easter, join in the annual Lenten lunch series, hosted by Berea United Methodist Church.

The series will be each Wednesday through April 9 at the the Parish House, 101 Fee Street. Guest speakers, include Pastor Kevin Slemp of Berea Baptist Church, Father Baualdo of St. Clare Catholic Church, Rev. Steve Hobbs of Berea Church of God, Father Justin Patterson of Nicholasville Orthodox Church and Claire Mast, a student at Berea College.

There will be a brief program with one of the speakers, special music, and a free light lunch.

For more information, contact Berea Methodist Church at (859) 986-3485 or by email at office@bereaumc.org

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

March 4

• Wildcat Transfer, LLC to Larry D. Hatfield, lot 10 B South Bluegrass Center, Phase 1, $66,900

• Nathan Wayne Crotti and Trista LaSha Crotti to Lucy J. Steele and Spencer H. Sledd, 1001 Derby Chase Drive (f/k/a 2001 Sea Hero Drive), $333,000

• Justin R. Neal and Tina L. Neal to Thomas Christoper Vannoy and Donna Ruth Vannoy, tracts 2A and 2B plat 31/167, $423,000

• Short Carpentry and Construction, Inc. to Theodore S. Brown and Sandra J. Aguilar, lot 35 Stoney Creek Subdivision, Unit 3 Phase 1B, $279,900

• Chad David Matthews and William Robert Stevenson to Brandon S. Roseberry and Tasha A. Roseberry, lot20 Block B Valley Green Subdivision, $333,000

• Jenna L. Zimmerman (f/k/a Jenna L. Holmes) and Jereme W. Zimmerman to Robert Sears and Gosha Sears, lot 6 plat 1/8 (lot 6 J.K. Baker plat of lots, Berea), for and in consideration of the simultaneous exchange of real property

• Robert Sears and Gosha Sears to Jenna Holes Zimmerman and Jereme W. Zimmerman, tract Madison County (intersection of Center Street and Harrison Road, Berea), for and in consideration of the simultaneous exchange of real property

March 5

• Sea Island Soil Company, LLC (f/k/a J.T. Barrett Land Holding, LLC) to Eric Arthur Jones and Kendra Brianne Jones, 614 North Street, Richmond, $248,500

• Frazier Realty Company, LLC to Bourbon Barrel Beef, LLC, lot K1 Highland Park Development Phase 3, Richmond, $425,000

• Ball Homes, LLC to Robert Edward Parks, Jr. and Teva Gail Parks, 7029 Arbor Ridge Drive, Richmond, $303,919

• Regina Jordan and Daniel Jordan to Bluegrass Real Estate Investments, LLC, tract Rolling Hills Subdivision, Richmond, for and in consideration of capital contribution to Grantee, Grantor, Regina Jordan being sole member of the entity

• Dustin A. Burkhardt (a/k/a Dustin Andrew Burkhardt) and Ashley Burkhardt to Shawn Jones, 472 Logston Lane, Berea, $260,000

• Gary D. Barrow and Susan C. Barrow (a/k/a Susan Barrow) to John F. Carson, lot 37 South Bluegrass Center Phase III, $375,000

• The Renovation group, LLC to Trevor Deam and Madison Hayes, lot 209 Firebrook Subdivision, Phase 1, $314,900

• Paula Bowman to Chi H. Nguyen and Long T. Nguyen, lot 72A Phase IV-A Ash Park Subdivision, $215,000

• Ramsey Rentals, LLC to Cozy Stays Real Estate, LLC, 637, 641, 645, and 649 Hampton Way, Richmond, $1,240,000

• Edd Easton Hogg and Rebekah Easton Hogg to Carol Talbert and Avena Cash, tract Madison County (vicinity of Blue Lick), $90,000

• Kobold Construction General Partnership, a California general partnership to MB2K, LLC, 115 N. Keeneland Drive, Richmond, for and in consideration of an agreement between parties.

Ronald McDonald Houses serve area communities

By Jim Snyder

The Berea Lions Club welcomed Hannah Garnett, Communications Manager, Ronald McDonald House Charities, as the club's speaker on Feb. 25

She described the unusual mission for a place, that for families, to provide a respite during medical treatment for their children or other family members. According to Garnett, there are 360 Ronald McDonald Houses around the world.

The Ronald McDonald House Charities had its beginnings during the 1970's, when a Philadelphia Eagles player had a daughter being treated for leukemia in a children's hospital there by a renown oncologist, Dr. Audrey Evens. The player asked the doctor what he could do to express his gratitude for saving his child's life. The doctor said, "I need a house across the street to take care of the family so I can focus on the child...the families are rested, they're fed, taken care of - so I can do the medical work that I need to do - because families were sleeping in the stairwells, sleeping in their cars, or just not getting the rest that they need." The player took the suggestion to the NFL, he presented this idea to the corporate sponsors, the only sponsor that spoke up was a McDonalds representative, so they [McDonalds] got the naming rights. News of the success of the first Ronald McDonald House spread and many more soon followed.

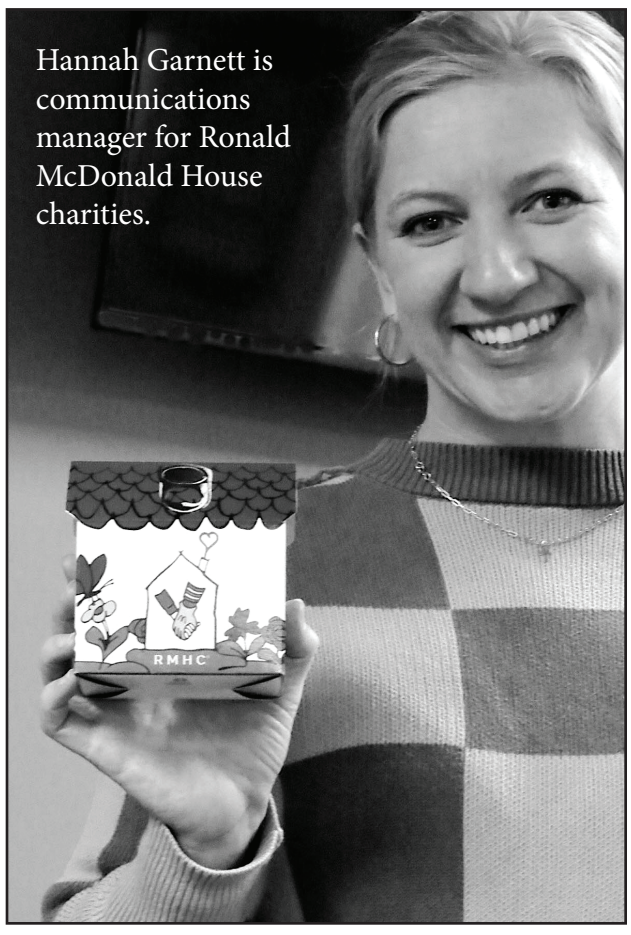
The Lexington RMHC is a 21-bedroom home. Families can stay at any Ronald McDonald House free of charge , as long as they are receiving medical care. Ninety percent of served families at the Lexington home, are "acute" (pre-mature) baby cases, primarily from Eastern Kentucky areas, that lack the medical care facilities to provide treatment. Length of stay can last from up to 20 weeks. Hannah remembered one family that stayed for 160 days while waiting for a kidney transplant for their daughter. Last year five hundred and five families were served. The house is usually full, typically with a 15 family waiting list. No time limit or extra charge is imposed on needy families.

Future plans for the Lexington RMHC include a new 40milion dollar 80 bed facility to be built in five years.

"It's a big undertaking, but we need it - unfortunately, we need it because kids in Kentucky are getting sicker and we are seeing a rising need." Kentucky Children's Hospital is growing, so RHMC need to match their increase. "We try to take care of the whole person, we understand people aren't 'just their health' - they're more than that, so we offer nightly dinners for every family staying at our house... these are home cooked meals that groups come every night of the year and make the food in our commercial kitchen and then they serve it to our families," said Garnett. Snacks and lunches are provided for families to take with them before they go the hospital.

"We're hiring a social worker next year to offer a continuum of care services so families go home...a lot of them are going home to really unfortunate situations, they might not have housing when they go home, they might have lost their job because they've been at the hospital for 4 weeks.

"We are connecting them to more resources in their local community. The house in Lexington is unique, in that we serve the second lowest income population of any RMHC in the United States, only second to West Virginia." RMHC is not a homeless shelter, but a facility for kids with medical needs, and their families. "We serve families and kids with any sort of illness... We want to offer them care when they transition out of our house, to serve the whole person...to connect them with the non-profit organizations in Kentucky that do serve their needs."



Hannah Garnett is communications manager for Ronald McDonald House charities.

A special medical service offered to Eastern Kentucky children, is a Care-Mobile van in Kentucky, one of only 40 in the RMHC network, which offer pre-preventative dental care to children in the Hazard area when schools are in session.

The vans are equipped with a two chair setup. Prior to the dental service, the area had the 2nd highest tooth decay rate of any population outside of a remote village in Alaska. Since the service has started, there has been a 21 per cent improvement in tooth decay statistics.

RMHC has acquired a growing list of corporate sponsors, including Tempur-Pedic Mattress company, based in Lexington. . "Every RMHC in the globe now has Tempur-Pedic mattresses," said Garnett. McDonald's customers now have ways to contribute, such as the Shamrock Shake, served several times a year, which contribute 25 cents for each purchase to the organization. A new program, "Round-up," allows customers to round up their purchases to the dollar with the balance going to RMHC.

The Lexington Ronald McDonald House is located near Kroger Field on the UK campus, 1300 Sports Center Drive, phone number (859) 268-0757. Families of patients at UK Children's Hospital can now use the RMHC Hospitality room, located on the fourth floor of the hospital, to be closer to their children during treatment.

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Interested in community service and helping people? Come visit the Berea Lions Club on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 6: PM, at Lee's Famous Chicken, 339 Paint Lick Rd., Berea, KY 40403.

2 die from flu

FRANKFORT (KT) – Officials with the Kentucky Department for Public Health have announced two additional children have died from influenza, one child from the Barren River Health District and one child from Jefferson County, meaning three children have now died from influenza this season in Kentucky.

"We are committed to doing all that we can to protect the health and safety of those in Kentucky," said Dr. Steven Stack, Commissioner of the Department for Public Health. "It is important that we take the necessary precautions, such as staying up to date on vaccinations, washing hands regularly with soap and water, covering coughs and sneezes and staying home when sick, to protect ourselves and our loved ones from the harm that viruses such as influenza and COVID-19 can cause."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has described this flu season as the worst in over 15 years. Though most influenza and COVID-19 infections result in mild illness, serious symptoms such as difficulty breathing, seizures, high fever (>104°F), dehydration (e.g., reduced urine output, dry mouth, no tears when crying), or worsening of other medical conditions require medical attention. Antiviral treatment of influenza and COVID-19 are also recommended for some individuals to reduce the severity of illness.

