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Charlie Russell takes over as Berea Fire Chief

By **Andy McDonald**
For The Citizen

Berea Mayor Bruce Fraley permanently appointed Charlie Russell to be chief of the Berea Fire Department on Tuesday. The announcement was made following a brief executive session at the end of the council's business meeting.

Russell had been serving as interim chief since February when then-chief Shawn Sandlin stepped into the city administrator's role. Sandlin was asked to step into the management role with the departure of Rose Beverly.



Russell has been serving the department for over 20 years. Mayor Bruce Fraley and city council members congratulated Russell after the meeting adjourned. In other business, the Berea City Council unanimously adopted a resolution authorizing the city to enter into an interlocal agreement with the city of Richmond and

the Madison County Fiscal Court to establish an emergency management agency. The three governments have been collaborating to restructure the current EMA now that federal funding from the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP) has concluded with the destruction of the chemical weapons

stockpile at the Bluegrass Army Depot. Over 523 tons of deadly nerve agent was destroyed last year, but with the end of that mission also concludes millions of dollars in emergency preparedness funding. The measure authorizes Berea to join a government

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The Martha Pride Community Health Center closed in February after structural issues posed a potential safety threat.

Martha Pride Center under evaluation

By **Andy McDonald**
For The Citizen

Officials from the Madison County Health Department are waiting on an assessment to determine how to proceed in restoring the Martha Pride Community Health Center. The Rash Road health clinic was shut down in February over safety concerns. Madison County Public Health Director Dr. Nikita Vundi said officials are now going to consider data gathered from a technical consultant before proceeding. "A geotechnical engineering company has recently assessed the Berea property," Vundi stated in an email. "We will use their report to determine the next steps. We anticipate receiving the report in the coming weeks."

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'Touch of class'



Berea Business Development Director Donna Angel gave a tour to artist Mitchell Tolle (right) and his son, Mitchell Tolle, Jr., during a reception Monday at the new Berea Gallery & Events Center. (Photo by Robert Elam)

City, artisans preview Berea Gallery & Event Center

By **Andy McDonald**
For The Citizen

Artisans, officials and several honored guests were present Monday to get a glimpse of the Berea Gallery & Event Center. The event took place just days before the official ribbon cutting for the venue on May 13. Berea Director of Business Development Donna Angel treated approximately 80 guests to tours of the newly renovated building, which can serve as a venue for wedding receptions, seminars, small conventions, and other gatherings. It will also serve as a classroom for LearnShop craft courses and as a gallery where local artisans can display their work. During her presentation, Angel

"I'm thrilled. It's beautiful. I'm so thankful it has life beyond me,"

Mitchell Tolle
Artist

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Day of Prayer

A National Day of Prayer event was held last Thursday at Berea City Hall. Featured speakers included, Pastor Kevin Slemp of Berea Baptist Church, right, Achee Eads (Great Commission Church) Steve Hobbs (Berea Church of God), Tim Lawson (River of Life Church), Allen Livingood (West-side Baptist), Randy Calico (Pilot Knob Baptist Church) and Sarah Roof (Affirm Pregnancy Center). (Photo by Kevin Sexton)



103 first-generation Berea College graduates receive diplomas

Berea College celebrated 219 graduates this past weekend at the 2025 commencement ceremony. The Class of 2025 includes students from 21 states and 28 countries, covering 32 different majors and 28 different minors. The class also includes 103 first-generation college graduates. "As you step forward into the world, take with you the lessons you've learned here—not only in the

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classroom but also in the connections you’ve built, the challenges you’ve overcome, and the values you embody,” Berea College President Cheryl L. Nixon told the graduates. “We are so proud of you and cannot wait to see the positive impact you will make.”

J. Drew Lanham, distinguished professor of wildlife ecology, master teacher and wildlife biologist in the Clemson University Forestry and Environmental Conservation Department, spoke to the graduating class about being committed to teaching and learning, even beyond their college careers.

“We will always commit to be students, commit to always being someone’s teachers, always learners in life’s exchange,” Lanham said.

A native of South Carolina, Lanham’s most recent scholar efforts look at the confluences of race, place and nature. In his work as a conservation and cultural ornithologist, Lanham has

mentored nearly 50 graduate students, published extensively in scientific literature and taught courses in conservation biology, forest ecology, wildlife policy, ornithology and environmental literature and nature writing.

Lanham is also South Carolina’s poet laureate. He has authored several publications, most recently “Sparrow Envy—A Field Guide to Birds and Lesser Beasts.” Lanham also spoke to the group about the idea of giving and receiving over and over again as they prepare for life after graduation.

“We recognize today that we are world citizens, tied tightly together sharing the same plight,” Lanham said. “There is a cycle of recognition, reconciliation and, in some ways, reparation in our journeys here to this commencement day and beyond it.”



Among the 219 students graduating from Berea College last weekend, 103 were first-generation college students. Brooklynn Kenney / Berea College



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New Officers join BPD

On Thursday, May 1, the Berea Police Department welcomed three new officers

Berea Mayor Bruce Fraley administered the oath of office, officially swearing in Jordan Casteel, Trevor Dodson, and Julian Reese.

All three will be taking courses at the Department of Criminal Justice Training to further their knowledge of being a police officer.

Pictured are: Mayor Bruce Fraley, Trevor Dodson, Julian Reese, Jordan Casteel, Chief Jason Hays, Assistant Chief Aaron Boycan and Captain Casey Botkin.

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Dorothy 'Dottie' Blackburn



Dorothy ‘Dottie’ Blackburn, 96, passed away peacefully on Feb. 12, at The Terrace in Berea. Dorothy was born in Black Mountain, North Carolina, to the late William Rucker and Maude Ella Mae Marlow Davis.

Dottie was also preceded in death by her brother William Weldon Davis. Dottie graduated from Berea College in 1948 with a degree in Biology. She worked as a medical technologist before staying home and raising her 4 young children. She moved with the family to Okinawa for 2 ½ years before moving back to Berea and

Lois C. McHone



Lois C. McHone, 82 of Livingston, departed this life on Sunday, May 4, at St. Joe Berea Hospital.

She was born on October 22, 1942, in Mt. Vernon., a daughter of the late Cal and Myrtle Abney Chasteen. She was a homemaker who was of the Baptist Faith that enjoyed spending time with her kids and grandkids.

Those left to celebrate her life are her children: Renee Fredricks of Berea; Thomas Dooley (Gina) of Berea; April Lynn McHone (Joey) of Mt. Vernon; Addie Long (Chris) of Mt. Vernon; Misty McHone

Opal Darlene Hobbs



Opal Darlene Hobbs, known affectionately as Darlene by those who knew her well, passed away on May 1, having been born to the late Dennis and Opal Marie Hobbs on February 10, 1948.

Darlene’s career was marked by her commitment to others, as she retired from U.S. Bank and also committed part of her career to Berea College.

She took great joy in her fur babies, Charlie and Lily, and often found solace and companionship in their presence. Darlene’s memory will be cherished by

Debra Lynn Rose Hernandez



Debra Lynn Rose Hernandez, age 63, Wife of Delfino Hernandez Trinidad passed away Saturday, May 3, at Baptist Health in Richmond. She was Born in 1961 to the late Cleve Botkins and the late Alice Dyer Rose. She was a Homemaker and of the Baptist Faith. Other than her Parents she was preceded in death by two Sisters Carol Holland, and Wanda Rogers.

Other than her husband she is survived by three Children, Wanda Lewis of Berea, Keva Buckley of Danville, and Brandon Lee Gooch of Richmond. As well as six Grandchildren. One brother, Jimmy Rose of Tennessee.

Visitation will be 11 a.m. – 1p.m., Thursday, May 8th, at Davis & Powell Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Berea Cemetery, Pallbearers will be, Delfino Trinidad Hernandez, Orlando Flores, Miguel Flores, and Fidel Trinidad Hernandez.

Donna Joy Convery



Donna Joy Convery, 76, of Orlando died Saturday, May 3, at her residence. She was a Welch, West Virginia native born February 22, 1949, daughter of the late Woodrow and Margaret Everage. She enjoyed quilting, ginseng hunting, and being in the woods in touch with nature. Donna was a resident of Orlando 20 plus years moving here from Arizona.

Survivors include her husband David Wesley Convery; sons David Convery, Bradley Convery (Angela), William Convery (Sonya), Peter Convery, 8 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren.

In accordance with Donna’s wishes she was cremated, and no public service is planned at this time.

Donald Edward Jaynes



Donald Edward Jaynes, 79, was called home to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on May 2, 2025, with faith fulfilled and peace in his heart.

Don was born on August 15, 1945, in Harlan, the youngest of three children. His parents would soon settle in Ohio where he would spend his formative years in South Lebanon. A proud 1963 graduate of Kings High School, where he served as senior class treasurer, he worked a short time at Purina before realizing dog food production wasn’t his calling. Don relocated to Richmond, and enrolled at Eastern Kentucky University. While earning his accounting degree, he worked at Uncle Charlie’s Meats in production and provided bookkeeping services for other small local businesses.

After obtaining his CPA license in 1976, Don opened his own public accounting office in Richmond and proudly served his clients and community for nearly five decades. He genuinely loved preparing tax returns—but what he cherished most were the relationships he built with clients who became lifelong friends. He officially retired in Oct. 2024, closing his career marked by dedication and integrity.

Don was a man of many talents and interests. He enjoyed maintaining a well-manicured lawn, traveling throughout the US and foreign lands, strumming his 12-string guitar, making pull candy during the holidays, and perfecting his golf swing.

Don’s faith guided every aspect of his life, living out what it meant to serve others. A devoted member of Red House Baptist Church for over 45 years, he served as deacon, Sunday school teacher for three-year-olds, children’s music leader, and volunteered with Kentucky Baptist Disaster Relief. His service extended beyond local efforts, with mission trips to Kenya, Russia, and Haiti. Later in life, he enjoyed worshipping and serving at Anchor Baptist Church and Fountain Park Church of God.

He leaves behind a legacy of love, faith, and service. Honoring that legacy are his daughters, LaDonna (Bill) Ingram and Krissi (Chris) Arvin; granddaughters Kara Arvin, Larkyn Ingram, and Kate Arvin—known affectionately as The Buddy Club; and grandson-in-law-to-be, Graham Griffith. Also surviving are his brother, Bob (Peggy) Jaynes, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Also left to honor and cherish his memory is his wife, Mary Alice Jaynes, and her family: sons Patrick (Stephanie) Pare and Christopher (Julie) Pare; grandchildren Joshua (Miranda), Jackson, Hayden, and Griffin Pare; great-grandchildren Carsen Wileart and Paisley Pare; and brother-in-law Alex Browning.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Zella Jaynes; his sister, Frankie Cook; and his former wife and mother of his daughters, Diana West Jaynes.

A service celebrating his life was at 11 a.m. on Tuesday May 6, 2025. Rev. Ben Jordan officiated and burial followed in the Richmond Cemetery.

worked as an office manager for the rest of her career. She was a devoted member of Union Church.

Dottie was an Honorary Lifetime Deacon and very active in Bazaar planning & organizing over the years. She was very active with the Berea Hospital Auxiliary and was named Berea Chamber of Commerce Volunteer of the year.

Dottie is survived by her children: Donald (Marylynn) Blackburn, Dennis (Leona) Blackburn, Doug (Alexis) Blackburn, and Deena (Jeff) Jones, her 10 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren.

There will be a celebration of Life for Dottie on May 11th at 2 p.m. at Union Church. Funny Stories appreciated! In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Dottie can be made to Hospice Care Plus, 350 Isaacs Lane, Richmond.

(Jeff Isaacs) of Mt. Vernon; Donna Hellard (James) of Livingston; a host of grandchildren, special caregiver grandchildren: Haley and Brooklyn Mink; numerous great grandchildren; as well as a host of nieces/nephews, friends and neighbors.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by children: Cheryl Chasteen; James Dooley; Calvin Dooley; Arnold McHone; and Darrell McHone.

Visitation for Lois McHone will be Thursday, May 8. at Calloway Holiness Church from 5-8 p.m.. Funeral services will be conducted Friday, May 9, at 2 p.m. at the church with Bro. Phillip Doan officiating. Burial will follow in the Scaffold Cane Cemetery.

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a special grandson, Gunnar Rhodus, her sister, Marie Pearson; her niece and nephews, Jerry (Connie) Hobbs, Matthew Hacker, Crystal (Noah) Campbell, and Kenny Pearson, alongside a multitude of special friends and a loving church family from Faith Baptist Church, that felt her warmth.

Darlene’s journey is preceded by the passing of her parents, her devoted daughter, Susan D. Casteel, and her brothers, Conard (Leila) Hobbs and Donald Joe (Ella Mae) Hacker.

Memorial services will be 6 p.m, Friday, May 9, at Lakes Funeral Home with Rev. John Doss officiating. The family will be accepting friends from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the funeral home before the service

Reba Kinsland Fothergil



Reba Kinsland Fothergill, 96, beloved mother, grandmother, and friend, peacefully passed away on the evening of April 29 at Berea Health & Rehab.

Born on July 25, 1928, in Haywood County, NC, Reba was the daughter of the late Jessie and Herman Kinsland. She was the devoted widow of Joseph Fothergill, with whom she shared many years of love and memories.

Reba was a proud mother to her three children: sons Mike (Libby) Fothergill of Louisville and Sam (Belinda) Fothergill of Berea, and daughter Jan (Rick) Arnold of Lexington. Her family was her greatest joy, and she leaves behind a legacy of love in her ten grandchildren: April (Karl) Nemeth, Rebecca (Lovell) Martin, Jenny Fothergill, Joey (Ashley) Fothergill, Amanda (Robby) Pearson, Elise Fothergill, Casey (Aaron) Bee, Michael Fothergill, Noah Arnold, and Emily Fothergill, as well as ten great-grandchildren who brought her endless happiness.

A proud graduate of Berea College, Reba earned her BS in Home Economics in 1952. Her deep commitment to her community was evident through her active involvement in the Homemakers Club, where she found joy in connecting with others and sharing her knowledge.

For 67 years, Reba was a devoted member of Berea Baptist Church and the Pearl Sunday School, where her vibrant spirit shone through her participation in business meetings, her work in the church library, and her contributions to meal preparations with her ladies’ groups.

Reba was known for her sharp wit, her love of reading, and her enjoyment of jigsaw puzzles. Sundays were special to her, as she eagerly tackled the weekly scramble puzzle in the newspaper.

Funeral services were Sunday, May 4, at Berea Baptist Church with Pastor Kevin Slempp officiated. Private burial services will follow at a later date at Berea Cemetery. . Condolences may be left for the family at www.lakesfuneralhome.com

Pallbearers were Mike and Michael Fothergill, Rick and Noah Arnold, and Sam and Joey Fothergill.





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Missing momma on her very special day

Mother's Day is a special time of the year. If you still have your Mother, call her, hug her, visit her, take advantage of every opportunity to spend time with her and not just on the day designated by the calendar to celebrate her every year. The last time I saw and talked to my mom was several weeks before 3:33 p.m. on Oct. 5, 2020. I hadn't heard from her for about three weeks, but in one of our last conversations, she was crying and wanted to come home. She didn't want to be put on a ventilator and if I had it to do all over again, I would have carried her on my back

despite her diagnosis of COVID-19. I didn't know at the time how cruel things would turn out, not being able to see her in person again until that final day. She spent the last days of her life alone, when it shouldn't have been that way. Mom deserved better and so did the other patients who died of COVID-19 during the pandemic. I will stand by that for the rest of my life. Prior to that, she was her



Keith Taylor

usual self, we talked two to three times per day and Donna Reed was more than a mom to me. She was my best friend and life has been so different the past 43 months. We talked and talked a lot even if it was just random stuff. She talked about God, told me the latest news circulating nationally and locally. She would always say, "that's what they said." I would reply and say, "who is they?" That's when her mom instincts would kick in and I would just laugh and go on. That's what a good son does, right? The holidays and birthdays and other family gatherings have been especially

hard since mom's passing but we are carrying on what mom would have us to do, even with some tweaking to the traditional schedule here and there. I can hear her say, 'don't worry about me.' Truth is, I think of my mom every single day and it never goes away. Some say time heals, but the pain and the hurt are still there, even though we have learned to carry on without mom's earthly presence. Her spirit and presence are felt in other meaningful ways and that's what helps us as a family to carry on, even when special dates arrive on the calendar once a year. I never missed an opportunity to honor my mom on

her special day and therefore have no regrets. I'm thankful that I was raised by the best and will forever be thankful for her influence in my life, no matter how many times she would say, 'now, William Keith,' when she would get aggravated at me at times. It was during those times I knew she was serious and paid attention to what she had to say. I wish I could hear her say my full name again to get my attention. One day, I will.

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changing but it gives us an idea of how dependent we have become on China. This of course is not comprehensive as there are various other medicines and items that China exports to us. For example, Tylenol, Advil, Motrin, Amoxicillin, Keflex, blood pressure meds, Hydrochlorothiazide, Metformin, Vitamin C, Aspirin, insulin tablets and more come from China. Does this scare you? It may because we import so much from China. However, it should make us all mad. How did we get ourselves into this mess? American companies took our jobs to cheap labor places like



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China where these products are made by people working for slave wages. These products were made cheaply and then sold back to us. The American people were robbed of jobs and opportunities to provide for our children because a lot of our jobs were outsourced somewhere else. These companies have gotten by with it for over 30 years while our people in America had to go to work for McDonalds, Walmart, Starbucks and pray to God every day that they might make \$12 or \$13 an hour. We allowed our automobile industry to suffer, we buried our energy industry and became dependent on China, Vietnam, Japan and other countries. Thus, Walmart became America's store because we can go to Walmart and buy for cheap. Walmart and Dollar General

are about the only stores most Americans can afford. They are no longer the choice just because they are cheaper. They are all most Americans can afford. Hold on, because of the tariffs Walmart will become more expensive. Can anybody answer the question why we allowed this slow growing but almost fatal economic cancer to invade our mindset and our country? We did not protect ourselves. We looked out for the world and let our own country suffer. Now we are having to undergo a serious time of economic surgery and treatment. It's way, way, past time to bring the manufacturing back to America. It will not happen overnight. In the meantime, keep in mind that numerous other countries make medicine. India exports

over \$9 b a year. Ireland over \$8 b. Switzerland, Germany, Italy, Canada, the UK, Israel and Singapore export billions of dollars of medicine every year. There are other places besides China to buy our medicine. The same goes for electronics, toys, furniture and shoes. For example, toys. Yes, China exports 85% of our toys, but other countries make toys such as good old Vietnam. They exported \$3.4 b last year while Indonesia and Thailand both exported over \$4 billion in toys. There are other places for us to buy toys. We can find a way to live without China. It's way past time.

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The City of Berea, KY is accepting sealed bids for the replacement of our SAN storage devices. Sealed bids will be accepted until Friday May 19th 2025 3:00pm EST in the City Clerk's office at 212 Chestnut St., Berea, KY 40403. Bids will be opened at 3:30pm in the City Clerks Office at 212 Chestnut St, Berea KY 40403. Bid instructions, technical specifications, and/or questions can be obtained by contacting the I.T. Director Daniel Brindley by calling 859-986-8528 EXT 3101 during normal business hours or by E-Mail at dbrindley@bereaky.gov.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

There will be a public hearing of the

Madison County Board of Adjustments

On May 22, 2025, at 5:30pm

At the Madison County Courthouse Annex at 135 W. Irvine St, Richmond Ky 40475, 1st floor

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Cooperative Online Reverse Salt Auction Notice To Bidders

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

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 124,574 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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Berea Citizen archives

Berea College had the largest senior class in history. The graduating class will make room for more than fifty freshmen in the fall. Of the graduating class, many of them will take teaching positions while others will continue their studies at post graduate institutions and some will take business positions. Others will establish homes and find their way into other professions. Berea adhered to the custom of having college seniors wear caps and gowns during the last weeks before commencements as well as at the actual ceremonies. On April 30th, the fifty seniors will marching strong to Miss Jameson's music and taking

May 4, 1950
Camping scouts

Most of Berea's Boy Scouts journeyed to Mount Sterling to participate in the annual Camporee of the Bluegrass Council. All scouts would be camping at Camp McKee, which is located eight miles from Mount Sterling. Camporee was organized on a patrol basis, with each unit having its own leadership, cooking and activities organization. Awards were presented to patrols which met certain standards including pack-craft, camper craft, cook craft, safety and sanitation and patrol organization. In addition, patrols were able

May 8, 1975 Flooding

Residents on Jefferson Street were inconvenienced by the construction on Friday when Delta Gas workers broke a 12-inch water main and sent water shooting up into the trees along the street. "It was beautiful," said Jack Denny, a Jefferson Street resident who happened to be working in the yard when the mishap happened. It was the largest main that was possible to hit and quickly drained Berea's two water towers of 500,000 gallons of water according

to Don Bewley, Utilities Administrator for Berea College Water and Electric. "Nobody ever ran of water; they just didn't have any pressure. It was noon the next day before pressure resumed normal levels. Bewley said there were no complaints of sediment in the water. According to Bewley, the Utility would absorb the lost and that it was negligible compared to the total cost of moving the water lines. He would not comment on the amount of the loss.

May 11, 2000

Bizarre accident

A freak golf cart accident at Berea Country Club on Sunday resulted in injury for Tom Schultz. He, along with his sons A.J. and Tommy were

playing golf together when one of the carts went off the bridge at the fifth tee. According to Lea Shultz, A. was driving a cart when he got too close to the edge. The cart landed upside down with Tom under it. Emergency responders had to use the jaws of life to free his legs from the cart. Tom and A.J. were transported to the hospital, A.J. was released soon after with minor injuries. Tom sustained minor injuries and was lucky to only miss one day of work as a result. According to James Scully, course pro and pro shop manager, this was the first time this kind of think had happened in the club's 30-year history.

Game Page

Crossword

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Herring-like fish
5. Perform on stage
8. Soda
11. Small growth
13. In support of
14. Step taken when walking
15. Hollyhocks
16. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
17. Feel pain
18. San Diego ball-player
20. Inches per minute (abbr.)
21. Fat from a pig's abdomen
22. Create again
25. Honors once more
30. Thin coating of gold
31. Welsh river
32. Japanese novelist Mizumura
33. Husks of corn
38. Green vegetable
41. Showing guilt
43. Soldier
45. Photographers
48. Language spoken in Nigeria
49. Mimic
50. Expressed pleasure
55. Ancient Greek sophist
56. Beverage container
57. Night monkey genus

59. Lace bugs
60. Hogshead (abbr.)
61. Frameworks
62. Keyboard key
63. Greek goddess of the dawn
64. Influential Korean independence figure

CLUES DOWN

1. A place to unwind
2. Helped (archaic)
3. Razorbill genus
4. Bleached
5. Continent
6. Fruit preserved in syrup
7. Impediment to one's freedom
8. Nocturnal rodents
9. Earthy pigment
10. Relieved oneself
12. Golf score
14. Tech hub __ Alto
19. Sportscaster Andrews
23. Records electric currents
24. Popular Hitchcock film
25. Revolutions per minute
26. NY Giants legend
27. Sports radio host Patrick
28. When you hope to get somewhere
29. French seaport
34. Thai river
35. Rocker's accessory

36. Extra charge
37. Influential American president
39. Pain in the head
40. Great Plains people
41. Consumed
42. Soluble ribonucleic acid
44. Improves
45. Secret clique
46. Behind the stern of a ship
47. Dough made from corn flour
48. Fallow deer
51. Swiss river
52. Grayish white
53. Engrave
54. College's Blue Devils
58. Midway between south and southeast

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ANSWER:

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Solve the code to discover words related to building safety.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 5 = E)

- A. 18 23 7 17 5 4 16**
Clue: Assess condition
- B. 17 5 19 10 18 16**
Clue: Document that gives authorization
- C. 4 11 26 5 7**
Clue: Regulations that govern building
- D. 17 19 11 16 5 4 16 18 11 23**
Clue: Act of keeping something safe

Answers: A. inspect B. permit C. codes D. protection



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Self-help books can be trouble

You may remember the story about the husband who had read one of those self-help books called “How to be a Real Man.” After finishing the book, he stormed into the kitchen, pointed his finger in his wife’s face and said: “From now on, you’d better realize I’m the man of the house and my word is law. I want you to cook three meals a day for me, complete with dessert. When I finish my supper, I want you to prepare me a bath so I can relax. And, when I’m finished with my bath, who do you think is going to dress me and comb my hair?”

His wife replied: “The funeral director would be my guess.”

That husband learned that some of those self-help books can land a fellow in big trouble.

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King Solomon, the writer of Proverbs, had asked God for wisdom. God answered that prayer in abundance, and Solomon shared his wisdom in the book of Proverbs so that others could benefit.

Some of the greatest scriptures in the Bible are found there, covering just about every issue or situation you might encounter in life.

I love the verses from Proverbs 2:10-11 that says, “When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul, discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee.”

Perhaps you remember those



Roger Alford

School House Rock TV spots that declared: “It’s great to learn, because knowledge is power.” Solomon was essentially saying that very thing long, long ago. When we have knowledge and the wisdom to use it, we can deal with whatever life throws at us.

When Solomon said wisdom, knowledge and understanding “shall preserve thee” and “keep thee,” he’s saying they allow us to make decisions that can save our lives or someone else’s.

Newspapers routinely publish articles about people who learned CPR or the Heimlich maneuver and saved lives because they knew exactly what to when someone collapsed or choked.

So, Solomon was absolutely right: Knowledge is power. But unlike that husband who pointed his finger in his wife’s face, we need to make sure we’re getting that knowledge from the right book.

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

CHURCH DIRECTORY

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9:30 a.m.
10:45 a.m.
Wednesday
6 p.m.

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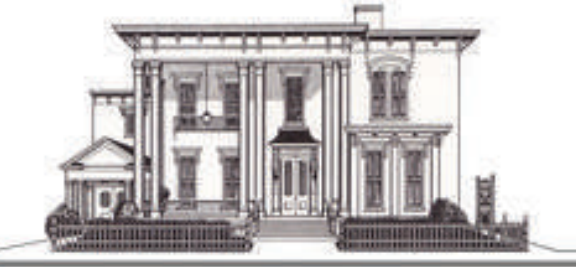
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INDICTMENTS

Madison Circuit Court Division I

- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Jonathan Lewis: public intoxication, controlled substance, 3rd degree possession of a controlled substance (buprenorphine – schedule III-controlled substance); 1st degree trafficking in a controlled substance (greater than 2 grams methamphetamine); possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; 2nd degree possession of a controlled substance (alprazolam, schedule IV-controlled substance); persistent felony offender I
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Brandon Collins: 2nd degree criminal possession of a forged instrument (2 counts); persistent felony offender I
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Sarah Thomas: possession of drug paraphernalia; tampering with physical evidence
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Shyler Merida: 1st degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine); 1st degree possession of a controlled substance (heroin); tampering with physical evidence
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Brandon Vice: kidnapping; 4th degree assault; 1st degree persistent felony offender; 2nd degree criminal mischief

Division II

- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Jeffrey Nester: 1st degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine); possession of a controlled substance (fentanyl); 3rd degree possession of a controlled substance (tramadol); possession of drug paraphernalia
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Melissa Putteet: 1st degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine); possession of drug paraphernalia
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Victor Dezah: 1st degree strangulation; 1st degree unlawful imprisonment; 4th degree assault
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Jacob Weaver: 1st degree possession of a controlled substance (cocaine); operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol – 1st degree; possession of drug paraphernalia; possession of open alcohol container in motor vehicle; careless driving; failure to wear seatbelts
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Rodney Dean Hunt: 1st degree wanton endangerment (2 counts); 1st degree assault; attempted murder; 2nd degree assault
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Wyatt Kelley: 1st degree criminal mischief (2 counts); 4th degree assault (2 counts); 3rd degree terroristic threatening

Division V

- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Christopher Pennington: 1st degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine); 1st degree possession of a controlled substance (cocaine); 1st degree possession of a controlled substance (fentanyl); 2nd degree possession of a controlled substance (ketamine)
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Shawn Lear: 1st degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine)
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Lewis Barnett: 1st degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine)
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Sheila Patterson: 1st degree possession of a controlled substance (fentanyl); operating on suspended/revoked operator’s license; 1st degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine); possession of drug paraphernalia
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Ugo Esponzoza Cruz: 1st degree rape; incest; 1st degree sexual abuse (2 counts); distribution of obscene material to a minor

Misdemeanor Indictments

- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Brandon Walters: possession of drug paraphernalia; 3rd degree possession of a controlled substance (gabapentin)

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Madison Central H.S. Cafeteria	705 N. Second Street, Richmond	100%
M.C. Freshman Academy Cafeteria	705 N. Second Street, Richmond	100%
El Macho	Mobile Unit	96%
Towneplace Suites Food	2018 Colby Taylor Dr., Richmond	100%
Long John Silvers	200 Brenwood Dr., Berea	100%
Seabury Center Concessions	Berea College	100%
The Juicy Burger	Mobile Unit	100%
Donut NV	Mobile Unit	100%
Caudill Middle School Cafeteria	1428 Robert R. Martin Bypass, Richmond	100%
Glenn Marshall Cafeteria	1442 Robert R. Martin Bypass, Richmond	100%
Starbucks	102 Jane Street, Berea	97%
Holiday Inn Express Food	1990 Colby Taylor Dr., Richmond	100%
Outback Steakhouse	400 Highland Park Dr., Richmond	99%
Berea Community School Cafeteria	1 Pirate Parkway, Berea	100%
Richmond Raceway Concessions	328 Green’s Crossing, Richmond	100%
White Hall Elementary Cafeteria	2166 Lexington Road, Richmond	100%
Love’s Truck Stop/Arby’s	3799 Colonel Road, Richmond	99%
Yeti Freeze	1 Pirate Parkway, Berea	100%
Clower’s Grocery	122 Battlefield Memorial Hwy., Richmond	100%
Ice Paradise	Mobile Unit	100%
First Watch	2222 Lantern Ridge Dr., Richmond	100%
Skyline Chili	2216 Lantern Ridge Dr., Richmond	100%
Kona Ice Kiosk #2	Mobile Unit	100%
Kona Ice Kiosk #3	Mobile Unit	100%
Kona Ice #1	Mobile Unit	100%
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Kona Ice #4	Mobile Unit	100%
Kona Ice #5	Mobile Unit	100%
Kona Ice #6	Mobile Unit	100%

GALLERY

FROM PAGE 1

spotlighted the artisans whose work is on display throughout the gallery, emphasizing the intent to tell Berea’s unique story through art and craft.

“I wanted to acknowledge these people because this is our town. These are our artists, and they care about their lives and their futures here, and it is our job as citizens of this town to do all that we can to promote them,” Angel said.

Berea Mayor Bruce Fraley praised the job that Angel has done in guiding the \$700,000 project to completion. Like the Chestnut Street Pavilion next door, the project was funded by the Berea Tourism Commission. “Anything that Donna touches turns out to be a touch of class, so, I’m not surprised that I was so happy when I walked in and saw the way it was,” Fraley said. “All of this is unique. And these are pieces of art you won’t find anywhere else. It’s not cookie cutter, and it’s uniquely Berea. And that’s what feels so good about being here.”

The gallery was purchased from artist Mitchell Tolle in 2015, part of a long-term initiative by the city to leverage tourism dollars to benefit both local residents and visitors.

Former Berea Tourism Commission Chair Charles Arnold and Berea City Councilman Jerry Little championed the idea of purchasing the Tolle Gallery to convert it to a public space, Angel said.

Because the center will serve as a point-of-contact for visitors, including those who come to Berea to attend seminars and conventions, it can also serve as a springboard for them to explore Berea’s other attractions, including Berea College,

the city’s network of trails and shared use paths, and other tourism assets.

Fraley emphasized a kind of duality of the project in that it will attract visitors but also serve local citizens when it is rented as venue for receptions, reunions, or other special events.

“I can’t wait to see how the city will benefit from this investment for literally decades to come,” Fraley said.

Berea College President Cheryl Nixon was in attendance at the event, which included Berea City Council members Jerry Little, Cora Jane Wilson, Teresa Scenters, as well as several members of the Berea Tourism Commission.

Several works and artifacts from Berea College are on display, including furniture and art from decades past. But it also includes contemporary art from the students at Berea College Craft. Nixon said for that reason, the building is special, because it honors Berea’s history of art and craft, while celebrating its future of up-and-coming artists.

