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Thomas tapped as interim Superintendent at BCS



By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

Elmer Thomas was selected to serve as interim superintendent of Berea Independent School District Monday in a 4-0-1 vote, stepping in for Dr. Diane Hatchett, who has agreed to go on paid administrative leave pending an investigation of the district's finances.

J. Morgan, Sarah Rohrer, Tom McCay and Nathaniel Hatchett voted to approve Thomas's contract hire, which runs through June 30 at a cost of \$568 per day. Dr. Jacqueline Burnside abstained from the vote on Thomas after questioning whether the cost of hiring an outside candidate was justified in the midst of the district's financial troubles. Having retired as superintendent of the Madison County School District after a stint from 2013-2018, Thomas, who once taught at Berea Community School, has since gained a reputation for helping schools in crisis.

An adjunct professor of education at Eastern Kentucky University and Ashbury University, Thomas has served as interim superintendent of the Danville Independent School District and in Clark County Public Schools.

The hire came on the heels of a unanimous vote by the board which approved Hatchett's administrative leave. Hatchett, who briefly attended Monday's meeting to deliver the superintendent's report, left before discussion of the investigation.

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Land use ordinance amended

By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

The Berea City Council heard the first reading of an ordinance revising the type of allowed uses in industrial zones. At the council's business meeting on Tuesday, corporate counsel Jerry Gilbert read the proposed ordinance, which allows for community uses of property in I-2 industrial zones. The measure stipulates conditional permission can be granted for libraries, open spaces, trails, and recreation facilities in the Berea Industrial Park. The law would also add light manufacturing and light warehousing as permitted uses in I-2 zones. Warehousing is in higher demand in the park with the expansion of local industries, such as Hyster-Yale. The city has already announced plans to build a Farristown heritage center in the Berea Industrial Park, a facility that will honor a historically African American agricultural community that predated Berea College. The move is in cooperation with community leaders, who expressed hope that the city would work with residents to preserve the unique cultural history of the Farristown community.

See AMEND, A3



Changing hands



Todd's Antique Mall changed hands this week, ending nearly 50 years of ownership by Johnny Todd and his daughter Cora Jane Wilson and son-in-law Terry Wilson, pictured at bottom right with Johnny Todd. Johnny, top left, and Mary Lee Todd ran Todd's Supermarket and the Antique Mall for several years before selling the Supermarket. Cora Jane Wilson spent her last day with family, friends and customers, including Vickie Rhorer, top right, before handing the keys over to Tim Miles. Miles and his wife Taylor will lease the business and keep the family name, which will now be referred to as Todd's Antique and Vendor Mall. Johnny Todd's favorite element was talking to customers and Cora Jane always greeted customers and would ask, "if you all need any help, just let us know." Miles and many of his vendors from Chestnut Street Mini Mall will be joining him at the new location at 1305 Paint Lick Road.



Path partnership? Cooperation urged for County-wide trails

By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

Can Madison County have multiuse paths that stretch from Berea to the Valley View Ferry? One trail advocacy group said the county's three local governments should pool their

efforts to make it happen. At last week's meeting of the Madison County Fiscal Court, representatives of the Richmond / Madison Multiuse Trails Alliance urged county officials to cooperate with the cities of Berea and Richmond on issues like long-term

planning. According to the group's spokesperson, Beth Jenkins, it's a worthy investment because more trails will improve the quality of life in the county while spurring economic development. "There have been multiple efforts over the years to

encourage bike and pedestrian activities within the county," Jenkins said. "We've had some successes, particularly in Berea. We're kind of jealous of Berea and we'd like to see that extended throughout the rest

"We're kind of jealous of Berea and we'd like to see that extended throughout the rest of the county."

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Beth Jenkins

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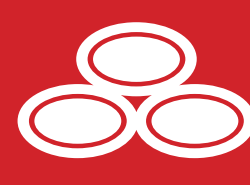
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of the county.”

Jenkins said her organization intends to boost those efforts by identifying grant and funding opportunities that will help pay for multiuse paths. But she added it’s up to the local governments to collaborate and make provisions for trails in their respective comprehensive plans. The cities are due to conduct their five-year comprehensive plan reviews/ revisions in 2025, while the county comprehensive plan is up for review in 2026.

The comprehensive plan is important because it’s a tool whereby local governments can plan for property easements for future trails. Jenkins said her hope is that through future planning, the three local governments can install trails to connect subdivisions, local parks, as well as the county’s tourist attractions.

“We need a process to anticipate those needs so that land is available,” Jenkins said. “We need a vision across the county so that when areas are being developed, there is a way we have easements or access routes to do that.”

When that planning doesn’t occur, Jenkins said, opportunities to install scenic trails can be lost. She cited the case of Riney B, an abandoned rail bed that runs down to Valley View and off to Irvine. Because no plans were in place to set aside land for trails, much of that area has been developed.

Jenkins emphasized that trails create not only recreational opportunities, in recent years they have also proven to be an important factor in economic development. She notes that when companies consider locating in a community, site selectors consider quality-of-life issues, such as whether there are trails, parks, and recreation facilities.

“Communities with well-developed trail networks not only retain more residents, but also attract higher income households, remote workers, and businesses that prioritize employee well-being,” Jenkins said, quoting a publication from the American Trails Organization. “This shift contributes to stronger local economies, increased property values, and greater investment in community infrastructure.”

Jenkins noted that other Kentucky communities are adopting a pro-trail development policy, including Clark County, Lexington-Fayette County, as well as Louisville, which has plans to increase its trail infrastructure to 100 miles of multiuse paths within city limits.

At one point in her

presentation, Jenkins displayed a map that shows trails connecting Madison County attractions, with one running from the Pinnacles in southern Madison all the way up to Valley View Ferry and points in between.

Following the presentation, Magistrate Billy Ray Hughes said promoting trails could have great benefits for the three governments. “I think it’s something we should think about,” Hughes said. “You mentioned that companies are looking for employees. These are the types of things they are looking for, because they know that their employees aren’t just coming to work. They have lives outside of work.”

During the magistrate’s comments segment, Hughes again stated the need to promote cooperation with Richmond and Berea in regional planning, but Madison County Judge/Executive Reagan Taylor assured Hughes the county is continuing to work with Berea and Richmond officials on a variety of issues.

“We are in meetings with their leadership teams. I just want to make sure people know,” Taylor said, implying that Hughes was incorrectly conveying the impression that intergovernmental cooperation wasn’t happening.

The Berea City Council formed a Trails Committee last August, working to identify funding opportunities, begin a plan for neighborhood connectivity, and to explore opportunities to acquire land for new trails.

Meanwhile, Berea Mayor Bruce Fraley has expressed his hope there will eventually be trails allowing cyclists to safely ride their bikes from one end of the county to the other.

So far, Berea has established a 19-mile network of trails and is currently working to connect them to make one contiguous cycling/ pedestrian route around the city.

INTERIM

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Board Chair J. Morgan said he is encouraged that Thomas is taking the job.

“He has a great reputation across the state of Kentucky for being an excellent superintendent and since he retired, he has been working with other districts that have encountered similar difficulties,” Morgan said.

Thomas’s duties will be to investigate the district’s financial troubles and to recommend new operating policies. Morgan expressed hope that Thomas will also establish procedures for better communication and public transparency, creating a solid foundation for the permanent superintendent to help the district move forward.

Solar project discontinued

In other action, the board unanimously voted to discontinue a \$1.3 million contract to install solar panels on most of the flat roofs of the school’s buildings. Under the proposal, the district will form escrow accounts to repay outstanding bonds, purchase U.S. treasuries, and work on a plan to reduce the debt with early payments by June 2031.

The district agreed to the \$1.3 million solar project in 2023 at the request of Director of Operations Tony Tompkins and recommendation of Hatchett. The contract was then unanimously approved by then-board members Rebecca Blankenship, Van Gravitt, Jarred Penn, Tom McCay and Burnside.

McCay said the district has no outlet with which to sell the city excess energy, which might have helped to mitigate the project’s cost.

In a public forum last week, Berea Mayor Bruce Fraley explained the city can’t buy a certain level of energy from the district without violating its own

contract with its power providers.

The fact that the project hasn’t been completed has had serious consequences, said acting finance director Nathan Sweet.

“A large part of this year’s deficit in the budget has to do with a \$600,000 tax credit that we had expected to have deposited by now,” Sweet told officials at the March 17 meeting. “The project was supposed to be complete by now, and the tax credit was going to pay off a large portion of the bonds that were to be taken out to fund the project. Since that hasn’t come to fruition, there’s that large, large payment sitting out there in June. As a whole, the project has been an obstacle to us.”

Morgan emphasized the missing tax credit is not the reason for the \$1.3 million budget shortfall.

Some concerned parents, who have conducted their own research of school records, speculate that disregard of district reimbursement procedures and board approval requirements

led to overspending and a lack of financial accountability beginning in 2022.

For example, their research suggests that Hatchett made direct purchases with the district credit card, but then failed to justify those expenditures later by following established reimbursement/ reporting procedures. The same parents assert Hatchett incurred excessive travel expenses that included out-of-state trips.

But Sweet has pointed out several other factors that have contributed to the district’s financial troubles, including the fact that some positions were retained after the grants funding them expired.

“It’s very easy in the shuffle of summer and just all the chaos of the school year for things to slip through the cracks, and in my analysis, I found several of the positions that we have had to cut were, in all honesty, never formally approved,” Sweet said.

He recommended tracking all positions to prevent that from happening again.

In one other example of unnecessary overspending, Sweet stated that the administration inadvertently left a pandemic policy in place wherein the district was contracted with a custodial staff at the same time teachers were also receiving cleaning stipends.

“The combination of the two is way more expensive than a regular custodial staff,” Sweet said. “And we found that if we hire a full custodial staff like we had prior to COVID, we can save between \$150,000 and \$160,000.”

Other factors Sweet noted included overly optimistic revenue projections, which had the district taking in \$14.6 million at the start of the budget year. Sweet said his revenue projection is closer to \$12.2 million. He recommended more conservative estimates in the future.

“That’s really at the core of our problem,” Sweet said.

The board met in executive session to discuss the search for a new superintendent. No decision or action was announced.



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Chrism Mass, April 15

• 10:30 a.m. at Christ the King Cathedral, Lexington

Holy Thursday, April 17

• 7 p.m. St. Clare (Bilingual)

Good Friday, Celebration of the Lord’s Passion, April 18

• 5 p.m. St. Clare & 7 p.m. (Misa en español)

Holy Saturday, April 19

• 6 p.m. St. Paul, McKee; 9 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass St. Clare

Easter Sunday, April 20

• 10 a.m. OLMV, Mt. Vernon

• 12 p.m. St. Clare (bilingual, emphasize español)

Douglas Glenn Sandlin



Douglas Glenn Sandlin, a cherished husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend, passed away peacefully, while fishing with his lifelong friend, Mickey, on March 30, 2025, at the age of 67, in Monticello, Kentucky. Born on March 28, 1958, in Cincinnati, Ohio, to Lowell Thomas and Geneva Ruth Abbott, Doug’s life was a testament to the love and joy he brought to those around him. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by a niece, MiKeila Love.

He proudly served his community as a Battalion Chief with the Berea Fire Department, retiring after a distinguished career of 23 years along with 5 years dedicated to the Berea Volunteer Fire Department. His commitment to craftsmanship was evident in the beautiful hardwood floors he laid for over 25 years, a trade he shared with his beloved wife, Tammy, during the last seven years of his career. Family was the cornerstone of Doug’s life. He leaves behind a legacy of love and laughter with his wife, Tammy Sandlin, and his children, Shawn (Stacy) Sandlin, Brandon (Ashley) Sandlin, Mark (Andrea) Sandlin, and Stephanie (Aaron) Andrews. His memory will be cherished by

his grandchildren, Tyler (Hannah) Sandlin, Cody (Haley) Sandlin, Shane (Jalin) Sandlin, Jorian (Ella) Hedges, Riley Hedges, Laci Sandlin, Addison Bolmer, Larkyn Andrews, Eadi Sandlin, Cora Sandlin, Davina Chasteen, Kash Chasteen, and Morgan Andrews. Doug’s siblings, Darla (Shawn) Clayton, and Michael (Sheila) Sandlin, along with many nieces, nephews, and extended family members, will hold dear the memories they shared.

Doug’s love for life extended beyond his family. He was an avid fisherman, finding solace and joy on the lake. His passion for baseball was not just a pastime but also the avenue through which he met his best friend, Mickey Ballard. Their friendship was anchored by countless fishing trips over the years. Doug’s sense of humor was unmatched; he had a unique talent for joking, making people laugh, and playfully aggravating his friends and family. Doug’s presence was a staple at Friday night dinners at his mother’s home, where family gathered weekly to share in food and fellowship.

To know Doug was to know kindness, laughter, and an unwavering commitment to those he loved. He was loved by all who knew him and will be deeply missed.

There will be a visitation on Thursday, April 3, 2025, at Church on the Rock from 5-8 p.m. Condolences may be left for the family at www.lakesfuneralhome.com

Clarence Burns



Clarence Burns, 66, husband of Martha McDaniel Burns, passed away on Saturday March 29, in Berea. Clarence was a Tool and Die maker, and a member of the Church on The Rock in Berea. He was born in Mt Orb, Ohio, to the late Cecil and Dealie Baker Burns, he was also preceded in death by his siblings: Winston Burns,

Winford Burns, Jerry Burns, Elizabeth Shockey, and Ethel Ross.

Clarence is survived by his wife Martha McDaniel Burns, his daughter Johnna (Shaun) Henning, his grandsons Eli and Alex Henning, his siblings: Cecil Burns, Noah Burns, Mae Sarver, Ann (Larry) Wilson, and Oma Shepherd, as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A graveside service will be Friday April 4, at 2 p.m. at the Lucy Angel Cemetery in Buckhorn. Rev. Mark Sarver and Rev. Cecil Burns will officiate services.

Wanda Diane Rynearson



Wanda Diane Rynearson, 69 lovingly known as Diane to her friends and family, passed away in Lexington, on March 25. Born in Madison County, on Jan. 22, 1956, Diane was a beacon of love and care to all who knew her.

Diane was born to Herbert Kaylor and Pauline Marcum Poole, both of whom predeceased her. She shared her life journey with her beloved spouse, Jerry Rynearson, and her children, Chad Brandenburg, Danny Rynearson, and Christina Lopez. Her warmth extended to her three grandchildren. Diane was the sister to Charles (Jewell) Kaylor. She was predeceased by siblings William, Ricky,

Jimmy Kaylor, and Melissa Kaylor.

Professionally, Diane dedicated her life to caregiving, pouring her compassionate spirit into every responsibility she undertook. Diane was a member of Wayside Church, where her faith and fellowship enriched her life. Her green thumb was evident in the beautiful flowers she planted, and anyone visiting her home would surely be greeted by her adored dog, Charlie.

Diane’s legacy is that of a loving heart, and she will be deeply missed by all who had the fortune of knowing her. Her nurturing presence, reflected in every aspect of her life, will be remembered fondly.

A memorial service was held at Lakes Funeral Home on Saturday, March 29, where Pastor Ken Felty officiated.

‘The Sewing Circle’ explores women’s power of healing

By Maryn McDonald & Andy McDonald

Berea artisan, playwright, and Berea Community High School engineering instructor Hank Gevedon likes to joke that he wrote every stitch of his new play, The Sewing Circle.

The metaphysical comedy/drama runs April 4 through 6 at Berea’s Spotlight Playhouse. Gevedon’s work explores women’s empowerment as well as their role as the world’s healers.

“The play is about a group of four women that

emerge onto the stage in different periods of time, and we realize that with thread and needle, they are literally making repairs to the fabric of time after wars and conflicts, trying to keep us living and moving forward,” Gevedon said.

Gevedon added he was inspired by the women in his own family in crafting the vision of his play.

“I remember my grandmother and my aunt setting up a quilting frame in the living room, and they would sew the most wonderful quilts,” Gevedon recalled.

“They took these little pieces of fabric, and with love and time, they would sew them into a quilt with so much love in it. So, as you see during the play, these women [Gevedon’s characters] actually save the world, and yet the world doesn’t even realize they exist.”

The play spans America’s history, as an unseen power sends the women through a portal to repair and heal the fabric of time in the wake of tragedy and upheaval.

“There are some 24 costume changes. You see the

same four actresses in four different periods in time,” Gevedon said. “There is humor in the play. There are happy moments and sad moments. I believe some of the characters are so strong that their vision will live with the audience forever.”

The Sewing Circle, which was developed with a grant from the Association for Teaching Black History in Kentucky, recognizes the contributions of women of color, who speak directly to the audience to ensure their voices are heard and their voices are carried forward.

“In each scene, the actresses represent a real person who lived in Kentucky, a real woman of color that lived during the Revolutionary War era, during the Civil War, during World War I and World War II, to the present,” Gevedon said.

The April 5 performance at the Spotlight Playhouse will be recorded, then featured during next February’s celebration of Black History Month. In the meantime, Gevedon expressed gratitude to all who helped make The Sewing Circle possible.

“So many people have put in so much effort that I am humbled and can hardly believe it is happening,” Gevedon said.

When asked how he think his play will be remembered, Gevedon stated:

“I hope the audience will remember that the play challenges them to look at what they’re doing to make the world a better place,” Gevedon said. “Because if we just keep doing damage, and keep getting into trouble, eventually it’s just going to be too much, I’m afraid.”

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Additionally, the city’s network of shared use trails already extends to parts of the industrial park.

Prior to the reading of the ordinance, local resident Randy Dixon expressed his concern about the law, suggesting that traffic and environmental conditions created by factories in industrial zones is not compatible with community uses like trails and parks and recreation facilities. Mayor Bruce Fraley thanked Dixon for his input.

The second and final reading of the ordinance will take place on April 15.

On a related note, Eleanor Workman addressed the council during public comments, thanking city officials for moving the segment to an earlier point in the meeting to allow citizen voices to be heard.

The council also adopted a municipal order revising financial policies and procedures. During a prior council work session, Finance Director Susan Helton recommended

formally adopting procedures related to accounting, auditing, and financial reporting of expenditures, capitalization and depreciation.

In recommending adoption of the proposed rules, Councilman Steve Caudill said the purpose is to insure the city’s financial success continues in future years. The Finance Department has won several awards for excellence for reporting and transparency in recent years, and has tallied a long streak of clean audits during Helton’s tenure.

In other business, the council adopted an ordinance revising the pay grade and pay scale after the separation of the tourism department and the business development department. The revision also covers one yet-to-be filled position in the Berea Fire Department.

An ordinance concerning the annual update of the Code of Ordinances was also up for a first reading, wherein the council adopts new ordinances for publishing by the American Legal Publishing corporation.

The next Berea City Council meeting is slated for April 15.



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‘Milan Miracle’ still a hot topic in Indiana town

Sometimes a road trip can lead you off the beaten path.

Following Kentucky’s 78-65 loss to Tennessee in the Midwest Regional finals last Friday, Rhonda and I decided to take our time driving home from Indianapolis. We didn’t have an agenda or a certain time frame to return home. We simply took our time.

We took the Cincinnati route on I-74 and opted to take a country drive to Milan, Indiana. A sign on the interstate led us to the “Milan ‘54 Hoosiers Museum.” We followed US-50 and took it to Indiana SR 350 to Milan, a small town with a population of approximately 1,832 residents.

Our first stop was at the black water tower that still has the words, “State Champs 1954” written in fancy white stencils. The water tower didn’t hold much H2O, but instead sat next to the Milan Furniture Store Company. The tower now sits on a gravel lot, was restored to its original look in 2018. The tower was restored to serve as a “symbol of achievement and hope, and a reminder to future generations that anything is possible.”

On West Carr Street, where money was once exchanged at State Bank of Milan, memories are now exchanged in the building converted into a museum to showcase the remarkable 1954 state title run by the Milan Indians. The unique museum still has the vault that once stored money for the people of Milan and now serves as a backdrop for photographs.

It remains one of the most memorable achievements in high school basketball in that state of Indiana and beyond.

Milan, a school with an enrollment of 161 students 71 years ago, defeated Muncie Central at historic Hinkle Fieldhouse in Indianapolis. Muncie Central had an enrollment of 1,662 students at the time. The David versus Goliath feat served as the inspiration for the 1986 movie, “Hoosiers,” featuring the late Gene Hackman.

Memorabilia and artifacts in the museum provide a step back in time and a walk down memory lane. The museum also features more than 100 items of props and uniforms from the move “Hoosiers,” which remains one of the most watched sports movies in history.

Following Milan’s historic win, the small town in Indiana became a big deal locally, nationally and worldwide. Fans from 52 of Indiana’s 92 counties greeted the team on its return to Milan, and a series of celebrations that followed turned the town into “Hoosier Hysteria.” An estimated 40-50,000 fans welcomed the team back from Indianapolis. Fans lined the roads, streets and anywhere they could to help the “Mighty Indians of Milan” celebrate a state basketball championship.

The artifacts in the museum were like a time capsule back to an era when instant technology didn’t exist and small-town America beamed with pride when their teams won a state basketball championship. Milan had a population of 1,150 at the time.

Following the tour of the museum, Rhonda and I had lunch at the Reservation in Milan, another must-stop along the Indiana countryside. As we were having lunch, we overheard the townspeople talking about the NCAA Tournament and the fact that Kentucky “got smoked” by Tennessee the night before. They talked basketball, but nothing takes the place of the “Milan Miracle.”

A year ago, the museum celebrated the 70th anniversary of the feat and more than seven decades later, it remains the talk of the town.



Keith Taylor

Keith Taylor



The trap of Low expectations

How much you accomplish in life is influenced by what you expect to accomplish. Those with low expectations have a low threshold for what they will be satisfied with. For them mediocrity or less, is good enough.

People with high expectations have a standard of excellence for themselves and what they want to achieve. They push themselves to accomplish challenging goals. They set the bar higher than may be comfortable.

Your expectations are the first step for programming your mind to work towards a particular goal. Your expectations determine what you will be satisfied with. Typically, your mind will not accomplish more than you expect.

What would happen to an athlete who expects to lose each race? Their training would never be at a winning level. They would not put much effort into preparation. They would not push themselves during a race. That’s why you won’t find competitive athletes who expect to lose.

What expectations do you have for yourself? What expectations do you have for the future? Your mind will only meet, not exceed your expectations. If you have low expectations, the best you can achieve are low results.

Let’s look at some examples of the negative impact of low expectations. An athlete who expects to lose has no chance of winning. A small business owner who expects to go bankrupt will not succeed. A teenager who expects

that no one will like him or her will have a difficult time socializing. A performer who expects to deliver an awful performance will disappoint the audience.

Low expectations create a self-fulfilling prophecy. Since your mind strives to at best, meet the expectations you set, low expectations severely limit your achievements. Success demands high expectations.

Can you imagine an Olympic skier who expected to fall? Of course not. Such a mindset would make winning impossible. They would not be training to win. During the race, they would not be competing to win.

Would a person who is opening a new business expect to go bankrupt. Such an attitude virtually ensures bankruptcy sooner than later. If bankruptcy was a foregone conclusion in their mind, they would then make endless poor financial decisions.

A person who expects that no one likes them, or will like them, subconsciously acts in a manner which repels the people they come into contact with. Their behavior creates a self-fulfilling prophesy, which then reinforces their low expectations.

What would happen to an actress or actor who expected to give a terrible performance before going out on stage? Would they have any chance of delivering an award-winning presentation? Of course not. Their mind subconsciously limits their actions because of their low expectations.

Any low expectations you have for yourself also create a self-fulfilling prophesy. You bring about the same results you are expecting. This is the trap of low expectations. The only way to break free is by elevating your

expectations.

Take some time to thoroughly and honestly assess the expectations you have for yourself and for your life. In order to make positive changes you must have high expectations. Don’t waste time formulating justifications for any low expectations.

Excuses for why you can’t, or won’t accomplish an objective, prevent you from doing so. These excuses program you mind with low expectations. “I’m not smart enough,” “I don’t know how,” “Nothing I do works,” or “I really don’t want that much,” are just some of the endless examples of low expectation excuses.

If you don’t already do so, start setting high expectations. Don’t accept mediocrity. Raise your own bar for what you want out of life.

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fees or fines

March 23

- Levi Clark, 27: assault, 2nd degree domestic violence
- Christopher Griffie, 33: serving parole violation warrant; non-payment of court costs fees, or fines
- Reginald Colson, 27: fugitive from another state – warrant required; possession of marijuana
- Marcus Williams, 41: failure to appear; resisting arrest

March 24

- Pamela King, 53: proba-

tion violation (for felony offense); theft of identity of another without consent

March 25

- Mary Gamble, 37: failure to appear
- Jacob Masters, 31: probation violation (for technical violation)
- Terrance Conway, 37: trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st offense (fentanyl); possession of marijuana; possession of a handgun by a convicted felon; aggravated trafficking in a controlled substance (greater than or equal to 28

grams fentanyl)

March 26

- Michael Evans, 39: contempt of court, libel/slander, resistance to order
- James Perkins, 39: failure to appear
- Jennifer Smith, 41: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree (fentanyl); operating motor vehicle with expired operator’s license; no registration plates; no registration plates; no brake lights (passenger vehicle); failure to appear

COURT RECORDS

District Court March 20

- Samantha Jo Shepherd vs. John Dustin White
 - Raymie Lynn Scrivner vs. Steven Michael Brooks
- ### March 21
- Darlene Jarvis vs. John Edward Noland
 - Tracy Monroe Parsons vs. Cory Miller
 - Kira Makalya Parsons vs. Tracy Monroe Parsons
- ### March 25
- Francis Rader vs. Ivan Curtis Watts
 - Rebecca Lamb vs. Larry William Gibson
 - Molly Allison McKinney vs. Rebecca A. McKinney
- ### March 26
- Judy Dailey vs. Jack Dempsey Dailey March 28
 - Amy M. King vs. Frankie King, Jr.
 - Larissa L. Hicks vs. Michael B. Golden

Circuit Court March 20

- John Chadwick Gordon vs. Patricia Gordon
- ### March 21
- Brent Chapman vs. Aubrey Kirkland
- ### March 24
- Tracey Heslin Cain vs. Rodney Ray Cain
 - Corey Alan.

MARRIAGES

March 20

- Sean Mark Secor, maintenance tech, 33 of Berea to Nicole Lynn Jeck, teacher, 34, of Berea

March 21

- Karey Ranea Strunk, surgical assistant/RDA, 42, of Somerset to Bradley Joe Davidson, physical therapist, 47, of Mt. Sterling

March 24

- Shelby Ann Cornett, admissions, 19, of Calvin to Christian Daniel Scott, universal banker, 25, of Richmond
- Angela Deshea Smallwood, medical assistant, 27, of Richmond to Adrian Michael Cook, explosives operator, 26, of Richmond
- Corey Blake Thomas Griffith, machine tech, 30, of Rush to Karen Marie Peck, polysomnography, 30, of Richmond March 26
- Alex Tyler Vaughn, physical therapist, 32 of Richmond to Stephanie Cheyenne Allen, realtor, 25, of Richmond
- Ashley Brooke Wilson, unemployed, 26, of Berea to Alex Tyler Hartman, general manager, 24, of Richmond
- Adam Matthew Nolte, GIS analyst,

Blackman vs. Chelsea Camil Blackman

March 25

- Kenita Kay Brown vs. Chad William Cain
- Christopher Goodwin vs. Camilla Goodwin

March 27

- Kirstin Marie Green Brock vs. Jonathan Reid Brock
- Jessica Nicole Hall vs. Christopher Fess Hall

March 28

- Kandace Ashcraft vs. Zachary Ashcraft
- Katerena Jo Baker vs. Ronnie Gene Baker
- Amy L. Reister vs. Stanley P. Reister, II

Foreclosures March 21

- Kenneth Williams vs. Unknown Heirs of Sherri Gayle Anglin Richmond

March 24

- Selene Finance, LP vs. Cassie A. Allen, ET., AL

March 27

- Newrez, LLC (D/B/A Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing) vs. Tim Cheang, ET., AL

March 28

- Newrez, LLC (D/B/A Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing) vs. Destin Turner

29, of Richmond to Savannah Juliette McGuire, engineer, 28, of Richmond

- Haley Annelissa Ables, medical assistant, 25 of Berea to Cameron Douglas Martin, recycle operator, 26, of Berea
- James Tanner Elam, food service, 23, of Richmond to Hope Elizabeth Wilburn, nurse, 21, of Richmond
- Eugina Louise Hill, medical coordinator, 47, of Berea to Cameron Almon Gennings, lab tech, 44, of Berea
- Tae’sean Lamont Thompson, A&P aircraft mechanic, 31, of Berea to Alexis Marian Gibbs, mother, 24, of Berea

March 27

- Megan Nicole Calebs, office manager, 26, of London to Tucker Colten Parker Strong, auto glass tech, 22, of Berea March 28
- Eldon Cordale Powell, welder/fabricator, 22, of Richmond to Makayleigh Paige Curry, hostess, 20 of Berea



PROPERTY TRANSFERS

March 20

- Moriah Sallaz to Tenny Akihary, lot 4 Executive Park Subdivision, \$123,700
- Aaron Sipple to Robert Cecil Kir and Charlene Kirk, 304 Crooksville Road, \$260,000
- Elizabeth Lee Gilkey (f/k/a Elizabeth A. Lee) and Jaii Gilkey to Abigail Taylor Larkin and Lucus James Larkin, lot 6 W.T. Anderson Addition, Richmond, \$200,000
- LP Construction, LLC to Suzanne M. Standish and Thomas Coffey, lot 237 Phase 7B Magnolia Pointe Subdivision, \$324,900
- Thomas P. Coffey and Suzanne M. Standish (a/k/a Suzanne M. Standish-Coffey) to Kimberly Haleva and David John Haleva, Jr., lot 31 Phase 1 Block 2 Indigo Run Subdivision, \$444,900
- Cubby Angel Properties, LLC to Theresa Nelson, 104 Dinsmore Street, Berea, \$158,000
- 4B Investments, LLC, Brenda Huser and Brenda Huser as Co-Administratrix of the Estate of Bradley Buddy Montgomery to Michael Saich, lot 80 Robinson Marcum Addition, Berea, \$75,000
- Mark Otis Catron and Crystal Marie Catron and Blevins Law, LLC to Mark Otis Catron and Crystal Marie Catron, tracts Madison County (vicinity of Anglin Drive, Berea), for and in consideration of the love and affection between spouses and immediate reconveyance of property from Trustee to Grantee
- William Mark Jamieson to William M. Jamieson, as Trustee of the Mark Jamieson Trust, dated January 16, 2025 and any amendments thereto, lot 1 plat 27/338, for and in consideration of contributing property to the Mark Jamieson Trust, dated January 16, 2025
- James Byrd and Alecia Byrd to Matthew Brandon McGee, lot 44 Block E Unit 1-B Burchwood Subdivision, Berea, \$210,000
- The Estate of Patty Jo Cooper to James Byrd and Alecia Byrd, lot 66 Stoney Creek Subdivision Unit 3 Phase 1-A, Berea, \$259,900
- Ashley Parman and Darren Parman to

Madeline Faye Rogers, Lydia Grace Rogers and Keith E. Rogers, 408 Balite Way, Richmond, \$265,000

- Wanda Faye Kirby to Jason Arnold Kirby, lot 37 Rainbow Acres Subdivision, Berea, for and in consideration of the love and affection Party of the First Part has for her son, Jason Arnold Kirby

March 21

- Stephanie M. Bailey (f/k/a Stephanie M. Arthur) and Roger Bailey to Leliani Backus, 321 Teakwood Drive, Richmond, \$255,000
- Robert L. Anglin and Charlotte Anglin to Misty Brock, Trustee of the Robert and Charlotte Brock Anglin Irrevocable Trust, dated March 18, 2025, tracts plat 8/398, for and in consideration of premises and to conform to the intentions of the parties
- Arlayne C. Francis to Sabra Webster and Malachi Francis, Co-Trustees of the Arlayne C. Francis Irrevocable Trust, dated March 12, 2025, 270 Clairmont Drive, for and in consideration of premises and to conform to the intentions of the parties
- Riddell Construction, Inc. to Stargazer Homes, LLC, 416 North Third Street, Richmond; lot B Moberly Avenue, \$65,000
- Clarence W. Adams and Joyce Adams to D&D Property Solutions, LLC, 206 Dinsmore Street, Berea, \$55,000

March 24

- Matthew R. Edmiston and Casey Edmiston (f/k/a Casey M. Osborne) to Michael R. Heilig and Dana Heilig, Lot 15R1Summit Drive, \$475,000
- Cubby Angel Properties, LLC to Chase Abel, lot 15 Jackson Addition Block H, Berea (vicinity of Madison Street), \$189,900
- The Estate of Judy Covey Jernigan, by and through its Electrix Teresa Whitton to Brittany Nicole Maggard, 106 Rebecca Drive, Richmond, for and in consideration of carrying out the provisions of the will of Judy Covey Jernigan
- Chuck Dewayne Alexander and Michelle Alexander to Chad Jayden Barrett and Pamela King, 53: probation violation (for felony offense); theft of identity of another without consent

Lick Branch Road, \$15,000

- Chuck Dewayne Alexander and Michelle Alexander to Michael E. Barrett and Tina L. Barrett, lot 1 Gravel Lick Branch Road, \$15,000
- Clint Taylor Construction, LLC to Christopher Allen Taylor and Mary Katherine Taylor, 206 Carhartt Drive, Richmond, \$82,500
- The Fairways at Boone’s Trace, LLC to Mac and Cheese Holdings, LLC, lot 9 Final Subdivision Plat, The Fairways at Boone’s Trace Subdivision, Phase 1, \$90,000
- Billy Hartmand and Mariah Laniece Estes to Betty Jane Reynolds, lot 17 Creekside Villages Unit 1, \$245,000
- John Ruston and Kathy Ruston to Kyle Lee Barber and Roxanne Fleet Barber, lot 15 St Andrews Place Phase 1 of Boone’s Trace Subdivision, \$775,000

March 25

- Kenneth Neal and Marsha Neal to Robert S. Powell and Bernice L. McCoy, 417 Worthington Place, \$286,400
- Charles J. Baker and Anita E. Baker to Bethel Strong, 891 Old U.S. 25, Berea, \$295,900
- Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC to Adam Miller, tract Madison County (vicinity of Mason Lake Road, Berea), \$104,900
- Spring House Land, LLC to Central Bank & Trust, Company, lot 2A plat 32/5, \$925,000
- Girishkumar Patel and Bhavnababen G. Patel to Chetan B. Patel and Hemaben Ghamshyambhal Patel, lot 32 plat 24/217, for and in consideration of \$1.00 and love and affection between brother in-laws
- Ray Brandenburg and Jane Brandenburg to Tamara Ray Debord, lot 2 Blue Lick Mountain Estates, \$85,000
- KY Home Investors, LLC to SFS Investments, LLC, lot 2 Blue Lick Mountain Estates, \$115,500
- All around Floor-

ing, Inc. to A&R Contractors, LLC, tract plat 26/482 (vicinity of College Hill), for and in consideration of winding up Grantor’s affairs and agreement between parties

March 26

- Aran Guerra and Rachel LaCharite to Sharon Vincent, 1163 Menelaus Road, Berea, \$251,500
- John McComb Parker and Alexa Parker to Howard M. Mintz, MD, Profit Sharing Plan, tract 2 plat 7/95, \$110,000
- Leathan Properties, LLC to Eric Crout and Ariel Crout, 111 Pioneer Drive, \$195,000
- Com. Central, LLC to Flagship Operating, LLC, 1312 Boonesboro Road, \$1.00
- Flagship Operating, LLC to Madison 625, LP, 1312 Boonesboro Road, \$1.00 Commercial 627, LLC t5o Madison 672, LP, tracts plat 23/383, \$1,121,000
- Violeta Coto and Rene Coto to Daniel Mason Osborne and Dana Osborne, Trustees of the Daniel and Dana Osborne Trust, dated October 4, 2019, 180 Redwood Drive, \$525,000
- Todd Builders, LLC to James Oliver Salin Truitt and Brianna Elizabeth Truitt, lot 31 Stoney Creek Subdivision, Unit 3 Phase 1-B, \$262,400
- E. 52 Developers, LLC to Dove’s Landing HOA LLC, Greenspace Lots A and D Doves Landing Phase 1, for and in consideration of vesting title in Home Owner’s Association
- Roseanne Lee Beverly and Teddy Jack Beverly to Aimee L. Mulder and Maurice N. Mulder, lot 9 Lancaster Woods Subdivision, \$295,000
- Latif & Mansoor, LLC to BASK, LLC, lot B-1 plat 26/70, \$200,000
- Lynn Graves to Martha Lorraine Scully, 188 Banyan Boulevard, for and in consideration of the love and affection between daughter and mother
- Kate Walters, as guardian for William McDowell Walters and Lisa Walters to St. Andrews Place Retirement Community, Inc, 205 Brigadoon Drive Unit 2-C, Richmond, \$112,000



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

There will be a public hearing of the Madison County Board of Adjust-
ments

On April 17th, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

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

The purpose is to consider the following:

Conditional Use: 2950 Lancaster Rd

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Berea Citizen archives

Next week, Cornett and Sons would begin the move of their hardware goods to the west end where they would relocate into what was formerly the Arnett block. Mr. Cornett traded his block in East Berea for the Herndon farm in Aberdeene, Mississippi. This ranch he had in turn traded for the Arnett Block from Mr. Creech of Richmond. Mr. Cornett expected to have some goods in his permanent building for at least three months but after that will move everything to the West End. For a couple of months, Cornett and Sons would operate two locations in Berea,

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Saturday. Owners of the livestock marketing concern, located at K Street and Four Mile Avenue were N. B. Ogden of Campbellsburg and Charlie Pence of Miamisburg, Ohio. Both men had purchased stock in Madison County over the previous 15 years (Ogden for the Fischer Packing Company and Pence for Swift and Company). According to the owners, the new stockyards would accommodate 2,200 head of stock at one time. George Scott, Jr. of Lexington would serve as auctioneer. Bookkeeper for the firm was Miss Peggy Riddell of Lexington.

