

Citizen removed from council meeting

Public comments speaker asked to leave after failing to comply with meeting guidelines

City Council

By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

A local resident was removed from a Berea City Council meeting Tuesday after city officials said she failed to comply with legal guidelines for public comments. During the public comments segment, Lisa Abbott began criticizing the government for failing to

provide for financially disadvantaged citizens who depend on food stamp and SNAP benefits, obliquely blaming the Trump administration for the federal government shutdown. As has been his practice, Mayor Bruce Fraley opened the segment by reminding speakers that their comments, according to a city municipal order, should be confined

to city business or city services. Abbott appeared to disregard those instructions, however, and about a minute into her statement, Fraley tried to get her attention. “Ma’am, if you don’t mind, I’m going to rule the comments out of order because this is supposed to be related to the business conducted by the City of Berea,” Fraley said.

Abbott ignored the mayor’s comment and continued talking, at which point Fraley again tried to get her attention. “Ma’am, with all due respect, comments are out of order,” Fraley stated. Abbott did not respond to Fraley and continued her prepared

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State of the County

Taylor appeals for unity

By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

Madison County Judge Executive Reagan Taylor appealed for unity and community engagement during his recent State of the County address. At a presentation last week at ECU’s Perkins Building, Taylor touched on a number of issues affecting the county’s future, including economic growth, governmental innovation, as well as his appeal to citizens to directly engage in their government instead of depending on the internet rumor mill. “There is a lot of skepticism out there about government. But, here in Madison County, we don’t just talk—we act – even when the loud minority may not agree,” Taylor said. “Every action we take is in service



Reagan Taylor

of the majority of people who live and work here. This is where my annual challenge comes. I’d ask you to be engaged and not be part of the silent majority. All too often, your public servants only hear or see the minority ... we need you to speak up... we need you as leaders to show up.” Taylor and the Fiscal Court have been sharply criticized on social media as it relates to county development and the implementation of fees to fund 911 dispatch. Taylor urged citizens to check with government officials first before believing online rumors. “My challenge to every community leader, every partner, and every citizen is simple: don’t speculate — participate. If you have a question, call us. If you want to understand a decision, ask. That’s the kind of engagement that builds trust and keeps us moving forward together.

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‘I love what I do’



Berea Mayor Bruce Fraley delivers his State of the City address Monday at the Berea Gallery and Events Center. The luncheon was sponsored by the Berea Chamber of Commerce. (The Citizen/Keith Taylor)

Mayor announces re-election bid in State of City address

By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

Berea Mayor Bruce Fraley used the occasion of the annual State of the City address to outline the city’s future course. At the conclusion, Fraley also stated his intention to run for re-election in 2026. The event was held Monday at the Berea Gallery and Events Center, and was sponsored by the Berea Chamber of Commerce.

“I love what I do, and I’ve

enjoyed every minute of being mayor for seven plus years. I do plan to run for another term as your mayor and I look forward to hopefully serving you for the end of this term, then another four years,” Fraley said. Fraley spent most of his address highlighting the accomplishments of his department heads, who reached a number of goals relating to economic development, tourism, government

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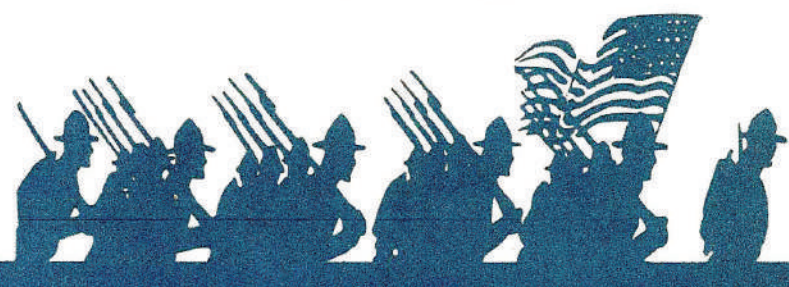
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Council calls special meeting to discuss water meter fee