“I think this space really represents people coming together in partnership, in artistry, in craft, and honoring our past, but also bringing it into the future together,” Nixon said.

Mitchell Tolle offered a prayer and addressed the audience at Monday’s event, stating he is glad to see the gallery’s new chapter as a venue for artisans. Tolle and his family built and ran the gallery at 633 Chestnut Street for 21 years until selling the building in 2015. Tolle said he is happy to see what the city has done.

“I’m thrilled. It’s beautiful. I’m so thankful it has life beyond me,” Tolle said.

The ribbon cutting for the public will be May 13 at 2:45 p.m., with an open house to follow from 2-4 p.m.



Author makes visit

Berea College’s Entrepreneur for the Public Good and the Kentucky SBDC in Southeastern Kentucky welcomed author Gary Schoeniger to speak on his latest publication, The Entrepreneurial Mindset Advantage – The Hidden Logic that Unleashes Human Potential.

“Locally grown, everyday entrepreneurs are our region’s most sustainable economic development strategy, said the EPG director, Dr. Ian Norris. “Gary’s work is the primer in finding and capitalizing on opportunities.” Schoeniger shared with visitors at Get Outside Kentucky how to be more innovative and entrepreneurial in our own lives and unlock the untapped entrepreneurial potential of others. Katie Startzman, SBDC Business Coach said, “Our work at SBDC is to nurture those entrepreneurs into launching a successful enterprise. Joining with Berea to share these lessons was a must.” The Entrepreneurial Mindset Advantage provides a five-step method for identifying, evaluating, and actualizing the opportunities in our everyday lives. It also distinguishes entrepreneurial and managerial attitudes, behaviors, and skills, explaining why everyone must master both. The Talelss Dog Book Store is an ongoing resource for accessing copies of Schoeniger’s book, especially those wanting to unlock the entrepreneurial potential in our children, workforce, and communities.

CENTER

FROM PAGE 1

In the meantime, Vundi stated all services continue to be offered at the department’s Richmond facility at 214 Boggs Lane. She further stated the health department staff has been working with Berea clients to resolve any transportation issues that might be a barrier to receiving services. Anyone with questions can call the department’s main line at 859-623-7312.

The building was initially purchased by the health department in 2002. At the time of the closure, officials speculated that the settling of the concrete foundation may have led to structural issues, which potentially posed a safety threat.

In February, Berea Mayor Bruce Fraley said he hoped to see the Martha Pride center up and running soon, since the Madison County Health Department provides vital services for the community.

“In a county like ours, where you have two larger cities, you know access to public health is critical to our entire community, especially our lower income population, not only for clinical services but also for public education,” Fraley told WLEX-TV. “The health department plays a key role in public health in our community and all communities for that matter.”

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authority, advisory committee, help develop a scope of services plan, as well as participating in funding and cost sharing plans involving the three local governments.

Turning to local government board appointments, James Anderson and Tom Shultz were appointed to the Codes Enforcement Board, and, Mayor Bruce Fraley announced that Jim Davis and David Gregory would be appointed to terms on the Berea Tourism Commission. Davis and Gregory will fill slots left by Bill West and Alex Sipple, whose terms expired last month. Davis was most recently a Berea City Council member, who served on the council’s Economic Development Committee and the Trails Committee, while Gregory most recently served as Berea city administrator following his tenure as chief of police.

Fraley thanked West and Sipple for their service and contributions to the commission.

During a work session prior to the business meeting, the council heard a presentation from Andi Johnson and Betsy Dexter of Commerce Lexington, a nine-county regional business/government alliance that promotes job growth and economic development in the Bluegrass region.

The city contributes approximately \$16,000 annually to the organization, which pools the resources of central Kentucky governments and businesses to promote the region to corporate site selectors and industries. In total, the organization

invests \$1.6 million annually as part of the effort to spur economic development in the Bluegrass, Johnson stated.

The organization helps municipalities address barriers to economic growth, including lack of a labor force, adequate housing, as well as helping raise awareness about why businesses and industries should choose central

Kentucky as a landing spot. The organization also lobbies state and federal legislators to fund infrastructure improvements.

Fraley expressed his support for the organization, stating that regional development is a national trend, in which different jurisdictions cooperate to create jobs and economic opportunity.

During presentations by department heads

at the business meeting, Berea Municipal Utilities Manager Kevin Howard asked for a budget overage to cover the cost of the truck that was totaled earlier in the year. Howard asked for a slight boost to purchase a Dodge 3500 Crew Cab, bringing the budget line item for vehicles to \$102,487. The request was approved unanimously.

Howard also revealed

that BMU is awaiting formal approval from the Kentucky branch of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service to call for bids on the Owsley Fork Reservoir Dam project. Though the NRCS has indicated Berea will likely be given a green light to let out bids, it will do so formally after a final impact statement has been received, Howard said.

In other action, the council approved a budget correction of \$2,412 to help fund the Berea Police Department’s participation in the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) task force. The request was unanimously approved after a presentation from Assistant Police Chief Aaron Boykin.

The next Berea City Council meeting is slated for May 20.



Blue Grass Army Depot

Notice of Availability

Environmental Assessment (EA) and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Construction of a Small Arms Ammunition Magazine Blue Grass Army Depot (BGAD), Kentucky

The United States Army (Army) announces the availability of an EA and a Draft FONSI that assesses the cumulative effects of the potential environmental and socioeconomic impacts associated with the construction of a 170,000 ft² small arms ammunition magazine. The proposed action is needed due to the deteriorating condition of the existing small arms ammunition magazines. The existing warehouses were constructed during World War II and the design is no longer adequate for the storage of large quantities of ammunition. The proposed action would move small arms ammunition storage to a further interior location inside the restricted area, creating a larger safety buffer to a major public traffic route. This proposed action is needed to provide safe and efficient facilities to meet current and future installation mission requirements.

The EA and Draft FONSI are available for public review at the following address: [\[https://www.bluegrass.army.mil/Environmental.aspx\]](https://www.bluegrass.army.mil/Environmental.aspx).

Interested parties are encouraged to send comments on the EA and Draft FONSI via-email to BGAD’s Public Affairs Officer, at usarmy.bluegrass.jmc.mbx.bgad-pao@army.mil. Alternatively, comments may be sent via US Postal Service to his attention at Blue Grass Army Depot, 431 Battlefield Memorial Highway, Richmond, KY 40475. For any general questions, PAO can be reached at (859) 779-6941. All comments must be submitted on or before Tuesday, June 3, 2025. The comments received by this date will be reviewed and addressed prior to a final determination by the Army as to whether to issue a Final FONSI or issue a Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

Collet began career at EKU

“I’ve never been a person that wanted to sit in a cubicle to make a living,” said Tyler Collet, EKU Class of 2017. “I wanted to be active and moving in my career. I’ve loved golf ever since I was little, so that’s the main reason I pursued a career in golf.”



Collet, son-in-law of Greg and Gayle Powell, has achieved that goal with a career many could only dream of as a full-time professional golfer. The PGA Assistant Professional from John’s Island Club in Vero Beach, Florida, won the 2025 PGA Professional Championship at PGA Golf Club with a final score of 15-under par, beating Houston’s Jesse Droemer by 10 shots to claim the Walter Hagen Cup. It’s the largest margin of victory for a Champion since Matt Dobyys in 2012, who won by 8 strokes.

In 2024, Collet made his third PGA Championship appearance at Valhalla Golf Club in Louisville, Kentucky. He also works as a PGA Assistant Professional at John’s Island Club in Florida and has earned notable titles, including South Florida PGA Player of the Year in 2023 and 2022, and winner of the 2023 South Florida PGA Professional Championship. Collet has played in events such as the PGA TOUR’s Cognizant Classic and Puerto Rico Open and helped Team USA secure a historic victory in the 2024 PGA Cup, where they dominated Team Great Britain and Ireland, 17.5–8.5. The Professional Golf Management (PGM) graduate played golf throughout his childhood, but his path to Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) came by chance.

“I came to the University Club at Arlington while still in high school to take my Player Ability Test, and I passed on the first try,” the West Virginia native elaborated. “It’s unheard of to pass on the first try, let alone while still in high school. So, when I passed, the PGM recruiter, Ross Lingenfelder, gave my parents and me a tour, and I ended up loving it.”

An education in EKU’s PGM program comes equipped with state-of-the-art facilities including a full swing simulator with video analysis and a putting lab and access to the University Club at Arlington and the Colonel Golf and Learning Center. The program, housed in the College of Business, is offered as a concentration of a marketing degree. It’s the only accredited PGM program in Kentucky and the surrounding states. The program incorporates 16 months of professional work experience into the curriculum, which Collet credits as a cornerstone to his success.

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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

A mother loves right from the start,
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Even when we put her patience to the test.
She wipes our tears,
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Encourages us to follow a dream,
No matter how far-fetched it may seem.
Her gifts can never compare to any other.
I am so honored to call her my mother.

Looking back on another year,
I was so lucky to have a mother so dear.
So Mom, on your special day, relax and enjoy
And always know that I couldn't have asked for any other
More incredible person to call my mother.

By Jodi L. Landes

From The Mothers Behind the Berea Citizen, Our Mothers!

Mother’s Day is an annual holiday that honors motherhood and provides an opportunity for men, women and children to show their mothers how much they appreciate them.

The tradition of Mother’s Day in the United States dates back more than a century to 1908, when West Virginia native Anna Jarvis held a memorial service to honor her mother, who had passed away three years earlier, and all mothers in Grafton, West Virginia. Mother’s Day would ultimately become a national holiday in the United States in 1914, thanks in large part to Jarvis’ campaigning. As Jarvis, who never married and never had children of her own, grew old, she criticized Mother’s Day as overly commercial, even trying to have it removed from the calendar. Those efforts failed, and Mother’s Day remains popular now, more than 100 years after the idea for it was conceived.

While Mother’s Day traditions have changed since Jarvis first proposed the holiday, many people feel it’s customary to give mothers gifts on Mother’s Day, when moms take the day off from chores and relax with their families.

Flowers make for popular Mother’s Day gifts, and well-wishers who want to give the special women in their lives flowers this year can consider a host of varieties.

Carnations

Carnations are popular Mother’s Day flowers, perhaps because they are available in a number of colors. That means it’s highly likely sons, daughters, husbands and others gifting moms this Mother’s Day can find some carnations in Mom’s favorite color. Ask your florist about what each carnation color symbolizes, as each has its own unique meaning. Pink carnations, for example, are believed to symbolize a mother’s love.

Roses

Few mothers can resist roses, making them one of the more popular flowers

come Mother’s Day. Roses are symbolic of love and make the perfect floral gift for mothers who like traditional flowers. If you want to spice things up, order a bouquet made up of roses of various colors.

Daffodils

Yellow is synonymous with spring, and daffodils can highlight the season in which Mother’s Day takes place while also providing a cheerful look that’s perfect for Mother’s Day floral bouquets. Daffodils can be given on their own or added to mixed bouquets. Daffodils also last quite a while when cared for

correctly, giving moms more than just a few days to enjoy their bouquets.

Freesia

Like daffodils, freesia are long-lasting, meaning mothers will still be enjoying them long after Mother’s Day has come and gone.

The inviting fragrance of freesia makes bouquets of these flowers popular choices for Mother’s Day gifts.

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Monica Stamper



Monica Stamper, a beacon of love and adventure, passed away on May 10, in Berea. Born in Leslie County, to her mother, the late Rosemary Couch. Monica's life was a vibrant tapestry woven with intelligence, compassion, and a zest for life that touched everyone she knew.

Monica's journey was marked by her dedication to her family and her calling as a nurse. She was a beloved wife to Roby Stamper and a cherished mother to her children, Kristen (Corey) Lamb, Kassondra Arnett, and Korey (Serena) Stamper. Her love extended to her grandchildren, Koltin Dyer, Marlea Rose Stamper, Zelda and Aria Stamper, Chloe and Zoey Lamb, who brought immense joy to her life.

Monica will be remembered for her unwavering love and energy she had for family, friends, and fun. Though she now joins her late brother, James Dean May, and nephew, Randi Bollin, her spirit will continue to shine brightly in the hearts of those she leaves behind.

Monica's academic achievements included becoming a Licensed Practical Nurse and earning multiple associate degrees. Her professional life was devoted to caring for others, most recently at River Oaks Post Acute & Rehabilitation Center in Louisville.

Her passions were as eclectic as her personality, ranging from music to her adoration of cats and dogs, her fascination with New York City and the Titanic, to her love for all things purple. Monica's legacy is one of a loving, adventurous, and intelligent woman whose memory will forever be treasured.

All arrangements are private and condolences can be left for the family at www.lakesfuneralhome.com

Virginia 'Betty' Turpin



Virginia "Betty" Turpin, 93, passed away on May 11th at her residence in Bybee, surrounded by her loving family after fighting a courageous battle with cancer.

She was baptized at Waco Baptist Church as a young woman, and later attended Emmanuel Baptist Church in Irvine.

She was born in Estill County on Feb. 23, 1932, to the late James Wiley Powell and Hazel Kidwell Powell. Most of her childhood was spent in Panola with her grandparents, the late Wylie and Rosa Powell.

She is survived by her husband of 67 years, James Turpin; daughters: Judy Harrison, Wanda Witt, Rebecca Turpin; son: David Turpin (Angela); brother: Carl Powell; four grandchildren, three great grandchildren, one great-great grandson, and many other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents and grandparents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, Charles P. Turpin, sister: Christine King; grandchildren: Pete Harrison and Kristina Harrison, and son-in-law: Glenn Witt.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, May 16, at the Combs, Parsons, and Collins Funeral Home with Rev. Sheryl Thomas and Rev. Kenneth Bishop officiating. Burial will follow in the Flatwoods Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. on Thursday, May 15 at the funeral home.

Pallbearers are Tony Harrison, Ricky Thomas, Marion Fox, Robert Tussey, Roger Austin, Chris Croucher, Toby Honaker, and Luke Honaker.

Honorary pallbearers are Jamesetta Honaker, Beth Rupert, Sarah Daniel, and Members of the Bybee Community Church Prayer Group, of which she was a member.

Bryan Reed Davis



Bryan Reed Davis, 48, passed away on May 11, in Lexington. He was born on December 20, 1976, in Louisville.

A proud graduate of MSHS's class of 1995, Bryan furthered his education at EKU, where he earned both his Bachelor's and Master's degrees. His passion for knowledge was only matched by his entrepreneurial spirit, leading him to become a respected business owner.

Bryan's love for life was evident in his hobbies. He found solace in farming, the simplicity of a good ballgame, and the timeless narratives of westerns. These interests were a testament to his appreciation for tradition and the simple pleasures of life.

He is survived by his loving parents, Kenny and Rita Renfro Davis; his devoted sister, Jill Davis Barnett, and her husband, Heath; and his cherished nephew and niece, Reed and Ginny Lynn Barnett. Bryan's memory will be treasured and his presence deeply missed.

Funeral services will be 11 am, Friday, May 16 at Berea Church of Christ. Burial will follow in the Robinson Cemetery in Garrard County. Visitation will be Thursday, May 15 from 5-9 p.m. at the church. Services will be live streamed at www.lakesfuneralhome.com

Active pallbearers will be Scottie Pennington, Toby Coyle, Joby Watkins, Rusty Robinson, Rodney Renfro, and Junior Worley. Honorary bearers will be Mike and Linda Coyle, Amanda Coyle, Mike Hamm, Reed Barnett, Ginny Lynn Barnett, Ronnie Devere, Wes Williams, Kara Renfro Taylor, Jonathan Day, teammates and classmates from Madison Southern High School.

Thelma Louise Thacker



Thelma Louise Parson Thacker, 82, widow of Ronald Gene Thacker, passed away Monday, May 12, at Baptist Health Richmond. She was born in Madison County to the late Ernest Parson and the late Edna Mae Lear. Thelma loved tending her flowers, her faithful companion Duke, but most of all she loved spending time with her family, especially her great-granddaughter Ruby. She was a devoted Christian and a longtime member of the Fairview Baptist Church.

Other than her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by three siblings, Twins Jessie and Bessie Parson and William Lear.

Thelma is survived by her son, Randall Gene Thacker and his wife Stacie of Mount Vernon, her grandson, Rodney Gene (Marissa Beatty) Thacker, her great granddaughter, Ruby Melinda Louise Thacker. She is also survived by four siblings, Eddie Lear, Clinton Lear, Johnny Lear, and Mary Ann Barnett.

Visitation was 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 14, at Davis & Powell Funeral Home. Funeral services were at 1 p.m. on Thursday, May 15, also at the funeral home.

Rev. Bill Hammond will officiate. Burial will follow in Madison County Memorial Gardens, pallbearers will be Randall Thacker, Rodney Thacker, Ron Jones, and Coleman Jones, Larry Bullen, and Joe Bullen. Honorary pallbearers will be Fred Thacker and Joe Ferguson.

Memorial contributions suggested to Madison County Breast Cancer Support Group, 348 Opossum Kingdom Road, Berea, or Hope Lodge, 1500 College Way, Lexington.

REPAIRS

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repairs done on Logston Lane and Lorraine Court. Little said he hopes the committee will assemble a list of more streets to be repaired this fall.

In other action, the committee heard some concerns from Joe Goins on Walnut Creek Drive. Goins, who voluntarily maintains approximately six acres of the city's property adjacent to his, requested that city crews contact him before attempting to mow city property located near a pond. City officials agreed to do so to avoid potential property damage and worker safety issues.

City Administrator Shawn Adminlin noted a rule change regarding street signage. Private streets would be in blue, as opposed to official city street signs, which are in green. Officials said the difference is significant so that homeowners know the difference between a city maintained street and one owned by the developer.

In the coming weeks, city crews will be repairing drainage issues on Baugh Street and Oakwood.

Highway fatalities fall to lowest figure in a decade

FRANKFORT (KT) – Gov. Andy Beshear announced on Thursday that highway fatalities in Kentucky decreased in 2024 to 707 deaths, which was down 107 compared with 2023, and marks the lowest number of highway fatalities in the last 10 years.

“These numbers mean fewer families have had to deal with such a painful loss, and it’s welcome news,” Beshear said. “By working together, we can ensure everyone traveling on Kentucky’s roadways makes it home safely. Let’s keep doing all we can to prevent tragedies – like buckling up, driving distraction-free and slowing down.”

State officials encourage all travelers – including motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians – to stay alert and make safe choices on Kentucky roadways. Whether it’s driving sober, crossing at designated crosswalks or wearing reflective gear while biking or walking, small actions can save lives.

Since nearly half of all reported motor vehicle fatalities in Kentucky involve unbelted drivers or passengers, Kentuckians are urged to buckle up – every trip, every time. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), you cut your risk of a fatal injury in a crash nearly in half by buckling up.

The Governor and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) are continuing education, engineering and enforcement campaigns, to enhance highway safety.

“We’re asking motorists and passengers to commit to safe driving behaviors when behind the wheel, such as buckling up, putting the phone down, obeying the speed limit and driving sober,” said Transportation Cabinet Secretary Jim Gray. “This helps keep our roadways safe, not only for those in vehicles, but for all road users, such as pedestrians, bicyclists and motorcyclists.”

SERVICE

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is not prominently marked with their military service information can contact one of the local funeral homes for an application for a bronze marker, to be provided by the Veterans Administration. You will need a copy of the member's discharge

paperwork.

The markers are free and will be placed on the grave by the cemetery staff at no charge. Citizens and veterans who are interested in supporting the continuation of these Memorial Day programs are encouraged to get involved by contacting any member of The American Legion, Cleveland Frost Post 50 at (859) 868-1302.



Message from Cora Jane Wilson

“Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.”

James 1:12 (KJV)

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Daniel Joseph Voynar

Daniel Joseph Voynar, 77, husband of 55 years to Margaret Ann Weaver Voynar, passed away Thursday May 8, at Saint Joseph Hospital in Lexington. He was born December 4, 1947, in Pontiac, MI to the late Joseph A. and Grace Towns Voynar. Daniel was a proud veteran, and devoted Christian, a former boy scout leader, enjoyed traveling, camping, fishing, playing the accordion, and a hard-working man with an impeccable work ethic over 44 years at General Motors.



Bobby Norman Gamble Jr.

Bobby Norman Gamble, Jr., 56, passed away Tuesday, May 6, at his residence in Berea. He was born in 1969 to the Bobby Norman Gamble, Sr., and the late Marie Gamble in Garrad County,. Bobby was of the Christian Faith, and a mechanic who loved to work on cars in his spare time. An avid fan of “junking” and trading, he would make a trade on anything he could at the local yard sales. Bobby enjoyed spending quality time with his family and traveling when he could. Bobby is survived by his long term partner and love Kayla Sparks of Berea. Eight children, Norman Gamble, Kristina Gamble, Michael Gamble and his wife



In addition to his parents, Daniel was preceded in death by one son, Stephen-Voynar. He is survived by two sons, Aaron Voynar of Berea, Ryan Voynar and his wife Phyllis of Richmond. Grandchildren, Hope Voynar of Lewisburg, TN and her mother Tammy Voynar, Harper Voynar of Richmond, Camden Voynar of Richmond, siblings, Brenda Martus of Haysville, NC, and Jo Ann Naylor of Waterford, MI. Several nieces, nephews and friends also survive.

Graveside services were at 1 p.m. Monday May 12 at Madison County Memorial Gardens. Pastor Stephen Hobbs officiating and Military Honors were performed at the cemetery. Davis & Powell Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. www.davisandpowellfuneralhome.com

Kelly, Brandon Gamble, Megan Gamble, Amber Gamble, Payton Sparks, Kayden Sparks. Ten Grandchildren, Caitlin Johnson, Skylar Gamble, Braxton Gamble, Jordan Gamble, Justice Gamble, Lauren Gamble, Landen Gamble, Breonna Todd, Adrianna Todd, and Grace Gamble. Three siblings, Clarence Gamble, David Gamble, Judy Conn. Two Aunts, Joyce Robbins, and Peggy Gamble, as well as numerous Cousins and friends also survive. Though separated his Wife Angela Michelle Lear Gamble remained a caregiver and friend to the family.

Pallbearers will be Megan Gamble, Tommy “Fat Boy” Johnson, Michael Gamble, Michael Toler, Jimmy Hall, James Gamble. Honorary Pallbearers are Brandon Gamble, Caitlin Johnson, Kayden Sparks, Jordan Justice, Brandon Gamble, and Billy Porter.

Services will be private under the direction of Davis & Powell Funeral Home.

and Liam Lewis. He is also survived by his sisters: Brenda Castle and her husband Ray of Baker Branch, Linda Slone and her husband Hubert of Ashland, sister-in-law Judy G. VanHoose of Louisa, and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Larry was proud of his military service. He loved his family, U.K. Basketball, and Jesus. He enjoyed the holidays, especially Christmas. He loved to get gifts. He was also generous with others-willing to give his last dollar to someone in need. He was super competitive and loved to play games, a Pictionary Extraordinaire! He was very loved.

Visitation for Larry were on Friday, May 9, at Davis & Powell Funeral Home. Funeral services were May 10, also at the funeral home. Rev. Hubert Slone officiated and burial followed with full military honors in the Madison County Memorial Gardens. Pallbearers were Larry VanHoose, Jr., Kevin Fairchild, Nathanael Fairchild, Maxwell VanHoose, Ralph Reeseman, and Jake Wilson.

in the placement of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on the Madison County Courthouse lawn, and the Battle of Richmond’s Masonic Memorial at the Battle of Richmond Visitors Center.

He was a major supporter and organizer of efforts to preserve and protect the land and history of the Battle of Richmond and was a founding member of the Battle of Richmond Association, Madison County Civil War Roundtable, and Central Kentucky World War II Roundtable, and was a member of the Madison County Historical Society, and the Sgt. Elijah P. Marrs Camp No. 5, Kentucky Dept., Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

He spent countless hours and resources ensuring that local historical sites such as, Fort Twetty, Battle of Richmond, and Native American Burial Mounds, mainly in Kentucky, were protected and preserved for the future. His dedication to historical interest is unmatched, and those who knew him personally knew that he didn’t shy away from speaking his mind when questioned about the topic.

In 2023, the Richmond City Commission dedicated, and renamed the main road in Richmond Battlefield Park, “Bob Moody Drive”, after Bob in honor of his unwavering efforts of support, and in 2024, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, presented Bob with the prestigious Cornelius Whitehouse award for his preservation efforts at the Battle of Richmond site.

On a more personal note, Bob’s love for his community was more than just the historical aspect – he enjoyed visiting with his friends and colleagues and often had a story to share. He was a collector of just about anything, and loved to travel, including going to Gettysburg, overseas to Egypt & Venezuela, yearly visits to London & Japan, and often would host his friends from Japan for potlucks at the family farm in Kingston. Bob was an avid sports fan of the Cincinnati Reds and long time fan and benefactor of the UK Wildcats where he had season tickets for both football and basketball dating back to the Adolf Rupp Era. He was a lover of limericks and rarely was at a loss for words. Bob was a long time member of the White’s Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include: his daughter, Michelle Moody; his sister, Sue Moody Marquardt; niece and nephews, Leslie Merryman (Johnny), Todd Marquardt, and Rick Marquardt (Harue); as well as 2 great-nieces, 2 great-nephews and a host of friends. He also leaves behind his trusted companion, his dog Carnegie.

In accordance with his wishes, private burial was in the Richmond Cemetery. On Bob’s headstone he left us one final thought – “To whom are you going now, for limericks?”

Donations in memory of Bob are suggested to: Battle of Richmond Association, 101 Battlefield Memorial Highway, Richmond.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to the nurses and support staff at McCready Manor, and the Lexington Country Place.

The Combs, Parsons & Collins Funeral Home, W. Main St., Richmond, in charge of the arrangements. www.cpcfh.com

David Hamilton

David Hamilton, 70. A lifelong resident of Berea, passed away peacefully at his home on May 6, at the age of 70. Born on August 9, 1954, to parents Edward Hamilton and Gertrude Marie Mullins Hamilton, David’s journey came full circle as he departed in the very town he entered the world.

Throughout his life, David was a beacon of creativity, a source of interesting tales, and the go-to person for anyone in need of a helping hand. After graduating Madison Cantal High School, he dedicated his entire career to CSX Railroad, where his hard work and commitment shone brightly, earning him the respect and friendship of many. He was also followed his faith as a member of Silver Creek Baptist Church.

David’s legacy is carried on by his loving family. He is survived by his son, Ryan (Brittany) Hamilton and his mother Vicki (Terry) Thompson ; daughter, Jennifer



Benge; brother, Thomas (Debra) Hamilton; sister, Susan (Ronnie) Sears; grandchildren Nicholas Combs, Rylee Hamilton, Jordan Aker, Keyana Cesar, Kylo Cornett, Zachary, and Austin Chadwell; and one great-grandson. Also a sister-in-law Cora Hamilton as well as a lifelong friend, Jerry Miller. His memory will be cherished and kept alive in the hearts of those he loved and who loved him in return.

Preceded in death by his son Brandon Hamilton; daughter, Ashley Combs; his parents; and siblings Kenneth, Jeffrey, and Carla Hamilton, David’s spirit reunites with them in a world beyond our own.

David Hamilton’s life was a testament to the enduring power of love, family, and the simple joy of being truly handy and creative. His presence will be profoundly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Visitation was Wednesday, May 14, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Funeral service at 1 p.m. with Pastor Chuck Schroll officiating. Honorary Pallbearers will be Nicholas Combs, Jerry Miller, Chris Sexton, and Ronald sears.

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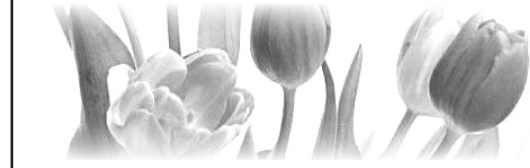
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Overdue!

I’ve long advocated that Peter Edward Rose deserves a spot in Cooperstown.

The late and former Cincinnati superstar was finally reinstated into baseball Tuesday after literally serving a lifetime ban for betting on the Reds nearly 36 years ago. The ban prevented Rose from becoming eligible for the Hall of Fame for the last 25 years of his life.

He sought reinstatement several times while serving in a “prison without walls,” only to be denied reinstatement to the sport that brought the all-time hits leader success and happiness. I caught the tail end of the Big Red Machine.

Growing up, my dad shared stories about the Cincinnati Reds, especially the back-to-back World Series championship teams in 1975-76. The team’s top players — Johnny Bench, Tony Perez and Pete Rose — became household names and I followed Rose while he played for the Phillies and Expos before he returned to the Cincinnati Reds as a player-manager in 1984.

It was an exciting time to watch Rose return to his hometown and help revive an organization that had fallen on hard times following the successful sensational seventies. I was excited to see Rose play for the Reds and also manage our “hometown team,” since I was a lad when he played for Cincinnati in his prime. It was in Cincinnati where he became baseball’s all-time hits leader in 1985. He collected his 4,192nd, which broke Ty Cobb’s mark on Sept. 11, 1985 against the San Diego Padres. I remember recording the game on our VCR that night because it was on a “church night.” I saved the video tape for many, many years. I no longer have the video tape, but the milestone game remains a favorite memory.

My cousin Tony Kelley was in attendance at the record-breaking game and snapped a photo and had a print made for me, which I still have in my office. You can see the ball after Rose swung his bat, which makes the photo very unique. It’s my lone tie to Rose, although my wife Rhonda has a baseball Rose signed for her, which we still have at home. The signature has aged and has some wear and tear, but it’s very obvious Rose signed the baseball.

I grew up collecting baseball cards and Pete Rose was always among my favorites to collect, even during the 1980s when he wasn’t playing for the Reds. My dad later owned a baseball card shop in Richmond and he had baseball cards that I dreamed about collecting. He had a Pete Rose rookie card which was very valuable at the time, which I’m sure remains a hot commodity among baseball card collectors.

I attended more Cincinnati Reds games when Rose was player-manager and followed the Reds closely. When he was permanently banned from baseball for gambling in 1989, it was a sad day not only for the Cincinnati Reds, but Major League Baseball. At the time, I believed Rose would eventually return, but sadly it never happened and Rose and MLB executives and the Hall of Fame slammed the door on a player who deserved to be recognized for his accomplishments. At first Rose denied betting on baseball, but later admitted the fact in hopes that he would be reinstated by Major League Baseball.

Rose passed away last September without receiving the accolades he deserved while he was living. He deserved to be reinstated, and more than anything, Hall of Fame status. What he did on the diamond and his love for the game showed in his ambassadorship for many years after he was banned that made him a figure larger than life. The Reds inducted him in their Hall of Fame in 2016.

