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City exploring 911 fee options

By Keith Taylor
Citizen Publisher

The City of Berea is exploring its options after the City of Richmond opted out of an inter-local government agreement establishing a 911 fee attached to property tax assessments to replace the outdated land-line option and cover funding that will be vacated by the absence of CSEPP funding at the end of the year.

Berea City Administrator Shawn Sandlin updated members of the City Council on the next steps that will be taken after the Madison County Fiscal Court repealed ordinance 2024-07 and reinstated ordinance 07-11 last week until a new fund-

“
Let’s not lose sight that we do not have grant-based funding to pay for that anymore. We’ve got to find a new way to do that.”

Bruce Fraley, Berea Mayor

ing mechanism is agreed upon by the City of Berea and the Fiscal Court to help cover the costs of 2025 funding and eventually all three government entities.

“We have put together a team to

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Russell names Quinley assistant fire chief

Berea Fire Chief Charlie Russell announced the promotion of Stacy Quinley as the city’s new assistant fire chief Tuesday night.

Quinley has served as battalion chief and lieutenant throughout his 32-year career in the fire service field.

Russell said Quinley’s leadership is “second to none” and added that he’s “trustworthy and a mentor.”

“That’s what we need in the fire service right now,” Russell said. “I’m exited to have him by my side.”



Celtic Fest all set

Berea can be proud of one of its signature events.

Since 2009, Berea Celtic Fest and Gathering has put the town on the map with excellent and competent musicians, dancers and singers from Kansas to New England, from Ohio to Mississippi and with first generation participants from the British Isles.

This year, more than 60 musicians are expected to gather in Berea. The event is slated for Aug. 14-17.

The idea was to have a city-wide event that involved a large group of local individuals and businesses and to spread the wonders of the authentic and grass-roots Celtic music tradition, most likely with an emphasis on Irish tunes.

The opening night at Honeysuckle Lounge will feature the world renowned, English flutist and piper John Skelton followed by Skip Cleavinger and Rebecca Baumbach of

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Fair sunset



The annual Madison County Fair ended last Saturday night at the Fairgrounds The event featured activities and fun for all in attendance. Fair attendees took in a horse show and other fun events on Wednesday night, while the rides provided entertainment for all ages. The 11-day event was a success, with good weather, food and fun.

Photo by Ted Kinson • More images online @ www.thebereacitizen.com

Puckett retires

Berea Police Department Captain Kenneth Puckett retired from the force following a 12-year career with the BPD. During his tenure, he served as Patrol and Administrative Captain, where he was instrumental in shaping the current structure of the Berea Police Department. He has also focused in officer wellness. Before his promotion to Captain, Kenneth served as a Patrol Lieutenant, Patrol Sergeant, D.A.R.E. Officer, Bike Patrol Officer, Field Training Officer, and Field Training Supervisor.



Hit-and-run-driver sought

The Madison County Sheriff’s Department is seeking the driver involved in a hit-and-run collision with one of it’s patrol cars on Monday.

The accident occurred on the northbound lane at I-75 near the 88-mile marker in a construction zone.

Following the collision, believed to be a white 2006–2010 Chevrolet Impala, fled the scene.

The vehicle continued traveling northbound on I-75 following the collision.

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Friday
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High: 88 Low: 67

Saturday
Sunny
High: 89 Low: 67

Sunday
Mostly Sunny
High: 89 Low: 68

Obituaries

• Amelia Claire Sheffer

• Mary Jane Glenn

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• Jewell Lynn Hansel

• Shaun T. Poynter

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• Noon, Monday for submissions, news items

• Noon Tuesday all advertising

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Schedule for the 16th Berea Celtic Fest and Gathering.

Thursday, 8/14
7:00 PM: Opening night at **Honeysuckle Bourbon House** featuring John Skelton, Rebecca Baumbach, Skip Cleavinger, John Mock and Ruby. Admission \$10.

Friday, 8/15
1:00 PM: Randy Clepper, John Sherman, Bella Issakova live at The **Kentucky Artisan Center**.
2:00 PM; Private concert at BCHS with Dogwood Road.

6:15 PM: Songs of Ireland, Kathy Tully Schneider at **Taleless Dog Booksellers**, Center St.
7:30 PM: Concert at **Russel Acton Folk Center**, Jefferson St. featuring John Walsh/Mark Rosenthal, Mark Brown, Dogwood Road, Over The Mountain, Bella Issakova/Randy Clepper/John Sherman, Jil Chambless/Dan Vogt.
10:00 PM: Session for all musicians at the folk center.

Saturday, 8/16
11:00 AM – 5:30 PM: Sessions at the **Boone Tavern Garden**, Short St. Session leaders: Walsh/Rosenthal, Penzien/Payne, Cleavinger/Baumbach, Issakova/Clepper/Sherman, Boylan/Jones, Atwater/Donnelly, Mast/Balcom.

1:00 PM: Jil Chambless and Dan Vogt at **Top Drawer Gallery**, N. Broadway.
1:00 PM: Jeni Balcom and Doug Mast live at **Kentucky Artisan Center**.
2:00 PM: Dogwood Road at **Taleless Dog Booksellers**.

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM: Four excellent presentations at **Cowan Chapel**, Union Church, Prospect St. Each presentation \$5. Four presentations \$15.
1:00 PM: Aubrey Atwater, Elwood Donnelly – Songs from the Isles.
2:00 PM: John Skelton – pipes and flutes.
3:00 PM: Clepper, Sherman, Issakova – Modern Trad.
4:00 PM: Mark Rosenthal. John Walsh - Bouzouki, guitar, etc.

1:30 PM: Bodhran workshop with Jeremy Wade and Justin Bridges. \$5.
3:15 PM: Irish Ceili (dance workshop) with Amelie Maniscalco. \$5.
Both at the **Folk Center**, Jefferson St.
5:45 PM: Meal for musicians and volunteers at Union Ch. basement.
7:00 PM: Justin Bridges, Jeremy Wade at the **Union Church entrance**.

7:30 PM: Celtic Celebration Concert at Union Church. \$20.
Performers: Cathy Tully Schneider, Turlach Boylan, Eddie Jones, Skip Cleavinger, Rebecca Baumbach, John Mock, Mark Rosenthal, John Walsh, Jeni Balcom, Doug Mast, Randy Clepper, Bella Issakova, John Sherman, Aubrey Atwater, Elwood Donnelly, John Skelton, Trip Over The Mountain.

Sunday 8/17
10:30 AM: Celtic inspired servicer at **Union Church** with Jeni Balcom on Irish harp.
12:00 PM: Jeni Balcom on Irish Harp and Doug Mast on concertina at the **Boone Tavern** lunch.
1:00 PM: Jil Chambless and Dan Vogt live at Kentucky Artisan Center.

Info: www.berea-celtic.org and Facebook group.



Host: The Folk Circle Association of Berea.
Event coordinator: Sune Frederiksen, 859-248-0690.

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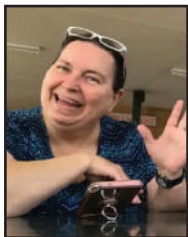
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Vicki Jewel Lee



It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Vicki Jewel Lee, who left this world peacefully on July 29 at the age of 64.

Born on Aug. 30 in Deland, Florida, Vicki lived a life defined by compassion, selflessness, and quiet strength. For 35 years, she devoted her career to caring for the elderly and hospice patients, providing comfort and dignity to those in their final days. Her work was more than a job, it was a calling, and she answered it every day with tenderness, grace, and unwavering dedication.

At home, she was a mother who sacri-

ficed endlessly for her children, always putting their needs above her own. Her love was fierce, steady, and unconditional. She taught her children the value of kindness, hard work, and perseverance — not through words alone, but through the life she lived.

Vicki was also a true friend to all who knew her. Whether it was a neighbor in need, a friend going through hard times, or a stranger crossing her path, she never hesitated to help.

She is survived by her children Christina Lynn Lee, Rose Marie Withrow, Parker Lee, Kathryn Elizabeth Ward as well as her two grandchildren Dominic Canady and Jackson Burton, her siblings Cindy Bonilla, Frankie Lee and Jessie Lee and the countless friends whose lives she touched so deeply. Lakes Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mary Jane Glenn



Mary Jane Glenn or 'Janie' as family called her, passed away peacefully, July 29, 2025 surrounded by her family, at the Hospice Compassionate Care Center in Richmond.

Janie was born in Stanford to the late Albert and Cleo Marie Mason Lucy. She worked for Rand McNally, was a loving mother and

grandmother, and graduated from Madison Central in 1972 and The New Opportunity School for Women in the 1990s. Janie was also preceded in death by her sister Evelyn Truett.

Janie is survived by her husband of 51 years Jesse Glenn, her sons: Jody and Jesse A Glenn, her siblings: Lori (Jack) Callaway, Earl (Glen-da) Lucy, and Norma (Michael) Bowling, her grandchildren: Gideon and Alora Glenn as well as many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life was held Friday Aug. 1. at Lakes Funeral Home.

Amelia Claire Sheffer

Amelia Claire Sheffer, 18 of Berea, went home to be with the Lord on August 3rd, 2025. Amelia worked at her family business, Morgan's Discount, where she held the title of CEO. She loved music that was way too loud. She was always willing to help others and was a friend to all living things, especially animals and children. Amelia had a spirit and a fire that would fill any room, especially with her big smile and her blue eyes. Amelia was a member of the Berea

Church of God. Above all, Amelia's greatest love was for her family and for Christ.

She was preceded in death by both of her grandfather's Alan Sheffer and James Morgan, and her grandmother Vicki Lynn Sheffer.

Amelia is survived by her parents Elizabeth and John Rowland, and Benji (Regina) Sheffer. Her siblings Amber (Tres) McIntosh, Abby (Kirby) Sheffer,



Shaun T. Poynter



Shaun Tracy Poynter, passed away peacefully in Richmond on July 29, 2025, at the age of 63. Born on Aug. 12, 1961, Shaun was a cherished son, brother, uncle, and friend, known for his tireless work ethic and his profound love for his family and the great outdoors.

Shaun's journey began as the son of Cecil D. and Frieda L. Poynter, who instilled in him the virtues of hard work and devotion to family—a legacy Shaun carried throughout his life. He shared an unbreakable bond with his siblings, whom he both adored and supported. While he was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Scott, and his sister Vickie, Shaun's memory is carried on by his beloved sister Terri Poynter, his brother Law-

rence Poynter, his nephews Bret Poynter, Michael Poynter, and Eric Poynter, and his great-nephew and great-niece, Sebastian and Mikahlyn.

Shaun's professional life was as diverse as the Kentucky landscape he so loved. A farmer by calling, a logger by nature, and a builder by skill, he wove his passion for the land into his work, this dedication brought to life in the fields he tended, the timber he harvested, and the structures he crafted. Shaun's presence could light up a room. He was known for his wit, which was as sharp as an axe. Those who knew him were familiar with the laughter that followed his storytelling, whatever he could do just to get a chuckle from his family and friends.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 2, 2025 at the Lakes Funeral home. Pastor Jim Murriner officiated and burial followed in the Fairview Cemetery.

Lakes Funeral home in charge of arrangements.

Jewell Lynn Hansel



Jewell Lynn (Gabbard) Hansel, beloved mother and grandmother, was born on Dec. 23, 1946, in Berea, to Sam and Virginia (Angel) Gabbard. The youngest of three siblings, Jesse Lee (Jack) and Marilyn, she was a born leader. Jewell was self-confident, charismatic, and determined. She had a fierce sense of fairness, justice, and respect for marginalized people.

Jewell was a 1964 graduate of Berea High School and attended Eastern Kentucky University. In June 1964, she married Jerry W. Hansel. They moved to Mt. Vernon, where they built their family, and she began a career in lending with the Production Credit Association, which became Farm Credit Services. She and Jerry had one treasured son, Gerald Scott Hansel.

While at Farm Credit Services, Jewell worked her way up from Secretary to Loan Officer and led branches in Mt. Vernon and later in London. Her willful and determined character helped her excel in a male-dominated industry, particularly challenging in the 1970s and 80s.

After retiring early from Farm Credit, she pursued her true passion and calling as a leader, teacher, mentor, spiritual director, and counselor. She voraciously pursued knowledge of the Bible and

Christian theology. She did not merely accumulate knowledge, but she used it to help a significant number of people apply it to their everyday lives in a transformational way.

Jewell volunteered her time as a speaker and prayer coordinator at numerous women's conferences and churches throughout Kentucky and attended international mission conferences with the Kentucky Baptist Convention. She loved singing and participated in her church's choir.

Following Jerry's death in 2019, Jewell moved to Palm Beach Gardens, FL, to be near her son, Scott, his wife, Robin, and their son, Dylan. The four of them had many happy adventures. Always the life of the party, she enjoyed meeting new people, soaking in the sunshine, walking by the ocean, attending church, and eating butter pecan gelato. She remained proud of her hometowns, Berea and Mt. Vernon, and stayed connected to her loved ones who remained.

Jewell adored her family, 70s Soul and R&B dance parties, laughing, and "acting foolish." The family requests honoring her spiritual commitment to spreading kindness by donating "In Memory of Jewell Hansel" via <https://bit.ly/jewellhansel> to support the life-changing work of Chapman Partnership for Florida families and individuals experiencing homelessness. Watch social media for details regarding her memorial service plans in Kentucky for the fall of 2025.

(Paid obituary)

neralhome.com.

Pallbearers will be Matt Dees, Stevi Wood, Tres McIntosh, Coby Chasteen, Austin Scholes, and Ayden Kennedy Willis. Honorary pallbearers will be Lydia Rigsby, Tim Hobbs, Bill Sexton, JD Hammond, Lonnie Sams, and Orville Webb.

Burial will follow at Berea Cemetery.

In Lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made in Amelia's name with FRYSC Donation to the Madison County Board of Education 301 Highland Park Drive Richmond, KY 40475.

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Staying in the moment

School is back in session. It's hard to believe that 37 years have passed since I walked into Berea Community High School as a senior for the first and only time in my life.

It was a feeling of excitement and anticipation, but also one of not knowing what to expect in the next chapter of life.

It turned out to be the best of my four years in high school, and one that turned out to be memorable. I was involved in sports, newspaper class and held a part-time job, which I worked mostly on the weekends at Hardee's on South Keeneland Drive in Richmond.

I was enjoying being a senior and making a little money at the same time, the best of both worlds for a 17-year-old at the time.

As much as I enjoyed my last year of high school, looking back, I wish I would have took it slower and stayed in the moment.

It's not that I didn't take the time to embrace those last few months in high school, but wanting to get a taste of freedom after graduation was more enticing than taking things minute by minute instead of hour by hour at the time.

It was a new era in Madison County. Many of my friends from elementary and middle school walked into Madison Southern High School and later that year became the first class of graduates to receive a diploma from the county's newest school.

The last class from Madison High School received their diploma after the Richmond School district merged with Madison County Schools and later became Madison Middle. This year, students at Madison Middle, they will step into a brand new, state of the art facility, replacing the storied structure on the hill.

This year's senior class will be the second group of students to graduate with normalcy since the pandemic created an abnormal routine for their preceding four classes.

Slowly things have returned to pre-2019 levels, an encouraging sign as we move past a global crises that ripped the world apart.

My niece Addie will begin her sophomore year at Madison Southern this year and in three years, she will graduate. Her late father, Donnie Marcum, was in the first graduating class at Madison Southern 37 years ago and he, and the rest of his classmates, helped set the standard for the next three-plus decades.

I have advised Addie to enjoy every minute in high school and take it slowly, although time doesn't stop for anyone. She began cheering for the high school team last year, which helped her get acclimated to her older cheer mates and she will be cheering for the second straight year during the athletic season.

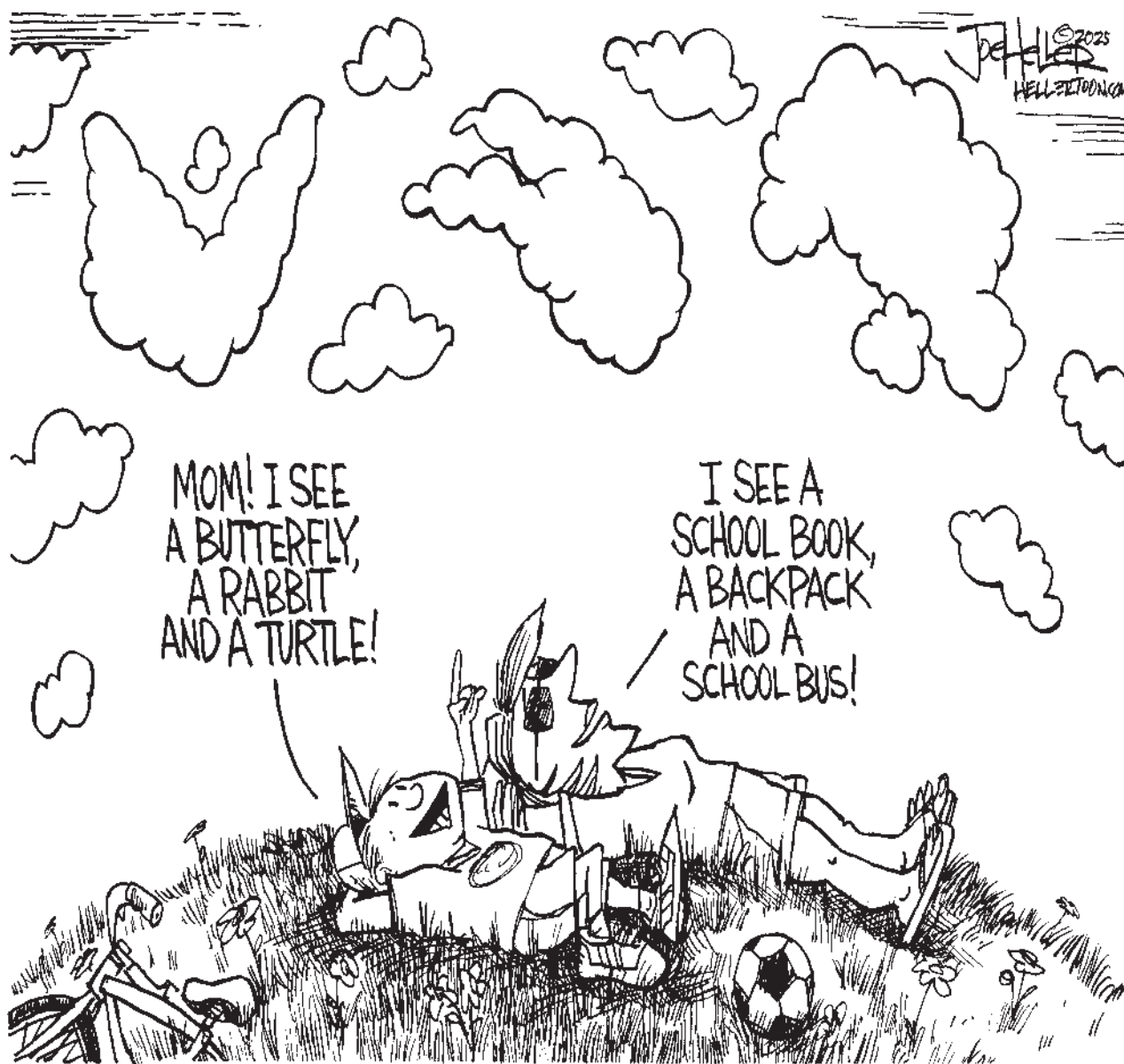
My niece Shelby also graduated from Madison Southern and it won't be long Walker will be starting school. That's a little ways off, but with how time flies, it won't be long he will be soaring into elementary school.

As the Class of 2026 begins its final high school journey, my hope is that each one of you enjoy the experience and savor this season of your life. It only comes around once and you can never get it back.

Enjoy the year, and most of all, have fun!



Keith Taylor



Self-talk therapy

You have just completed a major work project before the deadline.

Having worked diligently and spending your own time, you're proud of the results and can't wait to impress your boss. You show him the project and he immediately begins to criticize it and you.

The criticism is completely unwarranted. What do you say to yourself?

"I've failed again" or "He must be having a bad day, I know I did an excellent job?"

You've thought of an innovative idea for a business that you really believe in. Excitedly, you tell your spouse who finds only faults with your idea. He tells you it'll never work. Seeking another opinion, you confide in one of your closest friends. She has nothing positive to say either. What do you say to yourself? "Why can't I ever come up with good ideas" or "I know my concept is good, I'm going to go with it?"

You're a volunteer at a civic organization. You make a suggestion for a fund-raiser and the president of the organization tells you it's a bad idea

that won't work. What do you say to yourself?

"It's no problem if they don't like my ideas, I'll still help anyway I can" or "If they don't like my suggestion, they can do it themselves?"

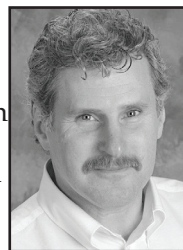
You help your neighbor move some furniture. Several months later, you ask them for help carrying some heavy items to the dumpster. He tells you he's too busy and doesn't have time. What do you say to yourself? "Fine, last time I help him or anyone else" or "No big deal, I'll ask one of my other friends to help?"

There's a job opening where you work. The position is something that you always wanted to do. It's a great opportunity and would be a promotion.

You're not sure if you have enough experience. What do you say to yourself?

"I'll apply, I've got nothing to lose" or "Why bother applying, I've got no chance?"

You can probably relate to one



Bryan Golden

or more of these illustrations or have experiences that are similar in nature.

Comments of all sorts are volunteered by everyone; friends, family, coworkers, bosses, acquaintances, and even strangers.

People are constantly giving you their unsolicited opinions. There's nothing you can do, it's human nature. What's important is what you say to yourself, not what others say to you.

Without discrimination, your brain believes whatever you tell it and immediately goes to work figuring a way to make the statements happen. Your mind processes your self-talk 24 hours a day. Don't say to yourself phrases you don't want to come true.

Tell yourself things that help rather than hurt you. You want to be saying things such as I can do this, I am capable, I'm a good person, I can learn what I need to know, I can make it work, and good things will be happening.

Whatever it is that you say to yourself, you are right. Occasionally, I have a student tell me that he or she can't do something. I tell them if that's the way they feel, they are right. But if someone says, "I can do it," they are also right. Remark- ing "I can't do this" is different than saying "I need help" or "I don't understand."

Asserting, "I can't" is a final conclusion rather than making an effort to seek a solution.

Be aware of and monitor what you say to yourself.

Don't tell yourself anything that's not going to help and assist you in achieving a positive outcome. Always engage in positive self-talk.