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were used for the purchase. The court denied a request by a representative of the Sherwin Williams Company, which was building a new plant on Boggs Lane for the county to put rock on the passageway near the site that the company needed to begin construction. The court maintained that roads that are not deeded to the county (such as in this case) cannot be maintained with county funds. Bill Rice felt the county should help if at all legally possible since the new plant would employ local residents. "We want their good will and we want them in the county," he told the representative. However, without a deed (which the representative said had been tied up at the state level), the court vetoed the request. The court appointed Richard Snowden, president of the Madison County Humane Society, chairman of a committee made up of representatives from Berea, Richmond and the county

to draw up plans for a new dog pound. In other actions, the court allocated, \$1,000 to the Red Lick Water Conservation District for their 1975 budget and approved payment of a \$5.00 medication bill from the Red Cross. They also approved a raise in pay for the Red Cross Worker in Berea from \$125 to \$150 a month. The Red Cross worker in Richmond made \$175 a month.

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Moore, owner/operator of Moore's Grocery on Big Hill Road. He came right over just as the fire department arrived. Chief Bob Davis said Moore came up to him and said that a dog was in the house. Davis and other firefighters entered the house to find it. The dog, a small white spitz, was found in a kennel in the living room unresponsive. Moore took possession of the dog and drove it to the vet. By the time he arrived, Lulu was holding her head up. Lulu spent three nights at the veterinary clinic and was nicknamed "Smoky" by the clinic staff. The residence belonging to Vickie and Finley Hensley sustained smoke and water damage in the area where the fire had started. Mrs. Hensley said the home had been undergoing construction at the time of the fire.

Game Page

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1. Narrow piece of wood
5. African desert
11. Waxy covering on birds' beaks
12. Sour
16. Infrequent
17. Former AL MVP Vaughn
18. Policemen wear one
19. Out of the question
24. Used to chop
25. Symptoms
26. Not moving
27. Folk singer DiFranco
28. Comedian Armisen
29. Quantitative fact
30. Incline from vertical
31. Scottish musician
33. Rooney and Kate are two
34. Positioned
38. A very short time
39. Tropical American shrubs
40. Yemen capital
43. Spanish municipality
44. Medical professionals
45. Fibrous material
49. Confined condition (abbr.)
50. Without covering
51. "Mad Men" honcho Don
53. Hockey position
54. Taste property

56. Fertile spots in a desert
58. They precede C
59. "Requiem for a Dream" actor Jared
60. Try a criminal case
63. Liberal rights organization
64. Spoke
65. Insect repellent

1. Unshaven facial hair
2. More thin
3. Show up
4. Seethed
5. Ancient Greek city
6. Poisonous plant
7. Hello
8. College sports official
9. Monetary unit of Russia
10. Wings
13. Take too much of a substance
14. A citizen of Uganda
15. Most appealing
20. Atomic #18
21. Global investment bank (abbr.)
22. Jewish calendar month
23. Popular sandwich
27. Swiss river
29. Incorrect letters
30. Popular entree
31. Foot (Latin)
32. A driver's license is one form

33. Extinct flightless bird
34. Appetizer
35. After battles
36. It neutralizes alkalies
37. Beverage container
38. Partner to "Pa"
40. Gray American rail
41. Salt of acetic acid
42. Canadian province
44. Dish made with lentils
45. Narrative poem of popular origin
46. For each one
47. Come to terms
48. Test
50. More dishonorable
51. Unit of loudness
52. The Ocean State
54. Monetary unit in Mexico
55. Lying down
57. Thus
61. Where LA is located
62. Western State

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3	8	4	9	6	7	1	2	5
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ANSWER:



Solve the code to discover words related to distracted driving.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 6 = E)

- A.** 20 18 11 22 21 26 7 22 18 25 3
Clue: Draws attention away
- B.** 17 6 9 18 7 4 6
Clue: Car or truck
- C.** 21 25 26 20
Clue: Place to drive
- D.** 6 13 6 11
Clue: Used for sight

Answers: A. distraction B. vehicle C. road D. eyes

Mushrooms not the best table fare

A lady was having a group of women from her church over for dinner and she wanted to serve them something extraordinary. "Our little boy has picked a basket of mushrooms," her husband said. "Why don't you serve them at your dinner?" "Are you sure they're safe to eat?" the lady asked. "I think so, but, if you want to be certain, we can feed a couple to the beagle and see how he fares."

The beagle ate the mushrooms and went off chasing a rabbit. "See that," the husband said. "They're safe. You can fix them in a brown gravy, pour that over rice, and your friends will love them."

After the women had eaten every single mushroom, the little boy came rushing into the house, yelling, "Daddy, daddy, the beagle is dead."

The lady frantically loaded all her friends into her van and rushed them to the emergency room to have their stomachs pumped. When they had left, the little boy looked at his

father and said, "You know, the guy who ran over the beagle didn't even slow down."

This is the time of year that huge numbers of people go into the woods in search of morel mushrooms. Where I grew up, we used to call them dryland fish, because the preferred way of preparing them was to dip them in batter and fry them the same way you'd fry crappie.

With April upon us, you may have already begun seeing features about morels in newspapers, magazines and on TV. People love walking through the woods looking for them. It's akin to an Easter egg hunt in the great outdoors with people searching here and there and getting really excited when they find what they're looking for.

You know, there comes a time in everyone's life when they begin searching for something



Roger Alford

far more important. They feel a need to find answers to spiritual questions. I know because I have been there. I was fortunate to have people around me who had already grappled with such questions and had found answers.

Those people pointed me to the Bible. I was amazed to find that the scriptures had answers to every question and guidance for every situation I would face.

Not knowing the Scriptures can get us into a lot trouble in life. It's like Jesus said in Matthew 22:29, "Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures nor the power of God."

If we know the Scriptures and live by them, we can avoid mistakes that can impact not just our lives but our eternal destinies.

The Bible will help us avoid harmful things, some of which can cause far and away more problems than those mushrooms the church ladies ate.

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Worship Nights Tour at Berea Baptist

Kevin Sexton will continue his worship nights tour at Berea Baptist Church on Friday night. The free event will benefit the Berea Baptist Church food pantry. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and the concert begins at 6:30 p.m.

Sexton also serves as worship leader at Berea Baptist Church and released his first solo project last summer. He's in the midst of a Worship Nights Tour and had a concert at Bridgepoint Church in St. Petersburg, Florida on March 21.

Throughout the entire process of branching out on his own, Sexton has learned to be patient amid the excitement of a personal and spiritual milestones.

"It is all in God's timing," he said. "I'm the type of person who's like, 'I'm so impatient and I want things to happen now.' But this is just yet one of those other God moments where he's like no, I need you to wait. You know it's OK. It's OK to be slow. It's OK, 'like your timing is not my timing, your thoughts are not my thoughts. Your ways are not my ways. It's going to be OK.'"

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Flanery releases book

Berea author, Zayda Flanery, has written a book titled, "My Simple Dream." The book is fiction, while, the farm and pictures in the book are factual. Flanery was born in Berea and has been a resident most of her



life. She spent 26 years working at the Christian Appalachian Project and served as manager and coordinator. She has been active with the Business and Professional Women's Organizations since 1987 and is still a member. She was state president in 2000. She

credits BPW for helping her to be able to speak at public engagements. Flanery is happy to share the book and hopes readers will find it educational and inspiring. "We are never too old to dream," she said. Flanery is scheduled for book

signings at several libraries and has spoken to some clubs. She will be at the Gathering Place for a book signing on June 7 from 1-5 p.m.. Books are at the Taleless Dog in Berea as well. She is available for speaking engagements. Please contact her at: zaydasimpledreams@gmail.com.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, REVISING THE AUTHORIZED POSITIONS' ASSIGNED PAY GRADE AND PAY SCALE BY CONFORMING THE TITLES TO CURRENT ORGANIZATION OF THE CITY, PURSUANT TO THE SEPARATION OF THE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM

WHEREAS, In Ordinance No. 19 -2024, the Department of Tourism was separated from the Department of Business Development; and

WHEREAS, as a consequence the City's authorized positions' assigned pay grades and pay scale must be updated to conform to the current organization of the Department of Tourism in order to remain current and to maintain an effective and efficient work force;

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

SECTION I

That the Personnel Policies of the City of Berea are hereby amended by the attached Exhibit, conforming the employment positions with the correct City Department.

SECTION II

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

FIRST READING: March 18, 2025

SECOND READING: April 1, 2025

APPROVED BY:

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Thomas says

farm land not

overdeveloped

By Andy McDonald

For The Citizen

Madison County Planning Director Bert Thomas addressed the Fiscal Court Tuesday, reporting that contrary to some opinions, the county is not in danger of overdeveloping its farm land.

Thomas presented statistics from the county GIS office, stating that 83 percent or 214,000 acres of Madison County are zoned agricultural. Richmond comprises 12,000 acres, followed by Berea with 10,000, making 279,000 total acres when combined with the county.

Single family residential zoning accounts for 22,000 or nine percent of acreage in the county, while commercial and industrial account for 300 and 285 acres respectfully, or less than .2 percent of overall acreage.

Commercial development in the three governments accounts for 2,000 acres, or less than one percent of the total, Thomas said.

Tabulating the last three years, the county, Berea and Richmond have averaged a combined 83 acres of single family residential development.

Madison County Judge/Executive Reagan

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It seems like there’s a myth that all of our farmland is getting used up. Some of these groups in our community, they get on a social media platform, but they haven’t done the research, they speculate, and then people believe it.”

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Reagan Taylor

Judge/Executive

gan Taylor said that figure seems to contradict the perception that agricultural land is being wiped out.

“It seems like there’s a myth that all of our farmland is getting used up,” Taylor said, adding later: “Some of these groups in our community, they get on a social media platform, but they haven’t done the research, they speculate, and then people believe it.”

“If we say [develop]

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TOP PHOTO: Berea Community High School students Jackie Stephens and Colton Hembree examine a sample of a tree that fell near their school, which dated back to the late 19th century.

ABOVE: Berea College Horse Program Forest Technician John Henry Hite provided a sample of the tree for students to examine in addition to his task of removing the massive tree along Ellipse Street near Berea Community School. The tree fell during a violent storm in February.

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matter

Fallen tree

near BCS

dates to 1895

By Andy McDonald

For The Citizen

Berea Community High School students recently completed their investigation of a massive oak tree that was downed along Ellipse Street during a recent winter storm.

According to the students’ research, the tree sprouted when John G. Fee still walked the streets of Berea, and Grover Cleveland was president of the United States.

“By ring count, it appears to be 130-years-old. So, the tree sprouted in 1895, and had grown in that place since then,” said Berea engineering instructor Hank Gevedon.

After the tree’s demise last February, Gevedon said he saw an opportunity to give his students a lesson in applied math. When the tree was being cut up for removal last month, Berea College Horse Program Forest Technician John Henry Hite was kind enough to give Gevedon a slice of the tree to conduct

See TREE, A2



Farewell,

Chief

Sandlin

The Berea Fire Department raised its flag in honor of retired Battalion Chief Doug Sandlin last week. A 23-year veteran of the fire department, as well as a volunteer firefighter, Sandlin passed away on March 30 at the age of 67. “On behalf of the entire Berea city government family, I want to express our most sincere condolences to City Administrator Shawn Sandlin, and the entire Sandlin family, on the passing of Doug Sandlin ... He was a quality guy, a gentleman, and he’ll be greatly missed by his family and all of us,” Berea Mayor Bruce Fraley said.

Photo by Robert Elam

Farmers Market

opens new season

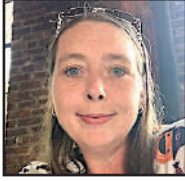
Spring brought a soggy Opening day for Berea Farmers Market.

On Saturday, April 5, Berea Farmers Market opened for the season and moved back to its home at The Chestnut Street Pavilion at 635 Chestnut Street. With 24 farmer and artisan vendors, including four new additions, the season is promising to be a good one.

The move back to the pavilion isn’t the only new arrival. Recently, Regina Hudson took over as BFM Board president after René Poitra-Riley

stepped down for a well-deserved respite after serving in the office for five years.

“René has been an absolutely integral in making the market what it’s become in recent years,” Hudson said. “She’s led the market for five years and in that time, and there’s been growth in every



Regina Hudson

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Obituaries

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• Allen Wayne Wallace

• Jack Maupin

• Wanda Ann Hurley

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Wanda Ann Hurley



Wanda Hurley, 82, wife of Leonard Hurley, formerly of Phelps, died peacefully at her home in Berea on April 1. Wanda was born in Michigan to the late Otis Lee and Pearl Marie Wolford Dick. Wanda was a retired educator for Pike County Schools. She taught third grade at Freeburn Elementary School, taught third and fourth grade at Phelps Elementary School, and was the principal at Phelps Elementary School before retirement. Wanda holds her undergraduate degree from Pikeville College and her Master’s degree from Morehead University.

Wanda was preceded in death by her parents and a granddaughter: Amanda Mapes. Wanda is survived by her husband Leonard Hurley, her children: Leonard Kevin Hurley, Maria Maynard (Keith Scarberry), and Camilla (Shawn) Brinegar, her siblings: Terry Dykstra, Sharon Dotson, and Danny Ray Dick, her grandchildren: Robert Michael Mapes Jr. (Mary Young), Lucas Brinegar, Kyah Brinegar, Melayna (Mathew) Lester, and Dylan Scarberry, her great-grandchildren: Annabella Smith, Hunter Mapes, Gunner Mapes, Abriana Young, Raylan Mapes, River Mapes, Storm Mapes, Tucker, Hayes, and Ellison Lester. A graveside Service was held April 5 at the Johnson Memorial Park Cemetery in Pikeville. Lakes Funeral Home in Berea is handling arrangements.

Allen Wayne Wallace



Allen Wayne Wallace, 91, of Berea, died at his residence Friday, April 4, surrounded by his family. He was born July 27, 1933, son of the late Elias Edward and Esther Ball Wallace, U. S. Army veteran, retired CSX Railroad employee (with 39 1/2 years of service), resident of the Berea area all his life, and member of Wallaceton Baptist Church. Survivors left to cherish his memory include his children David (Diane) Wallace, Rebecca (David) Heckman; brother Butch Wallace; grandchildren Greg (Danielle) Wallace, Kelli (Brooks) Holton, Andrew (Chelsea) Wallace, Emily (Vince) Slone, Jacob

(Gina) Harding, Jared Harding, Kyle (Kate) Kidwell, Jason (Katie) Kidwell, William (McKayla) Wallace; 18 great-grandchildren; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, relatives, friends and church family. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his loving wife Lucille Hale Wallace; children Allen Wayne Wallace, Jr., Beth Thomas; siblings Elmer Wallace, Dallas Wallace, Addie Mae Osborne, Alice Palmer, and Jim Wallace. In accordance with Allen’s wishes, he was cremated. Acceptance of friends 2 p.m., Sunday, April 13, at Reppert Funeral Home, with Memorial Service to follow at 3 p.m. with Bro. Jacob Harding officiating. Burial of Cremains with Military Rites 11 a.m. Monday, April 14, at Berea Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Hospice Care Plus, 350 Isaacs Lane, Richmond,.

LeRoy Kenneth VandenOever



LeRoy Kenneth VandenOever, 78, of Berea, passed away peacefully on April 3. Born on December 13, 1946, in Osseo, MN, he was a son to the late Henry and Artie Naaktgeboren VandenOever. LeRoy’s life was marked by devotion to his faith, family, and community. LeRoy is lovingly remembered by his wife, Jeri VandenOever, with whom he shared a life full of joy and companionship. His legacy continues through his daughters, Kyra (Jason)

Ledford, Kendra (Tom) Miller, and KaLoy (Aaron) Williams; his brother, Ron VandenOever; and his cherished ten grandchildren, Jeremiah Monnett, KaLynn Desenko, Katherine Peters, Kasedria Miller, Jeffrey Miller, James Miller, Landon Williams, Lucy Williams, Athena Williams, and Iris Williams. After a fulfilling career as a minister in the Church of the Nazarene and dedicated service at the Blue Grass Army Depot, Leroy retired to enjoy his passions. He was an avid golfer who cherished the moments spent on the greens. Above all, his greatest pleasure was the time spent surrounded by his family, whose lives he enriched with love, wisdom, and kindness.

Joseph Gerard Krauss



Joseph Gerard Krauss, known affectionately as Joe to his friends and family, passed away peacefully on April 2 in Berea. Born on April 28, 1958, in Detroit, Michigan, Joe was a man of unwavering faith. He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Dorothy Krocak Krauss. Joe dedicated 37 years of his life to serving his community as a mail carrier for the United States Postal Service, a role he performed with dedication and a friendly smile. His commitment to his work was matched only by his love for his family. He leaves behind his beloved spouse of 34 years, Renee Krauss; his cherished daughter, Katrina Krauss, and her husband, Kyle Johnson. He also leaves behind two bonus sons that he dearly loved, Brian Elliott,

and Cory Elliott; his precious in laws, Brian and Nancy Johnson; his dear sister, Debby (Marty) Piet, along with two nieces, Elizabeth and Katy, and one nephew, Michael, and his childhood friends the St. Barbara Boys, Mark Sikina, Dave Sajdak, Ed Kuciemba, Dave Zagornik, Frank Psaila, John Gury, Daniel Horvath, and Ted Pajor. A man of many passions, Joe never missed a Kentucky Derby since turning 18, reveling in the thrill of horse racing. He was a very faithful long-time member at St. Claire Catholic Church in Berea. His love for the outdoors was evident in his enjoyment of fishing at the beach and the countless hours he spent tending to his backyard, which was his personal haven. Joe’s life was a testament to his faith-filled spirit, and he will be remembered for his unwavering belief in God and the love he shared with those around him. His legacy of kindness and devotion will continue to

Former Berea College President Dr. Larry Shinn passes away at age 83

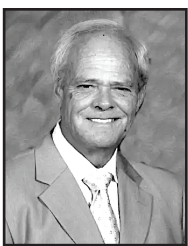


Former Berea College President Dr. Larry Shinn passed away on Wednesday, April 7, at the age of 83. Shinn served as President at Berea from 1994-2012 and was an ordained minister. He was a former member of Union Church, where he also served as an honorary lifetime deacon. “I am so very sad that I will be

lifting my glass alone without my “birthday buddy” in the years to come, but I won’t be without a profound gratitude for the many years of change and challenges we shared.” Union Church Pastor Kent Gilbert said. “Larry’s faith was deep, filled with the trust that if you have gifts they should be used for good. And by the way, everyone has gifts.” Arrangements are pending and a memorial service is tentatively planned for June 7 at Union Church.

In Loving Memory

Jack L. Maupin



Jack Maupin, 78, passed from this earthly life into his eternal home on Sunday, April 6, surrounded by his loved ones. A lifelong resident of Berea, he was born on Feb. 1, 1947, to Leon and Dorcas Maupin. He was self-employed and owned several businesses, his last venture being Lee’s Famous Recipe in Somerset, from which he retired. Jack served in the United States Army and was a member of the 100th Division of the United States Army Reserve. He had many and varied interests. He was a stamp collector since childhood, a guitar player, and a collector of vintage pocket knives—and a master craftsman of such. For many years, he owned broodmares and raised fine Tennessee Walking Horse colts. He also had a deep passion for Harley-Davidsons and Corvettes. Jack is survived by his wife of 55 years, Edna Carol Williams Maupin; his daughters, Amy Maupin Harris and Brittany Maupin Quant and her hus-

band Richard Quant; and his beloved granddaughter, Caroline Jane Harris, whom he adored. She will have many fond memories to treasure. Also surviving are his brother-in-law, Darrell Combs; his nephew and wife, Lee and Angie Miller; and his great-nephew and wife, Nicholas and Carley Miller. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his only sibling, Louise Combs; his father- and mother-in-law, Nicholas and Ruth Williams; and his dearest friend, Robert Helton. Visitation will be held on Friday, April 11th, at First Baptist Church on Eastern Bypass from 5 to 8 p.m. The funeral service will be held on Saturday at 11 a.m., also at First Baptist Church. Officiants will be Reverend Bill Fort and Dr. Travis Farris. Pallbearers will be Mark Terry, David Withers, David Little, Kevin Miller, Lee Miller, Nicholas Miller, Richard Quant, Glenn Vice, Tony Cox, and Russ Chamberlin. Honorary pallbearers are Dennis Wagoner, Harold Richardson Jr., and Benny Roop. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made online to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s Disease or the Parkinson’s Foundation.



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Turning back time

What was it like to live in Berea in 1925? Rhonda and I had that very conversation at dinner recently and it made me think of how far society has come in the last century.

For curiosity sake, I used an AI tool — ChatGPT — to research Berea’s makeup a century ago and it provided a snapshot of small town Berea 100 years ago.



Keith Taylor

Town and Setting

- **Population:** Berea was a small, close-knit community, likely home to just a few thousand people. It was rural, quiet, and nestled in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains.
- **Economy:** Agriculture, crafts, and education were the major economic activities. People grew their own food, bartered goods, and participated in local markets. The town was also known for woodworking, weaving, and other Appalachian crafts.

Berea College

- **Social Mission:** Berea College was the heart of the town. Founded in 1855 with a mission of interracial and coeducational learning, it was still deeply committed to serving students from the Appalachian region, regardless of race or gender.
- **Work-Study Model:** Students didn’t pay tuition; instead, they worked jobs to cover costs—farming, making furniture, cooking, etc. It was a place of hope and opportunity for many poor mountain families.

Daily life

- **Technology:** Electricity and running water were limited. Many homes used wood stoves, oil lamps, and drew water from wells. Automobiles were becoming more common, but horse-drawn wagons were still around.
- **Communication:** Radio was a new and exciting invention, but not yet common in every home. People relied on newspapers, letters, and word of mouth.
- **Culture:** Church and school events were the social glue. People gathered for singing, storytelling, quilting bees, and potlucks. Music—especially folk, gospel, and early bluegrass—was central to community life.

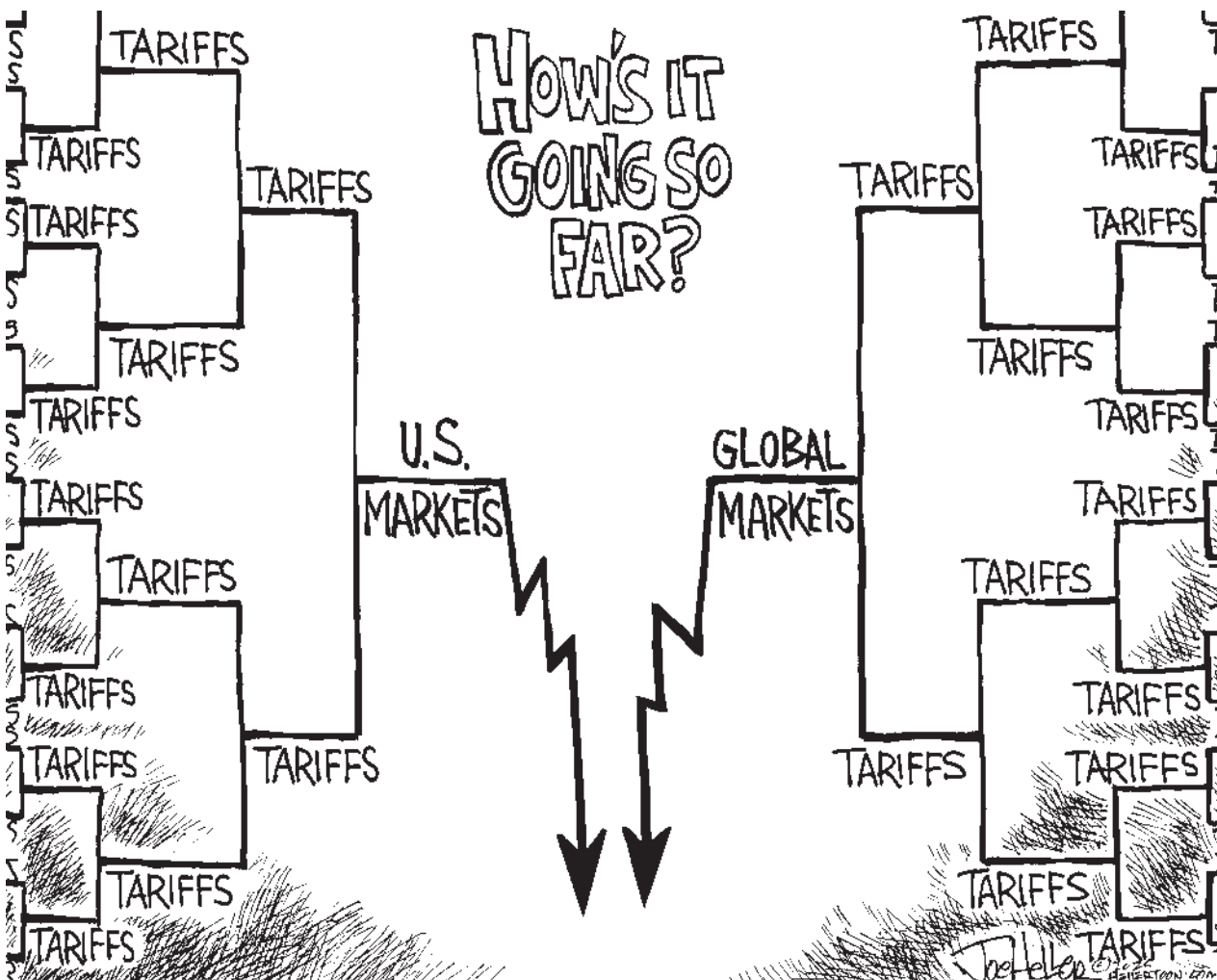
Crafts and Tradition

- Berea had a strong tradition of Appalachian crafts, which were promoted by the college as both cultural preservation and economic opportunity. You’d see women weaving on looms, men carving furniture, and hand-made goods sold locally or shipped through the college’s craft program.

Community Life

- People helped each other out. Families were large, and most people lived close to extended relatives. You’d know your neighbors, go to church with them, and likely work with them too.
 - There was a strong sense of purpose, especially tied to education, self-reliance, and faith.
- As you can see, a lot has changed in the past century and things are changing rapidly, but much remains the same. I wonder what it will be like 100 years from now? Time will tell.

Keith Taylor



Tariffs make sense

Let’s give the tariffs time to work. I’m as anxious as you are since everything I have is tied to the stock market. If the stock market dies, I will be working or starving the rest of my life. Let’s hope things settle down soon. I believe they will and will grow even bigger.

The tariffs make sense. If China charges us a 25% tariff, then it’s only fair that we charge them one. The same goes for Canada, Mexico, Vietnam and all the others. If they want to charge us 40% then it’s only fair that we charge them the same. What is good for the goose is good for the gander.

Higher prices will come for a while. Car dealerships have seen a lot more people trying to make their deals before all the tariffs are tacked onto the prices.

People are worried about buying cheap stuff from China at Walmart or any other country. I honestly don’t want stuff from China. If China never ships another thing here it wouldn’t bother me. Sadly, everything I own today is, in some way, likely tied to a foreign country.

When I was a kid, I had a transistor radio made in Hong Kong.

I thought it was funny to have such an item made from so far away. Throughout the

years it became the norm. Cars, televisions, furniture, appliances and steel started coming from other places. Sadly, our American manufacturers were moving to Mexico, or any country on the planet where they could find slave labor. This turned into big profit for them because they shipped the goods cheaply back to the United States and made big profits. The problem was that those jobs were forever lost in America. The American workers had to go out and find jobs at Walmart and Starbucks making \$10 an hour which today is more like \$15 to \$18. They had been used to making \$35 or \$40 an hour before their job moved out of America.

People are crying today about what might happen to the prices at Walmart. Unfortunately, that’s all Americans can afford today is Walmart. Americans are so poor that we have to rely on Dollar General Store or Walmart. Back in the 1950s, 60s and even 70s people could go to one of the big cities in their state and find a good paying manufacturing job. There were



Glenn Mollette

lots of jobs. We made a lot of cars, televisions, radios, clothes, furniture, steel, lumber, and had coal mining and much more. These people made enough money to buy a house, buy two cars, buy food, raise their kids and have a real retirement after working 30 years.

That was called the American dream.

Today the American dream is applying for disabled Social Security and then praying that you can afford to go to Walmart. Don’t even think about buying a new car, a new house or taking a vacation because on today’s income it is not going to happen.

Let’s try to keep breathing and see how these tariffs play out. We need jobs to come back to America. We need our own companies to come home. We need to buy our own American steel and make things here once again. If other countries will come to America and build their products here and hire our people that will be a good thing.

Just maybe, in a few years, once again, people in America will dream again.

This column is the opinion of the author and not the expressed views of the Berea Citizen, its management and ownership.

COMMUNITY

Berea Home Village still growing

As spring brings new life to the world around us, it’s a perfect time to reflect on growth — not just in our gardens, but within our beloved community.

Just like the flowers and trees that blossom this time of year, Berea Home

Village needs nurturing to continue to flourish.

One of the most critical ways we grow is through your generosity. This spring, our primary fundraising focus is KY Gives Day. While the campaign officially kicks off on May 1, our main push will be on May 13. On that day, your gift can go

even farther thanks to generous donors who will be offering matching funds. It’s a wonderful opportunity to double your impact and help ensure that BHV remains strong and sustainable for the future.

On May-13 you can give at: <https://www.kygives.org/organizations/berea-home-village>.

In a recent month, volunteers provided a variety of essential services that reflect the broad needs of our members. These included 18 medical appointments across Berea, Richmond, and Lexington; personal errands like bank visits, grocery and pharmacy runs; and supportive services such as physi-

cal therapy transport, home repair assessments, and trash takeout.

Members also enjoyed social outings, including lunch and beauty appointments. These services were made possible by our dedicated volunteers, who generously use their own vehicles and time.

Thanks to the donations we receive, Berea Home Village is able to offer mileage reimbursement to help offset these personal expenses and keep our volunteer program running strong.