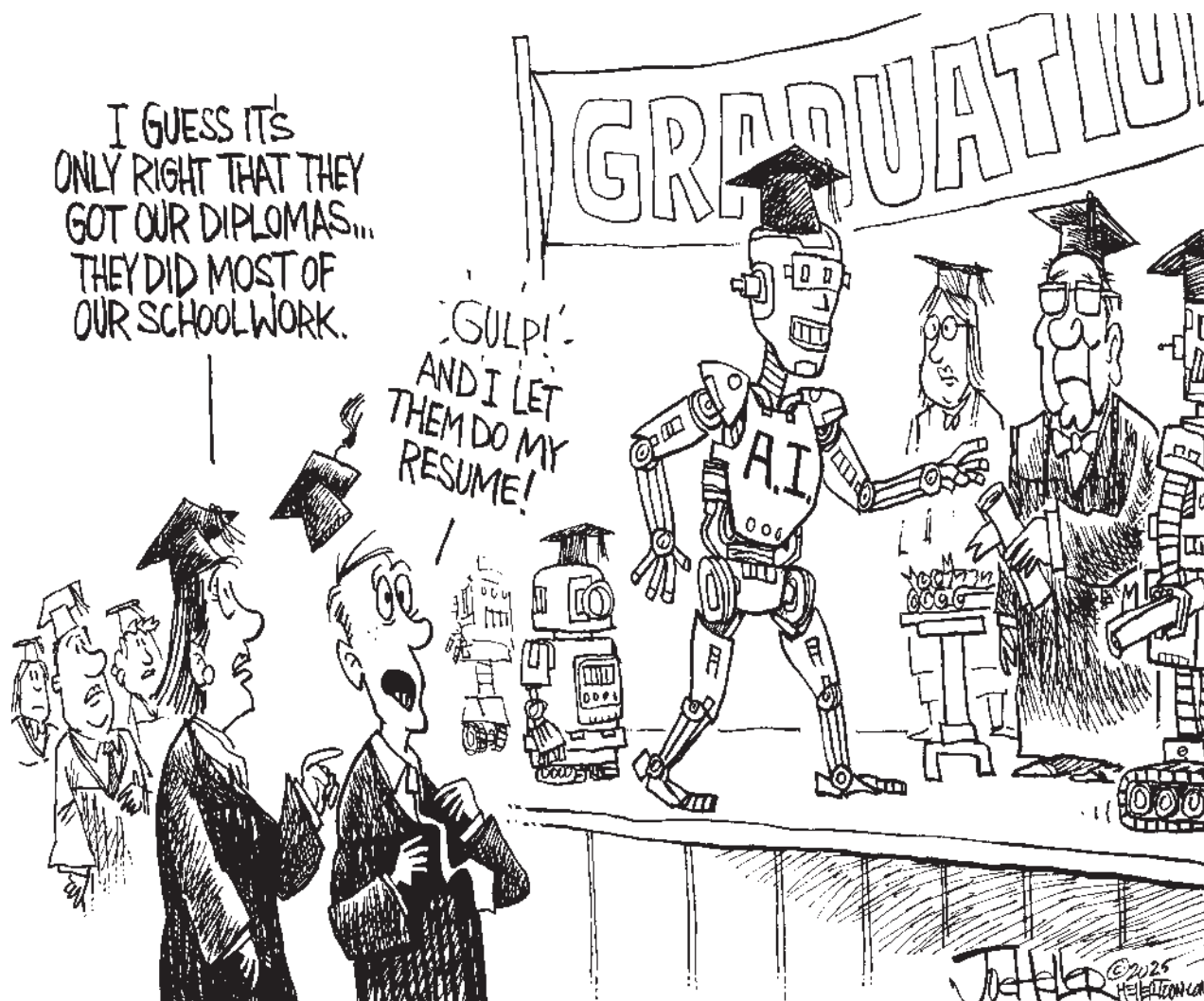
Rose should have been inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame many years ago and he would have gotten his ticket to Cooperstown on the first ballot.

Maybe now, the National Baseball Hall of Fame will do the right thing and posthumously give Rose the highest honor reserved for the best of the best.

He was indeed one of the best to ever play the game.



Keith Taylor



Life is messy

Life is what happens while you are making other plans. I have devoted a lot of space in this column to planning and goal setting. Reality offers an endless barrage of diversions, detours, challenges, and obstacles. This fact doesn’t negate the benefit of preparation. It simply requires an understanding of the type of forces at work.

A sailor would be remiss if he didn’t understand how to handle storms, currents, tides, sandbars, fog, and darkness. Although the sailor has a clear destination in mind, the sea has its own characteristics that can’t be avoided or overcome. Should a mariner deny its existence his time afloat is certainly limited.

Just as the seasoned mariner recognizes and comprehends the behavior of the ocean, you need to accept the existence of life’s surprises. Once you do this, you will enhance your ability to successfully navigate the sea of life.

What should you do when your day becomes messy? How do you weather storms and avoid being derailed by obstacles? How do you respond when your plans fall apart? What strategy is appropriate when you feel things are going from bad to worse?

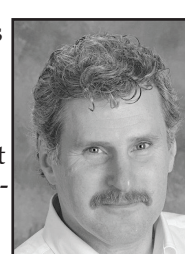
A messy day is no more unusual than waves on the water. Just go with the flow. Don’t panic or

despair. Problems will be resolved and pass. With time they will seem insignificant if they are remembered at all. Accept messy days as normal and a fact of nature. You can’t stop or prevent them but you can ride them out.

Imagine walking down a bowling lane while people were bowling. You had no choice; you needed to get from one end to the other. What would you do? If you were to panic and stand still you would surely get hit by a bowling ball. To avoid injury, you would need to keep moving while constantly changing direction to avoid oncoming balls. Yet you would always have the other end of the lane in sight.

Employing this strategy, you would make it to the end of the lane unscathed. You begin each day at one end of the lane. The far end represents the end of the day. Some days there are no balls being thrown at you. Other days they are non-stop. Your life is no more than many days lined up in a row. If you get through each one, you get through life.

There are those days when everything feels like it’s going



Bryan Golden

downhill fast. One problem is followed by another. You barely have time to catch your breath. So be it. It happens. The challenge is to maintain your attitude in the face of this barrage. This isn’t easy. But if you don’t do it you risk becoming overwhelmed.

Separate the issues. Deal with each one independently. Choose a course of action for each, take it, and then move onto the next one. Don’t analyze things to death. Make a decision. If you don’t, someone or something will make it for you and it may not be one you are happy with.

All the problems together are like a big box filled with bricks. Trying to move the box while it’s full is extremely difficult, if not impossible. Take one brick at a time and you can move any size box regardless of what it weighs when it’s loaded to capacity.

These are just a few suggestions. Find the one that works for you and stick with it. You have to get through each day anyway, so you may as well be an active participant. If you threw your hands up in frustration, you throw away your rudder and make yourself vulnerable to drifting out of control.

Life is messy. Develop techniques to make the best of things and do what it takes to get the most from each day.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Event organizer disputes claims

Dear Editor:

I was one of the organizers of the April 29th Town Hall Meeting in Berea, attended by 169 citizens from Madison and surrounding counties. The goal of the event, sponsored by “We Show Up,” was to allow community members to share their concerns with Congressman Andy Barr.

We were aware that Representative Barr would be in Washington and unable to attend in person, so we extended a written invitation for him to join via Zoom. His staff declined. Before sending these

invitations, I visited Mr. Barr’s Washington office to discuss the idea of a town hall. I emphasized our flexibility regarding the date, time, and format including virtual options.

No alternatives were offered. Instead, we were told in writing that constituents could meet with staff in Lexington, two or three at a time.

The evening before the town hall, Mr. Barr’s office issued a media advisory accusing “We Show Up” of staging a “political stunt,” calling the event a “media circus” and a “desperate attempt to manufacture outrage.”

Despite this, nearly 40 people spoke at the Berea event, raising

concerns related to veterans, the environment, housing, medicaid, immigration, tariffs, gun control, humanitarian programs, and scientific research.

Barr’s statement was both disrespectful and inaccurate. I invite the public and Mr. Barr to view the full meeting on the “We Show Up” Facebook page and judge for themselves.

We will extend another invitation to Congressman Barr at a time and a format of his choosing. We are over 200 strong in Madison County alone and growing. Will Andy Barr show up?

Sincerely,
Judith Weckman, Berea



Becky Azbill, 435 Cedar Cliff Road Waco, \$30,000

April 30

- Braydon Z. Turner to Kaetlyn Sevier, 154 Oliver Drive, Berea, \$213,000
- Paula R. Cornelison, Christina Lynn Cornelison, James Ross Cornelison and Ashley M. Cornelison to Lynn A. Cornelison, tract Madison County, for and in consideration of love and affection 1st party has for 2nd party relationship being sisters-in-laws
- Paula R. Cornelison, Christina Lynn Cornelison, James Ross Cornelison and Ashley M. Cornelison to John G. Cornelison, tract Madison County, \$150,000
- Raymond Glenn Cornelison and Cathy B. Cornelison to John G. Cornelison, tract Madison County, for and in consideration of the love and affection 1st party has for 2nd party, that relationship being parent and child

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- Combs Colt, LLC to Michael Goosey and Tiffany Goosey 255 Brook Cove, Berea, \$265,000
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The business will be located at 780 Chestnut Street, Berea KY. 40403 doing business as NQ2 Retail Drink License & Special Sunday Retail Drink License. The members are as follows: member, owner, Tomas Garcia, 780 Chestnut Street, Berea, KY. 40403.

Any person may protest the approval of the license by writing the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 500 Mero St. 2NE33, Frankfort, KY. 40601, within (30) days (KRS 243.430) of the date of this legal publication.

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An original and one (1) copy along with (1) electronic copy of the proposal must be clearly labeled “KCGC Equipment & Licenses - SCG” and submitted to Madison County Fiscal Court no later than 4:00 PM Eastern on May 22, 2025, at:

Madison County Fiscal Court
135 W Irvine Street, 3rd Floor
Richmond, KY 40475

Storage Area Network (SAN) Request for Proposals

The City of Berea, KY is accepting sealed bids for the replacement of our SAN storage devices. Sealed bids will be accepted until Friday May 19th 2025 3:00pm EST in the City Clerk’s office at 212 Chestnut St., Berea, KY 40403. Bids will be opened at 3:30pm in the City Clerks Office at 212 Chestnut St, Berea KY 40403. Bid instructions, technical specifications, and/or questions can be obtained by contacting the I.T. Director Daniel Brindley by calling 859-986-8528 EXT 3101 during normal business hours or by E-Mail at dbrindley@bereaky.gov.

CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Berea Board of Adjustment will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, May 28, 2025 at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers at the Berea City Annex located at 304 Chestnut Street to consider the following request(s):

LARRY KLEIN – 124 & 128 SPRING CIRCLE DRIVE – REQUESTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR AN RV PARK AND SELF STORAGE FACILITY IN A B-1 (Minor Business District) ZONE.

AND

CITY OF BEREa – 1620 MENELAUS ROAD – REQUESTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A COMMUNITY CENTER IN AN I-2 (Industrial Park District) ZONE.

The public is invited to attend and make comments.

Amanda Haney
Codes Administrator

Melissa Isaacs
Board Secretary

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

Churchill Weavers, a thriving industry in North Berea was making extensive improvements through the addition of a very substantial brick addition to the building. The addition measured 90 feet in length and 56 feet in width and would be one story. The roof was to be supported by vast steel arches specifically designed for the project and the interior would no longer have obstructive pillars. The walls of the building would be of brick, steel and glass construction and were designed to maximize natural light without glare. When completed it would become one of the most up-to-date sanitary and convenient buildings for weaving purposes found any-

where. It would contain over 4,000 square feet of glass, all fitted into steel sashes. The cost of the improvements was estimated to be \$9,000

The Greyhound bus driver's strike, which had crippled Berea's transportation facilities for the previous week had ended and service was resumed through Berea on Wednesday morning. The grievances of the strike would be settled by representatives of the union and management. Because of Daylight Savings time in Lexington, the northbound bus which normally departed Berea at 6:40 a.m. would be leaving at 5:40 a.m. Similarly, the afternoon bus which used to depart

Lexington at 5:15 p.m. would now depart at 4:15 p.m. and arrive at 5:35 p.m. Lexington was running on daylight savings time and at the monthly meeting of the Berea City Council it was passed that Berea would follow Richmond as to whether the city would have the "fast time." The Richmond City Council would take up the matter on May 15th.

Delta Natural Gas Company said that its workers responsible for the breaking of the 12 inch water main on Jefferson Street in Berea, as was recently reported. A Delta Gas representative in Winchester said that the report was an "error." The company said

that "according to information available to us," it wasn't Delta Natural Gas Company workers which broke the water main. Don Bewley, Berea College Utilities Administrator, said it was the general contractor and not Delta Gas who broke the line. The contractor, according to Bewley, was cutting into the street to a subgrade level as a part of the reconstruction of Jefferson Street for heavier traffic flow. The contractor agreed to cut no closer than six inches to the water line but made a mistake in judgement of distance according to Bewley.

An Indiana tractor trailer driver was counting his blessings after a late night accident

just north of mile marker 77. According to Kentucky State Police, George Shoots, 57 of New Albany, Indiana was northbound on I-75 when his left front tire blew. Shoots attempted to correct the truck but was unable to regain control. The vehicle plowed through a guardrail and left the roadway, coming to rest in a culvert. The truck was carrying approximately 33,000 pounds of clutch fans weighing approximately 32,000 pounds. All contents had to be removed from the trailer before the vehicle could be uprighted and removed from the scene. Tokiko Manufacturing volunteered a lift truck and loading dock to help with the transfer of the load to another vehicle. There was little impact to interstate traffic.

Game Page

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Two-person German submarine
6. 60-minute intervals (abbr.)
9. Database management system
13. Vertical position
14. American jazz singer Irene
15. Ancient Greek City
16. Former Senate Majority Leader Harry
17. Japanese seaport
18. Self-immolation by fire ritual
19. Assigns tasks
21. Beloved type of cigar
22. Discounts
23. Cambodian communist leader Pot
24. Important football position
25. Kilometers per hour
28. Lentil
29. Extremely angry
31. Yellow-flowered European plant
33. American state
36. Some are made by rabbits
38. Express with a head movement
39. Affair
41. Cured
44. Youth organization
45. 18-year astronomical period
46. Automobile
48. Focus a shot
49. The NFL's big game (abbr.)
51. Mouth

52. Infections
54. Curved pieces of a horse collar
56. Shameless
60. Assist in escaping
61. Capuchin monkey genus
62. Cold wind
63. Retired Brazilian NBAer
64. Tropical Old World tree
65. Bulgarian city
66. Speak indistinctly
67. Soviet Socialist Republic
68. Between-meal sustenance

CLUES DOWN

1. Not soft
2. Sharp-pointed dueling sword
3. Line a roof
4. Greek god of the underworld
5. Software
6. Large-headed elongated fishes
7. Shag rugs
8. Type of whale
9. Lacking a plan
10. Spill the beans
11. Some is "heavy"
12. One who has been canonized
14. Indicate times
17. Greeting
20. Broadway actor Josh
21. Seashore
23. Indicates before
25. Electrical power unit
26. Destitute

27. Drags forcibly
29. Impropriety
30. Word forms
32. Equal to 10 meters
34. Neither
35. Computer language
37. Practice of aging film or TV characters (abbr.)
40. A woolen cap of Scottish origin
42. A promise
43. Challenges
47. Official
49. People living in Myanmar
50. Notable tower
52. Type of sword
53. Vaccine developer
55. Listing
56. Summertime insects
57. Concluding passage
58. Guitarist Clapton
59. Damp and musty
61. Central nervous system
65. Against

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Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

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

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

ANSWER:



Solve the code to discover words related to photography.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 2 = G)

- A. 14 3 18 24 23 17 20**
Clue: Star of a photo
- B. 18 22 17 16 2 8 9 3 15 7**
Clue: Behind the subject of a photo
- C. 21 6 2 25 20 6 15 2**
Clue: Illumination
- D. 10 9 17 3 14**
Clue: Attention directed

Answers: A. subject B. background C. lighting D. focus

People who are big babies

A man making his first skydive was falling through the air, unable to get his parachute to open. Try as he might, it wasn't budging. In a panic, he yelled to a fellow who was flying up toward him: "Hey buddy, do you know anything about parachutes?" "No," the fellow responded. "Do you know anything about propane stoves?" Sounds like the fellows in that old joke needed to read the instructions before they strapped on the parachute or struck the match to light that stove. Too often, we want to ignore instructions and do things our way, even when we have no idea whatsoever what we're doing. Remember when your kids were small, and you dumped that box of nuts and bolts and pipes and chains and various other parts onto the driveway and set about putting together a swing set, ignoring the instructions altogether. Then, when you had gotten thoroughly stumped as to what to do next, you finally reached for the instructions. At times like those, we can feel like what we really need isn't written instructions but a teacher to walk us through the project step by step.

The toughest of life's challenges are easier when we have someone to provide needed guidance and helpful insights. That's especially true when it comes to spiritual challenges. That's when solid Bible teachers are worth their weight in gold.

According to Scripture, solid Bible teachers aren't easy to find. In fact, the Apostle Paul said we have too many people in our churches who are big babies, instead of teachers. "For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat" (Hebrews 5:12). Did you get that? The Apostle Paul said these men and women need baby food, not solid food. He was saying, in essence, that they're big babies. I'm guessing you may have encountered people like that. What they need is someone who



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can challenge them to grow up. Good teachers will challenge us. Good teachers will even anger us at times at times. But good teachers are so very necessary. In matters of eternity, nothing can get us into deeper trouble than not knowing the Bible. The truth is, understanding the basics of the Bible can mean the difference between Heaven and Hell. If people aren't taught that the gift of salvation is available free to whosoever will ask, they will never receive it. If they aren't taught that Jesus is the way, the truth and the life, they may look for another. That's why it's vital that big babies grow up, that they put aside their milk bottles and move on to solid foods. That's why it's vital that they reach maturity and take their rightful positions in this world as capable teachers. That way, they can impart to others the good sense they need to stay out of the kind of trouble the skydiver and the propane stove user got themselves into.

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1) Experimentation and testing
2) Total Transparency
3) Human involvement and control
First: We will continue to experiment with and test carefully different AI programs. Our goal is to provide you the most complete, comprehensive news and information. Data analysis, workflow, and limited content generation are some areas where AI is currently being used or under review. AI may be used to help our staff automate routine tasks, analyze complex data, save time, generate more news, and serve you better.
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BRIEFS

'Kids to Parks Day' Saturday
The Richmond Parks and Recreation will have its annual "Kids to Parks Day" event on Saturday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Lake Reba Park and the Paradise Cove Aquatic Center. The stations will include:
• Storytelling with the Madison County Public Library
• Nature Art with Winterberry Studios
• Dolly Parton's Imagination Station Registration
• Kayaking, 10 a.m.-noon
• Fishing practice with the KDFW
• How to clog with Kentucky Bluegrass Cloggers
• Kites, chalk, coloring, music and more.
Kids will be eligible to redeem a free Kona Ice coupon after completing all of the stations.
The "National Kids to Parks Day" connects kids and families with their local, state and national parks and public lands through thousands of

park events that promote discovery and exploration in the great outdoors.
Salvation Army celebrates
Salvation Army units in Danville, Frankfort, and Richmond kicked off National Salvation Army Week on Monday, May 12. The week-long celebration that runs through Sunday, highlights the organization's history, services, and impact in the community, and provides an opportunity to thanks volunteers, donors, and other stakeholders who support us throughout the year. National Salvation Army Week has been observed annually since 1954, when President Dwight D. Eisenhower declared the first National Salvation Army Week. In his proclamation, President Eisenhower recognized the important role that The Salvation Army plays in our nation and called on all Americans to support the organization's

mission of helping those in need.
The Salvation Army units in Danville, Frankfort and Richmond have served those in need with:
• 3,673 food boxes distributed
• 7,613 gifts under the Christmas tree
• 9,513 clothing items distributed
The Salvation Army will host their annual dinner on Thursday at 6 p.m. at their location at 519 South Fourth Street, Danville.
Historic homes tour set
The owners of two of Richmond's historic homes, Mt. Pleasant and A.R. Burnam House, are offering guided tours Saturday, May 11. The tour of homes will take attendees back in time as they explore the stories, architecture, and legacies that helped shape our community. The homes are on the National Historic Registry and have

connections to the Civil War, President Lincoln, Female Education, the Women's Suffrage Movement, the origins of EKV and much of Richmond's early history. Whether you're a history buff, a local looking for something new to do, or just want to support historic preservation, this tour has something for everyone.
Tours last for two hours and are offered on a rolling basis throughout the day, from 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Tickets are \$5 each with proceeds going to the Mt. Pleasant Historic Preservation Project. Time slots are as follows:
• 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
• Noon-2 p.m.
• 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
Mt. Pleasant, built in circa 1826, is the oldest Gothic Revival style house in Madison County and is on the National Historic Registry. of Richmond.
The A.R. Burnam House was built in 1880 and is on the National Historic Registry both for its architectural and its historic importance.

Cooperative Online Reverse Salt Auction Notice To Bidders

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

MADISON COUNTY DETENTION CENTER

April 24

- Cody Brock, 39: wanton endangerment, 1st degree 2 counts); traf-ficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (greater than or equal to 2 gr5ams methamphet-amine); drug paraphernalia – buy / possess (2 counts); persistent felony offender, II
- Russell Vigue, 59: failure to ap-pear
- Michael Bishop, 29: robbery, 1st degree; fleeing or evading police, 2nd degree (on foot); criminal mischief, 1st degree; theft of medical records, 1st
- Andrea Patterson, 33: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance – 1st (aggravated circumstances: leaving the scene of an accident, failure to render aid or assistance
- Michelle Scenters, 29: failure to appear
- Christian Everett, 21: failure to appear
- Waide Quincino, 34: fleeing or evading police (3rd degree)
- Steven Klein, 62: failure to appear (2 counts)

April 25

- Michael Shepard, 42: operating motor vehicle under the influence of substance – 1st; leaving the scene of an accident – failure to render aid or assistance; possession of marijuana; no operator’s – moped license; failure to appear
- Skybird Ocean, 28: failure to ap-pear
- Shyler Merida, 30: public intoxica-tion – controlled substance (excludes alcohol)
- Kenneth Stewart, 67: failure to appear
- James Springer, 41: criminal pos-session of a forged instrument, 2nd degree; theft by unlawful taking or disposition, all others, \$1,000 but less than \$10,000
- Joshua Pierce, 36: failure to appear
- Elizabeth Thomas, 25: criminal abuse, 1st degree, child 12 or under
- Katlyn Lovings, 33: burglary, 1st degree; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree (methamphet-amine); drug paraphernalia – buy / possess
- Jacob Mosley, 35: burglary, 1st degree; possession of burglary tools; criminal mischief, 2nd degree; proba-tion violation (for felony offense)

April 26

- Kassey Harding, 37: harboring a

- vicious animal
- Amanda Spears, 48: criminal abuse, 1st degree, child 12 or under; wanton endangerment, 1st degree
- Justin Winkler, 41: criminal abuse, 1st degree, child 12 or under; wanton endangerment, 1st degree
- Lloyshae Washington, 29: strangu-lation, 1st degree domestic violence, minor injury; assault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor injury; driv-ing on DUI. Suspended license – 1st offense
- Canron Halcomb, 19: assault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor in-jury; strangulation, 1st degree domes-tic violence
- Victory Jackson, 38: violation of a Kentucky EPO/DVO; driving on a DUI suspended license – 2nd offense
- Tuesday Darland, 40: receiving stolen property, \$10,000 or more
- Carl Morton, 57: speeding, 21 mph over limit; reckless driving; op-erating motor vehicle under the influ-ence of alcohol .08 – 1st (aggravated circumstances)
- Justin Darland, 44: receiving stolen property, \$10,000 or more; theft by unlawful taking or disposition, all others, \$1,000 but less than \$10,000
- Kara Bruner, 58: failure to appear
- Daniel Hoskins, 55: possession of matter portraying a sexual perfor-mance by a minor under the age of 12 – 1st offense; tampering with physical evidence

April 27

- Jon Southern, 37: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (heroin); possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); drug paraphernalia – buy / possess
- Abe Gibson, 36: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st; failure to report traffic ac-cident
- Jeffrey Mullins, 47: failure to ap-pear (2 counts)
- Meighan Muncy, 39: public intoxication – controlled substance (excludes alcohol); resisting arrest
- Samuel Osburn, 48: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st; failure to wear a seat belts; possession of open alcohol bev-erage container in motor5 vehicle
- Harold McIntosh, 63: failure to appear
- Jakari Ranson, 20: no operator’s – moped license; failure to wear seat belts; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol /substance –

- 1st
 - Gene Rhodus, 62: robbery, 2nd degree
 - Jacob Ball, 20: operating on suspended or revoked operator’s license; improper display of registra-tion plates; no registration receipt; no registration plats
 - Daniel White, 42: theft by unlaw-ful taking or disposition, all others, under \$500
 - Timothy Thacker, 39: serving parole violation warrant
- ## April 28
- Shelbi Fields, 33: public intoxica-tion – controlled substance (excludes alcohol)
 - Bulmaro Sanchez, 47: speeding, 17 mph over limit; operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st (aggravated circumstances); operating motor vehicle /motorcycle function without ignition interlock device; failure of owner to maintain required insurance /security – 1st of-fense
 - David Laurick, 67: failure to ap-pear
 - Lois Burton, 35: speeding, 5 mph over limit; license to be in possession; operating motor vehicle /motorcycle function without interlock device; operating on suspended or reevoked operator’s license
 - Andrew Tate, 27: probation viola-tion (for felony offense)
 - Jorge Ryce, 35: failure to appear; rear license not illuminated; resisting arrest
 - Micah Huguley, 23: speeding, 21 mph over limit; failure to wear seat belts; possssio of open alcohol container in motor vehicle; operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st
 - Fred Reed, 24: hold for other agency
 - Amaris Hamilton, 22: wanton endangerment – 1st degree
 - Mahmood Abu Kuteish, 38: fail-ure to appear

April 29

- Shannon Phillips, 40: violation of a Kentucky EPO/DVO
- Rashon Ray, 27: serving parole violation warrant
- Joseph Singleton, 27: state com-munity center prisoner hold; traf-ficking in a controllle substance, 3rd degree, 1st offense (less than 20 D.U. drug unspecified)
- Jeffrey Phelps, 39: wanton endan-germent, 1st degree; possession of a

- handgun by a convicted felon
- Amberlly Berry, 27: speeding, 26 mph or greater over limit; operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st
- Brandon Collins, 37: hold for other agency
- Addie Long, 45: hold for other agency
- Jimmy Casada, 50: failure to ap-pear
- Dustin Allen, 45: attempted mur-der of first responder (peace officer); criminal mischief – 1st degree; crimi-nal mischief – 2nd degree; receiving stolen property, \$1,000 but less than \$10,000; fleeing or evading police, 1st degree (motor vehicle)
- Mason Phillips, 31: failure to appear; non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines
- Shyann Hooker, 29: hold for court
- Adam Holt, 40: theft by unlaw-ful taking or disposition, shoplifting; operating on suspended or revoked operator’s license; no registration receipt; no registration plates; failure of owner to maintain required insur-ance /security – 1st offense; failure to produce insurance car; failure to wear seat belts; disregarding stop sign; failure to or improper signal; failure of owner to notify clerk of residence or name change
- Ashley Reynolds, 36: theft by failure to make required disposi-tion of property, \$1,000 but less than \$10,000; theft by deception – include cold checks

April 30

- Matthew Close, 47: strangulation, 1st degree domestic violence; assault, 4th degree dating violence (minor injury); assault, 2nd degree domestic violence
- Ricky Howell, 67: assault, 3rd degree domestic violence; violation of Kentucky EPO/DVO
- Zarriah Griffith, 22: failure to ap-pear
- Zachary Hall, 38: failure to appear
- Handy Mulumba, 26: failure to appear
- Joseph Simmons, 36: parole viola-tion for technical violation
- Joseph Callahan, 31: assault, 4th degree dating violence, minor injury; strangulation, 1st degree (non-do-mestic violence); kidnapping – adult; resisting arrest

MARRIAGES

April 24

- Amanda Dawn Harbison, retail sales, 46 of Richmond to Adam Wesley Lay, heavy equipment op-erator, 42 of Richmond
- Jay Tyree Holley, paralegal, 59 of Rich-mond to Erin Jones Ackerman, realtor, 49 of Richmond
- Cody Lee Isaacs, forklift driver, 33 of Richmond to Jeri Meshell Sneed, unem-ployed, 37 of Irvine
- Ashley Rhea Hardin, student, 36 of Berea to Justin Neil Arhtur, welder, 39 of Berea
- Grady Dillon Os-borne, utilities worker, 28 of Berea to Jaylin Michelle Davis, de-signer, 22 of Berea

April 25

- Zachary Allen Ferris, general manager, 26 of Richmond to Hannah Rose Haysley, parale-

- gal, 26 of Richmond
 - Morgan Elizabeth Fitzgerald, graphic de-signer, 33 of Richmond to Derek Franklin Stivers, portfolio man-ager, 29 of Richmond
 - Cameron Shane Prohaska, mechanic / welder, 30 of Walhond-ing, Ohio to Ashleigh Odette Schneider, unemployed, 33 of Richmond
 - Stephanie Lea Bowl-ing, LPN, 49 of Berea to Brian Lee Endsley, business analysis, 51 of Berea
 - Jeny Sue Jackson, riding instructor, 64 of Richmond to Stephen Ray Isaac, lithium manager, 62 of Rich-mond
- ## April 28
- Audriana Jordyn Griffiths, student, 22 of Franklin Furnace, Ohio to Jacob Paul Potts. Student, 20 of Soddy Daisy, Tennessee

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COURT RECORDS

District Court

April 25

- Meghan Russell Martin vs. Shawn Lewis Martin

April 28

- Kristina L. Hegedus vs. Joshya M. Watts

Circuit Court

April 24

- Rebecca Edmondson vs. Matthew Cunigan

April 25

- John Dustin White vs. Samantha Jo Shepherd

April 26

- Juanita Nester vs. Breallen N. Nester
- Seaerra D. Lynch vs. Cody L. Fryer
- Kentucky Foster Care vs. Cheyann S. Hall
- Michaela A. Valentine vs. Matthew Hany

April 28

- Jenry Lee Parks, Jr. vs

Kelby Tucker

- Morgan Jean Ferrell vs. Aaron Christopher Ferrell

Foreclosure

April 16

- Kentucky Housing Corporation vs. Brian David Lawson, ET., AL
- Lightstorm Properties, LLC vs. Jacob Quintero, ET., AL

April 17

- Pennymac Loan Ser-vices, LLC vs. Unknown Heirs of James M. Isaacs, ET., AL

April 22

- Towd Point Mortgage Trust 2018-2, U.S. Bank vs. Kristie Steward, ET., AL

April 23

- Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC vs. Larry Chad Miller

April 24

- Ball Homes, LLC to Allison Mink and Erik Nystrom, lot 26 Phase II Arbor Woods, \$348,220
- Franklin Lee Revel and Deborah Revel to Hadley Branham, 132 Covington Way, \$295,000
- BCB Rentals, LLC to Logan T. Harp, lot Elm Street, \$252,500
- MKK Enterprises, LLC to Kirkland Lewis Humphrey and Cassan-dra Faye Humphrey6, lot 102 Parkview @ Hanger Farm Subdivision, Phase 1, \$307,500
- Tommy Cope Proper-ties, LLC to Mason Noe, lot 30 Fincastle Subdivision, Phase 1, \$365,000
- Alessandra Boisvert Steddom (f/k/a Alessan-dra Boisvert Del Brocco) and Olivia Boisvert Sted-dom to James Wesley Morris and Tammy Marie Morris, 303 Terri Avenue, Berea, \$325,000
- New Idea Construction and Homes, LLC to Jacob Curtis Oliver and Lakin Michele Oliver, lot 1 Hern-don Estates, \$480,000
- The Estate of Dianna C. Ackerman, deceased, by and through her Co-Execu-tors, William E. Ackerman, IV and Terry D. Ack-erman to Wesley D. Bradley and Abigail Joan Coyle, lot 1 and 2A Plat 11/186, \$155,000
- Sherrie Aliene Cole-grove, Trustee of the Sherrie Aliene Colegrove Revocable Living Trust, dated November 22, 2022 to John Crouse and Susie Crouse, 111 Patriot Trail, Berea, \$330,000
- Amanda Leah Camerer to Alyssa Ann Kimmeth and James Earl Burge, Jr., 340 Boone Way, \$278,600
- Chad Bischof and Amanda Brooke Bischof to Dylan Ballard and Thomas Ballard, 105 Wells Road, \$75,000
- Thomas M. Ridge, III and Sara N. Ridge to Justin Blankenship to Chelsea Marie Clem and Stephanie Lynn Whited, 321 General Smith Drive, \$324,900
- DS & JV Properties, LLC to Brock Properties

- and Development, LLC, lot 237 Greenspace A and B of Firebrook Subdivision, Phase I, \$58,000
- The Estate of Estelle Baker to Kelly Vasey Embry and Byron Tennille Embry, lot 57 Bay View Subdivision, \$375,000
- SilverLo Enterprises, LLC to Jennifer Weis and Michael Weis, 8072 Filly Lane, \$130,000
- Connie Thomas and Dale Thomas; Gary Rupard; Darlene Ramey and James Ramey to SFS Investments, LLC, lot 20 and 20 Irvine View Subdi-vision, Block D, \$20,000
- Jeffrey Harlan Down-ing (a/k/a Jeffrey Harlan Downing), as Administra-tor of the Estate of Mary L. Downing, to Courtney C. Mullins, 793 Red House Road, \$218,000
- Sharon B. Taylor, Trustee, for and on behalf of Sharon B. Taylor Revo-cable Trust, under agree-ment dated January 9, 2007 and Sharon Taylor, Trustee, for and on behalf of the Taylor Family Trust under agreement dated, January 9, 2007 to Kurtis Malear and Courtney Malear, 11 Goodloe Chapel Road, \$394,000
- GC Interiors, LLC to Ballard Property Mainte-nance, LLC< lots 7, 8, 9, and 14 Boundary Retrace-ment Survey of Hays Fork Subdivision, \$145,000
- Robby D. Gallaher – Watson and Jonathan R. Gallaher – Watson to Cozy Stays Real Estate, LLC, 338 Hill Street, \$132,000
- Karl Schill, Eilyn Kay Schill and Matt Carrico to (by their power of attor-ney) Karl Schill, Tiffany Roundtree and Cooley Roundtree, lot 18 Eastern Hills Subdivision, \$160,000
- Brenda Lee Chasteen to Brendan A. Dickerson, lot #1 Hillville Acres Subdivi-sion, \$65,000
- Terry Alexander and Emily Alexander to Garry Dixon, tract 1A plat 22/15, for and in consideration of the love and affection between cousins
- Kim Love Wilson Re-alty, LLC to Kimberly Love

- Wilson, lot 227 Ridgehaven Subdivision, Phase #2, for and in consideration of an agreement between parties to correct vesting in the member of the LLC to her personal residence
- Todd Builders, LLC to Paula Renee Dillon, lot 33 Stoney View Estates, Phase 1, \$269,900

April 25

- The Estate of Mary Etta Spires, lot 113 Bur-nell Homestead Estates, \$365,000
- Spring House Land, LLC to Ampler Develop-ment, LLC, lot 2B plat 32/5, \$720,000
- FTM Construction, Inc. to Mark Willia Meli and Madison Melli, lot 42 Dove’s Landing, Phase II, \$326,900
- Gary Michael Watkins and Morgan Michelle Wat-kins, to Royale Woods and Stephen Smith, 117 Wesley Court, \$261,200
- John Douglas Skidmore to Cynthia Jade Rose, 124 Raven Drive, \$379,900
- DS & JV Properties, LLC to The Renovation Group, LLC, lot 197 Fire-brook Subdivision, Phase 1, \$58,000
- Matthew Willis and Lynnette Willis to Sarah Hatton, parcels B and C plat 30/231, \$265,500
- Sea Island Soil Compa-ny, LLC (f/k/a J.T. Barrett Land Holdings, LLC, 593 Regency Circle, \$1.00
- DS & JV Properties, LLC to Vanwinkle Real Estate Holdings, LLC, lot 236 Firebrook Subdivision, Phase 1, \$58,000
- DS & JV Properties, LLC to Vanwinkle Real Estate Holdings, LLC, lot 240 Firebrook Subdivision, Phase 1, \$58,000
- DS & JV Properties, LLC to Vanwinkle Real Estate Holdings, LLC, lot 235 Firebrook Subdivision, Phase 1, \$58,000
- DS & JV Properties, LLC to Vanwinkle Real Estate Holdings, LLC, lot 280 Firebrook Subdivision, Phase 1, \$58,000
- William David Semoins and Joseph Semonis to Ve-ronica Fay Semoins (n/k/a Veronica F. Blair), tract

- Madison County, for and in consideration of \$8,000 with 50% to each grantor

April 28

- James A. Piper, III to Albert Chitandala Kalum-ba and Karlie Lewise Watts Kalumba, 622 Powderhorn Road, \$169,000
- Robert Ripley and Jan Ripley to Robert Ripley, Jan Ripley and Seth Ripley, 103 Valley Street, Berea, to pos-session and enjoy benefits thereof for the duration of their natural lives
- Robyn Justus to Lee A. Turley, lot 62 Ridgehaven Phase #2, \$1.00 and as a gift of ownership back to Mr. Turley
- Virginia J. Long to Da-vid Tolliver, Trustee of the Virginia Long Irrevocable Trust, dated March 31, 2025, 149 Wildcat Drive, for and in consideration of the premises and to conform to the intentions of the parties
- James Dause tot Ronadl L. Rose and Phyllis Rose, tracts plat 31/228, \$560,000
- Larry Chad Miller and Mary Michelle Miller to Chris Hurd and Holly Hurd, tract B and C plat 31/375, \$60,000
- Alice Rhodus to Clinton Tyler Parks and Caitlin Elizabeth Parks, lot 25 Hays Fork Heights, for and in consideration of an agreement that parties
- Benny Ray Moore, Jr. and Shanna Jonell More to Steven B. Compton and Montanna Rayne Com-pton, 112 Armitage Drive, \$270,000
- The Fairways at Boone’s Trace, LLC to Scott Moeschl and Janice Moeschl, 713 Winged Foot Drive, \$95,000
- Katherine Susan Mur-ray and Michael Logan Murray to Logan Patric Murray and Shauna Lanter Murray and Mackenzie Louise Murray, 3340 Oak-ley Wells Road, Waco, for and in consideration of the love and affection between parties



Magistrates Tom Botkin, left, and Billy Ray Hughes, right, said Tuesday’s announcement of a potential 800-acre land purchase in northern Madison was a ‘big deal,’ setting up a historic role for the Madison County Fiscal Court when it comes to economic development.