"We share this information not to scare folks, but to let them know that illnesses like the flu and COVID-19 can become serious," added Dr. Stack. "Fortunately, there are precautions people can take to decrease the risk of serious illness. Vaccines are safe and effective at lowering one's risk of infection, hospitalization and death."

FOOD SERVICE INSPECTIONS FOR WEEKS ENDING 02-16-25 TO 02-28-25

Regular Inspections with no follow up due

		Score	Explanation
Kids First Early Learning Center	326 Anna Hume Blvd., Richmond	100%	
Kids First of Richmond	324 Anna Hume Blvd., Richmond	100%	
Bert's Speakcheezy	104 S. Main Street, Berea	98%	
Canteen @ Hitachi	301 Mayde Road, Berea	100%	
Crumbl Cookie	2073 Lantern Ridge Dr., Richmond	99%	

Regular Inspections with a follow up due

None

Follow Up Inspection with a follow up due

None

Follow Up Inspection with no follow up due

Subway	240 Brenwood Dr., Berea	100%	

GROWTH

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is on track with recent trends in population growth within the county.

"I think the concern was are we developing too fast, are we developing too many lots, but when you actually break it down by the year, it doesn't seem to be the case," he said.

Magistrate Steve Lochmueller added that some concerns appear to be regarding the construction of apartment units as opposed to residential housing. Lochmueller added that costs for single-family homes have resulted in more demand for apartment dwellings within the county.

Magistrate Billy Ray Hughes said according to the Kentucky Housing Corporation, Madison County's housing shortage was 2,5078 houses short and predicted a shortage of 6,723 by 2029.

"That's a pretty big deal right there," Hughes said.

Lochmueller added that data can be misleading.

"When you're looking at data, you've got to consider, you've got two universities here that, you know, population goes up and down," he said. "…We've got a lot of students and that kind of messes with the data a lot too. I think even on the public housing data, their census data is all wrong already for Madison County. We're already over what they have on their census data."

The court agreed the county is experiencing growth and doing what it can to make during the county's housing development meets the residency needs in Madison County.

Sheriff surplus

The Madison County Sheriff's Department reported a surplus in 2024. The office took in $6,144,384.98 and had claims of $5,813.17.38, leaving a cash balance of $331,367.60.

Madison County Sheriff's office administrator Mary Margaret Young said the surplus is attributed to not replacing a deputy and the increase of vacate fees from $20 to $60 last year. Inspections also increased from $15 in office and $35 for an out of office inspection. She added that property tax collections increased to approximately $150,000.

In other business:

- The court approved final reading of the county's official zoning map. The court also heard first reading of a general fund budget amendment that will be amended by $22,859.42 and road department amendment that will increased to $116,485.
- Appointed Kevin Johnson to the Madison County Tax Assessment Board.
- Agreed to apply for a United Spay Alliance grant for $2,000 with a match of $2,000. The court also heard a resolution a a $10,000 grant from the Kentucky Historical Society America250 grant program. No match is required for the grant.
- Awarded the Judicial Facilities Maintenance and Janitorial Services bid to Absolute Best Cleaning of Berea. The final bid price for janitorial services was $6,435 for the Madison County Courthouse and $3,775 for the Family Court Annex. The maintenance management fee was $14,800 per year for the courthouse and $8,675 for the family court building.

Public Notice

The Madison County Fiscal Court passed Ordinance 2025-02 on March 11, 2025, and will have a second reading of Ordinances 2025-003 and 2025-004 during the regularly scheduled meeting at 9:30 a.m. on March 25, 2025. The meeting will be held at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), Training Rooms A & B, at 560 S. Keeneland Dr., Richmond, KY.

View full postings at www.madisoncountyky.gov/public-notices, or in person at 135 W. Irvine St., Richmond, KY by calling 859-624-4700.

HONOR

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40-year effort in advocating for the safe destruction of the nation's chemical weapons stockpile, Kentucky Commission on Military Affairs Executive Director Steve Bullard presented the award, which is co-sponsored by the Association for Defense Communities and the Navy Federal Credit Union.

A citation on the Association for Defense Communities website notes that as the program director of the Kentucky Environmental Foundation, Craig Williams dedicated his career to safely eliminating chemical weapons. In 1984, when the U.S. Army initiated a plan to incinerate chemical weapons at the Blue Grass Army Depot and at sites around the United States, Williams organized local community meetings and his passion for this subject grew, according to the citation. It states further:

"In July 2023, he accomplished many of the goals he originally set out to do, including making history by fulfilling America's commitments to the International Chemical Weapons Convention. Williams founded the Chemical Weapons Working Group in 1990, bringing together leaders from Kentucky and other U.S. cities where chemical weapons were stored. In Kentucky, the Chemical Weapons Working Group eventually grew to be known as the Kentucky Chemical Demilitarization Citizen's Advisory Board, of which Williams is chair.

"Throughout his career, Williams has worked closely with the U.S. Army, local congress people, and state and U.S. senators in the fight to protect communities from the effects of harmful chemical weapons destruction. Due to Williams' advocacy, Kentucky fulfilled milestones for our nation by upholding international agreements, protecting communities and promoting safer ways to destroy chemical weapons. Williams fight for the safe destruction of chemical weapons was long and tireless, however, it displays his dedication to his community, the United States, and the environment."

Williams, 77, continues his advocacy through the Kentucky Environmental Foundation.

Delta Gas employees construct beds that will be delivered during the Victory Garden Blitz.

BLITZ

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said Gardner. "We match the skills of our volunteers to the specific jobs needed to guarantee that the best craftspersons handle our cedar boards."

"We need about 70 volunteers to manage all phases of the Victory Garden Blitz. Some people make sandwiches and others are deeply involved in construction and delivery of beds to homes, Gardner said.

"People who make a monetary gift make it possible for SB to provide raised beds at discount prices," Gardner said.

"We have watched neighborhoods grow up around food production at home as people get to know each other and share their fresh produce.

"The Blitz is hard work and very heart-warming." Gardner said.

Businesses and individuals who provide financial support for the project will have their name listed on the traditional five-foot banner that is posted on the BUF for six months.

Blitz participants receive a raised bed gardening booklet and access to a garden mentor who provides gardening advice and help.

Citizens can also visit the BUF to see the many ways more than 100 raised beds have been installed on the farm.

Deadline for ordering raised beds is Saturday, April 5 or until all garden beds are sold.

To order your raised bed or volunteer for the event, visit www.sustainableberea.org or call 859-985-1689. You can also contact Betina Gardner for information about discounted raised bed prices at 859-358-4618 or betina@sustainableberea.org.

The community project, hosted by the Berea Urban Farm (BUF), is April 11-13, 2025, at 201 Adams Street in Old Town, Berea.

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Public comments moved to forefront of meeting agendas

City Council

By Andy McDonald
For the Citizen

In a 8-0 vote, the Berea City Council adopted a municipal order concerning the order of the citizen comments segment of public meetings, ensuring that residents will have the opportunity to comment on proposed legislation. Public comments will now occur after the approval of the minutes.

Tuesday's vote came two weeks after the council deadlocked 4-4 on a proposal put forward by John Payne, which would have made the change to council business agendas.

At that time, Mayor Bruce Fraley urged councilmembers to work together to forge a compromise, which ultimately resulted in Tuesday's unanimous vote.

Under the provisions of the municipal order, citizens are allowed to address the council during the public comments segment for up to three minutes, unless additional time is granted by the mayor. Those wishing to make public comments are required to sign in with the city clerk prior to the meeting in order to allow the presiding officer to identify speakers and their topics.

Additionally, the presiding officer may organize speakers addressing the same or similar topics together, or limit speakers to ensure a range of topics is addressed. In the event that multiple persons sign in to speak on the same or

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Under fire

Parents, students demanding BCS Superintendent's resignation

Students at Berea Community School held a protest calling for Superintendent Dr. Diane Hatchett's resignation on Wednesday morning. The students marched from the front lawn to the Board of Education Building. Photos by Robert Elam

By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

In an emotionally charged Berea Independent School Board meeting Monday, parents and teachers expressed outrage at a $1.3 million budget shortfall that has resulted in the dismissal of several staffers and instructors.

Overall, the district has identified 34 staff, administration and faculty positions that will be either phased out or reassigned to different slots in Berea independent schools. Yesterday afternoon, Berea Community employees were called to the district office and notified they would not be retained next year, according to one parent.

Dr. Diane Hatchett

"How the teachers were pink-slipped today, it was like The Hunger Games at school. Who's going to be called to walk across the parking lot to sign their pink slip? That could have been done with more dignity and respect," said Ashley Hammond.

Berea Independent School District Superintendent Diane Hatchett reported that eight district positions were eliminated, while the staff of the elementary school was reduced by 10 positions, the middle school by 5.5, and the high school by 8.5 staff slots. The preschool was reduced to one class, down from three. Special education instruction staff was also cut. The aim is to reduce district expenditures in personnel by $1.27 million, Hatchett said.

Additionally, Hatchett and Finance Director Nathan Sweet said other austerity measures will

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Shawn Sandlin

Sandlin named admin

By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

In an 8-0 vote, the Berea City Council endorsed Mayor Bruce Fraley's recommendation to hire Shawn Sandlin as Berea's permanent city administrator.

Sandlin had been serving in the post on an interim basis since January with the departure of Rose Beverly, but at Tuesday's council meeting, city leaders went into executive session to make Sandlin's selection permanent pending agreement on an employment contract.

When the council resumed its business session, Fraley called for the vote, then officially welcomed Sandlin to his new post.

"Shawn, congratulations. We appreciate all the work you've done and we look forward to working with you," Fraley said.

When invited to comment, Sandlin said he looked forward to continuing his service to Berea.

"It's a little overwhelming, to be honest with you. I appreciate each and every one of you. My commitment has always been to Berea, and it always will be, and I just appreciate you confirming Bruce's recommendation," said Sandlin.

Since Sandlin took over for Beverly, council members have publicly thanked him repeatedly for stepping up and taking over, guiding many city improvement projects in progress. On Tuesday, John Payne and Cora Jane Wilson expressed their appreciation to Sandlin for his willingness to continue what has been a smooth transition.

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DEMAND

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be implemented, including tightening spending limits, reduction of student transportation costs, pausing technology purchases for two years, freezing hiring, and eliminating some middle school athletic teams, combining them with high school teams, among other measures. Assistant coaching positions will also be cut. Some extracurricular activities will be discontinued as well, such as the school's engineering program and the award-winning Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) program.

Hatchett explained that some teachers may be called back into service next year, depending on available slots. One bright spot, according to Hatchett, is that the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) is allowing the district to implement its own recovery plan.