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July 24

- Regeina Arvin, 56: drug paraphernalia – buy/possess; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine)
- Cherika Miller, 46: failure to appear; non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines
- Casey Earl, 42: sexual abuse, 1st degree, victim under 12 years of age
- Thomas Abner, 46: probation violation (for felony offense); failure to appear

July 25

- Patti Caudill, 41: wanton endangerment, 1st degree
- Alan Murphy, 32: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); drug paraphernalia – buy/possess; operating on suspended or revoked operator’s license; no registration receipt; failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security – 1st offense; possession of marijuana
- Shaundrica McCollins, 43: no registration receipt; operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st
- Bobbie Hall, 29: disregarding traffic control device – traffic light; driving on DUI suspended license – 1st degree
- Tristen Bujanos, 25: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, from building; failure to appear, citation for misdemeanor
- Crystal Long, 49: serving parole violation warrant
- Deshawn Abbott, 38: failure to appear
- Daniel White, 42: failure

to appear (2 counts)

- Robert Kilby, 20: terroristic threatening, 3rd degree; menacing; assault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor injury; criminal mischief, 1st degree
- Alexander Clay, 30: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, all others; fraudulent use of a credit card
- Randall Oglesby, 47: criminal mischief, 1st degree; burglary, 3rd degree; possession of burglary tools; fraudulent use of a credit card
- Rachel Lanham, 34: serving weekends
- Shandi Newton, 21: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 –1st

July 26

- Dylan Ley, 32: theft of identity of another without consent; theft by deception – include cold checks
- Harvey Fryer, 61: alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses)
- Eric Powell, 46: theft by unlawful taking or disposition – shoplifting
- Jefferson Crump, 20: alcohol intoxication in a public place
- Gary Caldwell, 42: failure to appear
- Felisha Reynolds, 39: assault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor injury
- Aaron Stinson, 41: theft by unlawful taking or disposition; public intoxication -controlled substance (excludes alcohol)
- Sherry James, 47: failure to appear
- Iljama Pillows, 29: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines

- Cyndia Stumph, 38: failure to appear; theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting, \$500 but less than \$1,000
- Jamie Messer, 46: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting
- Diego Rodriguez, 23: driving on DUI suspended license – 1st offense

July 27

- Ivan Reed, 61: alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses)
- Julie Grove, 45: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines; failure to appear
- Juan Bartolo, 25: speeding, 13 mph over limit; operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st (aggravated circumstances); no operator’s – moped license; possession of an open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle
- Michelle Cornett, 41: failure to appear (2 counts); serving parole violation warrant
- Heather Rose, 43: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting; failure to appear, citation for misdemeanor
- Austin Indalecio, 28: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting
- Dakota Herring, 31: failure to appear
- Franklin Young, 56: reckless driving; operating on suspended operator’s license; drug paraphernalia – buy/possess; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (drug unspecified)
- Travis Jones, 37: failure to appear; possession of a controlled substance, 1st

degree, 1st offense (heroin)

- Michael Matsumura, 27: criminal mischief, 1st degree
- Shawntoni Beasley, 35: failure to appear

July 28

- Lloyd Whitis, 47: failure to appear (2 counts)
- Raymond Bradley 58: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/substance(s) – 1st; wanton endangerment – 1st degree; violation of Kentucky EPO/DVO; no operator’s – moped license
- Sarah Griffin, 37: contempt of court, libel/slander, resistance to order

July 29

- Frederick Williams, 34: operating motor vehicle under the influence of controlled substance(s) – 1st; failure to wear seat belt; failure to or improper signal; possession of marijuana; drug paraphernalia – buy/possess
- Becky West, 45: operating moto vehicle under the influence of controlled substance, 1st; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree; 1st offense (methamphetamine); drug paraphernalia – buy/possess
- Shalyn Brewer, 22: failure to appear (2 counts)
- Sandra Risner, 43: parole violation (for technical violation)
- Jesse Saunders, 32: failure to appear
- Christopher Fields, 45: hold for court
- Shannon Martin, 48: hold for court
- Joseluis Ramirez, 24: failure to appear
- Eve Cox, 22: receiving

stolen property, \$1,000 but less than \$10,000’ operating on suspended or revoke operator’s license

- Brandon Healey, 25: failure to appear
- Chadwick Horn, 38: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting, \$1,000n but less than \$10,000

July 30

- Japer Musser, 37: probation violation, for technical violation
- James Day, 35: incest, person less than 18 by person 3 or more year older; rape, 2nd degree, no force; sodomy, 2nd degree; assault, 4th degree child abuse; strangulation, 1st; sexual abuse, 1st degree
- Alyssa Day, 28: assault, 4th degree child abuse; strangulation, 1st
- Rachael Hutchinson, 31: failure to appear
- Tia Bryars, 31: parole violation (for technical violation)
- Harley Tipton, 36: probation violation (for technical violation)
- Alyssa Winiger, 19: possession of marijuana; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); drug paraphernalia – buy/possess
- Teresa Powell, 61: theft by deception – include cold checks, \$1,000 but less than \$10,000
- Casey Combs, 37: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines
- Emma Bailey, 37: probation violation (for felony offense); failure to appear (2 counts)

MARRIAGES

July 17

- Nickolas Logan King, Third Key manager, 25, of Berea to Kelsey Diane Ennis, barista, Starbucks, 21 of Somerset
- Nathaniel Taylor Harrison, safety manager, 33 of Richmond to Elizabeth Ann Wright, therapist supervisor, 26 of Richmond
- Sapphire Octavia Breshae Bentley, registered nurse, 29 of Richmond to John Calvin Branch, V, utility foreman, 34 of Richmond
- Corrine Pottek, UKCH, 24 of Richmond to Kuvane Esperanzo Santiago, logistics broker, 24 of Richmond
- Dawson Kenneth Sanchez, box office attendant, 21 of Richmond to Vivian Shawna Hubbard, restaurant, 21 of Richmond
- Miranda Marie Refitt, teacher, 36 of Richmond to Anthony Glen Neewland, production team member, 37 of Richmond
- Janet Gillman, zone captain, 55 of Berea to Edwin Evaul McNelly, recycler, 55 of Berea
- Abigail Joan Coyle, restaurant manager, 29 fo Richmond to Wesley Ray Bradley, IT specialist, 29 of Richmond

July 22

- Marvin Josue Ralac-Fuentes, electrician, 24 of Shelbyville to Jaley-Ann Amaia Dixon, community lender, 23 of Richmond
- Olivia Paige Burdine, dental assistant, 24 of Richmond to Malir Anthony – Jamal Johnson, elementary teacher, 24 of Richmond
- Stephanie Paige Messer, childcare provider, 22 of Richmond to Joshua Samuel Heineman, sales, 25 of Richmond

July 23

- Megan Chelsea Kelly, machine operator,

36 of Richmond to Brian David Lawson, production tech, 32 of Berea

- Thomas William Murphy, retired, 71 of Berea to Sandra Inabinet Murphy, not given, 73 of Berea

• James Edward Hall,

lineman, 66 of Berea to Susan C. Turner, dietitian, 63 of Berea

July 25

- Robert Lee Roberts, unemployed, 59 of Berea to Thomas Jackson Ross, retail, 55 of Berea
- Paula Dianne Cooper, procurement manager, 49 of Richmond to Vernon Wayne Stapp, maintenance, 48 of Versailles
- Terry Annett Haskins, peer support specialist, 49 of Winchester to David Wilhelm Pugliese, disabled veteran, 67 of Richmond
- Stephany Brianne Krumm, team member TMMK, 35 of Berea to James Wesley Napier, III, team member TMMK, 27 of Berea
- Jacob Elias Gordon, operator, 32 of Richmond to Allie Elizabeth Bonta, unemployed, 34 of McKee

July 28

- Cynthia Jo Sons, food service director, 47 of Richmond to Jeremy French Greer, retired, 48 of Richmond
- Lisa Nicole Phelps, IT engineering intern, 20 of Richmond to Camden Smith Makinen, help desk analyst, 21 of Lexington
- Heather Bree Russell, unemployed, 48 of Richmond to Brian Oscar Bentley, teacher, 52 of Richmond
- Audrey Pearl Hampton, customer service, 25 of Lexington to Adam Nicholas Estes, med tech, 27 of Lexington
- Jessica Marie Holmes, teacher, 26 of Richmon to Noah Woodford Spears, EMT, 25 of Richmond

July 17

- T&J Homes, LLC to Marica Marie Collett, lot 65 Firebrook Subdivision, Phase 1, \$334,900
- Will R. Willmes and Jessica Nikole Willmes to Morgan Branham and Mitchell Branham, 544 General Crufts Drive, \$575,000
- Deanna Marie Abbott to Corbin Wayne Knolle, 648n. Walnut Creek Drive, \$250,000
- A&R Contractors, LLC to Anetra Owens and Mary Prince, lot 66 Prairie View @ Hanger Farm Subdivision, \$289,900
- Benjamin A. Rollins and Victoria B. Rollins to Severin Nelson and Kristin Nelson, lot 158 Phase 6 Magnolia Pointe Subdivision, \$385,000
- DDT Development Co., LLC to JHT Properties, LLC, 332 Pageant Drive, \$112,000
- Susie E. Burton to Melinda Schat, Trustee of the Susie E. Burton Irrevocable Trust, dated July 15, 2025, 336 Boone Way, for and in consideration of premises and to conform to the intentions of the parties

July 18

- The Estate of Berald Yinger, III, by Lindey Yinger to Jonathan Barnett, 1165 Scaffold Cane Road, Berea, \$172,000
- Farris Wayne Sewell and Tabatha Sewell to Natasha Ann Lockard and Rodney Lockard, lot 34 Estonia Estates, \$75,000
- Mule Shed Properties, LLC to Bison Properties, LLC, lot 12 Crutcher Pike Estates, \$62,500
- Mule Shed Properties, LLC to Bison Properties, LLC, lot 13 Crutcher Pike Estates, \$62,000
- Mule Shed Properties, LLC to Bison Properties, LLC, lot 10 Crutcher Pike Estates, \$62,000
- Christopher Wayne King and Tamra Kaye Combs-King to Jasmine Emery and Dylan Emery, 1095 Breezy Lane, Berea, \$315,000
- Mule Shed Prop-

erties, LLC to Bison Properties, LLC, lot 11 Crutcher Pike Estates, \$62,000

- Mule Shed Properties, LLC to Bison Properties, LLC, lot 9 Crutcher Pike Estates, \$62,000
- DS & JV Properties, LLC to Oakmont Properties, LLC, lot 203 Firebrook Subdivision, Phase 2, \$64,000
- Gary R. Hensley, Successor Trustee of the Thena Hensley Family Protection Trust, under Trust dated September 1, 2017, to Garry L. Henson and Alexis P. Henson, lots 15, 16, 17 and 18 Block K, Country Club Estates, \$173,500
- Michael Rice and Misty Rice to Donald B. Rogers and Mary Sue Rogers, 112 Dillon Court, Berea, \$13,000

July 21

- Ball Homes, LLC to Maria B. Martinez and Jorge B. Martinez, lot 44, Phase II Arbor Woods, \$308,488
- Stephen Lee Donovan and Ronald W. Francis, Co-Trustees of the Estate of Donald Lee Donovan to Janice Rogers Carr, 1602 Merlot Court, Berea, \$525,000
- Jeffrey L. Padgett and Brenda Ann Padgett to William D. Brown and Melissa A. Brown, lot 173, Phase 3, Hampton Ridge Subdivision, \$379,000
- Kim D. Hall to Tristan Siglock and Kayla Siglock, 111 Keystone Drive, \$276,900
- Stanley Kramer (a/k/a Stanley C. Kramer) and Susan Laurel Pross Kramer (a/k/a Susan L. Pross Kramer), by and through Stanley Kramer, attorney-in-fact to Sarah W. Kramer, Trustee of the Kramer Family Irrevocable Trust, dated June 3, 2025, tracts Peach Bloom Hill Addition #2, Berea, for and in consideration of the establishment of the Kramer Family Irrevocable Trust
- Alesia G. Miller to Nicholas Adam Miller and Bobbi Jo Miller, tracts Madison County (vicinity of Lancaster

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Road), for and in consideration of a simultaneous exchange of parties

- Nicholas Adam Miller and Bobbi Jo Miller to Alesia G. Miller, 1101 Jamestown Drive, Berea, for and in consideration of a simultaneous exchange of parties
- Howard M. Mintz, Trustee of the Howard M. Mintz, M.D. Profit Sharing Plan to Skyler A. Cannon and Andrea Cannon, lot 2A Resthaven Property, \$105,000
- Austin Hill to Jan Weisberg and Alyssa Weisberg, 611 North Street, \$360,000

July 22

- Robin Jones Group, Inc. to Sears Homes, LLC, lot 53 Crutcher Pike Estates Subdivision, \$65,000
- Jason Dickerson to BCB Rentals, LLC, lot 7 Adams Subdivision (vicinity of George Street), \$85,000
- TMW Construction Company, LLC to Andrew J. Richardson, 203 Settler’s Trace, \$618,021.97
- Kyrk Alexander Davis and Hannah Morgan Davis to Kathryn White and Hyun Chol, 112 Sherman’s Lane, \$339,500
- Stanley M. Spencer, Trustee of the Patricia F. Spencer Trust, under agreement dated September 1, 1999, to Stanley M. Spencer, Trustee of the Spencer Family Trust, under agreement of Patricia D. Spencer, dated September 1, 1999, tracts Dogwood Drive, Berea, for and in consideration of Grantor’s partial distribution of the Patricia D. Spencer Trust, under agreement dated September 1, 1999
- William J. Arnold and Debbie Kay Arnold to BMCD Investments, LLC, lot 30 Killarney Heights Subdivision, \$335,000
- BMCD Investments, LLC to MELDI 3, Inc., lot 30 Killarney Heights Subdivision, \$480,000
- Thin Line Properties, LLC to Billy Todd Builders, LLC, lot 2B plat 32/101, \$25,000
- Todd Builders, LLC

to Tommy Cope Builders, LLC, 181 Bronx Place, Berea, \$29,000

- Matthew W. Hannan and Kirsten Hannan to Janna Brown, 210 Salter Road, \$190,000
- Roger F. Sibold and Joyce Sibold to Roger F. Sibold, Joyce Sibold, and Crystal leigh Bartuff lot 4 Blue Lake Subdivision, as a gift between parents and child for love and affection
- Janna Bown (f/k/a Janna Parrot) and Andrew L. brown to George Terry Jumper and Lise Anne Jumper, lots 296, 297, 298 and 10 feet of 299 adjoining lot 298 Dixie Park Highway Addition, Berea, \$155,000
- DS & JV Properties, LLC to Brown Design and Build, LLC, lot 84 Phase 1 Firebrook Subdivision, \$58,000
- Frederick Willis and Karla Willis to Riley Rentals, LLC, lot 11 Hill Street, \$19,500
- DS & JV Properties, LLC to MCJ Construction, LLC, lot 66 Phase 1 Firebrook Subdivision, \$58,000

July 23

- Barry Spurlock and Janie Spurlock to Benjamin Keith Adams and Erika Afam, lot 32 Meadows Subdivision, Phase 3, \$490,000
- Brian Taylor and Angela Reece Hardin (f/k/a Angela Hardin-Taylor) to Chase Teemant and Brittiany Teemant, 130 Primrose Circle, \$310,000
- The Estate of James Earl Still, by Gary Still as Executor to Johnny Bledsoe and Dana Bledsoe, 110 Begley Lane, \$210,000
- Chris W. Quan to Chris W. Quan, 361 Fifth Street, for and in consideration of an agreement
- Ashley T. Strong, Travis A. Strong, Tucker C. Strong, Faith M. Strong and Bethel L. Strong to Travis A. Strong, tract 1B plat 20/155, for and in consideration of love and affection between siblings and parent for her child

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The purpose is to consider the following:
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FOOD SERVICE INSPECTIONS FOR WEEKS ENDING 07-01-25 TO 07-31-25					
Regular Inspections with no follow up due		Score	Explanation		
Safe View Child Care	513 Hampton Way, Richmond	100%	Circle K	1000 Amberly Way, Richmond	99%
Sun House Craft	414 Chestnut Street, Berea	100%	Bright Beginnings	116 Prince Royal Dr., Richmond	100%
Berea College Child Development Lab	125 Jefferson Street, Berea	98%	Pizza Hut	710 Chestnut Street, Berea	98%
Dreaming Creek Brewery	109 E. Irvine Street, Richmond	99%	Subway	240 Brenwood Dr., Berea	99%
Dutch Bros Coffee	2048 Merrick Drive, Richmond	99%	Taqueria Don Max	Mobile Unit	98%
One Eyed Jack's Social Club	107 Clay Drive, Berea	100%	Wendy's	419 Leighway Dr., Richmond	100%
Bluegrass Kettle	Mobile Unit	100%	Steak N Shake	2001 Colby Taylor Dr., Richmond	100%
Canteen @ Hyster Yale	2200 Menelaus Road, Berea	97%	Olive Garden	2168 Lantern Ridge Dr., Richmond	98%
Pizza Hut	116 S. Keeneland Dr., Richmond	94%	Mountain World Concessions	3252 Irvine Road, Richmond	100%
El Charro Texano	136 N. Keeneland Dr., Richmond	99%	Madison County Fair Concessions	2532 Irvine Road, Richmond	100%
Wendy's	113 N. Keeneland Dr., Richmond	100%	Mad Scoops	Mobile Unit	100%
Dutch Bros Coffee	847 Eastern Bypass, Richmond	100%	Yeti Freeze Truck	Mobile Unit	100%
Boone Tavern Dining	100 Main Street, Berea	100%			
Hardee's	520 Eastern Bypass, Richmond	97%			
Fazoli's	441 Leighway Dr., Richmond	100%			
Soul Fries	Mobile Unit	100%			
Moore's Grocery	1080 Big Hill Road, Berea	100%			
Thomas Roundhill Grill & Grocery	805 Kirksville Road, Richmond	98%			
Tropical Smoothie Café	440 Eastern Bypass, Richmond	100%			
Berea Fudge Shoppe	207 Short Street, Berea	100%			
Taco Bell	119 Brenwood Dr., Berea	100%			
Circle K	360 Richmond Road, Berea	99%			
Nothing Bundt Cakes	2073 Lantern Ridge Dr., Richmond	100%			
McDonald's	340 Glades Road, Berea	98%			
Subway	2057 Irvine Road, Richmond	100%			
Panda Express	2011 Colby Taylor Dr., Richmond	100%			
El Mejor	830 Eastern Bypass, Richmond	99%			
Apollo Pizza	228 S. Second St., Richmond	96%			
Rally's	509 Eastern Bypass, Richmond	99%			
Uncle Charlie's Meats	607 Big Hill Ave., Richmond	99%			

Regular Inspections with a follow up due				
Buffalo Wild Wings	2139 Lantern Ridge Dr., Richmond	89%	Fill spout of tea dispenser mold-like sustance present. Foods in cooler missing dates. Double gloves and not washing hands between glove changes.	
Apollo @ Little Sack	3325 Colonel Road, Richmond	86%	Left half of prep cooler found keeping food at 48°F-50°F. Out of date Grade A dairy products observed in walk in cooler. Evidence of pests observed throughout establishment.	
Moberly Shell	7306 Irvine Road, Richmond	96%	Corn visibly spoiled with presence of mold-like substance.	
McDonald's	340 Glades Road, Berea	96%	Sewage backup into floor drains and mop sink. Under these conditions food service must stop until the condition is remediated.	

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investigate and collect data within the city,” Sandlin said. “Susan Hilton and myself, along with other key staff, have already been working on collecting the data, evaluating on how we will fairly distribute the 911 fee across all users. We will be bringing a resolution before you, this body repealing the resolution that you have passed in the past, not only funding the model, but the inter-local agreement that went along with the funding, I believe that all three governments are committed in having a viable and efficient 911 Center, that the mission remains the same, and that is to dispatch the right responder to the right location at the right time, I think all three governments are very well on board with having that, and it’s important for us to work through these details and come up with a solution that we can all agree upon and fairly assess how that looks through our city. And I think we’re well on track with being able to do that.”

Sandlin added the city wasn’t rushing for a solution and is looking to have a viable option “in a month or so.” He added that a work session on the matter also is likely in the immediate future.

“I don’t think we’re in such a hurry that we need to do something right this minute, but we do need to figure it out, and you all will have the options to how we move forward,”Sandlin told the council. “... we might be behind the eight ball just a little bit. We’ll have to look at the amended budget and see how to get that going. How to start that but a lot of information is coming.”

As for a solution, Fraley said “everything’s on the table.” Berea’s portion of the bill is 20 percent of the costs or approximately “873,000, Sandlin added.

“It does put us in a situation where we have to choose what’s best for us, rather than having one unified way to raise those funds that would be county wide, and that’s okay, we can work through that,” Fraley said. “I’m convinced that we’re up to the task and that you’ll have some options to choose from in the very near

future.”

Fraley added that all three entities are on the same page when it comes to 911 services in Madison County and the bottom line is finding a funding solution all three governments can agree on.

“I do want to reiterate that I believe that all three governments agree that we have to have a strong 911 and there’s no wavering on that. I think everybody’s committed to a county wide strong 911 communication center,” he said. “It’s simply a matter of, how do we pay for it?”

He added that losing federal funds has resulted in the funding shortfall when it comes to the 911 service.

“Let’s not lose sight that we do not have grant-based funding to pay for that anymore. We’ve got to find a new way to do that. Anytime you have that, you go through some growing pains, and I think that’s what’s happening, but I’m confident that we will come to a resolution that’s in the best interest of all of our citizens here in Berea, as well as the citizens throughout the county. It’s just going to take some time to work through that process.”

The service, Fraley said, is crucial when it comes to timely response times in an emergency situation.

“I want to restate my view that it’s critical that we have a rapid response to citizens who call 911 but it’s also critical to our first responders, our firefighters, our police officers and the ambulance service that responds. Anytime someone calls 911 the dispatcher and at the 911 communication center are the eyes and ears of our first responders.

“Not only are they keeping our citizens safe, they’re keeping our first responders safe, and it’s critical that we have them to be the eyes and ears of our first responders and the first responders of other agencies in the county.”

In other business:

- The council heard an update from Craig Williams on the chemical weapons disposal program at the Bluegrass Army Depot. The pilot plant is down to 900 employees and that number is expected to drop to 700 in the next few months. Williams said the plant is “moving along quite well on

the closure process,” Williams said and site demolition of buildings designated fir destruction is expected to occur within the next 12 months.

- Passed resolution 14-2025 that cites the need for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to reduce the speed limit from 55 to 45 miles per hour on Highway 595 from he intersetion of Guyn Road to the intersetion of Mayde Road and the Berea Bypass; Highway 2874 at Old Peggy Flats Road for the entire length of 2874 to intersection of 595.
- Passed resolution 15-2025 that will submit an HBI grant application to DLG for the use \$1 million for the Kenway Street extension project.
- Agreed to resolution 16-2025 authorizing the city to participate in the statewide emergency management mutual aid and assistance agreement.
- Berea Municipal Utilities general manager Kevin Howard provided an update on the city water department. He said the city’s water supply is 13 inches above normal for this time of the year.

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Reflections

Berea Citizen archives

August 6, 1925 Quiet primary

The Democratic party primaries went off very quietly last Saturday. The only contest that came near being close was the one for County Judge. There were several candidates in this race. Those nominated for the various offices included: Marshall E. Vaughn for representative with a majority of 269 votes, E.C. McDougale for County Judge by a majority of 94, J.D. Chenault for sheriff by a majority of 878, T.T. Covington for county

clerk by a majority of 1,222, Jerry Chambers for jailer by 289, H.L. Francis for tax commissioner by 777. There were no contest in the city of Berea as all incumbents were unopposed for their seats.

August 10, 1950 1st polio case

Geraldine Anderkin, 16, of Union City was the first reported case of polio in Madison County in 1950 according to Dr. Max Blue, county health officer. Dr. Blue announced

that Anderkin had been taken to Good Samaritan Hospital in Lexington for treatment.

August 7, 1975 Berea little league wins

Berea's winning Little League All Stars did it again on Monday night in the delayed finals of the 2nd Berea Invitational Tournament. Berea defeated the Winchester All Stars 10 to 4 on a rain soaked field. The game had to be played on Monday due to a rain out on Sunday evening and there was possibility that that fate

would repeat on Monday evening as well. Lancaster and Frankfort fought it out for third place on Sunday evening in five innings before the game had to be called for rain. Roger Golden was awarded the Most Valuable Player Award. He was the winning pitcher for two games of the tournament.

August 10, 2000 Bank robbed

Berea Police were assisted by the Federal Bureau of Investigations and Kentucky State

Police in hopes of solving a bank robbery that occurred on Monday afternoon. The robbery occurred at the Community Trust Bank location in the Walmart Super Center on Jill. Street. According to reports a white male entered the bank at approximately 2:00 p.m. carrying a bag and claiming he wanted to open an account. An unidentified bank employee was assisting the "customer" when he pulled a gun from under the bag and took an undetermined sum of money. It was unclear if the suspect fled on foot or by car.

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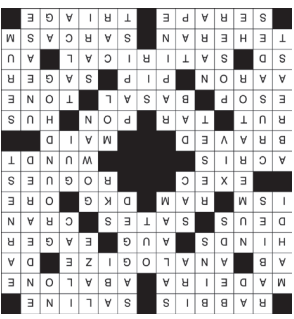
- 1. Spiritual leaders
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- 14. Edible mollusk
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- 19. State lawyer
- 20. "Game of Thrones" actor Ciaran
- 22. Eighth month (abbr.)
- 23. Very willing
- 25. __ ex machina
- 26. Satisfies
- 28. Mountain in New Zealand
- 29. A doctrine
- 30. Popular Dodge truck model
- 31. Dekagram
- 33. Naturally occurring solid
- 34. Company officer
- 36. Villains
- 38. Cricket frogs
- 40. One of the founders of modern psychology
- 41. Endured
- 43. A female domestic
- 44. You can get stuck in one
- 45. Partner to feather
- 47. Passive optical network
- 48. French ballet dynasty
- 51. Employee stock ownership plan
- 53. Bottom layer

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Animal disease
- 2. Commercial
- 3. Necklace materials
- 4. Containers
- 5. Investment account
- 6. Colorado Heisman Trophy winner
- 7. Dipped down
- 8. Head injury category (abbr.)
- 9. Lay about
- 10. Intestinal
- 11. Not yes
- 12. Caused to be loved
- 13. Muslim spiritual leader
- 15. Showing sincere conviction
- 18. Not in
- 21. Number above the line in a fraction
- 24. Lawn pest
- 26. Pouch
- 27. Ancient language in India (abbr.)

CLUES ACROSS

- 30. Start over
- 32. Wild white flower
- 35. Fourteen
- 37. Visual way to interact with computer (abbr.)
- 38. Side by side and facing the same way
- 39. Religious conflicts
- 42. Touch lightly
- 43. "Boardwalk Empire" actress Gretchen
- 46. Violent seizure of property
- 47. One who supports the pope
- 49. Malaise
- 50. Body fluid
- 52. Inauthentic person
- 54. Title of respect
- 55. Chilean city
- 57. Japanese city
- 59. Silk garment
- 62. Draw from
- 63. Automobile
- 66. The man
- 68. Top government lawyer



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

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

ANSWER:

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to eye health. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 1 = S)

A. 14 17 1 17 10 13

Clue: Sight

B. 1 18 13 25 3 5 1 1 8 1

Clue: Tinted lenses

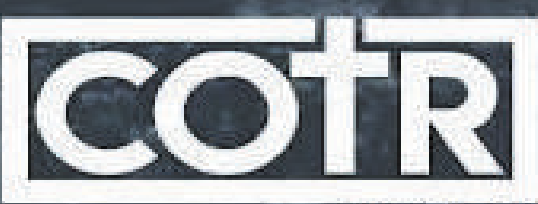
C. 8 6 5 11

Clue: Test

D. 21 4 10 22 8 15 22

Clue: Care for

Answers: A. vision B. sunglasses C. exam D. protect



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Ventriloquist's doll not the dummy

You may recall the old joke about the ventriloquist who was performing with his dummy on his lap. He was telling hillbilly jokes when Bubba jumped to his feet, one galling of his old faded bibbed overalls unfastened and flapping. “What gives you the right to stereotype hillbillies that way,” he demanded. “What does the place I choose to live have to do with my worth as a human being?”

