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City keeps current property tax rate intact

City Council

By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

In a 7-0 vote, the Berea City Council adopted a measure Tuesday that keeps the ad valorem tax rate the same as last year. According to the ordinance, the 2025 rate was set at 0.089 per \$100 of real property.

Tuesday's vote was a departure from the council's Aug. 19 meet-

ing in which the city proposed raising the ad valorem tax rate to .0916 per \$100, which would have amounted to an average of roughly \$3 annually in higher property taxes for citizens. The increase would have brought in approximately \$27,000 in revenue for the city.

In a work session prior to Tuesday's regular business meeting, council members were torn

between two competing priorities: the need to incrementally increase the city's revenue streams to provide future services, and the desire to shield taxpayers from increasing costs.

In the end, the latter priority prevailed.

Berea City Councilman Ronnie Terrill recalled a time approximately a decade ago when the city, after allowing a series

of reductions in the ad valorem tax rate, found itself in need of revenue. Because of that, the Berea City Council was in the unenviable position of having to implement a steeper tax rate to avoid a cut in services.

Councilman John Payne also supported the slight rate increase, stating: "We have to be able to

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Final lap

Pool renovations near finish line

By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

Contractors are putting the finishing touches on the \$2.3 million renovation of the Berea City Pool, according to Berea Parks and Recreation Director Priscilla Bloom.

Bloom briefed city officials about the project last week during a meeting of the Berea City Council Parks and Recreation Committee. "We are seeing the finish line," Bloom told committee members John Payne, Katie Startzman, Steve Davis and Ronnie Terrill.

"We'll have the concrete finished in the next two weeks."

The pool has been filled with water, and no leaks have been detected in the lining, Bloom reported. Water leaks had long been an issue at the 32-year-old facility in recent years. Bloom did report that repairs were underway for one gutter and one pump line, and that state officials will likely inspect the facility this fall.

It will again be inspected by county health officials before it officially opens next spring, Bloom stated.

Though citizens expressed disappointment about the temporary closure of the pool

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Memorial re-dedication

Photos by Ted Kinson

The Madison County Historical Society had an official unveiling and re-dedication of the World War 1 plaque, the World War II Memorial and the Korean War Memorial on Tuesday at the renovated Madison County Courthouse. This year marks the 80th anniversary of the ending of World War II and the ceremony also was in remembrance of the Madison County residents lost in the three wars.

In top photo, Kathy Moats of the Boonesborough Chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution, Sanford Jones, World War II veteran and Danny Helton, Vietnam Veteran, unveiled a new memorial honoring victims of the three combat wars. In left photo, Madison County Judge/Executive Reagan Taylor talks to visitors at the ceremony. The program was presented by Sharon Graves, president of the Madison County Historical Society.

Construction begins on 6 pickleball courts

By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

Construction of six pickleball courts in the Berea Park Annex is underway, and the project is expected to be completed this fall, city officials said.

The six courts and ac-

companying lights, located behind the Berea Inter-generational Center, are projected to cost \$275,000, none of which is from intergovernmental grants. Berea Mayor Bruce Fraley has said that by funding the project in-house, there is no delay involved with

applying for grants. That allowed the city to begin immediately on construction, he said.

Crews have worked on installing electrical lines at the site, which will be used for the lighting. According to Assistant Codes Administrator/Project Manager

Brian Reed, the city opted for a feature that allows the lights to be set with timers. Players can select the duration of lighting, whether it's 30 minutes, an hour, or longer, then the lights will automatically turn off

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maintain services or we’re going to be in a worse situation next year.”

Councilman Steve Caudill agreed, noting that the effect of not taking a modest four percent increases exponentially over years, which could mean financial trouble for the city later.

“We should take four percent when we can so we won’t have to cut things,” Caudill said.

Councilmembers Teresa Scenters and Cora Jane Wilson countered those arguments, however, stating that people on a fixed income could be adversely affected by the increase, and that the city could do without the additional \$27,000 in revenue for next year.

Payne, who said he grew up in an atmosphere where money was very tight, stated that 25 cents per month would not make that much difference.

Councilman Jerry Little said he had changed his mind about the tax rate since the August meeting, noting increasing the tax rate could be too much for some people in light of the increases in the 911 fee, as well as the increase in municipal electric rates.

At the current ad valorem tax rate, the city will still yield approximately \$50,000 in revenue, as opposed to approximately \$77,000 of revenue with the increased rate.

During the public hearing discussion the proposed rate, Randy Dixon stated he wouldn’t have necessarily opposed a property rate increase, since it could fund vital services.

While he said he appreciated the discussion, Dixon stated he would have liked to a have seen a more precise analysis of how much revenue was needed, and how additional revenues would benefit the city.

In the end, the council came to a consensus about the rate, agreeing to keep it the same.

Ronnie Terrill, Cora Jane Wilson, Steve Caudill, Jerry Little, John Payne, Steve Davis, and Teresa Scenters voted in favor of the measure, while Katie Startzman did not attend Tuesday’s meeting.

- In other business, the council unanimously adopted a measure to remove Sycamore Street from the city’s road maintenance list. The ordinance noted the street is effectively closed off and is no longer accessible to city vehicles.

On a related note, Jerry Little raised the issue of why some streets within city limits bear blue signs that are marked “private drive.” Little explained the signs are a way of informing would-be homebuyers that while private drives are publicly accessible, they are not in the city’s road maintenance plan, and thus do not receive city snow removal or road repair services.

During the staff update segment, Berea Municipal Utilities Manager Kevin Howard briefed officials on the progress of his department’s projects, including an automated meter monitoring system, which will

give consumers more information about their electric and water use.

Howard said he hopes to have the system in place by the end of the year.

During the public comments segment of the meeting, Kathy Williams reminded the council of the value of Saint Joseph Berea Hospital, recalling a recent incident in which a friend suffered a dire health emergency, but was immediately treated at the facility before being sent to a regional medical center.

Williams thanked council members for hearing her concerns during her recent remarks concerning the effects of proposed federal cuts in Medicare and Medicaid,



Message from Cora Jane Wilson

“Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.
James 5:16 (KJV)

changes she said could jeopardize rural hospitals and threaten the well-being of vulnerable citizens.

The next Berea City Council meeting is slated for Sept. 16.

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Persistence paid off on Ellipse Street project

By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

Berea city officials are saying the end is in sight when it comes to the completion of the Ellipse Street shared use path project.

That was the word from Berea City Administrator Shawn Sandlin last week at a meeting of the Berea City Council Parks and Recreation Committee.

The project involved removing the sidewalk running from the northeast corner of the intersection of Ellipse Street and Walnut Meadow Road to Laurel Drive. The sidewalk will be replaced with a path that can accommodate both pedestrians and bicyclists.

At Tuesday's meeting of the Berea City Council, Berea Municipal Utilities Manager Kevin Howard told officials his department is in



the process of installing new lights along the path.

Sandlin, meanwhile, told city officials on the parks committee the hope is to eventually extend the path to U.S. 25, continuing the city's commitment to connect shared use paths all over Berea. Currently, Berea has approximately 19 miles of trails and shared use paths.

The city's pursuit of the shared use path project began in 2019, when the council approved a measure to apply for an 80/20 grant from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. Under that agreement, the state funds 80 percent of the cost of the project, while the city pays for the remaining 20 percent.

In the meantime, however, the project was delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as additional federal requirements in which the city would have to have an engineer present during construction.

The city nonetheless remained committed to the Ellipse Street project, adopting a measure in January to renew the application with the state. The city subsequently accepted a bid from the Allen Company to complete the project for \$393,300, according to Sandlin.

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when the time has expired, thus saving energy.

Reed added that the courts are oriented in a north-south fashion so that the sun does not shine directly into the eyes of players on one side of the court or another.

The project is partially funded by the Berea Tourism Commission, which pitched in \$137,000 from its 2025-2026 budget last spring. At the request of Berea City Councilmember Ronnie Terrill, there will be a sign noting that Berea Tourism significantly contributed to pay for the courts. Similar signs will be installed at other facilities paid for with tourism dollars, including the Chestnut Street Pavilion and the Silver Creek Bike Park.

The project gained traction last year after a group of citizens approached the Berea City Council asking for the installation of courts. Noted for being a game that can accommodate people of varying skill levels, ages and athletic ability, local residents told council members that pickleball is becoming increasingly popular across the nation.

Some noted that people have already temporarily modified the tennis courts at Berea College in order to play the game.

Additionally, officials said adding pickleball courts to the city's recreation facilities could potentially play a role in drawing more tourists, while also helping build a sense of community among residents of Berea. That is in line with the city's ongoing campaign to build recreation facilities that can serve local residents and help attract visitors, according to Fraley.

Last May, Berea College President Cheryl Nixon formally renewed an agreement with the city concerning the leasing of college property for use as city recreation facilities, such as the Berea Park Annex and Memorial Park. The pickleball courts are being constructed on college property at the edge of the Berea Park Annex.

In previous remarks to the city council, Nixon had expressed hope that the city and the college could collaborate on the construction of pickleball courts in Berea. Subsequently, a concrete building foundation of what was the old forestry building on Big Hill Road was tentatively identified as one potential site for pickleball courts.

In the meantime, Mayor Fraley said the search for other possible sites is continuing.

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BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Berea, Kentucky, as follows:

SECTION I

That an annual ad valorem tax for city purposes and the general fund of the said city, in the sum of 8.9 cents (\$0.089) upon each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of the assessed value of all real and personal property within the City of Berea, Kentucky, not otherwise exempt, is hereby levied and imposed upon the owners of said property, person or persons assessed therefore, for the calendar year 2025.

SECTION II

That pursuant to KRS 136.575 an annual franchise tax levy for the city purposes and the general fund of said city in the amount equal to 0.25% of the deposits of all financial institutions located within the jurisdiction of the City is hereby levied and imposed on each such financial institution. The amount and location of the deposits in the financial institutions shall be determined by the method used for filing the summary of deposits report with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, or other appropriate regulatory agency. Tax bills for this franchise tax shall be prepared and issued by the Treasurer after receipt from the Revenue Cabinet of its certification of the amount of deposits, and amount of tax due, and no later than November 1, 2025, and such tax bills shall require payment by December 31, 2025, with a two percent (2%) discount, or without discount by January 31, 2026, after which the tax shall be delinquent and the interest and

penalty provided by Section IV shall apply.

SECTION III

The ad valorem tax imposed in Section I on motor vehicles shall be due and payable on or before the last day of the month in which the registration is required by law for all motor vehicles renewed or transferred. The said tax shall become delinquent following the end of the month in which registration is required by law.

SECTION IV

The Treasurer shall cause tax bills to be mailed to owners of all taxable property, except for motor vehicles, which are covered in Section Five, below. Except for the franchise tax levy on bank deposits referred to in Section II, all said taxes shall be due and payable at the City Finance Office after November 1, 2023 and such tax bills shall require payment by November 30, 2025, with a two percent (2%) discount, or by December 31, 2025, without discount, after which the tax amount due shall be delinquent and a penalty of 10% shall be added to such taxes, and such taxes and penalties shall bear interest at the rate of 10.0% per annum from December 31, 2025, until paid; provided, however, that the franchise tax on bank deposits shall be delinquent pursuant to the provisions of Section II.

SECTION V

The County Clerk of Madison County shall be responsible for causing the preparation and mailing of the notice of the ad valorem tax imposed hereunder on motor vehicles no later than one month prior to the due date. These notices shall be prepared and mailed by the Revenue Cabinet for the County Clerk pursuant to KRS 134.805.

SECTION VI

All taxes imposed hereunder on motor vehicles which are not paid within thirty (30) days of becoming delinquent shall be subject to a penalty of 3% on the amount due. Pursuant to KRS 134.810, any taxes imposed hereunder which are not paid within thirty (30) days of becoming delinquent shall be subject to a penalty of 10% on the tax due, and interest at an annual rate of 10% shall accrue on said taxes and penalty from the date of delinquency. The County Clerk of Madison County shall file a lien on any motor vehicle for which taxes have become delinquent on behalf of the City and record such lien on the face of the certificate of title and registration and also record the lien in the manner in which Lis Pendens are recorded on all other taxes imposed hereunder.

SECTION VII

The County Clerk of Madison County shall be allowed the commission specified in KRS 134.805 and 133.240 for making the tax bills and collecting the taxes and filing liens for delinquent taxes on motor vehicles herein.

SECTION VIII

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

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Grocery store memories

I can still smell the donut holes near the bakery at the entrance of Thornberry's Super Value in the Richmond Plaza. They were the best.

Thornberry's Super Value had the best bakery in town, and I remember the old-fashioned white bread was delicious. Although Richmond had a Kroger and a Winn-Dixie, back then, Thornberry's was our grocery of choice.

During those days, a grocery store was all about the food and not a combo department store.

Back when I was growing up, every now and then, the grocery store would have a few "toys" but it was mostly food.

Each week, Mom went to the grocery store after Dad got paid and stocked up on a week's worth of groceries for a family of four. She cooked at least five days per week, and we would eat out mostly on the weekends. It was a treat to eat at Frisch's, Jerry's, or the Ponderosa Steakhouse on the weekends.

However, mom's meals at home were better than anything we could have gotten at any sit-down restaurant. I can still smell mom's fried chicken, pork chops, biscuits and gravy, and those side items, such as green beans and potatoes picked from our garden.

Before grocery stores such as Walmart became the norm in society, we did our shopping at Thornberry's. During each visit I would always see owner Larry Thornberry working and stocking the shelves. He would always greet customers with a smile. For many families such as ours, Larry and his staff always felt like family because we were regular visitors.

The first grocery store chain I remember was the IGA located in the University Shopping Center. It is significant because I learned a lesson I will never forget and something I never repeated again because of the consequences I faced for my actions as a 5-year-old boy.

I remember we were in the checkout aisle and I picked up a candy bar and walked out the door with it. I can still remember mom and dad lecturing me about stealing that candy bar as we were packing groceries into the car. I was instructed to take the candy bar back into the grocery store and apologize. That wasn't the end of it, however. I got a spanking when I came back to the car and another one when we got home.

I'm sure it had to be hard on Mom and Dad to discipline me not once but twice; however it taught me to never steal anything ever again. The consequences of stealing were forever etched in my mind and I turned out just fine.

Later, Winn-Dixie and the "Beef People" replaced IGA, and Mamaw Taylor always shopped there. I remember her pantry featured Dixie Darling bread, which wasn't anything like Thornberry's. We did shop at Kroger, especially after it moved to the Richmond Plaza and was situated where Tractor Supply is now located.

The "new" Kroger was a big deal back then because of its modern design and the ability to watch employees prepare food and give out samples throughout the store. Returning "pop" bottles was a big thing because you placed the bottles in the case on a roller machine that took them to the back to be stored.

When mom did her grocery shopping in Berea, she often visited Piggly Wiggly, which was located in the Boone Square Shopping Center. However, we would shift back to Thornberry's often.

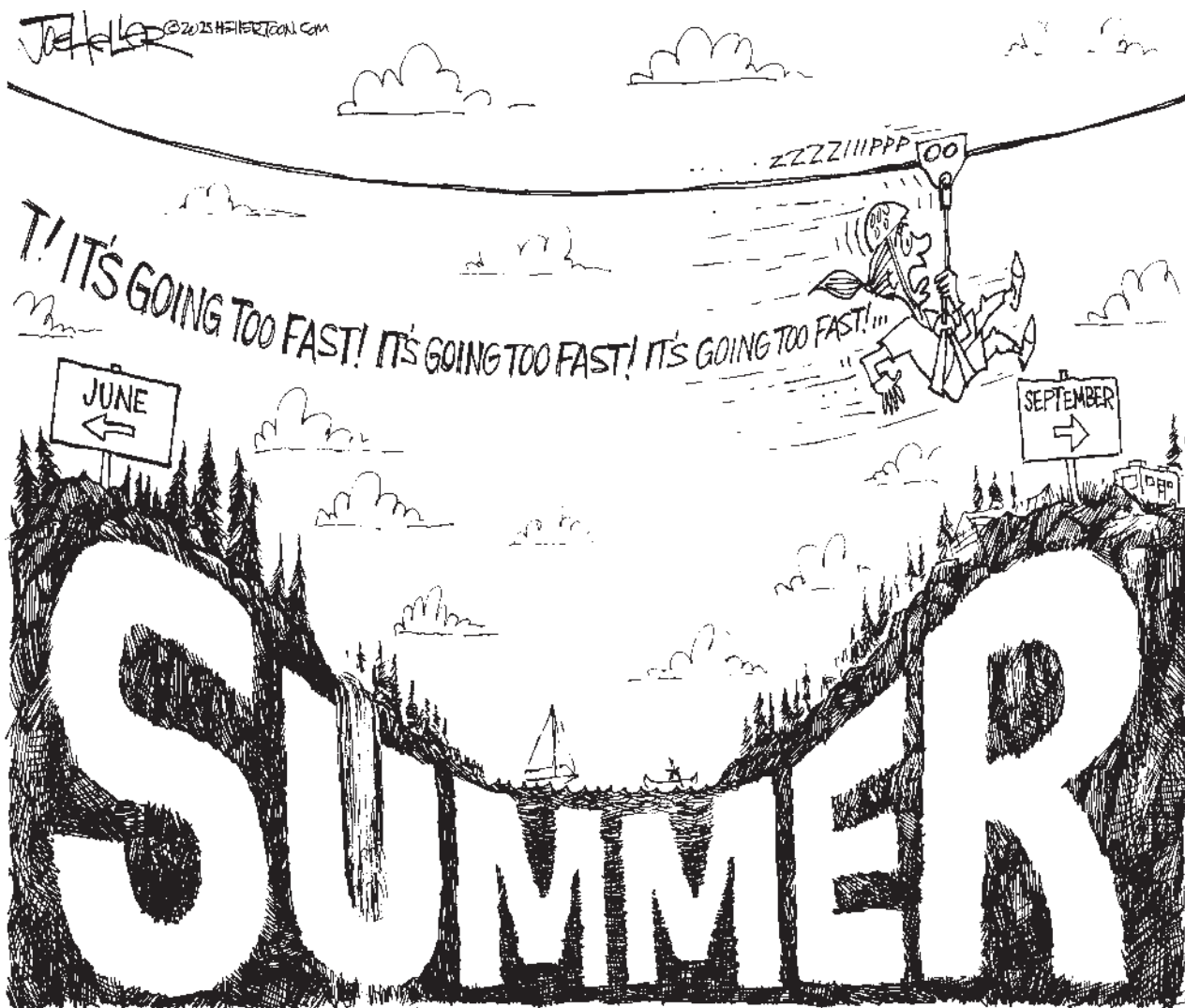
Later in life, I got to know Larry Thornberry and his family when I worked for the Winchester Sun. I didn't know he had a twin brother Jerry, both of whom were stars on Clark County's state champion boys basketball team in 1951 and also won a state golf championship in 1953.

Because of people like Larry Thornberry, who passed away on Monday at the age of 90, they made visiting the grocery store fun and memorable back when they didn't have a "toy" aisle for kids growing up in that era.

A trip to the bakery for a free cookie made the difference and produced a lifetime of memories I will never forget.



Keith Taylor



We need more than prayer

Satan will do anything. He knows no boundaries. He will do anything to kill or wound you or the most innocent, vulnerable people.

Little children sat in their school mass last week in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The students were at Annunciation Catholic Church which is also home to an elementary school. A shooter fired through stained glass windows into the church where students were attending mass, killing two and injuring 17 other people. They were in a place of reverence and worship. Yet, while they were inside a sanctuary of worship, in the middle of mass, an evil person invaded their sacred space and did the devil's work of killing and wounding. What should have been moments of devotion turned into death and despair.

I will not mention the shooter's name because doing so only fulfills his/her goal to die with some kind of sick, horrific fame.

Let us please continue to pray for the hurting families in Minnesota who will never escape the pain of losing their little children who were simply in



Glenn Mollette

school and in a time of Christian worship.

No family or child should ever have to worry that going to school might end in their last day of life. Nor should anyone have to worry that going to church might be the most dangerous place they could ever be. Yet, we know that school and church shootings have become a sick routine of American life.

This has to be stopped. Please media people, please stop listing the names of those who commits such hellish acts.

Please, all school officials and church leaders, please know this only has to happen once to your local school or church. Once it does, you and your community will never get over it. Please utilize every means of security. Take nothing for granted. Prevention is the key. Uniformed security is vital. Terrorist shooters are cowards. They prey on the unprotected and the unsuspecting. They prey on little children, an unarmed class of kids or a church filled with unarmed people. They do not want to deal with uniformed, armed guards. They look for the most vulnerable.

While many of us believe in prayer, it's time to do more. Faith without works is dead. Social Media giants like Facebook, Instagram, X and TikTok, must start notifying police

when posts are made that come across as being threatening to society. People with such problems need to be placed in mental hospitals for treatment and observation. While we cherish free speech, we are past the day of tolerating speech that is filled with threats. Over a year ago someone said "President Trump should be placed in the bull's eye". That was soon followed up by someone almost successfully taking his life.

Parents must be in control of their houses. Know where every gun is and be sure they are locked up in safe places. Even if you have adult children living in your home you must be the ruler of the house. If they are living with you then you rule. Be a strict supervisor of all weapons.

We also must have stricter gun control such as mental health evaluations for all gun purchasers under 25 and longer waiting periods for buying semi-automatic weapons. Home visits should be made 30 days after the purchase of a semi-automatic weapon. This home visit would be to personally counsel the owner of the weapon about the safety and care of the weapon and also to do a mental health assessment. This all sounds invasive but we can't keep saying just pray. It's time to do something.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Celtic Fest thanks its sponsors

It is difficult to get the arms down again after a wonderful and inspiring Berea Celtic Fest and Gathering that gathered more than seventy musicians, singers and dancers from Kansas to Rhode Island, from Mississippi to Ohio and DC. The largest group ever at the event.

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ORDINANCE NO. 11 -2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREА, KENTUCKY, REMOVING SYCAMORE STREET FROM CITY MAINTENANCE

WHEREAS, § 41.303(A) of the Code of Ordinances provides that "All existing improved streets within the city are hereby accepted by the city for maintenance, and shall be maintained according to the present condition and current status and specifications of the city"; and

WHEREAS, Sycamore Street is currently a street accepted for maintenance pursuant to § 41.303(A); and

WHEREAS, Sycamore Street is not practically accessible to City Public Works vehicles due to the low clearance railroad underpass which makes it impossible for the City to perform routine maintenance of Sycamore Street; and

WHEREAS, Sycamore Street is currently blocked at the railroad underpass by a gate installed by the City several years ago; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that it is in the City's best interests to formally discontinue maintenance responsibilities for Sycamore Street;

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

SECTION I

That City maintenance of Sycamore Street from its beginning at the end of Phillips Street to its termination, as set out on the map attached hereto, is hereby discontinued and Sycamore Street shall be removed from the streets in the City which are to be maintained by the City.

SECTION II

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

FIRST READING: August 19, 2025.

SECOND READING & ENACTMENT: September 2, 2025

APPROVED:

Bruce Fraley, Mayor

CITY OF BEREА, KENTUCKY
ATTEST:

Clerk of the City Council

PREPARED BY:

Guy W. Davis
Corporation Counsel



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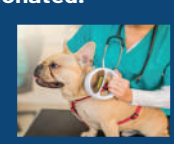
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Reflections

Berea Citizen archives

September 3, 1924 Water supply

The water in the reservoir at Cowbell Hollow was running low at an alarming rate. Only 6 million of 11 million gallons of water were remaining and the springs supplying the reservoir had been dry for over a month. Insufficient rainfall over the span of the previous two months have resulted in the issue. There was a concern that if soaking rain didn't occur within 40 days that the reservoir would be empty and Berea would have to resort to primitive methods to supply its water. Berea was not alone in its plight. Richmond was also running short. The surrounding county was drying up and people traveling the ferry would be seeing boys and girls carrying pails of water to their homes from distant water supplies. It was stressed that it was absolutely essential that no water be waisted and all leaks were to be reported

or stopped. Anyone caught wasting or utilizing water from nonessential purposes would be fined and face possible suspension of services. Everyone was urged to use extreme care in the use of water and to cooperate with the heat and power plant in the conservation of the remaining water supply.

September 7, 1950 New principal

Berea High School would begin the new school year under new administration. Litten R. Singleton, 44, began his duties as principal on July 1st. Singleton came to Berea from the Hindman Settlement School. He was originally from Knott County and attended elementary school there before enrolling in Berea Academy in 1925. After completing his studies at the academy, he attended Berea College and received his Bachelor of Arts in Sociology in 1933. He began his career with the Knott Coun-

ty School System where he was a social science teacher for two years before becoming the attendance supervisor for six years. During the war, Singleton was a foreman with Goodyear in Charlestown, Indiana. Following the war, he took a position with the Hindman Settlement School for five years before deciding to accept the position at Berea High School. Singleton received his Master's degree in Educational Administration from the University of Kentucky in 1949. In 1936 he married Eva Isaacs, and the couple had two children, David and Jane Carol.

September 4, 1975 Bus radios

Berea Community Schools were being equipped with two way radios for use in emergencies, thanks to a gift of more than \$1,000 from the Madison County Club REACT (Radio Emergency Associated Citizens Team).

Transportation Director for Berea Community Schools, Arrita Morris received the first set of radios from club representatives Elihu Hylton and Hugh Sowers. The radios would operate on citizen band and would have a communications radius of approximately 3 miles depending on weather and terrain.

September 7, 2000 Changes for high school

Madison Southern would begin the new school year with new administration and several new policies. Barbara Disney, was named as the school's new principal, replacing Jesse Ward who recently retired. Disney came to Madison Southern from George Rogers Clark High School in Winchester and was excited about what was already in place at the school. Other changes that would be in place for the school year would be the continued presence of a po-

lice officer on campus. Students and staff would wear be required to wear photo identification. School administration would be carrying radios to maintain the ability of continuous contact with each other. Dress codes for the school year were defined and communicated in the handbook students and parents received. Attendance policies would be tougher for the upcoming year. Disciplinary changes for the school would include a safe room to be staffed by two employees and a Positive Alternative School Suspension or "PASS" for short term in-school suspension. Besides a new principal, other new faces at the school would include Chris Young, mathematics Teacher; Margaret Tilsey, science teacher; Lt. Colonel Ken Parsons and SMS Sgt. Barney Todd, ROTC instructors; Doug Carter, head football coach and physical education teacher; Elda Crisp, special education teacher and Julie Whittaker, English teacher.