"They could have come in here, if they wanted to, and taken us over and not blinked an eye," Hatchett said of the KDE. "They could have gotten rid of all the principals, [allowed] one principal for the whole school, no guidance counselors, no band, no music, no art, nothing. But instead, right now, they are letting us go with this plan. We're trying to save as many jobs as possible."

Hatchett concluded with an apology. "I'm sorry. There's really no words to say. We love this district and we want to keep it open."

Several parents and teachers expressed frustration that their friends and colleagues were dismissed that afternoon. Some parents even questioned whether they can keep their children in Berea community schools.

Berea alumna and parent Hannah King faulted Hatchett for what she said was $40,000 in excess travel expenditures, including conference trips to California, Florida and Georgia.

"The severe budget issues did not happen overnight. It is clearly a lack of proper oversight. Most concerning is the superintendent's spending and her failed leadership, which has gotten us into significant financial challenges," King said.

With that, King called on the board to remove Hatchett immediately.

"I'm sorry if I hurt any feelings, but I'm really sorry that we trusted you, that you took advantage of our school, that you put my friends' jobs in jeopardy, and that my children's education is going to suffer. I have to consider if I'm going to leave them here next year," King concluded.

Site Based Decision Making (SBDM) council member and parent Rashida Richardson echoed those sentiments, calling on Hatchett to resign.

"I don't have faith in this school right now, and I don't have faith in the board," said Richardson. "$40,000 for trips? Really, Diane? Come on now. It's getting ridiculous. We need better representation in this school and you were supposed to be that, and you're not."

Hatchett did not address the comments, listening stoically while parents aired their concerns, though one parent, Kimberly Dillon, expressed support for Hatchett and vowed to pitch in to support the school.

"Dr. Hatchett, I feel like you've gotten a lot of heat today. You don't deserve all that heat," Dillon said. "I feel like we need to, as parents, be part of the community."

Meanwhile, several teachers questioned how the faculty can meet education standards when so many positions are being cut. For example, the high school science department is now down to one instructor, as is the high school English department.

Matthew Jenkins, a 13-year faculty member, said the latest crisis is damaging to the school's credibility among both prospective teachers and families moving into the district.

"How are we going to recover from this? How are we going to recover our reputation?" Jenkins said, going on to say he would volunteer for a committee to find ways to help the district move forward.

In an email to parents sent last week, one of the reasons stated for the budget shortfall is a "misaligned budget," leaving some to question what that means.

"Our board has failed us. Our superintendent has failed us. $1.3 million? Misaligned? That is a failure. We can't trust you to make a new budget. You need to leave it in the hands of families, teachers and the staff to do this budget," said parent Andrea Woodward.

Some parents called on board members to apologize for the current budget crisis, and the most recently installed members shouldered the blame with their colleagues.

Sarah Rohrer, who didn't take office until last November, was unequivocal.

"Someone helpfully pointed out that financial oversight is the role of the superintendent, the school board, alongside the financial officer, and we did not succeed," Rohrer said. "And for that, I will apologize, because that is what has brought us here, and that's what made today hard."

Rohrer later added: "The people who are affected are not the people who got us here."

Tom McCay, a long-serving board member whose family members attend the school, said he is committed to correcting the problems, but he emphasized the board can only do so much.

"I don't know where the ship didn't go right, or the railroad ran off, but we're going to make it right," McCay said.

When someone in the audience responded, "That's your job!" McCay replied:

"I'm only one of five, okay? We on the board do the best that we can. We only get so much information. I'm only here one night a month," McCay said.

J. Morgan, who attended his first meeting in January and was immediately appointed chair, vowed to provide answers to audience questions at the next meeting, and to find a way out of the crisis.

"I promise you we're going to come up with a better solution, and we're going to do better in the future," Morgan told the audience.

"He also said he agreed with calls to make budget preparation more transparent and participatory.

As for what lies ahead, Morgan stated:

"It really is back and forth with KDE about whether this plan gets us to a place of fiscal health. Fiscal health means that our students are getting the best possible school education. I will say students are first, teachers are second, and the school district is third.

"And if I can get kids the best education in Madison County, and we can make sure that teachers are taken care of, then I'd love to save the school. That's the overriding imperative – the kids first, then we'll see where we go from there."

The board will meet again on March 31 in a special called meeting to determine the fate of the school's solar power project.

OBITUARY

Ruby Morgan

Ruby Morgan, 85, beloved wife, mother, and cherished friend, passed away peacefully on March 17, in Berea. Born on June 24, 1939, in Madison County, Ruby spent her life radiating kindness and warmth to all around her.

Predeceased by her parents, Daniel and Carolyn Eden Richmond, and her siblings, Charles Richmond, Frances Lassila, Mildred Jordan, Donna Williams, Kathleen Rodgers, Roger Richmond, Danny Richmond, Jr., and Betty Isaacs. Ruby's memory is treasured by her devoted husband, Carl "Sonny" Morgan, her loving son, Timothy Morgan, and his wife Cheri, and her brothers-in-law, Ed Rodgers and Al Williams. Her spirit lives on through her many nieces, nephews, and a host of friends whose lives she touched.

Ruby retired from the Fayette Urban County Government, dedicating years of service that reflected her commitment to her community. A faithful member of Emmanuel Baptist Church, she found joy in fellowship and service. Ruby Morgan will be dearly missed, but her legacy of love and grace will forever be imprinted on the hearts of those who knew her.

Her hobbies and passions were a true reflection of her vibrant spirit. Ruby found joy in accompanying her husband Sonny on his musical journeys, creating a wealth of cherished memories. In the solace of her garden, among the blooms, she cultivated beauty just as she did in life. Ruby's needlepoint and crocheting were not only a testament to her skilled hands but also to her patience and attention to detail. Coming together with friends at the Senior Citizens Center was among the highlights of her week, a place where her laughter and stories will be dearly missed.

It was not just Ruby's hobbies that made her special, for she was also renowned for her great recipes. Her peanut butter fudge and peanut brittle became legendary amongst loved ones, and the joy she found in experimenting with new recipes brought warmth to many a family gathering.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m., Thursday, March 20, at Lakes Funeral Home with Pastor Joey Kays officiating. Burial will follow in the Madison County Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be on Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

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Paula Dunson Wood

Paula Dunson-Wood was called home on March 13, after a brief illness. She was born March 22, 1957, to Paul and Elizabeth Dunson who proceeded with her. She is also proceeding with her maternal grandparents Wendall and Estella Farris, and paternal grandparents Thomas Dunson and Cornett Dunson Ballard, and several uncles and aunts. Paula found Christ at an early age at Farristown Baptist Church, Berea. She is currently a member at First Baptist Church in Danville.

She is survived by two sons Damon Dunson and Dustin Wood, and two sisters Pamela Dunson and Patsy Dunson all of Berea. Long-term companion James Burrell, two special ladies, Jeanette Burrell and LaDonna Burrell of Cleveland, Ohio. Best friend Kim Meredith Jenkins of Indiana, and other special friends Melissa Cornelison, Leslie Howard, Rachael Riddle, and a host of cousins.

Scripture John14:3

"And I go and prepare a place for you. I will come again and receive you onto myself: that where I am, there ye may also be."

The Family would like to thank everyone for their prayers, calls, and texts.

The Funeral Service was on Tuesday, March 18, at Reppert Funeral Home with Rev. Andrew Baskins officiated.

Louise C. Hart

Louise C. Hart, 96, beloved wife, mother, sister, aunt, grandmother, great-grandmother and a friend passed away peacefully on January 13. Louise was born on July 6, 1928 in Avery's Creek, NC, and absolutely loved growing up in the Asheville area. She graduated from Valley Springs High School in 1945, earned her Bachelor's Degree in Home Economics from Berea College in 1950, and earned her Master's Degree in Education from the University of Kentucky in 1964. Louise spent the majority of her successful career as an Area Extension Director of the Lake Cumberland region for the University of Kentucky Department of Agriculture. Louise was passionate about a long list of things including gardening, cooking, sewing, UK sports, hosting her annual Kentucky Derby Party, playing bridge, long walks on Hilton Head Island, traveling with her grandkids, and celebrating special occasions at Merrick Inn. At the top of that list was traveling with her husband Bobby to all 50 states as well as Europe fourteen times. Louise was one of the purest souls anyone had ever met. Her spunky nature and smile were contagious.

Louise is survived by her two sons, Greg (Edie) and Ken Hart, and her grandchildren Melissa (Zach) Creditt and Chris (Katie) Hart, her great-granddaughter Audrina Hart, her sister-in-law Claire Corn, and nieces Elaine, Maria, Cynthia, and Susan.

Louise was the cherished daughter of William and Edna Corn. Louise is preceded in death by her dear husband Bobby. They met at Berea College and wed in Avery's Creek, NC on June 11, 1950. Louise is also preceded in death by her grandson Joel Hart and brother Bill Corn.

Louise will be dearly missed by her loving caregiver Jessica and their shared companion-Sophie.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Wednesday, March 26 from 5-7 p.m. at Davis and Powell Funeral Home in Berea. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, please send donations in Louise's name to Bluegrass Hospice in Lexington.

Blaine Taylor Martin

Mr. Blaine Taylor Martin, age 82, passed away on Friday, March 14, at the St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington.

Blaine was born on the 30th day of ovember 1942 in Wayland, and was the son of the late Ben and Della Taylor Martin. He was a service station owner for most of his life. For several years he was owner and operator of AAA tire and towing service in Lake City, Florida, where he, his wife and children lived for 25 years. He enjoyed traveling with his wife and together they saw many beautiful sites in Florida and surrounding states. He retired from the Madison County school system.

The joy of his life was spending time with family and friends and especially his five grandchildren. His pastimes were antique cars, collecting antiques, nascar racing and watching old westerns.

Survivors include two children Elaina (Fred) Johnson and Tony (Cindy) Martin; one sister Claudia Clark, one sister-in-law Helen Martin. Five grandchildren Catherine (Brent) Ramsey, Eric Johnson, Savannah Johnson, Ryan Martin, Justin Martin and many loving nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents he was also preceded in death by his beloved, wife Judy Elaine Martin, one baby son Blaine Curtis Martin one sister Carol Stafford and one brother Chalmer Martin; and brother-in-law: Ronald Clark.

Funeral Services was. Wednesday, March 19, , at the Combs, Parsons & Collins Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be Tony Martin, Ryan Martin, Justin Martin, Phillip Martin Brent Ramsey and Richard Cheatham

Honorary Pallbearers include Fred Johnson, Eric Johnson, William Clark, Lyn Stafford, Dr. Robert Stafford, Bobby Willoughby, Dave Johnson and Brandy Moberly

Amanda Rose Grant Sallee

Amanda Rose Grant Sallee, 47, of Berea, passed away Saturday afternoon, March 15, surrounded by her loving family.