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and Spencer Land Surveying to conduct the feasibility assessment of the property.

If it ultimately goes through, Lucas said the transaction has the potential to be one of the most significant economic development projects in the Bluegrass.

“Congratulations on taking this step. It’s a big deal, I would argue it’s one of the more exciting deals in central Kentucky considering the size and the location,” Witt said.

Taylor said there are several steps before a final purchase and before the property can be made suitable for industrial and commercial development. Still, Tuesday’s resolution is an important start, Taylor said.

“There’s a lot of work ahead of us, but it’s all good stuff,” Taylor told the court.

Taylor said economic development offers an opportunity to broaden the county’s revenue stream without raising taxes, since industries would be subject to paying occupational

license fees. That, said Taylor, would enable the county to fund future infrastructure and services without burdening taxpayers.

Madison County Deputy Judge Executive Jill Williams added that the project can create jobs that will keep future talent here at home, giving future generations the option to have a good paying job in Madison instead of having to leave for employment opportunities.

When asked about the long-term impact on the Madison County economy, Taylor said he is excited about its prospects.

“To me this will have a generational impact for years to come,” he said.

In other action, the court heard the first reading of an ordinance revising Madison County’s animal control statutes. Officials explained that the revisions deal with animal owners that present chronic problems, such as letting their animals run loose. Under the revisions, penalties will increase with each offense. Additionally, the revisions allow pet owners the option to have their animals

receive a computer chip instead of having to wear a license on a collar.

Another ordinance up for a first reading was a measure for a land use change for approximately 70 acres on College Hill/Fike Road from R-7 and C-7 Agriculture to UC-1 single family residential.

Magistrate Billy Ray Hughes expressed doubts about the project, citing a recent Circuit Court decision stating that just because a proposed project is in compliance with the county’s Comprehensive Plan does not mean it has to be approved by the court.

Hughes expressed further concern that other magistrates had not yet looked at the land where the proposed zone change is to occur. Stephen Lochmueller, in turn, requested that Hughes contact his fellow magistrates directly if he has concerns.

Magistrate Tom Botkin, meanwhile, said he has and will go out to the site to take a look at the property before the final vote.

The item comes up again for a final vote on May 27.

Benefit bike ride a huge success

By Mark Maynard • Kentucky Today

A former member of Hell’s Angels, whose life made a drastic turnaround after he accepted a relationship with Jesus, rode five hours each way from west Kentucky on Saturday to present a donation to the Solid Rock Children’s Ranch.

Chris Davis represented Baptist Bikers of West Kentucky and was part of the Baptist Bikers of Kentucky “Ride to the Ranch” to support the Sunrise Children’s Home project in Winchester.

Thirty motorcycle riders and 75 people overall participated in the ride that raised \$9,285 to help construct two homes that keep foster siblings together.

It was a picture-perfect day for the ride, said Randy McPheron, the associational mission strategist for the Rockcastle association, senior pastor at Bethel Baptist and head of Baptist Bikers. He and the Baptist Bikers of Kentucky have been at the forefront of the Solid Rock Children’s Ranch from the beginning, catching the vision along with Judy Singleton, the former school teacher who donated the 130 acres of land.

“It was a lot of fun,” he said. “We’ve got motorcycles, classic cars and trucks. These guys crack me up. We had little old ladies on church vans and big ‘ol guys riding motorcycles. Everybody had a great time.”

McPheron said he was surprised the turnout wasn’t bigger but the results and the day were memorable for everyone who participated.

The ride started at the Rockcastle Association building in Mount Vernon and proceeded for 120 miles. With the help of the Blue Knights who help with traffic control, the group moved along smoothly through various small towns.

The Blue Knights are police officers who make up a motorcycle club. “It was absolutely phenomenal,” McPheron said. “The Blue Knights got us through every intersection.”

Daniel Deaton, a member of Bethel Baptist, is president of the Blue Knights.

McPheron made a connection with Davis, the former Hell’s Angel member, when preaching in a revival in west Kentucky. He was interested after hearing of the Baptist Bikers and showed up.

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May 1

- Robert E. Riley, Jr and Tyronna Smith Riley, Elizabeth R. McCarty and James Curtis McCarty, Linda Riley Bratton and Robert Bratton to Emmick Bulk Plants, tracts Madison County (vicinity of Boggs Lane), \$975,000
- Thomas Construction, Inc. to Andrew Konarzewski, 840 Denali Drive, \$294,000
- Jutin Padgett and Ashley Padgett to William P. Wall and Joyce D. Wall, 105 Cassie Court, Berea, \$374,000
- Sanford L. Jones, Sr, individually, and as Trustee of the Sanford L. Jones, SR Trust, under agreement dated, January 23, 2004 and a Trustee of the June D. Jones Trust, under agreement dated January 23, 2001 to Sanford L. Jones, Sr, as Trustee of the Sanford L. Jones, Sr. Trust, under agreement dated January 23, 2001, lot 13 Mason Manor Subdivision, for purposes of consolidating the ownership of hereinafter described property
- Davis Stuart Welch, Trustee of the Davis Stuart Welch Stuart, dated August 2, 2022, and Murray Morgan Welch IV, Trustee of the Murray Morgan Welch, IV Trust dated August 2, 2022, to Jennifer Welch Mosier, Trustee of the Jennifer Welch Moser Trust, Dated August 5, 2022, and MDJ, LC, Hayden Forbes Farms (vicinity of Boonesboro Road), for purposes of making a capital contribution to MDI, LLC
- Alice Faye Lakes to Lynnett Renner, tracts Madison County (vicinity of Carmill Road), for and in consideration of love and affection between Grantor and Grantee being daughters
- Bill Willianson to Stephen Smolko, tract 3B plat 9/157 (vicinity of U.S. Highway 25, Berea), for and in

consideration of the sum of love and affection between a grandfather and a grandson

- Sandra J. Allen and Larry W. Allen to W. Tyler Matthews, tract 2A plat 31/374, \$20,000

May 2

- Oakmont Group, LLC to Kobie Wessling and Abigail Wessling, 132 Candy Apple Lane, \$258,500
- Commonwealth Property Solutions, LLC to Richard Lee Vanhooose, II and Brittney Atkins, 102 Hillcrest Drive, Berea, \$269,900
- EVW Painting and Construction, LLC to Dylan Lott and Lauren Lott, 513 Chickasaw Drive, Richmond, \$319,000
- D.R. Horton, Inc. to Jersey M. Hamilton and Kyle P. Hamilton, lot 60 Carriage Gate Place Phase 1 Berea Road, Richmond, \$332,292
- JAF Property Investments, LLC to Peyton Kelley Dandaneau, lot 26 Peacock Place Subdivision, \$12,500
- Tammie R. Williams (n/k/a Tammie Moore) and Stephen Moore to Leathan Properties, 120 Salter Road, \$263,000

May 5

- Brian C. Landeene and Elane M. Landeene to Sean Greene and Kayla Green, 100 Virginia Drive, \$405,000
- Eddie Ryan Spradling and Courtney Paige Spradling to Paul Bryan Sisk, 604 Shetland Drive, \$315,000
- Kelsey Janae Hamilton to Kamren Gatson and Dianna B. Gatson, 29 Parke Drive, \$293,000
- George W. Ginter, Successor Trustee of the “B” William L. Ginter Revocable Living Trust, dated January 4, 2000, to George W. Ginter, tracts Madison County, for and in consideration to the terms set out in the Trust “B” William L. Ginter Revocable Living Trust, dated January 4, 2000
- George W. Ginter, Executor of the Estate of Anne R.

Ginter, deceased and George W. Ginter, Successor Trustee of the Anne R. Ginter Revocable Living Trust, fated January 4, 2000, to George W. Ginter, tract Madison County, for and in consideration pursuant to the terms set out in the Last Will and Testament of Anne R. Ginter

Frank James Properties, LLC to DS & JV Properties, Homan Kashef and Nancy Jean Sinegal, 532 Chickasaw Drive, \$289,900

- James Luke Honaker and Heather Renee Honaker to Lindsey Barbour and John L. Caudill, 159 Primrose Circle, \$375,000
- Anthony Mills and Manda Mills to Eliabeth Faith Dees, lot 60n Creekside Village, \$246,500
- Houghton Homes, LLC to Rachel Ratliff, lot 63 Firebrook Phase 1, \$339,900
- Krystal K. Layne and Andrew S. Layne to Camryn Deaton, lot 238 Hampton Ridge Subdivision, Phase III, \$270,000
- Michael Allen Wynn and Trina Rae Wynn to Terry Tapley, lot 44 Eagle Point Subdivision, \$255,300
- Stephen J. Weaver and Cathy L. Weaver to Anthony E> Lamb and Rhonda G. Lamb, tract1B plat 18/106, \$62,000
- Bruce Cope Builders, Inc to Allen L. Tracy and Dana M. Tracy, lot 12 Shiloh Cove Subdivision, Phase 1, \$499,900
- Laura Lukas and Jon David Lucas to Tamsyn Oakes, 2616 Tate Creek Road, \$255,000

May 6

- Ball Homes, LLC to Jonathan Mayberry, 7021 Arbor Ridge Drive, \$299,708
- Steven G King and Mary Ann Anderson-King to Judith R. Willis, 561 Park Ridge Drive, \$350,000
- Melissa Moody and Lucien Moody to Malessa Jane Billings, lot 5 Edgewood Subdivision, \$300,000

- Randy Dinsmore and Vicky Dinsmore to Barbara Jo Ayres-Wilson and Manley Wilson, 541 Cady Drive, \$210,000
- Frank Payne to William Arthur Paye and Bridget Chasity Payne, 348 N. Madison Avenue, \$19,000
- Cubby Angel Properties, LLC to Kaitlyn Carter, 213 Oak Street, Berea, \$189,900
- Christopher Alan House and Ashley M. House to Christopher Alan House and Ashley M. House, tract H plat 26/405, for and in consideration of love and affection between parties who are husband and wife and to create survivorship interest
- Mary Louise Sewell, Executrix of the Estate of Macie Eades to Mary Louise Sewell, tract 2 plat 32/24 (vicinity of Doylesville Road), for and in consideration of \$1.00 and pursuant to the Last Will and Testament of Macie Eades
- Mary Louise Sewell, Executrix of the Estate of Macie Eades to Robert D. Eades, tract 2 plat 32/24 (vicinity of Doylesville Road), for and in consideration of \$1.00 and pursuant to the Last Will and Testament of Macie Eades
- A&R Contractors, LLC to KJ Capital, LLC, Lot 157 Parkview @ Hanger Farm Subdivision, Phase II, \$65,000
- Michael Lee Tyree and Bernita Belle Jackson, Co-Executors of the Estate of Dinah J. Tyree (a/k/a Dinah Jackson Tyree) and Bernita Belle Jackson to Janet Northern, tracts Madison County (vicinity of Boone Street, Berea), \$160,000
- Monica Jean Semonis to Veronica Fay Semonis (n/k/a Veronica F Blair), tract Madison Country (vicinity of Boone Street), for and in consideration of love and affection

May 7

- Sand Development, LLC

to Dallas W. Thomas and Cindy A. Thomas, 305 Mohagan Trail, \$289,900

- Combs Colt, LLC to Shalyn Hamilton and Jent Estep, 259 Brook Cove, Berea, \$269,900

Cameron Sheperd and Hannah Sheperd to Jordan L. Young and Shianne Young, 109 Washington Avenue, Berea, \$190,000

- The Estate of Wanda Peington, Madison District Court Case No. 24-P-462, Tony Shannon Pennington and Andrea L. Angel, Executrix and Executor to Brian E. Charles, Trustee of the Brian E. Charles Living Trust, dated May 7, 2019, 2633 Battlefield Memorial Highway, \$75,000
- Chadd Farmer and Cortney Farmer to Jeremy Mitchell and Shelby Mitchell, tract B plat 10/75, \$740,000
- Linda Sesta to Edwin Tyler Alcorn and Lindsey Paige Alcorn, tract 2B plat 30/130, \$65,000
- Jacob Anderson and Laura Anderson to 837Farms.com, LLC, tracts Madison County, for and in consideration of a capital contribution by the member of the limited liability company to said company
- Anderson Mountain Farms, LLC to Jacob Anderson, tracts Madison County, for and in consideration of a capital contribution by the member of the limited liability company to said company
- Kenneth R. Wells and Debra B. Wells to Robert Strickland and Beverly Strickland, tract plat 9/192, \$600,000
- Albert Richardson, Jr. and Paricia Louise Richardson to Aleigh Richardson, tract 2 plat 32/33, for and in consideration of \$1.00 and as a gift from grandparents to grandchild
- Aleigh Richardson to Aleigh Richardson and Dane Jackson, tracts Madison County, as a gift between parties

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Berea firefighters help respond to deadly twister

By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

Though last week’s tornado in London struck far beyond city limits, Berea firefighters immediately stepped up to lend a hand, volunteering for search and rescue as well as organizing a tornado relief collection drive. According to Berea Fire Department Chief Charlie Russell, about five off-duty Berea firefighters responded in the wake of a deadly EF-4 tornado Friday night, which claimed 19 lives. As soon as their shifts ended

“**They took it upon themselves to go help.”**

Charlie Russell
Berea Fire Chief

at 7 a.m. Saturday morning, the city firefighters were on the scene at 8:30 a.m. to help with search and rescue until they were relieved at about 1:30 p.m. “They took it upon themselves to go help, so that is great,” said Russell.

Firefighters from Berea Volunteer Fire and Rescue were quick to pitch in as well, organizing a tornado relief collection drive to get disaster victims the supplies they need to get by, including bottled water, baby formula, diapers, flashlights, tarps, hygiene products and many other supplies.

The volunteers were expected to deliver the supplies Wednesday evening, according to Russell.

Russell said last Friday’s

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A destroyed home in one of the hard-hit neighborhoods in Laurel County. Residents are evacuating those neighbors with more bad weather approaching.

Recalling the capture of killer Glen Rogers

**Murder suspect arrested in Waco in 1995
executed at Florida State Prison on May 15**

By Jemi Chew
Citizen Intern

Glen Rogers, known as “The Cross Country Killer,” received a lethal injection and was executed on May 15 at the Florida State Prison. But 30 years ago in 1995, he was caught in Madison County while on the run. At the time, Nolan “Skip” Benton was a Kentucky State Police Detective who was involved in the pursuit.



Glen Rogers

Benton’s photo was featured in the book “Smooth Operator” by Clifford Linedecker, a true crime author, who wrote about Roger’s victims and eventual capture.

Benton recalled that KSP had received a tip that Rogers would be passing through Richmond at the time. Authorities had a description of the vehicle Rogers was driving at the time and set up a roadblock at Waco to intercept him.

Several troopers were stationed there along with Sergeant Joey

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Family legacy



Father, daughter duo serve across two generations

NATIONAL EMS WEEK
May 18-24, 2025

In 1988, Larry Horn joined Madison County EMS as a paramedic. Thirty years later, his daughter London Horn also stepped on the EMS truck as a paramedic in December of 2021.

Together, they represent two generations that have served the county and its people through tragedies and disasters.

Larry Horn was originally certified as an emergency medical technician (EMT) but took a position as a paramedic after getting a job offer from Madison County EMS. As a result, his daughter London grew up in an environment with other first responders.

“We hung around the stations

as kids, running around, meeting everybody,” London Horn said. “The family was a lot bigger, so it wasn’t just aunts and uncles, it was his partners on the truck too.”

Her experiences growing up around EMS stations as well as her family’s legacy of fire fighters, influenced her decision to become a paramedic. And though Larry and London do not often work together on the same truck, they recalled one time they were assigned the

same shift.

“It was really a good fit,” Larry Horn said. “It was like working with some of my old partners. She’s really good.”

London added that it was fun because the communication and teamwork between her and her dad was effortless due to their close relationship.

“I grew up with him so I don’t have to explain things, and he doesn’t have to explain

See EMS, A8

Thomas: BCS back on course

By Andy McDonald
•For The Citizen

The Berea Independent School District is in for lean times next year, but if the right things happen, the beginning of financial recovery is in sight, according to Interim Superintendent Elmer Thomas.

“Berea Independent Schools will be fine

financially as we move forward into the next year,” Thomas told the Berea Independent School Board Monday. “I’ll be honest. It’s going to lead to a very lean year next year, but one that both Nathan [Sweet] and I have said will get us in the black by June of 2026. Many, but not all, of

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- John Austin Napier
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Tornado ruled EF-4

The tornado that hit Pulaski, Laurel and Russell counties late Friday was an EF-4, with winds of 170 miles per hour, the National Weather Service said Tuesday.

The twister that left 19 dead and eight in hospitals with injuries in the two counties cut a path of 55.6 miles long with a maximum of about a mile, the NWS said. An EF-4 tornado has three-second wind gusts of 166 to 200 mph.

An EF-4 is the second strongest category on the Enhanced Fujita Scale out of five.

It landed in Russell County at 10:33 p.m. and that made its way through Pulaski and Laurel counties before lifting around 11:56 p.m., according to the NWS office in Jackson, Ky. It was the deadliest tornado to come through the 33-county area that the Jackson office covers.

And it may not be the last of the bad weather. Mandatory evacuations in the hardest-hit neighbors in Laurel County took place Tuesday night in anticipation of more severe weather. The evacuations were put in place because it was not safe to be near the debris with the high winds that are being predicted.

The Laurel County Sheriff's Office in London will be sheltering people during the upcoming storms, while a second shelter will be open at West London Baptist Church.

A large part of the western part of the state was under a tornado watch until 11 p.m.

The storms were bringing the possibility of scattered hail as big as tennis balls and wind gusts of up to 70 mph

with the chance of a few tornadoes.

There are currently 20 people affected by the May 16-17 weather event in congregate shelters – 16 at Airbnbs and 65 in hotels. State officials are also working to get travel trailers set up at Levi Jackson Wilderness Road Park.

Kentucky State Police troopers and Guard members are providing 24-hour security patrols in storm-impacted areas to prevent looting. Only residents and authorized personnel will be permitted in these areas. Currently, the KSP London Post has no reports of missing persons. If someone needs to report a missing person or request a wellness check, they should contact their local KSP post.

"I promise that we will be there for our people until every home and every life is rebuilt. And I want to thank all our heroic first responders for the work they've done over the past few days," said Gov. Andy Beshear.

"This is another incredibly tough time for Kentucky.

"And it's another reminder that life is short and it's our duty to be kind and do good. As always – we will get through this together."

Beshear was joined at the briefing by Director of the Kentucky Division of Emergency Management Eric Gibson, Laurel County Judge/Executive David Westfield, London Mayor Randall Weddle, Laurel County Sheriff John Root and American Red Cross Bluegrass Chapter Executive Director Lynne Washbish, along with other local, state and federal officials or their representatives.

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Questions? Contact Melissa Isaacs at misaacs@bereaky.gov.



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Message from Cora Jane Wilson

"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

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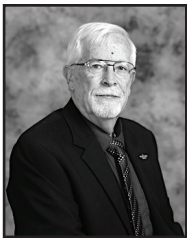
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Gary Owen Vanderoef



Gary Owen Vanderoef, 76, of Berea, passed away peacefully, surrounded by loved ones, on May 18, 2025. He was born in Mt. Vernon, New York on Dec. 7, 1948, to Elmer and Edythe.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents, brother, great granddaughter and great angel baby. He is survived by his wife, Clara of 55 years, his brother, five children, 12 grandchildren and three great grandchildren. And of course, his fur babies-the girls.

On Oct. 31, 1970, he married his wife Clara and they have been trick or treating together ever since. In 1975, he graduated from Iona College.

Gary was known for his sense of humor. He was revered by many in the community through his excellent work as the director of golf and parks and recreation for Madison County and at Battlefield Golf Course.

Gary loved to travel, especially to Italy, where he and Clara made many memories. He shared in many experiences with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Family game nights, target shooting and golfing, were some of his favorite things to do.

A memorial service provided by Lakes Funeral Home was held at Battlefield Golf Course, 524 General Cruft Dr, Richmond on Wednesday, May 21.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you plant a memorial tree in his name.

Vincent Clayton 'Clay' Robinson



Vincent Clayton "Clay" Robinson, 52, passed away Saturday, May 17, 2025, at Baptist Health in Richmond. He was born in 1972 to Helen Isaacs Robinson and the late Vincent Robinson in Berea, KY. Clay was of the Holiness Faith and loved to be with people. He could often be found around his friends and family, Clay really enjoyed his guns, motorcycle, and guitar.

Other than his father he was preceded in death by one niece Lexi Kirby.

Clay is survived by his wife, Shanna Jane Robinson, his children, Dalton Coy (Sarah) Robinson of Mount Vernon, Zachary Ryan (Savanna Jones) Robinson of Berea, Courtney (Jeff Heil) Webb of Cold Spring, stepson, Blake Broaddus of Richmond. Three sisters, Karen (Ricky) Gabbard, Karlene (Bruce) Alcorn, and Dianna (James) Alexander, all of Berea. Three grandchildren, Abigail Robinson, William Robinson, and Lainey Lynn Heil. Numerous nieces, nephews, and friends also survive.

Funeral services will be at noon, Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at Davis & Powell Funeral Home. Rev. Tim Blanton officiated and burial followed in the Madison County Memorial Gardens.

Pallbearers were Zachary Robinson, Blake Broaddus, Robbie Riley, Shannon Sparks, Judd Hisle, Ethan Boston. Honorary pallbearers were Eric Gabbard, Dave Isaacs, Rob Thacker, James Dillion, Robert Riley and Ricky Gabbard.

John Austin Napier



John Austin Napier, 19, passed away Saturday, May 17, 2025, at the University of Kentucky Hospital in Lexington,. Austin was Born on Feb. 21, 2006, to Jennifer Napier and Tim Saylor in Richmond. Austin enjoyed hanging out and spending time with his friends, fishing, playing pool, going to dirt track racing and truck meets, and hot rods. Austin was of the Christian Faith.

Preceding Austin in death is his Paternal Grandfather Irvine Saylor.

Other than his parents, Austin is survived by one sister, Paige Saylor of Rockcastle County, Maternal Grandmother Brenda Dixon of Versailles, Maternal Grandfather Dean Napier of Cartersville, and Paternal Grandmother Frances Saylor. Along with a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Visitation will be 5-9 p.m. on Thursday, May 22, 2025, at Davis & Powell Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Friday, May 23, 2025, also at the funeral home. Rev. Jerry Owens will officiate. Burial will follow in the Berea Cemetery.

Cheryl Davis

Cheryl Davis, 51, daughter of the late Eddie and Deborah Pingleton Davis, passed away at her home on Sunday May 18, 2025. Cheryl was a graduate of Berea Community Schools and had worked in manufacturing. Cheryl is survived by her aunts and uncles: Martha (Ralph) Isaacs, Tim Pingleton, Terry Jones, Rick (Libby) Pingleton, and Linda Pingleton. Cheryl is also survived by several loving cousins.

The family will hold a private memorial service at a later date. Lakes Funeral Home handled the arrangements.



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FROM PAGE 1

our teachers will be brought back."

Thomas said there have been positive developments for the district's outlook since he took over last month.

Last Friday, the district was notified it received its Title I allocation from the Kentucky Department of Education's Support Educational Excellence in Kentucky (SEEK) program. As a result, Berea can fund an interventionalist at both the middle and elementary schools. That, in turn, clears the way for bringing two more teachers back, one for each school, Thomas said.

Additionally, Thomas added that because of a suggestion from Board Chair J. Morgan, Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) of Kentucky has pledged funding to fund Berea Community's high school and middle school JAG program. That clears the way for the district to bring back an additional elementary school teacher and a high school instructional assistant, according to Thomas.

Thomas further stated he will try to preserve the school's engineering pathway, and to fund at least a part-time science position

"We're starting to see some really positive dominoes fall into place," he said.

Thomas stated he found two main culprits for the district's financial woes: Too few students, and too many teachers and staff.

Thomas explained the district took a serious hit in enrollment in the wake of the COVID pandemic, losing 115 students, most of them from high school, since 2023. That cost the district approximately \$500,000 in state funding.

Making matters worse, said Thomas, was the fact that some faculty and staff were hired with grants, but when that funding ended, the district kept those temporary positions on the payroll. The result was a budget that was spending too much on personnel.

"The general rule of thumb is that when grants sunset, the positions with those grants also sunset. That has not happened, and it should have happened," Thomas stated.

He noted, for example, that the district brought in \$12 million in revenue last year. Of that money, \$11.3 million was spent on staff salaries, leaving too little to keep the school viable for long.

"That comes up to 94 percent of your total budget spent on staff salaries. It is impossible to run a district with only six percent left over for everything else," Thomas said.

Thomas and Finance Director Nathan Sweet recommended a budget for next year that reduces personnel costs to \$10,247,815, or 84.5 percent of the budget, \$1,622,753 or 13.5 percent for operating expenses, and \$247,315 or 2 percent for contingencies. The total expenses projected are \$12,117,883.

Revenue forecasts match next year's costs, bringing in an esti-

mated \$12,117,883 for a balanced budget.

Board Chair J. Morgan thanked Sweet and others for the recovery plan.

"The board certainly appreciates everyone's efforts to get us a budget that will get us back to the pathway of fiscal health in one year. That's pretty remarkable," Morgan said.

More than once, Thomas emphasized he discovered no wrongdoing on the part of out-going Superintendent Dianne Hatchett, whose contract ended Tuesday.

"While there are many things that I disagree with, they were done legally per our board's policies and procedures," Thomas said, adding later: "I haven't found fraud by the previous superintendent or anyone in

the district."

He cautioned, however, that the board needs to exercise more oversight in the future, carefully reviewing expenditure requests and asking tough questions during the budget process.

One important facet of the financial recovery plan is boosting enrollment. Kyle French, director of pupil personnel, said enrollment is currently around 913 students, down from over 1,000 during the pre-COVID years. That has to increase, he said.

Thomas added that Berea High School Principal Kelly Caldwell hopes to draw students back to the district by enhancing the high school curriculum.

Following the meeting, parent Hannah King said she still has some doubts about

whether proper procedures were followed when it came to district spending.

Additionally, she said the district has to find ways to address dwindling enrollment, including embarking on a campaign to let the public know that enrolling in Berea Community Schools is an option. In the meantime, King said while there seems to be progress, more work has to be done.

"Two months ago, I don't know that I would have been optimistic enough to think that we would save JAG and bring some positions back. I think that's definitely positive," King said. "It's still feels like we're not out of the woods, but maybe we're seeing some light where before it felt pretty dark."



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Disaster binds us

Kentucky is strong. Our state is resilient. Although Kentuckians have differences they are put aside when we need each other. After a deadly EF-4 tornado ripped through Pulaski and Laurel counties last Friday night, the dawn of Saturday displayed the devastation the twister brought to our family, friends and neighbors just to the south of Madison County.



Keith Taylor

At last count, 17 were killed in London and a total of 19 lost their lives, with many others still in the area hospitals recovering from their injuries. Neighborhoods were wiped out, homes destroyed and countless trees were amidst the debris scattered across the two counties impacted as well as other areas near the path of the tornado.

Earlier this week, I traveled to rural Laurel County to witness and cover the cleanup being conducted by the Kentucky Baptist Disaster Relief. My heart raced as I went down a rural road that looked normal at first before I rounded a curve and saw a swath the twister created in a field that is thought to be where the tornado began its destruction in Laurel County.

Near KY 192, a roof blown off a two-story brick home, a double-wide trailer was moved 10-15 feet from its foundation forward. Debris scattered all over a field as KYDR volunteers used chain saws to clear downed trees all across the county. One tree had a stuffed animal dangling from a limb. In one subdivision — Laurel Canyon — it was hit-and-miss destruction throughout Sara Lane. Several homes were destroyed, while others had nothing more than a missing shingle or two and downed trees scattered here and there and everywhere.