Game Page

Crossword

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Fairly large
- 6. Barrels per day (abbr.)
- 9. Cover the entirety of
- 13. Leafy appetizer
- 14. Showy ornament
- 15. Norse personification of old age
- 16. Athletes
- 17. Closes tightly
- 18. Attack via hurling items
- 19. Where the reserves stand
- 21. Sword
- 22. Begat
- 23. Damage another's reputation
- 24. Northeast
- 25. Turf
- 28. For each
- 29. Hours (Spanish)
- 31. Western state
- 33. One who offers help
- 36. Flanks
- 38. A woolen cap of Scottish origin
- 39. Free from drink or drugs
- 41. Tunnels
- 44. Mature
- 45. More dried-up
- 46. News organization
- 48. Steal something
- 49. Forms one's public persona(abbr.)
- 51. Female fish eggs
- 52. Small petrel of southern seas
- 54. Edible starches
- 56. Historical

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Vipers
- 2. Ancient city in Syria
- 3. Slog
- 4. Emits coherent radiation
- 5. "Pollock" actor Harris
- 6. Bleated
- 7. Monetary units of Afghanistan
- 8. Tooth doctor
- 9. One who takes apart
- 10. Commoner
- 11. Beat poet Ginsberg
- 12. Cave deposit material
- 14. Home energy backup
- 17. Begets
- 20. Face part
- 21. Frocks
- 23. Hill or rocky peak
- 25. Giving the impression of dishonesty
- 26. About ear
- 27. Male parents
- 29. Popular grilled food
- 30. Vaccine developer
- 32. Not conforming
- 34. Polite address for

- women
- 35. 1970 U.S. environmental law
- 37. Astronomical period of 18 years
- 40. One who fights the government
- 42. Center for Excellence in Education
- 43. Watches discreetly
- 47. An electrically charged atom
- 49. Hymn
- 50. Arabic given name
- 52. Popular pie nut
- 53. City in Zambia
- 55. Species of cherry
- 56. John __, British writer
- 57. Be next to
- 58. Make angry
- 59. Give birth to a lamb or kid
- 61. Unhappy



SUDOKU

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

ANSWER:

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

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to hiking. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 15 = O)

A. 1 15 15 14 22

Clue: Footwear

B. 14 3 20 10 5

Clue: Path

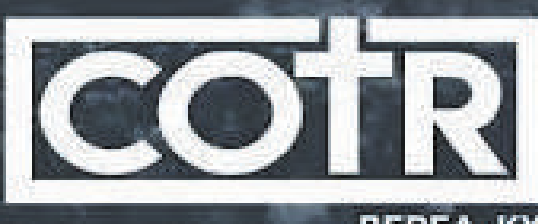
C. 11 3 6 11 20 3 6

Clue: Get ready

D. 15 25 14 8 15 15 3 22

Clue: Nature

Answers: A. boots B. trail C. prepare D. outdoors



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Food for thought

The late Baptist preacher Seymour Wattenbarger once offered up a tale so funny that I just had to share it with you.

It seems a kindergarten teacher asked her kids to bring in “show and tell” items that represent their religions.

The first child took his turn, saying, “My name is Benjamin. I am Jewish, and this is a Star of David.”

The second child said, “My name is Mary. I am Catholic, and this is a crucifix.”

The third child said, “My name is Bubba. I am a Baptist, and this is a casserole dish.”

If someone were to ask you what item best represents your religion, what would you say? As a Baptist who absolutely loves potluck dinners, I might be inclined to go with the casserole dish. But, to give it further thought, I think I’d want to go with an Ebenezer stone.

Such a stone is talked about in 1 Samuel, 7:12. God had given the Israelites a great victory against their enemies.

“Afterward, Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen He named it Ebenezer, saying, ‘Hitherto, the Lord has helped us.’”

Every time the Israelites looked at that stone from that point on, they’d be reminded that the Lord is their helper. All of us need such reminders from time to time. A popular Southern Gospel song some years ago called for us “to go back to the old landmark” to see places that serve as reminders of what the Lord has done for us.

People who have moved to other parts of the country always love to come back home to their childhood churches that meant so much in their spiritual upbringing. Once there, they love to walk into the Sunday school room where, as children, they squirmed and wiggled as a beloved Christian lady taught them fundamentals of the faith. They love to go



Roger Alford

into the sanctuary and sit in the very pew where they had listened to the singing and the sermons long years before.

With tears welling in their eyes, some will remember an altar call when they walked down the aisle, kneeled down and accepted Jesus as their savior.

Perhaps you’ve noticed Ebenezer stones in the front yards of homes near where you live. One of the first things I did after buying our current home was to place a round stone in the front yard. Now, every time I see it, I’m reminded of how the Lord has blessed us so much through the years.

Such a stone is a great way to let the world know you stand with the Lord and that you acknowledge all the victories he has handed you in life.

In a show and tell, of course, a casserole dish would be a lot easier to carry into the classroom that a big heavy stone.

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

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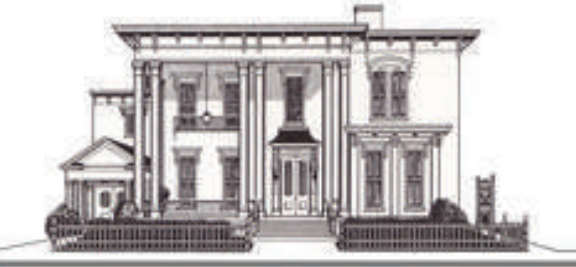
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POOL

FROM PAGE 1

last season, officials say the overdue renovations were needed for public safety reasons. The concrete floor has been replaced with a softer PVC material, and the two pool slides have been upgraded. Additionally, there are now duel, 13-foot- high slides, replacing the two aging slides, which were 10-foot-tall and seven-foot tall, respectively. Most importantly, say officials, the concrete deck, which had been crumbling, is now smoother and safer.

The new facility will also feature two new diving boards.

Bloom has previously stated that other upgrades are in the works for future budgets, including more shade at the pool.

On a related note, Bloom reported during the meeting that engineers have run into a snag when it comes to installing shade structures over grandstands at the ball fields. Engineers have noted that due to the discovery of pyritic shale, that project has been delayed. Pyritic shale is water permeable, and thus less stable to serve as a foundation for the shade structures, city officials have been told.

The shade structures are funded through a \$50,000 grant T-Mobile awarded to the city in 2024. Berea was one of 25 recipients of the company’s community project grants across the nation, securing the funds with the assistance of the Bluegrass Area Development District.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Overflow Property Transfers

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 Cockrell 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 Anthony 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 Griggs, 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 Dar-

- gavell 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 Holaday 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, Dakota 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
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Dam project moving forward

By **Andy McDonald**
For The Citizen

The Owsley Fork Dam project is moving forward through the final approval process, though it has slowed in recent months, according to Berea Municipal Utilities (BMU) Manager Kevin Howard.

BMU scored a major victory last spring when it secured approval for the dam construction plan from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) wing of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). During a recent meeting of the Berea City Council, Howard reported BMU is focusing on the final elements of the approval process that must be met before dam construction can begin.

“You sort of ride with the flow. Six months ago we were really moving forward, though the pace has slowed down a little bit as we’re checking these final boxes, but we are still moving forward, and there doesn’t appear to be anything standing in the way of moving forward with construction,” Howard replied in response to a question from Berea City Council member Ronnie Terrill.

Howard noted, for example, that BMU has to submit

See DAM, A9

Community prayer



A group of area churches (Church on the Rock, Berea Baptist, Westside Baptist, Great Commission Church, River of Life Foursquare Church, Berea Evangelistic Church, and Berea Church of God) held a “Unity in the Community” prayer service on Sept. 3 at Madison Southern.



Pastor Kevin Slemph of Berea Baptist Church, bottom photo, closed out the prayer service with a prayer for students, faculty and staff in Madison County last Wednesday night. At top left, Church on the Rock Youth Pastor Zach Hale delivered the keynote sermon, while Pastor Mark Sarver of Church on the Rock, left, and Slemph, right, affirm a point made by Hale during the sermon. At top right, Greyson Thomason lifted his hands in worship during the service last Wednesday night, Sept. 3, at Madison Southern High School.

The Citizen/Keith Taylor

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Spotlight Playhouse, 214 Richmond Road, will continue its “Wizard of Oz” musical production Friday-Sunday. The two shows will begin at 7 p.m. each night and tickets can be purchased at www.thespottlightplayhouse.com.

County volunteer fire agencies seeing increased work volume

By **Andy McDonald**
For The Citizen

As the county population increases, so does the workload for Madison County’s volunteer firefighting agencies, according to officials.

Madison County Fire Chief Tim Gray briefed officials on that trend at Tuesday’s meeting of the Madison County Fiscal Court. The meeting took place at the Berea City Hall Annex.

During his briefing, Gray stated that calls for service have increased in most of the county’s service areas during the last fiscal year, which covers July 2024 to June 2025.

Reporting on the Kirksville

volunteer firefighters, Gray noted that department fielded 180 calls for service compared to 157 the previous year. Of those service calls, 43 were car accidents, 27 were to assist EMS and other agencies, six were grass fires, nine involved downed lines, five were public relations calls, along with responses to 17 fire alarms, 32 downed trees, five structure fires, two vehicle fires, and two water rescues.

Madison County Judge/Executive Reagan Taylor noted the court will consider measures at the next fiscal court meeting to facilitate Community Development Block Grant funds for an

See COURT, A9



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CIRCUIT COURT INDICTMENTS

Madison County Circuit Court

Division I

- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Edna Phillips: 1st degree possession of a controlled substance (cocaine)
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Brandon Walters: 1st degree possession of a controlled substance (fentanyl); possession of drug paraphernalia; contempt of court
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Todd Holden: public intoxication – controlled substance; theft of identity
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. David Estill: receiving stolen property, \$1,000 but less than \$10,000; 2nd degree burglary; theft by deception
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Amber Whittamore: 1st degree bail jumping
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Dewey Isaacs: 1st degree bail jumping
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Raymond Kidd: 1st degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine)
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Jerry McGee: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 4th or greater offense; driving on DUI suspended license; no/ expired registration plates; failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance; ignition interlock violation
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Laasia Ballard: 1st degree strangulation; 4th degree assault; 2nd degree criminal mischief; 2nd degree assault
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Emily Carretero: 1st degree rape (2 counts); 1st degree unlawful transaction with a minor
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Gulled Ibrahim: 1st offense operating a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs; 2nd degree trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st offense (drug unspecified – less than 10 dosage units)
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Miranda Wiseman: 1st degree possession of a controlled substance (fentanyl)
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Ryan Rose: 1st degree possession of a controlled substance (heroin); 2nd degree possession of a controlled substance (drug unspecified); operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance; careless driving; possession of drug paraphernalia

Division II

- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Patrick Cain: 1st degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine); possession of drug paraphernalia; no operator's license
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Heather Wagers: 1st degree possession of a controlled



substance (methamphetamine)

- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Amber Willis: possession of drug paraphernalia; 1st degree possession of a controlled substance (fentanyl)
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Ricky Slone: 1st degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine); possession of drug paraphernalia
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Timothy D. Banks: 1st degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine)
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Matthew Young: 1st degree possession of a controlled substance (heroin)
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Justin Conner: convicted felon in possession of a handgun
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Teddy Hacker: no/ expired registration plates; operating on a suspended/ revoked operator's license; possession of drug paraphernalia; 1st degree possession of a controlled substance (fentanyl)
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Ameia L. Singleton: theft of identity; possession of drug paraphernalia; 1st degree possession of a controlled substance (fentanyl); possession of marijuana; persistent felony offender
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Marcus Sanders: theft by deception, \$1,000 but less than \$10,000
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Christy D. Norton: public intoxication controlled substance; 1st degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine); possession of drug paraphernalia
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Johnathan Roberts: improper passing; careless driving; disregarding stop sign; 2nd degree fleeing or evading police (motor vehicle); operating on suspended/ revoked operator's license; wanton endangerment
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Stella Valles: 2nd degree strangulation; 4th degree assault; 2nd degree assault
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Mark Bradley: 1st degree unlawful imprisonment; 4th degree assault
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Casey Hensley: theft by unlawful taking, \$1,000 but less than \$10,000; 2nd degree criminal mischief; theft by unlawful taking
- Commonwealth of

Kentucky vs. Dewey Varner: public intoxication; resisting arrest; convicted felon in possession of a handgun; 2nd degree disorderly conduct; 1st degree possession of a controlled substance (1 count – methamphetamine; 1 count – fentanyl; 1 count – cocaine); possession of drug paraphernalia; 3rd degree criminal mischief

Division V

- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Jane Musgrave: operating motor vehicle under the influence of a substance; 1st degree possession of a controlled substance (greater than 2 grams methamphetamine)
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Regeina Arvin: possession of drug paraphernalia; 1st degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine)
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Benjamin Gay: 3rd degree criminal trespassing; 1st degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine)
- Commonwealth

of Kentucky vs. Caleb Hughes: public intoxication – controlled substance; 1st degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine)

- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Cassandra Reed: 1st degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine); public intoxication – controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; 1st degree possession of a controlled substance (cocaine)
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Antonio Morales: 1st degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine); 1st degree possession of a controlled substance (fentanyl); operating on a suspended operator's license
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Brian Isaacs: 1st degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine); 2nd degree possession of a controlled substance (drug unspecified) – 2 counts; operating on a suspended/ revoked operator's license; failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance

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- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Samuel Vorheis: 1st degree forgery (18 Counts); convicted felon in possession of a handgun
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Travis A. Jones: 1st degree possession of a controlled substance (count 1 – methamphetamine, count 2 – fentanyl)
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Kaitlyn Canada: 1st degree criminal abuse (7 counts)
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Tiffany Cox: 1st degree criminal abuse (7 counts)
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Dylan Scenters: 1st degree criminal abuse (7 counts); 1st degree unlawful imprisonment
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Travis Blake Scenters: 1st degree criminal abuse (7 counts)
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Billy Wagers: 1st degree strangulation
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Jessica Garcia: 1st degree criminal abuse (3 counts)
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Kelsey Cable: 1st degree criminal abuse (3 counts)
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Andrew Brown: theft by unlawful taking, more than \$1,000

but less than \$10,000

- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Nikkie Turner: 1st degree possession of a controlled substance (fentanyl) – 1st offense; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts); 1st degree criminal trespass; improper signal; possession of marijuana; 1st degree possession of methamphetamine
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Michelle Wilson: 3rd degree complicity to arson; 1st degree criminal mischief; complicity to theft by unlawful taking
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Alicia Stewart: 3rd degree arson; 1st degree criminal mischief; theft by unlawful taking

Misdemeanors

- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Vicktory Allen: operating on a suspended/ revoked operator's license; leaving the scene of an accident/ failure to render aid; 2nd degree possession of a controlled substance (drug unspecified)
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Brandon Walters: 1st degree possession of a controlled substance (fentanyl); possession of drug paraphernalia; contempt of court

Message from Cora Jane Wilson



"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God."
Colossians 3:1 (KJV)

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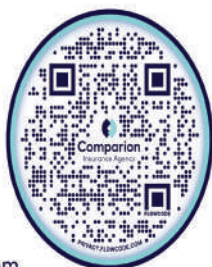


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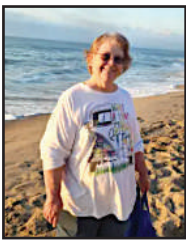
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OBITUARIES

Lea Middleton Davis Schultz



Lea Middleton Davis Schultz, 72, of Berea, received her heavenly reward on Sept. 6, 2025, surrounded by family and friends. She had been news editor for the Richmond Register and Berea Citizen in the 1980's and 1990's, and later served as an administrative assistant at both the First Christian Church in Berea and the Berea United Methodist Church.

Born on Nov. 20, 1952 in Louisville to working-class parents, Lea graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in 1970, and earned a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism from Eastern Kentucky University in 1974. That year, she started dating Tom, a Vietnam veteran who could only be tamed by a real southern woman's love. They married on May 14, 1977 and welcomed two children, Thomas and Andrew, in 1981 and 1984.

As a journalist, Lea mentored a plethora of up-and-coming reporters, worked long hours, and covered multiple beats including local government, crime, and human interests. Her weekly column "Nuggets" was a source of great entertainment to her readership, often detailing local history and personal family events. Lea won multiple awards for feature investigative reporting. She told truth to power and was not afraid of doing so.

In addition to her professional achievements, Lea was a seasonal

supporter of basketball, soccer, baseball, and golf, depending on which sport her children were playing. She rewarded her children's educational pursuits and instilled a love of learning in them. She believed in leadership through service and sacrifice for the greater good.

Lea was a constant presence in the affairs of the Berea United Methodist Church, being three times Chair of the Administrative Council for church governance. She was a member there for nearly 50 years and heavily promoted the church building fund. She loved God and possessed the self-assurance that only comes with faith, education, love, and kindness.

Lea is preceded in death by her parents, Harlan Lee Davis, Jr., and Mildred Jean Middleton Davis, of Louisville. She is survived by her husband Tom; son and daughter-in-law Thomas and April Schultz of Berea; son Andrew "A.J." Schultz of Minot, North Dakota; grandchildren Alex Combs and Kate Combs; and an uncountable number of friends and quasi-adopted children who lovingly referred to her as "Mama Schultz." We love you Mom, and we miss you.

Lea has been cremated per her wishes. Berea United Methodist Church will host Visitation on Friday, Sept. 12, 2025 from 5-7 p.m., with a memorial service at 7 p.m., with the Rev. Dr. Timo Karnoven, officiating.

In lieu of flowers, please make contributions in Lea's name to the Berea United Methodist Church Building Fund.

Condolences for the family may be left at www.lakesfuneralhome.com



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Jean Harding

Known as Mildred Jean, Jean, Sis and Millie, she was a cherished daughter, granddaughter, niece, sister, cousin, and friend in her early years. Then she became a mom to seven children, her first arriving at the young age of 17, the last when she 29. At 41, she became a Mamaw and sometimes Grandma.

Jean loved life, was joyful, and remained optimistic despite the many hardships she faced in her life. Having parents who were sharecroppers that left at daylight for the fields, Mildred Jean stood on a wooden box and learned to tend the stove at the age of four. She watched over her baby brother Bobby during those years.

Those early chores prepared Jean for a life of service and the knowhow to do what had to be done, regardless of the circumstances. Always dedicated to the tasks before her, she learned to crochet, quilt and sew. Using a treadmill sewing machine, she made many clothes for her

children and herself. Later she took delight in making dolls for her grandchildren. She made China dolls, crafting the bodies and then sewing elaborate dresses for them to earn extra money.

When she and Howard brought the first three of their children to the Harding homeplace at Clear Creek in Disputanta, she learned to milk a cow, providing sustenance to her beloved family. Little did she know that she was to become a farmer herself, raising as many as three gardens when it was needed. Money was hard to come by in the agrarian south of the 50's, 60's and 70's. She rose to the challenges required, helping to provide for her children. While Howard (a union carpenter) was away during the weekdays, she ran the farm with their five boys and two girls helping her in the fields and gardens and the girls helping in the kitchen and gardens. They raised fields of tobacco and corn for the cattle.



One year she and Howard tried raising peanuts, another year cucumbers, another peppers. Yet another cane to make molasses. She raised seed beds for many types of plants. People who knew came from all over the county to buy her plants. When Howard decided to become a forester and built a sawmill, she and her children had to help run it. She worked at the edger, the most dangerous job besides his. Jean was in her element those decades, even taking care of Howard's Aunt Eller for the last years of her life. Those years required cooking and caring for ten. She was not one to complain.

Jean was a devout Christian, a Methodist and then a Southern Baptist for the last seven decades of her life. She attended Clear Creek Baptist and served as the bookkeeper for many years. Later, she left the farm and moved to town. With sadness, she moved her membership to Berea Baptist, but never forgot the friends and families at Clear Creek and tried to visit each year with them. Throughout her time with each of the churches she attended, Sunday

School classes and the friendships she made were especially meaningful to her. The old-time gospel songs were her favorite to sing and hear. She read and studied her King James bible each morning. The first of January of many years would find her starting anew with the Old Testament and finishing with the New.

Jean taught her children to continue learning each day of their lives. She was an avid reader and became a published writer and artist, something she took great pride in. She was the family photographer, taking hundreds of pictures with a Kodak camera chronicling their lives. Best of all, she shared many, many photographs with friends and family. She helped to keep alive much of her Arvin and Blevins ancestors' memories, as well as the Harding and Dees families.

Jean was a beacon of faith, hope and love for those who knew her. She rose each day thanking the Lord for the blessings of life, her family and friends, most of all her savior Jesus Christ.

Jean was preceded in death

by her beloved parents, William E. and Ella Margaret Arvin Blevins, her cherished husband, Howard William Harding, her dear son, Frank Harding, her treasured grandson, Stephen Douglas Harding, and her brother, Bob Blevins. Their reunion is a comforting thought to those she leaves behind.

She is survived by her children, Jeress Ann Harding, Floyd Lee (Brenda) Harding, Brent William (Bonnie) Harding, Alan (Sherry) Harding, Landis M. Harding, and Karen (John) Devere, as well as her sister Linda (Charlie) Gau. Her legacy continues to flourish through her 15 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren, with one more on the way, and 11 great-great-grandchildren, each a reflection of her love and spirit.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 6, 2025, at Berea Baptist Church. Pastor Kevin Slemp officiated and burial followed in Harding Family Cemetery.

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MARRIAGES

Aug. 28

- Billy Lawrence Hartman, manufacturer trainer, 30 of Berea to Mariah Laniece Estes, lead stores associate, 26, of Berea
- Bradley Clay Means, project manager, 42 of Richmond to Ashley Marie Patterson, housekeeper, 28 of Richmond

Sept. 2

- Rashelle Mae Freeman, unemployed, 24 of Richmond to Ryan Christopher Callahan, first officer, 27 of Rich-

mond

- Prentice B. Richardson, Jr., retired, 65 of Richmond to Tracey L. Smith, receiver, 61 of Richmond
- Ernest Wayne Renfro, factory, 55 of Richmond to Melissa Ann Bowlin, custodian, 48 of Richmond
- Boyd James Slone, self-employed, 19 of Richmond to Savannah Lynn Mullins, pharmacy tech, 20 of Richmond
- Shelby Elizabet Ramsey, corporate safety manager, 36 of Richmond to David Ashley Pennington, treaty compliance, 49 of

Richmond

- Brandi Nicole King, nursing, 39 of Berea to Brandon Keith Maggard, manager, 38 of Bera

Sept. 3

- Kathryn Danielle Elizabeth Spalding, registered nurse, 25 of Berea to Keith Allen Agee, Jr., filling tech Sherwin Williams, 24 of Berea
- Corina J. Disney, unemployed, 18 of Richmond to Brennon Chance Brown, Allen Company, 19 of Berea

COURT RECORDS

District Court

Aug. 25

- Rebecca Anne Linville vs. Andrew M. Linville

Sept. 3

- Keilani Jolynn Albert vs. Logan Acres

Sept. 5

- Malina Faith Young vs. Joshua Meedy Wagers

Circuit Court

Aug. 28

- Octavio Correa vs. Susanna Santilan

Aug. 31

- Michael J. Hiles vs. Margaret E. Hiles

Sept. 2

- Heather Lindsey vs. Cordell Hamilton
- Kari Jamsen Hogue vs. Johnny Wayne Amburgey

Sept. 3

- Richard Paul Purvis vs. Erin Way Purvis
- Leslie E. Rutherford vs. Justin Dean Rutherford

Foreclosure

Aug. 28

- Purchase Area Lean Holdings, LL vs. BG Cabinet Source, LLC

Sept. 2

- Planet Home Lending, LLC vs. Tyler Cheyan Harbour, ET., AL.
- Freedom Mortgage Corporation vs. Kellie Hardy-Garland, ET., AL.

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9/11: From triumph to tragedy

I took my first plane trip more than 24 years ago on a work excursion. At that time, retired and late Eastern Kentucky football coach Roy Kidd was one win away from notching his 300th victory, a feat that only a handful of coaches have achieved in their football coaching careers.



Keith Taylor

It was Aug. 30, 2001. I remember how easy it was to pass through airport security at Bowman Field in Louisville and marveled at the cockpit during my short flight. Eastern lost the opener that year to Central Michigan, but defeated Liberty University nine days later to give Kidd his milestone victory. It ranks as one of the best moments of my writing career. It still does. I have to admit it was exciting to be a small part of such a proud moment as I watched two goal posts come down and the overall excitement that surrounded Roy Kidd Stadium.

Three days later on 9/11, an incredible high turned into a low our country had never experienced in history as terrorists used civilian aircraft as weapons and attacked our country, first flying a pair of planes into the World Trade Center in New York and later the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.. Another hijacked plane went down in a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania and failed to reach its intended target.

I can still remember Rhonda calling me from Kingston Elementary School that morning and telling me that planes have flown into the World Trade Center.

Like many of you, I was stunned as I watched the events unfold that day and the days and weeks that followed. It seemed as if the world stopped turning that day and we all began turning our attention to little things that mattered.

To this day, it was eerie feeling, considering there wasn't a cloud in the sky that day. Things above us became silent after flying was prohibited for a period of time.

Sporting events were canceled the following weekend as we slowly recovered from a severe blow that punched our great nation in the gut. I also had flashbacks of that first plane trip and what those innocent victims had to be feeling that day on those three unfortunate doomed flights.

The events of that day changed George W. Bush's presidency and redefined his focus during his eight years in office. He went from a peacetime president to a wartime Commander-in-Chief.

The President showed us how we could come back stronger than ever with more courage and resolve and bounce back better than ever before.

In the two-plus decades that have passed, we seem to be more of a divided country as opposed to one of unity and we need to get back to a nation as one, instead of two. We can accomplish more unified than divided.

It's been 23 years since that unimaginable day and may we never forget those who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001.

It's a date that will forever live in infinity.



NEVER FORGET

How do you treat waiters?

The way you treat others offers a window into the type of person you are. Your interaction with people, whose job it is to serve you, reflects on your character and offers a glimpse into the way they will react to you.

When you behave in a condescending manner, you are sure to elicit a negative reaction. Immediately, the person you are talking down to will be put off, even if they don't show it. You will squelch any inclination for the other person to go out of their way to help you. At most, they will do no more than the bare minimum necessary to keep you mollified.

Corporate CEOs like to observe how job candidates treat waiters. These corporate captains have found that how a prospective employee treats a waiter offers a clear picture of the type of person he or she is. Someone who is polite to you but discourteous to a waiter does not have desirable interpersonal skills. They tend to be abrasive, causing friction among coworkers and subordinates.

Your treatment of waiters isn't just significant in business settings. A survey by a dating service discovered that being rude to waiters tops the list as the worst dining etiquette. It is a real turnoff to be in the company of someone who is mean spirited.

Anyone can treat a waiter well when there are no mishaps or mess-ups. The real indication of a person's true nature is how they react when there are problems. What do they do when a waiter makes a mistake or their meal is not what they had hoped for? Do they get indignant, make a scene, and jump down the waiter's throat? Or

are they gracious and magnanimous?

No one likes to be berated when they make a mistake. Some waiters are better than others. Some are more conscientious. You can't manage their behavior, but you do control yours. If you can't handle a problem when you are eating out, how can you be depended on to handle life's real predicaments?

People, who are rude to waiters, erroneously believe they are displaying power and authority. They mistakenly think their behavior will impress others. Anyone who attempts to elevate their status by stepping on others will ultimately fall flat on their face.

People with integrity and character treat everyone with courtesy and respect, regardless of their occupation, financial, or social status. They don't view themselves as being above or below anyone else.

The way you treat people determines to a large part how they treat you. Not everyone will respond to kindness and consideration. But everyone



Bryan Golden

will react negatively to berating. Your best bet for bringing out the best in people is to treat them with respect.