Carla Baumann
Board President
Berea Home Village

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MADISON COUNTY DETENTION CENTER

March 27

- Steven Murphy, 51: failure to appear
- Miguel Shaw, 24: serving weekends
- Alan Williams, 39: unlawful imprisonment, 1st degree; wanton endangerment 1st degree; harassment – physical contact – no injury
- John Powell, 55: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree 1st offense (methamphetamine); possession of marijuana; possession of a controlled substance, 2nd degree – drug unspecified
- Gavin Myers, 21: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st; fleeing or evading police, 2nd degree (motor vehicle); fleeing or evading police, 2nd degree (on foot); criminal mischief, 1st degree; reckless driving
- Sheila Patterson, 57: non-payment of court costs, fees or fines
- William Richard, 52: failure to appear
- Morris Gill, 36: probation violation (for felony offense)
- Christopher Watkins, 47: state community center prisoner hold

March 28

- Thomas Wolford, 33: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st; no operator’s/moped license; leaving scene of an accident – failure to render aid or assistanve; wanton endangerment, 1st degree
- Lloyd Whitis, 46: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines
- Cameron Moss, 22: improper passing; disregarding compulsory turn lane; reckless driving; operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st

- Dustin Isaacs, 35: failure to appear
- Joshua Messer, 48: hold for court; failure to appear
- Hayden Hall, 27: failure to appear
- Nathaniel Gipson, 81: failure to appear
- Kaitlyn Hicks, 31: probation violation for felony offense (5 counts)
- Andrew Wright, 34: no registration receipt; no registration plates; operating on suspended or revoked operator’s license; operating vehivle with expired operator’s license
- Ryan Anderson, 41: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1ast offense (cocaine); non-payment of court costs, fees or fines
- Ashlee Griggers, 30: contempt of court, libel/slander, resistance to order (2 counts)
- Devon Stone, 29: receiving stolen property (firearm)
- Angelo Ward, 21: failure to appear

March 29

- Elbert Boggs, 50: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 3re or greater offense (methamphetamine); tampering with physical evidence
- Vance Blevins, 35: failure to appear
- David Short, 22: failure to appear
- Daquan Brown, 21: probation violation for technical violation
- Jeremy Woods, 43: failure to appear
- Stephen Sherer, 53: careless driving; no registration plates; no registration receipt; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (cocaine)
- Eric Foister, 33: failure to appear; strangulation,1st degree; assault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor

injury

- Brianna Smothers, 25: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines
- Michelle Thomas, 50: failure to appear
- James Rose, 55: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); drug paraphernalia – buy/possess

March 30

- Amber Hoskins, 30: no operator’s license; non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines; failure to wear seat belts; no registration receipt; failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security – 2nd offense
- Amanda Shafer, 37: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines
- Nicole Hager, 43: assault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor injury; alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses); assault, 4th degree, minor injury
- Jacob Weaver, 24: careless driving; failure to wear seat belts; open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle; drug paraphernalia – buy/possess; possession of marijuana; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (cocaine)
- Shannon Hardy, 39: failure to appear
- Jessica Henderson, 32: drug paraphernalia – buy/possess; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (heroin)

March 31

- Ishmael Kilby, 43: probation violation for felony offense
- John Hardin, 58: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine)

- Timothy Martin, 36: operating motor vehicle under the influence of substance(s) -1st; failure to wear seat belts; failure to appear (2 counts)
- Bradley Sargent, 44: failure to appear (2 counts); theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting, \$1,000 but less than \$10,000
- Ashley Reynolds, 36: failure to appear (2 counts)
- Keana Bell, 30: failure to appear
- Matthew Guynn, 41: failure to appear
- Malik Hawkins, 30: criminal trespassing, 2nd degree
- Skybird Ocean, 28: alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses)
- Chris Spoonamore, 44: hold for court
- Nancy Hounshell, 39: criminal possession of a forged instrument, 1st degree
- Jacob Cain, 26: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 2nd offense (methamphetamine); possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (heroin)
- Zachary Pennington, 21: criminal mischief, 1st degree

April 1

- Paxton Mahan, 45: receiving stolen property, \$1,000 but less than \$10,000
- Daniel Damrell, 32: drug paraphernalia – buy/possess
- John Steel, 32: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (cocaine); operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/substance(s)-1st
- Thomas Crowe, 33: fleeing or evading police, 3rd degree; probation violation (for felony offense); serving parole violation warrant
- Steven Knuckles, 49: serving parole violation warrant
- Stephanie Roberts, 33:

theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting; failure to appear

- Floyd Epsey, 40: detainer
- Thomas Carpenter, 45: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting
- Rebecca Hacker, 45: criminal possession of forged instrument – 1st degree; failure to appear

April 2

- Brittney Young, 37: operating on suspended or revoked operator’s license; no operator’s – moped license; failure to produce insurance card; failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance/security – 1st; failure to or improper signal; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (heroin); giving officer false identifying information; theft of identity of another without consent; probation violation for felony offense
- Johnathan Johnson, 46: parole violation for technical violation
- Mark Boe, 70: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (heroin); possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (cocaine)
- George Lowery, 45: trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (greater than or equal to 2 grams methamphetamine); possession of a controlled substance, 3rd degree (drug unspecified); possession of marijuana; drug paraphernalia – buy/possess; failure to appear
- Jerome Newton, 33: aggravated trafficking in a controlled substance (greater than or equal to 10 grams carfentanil or fentanyl derivative)

COURT RECORDS

District Court

March 28

- Larissa L. Hicks vs. Michael B. Golden
- Molly Allison McKinney vs. Rebecca A. McKinney
- Amy M. King vs. Frankie King, Jr.

April 3

- Danielle Pinkam Rawlins vs Nicholas E. Rawlins

Circuit Court

March 27

- Kirstin Marie Green Brock vs. Jonathan Reid Brock
- Jessicaa Nicole Hall vs. Christopher Fess Hall

March 28

- Meghan Goins-Al-Shaikhahmed vs. Mohammed Saud Al Shaikhahmed
- Katrena Jo Baker vs. Ronnie Gene Baker
- Kandace Ashcraft vs. Zachary Ashcraft
- Amy L. Reister vs. Stanley P. Reister, II

April 1

- Alixandria Renae Thomson DeSpain vs. Ashlend Elliot Klang

MARRIAGES

March 27

- Megan Nicole Calebs, office manager, 26, of London to Tucker Colten Parker Strong, auto glass tech, 22, of Berea
- Eldon Cordale Powell, welder/fabricator, 22 of Richmond to Makayleigh Paige Curry, hostess, 20 of Berea

March 31

- Robin Meranda Lee Isaacs, homemaker, 34 of Richmond to Max Zom, engineer, 34 of Richmond
- Stephen Lamar Phillips, Jim Beam machine operator, 48 of Winchester to Simona Lynn Masters, dental assistant, 41, of Berea

April 1

- Andreia Nyleve Cabrera Amaral, medical assistant, 27, of Richmond to Blake William Joseph Tiller, application developer, 25 of Richmond
- Kaitlyn Dawn Duncan, student, 28 of Rich-

- mond to Arielle Florence Rosario, caregiver, 25, of Richmond
- June Lorraine Hendrickson, factory, 45 of Richmond to Steven Wesley Hawks, unemployed, 42 of Richmond

April 2

- Gary Wayne Scenters, Jr., unemployed, 29 of Berea to Megan Lynn Terry, cashier, 25 of Berea
- Deyana Monet Spalding, daycare provider, 23, of Lebanon to D’onte Dru Reviere, army, 28 of Lebanon
- Brennen Wayde Richardson, Hyster Yale, 30, of Berea to Kara Jeanna Fayth Gooch, unemployed, 29 of Berea
- Jessmyn Lee Willoughby, CNA, 18 of Richmond to John Hershal Flores-Warren, construction, 20 of Richmond

March 27

- Eric Payne and Sarah Ellen Payne, by and through her Attorney-in-Fact Eric Payne to Noah Payne, 106 Berenwood Drive, Berea, \$185,000
- Wallace Neal Ward, II and Kim Ward to Kelley Samiento, Trustee of Cesar Samiento and Gladys Samiento Irrevocable Living Trust, dated May 22, 2019, lot 12 The Woods Subdivision, Richmond, \$546,000
- Ricky Shastid and Eula Shastid to Kenneth B. Miller and Angila M. Mullins, lot 3 and 4 Big Oak Subdivision Unit #1, \$255,000
- Glenda C. Langley, by and through her Attorney-in-Fact, Timothy M. Langley and Timothy M. Langley to Kyle Saxe, 316 Bocote Drive, Berea
- America Storage, LLOC to Houghton Homes, LLC, tracts Madison County, \$550,000
- John L. Florell, Trustee of the John L. Florell Revocable Trust, dated August 4, 2008, and amended on October 7, 2015, to Lynell Webb, lot 69 Deer Creek Estates, Block C, \$460,000
- Ernest Wayne Parke to Ernest Wayne Park and Charles Lee Park, 253 Savanna Drive, Richmond, as a gift between brothers
- APEX Homes, LLC to Keith Karkoski and Cynthia Garcia, lot 32 Fair Vista Landing Subdivision Phase 2, \$260,000
- Berea Property Development, LLC to Sowers Commercial, LLC, 842 Ridgewood Drive, Unit 1, Lot 4G; 842 Ridgewood Drive, Unit 2, Lot 4H; 842 Ridgewood Drive, Unit 3, Lot 4H; 842 Ridgewood Drive, Unit 4, Lot 4I; 842 Ridgewood Drive, Unit 4, Lot 4J; 842 Ridgewood Drive, Unit 5, Lot 4K, \$200,000
- Victory Lane Development, Inc to John Cleveland Clark and Judy Kate Clark lot 1 Block E Clay Tower Addition, Richmond, \$180,400
- DS & JV Properties, LLC to Tommy Cope Properties, LLC, lot 63 Firebrook Subdivision \$58,000

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- Houghton Homes, LLC to Jesse Lee Wood and Johnnie Danielle Wood,

lot 58 Firebrook Subdivision, Phase 1, \$273,000

- Renee Spurlock to Viney Fork Baptist Church, Inc (d/b/a Kingston Forks Baptist Church), tracts Madison County (vicinity of Kingston), \$85,000
- Hays Fork Baptist Church of Richmond, Kentucky, Inc. and Hays Fork Baptist Church to Viney Fork Baptist Church, Inc (d/b/a Kingston Forks Baptist Church), tracts Madison County (vicinity of Richmond), for and in consideration of a certain agreement for merger of the congregations of said churches and distribution of assets
- Hays Fork Baptist Church of Richmond, Kentucky, Inc. and Hays Fork Baptist Church to Viney Fork Baptist Church, Inc (d/b/a Kingston Forks Baptist Church), tracts Madison County (vicinity of Richmond), for and in consideration of placing properties owned by church into one deed
- Patricia A. Valenti to Patricia Valenti, Trustee for and on behalf of the Patricia Valenti Revocable Living Trust, dated August 6, 2024, 331 River’s Edge, Richmond, for and in consideration of the terms and conditions of the Patricia Valenti Revocable Living Trust, dated August 6, 2024

March 31

- Extreme Properties, LLC to Brian Hilson, lot 103 Parkview @ Hangar Farm Subdivision Phase 1, \$306,900
- New Idea Construction and Homes, LLC to Prairie View @ Twin Lakes Homeowner’s Association, Inc, tract plat 30/89, for and in consideration of an agreement between parties
- Carol Ann Robinson to Lee Tevis Robinson and Kathy Robinson, lots plat 6/394, \$100,000
- Berea Property Development, LLC to W&P Investments, 846 Ridgewood Drive Unit 1 Lot 3H, Berea; 846 Ridgewood Drive Unit 2 Lot 3I, Berea; 846 Ridgewood Drive Unit 3 Lot 3J, Berea; 846 Ridgewood Drive Unit 4 Lot 3K, Berea; 846 Ridgewood Drive Unit 5 Lot 3L, Berea, \$300,000
- DLS Partners, LLC to

Sandstone Development, LLC< 530 Breezewood Drive, Richmond, \$75,000

- Stefanie Ann Johnson and Robert J. Johnson, Tara K. Miracle (a/k/a Tara Kaylon Miracle) and Gary L. Miracle to Bryce A. Sulla and Coutney H. Baktis, lot 73 The Oaks Subdivision Phase 1, \$265,000
- Combs Colt, LLC to Shayla Renee Grubb, lot 43 Stoney Creek Subdivision Unit 3 Phase 1-C, \$255,000
- Abigail Mounce (n/k/a Abigail Taylor Larkin) and Lucas James Larkin and Mark Mounce and Angela Mounce to Abigail Taylor Larkin and Lucas James Larkin, lot 10 plat 7/281, for and in consideration of the love and affection grantors have for their daughter and in order to create a survivorship provision
- Spangler Apartments to WG&T Builders, Inc. lots 131 and 132 Carriage Place Phase 2, \$160,000
- Fred G. Brammell and Susan O. Brammell to Fred G. Brammell and Susan O. Brammell, Co-Trustees of the Fred and Susan Brammell Living Trust, dated March 20, 2025, 405 Summit Street, Richmond, for and in consideration of the premises and to conform to the intentions of the parties
- Fred G. Brammell and Susan O. Brammell to Fred G. Brammell and Susan O. Brammell, Co-Trustees of the Fred and Susan Brammell Living Trust, dated March 20, 2025, 2338 Stoney Run Road, Richmond, for and in consideration of the premises and to conform to the intentions of the parties
- Linda W. Huff to Joseph Lee Huff and Sarah Beth Pigg, Co-Trustees of the Linda Huff Irrevocable Trust, dated March 21, 2025, 709 Hackney Court, Richmond, for and in consideration of premises and to conform to the intentions of the parties
- James F. Green and Zita F. Green to “James and Zita Green Family Trust,” James M. Green and Shawn K. Green, Trustees under provisions of trust agreement dated March 13, 2025,2665 Lexington Road, Richmond, as a gift to grantee

- James Bicknell and Pearlline Bicknell to James Dause, tracts plat 31/228, \$522,500

- Gambrel and Gambrel Properties, LLC, by and through its authorized member, Jason Otto Gambrel to Gambrel and Gambrel Properties, LLC, by and through its authorized member Jason Otto Gambrel, 308 Highland Park, 306 Highland Park (collectively known as 308 Highland Park, Richmond), for and in consideration of the consolidation of the real property
- AARS, LLC to SMP Hospitality, LLC, 196 Prince Royal Drive, Berea, \$1,930,111

April 1

- Izabella Poloni and Jeron Poloni to Aaron J. Eisenberg and Haley D. Eisenburg, lot 8 Block D Unit 1-C Birchwood Subdivision, \$202,000
- Kaitlyn Lakes (f/k/a Kaitlin Morgan Nipper) and Jeremy Dillon Lakes to Derik A. Stamper and Cassidy A. Stamper, 2131 Fayette Drive, Richmond, \$224,900
- April Fox to Chad Privett and Kimberlee Privett, lot 38 Kensington Place, Richmond, \$405,000
- Jennifer Ryan Osborn, Trustee of the Barbara Kaylor-Lovett Irrevocable trust, dated June18, 2024 to Eric Lon Caldwell, lot 43 Block B Frazewood Subdivision, Richmond, \$205,000
- Snapp Homes and Rentals, LLC to Billy Stamper and Tiffany Janel Jones-Stamper, lot 10 Mill Ridge Subdivision, \$248,500
- Signature Rentals, LLC to Lantern Ridge, LLC, parcel 1 amended final plat Richmond Centre, LLC, for and in consideration of vesting title in Grantee of which Members of both entities are the same



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CITY OF BEREAKENTUCKY1890

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALCODES MOWING SERVICES

Contact:	Direct Questions to: Amanda Haney Email: ahaney@bereaky.gov Phone: 859-986-8528
Submit Proposals to:	City of Berea Attn: Melissa Isaacs 212 Chestnut Street Berea, KY 40403 "Codes Mowing Services" shall be clearly marked on sealed envelope.
Issue Date:	Tuesday, April 8, 2025
Deadline for Questions:	Wednesday, April 16, 2025
Proposal Due Date and Time:	Friday, April 25, 2025, no later than 4 pm delivered to Codes & Planning Department, 2nd floor City Hall
Anticipated Selection Date:	Wednesday, April 30, 2025
Details:	City of Berea Codes & Planning Department is requesting quotes for mowing of vacant or abandoned properties in city limits of Berea that are not in compliance with the city's grass ordinance. Proposal shall include: (1) initial fee to perform walk through, remove trash and debris, and first cut (2) price per cut; city will require an average of 2 cuts per yard per month, April through October, excluding the initial cut. On average, there are 10-15 properties per season, approximate size of ¼ acre. Selected contractor will be required to provide and keep an active business license with City of Berea, liability insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000, and worker's compensation insurance as required.

CITY OF BEREAKENTUCKY1890

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Berea Board of Adjustment will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the City Annex located at 304 Chestnut Street to consider the following request(s):

GEF PROPERTIES – 202 & 204 WATER STREET – DIMENSIONAL VARIANCE REQUEST FOR 9' AT THE FRONT SETBACK LINE(S) IN AN R-3 (Multi-family Residential) ZONE.

Amanda Haney
Codes Administrator

Melissa Isaacs
Board Secretary

CITY OF BEREAKENTUCKY1890

CITY OF BEREASPRING CLEAN-UP

RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF BEREA

The City of Berea and Waste Connections will hold SPRING CLEAN-UP within the city limits of Berea, the week of April 21 - 25, 2025. The clean-up will coincide with your normal garbage pickup. The collection crews will remove a normal pick-up truck load on your scheduled day. Items for collection must be placed at curbside by 5:00 am on the day of your pickup. If you have bulk items other than bagged waste or dry boxed items to be collected, you will need to call the Waste Connections Office to schedule a pickup date. If you should require a pickup other than your scheduled day and time, that service will be provided at the rate of \$25.00 per request, not to exceed a legal pick-up load. All refuse must be placed in plastic bags or containers. Compost materials (wood, grass clipping, etc.) must be kept separate from normal garbage or trash. Larger limbs must be stacked in neat piles at the curb with all limbs facing the same direction. Small limbs and twigs must be placed in securely tied bundles or in plastic bags. Used appliances and furniture will be collected and charged at Waste Connections scheduled rates as listed below:

Appliances (White Goods) -----\$25.00

Stuffed Chairs -----\$12.50

Couches and Loveseats -----\$20.00

Non-Stuffed Chairs -----\$ 7.00

Carpeting -----12x12-----\$20.00 Per Room

Fencing and Wire -----\$3.25 Per Foot

ALL APPLIANCES THAT USE FREON must have a certificate that this liquid has been removed by a certified technician or Waste Connections will charge \$50.00 for the following items: Refrigerators, Dehumidifiers, Air Conditioners, and Freezers. FURNITURE AND CARPET/RUGS must be wrapped in plastic. All bulk items will be picked up the same day as your normal pickup. These items must be placed at the curb at the same time as all other materials.

If you have any questions, please call 877-288-2981, 606-877-7760, or 606-864-7996

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On Sunday, April 5th, the officers for the upcoming year were installed during the regularly scheduled meeting of the YMCA. Mr. H.E. Taylor was in charge of ceremonies. He began by quoting a verse from the Bible and asking for several favorite quotations from student. He shared about many of the outstanding businesses of the country and of their attitudes and donations to Christian work. After his opening remarks, Mr. Taylor installed new officers which was followed by short speeches from Jim Wilson, incoming president as well as outgoing president A.J. Russel. The meeting was very beneficial and entertaining and impressed all who were present.

A program of fire protection was soon to be launched for several buildings on the campus of Berea College according to George Kavanaugh, business manager for the college. Last August, campus buildings were inspected by representatives of the State Fire Marshal's Office in Frankfort. Opportunities for reducing risks of injury and/or death were discussed along with methods to increase fire suppression and prevention. The report was presented with two primary recommendations. First, there was a need for the addition of new fire escapes and stairs and second illuminated signs indicating exit locations in buildings. The report also suggested the replacement of ladder type escapes where applicable. The addition of illuminated signs would require a direct electrical source to

the main service in order to make all signs function on a single circuit. Because of the significant undertaking of this project, it would not be addressed at this time. Work, however, was getting started with the purchase of additional fire escapes. The cost of the project would be approximately \$14,000 and would take place as soon as materials were delivered. The Logan Company of Louisville was awarded the contract for the installation of the iron exterior stairway type fire escapes.

An announcement from Berea School Superintendent William Bennett was made regarding an alternative school traffic plan for flash flooding and tornado drills. During excessive rainfall flash flooding was blocking one of the entrance roads to

the school causing difficulties for pickups. The alternative pick up plan was unveiled to faculty, parents and the community along with how the information would be conveyed. Regarding tornado and storm preparedness, faculty and staff had viewed films on the effects of tornados and school wide tornado drills had been held for the entire school. Parents were made aware of the procedures the school would follow in the event of severe weather. Parents were also advised not to attempt to pick students up during severe weather events.

Lou Alta King celebrated her 102nd birthday on April 11, 2000. Born in Pulaski County, she lived her first 95 years in Madison County and the past five years of her life with her daugh-

ter Fannie Lamb in Garrard County. Recently Mrs. King became a resident of the Skilled Nursing Facility located at Berea Hospital. She celebrated her birthday with her granddaughter and other relatives who came to be with her. When she was presented with a birthday card and cake she had a big smile for staff members. During her life she had married three times (all three preceded her in death). She had seven children, numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren. Religion played a big role in Mrs. King's life. She co-hosted a religious radio program with Reverend Milt King for several years on WEKY in Richmond. She attributed her long life to good living and serving God. She loved to garden, quilt, sew and cook. She never drank or smoked and spent her life caring for her family.

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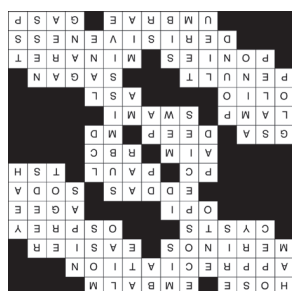
62. Fully shaded inner regions
63. Short convulsive intake of breath

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2. Oil cartel
3. Agile
4. Greek goddess of discord
5. Genetically distinct variety
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9. Chinese dynasty
10. NFL great Randy
12. Within
13. Palm trees
16. Fungal disease
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2. Oil cartel
3. Agile
4. Greek goddess of discord
5. Genetically distinct variety
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9. Chinese dynasty
10. NFL great Randy
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34. A crying noise of a

36. Sticky, amorphous substance
37. Starchy dish of dried tubers
38. Type of acid
40. Partner to "Ma"
43. 16 ounces
45. The Bay State
48. A well-defined track or path
50. Substitution
51. Defined period
53. Group of toughs
54. Region
55. Famed Scottish Loch
57. Blood relation
58. Not around
59. Recipe measurement
61. Father to Junior



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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!

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Clue: Protective eyewear

B. 2 24 25 2 4 9 9 3 24 25

Clue: Brain injury

C. 9 13 24 20 14 9

Clue: Athletic endeavors

Clue: Athletic endeavors

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D. 9 10 17 22 14 19

Clue: Protection



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Trying hard is important if we're to succeed in life

A husband walked out in the yard to find his wife in tears. He asked what was wrong. "Just look at that flower I planted last week," she said, pointing to a lifeless clump of brown leaves. "It's dead. I am a terrible gardener."

"Oh, you're not a terrible gardener," the husband said, trying to console his wife. "That flower should have tried harder."

The Bible tells us that trying hard is crucial if we, as people, are to do well in life. Colossians 3:23 says whatever we do, do heartily as unto

the Lord. In 2 Thessalonians 3:10, we read if someone doesn't work, neither should he eat. And in 1 Timothy 5:8, we're told "if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel."

So, it's pretty clear the Lord doesn't want us to be prone to laziness. He wants us to try hard in everything we set our hands to.



Roger Alford

I think we can learn from those flowers in our yards. They push their shoots through soil and sod in the spring. They send their roots deep into the earth to get water and nutrients in summer.

They make the best of the wind and rain and sun. In fact, they don't just survive the harshness of the outdoors. They prosper.

So, yes, I think we can learn from the flowers, at least the ones that are willing to try hard.

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

“

And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men ...”

Colossians 3:23

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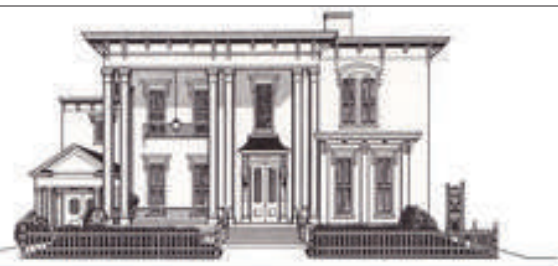
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Berea Food Bank, BUUR still serving community

By James Snyder

The Berea Lions Club welcomed Tony Craciolo, Executive Director, Berea Food Bank, as the featured bi-weekly speaker, March 25 at Lee's Famous Recipe. He gave the club a history of several groups that provide outreach programs in Berea.

"Thirty-three years ago, area churches decided that they could do a better job feeding people in need, if they closed their pantries and instead, depositing all their food in a central food bank - that's why we're not called a pantry - and it ran along that way for many years in church basements. The Amazing Jerry Workman found us a permanent home that the city pledged in an old white house which has since been torn down...

"About 20 years ago they decided they wanted to have another program called, 'BURR', Bereans United for Utility and Rent Relief' to help people with a partial

utility or a partial rent payment, once in a 12 month period...So they decided to incorporate as 'Berea Faith Community Outreach' [BFCO], with two programs: The Berea Food Bank, and BUUR.

Several years ago, Frank Gailey left a bequest to[BFCO] to form the Frank Dailey Transient Emergency Assistance Fund, the Good Samaritan Fund that helps stranded travelers. The fund is administered by the Berea Police Department - so if they encounter a stranded traveler at 2 a.m. in the morning, within certain parameters we have all agreed upon, they can assist them at our expense. I'm the Executive Director of BUUR and The Food Bank." Tony mentioned that the entire staff, consisting of about 11 board members, and 30 volunteers, are all unpaid volunteers.

"The city is good to us... we use a home that they renovated for our use that's right behind the Berea Police

Department - and they do not send us a utility bill. We operate rent free, and without pay!" said Craciolo. He remembered a difficult time about five years ago during the pandemic, a time of economic hardships - "We were trying to transform and help people....We agreed to the most radical change any food pantry has ever gone through...We do not ask the public to give us food, don't encourage food drives...but we ask for monetary donations...There's a buying network that food banks take part in...some of the food is donated by corporations...excess food...way below wholesale...We can do more than just convert - We're also in control of our inventory for the first time in our history! So it's not getting stuff from the back of somebody's pantry they don't want to eat - or that's just expired! We can order what we want to order - so we work with a nutritionist...to support a balanced, healthy diet!

I was in business for 30 years... The successful businesses that I worked for put customer service first. The single most important thing, [is] superb customer service - before, during and after the sale...unlike anything they've ever experienced...We talk to them as though they're checking into the Waldorf Astoria...Nobody wants to come to a food bank, it's a shameful thing for many people. I want them to know that they're welcomed by us...we're glad they're there to receive assistance. For about 60 percent of our clients, that need is every single, solitary month. Those clients are senior citizens, tired, their entire income comes from social security... the average income is touching a thousand dollars per month...they get some SNAP benefits...I've developed a special program for them... the Senior Box. They receive a little bit more food than a person of working age would receive, there's a little

bit more protein...I consider them to be our most vulnerable customers.

We're guided by a philosophy of welcome, and superb customer service...We're also guided by another word, generosity. We have rules, who can come, when they can come...no one is ever turned away from the Berea Food Bank...period, ever - under any circumstance! About 15 percent of our food comes from the federal government...They require us to prove someone's address... We ask them to provide it... if they don't have it, we provide them anyway. All the volunteers are empowered to know just this one thing...If you are in doubt how to serve someone...all the options you must choose - choose the most generous option!

Interested in community service and helping people? Come visit the Berea Lions Club on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 6 p.m., 339 Paint Lick Road.

Berea Citizen, Nolan Group Media chosen to help newspaper industry

By Jemi Chew
UK Student Journalist

The Berea Citizen, as part of Nolan Group Media, a family business that owns a total of nine newspapers and news websites in Eastern Kentucky, was recently selected for a national program that aims to help local media groups create self-sustainable business models. Only nine other media organizations nationwide were selected to be part of a second cohort for a transformative program known as the Local Media Association’s (LMA) Family and Independent Media Sustainability Lab. LMA is one of the largest media trade associations in North America, with more than 3000 media properties involved. “This is absolutely a transformational opportunity,” Nolan Group Media CEO Jay Nolan said. “You get training by world class experts from Google and from

across the media industry. Also you get a full year of consulting and coaching from professionals for free. Then, as a cherry on top, you get up to \$10,000 to conduct an experiment designed to help you be a better, more sustainable local news provider. We are so grateful!” As part of the lab, Nolan Group Media will strengthen and build upon their existing business model through a collaborative process that includes guidance from industry experts, funding for a new initiative to better serve Eastern Kentucky audiences, and access to one-on-one tailored training sessions with industry experts this year. The program is sponsored by the Google News Initiative and the Knight Foundation. From April 1-3, 2025, Nolan joined other members of the cohort to learn about the media industry from Google experts in New York City and

to represent Nolan Group Media and Eastern Kentucky among other industry leaders. “As we continue to learn new ways to use technology, extend limited resources, and hopefully raise pay for our talented team members, our ultimate goal is to produce better local journalism. I hope our experiments help us make life for our audience just a little better in every community we serve.” Nolan said.

MARKET

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way a farmers market can hope for. I can only hope that I can nurture the roots that came before me and grow the branches even further.”

During the last two winter months, Berea Farmers Market has resided at 207 North Broadway in Old

LAND

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100 acres a year, times 20 years, you’re talking about 2,000 acres,” Thomas said. “That’s still less than one percent of our agriculture land even if we grow a little bit. The percentages just don’t back up the comment that we’re losing all of our farmland.”

Magistrates Billy Ray Hughes and Brian Combs did express concerns about local farmers, however, noting that development does have some impact.

Citing a briefing he heard recently at the Madison County Extension Office, Hughes quoted an agricultural economist who lamented the impact that residential development has had on the price of farm land.

“He said the land that’s being consumed by residential development isn’t what concerned him, because it is a very small part,” Hughes said, “It’s the impact that the development has on the value of farm land. It drives up the cost of farm land so much that it makes it prohibitive for people to continue to farm.”

Brian Combs mentioned that the people he works with in industry have small farms, but they work 9 to 5 jobs to supplement their farm income. He said people need to recognize the need to support local farmers, such as purchasing their goods at local farmer’s markets. Combs also said that continuing to support farmers is crucial to the future of the food supply.

At the same time, Combs said, county officials are obligated to protect the rights of land owners.

“I don’t want people to think for any reason that we’re against farmers. That’s not the case at all,” Combs said.

“For me, it’s about the property owner having the right to do what they want to do with their land. If a farmer decides that nobody else [in the family] will farm that particular property,

Town.

According to Hudson, the location has been their “winter home” for two years thanks to the generosity of Charley Hamilton, of Dreaming Creek Brewery, and Chadwick Horn and Tommy Helmick of Aquatic Gallery, in Richmond who has owned the property.

“We want to thank these guys so much for their support. It’s one

and that it would be better to sell it, then that’s their right to do so. We’re here to protect the rights of the people.”

In other news, the Fiscal Court went into executive session to discuss potential litigation. When they emerged and went back into regular session, they unanimously adopted a measure directing the Madison County attorney to file a lawsuit to exercise imminent domain at the request of a property owner. The lawsuit is in connection with a proposed fire station on 1000 Carr Lane in northern Madison County. The property is located south of the Kentucky River, east of Interstate 75, and north of the exit 97.

During the judge’s report, Taylor noted an upcoming town hall meeting on April 10 at 5:30 p.m. at the Central Kentucky Regional Airport. The meeting is a chance for citizens to get updates on county government.

Also Tuesday, Taylor presented a proclamation declaring April Child Abuse Prevention Month in Madison County. Accepting the declaration was Victoria Benge of Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Madison and Clark Counties.

A proclamation recognizing April as Fair Housing Month was accepted by Jerri Dyer of Federation of Appalachian Housing Enterprises (FAHE).

Meanwhile, Jennifer Lainhart, executive director of Hope’s Wings, urged members of the Fiscal Court to donate \$1,500 to help shelter women who have suffered abuse. Lainhart said because of the recent freeze on federal grants, a significant facet of Hope’s Wings’ operations – getting housing for those making a transition from abusive homes, is in danger. As part of the 13th annual Jail and Bail fundraiser, public officials and prominent citizens are “arrested” enabling them to raise funds for Hope’s Wings. The event will take place April 18 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Central Bank Community Room in Richmond.

thing to say you support local, but these guys have really put their money where their mouth is, so to speak. What that means our community is immeasurable,” Hudson said.

If that wasn’t enough, with the new beginning, a new set of opportunities comes to the local community. This year will see the return of the WIC and Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Programs, a Community Spotlight Program sponsored by Just Love Coffee, an eco-friendly tote bag fundraiser; A Sprout Voucher program for youths under the age of 18, continuation of the Kentucky Double Dollars Program for EBT/SNAP card recipients, free family events nearly every month plans for a community picnic, lots of free live music, youth programming, and more. All of which are made possible by partnering with other local groups and organizations, and according

to Hudson, “To make a community stronger, you first have to embrace being part of that community. I want people to love coming to farmers market for not only the local farm and artisan products, or the programs that help budgets, but for the positivity we strive to create. It’s not the same as the chore that is going to buy groceries.”

Every Saturday Morning, Hudson hosts a Facebook Live video giving viewers a tour of what’s available at market that week, pertinent information, and sometimes including goofy puns or adorable spokescritters. To keep up with the goings on at Berea Farmers Market and to get information on these events, follow them on Facebook and Instagram.

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Market hours for April will be 10 a.m.-1 p.m., with expanded hours of 9 a.m.-1 p.m. beginning in May-October.