My heart broke for those who lost their homes, their friends and family. Like many of you, I saw pictures and videos of the destruction, but they don't do justice once you see the damage up close and personal.

It's totally heartbreaking I watched as KTDR volunteers from all across the state cut trees and packed debris to assist their neighbors. They labored and they witnessed and made new friends amid the tragedy. Former Kentucky guard and Houston Rockets guard Reed Sheppard helped assist with the cleanup in his hometown last weekend. He didn't hesitate and was on the ground Saturday doing what he could to help his friends and neighbors dig out from the rubble.

Kentucky coach Mark Pope followed and was photographed on Sunday clearing trees from the rooftop of a home in London on Sunday. Like Sheppard, he was there for his fellow Kentuckians in their time of need.

Countless businesses and organizations — including several in Berea and Madison County — are taking up donations to help those who are in need and are hurting.

Support them as we all try to help in any way we can.

While talking with KYDR volunteer Mike Bastin, he told me something that I haven't forgotten.

"We don't have answers (for why the tornado hit), but we do have hope, and that's what we're here to offer," he said. "... we bring help, hope, and healing. We try to be the hands of Jesus."

Regardless of what part of the state you are from, we are all Kentuckians and we share in your sorrow, grief and hurt.

Our thoughts and prayers are with our family, friends and neighbors in Somerset and London.

As it has been proven time and time again, we will recover, be stronger and united more than ever before.

Keith Taylor



Outdated systems

Air traffic controllers have been using outdated equipment for decades.

Some Federal Aviation Administration, (FAA) facilities are over 50 years old. The Government accountability office reported 51 of 138 air traffic control systems are unsustainable due to age and outdated functionality.

Equipment upgrades have been delayed for at least a decade.

Modernization plans are finally underway. The current radar system is a 1960s design which was upgraded in the 1990s. The communication systems date back to the 1970s and 1980s. The upgrades include ERAM, Enroute Automation Modernization, cloud-based radar tracking. Datacom, digital pilot controller communications and ADS-B, Automatic Dependent Surveillance Broadcast, which is precise GPS tracking. The anticipated completion of these updates will not likely be until 2030 with an anticipated budget of 7.2 billion dollars and growing.

In the meantime, American travelers are suffering long layovers and abrupt flight cancellations. Worse, flying has become more dangerous. While it is still touted as the safest form of transportation by the airlines, it doesn't feel quite as safe to some of us.

On top of aging, outdated equipment, we have a big short-

age of air traffic controllers. The FAA is 3500 air traffic controllers short of targeted staffing. The shortage causes flight delays and forces many controllers to work mandatory overtime and six-day weeks. The reasons behind these shortages are several. The rapid return to air travel after Covid -19. Pre-pandemic hiring freezes and layoffs. Retirement of experienced controllers. Challenges in training new controllers.

To address this the US Transportation Department is offering incentives to recruit and retain controllers. Air traffic controllers can make \$140,000 to over \$200,000 a year.

Weather woes

Another problem. Our National Weather Service is understaffed especially ahead of hurricane season starting June 1st. Specifically, 30 out of 122 weather forecast offices lack chief meteorologists. This shortage is concerning given the increasing frequency of billion-dollar disasters- 27 occurred just last year. Officials have warned this could compromise disaster response. The shortages are due to massive retirement numbers. At least 25% have re-



Glenn Mollette

tired from the workforce in the last five years. The starting pay is in the low forty-thousand-dollar range. The hiring process takes about 300 days. High education requirements for the job. There is a high burnout rate. The job is very stressful with long hours especially during severe weather events.

Water issues

Another problem across America is our water. Many American communities have outdated water systems. These aging systems pose serious health and environmental risks especially in rural areas where populations are declining and funds are scarce.

The American Society of Civil Engineers has given the US drinking water infrastructure a grade of D minus for over a decade due to its deteriorating condition.

In the last five years America has spent around \$370 billion on foreign aid. A big chunk of this went to Ukraine.

America has worked hard. We deserve to have current, up to date aviation systems, accurate up to date weather reporting and a clean drink of water. Let's please use some of this \$370 billion to fix things at home.

Sources USAFACTS, US Bureau of Labor and Statistics, ASCE American Society of Civil Engineers

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MADISON COUNTY DETENTION CENTER

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MARRIAGES

May 8 - Stacy Nichoe Brown, unemployed, 33 of Richmond to Michael Dustin Burchett, unemployed, 37 of Richmond - Christi Nicole Combs, peer support specialist, 40 of Richmond to Kenneth Allen Burrows, peer support specialist, 36 of Richmond - Lisa Lynn Perry, disabled, 60 of Richmond to Nicholas Clark, disabled, 59, of Richmond May 9 - Leah Shaynece Bustle, social services worker, 26 of Mt. Vernon to Jonathan Lane Poynter, information technology, 35 of Berea - Ashlin Toni Rogers, LPN, 22 of Berea to Connor Braden Evans, student, 22 of Lexington - Ashley Marie Stice, retail management, 37, of Richmond to Kristy Lynn Gage, retired military, 36 of Richmond May 13 - Hannah Elizabeth Smith, teacher, 20 of Mayfield to Dylan Patrick Watts, electrician, 22 of Richmond - Devin Scott Ballinger, retail, 30 of Berea to Christina Marie Lyons, retail, 34 of Berea - Jonah Allen Ferguson, student/Walmart Associate, 20 of Berea to Lanae Grace Lakes, student/Just Love Coffee, 21 of Berea - Britney Michelle Burns, direct support professional, 23 of Berea to Dalton Blake Shepherd, heavy equipment operator 23 of Berea May 14 - Brianna Gabrielle Cotton, shift lead Taco Bell, 30 of Mt. Vernon to Ozzy Lee Staton, shift lead Taco Bell, 34 of Mt. Vernon	May 8 - Ryan Niccum and Dawn Niccum to Shane Grimm and Kayla Marie Grimm, 268 Marengo Drive, \$415,000 - Tommie Powers and Joseph Powers to Jeremy Brown and Jessica Brown; Curtis Kent Robbins, Jr. and Keri Eileen Robbins, 448 Cypress Place, \$191,891.07 - Cliff Winkler and Janie Winkler to Daniel Winkler and Jamie Winkler, tracts Madison County, \$75,000 - Cliff Winkler and Janie Winkler to Daniel Winkler and Janie Winkler, tract plat 20/150, \$75,000 - Jamie Boggs to Angela Boggs to Princess Properties, LLC, lot 12 phase II Wildflower Estates, \$45,000 - Red-Colt Property and Investments, Inc. to Berea Property Development, LLC, lot 4 Stoney Creek Subdivision, Unit 1, Block 2, \$750,000 - Par Strategy Investments, LLC to Berea Property Development, LLC, lot 1 Stoney Creek Unit 1 Block 2, for and in consideration of an agreement between parties - A&R Contractors, LLC to Berea Property Development, LLC, tracts Madison County, for and in consideration of an agreement between parties May 9 - Brittany Paige Nunn and Andrew Brooks Nunn to Taylor O’Brien Lybrook and Cody Davis, lot 10 Dove’s Landing Phase II, \$299,000 - Leslie Thomas Davis and Elaine T. Davis to Joshua Kent Davis and Olivia Danielle Davis, tract Davis Hollow Road, for and in consideration of the love and affection for their son - Linda A. Rosa, Trustee of the Linda A. Rosa Revocable Trust, dated September 24, 2008, to Donna Kathleen Gilbert, lot 101 Deacon Hills Subdivision, \$310,000 - William H. Luxon and Margaret Jo Luxon to Elisa Glenn Refitt and Ashley Nicole	Mitchell, 104 Greenbriar Drive, \$319,000 - James Marion Warren (a/k/a James M Warren) and Julia Warren to Doll Properties, LLC, tract Madison County (vicinity of Caleast), \$675,000 May 12 - Houghton Homes, LLC to Christopher Albert Budano and Mark Lawrence Gilhan Tuazon, lot 59 Firebrook Subdivision Phase 1, \$269,900 - Shane Allen Grimm and Kayla Marie Grimm to Charles Wetzel Skaggs, III and Krysta Brooke Skaggs, 1229 Parkview Way, \$395,000 - Jessica Taulbee and Steven Taulbee to David Quinton Holder and Sondra Kay Holder, 279 Walker Parke Road, \$140,000 - Sashia Shodahl and Joshua Hunter to Kaizen investment Group, LLC, 1102 Brandy Lane, \$205,000 - Kaizen Investment Group, LLC to Coach’d LLC, 1102 Brandy Lane, \$239,400 - Wayne j. Karczewski and Cathy Ann Karczewski, 2055 Powhatan Trail, \$515,000 - Mahlon b. Martin and Susanna e. Martin to Henry Imhoff and Rita Imhoff, 135 Kidwell Lane, \$215,000 - Robert E. Riley, Jr. and Tyronna Smith Riley; Elizabeth R. McCarty and James Curtis McCarty; Linda Riley Bratton and Robert Bratton to Riley Properties, LLC, tracts Madison County (vicinity of Estill Avenue), for and in consideration of funding the party of the second part’s partnership - Stephanie R. Lugo (f/k/a Stephanie R. McEown) and Jose Lugo to Anthony Mills and Manda Mills, 2070 J.D. Circle, \$280,000 - A&R Contractors, LLC to Hannah Gilbert and Jacob Preston Green, 701n Yellowstone Trail, \$320,000 - Leao, LLC to Norman’s Home Center, LLC, lots 107 and 117 Greens Crossing Road	and 2707 Robbinsville Road, \$330,000 - Lee Hamora and Vivian Hamora to Jamie Lundblad and Jeremy Preston Burch, lot 13 Dove’s Landing Phase III, \$299,000 - Brothers Building, LLC to Matthew D. Osborne, lot 1 Harvest Park Subdivision, \$178,000 - The Berea Industrial Development Authority to City of Berea, tract Madison County (vicinity of Menelaus Road), for and in consideration of the Grantee’s agreement to apply for a grant for improvements on property May 13 - Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc. to Arron Hulse and Alisha Shepherd, 651 Bybee Loop, \$318,000 - Judy Ann Ethridge and Clarence T. Ethridge, Sr. and Sharon Ethridge, as Conservator of the Estate of Clarence Ethridge (a/ka Clarence T. Ethridge, Sr) to Jennifer C. Mason, lot 19 Block 14 Richmond Investment Company’s Addition to the City of Richmond, \$70,000 - The Hugh Robert Singleton, Jr. Trust and the Marion F. Singleton Trust, dated June 24, 1996, by Hugh Robert Singleton, as Trustee to Tamara E. Wolfenden and Steven M. Wolfenden, 109 Lakeshore Drive, \$300,700 - Paul Frazier, Successor Trustee, for and on behalf of the James Russell Leake Trust Agreement, dated November 17, 1976, and Paul Frazier, Successor Trustee for and on behalf of the Brenda Leake Rice Trust Agreement, dated November 17, 1976, tract D-1 Southern Hills Plaza, \$325,000 - Thomas Construction, Inc. to Fredrick Allen Livingood, III and Marley Shayne Livingood, lot 95 Parkview @ Hanger Farm Subdivision, Phase 1, \$313,000 - Tamara Lynne Phelps and Blevins Law, PLLC to Tamara Lynne Phelps and Margaret	Hammonds, tract 3 plat 15/190, for and in consideration of love and affection between Grantees - Wanda Ramsey to Ramsey Farms KY, LLC, tract vicinity of Elliott Ford Road, for and in consideration of an agreement between parties - Wanda Ramsey to Ramsey Farms KY, LLC, 1845 Lancaster Road, \$460,000 - Erdmann Farms, LLC to Cory Michael Erdmann and Andrea Faith Erdmann, 507 Hunter Road, for and in consideration of a distribution to the member of the limited liability company - Jimmy Wayne Lovett to Stargazer Homes, LLC, 1417 Lexington Road, \$45,000 - Wendell R. Newsome and Connie L. Newsome to WC Rental Properties, LLC, lot 125 Lowr South Point Phase II, for and in consideration of Capitalization of the LLC - Brandon Jacobs and Jennifer Jacobs to Lockstar Storage, LLC, 324 Big Hill Avenue, \$1.00] - Corey Allen Conrad and Morgan Taylor Conrad to Chad A. Gilbert and Haley M. Gilbert, 208 Waco Heights, \$360,00 May 14 - Bar C. Real Estate, LLC to Marissa Roxanne Maggard and Austin Logan Preece, tract 3A plat 31/183, \$235,000 - Lewis Jordan (a/k/a Lew Jordan) to Omar Burbage and Megan Burbage, 103 Jergee Drive, \$215,000 - Lindsey B. Barbour to Sarah Jo Fathergill and David L. Fathergill, lot 14 Prairie View @ Twin Lakes, Phase II, \$310,000 - Diane E. Vance to Susan K. Goldsmith and Robert L. Goldsmith, III, 256 Savannah Drive, \$299,900 - Kristin Lynn Hahn (f/k/a Kristin Lynn Hager) to Mia Coleman, 111 Hanover Street, \$115,000 - Scott Mahn and	Stephanie Mahn to John Branch and Sapphire Brentley, 214 Savannah Drive, \$280,000 - John Branch and Brianna Davison and Marus Quasean Searcy, lot 77 Olde South Estates, \$188,000 - Logan Hunter Coomer to Faith Kirsten Pert and Joseph Gregory Pert, 449 Middle Creek Way, \$267,000 - Kristin Elizabeth Soard and William Scott Soard to Jesse James Hart, tract Madison County, \$275,000 - Combs Colt, LLC to Chadd Cole, lot 47 Stoney Creek Subdivision, Unit 3, Phase 1-C, \$272,499 - Jennifer Marie Jytyla to Lionel Christopher Hill and Tammy Louise Hill, lot 280 Phase 7, \$72,500 - Robert Draeger, Trustee of Stella Draeger Irrevocable Trust, dated July 26, 2024, to Melissa Neumann and Cade Neumann, 220 Boone Way, \$448,900 - Short Carpentry and Construction, Inc to Carman Bower and Brittney Bower, lot 116 Parkview @ Hanger Farm Subdivision, Phase I, \$370,000 - Tyler Harrison and Rachel Harrison to Patty J. 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All interested persons in Madison County are invited to the hearing to submit verbal or written comments on possible uses of the CRA and LGEA Funds. Any person(s) who cannot submit written comments or attend the public hearing but would like to submit comments, should call the office of the County Judge Executive at 859-624-4700 by 11:00 AM EST on Friday, May 23, 2025, so arrangements can be made to secure their comments.

ROGERS

FROM PAGE 1

Barnes, along with two other cars blocking the road. Detective Bob Stephens alerted them that Rogers was passing by the Bybee Grocery and the Waco Post Office.

“We could see the car that Mr. Rogers was in, coming (toward) Richmond,” Benton said. “And there were several of the troopers out with shotguns and stuff like that.”

Rogers ran through the roadblock and although troopers shot at his tires, it did not stop him. A line of cruisers followed Rogers toward Richmond and Benton was part of the chase.

According to Benton, there were three or four cruisers in front of him that were all chasing Rogers as he drove toward Richmond on KY-52.

With so many officers following Rogers, Benton made the call to take a Y intersection off KY-52 at the time, just in case Rogers decided to turn right at the upcoming intersection of Moberly Road and Speedwell Road. If Rogers had taken the turn, Benton would have been able to intercept and stop Rogers.

Benton admitted it was exciting pursuing Rogers at a high rate of speed, but he also had to prepare himself for what might happen next.

“Is he gonna stop? Is he gonna wreck? Is he gonna resist? All the unknowns, so it’s a little exciting there for a brief time but then it’s over real quick,” he said.

Benton added it wasn’t the first time a high-speed chase had occurred in his career or any of the other troopers’ careers.

“You have high speed chases and at some point the chase ends and you just deal with the situation and hope nobody gets hurt,” Benton said.

Ultimately, it was Barnes that ran the suspect off the road by ramming his car into Rogers’ car. After Stephens, Barnes, and other officers arrested Rogers, Benton processed the car, and he noticed several items that later were identified as belongings of one of Rogers’ victims.

Benton said that Rogers didn’t resist when he was handcuffed and brought to the Madison County Detention Center, where Faye Winkler, a deputy jailer at the time, met him.

“He was nice, he was calm, and he never gave us any trouble while he was in our facility,” Winkler said.

Winkler gave him meals through the food flap of his cell, clean sheets, or other things he needed, as well as conduct jail searches for contraband.

When Rogers was transported from the Madison County Detention Center to another location in 1996, he gave Winkler a note that read: “Thanks for all the fair treatment that made my stay here at the Madison Raddison much more pleasant.”

Winkler recalls being surprised because the note had been written on the back of an article that detailed all of Rogers’ charges. At first, she was confused and wary but when she flipped the paper over, she saw his handwriting on the note.

In her 40-year career at the jail, Winkler said that she has always been kind to everyone. The day Rogers was booked, she said it felt like a regular day because she had worked with different inmates with different degrees of charges all the time.

“You’ve got to be kind to everybody. Do I like their charges? Absolutely not. But you’ve got to be kind to people no matter what. That’s your job to make sure they’re taken care of,” Winkler said.

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Reflections

Berea Citizen archives

May 21, 1925 Burroughs elected

Professor W.G. Burroughs, head of the Department of Geology, was elected vice-president of the Kentucky Academy of Science at the May 15th meeting of the Academy at the State University in Lexington. The Academy was comprised of leading scientists in the state. Professor Borrough presented his paper, entitled, "Geography of the Western Kentucky Coal Field," to the assembly. Berea College was represented among the officers in all state societies in 1925. This was a testament to the high standing in which Berea College was be-

ing held.

May 25, 1950 Nineteen graduate

Nineteen Berea High seniors received their diplomas during the school's annual commencement ceremonies on May 24th. Reverend Jack Early, pastor of the Methodist Church in Hindman was the commencement speaker. Superintendent C.R. Herren presented members of the graduating class with their diplomas. Commencement excises marked the end of a flurry of senior focused activities. The senior trip to Mammoth Cave, Lincoln's birthplace, and My Old Kentucky Home on held during

the weekend of May 6th. The junior-senior prom was held on May 11th. The senior play, "Where's Grandma?" was presented on May 19th and Baccalaureate and Class Night activities were held on May 12th and 13th.

May 22, 1975 Porter-Moore Pharmacy

Porter-Moore, Berea's oldest drug store, while stocked with medicines, cosmetics and greeting cards was probably best known for its inexpensive ice cream served at its black Formica counter which was located at the front of the store. The establishment first opened its doors in 1913 two doors

down from its then location on Main Street. "Things haven't changed a whole lot since I came here in 1941," said J.C. Ray, pharmacist and manager. "We still deliver prescriptions and try to do it any time of the day or night." The drug store and pharmacy was also open on Sunday afternoons. However, fountain items were only available Monday through Thursday. The fountain seemed to be the draw and if one sat around very long, they would likely hear the latest business, church and social news along with a variety of agricultural problems plaguing customers.

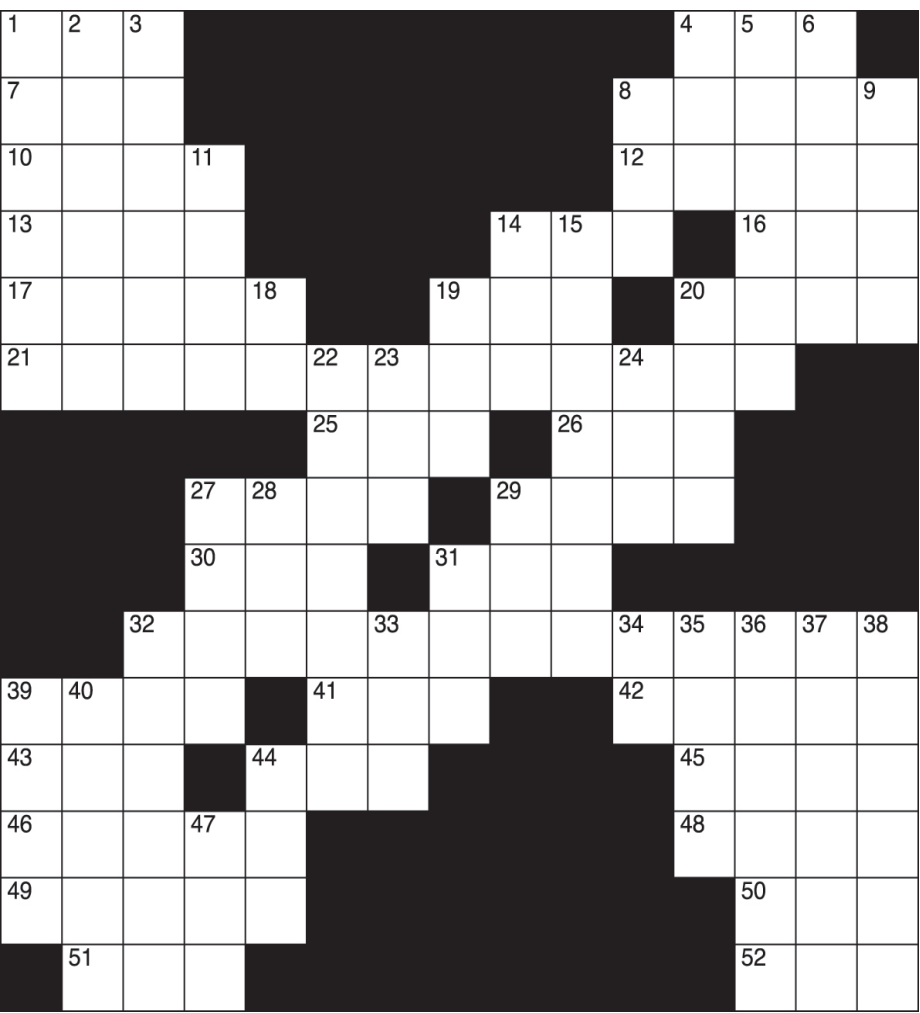
May 25, 2000

Local author wins award

Loyal Jones' book, Faith and Meaning in Southern Up-lands, was awarded Berea' College's W.D. Weatherford award for outstanding work about Appalachia for 1999. The award, sponsored by Berea College's Appalachian Center and the Hutchins Library, was presented to Jones during a luncheon and program at Boone Tavern. Dr. Gordon McKinney, director of the Appalachian Center, presented the award to Jones. Special Weatherford Awards for lifetime achievement in Appalachian writing and publishing were presented to Sydney Saylor Farr and Dr. Jerry W. Williamson.

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Crossword



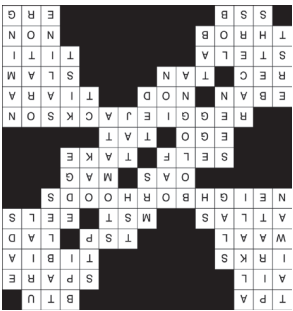
CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
- 4. British thermal unit
- 7. Afflict
- 8. Refrain from harming
- 10. Galls
- 12. Leg bone
- 13. Rhine distributary
- 14. Recipe measurement
- 16. Chap
- 17. Useful book
- 19. Mountain Time
- 20. Snakelike fishes
- 21. Places where people live
- 25. US, Latin America, Canada belong to
- 26. Periodical
- 27. A type of sense
- 29. A way to get possession of
- 30. Everyone has one
- 31. Body art
- 32. Mr. October
- 39. Abba __, Israeli politician
- 41. Head movement
- 42. Jeweled headdress
- 43. VCR button
- 44. A way to change color
- 45. Basketball move
- 46. Upright stone slab
- 48. Forest-dwelling

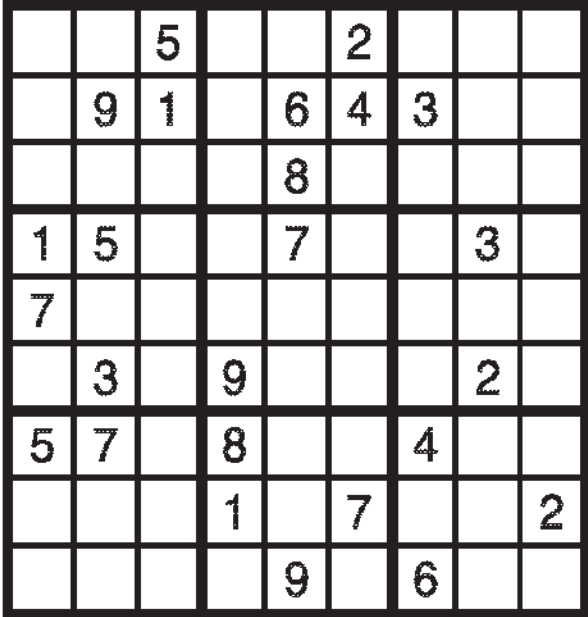
CLUES DOWN

- 1. Island
- 2. Pittsburgh ball-player
- 3. Chemical compound
- 4. Indicates density of data (abbr.)
- 5. Mesas
- 6. Wild, long-legged sheep
- 8. Engine additive
- 9. "CSI" actor George
- 11. Stony waste matter
- 14. Thyroid-stimulating hormone
- 15. Pores in a leaf's epidermis
- 18. Digraph
- 19. Married woman
- 20. Peripheral
- 22. Northern Italy city
- 23. Klutz
- 24. Type of tree
- 27. Witnessed
- 28. Popular breakfast food
- 29. __ Mahal
- 31. BoSox legend Williams

- 32. Professional drivers
- 33. Atom or molecule type
- 34. The Constitution State
- 35. Chest to store clothes (Scottish)
- 36. Type of solution
- 37. Speaker
- 38. Specifying
- 39. Formerly (archaic)
- 40. Wiseman and Krom are two
- 44. The bill in a restaurant
- 47. Tennis shot



SUDOKU

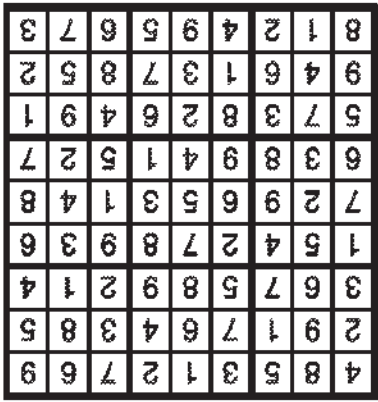


Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

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



Solve the code to discover words related to skin cancer prevention. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 14 = E)

- A. 21 20 23 21 16 15 14 14 23
Clue: Protective product
- B. 21 22 6 4 14
Clue: Out of the sun
- C. 22 6 13
Clue: Head covering
- D. 16 6 20 13 26 3 23
Clue: Proceed carefully

Answers: A. sunscreen B. shade C. hat D. caution

The letters ‘S’ and ‘T’

It’s been several years since I told you about the city slicker who bought a cattle ranch out West. Friends who came for a visit asked the name of his spread.

“I wanted to call it the Bar-J,” the city slicker said. “My wife favored the Suzy-Q. My daughter liked the Flying-W and my son preferred Lazy-Y. So, we’re calling it the Bar-J-Suzy-Q-Flying-W-Lazy-Y Ranch.”

“But,” the visitor asked, “where are all your cattle?”

“Well, none have survived the branding,” he said.

Being branded with a name like that would be tough on a cow, no doubt. The Bible makes clear that we all ought to be concerned about having good names.

“A good name is to be chosen over great wealth; favor is better than silver and gold” (Proverbs 22:1).

There’s a story from long ago about two brothers who were caught stealing sheep. Their

punishment was to have the letters “ST,” short for Sheep Thief, branded into their foreheads.

One brother was so embarrassed and humiliated that he left for parts unknown.

The other decided he’d stay in his community and try to win back his neighbors’ trust. He did all kinds of good deeds. When someone needed a helping hand, he was the first to step forward. He became widely known for the kindness he showed to others, and, many years later, a visitor to the community asked a local resident what the “ST” on his forehead stood for.

“I’m not sure,” the resident said, “but I think it must stand for saint.”

I’m pleased to know that, in rural America where we live, our neighbors are familiar with



Roger Alford

the idea of forgiveness and redemption. We can make poor choices that bring reproach to our names. But like the young man branded with the “ST,” we can restore our names by living differently.

That’s why I so appreciate the promises of Scripture that we do not have to continue as the men or women we once were. Forgiveness is ours for the asking. Christ is able to make us brand new.

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away” (2 Corinthians 5:17).

If the poor choices you’ve made in the past have you branded with a name that’s as hard to bear at the Bar-J-Suzy-Q-Flying-W-Lazy-Y Ranch, just remember there’s hope for change through Jesus, “the name that is above every name.”

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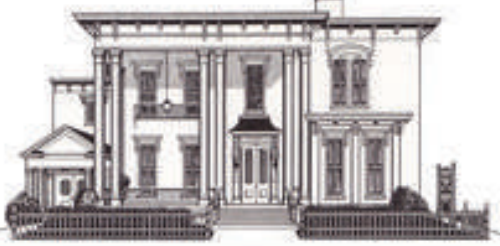
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deadly storm is a reminder of the need to be prepared for severe weather.

One of the easiest things people can do is make sure their phones are fully charged in case power goes out.

“When severe weather is coming, make sure you have the battery of your phone charged. That way, you can get severe weather alerts,” Russell said.

Russell recommended residents sign up for the Madison County KY Alert system, which will send severe weather warnings directly to your phone.

Sign up for the free service by texting to 77295, or visiting online at <https://madisoncountyky.gov/emacsepp/alerts/>

Another option, he said, is to sign up for one of many available free weather apps, of which he uses the

WLEX-TV weather app for frequent storm updates.

Russell said the most important facet of tornado preparedness is knowing exactly where you are going to shelter and know what you will do in case a tornado hits.

“It’s important to have a plan, especially if you have small children,” Russell said. “Have a plan and practice tornado drills.”

Russell recommended designating an interior room somewhere in the middle of the house, preferably in the basement if you have one. Make sure the room is accessible when severe weather is on its way.

Other important ways to prepare, according to Russell, is having a First Aid Kit, a go bag with food, water and other supplies, and to be especially careful in the aftermath of a severe storm.

“Be sure to stay away from downed power lines,” Russell said.

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EMS

FROM PAGE 1

things to me – we just do,” London Horn said. “I remember we had a supervisor that showed up and she was like, did you all even talk?”

EMS professionals have to work long hours, sometimes going a whole day without any rest. London Horn said that with overtime, some have even worked up to 48 hours.

“You have to really prepare to come in to pull a shift here because the run volumes are so high,” Larry Horn said. “It’s nothing uncommon for the crews to be up for their entire 24-hour shift.”

But beyond the hard work, dedication, and acuity that is required of EMS professionals, to London, the best part of the job is the family that she gained.

“My shift shows up and we eat together when we can. If we are not all out on runs, we cook when we can, we hang out outside the shift when we can,” London Horn said. “We’re family, it’s great.”