If you expect the worst from people, your attitude will project this and your low expectations will usually be met. If you anticipate the best, people tend to try to live up to those expectations so as not to disappoint you.

People crave approval and recognition. If you start out rejecting someone, they will feel there is no chance to please you and won't even try. However, when you say please, thank you, and can you help me, others will make an extra effort to accommodate you.

Treat waiters, and everyone you encounter, with dignity. In so doing, your relationships with people, even strangers, will improve.

You will still find some individuals you just can't deal with. But they will be much more of an exception. You can never go wrong by treating another person well.

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Aug. 28

• Joshua Snyder, 43: pos-session of a controlled sub-stance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); careless driving; failure to produce insurance card; operating on suspended or revoked operator’s license; failure to appear, citation for misdemeanor
 • Jasmine Duncan, 32: pos-session of marijuana; drug paraphernalia – buy/ possess; operating motor vehicle under the influence of substance(s) – 1st
 • Ca’Marr Myers, 26: failure to appear
 • John Coyle, 43: no registra-tion receipt; no registration plates; driving on DUI sus-pended license – 1st offense
 • Julian Sampson, 60: parole violation, for technical viola-tion
 • Ashley Johnson, 27: failure to appear
 • Zayne Estep, 29: failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security – 1st offense; operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol.08 0 1st (aggravated circumstances); drug paraphernalia – buy/ possess
 • Netta Murphy, 35: failure to appear; probation violation, for misdemeanor offense
 • Andrew Lovell, 47: failure to appear
 • Shannon Durham, 43: fleeing or evading police, 2nd degree (motor vehicle); fleeing or evading police, 3rd degree; operating on suspended or revoked operator’s license; careless driving; trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st offense (fentanyl); trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (greater than or equal to 2 grams meth-amphetamine); possession of a handgun by a convicted felon; failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security – 2nd offense; drug parapher-nalia – buy/possess; persistent

felony offender I

Aug. 29

• Nicholas Grubb, 41: operat-ing motor vehicle under the in-fluence of alcohol -1st; posses-sion of open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle
 • Jose Shinchillas, 35: operat-ing motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol – 1st; no operator’s – moped license; failure to produce insurance card
 • Malik Hawkins, 30: failure to appear
 • Fred Young, 41: no regis-tration plates; no registration receipt; failure of owner to maintain required insurance/ security – 1st offense; driving on DUI suspended license – 1st offense; failure to wear seat belts
 • Erica Durbin, 39: operating non-motor vehicle under the influence of intoxicants; posses-sion of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (meth-amphetamine); violation of a Kentucky EPO/DVO
 • Casey Bradley, 32: criminal mischief, 1st degree; alcohol intoxication in public place (1st and 2nd offenses); disorderly conduct, 2nd degree
 • Tonya Campbell, 41: pub-lic intoxication – controlled substance (excludes alcohol); possession of a controlled sub-stance, 1st degree, 1st offense (heroin); drug paraphernalia – buy/possess
 • Travis Thorpe, 33: failure to appear (3 counts)
 • Damian Rucker, 28: failure to appear
 • Freddy Nunley, 37: parole violation, for technical viola-tion
 • Ricky Howell, 68: assault, 2nd degree; violation of a Ken-tucky EPO/DVO
 • Paul Bond, 50: failure to appear

Aug. 30

• Candice Collins, 44: alcohol

intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses)
 • Elbert Boggs, 50: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 3rd or greater offense (methamphetamine); tamper-ing with physical evidence
 • Timmie Feltner, 32: posses-sion of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (heroin)
 • Benjamin Smith, 46: viola-tion of a Kentucky EPO/DVO (2 counts)
 • Coutney Shaw, 33: traffick-ing in a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (greater than or equal to 2 grams meth-amphetamine); trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st de-gree, 1st offense (carfentanil or fentanyl derivative); tampering with physical evidence; drug paraphernalia – buy/possess
 • Jonathan Arvin, 25: operat-ing motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, .08 -1st; disregarding stop sign; failure to wear seat belts
 • David Kenney, 34: operat-ing a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st; possession of open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle
 • Stella Kluesner, 19: alcohol intoxication in public place (1st and 2nd offenses)
 • Boston Dailey, 19: alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses)
 • Brooke Vickers, 34: operat-ing motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st; assault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor injury; wanton endangerment – 1st degree
 • Ricky Rose, 57: serving parole violation warrant
 • Zachary Reynolds, 41: assault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor injury

Aug. 31

• Demetrius Marshall, 38: trafficking in a controlled substance – 1st offense (heroin); possession of marijuana
 • Christian Rider, 30: fol-lowing another vehicle too

closely; no operator’s – moped license; trafficking in controlled substance, 1st offense (heroin); possession of marijuana
 • Connie Mullins, 46: traf-ficking in a controlled sub-stance, 1st degree, 1st offense (greater than or equal to 2 grams methamphetamine); trafficking in controlled sub-stance, 1st offense (heroin)
 • Jennings Harris, 66: failure to appear; failure to appear, citation for misdemeanor (2 counts)
 Zachary Carpenter, 18: oper-ating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 2nd; leaving scene of an accident – failure to render aid or assis-tance; operating motor vehicle/ motorcycle function without ig-nition interlock device; failure to wear seat belts
 • Jose Munoz, 26: alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses)

Sept. 1

• James McKinney, 40: drink-ing alcoholic beverage in public place (1st and 2nd offenses); criminal trespassing – 3rd degree
 • Michelle Urbanczyk, 23: careless driving; possession of an open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle; op-erating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st
 • Jesie Wagers, 33: one head-light; operating on suspended or revoked operator’s license; failure to produce insurance card; giving officer false identi-fying information; failure to ap-pear, citation for misdemeanor
 • Gregg Boose, 32: traffick-ing in marijuana (greater than 5 pounds) – 1st offense; drug paraphernalia – advertisement; drug paraphernalia – buy/pos-sess; driving motor vehicle using handheld mobile telephone
 • Angela Kelly, 35: failure to appear
 • Joshua Freitas, 33: speed-ing, 18 mph over limit; driving on DUI suspended license – 1st

offense; failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance/security- 1st offense; no registration plates
 • Lauren East, 37: probation violation, for felony offense Sept. 2
 • Matthew Bullock, 22: al-cohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses)
 • William Striffe, 47: theft by deception – include cold checks, \$1,000 but less than \$10,000
 • Bradley Wyatt, 32: hold for court
 • Marcus Covington, 50: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines
 • Sarah Thomas, 25: hold for court
 • Rebecca McKnight, 53: hold for court
 • Charles Corp, 36: failure to comply with sex offender registration, 1st offense
 • Chad Caudill, 32: posses-sion of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 2nd offense (meth-amphetamine); giving officer false identifying information Sept. 3
 • Iris Lewis, 52: assault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor injury; wanton endan-germent, 1st degree; tampering with physical evidence
 • Roderick Tejada, 55: as-sault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor injury
 • Albert Lear, 50: failure to appear
 • Terry Mountjoy, 52: failure to appear; any non-criminal charge not covered by codes
 • Jennifer Sargent, 36: hold for court
 • Simitrio Hilarious, 50: fail-ure to appear
 • Senta Brothers, 20: failure to appear
 • Frederick Williams, 43: criminal trespassing, 3rd degree
 • Logan Akers, 21: rape, 1st degree
 • Mark Bush, 46: criminal trespassing, 3rd degree

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Aug. 28

• Riley Trevor Howard and Katelyn Marie Howard to Kwyntyn Gregory Marshall and Alexandra Rawlings, lots 3 and 4 Baker Addition, Berea, \$170,000
 • Barbara Lynn Tipton (f/k/a Barbara Lynn Martin) to Nancy Hardeman and Bennett Lee Hardeman, lot 29 Robbinsville Subdivision, \$192,775
 • Edward Sulick and Rose-mary Sulick to Ethan Har-din and Shelby Hardin, lots 21A/27-28 St. Andrews Place Phase I Boone’s Trace Subdivi-sion, \$640,000
 • Brack Morgan to James E. Storm and Ashley Shouse Storm, 101 Bellevue Drive, \$165,000
 • Idaa Lynette Ballard, acting not in her individual capacity but as the executrix of the will and Estate of Paul E. Tipton, deceased, by order of Madison District Court, fiel No. 24-P-000547 to Kelsey Ann Quack and Colton James Ellis, tract 4 plat 7/92, \$473,000
 • Carlin Earl Champ, Michae-la Rose Champ and Patric D. Haddix to Penny Lee Cole, lot 11 Canyon Grove Subdivision, \$278,000
 • Pamela F. Stanley to Lana Mia Dawley-Mediak and Zach-ary Adam Mediak, 316 Spring-hurst Drive, \$277,000
 • Jacob Lee Frye and Freedom V-Ray Frye to Mario Daniel Salcido and Melisha Hannah Salcido, tract Madison County
 • D.R. Horton, Inc. – Lou-isville to Joshua Edward Ebbert and Lauren Elizabeth Woolums, lot 72 Carriage Place, \$318,849
 • D.R. Horton, Inc. – Louis-ville to Daniel Keith Alexander and Joanna Dawn Alexander, lot 78 Carriage Place, \$314,609
 • LMP Development, LLC to Ron Durham Builders, LLC, 306 Circle Pointe Drive, \$78,000
 • Scott Ronald Rich (a/k/a Scott R. Rich) and Stephanie K. Rich to Scot R. Rich and Stephanie K. Rich, Co-Trustees of the Rich Family Revocable Trust, u/d/a July 8, 2025, 4187 Equestrian Way, for and in consideration of Grantors being desirous of transferring and conveying their interest in the hereinafter described property t a revocable trust, with themselves as sole lifetime beneficiaries
 • Perry J. Black and Annie Black; Jayden Olivia Black; Karla L. Willis (a/k/a Karla B.

Willis and Fredrick O. Willis to Karla L. Willis and Frederick O Willis, 126 North Maple Steet, \$102,000
 • George Berger and Brittany Berger to King-Bryant Legacy Group, LLC, 3639 Berea Road, \$118,000
 • Small Town Grove, LLC to Roy Todd Builders, Inc., lot 1 plat 32/67, \$65,000
 • Small Town Grove, LLC to Roy Todd Builders, Inc., lot 2 plat 32/103, \$60,000
 • Betty M. Poynter to Blaine Gregory Pointer, Jeffery Lane Poybnter, Jennifer Poynter Sex-ton and Barry Dallas Poynter, tract Madison County, for and in consideration of an agree-ment between parties (parent and children)
 • John W. Gilliam, Trustee of the John W. Gilliam Trust, u/a/d September 23, 1998, and Paula S. Gilliam, Trustee of the Paula S. Gilliam Trust, u/a/d September 23, 1998, to Baxter W. Napier, III, tract Madison County, \$125,000
 • Willia Dooley and Sherry Lynn Dooley; James Darrell Gabbard (a/k/a Darrell Gab-bard; Albert Michael Gabbard and Tonya Gabbard; David Smith and Kelly James Smith to Leonard Bratcher and Kathy Bratcher, tract in the vicinity of Scaffold Cane, \$28,000
 • Leonard Bratcher and Kathy Bratcher to Kenneth Brad Hyl-ton and Amy M. Hylton, tract vicinity Scaffold Cane, \$14,500
 • Denise Carter to Coyle Homes, LLC, lot 14 Adams Subdivision, \$62,000
 • Denise Carter to Thin Line Properties, LLC, tract Madison County, \$62,000
 • DS & JV Properties, LLC to Snapp Construction, LLC, lot 3 Firebrook, \$62,000
 • DS and JV Properties, LLC to Snapp Construction, LLC, lot 4 Firebrook, \$64,000
 • Tommy Cope Properties, LLC to Sarah Ann Clark, lot 241 Firebrook Subdivision, Phase I, \$150,000
 • Geneva Blanton to Geneva Blanton and Martina Blanton, lot 21 block 2 Rolling Hills Subdivision, for and in consid-eration of love and affection between grantor and grantee, who are mother and daugh-ter, and in order to create a survivorship interest in said property

Aug. 29

• City Rentals, LLC to Justin

Warren, 764 Yellowstone Trail, \$299,900
 • D.R. Horton, Inc. – Louis-ville to Kaydin Rilee Greenwell and Robert Adam Miranda, lot 72 Carriage Place, \$337,775
 • SGB8839, LLC to Briggs Properties, LLC, lots 78, 156, 163, 150, and 147 Arbor Woods, phase III, \$1.00
 • Mukesh Patel and Hetal Patel to Rameshchandra Patel and Vasanti Patel, lot 2 plat 32/118, \$376,557.10
 • Delbert Harvey, et us, Vonda Glo Harvey to James Lewis, et us, Lavena Lewis, trat Madison County, \$159,900
 • David Anthony Hatton, Jr. and Sandy Lou Hatton to Bonnie Lou Vanwinkle, lot 34 – 36 block B Phillips Addition, \$120,000
 • J.E.E. Properties, LLC to Rodney Vanzant, 1024 Brook-lyn Boulevard, \$395,000
 • Tommy Cope Properties, LLC to Jade Enterprises, Inc., lot 10 North Dogwood Park, Berea, \$100,000
 • Virginia Pearson to Brian E. Charles, as Trustee of the Brian E. Charles Living Trust, u/a/d May 7, 2019, lot 13 Burnham Heights Block 2, \$20,000
 • William Joseph Norman and Merle L. Norman to Terry Allan Hendricks and Kathy Jane Hendricks, tracts Madison County, \$600,000
 • WDC Properties, LLC to Passive Holdings, LLC, tract Madison County, \$500,000
 • Perry J. Black and Annie Black; Jayden Olivia Black; Karla L. Wills (a/k/a Karla B. Willis and Frederick O. Willis to Karla L. Willis and Freder-ick O. Willis, 126 North Maple Street, \$120,000 (re-recording of D872/368)

Sept. 2

• D. Carter Skipwort, Public Administrator of the Estate of Jerry Chadwell to Edward Lou-ignau and Kathryn Louisig-naui, lot 22 block 1 Moreland Estates, \$222,200
 • Shawn J. Snarey and Tara L. Snarey to Richard F. Wallin and Lorraine G. Wallin, lot 35 and 35 Tuscany, \$606,000
 • Myles W. Foster and Mari Foster to Benjamin Baxter, 112 Covington Way, \$310,000
 • Tiffany Johnson to Steven L. Madden, 328 Short Line Pike, Berea, \$256,850
 • William Todd Coomer and Tina Coombr to Tessa B. Mullins, 907 Westchester Way,

\$850,000
 • Whiteberry Builds, LLC to Paula Howard and Marvin C. Howard, lot 39 Crutcher Pike Estates, \$522,200
 • Switchgrass, LLC to Mark Petrosky and Susan Petrosky, 834 Ridgewood Drive, Lot 6C Unit 3, \$228,900
 • CHAMP Properties, LLC to MA Conley Construction, LLC, 6041 Preakness Place, \$77,500
 • Christy Parker (a/k/a Christy N. Parker), as Trustee of the Irrevocable Trust for Christy Parker, dated May 18, 2012, to SOSO, Inc., 425 White-hall, \$154,000
 • DS & JV Properties, LLC to Thurmanbuilders, LLC, 514 Chickasaw Drive, \$58,000
 • Otis D. Miller and Margaret Miller to Lily T. Newman, lot 1 P25/96, \$1.00 and additional consideration of love and affec-tion between parent and child
 • Wiley Real Estate, LLC to Phillip Camppbell, lot 38 Fair Vista Subdivision phase 2, \$295,000
 • Jennifer Lynn Kinney and Tyler James Kinney to Michael Cerdeira, Jr., lot 6 Crow Addi-tion, \$211,000

Sept. 3

• Ancil B. Patterson to Crystal M. Lewellen and William Chris Lewellen, 346 Palomino Drive, \$294,900
 • Kenneth Wilder to Demet-rick Tyrone Walker, tract plat 31/128, \$850,000
 • Charles Sparks to Charlene Sparks to Kayla Marie Tipton and Chase Makenzie Tipton, tract Battlefield Memorial Highway, for and in consid-eration of the love and affection between parents and children
 • Angla Driscoll and Daniel Patrick Driscoll to James An-thony Munion, III, 109 Win-burn Drive, for and in consid-eration of the love and affection between parties
 • Sarah Jeck and Anthony Jeck to Emily Crump and Justin Thomae Mauck, 2045 Kearns Way, \$325,000
 • Eugenia Hukle to Rebuilt Offers, LLC, tract Madison County, \$105,000
 • Rebuilt Offers, LLC to Adriana Miller, tract Madison County, \$129,900
 • Kevin Guzman and Lindsey Michelle Guzman to Lisa Ra-nae Greene and James Robert Greene, 148 Kensington Place, \$359,900
 • The Estate of Norma Watts

to Deanna H. Barton, lot 58 Argyll Subdivision, \$310,000
 • Kittman Law to Bradley Keith Smith, 113 Bolton Av-enuue, \$253,000
 • Ralph K. Isaacs and Paula S Isaacs to Philip J. Walker and Jessica L. Walker, 2293 Catalpa Loop, \$437,000
 • Harry W. Winter (a/k/a Harry W. Winter, Jr.) to Elaine Hurst, lot 44 Mason Manor, \$297,000
 • Shelbi Nolan and Ethan Nolan to Jeremiah Janes and Jessica Janes, lot 128 Orchard Hills Phase 4, \$298,000
 • WW Investments, LLC to Derius Devonte Wilson and Lizbeth Saucedo Wilson, 1012 J.D. Circle, \$248,400
 • Ball Homes, LLC to Kelsey Wasson and Matthew Wasson, lot 23 Phase II Arbor Woods, Phase 1, \$333,763
 • Whiteberry Builds, LLC to Patrick Jude Maus, Jr. and Ali-son Page Maus, lot 21 Crutcher Pike Estates, \$434,000
 • Clayton Stocker and Jasmin Stocker to Stefanie Lugo and Jose Lugo, lot 16 Southpointe Subdivision, \$279,900
 • Sue C. Rice to Andrea T. Kirby and Joshua P. Kirby, lot 54 Waco Heights, \$330,000
 • Michael Brooks and Sheila Brooks to Tony E. Mason, lot 73 Phase II Vineyard Estates, \$355,000
 • Cubby Angel Properties, LLC to Shaina Benzie, 123 Rog-ers Street, Berea, \$181,000
 • The Renovation Group, LLC to Ormand D. Calmes and Rebecca F. Flynn, lot 207 Firebrook Phase I, \$349,900
 • KJC Properties, LLC to Alma D. Chavez and Cesar Roberto Calderon, lot 1 Stoney View Estates Phase I, \$289,500
 • Thomas Construction, Inc. to Treavor Brock, lot 90 Parkview @ Hanger Farms Phase I, \$299,900
 • Craft Masonry, Inc. to Cam-eron W. Lydon and Autumn Serenity Lydon, lot 228 Phase 7B Magnolia Pointe Subdivi-sion, \$348,000
 • Laura J. Frederick, de-ceased, by and through Marisa D. Albright to Peggy A. Tallant, tract Madison County, \$75,000
 • DDT Development Co., LLC to Briggs Properties, LLC, lot 60 Fair Vista Landing Phase 2, \$60,000
 • DDT Development Co., LLC to Briggs Properties, LLC, lot 34 Fair Vista Landing Phase 2, \$60,000

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Lauren Isaac will be planning and opening “Saddle Up with Lauren Salon” at 4005 Paint Lick Road, Paint Lick, Ky. Zoning will start immediately and end mid-October.

Legal

Invitation to Bid

The Madison County Fiscal Court (MCFC),
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ATTN: Scott Shepherd, Road Supervisor

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Public notice

The County of Madison located in Richmond, Kentucky, is accepting proposals from qualified vendors to provide comprehensive maintenance and support services for its existing L3Harris 800MHz Project-25 (P25) radio network. View full posting of bid specifications at www.madisoncountky.gov/public-notices.

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Richmond, KY 40475
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ATTN: Chris Iseral, Chief Information Officer

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

BEREA CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD

The Berea Code Enforcement Board will hold a Special Called hearing on Monday, Sept. 29, 2025 at 4:00 PM, in the Council Chambers at the Berea City Annex located at 304 Chestnut Street for the purpose of code enforcement at the following addresses:

- 424 Richmond Rd N – Nathaniel & Barbara Gipson – Accumulation of Rubbish or Garbage
- 203 Wilson Street – William GH & April McClenney – Accumulation of Rubbish or Garbage
- 112 Leslie Drive – Jody Hignite – Condemnation; Property Maintenance
- 220 Mary Street – Joseph & Michelle Lewis – Accumulation of Rubbish or Garbage

The public is invited to attend and make comments.

Amanda Haney
Codes Administrator

Melissa Isaacs
Board Secretary

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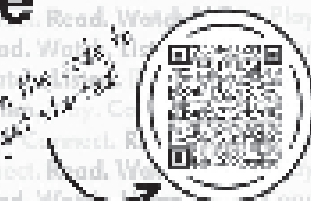
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Berea Citizen archives

Three representatives of the Dixie Highway Motorcade were in Berea Sunday and Monday for the purpose of making preliminary arrangements for the motorcade that would pass through Berea on October 10 th . J. Stacy Hill of the Gibson Hotel of Cincinnati and chairman of the motorcade and Howard Wilson, secretary of the motorcade and also a member of the Chamber of Commerce of Cincinnati along with John Hawk, a member of the executive committee of the Dixie Highway Association, comprised the committee that were in Berea. The men began their journey in Cincinnati, and their goal was to cover every pos-

sible foot of the Dixie Highway through Kentucky to see its present shape and what improvements would be in place before the motorcade would pass through. The tripe was expected to cover the entire route down into southern Florida.

The Allen Codell Company had begun work to complete a new stretch of road between Richmond and Berea. The section of road was approximately 8 miles in distance. The old road between the two points would be improved and curve eliminated which would cut two miles off of the total travel distance. W. H. Piepratt, superintendent

of the site, said the road would have eleven inches of stone under three inches of blacktop. In some places there would be deeper stone beds. The road, when completed would be twenty-two feet wide and would have drainage on each side.

Mr. Chalmer Frazier, President of Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg, would be the speaker at the Annual Berea Hospital Corporation Meeting. A 1934 graduate of Berea College, Mr. Frazier had been serving the Prestonsburg facility since 1956. He was president of Kentucky Hospital Association in 1969 and was currently serving as the Legisla-

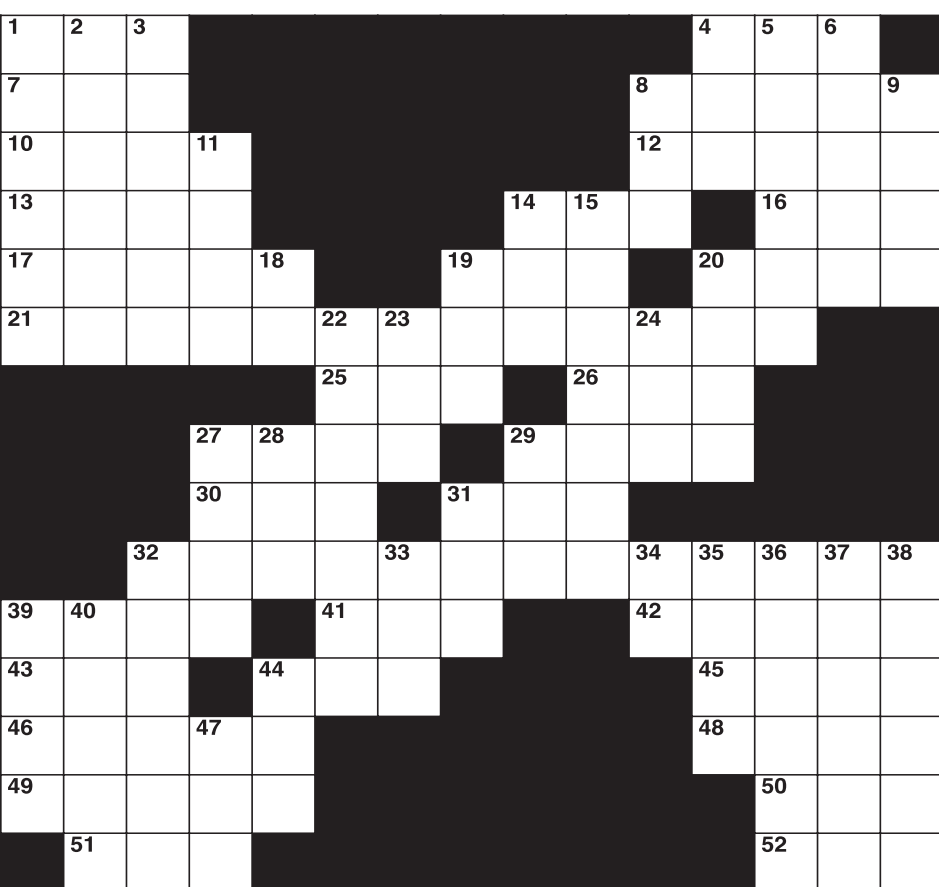
tive Committee of KHA, affecting health care and advice concerning the effects of legislation on health care and small hospitals. Business to be addressed at the annual meeting would include the election of seven members to the board of directors at the hospital.

As the Berea Housing Authority was celebrating 35 years of service to the city, Director Doris Wyatt told Berea City Council that things were good during a recently held meeting. Wyatt said that the authority saw the highest turnover during the previous year but was continuing to maintain 100%

occupancy and there were many still on a waiting list. One down point was the recent inspection by React, a group hired by the U.S. Housing and Urban Development to inspect the physical condition of housing units. Wyatt said that Bera's facilities had been through two inspections but disputed the fairness of the inspections. During a recent inspection, 57 units were "written up" for not being ADA compliant. Wyatt also said that the Berea Housing Authority only received approximately \$63,000 in government subsidies equaling about \$1,000 to operate each unit per year. She said that was good economic management on their part.