Amanda was born on Jan. 16, 1978, in Richmond. She was a loving wife, mother, daughter, sister and cherished friend to all that knew and loved her. Amanda was a 1996 graduate of Madison Central High School.

Survivors include her husband: Jeremy Franklin Sallee; two children: Tristan Sallee (Page) and Shelby Lynn Sallee; her parents: Franklin and Jeannette Grant; one sister: Frankie Wetnight (Chris); mother-in-law: Pam Hill (Don); father-in-law: Gary Sallee (Bonnie); sister-in-law: Amanda Miller (Antoine); brother-in-law: Greg Hill (Laila); several nieces and nephews including CeCe Wetnight, Elliott Wetnight, Claudia Wetnight, Dalton Hill, Tyler Hill, Colten Hill, Solomon Walker, Raya Miller and Will Miller. She is survived by a host of other relatives and friends.

A service to remember and honor the life of Amanda Sallee will be held on Thursday evening, March 20, at 7 p.m. at the Combs, Parsons & Collins Funeral Home, Richmond with Pastor Billy Keller and Tristan Sallee officiating.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday prior to the service.

Donald Lee Donovan

Donald Lee Donovan, 89, passed away Friday March 14, at his residence in Berea. He was born on Jan. 10, 1936, in Taylorsville, to the late Ollie B. and Elizabeth Shelburne Donovan. Donald loved yard work, landscaping, and was a lifelong KY Wildcat fan. He loved traveling, especially his trip to Ireland, Scottland, and across the United States and Canada. He was an Army Veteran, serving with the Army Corps of Engineers. In retirement he worked at Lowes in Home & Garden, and Ace Hardware. Donald was a former Elder, Deacon and Sunday School Teacher at Northern Heights Church; former Board Member with Sayre Christian Village both in Lexington, and was a member of First Christian Church in Berea.

In addition to his parents, He is preceded in death by his wife Judy Bogie Donovan, siblings, Kenneth Donovan, Christine Ware, and Marie Thomas.

Donald is survived by his children, Stephen Lee Donovan and his wife Pamela of Lexington, Rick Witt and his wife Tammy of Richmond, Kim Isaacs and her husband Boyd of McKee, Ron Francis and his wife Sharon of Richmond, sister, Laurie Donovan of Taylorsville, grandchildren, Lydia Alexander and her husband Vinson, Charlene Przybs and her husband Robert, Amber Witt (Joshua), Seth Witt and his wife Nebraska, Hannah Witt, great grandchildren, Crystal Jackson, Destiny Isaacs, Kelsey Isaacs, James Alexander, Jason Alexander, Vivian Witt, Charleigh Witt, Boston Witt, London Witt, Knox Witt.

Funeral services were Tuesday March 18, at the First Christian Church in Berea, where Rev. Mark Caldwell-Reiss officialted. Burial followed in the Berea Cemetery with full military rites. Pallbearers were to be Seth Witt, Steve Rice, Gary Rice, Noah Garland, Carl McCray, Jason Alexander, Billy Bogie, and Kevin Rule.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to Hospice Care Plus, Richmond, and First Christian Church Berea.

Davis & Powell Funeral Directors in charge of arrangements.

Joe Ann Goins Nassida

Joe Ann Goins Nassida, 91, passed away on Thursday, March 13, at the Hospice Compassionate Care Center in Richmond.

Joe Ann was born on April 4, 1933, in Madison County (Berea), and was the daughter of Manuel B. and Lily Jackson Goins, both of whom preceded her in death. Joe Ann was the devoted wife of Frank Robert Nassida, who preceded her in death in 2019, with whom she shared a strong, loving relationship that lasted over 60 years. She was of the Baptist faith. Joe Ann, along with her husband, owned and operated Speck's Restaurant in Richmond during the 1960s. She was an art teacher at Madison Central High School for 26 years. Some of her many projects during her tenure included working on floats for the MCHS homecoming parade and painting the windows of downtown Richmond businesses for the Christmas season with her students. Joe Ann was greatly loved and respected by her students as a mentor and friend, and she built many relationships that have lasted until the present - time. Joe Ann was a strong, independent woman, and as such, was one of the first women to be appointed as a Richmond City Councilwoman. During her time in city government, she served on the beautification committee and was instrumental in getting the old federal building remodeled and used as Richmond City Hall. In her leisure time, she enjoyed painting & drawing, shopping, and traveling internationally. She will be remembered by her family and all those who loved her as a strong, feisty, loving woman, who was kind to all, regardless of their background.

Survivors include: three children, Frank B. "Brownie" Nassida, Darlene Nassida Young (David), and Vincent Nassida (Tracy); grandchildren, Amanda White, Wesley Nassida, Melody Nassida, Steven Nassida, Shannon Young, Christen Anglin, Jacqueline Harding, Matthew Nassida, Trent Nassida, Ella Nassida, and Susan Huntzinger; great-grandchildren, Shay Nassida, Larkin White, Dawson White, Gage Brock, Grace Anglin, Griffin Anglin, Jaxx Anglin, Corie Young, Keeton Young, Brandon Huntzinger, and Ryan Huntzinger; one great-great-grandchild, Braelynn Brock; a special cousin, Manuel Goins; and a special caregiver, Ginny Sams.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a daughter-in-law, Danna Nassida.

A funeral service will be conducted at 6 p.m. on Sunday, March 16, at Church on the Rock. Visitation will be from 3 - 6 p.m. on Sunday at the church.

Burial will be at 11 a.m. on Monday, March 17, at the Berea Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be: Jason White, Gage Brock, Matthew Nassida, Wesley Nassida, Trent Nassida, and Keeton Young.

Phillip Edward Hammond

Phillip Edward Hammond, a loving husband, father, and grandfather, passed away peacefully on February 16, at his residence in Osage Beach, Missouri. He was 85. Phillip was born on October 2, 1939, to Maurice and Sylvia (Nee Marcum) Hammond of Berea.

Phillip is survived by his wife of 63 years, Jeraldine, and his two daughters, Natalie Hammond and Stephanie Savage of Naples, Florida. He was very proud of his three grandchildren, Timothy, Sarah, and Trace Savage.

Phillip spent his childhood and early life in Berea and graduated from the local high school where he excelled in golf and basketball. In 1962, Phillip married his long-time sweetheart, Jeraldine Hughes at Danforth Chapel on the campus of Berea College. She was an inspiration and guiding light for Phil throughout his lifetime. That same year, Phil received a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Kentucky. While a student, Phil worked as a counselor in the men's dormitory organization and as an instructor in the campus machine shop to pay tuition and college expenses. He was a member of the college golf team and an intermural golf champion.

After graduation, Phil accepted an engineering position with McDonnell-Douglas Astronautics Company in St. Louis, Missouri. His first assignment was structural analyst with The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) spacecraft program, Gemini. During Phil's 30-year career, he was assigned to numerous space and military projects. In recognition of their outstanding job performance, Phil was nominated for the President's Award.

Phil was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting and fishing with family and friends. After retiring from the aerospace industry, he founded Classic Firearms LLC and became a recognized consultant and purveyor of vintage firearms for sportsen, collectors, and investors.

He was a member of Harper Chapel Methodist Church in Osage Beach, Missouri, and will live in the hearts of his family as a devoted and loving husband, father, and grandfather. Phillip will be laid to rest in his hometown Berea, with his mother and father later this Spring. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Dogwood Animal Shelter, Osage Beach, Mo..

Arrangements are under the direction of Hedges-Scott-Millard Funeral Homes, Osage Beach, MO

Charles Preston Parrett

Charles Preston Parrett, 56, passed away on Thursday, March 13, at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington. He was born on Aug. 23, 1968, to the late Louie W. Parrett and Carol Lee Moren Parrett. He had previously worked In Construction.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his three daughters, Carolyn Danielle Parrett, Ciera Paige Parrett, and Megan Brynne Fergie; one brother, George Parrett; sister, Bonnetta Mays; grandchildren, Grace Lashae Parrett, Kashlynn Parrett and Karlie Reese Johnson.

In addition to his father, he is preceded in passing by one son, Kenneth Charles Parrett; two brothers, Mark Parrett and Louie Parrett Jr.

Services will be held on Saturday, March 22, at Oldham, Roberts, and Powell Funeral Home at 6 p.m. with Bill Wright officiating. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

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Opinion

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SUNSHINE® WEEK

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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?

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Getting your point across

Glenn Mollette

Bad things can happen to anyone at any place and at any time. You don't have to be in a distant country or on an island. It can happen anywhere in America and in any neighborhood. Predators and bad people exist and we are never exactly sure just how close they may be.

This is why we don't take chances like walking around at 3 a.m. in the morning on a deserted beach or almost any town in America. I feel like my neighborhood is very safe but I'm clueless about who may happen to be driving through it at night or even during the day.

Famous last words that are often spoken are, "This is Mayberry. Nothing like that could ever happen here." Sadly, it only takes one time for it to happen here, there or anywhere and a life is taken. A family is forever destroyed and a community mourns forever.

Eighteen- year-olds fight in our military. However, they are very supervised by Sergeants. They are told where to be, what time to be there and exactly what and how to do it. Most of the time I felt my sons were safer in the military than driving around town after midnight. An 18-year-old on Spring Break is most likely a long way from mom, dad or a dormitory supervisor. Often the temptation to just let go and go wild are too great. There is often plenty of alcohol available and often poor decisions ae made. Perhaps like walking on a beach at three in the morning. That's not necessarily a bad idea if you are with four of five other people that you know very well and who have your back. It's not a good idea if there is a possibility that they might just walk off and leave you or lose track of what you are doing.

The missing University of Pittsburgh student in the Dominican Republic, Sudiksha Konanki was obviously a very smart girl majoring in biology and chemistry. The 20-year-old was last seen on a beach in Punta Cana on March 6th. Our hearts go out to her parents.

We have been reminded of the horrific Natalie Holloway murder. The 18-year-old American high school graduate from Mountain Brook, Alabama, disappeared from the Caribbean island of Aruba on May 30, 2005. She was murdered by Joran van der Sloot.

Parents and young adults should do Spring Break together.

No one is going to say "No" like a like loving dad or mom. There is nothing better than having a dad to say, "Have your butt back here by 11:00" or "No, you can't." Being a parent often involves being unpopular at times throughout life. It will be okay down the roadwhen they are still alive and they come back to say thank you

The reality is that 18-year-olds are adults and will do what they want to do. However, you don't have to underwrite their travel, car, gas and spending money. You can also think of other ways to get your point across.

Could this be the Time?

For decades Richmond, Berea and Madison County governments have had separate comprehensive plans normally updated every five years. All are forward thinking plans for the future of each jurisdiction with minimal consideration given to each other.