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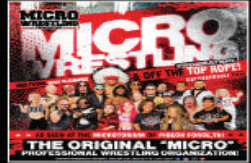
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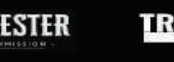


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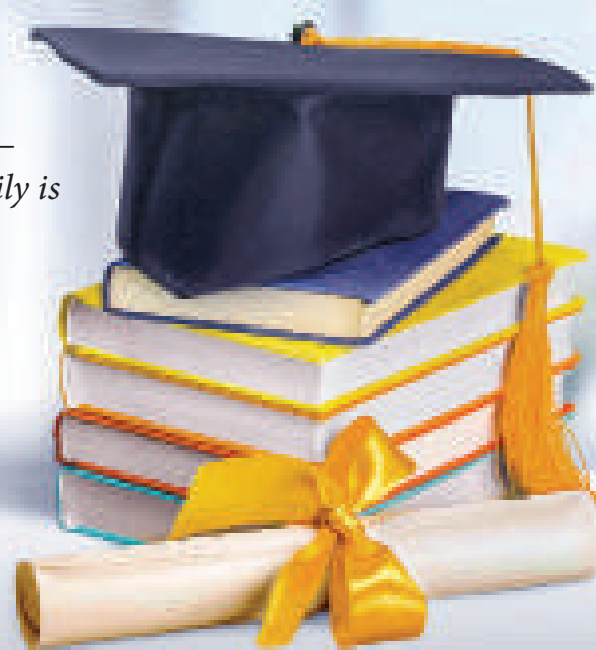
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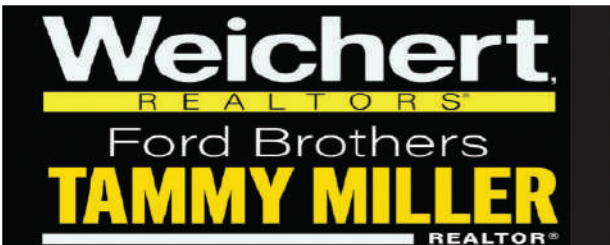
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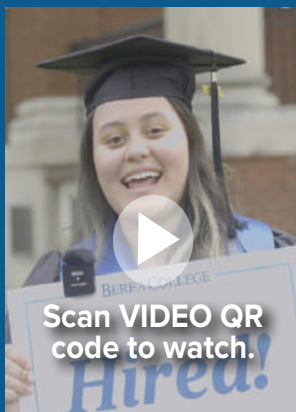
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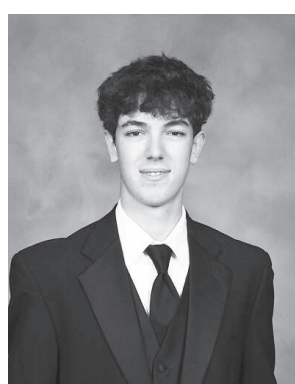
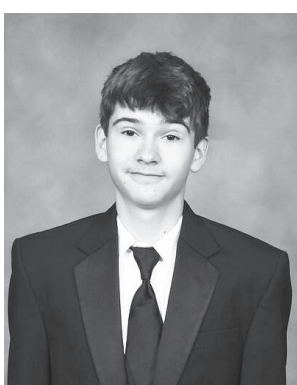
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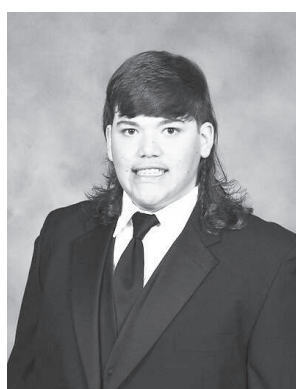
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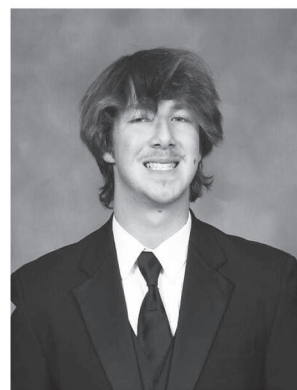
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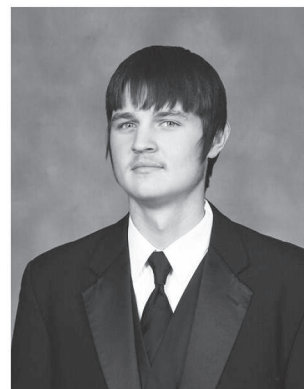
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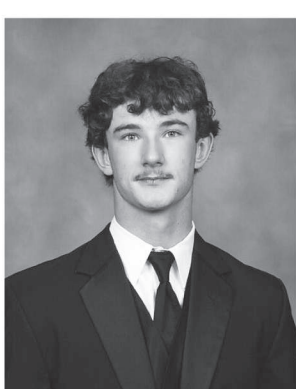
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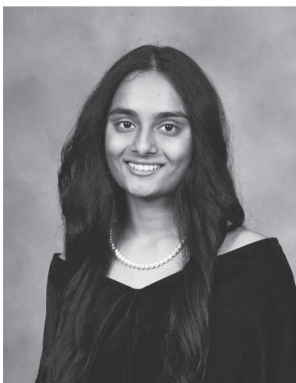
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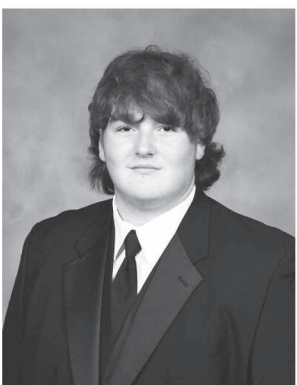
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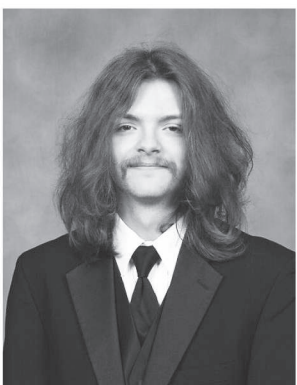
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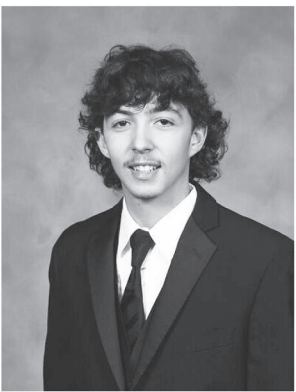
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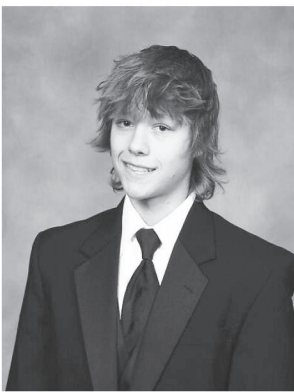
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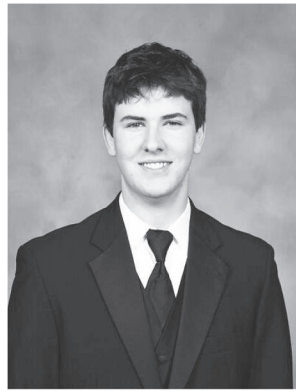
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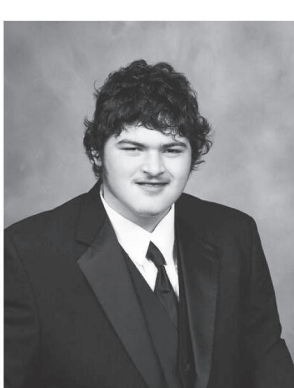
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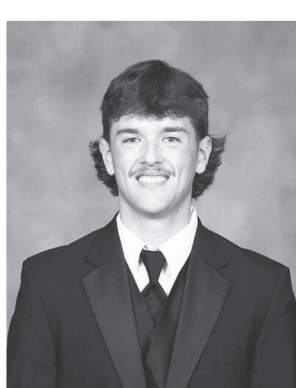
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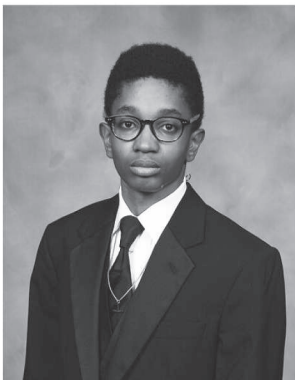
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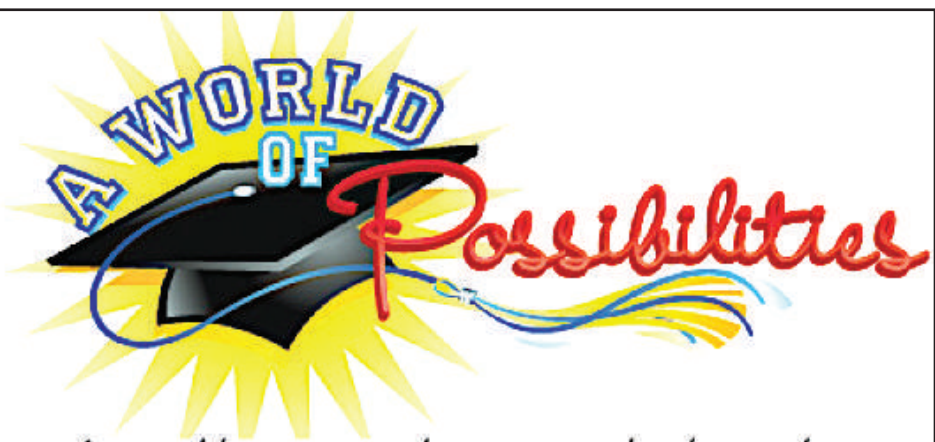


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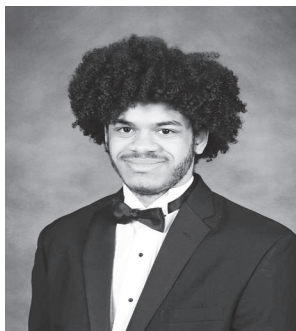
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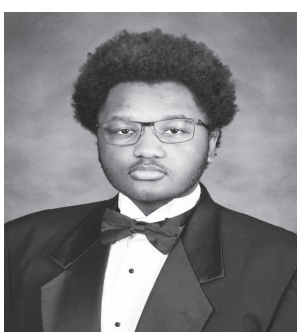
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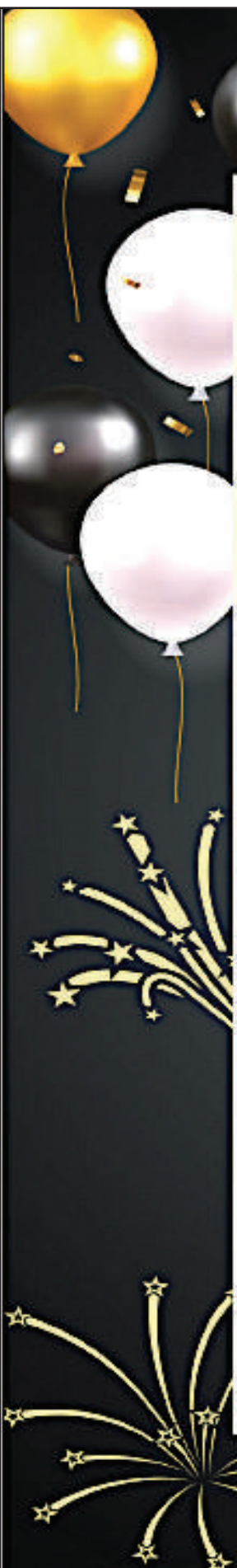
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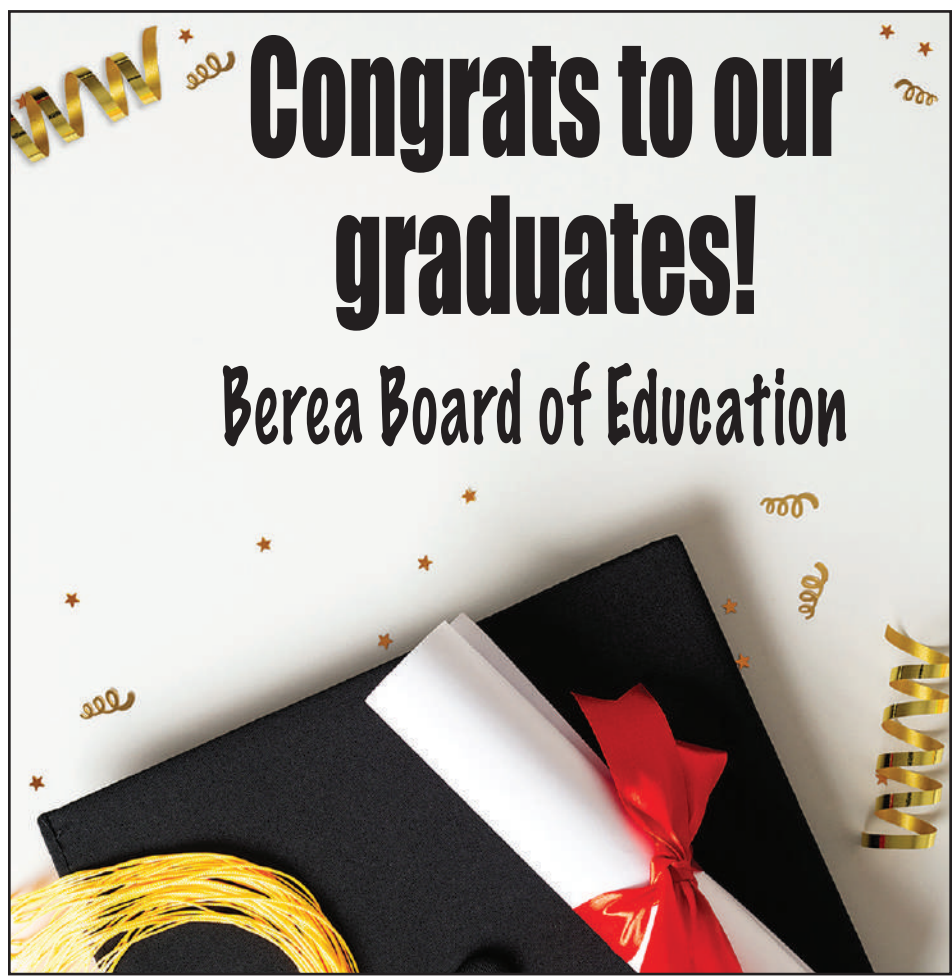
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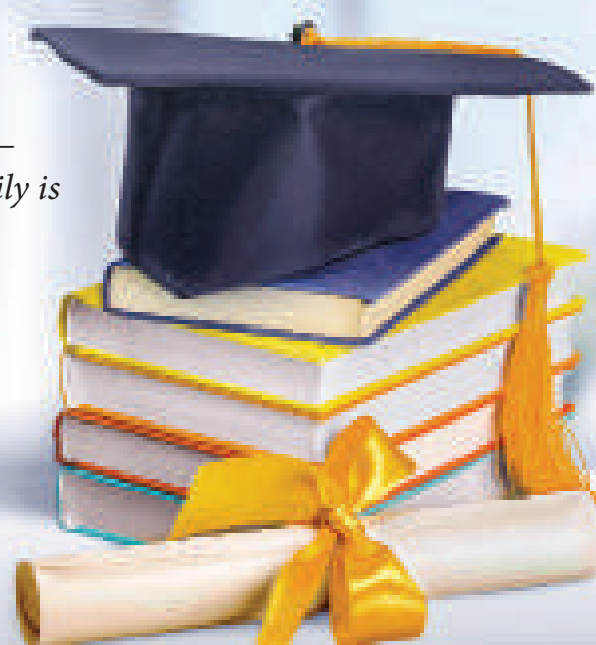
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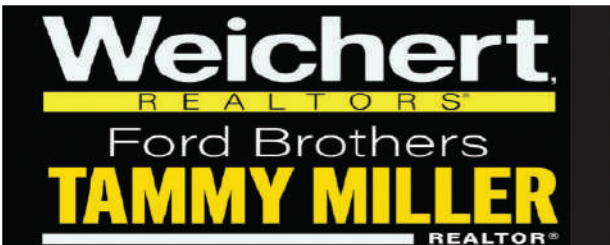
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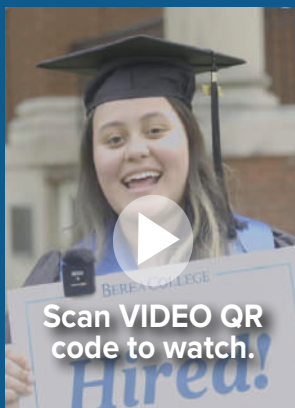
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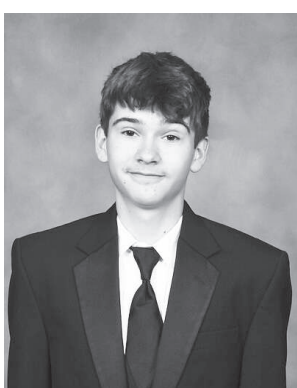
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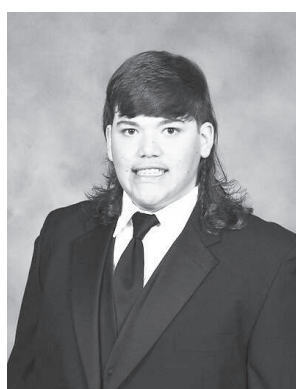
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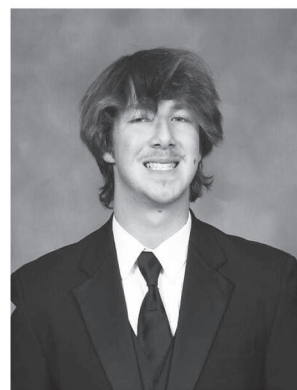
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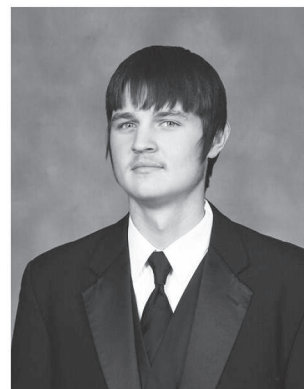
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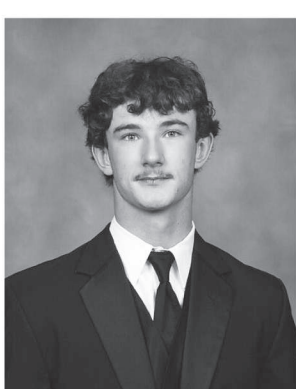
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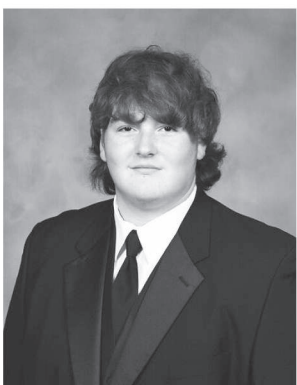
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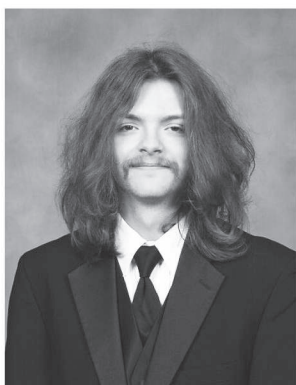
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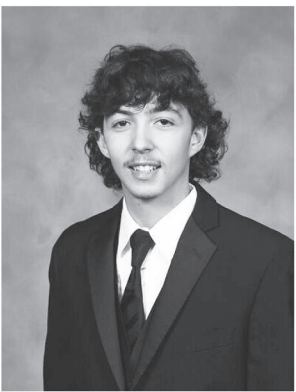
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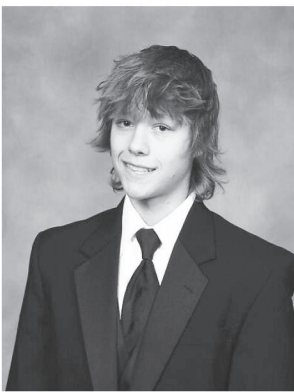
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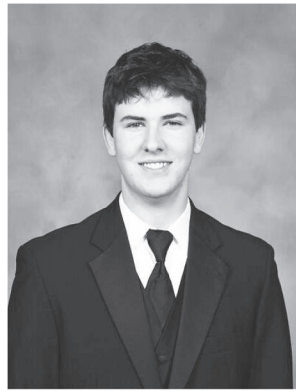
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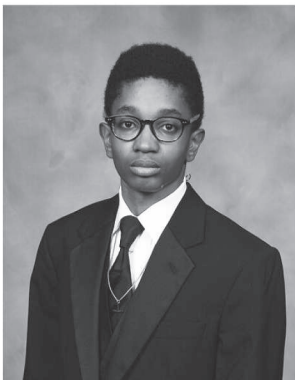
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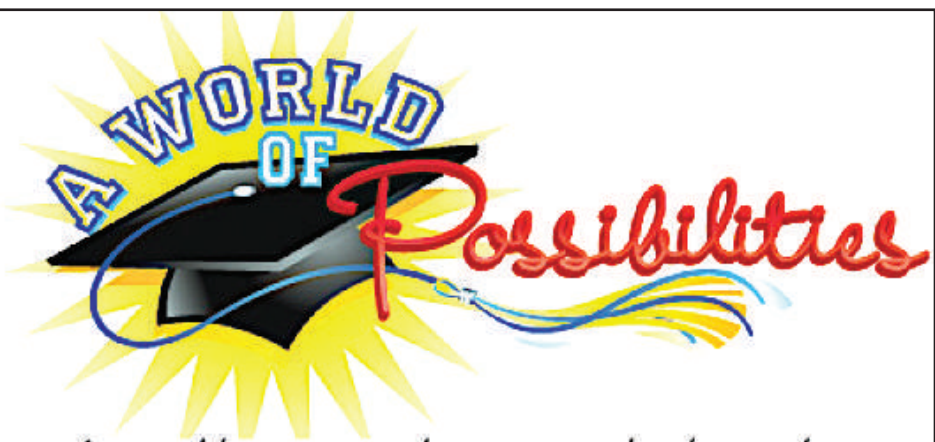


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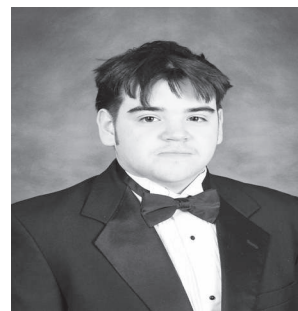
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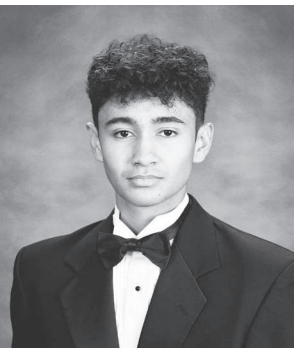
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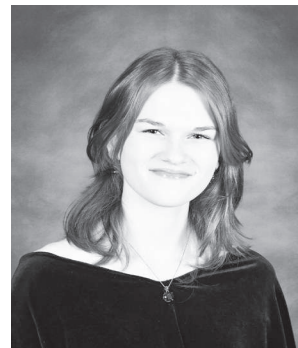
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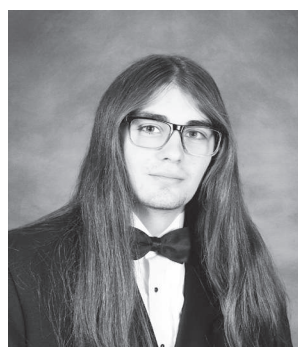
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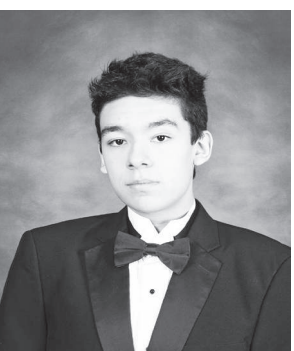
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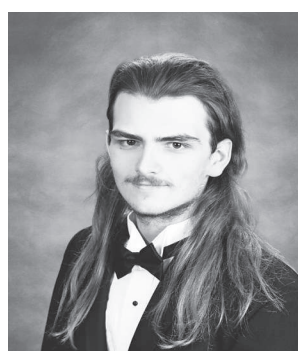
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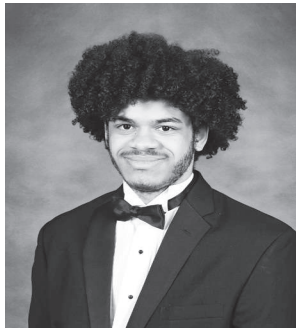
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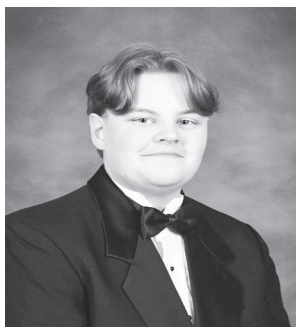
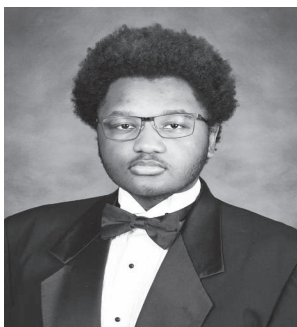
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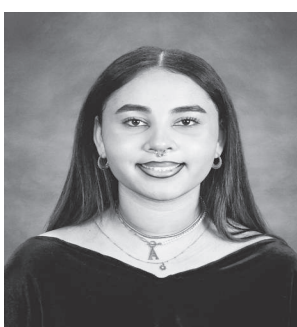
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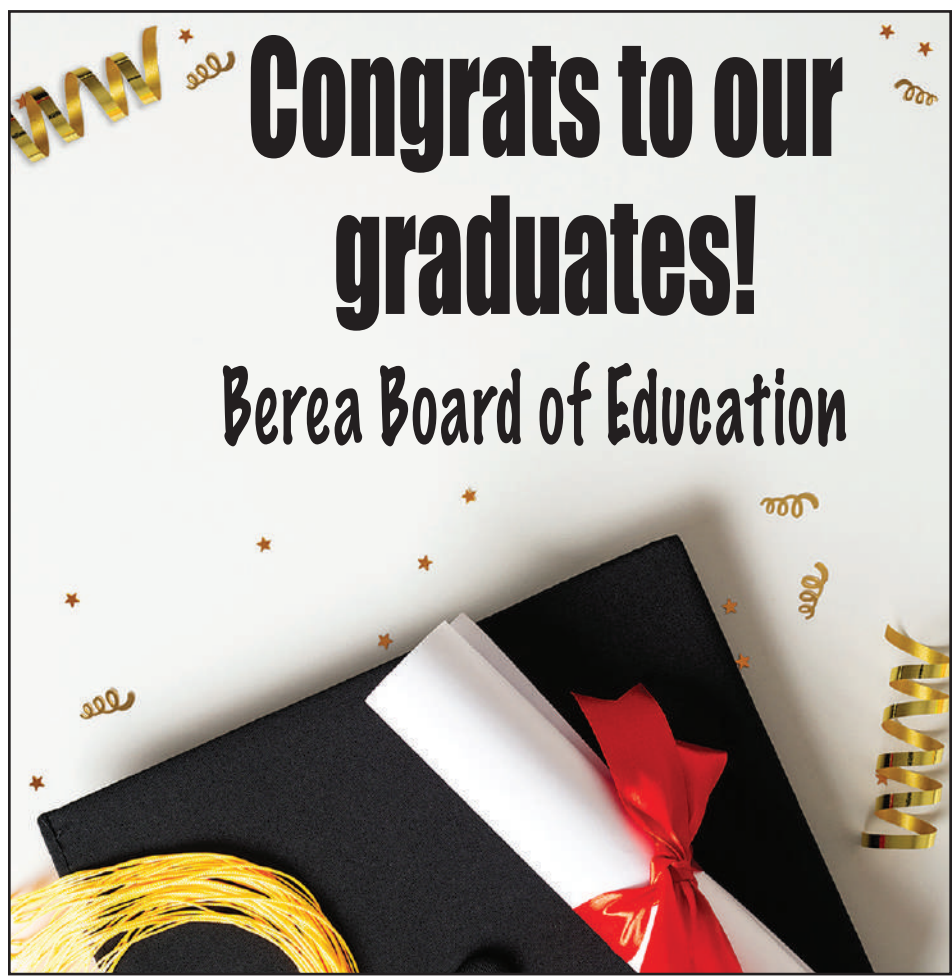
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Pay raise included in budget

By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

The Berea City Council reviewed a draft of the 2025-2026 budget Tuesday in a special work session at Berea City Hall. The spending plan includes a four percent across-the-board raise for city staff, part of the administration's efforts to retain employees. The increase comes on the heels of an effort last year to restructure the city's pay scale in an attempt to remain competitive with surrounding local governments.

Berea City Councilman Jerry Little cautioned that while it's important to pay staff what they are worth, it's also important to ensure personnel costs aren't too high if and when an event like a recession impacts the city.

"You have to pay people all you can, but you have to watch your revenue and guard against an economic downturn," Little said.

On that note, city officials said that revenue from some sources

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Citizen welcomes intern

The Berea Citizen welcomes Jemi Chew as its intern this summer.

Chew will spend the next 10 weeks reporting on events and happenings in Madison County. Originally from Singapore, Jemi is a senior journalism major at the University of Kentucky and is set to graduate in December.

Jemi resides in Lexington and lived in Jessamine County for six years before moving to Lexington. Chew will be writing stories, producing video and other multi-media coverage. Her first story was a look back at the capture of convicted murderer Glen Rogers, who was executed earlier this month in Florida.

"I am looking forward to writing more stories this summer," she said.



Holding court

Courthouse dedicated to future generations

By Jemi Chew
Citizen Intern

RICHMOND – The historic Madison County Courthouse had its official dedication and ribbon cutting Friday after two years of renovations that began in June, 2023.

The upgrades include a sally-port — a controlled entrance to the courthouse for inmates — with holding cells, a new courtroom, upgraded security and safety systems, and better accessibility for people with disabilities.

According to former Circuit Court Judge Jean Logue, some of the first Madison County officials chose the current location of the courthouse and planned the city around it the county seat.

"Richmond, Kentucky was born around this courthouse," Logue said.

While the courthouse has undergone several renovations throughout its long history, a complete renovation to the



Former Madison County Circuit Court Judge Jean Logue, above, gives a speech during dedication ceremonies for the renovated Madison County Courthouse last Friday in Richmond. In top photo, officials celebrate following a ribbon cutting on the courthouse steps.

The Citizen/Keith Taylor

courthouse hasn't occurred since 1965. Between 1965 and 2023, the condition of the courthouse had deteriorated.

"When I moved over here as Circuit Judge, I never had to look out the window to determine if it was raining," Logue said. "I knew because sitting at my desk, my hair blew,

and I got smacked in the face by rain."

Logue said in 2017 Madison County Judge-Executive Reagan Taylor came up with a plan to transform the courthouse into a total circuit court building, which meant relocating most of the

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Zone change at College Hill-Fike Road approved

By Andy McDonald • For The Citizen

RICHMOND — In a 4-1 vote Tuesday, the Madison County Fiscal Court adopted a zoning change for a Waco property over objections from local residents.

The measure addresses approximately 70 acres on College Hill-Fike Road, in which the developer

requested a rezoning from R7-C7 agricultural to UC-1 single family residential.

The project was narrowly voted down in a 3-2 vote by the Fiscal Court in 2022. A subsequent lawsuit maintained that the court had the right to deny a zone change even though it technically complies with the county's comprehensive plan.

Magistrate Billy Ray Hughes, whose district encompasses the zone change, implored his fellow magistrates to vote the proposal down.

Advocating for the project, attorney Preston Worley noted the developer is proposing a single family residential project, the lowest density

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is leveling off somewhat compared to recent years, in which it has increased by 15 or so percent annually as the economy recovered from the COVID pandemic. However, other revenue sources are increasing.

In response to a question from Berea City Councilmember Teresa Scenters, Finance Director Susan Helton said the city is projecting steady revenues in 2026 for occupational license fees, as well as restaurant taxes and transient room taxes. However, revenues from property taxes continue to increase with property values, while franchise fees collected by the city continue on an upward trend.

Officials said growth in occupational license fees is expected as more jobs are created in the city’s industrial park.

In another development, next year’s spending plan expects to realize significant savings when it comes to big ticket items.

In the Berea Police Department, for example, the body cameras have to be replaced, however, Chief Jason Hays negotiated a deal in which the city’s costs will go from over \$300,000 for the equipment to approximately \$170,000.

The Tourism Department will be cutting costs as well, setting aside a plan

to purchase a trolley, saving approximately \$150,000, while conducting more of its advertising in-house, slashing its advertising budget \$50,000.

Tourism/recreation purchases anticipated this year include \$275,000 for six pickleball courts in the Berea Park Expansion, as well as renovation of the historic Berea Hotel for approximately \$200,000. Additionally, the city has budgeted for a welcome sign at the intersection of Highway 956 and Highway 595.

Other investments in tourism/recreation include new bleachers for Berea Community Park, and new scoreboards, though the city is paying for the bleachers, in part, with a grant from T-Mobile, and corporate sponsors are helping foot the bill for the scoreboards.

Audit and Finance Committee Chair Steve Caudill said he is pleased with next year’s budget, noting the city continues to expand services to residents without having to raise taxes.

“We have a lot of services that we continue to provide that most cities don’t,” Caudill said. “To do that, we’ve not made any significant increase in taxes, and we’ve been able to increase services.”

Caudill noted, for example, that in his 10 years on the council, the city had never proposed an increase in occupational license fees or insurance taxes. Nonetheless, the city is able to continue investing in capital projects and keep employee competitive to retain the city’s workforce.

Caudill credits Mayor Bruce Fraley’s vision to grow the city’s industrial and business economy is yielding benefits.

“The mayor deserves a lot of credit because one of the reasons we’ve been able to do those things is industrial growth and business growth,” Caudill said.