By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

A special called meeting of the Berea City Council is planned for November 12 at 6 p.m. to discuss the proposed water meter fee to fund 911 dispatch services. The issue was discussed Tuesday at the Berea City Council’s regular business meeting after officials heard the first reading of a measure that would impose a monthly fee on water meters in city limits. Officials say the fee is needed now that federal funding from the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP) ended this year. That funding is essential for 911 dispatch services. With the conclusion of CSEPP funding, the Berea

City Council, Richmond City Commission, and the Madison County Fiscal Court will have to come up with \$4.2 million in operating costs for 911 operations. The City of Richmond is responsible for paying \$2.4 million of 911 operating costs. Madison County is next, fielding 24 percent of the calls, in which case they would pay over \$1 million annually. Berea fields approximately 20 percent of 911 calls, for an estimated operating cost of \$873,120. The proposed fee would be imposed according to three categories, Sandlin said: Non-commercial, small commercial, and industrial/large commercial. Non-commercial would include residential and non-profit properties that are

not required to pay Kentucky sales tax. The fee imposed on those properties would be \$3.50 per month, or \$42 per year. The small commercial category would include businesses that are required to pay Kentucky sales tax, but which are serviced by a water line that is less than or equal to one inch in size. Their fee would be \$42 monthly, or \$500 annually. Under the industrial/large commercial category, the fee would be \$125 monthly, and \$1,500 annually for entities that are served by a water line greater than one inch in size. Rather than saddle city residents, businesses and industries with the entire cost, the city will pay between \$75,000 and \$100,000 annually out of the general fund, officials

said. Included in the proposed ordinance is a provision in which the fees would increase automatically with the cost of living. However, Berea City Councilman Steve Caudill noted that the council has the power to rescind that increase, and will revisit the fee as part of its yearly budget process. In other business, Berea City Councilman Jerry Little addressed the council on tourism, reminding officials that tourism has used the restaurant tax to invest in many public facilities around the city, including the shared use paths, Berea Gallery and Events Center, the Silver Creek Bike Park, pickleball courts and other facilities. Little also pitched his idea for a collaborative effort with the

college to build a new park across from the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea. Berea Parks and Recreation Director Priscilla Bloom requested a budget amendment for three shade structures in the park, raising the line item \$7,000 to \$57,000. Her request was unanimously approved. Berea Police Chief Jason Hays requested a line item amendment as well, asking for \$20,000 for vehicle repairs. Hays noted three vehicles were in need of repair following collisions, and that the department needs them to accommodate new incoming officers. His request was approved unanimously.

The next Berea City Council meeting is slated for Nov. 18.

FRALEY

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efficiency, public safety and fiscal policy. In the field of public recreation, Fraley said the city tackled projects such as the \$2.3 million repair of the Berea City Pool, a facility over 30 years old that was on the verge of posing a safety hazard. Other accomplishments noted included securing state grants for the new restrooms and concession stand next to Duerson Stadium, as well as the completion of the Ellipse Street shared use path, which will give the city 11 contiguous miles of city trails. Other projects that related to both public safety and rec-

reation include the Scaffold Cane Shared Use Path, which will stretch from Logston Lane to the Berea College Alumni Center. “That needed to be done when we were kids – 50 or 60 years ago,” Fraley said. Like the Scaffold Cane Shared Use Path and the new trailhead restrooms, the city managed to secure state funds for the Kenway extension, which Fraley said will open the Dixie Park and Roselawn neighborhoods to U.S. 25. The neighborhoods have long been served by only one entrance. Fraley described developments in economic development, an area he has been focused on to bring jobs to the city of Berea. He touched on the Central Kentucky Business Park Authority, a joint venture with

the Madison County Fiscal Court, Scott County, and Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government. The first venture of the group may be located in the Berea Industrial Park, and it has been conservatively estimated that it will create at least 700 jobs, Fraley stated. If the deal does come together, the governments will share the proceeds from occupational license fees and net profits tax. Addressing commercial development, Fraley praised Business Development Director Donna Angel after the city recently welcomed a number of new businesses, including Lumber King, Koi Express restaurant, Starbucks, and Auto Zone. In the field of tourism, Fraley said he expects the city to continue its policy of trying to