Could this be the time all three local governments collaborate on the updating of their comprehensive plans?

It is obvious we are experiencing a population growth explosion. Our total population is expected to exceed 106,000 by 2029, eleven years before the current comprehensive plans predicted! This growth has alarmed some citizens especially regarding traffic issues.

Comprehensive plans are generally intended to provide guidance and direction to manage growth and still preserve the unique character, culture and heritage of each jurisdiction.

Berea and Richmond are currently in the early stages of updating their respective comprehensive plans. Madison County's current plan is four years old and could use updating.

The Kentucky Housing Corporation recently released a comprehensive study detailing a severe housing shortage across the state. The study indicated that that Madison County had over a 2800 housing unit shortage in 2024 and that the shortage will exceed 6700 by 2029.

If this data is accurate all three governments need to work closely together to determine the best approaches to accommodate this many housing units.

Not all Madison Countians are residents of the City of Richmond or the City of Berea, yet all the city citizens are residents of Madison County. Hardly any resident is cognizant of the boundaries between any of the jurisdictions.

Now would be an ideal time for all three entities to sit down with professional guidance to create an overall vision and mission for out great historic county.

The three jurisdictions are like three great ships. We all need to be sailing in formation for the sake of our future. To quote Kentucky's state motto, "United we stand, divided we fall".

As always, I welcome your input at wcrhughes@gmail.com

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• Brandon Walters, 31: hold for other agency
• Gomez Alvarado, 56: non-payment of court costs, fees, fines; reckless driving; no operator's – moped license
• Ray Clinton, 43; failure to appear; no registration receipt; no registration plates; failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security – 1st offense; failure to produce insurance card; operating on suspended or revoked operator's license; operating vehicle with expired operator's license
• Bobby Rudder, 39: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting
• Jacob Masters, 31: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st; failure to or improper signal; reckless driving
• Lincoln Hammon, 24: non-payment of court costs, fees or fines

March 7

• Jessica Bullock, 43: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense *heroin); drug paraphernalia – buy/possess; tampering with physical evidence
• Justin Spicer, 26: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, contents from a vehicle, $1,000 but less than $10,000
• Melissa Harney, 53: contempt of court, libel/slander, resistance to order
• James Willis, 36: public intoxication – controlled substance (excludes alcohol)
• Aaron Earley, 21: failure to appear
• Austin Hounshell, 18L. possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine)

March 8

• Tyler Carmichael, 28: failure to appear
• Eddie Feltner, 54: commitment order
• Jacob Vanover, 30: serving weekends
• Christopher Ray, 28: failure to appear, citation for misdemeanor
• Courtney Short, 32: driving on DUI suspended license – 1st offense (aggravated circumstances); no registration plates; failure to produce insurance card; failure to surrender revoked operator's license; possession of marijuana; drug paraphernalia – buy/possess; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (heroin); prescription controlled substance not properly contained – 1st offense; possession of a controlled substance, 3rd degree – drug unspecified
• Shaun Baker, 26: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st
• Jonathan Pennington, 26: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 -1st
• Pricilla Fuson, 41: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of substance(s) – 1st; disregarding traffic control device – traffic light; failure to illuminate head lamps; illegal possession of a legend drug; failure to notify address change to Department of Transportation; promoting contraband – 1st degree; possession of a controlled substance, 3rd degree – drug unspecified
• James Gills, 28: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (heroin)
• Merinda Smith, 39: theft of identity of another without consent; contempt of court, libel/slander, resistance to order (2 counts); failure to appear
• Tristan Walter, 26: failure to appear
• Audrea Moore, 49: failure to appear
• Crystal Long, 49: probation violation (for felony offense)
• Paul Lesage, 47: failure to appear (2 counts)
• Jordan Carpenter, 30: criminal trespassing, 3rd degree
• Christina Alexander, 32: theft by unlawful taking or disposition – all others; drug paraphernalia – buy/posses

March 9

• Matthew Simi, 29: failure to appear
• Amanda Hopkins, 45: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, $1,000 but less than $10,000 (2 counts)
• Beverly Smith, 64: nonpayment of court costs, fees, or fines (2 counts); possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); drug paraphernalia p buy/possess
• Robert King, 35: failure to appear
• Brandon Taylor, 47: alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses)
• Janet Smith, 62: failure to appear, citation for misdemeanor
• Angelo Ward, 21: public intoxication – controlled substance (excludes alcohol); disorderly conduct, 2nd degree
• Jonathan Oliver, 52: assault, 4th degree domestic violence – no visible injury
• Dillon Lane, 31: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st; operating on suspended or revoked operator's license; careless driving; possession of an open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle
• Curtis Benton, 44: failure to appear
• Donavan White, 36: failure to wear seat belts; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st; possession of an open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle
• Irene Brandenburg, 70: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines
• Preston Adams, 23: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st (aggravated circumstances); disregarding traffic control device – traffic light
• William Richardson, 50: criminal trespassing – 3rd degree
• Justin Napier, 24: criminal mischief, 1st degree
• Colton Collier, 22: nonpayment of court costs, fees, or fines
• Marenglen Rusi, 45: possession of an open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle; operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st; reckless driving; D.D. L. (under influence of alcohol 4%/controlled substance)

March 10

• Melissa Vanwinkle, 55: failure to appear
• Jonathan Shearer, 38: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 2nd
• Michael Walters, 30: failure to appear
• Christian Echeverria, 25: serving weekends
• James Miller, 38: failure to appear
• Heather Hacker, 42: failure to appear
• David Stinnett, 49: failure to appear
• Nikel Colone, 23: assault, 2nd degree – domestic violence
• Elizabeth McCallister, 32: failure to appear
• James Miller, 37: failure to appear
• Landon Miracle, 20: unlawful imprisonment – 1st degree; endangering the welfare of a minor; wanton endangerment – 1st – discharge of a firearm
• Augustin Baraka, 25: speeding, 25 mph over limit; possession of alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle; failure to wear seat belts; operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st

March 11

• Jeremy Campbell, 41: harassing communications; harassment (no physical contact)
• Michael Bishop, 50: contempt of court, libel/slander, resistance to order

March 12

• Kayden Osbourn, 18: criminal mischief, 1st degree
• Christopher Mullins, 41: failure to appear
• Thomas English, 50: alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses)
• Andrew Reeves, 36: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, all others, $1,000 but less than $10,000
• Graham Robinson, 22: commitment order
• Louis Windom, 37: failure to appear
• Justin Heath, 26: theft of services
• Rebecca Hacker, 45: failure to appear

MARRIAGES

March 6

• William Karey Jones, II, railroad construction, 46, of Richmond to Audrey Camille Frohlich, daycare teacher, 27, of Richmond

March 7

• Teresa Nichole Wolfe, machine operator, 42, of Berea to Anthony Shane Bowling, line technician, 41, of Berea
• Rebecca Leigh Biggerstaff, dental hygienist, 41, of Richmond to Ross Morgan Biggerstaff, customer service, 51, of Richmond

March 11

• Taylor Rae Kelley, behavior analyst, 30, of Richmond to James Thomas Miller, behavior analyst, 30, of Richmond
• Jordan Elizabeth Adams, case manager, 25, of Richmond to Cody Alexander Allen, self-employed, 27, of Richmond
• Hayley Baxter Wilson, administrative assistant, 24, of Richmond to Jonathan Allen Elliston, petroleum services technician, 27, of Richmond
• Spencer Lee Mauk, Jr., maintenance technician, 25, of Richmond to Kellie Nicole Holbrook, bank teller, 25, of Richmond
• Billy Leamon Perkins, IT administrator, 37, of Pine Knott to Michael David Privett, medical assistant, 38, of Richmond

March 12

• Sara Marie Simms, cosmetologist, 32, of Lexington to Robby Dale Graham, factory worker, 44, of Richmond
• Haley Kamele Dunn, 911 dispatcher, 24, of Richmond to Darrius Aaron Ford, law enforcement, 36, of Richmond
• Lois Faye Webster, paraeducator, 67, of Richmond to Scott Douglas King, custodian, 62, of Richmond
• Rubi Meratd Leal Vela, unemployed, 27, of Richmond to David Mora, painter, 23, of Richmond
• Anel Flores, cook, 44 of Richmond to Victor Manuel Gonzalez, mechanic, 50, of Richmond
• Kimberly Dawn Thompson, self-employed, 31 of Richmond to Steven Doyle Cline, deputy jailer, 33, of Richmond

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

March 6

• NR Auton Store 89, LLC to MAI Auto Investors, LLC, 376 Big Hill Avenue, Richmond, $10.00

Mackie N. Griffin to Krunal Shalleshbhai Patel and Siddhi Krunal Patel. 925 Auckland Avenue, Richmond, $330,000
• PDL Properties, LLC to Frazier Realty Company, LLC, 1080 Merrick Drive; 2012 Merrick Drive, $650,000
• LP Construction, LLC to Jonathan Lee Adams and Breanna Kay Adams, lot 231 Phase 7B Magnolia Pointe Subdivision $349,900
• John Dustin White to SO Properties, LLC, 148 Kensington Place, Richmond, $200,000
• Victory Lane Development, Inc. to Joshua Kidd and Jennifer Young, 1007 Warriors Trace, $740,000
• Preston Nile-Jay Wall to Kristina Ping Kepperling, lot 22 Woodlands Subdivision, Phase 1-B, for and in nominal consideration of the love and affection Grantor (son) has for Grantee (mother)
• Kristina Ping Kepperling to Preston Nile-Wall, as Trustee of the PNJW Legacy Trust, dated February 10, 2025, lot 22 Woodlands Subdivision, Phase 1-B, for and in consideration of nominal consideration
• Kristina Ping Kepperling to Preston Nile-Wall, as Trustee of the PNJW Legacy Trust, dated June 6, 2024, tract A plat 31/236, for and in consideration of nominal consideration
• Edward Freeman and Dana Freeman to Ashvinkumar Patel and Rakesh Natvarlal Panchal, 117 Tuscany Way, Richmond, $775,000
• Richard Bowman to Michael A. Lewellen and Susie Lewellen, 2414 Big Hill Road, Berea, $190,000
• Laura Ellen Osterman, Trustee of the Mary L. Simmons Revocable Trust, dated October 9, 2024, to Pedro A. Castillo and Aymara M. Castillo, lot 23 Stateland Subdivision, Block C, Richmond, for purposes of distributing the assets of the Mary L. Simmons Revocable Trust