“In the last six years, we’ve really moved the needle on jobs, so I’m really proud of it and I think that a lot of places are not able to do the things we’re fortunate enough to do.”



Message from
Cora Jane Wilson

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Bids shall include a technical data sheet (TDS) for each chemical. Only bids submitted with a technical data sheet will be considered. Furthermore, submitted products may be subject to on-site jar testing and plant trials to ensure adequacy before acceptance.

All interested bidders are encouraged to request and review the complete chemical specification list. To request a copy of the specification list, please contact Josh Gabbard, Berea Municipal Utilities Assistant General Manager, at jgabbard@bereaky.gov

Bids will be accepted at the Office of the City Clerk, BEREa CITY HALL, 212 CHESTNUT STREET, BEREa, KENTUCKY 40403.

Bid proposals are to be submitted no later than 3:00 pm on Friday, June 13th, 2025.

Bid proposals are to be clearly marked “Berea Municipal Utilities FY 2026 & FY 2027 Chemical Bid Submittal” and **MUST CONTAIN A SUMMARY TOTAL LISTED ON A COVER SHEET.**

Bids will be opened at 3:15 pm, June 13th, 2025, at the Office of the City Clerk.

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

Janis Ian Public Exhibit Closing Aug. 22



Multiple Grammy Award-winning artist Janis Ian has donated some 200 cubic feet of personal items to the Berea College Special Collections and Archives for educational use and long-term preservation. Brooklynn Kenney

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Ian memorabilia will remain accessible to the public in the Berea College Hutchins Library

BEREA, Ky. – Janis Ian fans have until Friday, August 22, to visit “Breaking Silence: The Janis Ian Archives,” an exhibit showcasing the singer-songwriter-storyteller’s personal life, professional accomplishments and the causes that move her. Located in Berea College’s Hutchins Library foyer gallery, the exhibit includes Janis Ian’s hand-written song drafts, concert posters, gold and platinum records, family photos, pictures of Ian with other famous musicians, a custom-made Janis Ian model Santa Cruz guitar, concert apparel, “Rude Girl” dolls, special awards and other noteworthy items. Listening stations in the exhibit allow visitors to hear Ian’s recordings on vinyl, CD and video. A scrolling video timeline puts the details of Ian’s life in order and in action.

“Ian’s creativity is simply amazing,” said Tim Binkley, head of Special Collections and Archives at the Hutchins Library. “When she walks into a room, it lights up with positive energy. Her passions for the arts, education and equality feel like a natural match for Berea College. I hope that all who view the exhibit will connect with Ian’s music and

poetry, her perseverance in the face of hardships and her vision of working together to build a better world for all.”

Since 2022, the multiple Grammy Award-winning artist has donated some 200 cubic feet of personal items to the Berea College Special Collections and Archives for educational use and long-term preservation. Classes from Berea College and the University of Kentucky have already used the archives to learn about legal matters such as protecting intellectual property rights and fostering social change through the arts.

The public is also welcome to visit the archives reading room to study Ian’s letters,

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recording contracts, tour itineraries, publicity files, song charts, books and other items. Additionally, guests may play Ian’s 1937 Martin D-18 guitar and the 2024 Santa Cruz by appointment.

While many artists have received significant amounts of money for turning over their archives, The Janis Ian Archives are entirely different. Ian’s belief in Berea College is so strong that she donated all materials without compensation. Her only stipulation is that records remain open to the public, not just academic researchers.

The “Breaking Silence” exhibit can be self-toured for free during Hutchins Library’s regular visiting hours. For a guided tour or to visit the archives, please call (859) 985-3262. To learn about the Janis Ian Archives Fund or to donate, visit <https://www.berea.edu/give/jiaf/>.

Mary Gaitskill Brown

Mary Gaitskill Brown, 76, of Berea, passed away on Wednesday, April 30, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington. Mary was born on Wednesday, May 12, 1948, in Pocatello, Idaho, to the late David Robinson & Frances Jones Gaitskill. She was a 1966 graduate of Mt. Sterling High School, Mt. Sterling, and went on to earn degrees at Morehead State University, BME; Michigan State University, ME and additional graduate study work at West Virginia University. Mary had a special calling to teach as evident in her teaching in elementary schools and universities for forty years. After her retirement from the classroom, she enjoyed a partial retirement as a pup-



peteer with her husband. Mary’s hobbies included puppets, utilizing her talent of sewing, genealogy, music, birdwatching and volunteer work. Survivors include her husband of 56 years, Richard Brown; sons: Christopher Andrew Brown (Karen Hogle Brown) and James Robinson Brown; grandsons: Landon Hosier and Aedan Hogle Brown; sisters: Rebecca Brothers (Gary) and Jeanette Gaitskill Moore (Tony); her sister-in-law: Pam Gaitskill; and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, John Gaitskill and sister, Sara Booth. A Service to Celebrate the Life of Mary G. Brown will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, June 14, at the Combs, Parsons and Collins Funeral Home, 328 West Main Street, Richmond. The family will receive friends beginning at 2 p.m.. Combs, Parsons & Collins Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

James Franklin ‘Jim’ Abney

James Franklin “Jim” Abney, 73, of Richmond, husband of Lisa R. Abney passed away Wednesday, May 21, at the Compassionate Care Center in Richmond. He was Born in 1951 to the late Everett Preston and Mae Gadd Abney. Jim was of the Baptist faith and a member at Galilee Baptist Church. In his spare time Jim loved to be outside fishing, playing golf and listening to southern gospel music especially the Gaithers. He also enjoyed old Western TV shows and spending time with his family. Other than his parents he was preceded in death by one sister, Sarah Combs and two brothers, Preston, and Bluford Abney. One grandson Michael Murphy. Other than his wife Jim is survived by



his children, Shaun Abney, and Amanda Collins both of Berea, Makenna, and MaKenzie Abney both of Richmond, and Calisa Pearson and her husband Doug of Richmond. One step daughter Candice Kelly Maynard and her husband Dustin of Paint Lick. Jim is also survived by eight siblings, Roy Lee Abney of Berea, Vernon Abney and his wife Martha of North Carolina, Lewis Abney of Louisville, Doug Abney of Berea, Mitchell Abney and Mary Combs both of Georgia, Allie Wood of Rockcastle County, and Kay Abney of Jackson County. Twelve grandchildren, Macy Foley, Molly Abney, MaKayla Landsaw, Morgan Grant, Madison Grant, Dylan Maynard, Dalton Maynard, Alexandra Maynard, Kelly Maynard, Melissa Slone, Katelyn Barrett, and Joey Murphy. Funeral was Monday, May 26, at Davis & Powell Funeral Home where Rev. Lee Abney officiated. Burial was at the Davis-Witt Cemetery, pallbearers were Lee Abney, Vernon Abney, Lewis Abney, Doug Abney, Mitchell Abney, Roy Combs, Mel Rose and Tim Fielder.

Glen Higgins

Glen Higgins, 88, husband of Dolores J. Higgins, died Saturday, November 16, 2024 at Maury Regional Medical Center in Columbia, Tennessee. Mr. Higgins was born on February 5, 1936 in Magoffin County to the late Troy and Bonnie Lindon Higgins. He was a graduate of Berea College and worked selling textbooks to school systems in Georgia and Tennessee. He chose this profession based on his commitment to the importance of education for all children. Mr. Higgins devoted his life



Stacey Marie Lukaitis

Stacey Marie Lukaitis, 57, of Berea, passed away on Saturday, May 24, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington. Stacey was born in 1967, in Vineland, NJ to Marcia Fiamingo and the late Stanley Stopa. She attended multiple churches and held a deep love for them all. Stacey



could often be found spending time in what she called “God’s World,” outside hiking. She was known as a devoted and loving mother and grandmother. Stacey is survived by her mother, Marcia Fiamingo, two children, AnaMarie Hinton and her Husband Gabriel, and Frank Lukaitis IV, and his partner Sarah Gunkle. As well as two grandchildren, Maryn Joan, and Sawyer James, and Nicole Schmidt who she loved like a daughter. Memorial Services were held Tuesday May 27, at Liberty Avenue Full Gospel Outreach in Berea. Pastors Travis Jackson and Greg King officiated.

Martha Hurley

Martha Hurley, 91, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family, on Thursday May 22, 2025. Martha was a member of the Crestview Holy Sanctuary, she had been employed by Parker Seal Company, and also worked for Berea Hospital as an aid. Martha was born in Rockcastle County to the late Albert Henry and Elizzie Bell Lamb Isaac. She was also preceded in death by her Infant daughter Bonnie Faye Lamb, infant grand daughter Melissa Lamb, her grandson Danny Joe Gabbard, and her sons: Danny Gabbard, and Fred Lamb, she



was also preceded in death by 4 sisters Delithia, Dorthy, Jean, and Helen, and 4 brothers Charlie, Steve, Oscar, and Wade Issacs, and her sister Stella Lamb. Martha is survived by her children: June Linville, Jeff (Lisa) Lamb, Cheryl (Tony) Bowman, and Rhonda Lamb. She is also survived by her grandchildren: Amanda (Isreal) Perez, Misty (Colburn) Dorsey, Lynn Lamb, Johnny (Samantha) Lamb, Melissa (Tony) Rivera, Thomas (Tiffany) Bowman, Steven (Michelle) Bowman, and John (Sabrina) Jeffries, 25 great grandchildren, and 7 great-great-grandchildren. Funeral services were Wednesday May 28, at Crestview Holy Sanctuary. Bro. Mark Adams, Bro. Chuck Elam, and Bro. Ritchie Howard officiated. Burial was in the Lamb Cemetery at Conway. Lakes Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Crystal Lynn Carpenter

Crystal Lynn “Crittter” Hall Carpenter, 43, passed away Wednesday, May 21, at the Hamilton Medical Center in Dalton, Georgia. She was born in Harlan, on June 29, 1981, to Cynthia Ann Carroll and the late Charles E. Hall. Crystal was a free spirit and loved everyone! She especially enjoyed time spent with her family and friends. Crystal was of the Baptist faith. Other than her father Crystal was preceded in death by, a daughter, Kimberly Nickole Carpenter, a sister, Rebecca Hall, grandmother, Cora Loretta Hall, Granny Mae, and Papaw Ralph.



Crystal is survived by her husband Ralph Carpenter, her mother Cynthia Ann Carroll. Her children, Mackenzie (David Pelfrey) Carpenter, Ralph (Linsey) Carpenter, mother & father-in-law, Brenda and Steve O’Neal, her grandchildren, Grayson and Lilly Carpenter, Jaxon Gray, and Bentlee and Aston Pelfrey. Her sister, Valerie Hall, brother’s-in-law, Christopher (Alyssa) Adams, and Gary Adams. Dearly loved nieces, Paige, Hailey, Adilynn, Avah, and Alanah Adams. Cousin, Brittany (Cory) Perry along with many friends who were like family. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until funeral services at 2 a.m. on Friday, May 30, at Davis & Powell Funeral Home with Rev. Darrin Slone officiating. Burial will follow in the Pilot Knob Cemetery. Pallbearers will be, Billy Carpenter, B.J. Carpenter, Christopher Adams, Gary Adams, Jefferey Anglin and David Pelfrey.

Michael John Flara

Michael John Flara, 65, of Brodhead passed away peacefully in his home on May 22. He enjoyed spending time with God, family, watching sports and playing golf. He will be greatly missed. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle. He is survived by his wife Sherry, His children Ben Flara and Molly Flara(Ryan Maier) and her children Morgan Vera



(Shawn) and Mallory Hamm (Jarrett), His grandchildren Madeline, Lila, BettyAnn, and soon to be born Declan. His siblings are Debbie Flara (Patrick Kelleher) Fred Flara (Sherri Johanson) David Flara (Charlene), Joseph Flara , Jimmy McCauley (Melissa) Jennifer Robbins (Micheal). His nieces and nephews include Scott Matthews, Christina Aliotti (Joey), Deanna Malone (Micheal), David Lee (Danielle), Triip, Marshall, and River McCauley. Kara and Cassandra Robbins. His great nieces and nephews, Adrianna Mathews, Calder and Laya Malone, Joseph. Guliana, and Lucas Aliotti, Noah Flara and many others who were blessed to call him a friend A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

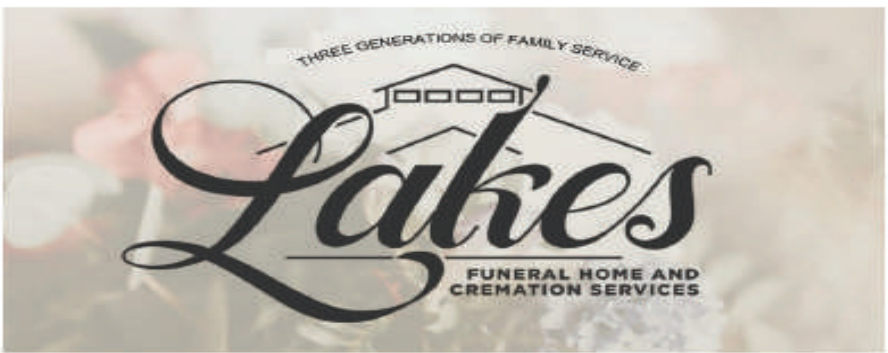
Ronald Lynn ‘Ronnie’ Webb

Ronald Lynn “Ronnie” Webb, 66, of Berea, passed away on Wednesday, May 21, at Saint Joseph Berea. Ronnie was born September 4 th , 1958, in Richmond, to Nannie Kate Carroll Webb and the late Ray Webb. He was raised by the late Lyndon Webb, a wonderful loving father whom he called daddy. Ronnie was baptized in the Baptist faith. He loved riding motorcycles, loved his family, friends, and cutting up with his grandchildren. Ronnie is survived by his mother, Nannie Kate Webb of Berea, his wife of 46 years, Connie Webb of Berea,. Two children, Mekeshia Webb Johnson and her husband Jeff, and Ronald Brent Webb. Three sisters, Leila Webb Brown and her husband Billy, Sheila Webb Craig and



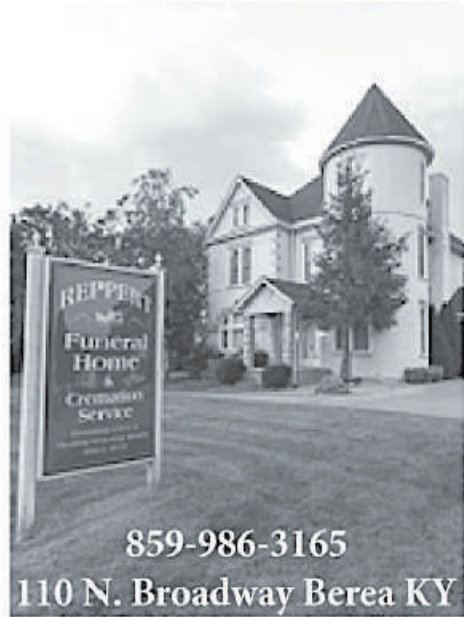
her husband Craig, Beleta Webb Powell, and her husband Joe. One brother, Leman Webb and his wife Nancy. Three grandchildren also survive, Courtney (Jeff Heil) Webb, Zachary Robinson, and William Webb. One great grandchild, Lainey Lynn Heil, along with several nieces, nephews, and friends. Ronnie was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, William Press Webb and Cynthia Alcorn Webb, maternal grandparents, Earnest Carroll and Sarah Isaacs Carroll and one brother, Donald Ray “Ducky” Webb. Visitation were May 24, from at Davis & Powell Funeral Home, Rev. Dwight Northern will officiated. Burial followed in the Whispering Pines Cemetery in the Red Lick community pallbearers were, Zachary Robinson, William Webb, Brent Webb, Paul Rhodus, Ronnie Joe Gray, Johnny Gray, Dee Thomas, and Tyler Rhodus. Leman Webb will be an honorary pallbearer. Memorial contributions suggested to Davis & Powell Funeral Home to help with funeral expense.

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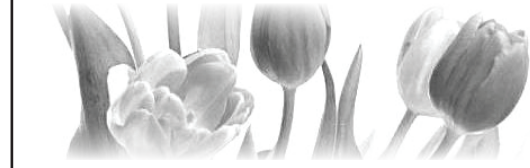
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There's just something about living in Madison County. I was born here. I grew up here and chose to live here in my adulthood and have no regrets about my decision to remain loyal to my roots. Last week, the renovated Madison County Courthouse opened its doors after an expansive remodeling project that gave the building a much-needed facelift after wear and tear surfaced over time. A structure that stands as the county's city on a hill stood tall once again, even bigger and brighter than ever before. Once upon a time, the building was sufficient enough to provide services for the Administrative Office of the Courts and the Madison County Fiscal and Circuit Court, the need for more

offices for judges and the judicial seat of the county became more of a priority. The renovations provided separation for administrative and judicial functions of the court and more importantly, improved security, made the structure ADA accessible and updated the courtrooms, offices and will meet the courts immediate and future needs. It was a much-needed investment for the county. "The courthouse has stood as a symbol of justice, service, and community for generations," Madison County Judge-Executive Reagan Taylor said. "With these renovations, we are not only preserving the architectural integrity and historical significance of this building, we are also investing in the future of our county."



Keith Taylor

Prior to the renovations, Madison County Clerk Kenny Barger and his staff relocated their office to North Madison Avenue, while Madison County Judge-Executive Reagan Taylor and his staff moved next door to West Irvine Street, sharing the same building as most of the other county offices. Our city and county has experienced growth during the past two decades or more and much has been done to accommodate the expansion in Berea, Richmond and Madison County. Our roads have improved, our infrastructure has progressed and money has been spent on improving

the quality of life in Madison County. Madison County Schools continues to invest in the future with modernized facilities and the recent addition of Ignite Academy South and North give high school students and alternative when it comes to choosing a career path beyond graduation. The new Madison Middle School will usher in a new generation of learners this fall. Berea Community Schools hit a bump in the road, but has a plan in place for the future that will continue to boost the system's resources in the future and that's a good sign. As a 1989 graduate of Berea Community Schools, I'm glad to see steps are being made to ensure a solid future. For years, we Madison Countians lived under the threat of a possible chemical

weapons disaster at the Bluegrass Army Depot. Thankfully those weapons have been destroyed in a safe way and we can live without the worry of a dangerous leak that would have wiped out our population in a heartbeat. The Berea City Pool is closed this summer, but improvements and upgrades to the facilities will ensure plenty of fun times in the water for our future generations. Everything isn't perfect, but progress is what matters and improving on past missteps can help lead to better decision-making in the future. I'm proud to live in a blessed county that thinks forward and looks ahead.

Keith Taylor

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Blame the dog

A mom who asked her little boy what he wanted for Christmas was a bit surprised by his answer. "I'd like a brother," the little fellow said. "Oh, that's a big gift," the mom responded. "Why do you want a brother?" "Well," the boy said, "there's only so much I can blame on my dog." That old joke reminds me just how handy dogs are. They're always glad to listen to you. They'll even act interested as you talk. They're always ready to lounge around with you on a rainy day. When no one else in the family wants to take a road trip, you can always count on the dog to ride shotgun. I've always had hunting dogs, the kind that needs lots of space to run and bark. But I found myself without dogs for a few years while we lived in Atlanta. That was truly tough for me. I surely did miss them.



Roger

You know, we can learn a lot about unconditional love from dogs. They love you even when your teeth aren't brushed, when your breath is bad, when your hair isn't combed, and when your deodorant has given out and body odor has taken over. Even at times like those, dogs come running to you, tails wagging, eyes sparkling, letting you know just how special you are to them. It has been said that a dog is one of the few creatures on earth that loves you more than you love yourself. Did you ever notice how that dog just can't keep his eyes off of you? If you're sitting motionless in a chair, he's watching you. If you're walking around, he's watching you. If you speak a soft word, his head rises and his ears arch, because he truly wants to hear what you have to say. If you say "come," he's on his feet immediately, heading your direction. Dogs spend all their time on alert, keeping an eye out for any sign of danger, because they want to protect you. When they sleep, they do so lightly. The slightest sound awakens them. And when they bark or growl at an approaching stranger, count it as a compliment, because they do it entirely out of affection for you, because they want to protect you. All this makes me think about the unconditional love of Jesus Christ.

Though we disappoint Him, even deny Him, He still loves us in a way we do not deserve. He loves us so much that He gave His life for us on the cross at Calvary. "Scarcely for a righteous man will one die ... but God commendeth his love toward us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:7-8). People all too often place stipulations on their love. You remember Delilah loved Sampson because he was so strong, but when his strength was gone, so was Delilah. The Prodigal Son had lots of friends who loved him because he had money, but when his money was gone, so were his friends. Genuine love has no stipulations. We see that kind of love in Christ and, to a lesser extent, in our dogs, which perhaps is why I love dogs so much. We moved back into the country a year ago, and I quickly found myself surrounded by dogs again. I have Patch, my English setter bird dog; Ducky and Spike, my beagles; Tuck, my Walker coonhound; and Little Man, my mountain feist squirrel dog. You can blame a lot on that many dogs.

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

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May 15

- Brent Pearson, 66: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st
- Jason Durham, 46: failure to appear
- Brandon Bryan, 20: commitment order
- Bentley Carpenter, 50: contempt of court, libel/ slander, resistance to order; criminal mischief, 1st degree; operating motor vehicle under the influence of substance(s) – 1st; no operator’s – moped license; license to be in possession; failure to produce insurance card; careless driving; failure to or improper signal; disregarding stop sign; reckless driving; speeding, 10 mph over limit; disregarding traffic control device – traffic light; leaving the scene of an accident – failure to render aid or assistance; fleeing or evading police – 1st degree (motor vehicle); wanton endangerment – 1st degree; assault, 1st degree
- Daniel Lyon, 29: failure to comply with sex offender registration – 1st offense
- Ronnie Strong, 48: failure to appear
- Pasquale Scavo, 31: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine)
- Haile Lorge – Richmond, 22: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting
- Zayon Jones, 24: commitment order
- Michael Bishop, 50: commitment order
- Jason Smith, 40: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting
- Cynthia Fields, 57: commitment order
- Brian Johnson, 53: wanton endangerment – 1st degree

May 16

- Skylar Rufenacht, 39: assault, 4th degree domestic violence – minor injury
- Victoria Moore, 26: assault, 2nd degree domestic violence; strangulation, 1st degree
- Jamey Fleming, 49: failure to appear; assault, 4th degree domestic violence – no visible injury
- Cody Marshall, 36: failure to wear seat belts; operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 2nd; operating on suspended or revoked operator’s license; no registration receipt; failure to produce insurance card
- Tommy Wallace, 34: violation of a Kentucky EPO/ DVO
- Baritta Willis, 49: serving weekends
- Isaiah Harvey, 27: rape – 1st degree

May 17

- James Buckner, 22: assault, 4th degree domestic violence – minor injury (2 counts)
- Marshall Willoughby, 57: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); possession of marijuana; drug paraphernalia – buy/ possess
- Hazen Powell, 25: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st
- Jorge Bolanos, 26: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st; possession of open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle; failure to wear seat belts; obstructing governmental operations; menacing; strangulation, 1st degree domestic violence related; assault, 4th degree domestic violence – minor injury; intimidating a witness in the legal process
- Phillip Cain, 47: fleeing

or evading police, 3rd degree; serving parole violation warrant

- Justin Heath, 26: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting
- Rayronnie Flannery, 31: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting

May 18

- Connie Mullins, 46: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting
- Larry Gross, 39: stalking, 2nd degree; harassment, no physical contact; criminal trespassing, 3rd degree; operating on suspended or revoked operator’s license; violation of IPO; tampering with witness
- Steven Stroud, 67: failure to appear (2 counts)
- Kasey Gullette, 29: failure of owner to maintain required insurance/ security – 1st offense; driving on DUI suspended license – 1st offense; wanton endangerment – 1st degree; careless driving; failure to wear seat belts; no registration receipt
- Douglas Malone, 53: serving parole violation warrant
- Rodney Horn, 55: leaving scene of accident – failure to render aid or assistance; operating on suspended or revoked operator’s license; failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance/ security, 1st offense; possession of open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle; failure to report traffic accident; operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 3rd (aggravated circumstances); non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines; failure to appear

May 19

- Joshua Winkler, 30: failure to appear; giving officer false identifying information; theft of identity of another

without consent

- Marlon Benon, 61: operating on suspended or revoked operator’s license; drug paraphernalia – buy/ possess; failure to appear
- Ameia Singleton, 44: theft of identity of another without consent; drug paraphernalia – buy/ posses; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (heroin); possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (drug unspecified); failure to appear; serving parole violation warrant
- Timmy Callahan, 50: failure to appear
- Jackie Smith, 46: hold for other agency
- Crystal Watkins, 37: hold for other agency
- Chad Glovak, 39: sexual abuse, 3rd degree; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine)
- Bradley Rogers, 35: failure to appear; non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines; probation violation (for misdemeanor offense)
- Lauren Cundiff, 25: knowingly/ wanton/ reckless exploitation of an adult by person, \$300 or greater
- Jamie Zimmerman, 28: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting

May 20

- Danielle Rawlins, 32: criminal abuse, 1st degree – child 12 or under
- Joshua Daye, 40: operating on suspended or revoked operator’s license; leaving scene of accident – failure to render aid or assistance; failure to appear
- Stella Valles, 24: strangulation, 1st degree, domestic violence related; assault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor injury
- Otis Edwards, 52: assault,

4th degree domestic violence, minor injury

- Wesley Brokaw, 47: failure to appear
- Kassandra McEathron, 29: commitment order
- Dorian Martin, 35: violation of conditions of release (2 counts)
- Kennet Earles, 58: hold for other agency (2 counts)
- Chasity Ray, 33: hold for other agency
- Steven Woodard, 46: hold for other agency; failure to appear
- Dylan Masters, 27: hold for other agency
- Shawna Bowles, 54: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines
- Richard Roland, 39: probation violation, for technical violation
- Timothy King, 53: failure to appear

May 21

- Abigail Washington, 21: assault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor injury
- Tyler Dehorty, 33: failure to appear
- Chelsey Geiger, 31: failure to appear
- Alek Rainey, 27: hold for other agency
- Tyler Sweet, 61: violation of a Kentucky EPO/ DVO
- Meiondre Edmonds, 28: criminal abuse, child 12 or under; possession of marijuana; failure to wear seat belts; failure of owner to maintain required insurance/ security – 1st offense; no registration plates; no registration receipt; possession of open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle
- Austin Short, 26: failure to appear
- Brandon Isom, 28: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting; fleeing or evading police, 2nd degree (on foot)

COURT RECORDS

District Court
May 9

- Mekayla Michelle Delaney vs. Tyler Elliott Sweet
- Teagan Dawn Young vs. Jesse Joshua Henderson

May 15

- Wanda L. Dean vs. David Allen Dean

May 20

- Scott Allen Henderson vs. Monica Lynn Slemph

May 21

- Theresa Woods vs. Gregory Woods
- Morgan Nicole Rogers vs. Jonathan Patrick Herring

Circuit Court
May 8

- Tyson Yancey vs. Molly Yancey

May 9

- Witney A. Nicols vs. Jacob Brucham

May 12

- Jason Rose vs. Sarah Rose
- Christie Leigh Martin vs. James Douglas Martin

May 13

- Richard Allen vs. Kelly Allen
- Rebecca Hopkins vs. James Hopkins

May 14

- Rachel Ann Tack-

MARRIAGES

May 15

- Danielle Elizabeth Melton, outside sales rep, 34 of Richmond to Devyn Marlaina Farley, tattoo artist, 33 of Richmond
- Shaila Elaine Johnson, unemployed, 20 of Richmond to Kevin Taylor Sanders, construction, 21 of Richmond
- Kylee Renea Adney, esthetician, 22 of Richmond to Coby Garrett Coffee, elevator technician, 24 of Richmond

May 16

- Daniel Austin Shepherd, designer, 33 of Berea to Trevor Scott Jenkins, education specialist, 33 of Berea

ett vs. Dakota Shane Tackett

- Crystal Lynn Taylor vs. Glenn Owen Taylor, II
- Destani Barnes, ET., AL. vs. Virginia Combs
- Emily Fern Cox vs. Jason Elliott Cox

May 15

- Rachael Payne vs. Russell Payne, II
- May 16
- Alexis Lopez vs. Eduardo Hernandez Alfaro

May 17

- James Steven Riney vs. Breanna Nicole Riney

May 20

- Kristy Renee McKinney vs. Eugene Carl McKinney

Foreclosure
May 12

- Kentucky Housing Corporation vs. Thomas English, ET., AL.
- May 15
- U.S. Bank National Association vs. Charles Gipson

May 19

- Freedom Mortgage Corporation vs. Glenn Hall, ET., AL.