develop city facilities that can be enjoyed by local residents, but which can also serve as a draw for tourists. That policy applies to the shared use paths, trails and parks, but also to city facilities, such as the Chestnut Street Pavillion, Berea Gallery and Events Center, Silver Creek Bike Park, and the soon-to-be completed pickleball courts, located behind the Intergenerational Center in the park annex. One point that Fraley emphasized in his address was the need for the city to continue engaging state and federal officials, and to cooperate with other local governments in central Kentucky. Through those interactions, the city has managed to secure funding for a number of municipal improvements to

enhance the quality of life for citizens, he said. “The days when you could operate in isolation are over. The world is getting smaller everyday, and it’s important just to help each other and collaborate for the greater good – not just the people who live in one particular jurisdiction. Especially in Madison County, we need to be working together,” Fraley said. Fraley further noted that relations with both Madison County and City of Richmond have never been better – a trend he hopes to continue in his next term. “I’m proud of where we are, and I hear all the time that collaboration and relationship is better than it has ever been, and I look forward to being able to build on that,” Fraley said.



Lisa Abbott speaks during a city council meeting as Berea Police Chief Jason Hays looks on Tuesday at the Berea City Annex. (Screenshot photo)

COUNCIL

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remarks, at which point, Fraley asked Berea Police Chief Jason Hays to remove Abbott from the council chamber. When she was asked by Hays to leave the chamber, Abbott ignored him as well and continued speaking, continuing her criticism of the government shutdown. Fraley called for a five minute recess and Abbott was removed from the meeting. When the meeting resumed, Fraley explained that the municipal order relating to public comments explicitly states that comments are to be related to city business or services. He further noted that had Abbott listened him, he would have explained that her next option would be to submit written comments to the Berea City Council, at which point council members could then decide if council action was needed. Abbott also had the option to ask to be placed on the agenda to address the council. “My apologies that that happened, on my behalf and on behalf of the speaker. But what I have been charged with by all of you is to maintain order in our council meetings. We will have professional and respectful comments that will follow the rules,” Fraley said, later stating: “National level policy is not really related to anything that’s run by the City of Berea. The food stamp program and Medicaid program are run by the federal government and the states, and not by the city,” Fraley explained. Laura Manges was the next citizen to address the council, asking if the city supports the Berea Food Bank. Fraley acknowledged the city does support the food bank, and he further noted Manges’ question was within the purview of public comments because it directly relates to city services. Councilmembers appeared to agree with Fraley’s point concerning the

conduct of the meeting, though they expressed empathy for Abbott’s concerns. Councilman Steve Davis asked people to put politics aside and help if they know of people in need, whether it is providing a meal or donating to the local food bank. Councilmember Katie Startzman, meanwhile, acknowledged that there are appropriate forums to address issues like health care and food stamp benefits. But she also expressed hope that the council would be prepared to address such issues if citizens were in dire need. “I do empathize with some of the messages that have been coming to council, and we shouldn’t be intentionally blind to what is going on in our community and the people that are being impacted,” said Startzman. Councilmember Teresa Scenters said that while she appreciates citizens who feel passionately about politics, the council’s job is to focus on city policy. “It is not in our purview to fund healthcare or to fund SNAP....We can not be all things to all people. But we do live in a community that is very compassionate, and it gets more polarized every day. But until we can start talking to each other and find some way to overcome this my-way-or-the-highway [attitude], we’re always going to have these situations. People are very passionate about saying whatever side they’re on politically, but we’re here to do the peoples’ business,” Scenters said. Steve Caudill recalled the council revised the public comments segment after citizens, who were on the opposite side of the political spectrum, used the forum to attack public officials. Caudill said it is the city’s job to be consistent when it comes to allowing public comments. “You can’t pick and choose. If it’s any way outside of the rules that have been set forth in that document [municipal order], then you have to end the public comment,” Caudill said.