March 7

• Madison County Investment Company, Inc to East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc, minor plat vicinity of Goggins Lane, Richmond, $215,000
• Turner Property 3, LLC to KYCRE Investment Group, LLC, tract 10F plat 25/366 (vicinity of Richmond Industrial Park), $6,500,000
• Clyde Lee Joseph Baker, Jr. (a/k/a Clyde Lee Joseph Baker) and Lance George and Jessica George to Phillip Henderson and Joseph Bleistein, tracts Madison County, $129,000
• Beckwith Enterprises, LLC to Gemstone Apartments, LLC, 209 Aqueduct Drive, Richmond, $584,000
• Beckwith Enterprises, LLC to Gemstone Apartments, LLC, 205 Keystone Drive, Richmond, $1,821,000
• GDSCB Properties, LLC to Gemstone Apartments, LLC, 319 Kristin Drive, Richmond, $782,000
• GDSCB Properties, LLC to Gemstone Apartments, LLC, 203 Aqueduct Drive, Richmond, $688,000
• Mule Shed Properties, LLC to Whiteberry Builds, LLC, lot 39 Crutcher Pike Estates Subdivision, $65,000
• Tommy Cope Properties, LLC to Stephanie Parke, lot 20 Firebrook Subdivision, Phase 1, $281,000

March 10

• Briggs Properties, LLC to Christine Henderson, 245 Candy Apple Lane, Richmond, $275,000
• KJC Properties, LLC to Michael W. Thomas and Alanna M. Thomas, 422 Wyldwood Way, Berea, $309,900

March 11

• Thomas Construction, Inc. to Bryce England and Abigail Mills-England, 848 Denali Drive, Richmond, $319,000
• Renfro Real Estate Investments, LLC to Bridget Owusu and John Owusu, lot 18 Block B Bear's Den Subdivision, Richmond, $287,000
• Rozanne B. Edling, Substitute Executor and Trustee on behalf of the Estate of Marvin S. Baus to Zena Slone, lot 10 Kings Gate Subdivision, Richmond, $625,000
• Diana B. Gatson and Richard Andrew Allen to Diana B. Gatson and Wilmer Anthony Gatson, 110 Braemar Drive; 134-136 Dunbar Lane; 168 Dunbar Lane; lot Dunbar Lane, Richmond, for and in consideration of love and affection and in order to create a survivorship interest in the property between Grantees
• William Barron and Kristina Barron to Jason L. Miller and Jennifer Poole, tract Scaffold Cane Road, Berea, $335,000

March 12

• SJO Investments, LLC to Michael D. Cornett and Freda K. Cornett, 880 Denali Drive, Richmond, $309,000
• CG Wild Oak Properties, LLC to TAKK Rentals, LLC, lots 153 and 154 Final Plat Carriage Place Phase 2, Richmond, $160,000
• Nannie Rose Taylor to Norman's Properties, LLC, tract Green's Crossing Road, $50,000
• DS & JV Properties, LLC to The Renovation Group, LLC, lot 210 Firebrook Subdivision, Phase 1, Richmond, $58,000
• Property Connection, LLC to SGBM, LLC, tract 6 plat 22/119, $455,000

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Divorce Summons

Notice to respondent, Donaven Poete Singleton. You have been sued. A petition for divorce has been filed by Ariel Van Couvering ("petitioner") in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, requesting a divorce from Donaven Poete Singleton. The case name is Ariel Van Couvering v. Donaven Poete Singleton and assigned Case Number 24FL099355. You have 30 calendar days after the first date this notice is published in the newspaper to file a Response (Form FL-120) at the court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter, phone call, or court appearance will not protect you. If you do not file your Response on time, the court may make orders affecting your marriage or domestic partnership, your property, and custody of your children. You may be ordered to pay support and attorney fees and costs. For legal advice, contact a lawyer immediately. Get help finding a lawyer at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp), at the California Legal Services website (www.lawhelpca.org), or by contacting your local county bar association.

The name and address of the court are Hayward Hall of Justice, 24405 Amador Street Hayward, CA 94544. The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner's attorneys are: Janet L. Dobrovolny (SBN 87287), Teresa L. Peng (SBN 293038) Law Offices of Janet L. Dobrovolny 2000 Powell St. Ste. 1605 Emeryville, CA 94608. Telephone: (510) 653-3878

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All bids must be sealed and clearly labeled "Due Diligence Services Bid" and submitted to the Madison County Fiscal Court no later than 4:00 PM EST on April 11, 2025, at:
Madison County Fiscal Court
Judge Executive Office
135 W. Irvine Street, 3rd Floor, Suite 300
Richmond, KY 40475
Due Diligence Services Bid
ATTN: Jill Williams, Deputy Judge Executive
Bids will be opened at 4:00 PM EST on April 11, 2025, with a bid award date of April 22, 2025.

Public notice

City of Berea Blacktop RFP 2024

The City of Berea is accepting sealed bids for the repairs and/or maintenance (resurfacing) of various streets in the Berea city limits. Sealed bids will be accepted until Friday, April 4th, 3:00 pm EST, in the City Clerk's office at 212 Chestnut St., Berea, KY 40403. Bids will be opened April 4th at 3:30 pm in the City Administrator's office. Bid instructions, project information, and/or questions can be obtained by contacting Public Works Director, Roy Curtis, or Secretary, Mildred Madsen, at the Public Works Office, 200 Harrison Road, or by calling the office (859) 986-8792 during normal business hours or by email at mmadsen@bereaky.gov. The scope of work included in this bid shall be completed on or before June 30th, 2025.

Square yard pricing for base failure:

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SECTION 00010 – ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for the **"Ellipse Street Shared Use Path Project"** for the City of Berea, Kentucky will be received in the City Clerk's Office, 212 Chestnut Street, Berea, Kentucky, 40403 until 2:00 p.m. (local time) on March 31, 2025 at which time they will be publicly read aloud.

The scope of work includes the installation of approximately 2,200 linear feet of a 10' asphalt shared use path including existing sidewalk removal, drainage structures and storm sewer pipe, sediment control, signage, and pavement striping.

The Instructions to Bidders, Bid Form, Agreement Forms, Performance and Payment Bonds, Plans, Specifications, and other Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations:

Berea City Hall
212 Chestnut St.
Berea, Kentucky 40403
Phone (859) 986-8528

AGC/Dodge
950 Contract Street, Suite 100
Lexington, Kentucky 40505
Phone (859) 425-6630

AGC/Dodge
1717 Alliant Avenue, Suite 11
Louisville, KY 40299
(502) 240-6026

Banks Engineering, Inc.
1211 Jessamine Station
Nicholasville, KY 40356
(859) 881-0020

Copies of the plans and specifications may be obtained from Lynn Imaging, 328 Old Vine Street, Lexington, Kentucky 40507, phone (859) 255-1021. Plans may be viewed and/or purchased on-line through www.lynnimaging.com. Plan holders will be responsible for all costs associated with obtaining the bid package from Lynn Imaging. Partial sets of documents will not be provided. **Bids will only be accepted from plan holders who have purchased the bid package from Lynn Imaging and are subsequently registered as "official plan holders".** The general contractor must be prequalified by the Kentucky Department of Transportation in "Asphalt Paving". All subcontractors must be prequalified by the Kentucky Department of Transportation for the appropriate "Contractor Work Classifications", where such classifications exist, with regards to the work functions they will perform. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal for the project is 8%. All DBE's shall be certified at the time of the bid opening

The OWNERS reserves the right to waive any informality or to reject any or all bids.

Each BIDDER must deposit with his Bid, security in the amount, form, and subject to the conditions provided in the Instructions to Bidders.

No BIDDER may withdraw his Bid within ninety (90) consecutive calendar days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Bruce Fraley
Mayor of Berea

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Reflections

Berea Citizen archives

March 19, 1924
Art exhibit

A most surprising exhibit of Berea's art was given in the Union Sunday School rooms during this week in 1924. A far larger number of things were on exhibit than members of the local Federation of Art had anticipated. There were pictures, books and goods from China, India, Palestine and numerous other countries. There were dishes, rugs, marble statues and hundreds of other things in which Berea area citizens had brought to the area from foreign lands.

March 23, 1950
Home-Economics Class

A buffet of stuffed peppers, potato salad, relish plate, hot rolls and butter, iced tea and lemon tarts was served to Berea High School faculty and staff by the girls in of the sophomore class. For several days, the girls planned, gathered materials and organized, even working through study hall to get the meal prepared in the school's Home Economics kitchen. The meal was served buffet style in the same classroom. Each year the class provided a meal of this type as a project for their unit of study entitled "Food for the Family." Barbara Cain, Cora Davenport, Thelma Higgins, Anita Hurst, Betty Parsons, Barbara Faye Moore, Sybil Prince, Shirley Rose and Nora Turner along with instructor Christine Chadwell, a senior Home Economics major at Berea College participated in the event. Sue Storm, another student teacher at the high school along with Berea Home Economics department head, Elizabeth Davenport assisted with the event.

March 20, 1975
Council releases funds

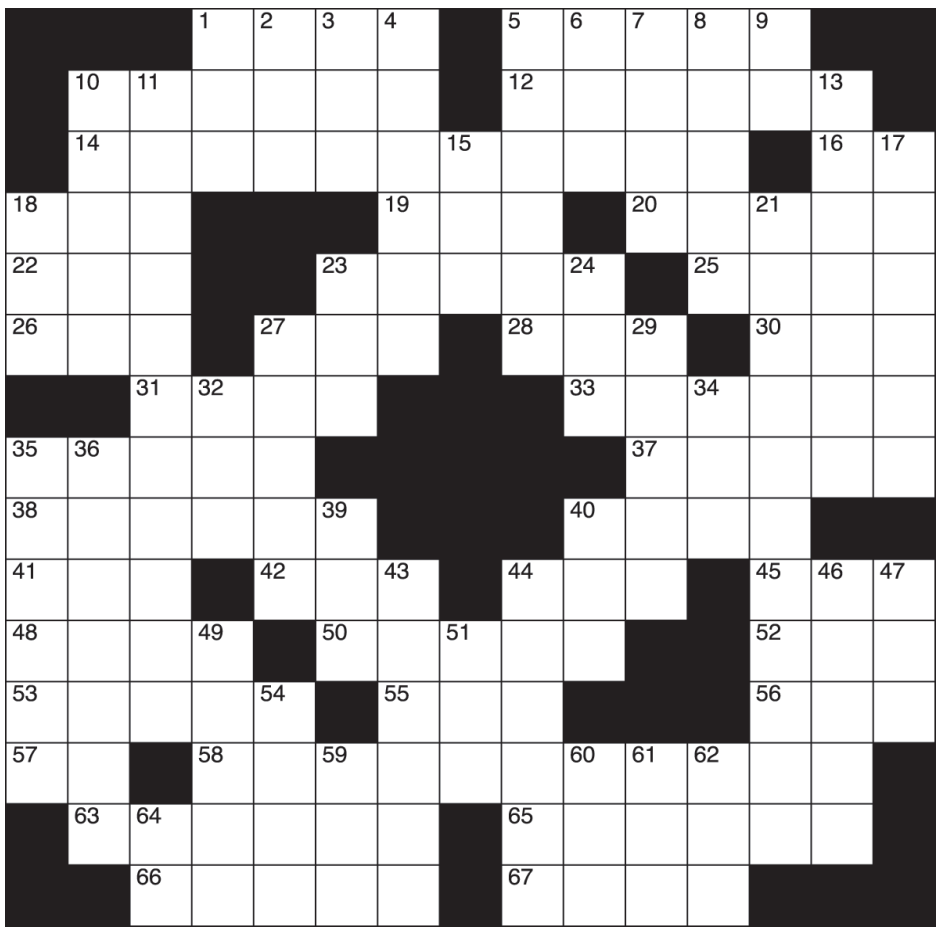
In a 4 to 3 vote, the Berea City Council moved to release $30,000 in revenue sharing monies to be used for special education to Berea Independent Schools. The funds would be utilized for a classroom unit as well as transportation for the unit. Council members Frank Farmer, Cecil McKinney and Francis Moore voted against the measure while Clifford Kerby, Jack Farmer, Howard Monier and Ervin Connelly voted in favor. Member William Finnell was not in attendance. Frank Farmer voiced the most opposition stating that the school district and the city had different tax bases and were supposed to operate separately with each taking care of themselves. School Superintendent William Bennett offered several arguments including that the government guidelines making special education an item revenue money could be spent on, supported the fact that schools needed more assistance. He also stated that it was his basic philosophy that education is a part of the city government anyway, "though there happens to be a city council and a school board." He then referred to the "absurdities" in the Berea situation including the high tax ratio when the school district was half the size of the city limits, while offering several solutions.