Game Page

Crossword



CLUES ACROSS

1. Utilitarian fashion accessory
4. Engine additive
7. Macaws
8. Listens to
10. Self-righteously moralistic person
12. Made of wood
13. Chinese lute
14. Beginning military rank
16. Indicates near
17. Ties the score
19. Chum
20. Long ago
21. Localities
25. Midway between north-east and east
26. Make fun of
27. Tennis great Arthur
29. Construction location
30. Cow's noise
31. Blue
32. One of the Fab Four
39. Formula 1 team
41. Dash
42. Lifting device
43. Basics
44. Keyboard key
45. Old Irish alphabet
46. Shaking of the Earth's surface
48. Covered stadium
49. Sword handles
50. Longing or yearning
51. Creators' social network
52. Boxing's GOAT

CLUES DOWN

1. Occur
2. Show up
3. Capital of Taiwan
4. Ocean
5. Givers and ____
6. Gets ready
8. Ad ____
9. Fit of irritation
11. Criminal organization
14. Exclamation that denotes disgust
15. American state
18. Sensor hub
19. Before

20. The boundary of a surface
22. Witnesses
23. Singular
24. Type of meal
27. Music awards show
28. Former French coin of low value
29. A bag-like structure in an animal
31. Schenectady County Airport
32. Calm down
33. Partner to cheese
34. Cola brand
35. Stepped on
36. Japanese city
37. Type of coating
38. A citizen of Yemen
39. Popular breakfast item
corned beef ____
40. On a line at right angles to a ship's length
44. First responders
47. Short-term memory

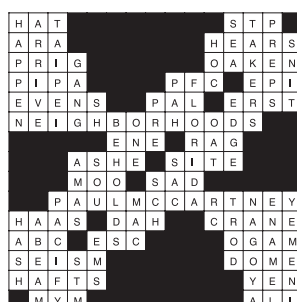
SOLUTIONS ACROSS

1. HAT
4. STP
7. ARA
8. HEARS
10. PRIG
12. OAKEN
13. PIPA
14. PFC
16. EPI
17. EVENS
19. PAL
20. ERST
21. NEIGHBORHOODS
25. ENE
26. RAG
27. ASHE
29. SITE
30. MOO
31. SAD
32. PAUL MCCARTNEY
39. HAAS
41. DAH
42. CRANE
43. ABC
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45. OGAM

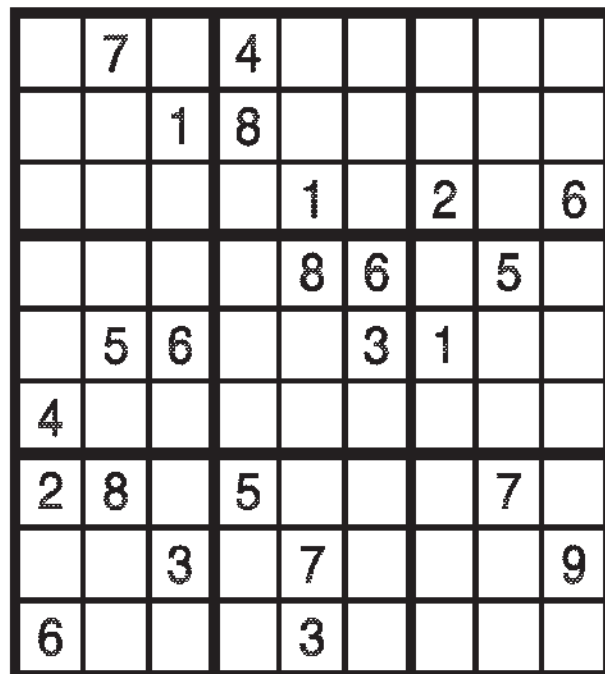
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48. DOME
49. HAFTS
50. YEN
51. MYM
52. ALI

SOLUTIONS DOWN

1. HAPPEN
2. ARRIVE
3. TAIPEI
4. SEA
5. TAKERS
6. PREPS
8. HOC
9. SNIT
11. GANG
14. PAH
15. FLORIDA
18. SH
19. PRE
20. EDGE
22. BEHOLDS
23. ONE
24. OAT
27. AMAS
28. SOU
29. SAC
31. SCA
32. PACIFY
33. MAC
34. RC
35. TROD
36. NAGOYA
37. ENAMEL
38. YEMENI
39. HASH
40. ABEAM
44. EMS
47. STM



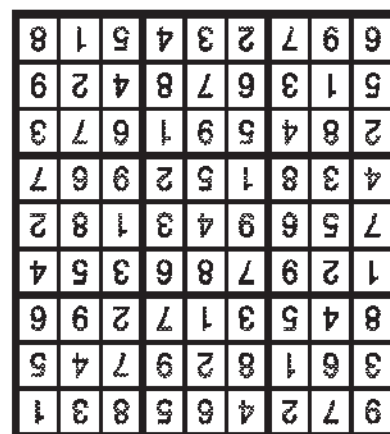
SUDOKU



Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

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



ANSWER:



Solve the code to discover words related to the school year.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 6 = S)

- 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

Answers: A. educate B. lessons C. classroom D. syllabus

Scare can put some speed in your feet

You may have heard about the old fellow whose nightly walk took him past the cemetery.

One night, three girls caught up with him and explained how they were frightened to walk past the cemetery by themselves.

The old gentleman said he fully understood, that he used to be scared of cemeteries, too, when he was alive.

He said he'd never seen a group of girls run that fast.

It's amazing just how much the Bible has to say about running. We're called, in essence, to be track stars in the race that really matters, the race that has Heaven as the finish line. Listen to this scripture: "Run in such a way to win the prize ... a crown that will never fade away." (1 Corinthians 9:25).

I love that our Lord and Savior has made the way for

everyone who trusts in him to receive the crown, or, in other words, to be winners. The fact is, if we have Jesus, there is no way to lose. The Bible tells us that, with Him, we're more than conquerors.

I expect we could all use some encouragement in that regard from time to time. Well, the Bible provides that encouragement. Consider this verse: "Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary" (Isaiah 40:31).

I have always been a runner to one degree or another. As a kid, I rarely walked. I ran everywhere. When I was in college, I ran daily. In my



Roger Alford

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

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BEREA POLICE REPORTS

Arrests

- On July 31 at approximately 5:34 p.m., officers responded to the area of Jefferson Street in reference to a theft. Officers arrested and charged Kaitlyn Rose with Theft by Unlawful Taking.
- On Aug. 4 at approximately 10:28 a.m., officers conducted a traffic stop in the area of Fairway Drive. Officers arrested and charged Dustin Steele with Disregarding Stop Sign and Operating on Suspended Operators License.
- On Aug. 5 at approximately 6:35 p.m., officers conducted a traffic stop in the area of I-75. Officers arrested and charged Christopher Hoffman for Fleeing or Evading Police 1st (Vehicle), Resisting Arrest, Failure of Owner to Maintain Insurance, and No Registration Plates.
- On Aug. 6 at approximately 8:32 a.m., officers conducted a traffic stop in the area of Richmond Road. Officers arrested and charged him with Speeding 18 mph Over and Operating on Suspended License.
- On Aug. 6 at approximately 12:58 p.m., officers responded to the area of Main Street in reference to a drug complaint. Officers arrested and charged Jose Garcia with No Operators License, License to



- be in Possession, Failure of Owner to Maintain Insurance, and Failure to Produce Insurance Card.
- On Aug. 9 at approximately 1:57 p.m., officers responded to Circle K(Richmond Road) in reference to a male under the influence. Officers arrested and charged James Willis with Public Intoxication.
 - On Aug. 11 at approximately 1:48 p.m., officers were in the area of Railroad Street in reference to serving an arrest warrant. Officers arrested and charged Kacey Neeley with Fleeing or Evading Police 2nd (On Foot).
 - On Aug. 14 at approximately 7:10 p.m., officers responded to Soak City in reference to a welfare check. Officers arrested and charged Christopher Thomas with Public Intoxication and Drug Paraphernalia.
 - On Aug. 16 at approximately 5:20 p.m., officers conducted a traffic stop in the area of Paint Lick Road.

- Officers arrested and charged Edna Sparks with Expired Plates and Operating on Suspended License.
- On Aug. 18 at approximately 8:26 a.m., officers responded to the area of Econo Lodge in reference to a trespasser. Officers arrested and charged Nancy Hounshell with Criminal Trespassing 3rd.
 - On Aug. 23 at approximately 12:36 p.m., officers responded to the area of Mount Vernon Road in reference to a recent trespassing. Officers arrested and charged David Bell with Criminal Trespassing 3rd.
 - On Aug. 25 at approximately 1:18 p.m., officers responded to Walgreens in reference to a shoplifter. Officers arrested and charged James Willis with Shoplifting Disorderly Conduct 2nd, Resisting Arrest, and Assault 3rd Police Officer.

Drug arrests

- On July 31 at ap-

- proximately 12:55 p.m., officers responded to the area of East Haiti Road in reference to serving a Federal Indictment Warrant. Officers arrested and charged Jason Durham with Possession of Controlled Substance 1st Fentanyl and Possession of Controlled Substance 1st Methamphetamine.
- On Aug. 9 at approximately 11:40 p.m., officers conducted a traffic stop in the area of Richmond Road. Officers arrested and charged Christopher Long with Speeding 15 mph Over, Possession of Marijuana, and Possession Controlled Substance 1st Methamphetamine.
 - On Aug. 9 at approximately 1:59 p.m., officers responded to Walmart in reference to a shoplifter. Officers charged and arrested Elizabeth Frank with Shoplifting and Possession Controlled Substance 1st Heroin.
 - On Aug. 17 at approximately 4:03 p.m., officers conducted a traffic stop in the area of I-75. Officers arrested and charged Kimberly White with Failure to Give Right of Way to Emergency Stopped Vehicle, Possession of Marijuana, and Drug Paraphernalia.
 - On Aug. 19 at approximately 12:26 p.m., officers conducted a search warrant in the

area of Scaffold Cane Road. Officers arrested and charged Ricky Adams with Trafficking Controlled Substance 1st Methamphetamine, Possession of Handgun by Convicted Felon, Trafficking in Controlled Substance 3rd, Trafficking Marijuana, Terroristic Threatening, Drug Paraphernalia, and Trafficking in Controlled Substance 2nd. Officers arrested and charged Elisa Satterfield with Possession Controlled Substance 1st Methamphetamine and Drug Paraphernalia.

- On Aug. 22 at approximately 9:07 a.m., officers responded to the area of Redi-Mart (Paint Lick Road) in reference to a subject passed out within a vehicle. Officers arrested and charged Ashley Madden with Public Intoxication, Drug Paraphernalia, Possession Controlled Substance

1st Heroin, and Promoting Contraband 1st.

DUI arrests

- On Aug. 22 at approximately 10:10 p.m., officers conducted a traffic stop in the area of Chestnut Street. Officers arrested and charged Nathan Turner with Careless Driving and Operating Motor Vehicle Under the Influence.
- On Aug. 23 at approximately 1:29 p.m., officers conducted a traffic stop in the area of Peggy Flats Road. Officers arrested and charged Charles Burchfield with Resisting Arrest, Possession of Open Alcohol Container within Vehicle, Obstruction with an Officer, Disorderly Conduct 2nd, Operating Motor Vehicle Under the Influence, and Criminal Mischief 2nd.

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Nominations for Fee, Blythe Awards open

The Berea Human Rights Commission (BHRC) is excited to announce that nominations are now open for the prestigious John G. Fee Social Justice Award and the Dr. Janice Blythe Youth Award.

The awards recognize individuals and groups who have displayed exceptional dedication to promoting human rights within the city of Berea. The BHRC encourages all members of the community to participate in this important process by nominating deserving candidates who have made significant contributions to maintaining, improving, or expanding the human rights of their fellow Berea residents.

The Dr. Janice Blythe Youth Award, previously known as the Youth Award, was renamed in 2020 to honor the late Dr. Janice Blythe, a prominent social justice advocate and long-time commissioner of the BHRC. This award is presented to a remarkable youth aged 22 or younger who has actively promoted social justice and fought against discrimination in Berea.

On the other hand, the John G. Fee Social Justice Award, first bestowed in 2013, recognizes the outstanding efforts of a Berea resident or group who has championed human rights within the community. The inaugural award was granted to the “Concerned Citizens of Berea” organization, which played an instrumental role in resolving tensions following a tragic racial incident in 1968. The award was accepted by surviving members Robert Shaffer and Loyal Jones, with the presence of relatives of the founding African-American members adding to the significance of the occasion.

Nominations for both awards should include a clear statement of 250 words or less, describing the courageous or praiseworthy conduct in the realm of human rights that supports the nomination. The full name, address, and contact information of both the nominator and the nominee must be provided. Nominations can be submitted via post-mail to Berea Human Rights Commission, 212 Chestnut Street, Berea, Kentucky 40403, or through e-mail to HRC@bereaky.gov. The deadline for nominations is Sept. 24.

The award(s) will be presented during a City Council meeting in November. The names of the winners will also be engraved on plaques displayed in the Randy Stone Room at City Hall, alongside previous recipients.

The BHRC reserves the right to make the final decision on presenting the award(s) based on their evaluation of the nominations.

For more information and to access the nomination forms, please visit <https://bereaky.gov/government/boards-commissions/human-rights-commission>.

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upgraded fire station. Improved facilities for the White Hall volunteer fire department are also in the works, Taylor said, which is a needed development due to the department’s high volume of service calls. Gray noted White Hall’s activity is higher because the department covers Interstate 75 and the I-75 corridor.

According to Gray, service calls for White Hall in the last fiscal year included 462 incidents, compared to 405 last year. Of those, 140 were car accidents, one animal rescue, and 88 were to assist EMS or other agencies. Additionally, White Hall firefighters responded to 18 grass fires, one hazardous materials call, 16 other fires, eight downed power lines, 17 fire alarms, three search and rescue, 12 structure fires, 44 downed trees, 25 vehicle fires, and seven water rescues, Gray said. Gray noted that in some incidents around the county, the water rescues were needed when motorists tried to cross flooded roads during heavy storms.

Gray reported there were increased calls at the Red Lick, Union City and Waco volunteer fire departments as well.

Red Lick Volunteer Fire Department responded to 136 calls for service compared to 108 in fiscal year 2023-2024. Of those, 36 were car accidents, two were farm animal rescues, 16 were assists of EMS and other agencies, one forest fire, nine grass fires, and 10 other fires. Additionally, the department responded to seven down power

lines, three public relation calls, four fire alarms, one search and rescue, three structure fires, 18 downed trees, four vehicle fires, and one water rescue, Gray said.

In Union City, meanwhile, volunteer firefighters fielded 138 service calls compared to 115 calls the previous year. Of those, 34 were car accidents, and 10 to assist EMS and other agencies. Other calls included six grass fires, five illegal burns, seven downed power lines, four public relations calls, 13 fire alarms, one search and rescue operation, five structure fires, nineteen downed trees, and five vehicle fires, Gray reported.

Waco’s volunteer fire department fielded 364 service calls last year compared to a net total of 238 calls for service the previous year. Of those, the department responded to 60 car accidents, 32 assists of EMS or other agencies, one forest

fire, 10 grass fires, 14 other fires, 12 downed power lines, 21 public relations calls, 14 fire alarm responses, seven structure fires, 22 downed trees, and six vehicle fires, according to Gray.

Gray explained the public relations calls could include things like standing by at the Madison County Fair, visiting public events, or other duties.

As for the Madison County Fire Department, the number of calls dipped slightly, according to Gray.

The chief said his department responded to 2,316 calls in fiscal year 2024-2025, down 36 calls from the previous year.

Of those, 1,143 were controlled burns, 336 car accidents, three animal rescues, 190 were assists of EMS and other agencies, one forest fire, 27 gas leaks, 45 grass fires, two hazardous materials incidents, and 27 illegal burns. Additionally, the volun-

teers responded to 53 other fires, 46 downed power lines, six lock-outs, and four public relations calls.

The department also responded to 126 fire alarms, six search and rescue calls, 24 structure fires, 129 downed trees, 43 vehicle fires, and nine water rescues, according to the chief.

In response to a question for Magistrate Billy Ray Hughes, Gray responded the report was based on data gleaned from 911 service calls to the Madison County Emergency Management Agency. Taylor noted the data demonstrates how important 911 service is the Madison County, as well as the Emergency Management Agency’s vital work in data tracking for the respective fire departments.

The court will consider measures to fund the Kirksville fire station upgrade at the Sept. 23 business meeting in Richmond.

Room in the Inn fund-raiser set for Saturday

The Room in the Inn Berea (RITI) will have a fund-raiser dinner at 6 p.m. on Saturday at the First Christian Church.

The dinner will bring together community members, supporters, and donors to celebrate and sustain the vital work that “Room In The Inn” continues to do for those experiencing homelessness in Berea.

The keynote address will be delivered by Adrienne Bush, executive director of the Homeless and Housing Coalition of Kentucky (HHCK) in Frankfort.

Jordan Berry, a rising stand-up comedian, based in Lexington, will serve as host.

Attendees will also enjoy a gourmet dinner and a silent auction.

Public notice

Pursuant to section 324, Title III of the 1996 Federal Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) of 1986 (PL99-499), the following information is provided in compliance with the Community Right-To-Know requirements for SARA Law: The open meetings and record provision of Kentucky Open Meetings Law, and Madison County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) can be requested and obtained by writing to: Logan King, Chairman of the Madison County LEPC at 560 S. Keeneland Drive, Richmond KY 40475, or via phone at (859) 624-4787. The Open Meetings Law is applicable to the Madison County LEPC which meets at the Madison County Emergency Operations Center, 560 S. Keeneland Drive, Richmond KY 40475.

Members of the public may request to be notified of regular or special meetings as provided in KRS 61.820 and KRS 61-825. Records of the Madison County LEPC, including the county emergency response plan, material safety data sheets and inventory forms, or any follow up emergency notices as may subsequently be issued, are open for inspection and members of the public who wish to review these records may do so between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) Monday through Friday at the Madison County Emergency Operations Center as required by the Kentucky Open Records Law. The local twenty-four (24) hour telephone number for purposes of emergency notification as required by SARA is 911.”



City of Berea
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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.

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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.**

Contact Alan Brown at a.brown@decoarchitects.com or Brian Reed at brian.reed@bereaky.gov to request electronic copies of plans, and/or the Form of Proposal.



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- **Pre-registration forms must be submitted by Monday, September 15, 2025.** Drop it off or mail it to CVNB @ 235 Glades Rd Berea, KY 40403. (Mailed entries will be accepted if it has been postmarked on or before September 15, 2025)
- **Make Checks Payable to the following: Berea Chamber of Commerce.** In the memo line, please note "Spoonbread Car Show."
- Registration will be from 9 AM to 12:30 PM. Judging at 1 PM with Awards at 2 PM. **Vehicles arriving after 12:30 PM will not be judged** but are welcome to participate as non-compete.

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Henry Gish was a Vietnam veteran who died at the age of 25.

Fallen hero returns home

By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

U.S. Air Force Staff Sergeant Henry Gerald “Jerry” Gish will be escorted to his final resting place in Berea on Thursday, nearly 60 years after he was killed in action in the Vietnam War.

Gish died on March 11, 1968 on a mountain peak known as Phou Pha Thi in Houaphan Province, Laos, when his team was overrun by Vietnamese commandos. At the time, he was assigned to Lima Site 85, a tactical radar site. Gish was one of 10 servicemen killed in the raid.

Gish’s whereabouts were officially unknown until recently when the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency revealed that an effort to locate the missing servicemen in Laos had been successful.

The effort, which was conducted with the assistance of the governments of Vietnam and Laos, included analysis of forensic evidence that led to the positive identification of Gish and other servicemen who perished that day, according to a press release from the agency.

A statement from the Kentucky State Police announced Monday that Gish will arrive at Louisville Muhammad Ali International Airport on Thursday, followed by a law enforcement procession to Berea, where Gish will be laid to rest in a funeral service at Berea Cemetery on Saturday. The arrangements are being handled by Lakes Funeral Home.

Berea Mayor Bruce Fraley, who is expected to be

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Spoonbread Festival set for 29th year

By Keith Taylor
Citizen Publisher

The Spoonbread Festival will be celebrating its 29th year Friday-Sunday at Memorial Park on Jefferson Street.

The annual three-day event, held on the third weekend of September, is a signature event of the Berea Chamber of Commerce and

draws thousands of visitors to the city each year. The event kicks off Friday highlighted by the annual balloon glow at Berea Community School from 8-10 p.m. and a petting zoo sponsored by Parsons Counseling from 4-8 p.m.

In addition to spoonbread and entertainment, the event will feature more than 120 booths, consisting of craft

vendors and food vendors throughout the park. A 5K race with more than 100 pre-registered participants and the annual car show is set for Sunday. The annual parade and spoonbread eating contest will be Saturday.

A new amusement company will be in charge of the carnival rides, which are a

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Spoonbread Festival schedule & vendor map

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Happy homecoming



Lauren Karsner and Sam Little, right, were named Madison Southern High School Homecoming King and Queen at halftime of the Eagles’ 17-6 loss to Wayne County on Friday night. The parade was held Thursday night.



Code issues on North Dogwood property a concern

By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

City Council

In a work session of the Berea City Council on Tuesday, city leaders addressed growing concerns about business lots so crowded with vehicles that they are a blight on the city landscape. Precisely

how to enforce city code restrictions without encroaching on the rights of property owners was the topic of a lively debate before the regular business session.

Berea City Council member Cora Jane Wilson expressed her specific objections to property on North Dogwood, a truck repair/vehicle

lot which was previously owned by Chester Powell. The property has since been acquired by Gene Caldwell, according to city officials.

Wilson said the lot has become an eyesore, since there are many more

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Last of nerve agent warheads destroyed at depot plant

The last of more than 68,000 drained GB and VX nerve agent rocket warheads has been successfully destroyed at the Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant (BGCAPP). The warheads, drained of their agent in the main plant during the operations phase, were processed in two Static Detonation Chamber, or SDC, facilities. “Our dedicated workforce overcame numerous technical challenges to safely complete the destruction of the rocket warheads,” said Joe Curcio, Bechtel Parsons Blue Grass project manager. “Our attention has now turned to preparing for demolition of the facilities used to process the warheads.” 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. After they were drained, the rocket warheads were containerized and safely stored in igloos at the Blue Grass Army Depot for processing in the SDC facilities during the main plant’s closure phase. Considered agent-contaminated secondary waste, the containerized rocket warheads, or CRWs, contained residual amounts of nerve agent. GB CRW processing in the SDC 2000 completed on Aug. 11, 2025. The final VX CRW was processed in the SDC 1200 on Sept. 11, 2025. Decontamination and decommissioning activities are already underway in the SDC 2000 and will begin immediately in the SDC 1200.



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big draw for the children in attendance. “We’re excited to see all of their new rides and things that they’re bringing to town,” Berea Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Danelle Valentour said. “We’ve got tons of sponsors for the event, a really great lineup for entertainment.” The entertainment tent will feature Savannah Dean Reeves and Kelly Caldwell and Kashmere on Friday, while Nic Cassetta and Company, Bobby James, former American Idol contestant Alex Miller and Marshall will headline the stage on Saturday. Sunday’s music will be

provided by Kristina Miller and Band, Dillon Abney and Timberline Road, the West Liberty Mountain Boys and Joe Mullins and the Radio Ramblers. “We’ve got tons of street performers, tons of entertainment lined up, and then we finish up Sunday with some more street performers and some really good entertainment,” Valentour said. The event runs from 3-9 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Valentour is expecting good weather and good attendance this weekend. “The weather is looking great,” she said. “It’s a good lineup (of activities) and I’m very excited.” A complete guide to this year’s festival are inside on pages A9-10.



Message from Cora Jane Wilson
“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”
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Clues!

1. The Cheesiest date you will ever have!
2. Life is Gouda here!
3. Great minds think alike; they all order me.
4. Grilled to perfection, served with a meltdown.

We are thrilled to share that “Little Keith” has been spotted! The adventurous little character can be found anywhere around town, and we need your keen eyes to help track him down. If you have any clues or intriguing hints about his possible hiding spots, don’t hesitate to reach out to us. A quick e-mail or phone call sharing your insights could lead us one step closer to uncovering his whereabouts. As an exciting bonus, anyone who successfully finds “Little Keith” will earn a spot in our thrilling monthly drawing! This is your chance to win prizes generously donated by our sponsors. Gear up for an unforgettable treasure hunt and dive into the excitement! Good luck, and may you be the one to discover Little Keith’s hideout, Where is Little Keith? Most recent photo he sent us with these clues. Help us find him!

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Roberta Atkins



Roberta Benson Atkins, born on June 17, 1943, in Fairborn, Ohio, left our world to be at peace on Sept. 9, 2025, in Berea.

The beloved matriarch of her family, Roberta, is survived by her cherished husband, Donald Atkins; her daughter, Dawn Rae (Ben) May; stepchildren, Ken (Becky) Atkins and Shari (Matt) Hall; and one brother, Robert (Jan) Benson. The joy and pride of her life were her grandchildren - Alexandria, Micah, Hannah May, and Chase Copeland, alongside her step-grandchildren, Jonathan Atkins, Bradley Atkins, Sasha (Jason) Blackman, and Jazmine Quinley Vest. Each of them had a special place in her heart, and her presence in their lives will forever be treasured.

After earning her BA in Nursing at Miami Valley in Ohio, Roberta went on to work in private practice at Berea Hospital and then on to enrich the lives of countless children through her work

as a devoted school nurse within the Madison County Health Department. Her professional days were driven by a profound desire to care for and protect the health of those in her charge.

Roberta’s faith was of paramount importance to her, serving as a cornerstone in her life. Her long-standing membership and service at Calvary Baptist Church were a testament to her devout dedication to her faith and community.

Roberta’s departure is preceded by her beloved parents, Donald Ray and Mercedes Maxine Benson, and her loving son, Kevin Copeland, and stepsons, Ronnie Atkins and Donnie Atkins. Her passing is a moment of sorrow, but also a reflection of the full, beautiful life she led—a life distinguished by her dedication to her family and her vocation as a nurse.

Graveside services will be private at Berea Cemetery with Rev. Wayne Miller officiating. Condolences may be left for the family at www.lakesfuneralhome.com

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice Care Plus, 350 Isaacs Ln, Richmond,

3 Berea College students capture Emmy Award

Three Berea College students received a prestigious Ohio Valley Student Production Award earlier this month for their short documentary film “Nora: A Craft Story,” which explores identity, heritage and craft through the story of Berea student ceramicist Nora.

The award is the student equivalent of a professional Emmy Award.

Two 2025 graduates – Whitesburg native Sean Hall and Louisville native Evelyn Medley – and current student Quinton Christon from Birmingham, Alabama, received the Non-Fiction-Short Form Award during a live webinar on Sept. 7 hosted by the Ohio Valley Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences.

The team created the film as part of the student work program in Berea College Student Craft, with Hall serving as director, Medley as assistant director and Christon as production assistant.

The project was produced under the supervision of Aaron Beale, associate vice president of Berea College Student Craft.

“We at Student Craft could not be prouder of Sean, Evy and Quinn for their work on this project, and for Nora’s willingness to have her story highlighted in such an impactful way,” Beale said. “Their careful and committed storytelling highlights one of the key differentiators of the Berea College experience and provides an impactful reminder of why Washington Monthly Magazine ranks Berea College as the No. 1 best college in the U.S.”

“Nora: A Craft Story” highlights how Nora, a first-generation American and ceramics student at Berea College, expresses her Moroccan heritage through her craft. She creates traditional tagines to honor her parents and culture, blending Moroccan roots with her Western upbringing. The film underscores how craft at Berea can become an act of personal storytelling, cultural preservation and identity building.

“This film was created as part of the College’s labor program, which offers students real-world experience and hands-on mentorship,” Hall said. “Working on ‘Nora’ was an opportunity to celebrate the diversity of voices and traditions within Student Craft.”

The award-winning film will be screened at two upcoming festivals:

- Twelve Lions Film Festival — Sept. 27, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in Lexington
- Mountain Craft Film Festival — Oct. 3, 2025, at 4 p.m. in Clarksburg, West Virginia.

Audiences are invited to attend these screenings and learn more about the Student Craft experience.

BRIEFS

Swatting call leads to lockdown

Madison Southern High School and Foley Middle School were put on lockdown at about 11:40 a.m. last Thursday following a threatening call to the building.