Madison County Indictments

A Madison County grand jury recently indicted a man on seven counts of possession of matter portraying a sexual performance by a minor. According to the indictment, three counts involved a minor under 12 years old, and four more counts involved a minor over 12 years old. The images were computer generated, depicting minors between the ages of six and fourteen, according to court documents.

Matthew R. Donahue was the defendant, and the witness of record is Tyson Yancy of the Richmond Police Department. The accused was allegedly found to be in possession of the images on Jan. 7, 2025, according to the indictment.

The grand jury issued a number of indictments related to drug offenses and

other abuse cases in Madison County, including:

- Kevin Rogers was indicted for felony first degree trafficking in a controlled substance, and felony tampering with physical evidence and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. Defendant is also accused of destroying a glass pipe with the knowledge that it might become evidence in a judicial proceeding. The witness of record was Lukas Gabbard of the Madison County Sheriff’s Office. The alleged incident occurred on September 8, 2023, according to court documents.

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All interested bidders should contact Kevin Howard or Josh Gabbard at Berea Municipal Utilities for a complete list of specifications for each unit.

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Bid proposals must be received no later than **3:00 pm on Tuesday, April 29, 2025.**

Bid proposals must be submitted with a summary total and complete list of specifications for each individual unit listed on a cover sheet.

Bids will be opened at **3:15 pm, April 29, 2025**, at the office of the City Clerk, Berea City Hall, 212 Chestnut Street, Berea, KY 40403.

The City of Berea reserves the right to accept or reject any bids, waive any irregularities or discrepancies in bidding, and select the bid, if any, that it determines to be in its best interest.



‘Berea story’ showcased at Smithsonian Museum

Berea College students showcase craft program during 2-day exhibit

By Evelyn Medley
Berea College

More than 3,000 visitors to the Smithsonian’s National Museum of American History learned about Berea College during a two-day exhibit, where students shared their craft and gave visitors a taste of their “Berea story.”

Over spring break, Berea College students traveled to Washington to showcase the Student Craft Program. The group of 16 students—ranging from first years to seniors—discussed every aspect of the program, including craft outreach, weaving, ceramics, woodworking and broom making. Each student played an essential role in sharing the excellence of Student Craft with museum guests.

Students arrived at the Smithsonian early to prepare for demonstrations and workshops. They worked together to set up everything, supporting one another by working as a team sharing words of encouragement for the long but exciting day ahead.

By 10:30 a.m., they had transformed their museum section into a space that invited visitors into the world of Berea College Student Craft.

As museum guests approached the exhibit, they explored the magic of craftspeople in their element—artisans weaving on a loom, shaping wooden dustpans, making brooms at the bench and hand-building ceramic teapots.

Visitors also had the opportunity to take part in the making. At the community loom, guests contributed to a collaborative weaving project, and under the instruction of Berea’s students, they created their own hand brooms.

Over the course of the two days, thousands of visitors stopped by the exhibit. Among them were Berea Col-



A group of Berea College students, above, visited the Smithsonian recently, while Elise, left, visits with Berea College President Cheryl Nixon.

Photos by Sean Hall

“It was more than just teaching the ‘how,’ we got to experience the ‘why’ together.”

Gabbi,
student weaver

lege donors, alumni and other museum visitors who were hearing about Berea College for the first time.

As students demonstrated their craft and led workshops, they shared their experiences, connecting through their stories and skilled craftsmanship.

“My time at the Smithsonian felt like an immersion in human connection,” said Gabbi, a weaver. “While demonstrating handweaving, I had some amazing conversations with people from all around the world about the ins and outs of craft. It was more than just teaching the ‘how,’ we got to experience the ‘why’ together. There is something innate and universal about using your hands to express and create, and I believe this connection was shared and felt among everyone there.”

The exhibit was a space for curiosity, creativity and connection through exchanges like these.

“It was such an honor to connect with so many people from around the world

through my love of the craft,” said Elise, a ceramicist. “The heirloom collection has a special place in my heart and getting to demonstrate it alongside our other mediums to bring a little piece of Appalachian culture and history to Washington, and with the Smithsonian no-less, is such a phenomenal experience.”

Students’ time at the Smithsonian allowed them to share how craft preserves history, fosters connection and empowers future generations to carry these traditions forward.

The opportunity to showcase Student Craft at the National Museum of American History was a meaningful experience that highlighted the impact of craft outreach while embodying Berea College’s Fourth Great Commitment, “honoring the dignity and utility of all work, mental and manual, and taking pride in work well done.” This was evident in how students shared their craft, demonstrating skill and pride in their work. For many students, the experience was pivotal for their personal and professional growth, offering opportunities to engage with professionals, network with alumni and explore new career possibilities.

Whether they pursue careers in craft, education or other fields, the skills they demonstrated in Washington will serve them well for their future after Berea College.

Longtime journalist releases book

After helping 18 other authors bring their books to life in recent years, semi-retired publisher Jerlene Rose of Berea decided it was time to write and publish her own. That happy day has arrived with Amazon’s release of , “These Changing Times: 50-Plus Years in Community Journalism.”



Jerlene Rose

True to its subtitle of “From Hot Type to Cyberspace,” the new book from Kindle Direct Publishing provides a detailed history of how technology has impacted newspapering in Kentucky and the world.

Writing from the perspective of her successful, five-decade career as a proofreader, advertising manager, reporter, editor and publisher of community newspapers and magazines, Jerlene captures the excitement, anxiety, and joy associated with that ever-changing profession.

She describes her book, a nearly three-year project, as a “labor of love” inspired by her daughter, Leigh.

David Thompson, longtime executive director of the Kentucky Press Association, shared this comment about Jerlene’s credentials and her book:

“Jerlene Rose is a well-respected community journalist, having served as publisher of the Clay City Times and on the KPA Board. Her look back at the past 50 years of community journalism and how it has changed is based on her well-founded experience in this industry she loves and has served so well. Perhaps no industry has changed as much as the newspaper business in the last 50 years and Jerlene documents it well in her look back.”

“These Changing Times – 50-Plus Years in Community Journalism” is available at Amazon.com and in Stanton at: Sticks, Stones and Stitches Gift Shop, Crabtree Candies, and Mr. Ed’s Hot Dogs.

The 287-page book with 167 photographs sells for \$20.

Floodwaters claim 4 lives

FRANKFORT (KT) – Four people have now been confirmed to have died due to the heavy rain in Kentucky that led to flooding over the last several days, the latest casualties being a 27-year-old man from McCracken County and a 65-year-old man from Trigg County.

Kentucky State Police at the Mayfield Post said Lee Chandler of LaCenter had been last seen Sunday afternoon in the 8000 block of Elliot Road in Kevil when he was swept away by floodwaters as he attempted to retrieve his boat. The boat was quickly recovered on Sunday; however, Chandler’s whereabouts remained unknown, until his body was discovered on Monday.

Law enforcement and other emergency services utilized a variety of resources in the search for Chandler, including boats and drones.

In addition to the Kentucky State Police, the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, McCracken County Sheriff’s Department, McCracken County Rescue Squad, Ballard County Sheriff’s Department, County Rescue Squad, Marshall County Rescue Squad, and Trigg County Rescue Squad all assisted in the recovery of Chandler’s body.

The Trigg County coroner’s office identified the other latest victim as David Duncan.

The two other deaths due to the flooding were nine-year-old Gabriel Andrews of Frankfort, who was swept away by floodwaters while walking to his school bus stop Friday morning, and a Nelson County woman, whose name has not been released, who was found dead in her car on Saturday.

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Supply issues, weather close pool for season

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I’m very disappointed that the pool is not going to open. But I also think we need to acknowledge that the pool is over 30 years old.”

Mayor Bruce Fraley

By Andy McDonald

For The Citizen

A combination of supply chain issues and inclement weather has delayed the Berea City Pool renovation. Because the project has been delayed 90 days, that means the pool will be closed for the season, according to city officials.

City Administrator Shawn Sandlin delivered the news during Tuesday’s meeting of the Berea

City Council, noting the Parks and Recreation Department is planning a number of alternative summer activities.

The splash pad will be operational and free of charge to people of all ages all summer long.

It will be open May 24, and operate Monday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

There will also be three to five free parks activities per week covering

water play, art and craft, outdoor games, food programs, sports, gaming and technology, and music, among others.

Berea City Councilman Ronnie Terrill reminded officials that the original plan was to close the pool for the season anyway. However, engineers and contractors scaled back that time estimate, projecting it could be finished in time for

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Blitz a success



More than 70 volunteers came together April 11–13 for the 11th Annual Victory Garden Blitz, hosted by Sustainable Berea. In just one weekend, the team installed over 100 raised garden beds for families across Berea and Madison County, helping both new and experienced gardeners grow fresh food at home. “The weather cooperated just enough to make it a true blitz — fast, focused, and full of community energy,” said Betina Gardner, executive director. “Volunteers built beds, bagged soil, and made deliveries with teamwork and heart.” The beds were made available through both full-service installation and DIY kits, with support from donors helping keep costs low for participants. Since 2014, the Blitz has installed more than 1,600 raised beds, increasing food security and building stronger, more connected neighborhoods. Corporate sponsors and individuals will be recognized on the Blitz banner at Berea Urban Farm. Visitors to the farm can also see more than 100 raised beds used for vegetables, flowers and herbs. To learn more or get involved in future events, visit www.sustainableberea.org or contact Gardner at betina@sustainableberea.org.

Townhall reveals a divide on development

By Andy McDonald

For The Citizen

A wide range of topics were addressed at a recent townhall meeting hosted by the Madison County Fiscal Court, but the issue that spurred the most animated discussion was future land use.

District 1 Magistrate Brian Combs hosted the event last week at the Central Kentucky Regional Airport, which included Judge/Executive Reagan Taylor, who fielded most of the questions, along with magistrates Tom Botkin and Stephen Lochmueller.

A number of Berea residents showed up at the meeting, which included approximately 40 participants.

Kristie Bratcher said she is especially concerned about seeing farm land converted into residential housing, stating, “It’s disheartening to see my community packed full of little box houses.”

Meanwhile, a Waco resident, who declined to be identified, said that three new residential developments is too much in her view, negatively impacting the quality of life in her end of the county.

“I just think we see dollar signs and not people,” she said after the meeting.

Officials took time to dispel some rumors

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Easter

EGG HUNT

The Berea Kiwanis Club will have its 88th annual Easter egg hunt at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 19, at the Berea Skate Park.

The event will begin at 9 a.m. and prizes will be awarded to the oldest and youngest, ages 0-10 and special needs children.

The Richmond Parks and Recreation will have its annual Easter Eggstravaganza 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday at the Lake Reba softball fields in Richmond.

Both events are free and open to the public.

Honeysuckle Vine closing; future of barn uncertain

By Andy McDonald

For The Citizen

One of Berea’s most beloved folk art and craft shops is closing, and now the city of Berea has to decide what’s next for the building that housed it.

Last week during a meeting of the Berea Tourism Commission, Mayor Bruce Fraley noted that the city-owned, barn-like facility that houses the Honeysuckle Vine gallery in Old Town will likely have to undergo some type of renovation once it becomes vacant. Fraley briefly addressed the commission in response to a question.

Honeysuckle Vine was the longtime home of two of Berea’s most iconic artisans, glassblower Jimmy Lou Jackson, who passed away in 2019, and watercolor painter Dinah Tyree, who died in December. The pair anchored the district’s crafts business since the 1980s. Now it will close permanently sometime this spring. The family opted to

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Arrests

- On Feb. 4 at approximately 1:45 p.m., officers conducted a traffic stop in the area of I-75 North Exit 77. Officers arrested and charged Bert McIntosh with Failure to Signal, Careless Driving, Communication Device Violation, Possession of Marijuana, and Drug Paraphernalia.
- On Feb. 18 at approximately 1 p.m., officers conducted a traffic stop in the area of Paint Lick Road. Officers arrested and charged Elliott Dooley with Failure to Signal, and Operating on Suspended License.
- On Feb. 20 at approximately 4:05 p.m., officers conducted a traffic stop in the area of Chestnut Street. Officers arrested and charged Melissa Woods with Arrest Warrant, Failure to Signal, Failure Of Owner to Maintain Insurance, Failure to Produce Insurance, and Giving Officer False Name.
- On Feb. 28 at approximately 4:09 p.m., officers conducted a traffic stop in the area of Walnut Meadow Road. Officers arrested and charged John Veach with Receiving Stolen Property \$10,000 or more, Operating on Suspended, License to be

in Possession, and Terroristic Threatening 3rd.

On March 2 at approximately 11:47 a.m., officers conducted a traffic stop in the area of Walmart. Officers arrested and charged Aaron Conley with Receiving Stolen Property <\$10,000, and No Operators License.

On March 7 at approximately 3:30 p.m., officers conducted a traffic stop in the area of Paint Lick Road. Officers arrested and charged Austin Hounshell with Possession Controlled Substance 1st (Methamphetamine).

On March 8 at approximately 6:11 p.m., officers responded to Walmart in reference to a shoplifter. Officers arrested and charged Christina Alexander with TBUT, and Drug Paraphernalia.

On March 16 at approximately 9:50 a.m., officers responded to Berea Community in reference to a dispute. Officers arrested and charged Trevon Petty with Criminal Trespassing 3rd.

- On March 18 at approximately 1:46 p.m., officers responded to Berea Hospital in reference to a disorderly female. Officers arrested and charged Thalia Rudie with Alcohol Intoxication, and Disorderly Conduct 2nd.
- On March 18 at approximately 5:12 p.m., officers responded to the area of Cherry Road in reference to an assault. Officers arrested and charged Victoria Blake-man with Burglary 1st, and Assault 2nd.
- On March 26 at approximately 2:29 p.m., officers responded to a male under the influence in the area of Baptist Health. Officers arrested and charged Kenneth Breedlove with Public Intoxication.
- On March 26 at approximately 2:41 p.m., officers responded to Walmart in reference to a female trespassing. Officers arrested and charged Nancy Hounshell with Criminal Trespassing 3rd.



Message from Cora Jane Wilson

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Victoria Alisha McQueary

Victoria Alisha McQueary, a vibrant and adventurous soul, passed away tragically in a car accident on April 9, in Berea. Born on April 19, 1997, in Jacksonville, Florida, Victoria’s zest for life and her infectious smile left an indelible mark on all who knew her.

Victoria’s journey through life was one of passion and discovery. She graduated with her bachelor’s degree from Eastern Kentucky University, which paved the way for her fulfilling career as a CHI Practice Manager at Primary Care at Kingston, Richmond, and Berea Family Medicine at St. Joseph Hospital in Berea. Her



dedication to her work was paralleled only by her love for adventure and learning. Victoria’s interests were as diverse as her personality; she was a talented model, an avid learner of the Japanese language, and a globetrotter whose heart was set on exploring every corner of the world.

She is survived by her loving parents, John Michael and Marcia Cruz McQueary; her brother, Michael McQueary; her cherished grandparents, Carmen and Jose Cruz, Ronald and Kathy McQueary; her caring aunts, Amy (Jimmy) Gerrior, Teresa Urena, Cassandra (Tim McDonald) Brown; and her uncle, Ronald McQueary Jr., and many cousins. Each family member will hold onto the memories of Victoria’s adventurous spirit and the joy she brought into their lives.

The family held serveses on Monday, April 14.

Novel Osborne Davis

Novel Osborne Davis, 73, of Poosey Ridge, passed away Monday, April 7, at The Terrace in Berea.

Novel was born on Wednesday, Nov. 14, 1951 in Estill County, the daughter of the late Herman and Viola McKinney Osborne. She was a retired bus driver for the Madison County School System, who loved children and referred to those who rode her bus as her “little darlings.” She was an avid bowler, having bowled in the Madison County Bowlers Association. She loved playing horseshoes so much that she carried them with her in the trunk of her car, always ready for a game. Novel had quite a competitive spirit, always enjoying playing and having a good time, and always wanting to win. She loved family and always enjoyed family reunions and ‘get togethers.’ She was an accomplished gardener who raised fruits,



vegetables and flowers. She carried a shovel in her car, always observing the area for a wild- flower she could dig and transplant. Some of her favorite hobbies were crocheting and working jigsaw puzzles. She was a member of the Full Gospel Tabernacle and loved her church family.

Survivors include two daughters, Jennifer Miller (Frankie) and Melissa Davis (Robert Lamb); two granddaughters, Rachel Velez (Tino) and Morgan Benton; two great-grandchildren, Addison Velez and Liliana Velez (coming soon); two brothers-in-law, James Angel and Billy Coffey.

She was preceded in death by her siblings, Herman Osborne, Jr., Ray D. Stevens, Lenora Flynn, Cordella Angel, Betty Coffey and Louise Terry.

Funeral Services were conducted Friday, April 11, at Combs, Parsons & Collins Funeral Home with Rev. Ricky Horn officiating. Burial followed in the Estes Cemetery on Barnes Mountain in Estill County.

Pallbearers were Frankie Miller, Robert Lamb, Tino Velez, Jeff Angel, Sean Osborne and Connie Estes.

nary clinics in Madison and Fayette counties for nearly 15 more years.

Away from work, Dr. Dozier found sanctuary in nature. As an avid outdoorsman and bass fisherman, he rarely missed an opportunity to cast a line, reveling in the peace of the lake and the thrill of the catch. In retirement, he could often be found amid the early-morning fog on Cedar Creek, perched in a tree stand, or shooting clay pigeons on a hilltop.

Dr. Dozier possessed a unique intellect, curiosity and good humor. He was a wonderful mentor to those lucky enough to learn from him, sharing his wealth of knowledge on everything from fishing to photography. He enjoyed mastering new skills and subjects, asking meaningful questions and contemplating life’s great mysteries — the answers to which he now has.

As Dr. Dozier passed from this life to the next, we imagine he made a special stop at the Rainbow Bridge, where he was greeted by a thunderous chorus of paws, purring and excited yelps from the countless animals he cared for so well. He is beloved by many, missed beyond measure and forever in our hearts.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, April 19, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Lakes Funeral Home in Berea, with funeral services immediately following.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Dr. Dozier’s name to the Madison County Animal Shelter.

Adams, and her cherished great-grandchildren, Aubrey Reeves, Preston Cecil, and Wesley Short. Carolyn’s memory will also be treasured by a host of extended family members and dear friends who were blessed to know her.

A dedicated homemaker, Carolyn poured her heart into creating a warm and welcoming home for all who entered. Her involvement in the community was marked by her regular attendance and participation at the Senior Citizens Center and her unwavering faith, which she nurtured at Kingdom Hall in Mt. Vernon.

The family will be accepting friends and family on Thursday, April 17, from 4-5:30 p.m. at Lakes Funeral Home. A memorial service will begin at 5:30 p.m. Condolences may be left for the family at www.lakesfuneral-home.com



Carolyn Joan Hays

Carolyn Joan Hays, passed away peacefully on April 15, in Richmond. Born on May 23, 1943, in Gray Hawk, Carolyn’s life was a testament to the power of love, family, and faith.

Preceded in death by her parents, Herbert and Mary Dalton Edwards, and her sister, Janet Sowder, Carolyn’s legacy is carried on by her devoted husband, Ermon Hays, and her loving children, Sheila (James) Newman, Robert Hays, and Mary Ellen (Matt) Belcher. Her spirit will forever be reflected in the lives of her brother, Donald (Eliza) Edwards, her adored grandchildren, Felicia (Matt) Cecil, Amber Phelps, and Allison

Mary Kathryn Garrett Peters

Mary Kathryn Garrett Peters, 93, of Loyall, departed this life and peacefully entered her heavenly rest from her home on Thursday, April 10. She was born on Jan. 3, 1932 in Verda, Harlan County. She was married to her husband, the Reverend G. Clement Peters, on June 19, 1949. They worked faithfully together in the Cleveland Assembly Church of God for 39 years believing strongly in the Pentecostal Holiness faith. They pastored 10 churches in the state of Kentucky. In her last years, she returned to Loyall and attended the Loyall Church of God, which she deeply loved, and was a Sunday School Teacher, Ladies Ministries leader and many other offices of the church.

She was saved at the age of 12. She was the first to be baptized in the new baptistery, and served as pastor’s wife all at the Loyall Church of God during her lifetime. She was a faithful and unwavering Christian for 81 years.

Mary Kathryn was preceded in death by her husband, the Reverend



G. Clement Peters; her parents, Ebbie Garrett and Gladys Hall Garrett; one son, Larry Wayne Peters; two brothers, Olin Ray Garrett and Doyle Wayne Garrett.

Left to mourn her passing, are two sons, Clement Ray Peters and wife, Brenda, Stinnett; and Ebbie Kyle Peters, Loyall; two granddaughters, Leandra Lavender and husband, Gary, Old Fort, NC; and Leslie Clark and husband, Robert, Berea; 11 great-grandchildren, Natalea, Mallory, Garrett, Raylie and Linden Clark, Ella, Gary III, Mattie, Katie, Judy and Abbie Lavender; and one sister-in-law, Brenda Garrett, Harlan. Also surviving are three special nieces, Tammy Leopard, Sandra Pink and Jean Wright; and a special sister-friend, Eunice Barton. She was loved by all who knew her.

Funeral services for Sister Peters were held Tuesday, April 15, at the Loyall Church of God with Reverend Colby French, Reverend Billy Owens and Reverend Jason Collins officiated.

She was laid to rest beside her husband in Resthaven Cemetery with family and friends serving as pallbearers.

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Easter offers hope, new beginning

Easter is a special time to celebrate.

For as long as I can remember, our family has always celebrated the risen Savior and dressed our best on Easter Sunday. I can remember Mom and Dad taking us shopping at the Old J.C. Penny store on Main Street in Richmond to get a new outfit to wear to church. I always enjoyed everyone looking their best and the crowds that were routinely larger than any other time of the year. No matter what, most families took the time to attend Easter services at the church of their choice.

Most of them still follow that same practice.

After church services, I can still recall Easter dinner — back then we called the evening meal supper — at my grandparents house at Round Hill, where we all hunted eggs and got together as a family. We always sat at the “little table” and I couldn’t wait to sit at the “big table.”

In later years, mom cooked Easter dinner for all of us and Shelby and Addisyn hunted Easter eggs. When Shelby was a child, we discovered a new way to dispose of Easter eggs after we were finished hiding and hunting them for what seemed like 100 times over and over again. Shelby now has a child of her own, Walker, who will celebrate his first Easter with us this year.

He’s not old enough to hunt for eggs just yet, but that’s coming. By this time next year, he should be ready for his first egg hunt that will bring back old memories and create new ones.

After we hid and hunted eggs for hours, they became worn and cracked from the hand-to-hand contact, we teed them up on a golf tee and hit them with our golf clubs. Of course we threw them at each other, too, but there was something about hitting those boiled eggs with a golf club. We also threw them at the building behind mom’s house.

Growing up that would have been a no, no. My sister Taunya and I couldn’t get away with that when we were young, but when the grandchildren came along, the rules seem to bend a little more and that’s totally OK. It was all in fun and provided some memorable moments at Easter.

We won’t be throwing eggs or hitting them with a golf club, but we do plan to celebrate Easter and the resurrection with the newest member of our family. Just like the resurrection more than 2,000 years ago, we as a family will celebrate a new beginning and mom will be looking down smiling big and proud.



Keith Taylor

Keith Taylor



Welcome to Madison County. Now Go Home.

In the 1980s, California was the place to be. Business was booming, and folks from all over America were drawn to opportunities in the Golden State. So many people were moving west that you’d see cars sporting bumper stickers: Welcome to California. Now Go Home.

Once you get to paradise, after all, the impulse is to want to close the gates, I suppose.

I saw something of the same sentiment the other night at a town hall meeting hosted by officials from the Madison County Fiscal Court.

Some residents are very concerned that the Kentucky they’ve known all their lives is being transformed as more people discover Madison County. They’re afraid that the beautiful, rolling hills of farmland are going to be paved away, replaced by vast swaths of cookie-cutter homes.

In the face of that anxiety, county officials have to deliver a tough message: If a residential development is designed according to regulatory standards, there’s really not much the local government can legally do to stop it.

As much as local residents might like to say, “Welcome to Madison County. Now Go Home,” local officials emphasize that can’t be done. Perhaps more importantly, county leaders say it is their obligation,

above all else, to enforce the law, which ensures the rights of property owners to develop their land as long as it doesn’t impose on the legal rights of others. That doesn’t mean it’s hopeless for those who want to see responsible development in the long term, however.

Citizens must seize the opportunity to influence policy when they can, to be engaged, such as during the crafting of the county’s five-year Comprehensive Plan. The next time the process will occur in Madison County is 2026. Berea is retooling their Comprehensive Plan this year.

During last week’s townhall meeting, County Planning Director Bert Thomas noted the public has an opportunity to set up guardrails for future development. That, said Thomas, is what Comprehensive Plan meetings are for. The public can influence future zoning, voicing what should go where, whether its residential, industrial or commercial. If the public doesn’t take the time to voice their preferences, those decisions, by default, will be made for them.

Therein lies the problem. People have to go to the meet-



Andy McDonald

ings. Sure, you can get people to attend CP planning sessions – at gunpoint, maybe. Magistrate Billy Ray Hughes recently described the turnout for the 2021 sessions as “lame,” despite county officials practically begging the public, through advertising and social media, to show up and make their preferences known.

One woman, who objected to county planning policies said she’d have attended the Comprehensive Plan sessions, but she had more important things to do. Fair enough. But then, it’s not the county’s fault when you don’t like the end result.

Madison County and Kentucky are at a crossroads, as many emigres are fleeing the bureaucratic hellscape of cities and resettling here.

This is the time for native Kentuckians, those who loved the Bluegrass State way before it was cool, to invest their time and attend public meetings, such as Fiscal Court and planning commission sessions, to make their voices heard about the future of their community.

When it comes to speaking up for what you think Madison County should be in the future, the time is now or never.

Author’s note: I am not a Bluegrass native, though my ancestral line stems back through Clark County, where my ancestors eventually settled after fleeing famine in Ireland.

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Don’t invest your grocery money in stock. This is the money you need every week for food, shelter, travel and overhead.



Glenn Mollette

This is not the money you spend on stock. If you do, then in two weeks you will have to sell your stock to eat and risk losing some of the money you invested. Only invest in stock what you don’t currently need for general living expenses.

Who knows how the market will perform over the next few weeks. It’s going to be a few weeks or months before the tariffs really shape up as to what is really what.

The reports are that numerous countries are coming to the table interested in making deals and playing fair with the United States. This will be good for us and them. As these

deals stabilize look for the stock market to become more stable once again. If Japan, India, South Korea, Canada and Mexico all level the playing field with the United States our stock market will level out. If there are more reports of industry manufacturing coming to the United States the stock market will begin to rise again.

Now may be a good time to buy but keep in mind the market may go down some more. If you bought VIG two weeks ago then you’ve already seen a significant drop. Keep in mind you only lose it if you sell it when the stock is down. I feel confident that the stock market will come

back bigger and bolder than ever but it may take a few months or longer.

The stock market has averaged making about ten percent over the last fifty years. This means it has had years when it made more and years when it made less. An average of ten percent is about the best you can do on your money over the long haul.

Now is not the time to faint or jump from the roller coaster. Rely on your stable income such as Social Security, or any other stable income you may have. If you have a regular paying job you may want to stay with it a little while longer if you can and if you enjoy your work.

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ORDINANCE NO. 05 -2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, ADOPTING A SUPPLEMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY.

WHEREAS, American Legal Publishing Corporation, Cincinnati, Ohio, has completed the 2025 S-31 Supplement to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Berea, which supplement contains all ordinances of a general nature enacted or amended since the adoption of the last supplement to the Code of Ordinances of this municipality; and

WHEREAS, said American Legal Publishing corporation has recommended the revision or addition of certain sections of the code of Ordinances which are based on or make references to sections of the Kentucky Revised Statutes; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City Council to accept these updated sections in accordance with the changes of the law of the Commonwealth of Kentucky;

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

SECTION I

That the 2025 S-31 Supplement to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Berea, as submitted by American Legal Publishing Corporation, and as attached hereto, be and the same are hereby adopted by reference as if set out in their entirety.

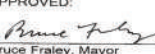
SECTION II

All ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

FIRST READING: April 1, 2025.

SECOND READING & ENACTMENT: April 15, 2025

APPROVED:



Bruce Fraley, Mayor

CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY

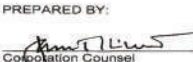
ATTEST:



Robin Aldrich, Clerk of the City Council

Published this 16th day of April, 2025.

PREPARED BY:



Corporation Counsel

ORDINANCE NO. 06 - 2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY REVISING THE TEXT OF SECTION 406.6-ALLOWABLE LAND USES OF THE LAND MANAGEMENT & DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE TO ADD COMMUNITY USES AS CONDITIONALLY PERMITTED IN AN I-2 (INDUSTRIAL PARK DISTRICT) ZONE; TO ADD LIGHT MANUFACTURING AS PERMITTED USE IN AN I-2 (INDUSTRIAL PARK DISTRICT) ZONE; AND TO ADD LIGHT WAREHOUSING AS A PERMITTED USE IN AN I-2 (INDUSTRIAL PARK DISTRICT) ZONE

WHEREAS, currently, the Land Management & Development Ordinance (hereafter "LMDO") has a classification for Community Uses, which by definition includes uses such as libraries, open space and trails, recreation facilities and the like which are permitted in the City in B-2 (Major Business), B-3 (Planned Shopping Center) and B-4 (Interchange Business) zones is I-2 (Industrial Park District); and

WHEREAS, the City would like to add Community Uses as Conditionally Permitted in an I-2 (Industrial Park) zone to allow the City to set conditions for things such as design, construction and activities held there; and

WHEREAS, the City also recognizes many businesses classified in the LMDO as Light Warehousing and Light Manufacturing are not currently permitted in an I-2 (Industrial Park District) zone but that act as "support businesses" to local industries and often operate with little or no emissions, light trespass, or noise pollution and would benefit those facilities in their operations when located nearby;

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

SECTION I

That the text of Section 406.6 of the Land Management & Development Ordinance, Allowable Land Uses, be amended as follows:

(1) Add Community Uses as Conditionally Permitted Use in an I-2 (Industrial Park District) Zone;

(2) Add Light Manufacturing as a Permitted Use in an I-2 (Industrial Park District) Zone; and

(3) Add Light Warehousing as a Permitted Use in an I-2 (Industrial Park District) Zone.

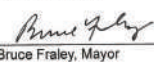
SECTION II

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

FIRST READING: April 1, 2025

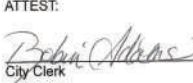
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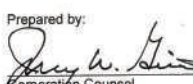
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Robin Aldrich, City Clerk

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VINE

FROM PAGE 1

close the highly successful business because of Dina's passing. The store remains under the management of Linda Wagers, who is selling the last of the inventory. Precisely when the store will close depends on when the inventory is sold off, according to former city of Berea Tourism Director Belle Jackson, who is the younger sister of both Jimmy Lou and Dinah. While some of the items in Honeysuckle Vine have been moved over to the nearby Lindsay Gallery on North Broadway Street, Wagers said she expects Tyree's watercolors

and other items to sell very well before she finally closes the store. "This is the time to come and get some of Dinah's work," Wagers said. Motorcoach Coordinator Emily Reynolds said there is some degree of uncertainty since Tyree's death, and that the next use of the building has yet to be decided. "We can't really look too far into that [the future of the barn] until everything with that business is figured out," Reynolds told commissioners. The imminent closing of Honeysuckle Vine had an immediate impact on commerce in Old Town. Lindsay Gallery had directly benefitted from foot traffic into that store from Honeysuckle Vine, which is

connected to Lindsay Gallery. With the future closing of Honeysuckle, Lindsay Gallery owner Bob Mattingly elected to relocate to a space in the old Berea Hotel building, which had been designated as the Corner Gallery to display local works of art. The larger space draws more foot traffic for Lindsay, but more importantly, Reynolds said it gives Mattingly more space to host artisan demonstrations for tourists, who bring money into the local economy when they visit as part of motorcoach tours. In the meantime, the art work that had been on display in the corner gallery has since been moved to the Berea Welcome Center. Fraley said Mattingly's

relocation is a logical move that may make Old Town more tourist-friendly. "From my perspective, it's better to have a full-time business owner and a full-time person we can rely on to demonstrate and to show his craft in that corner as opposed to maybe just having displays there," Fraley said. The artwork currently on display in the Welcome Center in Old Town is for sale. Reynolds said in the future, that art may be displayed in the Berea Gallery and Events Center, which is slated to open next month. In other action, the commission voted unanimously to re-use a portion of approximately \$200,000 that is budgeted for the purchase of a tourism trolley. They voted instead to buy

a multi-passenger van, which would be wrapped with a Berea Tourism livery and used to ferry visitors around town. Commission chair Bill West said there's still a demand for a trolley that can serve as an added attraction to bring visitors into town, but he ultimately agreed to purchase a van as an interim step. "I think what you do is get the van now and don't take the trolley off the table," West said. Turning to budget matters, West alluded to an upcoming budget session, expressing his concern that there may be a need to cut the tourism personnel budget in the face of

national economic uncertainty, which tends to negatively impact tourist spending. Reynolds noted that, so far, she has received fewer commitments from motorcoaches to date compared to last year. West said that might be attributed to a shift in consumer confidence, but Reynolds said she hasn't yet received notice of cancellations for motorcoach visits to the city. Commissioner Donna Brewer noted that revenue for the Boone Tavern Inn is significantly off when compared to numbers at this same last year. The next tourism business session is slated for May 14.

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On Monday, April 13th, the Girls' Glee Club presented their annual concert in the Tabernacle at Berea College. It was a delightful performance and was enjoyed by the large number of attendees. There was a variety of music, costumes and scenery. It was indeed a high quality performance. The first half of the program featured music from the classical era, while the second half of the program featured a delightful selection of American folk songs. A quartet comprised of Bernice Baker, Mary Margaret Remine, Hazel Gibson and Rena Pointer, an soprano obligato by Mary Wells and an Irish Dance by

Ida Bishop and Kathryn Dick were well received. A Spanish dance by Hazel Gibson and Ida Bishop was a bright spot in the evening. Expert manipulation of lighting by Mr. Crider added a special touch resembling Easter morning radiance that lit up the girls during the performance.