March 23, 2000
Police promotions

In a recent meeting, Berea City Council approved promotions for several Berea Police officers. This included the promotion of three patrol officers to the rank of sergeants. Officers promoted included, J.B. Durham, Ken Clark and Dwayne Brumley. 2nd Lieutenant Ronnie King was promoted to 1st Lieutenant and Rick Bates was promoted from patrol officer to 1st Lieutenant. Chief Ray Brandenburg stated, "They should be promoted and paid for what they do."

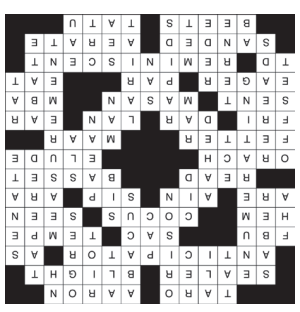
Game Page

Crossword



CLUES ACROSS
1. Tropical Asian plant
5. Yankees' slugger Judge
10. Helps to preserve food
12. Plant disease
14. One who predicts
16. Equally
18. Burundian franc
19. Pouch
20. Arizona city
22. Surround
23. Hard, heavy timber
25. Witnessed
26. They __
27. French river
28. A way to drink
30. Small constellation
31. Peruse a written work
33. Type of hound
35. Plant of the goosefoot family
37. Evade or escape
38. A way to confine
40. Volcanic crater
41. Weekday
42. Women's service organization (abbr.)
44. Local area network
45. Sensory receptor
48. Posted
50. Tibetan pastry
52. Licensed for Wall Street
53. Very willing
55. Golf score
56. Consume
57. Touchdown
58. Tends to remind
63. In a way, smoothed
65. Poke holes in the ground
66. Herbaceous plants
67. Taiwanese river

CLUES DOWN
1. Body art
2. Boxing's GOAT
3. Film for posterity (abbr.)
4. Prayer
5. Calculating machine
6. Keyboard key
7. Outburst
8. Man-eating giants
9. New Hampshire
10. Type of sword
11. Counting
13. Pants style
15. Political action committee
17. U.S. government legislative branch
18. Civil Rights Act component
21. Contractors take one
23. Spanish soldier
24. A person's brother or sister
27. Expressed pleasure
29. Song of praise
32. Shock treatment
34. Patti Hearst's captors
35. Counteract
36. Goes over again
39. Popular Dodge truck
40. Male adult
43. A part of a river where the current is very fast
44. Rope used to lasso
46. Become less intense
47. Subway rodent
49. Lead alloy
51. Japanese honorific title
54. Advise someone
59. Famous NYC museum
60. Ocean
61. Cathode-ray tube
62. Cologne
64. It starts with these two



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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!

Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

ANSWER:

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

Solve the code to discover words related to a home office.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 16 = E)

A. **26 5 3 1 25 18 16 20**
Clue: Work device

B. **20 16 3 5 18 16**
Clue: In a distant location

C. **4 5 25 24 16 4 5 11 22**
Clue: Place of residence

D. **1 20 8 10 6 26 2**
Clue: Free of being disturbed

Answers: A. computer B. remote C. household D. privacy

There must be a reason cows have horns and horses don't

I heard a story the other day about the city slicker who visited a farm for the very first time. He was fascinated by all he saw and had lots of questions for the farmer.

"Why doesn't that cow over there have horns," he asked.

"Well, some breeds of cattle don't grow horns," the farmer explained. "Others do, and we cut them off so they're not a danger to other cattle or to people. Sometimes, when they're small calves, we put dehorning paste on them, and they dissolve. But the reason that particular cow doesn't have horns is because it's a horse."

The truth is, if we're unfamiliar with rural living, there are lots of things we don't know or understand. By the same token, if we're unfamiliar with city living, there are lots of things we don't know or understand. And, with human nature being what it is, pride can well up in us simply because we know something the other person doesn't.

That's not just a city vs. country thing. Pride can well up in us because we have something our neighbor doesn't, no matter where we live.

Roger Alford

Oh, but we must remember God hates pride. He warns us: "Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall" (Proverbs 16:18).

I was driving to church the other day in a large city and was struck by the ginormous homes along the way. With so many professional sports teams, the city has a great number of highly paid athletes who can afford multi-million-dollar homes.

The city also has highly paid businessmen working for major Fortune 500 companies who can afford multi-million-dollar homes. Yet, I've found those people aren't puffed up with pride.

In all honesty, the most prideful attitudes I've encountered have been in less well-to-do communities where people have become puffed up because their three-bedroom homes are a little bigger than the neighbor's down the road, because their pickup truck sits higher than the neighbor's down the road, because their car is a little newer, or because their lawn is a little greener, or because their cows are a little fatter.

Pride gives us a feeling of superiority. It convinces us that we're better than others, and even that we have no need for the Lord because we can handle things ourselves.

What we need to keep in mind always is this: "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble" (James 4:6).

Knowing the difference between a cow and a horse doesn't make us better than someone else. It just shows we grew up on a farm. Knowing how to maneuver in a big city subway system doesn't make us better than someone else. It just shows we grew up in the city.

Let's lose the prideful attitudes that cause us to lift ourselves up, and let's lift up Jesus, the only One who is worthy.

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McPheron returns as pastor at Bethel Baptist

By Mark Maynard
Kentucky Today

Asking Randy McPheron to share John 3:16 is like asking a bird to sing. It comes naturally.

McPheron was preaching in view of a call to Bethel Baptist on Sunday – the day that the North American Mission Board and Kentucky Baptist Convention encouraged pastors to talk about one of the best-known verses in the Bible.

The calendar said March 16, which translated to 3/16.

Hundreds of Kentucky Baptists used the opportunity to share John 3:16 with their congregations. More than 130 responded to a KBC survey but McPheron said he was certain there were many who did not respond to survey who used the message.

"It's a favorite verse because it really summarizes the gospel," McPheron said. "If it could be condensed into one verse, it would have to be John 3:16. It has some real significance to me."

McPheron had resigned as pastor of Bethel Baptist after nine years because he said the Lord was pulling him into the mission of evangelism.

Randy McPheron

"I resigned the church on a Sunday and Monday morning got up and thought, 'I'm jobless. What have I done?' I was scared to death."

He drove to the University of Cumberlands to fill out admissions paperwork for his son on a dark and dreary morning. On the drive from Corbin, he said he was "feeling a weight on my shoulders."

When he began signing the papers, there was a spot for the date. It was 3/16. "It gave me a peace that I can't explain," McPheron said. "It wasn't planned. Here I am, years later, and this thing (becoming Bethel's pastor again) happened on 3/16."

In his Touch of Hope ministries, an emphasis was placed on John 3:16, including a gospel tract that McPheron penned about how one verse can change your life.

"I had these weekends when my son was traveling with me and we preached John 3:16 with it," he said. "I once heard D.L. Moody preached John 3:16 every service and it changed Moody's life. I don't think you could ever get to the depths of it. I think it's the greatest verse in the Bible."

McPheron's message was well received and the vote for him to become pastor again was an overwhelming 91-4. Yet, Mcpherson said it was "the worst vote I've ever received." Those four no votes humbled him, he said. "It was the best thing that ever happened to me."

McPheron, who last year served as president of the KBC, had placed some conditions on returning to the church. They had fallen away from being a member of the KBC and Southern Baptist Convention and that needed to change, he said.

"I told the committee I'll come and serve and help you and feel God's affirmation," he said.

"We are taking steps for them to join the Rockcastle Association and to come back into the KBC and figure out how to build a relationship with the SBC. Yesterday morning, in my sermon, I got up and told them the reasons why I wasn't leaving the SBC. I preached on John 3:16 and said if we are going to be a God so loved the world church, we needed to be part of the Cooperative Program, which I believe in fully."

He also will keep his position as the associational mission strategist of the Rockcastle Baptist Association and his membership at First Baptist Mt. Vernon until Bethel reconnects with the KBC.

McPheron, 57, has been the interim at Bethel since August and he knows many of the congregation from his first run as pastor when he was 23.

The church was booming during his time (1991 to 1999) with more than 200 baptized in eight years, he said. That included some future pastors – brothers William and Adam Dooley and Chad Fugate to name a few.

"It's a little intimidating going back to being a pastor again," he said. "I never lost my pastor's heart. Lisa (his wife) is excited too. We know the majority of people there and it gives her the consistency she has not had in evangelism and the associational work we do. We love all the churches and all feel like family, but the local church life is different."

McPheron, who has already baptized about a dozen, said his daughter lives in the area. She and her husband and three grandsons are coming to church. He was able to baptize his son-in-law Sunday night.

"I want this church to have the best opportunity to reach the world for Christ and I believe that is through the Cooperative Program We have to get this generation ready. I want to see this church come back to life. I want them to realize their dreams again."

AGENDA

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similar issue, the presiding officer may request that the individuals designate a spokesman to ensure all concerns are addressed efficiently, the order states.

When the vote was tallied, Councilman Jerry Little, who had opposed the previous version of the order, thanked Payne for working with his colleagues.