Administrators immediately communicated with the school resource officer, who initiated the investigation. Additional law enforcement responded to the school campus to begin sweeping the building and ensuring the safety of our students and staff.

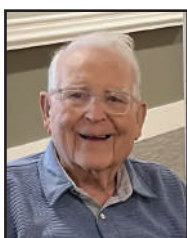
Shannon Johnson Elementary, adjacent to both Madison Southern and Foley were also placed on soft lockdown as a precaution.

Law enforcement was able to determine that the call was a swatting call. Swatting is “the action or practice of making a prank call to emergency services in an attempt to bring about the dispatch of a large number of armed police officers to a particular address.”

Renewal Center celebrates 15 years

The Saint Joseph Health – Senior Renewal Center will celebrate 15 years of service to the community with an open house on Thursday, Sept. 18, from 3-5 p.m. The event will be held at the center, located at 305 Estill Street in Berea. Community members are invited to tour the space, meet the team, and enjoy drinks and snacks.

William Earl Siler



William Earl Siler passed away peacefully in his sleep at Baptist Village in Erlanger, after relocating from Richmond, earlier this year.

Born in 1933 to Roscoe and Gladys Lay Siler of Corbin, Bill was one of four with one brother and two sisters. After growing up in Corbin, Bill enlisted in the Navy at the outbreak of the Korean War. After enlisting, but before he deployed, Bill met the love of his life, Iris Payne, at a pharmacy in downtown Corbin. Bill then served his country in the Korean War but returned on leave to marry Iris on Valentine’s Day in 1953.

After leaving the Navy, Bill began his career working for various newspapers which took him to Vicksburg, MS as a printer and on to Manchester, before he settled with the Dayton Daily News, Dayton, OH where he spent the next 30 years until his retirement in 1995.

The day he retired, Bill and Iris moved to a home they had built in Berea, where they spent many years taking road trips, traveling across the world and watching the squirrels in their backyard. They eventually moved on to McCready Manor in Richmond,

where they enjoyed many day trips, fellowship and daily activities.

All who knew him remember Bill as a man of deep faith, a calm and powerful demeanor and a melodic voice, which he shared with the Berea Baptist Church congregation, where he and Iris sang in the choir. Bill shared his faith with the world as a leader in Gideon’s International. He was also a 50+ year member of the Masonic Lodge #617 F&AM.

Bill is preceded in death by his brother Arnold Siler, nephews Donald Siler and David Farris and great niece Andrea Rex. He is survived by his wife of 72 years, Iris Siler, currently of Florence, sisters Alene Bolton of Florence, Ann Farris of Kingsport, TN and nieces Patricia Rex of Denver, CO, Jane Luipold of Dallas, TX and Karen Houston of Cincinnati, OH.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks donations can be made to “Wreaths for KYCN” – Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North, Williamstown.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m., Monday, Sept. 22, at Lakes Funeral Home with Pastor Kevin Slemph officiating. Burial will follow in the Cumberland Memorial Gardens in Lily. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Lakes Funeral Home. Condolences for the family may be left at www.lakesfuneralhome.com

Henry Gerald ‘Jerry’ Gish



Henry Gerald Gish was the son of the late Henry Erb and Dorothy Lehman Gish. He was born in Hershey, Pennsylvania on Dec. 18, 1942. Jerry grew up in Lancaster, Pa. and after he graduated high school he began his career in the U.S. Air Force in 1961.

On March 11, 1968 while assigned to the U.S. Air Force Det. 1, 1043 Radar Evaluation Squadron performing duties at Lima Site 85, a secret tactical Air Navigation radar site atop the Phou Pha Thi Mountain in Laos’ Houaphanh Province, the site was attacked and overrun by North Vietnamese Commandos. Gish along with 10 other Airmen were unaccounted for and listed as Missing in Action (MIA).

After 57 years SSGT Gish’s remains have been recovered and identified by

the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) in Hawaii and are being returned home for final rest.

Jerry’s repatriation will be Thursday, September 18, 2025.

Jerry is survived by his wife Doris Eden Gish, daughter Terrie Gish Bayless of Richmond. Sister Janice Kautz, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Brother-in-law Harold Eden (Helen), Sister-in-law Barbara Eden Cloyd, numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Sept. 20, 2025 at Lakes Funeral Home in Berea. Visitation will be from 12 p.m. until service at 2 p.m., Jerry will be laid to rest with full military honors at the Berea Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Harold Eden, Benjamin Gabbard, David Kautz and Jeffrey Moore.

Although Henry Gerald Gish is no longer with us, his spirit lives on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him. His courage and sacrifice will never be forgotten.

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Rupp Arena set to turn 50

I grew up watching the Kentucky Wildcats on television, most of the time on tape-delay unless the games were carried live by one of the major television networks.

Even when some of the games were played on a week night while school was in session, I would watch those basketball games with my dad in the living room of our home in rural Madison County, where we only had four channels. If we were lucky, all four of them would come in clearly at the same time.

We only had four channels at the time and ESPN barely existed. If we were lucky, all four of the local channels at the time would come in clearly. Sometimes during a storm, we could get a couple of channels from Cincinnati.

That was few and far between.

The television and the voice of the late Caewood Ledford on the radio were my only connection to the Wildcats. We didn't have season tickets, but I loved watching the Cats play their home games at Rupp Arena. You could feel the excitement of the crowd through the television screen.

My late uncle Steve Neeley attended some games at Rupp Arena, and he would always bring me a game program, which I scoured from cover to cover. I admired Rupp Arena and the circle at the center of the court.

I didn't attend a game until I was a teenager in 1984, but I knew all about the venue through videos and pictures I saw on television, the game programs, and the Cats Pause Basketball Yearbook.

Beginning this season, Rupp Arena at Central Bank Center will celebrate 50 years with season-long programming and activities planned this season. Kentucky men's basketball coach Mark Pope, the only former player who has played for and coached the Wildcats at Rupp Arena, still admires the historic facility.

"Rupp Arena is sacred ground in college basketball," Pope said. "To be part of the 50th season in this building, where so many legends have played and so many memories have been made, it's incredibly humbling. We're excited to honor the past, while building toward the future."

A lot has changed since Pope played for the Wildcats from 1993-96. The "Big Bertha" in the middle of the arena has been replaced by an upgraded video board at the center of the court, and the locker rooms have been upgraded. The chairback seats are now all blue as opposed to the multi-colored variation that resembled a rainbow in the lower bowl of the arena.

Because of the addition of more chairback seats, the capacity decreased from more than 23,000 to 20,545 following the renovation project in 2019.

"This is more than a milestone, it's a celebration of the bond between a team, a venue, and a fanbase unlike any other," UK Athletics Director Mitch Barnhart said. "We're proud to partner with Rupp Arena and Central Bank Center to honor the legacy of Kentucky basketball and the Big Blue Nation."

Throughout its history, Rupp Arena has showcased its superiority and beauty throughout the past 50 years. The Wildcats have won 529 games in the facility since the school moved from Memorial Coliseum to Rupp Arena in 1976.

The current attendance record wasn't set until 2010 when 24,480 fans witnessed Kentucky and its new coach at the time, John Calipari, defeat former Wildcats coach Rick Pitino's Louisville squad, 71-62. That crowd surpassed the 24,474 that saw Kentucky defeat North Carolina 68-66 on Dec. 5, 2009.

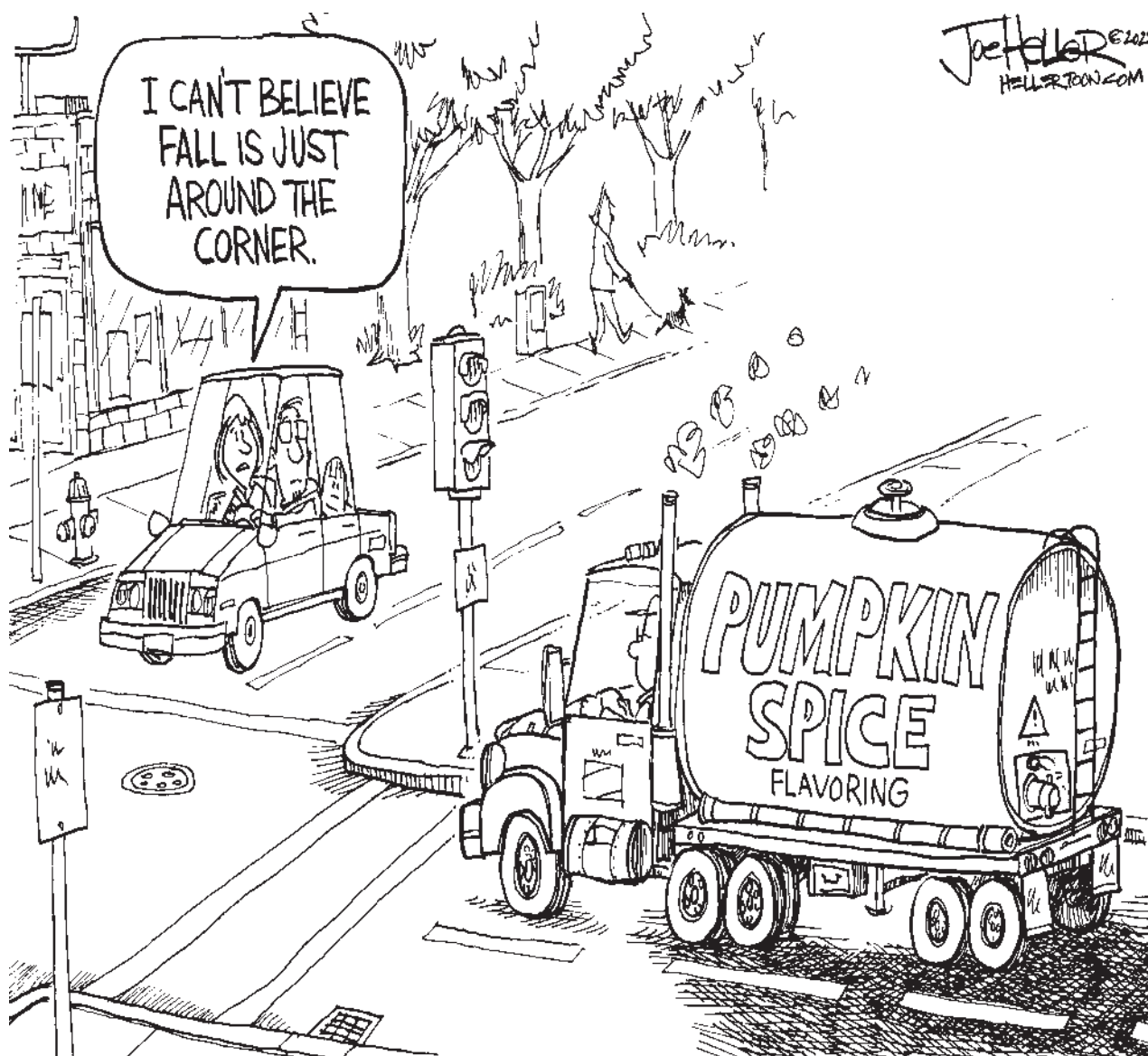
Like many youngsters in this state, I dreamed of playing at Rupp Arena as a lad, but never had the opportunity to do so. Even though it never transpired, covering the Kentucky Wildcats at Rupp Arena for the past three decades has been truly a dream come true, a blessing that I will never take for granted.

I look forward to making more memories and writing about more milestones in the future.

Keith Taylor



Keith Taylor



Conversation not assassination

Charlie Kirk was a man who had opinions and vocalized them. He believed in free speech. He also believed in the right of free speech for those who disagreed with him.

In his Turning Point rallies, he gave untold numbers of people the opportunity to express their opinions and to debate him. He respectfully gave each person the time to state their case on whatever the subject. Charlie was adamant, profound and articulated strong convictions.

Sadly, a deranged 22-year-old man from Utah took Charlie's life. It has been reported that the gunman had previously stated at a family dinner that he thought Kirk was filled with hate. When Kirk spoke at a University rally in Utah, the gunman plotted and positioned himself to shoot a single long-range rifle shot that took Kirk's life.

The man ran back to his home where he later had no choice but to confess to his father that he was indeed the man who had been videotaped at the rally who took Charlie Kirk's life. The lone assassin is an evil coward who silenced one of America's star voices. At least he thought he did. Charlie Kirk has become more known



Glenn Mollette

and his sound clips have been heard more in the last few days than in his entire ministry / career. Kirk has been propelled by the assassin to a status in American culture that will never be forgotten. Instead of silencing Kirk he magnified Kirk's voice and message a hundred or more times. Kirk is now being remembered around the world.

Charlie Kirk used his voice. Every American is entitled to this freedom. His voice cost him his life.

Abraham Lincoln gave his life reuniting our country and abolishing slavery. A cowardly assassin took Lincoln's life as he leisurely watched a play at Ford's Theatre in Washington, D.C. John F. Kennedy used his voice to excite the American people and to bring about a positive attitude in the country, but was gunned down by an assassin from a hidden window in downtown Dallas, Texas. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a man with a great voice who stirred the hearts of millions of Americans and brought about liberating change for black Americans. An assassin who disagreed with King cowardly hid and took King's life with a bullet. Malcom X and

Bobby Kennedy were orators for positive change in America but someone who disagreed with their views killed them.

The greatest voice of hope, love, change and forgiveness, who ever lived, was Jesus Christ. A cowardly crowd yelled for him to be executed.

These mentioned voices were not silenced by hideous crowds or hidden gunmen. Each of their voices have rung loudly and clearly. Their legacies have only grown bolder and stronger.

It is sad that Charlie Kirk's assassin did not go down to the rally, stand up like a man and challenge Kirk in a debate. He could have told Kirk what he thought about him and given Kirk a chance to respond. But no, he was a weak, spineless man filled with more hate than probably anyone in America at that given moment. It's one thing to have a hateful, negative thought, but it's another to allow hate to act itself out in such a way.

Violence is never the answer. Let's keep America free. Free to speak, free to debate, free to practice and express our religion. Let's have peaceful and strong conversation not assassination.

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no operator’s – moped license; failure to or improper signal; possession of marijuana - Gary Davidson, 41: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance – 1st; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (heroin); tampering with physical evidence - Samara Johnson, 26: assault, 3rd degree – police or probation officer; assault, 3rd degree – inmate or corrections employee; public	- intoxication – controlled substance (excludes alcohol); possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine) - Aubrey Fuller, 36: public intoxication – controlled substance (excludes alcohol); drug paraphernalia – buy / possess - James Hale, 50: operating on suspended or revoked operator’s license - Amanda Bradley, 37: contempt of court, libel / slander, resistance to order - Christopher Mullins, 41: contempt of court, libel / slander, resistance to order - William Wilder, 41: failure to appear - James Collins, 44: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting; 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failure to or improper signal; operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st - Carl Thacker, 30: probation violation, for misdemeanor offense - Keith Hunter, 33: failure to appear - Cynthia Pay, 43: failure to appear - Michael Tackett, 34: operating on suspended or revoked operator’s license; operating motor vehicle under the influence of controlled substance(s) – 1st; failure to wear seat belts; one headlight; improper equipment; failure to produce insurance card; no registration receipt; assault, 3rd degree – health-care worker Sept. 8 - Jessica Terry, 44: alcohol	- intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses) - Tanner Strode, 29: careless driving; operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 2nd - Brandon Hoover, 21: assault, 1st degree - Hunter Wagers, 23: hold for court - James Cornish, 34: non-payment of court, costs, fees, or fines - James Mosley, 36: parole violation, for technical violation - Candice Trivette, 35: fraudulent use of credit card, \$1,000 but less than \$10,000 - Kanyon Hill, 20: driving on DUI suspended license – 1st offense; failure to wear seat belts - Bradley Wilson, 45: assault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor injury Sept. 9 - Brian Durham, 37: assault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor injury - Grace Howard, 19: assault, 4th degree, minor injury - Stewart Ballew, 33: wanton endangerment, 1st degree, discharge of firearm; possession of a firearm by a convicted felon; criminal mischief, 1st degree; discharge of firearm / other device across public road; leaving the scene of an accident – failure to render aid or assistance; failure to report traffic accident; reckless driving; serving parole violation warrant - Draven Coppock, 24: promoting contraband – 1st degree; criminal mischief, 1st degree; persistent felony offender I - Marshall Willoughby, 29: failure to appear - Brandon Bishop, 37: failure to appear - Chris Spoonamore, 45: hold for court - Austin Indalecio, 24: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting; burglary, 3rd degree (2 counts) - Justin Blevins, 37: hold for court - Jamez Chenault, 31: assault, 2nd degree domestic violence; assault, 4th degree	- domestic violence – minor injury; contempt of court, libel / slander, resistance to order; trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st offense (fentanyl); trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (greater than or equal to 2 grams methamphetamine) - Lisa Warner, 44: failure to appear Sept. 10 - Ricky Wagers, 61: alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses); assault, 4th degree, minor injury - Eric Arnold, 51: failure to appear, citation for misdemeanor - Brandon Taylor, 46: possession of matter portraying a sexual performance by an minor over 12 but under 18 years of age – 1st offense; failure to appear - Hunter Blake, 31: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); drug paraphernalia – buy / possess - Tiffany Cox, 20: criminal abuse, 1st degree – child 12 years of age or younger - Kara Brunner, 58: failure of owner to maintain required insurance / security – 1st offense; leaving scene of an accident – failure to render aid or assistance; 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COURT RECORDS District Court Sept. 10 - Nicole Faith Leonard vs. Marty Glenn Napier Circuit Court Sept. 4 - Amber Paige Moore vs. Chrisian James McMillin - Kenneth Wayne Tudor vs. Dorothy Mae Tudor - Ashley Kyle Hollenbeck vs. Jeffery Lee Hollenbeck Sept. 5 - Austin Wayne Joseph vs. Kaitlin Nicole Joseph (now Ankrom) Sept. 7	- Zoe Danielle Robinson vs. Eric Alan Williams Sept. 8 - Emily Ballou vs. Kristopher Ballou - Robert Kepperling vs. Kristina Kepperling - Melinda Townsend vs. Jeffrey Townsend Sept. 9 - Virgene Rawlings vs. Keith Davidson Foreclosure Sept. 8 - Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation vs. Susan Martin
MARRIAGES Sept. 5 - Raighan Sierra Kelly, physical therapist, 24 of Scott Depot, West Virginia to Ian Michael Berka, physical therapist, 28 of Scott Depot, West Virginia Sept. 8 - April Rae Bentley, customer service representative, 39 of Richmond to Mohamed Radhi Abass, delivery driver, 33 of Richmond - Kayla Sue Robinson, licensed practical nurse, 28 of Richmond to Dylan Scott Bast, foreman, 25 of Richmond - Samantha Paige Cain, seasonal team associate, 26 of Richmond to Tyler Dale Barrett, produce clerk, 24 of Richmond - Sarah Mae Beryl Glover, stylist, 37 of Richmond to Ezekiel Paul Goodwin, 38 of Richmond - Marissa Nicole Hatton, sales rep., 22 of Richmond to Patrick Clark Maddox, farm	maintenance, 40 of Richmond - Andrea Renae Thompson, veterinarian assistant, 19 of Georgetown to Joshua Kenneth Quinn Brown, 21 of Waco - Kierra Della Grantlin, unemployed, 23 of Richmond Treyvion Lamont Parks, Richmond Auto Parts tech, 22 of Richmond - Samuel Michael Hall, pipe bender, 28 of Teaberry to Meghan Lee-Ann Combs, unemployed, 25 of Whitesburg - Lindsay Faith Johnson, bookseller, 24 of Asheville, North Carolina to David Lauhon Huggstetler, Jr., solutions consultant, 28 of Asheville, North Carolina - Maggie Anne Thompson, speech-language pathologist, 23 of Lexington to Evan Alexander Bentley, social media coordinator, 22 of Versailles
Sept. 5 - Christian Walker and Geddy Walker to Joseph D. Crabtree and Esther E. Crabtree, lot fronting on Phillips and Pennington Streets, Berea, \$160,000 - Matthew Victor Huffman and Megan Allison Huffman to Cristen M. Walker and Geddy L. Walker, lot 147 Brookline Subdivision, \$399,000 - Ples Brock, Jr. and Linda Carol Brock to Janet Lynn Kreft, lot 63 Creekside Village Unit 1, \$228,500 - Clifton Sizemore (a/k/a Clifton Randall Sizemore) to Taylor Michael Hendricks, 523 North Street, \$212,000 - Karen Lynn Townes-Schwarz and George Robert Schwarz to Pamela Lawson, lot 15 Muirfield of Boone’s Trace Subdivision, \$560,000 - Short Carpentry and Construction, Inc. to Amanda Patrick, lot 51 Stoney View Estates Phase 1, \$274,500 - Shane Christopher Thornton and McKenzie Lynn Thornton (f/k/a McKenzie Lynn Crupper) to Lisa Osheski, 108 Mildred Court, \$199,500 - Jaclyn C. Turner-Coffey (a/k/a Jaclayn C. Turner-Coffey) and Randal Adam Coffey to Denver Cole Gilbert and Brandi Nicole Gilbert, 1475 Gabbardtown Road, \$380,000 - David Cole and Penny Ann Cole to Diane C. Buckles and Robert M. Buckles, lot 11 Stoney Creek Subdivision unit 3 phase 1-B,	\$336,400 - Rose Marie Withrow and Daniel Burton, Parker Lee, Christina Lynn Keller and Kathryn Elizabeth Ward to Rose Marie Withrow and Daniel Burton, lot 1 Holly Hills Addition, for and in consideration of love and affection among siblings - MH Berea, LLC to Alex Property, LLC, 151 Newport Lane, Berea, \$150,000 - Shawna Wever and Keith Wever to Brian E. Charles, Trustee of the Brian E. Charles Living Trust, u/d/a May 7, 2019, tract Madison County (vicinity of Hill Street), \$65,000 - Kelly Sue Brumfield and Krista Louise Althausser, Trustees of the James and Carolyn Wyrick Irrevocable Trust, dated December 20, 2018, to St. Andrews Place Retirement Community, Inc., 119 Aberdeen Drive unit 5E, \$145,982.50 - Kent E. Ross, as Executor of the Estate of Ray Ross to St. Andrews Retirement Community, Inc., 211 Brigadoon Drive Unit 3B, \$91,935 - Indigo Run, Inc to Josiah Bertrand and Caitlyn Bertrand, lot 53 final plat Berkley Hall phase 4, \$80,000 Sept. 8 - Jarred Thomas Cable and Allie Cathleen Cable (f/k/a Allison Cathleen Rogers) to George Miller, tracts Barnes Mill Road, \$265,000 6A Wheeler Properties, LLC to Martha D.
	Faesi, parcel B1 plat 32/122, \$61,500 - Beverly Kass, as Executor of the Estate of Eva Lakes to Jorge Mateo Esteban and Alexandria Esteban, tract Madison County, \$189,000 - Marlin D. Laws to Alan L. Foster, tract 10 plat 9/314, \$325,000 - W & A Investments, Inc. to Haddon Ranch, LLC, tract Madison County, \$800,000 - Mary Carter, as Successor Trustee of the Lou Mary Pulliam Revocable Trust, dated May 7, 2009, as amended and restated on February 2, 2016, to LMP Richmond, LLC, 136 N. Keenland Drive, for nominal consideration - RH Companies, LLC to Michael Durgin, tract 2C plat 32/117, \$150,000 - Sean L. Mitchell (a/k/a Sean Lee Mitchell) to David L. Burns and Mary Ann Burns, lot 20 Dreamland Subdivision phase 2, \$300,000 - Derek Horn and Andrea Horn to Ami Bryan Shupe, 329 Brandon Court, Berea, \$350,000 - Matthew Norman and Tessa Norman to Lola Behling and Curt Behlibg, tract College Hill Road, Waco, \$350,000 - Owen Barnes and Rhonda Barnes to Owen Barnes and Rhonda Barnes Living Trust, dated June 11, 2025, 750 Paint Lick Road, Berea, for and in consideration of premises and to conform to the intentions of the
	parties - Owen Barnes and Rhonda Barnes to Owen Barnes and Rhonda Barnes Irrevocable Trust, dated July 22, 2022, parcels Madison County, for and in consideration of premises and to conform to the intentions of the parties - Owen Barnes and Rhonda Barnes to Travis Barnes, 197 Moran Mill Road, for and in consideration of premises and to conform to the intentions of the parties - Joseph Costanzo and Kathryn M. Costanzo to Andrew Gilchrest and Sarah Tyler, 313 Sweet Grass Way, \$734,000 - Jacob Lewis to Cassie Napier and Jared Deaton, 605 Gosling Court, \$315,000 - Matthew Valentine and Pamela Valentine to Scott Conrad Lawson and Lori D. Lawson, lot 3 Old Towne Estates, \$950,000 - David Frazier and Deborah Frazier, Paul Frazier and Jennifer Frazier to New Vista Real Estate Holdings, LLC, 2037 Merchant Drive, \$675,000 - Russell C. Baker and Peggy J. Baker to Kathy A. Conaway and Dylan Conaway, lot 29 phase II Breezy Point Estates, \$315,000



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- Anthony L. Alvares Properties, LLC to Matthew Middleton and Amber Middleton, 373 Oxford Circle, \$1.00
- Sept. 9
- Blue Willow Property, LLC to Matthew Huffman and Megan Huffman, 427 Avawam Drive, \$1,289,000
- Zachery Thompson to Rider Cveticanin and Christina Cveticanin, lot 8 Suncrest Meadows Subdivision, \$245,000
- Davis Properties of Kentucky, LLC to Qihang Chen, lot 56 blok1 Arhgyll Subdivision \$285,000
- Kevin K. Pryor, II (n/k/a Ezra Keith Pryor) to LaVeeshia S. Prior, 2004 Lucille Drive, \$112,000
- Brandon Lee Aldridge and McKenna Brooke Aldridge to McKinsey Fire Hawthorn, 381 King's Trace Drive, Berea, \$325,000
- Benjamin Ray Bullis and Kirsty Bullis to Georgia Jean Dean, lot 11 Hickory Lick Road, \$615,000
- Linda Maggard to tony Lee Baugh, lots 3 – 5 Hurley Addition, Berea, \$82,000

Sept. 10

- Emma Delk Reams (a/k/a Emma D. Reams) to Stephen Michael Tensi, Jr. and Ruth Ann Tensi, Trustees of Tensi Trust Agreement, dated May 14, 2019, lot 8 Meadows Crest Subdivision Phase 1, \$565,000
- Tyler King and Avery D. King to Ashley R. Spurlock, lot 36 Oakdale Subdivision, \$247,000
- Tammy K. Lawwill and Andreas Michael Votaw to Ralph Kevin Isaacs and Paula S. Isaacs, 210 Walnut Hill Drive, \$378,000
- Matthew D. Richardson and Isabelle M. Richardson to Ryan Alan Gatliff, 646 Cherry Trace Drive, \$282,000
- Jason R. Steward and Stacey L. Stewart to Callaway Development, LLC, 1978 Boonesboro Road, for and in consideration of Grantor, forming and being a member of Grantee, a Kentucky Limited Liability Company
Sherry Lynn Hasty, Executrix of the Estate of Wanda Ann Anglin to Jack Vanwinkle, Sr. and Joyce Vanwinkle, tracts Madison County, \$280,000
- Sherry Cavaliere to Grace cavaliere, tract Madison County, for and in consideration of the love and affection between mother and daughter
- Lloyd W. Moore, through his Attorney-in-Fact Michael McCracken to Michael McCracken and Jenna McCracken, lot 324 phase II-A section 1, Hampton Ridge Subdivision, for and in consideration of the love and affection and caregiving services rendered
- RPMD, LLC and Tudor Holdings, LLC to Whiteberry Builds, LLC, lot 18 Red House Road, \$140,000
- Short Carpentry and Construction, Inc. to Diane M. Curry, lot 28 Stoney View Estates Phase 1, \$287,000
- IBS (US), LLC to Riley Howard and Katelyn Howard, lot 1 p32/81, \$260,000

INDICTMENTS

Madison County Circuit Court

Sept. 10, 2025 Division I

- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Donnie Spivey: 1st degree possession of a controlled substance (fentanyl)
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Victoria Moore: 1st degree strangulation; 2nd degree assault; 1st degree unlawful imprisonment
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. James Prewitt: 2nd degree assault
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Travis Howard: 1st degree unlawful transaction with a minor (6 counts); use of a minor in a sexual performance (6 counts); use of electronic means to induce a minor to engage in sexual activity; tampering with a witness (5 counts)

Division II

- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. David Northern: 1st degree possession of a controlled substance

(methamphetamine); public intoxication, controlled substance

- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Javance Smith: 2nd degree assault; 1st degree unlawful imprisonment; violation of a DVO
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Jeffrey Jenkins: 1st degree strangulation

Division V

- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Louis Penley: 3rd degree burglary
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Richard Latino: 3rd degree burglary
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Marekus Woodard: 2nd degree assault; 1st degree wanton endangerment
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Shanacey Roberts: 2nd degree assault; 1st degree wanton endangerment; 3rd degree terroristic threatening; possession of marijuana
- Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Jaharee Irvin: possession of a handgun by a convicted felon; possession of a defaced firearm

HOT TOPICS: BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

Employment scams

BBB has seen an increase in employment scams that involve fake offers using real companies' names, such as Costco, Kroger, and Target. If you receive a text message with an employment opportunity, do not respond or click on any links. It is likely a phishing scam.