Flustered, the ventriloquist tried to stammer out an apology. “You keep out of this,” Bubba yelled. “I’m talking to that little jerk on your knee.”

For whatever reason, some people have always tended to look down on others because of where they live. People from the central Appalachians or the Mississippi Delta region are too often painted in an unfavorable light. In New Testament days, that was true for people who lived in Samaria. So, I always

loved the fact that Jesus often made the Samaritans the heroes of the stories he’d tell.

The Jewish leaders were especially prejudiced against Samaritans. They openly scorned them. So, imagine their reaction when Jesus told the story of the Good Samaritan. You remember, a traveler had been beaten and robbed and left in the road half dead. A Jewish priest traveling that road walked right on past the injured man, offering no assistance whatsoever. A Jewish worship leader who came along did the same thing. But then came a Samaritan who leapt into action when he saw the man lying there helpless. He tended to the man’s injuries, then he took the man to an inn so that he could recover. They didn’t have hospitals at that



Roger Alford

time. Remember, the attackers took all the man’s clothing and any money that he would have had. So, the Samaritan paid for the man’s room and board and medicines and clothing.

The Jewish religious leaders, who thought of themselves as holy and righteous, had to be offended by that story. Sometimes, it’s when we’re offended, that we learn to be better people.

The story Jesus told about the Good Samaritan came in response to a question from a lawyer who asked about God’s command to love thy neighbor. The Good Samaritan served as the perfect example of how we are to love our neighbors, by helping them when they have a need.

I think even Bubba, who argued with the ventriloquist’s dummy, could figure that one out.

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BEREA POLICE REPORTS

Arrests

- On July 3 at approximately 9:54 p.m., officers conducted a traffic stop in the area of Estill Street and Richmond Road. Officers arrested Bradley Sargent on an active arrest warrant, Sargent was charged with Failure to Signal, Operating on Suspended License, and Drug Paraphernalia.
- On July 9 at approximately 5:38 p.m., officers responded to the area of Peggy Flats Road in reference to a suspicious male. Officer arrested and charged Steven Knuckles with Public Intoxication in a Public Place.
- On July 11 at approximately 3 p.m., officers responded to Walmart in reference to a shoplifter. Officers arrested and charged Olivia Hobbs with Theft by Unlawful Taking Shoplifting
- On July 13 at approximately 4:09 p.m., officers responded to the area of Prince Royal Drive in reference to a Hit and Run Collision. Officers arrested and charged Gabriel Blevins with Leaving Scene of Accident, and Criminal Mischief 1st Degree.
- On July 19 at approximately 4:36 p.m., officers responded to Walmart in reference to a shoplifter. Officers arrested and

charged Johnathan Roberts with Theft by Unlawful Taking Shoplifting, Disregarding Stop Sign, Reckless Driving, Fleeing or Evading Police 1st (Motor Vehicle), Operating on Suspended License, Operating Vehicle with Expired License, and Speeding 25mph Over.

On July 19 at approximately 10 p.m., officers responded to Walmart in reference to a shoplifter. Officers arrested and charged Johnny Cato with Theft by Unlawful Taking Shoplifting.

On July 21 at approximately 9:21 a.m., officers responded to the area of Dollar Tree (Glades Road) in reference to a shoplifter. Officers arrested and charged Elliott Dooley with Robbery 1st Degree, and Theft by Unlawful Taking Shoplifting.

On July 21 at approximately 1:56 p.m., officers responded to the area of Reed Hill in reference to a suspicious subject on private property. Officers arrested and charged Tristen Bujanos with Theft by Unlawful Taking from Building.

DUI arrests

- On July 26 at approximately 6:19 a.m., officers responded

to the area of Blythe Court in reference to a disturbance. Officers arrested and charged Jefferson Crump with Alcohol Intoxication in a Public Place.

On July 4 at approximately 5:16 a.m., officers responded to the area of Circle K (Richmond Road) in reference to suspicious male in the parking lot. Officers arrested and charged Brandon Bishop with Operating Motor Vehicle Under the Influence.

On July 4, at approximately 2:51 p.m., officers responded to the area of Boone Tavern in reference to a vehicle all over the roadway. Officers conducted a traffic stop, arrested and charged Ashley Reynolds with Failure to Wear Seatbelt, Failure to Signal, Expired Plates, Failure to Transfer Motor Vehicle and Operating Motor Vehicle Under the Influence.

On July 17 at approximately 9:59 p.m., officers responded to the area of Layne Court in reference to a vehicle smoking. Officers arrested and charged Nathan Hayslip with Operating Motor Vehicle Under the Influence, Possession of Controlled Substance 1st Degree(Methamphetamine), and Drug Paraphernalia.

FEST

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Bowling Green. With them is a new member of the accomplished trio, John Mock of Nashville.

The Friday night concert will take place at Russel Acton Folk Center and here one of the highlights will be master dance instructor Amelie Maniscalco’s group from the McTeggart Irish Dancers and a dozen of musicians from near and far. Admission for this evening is only five dollars to secure that as many people as possible can afford to enjoy this unique event.

Saturday will be the big day with six hours of music beginning at 11 am at the Boone Tavern Garden. There will be exciting presentations at Cowan Chapel, workshops at the folk center and guest musicians will appear at the Artisan Center, The Taleless Booksellers and Top Drawer Gallery. One of the absolute highlights is the Saturday night Celtic Celebration Concert at Union Church. An event not to be missed. Every year, new constellations are introduced, and this time the North Carolina/Mississippi four-piece band “Trip Over The Mountain” will bring exciting tunes to the stage. Admission is twenty dollars.

The Berea Celtic Fest and Gathering is a low-budget event and only thanks to a wide range of local and regional partners and understanding and committed participants this can happen.

One of the followers, event planner Peggy Bass of Louisville says; “(They) are giving the whole state a huge lift. I mean that with all my heart”.

To learn more about the event and the full schedule, go to www.berea-celtic.org and/or become a member of the FB group.

The Folk Circle Association of Berea is the host and coordinator Sune Frederiksen can be reached at 859-248-0690.

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Madison Circuit Court Indictments

Division I

- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Michael Lakes: possession of marijuana; possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) – 1st degree; possession of drug paraphernalia
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Zane Sloan: 1st degree trafficking in a controlled substance (greater than 2 grams methamphetamine); 1st degree trafficking in a controlled substance (fentanyl); 1st degree trafficking in a controlled substance (heroin); trafficking in marijuana (less than 8 oz); possession of drug paraphernalia



- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Willie Noel: 1st degree strangulation; 1st degree unlawful imprisonment; 4th degree assault
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Vasquez Baldomero: 1st degree possession of a controlled substance; 2nd degree wanton endangerment
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Ever Moralez Perez: 1st degree possession of a controlled substance; 2nd degree wanton endangerment;

3rd degree assault; no insurance; 1st degree operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/substance, refusal to submit to chemical testing; 1st degree criminal mischief

Division II

- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Lauraen Farmer: assault – 1st degree; 1st degree criminal abuse; 1st offense driving under the influence (aggravated circumstances)
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Taveon Dean: 1st degree criminal abuse
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Joseph Farley: 2nd degree escape; 2nd degree persistent felony offender
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vs. Shannon L. Durham: 1st degree trafficking in a controlled substance (fentanyl); 1st degree trafficking in controlled substance (methamphetamine); convicted felon in possession of a handgun; possession of drug paraphernalia; failure to maintain insurance; 1st degree persistent felony offender

Division V

- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Ricky Winkler: 1st degree strangulation; 4th degree assault
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Matthew Lewis: 1st degree strangulation; 1st degree unlawful imprisonment; intimidating a participant in the legal process; 4th degree assault; menacing

Alexander joins CVNB

Cumberland Valley National Bank & Trust has added Drew Alexander as assistant vice president, Commercial Lender in its Richmond market.

In his role, Alexander will work with business clients to provide customized lending solutions and help strengthen CVNB's commercial banking presence in Madison County.



A lifelong resident of Richmond, Alexander is a graduate of Madison Central High School and earned his degree in risk management from Eastern Kentucky University, where he also played golf for four years. Alexander and his wife, Emily, who teaches at Madison Southern High School, recently celebrated 20 years of marriage. They have three children—Wesley (17), Lainey (15), and Beau (8).

"Drew's local roots, combined with his experience and commitment to relationships, make him a great addition to our lending team," said Elmo Lee Greer, Chairman, President, and CEO. "We are proud to welcome him to CVNB and look forward to the impact he will have on our clients and our community."

"I am thrilled to be a part of the CVNB family and to work with a team that values relationships and community as much as I do."

BEREA POLICE

DUI arrests

- On July 19 at approximately 6:11am, officers responded to the area of Walmart in reference to a ATV reckless in the parking lot. Officers arrested and charged Brandon Damrell with All Terrain Vehicles Violations, Improper Passing, Careless Driving, Operating Motor Vehicle Under the Influence, and Fleeing and Evading Police 1st (Motor Vehicle).

Drug arrests

- On July 8 at approximately 10:42 a.m., officers were in the area of Haiti Road East in reference to an active warrant. Officers arrested Shannon Mullikin on an active arrest warrant, Mullikin was charged with Possession of Controlled Substance 2nd Degree.
- On July 17 at approximately 10:53 a.m., officers observed a vehicle in the area of Mount Vernon Road, and the operator having an active arrest warrant. Officers arrested Brian Isaacs for active arrest warrants, and charged with Possession of Controlled Substance 1st Degree(Methamphetamine), Possession of Controlled Substance 1st Degree(Unspecified), Possession of Controlled Substance 2nd Degree(Unspecified), Operating on Suspended License, Failure to Maintain Insurance, and Failure to Produce Insurance Card.
- On July 27 at approximately 10:38 a.m., officers responded to the area of Chestnut Street in reference to a reckless vehicle. Officers arrested and charged Franklin Young with Reckless Driving, Operating on Suspended License, Drug Paraphernalia, and Possession of Controlled Substance 1st Degree(Unspecified).

Message from Cora Jane Wilson

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1:00 PM: Randy Clepper, John Sherman, Bella Issakova live at KY Artisan Center.
6:15 PM: Songs of Ireland with Kathy Tully Schneider at Taleless Dog Booksellers, Center St.
7:30 PM: Concert at Russel Acton Folk Center, Jefferson St. John Walsh, Mark Rosenthal, Mark Brown, Dogwood Road, Over The Mountain, Bella Issakova, Randy Clepper, John Sherman, Jil Chambliss, Dan Vogt.
10:00 PM: Session for all musicians at the Folk Center.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16
11:00 AM - 5:30 PM: Sessions at Boone Tavern Garden, Short St. Session leaders: Walsh, Rosenthal, Pencien, Payne, Cleavinger, Baumach, Issakova, Clepper, Sherman, Boylan, Jones, Atwater, Donnelly, Mast, Balcom.
1:00 PM: Jil Chambliss & Dan Vogt at Top Drawer Gallery, N. Broadway.
1:00 PM: Jeni Balcom & Doug Mast at KY Artisan Center.
2:00 PM: Dogwood Road at Taleless Dog Booksellers.

1:00-5:00 PM: Special presentations at Cowan Chapel, Union Church, Prospect St. \$5 each, or all 4 for \$15. 1 PM: Aubrey Atwater, Elwood Donnelly \$Songs from the Isles; 2 PM: John Skelton (pipes & fuses); 3 PM: Clepper, Sherman, Issakova (modern trad.); 4 PM: Mark Rosenthal & John Walsh (bouzouki, guitar, etc.)
1:30 PM: Bodhran workshop: Jeremy Wade & Justin Bridges. \$5.
3:15 PM: Irish Celi (dance workshop) with Amelie Mariscalco. \$5.
Both at the Folk Center, Jefferson St.
5:15 PM: Meal for musicians and volunteers at the Union Church community room
7:00 PM: Justin Bridges, Jeremy Wade at Union Church entrance.
7:30 PM: Celtic Celebration Concert at Union Church, including Kathy Tully Schneider, Turlach Boylan, Eddie Jones, Skip Cleavinger, Rebecca Baumach, John Mock, Mark Rosenthal, John Walsh, Jeni Balcom, Adin Pemberton, Doug Mast, Randy Clepper, Bella Issakova, John Sherman, Aubrey Atwater, Elwood Donnelly, John Skelton, Trip Over The Mountain. \$20 at door; contributions appreciated.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17
10:30 AM: Celtic-inspired service at Union Church with Jeni Balcom on Irish harp.
12:00 PM: Doug Mast and Jeni Balcom at Boone Tavern. Admission: Buy a lunch. Donations accepted.
1:00 PM: Jil Chambliss and Dan Vogt at the KY Artisan Ctr. Free.

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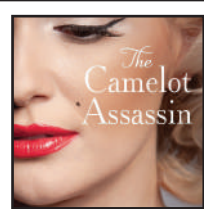


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CHALLENGES

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report by MCSO Administrative Director Mary Margaret Young.

Young noted that MCSO has collected \$1.1 million so far, while claims have equaled \$3.1 million, temporarily leaving the department about \$1.9 million in the red. Young explained those numbers will change later this year when the county begins collecting taxes. Additionally, Young said the county will also be collecting intergovernmental funds, such as money for school resource officers.

Following Young’s report, Lochmueller noted the sheriff’s department is making efforts to be efficient, but that they are also having to take on additional responsibilities, such as deploying a third shift, which had been done by the Kentucky State Police. Sheriff Mike Coyle, meanwhile, noted the county is growing and experiencing an increase in crime, particularly since approximately 70,000 motorists drive through the county daily on Interstate 75.

Additionally, the sheriff’s department has to provide security for the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC). That is a challenge because costs are going up and retaining deputies to staff security is difficult. Lochmueller asked how the court can persuade state officials to provide more

funding.

“We keep saying that the state is going to have to recognize this and do something about it, but I’m not confident that’s necessarily going to happen,” Lochmueller said.

Coyle noted it’s becoming more difficult to provide adequate staffing because the MCSO is competing with local law enforcement agencies that pay more, including the Richmond Police Department and the Kentucky State Police.

Madison County Judge/Executive Reagan Taylor agreed that legislators should be reminded of the challenges local sheriff’s departments are facing.

“I think we just have to make sure that the individuals at the state level and the federal level...are aware of what their responsibility should be, and what our responsibilities actually are, because maybe they don’t know,” Taylor said.

With that in mind, Magistrate Brian Combs recommended that advocacy has to begin with citizens, who may not be aware of how sheriff’s departments funding and staffing affects their lives. He, too, suggested the public contact their legislators and express their support for increased state funding for sheriff’s departments.

“Public advocacy is the best advocacy. I know a lot of people think it is our job to represent folks, to go to Frankfort and advocate, but I think public advocacy is the biggest thing that is going to make a change,” Combs said, noting

GALA

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connections to their families and community.

“It is important for people to support the Berea Home Village Gala because Berea Home Village serves a dire need in Berea. Berea has no assisted living facility. Berea Home Village helps to keep members living in their homes instead of moving away to assisted living in Richmond, Lexington or other places,” Hoffman said. “Berea Home Village volunteers provide rides to doctor’s appointments, grocery stores, beauty salons, as well as check-in phone calls, in-person visits, or even helping make a bed or taking out the garbage. The gala is vital for the health of the organization.”

Hoffman added that nearly half of BHV members receive full services and pay no fees, which

is made possible with the generous support of people in the community.

Executive Director Katie Heckman added that with potential government cutbacks in services to seniors, Berea Home Village helps strengthen the safety net for an especially vulnerable community.

“Berea Home Village is becoming increasingly important as our local population ages, especially in light of possible upcoming cuts to Social Security, Medicaid, and Medicare benefits,” Heckman said. “Our services assist older individuals who desire to live in their own homes for as long as makes sense for them. Community support for the event helps sustain the work of BHV, where 43% of our members receive financial assistance to defray the cost of membership.”

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CHI Berea receives grant

The Saint Joseph Berea Foundation, on behalf of Saint Joseph Berea, has received a \$35,000 grant from WHAS Crusade for Children to help improve its rehabilitation center, which provides comprehensive and specialized programming and care for children with disabilities and disorders.

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Last weekend, Rhonda and I took our annual end-of-the-summer trip to Pigeon Forge and spent a few days in the Smokies. This time, we just took it easy and enjoyed spending time in our home away from home with no agenda, just rest and relaxation.

Since we visit Tennessee often, we split up where we dine and what shows we attend. This time, we had seafood at Joe's Crab Shack and attended the Dixie Stampede for the first time in several years. I can't remember the last time we

had dinner and a show at the Stampede. I would assume it has been at least 10 years.

As usual, the show didn't disappoint and the food and entertainment were top-notch. The menu hasn't changed much, with the exception of pulled pork and mashed potatoes instead of a pork slice and potato cake, which was fine. The best part of the menu was the creamed vegetable soup and the ro-



Keith Taylor

tiserie chicken, which is my absolute favorite at Dixie Stampede. The corn on the cob and the biscuit are also

The main show was stunning and amazing, with the addition of the butterfly segment and, of course the battle between the North and the South, using the fans in the stands for various competitions between the two sides. In the end it was a show of unity between both sides and a fun show overall.

The pre-show wasn't as jam-packed as the last time I remember, and the band was a little different, but it was enjoyable. Of course, I

got my slushy in a boot and brought it home. The horses and entertainers were very skilled and produced a memorable show.

We squeezed in a half-dozen donuts from Krispy Kreme and did our sightseeing drives and found another shortcut to Pigeon Forge, along Park Drive. The City Park in Pigeon Forge was a new venture, giving a sneak peek of what the park has to offer for its citizens. It was a beautiful park, featuring a pool, basketball courts, softball and baseball fields, and Pickleball courts, along with picnic areas along the creek side.

One of my favorite places to eat a breakfast sandwich is at Bojangles — the egg and cheese biscuit — is very good and my go-to for a light start to the day. Rhonda enjoys the breakfast buffet, and we enjoy eating at Reagan's House of Pancakes and the local pancake houses along the strip.

It's always good to get away and this time it was much-needed. It's good to get away and Tennessee is the perfect place to do just that. It never grows old.

Keith Taylor



Compliments matter

Where do you hear a compliment?

Dolly Parton said her husband was receiving a number of compliments from a woman at their local bank. She subsequently wrote the song titled Jolene.

In the song she penned these words, "Jolene, please don't take my man just because you can." I don't believe for a minute there was ever any woman who could have snatched up Carl Dean away from Dolly. However, whatever was transpiring made for a great hit song for Dolly.



Glenn Mollette

Also, I feel confident that Carl was getting plenty of attention from Dolly at home as well. Or, maybe he wasn't, who knows?

A counselor asked a man if he woke up grumpy? He replied, "No, I just let her sleep."

Where does your husband or wife receive their compliments, admiration and affirmation? Do they receive it at home or from someone at the bank, the grocery store, Walmart, church, gym or neighbor? We all like a good word. It's nice to hear we look good, or that we are appreciated, admired or whatever the praise might be.

We all like to hear a good word. Most everyone deserves a good word unless you are the Devil. Even he can garner some positive words. He is a hard worker and extremely successful would certainly be in order.

My main point here is that spouses, significant others, should daily hear a good word at home and from each other. Tell your wife she is

beautiful, pretty, gorgeous, incredible and more every day. Tell your husband he is handsome, good looking, incredible or something like that every day. If she or he is not then why did you marry them and why do you stay with that woman or man?

Most likely you told your wife often years ago that she was pretty, special, awesome and more when you first met and married. Or, you may have said similar meaningful words to your husband. Have you stopped?

When was the last time you really connected with your spouse between his or her ears? Maybe you got discouraged and gave up because it wasn't reciprocal.

Too often and so many times I have heard couples cut each other down to the core. Every word was negative about the other.

Criticism toward the other was abundant. Sadly, these couples never ever sweetened up toward each other. This is so sad for such

couples. In most of these scenarios these couples eventually sought others to hear a good word.

Regardless if you have been with your mate for ten days or 50 years there should be a good word toward the other every day. "I appreciate you. You make my life better. You are still handsome, beautiful, etc."

Don't take your mate for granted. We all do to some extent, but life is short.

On some level, when she or he is gone you miss that person.

If you seriously think it's beneath you to change your ways and uplift your spouse daily then you need to examine yourself, your heart and your relationship.

Don't spend your life with someone you can't cherish, admire and love. Maybe your spouse isn't as gorgeous or handsome after 30 years.

Our bodies change, but beauty and love are deeper than skin.

Think about it. We can all do better.

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failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security – 1st offense - Charles Rose, 50: assault, 4th degree domestic violence, no visible injury - Addie Long, 46: failure to appear - Darell Sparks, 30: failure to appear - Jorgev Bolanos, 26: hold for court - Rose Barnett, 48: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting - Rayronnie Flannery, 31: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting - Jason Durham, 46: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree (fentanyl); possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine) - Aaron Estell-Bradshaw, 31: hold for court	- Hunter Wagers, 22: hold for court - Shannon Smith, 41L: operating on suspended or revoked operator’s license; theft by unlawful taking, all others; failure to appear (2 counts) - Kaitlynn Rose, 27: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, all others - Amanda Hogsten, 35: tampering with witness Aug. 1 - Devon Johnson, 32: assault, 2nd degree domestic violence; strangulation, domestic violence related - Richard Foster, 60: no registration plates; failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance/security – 1st offense; operating on suspended or revoked operator’s license; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); possession of a handgun by a convicted felon; receiving stolen property (firearm) - Michael Evans, 40: criminal trespassing – 3rd degree; resisting arrest; menacing; burglary, 3rd degree - Richard Blackburn, 44: failure to appear - Jacob Breth, 26: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st - Dewey Varner, 54: failure to appear; persistent felon in possession of a firearm; fleeing or evading police, 2nd degree (on foot); criminal mischief, 2nd degree; assault, 3rd degree – police officer or probation officer; possession of marijuana; resisting arrest - James Gabbard, 42: criminal trespass – 1st degree; disorderly conduct – 1st degree; resisting arrest - Debra Miller, 63: failure to appear - Michael Creech, 41: failure to appear - Frederick Williams, 43: criminal trespassing, 3rd degree - Korella Bailey, 31: disorderly conduct, 2nd degree - Thomas Rich, 53: contempt of court, libel/slander, resistance to order - Sheri Winburn, 34: probation violation (for technical violation)	- Shaundez Goodloe, 26: serving weekends Aug. 2 - Jonathan Buchanan, 27: hold for other agency - Gunner Cornett, 23: failure to appear - Kayla McGuire, 31: fugitive from another state - Paul Feltner, 47: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines, failure to appear (3 counts); 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failure to wear seat belts; failure to produce insurance card; operating on suspended or revoked operator’s license; possession of open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle; failure to appear - Juwon Oroyo, 24: careless driving; failure to wear seat belts; operating on suspended or revoked operator’s license; operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 2nd	- Megan Hood, 40: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st - Miguel Gomez, 30: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st; no operator’s – moped license; possession of open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle - Jakerius Estill, 21: strangulation, 1st degree (domestic violence related); violation of a Kentucky EPO/DVO - Justin Shackelford, 23: assault, 4th degree dating violence (minor injury) Aug. 4 - Josue Latiegui, 41: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines; improper registration plate; no registration receipt; operating on suspended or revoked operator’s license; 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Majarian and Karina Leila Yezeguelian, 7314 Lancaster Road, \$390,000 - TNT Rentals and Renovations, LLC to Ricky Allen Hutcherson, Jr. and Rosa Paulin, lot 8 block A Baker Heights, \$331,400 - Jerri Rae Dyer to Megan Meyer and Brian McCormick, tract in vicinity of Center Street Berea, \$235,000 - John M. Godby to Deborah O. Perkins, 2028 Kearns Way, \$319,000 - Timothy Scott Ellis and Susan Marie Ellis to David L. Williams and Katherine Senn Williams, 113 Woods Lane, Berea, \$365,000 - LeAnn Beaty to Raymond E. Parkes and Yvonne S. Parke, Unit 208 Wilmore Park Condominiums, \$293,500 - Brandon M. LaBelle to Matthew R. Lamb (a/k/a Matthew Lamb) and Catrin Christian, lot 37 Southern Hills Subdivision, \$292,700 - US 25 Commercial, LLC to Combs Clark, LLC, lot 1 Unit 1 block 1 Stoney Creek, for and in consideration of a capital distribution t it’s members - Frazier Company, LLC, Carol A. Vickers and Robert C. 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I’m comfortable with water meters as long as we make it equitable so that homeowners don’t pay as much as a factory or large retailer.”