The Silver Creek School building was broken into over the weekend and was investigated by Sheriff Charles Wagers and Deputy Clint Hensley. It was found that a small amount of change was taken. According to Wagers, there was evidence that the thief

or thieves had cooked, eaten and slept in the school's kitchen and that some canned goods had been broken into. According to the sheriff, entry was gained to the building through broken windows in the basement and ground floors. Fingerprints were collected as part of the investigation. However, no suspects had been taken into custody

City Attorney Rober Oliver recently said that he and Mr. Jimmy Tillery of Pinnacle Broadcasting Company in Florida were in negotiations with the Federal Communications Commission to purchase the WKXO radio

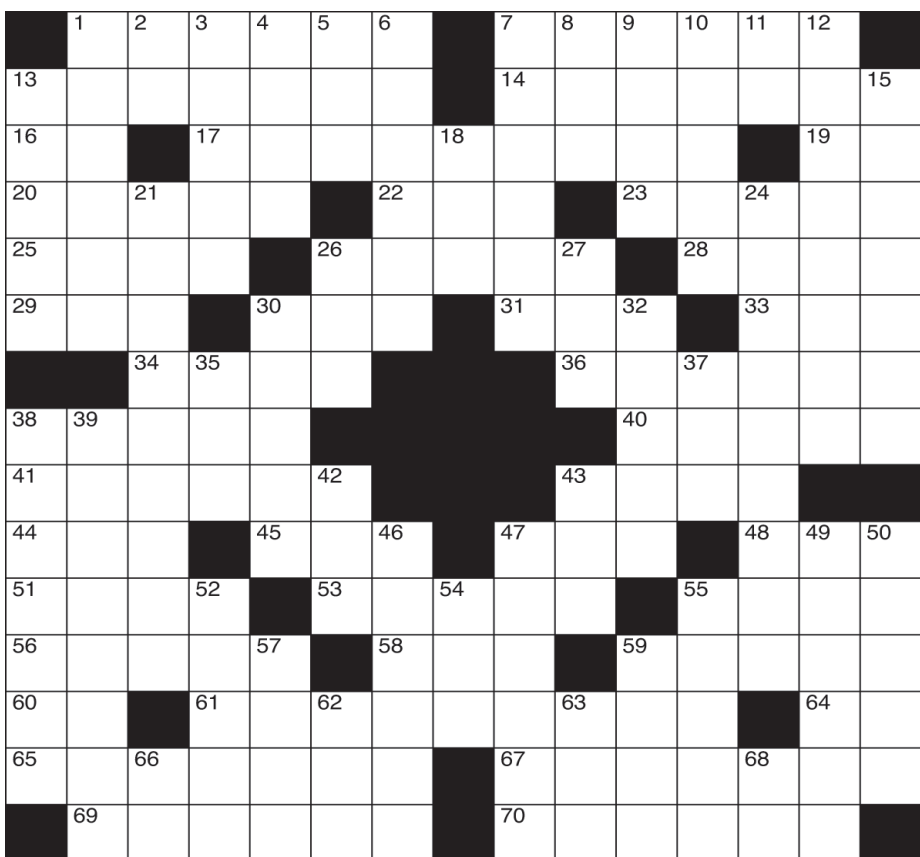
station. The application was pending at the time but Oliver said when the sale was complete that programming would remain basically the same. However, he said he would not have much to do "with that end of it."

Wanda Pennington, owner of Kingston Shell, located on Highway 421, was the magazine Working Woman's Regional Entrepreneur of the year for this district. The district included Kentucky, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Indiana and Ohio. Pennington was nominated by Bank One in Richmond with her permission. In March Pennington traveled to Chicago

to compete against nominees from across the district. "Those women were really big businesswomen, but I think the judges were impressed that I wasn't afraid to get my hands dirty. I really get out and work and I was one of the very few candidates that do not depend on doing business on the net," Pennington said. "I have no need of the internet. This is a local business. I get up at 3:30 a.m. and am in the store making biscuit dough by 4:00 a.m. and cooking by 4:30 a.m. I open at 5:00 a.m. and close at 11:00 p.m.," said Pennington. Pennington contributed her success to being friendly, courteous and respectful to everyone that came through the doors. She expected the same from her staff of five people.

Game Page

Crossword



CLUES ACROSS

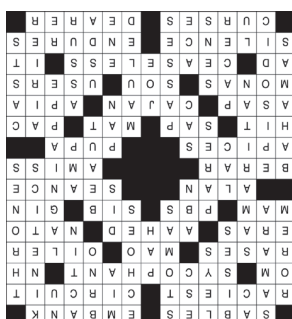
1. Dark blacks
7. Construct a wall to confine
13. Most inappropriate
14. A type of board
16. Sacred Hindu syllable
17. Flatterer
19. The Granite State
20. Tears down
22. China's Chairman
23. Former Houston footballer
25. Periods of time
26. Expressed pleasure
28. World alliance
29. A Brit's mother
30. Television network
31. Brother or sister
33. Type of spirit
34. __ Ladd, actor
36. A medium overseas it
38. One time province of British India
40. Wrong
41. The highest parts of something
43. Insect
44. Baseball stat
45. A way to use up
47. Where wrestlers compete
48. It helps elect politicians
51. As fast as can be done
53. Genus of legumes
55. Samoa's capital
56. Monument in Jakarta
58. Former French colony

59. Exploiters
60. College sports official
61. Uninterrupted in time
64. Stephen King story
65. Marked by no sound
67. Weathers
69. Denouncements
70. More beloved

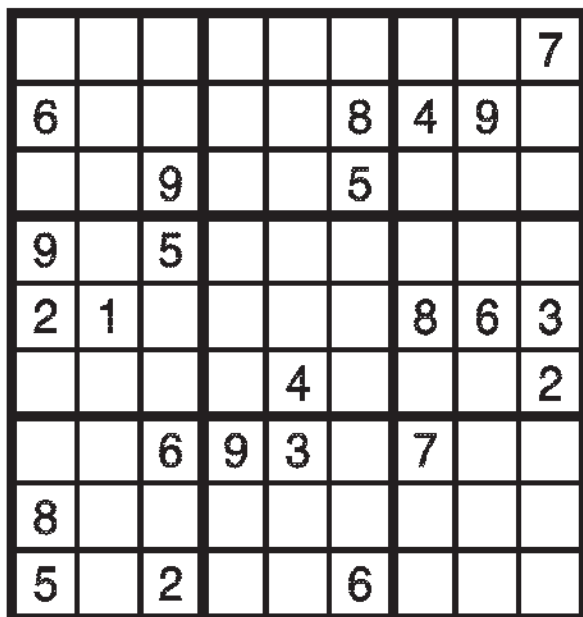
CLUES DOWN

1. Winged nut
 2. It cools a home
 3. Kisses (French)
 4. Oxford political economist
 5. Keyboard key
 6. Leaf pores
 7. Agrees with publicly
 8. Not around
 9. Czech city
 10. Muscle cell protein
 11. Greek letter
 12. Movements
 13. Ned __, composer
 15. Popular series
- Game of __
18. Exclamation that denotes disgust
 21. Helper
 24. Gift
 26. Up in the air (abbr.)
 27. Treat without respect
 30. Trims
 32. Slang for lovely
 35. City of Angels
- hoopster (abbr.)
37. Guitarists' tool
 38. Island nation

39. Delivered in install-
ments
42. A baglike structure
43. Cooking vessel
46. Gets in front of
47. Wounded by
scratching
49. More breathable
50. Medical dressings
52. Indiana hoopster
54. Married Marilyn
55. An ancient Assy-
rian city
57. Congressmen
(abbr.)
59. Approves food
62. Ventura's first name
63. Between northeast
and east
66. Atomic #71
68. Email designation



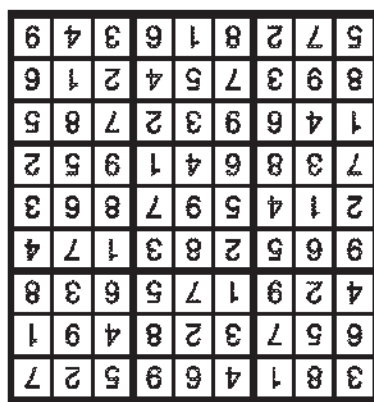
SUDOKU



Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

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



ANSWER:



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

- A.** **25 2 1 22 26**
Clue: Peaceful
- B.** **23 5 5 16 19 13 22 6 4 22 19**
Clue: Stores volumes
- C.** **6 22 18 8 1 18 21**
Clue: Allowing to borrow
- D.** **6 1 23 10 24 10 1 24 18**
Clue: Library worker

Answers: A. quiet B. bookshelves C. lending D. librarians

Exactly how healthy are pickled pigs feet anyway?

One of Bubba's co-workers saw him eating pickled pigs feet for lunch and scolded him. "You know people who eat pork die young," the co-worker said. "I'll have you know my grandmother lived to be 103," Bubba said. "Did she eat pickled pig's feet," the co-worker asked. "No," Bubba said, "she minded her own business."

Meddling in other people's business can be a ticklish matter, but I felt like I ought to point out a tendency on the part of so many of us to ignore an important warning from God's Word found in 2 Timothy 4:1-4.

"I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their

own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables."

Have you noticed how people nowadays go looking for preachers who will tickle their ears, so to speak, with sweet-sounding sermons bereft of doctrinal substance? The danger is that they are turning away from truth and turning toward fables or lies.

Outside the church, we see this principle, too. Perhaps nowhere is it more evident than in our politics. Conservatives have certain news programs they watch.

Liberals have news programs that they watch. Why? Because both conservatives and liberals want their ears tickled by talking heads who feed



Roger Alford

them exactly what they want to hear instead of what they need to hear.

It's a dangerous business when we turn our ears away from the truth in any realm.

We need to heed God's warning on this. We need to seek out preachers who share with us the whole counsel of God.

For that matter, we need to seek out newpeople who do not slant the news in such a way to satisfy our itching ears. We need truth.

I'm glad Bubba had a co-worker who cared enough to warn him about the dangers of eating too much red meat, even if he didn't want to hear it.

And I'm glad there are aplenty of preachers who still are willing to step on our toes from time to time with gospel truth.

The truth may hurt, but it's always for the best.

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

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POOL

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Memorial Day Week-end if everything went as planned.

When Councilman Jerry Little asked if the contractors played a role in the delay, Sandlin said that the contractors and project manager Brian Reed did their jobs well, but that the external factors, such as bad weather and supply chain delays, couldn't be avoided.

Mayor Bruce Fraley expressed his regret that the pool would be closed, but he said the pool was in serious need of repair due to significant safety issues on the deck, as well as chronic problems with the pool's plumbing.

"I'm very disappointed that the pool is not going to open," Fraley said. "But I also think we need to acknowledge that the pool is over 30 years old. It was at the point that it was going to have to be shut down if we didn't do something to get it repaired."

Fraley added that since public safety is a priority for the city, doing the repairs was unavoidable.

"Without the repairs, we couldn't guarantee their safety," Fraley said, adding. "My hope is that we can get it fixed and do it right so that we can have it for the next 30 years."

Berea Parks and Recreation Director Priscilla Bloom said she shares the public's frustration that the pool will be closed for the season.

"We just hope people will understand. They are going to be disappointed and frustrated, and I can't blame them one bit. I feel the same way," Bloom said.

"The pool is a pretty important place for people in Berea and in surrounding communities. But like the mayor said, the pool is over 30 years old. The repairs had to be done. We were trying to keep that from interfering with the pool season, but that didn't happen."

The \$2.3 million renovation of the 32-year-old facility included replacement of the pool floor with a safer, softer material, two new diving boards, new drains and repaired gutters, and two new slides.

Berea City Councilman Steve Caudill expressed surprised at the delay, wondering if the renovation contract contained any recompense for the lost pool season due to delays. Sandlin said he would consult the contract.

In the meantime, Terrill requested contacting Berea College to determine whether the public could temporarily use the swimming pool on campus.

Sandlin said that on the current schedule, the pool could have been ready by the first week of August. Unfortunately, the city would have incurred significant staffing and preparation costs to open it, only to have to close the facility for the season two weeks later.

Details on the upcoming summer programs are forthcoming, officials said.

DIVIDE

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related to development, stating some information out there is mere rumor. Taylor said rumors of a gaming center (allowing off-track betting) are still just rumors. County Planning Director Bert Thomas, meanwhile, said rumors that a large residential development is pending in Red Lick are not true either, since the infrastructure needed simply doesn't exist.

At one point in the discussion on development, Combs said that people need to also consider the potentially positive elements instead of focusing solely on the negative.

Combs noted, for example, that professionals like doctors and tech workers are looking for places to live, and that they can contribute to the county's tax base and support local schools.

"It's more than just about whether you like development," Combs said.

Taylor, meanwhile, encouraged members of the public to contact him or magistrates directly when they need to confirm whether something is true.

Taylor lamented the fact that rumors run wild on social media, and that he has been accused online of having a direct financial interest in future devel-



Madison County Magistrate Brian Combs, right, answered a question from Kristie Bratcher at a Fiscal Court town hall meeting last week at Central Kentucky Regional Airport. Bratcher expressed concern about overdevelopment in Madison County. Combs said there are two sides to development, and that it can attract professionals and help build the county's revenue base.

opment – something he said is not true, and that he serves because he loves Madison County. When in doubt, Taylor said, call him.

"We won't always agree, but I don't want to hurt anybody," Taylor said.

"Our job as elected officials is not to tell someone what they can and can't do with their property. But we can try to limit the negative impact on their neighbors."

Tom Botkin, meanwhile, expressed hope citizens will lobby state officials in order to get funds for needed road projects, particularly that affect the future of

U.S. 25.

"In my opinion, right now, there should be four lanes from Berea all the way to Richmond," Botkin said. "The state is always, in my opinion, 40 years behind on all of their road plans. You should call your state representatives just like we do and tell them we need four lanes from Richmond to Berea."

Botkin also advocated contacting state officials to secure funding for a four-lane highway between Richmond and Irvine.

"Help us help you," Botkin said.

Residents were also curious about the role the Central Kentucky Regional Airport will play in future growth. Madison County Airport Board Chairman George Wyatt was on hand to answer questions.

When asked why investment in the airport is necessary, such as a new terminal, Wyatt said the airport may be the first thing corporate site selectors see when they land in Madison County to gauge the region's readiness for economic development and job growth.

"The airport, to corporate America, is the front door to your community," Wyatt said. "If we want to bring economic developments, jobs, and tax revenue into Madison County, we want them to see a really inviting front door."

The next town hall meeting will take place on April 24 at 5:30 in White Hall Park, Richmond.

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Sealed Bids submitted as specified, received by the correct time and date shall be opened and publicly read aloud. Bids must be submitted only on the forms provided in the Project Manual. The proposal envelope must have the Project Name, Contractors Name and date on the outside.

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 for the Demolition Project will be held at the Site located at 114 & 116 5th Street in Richmond, Kentucky @ 2:00PM EST on April 24, 2025. A review of the Contract Documents will take place at this meeting and a tour of the site will follow the meeting.

Bid bonds in the amount of 5% of the total bid are required. Performance and payment bonds in the amount of 100% of the contract amount are required of each successful bidder upon execution of their contract.

All contractors and subcontractors employed on this project shall be in compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky requirements for Worker's Compensation Insurance (according to KRS 342) and Unemployment Insurance (according to KRS Chapter 341).

The Madison County Public Library intends to award contracts based upon the best evaluated bid. The Library reserves the right to accept the bid deemed by it to be in its best interest, not necessarily the least expensive bid; the right to disqualify bids from bidders not deemed to be qualified; the right to disqualify bids deemed to be defective; the right to waive defects on bids where such defects are not deemed significant; and the right to waive any and all formalities and the right to reject any and all bids. Bidders are encouraged to carefully read the entire set of Contract Documents and visit the site.

No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids for a period of sixty (60) days there from.

All questions regarding project information, or clarifications, should be addressed by fax to the 5253 Design Group, (502) 719.0848 or by email to chris@5253designgroup.com.

Brush collection continues during spring clean-up

In the wake of recent storms, residents within Berea city limits likely have limbs and brush to be hauled away.

The City of Berea Public Works Department will continue its brush pick-ups throughout the year on every third week of the month, though in April, it happens to coincide with the city's annual Spring Clean-Up event, held April 21-25 in cooperation with Waste Connections.

Larger limbs should be stacked out by the curb (not in the street) in neat piles, with all of the limbs facing in the same direction. Small limbs and twigs can be placed in securely tied bundles, or, in plastic bags.

The city's fall leaf pick-up typically runs into January, however, leaves can be collected



during this event by raking them into piles behind the curb (not in the street) or, they can be placed in plastic bags. Yard waste or compost should be kept separate from regular trash.

Pick-up of limbs and yard waste will typically occur on the regularly scheduled collection day, and items must be at curbside by 5 a.m. on the day of

collection.

City residents may also want to take advantage of the Spring Clean-Up to get rid of other household items.

For appliances, or so-called white goods, such as washers or dryers, there is an additional \$25 charge. Stuffed chairs cost \$12.50, couches and loveseats, \$20, non-stuffed chairs, \$7, carpeting, \$20 per room, and fencing and wire, \$3.25 per foot.

Furniture and carpeting must be wrapped in plastic, and, appliances that use freon must have a certificate that the liquid has been removed by a certified technician, or else the customer will incur a \$50 charge. This includes refrigerators, dehumidifiers, air conditioners and freezers.

All bulk items are picked up on the residents' scheduled trash collection day.

In some cases, residents may want to coordinate with Waste Connections or pay an extra fee to remove bulk items, such as mattresses. If you have questions, call (877) 288-2981, (606) 877-7760, or (606) 864-7996.

If residents miss Spring Clean Up and have bulk items other than bagged waste or boxed items, they can call Waste Connections to schedule an additional pick-up date. Collections besides the Spring Clean-Up dates are \$25 per visit, not to exceed a load the size of a pick-up truck.

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Courthouse renovations nearing completion

By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

The Madison County Fiscal Court unanimously passed a resolution revising its meeting schedule. The Tuesday meeting was held at the Madison County Emergency Operations Center in

Richmond. It was the last time the court will meet at a place in Richmond other than its home venue in the Madison County Court Annex.

"This is big news. This is exciting, isn't it?" said Magistrate Billy Ray Hughes, speaking of the court's pending move.

As part of the last phase of the two-year, \$17 million renovation project of the courthouse and the Madison County Court Annex, the furniture is scheduled to be moved into the facilities beginning on May 5, concluding on May 12.

The new court facilities will feature enhanced security features,

as well as better accessibility for those with disabilities. The courthouse is a mixture of new and old, preserving elements of the 19th-century structure, which was last renovated in 1965, while adding modern elements such as

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'Listen, learn, lead'

Superintendent eager to begin tenure at BCS

By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

Dr. Ryan Neaves was introduced as the new superintendent of Berea Independent School District Monday, tapped to begin July 1.

According to a press release from the district, Neaves is a native of Dry Ridge, a graduate of Grant County High School, and holds a Bachelor of Arts in Middle Grades Education from Northern Kentucky University. He earned a Master of Arts in Teaching Secondary Social Studies, an Educational Specialist in School Leadership, and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of the Cumberlands, the press release stated.

In briefly introducing himself to the audience at Monday's school board meeting, Neaves stated his belief that he can apply his experiences to boost the prospects of his students.

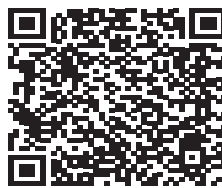
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For advanced tickets, click on the QR Code with your smartphone.

Startup Workshop

Debbie Warford of Craig Loftis State Farm, addressed attendees during a "From the Groundup" Small Business Startup Workshop last Thursday at the Folk Center. The event featured several speakers from the business community, who spoke on how to successfully start and sustain a small business. The event was hosted Donna Angel and the Berea Business and Economic



Development office. The office also will be sponsoring a "May Day" event 5-8 p.m. on Thursday, May 1 in Old Town.

Tourism invests in community

By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

In a special called meeting of the Berea Tourism Commission last week, officials voted to invest in public resources for the community, whether it is shared use trails, new bathrooms at Berea Community Park, and even pickleball courts.

At last Wednesday's meeting, Interim Tourism Director Dani Gift went down the list of proposed line items for the

commission's 2026 budget. The items included:

- Raising grant awards from \$10,000 per year to \$100,000 per year. Said Gift: "That will give us a lot of great opportunities to give back to community projects that help everyone."
- \$200,000 will go for building improvements, half of which will be earmarked for the rehabilitation of the Honeysuckle Vine barn, which is

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Man dies in crash

A Berea man was killed in a two-vehicle accident Sunday in Rockcastle County.

According to Kentucky State Police Post 11 in London, the accident occurred at approximately 3:50 p.m. on Brindle Ridge Road. The preliminary investigation by KSP indicated that a 2015 Blue Ford F250 operated by a male juvenile of Brodhead was traveling south on Brindle Ridge Road when he crossed the center line into the northbound lane into the path of a 2005 Dodge Neon driven by Jacob Madden, 21 of Berea resulting in a head-on collision.

Madden suffered fatal injuries as a result of the crash and was pronounced deceased by the Rockcastle County Coroner’s Office at the scene. The juvenile operator and juvenile passenger of the 2015 Ford F250 were transported by Rockcastle EMS to Rockcastle Regional Hospital to be treated for non-life-threatening injuries.

Funeral services for Madden will be at 3 p.m. April 24 at Lakes Funeral Home.

Todd named coach at Boyle County

Jamie Todd was named boys basketball coach at Boyle County High School Tuesday.

Todd, who was an assistant coach at Berea College, also coached at Asbury University and Madison Southern High School.

“First and foremost, I want to thank God for opening this door and guiding my steps. I’m honored and excited to become the next head boys basketball coach at Boyle County High School,” he said.

“This opportunity is a blessing, and I’m truly grateful to lead a program with such a proud tradition. I look forward to building relationships, developing young men, and continuing a culture of excellence on and off the court.

“All glory to God — let’s get to work. Go Rebels.”

Berea College coach Austin Newton praised the hiring by the Rebels.

“The Rebels are getting a great coach and a man of faith,” he said. “We appreciate all you have done for us, JT. Go be great.”

Todd replaces Dennie Webb, who compiled a 14-10 record this past season at Boyle County. The Rebels lost to Lincoln County in the first round of the 45th District Tournament.



Jamie Todd



Message from Cora Jane Wilson

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Winkle, Aileen Whitaker, Beulah VanWinkle, Carol Ballinger, and James Danny VanWinkle.

Deloris is survived by her children: Dale (Brenda) Ballinger, Hank (Nancy) Ballinger, Pat (Charlie) Dean, and Tonya (Stacy) Edwards, her 8 grandchildren: Jessica Willis, Rachel Day, Sarah Anglin, Melinda Harris, Leah Lowe, Jared Blair, Paige Edwards, and Kenton Edwards, and 15 great grandchildren, and 4 siblings Eddie VanWinkle, Larry VanWinkle, Joyce Gatliff, and Jean Isaacs.

Visitation will be Thursday April 24, at Lakes Funeral Home from 6-9 p.m. Funeral services will be Friday April 25, at Lakes Funeral Home at 1 p.m. with Dale Ballinger, Hank Ballinger & Stacy Edwards officiating..

Pallbearers will be grandsons: Kyle Willis, Johnathan Day, Brad Anglin, Stewart Harris, Seth Lowe, Jared Blair and Kenton Edwards.

growing a large garden, often sharing the biggest and best tomatoes, which were sometimes gathered by wheelbarrow. Nina took pleasure in sending cards and visiting friends in hospitals and nursing homes. Nina retired from Berea National Bank after many years and was a passionate UK Basketball fan.

Graveside services will be conducted at the Berea Cemetery Pavilion on Tuesday, April 22, at 11 a.m., with Evan Eckler and Kenny Davis officiating. The family will be accepting friends from 10 a.m. until the time of services at the cemetery. Serving as pallbearers will be Ronnie Terrill, Rick Terrill, Ronnie Terrill Jr., Billy Linville, John Portwood, and George Bogie.

Nina has requested no flowers, but the family welcomes donations to Emmanuel Baptist Church in Berea or the Compassionate Care Center in Richmond.

Many thanks to all the medical professionals who provided wonderful care, including Dr. Donny Hardy and staff, Christine Cook, Mona Mowbray, Kristyn Kelly, Dr. Hossam Jabbour, Dr. Michael Shih, the staff of Baptist Health, and the staff of the Compassionate Care Center.

Mrs. Jean Whitaker, 91, of Richmond, widow of J.B. Whitaker, passed away peacefully on Thursday, April 17, after a long and happy life.

Jean was born in Still County, to Sherman & Cordelia Crawford on Aug. 20, 1933, the youngest and last surviving of four siblings. During high school, she was a drummer with the School Band. She and J.B. Whitaker started dating after his aunt persuaded him to ask Jean for a date – they married soon after her graduation. While J.B. was serving in the Navy, they moved to several locations, including Massachusetts, where they started a family. After his service, the family returned and lived in Irvine, Mayfield, Winchester, and finally Richmond.

Jean was active in many churches through the years and was one of the founding members of White Hall Baptist Church along with J.B. She used her gifts for crafting and sewing to make wedding dresses for her daughters and others, create quilts as part of the Comforters for Christ ministry to the Sunrise Children's Home and serving as the head costume lady for White Hall's Living Nativity cast for many years. She also

Dora Mastin, a cherished mother, grandmother, and sister, passed away on January 22, 2023, at the age of 92. Born on January 27, 1931, in the picturesque town of Big Hill, she reflected the spirit of her community throughout her life. After completing her education at Berea High School, she married Charlie Mastin. Together, they had three wonderful children: their daughters, Debbie Whitehouse, and two sons, Chuck Mastin, Shawn Mastin.

Dora is lovingly remembered by her dear sister, Gayle Peak, and her son, Chuck, as well as her six beautiful grandchildren. Each grandchild brought her immense joy, and she took great pride in their accomplishments and adventures.

A devoted member of her church, Dora found great comfort and joy in her faith. She loved participating in worship services and was known for her beautiful voice in the choir, where she sang with passion and devotion. Besides her spiritual commitments, Dora enjoyed the thrill of playing Bingo in her leisure time, often relishing the camaraderie it brought with friends.

She was preceded in death by her loving parents, her daughter Debbie, and her son Sean, as well as her brothers, Billy Wilson and Jimmy Wilson, along with her sisters, Jean (Little John) Cleo Brown and Glenna Wilson. Her family remembers her as a source of strength and love.

In celebration of Dora's life, the family invites all friends and loved ones to a memorial service held on Tuesday, April 29, at 11 a.m. at the Berea Cemetery. This gathering will honor her remarkable legacy and the countless lives she touched. (submitted)

Elizabeth "Debbie" Howard Castle Lawson, age 70 of Berea, passed away Monday, April 14th, at St Joseph Hospital in Berea.

Debbie was born on Aug. 9, 1954, in Paintsville, to the late Paulina Francis Castle & William G Howard. Debbie is survived by her husband, Robert James Lawson, two sons, Scottie Dewayne Castle, wife (Susana) of Somerset, and Adam Stacy Castle of Richmond. Three Grandsons: Dylan Castle, Alex Castle, and Dakota Jones. One Granddaughter, Audrey Martina Bane, and one Stepdaughter, Kim Lawson of Lexington, and five Step-grandchildren. Also, five great-grandsons: Cotton Combs, Bryson Back, Wesley Callahan, Ryker &

Debbie is also survived by her Brothers, Earl “Wendy” Hampton, wife (Judith) of Paintsville, and Jake Howard, Wife (Della). And sisters Donetta Hamner and Dottie Jean Howard, both of Salsersville. Debbie is preceded in death by her Parents, one Grandson, Austin Stacy Castle, and five brothers and six sisters.

Debbie was a loving Wife, Mother, Grandmother, great-grandmother, and Sister. She was always busy with her family, helping them; they were her life. Debbie was saved and baptized in Paintsville. She loved playing cards, Bingo, Bowling, Great Cook, and loved telling funny stories to make you laugh.

Debbie will be missed by her family and friends, and bunches and bunches of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services was Saturday, April 19, at Davis & Powell Funeral Home with Rev Wayne Miller officiating. Burial followed in the Pilot Knob Cemetery.

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Pope influential

The Pope has always been one of the most central religious figures in our society.

I wasn't raised a Catholic and admit I'm not versed in the church and its core beliefs. But Mom and Dad always taught us to respect other beliefs, while holding to our own convictions. Dad didn't talk much about the Catholic Church, except for his visit to Rome, Italy, in January of 1967 while he was serving in Vietnam and recovering on a medical ship in the Mediterranean Sea.

The post card he sent back home featured a picture of Pope St. Paul VI and the words: "Hi Mom. Just got back from Rome yesterday. Had a real nice time. I got to see the Pope and I took lots of pictures, so I will send them just as soon as I get them developed. I will write today. Sure hope you are doing OK. Love, William."

The only thing Dad did say is when the Pope greeted the crowd at the Vatican, most of them bowed to him at the time. He always told us that he didn't bow down to anyone, even the Pope. That was the extent of our education about Dad's experiences in Rome. As for the photos, I'm not sure what happened to them. We never saw them while growing up.

The first Pope I remember is Pope John Paul II. He served as the pontiff for the church for nearly three decades. Pope John Paul, who created the International World Youth Days and influenced thousands of young people at the time. He was known to speak on prayer and



Keith Taylor

devotion to God throughout his tenure which lasted for 28 years.

Pope John Paul's core beliefs were Love for God and neighbour. He received a Presidential Medal of Freedom from George W. Bush in 2004.

Pope John Paul II was probably the most influential Pope in my lifetime. He served in a time of change in our nation and world and was well-respected throughout the entire world.

Pope Francis was referred to the Pope for the People and will be remembered for his stance on climate change and passed away on Monday, the day after Easter.

I will be praying for a smooth transition for the Roman Catholic Church and its future.

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Keith Taylor is publisher of the Berea Citizen.

Pope Francis didn't miss his chance

Pope Francis' complete name was Jorge Mario Bergoglio. He was born in 1936. He served as Pope for 12 years, from March 13, 2013, until his passing on April 21, 2025.

He was elected on the second day of the 2013 papal conclave and chose his papal name in honor of Saint Francis of Assisi. During the recent Holy week all the way through Easter. He was doing what he loved to do, serve God and help others. Even on his last day he was doing what he could for God and others. What an amazing legacy. He will be remembered for doing all he could, when he could.

There is a story in the Bible about a woman named Mary who anointed Jesus with an expensive fragrance. Her name was Mary and she had a brother named Lazarus whom Jesus brought back to life after being dead for four days.

They had a get-together to celebrate Lazarus' second chance at life and her sister Martha prepared the meal. A short time later Jesus would

he arrested, put through a mock trial and crucified. After three days he would overcome death and leave the tomb. Women would gather to anoint Jesus on that Sunday but would be met by an angel who would announce, "He is not here, he is risen." The women would not have the opportunity to anoint Jesus. He was gone.

Back to Mary, Martha and Lazarus. If Mary had not anointed Jesus when she did, Jesus would never have been anointed. He actually said, "She has anointed my body for the burial." Jesus knew what was coming. Mary had a special sensitivity about her that caused her to react in a special way. She knew she needed to act immediately and anoint Jesus while he was at the table eating because it might be her only opportunity and it was.

Mary will be grateful down throughout eternity that she didn't delay doing something very special for Jesus.

We can learn something from Mary. When we have an impression to say a kind word or do a good deed we should do so. So often we never know when seeing someone might be the only or the last time, we will see them.

Expressing a kind word, an affir-



Glenn Mollette

mation, a compliment or however you might want to anoint the person would be a good thing to do. So often we miss our brief opportunities to demonstrate kindness, appreciation and love.

This is appropriate at all levels of life.

We are never too big, too great or too important to say thank you or offer kind words to others.

Jesus was all powerful. He was God in the flesh. He could do anything. But what did he do? He laid aside his outer garment, girded himself with a towel and washed the feet of his disciples. Our Lord of all, was a servant of all even unto his death on the cross.

We live in a world of ill words, deeds, rudeness and evil. It's all around us. The worst thing we can do is to become like those who act this way. It's not always easy to rise above. If I had been Jesus, I'm sure I would have commanded the ground to open up and for the fires of hell to have consumed the mob that put me on the cross.

That's why he was able to do what he did for us. He was without sin but bore our sins on the cross.

If we can, let's do what we can, while we can. Just one life, will not forever last, our opportunities soon will pass.

Pope Francis surely knew his time was close at hand and wanted to use his time doing what he felt God had appointed him to do.

Repairing affordable housing

Next week, April 28-May 4 marks National Co-housing Week, a nationwide event featuring virtual and in-person discussions about the future of housing. Whether you're a curious newcomer or a seasoned advocate, it's an opportunity to explore the growing movement of alternative housing solutions.

Why Is This So Important?

Housing affordability has been a pressing concern in America for decades — perhaps more than ever today. According to a 2024 Harvard Joint Center on Housing Studies report, more than 42 million Americans spend over one-third of their income on housing. Years of surging rents and unprecedented home price growth have placed a heavy financial burden on both renters and homeowners.

This crisis is further exacerbated by deepening income inequality, a growing senior population, and a shortage of accessible housing for aging adults. A 2023 State of Home Affordability Report from Habitat for Humanity reinforces this reality, stating:

"1 in 7 households spend more than half their income on housing."

Unfortunately, these financial pressures disproportionately impact Black, Latino, and already cost-burdened renters, increasing economic hardship in communities all across America.

Meanwhile, the rising cost of living is forcing older adults to cut back on essential needs just to afford housing. An AARP study finds that seniors with the highest housing cost burdens spend 40 percent less on food, compared to those in affordable housing. Beyond financial strain, inaccessible housing can limit mobility, lead to social isolation, and worsen health outcomes.

One thing is clear: Creating livable communities isn't just an individual concern—it's a collective responsibility.