Portlyn shipping

BBB has received multiple Scam Tracker reports about Portlyn Shipping. This is a fraudulent company offering work-from-home "jobs" receiving and sending out packages. This is a reshipping scam, not a legitimate job opportunity.

Raccoon adoption

BBB received a report of a baby raccoon adoption scam that's similar to the common puppy scam. If a "breeder" refuses to meet in person, show you their credentials, and/or continues to demand money for various charges before you receive the animal, these are signs of a scam.

Fake mugshots

In a twist on the common emergency scam, scammers are now sending out fake mugshots of victims to convince their relatives they are in need of bail money. If you receive a call claiming that a loved one is in trouble and needs money, hang up and directly contact that

person or someone close to them to verify the call.

Podcast scammers

A new scam is targeting local influencers and business owners. Scammers claiming to be podcasters contact the victims to set up an interview, then say they need to remote into the victim's computer for an equipment check. Never give someone you don't know and trust access to your personal devices!

Fake invoices

Consumers continue to report fake invoices claiming to be from Best Buy and other companies. This is a phishing scam. Do not respond to these emails

or call the phone numbers listed in them.

Loan offers

BBB has received multiple reports of phone calls with loan offers. These are scam calls and not legitimate offers; do not respond or return the call.

Process servers

Consumers have received phone calls from scammers claiming to be process servers, stating that they missed a court date. These are scam calls. If you are concerned about a legal matter, contact law enforcement or the appropriate agency directly to ask questions.

Tik-Tok scam

Multiple consumers have reported online shopping scams to BBB, many of them originating on TikTok. In these scams, victims never receive the items they ordered OR they receive counterfeit items. Always verify a business on bbb.org first before ordering.

Passport renewal

The BBB warns of passport renewal scams that trick U.S. citizens into paying a fee to download a renewal form that is free to download from the government's website. As a result, consumers may be tricked into providing their personal and financial information on potentially unsecured websites.

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Reflections

Berea Citizen archives

September 17, 1925 Water shortage

Berea and the surrounding community rejoiced at the rain that fell over the previous weekend, breaking the prolonged heat wave and provided much a much needed break to the drought. About 1.2 inches of rain fell. Crops were damaged beyond repair and the precipitation that fell were of no benefit. Pastures, on the other hand, were green and inviting on Monday. The heat wave of the previous two weeks had been horrific with temperatures breaking 25 year records. The hottest temperature was 103 degrees. While rains were well received, the water situation remained a very serious concern. It was believed that the potential of equinoctial rains would help break the long running dry streak and alleviate the shortage of water. At the time, wa-

ter was being pumped out of the reservoir only three times a day to conserve the water supply as much as possible. People were being urged to continue their conservation efforts.

September 14, 1950 Draft call

There would be 36 men from Madison County who would be making the trip to Lexington for pre-induction physical examinations on September 18th and 18th. Madison County residents who were to report on September 19th were: Julian B. Showers, John Ray Hamilton, Elkin E. Combs and Lewis B. Davis all of Richmond; Delbert B. Howard of Cottonburg; Earl E. Ogg, John L. Newby of Route 1 Richmond; Donald W. Witt of Waco; Harold L. Crawford, Melivn Higgins, Cordis Rudd of Berea; Donald B. Wells, Leland Bennett, Jr.,

Lawrence E. Hager, John W. Hall, Bailey Sanders, of Route 4 Richmond; Jesse Conner, of Bybee; Ferris Sparks of Dreyfus; and Lee G. Terrell of Route 1, Berea. Scheduled to report on the 19th were: Elgie R. Lowery, Wilburn D. Parks, John L. Applegate, James S. Terry, Chester N. Howard, Glenn M. Judy, Samuel M. Miller, James E. Hemingway, and Lawrence Agee of Richmond; John W. Young, Russell Baker both of Dreyfus; Harold E. Richardson, Jr., Nelson VanWinkle both of Route 3, Richmond; Mariel F. Parks of Route 5 Richmond; James W. Dyer of Route 3, Berea; Walter G. Norris of College Hill and Ben W. Reed, of Panola.

September 11, 1975 Candidates file

The race for four seats on Berea City Council had a wide range of candidates. Nineteen individuals had

filed under five different party affiliations for the seats. Individual candidates were Betty Wray, Grass-roots Party; Marie Wheeler, Independent and Harry C. Bonny, Sr. People’s Party. The Progressive Party candidates were Bernar Davis, Melvin Higgins, Roger D Harrison, George T. Bryant, Edsel G. Arnett, Robert E. Nuntery, Eugene T. Wilt and Leonard E. Hays, Jr. The Community Party candidates included incumbent Ervin Connelly and Frank Farmer. Clifford Kerby, Frances Moore, David Burgio, A.C. Hounshell and Charles McIntyre were all new to the slate. Incumbents William Finnell, Cecil McKinney and Howard Monier had chosen not to seek re-election.

September 14, 2000 Spoonbread a success

With a world record broken and local merchants counting

profits, it was safe to say the 4th Annual Berea Spoonbread Festival was a success on many levels. Sandra Bolin, President of the Berea Chamber of Commerce, said she was pleased with the outcome for the festival. Tourism Director Belle Jackson agreed. Activites for young and old alike abounded during the festival including a spoonbread eating contest. Margaret Reppert whipped the competition setting a new world record for eating a pan of Boone Tavern Spoonbread. The old record was 4:54:43 set by Bear Whitworth of Paducah in 1998. Reppert shattered that record with a time of 2:26. One of the top draws of the festival was the hot air balloon race that was held on Saturday morning. Balloonist Randy Oates, sponsored by Cumberland Valley National Bank won the race.

Game Page

Crossword

A crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1 through 51 indicating the starting positions for the clues.

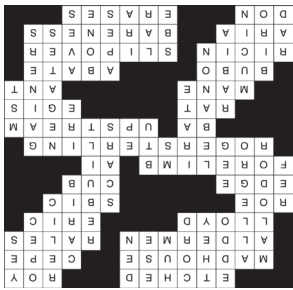
CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Carved into
- 7. __ Rogers, cowboy
- 10. Unruly locale
- 12. Edible mushroom
- 13. Influential noblemen
- 14. Rattling breaths
- 15. David __ George, Brit. P.M.
- 16. Musician Clapton
- 17. Small Eurasian deer
- 18. Invests in little enterprises
- 19. Perimeter
- 21. Chicago ballplayer
- 22. Animal body part
- 27. It’s everywhere these days
- 28. Fictional ad exec
- 33. Mr. T character Baracus
- 34. Against the current
- 36. Subway rodent
- 37. Armor plate
- 38. Hair on the head
- 39. Strong insect
- 40. Swollen lymph node
- 41. A way to lessen
- 44. Walter White poison
- 45. Sleeveless garment
- 48. Long accompanied song
- 49. Without features
- 50. Yankee great Mat-

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



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!

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

ANSWER:

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to fall. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 13 = L)

A.	22	18	2	9	8	19				
	Clue: Cleaning up leaves									
B.	3	4	9	13	13	15				
	Clue: Slightly cold									
C.	1	23	24	21	23	26	14	23	22	
	Clue: Falls starts here									
D.	17	18	13	13						
	Clue: Autumn									

Answers: A. raking B. chilly C. September D. fall

God loves an underdog

You might have heard about the two psychiatrists who, while walking down the road one day, encountered a man lying in the ditch, covered with cuts and bruises from a terrible beating. One of the psychiatrists looked at the other and said, "Whoever did this really needs our help."

It's strange how a psychiatrist could have a perspective very different from that of, say, a medic, who would have looked upon the same scene and have no thought other than that the man in the ditch needs his help.

People's perspectives on life often differ, and it's can be hard for us to understand how someone could have views that are so diametrically opposed to our own. I got to thinking about that the other day as I read about the famous encounter between David and Goliath.

David, the youngest boy in his family, was certain he could defeat the nearly 10-foot-tall giant. From David's perspective,

there would be no contest. After all, he was on God's side.

The giant, who had been a man of war since his youth and who had fought many battles and defeated many men, was certain he'd squash little David like a bug. From Goliath's perspective, David would be no challenge whatsoever.

The Philistine army had every confidence that their champion, Goliath, would be victorious. He was the biggest, toughest soldier they had. From their perspective, the fight, if you could call it that, would be over quickly with Goliath shoving a huge spear though David, then hacking him to bits with his mighty sword.

I expect soldiers in the Israelite army had no confidence in David. From their perspective, he was a pipsqueak, an upstart. Goliath would tear him apart.



Roger Alford

But it was God's perspective that mattered. God knew very well the perspectives of everyone on the scene that day. He looked into the hearts of the Israelite soldiers and saw the fear that paralyzed them. He saw the cockiness of Goliath and his army. And he saw the faith of little David who had no doubt whatsoever that his God was able to use him to defeat the giant. So God did something that has been talked about through the generations. He made a great hero of a little shepherd boy by allowing him to defeat the giant.

Instead of being frightened out of our wits by the giants in our paths, let's seek God's perspective. When the odds seem stacked against us, that's when God is at his best. He loves to show up in those situations and do something that no one would have ever expected. He loves to give victory to the underdogs.

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HOME

FROM PAGE 1

among those to join Gish's procession from Louisville, paid homage to Gish during Tuesday's meeting of the Berea City Council.

Noting that the council just adopted a proclamation commemorating Constitution Week in Berea, Fraley said it was important to remember those, like Gish, who gave their lives for the rights enshrined in the nation's founding document.

"As we think about our Constitution, we think about our service men and women who, throughout the history of our country, have taken an oath to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States of America," Fraley said, referring to Gish. "I think it's important that we acknowledge his service to our country...for us to show our respect for a true American hero; to show respect for him, for his service, his sacrifice, and also to show respect for his family," said the mayor.

In response, Berea City Councilman John Payne thanked Fraley for highlighting the sacrifice of Gish and other fallen servicemen.

"Thank you again for bringing attention to the soldier who will be coming home after nearly 60 years," Payne told Fraley during the council comments segment of the meeting.

PROPERTY

FROM PAGE 1

vehicles on the lot than before, some of them commercial semi-trucks and trailers, which appear to be out of operation.

"I just don't think there should be junk yards in the city limits, or if you have one, put a fence around it," Wilson said.

Councilman Steve Caudill agreed, noting the problem became much worse after Powell sold the business. Caudill also expressed concern that because the property is unpaved, possible leakage from the vehicles into the ground could posed an environmental hazard.

Councilman Jerry Little, however, defended the rights of property owners in general, expressing concern that excessive regulation could chase business out of Berea, and possibly discourage future business development.

Codes Enforcement Administrator Amanda Haney said the city is trying to walk a fine line in being fair to the property owner, while also addressing the concerns of those who say the vehicle lots are an eyesore on the city landscape.

Haney noted that under the current municipal code, junk yards are not allowed in city limits. However, that particular business was allowed to house large vehicles because it had been designated a truck repair center, in which vehicles came and went as they were fixed. The property is currently zoned B-4 interstate commercial,



but it is not allowed, under city ordinance, to be an impoundment lot or storage lot. Automotive salvage lots are permissible in Berea, but only within industrial zones.

Near the end of the discussion, Haney said her department has two options: Try to compel the owner to make changes through the codes enforcement process, including referring the matter to the city Code Enforcement Board, or craft new legislation that would specifically require establishments like the North Dogwood business to mitigate the problem, including installing large fences to obscure the view of the lot.

Council members agreed to pursue the codes enforcement process first, then consider possible legislation later.

New 911 agreement adopted

During the council's regular business meeting, the officials unanimously adopted a resolution authorizing the mayor to approve an amended Madison County Emergency Communications Center agreement. The agreement enables the city to consider a new agreement to receive 911 emergency dispatch services through the county. Precisely how the city would pay for those services has yet to be determined. Berea had previously entered into an agreement with the Madison County Fiscal Court and the Richmond City Commission to fund services based on a property parcel fee, but that concept was scrapped when Richmond officials raised objections about the fairness of the proposed 911 fee structure.

Council member Katie Startzman thanked City Administrator Shawn Sandlin for his efforts in working with Richmond City Manager Rob Minerich and Madison County Deputy Judge/Executive Jill Williams to forge the language of the resolution so that the three governments can move forward to provide a unified 911 emergency dispatch system.

New city streets added

Also Tuesday, the council accepted 363 and 366 Baldwin Street into the city's maintenance program, integrating 80 linear feet of a 40-foot-wide right-of-way

to serve two new homes, according to codes enforcement administrator Haney. She noted the acceptance is only for curb, gutter and sidewalks. The recommendation was accepted by unanimous vote.

Constitution Week proclaimed

Additionally, the council proclaimed September 17-23 as Constitution Week in Berea, celebrating one of the nation's most important founding documents. Amy Howard Justice, chapter historian for the Berea Laurel Ridges Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, addressed the council briefly, noting her organization is committed to commemorating the Constitution, which was ratified in 1787.

Other business items

- In other action, the council unanimously endorsed the re-appointment of Linda Leforce to the Berea Housing Authority Board.
- During the public comments segment, resident Jeff Hutton implored city officials to support the continuation of Berea's LearnShop series, which has been put on hiatus in the wake of staffing reorganization in the city's tourism department.

Hutton said the program draws people to the city for artisan workshops, which boosts the local tourism economy.

The next Berea City Council meeting is slated for Oct. 7.

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3:30PM-5:00PM: Live Music: Nashville Imposters

4:00PM-8:00PM: FREE Petting Zoo- Sponsored by Parsons Counseling

5:30PM-7:00PM: Live Music: Savannah Dean Reeves

7:30PM-9:00PM: Live Music: Kelly Caldwell & Kashmere

8:00PM-10:00PM: Balloon Glow (Berea Community School)

SATURDAY SEPT 20: 9AM-9PM

9:00AM-9:00PM: Carnival Rides & Games

12:00PM-1:00PM: Street Performance: Kentucky Bluegrass Cloggers

1:30PM-3:00PM: Live Music: Nic Casetta & Co.

2:00PM Spoonbread Parade: (Line-up: 1PM @ Berea Community School)

3:00PM-3:20PM: Spoonbread Eating Contest

3:30PM-5:00PM: Live Music: Bobby James

5:00PM-5:30PM: Street Performance- Tumble Shine Athletics

5:30PM-7:00PM: Live Music: Alex Miller

7:00-7:30PM: Spoonbread Pageant Winners meet & Greet: Entertainment Stage

7:30PM-9:00PM: Live Music: Marshall

SUNDAY SEPT 21: 9AM-5PM

9:00AM: Spoonbread 5K Run/Walk: Russel Acton Folk Center

9:00AM-3:00PM: Spoonbread Festival Car Show: Berea Skate Park Parking Lot

10:00AM-5:00PM: Carnival Rides & Games

11:00AM-12:00PM: Kristina Miller & Band

12:00PM-2:00PM: Cornhole Tournament- Jefferson St.

12:30PM-1:30PM: Live Music: Dillon Abney & Timberline Road

1:30PM-2:30PM: Character Meet & Greet: Jasmine, Belle, Captain America, Spider-Man

2:00PM-3:00PM: Live Music: West Liberty Mountain Boys

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Taylor: Better planning needed for I-75 projects

By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

As construction workers get closer to completing the resurfacing of Interstate 75, county officials are calling for more county/state cooperation to ease the burden for local motorists.

Magistrates had a lot to say about the issue Tuesday after Madison County Judge/Execu-

tive Reagan Taylor said that county and state officials should meet in advance of major projects. Taylor said the resurfacing of I-75 demonstrates a dire need for more county and state cooperation.

"There needed to be planning



Reagan Taylor

workshops when you are doing a project that size," Taylor said, adding that the pre-construction discussion should involve law enforcement, other first responders, road engineers, as well as elected officials.

Taylor said the lack of advance planning leads to problems on secondary roads, especially when those roads have not been adequately repaired, such as cutting

back vegetation or repairing potholes. He added that pre-construction work sessions would have also allowed law enforcement to plan for things like having deputies directing traffic at Boonesboro intersection.

"You should be preparing the secondary routes that everybody's going to take because you

See PLANNING, A9

Court prepares for end of CSEPP

By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

The Madison County Fiscal Court adopted a number of resolutions Tuesday, preparing for the end of federal funding from the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP).

In a unanimous vote, the court voted to acknowledge the end of CSEPP funding as of September 30, 2025, paving the way for personnel, equipment and maintenance expenses to be reclassified under the Madison County Emergency Communications Center and the Emergency Management Agency.

Magistrate Tom Botkin called for a round of applause in noting the transition, stating the destruction of the chemical weapons stockpile at Blue Grass Army Depot was safely destroyed without an injury.

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Glowing success



Photos by Ted Kinson

The 29th annual Spoonbread Festival, hosted by the Berea Chamber of Commerce, drew thousands of visitors to the city last weekend. The balloon glow at the Berea Community School lawn, above, was a big attraction last Friday night. In left photo, Berea Chamber of Commerce President Ethan Lake, Berea Chamber of Commerce Executive/Director Danelle Valentour and Berea Mayor Bruce Fraley kicked off the event with a taste of the signature treat last Friday. "This year's Spoonbread Festival was truly one for the record books," Valentour said. "From start to finish, the energy was incredible and the feedback from the community has been overwhelmingly positive. The new layout was a big hit, and the entertainment brought in phenomenal crowds all weekend long. Our Balloon Glow lit up the night sky in spectacular fashion. we had over 100 cars registered for the Car Show, and 110 runners participated in the 5K. We are so proud of how everything came together. We're already looking ahead — planning starts now for 2026 and the 30th anniversary of the festival. We're eager to make even bigger and more memorable for our community."

Finally home



A hearse from Lakes Funeral Home, carries the body of U.S. Air Force Staff Sergeant Henry Gerald "Jerry" Gish to Berea off the exit ramp of I-75 Exit 76 on Thursday. He was escorted from Louisville to his final resting place in Berea last Thursday, nearly 60 years after he was killed in action in the Vietnam War. Gish died on March 11, 1968 on a mountain peak known as Phou Pha Thi in Houaphan Province, Laos, when his team was overrun by Vietnamese commandos. Gish's whereabouts were officially unknown until recently when the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency revealed that an effort to locate the missing servicemen in Laos had been successful.

(Photo by Ted Kinson)

Safe Haven Baby Box dedication Monday

By Keith Taylor • Citizen Publisher

A Safe Haven Baby Box will be dedicated at the Berea Fire Department on Glades Road Monday.

An alternative and anonymous program used to surrender an infant, the Safe Haven Baby Box will be the 58th one in the state. There are 381 boxes located throughout the nation. Berea's Safe Haven Baby Box will be dedicated at 1 p.m. Monday.

Safe Haven Baby Boxes was founded by Monica Kelsey on a mission to end infant abandonment. To date, 23 states have a Baby Box location.

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Garden Palooza set for Oct. 18

The Madison County Extension Office will offer a Garden Palooza swap at 9:30 a.m. at the extension office..

Items can be dropped off 9:30-10:30 a.m. The swap will begin at 10:30 a.m..

Plants, gardening books (or magazines), tools, seeds or any other garden item can be brought to exchanged. Chemicals, invasive or weedy plants or non horticulture books not accepted and items cannot be dropped off before the event.

If you plan to attend the free event or have questions, please call our office at (859) 623-4072 or email amanda.sears@uky.edu.

Making maple syrup class

A making maple syrup class will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 21 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Madison County Extension Office.

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Loyal Jones Appalachian Center Opens Doors to the Community for a New Season



A jam session at the Loyal Jones Appalachian Center, where Appalachian traditions come alive through music and community.

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Sean Hall
Berea College

BEREA, Ky. - This fall, the Loyal Jones Appalachian Center (LJAC) will again invite the public to experience Appalachia through a series of engaging events that celebrate the region's rich traditions.

The LJAC features interactive exhibits that explore Appalachian identity, history and culture. It offers a welcoming space for conversation, learning and connection where visitors can engage with the region's stories.

Founded in 1970 and renamed in 2008 to honor its founding director, the LJAC has long served as Berea College's hub for Appalachian studies, cultural preservation and

community engagement.

Loyal Jones, a prolific author and advocate for Appalachian values, served as director of the LJAC for more than two decades, from 1970-1993. His work emphasized the strength, humor and resilience of mountain people, fostering dialogue and reflection. Jones died in 2023, but his legacy continues to shape LJAC's mission today.

"Following Loyal's footsteps, the LJAC is a place where people meet and share stories, laughter and joy," said director Chris Green. "I think of us as being like the front room of a grandmother's house – always a place for another person to make their way in and feel right at home."

Upcoming events open to the public include:

- **Oct. 1 at 6 p.m.:** Silas House poetry reading: Silas House will read from his new poetry collection, "All These Ghosts," published by Blair Carolina Wren Press. Known for his evocative storytelling and deep connection to place, House's poems reflect on love, loss and the transformation of Appalachia over time. The event includes a dinner on the grounds and will be held at the Appalachian Center. This event is free and open to the public.

- **Oct. 9–12:** 52nd Annual Celebration of Traditional Music: The four-day festival of roots music and dancing honors music passed down

through generations in the Appalachian region. It kicks off at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 9. A schedule of events can be found at www.berea.edu/centers/loyal-jones-appalachian-center, under the CTM link.

- **Oct. 15, 5:30–7 p.m.:** Author Talk with Denali Sai Nalamalapu: Climate organizer and author Denali Sai Nalamalapu will discuss their memoir, "Holler: A Graphic Memoir of Rural Resistance." The book offers a powerful portrait of everyday activism in Appalachia. From a grandmother chaining herself to a Pinto to a young organizer building mutual aid networks, Nalamalapu's stories reflect courage,

community and hope in the face of environmental injustice. Dinner will be served. This event is free, no ticket necessary.

Visitors to the LJAC are encouraged to explore exhibits, attend events and engage in conversations that deepen understanding of the region's past and present.

The LJAC is wheelchair accessible via the front entrance of Stephenson Hall at 205 N Main St, Berea, Ky. Parking is available across the street.

If you require special accommodations, please contact the Appalachian Center in advance at 859-985-3140, or email Heather Dent at denth@bereda.edu.

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Constitution Week



Berea Mayor Bruce Fraley and the Berea City Council presented a proclamation on Tuesday, Sept. 1, commemorating the 238th anniversary of the United States Constitution.

The proclamation recognized Constitution Week in Berea from Sept. 17-23.

Accepting the honor on behalf of the Berea Laurel Ridges Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution was Amy Howard Justice, who noted the chapter just celebrated its own 90th anniversary.

In addition to educating the public about the value of the rights enshrined in the Constitution, Justice noted the DAR is also a civic organization that works for the betterment of Berea.

"We are very involved in the community. We make bags for veterans, we serve the homeless, and we just made bags last week for 70 students at Silver Creek Elementary," Justice said.

"So, we love to educate our local population about the Constitution and why it's so important to us as Americans."

PHOTO: Standing behind Amy Justice and Mayor Bruce Fraley were members of the Berea City Council, including: (from left) Steve Caudill, Ronnie Terrill, Cora Jane Wilson, Teresa Scenters, Jerry Little, Katie Startzman, John Payne and Steve Davis.



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OBITUARIES

Robert Bobby Clay Shouse



Robert Bobby Clay Shouse, 77, a pillar of the Berea Community and beloved patriarch, passed away peacefully on Thursday, Sept. 18, 2025, after a short illness, with his loving family by his side.

Born in Berea on Feb. 4, 1948, to the late Elmer and Sarah Shouse, Bobby was a lifelong resident whose roots in the community ran deep. After graduating from Berea High School in 1966, he answered the call to serve his country and was drafted into the United States

Army at the age of 20. His years of proud, stateside service were a testament to his quiet patriotism. Professionally, he was a dedicated employee at Lance for many years and

was the original founding owner of Trophy World Sports, a business that perfectly blended his work ethic with his love for athletics. Few things brought Bobby more joy than the world of sports. He was a diehard fan with an unwavering loyalty to his Kentucky Wildcats, Cincinnati Reds, and Cincinnati Bengals. But his love for the game was most profoundly expressed not as a spectator, but as a mentor. This passion led him to become a cornerstone of youth athletics in Berea, where he dedicated years to coaching basketball, baseball, and football. His impact is forever etched in the community through his role as a founding member of the Berea Youth

Football League (1989), the Berea Optimist Basketball League (1990), and the Southern Madison County chapter of the Babe Ruth Baseball League. A moment of immense pride was in 1985, when he coached the Berea Senior League Baseball All-Stars to a state championship victory; a

memory cherished by all involved.

Yet, for all his passion for sports, Bobby's greatest and most cherished legacy was his family. His love for them was unmatched. He was a devoted father to his five children, who are left to carry on his legacy: Robert Robbie Shouse (Monica) of Richmond, Derek Shouse (Kimberly) of Berea, Ryne Shouse of Berea, Brandon Shouse of Nicholasville, and Kaylee Shouse of Nicholasville.