Williams said there are five water districts in Madison County, all of which have mechanisms for billing customers. She noted that while the county has yet to negotiate with those districts, pending the decision by the fiscal court, they would likely collect a small fee of perhaps three percent to cover the administrative cost of collecting the fee then passing it onto the county. The fee would be assessed monthly.

Williams also emphasized that some 80 counties across the Commonwealth assess a fee to pay for 911 services. That’s because use of telephone landlines is diminishing, thus the fees collected from landlines are diminishing significantly.

“I think it’s really important to know that communities all across our state do this [assess a 911 fee] in a variety of ways,” Williams said. “It’s not new.”

This latest discussion stems from a project in which the cities of Berea, Richmond, and the Madison County Fiscal Court tried to develop a formula to pay for 911 services before federal funds from the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP) expire in September.

That effort came to a halt when the policy was rejected by the Richmond City Commission.

Williams said the court hopes to have a new solution in place by next January to ensure adequate 911 dispatch services

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DAVID & KATHERINE WILLIAMS – 113 WOOD LANE – REQUESTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR SHORT TERM RENTAL IN AN R-1 (Single Family Residential) ZONE

AND

KATELYN HOWARD – 106 LIBERTY AVENUE – REQUESTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A CHILD CARE CENTER IN AN R-1 (Single Family Residential) ZONE.

The public is invited to attend and make comments.

Amanda Haney
Codes Administrator

Melissa Isaacs
Board Secretary

Missing 10-year-old boy found dead, mother charged with manslaughter

By Mark Maynard

Kentucky Today

After an exhaustive almost one-week search, the body of a missing 10-year-old boy from Breathitt County was found Tuesday afternoon in a shallow grave in a wooded area of Canoe Road in Breathitt County, state police said.

At a press conference Tuesday, Kentucky State Police Trooper Matt Gayheart said Jayden Spicer’s body was recovered around 3 p.m.

Jayden’s mother, Felicia Gross, 33, was charged with second-degree manslaughter, abuse of corpse, tampering with evidence and falsely reporting an incident. She was lodged in the Kentucky River Regional Jail.

The search for Jayden began Aug. 6, after his family reported him missing from his home on Panbowl Branch Road in the Jackson community on Aug. 5.

Multiple agencies were involved in the search, using aircraft, drones, dogs, sonar, thermal imaging and “boots on the ground,” state police

said.

The entire community was involved in the search for the young boy, said state Sen. Brandon Smith, R-Hazard.

“My deepest prayers are with all who loved Jayden and with our communities that came together in hope, now united in sorrow. While few details are available regarding this innocent child’s death, we will be committed to ensuring he receives justice if the facts demand it,” he said in a statement.

“My prayers and support are with KSP Post 13 and those who will oversee this investigation and prosecution.”

Smith said the outpouring of compassion throughout the area in the past week during the search for Jayden has been overwhelming to witness.

“As Jayden now rests in the arms of our Lord and Savior, may we hold close the example of unity and care shown by so many. Let us continue to lift one another in prayer, and may the peace of God’s love bring comfort to every heart that is broken,” he said.

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Reflections

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Rondal Scrivner, the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Scrivner of Center Street was seriously injured when he fell off of the scaffolding surrounding the porch of the newly constructed residence. Although the fall was not from a significant height, it was of a nature that serious internal injuries were sustained, including a ruptured spleen. Following surgery, it was expected that the child would make a full recovery.

Girl Scout troop 1 from Berea, headed by Mrs. W.E. Neuber and Mrs. Ann Sheats, spent the evening of August 10th at the farm of Homer Biggerstaff on Walnut Meadow Pike. Mr. Biggerstaff and Mr. Neuber provided transportation to and from the farm and set up tents for the event. The girls cooked their supper and breakfast over campfires. Mr. Biggerstaff provided rides for all attendees on two of the horses he had on his farm. Those in attendance includ-

ed: Jean Wilson, Betty Wilson, Della Gale Wilson, Judy Neuber, Astra Urjanis, Ruth Biggerstaff, Kay Baker, Mary Roberts, Carol Davis, Sandra Pain, and J.O. Neuber.

Madison County Schools would have a 12 percent larger budget for operations during the 1975- 1976 school year following a vote from Madison County Fiscal Court on Monday evening. The \$3,766, 866 increase required the increase of tax ratios from

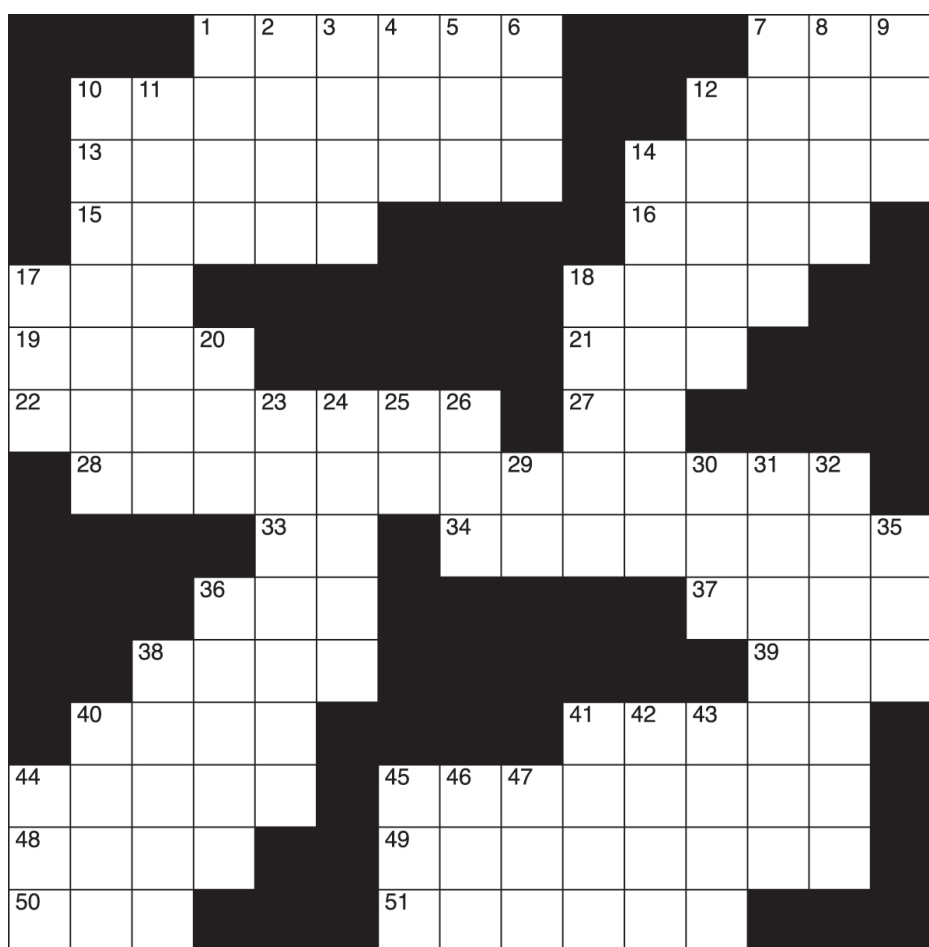
40.5 to 40.7 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. The increased funding was intended to address anticipated increased in expenditures for teacher salaries and pupil transportation costs.

Approximately 75 people gathered at the White Cemetery in from of the post office on Glades Road on Sunday for a dedication ceremony, Reverend J. K. Cunningham of Middletown Church read scripture and prayed.

saying many people made the dedication possible through hard work and research. He recognized the efforts and long hours Paul Dunson had put into making the event possible. Mayor Clifford Kerby gave a brief message and mentioned the many contributions that the black community had made to enriching Berea. Bonnie Mitchell led the dedication of the cemetery and Gail Reams represented USPS in the proceedings in the absence of postmaster Howard Baker. A monument donated by Reppert Funeral Home was placed to mark the location of the cemetery.

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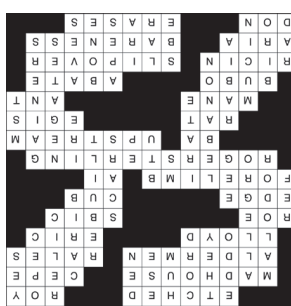
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41. A way to lessen
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son
45. Sleeveless gar-
ment

48. Long accompanied song
49. Without features
50. Yankee great Mattingly
51. Removes from record

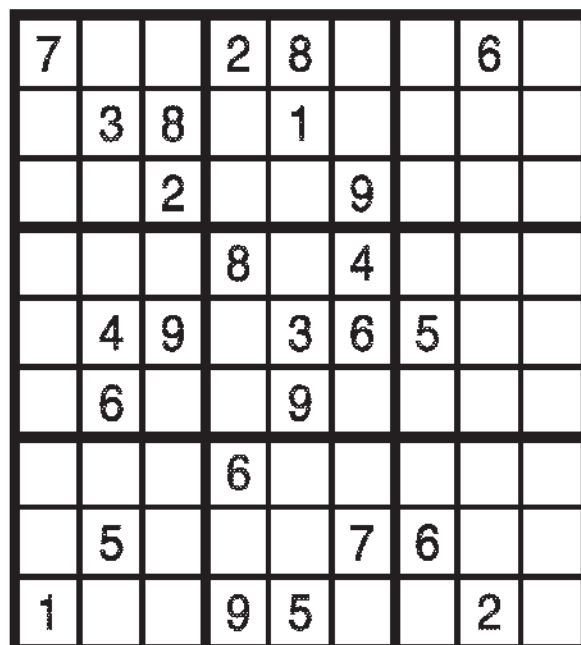
CLUES DOWN

1. Root of taro plant
2. Those ones
3. Appliances have one
4. A way to sing
5. Midway between east and southeast
6. Animal dwelling
7. An object that as survived from the past
8. Oil cartel
9. Affirmative
10. Foul smell
11. Brisk tempo
12. S. American indigenous person
14. Restored
17. Official
18. Skin lesions
20. Electroencephalograph
23. Middle Eastern country
24. Extremely angry
25. Title used before a woman's name
26. British thermal

- unit
29. By the way (abbr.)
30. Anger
31. Nullifies
32. Ones who acquire
35. Time zone
36. Arabic name
38. Protein in mucus
40. Ballpoint pen
41. Mimics
42. Humans have a lot
of it
43. Expressions of
good wishes
44. Cool!
45. One point east of
due south
46. City of Angels
football team (abbr.)
47. A way to save for
retirement



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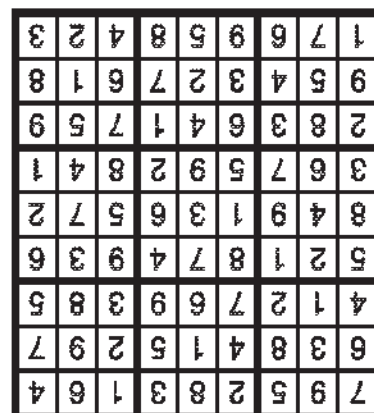
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Solve the code to discover words related to the school year.
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- A.** **26 18 25 21 20 7 26**
Clue: Teach
- B.** **11 26 6 6 14 4 6**
Clue: Plans for teaching
- C.** **21 11 20 6 6 12 14 14 13**
Clue: Where students gather
- D.** **6 16 11 11 20 23 25 6**
Clue: Course outline

The first law of public speaking: Nice guys finish fast

I recall the story about a fellow who worked as an efficiency expert down at the factory. He had been watching his wife prepare breakfast, making lots of trips between the refrigerator, stove, table and cabinets, usually carrying one item at a time. One day, he told her she could speed things up if she carried several items at a time. "Did it save time?" a friend asked. "Well, yes, it did actually," he said. "It used to take her 30 minutes to make breakfast. Now, I do it in 15."

The Bible warns us in lots of places that we can avoid lots of trouble if only we'll guard our words. One verse that particularly speaks to me is Proverbs 17:28, which says, "Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise; and he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understand-

ing."

I remember my mother's down-home wisdom when I was growing up: "If people would just keep their mouths shut, their ignorance wouldn't shine."

Actually, there are lots of variations of that message from proverbs courtesy of people who tell it just a bit differently. You may also remember the quote attributed to Mark Twain: "It is better to keep your mouth closed and let people think you are a fool than to open it and remove all doubt."

It's amazing how much has been said to instruct us to be careful with our words. One of my favorites that has made its way into the public domain says, "A turtle lays a thousand eggs



Roger Alford

without anyone knowing, but when the chicken lays an egg, the whole country is informed."

I also like the one that says, "It would be better to leave people wondering why you didn't talk than why you did," or this one, "The first law of public speaking: Nice guys finish fast."

And I love the old poem that says:

A wise old owl lived in an oak
The more he heard, the less he spoke.
The less he spoke, the more he heard,
Why can't we all be like the wise old bird?

Certainly, that husband who worked as an efficiency expert would still be eating his wife's cooking if he had heard and headed any of that great advice.

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

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Class of 2025

RICHMOND — The list of Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) graduates during the Spring 2025 commencement included 297 students from Madison County.

Names are alphabetized below by last names.

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Agee, Gracie – Middle Grade Education (BS)
Banderman, Charles – Computer Information Systems (BBA)
Cummins, Pamela – English & Writing Professions (MA)
Duty, Garrett – Business Administration (MBA)
Edwards, Debbie – Child and Family Studies (BS)
Feltner-Reichert, Noel – Computer Science (BS)
Hicks, Jessica – Teacher Education (MAT)
Huddleston, Noah – Criminal Justice (BS)
Jones, Jordin – Homeland Security (BS)
Lewis, Hannah – Recreation & Park Admin (BS)
Mccormick, Tayrra – Psychology (BS)
Mendez, Cris – Accounting (BBA)
Miller, Logan – Business Administration (MBA)
Neal, Cecily – General Business (BBA)
Nichols, Lilia – Art/Design Studio (BS)
Robinson, Brittany – Psychology (BS)
Shaw-Overstreet, Ann – General Studies (BA)
Suber, T'ya – Biology (BS)
Terry, Stephanie – User Experience Design (CERTU)
Vickers, Vanessa – Business Administration (MBA)
Walker, Christen – Business Administration (MBA)
Woodring, Haydon – Psychology (BS)
Woodward, Josh – School Leadership (MAED)

Paint Lick

Kelley, Lauren – Communication Disorders (BS)

Waco

Baker, Riley – General Studies (BA)

Richmond

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Bing, Lynnsee – Business Administration (MBA)
Campbell, Jordon – General Studies (AA)
Carlin, Christa – Nursing (MSN)
Clowers, Mckenzie – Occupational Science (BS)
Cordova, Adrian – Psychology (BS)
Davidson, Brandon – History (MA)
Diop, Kendall – Psychology (BS)
Easterling, Kennedy – Communication Disorders (CERTU, MA)
Hurt, Emily – Nursing (BSN)
Miller, Austin – Criminal Justice (BS)
Oakes, Zach – Accounting (BBA)
Ping, Maddi – Occupational Safety (BS)
Powell, Hollie – Biomedical Sciences (BS)
Sharon, Madison – Communication Disorders (BS)
Willis, Ayden – Risk Management & Insurance (BBA)

Madison Central High School Alumni

Adams, Jacob – Psychology (BS)
Akihary, Tenny – Computer Science (CERTU, MS)
Allen, Amelia – Occupational Safety (BS)
Allen, Zach – Computer Science (BS)
Alleruzzo, Grace – Occupational Science (BS)
Almaraz, Jackeline – Public Health (MPH)
Arthur, Sam – Construction Management (BS)
Blackburn, Logan – General Business (BBA)
Britt, Isaac – Physics (BS)
Carroll, Lilly – Accounting (BBA)
Chitwood, Justin – Technology Management (MS)
Colegrove, Madison – General Studies (BA)
Coyle, Austin – Teacher Education (MAT)
Crase, Kolby – Physics (BS)
Cruse, Grace – Agriculture (BS)
Daniel, Lexi – General Studies (AA)
Edwards, Reece – Elementary Education Teaching (BS)
Fox, Elijah – Finance (BBA)
Franklin, Kaley – Biology (BS)
Gannon, Neely – Occupational Safety (BS)
Georgel, Alex – Safety/Security/Emer Mgt (CERTU, MS)
Hammit, Gretchen – General Business (BBA)
Higginbotham, Austin – Chemistry (BS)

Hill, Hailee – Nursing (BSN)
Hill, Kyle – Philosophy (BA)
Holbrook, Zach – Marketing (BBA)
Horn, Lucas – General Studies (AA)
Horn, Mackenzie – Nursing (AAS)
Hubbs, Emma – Elementary Education Teaching (BS)
Hyde, Katherine – Biomedical Sciences (BS)
Kaminski, Alyssa – Nursing (AAS)
Lewis, Patrick – General Studies (BA)
Makinen, Camden – Computer Science (BS)
Maupin, Olivia – Finance (BBA)
McIntosh, Brooklyn – Health Care Administration (BS)
Moore, Amber – Elementary Education Teaching (BS)
Murphy, Kevin – Public Relations (BA)
Oliver, Christa – Psychology (BS)
Olmsted, Autumn – Computer Science (BS, CERTU)
Osborne, Chloie Madison – Nursing (BSN)
Perkins, Sara – Teacher Education (MAT)
Reece, Moli – General Studies (BA)
Rice, Amber – Psychology (BS)
Richards, Hayley – Occupational Science (BS)
Richardson, Alex – Technology Management (MS)
Robbins, Lance – Communication Studies (BA)
Rogers, Bri – Marketing (CERTU)
Schumacher, Alisa – Biomedical Sciences (BS)
Snyder, Alexa – Nursing (BSN)
Spears, Mason – Environmnt Health Sci and Sust (BS)
Sprague, Sydney – Nursing (BSN)
Stacy, Kennedy – General Business (BBA)
Stanley, Parker – Psychology (BS)
Stuart, Joseph – Teacher Education (MAT)
Sulfridge, Ryan – Accounting (BBA)
Taulbee, Tyler – Finance (BBA)
Thomas, Morgan – Biology (BS)
Thomason, Logan – Exercise & Sport Science (MS)
Turner, Stephanie – Accounting (BBA)
Wellinghurst, Will – General Studies (BA)

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BATTLE

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Much like the battles on the war field, Seyfrit said the game, now in its fourth year, will feature a new twist.

“We’ve always given a trophy, but neither group can really display it anywhere,” Seyfrit said. “This year, they will be playing for the big red stick (baseball bat).”

Dogs and pets aren’t permitted because of the loud nature of the event and there will be a cash only fee of \$15 per vehicle.

“Hopefully we can knock it out of the park again,” Seyfrit said.

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John 16:33 (KJV)

Public Hearing

The City of Berea will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 2 at 6:20 p.m. located at the City Annex Building (304 Chestnut Street). The purpose of the meeting is to receive input on the proposed tax rate for the 2025 tax year.

- The preceding year’s real property tax rate \$0.089/\$100 (expected revenue \$974,789) and the preceding year’s personal property tax rate \$0.089/\$100 (expected revenue \$198,136).

- The City of Berea proposes levying a real property tax rate of \$0.091/\$100 (expected revenue \$1,041,004) and a personal property tax rate of \$0.091/\$100 (expected revenue \$209,450).

- Compensating Tax Rate of real property is \$0.088/\$100 (expected revenue \$1,006,685) and compensating personal property tax of \$0.088/\$100 (expected revenue \$195,910).

- Revenue expected from New Property is \$23,010.

The City of Berea proposes a tax rate which will exceed the compensating tax rate. The proposed rate is expected to produce revenue from real property, exclusive of revenue from new property, of four percent (4%) over the amount of revenue which would be produced by the compensating tax rate. The revenue in excess of the revenue produced in the preceding year is proposed to be allocated to the General Fund to be administered according to the budget for fiscal year 2025-2026.

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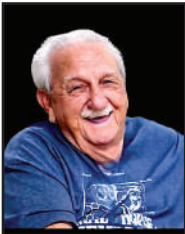
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OBITUARIES

Harold James Hymer



Harold James Hymer, 91, of Richmond, formerly of Waynesville, OH, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2025, surrounded by loved ones.

Born Jan. 19, 1934, in Madison County, Harold was the son of the late Johnnie Godfrey Hymer and Almedie Lainhart Hymer. A proud American, he served honorably in the United States Army during the Korean War from 1952 to 1954 in the trenches of North Korea.

He is survived by: his brother, Johnnie (Elaine) Hymer II, of Scott County; sister, Shirley Hymer Ruble, of Scott County; step son, Greg Jones, of Dayton, OH; grandchildren, Christy (Keith) Isaacs of Berea, Tara Hymer, of Mitchell, IN, and Nicole (Michael) Rodriguez, of Syracuse, IN; Ashley Jones, of Franklin, OH, and seven great-grandchildren. He also leaves behind many beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Harold was preceded in death by: his parents; his wives, Minnie Bea Hymer and Geraldine Singer Hymer; his son,

Justin Hymer, Syracuse, OH; his sisters, Bonnie Cox, Katherine Bach, and Laura Harrison; and his nephews, John David Baker, David Mitchell, Daniel Bach, and Gary Russell Cox.

Services were held on Saturday, Aug. 16, 2025, at the Combs, Parsons & Collins Funeral Home, where Bro. Artie Alexander officiated. Burial followed in the Pilot Knob Cemetery with full military honors.

Serving as pallbearers were Jeff Abrams, Alan Perkins, Terry Vice, Jimmy Rogers, Tommy Cope, and Brian Isaacs. Harold’s honorary pallbearers were Tim Marcum, Ralph Renfro, Warren Bruner, Randy Alexander, and Russell Isaacs.

Harold will be remembered for his dedication to his family, his service to his country, his sense of humor, his love of fishing, and his infamous storytelling. There wasn’t a wild thing growing, he didn’t try to cook, and a stranger he didn’t want to meet. He enjoyed visiting with his buddies for breakfast at McDonald’s, lunch at Better Burger, and stopping in to see anyone outside going down Red Lick. There wasn’t a day that went by that he didn’t reminisce about the old days with someone ... anyone.





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Joseph Thomas Horvat Jr.



Joseph T. Horvat Jr., 94, husband of Jan Horvat, passed away peacefully Friday Aug. 15, 2025 in Richmond at Baptist Health. Joseph was born in Milford Delaware to the late Joseph T Horvat Sr. and Emma Hobbs Horvat. He was a proud Navy Veteran and Sherwin Williams employee for 44 years; Joseph was just 24 years old when he became a Supervisor at Sherwin Williams where he was instrumental in the development of the Resin Plant. Joseph was a girls’ softball coach

for several years in New Jersey, he was a master woodworker and could fix anything, he was also a gardener, loved fishing and hunting. Joseph and Jan truly enjoyed traveling around the world together. Joseph was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Carolyn Hayt.

Joseph is survived by his loving wife of 72 years Janet M Horvat, his children: Debbie Hammond, Pat Horvat, and Tom Horvat, 9 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends and celebrate Joseph’s life on Sunday Aug. 24, 2025 from 2-6 p.m. at Lake Buck Lodge 431 Battlefield Memorial Hwy. Richmond. Located on the Bluegrass Army Depot.

Michael Flara



Michael John Flara, 65, of Brodhead, passed away peacefully in his home on May 22, 2025. 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 Debbie Flara (Patrick Kelleher), Fred Flara (Sheri Johanson), David Flara (Charlene), Joseph Flara, Jimmy McCauley (Melissa), Jennifer Robbins (Michael). His nieces and nephews Scott Matthews, Christina Aliotti (Joey), Deanna Malone (Michael), David Lee (Danielle), Trip, Marshall, and River McCauley, Kara and Cassandra Robbins. His great-nieces and nephews Adrianna Matthews, 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 Aug. 30 at 2p.m. at Berea Baptist Church.



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DOCTOR

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cause trouble if left unchecked.

“I was really glad that I was proactive about it, because if I hadn’t been, it would have become much more difficult to treat,” Pennington said. “You can’t always tell by looking at it. Now we have a lot more sophisticated tools to really help with that [diagnosis].”

Pennington has since been cancer free, and currently practices family medicine at CHI Saint Joseph Primary Care on Battlefield Highway in Kingston. But since her experience, she took away some valuable lessons.

“Obviously, you should wear sunscreen, but if you don’t like sunscreen, wear protective clothing,” she said. “The other thing is never use a tanning bed unless instructed by your medical provider.”

Pennington added those rules apply all year long. “You need to wear sunscreen in the winter, too. The reflection of the sun off the snow or water is going to be a lot more of a factor in the winter.”

Pennington also learned the importance of annual skin care check-ups to ensure she stays healthy. And, that when something seems to be wrong, don’t be afraid to speak up to health care providers.

“It’s very important to advocate for yourself if there’s something you’re concerned about.

“If you feel like it’s truly an issue, you have to make sure you see someone about it,” Pennington said. “It’s really up to you to be proactive and to take care of yourself.”



Clinic celebrates

The Berea Walk-In Clinic, now under new management, celebrated a grand opening with the Berea Chamber of Commerce on Monday. The clinic is located at 245 Prince Royal Drive and is open 8:45 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Pilot plant at depot sets safety record

Workers at the Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant (BGCAPP) have set a new record for hours worked without a Lost Time Incident (LTI) in the chemical demilitarization program.