May 20

- U.S. Bank Trust as Owner Trustee vs. James Wesley Chasteen

- Marielbi Del Carmen Castillo Gaspar, kitchen assistant, 23 of Richmond to Jose Gregorio Arangueren Diaz, remodeling assistant, 25 of Richmond

- Lisa Marie Katherine Broaddus, family support specialist, 45 of Richmond to Danny Wade McKinney, peer support specialist, 47 of Richmond
- Lydia Daryn Floyd, student, 20 of Richmond to Ethan Nathaniel Blair, RN, 24 of Paintsville

- Bethany Raelyn Wilson, cosmetologist, 24 of Berea to Joseph Gregory Evans, operator, 26 of Argillite

May 15

- Thomas Construction, Inc. to Matthew Brown and Annette Debra Brown, lot 91 Parkview @ Hanger Farms, \$320,000
- Leigh M. Rose and AnneMarie Grabmayer to David Combs, 306 Apricot Drive, Richmond, \$526,000
- Stephen P. Kellerman and Kimberly J. Kellerman to Pricilla Corder, lot 131 Hidden Hills Subdivision, Phase II, \$335,000
- Carter L. Johnson (a/ k/ a Carter Lee Johnson) and Denise Eugenia Johnson (f/ k/ a Denise King, Denise Eugenia Spillman and Denise S. Johnson) to Tara Beard and John Luke Beard, tract B 32/ 30, for and in consideration of the love and affection which Grantors have for Tara Beard, relationship being their daughter
- Joseph B. Duff and Leisa N. Duff to Jeremiah Bowman Tate and Nancy Kathryn Tate, tract Madison County (vicinity of Lancaster Road), \$35,000
- Andrew Jackson and Jessica Jackson to Guzman Properties, LLC, 1049 Merrick Drive, \$295,000
- SO Properties, LLC to Kevin Guzman and Lindsey Michelle Guzman, 148 Kinsington Place, \$246,000
- Elaine Blair to Elaine Blair and William Blair, lot 2 Elder Addition, Berea (vicinity of Center Street), party of the first part does hereby convey unto the party of the second part to possesses and enjoy the benefits thereof for the duration of her natural born life, with fee simple upon her death to her son, William Blair
- Sea Island Soil Company, LLC (f/ k/ a J. T. Barrett Land Holding, LLC) to Harlan Coal and Coke Company, LLC, 211 Langford Court and 114 Bennington Court, \$1.00

May 16

- Cody James Taylor and Sarah Faith Taylor to Kayla Hamilton and Kohlton Brahm Hamilton, lot 8 Blok 2 Dogwood Heights, Berea, \$305,000
- Amanda L. Caputo to Pamela Denice Rivera, 1066 Judah Bear Boulevard, \$230,000
- MBR Properties, LLC to IMI Real Estate, LLC, lot 1 Heath Street, \$125,000
- IMI Real Estate, LLC to MBR Properties, LLC, lot 14 Heath Street; lot 13 Estill Avenue; lot 12 Letcher Heath Addition, \$40,000
- DS & JV Properties, LLC to Dancar Homes, LLC, lot 226 Firebrook Subdivision, Phase 1, \$58,000

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

- Seng Hak Leap to Diane L. Akers and Abra A. Endsley, lot 18 Freybrook Subdivision, Phase 1, \$30,000
- Steven Pryor and Ashley Pryor to Peggy A. Hollingsworth and Jerry W. Hollingsworth, lot 88 Brookline Subdivision, \$265,000
- The Estate of Andre Morrison, by Daniel Cook as Administrator to D & J Home Restoration, LLC, lot 45 Tremont Subdivision, \$180,000
- Mollie Jewell Grant to Cassandra Carpenter, lots Airport Subdivision, for and in consideration of the love and affection which grantor has for grantee, being their granddaughter
- Dwight Toomey and Jennifer Hazlett (f/ k/ a Jennifer Toomey) to Shane Toomey and Tristan Toomey, tracts Madison County (vicinity of Tate’s Creek Road), \$37, 823.02

May 19

- David Hammond and Jessica Hammond to Emily Dale and Brady Dale, lot 101 Gleneagles Phase 1-C of Boone’s Trace Subdivision, \$660,000
- James Antis and Lynnnann Antis to Julia Villemuer, lot 3 Northern Chase Development for Shiloh Cove Subdivision, final plat of Phase 1, \$395,000
- Tamara Johnson (f/ k/ a Tamara Howard) and Wanda P. Johnson to Samuel Brinegar and Amand D. Tincher and Ashley R. Tincher to Joshua Gatton, 409 Cypress Place, \$320,000
- Harrison G. Dixon and Heidi Hurtt to Jordan A. Corken, lot 10 Orchard Hills Subdivision, phase 4, \$267,900
- Ian E. Repko and Leah Repko to Katherine Bain, 917 Fieldstone Way, \$310,500
- Indigo Run, Inc. to Eldon Oney, Jr. and Mary Ellen Oney, lot 267, phase 7 Indigo Run Subdivision, \$52,000
- Doll Properties, LLC to Heyer Quality Investments, LLC, lots 137, 138, 139 and 140 final plat of Carriage Place Phase 2, \$1,500,000
- Laura Dedic and Kenneth Dedic and Frances P. Bayer to Frances P. Bayer, tract Madison County (vicinity of Tates Creek Avenue), for and in consideration of the settlement and division of the Estate of Benjamin J. Bayer,
- David Marcus Wilkerson and Donna Michelle Adams Wilkerson to Donna Michelle Adams Wilkerson, lot 1 Baker Subdivision, for and in consideration of the love and affection the grantor has for the grantee

- Mary Lou Roberts to Mary Lou Roberts, Trustee of the Mary Lou Roberts Revocable Trust, dated May 12, 2025, lo 51 Barnes Mill Estates No. 5, for purposes of funding the Mary Lou Roberts Revocable Trust
- Steven A. Dyer and Denise G. Dyer to Michael Austin Bingham and Matthew Cole Bingham, tract 19A plat 32/ 42, \$225,000
- Sharon Kay Himes to Raymond El Jason Himes, lot C plat 24/ 1 (vicinity of the intersection of Highway 1016 and Blue Lick Road), for and in consideration of the love and affection from parent to a child
- Sharon Kay Himes (a/ k/ a Kaye Himes) to Raymond El Jason Himes, tract Pine Woods Road, for and in consideration of the love and affection between parent to a child

May 20

- Clint M. McQuerry and Carl McQuerry to MaKenna Dickerson and Grant Riley Dickerson, lot 33 Ballard Point Subdivision, Berea, \$258,000
- Michael S. Fore, as Administrator with will annexed of the Estate of Ronald Dean to Stacy Joyce Moore and Michael Moore, lot 62 block 4 Fountain Park Subdivision, \$275,000
- Thomas Construction, Inc. to Matthew Cooke, lot 107 Parkview @ Hanger Farms, \$345,000
- Nicholas Sparks and Kacy Sparks to Justin Andrew Mason and Elizabeth Amber Mason, lot 6 Sugarville Meadows, \$227,900
- Gary Martin and Deborah Martin (a/ k/ a Deborah A. Martin) to John T. Goode and Marion J. Goode, 100 Nickis Circle, \$617,500
- Gary Martin and Deborah Martin (a/ k/ a Deborah A. Martin) to John T. Goode and Marion J. Goode, lot 13 Clark’s Place Subdivision, \$7,500
- Richard W. Rappley, Jr. to Jonnah M. Rogers and Harold T. Walston, lot 11 Home Place Subdivision, Phase II, \$305,000
- American Cancer Society, Inc. to Cornerstone Rentals, LLC, lots 1 and 2 Block N Rosedale Park, \$80,000
- William E. Ackerman, IV and Terry David Ackerman, Co-Executors of the Estate of Dianna C. Ackerman to Daniel Cliff Winkler and Mary Jane Winkler, tract Madsion County (vicinity of Irvine Street), \$154,000
- Combs Colt, LLC to Ronald B. Jordan and Chloe M. Sparkman, 251 Brook Cove, Berea, \$266,000

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Berea Citizen archives

A group of forty boy scouts from Cincinnati visited Berea over the weekend. They came in two large buses, the likes of which, were not often seen in this section of the country. They went out to the mountain on Saturday night and returned early Sunday morning and had breakfast and lunch in the college dining room. Just after breakfast, a crowd gathered to watch the group give an exhibition of several stunts in front of Union Church. They remained on campus the remainder of the day on Sunday and seemed to enjoy their visit to Berea.

The new drive-in motion picture theater being built on Berea Road was nearing completion and was slated to open on June 8th. This was the announcement made by Arthur Craig, manager who also said that no expense was being spared in making this theater one of the prettiest and best equipped in the state. The latest sound equipment speakers were being installed for theater goers. The theater would have the capacity to accommodate 500 cars, and the back ramp was planned to be reserved for trucks. A modern concession stand had been built in the center of the 12 acre plot where soft drinks, popcorn, sandwiches and candy would be avail-

able. The attraction boards and gate house were located near U.S. 25 and would have double ticket offices several hundred yards back from the highway to avoid congestion. The drives and rams were designed with wide access to make it easier to enter and leave at any time.

The Reverend Charles Franklin Brumley of Louisville had accepted the call to the First Christian Church of Berea and would take over his duties on July 1st, according to the Pulpit Committee of the church. A native of Frankfort, Mr. Brumley earned an A.B. from Transylvania University

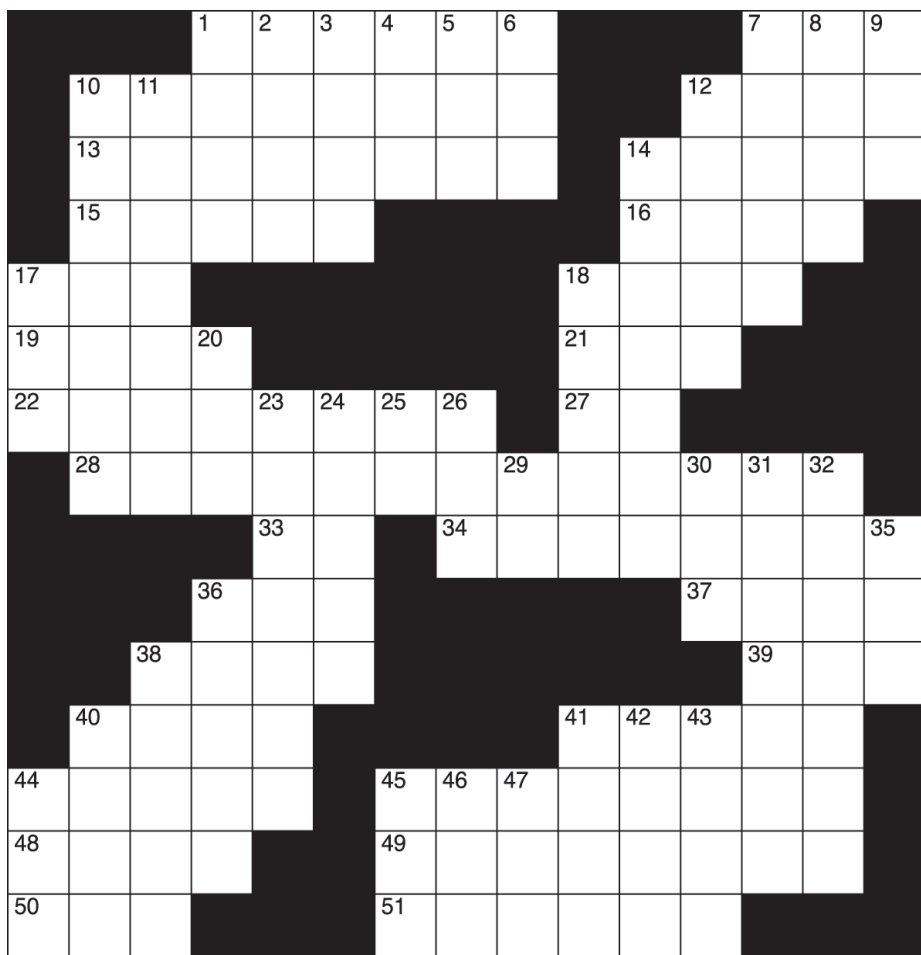
and a B.D. from Lexington Theological Seminary. He had completed further graduate work in community development at the University of Louisville. Ordained in 1962, Mr. Brumley had pastored at Flatwoods Christian Church in Waco and was the Minister of Education at Harrodsburg Christian Church. He had just completed a five year pastorate at Shawnee Christian Church in Louisville.

Mr. Warren W. Rosenthal announced that he would be gifting The Kentucky Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum with the Renfro Valley Entertainment Center effective

July 1, 2000. In a statement to an assembly, which included the staff and directors of the complex, along with several board members of the Hall of Fame, Mr. Rosenthal said, "History will always recognize the originator of this "Valley Where Time Stands Still" and county music lovers should always pay homage to John Lair who started it all wit but a dream...I hope the almost 11 years I dedicated to Renfro Valley will for future recognition and memories in some way rival Mr. Lair's contribution." After entertaining several offers over the years, Rosenthal made the decision to give the complex to the Hall of Fame, which he felt would best foster and protect the future of the organization.

Game Page

Crossword



CLUES ACROSS

1. Lunatic
7. Doctor of Education
10. Able to make amends
12. Tight-knit group
13. Gland
14. Intestinal pouches
15. Fungal spores
16. Erstwhile
17. Engine additive
18. Nasal mucus
19. Fit a horse with footwear
21. Consumed
22. Settle
27. Larry and Curly's pal
28. Basketball's GOAT
33. Exclamation of surprise
34. Made tight
36. Before
37. Actor Nicolas
38. Not hot
39. Talk
40. Pledge
41. Abandon a mission
44. Trims by cutting
45. Aspects of one's character

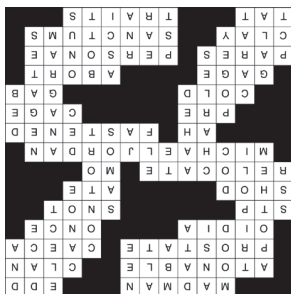
48. Boxing GOAT's former surname
49. Holy places
50. Body art (slang)
51. Attributes

CLUES DOWN

1. How one feels
2. American Nat'l Standards Institute
3. Information
4. Licensed for Wall Street
5. Keyboard key
6. Born of
7. Choose to represent
8. Small European freshwater fish
9. Everyone has their own
10. Line from the center of a polygon
11. Lebanese city
12. Type of watercraft
14. A way to twist
17. Soviet Socialist Republic
18. Greek island
20. Medical practitioner
23. __ DeGaulle, French President
24. Partner to

- “oohed”

25. Atomic #52
26. Santa's helper
29. Rapper __ Rule
30. Month
31. Word formed by rearranging letters
32. Nullifies
35. Young woman ready to enter society
36. Unemployment
38. Weight unit
40. Formal party
41. Computer language
42. Residue formula in math
43. Duty or responsibility
44. Part of (abbr.)
45. Time zone
46. Body part
47. Nucleic acid



SUDOKU

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

Level: Beginner

Here's How It Works:

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

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

ANSWER:



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

- A. 26 25 25 7 15 20 8 7**
Clue: Holds place
- B. 23 20 9 3 2**
Clue: Sheets of paper
- C. 10 21 20 8 20 10 13 3 8**
Clue: Person in book
- D. 11 17 10 13 17 25 6**
Clue: Invented or untrue

Answers: A. bookmark B. pages C. character D. fiction

CUSTOMER NOTICE OF RATE ADJUSTMENT						Unauthorized Connection Charge – for three-phase AMI meter replacement			New	256.00
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, in a May 30, 2025, Application, Kentucky Utilities Company (“KU”) is seeking approval by the Kentucky Public Service Commission of an adjustment of its electric rates and charges to become effective on and after July 1, 2025.						Advanced Meter Opt-Out Charge (One-Time)			\$39.00	\$74.00
						Advanced Meter Opt-Out Charge (Monthly)			\$15.00	\$24.00
						Redundant Capacity - Secondary			\$1.33	\$2.26
						Redundant Capacity - Primary			\$0.90	\$1.65
						EVSE – Networked (Option A) Single Charger			\$132.09	\$191.81
						EVSE – Networked (Option A) Dual Charger			\$193.62	\$330.34
						EVSE – Networked (Option B) Single Charger			New	\$161.21
						EVSE – Networked (Option B) Dual Charger			New	\$254.60
						EVSE – Non-Networked Single Charger			\$80.14	\$85.01
						EVSE-R – Networked (Option A) Single Charger			\$121.79	\$144.03
						EVSE-R – Networked (Option A) Dual Charger			\$173.02	\$234.79
						EVSE-R – Networked (Option B) Single Charger			New	\$113.44
						EVSE-R – Networked (Option B) Dual Charger			New	\$159.05
						EVSE-R – Non-Networked Single Charger			\$30.58	\$37.24
						EVC-L2 – Charge per kWh			New	\$0.25
						EVC-FAST – Charge per kWh			\$0.25	\$0.25
						Solar Share Program Rider (One-Time)			\$799.00	\$799.00
						Solar Share Program Rider (Monthly)			\$5.55	\$5.55
						Excess Facilities – w/ no CIAC			1.14%	1.27%
						Excess Facilities – w/ CIAC			0.46%	0.51%
						TS – Temporary-to-Permanent			15%	15%
						TS – Seasonal			100%	100%
						SQF/LQF Solar: Single-Axis Tracking; Distribution; 2-Year PPA; Energy			\$30.43	\$33.02
						SQF/LQF Solar: Single-Axis Tracking; Distribution; 7-Year PPA; Energy			\$32.16	\$38.50
						SQF/LQF Solar: Single-Axis Tracking; Transmission; 2-Year PPA; Energy			\$29.05	\$31.52
						SQF/LQF Solar: Single-Axis Tracking; Transmission; 7-Year PPA; Energy			\$30.71	\$36.75
						SQF/LQF Solar: Fixed Tilt; Distribution; 2-Year PPA; Energy			\$30.73	\$33.05
						SQF/LQF Solar: Fixed Tilt; Distribution; 7-Year PPA; Energy			\$32.56	\$38.59
						SQF/LQF Solar: Fixed Tilt; Transmission; 2-Year PPA; Energy			\$29.33	\$31.55
						SQF/LQF Solar: Fixed Tilt; Transmission; 7-Year PPA; Energy			\$31.09	\$36.84
						SQF/LQF Wind; Distribution; 2-Year PPA; Energy			\$29.27	\$32.07
						SQF/LQF Wind; Distribution; 7-Year PPA; Energy			\$31.55	\$36.56
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						SQF/LQF Wind; Transmission; 7-Year PPA; Energy			\$30.12	\$34.93
						SQF/LQF Other Technologies; Distribution; 2-Year PPA; Energy			\$29.39	\$31.99
						SQF/LQF Other Technologies; Distribution; 7-Year PPA; Energy			\$31.96	\$37.06
						SQF/LQF Other Technologies; Transmission; 2-Year PPA; Energy			\$28.05	\$30.54
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						SQF/LQF Solar: Single-Axis Tracking; Distribution; 2-Year PPA; Capacity			\$0	\$0
						SQF/LQF Solar: Single-Axis Tracking; Distribution; 7-Year PPA; Capacity			\$12.81	\$0
						SQF/LQF Solar: Single-Axis Tracking; Transmission; 2-Year PPA; Capacity			\$0	\$0
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						SQF/LQF Solar: Fixed Tilt; Transmission; 7-Year PPA; Capacity			\$14.49	\$0
						SQF/LQF Wind; Distribution; 2-Year PPA; Capacity			\$0	\$0
						SQF/LQF Wind; Distribution; 7-Year PPA; Capacity			\$10.10	\$0
						SQF/LQF Wind; Transmission; 2-Year PPA; Capacity			\$0	\$0
						SQF/LQF Wind; Transmission; 7-Year PPA; Capacity			\$9.49	\$0
						SQF/LQF Other Technologies; Distribution; 2-Year PPA; Capacity			\$0	\$0
						SQF/LQF Other Technologies; Distribution; 7-Year PPA; Capacity			\$8.93	\$18.94
						SQF/LQF Other Technologies; T ransmission; 2-Year PPA; Capacity			\$0	\$0
						SQF/LQF Other Technologies; Transmission; 7-Year PPA; Capacity			\$8.39	\$17.80
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CHANGE

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possible for that zone, which includes 192 homes. Additionally, he stated steps had been taken since the 2022 vote to address concerns raised by residents.

For example, Worley said the local sanitation district has concluded there would be adequate sewer and water infrastructure for the development. The infrastructure will be built at the developer's cost, said county planning director Bert Thomas.

Secondly, a recent traffic study indicates there will be no significant impact on traffic safety in the area, Worley said. On the plus side, he stated the proposed plan addresses one of the county's most pressing needs identified by state officials; affordable housing.

Several Waco residents spoke in opposition of the proposed zone change, however, stating the project would be inconsistent with Waco's rural character, and that it could worsen what they say is a traffic congestion problem in the area. That, they said, may create traffic safety issues.

Virginia Stevens stated the concept for the subdivision includes only

one exit, which could be a safety concern in the event of an emergency. Others stated that because the zone sits on an "S" curve in the road, the potential for traffic accidents will likely increase with additional traffic.

Another resident lamented the prospect that out-of-town builders will rent the homes, and because of that, would not necessarily be concerned about the neighborhood.

Other residents expressed concern about the loss of farmland in Kentucky, as well as the potential impact on wildlife and the environment.

When it came time for a vote, Hughes told his fellow magistrates that because the proposed zone change was not in their district, they didn't "have a dog in this fight." As such, he urged them to vote against it.

Magistrate Brian Combs disagreed, however, stating the court has to serve the higher principle of protecting the rights of property owners and their right to develop or not develop their property.

"This is about a person's right to do what they want with their property," Combs said. "It's about principles, not politics."

Magistrate Tom Botkin

acknowledged there's a traffic issue on Highway 52, however, he stated that the subdivision directly across from the proposed zone change, Waco Heights, turned out to be a nice subdivision, though he is certain there was likely opposition back when it was developed.

District 2 Magistrate Stephen Lochmueller, meanwhile, stated that while it's a tough decision, Madison County is growing, and that all of that growth can't take place in District 2.

In the end, Lochmueller, Combs, Botkin and County Judge/Executive Reagan Taylor voted in favor of the zone change.

The plan still has to come under the review of the Madison County Planning Commission before it can be built, however.

One of the objections voiced by Hughes at the court's May 13 meeting is that Shannon Renfro, the developer of the project, currently serves on the Madison County Planning Commission.

After the vote, Hughes expressed his regrets. "I'm sorry folks. I've let you down," he told the residents in attendance.

In other action, the court unanimously adopted an ordinance adjusting fees for county animal control. Officials said the county is attempting to address cases in which animals are allowed to run loose, and that the fee structure has now been adjusted to \$25 for the first offense, graduating to higher fees with each offense, not to exceed \$250.

The increase penalties to animal owners who violate the law will go toward spaying and neutering animals that come into the county's care, officials said.

The next fiscal court meeting is slated for June 10 at 9:30 a.m.



Berea Mayor Bruce Fraley and Berea College President Cheryl Nixon signed a renewal partnership agreement last week.

Berea College Photo

City, Berea College renew partnership

By Andy McDonald • For The Citizen

The City of Berea and Berea College extended its partnership on local parks, allowing the city to continue using Memorial Park and the Berea Park Annex for public recreation for the next 25 years. Under the agreement, the city will be able to use the property rent-free.

Berea College President Cheryl L. Nixon and Mayor Bruce Fraley signed the agreements during Tuesday's Berea City Council meeting, extending the contracts that date back to 1999 and 1972, respectively.

Following the ceremony, Nixon stated that parks are symbols of community, and that the 25-year commitment symbolizes a renewal of the Berea College/City of Berea partnership to serve the citizens.

In a press release from Berea College Marketing and Communications, Nixon stated:

"At Berea College, we are proud to partner with the City of Berea in support of these vibrant public spaces. Renewal of these lease agreements reflects our shared values and deep commitment to serve the community. We look forward to continuing this strong relationship in the years ahead."

Mayor Fraley noted the contract extension came about after it was discovered the city's agreement with Berea College had lapsed. In thanking Nixon and Berea College's general counsel, Judge Wilson, Fraley noted the importance of continuing the partnership between Berea College and the city.

Fraley was also quoted in the media release from the college, stating:

"The long-term renewal of the lease for Memorial Park and the Berea Park Expansion is reflective of the cooperative relationship between the College and the city over our town's history," Fraley said. "There is a strong commitment by both parties to improving the quality of life for our citizens and making our community an attractive and enjoyable place to visit. We look forward to continuing to expand and improve recreational opportunities in these parks for many years to come."

The statement from the college further notes Berea College and the City of Berea originally entered into an agreement to lease the Berea Park Extension in 1999. The new agreement extends this lease through May 21, 2050. The second agreement extends a lease for the City of Berea's Memorial Park on Jefferson Street. Memorial Park is Berea's original city park and is dedicated to those who gave their lives while serving our country. That formal lease was first entered into in 1972, and the new agreement extends the lease through May 21, 2050, according to the statement.

During the council comments segment of the meeting, Jerry Little and Cora Jane Wilson thanked President Nixon and Berea College for working with the city to benefit all citizens.

The city has announced plans to build six pickleball courts on the property leased from the college in the Berea Park Extension, on space near the college soccer fields.

The pickleball courts are estimated to cost \$275,000, \$137,000 of which will be paid for by Berea Tourism. Mayor Bruce Fraley said he hopes work will begin on the courts this summer or fall.

FUTURE

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county offices that were housed in the same location. The courthouse now specifically is used by the Circuit Court, the Office of Circuit Court Clerk, and offices for Specialty Courts and Pretrial services.

"It was a selfless plan to benefit the community, to benefit the court, because the fiscal court had been located in this building since they existed," Logue said.

Although the project was temporarily paused in 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic, Logue said Taylor was not deterred and that he managed to get funding reinstated through the state.

The project was paid for by funding provided to the Administrative Office of the Courts.

"You just can't give up," Taylor said. "They give me a lot of credit, but it is a team effort. We've got some fantastic legislative

members that represent Madison County that went to work in Frankfort."

Legislative members who helped secure funding for the project included Senator Jared Carpenter and Representatives Josh Bray, Deanna Frazier Gordon, Timmy Truett and Bill Wesley.

In her closing remarks Chief Circuit Judge Cole Adams Maier said that the mission of the court was to ensure justice for all while recognizing the barriers that people face in accessing justice.

Maier added that the goal of renovating the courthouse was to give citizens and attorneys a safe and spacious place to settle their disputes and have their voices heard.

"This courthouse served as a hospital during the Battle of Richmond," she said. "It has endured World Wars, the Great Depression, legendary weather events and more than one pandemic," Maier said.

"Through it all, it remained a place where the law lived and breathed."

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hospitals such as bed sheets and toilet paper.

"The Vietnamese love to steal our US made toilet paper," Baker said. "So I ordered an air shipment out of Hawaii where there was a moratorium on paper supplies. And the major that challenged me on this said, 'I don't know. (I said), but the Colonel told me to get this over here tomorrow, you better airfreight it. (The major) said, I'm gonna come over and talk to you. And I said, well he's already told me you better bring your own toilet paper 'cause we ain't sharing it.'"

Todd said even though many think the military is all about rigid discipline, that isn't true.

"You go to work, everybody's friendly," Todd said. "Of course there's absolute respect for authority, 100 percent, (but) when you go to work you talk about what ball game was on TV, what's going on in the world, and you work and you talk and there's a camara-

derie there that's hard to explain to people."

According to Helton, one of the best parts of serving is the different experiences you gain.

"You see things you wouldn't otherwise see," Helton said. "The Space Needle in Seattle, Mount Rainier, the Rhine River, taking riverboat cruises on the Rhine, and going to castles."

While reminiscing about their time in the military, Helton, Todd, and Baker talked about the changes they had gone through – technological changes, rank changes, leadership changes, cultural changes, and changes in how the younger generation experiences military life today.

"Improve and prove," is the phrase Baker used to describe the type of commitment you make to others and for yourself when you enter the military.

"There's a camaraderie from that experience through 30 or 40 years in the military that you can't explain to civilians who's never stood in a formation being yelled at, and when you go to basic training, all it is is take away the you part."

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Letter from the Director

I'll admit - I was in a bit of a reading slump earlier this year. But lately I've been on a roll, thanks in large part to the incredible lineup of new titles released in 2025.

Here are two recent favorites: If you're looking for a great beach read, Emily Henry's Great Big Beautiful Life is a perfect pick. The novel follows Alice and Hayden, two writers competing for the chance to ghostwrite the memoirs of a glamorous socialite. Henry's signature blend of wit and emotion shines here, and fans of Taylor Jenkins Reid will especially enjoy the immersive, character-driven storytelling. (Speaking of Reid - her newest release, Atmosphere: A Love Story, hits shelves June 3!)

On a very different literary note, Dream State by Eric Puchner is a sweeping, character-driven saga that begins with Cece arriving in Montana to prepare for her wedding. When her fiancé, Charlie, is delayed, he sends his best friend, Garrett, to help - and what follows is a thoughtful exploration of choice, consequence, and love. While the novel doesn't shy away from weighty themes, it remains warm, deeply engaging, and beautifully written.

Both titles are available in all formats at the Madison County Public Library. Happy reading!

Christina Cornelison
Director



Adults

Joan Kleine Creative Studio: Open Studio
5-7:30 PM, Wednesdays
Creative Studio, Berea
Berea Quilters & Needle Artists
1-3 PM, Tuesdays
Meeting Room, Berea
Berea Stitch and Sew
2-4 PM, Tuesdays
Creative Studio, Berea
Creative Studio Orientation
5-6 PM, Tuesday, June 2, 16, and 23
Creative Studio, Berea
Embroidery Machine Intro*
5:30-7:30 PM, Tuesday, June 3
Creative Studio, Berea
*Registration required
3D Printer Intro*
5:30-7:30 PM, Tuesday, June 10
Creative Studio, Berea
*Registration required
Bridge Club
2-4 PM, Thursday, June 12
Meeting Room, Berea
Music & Audio Production Intro*
5:30-7:30 PM, Tuesday, June 17
Creative Studio, Berea
*Registration required
Speed Painting
6-7:30 PM, Tuesday, June 17
Community Room, Berea
Race against the clock and collaborate with others to create a unique masterpiece!

Artist & Maker Meetup
3-5 PM, Thursday, June 19
Creative Studio, Berea
Share your works in progress, talk about your craft and process, collaborate with other artists.
Berea Writers Cricle
1:30-3 PM, Saturday, June 21
Meeting Room, Berea
Creative Studio, Berea
Genealogy Search Instruction: Kentucky Land Patents
1:30-3 PM, Saturday, June 21
Community Room, Berea
This month's speaker is Travis Horn from the Kentucky Land Office.
Laser Cutter Intro*
5:30-7:30 PM, Tuesday, June 24
Creative Studio, Berea
*Registration required
Financial Coaching 1-on-1*
2-6 PM, Thursday, June 26
Meeting Room, Berea
*Registration required
Contact Sherry Schloemer at sherry.schloemer@operationhope.org or 859-799-3504 to get started!

Just Love Book Club
6-7 PM, Tuesday, June 3
Just Love Coffee
636 Chestnut Street, Berea
Discussing: A Court of Thorns and Roses by Sarah J. Maas
Bookish Brunch Book Club
11 AM-12 PM, Tuesday, June 3
Meeting Room, Berea
Discussing: The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah
Pick of the Month Book Club
6-7 PM, Tuesday, June 24
Community Room, Berea
Discussing: The Turnout by Megan Abbott
Pick of the Month: Forever Young Adult Book Club
7-8 PM, Tuesday, June 24
Community Room, Berea
Discussing: The Isle of the Gods by Amie Kaufman
Booktok Made Me Read It
11 AM-12 PM Saturday, June 28
Community Room, Berea
Discussing: Daisy Jones and the Six by Taylor Jenkins Reid
Munchy Monday Book Club*
6-7 PM, Monday, June 23
Russel Acton Folk Center, Berea
*Registration required
Discussing: Celebrity Cookbooks
*Each participant will pick up their cookbook at the Berea location.

Children

Read and Play
10-11 AM, Mondays and Thursdays
For ages 0-5 years.
STEAM Café
4-5 PM, Fridays, June 6, 13, 27
Community Room, Berea
Music Time
10-11 AM, Wednesdays
Fireplace, Berea
For ages 0-5 years.
Crafternoon
2-3 PM and 4-5 PM, Mondays
Community Room, Berea
Teddy Bear Picnics
1-3 PM, Sunday, June 1
Forestry Outreach Center, Berea
4-6 PM, Wednesday, June 18
Memorial Park, Berea
Lunch Bunch To-Go
10-11 AM, Monday - Friday
Community Room, Berea
Pick up a lunch and take it to go!
For ages 18 and under.

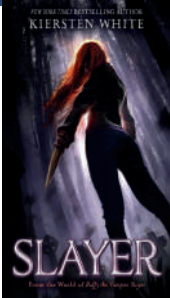
You Scream, We Scream DIY Ice Cream Bar
3-5 PM, Tuesday, June 3
Memorial Park, Berea
Tie Dye*
10-11 AM and 3:30-4:30 PM, Friday, June 20
*Registration required
Bring in your own pre-washed cotton items.
Live Snakes*
10-11 AM and 3:30-4:30 PM, Friday, June 20
*Registration required
Register each person attending individually.
Movie at the Park
7-10 PM, Friday, June 20
Memorial Park, Berea
"Under the Board Walk" (PG, 1 h 26 m)

International Mud Day
1-3 PM, Sunday, June 29
Forestry Outreach Center, Berea
Special Performances:
2-3 PM, Tuesdays and Thursdays
Hooked on Science
Tuesday, June 3
Comedy Magic
Thursday, June 5
Light and Sound
Tuesday, June 10
Petting Zoo
Thursday, June 12
Alice in Wonderland
Tuesday, June 17
Illusion Magic
Thursday, June 19
Tall Tales
Tuesday, June 24
High Voltage Science
Thursday, June 26

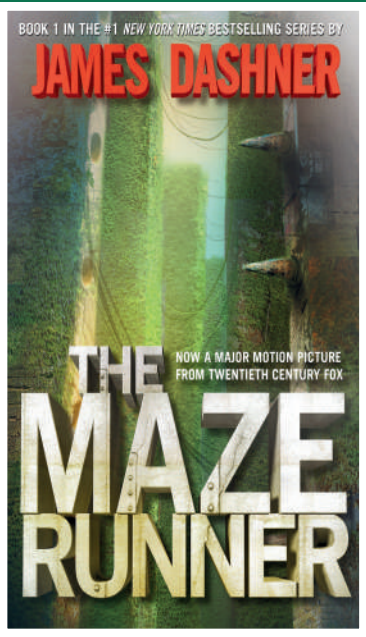
Teens

Lunch Bunch To-Go
10-11 AM, Monday - Friday
Community Room, Berea
Pick up a lunch and take it to go!
For ages 18 and under.
Teen Scene
4-5 PM, Wednesdays
Takeaway Tie Dye
Wednesday, June 4
Step-by-Step Painting
Wednesday, June 11
Paper Beads
Wednesday, June 18
Polymer Clay Charms
Wednesday, June 25
Teen Café
3:30-5 PM, Friday, June 6, 13, and 27

Teen D&D Open Table*
2-4 PM, Saturday, June 14
Meeting Room, Berea
*Registration required
Tie Dye*
10-11 AM and 3:30-4:30 PM, Friday, June 20
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Live Snakes*
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Teen Book Club
7-8 PM, Wednesday, June 10
Bert's Speakcheezy, Berea
Picking Up: Slayer by Kiersten White
*Books must be checked out with your Madison County Public Library card!



What WE'RE Reading

Zoey Edmister, Circulation Assistant

If you like The Hunger Games, Divergent, or The 100 you will absolutely LOVE The Maze Runner series.

I am re-reading it now in my twenties after loving it when I was a kid and it's still good. You can get immersed into the world super easily. It has puzzle solving elements, loveable characters, a worldwide struggle, romance, and action.

If you are in need of a series that is easy to get into and impossible to put down this is it!

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