His role as Papaw brought him untold joy, and he leaves behind eight adoring grandchildren: Easten Shouse, Lexi Shouse, Zachary Moore, Austin Moore, Addison Shouse, Rylan Cox, Grayson Cox, and Bronson Cox. His heart had even more room for two bonus grandchildren, Jared Long and Heather Smith. His legacy continues to grow with his great granddaughter, Raylee Prewitt, and two bonus great-grandsons, Weston and Shepherd Long. He is also survived by his brother, Junior Shouse, along with numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

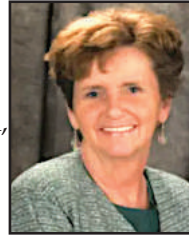
Bobby is now reunited in death with his parents, Elmer and Sarah; his brother, Donald Wayne Shouse; and his infant son, Kyle Ray Shouse. The family invites friends and community members to celebrate Bobby's life. Visitation will be held on Thursday, Sept. 25, 2025, from 6-8 p.m. at Lakes Funeral Home in Berea. Funeral Services will be conducted by Rev. Stephen Hobbs and Rev. Randy McPherson on Friday, Sept. 26, 2025, at noon at Lakes Funeral Home.

Burial with military honors will follow at Camp Nelson National Cemetery in Nicholasville.

Serving as pallbearers will be Easten Shouse, Zachary Moore, Austin Moore, Tony Shouse, Dalton Howard, and Jared Long. His additional grandchildren and great-grandchildren will serve as honorary pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to help offset burial expenses.

Betty Jean Brockman



Betty Jean Brockman, a cherished mother, grandmother, sister, and friend, left this world to begin her eternal journey on Sept. 21, 2025, at the age of 73. Born on Jan. 20, 1952, in the close-knit community of Berea, Kentucky, she was a beacon of light and warmth all her life and left this world in the same town that she called home.

Betty's early years in Jackson County set the foundation for a life lived with diligence and compassion. She entered the workforce at age 19 and devoted many years of service to Dresser Industries until her retirement. After retirement from Dresser, she earned her associate's degree in business. Her professional dedication was only matched by her devotion to her family, her invigorating spirit of generosity, and her love for Jesus.

Though preceded in death by her loving parents, Jack and Beulah Tussey Abney, and siblings, Lola Roe, Russell Abney, Charlie Abney, and Johnnie Abney, Betty's legacy continues through her adoring family.

She was the proud mother of Darren (Denna) Brockman and Randy McNew, and she relished her family as Nannie to her four grandchildren, Erica, Chase, Lane, and Elise. Betty was also a beloved sister to Jackie (Charles) Lakes and Lonnie (Tina) Abney, and a sister-in-law to Maxine Abney.

Beyond her family life, Betty was an active and valued member of the New Vision Missionary Baptist Church. Her faith was a cornerstone of her existence and she embraced her church community with open arms and an open heart. Betty also found joy in her frequent visits to the YMCA, where she cultivated lasting friendships and remained vibrant and engaged in her community activities.

Her commitment to service was reflected in her regular contributions to the local blood bank. Betty believed in giving back to her community, and her repeated blood donations were a testament to her giving nature.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 25, 2025, at Lakes Funeral Home with Rev. Glenn Whittemore officiating. Burial will follow in Pine Grove Cemetery in Jackson County. Visitation will be from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the funeral home.

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Remembering a dear friend

When it comes to running a sports department, there is no “I” in team.

To cover the bases, you need help and support to make sure things run efficiently. As I found out earlier in my journalism career, you can’t do it all.

When I took over as sports editor at the Winchester Sun in 2003, my predecessors had a system in place, and I just added my own touch to the foundation that had already been laid on the second-floor newsroom at 20 Wall Street.

It was then I became friends with Bill Thiry. He had a camera, submitted photos and he was good at his craft. We talked and because his sons, Bryan and Josh, played soccer at GRC, he was already at the games and it made perfect sense for Bill to shoot and submit.

He started on the local sports scene, covering athletic events at George Rogers Clark High School. It wasn’t long before we teamed up and began covering Kentucky sports and that’s when the fun began for the both of us.

When we started traveling with the Cats, he would drive and I would tag along in that navy blue Camry station wagon that had what seemed like a gazillion miles on it but, nevertheless, Bill kept the oil changed and did regular maintenance until he began driving an Avalon and a van.

I still wonder whatever happened to that station wagon.

When you are on the road with someone for hours, you get to know them and Bill Thiry became more than a photographer to me. He became a close friend. We shared jokes, picked on each other but we shared the same ideals even though he was 11 years older.

One of our first trips together was to Atlanta in 2005 for the SEC Tournament and it was there we learned the tricks of the trade when it comes to covering the Cats. We became known as the Winchester Sun duo and we had no problem getting credentialed to home and away games at UK.

My first trip to New Orleans was with Bill and his wife Sheri. My first trip to Houston was with Bill and it was there we discovered the Astrodome was not as big as we thought it was.

We spent New Year’s Eve together a couple of times when Kentucky played in the Music City Bowl. We would venture downtown and begin a new year in another state in a different time zone.

I do remember a long road trip to New Jersey for the NCAA Tournament one year. Bill was from Pennsylvania, and he shared how much he enjoyed going back there from time to time. We both had to be at work after Kentucky played on a Sunday, and we drove all night to get back home. We made one stop and Bill tried one of those over-the-counter energy drinks to stay awake.

It worked and Bill got us back to Winchester. I don’t know whether it was because he feared my driving, but he was behind the wheel on most of our roads trips.

One time, however, I drove through Memphis and got lost. I believe it scared him - and me too, come to think of it. I gave him the keys to the car and he got us back to the hotel.

Of all the times we spent together, we never got into any arguments and we always took up for each other. I had his back, and he had mine.

Last Wednesday night, Bill passed away after a courageous fight with ALS. In one of my last conversations with him, he shared that he was ready for eternity and was a believer in Jesus Christ. That was comforting, even though he didn’t have to tell me about his relationship with the Creator.

I already knew. And I know he’s walking and doing the things he was deprived of doing during the last three years of his life right now.

Rest in peace, Bill.



Keith Taylor



GOODNIGHT SUNDANCE

Freedom to speak, employ

The first amendment protects our free speech but employers will protect their bottom line.

However, to some extent, there are some limitations and barriers for all of us. When he began his career, national radio personality Howard Stern couldn’t keep a job. His content was so raw and shocking that station owners and managers couldn’t afford to keep him on because advertisers couldn’t afford to risk supporting him. Things changed. He eventually became acceptable to enough listeners that he was hugely profitable. A massive contract with Sirius XM radio gave him a huge audience, allowed him to say whatever he wanted and paid him handsomely. Since 2004, they have paid him hundreds of millions of dollars. His employer found him to be profitable and accepted by many.

Stearns’ contract recently expired and his deal hasn’t been renewed. The renewal won’t be based on Stearns’ freedom of speech but it will be based on whether he will be profitable for Sirius XM radio which means he probably won’t be returning.



Glenn Mollette

Jimmy Kimmel is off the air, for now. He has been making a nice \$15M a year salary from the Disney corporation who owns ABC and the ESPN network as well. He has had a nice job with them for 20 years and come out five nights a week saying whatever he wanted to say. After some recent comments made about Charlie Kirk that have been replayed numerous times on national TV, Disney decided to take his show down for a while, possibly forever. Stations across the country let it be known to Disney they weren’t going to air Kimmel’s show after his remarks about Kirk and Disney listened. It was about money. Disney is in the business to make money, big money.

The Stephen Colbert show was losing \$40M a year and Colbert’s show had better ratings than Kimmel. The idea of losing millions of dollars on Kimmel was unacceptable to Disney. If TV station chains, cable companies and local stations around the country had applauded Kimmel, if ratings and profitability had soared, Disney would have kept Kimmel on.

No employer is going to keep you on the payroll if your mouth is bankrupting the business.

You may have the right to speak but you may be speaking on the street corner somewhere without a paycheck if the

employer doesn’t like what you are saying.

The minister of your local church may have the freedom to preach the Bible. Yet, he or she could find themselves unemployed if they ruffle enough feathers of the congregation’s leadership. A politician may speak freely but only has a job if he or she can sway enough voters. You can walk into wherever you work and say whatever you want about the company or your boss. Most likely, you’ll end up in the unemployment line. Plus, you will not be able to obtain a reference or recommendation for your next interview.

Yes, we have freedom of speech but it has limitations and consequences. Charlie Kirk was his own employer. That seems to be about the only way you can really pull off free speech. He said just about whatever he wanted and there wasn’t anyone to fire him, so someone killed him. Sadly, Charlie Kirk’s free speech cost him his life.

There is almost always a price to be paid for freedom of speech. It is important and it is American, but your employer doesn’t have to agree with you or keep you on the payroll.

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no registration plates - Dustin Estes, 39: contempt of court, libel /slander, resistance to order - Thomas Price, 38: serving parole violation warrant; theft by unlawful taking, automobile, \$10,000 but less than \$1,000,000; theft by unlawful taking, automobile, \$1,000 but less than \$10,000; failure to appear; theft by unlawful taking or disposition all others, \$1,000 but less than \$10,000	Sept. 12 - Misty Poindexter, 48: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, all others, \$1,000 but less than \$10,000 - Dante Cox, 29: assault, 2nd degree - Rebecca Sowder, 41: probation violation (for felony offense) - Amber Whittamore, 34: failure to appear - Amber Johnson, 45: violation of conditions of release - Jacob Cooper, 40: probation violation (for felony offense) - Baritta Willis, 49: serving weekends - Saphire Roberts, 20: serving weekends - Wendy Young, 38: serving weekends - Corey Cardwell, 24: serving weekends Sept. 13 - Barry Roberts, 51: robbery, 1st degree; theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting - Tina Woods, 55: assault, 4th degree dating violence (minor injury) - Justin Terry, 26: alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses) - Randy Kauffman, 34: assault, 2nd degree - Brooke Hall, 44: probation violation, for felony offense (3 counts) - Chelsey Mays, 27: careless driving; operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st - Dion Watts, 42: public intoxication – controlled substance (excludes alcohol) - Rebecca Hacker, 45: failure to appear Sept. 14 - Joseph Moore, 42: burglary, 2nd degree; robbery,	2nd degree; tampering with physical evidence; unlawful imprisonment – 1st degree; criminal mischief – 1st degree; harassment – physical contact – no injury - Levi Gaskin, 25: failure to appear - Jessey Hammonds, 34: serving parole violation warrant; fugitive from another state – warrant required - Elizabeth Willis, 19: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st; failure to wear seat belts; careless driving - Keith Hunter, 33: operating motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance -1st; possession of marijuana; possession of an open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle; operating on suspended or revoked operator’s license - Meighan Muncy, 49: disorderly conduct – 2nd degree; public intoxication – controlled substance (excludes alcohol); failure to appear - Miranda Lawson, 33: public intoxication – controlled substance (excludes alcohol) Sept. 15 - Sergio Martinez, 23: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st; failure to produce insurance card; no registration receipt; no registration plates; possession of open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle - Marco Reyes, 25: public intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses) - Nelson Wyatt – Kelley, 20: violation of Kentucky EPO/ DVO - Brandon Irick, 34: receiving stolen property (firearm) - Nancy Stinnett, 40: failure	to appear - Jacob Grant, 29: failure to appear; leaving scene of an accident – failure to render aid or assistance - Karla Sterner, 47: failure to appear - Melody Nolan, 43: failure to appear - Daivd Stinnett, 50: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting - Christopher Smith, 38: failure to appear Sept. 16 - Regina Grant, 49: failure to appear (4 counts) - Malik Hawkins, 30: criminal mischief, 1st degree - Edward Jewell, 52: assault, 4th degree domestic violence – minor injury; strangulation, 1st degree domestic violence - Angel Zarat-Lux, 33: alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses); fleeing or evading police - Jazmine Cunningham, 32: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st - Christian McNeal, 30: hold for court - Kylie Ampomah, 20: probation violation (for felony offense) - Randy Edwards, 23: hold for court - Ricky Allen, 66: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, \$1,000 but less than \$10,000 - Joshua Lamb, 37: commitment order - Johnna Higgins, 39: receiving stolen property; failure to appear - Gregory Osborne, 23: serving time - Michael Pruitt, 48: burglary, 2nd degree Sept. 17	- Heather Elswick, 45: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol -1st aggravated circumstances - Daniel McKnight, 54: probation violation – for felony offense (2 counts); possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); drug paraphernalia – buy / possess - Michael Hayes, 49: theft by deception – include cold checks, \$1,000 but less than \$10,000; failure to appear - Autumn Emrich, 24: failure to appear - Justin Geary, 32: unlawful imprisonment, 2nd degree; assault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor injury - James Assel, 42: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); possession of marijuana; drug paraphernalia – buy / possess; failure to appear, citation for misdemeanor - Mia White, 40: hold for court - Frederick Williams, 43: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting - Robert Patchell, 44: failure to appear - Brian Durham, 37: violation of a Kentucky EPO/ DVO - Virginia Mahaffey, 55: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); failure to or improper signal; license to be in possession; failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance / security – 1st offense - Benjamin Lowery, 35: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree (fentanyl); drug paraphernalia – buy / possess
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COURT RECORDS

District Court Sept. 15 - Hope C. Long vs. Christopher W. Taylor Sept. 16 - Farah Krysten Coomes vs. Matthew W. Anderson Circuit Court Sept. 12 - Jabari Andrews vs. Asia Coleman Andrews - Janna Brown vs. Andrew Brown - Katelyn Marie Collins vs. Billy Joseph Collins - Cheyenne Williams vs. Cristina Williams Sept. 14 - Michael Brandon Morris vs. Jasmine Marie Pomeroy	Sept. 15 - Samantha Peterson vs. Morgan Reeves - April Lynn Abrams vs. Jeremy Scott Abrams Sept. 16 - Joann Marie Vincent vs. Michael Lee Vincent - Amber Jazel Street vs Dustin Duane Street Sept. 17 - Noah S. Cain vs. Ethan M. Wickline - Ashley B. Hamm vs. Justin E.W. Hamm Foreclosure Sept. 11 - Ameri-home Mortgage Company, LLC vs. Angela Jones Sept. 12 - Stockyards Bank and Trust vs. Melissa M.
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MARRIAGES

Sept. 11 - Sara Elizabeth Selby, property manager, 23 of Richmond to Tanner Evans Mollett, logistis, 26 of Richmond - Stephen Houston Harrison, general manager, 46 of Berea to April Dawn Collins, customer service agent, 49 of Berea - Emily Breanne Case, student, 23 of Richmond to Markus Dwayne Thacker, factory, 22 of Richmond - Lessie Lynn Clemmons, server / student, 19 of Berea to Samuel Kenton Bingham, environmental assistant, 21 of Berea Sept. 12 - Emma Ruth Carnesecca, unemployed, 28 of Berea to Jeremy Dawson Wolfe, crew chief, 26 of Berea - Jonathan Robert Fritz, manager, 33 of Richmond to Juanita Ann Potter, unemployed, 29 of Richmond Sept. 15 - Monica Gretchen Symons, medical, 22 of Richmond to Mark Jennings Shannon, technician, 26 of Richmond - Jessica Leann Mayse, transaction processor, 35 of Richmond to Jack Warren Carter, retail, 39 of Richmond	- Jessica Marie Newcomb, unemployed, 35 of Berea to Matthew Earl Weaver, factory, 45 of Berea - Krystal Gail McCarty, factory worker, 43 of Clearfield to Kevin Lee Howard, private contractor, 48 of Richmond - Sebastiana Lopez Jimenez, unemployed, 31 of Richmond to Enrique Hernandez Flores, construction, 33 of Richmond - Lina Sparr Sykes, retired, 69 of Goodlettsville, Tennessee to Alan Wesley Reed, retired educator, 71 of Goodlettsville, Tennessee - Ellen Elizabeth Standerfer, dentist, 53 of Rising Fawn, Georgia to James Michael Pfitzer, photographer, 57 of Rising Fawn, Georgia Sept. 16 - Sydney Keller Noel, nurse, 25 of Richmond to Korey Allen Lawrence, firefighter, 29 of Richmond - Laura Kathryn McWilliams, marketing, 39 of Richmond to William Neal Depew, unemployed, 38 of Richmond - Dyllon Lee Reynolds, warehouse tech, 32 of Richmond to Courtney Lynn Alexander, district manager, 28 of Richmond
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Sept. 11 D.R. Horton, Inc. – Louisville to Steven Andrew Heinlein and Lesley Michelle Heinlein, lot 63 Carriage Place Phase 1, \$306,899 - Short Carpentry and Construction, Inc. to Nathan Daniels and Crystal Allen – Daniels to Carla Allen, lot 52 Parkview @ Hanger Farm Subdivision, Phase I, \$354,900 - John – Lloyd Walker and Rachel Walker, Robert Matthew Walker and Melinda Walker to Rebecca Rezenbrink and Earl Rezenbrink, lot B plat 32/ 87, \$40,000 - Michael Whalen and Johnetta Whalen to Tyler D. King and Avery D. King, tracts College Hill Road, \$345,000 - The Estate of Dorothy B. Ivey to Tammy McHone and John Edward McHone, lot 3 Elm Street, Berea, \$95,700 - The Pinnacle at Boone’s Trace, LLC to Vanwinkle Real Estate Holdings, LLC, tract 1C and 1D plat 32/ 131, \$1,073,800 - Delbert Gilliam and Jean Gilliam to James Mason Gilliam (a/ k/ a James Gillian), tracts Madison County, \$31,000 - DS and JV Properties, LLC to EVW Painting and Construction, LLC, lot 140 Firebrook Subdivision, Phase 2, \$62,000 - Virtreos M. Godbey, Jr. and Sandra Godbey to Christopher J. Ruebsam and Jaclyn R. Ruebsam, 645 Charlie Norris Road, \$120,000 - Benjamin L. Bentley (a/ k/ a Ben L. Bentley) and Sally E, Bentley to Kenneth Kyle Stinson and Leslie Stinson, 209 Eric Drive, Phase 2, \$585,000 - LMP Development, LLC to LP Construction, LLC, lot 64 Shiloh Cove, Phase 2, \$79,500 - CHAMP Properties, LLC to Stephen Delbert Robbins, lot 53 Lake Ridge Estates, Phase 1, \$73,500 - Joan Cole (f/ k/ a Joan Shackleford) and John Truman Cole, Jr.,	by and through his attorney-in-fact Joan Cole, and Charles Thomas Phillips to Charles Thomas Phillips, tract Madison County, for and in consideration of love and affection Sept. 12 - Walter Asher and Kimberly Asher to Guy Caudill and Lola Caudill, lot 13 Kingston View Subdivision, Phase I, \$425,000 - Miranda E. Adams and Aaron Adams to Jacob Richard Askvig and Elizabeth Askiv, lot 37 Dove’s Landing, Phase 111, \$309,000 - Alvin Wayne Foster and Jerrie Lee Foster to Jennifer Rhodes, 401 Shallow Ford Road, \$157,500 - Clinton Wesley Morgan and Lindsey Louise Morgan to Edward M. Chenault, Jr. and Rebecca G. Chenault, Parcel 1 Three Lakes Farm, LLC, \$2,250,000 - Clinton Wesley Morgan and Lindsey Louise Morgan to Chenault Land and Cattle, LLC, tracts Madison County, \$2,250,000 - Emory S. Harden and Donna Moody Harden to John Paul Massey and Amanda Massey, 1112 James Court, \$235,000 - LMP Properties, LLC to LP Construction, LLC, lot 65 Shiloh Cove Subdivision, Phase 2, \$79,000 - David Christian Raleigh and Samantha Tinnell (f/ k/ a Samantha Raleigh) to Timothy Edward Gelernter and Ashley Mams, 109 William Court, Lot 37 Cherry Trace Subdivision, Phase II, \$283,506 - James C. Hundley, Executor of the Estate of Roger Dale Hundley to Donna Gail Coates, lot 2 Maple Grove Road, \$200,000 - Brandy Lantz to Timothy L. Walters, II, lot 1 Plat 30/ 56, \$125,000 - Gregory C. Robinson and Lori Anne Robinson to Laure Ulichney, 404 Martin Drive, \$230,000 - June Nordgulen to Trevor A. Reynolds and Samantha Reynolds, 107
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Mildred Court, \$169,950 Sept. 15 - Christopher A. Resor and Heather R. Resor to Brigido Gonzalez and Susan Gonzalez, 414 Koa Court Drive, Berea, \$399,000 - Thomas Leslie Kennedy to Jayleigh Raeanne Harrison, 2111-A Fayette Drive, for and in consideration of love and affection - Stephen Delbert Robbins to Ziomara Garcia, David Dustin Wilson and Darlene Wilson, lot 24 Lake Ridge Estates, Phase 2, \$700,000 - Susan E. Burdine and Stacey L. Irvin to Sara Elizabeth Johnson and DeAndre Maurice Trumbo, lot 14 Eagles Landing Subdivision, \$188,000 - Scott Allan Johnson and Holly Suttles Johnson (f/ k/ a Holly Suttles) to Whitney Cheyanne Redmon and Willian Hunter Redmon, lot 79 Rose Trace Subdivision, phase 2, \$305,000 - James Sanders and Loretta Sanders to Ben L. Bentley and Sally Elizabeth Bentley, lot 65 Highland Lakes Subdivision, \$375,000 - Anne Elizabeth Kathleen Poulter to Anne Elizabeth Kathleen Poulter, Trustee of the Anne Poulter Revocable Trust, dated September 10, 2025, tract Madison County, for the purpose of funding the Anne Poulter Revocable Trust - Roy Todd Builders, Inc. to Hunter Andrew Manning, 336 Baldwin Street, Berea, \$197,900 Sept. 16 - William L. Myers, Jr. and Kristina Marie Myers to Rhonda Lorraine Ulrey and Michael Tyler Ulrey, 167 Prewitt Drive, \$335,000 - Triple C. Properties, LLC to Visionary Ventures, C, lot A plat 14/ 197, \$400,000 - The Pinnacle at Boone’s Trace, LLC to Justin Hughes and Laura Hughes, lot 162 The Pinnacle @ Boone’s Trace Phase 1-A, \$67,500 - Robert Farmer and Karen Burnell Farmer to	Lori Farmer De Cicco, tract Madison County, for and in consideration of love and affection between parties - Robert Farmer and Karen Burnell Farmer to Lindsey Farmer Eckler, tract Madison County, for and in consideration of love and affection between parties - Joseph W. Roberts and Marilyn F. Roberts to Joseph W. Roberts and Marilyn F. Roberts, Co-Trustees of the Joseph and Marilyn Roberts Living Trust, dated August 29, 2025, tract 61 Woodlands Subdivision, Phase 1-B and Parcel A tracts 60 and 61 Woodlands Subdivision, for and consideration of premises and to conform to the intentions of the parties - Ray D. Himes and Valerie J. Himes to Matthew T. Valentine and Pamela M. Valentine, tract Madison County, \$70,000 - Maurice Dean Johnson and Deborah Johnson to Chrystal Ann Wilmont, Maurice Dean Johnson and Deborah Johnson, lot Washington Avenue, Berea, for and in consideration of love and affection First Parties have for their daughter Sept. 17 - Tina Marie Clark to Jana S. Patch, 272 Forest Lane, \$200,000- - Shaddie H. Properties, LLC to Jared Nicely and Chase Nicely, 4128 – 4131 Stagecoach Drive, \$439,000 - Steven W. Schaffer, Trustee of the Steven W. Schaffer Revocable Trust, dated December 22, 2020, to Glenn Tracy Barker, lot 16 Ashpark Subdivision, Phase 1, Section 2, \$322,000 - Reederworth Investments, LLC to Greg Collinsworth and Karen Collinsworth, tracts Madison County, in consideration of distribution of capital - Reederworth Investments, LLC to Brian Reeder and Shanna Reeder, tract Madison County, in consideration of distribution of capital
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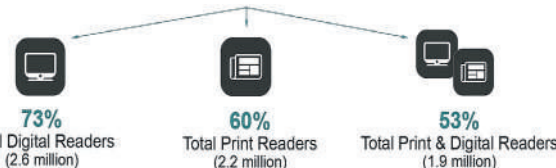
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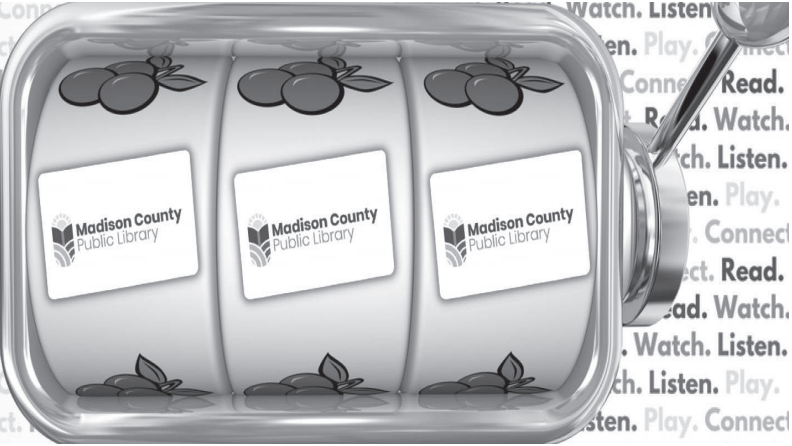
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Reflections

Berea Citizen archives

Sept. 1925: Fish Fry

A fish and chicken dinner and a visit to Bowling Green via Mammoth Cave, Lincoln’s birthplace and other historical places and scenic interest was a part of a program Berea Kiwanis took place in during the week. On Tuesday, nine Kiwanians left Berea in cars enroute to Bowling Green to attend the District Convention. Representatives making the trip were: E.T. Fish, Frank Kyker, Bill Dean, C.E. Campbell, E.L. Roberts, Jess McKinney, J.W. Stephens, George

Spurlin and Benton Fielder. The fish and chicken dinner would take place in Bobtown at the conclusion of the trip to the District Convention.

Sept. 21, 1950 New grocery store

Philip Harrison and William Isaac Mason announced that the opening date for the Berea Locker and Grocery, located on Prospect Street would be Thursday, October 6th. Groceries, meats, and frozen foods would be available at

the new grocery. Business would be self-service cash and carry. The equipment would be new and modern and there would be plenty of free parking. The Berea Locker and Grocery was a member of the Kentucky Food Service Stores, Inc.