The BGCAPP team has worked 2,179 consecutive days and 17.3 million hours without an LTI.

An LTI is an incident that results in time away from work.

“Our BGCAPP team has consistently demonstrated and maintained exceptional job safety performance, not just the past five years, but for the life of the project,” said Joe Curcio, project manager. “Their focused commitment has earned them the distinction of ex-

ceeding the safety records of previous chemical demilitarization projects.”

The previous LTI record was at the Tooele Chemical Agent Disposal Facility in Utah which completed operations in 2012. The workers at Tooele amassed 17,204,336 hours without an LTI.

“Achieving this incredible milestone reinforces that safe behaviors and actions by all workers are deliberate decisions to ‘Be Safe, Do the Right Thing,’” said Mike Noyes, assistant project manager.

Blue Grass Safety and Health Manager Brian McKay said the milestone reflects the hard work, teamwork and “brother’s keeper” attitude exhibited

for more than 20 years.

“We have the honor of being part of the last and, arguably, the most complex and memorable phase of this program,” said McKay. “We’ve taken that legacy seriously, ensuring that every task is done safely and responsibly, and proving that our commitment to safety remains as strong as ever.”

Plant Safety Manager Mike Dittman noted that at Blue Grass safety is treated as a value, not a priority.

“Priorities change rapidly here as emergent work appears or schedules change; a value however is constant,” said Dittman.

“Safety as a value supersedes any specific situation regardless of time or place. Safety is not just a catch

phrase or a slogan at BGCAPP and we work exceptionally hard in spite of the challenges to maintain that value.”

The final M55 rocket filled with GB nerve agent was drained and destroyed in the main plant July 7, 2023, marking the completion of the destruction of the chemical weapons stockpile in Kentucky.

The stockpile at the Blue Grass Army Depot near Richmond was the last of nine stockpiles in the U.S. to be eliminated.

Since the last rocket was destroyed, drained, containerized rocket warheads, considered secondary waste, are being processed in Static Detonation Chamber facilities at BGCAPP.

COUNCIL

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various pumps are undergoing testing. Additionally, crews installed slides at the facility this week.

During the mayoral comments segment of the meeting, Mayor Bruce Fraley noted the renovation project is long overdue, since the pool is over 30 years old and letting it go too long might have created significant safety issues. Fraley praised Sandlin, project manager Brian

Reed, and Parks and Recreation Director Priscilla Bloom for their efforts in keeping the project moving forward.

Also underway behind the Russel Acton Folk Center is the construction of six lighted pickleball courts. Half of that project will be funded by dollars from Berea Tourism.

Sandlin reported the Ellipse Street shared use path project is also underway, and that it could be completed as early as 90 days from now. The project currently stretches from Walnut Meadow Road to Laurel Drive.

During the public comments

segment, Kathy Williams addressed the council, expressing concern about potential cuts to Medicaid and Medicare. Williams noted possible cuts to federal benefits could adversely effect people in need, particularly pregnant women, and would negatively impact local health care providers.

Williams asked the council to research the issue then develop an appropriate response.

In one other act, the council heard the first reading of an ordinance to remove Sycamore Street from the city’s

road maintenance program. The ordinance states the street is not accessible by city vehicles.

Meanwhile, Councilmember Cora Jane Wilson requested the city look into ordinances related to commercial vehicles near residential neighborhoods.

Wilson lamented the appearance of one such business near Dogwood Drive, noting that the lot is unsightly and effects the appearance of the neighborhood. Jerry Little interjected that having commercial vehicles on city lots is going to happen when there

are businesses operating in the city. In response, Sandlin agreed to study the issue further.

In reference to upcoming events, Fraley also encouraged council members to support the Berea Chamber of Commerce Spoonbread Festival, which will take place the third week of September. Berea City Councilman John Payne noted the event kicks off a whole line-up of events thereafter, stretching from late summer to the Christmas season.

The next Berea City Council meeting is slated for Sept. 5.

Reagan achieved peace

Everyone has a favorite President. Mine is Ronald Wilson Reagan. Hands down.

I was only nine when Reagan was elected President in 1980, but I remember him well. His eight-year term covered my teenage years and his impact on our nation and world as a whole was significant in my opinion.

In the span of my lifetime, Reagan followed Nixon, Ford, and Carter and it was Reagan, who made the biggest impact during a time when I was making the transition from childhood to a teenager.

Reagan was the one I remember the most.

I remember coming home from school on the day he was shot. I was startled because I had read and heard about John F. Kennedy's assassination and couldn't believe it was happening to Reagan. I can still see ABC-TV anchor Sam Donaldson reporting on the shooting.

Reagan's speeches always captivated me. He was like a grandfather figure to me and I guess that was one of the many reasons I was drawn to him. He genuinely cared about America and you could feel it in his delivery and approach. His sense of humor and ability to communicate made him an effective leader.

As President Donald Trump and Russian leader Vladimir Putin met last week to discuss a resolution and possible ending to the war in Ukraine, the meeting brought back memories from the 1980s when the Cold War was beginning to thaw.

I watched Youtube videos of Reagan and late leader of the Soviet Union Mikhail Gorbachev during the Geneva Summit in 1985 and was amazed as two leaders met and discussed ways to eliminate nuclear missiles. The two presidents met four times and formed a bond that proved to be beneficial to both countries and eliminated the threat of a doomsday nuclear war.

I've read several books on Reagan and it only deepened my respect for him. He was humorous, yet serious enough to end a cold war through negotiation instead of retaliation. After he was shot, he thanked God for sparing his life and gave credit to the creator.

The faith of Ronald Reagan was my favorite book and it provided details of his childhood and his mother, who was a devout Christian. I also purchased a copy of "The President Will See You Now: Stories and Lessons from Ronald Reagan's Final Years." This book gave details of his battle with Alzheimer's disease. In the early diagnosis, Reagan continued to travel to his office on a normal basis and lived a life as best he could under the circumstances.

During his presidency, those were times when our political leaders were respected regardless of party affiliation and when we needed a leader who wasn't afraid to stand up to the evil empire in Russia. He succeeded and lived to see it happen.

I believe Trump sincerely wants to end the war in Ukraine and is doing everything he can to dissolve the conflict.

Regardless of your political affiliation, you have to appreciate the fact that Trump is trying his best to bring an end to the war.

Back to Reagan. It was sad to watch Reagan's health decline in the last decade of his life, but in the previous eight decades, he was truly an American hero.

Reagan was the one, in my humble opinion, the President in my lifetime who truly made America Great Again.

His legacy will never be forgotten.



Keith Taylor



Make America safe

I would love to go back to Washington, D.C. and feel like my wife and I could safely stroll the city at 9 or 10 p.m. at night.

Actually, I would like to feel like we could safely walk the city at 10 in the morning. I am grateful that President Trump is taking a proactive approach to making D.C. as safe as possible.

In 2024 there were over 14 million criminal offenses reported in the United States. (US Crime statistics, Bing.com)

How many cities, towns or even rural areas do you feel safe in today? My son and I were in NYC a few years back. We toured the Empire State building and it was almost 1:00 in the morning by the time we left the building and started looking for New York pizza. We walked

back to Times Square and of course there were still people out but not that many. There wasn't a minute that I wasn't constantly looking around and wondering if we were safe. We had a good evening but it's aggravating to have to be concerned.

What town or community in America can we go and not have to be concerned? Even in the smallest villages in America who knows if there is a mentally deranged person out and about looking for something bad to do or someone to hurt? Drunks and drug heads drive our roads. The mentally sick choose unpredictable times to unleash their problems on unsuspecting victims.

From just recent events, we know that you might be shopping at a Target store, sitting in a classroom, worshipping in your church or just walking down the street for something bad to happen to you or any of us. No one is immune in any

place in America.

It hasn't always been this way. I remember that I was a child when my parents started locking the doors of our house. There was a time we didn't even lock the doors. That was another era. Wouldn't you love to once again live in a country or an area where you felt so safe that you didn't bother with locking your doors? Wouldn't it be great if you didn't have to lock them during the day? What if you didn't have to keep a loaded gun close by or even lock your car?

Wouldn't that be a wonderful world?

Criminals stole 2,969 cars in D.C. in 2024 and 2,944 cars so far in 2025. This is bad for everyone, the victims, the insurance companies and the city.

God bless President Trump for trying to make America and D.C. safe again. I pray that God enables him to make every town in America a place where we feel safe.



Glenn Mollette



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MADISON COUNTY DETENTION CENTER

Aug. 7 - Shawnacey Roberts, 19: hold for court - Roberto Lazacano-Garcia, 65: failure to appear - Wendy Young, 38: driving on DUI suspended license – 1st offense - William Moore, 46: failure to appear (2 counts) Aug. 8 - Emily Frasure, 30: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree (fentanyl); possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); tampering with physical evidence; drug paraphernalia – buy / possess; no operator’s moped license; operating on a suspended or revoked operator’s license; prescription controlled substance no properly contained – 1st offense; speeding – 20 mph over limit; improper display of registration plates; possession of a controlled substance -1st - Angela Spellman, 48: contempt of court, libel/ slander, resistance to order; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine) - Brent Howe, 53: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine) - John Melton, 34: assault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor injury; criminal mischief, 2nd degree - Robert Jones, 58: failure to appear - Michael Abshear, 48: failure to appear - Melinda Powell, 42: probation violation (for felony offense) - Joseph Maghan, 31: failure to appear - Anthony Gerald, 43: probation violation – for felony offense (3 counts)	- Janika Huguely, 23: probation violation – for felony offense - Marshall Willoughby, 57: hold for court - John Lawson, 43: criminal mischief, 1st degree; theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting - Johnathan Smith, 43: possession of marijuana; entry on land to shoot/ hunt/ fish/ trap without consent, 1st offense Aug. 9 - Brianna Smothers, 26: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of substance(s) – 1st; resisting arrest; assault, 3rd degree – police officer or probation officer; assault, 3rd – police officer -non-communicable bodily fluid; assault, 3rd degree – police officer or probation officer - Matthew Ortiz, 28: failure to appear - Matthew Conquest, 37: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st - Jon Pryor, 19: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st - Jason Gunner, 25: failure to appear - Melissa Shippy, 58: assault, 2nd degree domestic violence - Jeremiah Johnson, 39: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting (2 counts) - William Richardson, 50: failure to appear, citation for misdemeanor - Glenn Fraley, 50: assault, 4th degree (minor injury); public intoxication – controlled substance (excludes alcohol) - Elizabeth Frank, 41: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (heroin)	- Patrick Balch, 45: violation of a Kentucky EPO/ DVO; stalking, 1st degree - Lauren Farmer, 28: assault, 1st degree; criminal abuse, 1st degree – child 12 or under; operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st (aggravated circumstances) Aug. 10 - William Johnson, 63: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/ substance – 1st (aggravated circumstances); possession of open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle; license to be in possession - Terri Landrum, 63: no registration plates; operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st (aggravated circumstances); criminal mischief – 2nd degree - Eric Powell, 46: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines - Christopher Long, 40: speeding, 15 mph over limit; possession of marijuana; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine) - Diego Perez, 22: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st; no operator’s – moped license - Blayze Stumbo, 24: speeding, 20 mph over limit; operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st - Brittney Collins, 36: failure to appear - Bobby Cox, 43: non – payment of court costs, fees, or fines - Jacob Davis, 23: no registration plates; no registration receipt; no brake lights (passenger vehicle); operating motor vehicle under the influence of substance(s) –	1st; no operator’s – moped license; possession of marijuana; possession of open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle Aug. 11 - Bradley Sargent, 44: failure to appear, citation for misdemeanor (6 counts); fleeing or evading police – 1st degree (motor vehicle); possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (heroin); operating on suspended operator’s license; assault, 4th degree domestic violence (minor injury); assault, 2nd degree domestic violence; kidnapping – adult; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (drug unspecified); drug paraphernalia – buy / possess - Jonna Wakalatsi, 23: failure to wear seat belt; operating motor vehicle under the influence of substance(s) – 1st; drug paraphernalia – buy / possess; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine) - William Brookings, 40: serving parole violation warrant - Cearra Bowen, 25: failure to appear - Nicholas Walker, 51: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of substance(s) – 1st; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (drug unspecified) - Kacey Neeley, 33: fleeing or evading police (on foot); failure to appear; probation violation (for felony offense) - September Stamper, 25: hold for court Aug. 12 - Jeffrey Dix, 66: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines - Robert Washington, 50:	alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses) - Margie Richardson, 66: failure to appear (2 counts) - Eric Springborn, 44: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st (aggravated circumstances); possession of marijuana; probation violation (for technical violation) - Randy Hatton, 37: speeding, 23 mph over limit; operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 2nd; possession of open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle - James Willis, 36: public intoxication – controlled substance (excludes alcohol) - Casey Potter, 28: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, all others, \$10,000n but less than \$1,000,000 - Brandy Barrett, 42: serving time - Katie Moore, 33: serving time - David Cockerham, 43: hold for court Aug. 13 - Gerald Paske, 63: failure to appear; hold for court - David Anderson, 54: contempt of court, libel/ slander, resistance to order - Michael Mivins, 49: probation violation (for technical violation) - Austen Morphis, 30: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol – 1st - Andres Barraza, 40: assault, 2nd degree domestic violence; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree (fentanyl); failure to appear - Ronald Penman, 34: criminal trespassing – 3rd degree - Peggy Riley, 49: probation violation (for felony offense)
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COURT RECORDS District Court July 31 - Melissa R. Berry vs. Christopher L. Stratton - Kelly Marie Young vs. Connor Gale McGuire - Connor Gale McGuire vs. Kelly Marie Young Aug. 3 - Alexia Nacaysha Abbott vs. Michael Sanchez Aug. 4 - Rachel Catherine Hardy vs. Aaron T. Conley Aug. 6 - Sharon Beth Pigg vs. Dustin Matthew Sparks Aug. 8 - Larrenda Madison Meade vs. Jacob Fernando Quintero - Jennifer Golden vs. John Leslie Melton Aug. 10 - Kyle Herald vs. Devlin Gray Aug. 12 - Andrew Jacob Rehor vs. Samantha Marie Soderling (3 cases) Aug. 13 - Megan M. Morris vs. Benjamin B. Smith - April Dawn Baker vs. Jakerius Tyrell Estill Circuit Court July 31 - Amanda Erin Campbell vs. Bryce Martin Talbert - Heather Spaulding Devasher vs. James London Devasher, III Aug. 1 - Grace Poole vs. Ashton Poole - Jacob Todd Agee vs. Elena Mendez Agee - Matthew Miles vs. Bobbie Miles - Kaytlinn B. Griffith vs. Trevor S. Griffith - Stephanie Pisegna vs. Frank Pisegna, III - Robert Lee Lair vs. Angela Lee Lair Aug. 4 - Tara Wynn O'Donnell vs. William Joseph O'Donnell Aug. 5 - Joshua Ingram vs. Sheri Ingram - Courtney Payne vs. Zachary Allen Aug. 6 - Starr Bowling vs. Ernest Carl Bruce Bowling - Rachel Nichole Reed vs. Cody Scott Gifford - Topanga Vanzant vs. Ethan Vanzant Aug. 8 - Justin Nelson vs. Brittany Ann Nelson - Morgan Smith vs. Jonathon Albert Smith Aug. 11 - Carolyn Danielle Smith vs. Bradley Ryan Smith - Anil Kumar Patel vs. Kalpanaben Patel - Cheryl Lynn Ezel vs. Douglas Henry Ezel Aug. 12 - Kristin Jones vs. Jarrod Owen Jones - Jason Scott Sheperd vs. Patience Daine Shepherd Aug. 13 - Kimberly Nicholas vs. Ronald Nicholas - Samantha Jo Dodson-Skinner vs. Ariq Micquail Skinner - Commonwealth of Kentucky, EX. REL., Alissa K. Seals vs. Albert. F. Seals - Kandis Danielle Lane vs. Dillon Hugh Lane Foreclosure Aug. 8 - Federation of Appalachian Housing Enterprise vs. Jess Litten	PROPERTY TRANSFERS Aug. 7 - Gina R. Lockhart and Tina M. Vance to Claude Byron Tremper, 240 Percheron Drive, \$400,000 - Gina R. Lockhart and Tina M. Vance to Claude Byron Tremper, 236 Percheron Drive, \$100 - Donald L. “Renn” Willingham to Thomas Wilson, lot 8 Monticello Acres, \$283,000 - David E. Nixon to Kaitlyn Smith, Brandon Smith, Jerry Smalley and Debora L. Smalley, 512 MacRander Drive, Berea, \$320,000 - David E. Nixon to Kaitlyn Smith, Brandon Smith, Jerry Smalley and Debora L. Smalley, 516 MacRander Drive, Berea, for and in consideration of the total sum previously paid - Vickie Diane Fritz (a/k/a Vickie Fritz Moberly) and Linda Kay Fritz to Roger Keck and Marsha Keck, lot 13 Greenway Subdivision, \$158,000 - George E. Riley and Jessica Riley to Riley Rentals, LLC, 3535 Berea Road, for and in consideration of a capital contribution to the grantee - Austin M. Andrew and Kaylie Christine Andrew to Kaizen Investment Group, LLC, lot 11 Baker Heights, \$215,000 - Nancy Lyynn Snowden, Trustee of the Carl William Snowden and / or Nancy Lynn Snowden Revocable Trust, dated May 28, 2014, to Snowden Holdings, 314 Rose-dale Avenue, \$90,000 - Bruce Riley and Caroline Riley to Lindsay T. Yinger, 1012 Prairie View Drive, \$395,000 - Four Mile Investments, LLC to Vinit Kutty and Abbey Poffenberger, lot 109 Carriage Place Phase 2, \$435,000 - Four Mile Investments, LLC to Vinit Kutty and Abbey Poffenberger, lot 110 Carriage Place Phase 2, \$435,000 Aug. 8 - Joshua A. Wilson and Rebecca Wilson to Alexander L. Bush and Lynzee Bush, lot 43 Walnut Grove Sub-division, \$435,000 - Daniel T. Combs and Tabitha R. Combs to Janet Renee Main, 1048 Breezy Lane, \$315,000 - Sheila Gail Powell to Sheila Gail Powell, Trustee or her successors in Trust of the Sheila Gail Powell Revocable Trust, dated, June 3, 2011, lot 35 Idylwild Subdivision, for purposes of funding the Sheila Gail Powell Revocable Trust - Adam Tribble to William Edward Tribble, Jr. and Thelma Jean Edna Tribble, lot 46 plat 20/ 172, \$215,000 - Jackson Randall to Brian E. Charles, Trustee of the Brian E. Charles Living Trust, dated May 7, 2019, 202 S. Poplar Street, \$85,500 - Champ Properties, LLC to M.A. Conley Construction, LLC, 1442 Champion Way, \$175,000 - James W. Cain, Jr. and Brenda Cain to Foxhound, LLC, 1272 College Hill Road, Waco, \$500,000 - Jill Rice to Payton King, 158 Fike Road, \$80,000 - Michael Geile and Rebecca Geile to Dineshkumar Patel and Geetaben Dineshkumar Patel, 233 Bay Colony, \$550,000 - Bend Road Farm Operations, LLC to D. H. Hill, tract 1 plat 32/ 91, \$200,000	- Marvin Ray Dixon and Jeanette Dixon to Norman’s Home Center, tract Madison County (vicinity of College Hill Road), \$65,000 - Gary E. King, Trustee of the Gary E. King Irrevocable Trust, dated September 19, 2020, to Sarah K. King, lot 2 plat 32/ 95, \$14,840 Aug. 11 - Norris G. Tucker and Pam A. Tucker to Deata Sexton Gregory and Paul Richard Gregory, tract Madison County, \$795,000 - Dustin Charles Ridnor and Kalinda Morgan to William J. Bruner and Mary L. Bruner, 906 The Pad-dock Court, \$320,000 - Austin W. Huffman and Taylor M. Huffman to Sebastian Culbertson, lot 90 Orchard Hills Subdivision Phase 3, \$299,000 - Raymond E. Parke and Yvonne S. Park to Megan Nicole Chaney and Christopher Chad Chaney, 416 Wallace Court, \$244,500 - J and J Enterprises of Kentucky, LLC to Bison Properties, LLC< lot 208 South Bluegrass Junction Phase 2, \$135,000 - Donald Gene Webb, by Virginia Stephens, Attorney-in-Fact and Mary Parks Webb to Aaron Blake Hammonds and Leanna Nicole Steans, 281 Waco Loop Road, Waco, \$60,000 - Ball Homes, LLC to Travis C. Mosley and Madison Rose Mosley, lot 43 Arbor Woods, Phase II, \$351,912 - Abhishek Rajendra Jani and Chaitali Abhishek Jani to Clarence M. Johnson and Carol C. Johnson, lot 114 Phae II-B Section 2 Hampton Ridge, \$390,000	- Clarence M. Johnson and Carol C. Johnson to Donna K. Jones, lot 45 Phae 2 Dove’s Landing, \$355,000 - Donna K. Jones to Firefly Ridge Properties, 1015 College Hill Road, Waco, \$535,000 - Trifecta Blue, LLC to Roark Rentals #II, LLC, 397 – 399 Anna Hume Boulevard, \$379,000 - LMP Properties, LLC to LP Construction, LLC, 316 Circle Point Drive, \$79,500 - Alan Harris and Kathy Harris to Alan L. Harris and Kathleen M. Marris, Trustees of the 2010 Harris Living Trust, dated February 25, 2010, 253 Tahoe Way, for and in consideration of the love and affection Grantors have for Grantees - Victory Lane Development, Inc. to Jordan Neikirk, lot 1 Clay Point Subdivision, \$299,900 - DS and JV Properties, LLC to D&M Homes, LLC, lot 138 Phase 2 Firebrook Subdivision, \$62,000 - David Alan Steeley and Gibran Requena Lopex to Kristopher David Brantley and Kati Hartley Brantley, lot 269 Phase 7 Indigo Run Subdivision, \$52,000 - James Luke Honaker and Heather R. Honaker to Eastern Commons, LLC, lot 6 Janwell, \$120,000 - Kentucky Home Transformations, LLC to Angela McGaughey, 116 Carlton Drive, \$355,000 Aug. 12 - Robin McKenzie May and Thomas May to Donald Steven Morgan and Jessica Michelle Merritt, 4007 Port Royal Drive, \$440,000
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MARRIAGES

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Yard Sale

Yard sale
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Cloths for teen boys, women's, so much misc., priced to sale, new in box rolling walker

Estate-Moving sale
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106 Harrison Crt
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Fri & Sat 22 & 23, 8-4 p.m.
lots of items from baby items household tools furniture cloths ect new items daily.

Yard Sale /Estate sale
147 Ogg Lane
Sat. Aug. 30 9-2
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Multi-Family Carport sale
Farmers, corner of Powell and Glades Road
Dixie Park, Sat. Aug 23, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Rain or shine

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 - Skid Plate Group
- Deactivate Rear Doors/Windows
- Black Left LED Spot Lamp

Sealed bids must be received no later than 3:00 P.M., local time, August 26, 2025. Sealed bids are to be delivered to the office of the City Clerk, 212 Chestnut Street, Berea, Kentucky 40403. The bids will be opened August 26, 2025, at 3:15 P.M., local time, in the Berea City Clerk's office.

The City of Berea reserves the right to accept any bid, to reject any and all bids, to waive any irregularities or informalities in accepting any bid, and to accept what is determined to be the most responsive, most responsible, and best bid, and in the best interest of, and most advantageous to, the City. Any questions or requested interpretations relating to this Request for Bids must be in writing and submitted to the undersigned no later than five (5) business days prior to bid opening. Bidders may not rely on any representations from the City which are not in writing.

Shawn Sandlin
City Administrator

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Public Service Commission of Kentucky issued an order of July 31, 2025, scheduling a public comment meeting to be held on September 8, 2025, at 5 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, at Jefferson Community & Technical College: Hovarth Auditorium, 1000 Community College Dr., Louisville, KY 40272 for the purpose of hearing public comments on Kentucky Utilities Company and Louisville Gas and Electric Company applications for adjustment of its electric and gas rates and approval of certain regulatory and accounting treatments in Case Nos. 2025-00113 and 2025-00114.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Phone: (859) 986-4391
200 Harrison Rd
Berea, KY 40403

Berea Municipal Utilities is accepting sealed bid proposals for a Wastewater Treatment Plant SCADA PC, HMI, and PLC Panel Upgrade. The following are required for each aspect of the project:

- **SCADA PC & HMI Upgrade** - Redundant SCADA PCs as Servers. Submittals shall include all-in pricing for lot services, necessary hardware, and software that is a direct upgrade to the wastewater plant's existing SCADA, infrastructure, and telemetry, including all licenses, dialers, and software licenses to convert the existing FactoryTalk HMI system to a network distributed system with full redundancy capability. Control functionality and graphics must be identical to the plant desktop machine. Complete redundancy is required. Minimum 31.5" monitor. PCs must have Wi-Fi capability.
- **SCADA PLC Panel Upgrade (Retrofit)** - Any and all loose parts of applicable quantities for complete internal retrofit of the existing WWTP PLC Control Panel, including processor, input modules, output modules, power supply, pigtailed for all modules, required wire, wire markers, etc., as required. Decommissioning of existing WWTP PLC Control Panel internals. Installation/retrofit of new PLC, I/O cards, and ancillary hardware into the existing WWTP PLC Control Panel per the BOM requirements. Reprogramming the new WWTP PLC Control PLC to convert existing functionality to the new, modern Allen-Bradley processor. Submittals shall include all-in pricing for lot services, hardware, and software.