A Time-Tested Solution: Intentional Communities

You may not be familiar with the term "Intentional Communities," but they've existed for centuries.

Perhaps "Co-housing" rings a bell. While cohousing is a widely recognized but often misunderstood model, it represents just a fraction of the broader Communitarianism movement — a philosophy centered on the deep connection between individuals and their communities.

According to Community Finders, a guide for those exploring communal living:

"Communitarianism is based on the belief that a person's social identity and personality are largely molded by their relationships within a community."

Intentional communities span diverse lifestyles, locations, and ideologies — from Eco-villages and Co-living spaces to Tiny House Villages and Housing Cooperatives.

One particularly transformative model is Senior Co-housing, which is rapidly gaining popularity among baby boomers seeking a connected, supportive lifestyle in their later years.

Designed for adults 55-plus, senior co-housing fosters a close-knit, cooperative environment where neighbors:

- Share meals and common spaces.
- Support one another's well-being.
- Enjoy cost-saving benefits and improved quality of life.

This approach enhances physical health, combats social isolation, and empowers aging individuals to live independently while staying engaged with their communities. Just like intergenerational cohousing, it also helps address social and environmental challenges.

Aging is inevitable. How we choose to live is entirely in our hands.

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- Rebekah Mata, 27: parole violation (for felony offense); parole violation (for felony offense)
- Kristi Hull, 28: assault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor injury
- Rebecca Willis, 44: probation violation (for felony offense)
- Hunter Terrill, 25: commitment order
- Stephen Short, 40: contempt of court, libel/slander, resistance to order
- Stephen Clifton, 34: fleeing or evading police, 2nd degree (on foot); criminal mischief, 2nd degree; failure to appear; probation violation (for felony offense)
- Kasey Whited, 46: failure to appear
- Sarah Martino, 38: commitment order
- Bartt Clay, 51: failure to appear; non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines

April 11

- Amanda Brown, 28: serving parole violation warrant
- Minerva Perez, 43: alcohol intoxication in public place (1st and 2nd offenses); disorderly conduct
- Anabel Zarate, 36: execution of complaint warrant
- Charles Pigram-Davison, 34: terroristic threatening, 3rd degree; assault, 4th degree domestic violence, no visible injury; strangulation, 1st degree domestic violence related; possession of a handgun by a convicted felon; no operator’s – moped license; trafficking in marijuana (less than 8 ounces) – 1st offense; drug paraphernalia - buy / possess; wanton endangerment – 1st degree
- Justin Marcum, 37: failure to appear
- Allison Young, 24: probation violation, for felony

- offense (2 counts)
- Sam Isaacs, 58: failure to appear (2 counts)
- Jessica Maurice, 37: serving parole violation warrant; theft of identity of another without consent
- Eric Powell, 46: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines
- Darrell Walker, 54: fugitive from another state
- Timothy Vanwinkle, 31: no operator’s-moped license; license to be in possession; failure to produce insurance card; improper display of registration plates

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- Meghan Muncy, 39: operating motor vehicle under the influence of substance(s) – 1st; resisting arrest
- Allen Crockett, 24: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st; possession of alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle
- Zakery Clark, 29: speeding, 26 mph or greater over speed limit; operating on suspended or revoked operator’s license; operating motor vehicle under the influence of substance(s) – 1st
- John McPhearson, 43: failure to appear
- Jason Lindsey, 44: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol – 1st
- Bennie Stephens, 57: criminal trespassing, 3rd degree
- Kenneth Reeves, 53: sodomy, 3rd degree; sexual abuse, 1st degree; distribution of obscene material – 1 unit of matter
- Zachary Thompson, 42: false report which generated an emergency response

April 13

- Sarah Smith, 54: assault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor injury
- Brittany Goosey, 30: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st

- Shannon Durham, 42: failure to appear (2 counts)
- Travis Jones, 37: failure to appear
- Juan Cabera Lizardo, 38: contempt of court, libel/slander, resistance to order; operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st (aggravated circumstances); no operator’s – moped license; possession of open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle
- Charles Smith, 42: license to be in possession; operating on suspended or revoked operator’s license; no operator’s - moped license; possession of marijuana
- Giovanni Scicchitano, 20: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting

April 14

- Brandy Gayheart, 30: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 3rd (aggravated circumstances); possession of open alcohol beverage container in vehicle; wireless emergency phone service violations, \$500 or less
- Vivik Patel, 29: alcohol intoxication in a public place; harassment (no physical contact)
- Christian Echeverria, 25: commitment order
- Jason Thompson, 42: failure to appear (2 counts)
- Jamey Owens, 40: failure to comply with sex offender registration (1st offense°
- Shawn Davis, 31: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting
- Yusef Wesley, 42: parole violation (for technical violation)
- Greg Cornish, 44: parole violation (for technical violation)
- Gerico Garcia, 43: leaving the scene of an accident, failure to render aid or assistance; fleeing or evading police, 2nd degree (on foot); operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol - .08

- 1st; no operator’s – moped license; no registration plates; no registration receipt; failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance / security- 1st offense
- Stewart Williams, 43: probation violation (for technical violation)
- Ivan Watts, 41: hold for other agency
- Deatrice Reed, 35: failure to appear (2 counts)
- Amy Durham, 46: public intoxication – controlled substance (excludes alcohol)
- Frank Moore, 53: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); possession of marijuana; endangering the welfare of a minor; failure to or improper signal; robber on vehicle tires less than 1 inch thick; failure of owner to maintain required insurance / security – 1st offense; failure to produce insurance card

April 15

- Jacob Johnson, 18: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, all others, \$1,000 but less than \$10,000; criminal mischief, 2nd degree
- James Stokely 52: burglary, 2nd degree; burglary, 3rd degree
- Daniel White, 42: failure to appear
- Jamie Eades, 45: failure to appear (2 counts)
- Taylor Hinkle, 24: commitment order
- Shelley Payne, 37: theft by deception – include cold checks; receiving stolen property; burglary, 3rd degree
- Daniel Gingerich, 58: fugitive from another state; receiving stolen property, \$1,000 but less than \$10,000; theft of identity of another without consent; burglary, 3rd degree
- Regina Calhoun, 56: probation violation (for misdemeanor offense)
- Devin Barrell, 36: public intoxication – controlled sub-

- stance (excludes alcohol)
- Andrea Patterson, 33: public intoxication – controlled substance (excludes alcohol)
- Billy Kanatzer, 26: strangulation, 1st degree, domestic violence related; assault, 4th degree dating violence, minor injury
- Jamie McClure, 40: hold for court
- Darrell Morbley, 23: contempt of court, libel/slander, resistance to order
- Jason Durham, 46: operating on suspended or revoked operator’s license
- Shannon Riley, 51: probation violation, for felony offense (2 counts); failure to appear; failure to wear seat belts; operating vehicle with expired operator’s license

April 16

- Jacklyn White, 29: criminal abuse – 1st degree – child 12 or under
- Jimmy Smith, 33: criminal abuse – 1st degree – child 12 or under
- Christopher Hatton, 46: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines
- James Denny, 50: rear license no illuminated; operating on suspended or revoked operator’s license; no registration receipt; failure to produce insurance card; possession of marijuana; operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol / substance(s) – 1st
- Laura Bondurant, 54: driving on DUI suspended license – 2nd offense; one headlight
- Alexandria Stonewall, 26: terroristic threatening, 3rd degree
- Lauren Farmer, 28: failure to appear
- Landen Cox, 19: alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses)
- Jason Griffith, 54: failure to appear (2 counts)

MARRIAGES

April 10

- Charles Forest Smith, III, Hitachi, 30, of Richmond to Maryuri Stephani Sanchez Estrada, unemployed, 25, of Richmond

April 14

- Gabrielle Nikole Fletcher, medical assistant, 34, of Richmond to Gregory Kane Isaacs, GIS specialist, 29, of Richmond
- McKenzie Renea Brock, not given, 20, of Berea to Dawson James Gabbard, HVAC, 22, of Berea
- Aaron Lee Raider, manager, 29, of McKee to Sophia Kathleen Polly, medical receptionist, 22, of McKee
- Rhonda Ann Conley, document control specialist, 40, of Berea to Robert Logan Sexton, engineer, 35, of Richmond
- Juanita Lou Marcum, housekeeper, 28, of Richmond to Logan Michael Combs, server, 28, of Richmond
- Dillon Matthew Hubbuch, plumber, 32, of Berea to Toria Mandrell Powell, Valvoline operations fleet, 38 of Berea
- Kiara Lynn McConville, restaurant hostess, 20, of Richmond to Gavin Michael Berkshire, military, 19 of Richmond
- Landon James Fryman, retail, 18 of Richmond to Jocelyn Paige Carter, student, 18 of Nicholasville
- Emma Kay Wilson, teacher, 37 of Silver Springs, Maryland to Christian Lee Nichols, construction project manager, 28 of Silver Springs, Maryland
- Kalinda Cheyenne Morgan, project manager, 27 of Richmond to Dustin Charles Ridner, accountant, 30 of Richmond
- Dan Cameron Hendrickson, education, 34 of Richmond to Hunter Cameron Howard, educator, 27 of Richmond
- Anna Elaine Stamper, higher education, 26 of Richmond to Bradley Thomas Dalton, insurance, 26 of Richmond

April 15

- Leandra Shamone Hounshell, unemployed, 29 of Berea to Travis Andrew Shuler, forklift driver, 31 of Berea
- Kathleen Marie Lindauer, service specialist, 28 of Berea to Jacob Michael Alcorn, federal employee, 26 of Berea
- Triston Robert Carter Riley, sales and leasing consultant, 38 of Richmond to Chelsey Jo Daugherty, caregiver, 32 of Winchester
- Abigail Cameron Rose, retail, 19 of Berea to Mason Blayne Anglin, carpenter, 19 of Berea
- Brian Alexander Wilbur, firefighter, 26 of Berea to Lyndsey Ann Horn, registered nurse, 26 of Berea
- Shelby Lynn Winter, record technician, 25 of Norfolk, Virginia to Branden Lukas Abner, truck driver, 25 of Richmond

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

April 10

- Brandon S. Hoskins to Vincent Leal and Leanna Leal, lot 105 Hidden Hills Subdivision \$282,000
- Shawn Conner (a/k/a Shawn Aaron Conner) and Elizabeth Kay Conner and Mysterie D. Prichard (f/k/a Mysterie D. Conner and Trevor Prichard to William A. Payne and Bridget C. Payne, 101 Hanover Street, Richmond, \$90,000
- Bennie R. Gay to John C. Brown and Misty S. Brown, tract 3 plat 30/248, for and in consideration of the love and affection Grantor has for his daughter and in order to create a survivorship provision

April 11

- Ruth Ann Perkins (f/k/a Ruth Lea Lowery and Hermie Dean Perkins to Amanda Frances Williams, 204 West Locust Street, Richmond, \$125,000
- Boyd Gambrel and Bonnie Gambrel to Boyd Gambrel and Bobbie Gambrel and Boyd Gambrel Jr., 600 Laceywood Court, for and in consideration of love and affection between parent and child
- Victory Lane Development, Inc. to Howard Roberts and Bobbie Roberts, lot 23 A Clay Point Subdivision, \$355,000
- Whiteberry Builds, LLC to Clifford Clark, Trustee for the benefit of Cliff and Nova Clark irrevocable Trust, u/d/a December 21, 2021, lot 14 Fincastle Subdivision Phase 1, \$395,000
- Joshua Allen Miler to Matthew Charles Hall, lots 94 and 95 Meadow View Subdivision, \$8,000
- Diana K. Seeley to Tammy K. Lawill, tract Deacon Hills, for and in consideration of the love and affection Grantor has for Grantee being parent/child

April 14

- Hager Family Limited

- Partnership to Green Rental, LLC, lot 79 Argyll Subdivision, \$170,000
- Hager Rental, Inc. to Green Rental, LLC, lot 39A Holiday Heights Subdivision, \$100,000
- U.S. Bank Trust, N.A, as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participant Crust to Tyler Douglas Boots and Alexandria Marie-Hardin Boots, 141 Oliver Drive, \$225,001
- James Maggard and Lori Maggard to Dewana Brock McLean, 211 Glades Street, Berea, \$195,000
- Anthony E. Black and April M. Black (a/k/a April Michelle Black) to Jacquelyn Howell and Andrew Howell, 522 Ranier Drive, Richmond, \$1,630,000
- Billy Joe Holt to Genesis Contracting, LLC, 118 Maple Street, Berea, \$80,000
- Bradley Kyle Wells and Christi Wells to Christopher Scott Sowers and Lorin Aleah Sowers, tract Kentucky Highway 52 (tract 11 plat 8/82), \$1,200,000
- Dreaming Tree Properties, LLC to WW Investments, LLC, 308 Timberline Court, Berea, \$175,000
- Broaddus Homes, LLC to Jason Lee Yeager and Jennifer Lynn Yeager, lot 17 Berkley Hall phase 3, \$609,900
- Revival Homes, LLC to Nolan Jay Chancellor, 391 Hickory Lane, Berea, \$276,200
- Joseph Michael Simpson (a/k/a Joseph Shane Simpson) and Ellie Eperson Simpson to James Tanner Flynn and Madalyn Grace Harless, lot 24 Madison Village, \$225,000
- Crystal D. Dewey and Andrew S. Dewey to Cassidy Clay Thomas, 162 Primrose Circle, Richmond, \$295,000

April 15

- Richard Andrew Compton and Carla Compton to Eric Thomas Renfro and Shelley Ham-

- mons Renfro, tract 1 plat 31/277, \$269,000
- Michael Edward Haeberle to Clifford Hartley, 4128 Lobblolly Lane, Richmond, \$325,000
- Steve Bowling and Darlene Bowling to Kailey Brewster (a/k/a Kailey Erin Brewster) and Josh Clouse (a/k/a Josh Tyler Clouse), 1403 Providence Road, Richmond, \$237,500
- Braden Connor Back and Ashley Nicole Back to Jessica E. McClure, 125 Cambridge Drive, Richmond, \$270,000
- CHAMP Properties, LLC to MA Conley Construction, LLC, 6104 Preakness Place, Richmond, \$75,000
- Jason P. Randall to Roger Dale Sizemore, Jr. and Tracy Lynn Sizemore, 110 Dellwood Drive, lots 33, 34, 35 and 36 Oak Park Subdivision, \$97,600
- Albert R. Weaver to Darryel A. Weaver, lot 33 Bay Colony Subdivision of Highland Park, \$1.00 and love and affection between parent and child
- Berea Industrial Development Authority to Commonwealth of Kentucky, for the use and benefit of the Transportation Cabinet, Department of Highways, Tracts Menelaus Road, in consideration of mutual benefits to be derived by the Grantor and Grantee
- City of Berea, Kentucky to Commonwealth of Kentucky, for the use and benefit of the Transportation Cabinet, Department of Highways, tracts Menelaus Road, in consideration of mutual benefits to be derived by the Grantor and Grantee

April 16

- Craft Masonry, Inc to Charles Peery and Tracy Peery, lot 259 Phase 7B Magnolia Pointe Subdivision, \$351,000
- Jennifer Linn-Foster to Erin Reidy and Brandon Poston, 204 Amaryllys Drive, \$265,000
- Eric Thomas Renfro

- and Shelley Renfro to Brandon Hoskins, lot 46 Waco Heights Subdivision, \$376,000
- J.T. Barrett Land Holding Company to Darrell K. Smith and Sara J. Smith, 416 Oak Street, Richmond, \$225,000
- Clarence T. Ethridge, by and through his court appointed Guardian and Conservators, Sharon Ethridge and Judy Ethridge to Masters Properties, LLC, 372 Reynolds Drive, Richmond, \$125,000
- The Wade Alexander Revocable Living Trust, by and through Wade Alexander, Trustee to Howard L. Rogers and Debra Rogers, lot 49 Battlefield Estates, \$270,000
- Norma J. Reynolds to Masters Properties, LLC, tracts Madison County (vicinity of Tate’s Creek Road), \$210,000
- Rebekah D. Dandeneau (f/k/a Rebekah D. Hart) and Mark W. Dandeneau to Rebekah D. Dandeneau and Mark W. Dandeneau, 29 Courtland Avenue, for and in consideration of the love and affection and for both parties mutual desire to hold title
- Jill Herrington to Cornerstone Rentals, LLC, lots 14 and 15 Rosedale Addition, \$1.00
- Jill Herrington to Cornerstone Rentals, LLC, lot 4 Walnut Street, \$1.00
- Anchored Rentals, LLC to Cornerstone Rentals, LLC, 137 E. Walnut Street, \$1.00
- Joshua Adkins and Stephany Adkins to Adkins Home Builders, LLC, lot 234 Firebrook Subdivision, for and in consideration of the capitalization of the LLC
- James A. Mays and Lisa Mays and Bernice Callahan to Jennifer Charles, Trustee of the Brian E. Charles Living Trust, u/d/a May 7, 2019, lot Rick-Lex View Subdivision, \$85,000

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"Purchase of CEW for the Madison County Detention Center Bid"
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Service Commission of Kentucky issued an order on January 21, 2025, scheduling a hearing to be held on May 13, 2025, at 9 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, in the Richard Raff Hearing Room at the offices of the Public Service Commission located at 211 Sower Boulevard in Frankfort, Kentucky, for Case No. 2024-00326. This is an examination of the Electronic 2024 Joint Integrated Resource Plan of Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company.

This hearing will be streamed live and may be viewed on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov.

Public comments may be made at the beginning of the hearing. Those wishing to make oral public comments may do so by following the instructions listed on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov.

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BEREA POLICE REPORTS

Drug Arrests

On Feb. 25 at approximately 8:19 a.m., officers were conducting extra patrol of Mama G Car Wash. Officers arrested and charged Jakob Williams with Possession Controlled Substance 1st (Methamphetamine), Drug Paraphernalia, and Possession of Marijuana.

On March 1 at approximately 8:28 a.m., officers were conducting extra patrol of Mama G Car Wash. Officers arrested and charged James Harrison with Possession Controlled Substance 1st (Methamphetamine), and Drug Paraphernalia.

On March 3 at approximately 9:20 a.m., officers conducted a traffic stop in the area of Berenwood Drive. Officers arrested and charged Tristan Luke with Possession Controlled Substance 1st (Methamphetamine), Drug Paraphernalia, Operating on Suspended License, Possession of Open Alcohol Container, and Possession of Marijuana.

On March 7 at approxi-

mately 9:40 p.m., officers conducted a traffic stop in the area of 77NB/Walnut Meadow Road. Officers arrested and charged Courtney Short with Driving DUI Suspended License, No Registration Plates, Failure to Produce Insurance, Failure to Surrender Revoked License, Possession of Marijuana, Drug Paraphernalia, Possession Controlled Substance 1st (Heroin), Prescription Not Proper Container, and Possession Controlled Substance 3rd.

On March 8 at approximately 9:28 a.m., officers conducted a traffic stop in the area of Paint Lick Road. Officers arrested and charged Eric Powell with No Registration Plates, Driving DUI Suspended, Obstructed Vision, and Possession Controlled Substance 2nd.

On March 13 at approximately 6:25 p.m., officers got out with a female in the area of Ky1016. Officers arrested and charged Caresa Waller with TBUT, Possession Controlled Substance 1st (Methamphetamine), and Drug Paraphernalia.

On March 18 at approximately 12:32 p.m., officers conducted a traffic stop in the area of Redi Mart (Glades Road). Officers arrested and charged Michael Griffith with Trafficking Controlled Substance 1st (Methamphetamine), Drug Paraphernalia, Violation of Conditions of Release, Improper Registration Plate, Expired Registration Plate, Operating on Suspended License, No Motorcycle License, and Failure to Maintain Insurance. After further investigation Michael Griffith was also arrested and charged with Rape 1st, Sodomy 1st, and Assault 2nd.

On March 26 at approximately 1:30 p.m., officers conducted a traffic stop in the area of Circle K. Officers arrested and charged Jennifer Smith with Possession Controlled Substance (Fentanyl), Operating Vehicle with Expired License, Expired Plates, and No Brake Lights.

On March 29 at approximately 2:38 p.m., officers responded to Wildcat Car Wash in reference to a suspi-

cious vehicle. Officers arrested and charged James Rose with Possession of Controlled Substance 1st (Methamphetamine), and Drug Paraphernalia.

On April 5 at approximately 11:22 a.m., officers observed an intoxicated male in the area of Chestnut Street. Officers arrested and charged Alex Rogers with Possession of Marijuana, Public Intoxication, Fleeing or Evading Police 3rd, Tampering Physical Evidence, Drug Paraphernalia, Prescription Not in Proper Container, and Possession Controlled Substance 2nd.

DUI

On March 9 at approximately 3:57 p.m., officers responded to I-75 South in reference to a semi swerving in the roadway. Officers arrested and charged Marenglen Rusi with Possession of Open Alcohol Container, Operating Motor Vehicle Under Influence, Reckless Driving, and C.D.L. (Under Influence).

On March 16 at approximately 2:11 p.m., officers conducted a traffic stop in the area of Delancey Street. Officers arrested and charged Austin Ruble with Operating on Suspended License, License to be in Possession, Operating Motor Vehicle Under Influence, No Registration Plates, and Failure to Produce Insurance.

On March 19 at approximately 7:45 p.m., officers responded to the area of I-75 North in reference to a vehicle all over the roadway. Officers arrested and charged Mark Bailey with Operating Motor Vehicle Under Influence, Reckless Driving, Speeding 26mph or >, Possession of Open Alcohol Container, and Failure to Signal.

On March 31 at approximately 3:12 a.m., officers conducted a traffic stop in the area of Glades Road. Officers arrested and charged Mason Anglin with Expired Plates, Failure to Maintain Insurance, Operating Motor Vehicle Under Influence <21, and Possession of Open Alcohol Container.

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Reflections

Berea Citizen archives

April 23, 1925 Boys caught

Five boys were caught crap-shooting on Saturday night under the streetlight near the dairy barn. They were arrested by police officials and fined \$20 plus court costs. A bottle of whiskey was also found on one of the boys. The boys were William Curry, Hyron Parson, Guy Faulkner, Harold Hoskins and Herman Lewis.

April 27, 1950 Later hours

The recent post office bulletin which announced that home delivery was to be limited to one time per day also contained information regarding post office hours, Postmaster John B. Adams announced that the window services at the Berea Post Office would now be limited to the hours of 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. No re-

duction in the Berea Post Office staff were expected. However, auxiliary hours and hours of substitute workers would be reduced.

April 24, 1975 Burglary

Three Bereans, two adults and one juvenile were arrested and charged with criminal conspiracy and third degree burglary after allegedly robbing Horton's Jewelry Store on Chestnut

Street on Saturday night. According to police officer Ron Devere, along with officer Jerry Combs, investigated the case and apprehended the suspects. The suspects threw a rock through the display window and "got what they could reach."

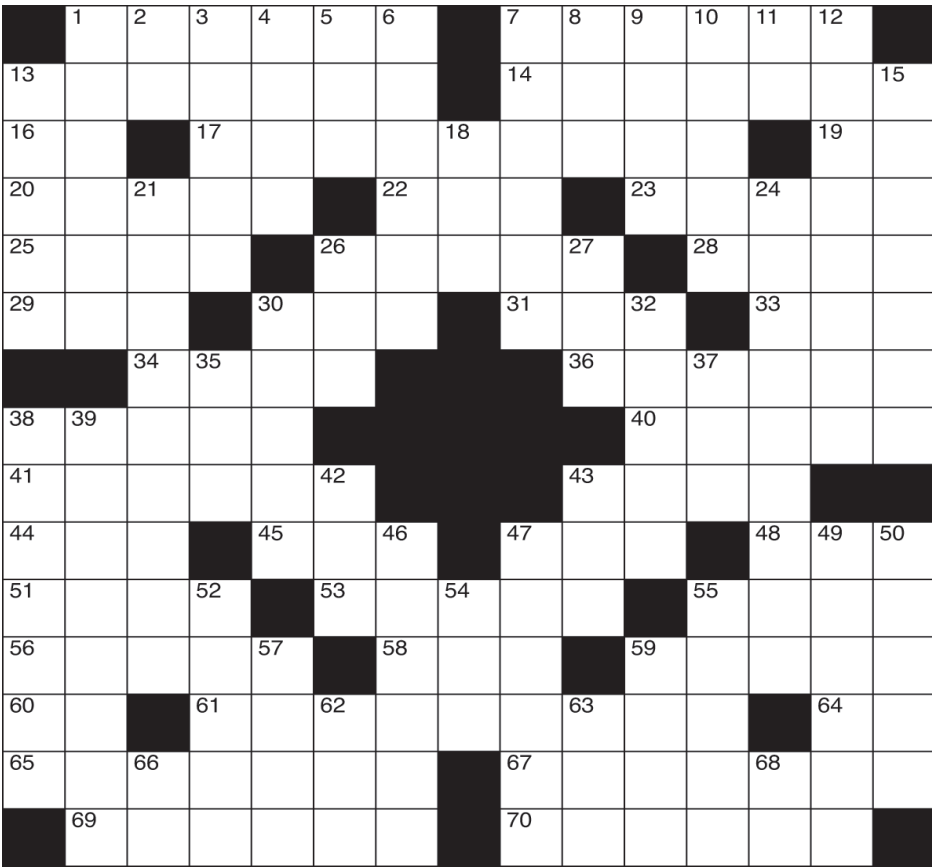
April 27, 2000 Dance team

The Madison Southern dance team, The South-

ern Belle's, competed in a national competition over spring break. The competition was attended by more than 100 teams representing 15 states. The Southern Belles placed 1st runner up with their pom routine and 2nd runner up with their jazz routine. They missed 1st runner up in jazz by one point. Senior Melissa Johnson was judged in individuals and was selected to perform in the 2001 Pro-Bowl half-time show in Ha-

Game Page

Crossword



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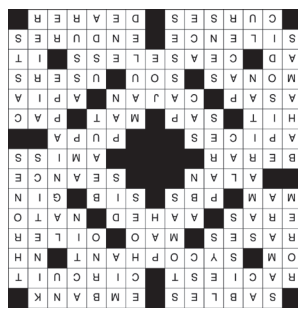
- 1. Dark blacks
- 7. Construct a wall to confine
- 13. Most inappropriate
- 14. A type of board
- 16. Sacred Hindu syllable
- 17. Flatterer
- 19. The Granite State
- 20. Tears down
- 22. China's Chairman
- 23. Former Houston footballer
- 25. Periods of time
- 26. Expressed pleasure
- 28. World alliance
- 29. A Brit's mother
- 30. Television network
- 31. Brother or sister
- 33. Type of spirit
- 34. ___ Ladd, actor
- 36. A medium over-sees it
- 38. One time province of British India
- 40. Wrong
- 41. The highest parts of something
- 43. Insect
- 44. Baseball stat
- 45. A way to use up
- 47. Where wrestlers compete
- 48. It helps elect politicians
- 51. As fast as can be done
- 53. Genus of legumes

- 55. Samoa's capital (abbr.)
- 56. Monument in Jakarta
- 58. Former French coin
- 59. Exploiters
- 60. College sports official
- 61. Uninterrupted in time
- 64. Stephen King story
- 65. Marked by no sound
- 67. Weathers
- 69. Denouncements
- 70. More beloved

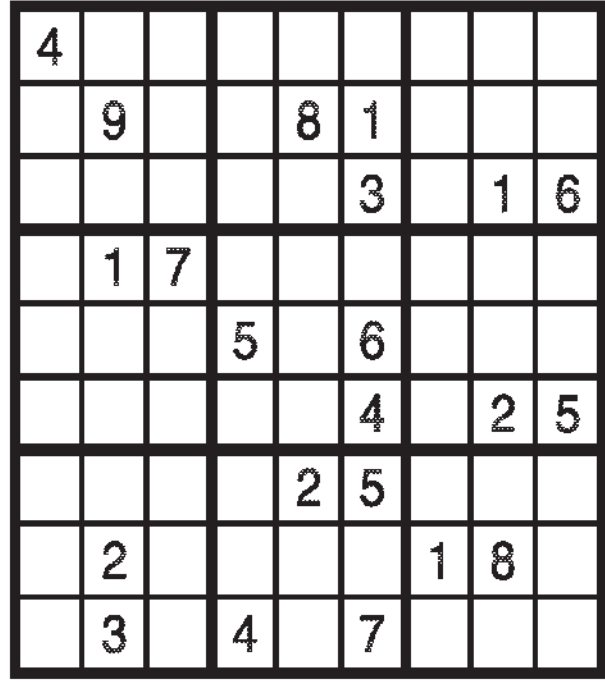
CLUES DOWN

- 1. Winged nut
- 2. It cools a home
- 3. Kisses (French)
- 4. Oxford political economist
- 5. Keyboard key
- 6. Leaf pores
- 7. Agrees with publicly
- 8. Not around
- 9. Czech city
- 10. Muscle cell protein
- 11. Greek letter
- 12. Movements
- 13. Ned ___, composer
- 15. Popular series Game of ___
- 18. Exclamation that denotes disgust
- 21. Helper
- 24. Gift
- 26. Up in the air

- 27. Treat without respect
- 30. Trims
- 32. Slang for lovely
- 35. City of Angels
- 37. Guitarists' tool
- 38. Island nation
- 39. Delivered in installments
- 42. A baglike structure
- 43. Cooking vessel
- 46. Gets in front of
- 47. Wounded by scratching
- 49. More breathable
- 50. Medical dressings
- 52. Indiana hoopster
- 54. Married Marilyn
- 55. An ancient Assyrian city
- 57. Congressmen (abbr.)
- 59. Approves food
- 62. Ventura's first name
- 63. Between northeast and east
- 66. Atomic #71
- 68. Email designation



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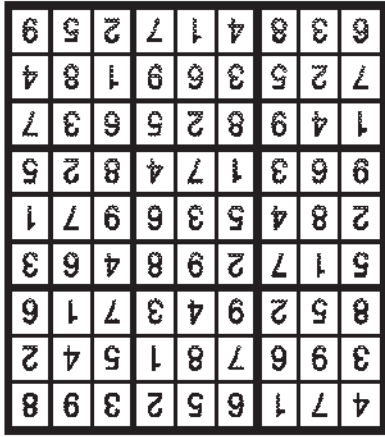


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- A. 25 2 1 22 26
Clue: Peaceful
- B. 23 5 5 16 19 13 22 6 4 22 19
Clue: Stores volumes
- C. 6 22 18 8 1 18 21
Clue: Allowing to borrow
- D. 6 1 23 10 24 10 1 24 18
Clue: Library worker

Answers: A. quiet B. bookshelves C. lending D. librarian

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First Thursday of May

The mule with long ears

Perhaps you heard about the brothers down the road who used a saw to cut several inches from a joist at the top of their barn door so that their mule could fit through without his ears rubbing. A neighbor dropped by and asked what they were doing. They explained that the opening needed to be higher for their mule. "Why don't you just get a shovel and dig some dirt away at the bottom?" the neighbor asked. "Well, that's silly," one of the brothers said. "It's his ears that are too long, not his legs." You realize that the Bible has a lot to say about doors. In John 10:9, when Jesus was presenting Himself as the only way to heaven, he said, "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved."

Jesus had a knack for using common, everyday things in his teachings. Everyone is familiar with doors. So, Jesus seized the opportunity to use doors to make a crucial point about his role in salvation. Later, in John 14:6, Jesus reiterated that, saying: "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." Many people in the world mistakenly believe there are other ways to get to heaven. The problem is that contradicts the very words of Jesus who spoke clearly on this matter: "I am the door." And Jesus has provided a way for all of us to get to heaven. "For God so loved the world

Roger Alford

that He gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). What's so incredibly fantastic is that Jesus doesn't want to turn anyone away. All we have to do, according to Romans 10:9, is believe in our hearts and confess with our mouths that Jesus is Lord and we shall be saved. Jesus said, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). The simple truth is that multitudes of people who have surrendered their hearts and lives to Christ can fit through the Door, and not one of them has to worry about whether their ears will rub as they pass through.

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Tourism opts to purchase van now, trolley later

By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

The Berea Tourism Commission recently voted unanimously to use a portion of its 2025 budget for the purchase of a passenger van. The budget reallocation will use just part of approximately \$200,000 that had been set aside for the purchase of a tourism trolley. The matter was discussed at the commission's April 9 business meeting. The vehicle would be wrapped in the Berea Tourism livery and used to ferry tourists around the city. Additionally, the city has also pursued a long-term strategy of attracting more small conventions to town, which will likely increase with the opening of the Berea Gallery and Events Center in May. That could create a greater need for a large passenger van. Commission chair Bill West said there's still a demand for a trolley that can serve as an added attraction to bring visitors into town, but he ultimately agreed to purchase

Berea Tourism previously leased a trolley from Kentucky River Foothills and employed a narrator to show visitors the interesting sights in town. Tourism recently voted to take an interim step of purchasing a passenger van before committing to a full-size passenger trolley. a van as an interim step. "I think what you do is get the van now and don't take the trolley off the table," West said. In the past, discussions about bringing a trolley back to Berea have raised questions among Berea City Councilmembers about the long-term cost. Officials have had concerns about how much will be spent on staffing and maintenance. Last year, the trolley proposal looked to be in-

ered in 2024 was to purchase a fully equipped trolley for \$180,000. The trolley has long been pitched as a resource that would make Berea stand out among tourism towns in the Bluegrass. In a council work session last year, then-Business and Tourism Development Director Donna Angel cited three examples of cities that employ trolleys, including Bowling Green, Owensboro, and Louisville. At that same work session, Councilman Steve Caudill agreed that while there needs to be some form of transportation to move people around town, he wanted some form of cost/benefit analysis showing precisely how the purchase of a trolley will benefit citizens and businesses. During that April 2024 session, Councilmember Katie Startzman asked whether there is any data on demographics to know precisely who would use the trolley. Tourism Commission Chair West explained that Berea is increasingly seen as a hub for travelers, who stay over-

night in the city, then use Berea as a base to explore other parts of the Bluegrass region. Additionally, he added Berea is attracting more tourists for weekend getaways, and that a trolley makes for a very family-friendly addition to Berea's overall tourism offerings, since they are popular with children. For a time, tourism commissioners were pondering whether to invest in electronic displays inside the trolley, which would highlight various restaurants, shops and attractions as the vehicle approached those stops. The addition was thought to be one way to help Berea's small business owners benefit from the city's investment. In years past, Berea rented a trolley from Kentucky River Foothills at a cost of \$600 per day. Last year, Angel explained that leasing a trolley is not a cost-effective option for the city. The 2024-2025 fiscal year for Berea Tourism and the city of Berea ends on June 30.