Sept. 25, 1975 Barker appointed

Garry Barker, director of the Kentucky Guild of Artists and Craftsmen, was named to the Advisory Board of the Na-

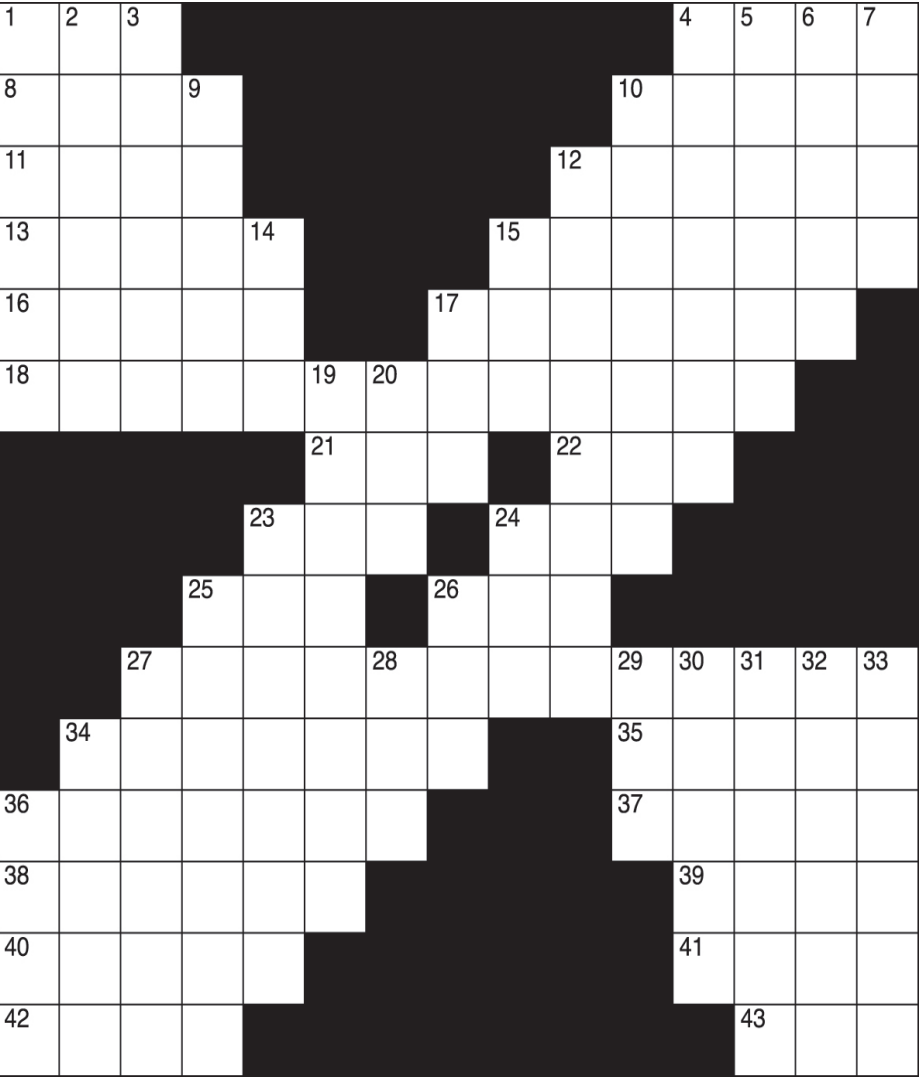
tional Association of Hand-crafters, Inc. According to Charles Burton, organization president, the Board consisted of selected craftsmen and craft leaders from across the United States. Barker had been the director of the Kentucky Guild since 1971, was a Berea College graduate and was the former director of the Highland Handicraft Guild in Ashville, North Carolina. In addition, he had worked briefly as manager of the Log House Sales Room and Boone Tavern Gift Shop.

Sept. 21, 2000 New parks director

Berea City Administrator Randy Stone recommend the hiring of Steve Bowlin at Tuesday evening’s Berea City Council Meeting. Stone referred to Bowling as a “local boy” having grown up in Berea. Bowling was employed by Louisville Parks and Recreation at the time of his hire. Mayor Clifford Kerby called Bowlin a “fine gentleman” and said Bowlin has mentioned several good ideas for the city.

Game Page

Crossword



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Gas usage measurement
- 4. Muslim mystic
- 8. Towards the mouth or oral region
- 10. Monday (Spanish)
- 11. Frame for a coffin
- 12. Rub out
- 13. John __, English educator 1467-1519
- 15. Small round particle
- 16. Chilean seaport
- 17. News service
- 18. Pay for dinner
- 21. Glamorous city
- 22. Subway rodent
- 23. “The Raven” author
- 24. Buddhist festival
- 25. Cost, insurance and freight (abbr.)
- 26. Indigenous person of Thailand
- 27. “The Blonde Bombshell”
- 34. Series-ending episodes
- 35. Bluish greens
- 36. Aquatic mammal
- 37. Unit of measure-

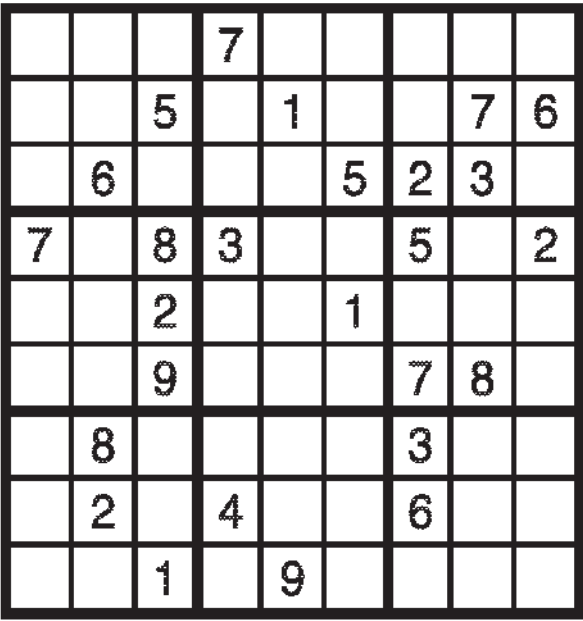
CLUES DOWN

- 1. Large hat covering
- 2. “From what is earlier” (Latin)
- 3. Celtic
- 4. Retirement region
- 5. A way to change posture
- 6. Touches
- 7. A small island
- 9. Rubbish
- 10. A citizen of Laos
- 12. A place to dance
- 14. 19th letter of Greek alphabet
- 15. Mild expression of surprise
- 17. 17th letter of Greek alphabet
- 19. Descriptions

- 20. Men’s fashion accessory
- 23. Thieves of the sea
- 24. Prohibit
- 25. Card game
- 26. French and Belgian river
- 27. Underling
- 28. Downwind
- 29. Type of medication
- 30. German city
- 31. Animal disease
- 32. Martini ingredients
- 33. Get away from
- 34. Stuffed (French)
- 36. Type of precipitation



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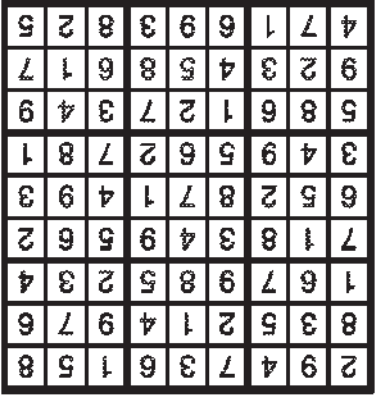


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ANSWER:



Solve the code to discover words related to friendship. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 5 = N)

- A. 10 14 18 23 17 5 13 14 5**
Clue: Person to spend time with
- B. 17 2 2 9 10 3 13 14 5**
Clue: Feeling of fondness
- C. 7 14 10 13 17 15**
Clue: With people
- D. 10 14 5 2 13 26 17 5 3 9**
Clue: Listens to secrets

Answers: A. companion B. affection C. social D. confidante

Fried chicken, veggies and rhubarb pie

I love the story about the Sunday school teacher who asked one of the little boys in her class of 6-year-olds if his family says a prayer before eating. “No ma’am,” he replied. “We don’t have to. My mom’s a good cook.”

I had a mom like that – one who made coming to the dinner table an absolute delight. She’s been in heaven for many years now, but the memories of her amazing meals remain vivid in my mind.

On Sunday afternoons, we’d come to a table covered with the most incredible southern foods. In the summertime, there’d be fresh corn from the garden, green beans, all the sliced, well-salted tomatoes you could eat, potato salad, perhaps fried okra, sliced cucumbers smothering in cold saltwater, cornbread and the centerpiece of the whole meal would be a plate stacked high with fried chicken fresh from the backyard.

Oh, and we’d follow that with

dessert, often made from whatever fruits were in season. In springtime, it would be rhubarb pie more than likely. Later, it would be apple pies, blackberry cobbles or peach cobbles. When fresh fruit wasn’t available, there’d be the most incredible cakes anyone could hope to taste.

Children certainly are blessed to belong to loving families who provide for their needs, whether wholesome meals or proper shelter or appropriate clothing. As I think back over my childhood, I, like so many of you, realize just how blessed I was to be part of such a family.

I’m also aware that we’re even more blessed to be a part of God’s family, for He loves us and has promised to supply all our needs according to his riches in glory (Philippians 4:19).



Roger Alford

We have a Heavenly Father who holds the entire world in His hands, who the Bible says owns the cattle on a thousand hills, who is the builder and maker of a city where even the pavement on the streets is purest gold. And that same Heavenly Father has promised to meet all our needs. How awesome is that?

The little boy in Sunday school was convinced his food was safe because his mom was a good cook. We can feel far more secure knowing we’re part of God’s family, and that, as the song says, we’re safe in his arms.

We might feel like we don’t have to pray over things because we have such a great Heavenly Father taking care of us. That’s why we should pray, to thank Him for all He has done for us and all that He provides to us.

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The gospel side of the Charlie Kirk memorial

By Chip Hutchinson
Kentucky Today

As I watched Sunday’s memorial service for Charlie Kirk, my immediate thoughts carried me to being thankful for the many strong gospel presentations, explaining in easily understood words, how a person can cross from death into life by trusting in Jesus Christ as Savior.

And then I began reading secular media reports and saw that those gospel messages were not conveyed. The stories focused on the political aspect but not the most important — the spiritual message. The message that Jesus Christ died for our sins, and that by repenting of those sins and turning to faith in Christ, a person’s eternal destiny will be in heaven.

Kirk’s pastor, Rob McCoy, said “Charlie was never afraid because he knew his hand was secure in the hand of God. Jesus left the glory of heaven’s throne for the humiliation of an earthly cross. He was fully tempted yet was without sin. His death upon the cross was sufficient for all the world’s sins. But only efficient for those who, like Charlie, would receive Him as their Savior. Jesus came to seek and to save that which is lost ... the Lord loves you, He wants to save you. He wants to give you a new life. He wants to cover the multitude of your sins by the blood He shed upon the



cross.”

McCoy followed with an invitation, asking all those in the massive stadium to stand if they wanted to receive Jesus as their Savior. “Put action to your faith, don’t be ashamed, stand.” And he followed with “Amen, amen” as many stood.

Dr. R. Albert Mohler, Jr., president of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, said on Monday’s podcast that “McCoy was clear not only is what the gospel is, but how persons can come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ as Savior ... Pastor McCoy called for a response. Speaker after speaker came back to the same story, to the claims of Christ, to the Christian faith that was the center of Charlie Kirk’s life.”

Mohler pointed out the one astounding factor about the memorial service of more than five hours was “how much of it was explicitly committed to Christian testimony, to the presentation of the gospel and the

invocation of the Christian faith and to specific doctrinal statements.”

Many have pointed out that the President Donald Trump, Vice President JD Vance and most of the cabinet attended the memorial at State Farm Stadium in Glendale, Ariz.

Kirk’s widow, Erika, was remarkable in sharing her forgiveness for the young man charged with Kirk’s murder.

“After Charlie’s assassination, we didn’t see violence, we didn’t see rioting, we didn’t see revolution, instead we saw revival, with some people opening a Bible for the first time in a decade,” she said. “We saw people pray for the first time since they were children, we saw people go to a church service for the first time in their entire lives.”

Vance talked about Kirk’s impact on his life. “I have talked more about Jesus Christ in the past two weeks than I have my entire time in public office,” he said.

Dr. Frank Turek, a Chris-

tian author and broadcaster known for programs such as “I Don’t Have Enough Faith To Be An Atheist,” stressed that Kirk is not in heaven because of his marriage or his work in politics. “Charlie Kirk is in heaven because His Savior sacrificed himself for Charlie Kirk.”

“Evil thought there would be a funeral today,” said podcaster Benny Johnson. “God created a revival.”

The stadium was filled to a maximum capacity of 73,000. Thousands more mourners gathered in an overflow venue and stood outside.

Secretary of State Marco Rubio honored Kirk by citing the gospel message of the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Dr. Ben Carson pointed out that Kirk died at 12:24 (on Sept. 10). Then he read John 12:24: “Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.”

Jim Denison of the Denison Forum opined, “The

multitudes who heard the gospel as they watched the service are just some of the ‘fruit’ God has produced from Charlie’s death. As are the multitudes that have come to faith and come back to faith in response to his passing.”

Denison continued, “During yesterday’s service, it was truly astounding to watch public figures, one after the other, explain how to know Jesus and call America to a gospel of forgiveness and grace. Apart from Charlie Kirk’s death, I cannot imagine another platform by which this message could have been shared so effectively with so many.

“Would you agree that our divided nation desperately needs healing and reconciliation? Would you agree that we therefore need the revival that yesterday’s service was intended to advance? Could God be redeeming Charlie Kirk’s horrible death by using it as a harbinger of such a movement?”

“The answer lies with us. Will we pray earnestly for spiritual awakening to transform our country? Then will we help answer our prayers by sharing Christ with everyone we can and forgiving everyone who opposes our faith?”

“When asked how he most wanted to be remembered, Charlie Kirk replied, ‘I want to be remembered for courage for my faith. That would be the most important thing. The most important thing is my faith.’”

‘Old Town Fall Festival’ set for Oct. 18

Old Town Berea invites the community to celebrate the season at the first Old Town Fall Festival: Glass Pumpkin Patch, Craft and Community Fun on Saturday, Oct. 18 in the heart of the Artisan Village.

The new tradition

PLANNING

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know things will be backed up on the interstate,” Taylor said. “If you [the state and county] had planned it out, it wouldn’t be such a nightmare for our community, and I think that’s what’s missing. There need to be planning meetings three months prior or whatever the time-frame is...so that we’re all rowing in the same [direction].”

Magistrates agreed, chiming in about the traffic congestion problems in their respective districts.

Magistrate Stephen Lochmueller noted, for example, that because of I-75 construction, traffic on Wilderness Road has been very congested, especially when parents are taking their children to school in the morning.

With that in mind, Lochmueller said he agrees that more engagement with state legislators and transportation officials might help in the future.

“I’ve never had so many calls as I have on that situation out there,” Lochmueller said, later remarking to Taylor: “I think you’re right and we need to take that on.”

Magistrate Tom Botkin lamented the fact that work on U.S. 25 from Richmond Road to Duncannon Lane probably won’t solve the congestion problems on that road, given the growth in the county. He suggested that unless U.S. 25 had four lanes all the way to Berea, the current construction project on Richmond/Berea Road won’t solve the traffic problems.

“All it is is a big, serious waste of money,” Botkin said.

County Clerk Kenny Barger contributed to the discussion as well, referencing his experience in trying to get the state to get current with technology when it comes to licensing. Barger was critical for example, of the very short temporary on-ramps to I-75 in Richmond, in which motorists had to come to a complete stop, then hurry onto the onramp. That is an instance, Barger said, when county/state cooperation and planning could have made the situation safer.

“I do know that when you make a merge lane to get on an interstate highway that’s 20-feet long, you’ve created a deadly situation, and if you tell me that’s the only way you can do it, then don’t do it,” Barger said. “Let’s stop and figure it out until we can do something else.”

Officials vowed to try to be more proactive next time there are major road projects planned.

brings together local makers, demonstrations, food, and music for a day filled with creativity and community spirit. At the center of the festival is Fire & Fern Glass Studio’s Glass Pumpkin Patch, featuring handblown pumpkins, gourds, acorns, and seasonal treasures — available first-come, first-served. Because this is Berea — Where Art’s Alive — visitors

can explore a variety of artist demonstrations, including live pottery, glassblowing, needle felting, painting, along with other creative showcases. Community causes are also central to the festival, with opportunities to support the Rotary Rummage Sale and the Madison County Pet Adoption Fair.

In addition, the Berea Urban Farm will offer free pumpkin seed

packets, how-to growing guides, gardening resources, pumpkins for sale, and more. Local food and drink will be available throughout the day. During the day, Becky’s Breads will feature pumpkin lattes, craft soda, sandwiches, and macarons. In the evening, Peg & Awl will provide festive bites at the Pumpkin Glow event, and visitors can drop in Apollo’s Pizza for

a seasonal brew or cider. As the sun sets, evening festivities will come alive with a Pumpkin Glow display and contest, live music, kids’ games and activities, costumes, and more. The Kentucky Guild of Artists and Craftsmen, one of Kentucky’s premier arts organizations, will also host a special evening exhibit, adding to the creative energy of the celebration. The Old

Town Fall Festival is a community celebration presented by Fire & Fern Glass Studio, Top Drawer Gallery, Maddox Made, Berea Rotary, and the Kentucky Guild of Artists and Craftsmen. Schedule of demonstrations, pumpkin glow contest details, and map of activities will be available at FireandFernGlass.com.

(Submitted)

Ice cream, please



Berea Rotary Club members examine the new ice cream machine as Doug Fritz explains its potential for fund raising events. The club meets at Stream Go Media in Old Town the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at noon.

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Botkin thanked Bechtel Parsons for the job they did.

Magistrate Brian Combs said the county is fortunate that CSEPP’s emergency preparedness program taught law enforcement and first responder agencies in Berea, Richmond and Madison County to work together. He said he expects that benefit to continue into the future.

“We’ve been waiting for this for a long time, we’ve been preparing for this for a long time, and I think that what CSEPP has done is taught us preparedness,” said Combs. “We have a level of preparedness now that will probably surpass the need.”

On a related note, the court also adopted a resolution to update the agreement for Madison County, Richmond and Berea to have joint 911 dispatch and emergency communications through the Madison County Emergency Communications Center.

Other related resolutions adopted Tuesday concerning the end of CSEPP funding included the awarding of a

public safety radio system maintenance agreement with AMK Services, and an extension of CSEPP grant funding through the Kentucky Emergency Management Agency for any final costs associated with the close-out of CSEPP activities. That memorandum of agreement is expected to continue until the end of the year.

In one final remark, Magistrate Stephen Lochmueller noted the county has been working toward the end of CSEPP funding for several years, contrary to some assertions on social media that the county was unprepared for the transition.

The court also adopted a resolution awarding a bid for computing hardware and software maintenance for approximately \$92,000. The agreement provides equipment enabling the county to provide data storage services through the Kentucky County Governments Cloud, in which Madison County is paid by other local governments for data management. According to county technology and information officer Chris Iseral, Madison County recently began providing services to the

city of Mt. Vernon. The bid was awarded to 13 Layers Managed Security Services. Lochmueller praised the move as an instance in which Madison County capitalized on its current CSEPP resources to innovate and secure a new revenue stream for the county.

In other business, the fiscal court heard a report from Benjamin U’Sellis of Spectrum’s government affairs office regarding efforts to expand broadband internet service to underserved areas of Madison County. U’Sellis said the project is approximately 70 percent done, and will enable 5,100 county residents to access broadband internet service if they want it. That will allow them to have faster speed internet, mobile, and other services. He said the company is making good progress in obtaining permits to access utility poles throughout the county.

Also Tuesday:

- Teresa Covington of the County Clerk’s Office was featured in the Employee Spotlight segment of the meeting. Covington was praised by officials for her many contributions to her department as well as her

willingness to go out of her way to help elected officials, co-workers, and the public.

- Jennifer Whitt of Hope’s Wings was on hand to accept a proclamation designating October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The measure is a joint proclamation of the Madison County Fiscal Court, the Berea City Council, and the Richmond City Commission.

- The court unanimously adopted a resolution to apply for a federal Community Development Block Grant for the Kirksville Volunteer Fire Department station.

- The appointment of Jason Mays was unanimously approved to serve on the Madison County Board of Adjustments.

- The court approved bids for Crutcher Pike Bridge for decking and concrete. Two companies were awarded the bids for a total cost of approximately \$25,000.

- Colleen Chaney and Dr. Tim Ross were unanimously endorsed for four-year appointments on the Madison County Airport Board.

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The next Madison County Fiscal Court meeting is slated for Oct. 14.

BOX

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“We have seen time and time again that preparation can save and change lives,” she said. “We never know when or where we will be needed, so it is crucial to have options for mothers in crisis. I am grateful for local advocates who take our mission to their community.”

The newest addition in Berea will offer a secure and compassionate option for parents in crisis to ensure that every infant has a chance for a safe and loving future.

Affirm Women’s Health and the City of Berea combined efforts to bring the Safe Haven Baby Box to a Berea location. A box was dedicated and placed at Fire Station No. 1 on North Madison Avenue in Richmond last August.

After placing the baby in the climate-controlled, electronically monitored box and closing the door, the parent is free to leave as the box automatically locks and triggers a series of silent alarms. An individual with emergency medical training is then able to respond within minutes and take custody of the infant for ongoing care.

“This box offers no shame,

no blame and no names,” Kelsey said.

According to the organization 69 infants have been safely and legally surrendered in a Baby Box in the past eight years. The National Safe Haven Crisis Line has assisted with over 170 handoff surrenders. Each year, the numbers increase with more baby boxes available across the country. Surrendered infants are adopted by families who have registered as foster-to-adopt. The Local Department of Family Services coordinates the adoption process.

“We see young women who are often facing very difficult life circumstances as they try

to make those decisions, and the Safe Haven Baby Box provides a life affirming option for them to not only choose life but choose a better life than the life they are currently able to provide, for whatever that reason might be,” said Affirm Women’s Health Executive Director Sarah Roof.

Guest speakers will include Roof, Berea Mayor Bruce Fraley, District 27 State Representative Nancy Tate and Church on the Rock Pastor Mark Sarver.

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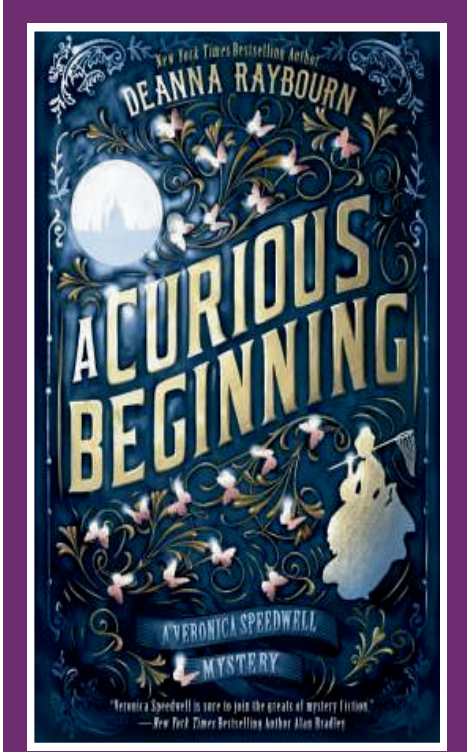


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Creative Studio, Berea
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Fireplace, Berea
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- Interwoven:**
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1-3 PM, Saturday, October 4
5:30-7:30 PM
Wednesday, October 8
Creative Studio, Berea
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11 AM-12 PM, Monday, October 13
- 5-6 PM, Monday, October 27**
- Classically Read Book Club Presents: Movie Night**
6-7:30 PM, Tuesday, October 7
Watching: All The Pretty Horses (PG-13, 1 h 57 m)
- 6-8 PM, Tuesday, October 28**
Watching: Salem's Lot (R, 1 h 53 m)
Community Room, Berea
- Financial Coaching One-on-One***
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3-5 PM, Thursday, October 16
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1:30-3 PM, Saturday, October 18
Community Room, Berea
- Twihard Trivia**
6-7 PM, Monday, October 20
Just Love Coffee, Berea

October Book Clubs:

- Booktrovert**
6-7:30 PM, Wednesday, October 1
Russel Acton Folk Center, Berea
Try out our brand new Silent Book Club!
- Bookish Brunch Book Club**
11 AM-12 PM, Tuesday, October 7
Meeting Room, Berea
Discussing: Starling House by Alix E. Harrow
- Just Love Book Club**
6-7 PM, Monday, October 6
Just Love Coffee, Berea
Discussing: Midnight Sun by Stephanie Meyer
- Pick of the Month Book Club**
6-7 PM, Tuesday, October 21
Community Room, Berea
Discussing: The Invisible Life of Addie Larue by V.E. Schwab
- Classically Read Book Club**
7-8 PM, Tuesday, October 21
Community Room, Berea
Discussing: Salem's Lot by Stephen King
- Booktok Made Me Read It**
11 AM-12 PM, Saturday, October 25
Meeting Room, Berea
Discussing: Twilight by Stephanie Meyer
- Munchy Monday Cookbook Club***
*Registration required
6-7 PM, Monday, October 27
Russel Acton Folk Center, Berea
See online calendar for details

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!
- LEGO Club+**
4-5 PM, Thursdays
Community Room, Berea
- Magic and Molars**
1-2 PM, Saturday, October 4
Fireplace, Berea
Learn the importance of dental hygiene through play!
- Movie @ the Park: Hocus Pocus**
(PG-13, 1 hr 36 m)
6-10 PM, Friday, October 4
Jefferson Memorial Park, Berea
- Hora del Cuento - Spanish Story Time**
10-11 AM, Saturday, October 11
Community Room, Berea
- Mug Cakes**
6-7 PM, Tuesday, October 21
Russel Acton Folk Center, Berea
- Early Learning Activities**
10-11 AM, Friday, October 24
Community Room, Berea
Monthly activities for young children and their caregivers.

- Crafternoon**
4-5 PM, Mondays
Community Room, Berea
- Vincent Van Ghost Painting**
Monday, October 6
Add a ghostly look to Vincent Van Gogh's famous Starry Night!
- Pumpkin Bank Ceramics**
Monday, October 13
Get in the spooky spirit and paint a ceramic pumpkin bank.
- Tree Books**
Monday, October 20
Create a tree-shaped book that showcase all the seasons in celebration of Tree Week!
- Mini Clay Creature**
Monday, October 27
Sculpt a ghost, pumpkin, bat, or a spooky creature of your own creation out of air-dry clay.

Teens

- Teen Café**
3:30-5 PM, Fridays
Community Room, Berea
- Teen Scene: Pretty Little Ghosties**
4-5 PM, Wednesday, October 1
Community Room, Berea
- Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**
5-6 PM, Wednesday, October 1
Community Room, Berea
- Movie @ the Park: Hocus Pocus**
(PG-13, 1 hr 36 m)
6-10 PM, Friday, October 4
Jefferson Memorial Park, Berea
- Teen Cuisine: Mini Monster Pizzas**
4-5 PM, Wednesday, October 8
Community Room, Berea
- Financial Coaching One-on-One***
*Registration required
9 AM-1 PM, Thursday, October 9
2-6 PM, Thursday, October 23
Meeting Room, Berea
- Teen D&D Open Table***
*Registration required
2-4 PM, Saturday, October 11
Meeting Room, Berea
- Pick Your Own Book Club: Horror**
4-5 PM, Wednesday, October 15
Community Room, Berea
Pick your own book in the horror genre and tell us all about it!
- Berea Writers Circle**
1:30-3 PM, Saturday, October 18
Meeting Room, Berea
- Twihard Trivia**
6-7 PM, Monday, October 20
Just Love Coffee, Berea
Are you the ultimate Twilight fan? Put your knowledge to the test!
- TAG Presents: Witches Broom Making**
4-5 PM, Wednesday, October 22
Community Room, Berea
- Teen Scene: Spook Sunnies**
4-5 PM, Wednesday, October 29
Community Room, Berea

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