All interested bidders are encouraged to schedule an on-site review and assessment of the existing SCADA software, hardware, and quantities before issuing a bid, as only bids that are a direct upgrade to the wastewater plant's existing SCADA will be considered. To schedule an on-site assessment, please contact Scott Johnson, Berea Municipal Utilities WWTP Chief Operator, at sjohnson@bereaky.gov

Bid proposals are to be clearly marked "Berea Municipal Utilities Wastewater Treatment Plant SCADA PC, HMI, and PLC Panel Upgrade Submittal" and MUST CONTAIN A SUMMARY TOTAL LISTED ON A COVER SHEET.

Bids will be opened at 3:15 pm, September 5th, 2025, at the Office of the City Clerk.

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.

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

Bid proposals are to be received no later than 3:00 pm on Friday, September 5th, 2025.

INDICTMENTS

Madison County Circuit Court August 13, 2025

District I

- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Cassandra Davidson: attempted 1st degree robbery; 2nd degree assault (2 counts); attempted kidnapping
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Bentley D. Carpenter: 1st degree criminal mischief; 1st offense operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs; failure to maintain insurance; 1st degree assault; leaving the scene of an accident (2 counts); 1st degree fleeing or evading police; 1st degree wanton endangerment (6 counts)
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Steven Lane: 1st degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine)

District II

- Commonwealth of Ken-

tucky vs. Jeffrey L. King: operating motor vehicle on suspended/revoked license; 1st degree fleeing or evading police; 1st degree persistent felony offender; wanton endangerment 1st (6 counts)

- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Eric Andre Taylor: failure to wear seat belts; 1st degree possession of a controlled substance, drug unspecified (2 counts); possession of marijuana; pos-

session of drug paraphernalia; 1st degree trafficking in a controlled substance; convicted felon in possession of a handgun

District V

- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Andrew Neace: 1st degree persistent felony offender
- James Lucas Cochran: Attempted murder (victim 1); 2nd degree assault – victim 2 (2 counts); 2nd degree assault (victim 1) – 8

counts; 4th degree assault (victim 2)

- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Michael Willis: 1st degree criminal mischief

Misdemeanors

- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Brandon Lee Campbell: 2nd degree wanton endangerment (3 counts)
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Heather Jo Campbell: 2nd degree wanton endangerment (3 counts)

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Reflections

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August 20, 1925 Busy Week

Local law enforcement made several arrests during the previous week. The Botkin Brothers swore out warrants for three Rogers Brothers (Frank, Stanley and Jess) on Wallaceton Pike which called for a search for automobile accessories. A large quantity of a parts were found. The materials had been apparently collecting for months as a result of petty theft. Frank and Stanley Rogers along with John Henry Knuckles and Floyd Simpson were all held to \$500 bond to appear before the grand jury on charges of stealing. Frank Rogers and Stanley Rogers along with George Van were also held on whiskey charges which had been outstanding for some time. A warrant

for Knuckles for forgery had been in the hands of law enforcement for some time as well. Officers also transported R.D. Hollingsworth to Richmond where he was to serve 30 days in jail for impersonating a police officer. George Withers of Big Hill was taken into custody for selling whiskey. He was fined \$100 and jailed for 30 days. Andy Mays was arrested at the fair last week for public intoxication. He was fined \$10 and court costs

August 24, 1950 Blaze extinguished

The Berea Fire Department was called out at midnight on Thursday, August 18th to extinguish a fire in Elizabeth Rogers Dormitory on Berea College Campus. The blaze was brought under control in six

minutes according to student fire chief Herb Fields. Fields reported that a dormitory resident had left a hot iron on a cloth. The covering caught fire but was partially extinguished with water. After extinguishing, the cloth was thrown down the trash chute igniting numerous papers in the bin. The fire department then reached the scene and put out the fire.

August 21, 1975 Telephone calls

Beginning at midnight on August 21st, Bereans no longer had the luxury of only dialing 5 digits to place a phone call. Because of growth and the addition of new equipment, a General Telephone spokesman said that seven digits would be required.

August 24, 2000 Officer involved shooting

Around 9:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 22nd, Kentucky State Police received a call from a woman of a prowler on Moberly Road in eastern Madison County. According to reports Sgt. Joey Barnes and Trooper Kevin Miller responded to the call. Upon arrival Barnes confronted a white male who allegedly pointed a weapon at him. The report said Barnes fired a shot at the suspect striking him on the right side. The suspect was transported to Pattie A. Clay before being transferred to U.K. Medical Center. Neither officer sustained injury. An investigation into the incident was underway.

Game Page

Crossword

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CLUES ACROSS

- Mongolian politician
- Coconut palms
- Rounded knob
- Japanese city
- Covers in soft material
- Walk around
- Ancient region in Syria
- French painter
- Grandmother
- Cow part
- Rocky peak
- Secret plan
- Sings to one's lover
- More (Spanish)
- Father
- Chinese philosophical principle
- Hat
- In agreement
- A person's brother or sister
- Evil spirit
- Monetary units
- Partner to cheese
- About Sun
- A place to dance
- Performer — Lo Green
- Beach accessory
- Recipe measurement (abbr.)
- Partly digested food
- Pooch
- Honorific title added to family name
- Salts
- Lichens genus
- Lowest point of a ridge

CLUES DOWN

- Two-toed sloth
- Cooking ingredient
- Iranian city
- Publicly outs
- Steep-sided hollow
- Spoke
- General law or rule
- Extravagantly theatrical
- Very fast airplane
- Arm bones
- Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- ___ fide: legitimate
- Gemstone
- Counsels
- Top exec
- Cool!
- Touch lightly
- Extract money via taxation
- Dyes
- Cloying sweetness
- Soft drinks
- Capital of Guam
- Chemical compound
- The bill in a restaurant
- Car mechanics

CLUES ACROSS

- Late comedian Ne- whart
- Health care for the aged
- Wise individuals
- A passage with access only at one end
- Trim
- Former OSS
- The upper surface of the mouth
- Edible lily bulbs
- Type of reef
- Vaccine developer
- Mottled citrus fruit
- A place to store lawn tools
- Rare goose native to Hawaii
- Hollywood pig
- Musician Clapton
- Take a chance
- Spanish soldier
- Mark Wahlberg comedy

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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!

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ANSWER:



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

A. 9 22 22 24 18 25 17
Clue: Make less warm

B. 5 21 25
Clue: Circulates air

C. 18 25 1 22 22 13 4
Clue: Inside

D. 13 26 16 21 18 13 4
Clue: Fixes

Answers: A: cooling B: fan C: indoors D: repairs

Say you can't dance? Try whacking your thumb with a hammer

I heard a story not long ago about an entertainer who canceled at the last minute his appearance at a women's auxiliary meeting.

The president of the auxiliary was frantic, wondering how she would find a replacement on such short notice. About that time, she glanced out the window and saw a man whirl across a nearby construction site doing a series of double flips and one-handed cartwheels before disappearing into some bushes.

She rushed outside and found the man's foreman. "That was absolutely incredible," she said. "Do you think that fellow would be willing to do that again at our women's meeting? I'll pay him \$100."

"Hey, Bubba," the foreman shouted. "This woman says she'll give you \$100 if you'll smash your thumb with a hammer again."

I expect it didn't take Bubba long to turn down that job offer. We're not eager to repeat some things, like hitting our thumbs with a hammer. Proverbs 22:3 tells us a prudent man keeps an eye out for bad things that can happen and is careful to avoid them.

We certainly do all in our power to avoid pain and suffering. But, you know, Jesus did not. He gladly accepted the pain and suffering that came with being crucified. I was

reminded of that when I toured the Holy Land. While there, I visited the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus spent time praying before He was arrested by an angry mob.

From Gethsemane, Jesus could watch those angry people walk down the hill from Jerusalem, cross the valley and make their way up to where He waited. It's a relatively short walk. Jesus didn't run away. He didn't hide. He allowed them to take him into custody. He willingly endured the suffering and the shame of the Cross because that was His mission.

I hear from people all the time who say going to the Holy Land and walking where Jesus walked has been one of the greatest blessings of their lives. They say it has given them insights into the Bible that they couldn't get from reading books or watching documentaries.

I agree.

Looking upon those same mountains that Jesus saw during his earthly ministry is awe-inspiring. So is gazing across the Sea of Galilee, walking the streets of Jerusalem, visiting Golgotha where Jesus was crucified, or stepping into that empty tomb, tears pooling in your eyes as you contemplate



Roger Alford

afresh and anew that He's not there, that He arose.

You never read the Bible the same way after visiting the Holy Land. You have geographical and cultural perspectives that you didn't have before. The Bible comes to life like never before. But more than that, visiting the Holy Land is a deeply moving spiritual experience for everyone who goes.

Brother Maze Jackson, a Baptist evangelist from yesteryear, was the one who really got me interested in going to the Holy Land. He told about putting stones into his pockets from that storied place where David defeated Goliath. He told about the incredible view from Mount Carmel where Elijah took down 450 prophets of Baal. He told of the victory he felt standing inside that empty tomb, knowing Jesus left that place on resurrection Sunday. And he told of the tears of gratitude that welled up in his eyes as he walked up Mount Calvary.

Tears aren't uncommon for visitors to the Holy Land, but not the kind of tears that come from whacking your thumb with a hammer. These are those sweet tears that come from knowing you're standing on the same ground where Jesus once stood.

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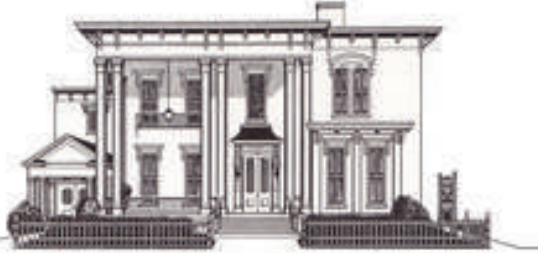


HUMILITY AHEAD

If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. John 13:14 (KJV)

Although He was their Master, Jesus was not too proud to wash His disciples' feet and encouraged them to be the same. We should all be servants unto each other no matter what our position in life. The next time you come across someone in need, do what you can to help them, even if you do not know them.

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PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Overflow Transfers from A5 Aug. 12 - Emily Miller and Raymond Hofmeister to John A. Poulette, Jr. and Judy A. Poulette, 104 Vanwinkle Grove, Berea, \$320,000 - Joel F Bowling, Jr. and Ashley J. Bowling to Zachary Blake Cottongim, lot 11 plat 26/584, \$530,000 - Wesley H. Shelton to Susan Elizabeth Shelton, tract Madison County, \$84,000 - Jeffrey E. Hickerson and Ruby Hickerson to Zachary Cockerell and Elizabeth Cockerell, tract Madison County (vicinity of Lower Hines Creek), \$460,000 - David Preston Holder and Ann Marie Beveraly to John Michael Jennes and Kaitlyn May Jennes, 780 Stoney Run Road, \$330,000 - Ron Raguindin and Janice Mae Serioza Raguindin and Raiza Mae Serioza Raguindin and Jai-Quez A. Sparks to Ryan An-	thony Perrin, lot 36 Canyon Grove Subdivision, \$240,000 - DS & JV Properties, LLC to Fenway Construction, LLC, lot 20 Firebrook Subdivision Phase 1, \$65,000 - David Michael Galant and Megan Kathleen Smith to Dalton Abner and Amber Phelps, lot 161 Phase 6 Magnolia Point Subdivision Phase 6, \$419,000 - James Michael Renfro to Dwight Hall and Deborah Hall, tract Madison County (vicinity of Hickory Lick Ro9ad), \$38,500 Aug. 13 - Four Mile, LLC to P. Jared Nobel, 1018 Ival James Boulevard, for and in consideration of a capital distribution to its member - Four Mile, LLC to P. John N. Craft, 1018 Ival James Boulevard, for and in consideration of a capital distribution to its member P. Jared Nobel to C & D Legacy Properties, LLC, 1018 Ival James Boulevard, \$750,000 - John N. Craft and	Sharon Hatton to C & D Legacy Properties, LLC, 1018 Ival James Boulevard, \$750,000 - WW Investments, LLC to Joseph Alexander Meade and Kailey Meade, 308 Timberline Court, Berea, \$292,000 - Ronald L. Urbaniak and Penelope P. Urbaniak to Dylan Griggs and Crystal Ciara Griggss, 509 Sapphire Drive, Berea, \$269,000 - Andrea M. Yonel and Marion Yonel to Justin Kyle Hill and Mary Hannah Nicole Hill, 109 Redwood Drive, \$365,000 - Alexander Bayes and Mary Bays (f/k/a Mary Shaughney) to Jasmin L. Stocker and Clayton D. Stocker, tract Madison County (vicinity of Red House Road), \$420,000 - Fatima Hasan and Daniel Lee Mullins to Hisel and Associates, LLC, 5169 Stallion Drive, \$62,500 - Charles Gregory Dargavell and Melissa Dargavell, Billy Allan Dargavell	and Karen Dargavell to Charles Gregory Dargavell and Melissa Dargavell, 2208 Mercer Drive, \$1.00 and love and affection between siblings - Charles Gregory Dargavell and Melissa Dargavell, Billy Allan Dargavell and Karen Dargavell to Billy Allan Dargavell and Karen Dargavell, 1263 Barnes Mill Road, \$1.00 and love and affection between siblings - DS & JV Properties, LLC to Brock Properties and Development, LLC, lot 187 Firebrook, \$62,000 - DS & JV Properties, LLC to T&J Homes, LLC, lot 215 Firebrook, \$58,000 - Mary Starosta to The Mary Starosta Trust 2025, lot 79 Firebrook, in consideration of love and affection - Paul D. Sword and Patricia J Sword to Houghton Homes, LLC, lots 22, 67 and 69 Ashwood Country Estates, \$499,200 - Charlotte Hill to Jennifer Hill, Delena Young and	Christina Cress, Trustees for and on behalf of the Hill Irrevocable Trust, dated August 8, 2025, tracts Madison County (vicinity of Holladay Lane), for and in consideration of the terms of the Hill Family Irrevocable Trust - Charles May Walden and Monica Lynn Walden to Charles Lee Walden, Dakoda Joe Walden and Ashley Walden tracts Madison County (vicinity of Drowning Creek Road (tract 1, 3 and 4) and Snowden Lane (tract 2), for and in consideration of love and affection between Grantors and Grantees - Rachel Rader and Milton Shane Rader, Rachel Sexton, Joshua Sexton and Jessica Sexton to Scott Mahn and Stephanie Mahn, lot 33 Frank Taylor Addition, \$80,000 - William Bruce Cope to BCB Rentals, LLC, tract plat 32/110, for and in consideration of a capital contribution to the LLC
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Court eyes water meter fee option

The court is considering working with water utilities to impose a fee of between \$3 and \$4.50 monthly to cover the county's portion of 911 costs, which would be up to \$1,018,640 ...

By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

By The Madison County Fiscal Court is leaning toward a water meter fee to fund 911 dispatch services. The fee would only apply to properties in the unincorporated limits of the county, and would pay the county's portion of 911 services as part

of an interlocal agreement with the cities of Richmond and Berea. The fee was the topic of discussion at a special called fiscal court meeting last Thursday. Currently, the county depends on a fee imposed on telephone land lines to help pay for 911 dispatch services. But with the popularity of cell

phones, the number of land lines are in steep decline. The county must replace both land line revenue and federal funds from the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP). CSEPP funds will cease this year now that the chemical weapons stockpile at the Bluegrass Army Depot has been destroyed.

Deputy Judge/Executive Jill Williams noted there are 18,705 meters in the unincorporated areas of the county. Some 17,831 are residential and 874 of those are commercial. The court is considering working with water utilities to impose a fee of between \$3

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County to lower tax rate

By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

The Madison County Fiscal Court set the ad valorem tax rate Tuesday, with officials noting the rate has declined some \$18 in the last 11 years. In a unanimous vote, the court accepted the compensating rate for revenue – that which would allow the county to collect the same amount of revenue without raising the annual ad valorem tax rate on property owners. Under the resolution, tax on real property was set at 6.5 cents per \$100, tangible property, personal property and inventory tax rates set at 7.5 cents per \$100, and 10 cents per \$100 for the motor vehicle and water craft tax for 2026. Following the vote, Madison County Judge/Executive Reagan Taylor said Tuesday's action continues a positive trend for tax payers, since the rate has been reduced steadily in the last 11 years from \$83 per \$1,000 of property to \$63 per \$1,000. "I've had the honor to serve here for 11 years, and if you go back and look at what peoples' tax rates were 11 years ago



Reagan Taylor

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ABOVE: Stephanie and her son Caiden Fleming feed a goat Saturday.

BOTTOM LEFT: Maeve McWilliams pets a little pony during a visit to the Little Learners Fair.

RIGHT: Harper Norton and her mom, Jennifer Norton admire the chickens.



Little learners

The Madison County Early Childhood Council, in partnership with more than 20 community organizations, hosted the Little Learners Fair to support families with young children. Each booth offered hands-on activities designed to build gross motor, fine motor, and early literacy skills, while also providing parents with developmental milestone information and practical ideas to help their children become more kindergarten-ready at home. The Extension Office served as the perfect location, situated midway between Richmond and Berea, making the event easily accessible for families across Madison County. Families also enjoyed special features such as a petting zoo from Honey Hill Farm, a Story Walk, and the chance to purchase a cool treat from Yeti Freeze.

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Keith Taylor

Battle won

The annual Battle of Richmond re-enactment took place last Saturday-Sunday at Battlefield Park. The two-day event featured exhibits and an old-time baseball game between the Cincinnati Red Stockings and the Georgetown Gentlemen.

Photo by Ted Kinson



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Berea Salt Cave & Arts celebrates grand opening

The Berea Salt Cave & Arts, located at 292 Glades Road, celebrated its grand opening last Tuesday.

The event, hosted by the Berea Chamber of Commerce, included opportunities to meet practitioners and artisans, browse the retail space, and enjoyed special promotions. GHS Chuck Wagon Old Fashioned Soda and Moma Tiola's Baked Potato Truck were also on site.

Berea Salt Cave & Arts provides halotherapy (salt therapy), near-infrared light therapy, and a curated selection of handcrafted goods from local and regional artists, including ceramics, chocolates, lotions, and more.

The center also offers healing arts such as Reiki and Aura Tuning, with yoga, massage, and additional services coming soon. The center has established itself as a space of calm, restoration, and sanctuary, designed to promote both individual health and collective community well-being.



Class of 1958 reunion



The Madison Central High School Class of 1958 had its 67th class reunion on Aug. 16 at Gillum's Sports Lounge in Richmond. The class was the third to graduate from Madison Central, which consolidated with Kingston, Waco and Kirksville. There were 113 graduates in the class and 42 percent are still living. The school's 1958 FFA soil judging team won a national competition, with one of the members, Charlie Harris, still living. The Indians also upset Berea in the regional tournament.

Submitted



Message from Cora Jane Wilson

"And the LORD, he it is that doth go before thee; he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed."

Deuteronomy 31:8 (KJV)

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Berea College Announces Fall 2025 Convocation Events Open to the Public



The Ebony Hillbillies will perform a Stephenson Memorial Concert at Berea College on Thursday, Oct. 9, at 8 p.m. in Phelps Stokes Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public.

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BEREA COLLEGE

Linking Campus & Community

This fall, Berea College welcomes distinguished thinkers, performers and artists for a season of events that spark learning and connection. All events are free and open to the public in Phelps Stokes Auditorium.



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Berea College

BEREA, Ky. — Each semester, Berea College brings leading thinkers, performers and artists to campus for events ranging from lectures to concerts and theatre performances. The convocation series reflects the College's commitment to fostering learning and discussion not only for students but also for the broader community.

This fall, several convocations will be free and open to the public in Phelps Stokes Auditorium. Highlights include:

Sept. 11, at 8 p.m.

The Tashi Kyil Monks will present a cultural program as part of their U.S. tour.

Sept. 25, at 3 p.m. **Steve T. Phan** will share his story of becoming a National Park Service ranger after growing up in a South Vietnamese refugee community in Denver, Colorado.

Oct. 9, at 8 p.m. The **Ebony Hillbillies**, America's premier African American string band, will perform a Stephenson Memorial Concert, named to honor Berea's seventh president, John B. Stephenson.

Oct. 16, at 3 p.m. Berea College will host the **Annual Begley Van Cleave Political Science Lecture** with **Dr. John Sides**, professor of political science at Vanderbilt University. His talk will address current issues in U.S. politics.

Oct. 30, at 3 p.m. **Crystal Wilkinson**, Kentucky Poet Laureate and author of "The Birds of Opulence," will present this year's First-Year Common Reader event.

Nov. 6, at 3 p.m. Berea College will host the **Annual**

Sustainability Convocation.

Additional public events include: the **Wind Band and Jazz Ensemble Fall Concert in Presser Hall** (Oct. 21), Berea College Theatre's production of *Antigone* in Jelkyl Drama Center (Nov. 12, 14, 15), **Berea Dances!** in Seabury Center's **Hager Gym** (Nov. 13), and the **Black Music Ensemble Homecoming Concert** in Union Church (Nov. 22).

All events are free, though *Antigone* requires tickets.

The full schedule, along with updates, additions and changes,

can be found at www.berea.edu/convocations.

Berea College Convocations are held in the College's Phelps Stokes Auditorium, which is accessible to persons with disabilities. Wheelchair access is available through the west entrance facing the art building.

We kindly ask you to email us at convo@berea.edu or phone (859) 985-3965 prior to the day of the convocation to let us know if need special accommodations during your attendance.

RATE

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versus what they are today, some are the same but the majority of them are lower. I'm very proud of that," Taylor said.

"We've dropped it every year," Magistrate Tom Botkin added. "We get accused of not dropping it every year, but the fact is, it has been dropped every year." Prior to the vote on the county's 2025 ad valorem tax rate, representatives from various tax districts addressed the court, explained the services they provide, then announced the tax rates proposed by their respective governing boards.

The Madison County Emergency Management Service, for example, proposed an ad valorem tax rate of .42 per \$100 of real property, and will maintain a rate of .60 per \$100 motor vehicle and watercraft tax. Madison County EMS responded to 20,000 calls for service last year, attended or sponsored some 381 public outreach events, as well as providing public education, such as CPR and Stop the Bleed courses.

In another example, executive director of the Madison County Public Library, Christina Cornelison, reported the county library board proposed tax rates below the compensating rate, settling at .047 per \$100 for tangible property, and .035 per \$100 for motor vehicles. Cornelison said the county library is expanding its services to better serve rural residents, and is researching how the library can better serve local youth.

Magistrate Brian Combs suggested citizens explore the role the various special purpose districts work to improve life in Madison County.

"I would encourage all of our citizens to educate yourself about taxing districts. It's easy to sit back and look at a taxing district, look at their rate and make accusations on how they are spending their money. But I encourage you to go to those meetings and see what they are doing, because you might find out they are using your tax dollars wisely," Combs said.

In other action, the court adopted a resolution to apply for a grant to help clean up litter in the county. The measure enables the judge/executive to apply to the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet, Division of Waste Management, for litter abatement grant funds. The money pays for an event that occurs twice annually, in which the road department compensates civic groups or organizations for picking up litter along county roads. The county received \$60,000 last year in state funds for the program.

Turning to personnel, Madison County Emergency Center Communication Director Wendy Lynch was briefly honored after it was announced she is retiring after some 27 years of service in emergency communications. Lynch was praised as a true leader and public servant.

In other action, the court unanimously adopted a resolution accepting road improvements on Dunbar Lane from Victory Lane Development, Inc. Officials said the road will be widened to 20 feet to ensure public safety.

Additionally, the court adopted a resolution authorizing the county to apply for 80/20 bridge funds from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Department of Rural and Municipal Aid. The money will be used to replace a bridge on Crutcher Pike. The state will reimburse

up to 80 percent of the project. Work may begin this fall and take as little as three weeks, according to Madison County Road Superintendent Scott Shepard.

The next Madison County Fiscal Court meeting is slated for Sept. 9.

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OBITUARIES

Carole Sue LaMar Hallam



Carole Sue LaMar Hallam, cherished mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, passed away peacefully on Aug. 18, 2025, surrounded by love, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Born May 17, 1938, in Ellery, Illinois, to Willard and Edith LaMar, Carole was a proud alumnus of a one-room schoolhouse, taught by a lone one-armed teacher—a story she loved to share.

Carole was fiercely independent and a passionate supporter of the LGBTQ community. She served as a board member for AVOL and as an outreach HIV / AIDS educator, dedicating her time and energy to helping others.