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better fire protection, better energy efficiency, and enhanced security measures.

While the Fiscal Court will next meet in Berea on May 13, the court will officially return home to its renovated Richmond facility at a May 27 meeting. Additionally, the court approved an amended meeting schedule that included a June 30 session to approve year-end expenses to be made before the beginning of the 2026 fiscal year on July 1. Meetings in Berea will resume on odd-numbered months.

“I’m excited about the two fiscal court meetings, and that’ll be the first one in our new space,” Judge/Executive Reagan Taylor said of the May 27 session.

In other news, the Fiscal Court took the following action:

- Unanimously approved a resolution regarding the Rural Secondary Road Program, resurfacing three rural roads in the county. Road Superintendent Scott Shepard recommended the resurfacing of KY 499 Crooksville, a 3.4-mile stretch running to Brassfield Road; KY 595 from KY 876 to Dry Branch Road; and a .6-mile portion of Barnes Mill Road. The cost estimate is tentatively set at \$620,000, according to Casey Smith of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet District 7 planning division. The court declined to spend flex funds on a state highway, 1983 Menelaus Road between KY 595 and the Berea Bypass, instead using the funds to resurface county roads.
- The court unanimously adopted a resolution endorsing the County Road Aid Cooperative Agreement with the state.
- Adopted a resolution granting transmission easements to Eastern Kentucky Power Cooperative, near Battlefield Golf Course.

- Adopted a resolution authorizing the judge executive to submit an application for Community Project Funding Grants from the federal government, covering the Central Kentucky Business Park Authority’s investment in the Berea Industrial Park. The economic development partnership involving the Madison County Fiscal Court, Scott County Fiscal Court, City of Berea, and Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government was formed to pool the governments’ respective resources to create economic development opportunities. The CKBPA will apply for community project funding grants through Congressman Andy Barr’s office to make the landscape of some sections of the Berea Industrial Park more suitable for economic development.
 - The court unanimously adopted a resolution to convey two parcels of land from the Madison County Airport Board to the Madison County Fiscal Court. Measuring 1.9 acres and 3.7 acres, respectively, the parcels will be used to develop an emergency disaster and relief center, officials said.
 - Magistrate Stephen Lockmueller made two points during the Magistrate Comments segment of the meeting. First, he praised the staff at the Madison County Animal Shelter, saying its good to have people at the facility who care. “It’s great to know it’s improving and will continue to improve,” Lochmueller said.
- Lochmueller also lamented a campaign on social media denigrating the pending construction of apartments. Lochmueller said not all people can afford to live in houses, and that apartments provide residents and prospective workers a place to live.
- “We want people to have a good place to stay,” he said.
- The Fiscal Court will next meet in Berea at the Berea City Hall Annex on May 13 at 9:30 a.m.

EAGER

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when I worked for our most marginalized students and those kids that are seeking education as an outlet, seeking education as an opportunity for growth, I understand that, because that was me,” Neaves said.

Neaves told the audience he was attracted to Berea because of the way the community responded when the district found itself in a dire financial crisis.

“What drew me is the response to everything that happened early on. Seeing the packed auditoriums,” said Neaves, adding that he was able to learn a lot on social media, including recordings of meetings. “I saw a lot of positive things. The response piece is huge, because as a superintendent, you want to engage with your community, and you want to have people that are equally invested in the ambition that you are trying to accomplish.”

Neaves said he is also committed to making sure the needs of teachers are met.

“I always lead with the mantra that I’ll never forget what it’s like to be a teacher in the classroom,” Neaves said. “I put my teachers first so they can put their kids first.”

When asked about his priorities when he starts at Berea Community, Neaves said part of his mission will be to help the district heal.

“I’ll put it under the umbrella of listen, learn, then lead. First, I’ve got to build relationships, to repair some of the injustices that have been done as far as putting the district in the position that it is in so that I can fix them,” Neaves said.

School Board member Tom McCay said he was impressed because the search

yielded a good field of 11 solid prospects.

“We had a lot of good candidates. Most everybody that applied presented well, had good backgrounds, a good knowledge of the school, and what we’re looking for, so, it was just a matter of narrowing it down,” McCay said.

Board Chair J. Morgan said he was most encouraged by Neaves’ commitment to helping students leverage educational opportunities to build a better life.

“I think he gave a very well-rounded, holistic sense of energy, thoughtfulness, candor, and organization,” Morgan said. “He really checked all the boxes for me. I’ll also say it was his personal narrative; that he is someone who has experienced poverty and knows what kind of opportunities the educational system gives. He knows how important it is for kids to have an opportunity-rich life moving forward, and I think he’ll help provide that opportunity for all our kids.”

Neaves will take over for Interim Superintendent Elmer Thomas, who was brought on last month when Diane Hatchett went on administrative leave. His contract expires June 30. Parent and instructor Ashley Hammond thanked Thomas for his commitment to transparency and his ability to reassure parents during a difficult time.

Hatchett stepped aside in the wake of budget troubles in which the district suffered a \$1.3 million operating budget deficit. On Monday, the district’s Finance Director, Nathan Sweet, said that while the district’s financial situation may be improving slightly, the district still spent more than it took in last month, a trend Sweet has said must be turned around for Berea Community schools to remain viable. The district has since implemented an austerity program that has involved deep staff cuts.

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owned by the city.

- \$215,000 will be budgeted for the Scaffold Cane Shared Use Path project, \$75,000 of which is carried over from the previous fiscal year.
- \$137,500 is allocated for pickleball courts, which are to be located in the Berea Community Park annex, near the

skate park.

- \$125,000 is set aside for new bathrooms at the entrance of Berea Community Park.
- Investment in city beautification will be increased from \$35,000 to \$100,000, extending efforts to beautify Berea beyond Old Town, including expenses for flowers, Christmas decorations, and permanent banners and signage.
- Funds will also be allocated for flower boxes, tables and benches, and replacement of trashcans.

At the meeting, Berea Tourism Commission Chair Bill West explained that

the other \$100,000 reserved for building improvements is also set aside for contingency items, such as allowing for the possibility of an emergency repair/replacement project, such as a failed air conditioner.

Tourism’s budget will be included in the city’s 2026 spending plan, and the fiscal year begins July 1.

The proposed 2026 allocations are part of a strategy by the city to use tourism funds to create improvements benefiting both local citizens and visitors.

The most recent examples are the Silver

Creek Bike Park, Berea Gallery and Event Center, and \$200,000 to help defray repair costs for the Berea City Pool.

The city is preparing to celebrate the ribbon cutting for the Berea Gallery & Event Center on May 13 at 2:45 p.m. An open house at the facility will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The multi-use gallery/event space is designed to be a venue for small conventions and private events, an art gallery to display local work, a teaching venue for LearnShops artisan classes, as well as offices for city Tourism Department staff.

Grow Appalachia at Berea College offers gardening assistance to Berea and beyond



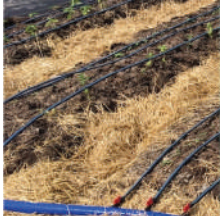
Grow Appalachia staff members Kayla Preston and Steph Hamborsky work in Berea and Appalachia to help farmers set up high tunnels.

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By Kayla Preston
Berea College

Spring is the time of year when farmers and backyard gardeners start getting their hands dirty and growing food and plants for themselves and sometimes for their communities.

Since 2015, Grow Appalachia, a strategic initiative of Berea College, has been helping farmers and gardeners find success through its Social Enterprise Program, offering many products and services, including a variety of growing supplies like soil amendments, insect netting and row cover.

The program also offers two unique designs of high tunnels—protected growing spaces designed to extend the growing season for producers.

Grow Appalachia’s high-tunnel models are designed specifically for the region, where large parcels of flat land are limited. They are smaller and designed to maximize plots

with less production area.

“Over the years, we have been able to join multiple group events at Berea Urban Farm (BUF) that were instructed in and around the high tunnels, creating a covered space for teaching and a demonstration plot to show how high tunnels are utilized for small back yard production,” said Kayla Preston, social enterprise director at Grow Appalachia. “BUF has programming throughout the year, using and expanding awareness on how and why they are a great asset to the small-scale farm.”

Since 2012, Grow Appalachia has built more than 150 high tunnels across Kentucky. In recent years, several high tunnels have been built in urban backyards in Louisville and Lexington, as well as in Berea.

Grow Appalachia has seen a strong demand for these tunnels in rural pockets of Appalachian Kentucky and urban areas across the state. In Berea, the program has

built high tunnels for backyard gardeners, community gardens and urban farms like BUF.

Located in the heart of Berea, BUF is a 1.4-acre educational market that offers a variety of programs and workshops to the community and beyond, including a full slate of workshops and tours, a demonstration orchard, pollinator plantings and bee hives. BUF programs partner with a variety of organizations through hands-on demonstrative workshops and other farm events. The farm is open to the public, providing a space to help those who attend be successful in their endeavors. BUF uses its high tunnels for both workshops and food production, which is shared with the broader community.

“The BUF high tunnels allow us to maximize production from our limited space by extending the growing season and protecting crops from extreme weather events,” said Richard Olsen, BUF director. “Our smaller movable high tunnels offer important

flexibility for bed layout and crop planning.”

High tunnels provide opportunities for growers to create a steady stream of high-quality fruits and vegetables destined for not only family tables and pantries but also numerous restaurants and other markets. Urban high tunnels, like those seen at BUF, are important infrastructure for producers who need to maximize every square inch of their growing spaces.

High tunnels continue to be a tool for addressing food deserts, which BUF has demonstrated in practice. BUF visitors can see a wide variety of crops in their tunnels at any point throughout the year.

In addition to high tunnels, Grow Appalachia has assisted the community and Appalachia by providing for other farming needs, including 412,000 pounds of organic chicken litter fertilizer and 20 water catchment and micro-irrigation systems.

As the region continues to

navigate extreme weather patterns, it’s becoming even more important to prepare growers with tools, infrastructure and knowledge to protect and extend their growing spaces for more resilient gardens and farms.

Grow Appalachia, a strategic initiative of Berea College, began as a partnership in 2009 between Berea College and JP’s Peace, Love & Happiness Foundation with a mission to help as many Appalachian families grow as much of their own food as possible. For more than 15 years, Grow Appalachia has been working throughout central Appalachia with a vision of a vibrant regional food system where healthy food is accessible to all.

To learn more about Grow Appalachia and its initiatives—including how to participate in their high tunnel program—visit growappalachia.berea.edu.



Commander Danny Helton presents a \$1,000 check on behalf of Cleveland Post 50 members to Bill Williams, monument project coordinator researcher. Also pictured is Sharon Graves, President of Madison County Historical Society and Gary Baker, Adjutant of Post 50. (Submitted)

Donation to help fund WWII monument

Cleveland Frost Post 50 of The American Legion donated \$1,000 to the Madison County Historical Society to honor Madison County's WWII casualties. Names to be listed on the monument represent those on active duty serving in all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces whose deaths resulting resulted directly from enemy action or from operational activities against the enemy in war zones from Dec. 7, 1941 through Sept. 2, 1945. Names for the monument were taken from the "Kentucky WWII Honor List of Dead and Missing" published by the U.S. War Department in 1946 as well as a list of Madison County casualties published in "Madison County in World War II, General Marshall - Victory Report," and other sources including newspaper articles, previously unknown headstones, and

cenotaphs placed in family cemetery plots of Madison County. Most of the men likely were farm children who grew up in rural areas of the county or worked in the family businesses. It is important to remember that these veterans, whose ages ranged from 17-51, and made the ultimate sacrifice. The monument will be black granite with white lettering. It will measure 48x72 and will be placed on the Madison County Courthouse lawn on the Second Street side. Madison County Fiscal Court will provide the base and concrete path around the monument with benches located in front of the monument. The estimated cost of the monument will be \$12,500. Donations can be made to the Madison County Historical Society, P.O. Box 397 Richmond, Kentucky 40476.



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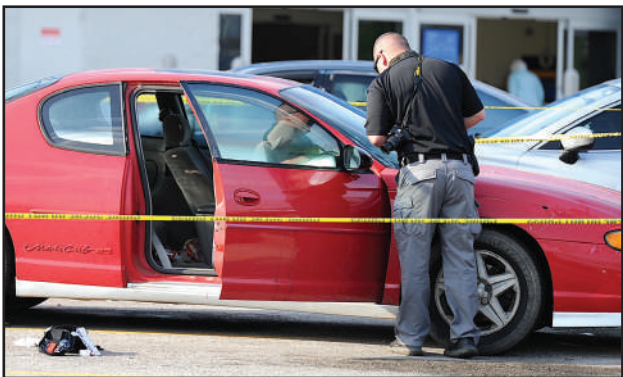


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3 hurt in officer-involved shooting

A detective looks over a vehicle that was involved in an officer-involved shooting Tuesday at Walmart.



By Keith Taylor
Citizen Publisher

A Berea Police officer involved in a shooting Tuesday morning in the parking lot at Berea Walmart has been released from the hospital and is recovering at home.

“We would like to sincerely thank everyone in

the community who has reached out with well wishes and prayers for the officer that was injured today,” The Berea Police Department said in a social media post. “We have a great community, and we are extremely grateful for the support you show us.”

The officer was injured and two others were hurt

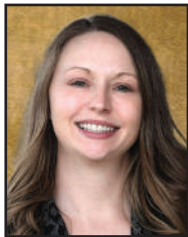
following an officer-involved shooting. According to a release from the Kentucky State Police, the initial investigation indicated at approximately 6:30 a.m., Berea Police responded to Walmart in Berea to investigate a stolen vehicle. When officers attempted

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Conley returns home to lead Berea Tourism

By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

Nancy Conley will return to lead the Berea Tourism Department, resuming a 16-year association with the city. Conley, who is currently director of tourism for the city of Corbin, will officially rejoin Berea on May 19.



Nancy Conley

After her hiring was announced, Conley said she is excited for the challenge and looks forward to working again with her former colleagues.

A Berea College graduate, Conley joined Berea Tourism in 2008, working her way up

to operations manager. Mayor Bruce Fraley said Conley’s extensive experience in Berea Tourism set her apart from the other candidates, who Fraley said were very qualified.

Fraley said Conley’s ability to work with Berea College was key, since the city hopes to continue working with the college to bolster the city’s quality-of-life and appeal to tourists. He added she also brings the advantage of perspective, having stepped away briefly to lead another city’s department.

“Her stint away from Berea Tourism was important,” Fraley said. “Getting to experience tourism in another city helps her bring more skills and

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Pickleball courts in play

By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

The city of Berea has committed to building pickleball courts as early as this summer if the project is ultimately approved by the city council.

According to Berea Mayor Bruce Fraley, a spot in the Berea Park Annex, located next to the Berea College soccer fields, has been

selected for six pickleball courts.

The total cost of the courts is expected to be \$275,000, Fraley said. “That will be put in the budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. If the funding request is approved by the council, those funds will become available in July,” he noted. “We hope to begin construction on

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‘Touch a truck’



Students at Kingston Elementary School enjoyed an outdoor Career Day event last Wednesday at the school. This year’s theme, “Touch a Truck” gave students an opportunity to get up and close and personal with careers involving trucks and machinery. The Madison County Fire Department, top photo, displayed a one of its engine fire trucks and its accessories, while students John Colsin Damrell and Adeline Collins, bottom left, view a deer head displayed by Rivers Edge Outdoors Taxidermy and its owner, Kyle Embree. In bottom right photo, Mathew Tincer, pointing finger, and Michael Huffman, background of the Bluegrass Army Depot, answer questions from students about their vehicles on display.

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Lancaster man killed in KY52 crash

A Lancaster man was killed in a two-vehicle crash on KY52 in Garrard County on Tuesday. According to the Garrard County Sheriff's Office, a 2015 Toyota Corolla driven by Scott Cary, 23 of Lancaster, was killed when he crossed the center line and struck a 2018 Ford Sprinter Van driven by Augustin Perales of Winchester.

Cary was pronounced deceased at Baptist Health in Richmond by Madison County Coroner Jimmy Cornelison. Perales and 10 passengers in the van were transported and treated at area hospitals.

The accident is under investigation by Garrard

County Deputy Sheriff Daniel Napier. He was assisted at the scene by sheriff's office personnel, Lancaster Police Department, Nicholasville Police Department, Jessamine County Sheriff's Office, Garrard County Fire District 1, Lancaster Fire & Rescue, Garrard County EMS, Lincoln County EMS, Madison County EMS, Garrard EMA, and Bluegrass 911.

Killer captured here to be executed

A convicted killer that was captured in 1995 near Waco, is scheduled to be put to death by lethal injection on May 15 at the Florida State Prison.

Glen Rogers, who was convicted of murder in

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more knowledge back to this particular job as director. I also feel like Nancy's personality is a good fit for our staff. She will definitely be able to work well with our full-time and part-time staff."

Berea Tourism Commission Chair Bill West also acknowledged Conley's knowledge of

tourism after she was hired.

"I'm delighted that Nancy has decided to return to Berea, bringing her wealth of institutional knowledge about this region and tourism," West said. "This experience will be invaluable in addressing some of the reoccurring challenges that tourism faces and in seizing the many opportunities that tourism presents in Berea."

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to make contact with the driver, he placed the car in reverse and struck an officer, pinning him between two vehicles. The officer discharged his service weapon into the vehicle. One officer and two of the suspects were transported to the hospital to be treated for minor injuries. The officer was later released.

"It scared me to death," said Donna Mabes, owner of Bluegrass Kitchen who was shopping at the store at the time of the shooting. "(Law enforcement) were all around my car and I heard the shots and went back (into the store) with my buggy."

Mabes had to wait before getting clearance to leave.

"When it was over, I put my stuff in the trunk and had to wait because the police and ambulances had me blocked in," she said. "They had to check my car for bullet holes before they let me leave."

As standard practice and procedure, the Kentucky State Police continues to investigate the shooting.

Florida and California and also is a murder suspect in Ohio and Mississippi, was convicted in the murder of Mark Peters.

Rogers was convicted of murdering Peters, a 71-year-old electrician tied to a chair in a Kentucky cabin owned by Rogers in 1994. He also was tied to a murder in Florida in 1995 and a murder in California.

Known as the "Cross Country Killer," Rogers was captured on Kentucky 52 on Nov. 11, 1995 traveling at 100 miles per hour in a Ford Festiva.

At least six police cruisers were in pursuit. Rogers ran through a road block, threw a can of beer at a state police detective and the chase ended when his vehicle ran into a ditch near the Bluegrass Army Depot on 52.

At the time of his arrest, Rogers, now 62, said he had killed 70 people, which he later said was a joke.



Message from Cora Jane Wilson

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Judith Anne Spires



Judith Anne Spires, age 72, Widow of Roger Spires, passed away Thursday, April 24, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. She was born in Berea on June 18th, 1952, to Lorene Slone Hurley and the late John Edward Miller; her dad, Raymond Hurley, also preceded her in death. Judy was a loving mother and nana. She enjoyed shopping, crossword puzzles, and soap operas. Judy’s love for her family was immense, and she helped to care for her mom until her health prevented it. She loved going to church and was a faithful member of Emmanuel Baptist Church. Other than John and Raymond, Judy was preceded in death by one brother,

James Marion Bowman



December 18, 1927 – April 25, 2025
We are heartbroken to announce the passing of James Marion Bowman, who left us at the age of 97. A Marine, a builder, an athlete, a father, and a teacher of life’s tougher lessons, he leaves behind a legacy rooted in hard work, honesty, and a love for the land. James was a man of many talents. From the basketball courts of his youth, sometimes playing alongside his younger brother, Harold, on the same Berea High School team, to the football fields of Lamar, CO, his athleticism was a lifelong passion. He carried that same energy into adulthood, playing in men’s softball leagues, golfing at Berea Country Club, and enjoying the spirited fun of a game of quarters. He loved Berea and served on the Planning and Zoning committee for several years to help make decisions for the betterment of his city. He was also inducted as a Kentucky Colonel in 1997. During the 1940s, like many young men of his generation, James felt called to serve. He entered basic training at just 17 years old and proudly became a United States Marine. If you sat with him for any length of time, he would share stories from that chapter—of the grueling training, the camaraderie, and the voyage across the ocean to China. After 20 years at Parker Seals, Jim decided to strike out on his own. With a 100-foot tape in hand and a vision in mind, he designed and engineered Pinnacle View Trailer Park on his grandfather’s land. Farming was his second language—rolling hay, raising cattle, growing tobacco, and taking meticulous care of his lawn. He believed in the dignity of work, and he passed that belief down: “If you’re going to do something, do it right,” he would say. And he lived that way, every day. He shared this sentiment with family -

Helen Faye Powell



Helen Faye Parker Powell, departed this earth, April 21, comforted and surrounded by her family. Born July 9, 1953. Though we will mourn her earthly presence, we rejoice knowing she has gone on to receive her heavenly reward.
To have known her was a treasure in itself. She was creative and loved to learn, was resilient, strong, full of wisdom, kindness and grace. She had an unwavering level of love and compassion for people and for life. Full of balance, she has been a pillar and, without doubt, a true benchmark on this earth in the hearts of those who knew her. She had mastered keeping the mind of Christ, and her faith in Jesus was unmatched. She has been a true friend to many. She was always giving the best advice while being a comfort and safe haven for innumerable people from financially to spiritually over her life. Some of her last conversations were those expressing forgiveness, searching her heart, words of enormous love for her family, and for everyone. She poured from a cup into others that seemed to have an endless bottom. Her strength was truly drawn from the Lord. She told of the things the Lord was showing her and telling her, and she was excited for what was to come.
Helen shared her life in Berea, with her husband Chester E. Powell of 55 years. Sharing life growing together, learning together, and adventuring together. Whether it be a trip

Adriana Blanca Wiedl

Adriana Blanca Wiedl, 84, of Berea died Saturday, April 26, at St. Joseph Hospital Main in Lexington. She was a Havanna, Cuba native born August 26, 1940, daughter of the late Julio Diego and Regina Dominguez Gomez, homemaker and member of the Catholic Faith. Adriana was a resident of Berea the past two years moving here from

Larry Miller, and his wife, JoAnn.
Judy is survived by her daughter, Natasha (Andrew Massa) Spires of Lexington, two brothers, Rick (Betty) Miller of Berea, Randy (Lisa) Miller of Richmond, and one sister, Sharon (Dana) Anglin of Berea. Three grandchildren, Coty (Jessica Coyle) Brock, Hailie (Logan Stamper) Brock, and Jaxon Spires, four great grandchildren, Landon Stamper, Kinsey Stamper, Rylee Anne Stamper, and Natalie Allen. Special sister-in-law, Mary Lee (Johnny) Todd. Judy’s family would like to thank Josie for her wonderful care in the past months.
Visitation was Sunday, April 27th, at Davis & Powell Funeral Home, Funeral services was. Monday, April 28th, at Emmanuel Baptist Church, . Rev. Joey Kays will officiated. Burial followed in the Chasteen Cemetery in Rockcastle County. The pallbearers were Coty Brock, Logan Stamper, Bobby Anglin, Andrew Massa, Kevin Miller, and Ryan Miller.

“My life was perfected by something greater than me and I’ve been blessed.” Jim had a stubborn streak and a deep pride in doing what he believed was right, even when the truth was hard to hear. “You aren’t going to beat Mother Earth,” he often said. “You’ll be there one day.” He lived grounded in that wisdom. James also carried a playful spirit. As a child, when his cousin refused to share a tricycle, Jim drank a bellyful of water and solved the problem in his own unforgettable way—peeing through a crack in the fence to get his point across. Mischievous then, and memorably honest always. Ninety-seven years with James Marion Bowman (Papa and Papa-berea) was a gift. How lucky we all were to have him in our lives.
James was born in Berea on December 18, 1927, to the late Thomas O. and Nancy Ambrose Bowman. Other than his parents, he was preceded by his first wife, Betty Sergeant Bowman, one daughter, Jennifer Bowman, and his brother, Harold Bowman.
James is survived by his wife, Nancy Carroll Bowman of Berea, his son James Marion Bowman, Jr., three daughters - Nanci Duncan and her husband Bob of Jeffersontown, Connie Harrison of Georgetown, and Mikki Moren and her husband Matt of Richmond. Stepson Jimmy Lunsford and his wife Sherry. Eight grandchildren, James Marion Bowman, III, and his wife Catherine. Sharon Bryant and her husband Derek, Beth Knockwafel, Becky Duncan, B.J. Duncan, Jr., and his wife Sara, Nick Duncan and his wife Katie, Emily Moren, and Patrick Moren. Six great grandchildren, three great great grandchildren, along with several nieces, nephews.
Visitation was Monday, April 28th, at Davis & Powell Funeral Home. Funeral services was April 29th, Reverends Mark and Lisa Caldwell-Reiss officiated. Burial was with full military honors at Madison County Memorial Gardens. Pallbearers were James M. Bowman, III. Patrick Moren, B.J. Duncan, Jr., Nick Duncan, Max Knockwafel, and Barrett Knockwafel. Honorary bearers will be Lucas Bowman and Wesley Lunsford.

around the world, planting their garden, taking drives, or working and building a lifetime of businesses together. She absolutely adored her family, and her time with them was what she wanted most in life. She is leaving behind her children: Scotty Elwood Powell (Berea), Tassa Lashelle (Brian Cromer) (Berea) Candace Paige Powell (Berea), and her grandchildren that brought her a wealth of happiness. Holden Parker Powell, Hunnie Corinne Powell, Jacob Ryan (Josie) Robinson, Dolton Elwood Robinson, Maximus O’neil Cromer, Dillan Anthony Cromer, and Jennifer Danielle Cromer. Her siblings, Betty (the late Bubba) Adams, Douglas “Tubby” (Bethel Lee) Parker, and Debbie (Roy) Quinley. Also, a host of very special extended family, and loved ones.
Preceding her in death; her beloved parents, Enos and Fairy Parker. Her sisters, Bonnie (Earl) Baker, Darlene VanWinkle, and brother Ralph Parker.
Helen had a special knack for balancing seriousness, with humor. Her laughter was contagious and would fill the room. There are not enough words to describe the ways she will be missed. She has given us the best life has had to offer, leaving a legacy of love, a lifetime of lessons.
Funeral services was Saturday, April 26, at Crestview Holy Sanctuary with Dale Lainhart and Brian Cromer officiated. Burial followed in the Berea Cemetery.
Pallbearers were Scott Powell, Austin Webb, Shawn Sandlin, Jacob Robinson, Dolton Robinson, and Josie Slaven. Honorary bearers will be Brian Cromer, Tim Burdette, Mason McCay, Brian Powell, Joe Parker, Ricky Adams, Junior Chasteen, and Roy Junior Powell.

Florida.
Survivors include her children David Wiedl (Jill Brick), Suzanne Neeley (Lloyd); step-granddaughter Kacey Neeley; as well as numerous relatives and friends.
In accordance with her wishes, Adriana was cremated and no public service is planned at this time. Leave condolences for the family, light a memorial candle or plant a tree in a National Forest in Adriana’s memory at www.reppertfuneralhome.com

Nancy Ann McMahan



Nancy Ann McMahan age 83, wife of Bob McMahan, passed away at her home, peacefully, surrounded by her family, on Wednesday April 23. Nancy was born in western Kentucky to the late Jesse Dee and Anne Ballard Herndon. Nancy was a retired social worker for the State of Kentucky, a longtime member of Berea Baptist Church, and she was also a graduate of Georgetown College, where she met and married Bob McMahan. Bob and

Angela Michell Himes



Angela Michell Walters Himes, age 63, passed away Monday April 28, 2025, at UK Medical Center in Lexington. She was born May 5, 1961 in Madison County, to the late Leonard Walters and Christine Rawlins Harrison. Angela was a loving and proud Mom & Nana. Always writing love notes to her children and grandchildren. She loved helping others, cleaning, cooking, and crafts. At any events her grandchildren participated in she was always the loudest cheerleader. Angela was of the Baptist faith.
In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by two sisters, Vicky Lynn Beeler, and Sueann Rawlins-Hunter.

Nancy have been married 63 years. Nancy was also preceded in death by a sister Rebecca Shipp.
Nancy is survived by her husband Bob, her children: Russell (Stephanie) McMahan, Stephanie (Heath) Kelley, her sister Patty Thompson, her grandchildren: Taylor (Austin) Huffman, Allyson McMahan, and Brooklyn Kelley, her great-grandchildren: Mason Huffman, Blakley Huffman, Beckham Huffman, Hunter McMahan.
The family will receive friends for a memorial visitation on Saturday May 3, at Berea Baptist Church from 11a.m. – 1p.m. In lieu of flowers donations are suggested to Hospice Care Plus 350 Isaacs Lane Richmond. Condolences can be made at lakesfuneralhome.com.

Angela is survived by the love of her life, Darnell Martin, of Berea, three children, Wendy King and her husband David of Mount Vernon, Chrissy Cash and her husband Andrew of Brodhead, Robert Himes and his wife Jessica of Mount Vernon, two sisters, Tina Harrison of Berea, Stacy Walters of Berea, one brother, Billy Wayne Walters and his wife Karen of Kings Mountain, six grandchildren, Carson King, Add King, Camryn Cash, Parker Cash, Trinity Durham, Jacob Durham, and three great grandchildren, Oaklynn Renee Powell, Kanan Martin, and India Martin. And her fur baby Teddy.
Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Friday May 2, at Davis & Powell Funeral Home. Burial will follow in the Flatwoods Cemetery in Waco. Pallbearers will be Jacob Durham, Carson King, Parker Cash, Adam Price, David King, Andrew Cash, and Logan Martin. Honorary pallbearers will be Bill Harrison and Stephen Harrison. Visitation will be 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. Thursday May 1, at the funeral home.



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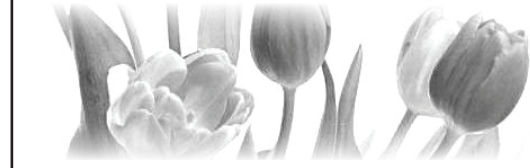
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Covering the ‘what, when, why’

We don’t live in Mayberry anymore. As much as I like the idea of living in a city with no crime and no worries and a life of simplicity, unfortunately, it doesn’t exist.

Even the town that was staged as the home of Andy Griffith, Barney Fife Opie, Otis, Ernest T. Bass and Aunt Bea, hidden in the Blue Ridge Mountains in North Carolina, had its own shortcomings.

On Tuesday, I was awakened by news of a shooting at our local Wal-Mart in the store parking lot. Fresh out of a deep sleep, I did my due diligence and contacted Berea Police Chief Jason Hays and Berea Mayor Bruce Fraley to confirm if there had in fact, been a shooting incident.

It’s my practice to always trust but verify any news tip that we receive. We check our sources and the reliability of any information. When it comes to a shooting incident, there’s a deeper sense of urgency as we try to get the “what, when, and why” answered as quickly and efficiently as possible.

By the time we get the correct information, rumors and misinformation spread on social media faster than we’re able get the facts compiled promptly. The rules on social media apparently aren’t the same set of rules that we follow when it comes to journalism ethics.

The unreliability of those rumors and mistruths can lead to anxiety for those, such as victims and first responders. Spreading something that you heard just to be the first to get it “out there” on social media isn’t a good practice to follow.

It’s not safe and dangerous, but hiding behind a keyboard without rules and respect seem to be the norm.

Because there is seemingly no such thing as patience and waiting on trustworthy news sources to get the facts first and then report, anymore, spreading rumors and falsehoods seems to be the easiest way to get news for some when it comes to relying on social media platforms such as Facebook.

Covering a breaking news story isn’t easy to cover, either, and my practice is to wait out the facts instead of being the first to report an incident, such as a shooting or any other crime that isn’t an everyday occurrence in Berea. To me, reputation, getting it right, and integrity still matter in this microwave society.

I was questioned on social media, ironically, for posting a story on the incident on a popular social media site because there were “lives in the line.” My answer was simple: The shooting incident was a breaking news story and it’s our job to report the news to our citizens in print and online to as many social platforms as possible.