"I want to commend John Payne," Little said. "I think that's what everybody wanted, and I appreciate the work. And Steve [Caudill] wanted to put this after the approval of minutes, and I think that's a good idea too."

Fraley, meanwhile, said the vote was a sign that the council can work together.

"My thanks to everyone who was involved with finding common ground, and finding something that everybody could live with," Fraley said. "It's obvious by the vote that this is something that's fully endorsed, and I appreciate the extra work that into it. I also want to amplify Jerry's comment to compliment John Payne for bringing this forward, because it is something that did need to be earlier, as it was several years ago. So, John, thank you for what you did to raise the issue."

Patience Martin addressed the council during the public comments segment, stating that transparency is key to maintaining the public trust.

"I really value John Payne's push for this expansion of public comment and the support from the fellow council members. I really commend you all for working on this essential compromise," Martin said. "It's important to recognize that citizen concern and distress is, in fact, alleviated by this practice of transparency and expanded platforms of communication with their representatives, rather than the opposite. So, thank you all."

Tavern part of 'rebranding' at Boone Tavern

By Jerlene Rose

Rotary Report

"Boone Tavern is getting a tavern," according to Abbye Crowe, director of marketing and sales for the historic Boone Tavern Hotel. It is part of a "rebranding" of the 116-year old restaurant and hotel.

Speaking recently to the Berea Rotary Club, Crowe said the remodeling will likely begin this month and be completed in June.

"The remodel will be focused on the dining room area," she said. "An actual tavern will be installed in the back corner of the dining room." Crowe said.

She added there will also be changes to the dining room decor, such as new tables which are being made by the students in the woodworking crafts program at Berea College.

"We do get complaints that the hotel is not like in the old days, but we are trying to give it a more friendly, less formal look," she said. "The white tablecloths may not be used after the remodel, except for special events."

New chef

Crowe said the hotel's new chef, Kyle Klatka, from Ohio, is adding new menu items, and that some people may know him from his work in Lexington where he had a very popular food truck.

Abbye Crowe

Noting that Boone Tavern and Hotel, the iconic hotel/dining destination in Berea, has remained virtually unchanged since it opened in 1909, Crowe said, "We want to lean into what we have, but add things to draw more people to the hotel and to the area."

Special events

Some of the special programs and events planned for this season include Bourbon pairings, an Elvis show on April 4, fish fries every Friday through Lent. "We will be having live music outside this summer," she added.

Also offered is a "to-go" Easter meal that will serve four for $150. (The Easter to-go meal will include four asparagus quiche tartlets, baked macaroni and cheese, honey glazed carrots, mustard glazed ham, eight bread rolls, four carrot cakes, and includes tax and gratuity.)

Meetings

Crowe said they will be hosting several meetings at the hotel this year that will bring people to the area. Those include a Tavern Tip-Off meeting special, and Leadership Kentucky classes from Lexington and Louisville in May and October.

Rotary members suggested things that could be added to make those groups enjoy not just the hotel, but the town. They suggested including carriage rides around Berea's downtown to show off the shops, or side trips to some of the crafters' workshops in the area.

Crowe said she would look into those options.

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The Berea Rotary Club meets the first and third Tuesdays at 1 p.m. at Just Love Coffee, 636 Chestnut Street.

Madison County Public Library
Abatement Project

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The Madison County Public Library Board of Trustees is requesting Lump Sum bids for an Abatement Project located at 114 & 116 5th Street in Richmond, Kentucky. **Bids are due at the Main Library located at 507 W. Main St. in Richmond, Kentucky on Thursday, April 10, 2025 by 2:00 PM EST**. Bids will be opened in the Lower Level Conference Room. Note that this project is Tax Exempt and Bidders **ARE NOT** to include taxes in their Bids. Scope of Work consists of, but is not limited to the following:

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The Madison County Public Library Board of Trustees wishes to give notice to all prospective bidders that participation by minority business entities is encouraged.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at the Main Library located at 507 W. Main St. in Richmond, Kentucky on Thursday, March 27at 11:00 AM EST. A review of the Contract Documents will take place at this meeting and a tour of the will follow the meeting.

Pope: Bracket 'worked out pretty well' for Cats

LEXINGTON (KT) — It's a brand new season for Kentucky.

The Wildcats (22-11) earned a No. 3 seed in the NCAA Tournament and will play Sun Belt champion Troy in the opening round of the tournament Friday night (7:10 ET tipoff) in Milwaukee. Kentucky defeated the Trojans in their lone meeting in 2018.

Kentucky was projected as a third seed, but its destination wasn't set in stone before the bids were announced on Sunday.

"I think it worked out pretty well," Kentucky coach Mark Pope said during a watch party event at the Central Bank Center. "I think it broke down pretty much what we expected. I think there's so much analysis now pre-bracket that it gets increasingly accurate."

Pope's squad is in the Midwest Region, along with top-seeded Houston and No. 2 seed Tennessee. Pope is 0-2 in the Big Dance and looking for his first career win as a coach in the tourney. However, the Kentucky coach said the main emphasis is the success of the program instead of personal accolades.

"This about Kentucky … what I'm really excited about is to see (how we can do in the tournament)," he said. "This team has been through it in an amazing way, and their resilience has been incredible. When you look at the analytics with the whole season wrapped up, we were 355th in the country in minutes continuity this season.

"That's an insane number and to do it in this league, in the SEC, as a brand new group that's never functioned together. What these guys have accomplished already is really incredible. What I'm excited about is seeing how much we can take these lessons (we learned) in the (regular) season into the NCAA tournament and (see) what the dividends will be. It's going to be really exciting to see."

The SEC received an NCAA record 14 bids, with Auburn snagging the overall No. 1 seed and in the South Region. Florida, which won the league tournament Sunday, is the top seed in the West.

NO BYU

Collin Chandler, who came to Kentucky from Brigham Young, breathed a sigh of relief when the No. 3 seed in the East Region was announced during the selection show.

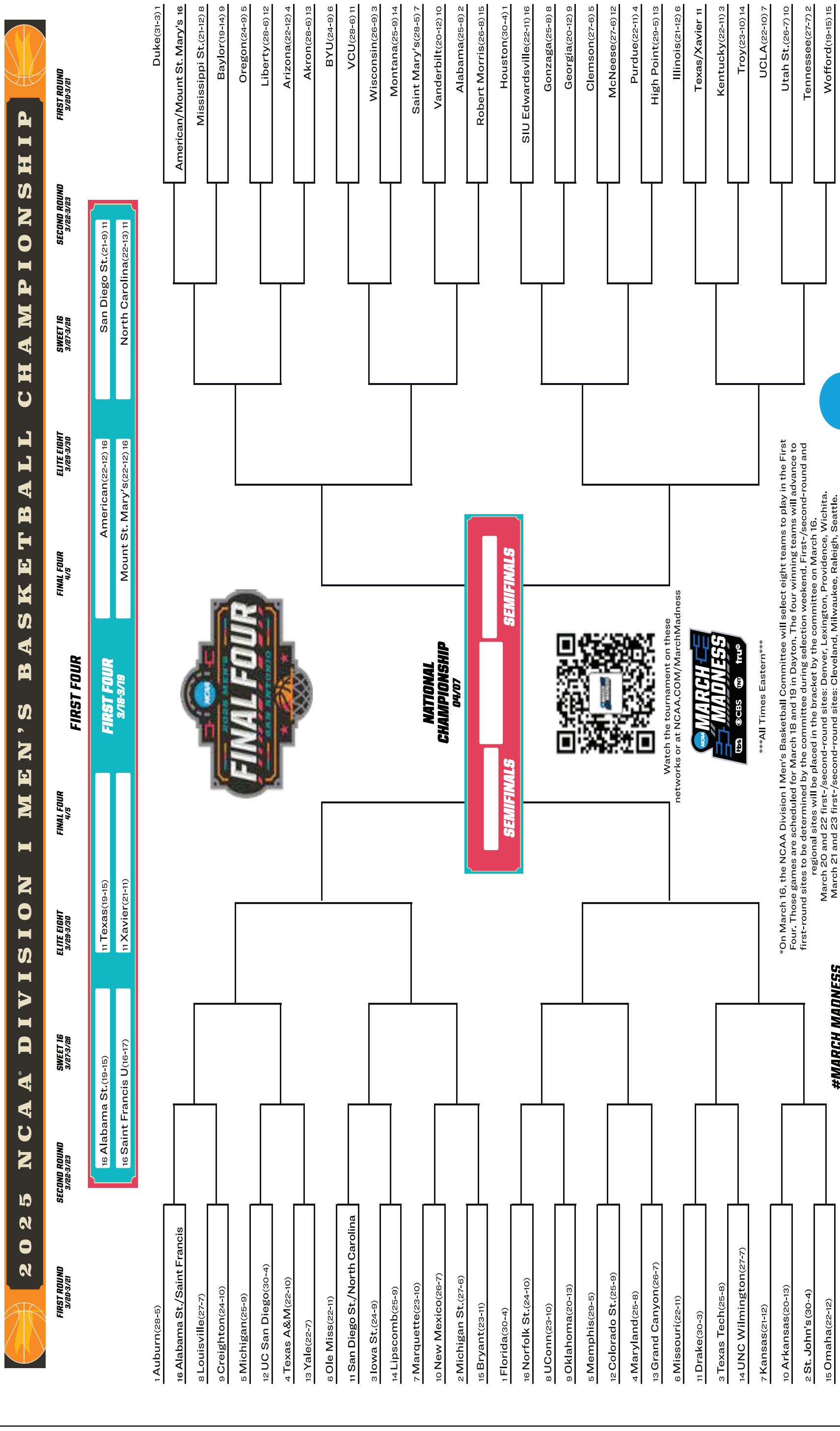
Instead of a possible second-round matchup with Kentucky and Pope's former Brigham Young squad, Wisconsin was selected as the No. 3 seed in the East Region. Pope said he wouldn't have minded if the Wildcats were paired against the Cougars in the second round.

"I love BYU, I love that place," Pope said. "I'm all about the drama, like I love it, and so, plus I love those kids that are there. I got to coach a lot of those kids and have so many friends there, so that would have been really fantastic, it didn't work out, you know not everything works out all the time, but it's still going to be an epic NCAA tournament."

The Cougars finished the season at 24-9 and were 14-6 in the Big 12.

REUNION?

Former Kentucky coaches Rick Pitino and John Calipari could meet in the second round in the West Region if St. John's and Arkansas each win their first-round matchups.

St. John's won its first Big East title in 25 years, while Arkansas got into the tournament as a No. 10 seed and will meet Kansas in the opening round. The Red Storm takes on Omaha in their opener.

"Coach P, he wants all the smoke — he wants all the smoke," Pope said. "Bring it. It's so competitive. I mean, every single round is so competitive. Every single team, whether there's a sixth team by your name or a one, these are all championship-caliber teams."