Professionally, Carole worked many years as a bookkeeper and secretary at Berea Community High School, where she formed lifelong friendships with students and teachers. Following her retirement from BCHS, she continued her life's work of serving others as a Health Care Coordinator for home health agencies.

Carole deeply loved her family

Yvonne Renee Venable



Yvonne Renee Hisel-Venable, 59, widow of James Harvey Venable, born Feb. 3, 1966, to the late Ray Hisel and the late Bernice Abner Hisel. She was and forever will be a planter of beauty, a keeper of light, a hearth in winter, a garden in full, wild bloom.

Her life was a living sanctuary, a place where love was planted daily, watered with kindness, and allowed to grow without condition. At her table, every seat was a place of belonging. Through every meal served with hands open wide, she nourished not just bodies but spirits. No one left Renee's home unseen, and no heart left untouched.

She found kinship not only with family & friends, but with the natural world. Flowers flourished under her care, hummingbirds returned year after year to taste the sweetness she prepared, and even the squirrels and rabbits paused to partake in the gentle abundance she offered. Nature bloomed in her presence because she understood its quiet language: patience, love, wonder, tenderness, resilience. She moved through life with a rare kind of grace: gentle but fiercely rooted, independent yet endlessly giving, soft in spirit but unyielding in light. Music filled the unseen spaces of her days, a melody she carried within herself, lifting ordinary moments into something sacred. Her independence was not hardened; it was woven with compassion, a strength that stood tall without ever closing her heart to the world.

From her porch swing, Renee watched the world she had nurtured with a quiet smile, birds eating, flowers dancing, life unfolding, all under the shelter of the love she had built.

and her extended chosen family. She enjoyed traveling across Europe and taking cruises with friends. Her hobbies included knitting, basket weaving, and creating stained glass. Until a few years ago, Carole enjoyed being a winter Texan. She also treasured long visits with friends, often filled with lively political discussions. Always eager to share her knowledge and experiences, she delighted in telling stories of her life, including colorful tales of the southern Illinois Shelton gang.

In addition to her parents, Carole was preceded in death by her beloved son, Scott; her brother, Jimmie LaMar; and her nephew, Jon LaMar. She is survived by her daughters, Cindy (Mike) Farmer and Tina (Steve) Thomas; her grandchildren, Leslie (Brandon) Lilly, Amanda (Blake) Slaughter, and Doug Thomas; her great-grandchildren, Aiden Lilly, Rory Slaughter, and Charlie Slaughter; and her niece, Sherri (Robert) Sampson.

A gathering of family and friends will be held Saturday, Aug. 30, from 11 a.m.–1 p.m. at Davis & Powell Funeral Home in Berea. Interment will take place at a later date at the Lexington Cemetery Mausoleum.

Contributions may be made to Bluegrass Care Navigators or the American Cancer Society.

Renee was a wonderful and loving mother, sister, friend, and soul. She was and will always be a mender of loneliness, a builder of love & belonging, a weaver of hope, a lantern in the dark. She leaves behind not emptiness, but a trail of glowing lights, each one placed gently into the hands of those who knew her, so that they might find their way in the world a little easier, a little warmer, and a little more loved.

Renee was her daughter, April Venable's, best friend. Renee's love was constant, steady, and unconditional. She never stopped supporting, encouraging, and reminding April of her place. Renee's presence was her safe place,

Renee's laughter is her light, and Renee's guidance is April's compass. The bond they shared was more than mother and child; it was the truest friendship, built on love that never wavered and will never fade.

She is not gone, she is growing in every flower garden she once tended, rocking in every porch swing in the late afternoon sun, and flickering in every lantern that keeps the night a little less dark. She has only transformed. She has only changed seasons. And the world will keep blooming because her legacy & spirit will forever remain.

Other than her daughter April, Renee is survived by one sister, Erma Hisel Isaacs and her husband Donald, and her brother Gordon Hisel, all of Jackson County. Two grandchildren also survive, Austin and Amber Venable. She was also preceded by one brother, Esco Hisel.

Visitation was Tuesday, Aug 26, 2025. Funeral services were Wednesday at the funeral home, where Rev. Paul Pearson officiated. Burial followed in the Sand Gap Cemetery in Sand Gap. Pallbearers were Mike Abner, Billy Rose, Tim Hobbs, Donald Isaacs, Mark Isaacs, and Robert Isaacs.

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Iconic logo lives on

Change isn't always a good thing. Cracker Barrel and its chief executive officer discovered changing its logo wasn't the right thing to do and reversed course following public outcry on Tuesday night.

For an iconic restaurant like Cracker Barrel, taking out a prominent fixture like Uncle Hershel off the new logo and opting for a modern look led to public backlash.

Uncle Hershel is to Cracker Barrel, what Ronald McDonald is to McDonald's. It's an identity associated with a name and that tag has stuck with Cracker Barrel for decades. Imagine McDonald's changing the face of its signature Happy Meal to a bland block of letters that resemble a Velveeta cheese box? It would indeed look cheesy.

The public spoke out against the change verbally through social media and other means of communication. They also stopped making visits to the store following the "upgrade" announcement, which led to a loss of millions both in stock and within their own respective communities.

I grew up going to the Cracker Barrel Old Country Store at least once per week, whether it was in Richmond or Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. The nostalgic look and eating by the campfire in the winter made it feel like home, not to mention a step back in time every single time.

Even though I haven't solved the peg game much or won many games of checkers down through the years, going to Cracker Barrel for us as a family was a treat and one of our favorite places to dine simply because of its country store appeal.

On another note, for goodness sakes, keep the terminology on the peg board the same, not to mention the lamps on the table.

They are unique to Cracker Barrel and no one else.

Some restaurants have experienced a redesign makeover to give the establishment more of "modern feel" but you can't replace the past with the future. You embrace the past and honor it with what brought you success.

Its ownership can always feel free to add a new menu item here and there, but stick to the basics and serve the food that made you famous all across America.

I personally miss the country dinner plates that gave you the option to pick a meat and two or three side dishes.

Whatever happened to the country dinner plates? Anyone have any idea?

That's just one example of a change that wasn't necessary in my personal opinion.

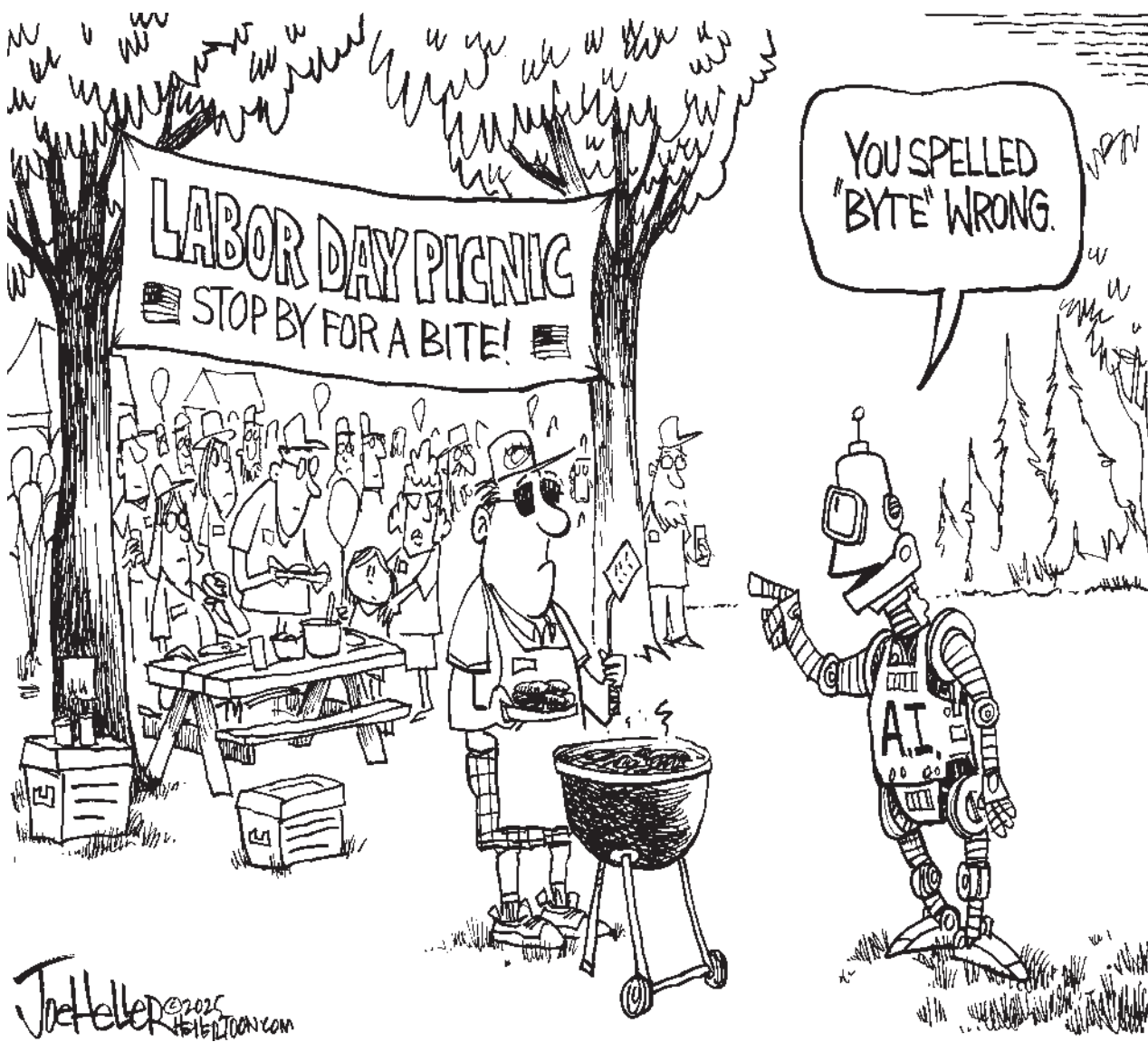
If you want re-brand, why not invest in smaller diners in smaller markets with the same theme and slimmed down menu items? Maybe call it, "Cracker Barrel Diner" or even "Old-Timer Diner" You can re-brand and without doing away with tradition.

Despite the fact that we are in the 21st century, tradition still matters to some of us here in this great nation.

Just food for thought from a customer who enjoys visiting an "old-timer" on a regular basis.



Keith Taylor



AI not a companion

Artificial Intelligence, AI, is a wonderful tool for research and information. However, I don't want my deepest relationship to be with a chatbot, chatgpt, robot or anything related to AI.

There is a mega billion-dollar AI movement that is connecting people with their own personal AI bot who will be their dearest and best friend. Someone who cares, who is attentive and fulfills all their conversational needs regardless of the topic. I hope our planet doesn't become so desperate for companionship that everyone starts spending hours every day talking to "something" that doesn't really exist but is able to hold a conversation about any topic for hours on end without stopping.

So much of our world already lives in isolation. Millions, perhaps billions of people live in seclusion with their faces continually focused on their phones or tablets. We don't call people on the telephone or visit them in person like we used to do. Now people can socialize even less as they may find their AI bot, configured to any personality or gender they desire, more interesting than talking to real people.

I am grateful that I have Jesus, my beautiful wife, family and people associated with my work to talk with. I would surely be sad if I felt that I had to turn to something mechanical for conversation.

Japan is already in a sad situation. Over 3000 men have married virtual girlfriends since 2017. One man, reportedly married his robot girlfriend, Gatebox's Hologram Girl, in 2018. Japan does not recognize these as legal but symbolic marriages. Between now and 2065 Japan's population is supposed to drop from 128 million to 88 million people. There are several reasons for this including an aging population, low birth rate and limited immigration. A love life that is centered on a virtual character will do nothing to help their dwindling population.

In America our choices are growing. Realbotix robots are supposedly fully interactive and mobile. Lovot is a soft warm robot for emotional connection. Aibo is Sony's AI-powered robot dog that learns and adapts to owners. ElliQ is a robot that keeps elderly users active and engaged. Vector is a small robot that responds to voice commands. Kiki is an AI powered pet robot that recognizes faces. Ami is a caregiving robot that assists with daily activities. Amazon has Astro which is a home monitoring and smart assistant robot. The list goes on. Maybe, you are more interested now in one of these or something different that is certain to come.

The AI market is expected to reach \$1.81 trillion by 2030, growing at a rate of 35.9 percent.

Artificial Intelligence is here and we can make it a great tool or allow it to become a negative influence in our lives. It's kind of like television, pizza and candy bars. A little bit is good but we can overdo it as we can with most anything.



Glenn Mollette

Unofficial end of summer

Come Monday, many children and their parents start to face the reality that school, if it hasn't yet started, is about to begin again. That's because Labor Day marks the unofficial end of summer. But there is much more to this holiday than barbecues and the notion that fall is right around the corner.

Origins

Labor Day was forged by the labor movement of the late nineteenth century. Many workers during this time felt they were underpaid and overworked. Conditions at their places of employment also lacked adequate safety. These workers banded together to fight for higher wages, shorter workdays and improved working conditions.

Before it was adopted as an American federal holiday, Labor Day was first recognized by labor activists and individual states.

Although New York was the first state to introduce a bill, Oregon actually was the first to pass a law recognizing Labor Day, which the state first celebrated on February 21, 1887. Four more states followed suit that year. By the end of the decade, three more states passed Labor Day holiday laws.

Adoption

In recognition of the momentum of Labor Day at the state level, and with the adoption of the holiday by another 23 states by 1894, Congress passed an act on June 28, 1894, officially making the first Monday in September a legal holiday each year.

The United States is not alone in devoting a holiday to celebrate its labor history and honor the contributions of workers. Canada celebrates Labour Day to remember the rights of workers, which include paid holidays, medical care, fair hours, union wages, and safe workplaces. Labour Day was declared a legal holiday by the Parliament of Canada on July 23, 1894. The earliest Labour Day celebrations were held in the spring, but eventually were moved to September.

Honoring workers

Labor Day remains a time to honor and affirm the dignity of working people across the nation. It also affords individuals an opportunity to enjoy a well-deserved day off and reflect on the contributions workers have made throughout the years.



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possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (cocaine)	• Vada McPeters, 45: fugitive from another state, warrant required (2 counts) • Baritta Willis, 49: serving weekends • William Hogwood, 38: fugitive from another state, warrant required • John Jump, 52: failure to appear (3 counts) • Joshua Isaacs, 37: failure to appear • Lonnie Marcum, 44: driving on DUI suspended license – 3rd offense • Jason Lindsey, 44: serving weekends Aug.16 • Michael Hubbard, 45: serving weekends • Stacie Wright, 36: parole violation, for technical violation • Austin Agee, 31: alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses) • Darrell Sparks, 60: one headlight; failure to produce insurance card; failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance / security – 1st offense; operating on suspended or revoked operator’s license • Jacob Hatfield, 23: failure to appear, citation for misdemeanor • Jarvis Worthy, 37: reckless driving; disregarding traffic control device – traffic light; careless driving; failure to wear seat belt; possession of open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle; operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st • Eve Cox, 22: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (cocaine); drug paraphernalia – buy / possess; resisting arrest; assault, 3rd degree – police or probation officer; criminal mischief, 2nd degree; tampering with physical evidence • Edna Sparks, 52: failure to appear Aug.17 • Benjamin Larson, 41: failure to appear; burglary, 3rd degree • Pernell Evans, 61: no	operator’s – moped license; failure to produce insurance card; operating motor vehicle under the influence of substance – 1st; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); failure to appear • David Nester, 52: failure to appear (2 counts) • Jason Smith, 41: failure to appear • Logan Collins, 21: disregarding stop sign; operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st • LeShawn Summers, 21: alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses) • Sara Caperton, 31: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st • Michael Tackett, 34: violation of a Kentucky EPO/ DVO; failure to appear; theft by unlawful taking or disposition, all others • Calum Richey, 29: non-payment of court costs, fees or fines; terroristic threatening, 3rd degree (2 counts) • John Moore, 68: failure to appear • Randy Shell, 30: display of illegal or altered registration plate; operating on suspended or revoked operator’s license; failure of owner to maintain required insurance / security – 1st offense; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (drug unspecified) • Gregory Osborne, 23: assault, 4th degree dating violence, minor injury Aug.18 • Kimberly White, 53: failure to give right of way to stopped emergency vehicle; possession of marijuana; drug paraphernalia – buy / possess; contempt of court, libel/ slander, resistance to order; failure to appear • Casey Hensley, 37: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, contents from vehicle, \$1,000 but less than \$10,000; criminal mischief,	2nd degree • Ryan Wilhoite, 22: burglary, 1st degree; wanton endangerment, 1st degree; strangulation, 1st degree, domestic violence related; (2 counts – 1 minor injury, 1 no visible injury); criminal mischief, 2nd degree • James Gipson, 52: drug paraphernalia – buy / possess; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (heroin) • Ashley Reynolds, 37: failure to appear (2 counts) • Amanda Goodne, 47: public intoxication – controlled substance (excludes alcohol); trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st offense (fentanyl); possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (heroin); possession of marijuana; drug paraphernalia – buy / possess • Nedaviyah Whited, 20: resisting arrest; disorderly conduct, 2nd degree; fleeing or evading police, 3rd • Elizabeth Erlandson, 35: assault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor injury • Amy Jacob, 50: alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses) Aug.19 • George Lowery, 46: failure to illuminate head lamps; obstructed vision and/ or windshield; operating on revoked or suspended operator’s license; failure to register transfer of motor vehicle • Zachary Collins, 21: violation of a Kentucky EPO/ DVO • Harley Hall, 23: assault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor injury • Kenneth Lowder, 35: assault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor injury; intimidating a participant in the legal process • William Tuttle, 40: fail-	ure to appear • Jason Scrivner, 47: hold for court • Jeremy Campbell, 42: failure to appear (2 counts) • Amber Biggs, 41: hold for court • Michael Ball, 42: failure to appear • Seth Scott, 43: hold for court • Joshua Nagel, 40: failure to appear • Ebony Holt, 41: parole violation, for technical violation • Anthony Figueiredo, 62: theft by unlawful taking or disposition • Ricky Adams, 57: trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (greater than or equal to 2 grams methamphetamine); possession of a handgun by a convicted felon; trafficking in a controlled substance, 3rd degree, 1st offense (less than 20 DU drug unspecified); trafficking in marijuana (less than 8 ounces), 1st offense; terroristic threatening, 3rd degree; drug paraphernalia – buy / possess; trafficking in a controlled substance, 2nd degree, 1st offense (less than 200 units, drug unspecified, schedule 3) Aug.20 • Elisa Satterfield, 60: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); drug paraphernalia – buy / possess • Connor Maffett, 19: reckless driving; disregarding traffic control device – traffic light; speeding, 26 mph over limit • Daryl Shorter, 42: fugitive from another state, warrant required • Brandon Frost, 35: burglary, 1st degree; criminal mischief, 1st degree • Iddi Kaumba, 30: hold for court • Dwight Barry, 36: failure to appear • Jesus Mendoza-Lucio, 18: fugitive from another state, warrant required
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Aug. 14 • Short Carpentry and Construction, Inc. to John Flores-Warren and Jessmyn L. Flores-Warren, lot 54 Stoney View Estates Phase1, \$288,000 • Anthony Cataldo to Tammi Ballinger, lot 22 Prairie View @ Twin Lakes Subdivision Phase II, \$299,000 • Kelsey Jordan Reisig (n/k/a Kelsey Reisig Hotchkiss) and Griffin Sawyer Hotchkiss to Kelsey Reisig Hotchkiss and Griffin Sawyer Hotchkiss, lot 4 Milford Estates, for and in consideration of the love and affection between parties who are husband and wife • Janet Bucher and Gary Gucher to Pamma Barnes, 306 Westover Avenue, \$72,000 • William Ray Murphy and Gwenda Gay Murphy to Fox Lake, LLC, 173 Brookstown Road, \$45,000 • James Edward Kline, as Successor Trustee of the Carolyn Strawn Kline Trust, u/d/a February 20, 1991, to St. Andrews Place Retirement Community, 59 Abbotsford Drive Unit 20E, \$99,750 • St. Andrews Place Retirement Community, Inc. to Rodney White and Donna White, 205 Brigadoon Drive Unit 2C, \$142,200 • St. Andrews Retirement Community, Inc. to Ronald E. Tipton and Lana K. Tipton, 109 Aberdeen Drive Unit 7D, \$298,900 • JIS Properties, LLC, by and through its sole member, Iva Jean Stull, Rhonda Eades (a/k/a Rhonda Eades and Tanika Stull to Zachary Holcomb and Dakota Holcomb, lot Rosedale Subdivision (vicinity of Popal Street and Kentucky Avenue), \$50,000 Aug. 15 • Peter Bukhalo and Galina Bukhalo, Lina P. Guichuk and Andriy Guichuk to Yogam, LLP, 306 Spangler Drive, \$850,000 • Ball Homes, LLC to Michael W. Brock and Nicole Ann Brock, 7005 Arbor Ridge Drive, \$352,851 • T. Todd Builders, LLC to Brittany McKee and Bryson McKee, lot 11 Stoney View Estates Phase 1, \$279,900	• Chilton Properties, LLC to Brian M. Haley, 7000 Arbor Ridge Drive, \$350,216 • Rowyn Amber Hosler (f/k/a Rowyn Amber James) to Tabitha Hodges, lot 13 Block E Unit 1-C Burchwood Subdivision, Berea, \$228,000 • TMH Construction, LLC to Christian Trent, 932 Westchester Way, \$725,000 •Jing-Pang Lee and Shu-Mei Lee to Tyler Shawn Tipton and Chelsee Moberly Tipton, 150 Dogwood Heights, Berea, \$280,000 • Deborah L. Vetter, Co-Ancillary Executor of the Estate of Esther Larue Potter, Craig J. Potter, Co-Ancillary Executor of the Estate of Esther Larue Potter, Deborah L. Petter and Jack Vetter, Craig J. Potter and Lori Potter, Brian N. Potter and Donna Potter to Keith Potter, lot 71 Frank Taylor Addition, for and in consideration of the settlement of the ancillary Estate of Esther Larue Potter and fulfillment of the devise in Article IV to surviving children above under the Will of Esther Larue Potter • Deborah L. Vetter, Co-Ancillary Executor of the Estate of Esther Larue Potter, Craig J. Potter, Co-Ancillary Executor of the Estate of Esther Larue Potter, Deborah L. Petter and Jack Vetter, Craig J. Potter and Lori Potter, Brian N. Potter and Donna Potter to Keith Potter, Lots Adams Street, Berea, for and in consideration of the settlement of the ancillary Estate of Esther Larue Potter and fulfillment of the devise in Article IV to surviving children above under the Will of Esther Larue Potter • Short Carpentry and Construction, Inc. to Aaron Ambrose, lot 55 Stoney View Estates Phase 1, \$275,000 • Martin and Associates to Kory Moore, lot 4 Robbinsville Subdivision, \$75,000 • R.G. Davis Enterprises, LLC to P. Jared Noble, 519 Hampton Way (Units 7 and 8), \$425,000 • Vincent Browning and Debra K. Browning to Vincent Browning and Debra K. Browning, lot 133 Grey Oaks Subdivision
Phase 3, for and in consideration of love and affection between parties who are husband and wife and in order to create a survivorship interest Aug. 18 • Rebekah Nicole Cole and Penny Lee Cole to Jose Botellos and Heather M. Botellos, 126 Frankie Drive, \$325,000 • Terry Allen Hendricks and Kathy Jane Hendricks, Kevin Jay Richardson and Sara Lauren Richardson (f/k/a Sara Lauren Williams) to Dreaming Tree Properties, LLC, 209 and 211 Wyldwood Way, Stoney Creek, \$370,000 • Abdullah Subhi Alhurani (a/k/a Abdulla Alhurani) and Camila Marie Alhurani, Kayla Marie Alhurani (a/k/a Kayla Alhurani) to John N. S. Philp, 319nNorthway Drive, Berea, \$320,000 •Randall L. Scott and Tonya Mae Scott to Jennifer Neal Provus, 1421 Arlington View Addition, \$289,900 • A&R Contractors, LLC to Mark W Abell, individually and as true and lawful agent for his wife Miranda Abell (a/k/a Miranda L. Abell), 417 Yosemite Lane, \$309,000 • Wayne King and Tammy King to Megan Jackson and Terrence Jackson, lot 194 Phase 7A Magnolia Pointe Subdivision, \$433,700 • Jack K. Fletcher and June K. Fletcher to Christopher Fletcher, Trustee of the Jack and Jane Fletcher Irrevocable Trust dated July 8, 2025, 1205 Dee Dee Drive, for and in consideration of premises and to conform to the intentions of the parties • James Rosco Elam, through his Attorney-in-Fact, Susan Dugan to Susan Dugan, 979 Jacks Creek Road, for and in consideration of love and affection and in compliance with 42 U.S.C. 1396p(c)(2)(A)(iv) • Robert Joseph Marques and Robyn Marques to Guy Killian and Beth Killian, 5205 Stallion Drive, \$115,000	

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The County of Madison, located in Richmond, Kentucky, is accepting
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www.madisoncountky.gov / public-notice.