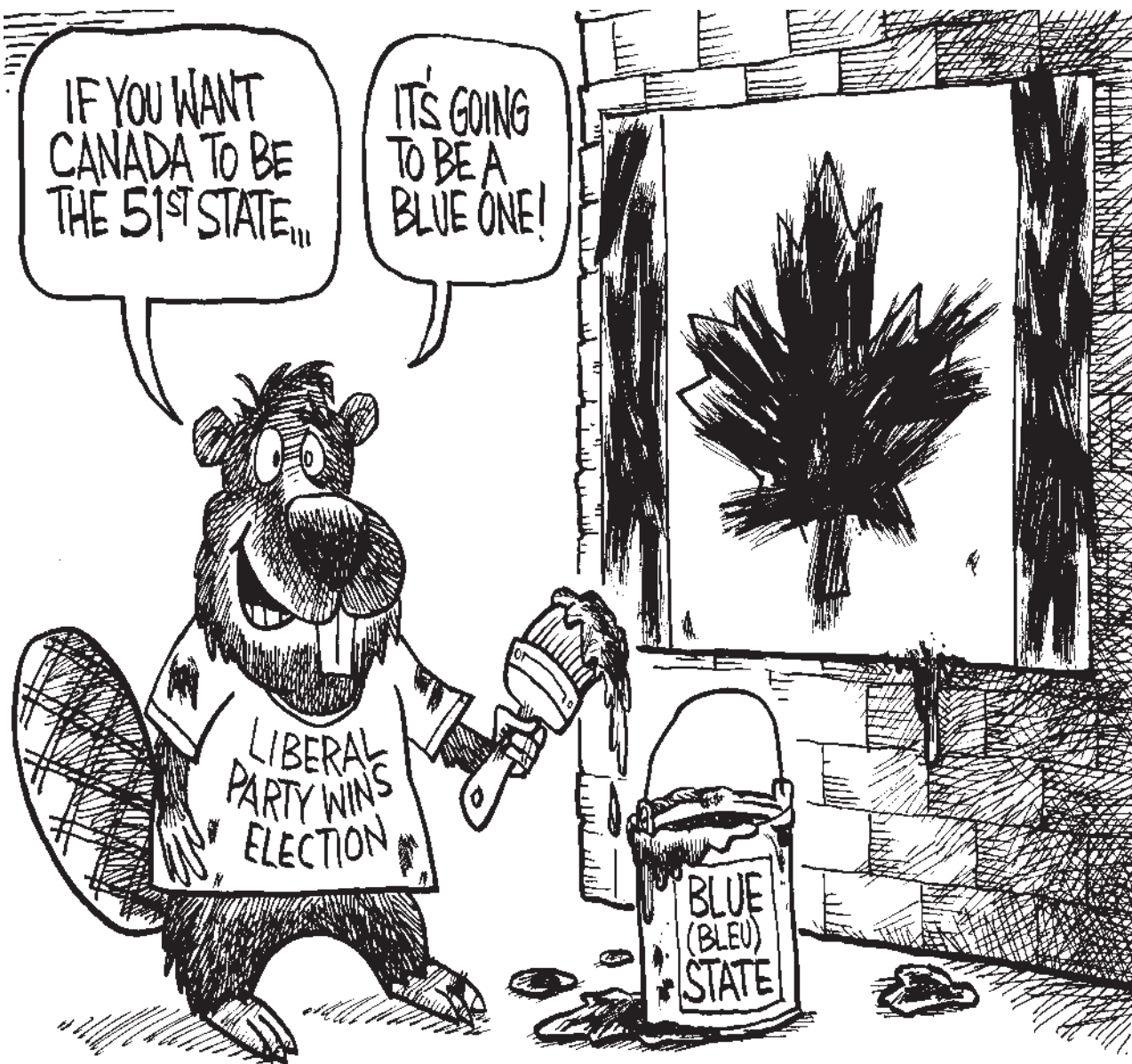
We, as journalists, don’t make the news, especially our staff at the Berea Citizen. We simply report the news so you can have a reliable source to rely on for news.

Our goal is to always report and let the general public know the what, when, and why under unusual circumstances. That is what we will always strive to do every day.

I’m thankful no lives were lost on Tuesday, and for our first responders who put their lives on the line daily to protect and serve our community. We don’t live in Mayberry, but we can strive to become better brothers and sisters and watch out for each other each and every day.



Keith Taylor



First 100 days

One hundred days ago, President Donald J. Trump returned to the White House with a clear mandate from the American people: restore American greatness, secure our borders, unleash our economy, defend our families, and stand unapologetically for our national values.

Today, I am proud to say: Promises made, promises kept.

President Trump has delivered the most secure border in American history. In just 100 days, illegal crossings have plummeted by 99.99 percent, daily encounters have dropped by 93 percent, and America’s border patrol once again has full control of our sovereign border. Thanks to tough policies like reinstating, “Remain in Mexico,” ending catch and release, and “Operation Tidal Wave,” the days of cartels and criminals exploiting our southern border are over. The Biden-era chaos is being replaced with strength, order, and the rule of law.

President Trump launched the largest deportation operation in U.S. history, arresting over 151,000 illegal aliens and deporting more than 135,000 — including dangerous gang members from MS-13 and Tren de Aragua. He restored justice by signing the Laken Riley Act into law, honoring victims of migrant crime and ensuring no American life is taken without consequence.

But President Trump’s success doesn’t stop at the border. He has unleashed an American manufacturing boom, attracting \$7 trillion in private investment and bringing thousands of factories — and millions of jobs — back home. Tariffs on China, Mexico, and Canada have protected American workers, while new energy policies have restored our energy dominance. Gas prices are down, inflation is cooling, and families are finally catching a break after years of crushing costs under Biden.

President Trump has dismantled the radical left’s grip on our government. He ended the DEI bureaucracy, restored free speech, protected religious liberty, and made it official policy that there are only two genders: male and female. He has stopped federal funding for schools pushing radical ideologies, ended Biden’s electric vehicle mandates, and reversed every major anti-energy regulation standing in the way of American prosperity.

In these 100 days, President Trump hasn’t just reversed Biden’s failures — he has launched a historic American comeback. He is delivering on the promises he made to the forgotten men and women of our country: to restore safety, prosperity, sovereignty, and pride in the United States of America.

This is what leadership looks like. This is what putting America First looks like. This is what the American people voted for. And this is just the beginning.

President Trump’s first 100 days have proven that when we fight for our country without apology, there is no limit to what we can achieve.



Rep. Andy Barr

Tragic death of Virginia Giuffre

Virginia Giuffre recently committed suicide.

She was 41 years old and had three children.

She had accused Jeffrey Epstein and Prince Andrew of sexual abuse when she was underage.

She died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound last week at her home in Australia.

Giuffre had struggled with intense emotional pain due to decades of trauma from alleged childhood sexual abuse by Epstein and others. Legal battles and public scrutiny surrounded her cases against them.

Post-traumatic Stress Disorder, anxiety and depression tormented her.

Giuffre was born August 9, 1983 in Sacramento, California. She moved to Florida with her family at age 4. She reportedly met Ghislaine Maxwell in Florida in 2000 at the age of 17. Maxwell introduced her to Epstein and the alleged abuse began soon after.

In 2002 she married Robert Giuffre and had three children. She became a vocal advocate for sex trafficking survivors.

She sued Epstein in 2009 but settled out of court. She sued Ghislaine Maxwell in 2015 and won. She sued Prince Andrew in 2021 and settled out of court.

Her legal victories seemingly would have brought some relief to Giuffre but apparently not enough. Throughout her later life she struggled with shame and guilt. These were feelings that Epstein and others implanted. PTSD nightmares persisted as she relived the abuse daily. She dealt with the fear of not being believed although the courts validated her claims. She suffered with the loss of her teenage years and innocence. She had irreversible grief. Daily, she had the pressure of being a public voice and the weight of representing survivors.

Giuffre’s story is a sad one and highlights sex trafficking’s lasting trauma beyond physical abuse. She had courage to speak out. Too often silence feels safer. Her story calls attention to survivors needing compassion and affirmation.

Her life and legacy remind us to listen, support and act against exploitation.

If you know of someone needing help, the National Trafficking Hotline is 1-888-373-7888.

Don’t let something bad end your life. It’s not easy overcoming evil things that happen to us but with God’s help and caring people you can.

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NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY

RECOVERY BY ENVIRONMENTAL SURCHARGE OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY’S 2025 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE PLAN

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that in an April 30, 2025 Application, Kentucky Utilities Company (“KU”) is seeking approval by the Kentucky Public Service Commission (“Commission”) in Case No. 2025-00105, pursuant to Kentucky Revised Statute 278.183, of an amended compliance plan (“2025 Plan”). (Collectively, KU’s Application and supporting testimony and exhibits are KU’s “tariff filing.”) If approved, KU will begin recovering capital costs associated with a new pollution control facility in the 2025 Plan under KU’s existing Electric Rate Schedule ECR (also known as the Environmental Surcharge tariff) through an increase in the environmental surcharge on customers’ bills beginning in December 2025.

KU filed an application with the Commission on February 28, 2025, in Case No. 2025-00045 seeking approval to construct a selective catalytic reduction system at the Ghent generating station to reduce nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions, which are a precursor to ozone. In Case No. 2025-00105, KU is seeking an order approving the 2025 Plan to recover the costs of this new pollution control facility through its Environmental Surcharge tariff. This project will help ensure ongoing compliance with regulations issued under the federal Clean Air Act as amended, including the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone.

The estimated total capital cost of this new pollution control facility is \$152.3 million. Additionally, KU is requesting recovery of future incremental capital and operation and maintenance expenses associated with this new pollution control facility. KU is also asking to recover the cost of publishing this customer notice through the Environmental Surcharge over 12 months and to have Environmental Surcharge recovery of future Commission-approved administrative expenses, including customer notice costs.

Beginning in December 2025, the initial bill impact for KU’s Group 1 customers is estimated to be a 0.01% increase with a maximum increase of 0.81% in 2029. Group 1 includes Rate Schedules Residential Service (RS), Residential Time-of-Day Energy Service (RTODE), Residential Time-of-Day Demand Service (RTODD), Volunteer Fire Department Service (VFD), All Electric School (AES), and all Lighting Rates (i.e., LS, RLS, LE, and TE).

RS and VFD customers using 1,085 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.01 up to \$1.09. RTODE customers using 1,043 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.01 up to \$1.14. RTODD customers using 987 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.02 up to \$1.80. AES customers using 25,620 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.30 up to \$24.28. LS and RLS customers could expect a monthly increase of \$0.00 up to \$0.12. LE customers using 2,473 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.02 up to \$1.59. TE customers using 147 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.00 up to \$0.15.

Beginning in December 2025, the initial bill impact for KU’s Group 2 customers is estimated to be a 0.01% increase with a maximum increase of 1.10% in 2029. Group 2 includes Rate Schedules General Service (GS), General Time-of-Day Energy Service (GTODE), General Time-of-Day Demand Service (GTODD), Power Service (PS), Time-of-Day Secondary Service (TODS), Time-of-Day Primary Service (TODP), Retail Transmission Service (RTS), Fluctuating Load Service (FLS), and Outdoor Sports Lighting Service (OSL).

GS customers using 1,657 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.03 up to \$2.41. GTODD customers using 19,652 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.31 up to \$25.26. PS-Secondary customers using 30,434 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.39 up to \$32.35. PS-Primary customers using 35,028 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.45 up to \$36.82. TODS customers using 189,538 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$1.54 up to \$126.82. TODP customers using 1,242,574 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$8.25 up to \$678.42. RTS customers using 7,387,224 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$38.91 up to \$3,199.31. FLS-Transmission customers using 44,229,667 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$237.46 up to \$19,525.53. OSL-Secondary customers using 4,627 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.17 up to \$13.87.

The Application described in this Notice is proposed by KU, but the Commission may issue an order resulting in an environmental surcharge for customers other than the environmental surcharge described in this Notice.

Comments regarding KU’s 2025 Plan and Application may be submitted to the Commission through its website or by mail to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.

Any person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of the initial publication of this Notice, the Commission may take final action on the Application.

Any person may examine KU’s tariff filing at the Commission’s offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the Commission’s website at <http://psc.ky.gov> or KU’s website (<http://www.lge-ku.com>) after KU makes its tariff filing on April 30, 2025. KU has requested a deviation from the requirement to make the tariff filing available at its office at One Quality Street, Lexington, Kentucky 40507. If the Commission denies that request, KU will make the tariff filing available at its office upon request by any person.

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Reflections

Berea Citizen archives

April 30, 1925 Mason wins

Silas C. Mason, formerly of Berea but then connected with the Department of Agriculture, recently made a six-month survey of the date palm possibilities in Sudan, Egypt. The Sudan Government asked the Agriculture Department of the U.S. to send them the best man on date palm industry and the American government sent them Mason as the best qualified. Mr. Mason made a report on localities suitable for date cultivation on the upper reaches of the Nile. The British government endorsed Mason as the world's greatest authority on date palms. Mason was connected with Berea

College from 1897 – 1898 as acting professor of Horticulture of Biology and as Professor of Horticulture, Biology and Forestry team from 1899 to 1906. He was the first man who developed the agricultural possibilities of Berea College Farm.

April 27, 1950 New trustees

At a recent Trustees meeting of Berea College, two new members were chosen. T.J. Woods, Vice President of Sales at Proctor Gamble in Cincinnati, Ohio and Dr. Hugh Mahaffey, a Richmond surgeon were chosen. Dr. Mahaffey was chosen by the Berea College Alumni Association as the Alumni trustee.

Born at Sturgeon, Kentucky in 1902, he was a graduate of the Training School in 1916, Berea Academy in 1920 and Berea College in 1924. Four years later he received his medical degree from the University of Louisville Medical School. He was a member of the Madison County and America Medical Society and was a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and the Southeastern Surgical Congress. T.J. Wood is the son of Mrs. Eliza Wood of Pearl Street. Born in Wildie in 1894, he received his elementary education at the Berea Academy and higher education at the University of Kentucky and Kansas State University. He served as a lieutenant and flying instructor in the Air Corps during World War I. He joined Proctor and Gamble in 1919 and since 1943 has been vice president of sales.

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May 1, 1975 Rabies case

On April 14th, the Kentucky diagnostic laboratory in Lexington confirmed the diagnosis of a second case rabies in Madison County. One case involved a skunk in Richmond and the second case involved a dog in the Scaffold Cane area of Berea. Rabies, a disease of which there is no cure poses a threat in every animal from human to a mouse. The disease is spread by direct or indirect contact by a bite or saliva contact with a wound or mucus membrane.

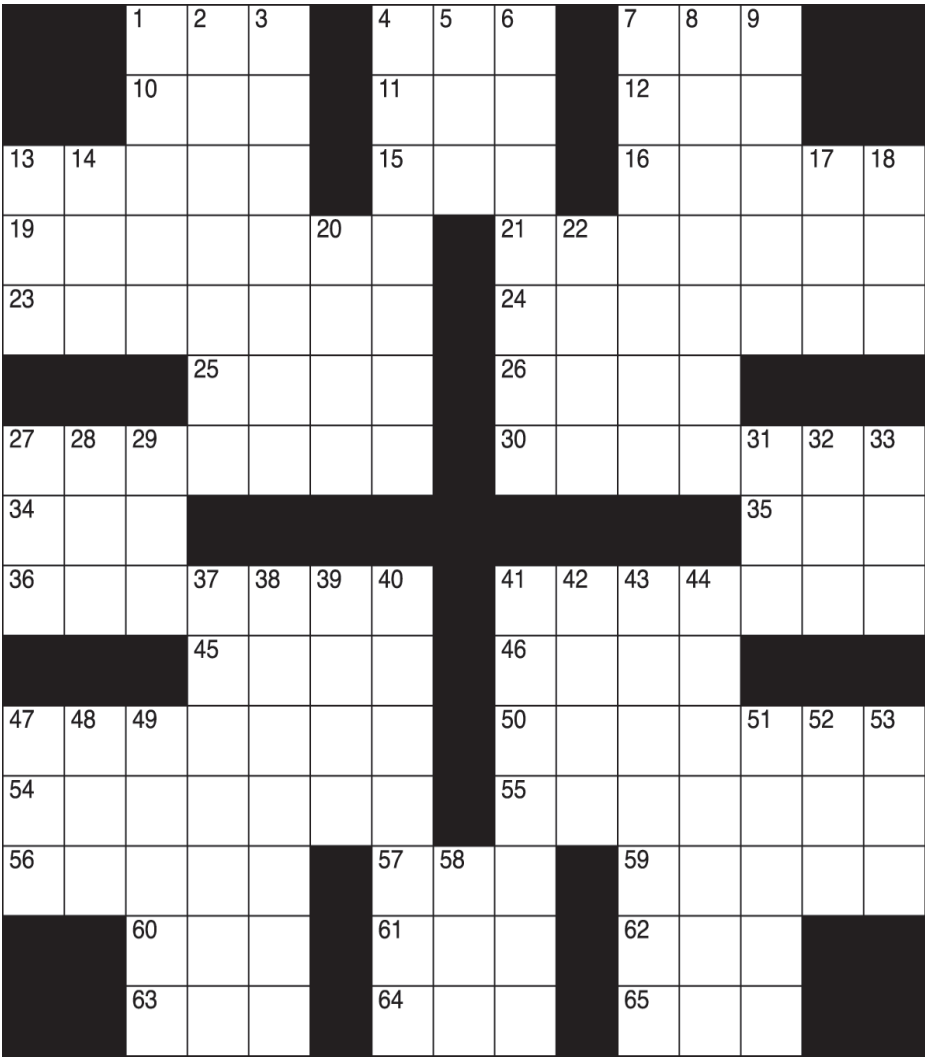
liva contact with a wound or mucus membrane.

May 4, 2000 Drug search

Berea Community School Principal recently reported that Jake, a drug dog from Woodford County Sheriff's department found nothing on a recent visit to the campus with his handler. "In an effort to combat possible drug use in the school, I requested the search through Berea Police Chief Brandenburg, and he made arrangements for the dog. My reasons for doing this are preventative measures. We are glad to have a clean report." Said Bondurant.

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Crossword



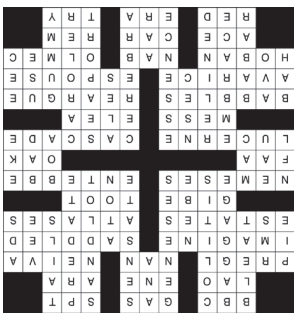
CLUES ACROSS

- 1. English TV station
- 4. It fuels cars
- 7. Where ships dock (abbr.)
- 10. Indigenous people of Thailand
- 11. Midway between northeast and east
- 12. Small Milky Way constellation
- 13. Fritz __, Austrian chemist
- 15. A Brit's grandmother
- 16. Colombian city
- 19. Visualize
- 21. Charged
- 23. People's assets
- 24. Informative books
- 25. Jeer
- 26. You can do it with your horn
- 27. Agents of your downfall
- 30. Central Uganda city
- 34. Supervises flying
- 35. Type of tree
- 36. Alfalfa
- 41. Dishwasher soap brand
- 45. Hall where military eats
- 46. Ancient Greek City
- 47. Speaks incessantly
- 50. Discuss again
- 54. Extreme greed
- 55. Adopt or support
- 56. Fantasy writer Russell

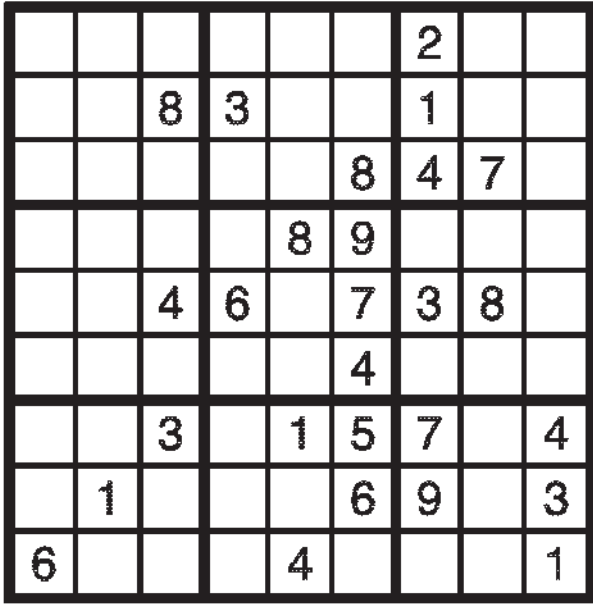
CLUES DOWN

- 1. Sheep sound
- 2. Some can be emotional
- 3. Inflammation of colon lining
- 4. Origins
- 5. Comedienne Gaster
- 6. Perceived by the senses
- 7. A place to play ball
- 8. Occur before
- 9. Animal body parts
- 13. Thanksgiving desert
- 14. Root mean square (abbr.)
- 17. 1960s teen idol Bobby
- 18. Promotional materials
- 20. One point east of northeast
- 22. Piers Anthony protagonist
- 27. Popular sports league
- 28. Cologne

- 29. Partner to cheese
- 31. Constrictor snake
- 32. Not good
- 33. Supplement with difficulty
- 37. Hug with fondness
- 38. Enforced again
- 39. Small amount of time (abbr.)
- 40. Substance
- 41. Anterior parts of the brain
- 42. Brews
- 43. Where ships load cargo
- 44. Holiday season singer
- 47. " __ humbug!"
- 48. Monetary unit of Macao
- 49. Popular children's book elephant
- 51. Glutinous
- 52. Function
- 53. Old world, new
- 58. Swiss river



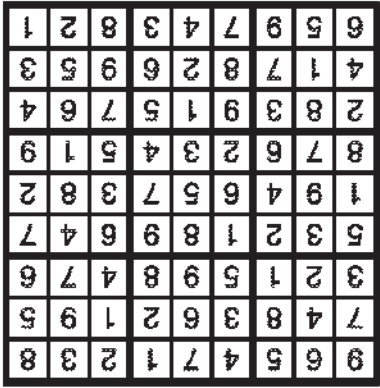
SUDOKU



Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

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



ANSWER:

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CRYPTO FUN

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Solve the code to discover words related to sports safety. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 9 = S)

A. 18 24 18 18 15 22 9

Clue: Protective eyewear

B. 2 24 25 2 4 9 9 3 24 25

Clue: Brain injury

C. 9 13 24 20 14 9

Clue: Athletic endeavors

D. 9 10 17 22 14 19

Clue: Protection

Answers: A. goggles B. concussion C. sports D. safety

Bubba’s wife tries voodoo doll to get him off couch

Bubba was showing his lazy side, sitting on the couch doing nothing all day except watching football on TV when his wife yelled from upstairs: “Do you ever get a sharp pain in your backside like someone has a voodoo doll and is poking you with a needle?” “No,” Bubba yelled back. “How about now?” his wife asked. It sounds like it might have been time for Bubba to turn off the TV, get off that couch, and get busy helping around the house. There are those who still believe the Christian way is for women to do all the housework, but that’s not to be found in the Bible. There is no scripture that

says anything of the sort. What the Bible does say is: “Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her” (Ephesians 5:25). What kind of message would a husband be sending to his wife if he slothfully sat around the house all day doing nothing while his wife picked up his slack? Does that show love? Study after study suggests that when husbands help with household chores, wives are happier, less stressed and feel more loved and appreci-



Roger Alford

ated. When Jesus wanted to demonstrate love to his disciples, he took a pan of water and a towel and washed their feet. In doing so, he showed that it was the duty of men to serve, not just to be served. I’m glad that men around here have learned the lesson of Ephesians 5:25 and are showing their love for their wives instead of treating them like servants. I expect that’s why there are so few voodoo dolls lying around with needles stuck in their backsides. Reach Roger Alford at (502) 514-6857 or rogeralford1@gmail.com.

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6 p.m.

310 Chestnut Street A, Berea, Ky. 40403
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Dentistry: Mary Oldfield, DMD, PSC, 126 North Broadway, Berea. Phone: 986-2060

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



Jackie Stephens, Laeyla Rose, and Aadrianna Rodgers recently landed a fourth-place finish nationally for their project to benefit kindergarteners with moderate to severe disabilities.

Concert to benefit JAG program

By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

A talented slate of local musicians as well as friends and alumni of Berea Community Schools will be featured at a musical concert on Friday at Union Church, 200 Prospect Street. The event kicks off at 5 p.m. with food and games on the front lawn, followed by a concert inside the church from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The concert will benefit the Berea Community chapter of Jobs for America’s Graduates (JAG), a national program that helps students develop valuable life skills for succeeding beyond high school. “This event was created by community members who truly love our school and the amazing students who walk

through its doors every day!” said Berea Community JAG instructor Susie Harris. “Our Middle and High School JAG students have stepped up in a big way, volunteering their time, energy, and creativity to make this event a success. They even named it themselves: Sing & Save: The Beat to Saving JAG Berea! Adding an even more special touch, every musician performing on Friday has personal ties to Berea Community Schools and is excited to give back to the community that helped shape their journey.” The current and former pirates featured, as well as those closely tied to the school, include: Al & Alice White/ Sam Gleaves, KC & Friends, Mitch Barrett, Deborah Payne & Muse Watson, Jerry & Leah Sparks, Amanda Shouse, as

well as BCS students and supporters. Cost of admission is a \$20 donation for adults and a \$10 donation for students. Berea’s award-winning JAG team is wrapping up a busy week, having competed successfully at the JAG National Career Development Conference in Indianapolis, where the students spent valuable time networking and using effective communication skills to share the JAG story. Delaney Lemaster ranked an outstanding 6th place nationally in the Prepared Speech category. Aadrianna Rodgers, Laeya Rose, and Jackie Stephens placed 4th in the nation for their project, Lifting Our Voices in Equity (L.O.V.E.), where they created a music wall for our Moderate to Severe Disabled (MSD)



‘Hands for Spring’ a success

In spite of a slow pre-registration phase, the dance hall filled up with dancers from 14-15 states, skilled instructors, energetic callers and tremendous bands during the 22nd Hands for Spring event last weekend at the Folk Center. Great help from local volunteers made everything go smoothly. Over the years, it has turned out not only to be a well known and popular contra dance event across America, but also an important and excellent tourism magnet for businesses in the City of Berea. The folk center was the perfect location for this popular contra dance event.



PLAY

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pickleball courts in the summer, or no later than fall. That's a high priority for me, the city administrator (Shawn Sandlin) and there's a lot of public interest in pickleball."

The announcement comes approximately seven months after a group of concerned citizens addressed the Berea City Council, asking city leaders to look into the possibility of installing courts.

At the time, the group's spokesperson, Judith Weckman, told officials pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the United States. She added that it's a sport that can be enjoyed by people of all ages, it promotes a sense of community, fitness, but that it's also an activity that can bolster the city's tourism appeal.

"Such a project could create a healthier, happier community as well as contribute to Berea's economic development," Weckman told the council in October. "Our hope is for a collaboration among the city, college, local businesses and other organizations aimed at raising money to build these courts."

Berea Tourism proposes to chip in \$137,000 for the project in its 2026 budget. It's Tourism's latest move to contribute to facilities that can be enjoyed by both visitors and local citizens. The commission has already committed funds to



A spot in the Berea Park Annex, located next to the Berea College soccer fields, has been selected for six pickleball courts.

enhancing other public facilities, such as shared use trails.

Fraley said he believes the development of Berea's outdoor recreation/adventure resources is the way to go, given the heightened interest in outdoor activities in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I think our recent emphasis on outdoor recreation has created greater opportunities to invest tourism funds in that way," Fraley said. "I think the desire for outdoor recreation was boosted during the pandemic, and

that has continued to today. I'm hopeful that's a direction we'll continue to move in. We can still value our culture as an arts and crafts community, but also to diversify our tourism efforts in other ways, primarily in outdoor recreation activities."

Officials have also stated that outdoor recreation facilities, such as parks and trails, are crucial to attracting young professionals and families who are looking for a place to live and work. They are also seen as very desirable by corporate site selec-

tors looking for communities that can attract and retain prospective workers.

Fraley noted that the city and Berea College have been working together to find sites for pickleball courts, including a concrete slab at the site of the former forestry building on Big Hill Road. That site and others are still in play for future courts, but the city saw an immediate opportunity to build in the Berea park expansion, near the skate park,

he said.

Because the courts will be funded with the city's General Fund and Tourism Commission dollars, there won't be the complication of seeking grants. Because of that, it's possible the courts will be ready relatively soon, according to Fraley.

"I think it's very feasible that we could have pickleball courts constructed and ready to use by fall," Fraley said.

Public Notice

Pursuant to KRS 178.070, the proposed discontinuance of County Road maintenance for a portion of Courage Road, which has no public purpose, will be heard at a public hearing on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at 9:00 AM in the Berea Council Chambers (304 Chestnut Street, Berea, KY).

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The City of Berea, KY and the Kentucky League of Cities (KLC) will be accepting unpriced technical proposals until 2:00PM ET on May 9, 2025 for a road salt reverse auction hosted by eBridge and scheduled for 11:00AM ET on May 20, 2025. Bidders may access the bid package by contacting eBridge at (502) 491-1980 and electronically downloading it through the following link: https://applications.ebridgeprocurement.com/BidPackage/?ev=Berea-KLC\Salt_Auction



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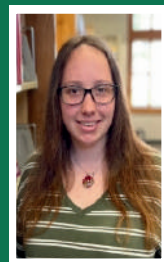


Letter from the Director

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What WE'RE Reading

Alisha Helton, Youth Programming Coordinator

If you're a fan of steampunk, high fantasy, and dragons, *To Shape a Dragon's Breath* is the book for you. The level of detail in this book's lore is so rich and beautiful you won't be able to tear your eyes away from the page. The story had me laughing, crying, and everything else between. I'm absolutely taken with the main character, Anequs, and am so excited to know what happens next!

Extreme Weather Preparedness 101 SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 11 AM-12 PM MEETING ROOM, BEREA

Adults

- Joan Kleine Creative Studio: Open Studio** 4-8 PM, Wednesdays Creative Studio, Berea
- Berea Woodcarvers** 10 AM-12 PM, Wednesdays Fireplace, Berea
- Berea Quilters & Needle Artists** 1-3 PM, Tuesdays Meeting Room, Berea
- English Language Learner (ELL) Class** 6-8 PM, Mondays and Wednesdays Community Room, Berea
- Spanish Language Class** 6-8 PM, Wednesdays Meeting Room, Berea
- Berea Stitch and Sew** 2-4 PM, Tuesdays Creative Studio, Berea
- Meet the Author of Haint Country** 6-7 PM, Thursday, April 3 Just Love Coffee, Berea Meet Olivia Sizemore, co-author and illustrator of *Haint Country-Dark Folktales from the Hills and Hollers*.
- Music & Audio Production Intro*** 5:30-7:30 PM, Tuesday, April 8 Creative Studio, Berea *Registration required
- Cryptid Creations: Paint Your Legendary Self** 6:30-7:30 PM, Tuesday, April 8 Community Room, Berea Unleash your legendary side! Create a unique self-portrait with a cryptid-inspired twist.
- Bridge Club** 2-4 PM, Thursday, April 10 Meeting Room, Berea
- Second Saturday Yoga** 10-11 AM, Saturday, April 12 Forestry Outreach Center, 20247 Big Hill Road, Berea
- Extreme Weather Preparedness 101** 11 AM-12 PM, Saturday, April 12 Meeting Room, Berea
- Creative Studio Orientation** 11 AM-12 PM, Monday, April 14 Creative Studio, Berea
- Laser Cutter Intro*** 5:30-7:30 PM, Tuesday, April 15 Creative Studio, Berea *Registration required
- Artist and Maker Meetup** 3-5 PM, Thursday, April 17 Creative Studio, Berea Share your works in progress, talk about your craft and process, collaborate with other artists.
- Berea Writers Circle** 1:30-3 PM, Saturday, April 19 Meeting Room, Berea

- Genealogy Search Instruction: Finding Family History Using Newspapers** 1:30-3 PM, Saturday, April 19 Community Room, Berea
- Recording Studio Intro*** 5:30-7:30 PM, Tuesday, April 22 Creative Studio, Berea *Registration required
- Pick of the Month Book Club** 6-7 PM, Tuesday, April 22 Community Room, Berea Discussing: *The Daughter of Doctor Moreau* by Silvia Moreno-Garcia
- Pick of the Month: Forever Young Adult Book Club** 7-8 PM, Tuesday, April 22 Community Room, Berea Discussing: *Crave* by Tracy Wolff
- Just Love Book Club** 6-7 PM, Tuesday, April 1 Just Love Coffee 636 Chestnut Street, Berea Discussing: *Aurora* by David Koeppe
- Booktok Made Me Read It** Saturday, April 26 **Berea:** 11 AM-12 PM, Community Room **Richmond:** 2-3 PM, Room 205 Discussing: *Shadow and Bone* by Leigh Bardugo

Children

- Read and Play** 10-11 AM, Mondays and Thursdays Learn different types of literacy through reading, music, movement, and play. For ages 0-5 years.
- Yoga Story Time** 10-11 AM, Tuesdays Community Room, Berea For 3-5 years.
- STEAM Café** 4-5 PM, Thursdays Community Room, Berea
- Crafternoon** 4-5 PM, Mondays Community Room, Berea
- Cryptid Canvas Magnets** Monday, April 7 Create a magnet with the creature of your choice!
- Bouncing Jackalope Bunnies** Monday, April 14 Create origami-style jackalopes that bounce.
- Nature Pop-Up Cards** Monday, April 21 Assemble a pop-up 3D nature scene.
- Alien Oobleck** Monday, April 28 Learn how cornstarch, water, and paint makes oobleck!

- Outdoor Play** 10 AM-12 PM, Saturday, April 5 Berea Location Get ready for a day of fun-filled outdoor games and activities for all ages.
- Phenomenal World** 4-5 PM, Monday, April 7 Meeting Room, Berea Berea College CELTS students will lead nature themed activities.
- DEAR Day Fun** 1-3 PM, Saturday, April 12 Community Room, Berea Fun, educational activities hosted by Berea CELTS students!

Teens

- Teen Café** 3:30-5 PM, Fridays Community Room, Berea
- Teen Scene:**
- Cryptid Escape Room** 4-5 PM, Wednesday, April 2 Community Room, Berea Can you make it out of the famous Cryptid Woods before time is up?
- Teen Advisory Group (TAG)** 5-6 PM, Wednesday, April 2 Community Room, Berea Stop by, let us know what you want to see at the library, volunteer, and earn service hours! For ages 11-18.
- Teen Cuisine: Choose Your Own Adventure Granola Bar** 4-5 PM, Wednesday, April 9 Community Room, Berea Pick and mix your favorite ingredients to create a custom granola bar and taste test until you find your perfect recipe!
- Teen D&D Open Table*** 2-4 PM, Saturday, April 12 Meeting Room, Berea Registration required
- Berea Writers Circle** 1:30-3 PM, Saturday, April 19 Meeting Room, Berea
- TAG Presents: Cryptid Hunt** 4-5 PM, Wednesday, April 23 Community Room, Berea Help our Teen Advisory Group (TAG) hunt for cryptids and uncover mysterious creatures
- Teen Tech: Cryptid Patches** 4-5 PM, Wednesday, April 30 Community Room, Berea Learn how to use the embroidery machine to make cool cryptid patches! Choose from one of 5 designs.



- Comics and Cookies** 4-5 PM, Wednesday, April 16 Community Room, Berea Discussing: *Here There Be Monsters* by Neil Grahame *Books are available to check digitally on Hoopla with your library card!

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