An original and one (1) copy of the proposal must be sealed and clearly
labeled "2025 SCALE Maintenance Bid" and submitted to Madison
County Fiscal Court no later than 2:30 PM Eastern on September 4, 2025,
at:

Madison County Fiscal Court
135 W Irvine Street, 3rd Floor – Suite 300
Richmond, KY 40475
2025 SCALE Maintenance Bid
ATTN: Chris Iseral, Chief Information Officer

Bids will be opened on September 4, 2025, at 2:30 PM at the address
listed above with an anticipated award date of September 9, 2025.

Legal Notice

In accordance with Chapter 65A.080 (2), KRS 424.220, of the Kentucky
Revised Statues, the financial report and supporting data may be in-
spected by the public at the Madison County Conservation District
Office located at 1024 Ival James Blvd., Suite A1, Richmond, KY, between
the hours of 8:30 and 4:00 Monday through Friday. The Madison County
Conservation District holds its regularly scheduled monthly board meet-
ings at 4:30 on the 1st Thursday of each month at the office. All meetings
are open to the public.

BRIEFS

Historial Society to re-dedicate monuments

The Madison County Historical Society will hold a dedication ceremony
on Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2025 at 6 p.m. on the North Second Street side of the
Madison County Courthouse.

The The World War I bronze plaque, which was formerly placed on the
courthouse wall prior to renovation, will be re-dedicated with two names
added and a name corrected. The new World War II monument with 146
names of Madison County soldiers killed in the war and 13 names of the
dead from the Korean War will be dedicated.

For more information, contact Sharon Graves at (859) 544-5446 or info@
madisoncountkyhistory.org.

Ashad joins Baptist Health team

Hira Arshad, MD, has joined the Baptist Health team in Richmond to offer
families care for life. Her services include everything from well visits and
disease prevention to health maintenance and care for urgent conditions.

Dr. Arshad attended the University of Kentucky College of Medicine,
where she stayed to complete an Internal Medicine residency.
Baptist Health Medical Group Primary Care is located at 103 Alycia Drive
in Richmond. To schedule an appointment, call (859) 624-6515.

Appalachian Writer's Conference Sept. 3

The Appalachian Writers Conference will host a "Pop-Up Bookshop,
Wednesday, Sept. 3, from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. at Boone Tavern.

This free event will bring readers face-to-face with some of the region's
most celebrated and emerging voices, offering the chance to browse, buy,
and get books signed while engaging directly with authors who reflect the
spirit, history, and imagination of Appalachia.



City of Berea
Trailhead Restroom Replacement
Berea Kentucky

08/28/2025

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bid proposals will be received no later than **4:00 PM on October 2nd at the City Clerk's office in
City Hall at 212 Chestnut Street, Berea Kentucky.** Bids received after 4:00 PM on 10/02/2025 will not be
accepted. The submitting contractor must provide a form of payment clause, including expected time
for payment and structure to receive payment.

Said proposals will be for the demolition of the existing restroom building, and the construction of the
new trailhead restroom building. The project is located at 5 Pirate Parkway in Berea, Kentucky and shall
consist of a turn-key project. We recommend any interested contractor make a site visit to see existing
conditions prior to bid submission.

Electronic copies of plans and specifications may be obtained by request from Deco Architects or the City
of Berea, free of charge.

The Form of Proposal is a part of the bidding documents and will be provided upon request for parties
interested in bidding this project, which may be obtained via email from the City of Berea or Deco
Architects. All bids shall be submitted only on the Form of Proposal and in a sealed envelope. The
sealed envelope shall have the project name clearly marked, along with the respected bidder's
information.

Deco Architects is the Architect of Record for this project, acting as agent for the Owner and acting in
the Owner's behalf in soliciting your proposal. Successful Bidder will have a Contract directly with the
Owner.

Proposals are required to adhere to contract provisions listed in document FHWA – 1273 (*Required
Contract Provisions Federal-Aid Construction Contracts*). A physical copy of this form is to be included in
the construction contract, and all subcontracts, by the General Contractor. Further requirements to be
met, but not limited to, provisions from Section II through Section XI.

Proposals are required to include provisions as specified in the following: 23 CFR (635.117); 23 USC
12101, et seq., 28 CFR MF, 29 CFR 1630, 41 CFR 60 and orders from the Secretary of Labor; 23 CFR
635.107, 49 CFR 26; 23 CFR 635.112 (f); 23 CFR 635.121.

Each Proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check, cash, or bidders bond, executed by the Bidder
and Surety Company, IN THE SUM OF NOT LESS THAN FIVE PERCENT (5%) OF THE AMOUNT OF THE BASE
PROPOSAL. The bid security is required as a guarantee that if the Proposal is accepted, a Contract will
be immediately entered into and the performance of it properly secured.

Proposal Forms must be properly filled out completely. No qualify letters or statements will be
considered. No bidder may withdraw a bid submitted for a period of sixty (60) days after the date for the
opening of the Bid.

In the event the Bidder to whom the Contract is awarded fails to execute a satisfactory Contract and
100% Performance and Payment Bond, they shall be eliminated and shall forfeit their certified check,
cash, or their Bid Bond and shall be liable for the loss incurred by the Owner by such failure.

Any Bid which is not received on a timely basis in the proper form shall be returned unopened. The
Owner reserves the right to reject a bid. Bids will be evaluated and selected on a "Best Value"
determination.

Bidders shall submit questions to Alan Brown via email at a.brown@decoarchitects.com or Brian Reed
via email at brian.reed@bereaky.gov. **The deadline for bidder questions is Tuesday September 23rd,
2025.**

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Reflections

Berea Citizen archives

August 27, 1924 Tourist camp

The new tourist camp in the north end of Berea opened to tourist and many were taking advantage of the privileges of the camp. Since opening, the camp opened, there had been travelers there every night. Most travelers were from the state of Ohio. The camp manager was Mr. Lovelace, who also operated a filling and battery station. A rest and lunchroom were also connected to the camp and was operated by the Bales sisters.

August 31, 1950 Stills raided

Two moonshine stills, both part of the same operation, were destroyed in Red Lick on August 25th as a part of a raid by Federal, state and county officers. No arrests were made. The stills were 60 gallons in size and were within 25 yards of each other. Seven 60 gallon fermenters with 420 gallons of mash were destroyed.

August 27, 1975 New school

Berea would be getting another primary school in 1976. The announcement was Made by Jack Prather of Wayside Christian Church. The Christian school being opened was a private, nonprofit, independent institution and would be supported solely by tuition and tax deductible gifts from churches and friends. They would meet the same curriculum standards as public schools in academics but would include a Bible course for each grade level. Subjects would be taught from a Christian and Biblical philosophy. Teachers would be certified by the State of Kentucky and students would be eligible to attend regardless of race, creed or national origin as long as they met academic standards set forth by the school

August 31, 2000 Positive employment

South Central Kentucky area employers were able to offer respectable staffing plans for the close of 2000, according to an Employment Outlook Survey by Manpower Incorporated which was released for the fourth quarter. During the fall, services and public administration could expect hiring increases, while durable and non-durable goods manufacturers and wholesale/retail merchants report, mixed intentions. Demand for additional workers throughout the country continued at record levels for the second consecutive quarter as 32 percent of nearly 16,000 respondents indicated plans for further hiring.

Game Page

Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Taxis
- 5. Space Systems Command
- 8. Plant seed by scattering
- 11. Alliances
- 13. Fiddler crabs
- 14. Heroic tale
- 15. Yemen capital
- 16. Misleading gesture
- 17. Cain and ___
- 18. Simple shoe
- 20. Hundredweight
- 21. Children's toy in the snow
- 22. Gets rid of
- 25. Free of deceit
- 30. Performed a dance
- 31. Chinese philosophical principle
- 32. Exaggerated
- 33. Refrain from inflicting
- 38. A doctrine
- 41. Can be subdued
- 43. A place to bathe
- 45. Land used for pasture
- 48. Curved piece of iron
- 49. Automobile
- 50. Fencing sword
- 55. Breezes through
- 56. Child
- 57. NBA legend Iverson
- 59. Horsley and Iacocca are two

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Home of "60 Minutes"
- 2. Expression of sorrow or pity
- 3. ___ fide: legitimate
- 4. Immune response
- 5. Assistance and support
- 6. Glared
- 7. Spanish saloon
- 8. Pitch black
- 9. S-shaped lines
- 10. Statistical test
- 12. ___ Paulo, city
- 14. Graduation garb
- 19. A way to record
- 23. Not good
- 24. Weather events
- 25. A pituitary hormone
- 26. Jamie Foxx film
- 27. Rocker's accessory
- 28. One point east (clockwise) of due north
- 29. One who obtains pleasure from another's pain

CLUES ACROSS

- 34. Consume
- 35. Licensed for Wall Street
- 36. Sick
- 37. Israeli city ___ Aviv
- 39. Removed the husk
- 40. Mass of rocks and sediment
- 41. Two-year-old sheep
- 42. Area units
- 44. Prison overseer
- 45. Walked
- 46. Wartime escort aircraft carrier
- 47. Tax
- 48. 50 percent
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Tattle
- 53. Actor Idris
- 54. Resist authority (slang)
- 58. Egg of a louse

SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

Fun By The Numbers

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

Here's How It Works:

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

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

ANSWER:

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to lost pets. Each number corresponds to a letter. (hint: H = C)

A. 5 26 11 25 15 11 14 26 23
Clue: Identification implant

B. 10 17 1 7 14
Clue: Secures animals

C. 11 15 10 10 1 25
Clue: Worn around a pet's neck

D. 6 17 21 11 26 21 18
Clue: Property barrier

Woman allergic to hot air

Some of those fancy, pretentious, highfalutin women had gotten together for lunch at a swanky restaurant and were doing their best to impress one another.

One lady said, "My husband bought me a necklace and earring set worth \$50,000 but I can't wear it because I had an allergic reaction to all that gold."

Another said, "I know just what you mean. My husband bought me a \$75,000 mink coat, and it turned out I was allergic to it."

Just as that moment, another lady fainted. Once she had regained consciousness, the others asked what had happened. "She replied, "I guess I'm just allergic to hot air."

Pretentiousness and pride aren't godly qualities, and the Bible says people shouldn't get caught up in such foolishness.

"If a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself" (Galatians 6:3).

Funny how those sorts of people

can deceive themselves but no one else. Those around them can see right through their false facades. Where I grew up, folks would say pretentious and prideful people were "putting on airs." But pride is an affliction that can so very easily arise in any of us. I appreciate what Benjamin Franklin said of pride:

"There is perhaps no one of our natural passions so hard to subdue as pride. Beat it down, stifle it, mortify it as much as one pleases, it is still alive. Even if I could conceive that I had completely overcome it, I should probably be proud of my humility."

I'm told that when Ronald Reagan was governor of California, he made a speech down in Mexico City. Here's what he said later: "After I had finished speaking, I sat down to rather unenthu-



Roger Alford

siastic applause, and I was a little embarrassed. The speaker who followed me spoke in Spanish – which I didn't understand – and he was being applauded about every paragraph. To hide my embarrassment, I started clapping before everyone else and longer than anyone else until our ambassador leaned over and said, 'I wouldn't do that if I were you. He's interpreting your speech.'"

Yes, all of us are subject to have the pride monster rise up in us from time to time. But we're never to encourage our pride. Instead, we should do our best to beat it down, as hard as that is to do at times.

No one, including our Lord, likes having to put up with pretentious, prideful people. We're called to be a people of humility.

Let's not be like the women who boasted of their necklaces and furs. Let's be like the one who is allergic to hot air.

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

CHURCH DIRECTORY

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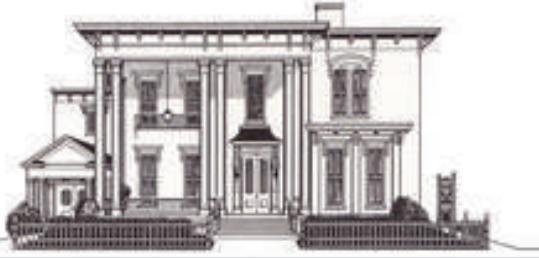
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Pharmacy: Berea Drug, U.S. 25 N. Phone: 986-4521

HONORS

FROM PAGE 1

Washington Monthly has updated its ranking system this year "to provide an even clearer picture of how individual colleges are performing – and to take account of new realities facing higher education." The rankings "measure how much [colleges] help ordinary middle- and working-class students get ahead, encourage...service, and...drive economic growth."

"Not every college can be as extraordinarily successful at serving non-wealthy students as Berea, but every college should try, and we hope this top ranking will inspire more of them to do so," said Washington Monthly Editor in Chief Paul Glastris.

Washington Monthly explains that Berea College students "outperform expectations in every way: graduation rate, debt, and earnings,"

while "Berea is laser focused on opening its doors to the people who will benefit the most."

"Being named the No. 1 Best College by Washington Monthly is a powerful affirmation of Berea's founding mission — to offer an exceptional education to students of great promise and limited financial means," said Berea College President Cheryl L. Nixon. "This recognition shines a spotlight on what makes Berea unique: we serve our students, so they can serve the greater good; we provide economic value to our students, so they can bring their values out into the greater world."

"At Berea, we believe every student deserves the chance to learn, serve and lead without the burden of crushing debt. We strive to prove that higher education can be both excellent and accessible, both inspirational and affordable. This ranking celebrates the transformative impact of our students and alumni—we

are deeply proud that our emphasis on opportunity and service is being recognized as a model for the nation."

According to Washington Monthly, this year's rankings combine all four-year colleges and universities into a single master list of more than 1,400 institutions, which it calls the Best Colleges for Your Tuition (and Tax) Dollars, allowing readers to see how any college or university – public or private, big or small – stacks up against all the others.

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- Comprehensive Funding. The Financial Freedom Pledge goes further, guaranteeing every student full funding for all four years – covering as much of housing, meals, and fees their FAFSA allows. Berea also provides "extras" such as a free laptop, funded internship, and professional conference and

clothing support.

- Meeting Students Where They Are. Berea funds 100% of each student's calculated financial need. Students pay only what their FAFSA-determined Student Aid Index (SAI) requires, and Berea creates summer opportunities to help them meet those costs.
- No Loans. Berea requires no loans, making it one of only about 25 colleges in the nation to offer a loan-free path to a college degree.

This fall, more than 80 percent of Berea's freshman class will pay nothing to attend – no tuition, housing, food, or fees. Berea provides a tuition-free education as the foundation for a loan-free, worry-free financial future.

Additionally, Berea is one of only 10 federally recognized Work Colleges in the nation, and Berea's Work College Program further distinguishes the College. Through this unique program, every student works 10-15 hours each week in meaningful campus and community roles.

METERS

FROM PAGE 1

and \$4.50 monthly to cover the county's portion of 911 costs, which would be up to \$1,018,640 based on the 2026 budget.

Magistrate Billy Ray Hughes suggested a scenario in which residential water meters would be charged \$4 monthly, but commercial meters would be charged \$18 monthly, since commercial addresses are more likely to be in need of 911 services because of their volume of traffic. Under that formula, the county would realize a surplus of over \$17,000 per

month instead of a deficit.

"I like holding that \$4 for residential, and the same logic holds that if the commercial accounts for over half the calls, it would be reasonable to bump up the commercial fee," Hughes said.

Judge/Executive Reagan Taylor questioned whether that would be fair, however, noting that a country store would have to pay the same rate as a big retail store. Taylor added the court also has the option to tie annual increases to a rise in the consumer price index, suggesting the court could always vote to block an increase in a given year.

Taylor also suggested a formula in which the county

breaks even, charging \$4 for residential water meters and \$16.50 for commercial users.

Currently, properties within Richmond city limits draw 56 percent of the calls for 911 services, the county 24 percent, and Berea 20 percent.

If the water meter fee is ultimately selected, it would go into a restricted fund that can only be used to pay for the county's 911 dispatch costs.

Magistrate Tom Botkin expressed preference, stating: "We're not going to please everybody. Let's get what we think we need to do our business. This is way more equitable and fair in my opinion across the board than the other [parcel] model was," Botkin said. "This is

one [model] that everyone can stand, I think."

Taylor noted the county won't adopt such an ordinance until both Richmond and Berea have committed, by legislation, to continued funding for the joint 911 program. Officials noted Richmond has already adopted an order for the current year, paying the \$2.4 million bill for Richmond's portion of 911 services.

Taylor said if both Berea and Richmond renewed their interlocal agreement for joint 911 services, the county would do the same, and any proposed water meter fee would then go before the Kentucky Public Service Commission for approval.

Magistrate Stephen Lochmueller stated the court has to do the right thing for citizens, even though some will capitalize on their decision for political reasons.

"If there are people out there who are purely political, then they aren't going to like it, and we can't do what's right for the citizens based upon somebody using politics against this."

"That's not what we're up here for. It's about doing what's right for the county, not about running for office," Lochmueller said.

If the court adopts a water meter fee, the system for collecting the fee would not be in place before January, officials said.

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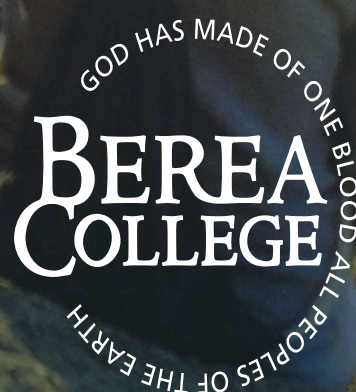
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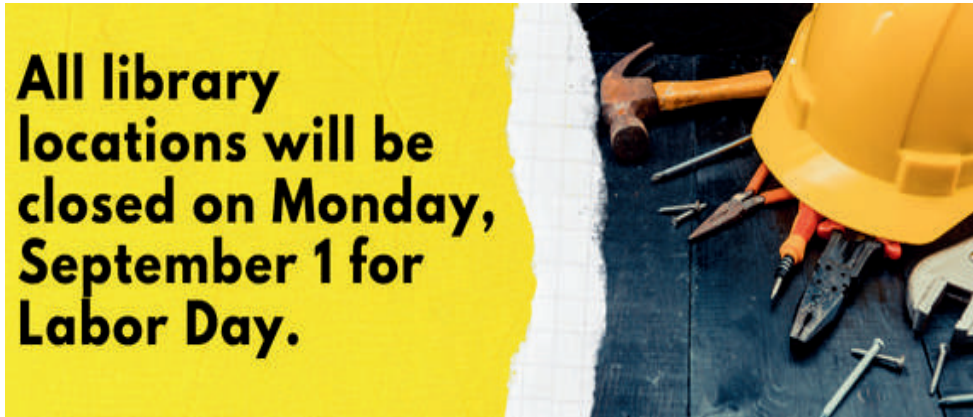
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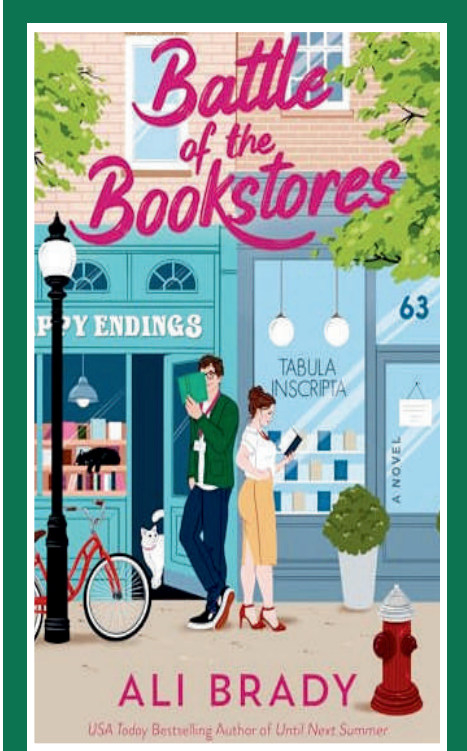
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*Registration required
9 AM-1 PM,
Thursday, September 11
2-6 PM, Thursday, September 25
Meeting Room, Berea
Bridge Club
2-4 PM, Thursday, September 11
Meeting Room, Berea
Second Saturday Yoga
10-11 AM,
Saturday, September 13
Forestry Outreach Center,
2047 Big Hill Road, Berea
Artist & Maker Meetup
3-5 PM, Thursday, September 18
Creative Studio, Berea
Berea Writers Circle
1:30-3 PM,
Saturday, September 20
Meeting Room, Berea
Genealogy Search Instruction:
Local Courthouse Documents
1:30-3 PM,
Saturday, September 20
Community Room, Berea
Trivia: Pictionary Edition
6-7 PM, Thursday, September 25
Just Love Coffee, Berea
Munchy Monday Cookbook Club*
*Registration required
6-7 PM, Monday, September 29
Russel Acton Folk Center, Berea
See online calendar for details!

September Book Clubs:

Bookish Brunch Book Club
11 AM-12 PM, Tuesday, September 2
Meeting Room, Berea
Discussing: *The House in the Pines* by Ana Reyes
Classically Read Movie Night
6-7:30 PM, Tuesday, September 2
Community Room, Berea
Watching: *The Outsiders* (1 h 31 m, PG)
Just Love Book Club
6-7 PM, Tuesday, September 2
Just Love Coffee, Berea
636 Chestnut Street, Berea
Discussing: *South of the Buttonwood Tree* by Heather Webber
Pick of the Month Book Club
6-7 PM, Tuesday, September 23
Community Room, Berea
Discussing: *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks
Classically Read Book Club
7-8 PM, Tuesday, September 23
Community Room, Berea
Discussing: *All The Pretty Horses* by Cormac McCarthy
Booktok Made Me Read It
11 AM-12 PM,
Saturday, September 27
Meeting Room, Berea
Discussing: *The Great Alone* by Kristen Hannah



What WE'RE Reading
Shelley Tucker, Circulation Assistant

Imagine the piercing shock, the sudden weight of heartbreak, as your landlord calls you into a meeting with the bookstore next door. Heart pounding, you hear him say that only one of you can remain as manager, and that he's intent on merging your two worlds into a single store—two vastly different passions intertwined, yet destined to clash. Suddenly, everything is on the line—your dreams, your love for this place, your purpose.

Desperation fuels you now—you must fight with every ounce of strength, every burst of hope, to save what you hold so dear. The romance bookstore owner, with her fiery passion and tender heart, faces off against the classic literature lover, grounded and unwavering. Beneath their differences, an undeniable chemistry sparks—a connection so powerful, it's impossible to ignore. This story made me laugh until I cried, my tears spilling over with pure joy.

I loved this book more than words can express—an unforgettable whirlwind of emotion, longing, and hope that forever touched my soul.

Children

Read and Play
10-11 AM, Mondays and Thursdays
For ages 0-5 years.
Play with Purpose*
*Registration required
10-11 AM, Tuesdays
For ages 0-3 years.
Play with Purpose is a free nine-week program for ages 0-3 and caregivers, with play-based learning, take-home materials, breakfast, and the Sparkler app.
Little Artist Story Time
1-2 PM, Wednesdays
Community Room, Berea
Learn about the principles and mediums of art through story, song, and crafts!
STEAM Café
4-5 PM, Thursdays
Community Room, Berea

Fairytales in the Park
10 AM-12 PM
Saturday, September 6
Russel Acton Folk Center, Berea
Community Room, Berea
Family Open Mic Night
5-7 PM, Tuesday, September 9
Forestry Outreach Center
Ampitheater, Berea
Bluey Bash
10-11 AM
Saturday, September 20
Fireplace, Berea
Celebrate all things Bluey!
Early Learning Activities
10-11 AM, Friday, September 26
Community Room, Berea
Madison Country FRYSC will be hosting monthly activities for young children and their caregivers.

Crafternoon
4-5 PM, Mondays
Community Room, Berea
Mini Moos
Monday, September 8
Sculpt an adorable cow using air dry clay!
Horse Magnets
Monday, September 15
Decorate a wooden horse with paint, add yarn to give it a colorful mane, and finish it with a magnet.
Apple Stamped Bags
Monday, September 22
Use cut apples as stamps to decorate a canvas tote bag.
Western Sunset Art
Monday, September 29
Create a watercolor sunset background then layer silhouettes of western elements on top.

Teens

Teen Café
3:30-5 PM, Fridays
Community Room, Berea
Teen Scene: Embroidered Bandanas
4-5 PM, Wednesday, September 3,
Community Room, Berea
Teen Advisory Group (TAG)
5-6 PM,
Wednesday, September 3
Community Room, Berea
Teen Cuisine: Homemade Root Beer
4-5 PM, Wednesday, September 10
Community Room, Berea

Financial Coaching One-on-One*
*Registration required
9 AM-1 PM, Thursday, September 11
2-6 PM, Thursday, September 25
Meeting Room, Berea
Teen D&D Open Table*
*Registration required
2-4 PM, Saturday, September 13
Meeting Room, Berea
Comics & Cookies
4-5 PM,
Wednesday, September 17
Community Room, Berea
Discussing: *Lucky Luke: Ghost Town* by Morris Goscinny

Berea Writers Circle
1:30-3 PM,
Saturday, September 20
Meeting Room, Berea
TAG Presents: DIY Cactus Planter
4-5 PM,
Wednesday, September 24
Community Room, Berea
Paint a new home for your new cactus friend!

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