OBITUARIES

Jacqueline Combs Lake



Jacqueline Combs Lake, affectionately known as Jackie to her friends and family, passed away on October 28, 2025, at the age of 83. Born on Jan. 24, 1942, in Hazard. Jackie was a beacon of light and love to all who knew her. She passed away at Baptist Health in Richmond due to complications after a fall. Jackie was preceded in death by her beloved parents, George Washington and Emily Jane Sumner Combs; her husband, Wendell Lake; her siblings, Thelma Combs, George Combs, Judy Combs, Donald Lee Combs, John Combs, Charles Combs, and Betty Jones; and her stepdaughter-in-law, Carey Lake, and stepson-in-law, Keith Lucas. Her memory will be cherished and kept alive by her son, Jeff Johnson; stepchildren, Kirk Lake and Lisa Lucas; grandchildren, Taylor (Nate) Helsley, and Cameron (Cassie) Johnson; step-grandchildren, Amanda

Miller, and Christina Young; great-grandchildren, Joel Jeffrey Johnson, Leighton Helsley, and one yet to be born; and step-great-grandchildren, Kember Tims, Keith Miller, and Connor Miller. Jackie also leaves behind numerous nieces and nephews, each of whom held a special place in her heart. Jackie’s passion for education was evident in her long and fulfilling career as a teacher at Silver Creek Elementary. She was a proud alumna of Eastern Kentucky University, where she earned her bachelor’s degree in education. Her dedication to her students and her belief in the power of learning shaped countless lives over the years. A devout member of Wallacetown Baptist Church, Jackie’s faith was a cornerstone of her life. Her involvement in the church brought her much joy and provided a source of strength and inspiration for many. Funeral services were, Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2025, at Lakes Funeral Home with Bro. Tim Pack and Mayor Bruce Fraley are officiated. Burial followed in the Berea Cemetery.

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A different kind of media moment

On my left was my wife, Rhonda, and Larry Vaught was to my right.

I'm used to seeing Vaught, a veteran on the University of Kentucky beat, at press conferences, but this time I took Rhonda to work with me as part of the first VIP Media Member Family Day at Rupp Arena last Wednesday.



Keith Taylor

Media members were invited to bring a family member to Kentucky coach Mark Pope's pre-game press conference and a 90-minute open practice session, providing an insight into a typical day at the office for media members who follow the team regularly.

Unlike some in the coaching profession, Pope appreciates those of us who work in the media and cover the Wildcats. On the back of the media credential signed by Pope given to those in attendance, he wrote, "Thank you for your continued support and coverage of the men's basketball program. I truly believe in the power of storytelling and its importance



for the Big Blue Nation to feel connected to their team."

Personally, that means a lot, especially considering I've been on the beat for three decades and counting. I shared Pope's and the team's story when he played and now as the coach of the Wildcats.

"I have a good sense of, if there's anything I have a sense of, it's the sacrifices that everybody in this sport makes to do (this job) and have the blessing of doing what we do, and especially the sacrifices our families make," he said. "I know what it's like to be gone from my family multiple or all the nights of the week."

The press conference featured a different format than

what we're used to. Families of media members were allowed to ask questions during the 30-minute media opportunity. Some of the questions were basketball-related, while others were about life away from the court. Rhonda asked Pope how much he relied on his wife, Lee Anne Pope for advice.

"I rely on her so much," he said. "We're all blessed to have just a couple of people in our circle that tell us the truth all the time, no matter how painful it might be, and Lee is an incredible, incredible advisor, and she's an unbelievable sounding board. She also brings a perspective to my life that's incredible.

She is also the best person I know about teaching me how to love people, share with people and take care of people, and that's the most important part of this job. She develops incredible relationships with these players and with their families, and so the communication lines are really important. And she has a high, high X and O acumen, where she crushes me a lot."

Following the press conference, media members and their families watched practice, which included a 5-on-5 session. Rhonda was impressed with how the coaches and players were in tune with each other and Pope's staff used crowd noise over the loudspeakers to help emulate the game-day experience.

At the end of the practice, four media members, older and young alike, took part in free-throw drills to determine if the team needed to run wind sprints before leaving the court. Following the session, the players shook hands with the media and the families in the stands, and some posed for photographs and autographs.

In typical Pope fashion, the

Kentucky coach stayed and posed for photographs to wind down the event, and Rhonda and I had a brief conversation and posed for a photo with Pope.

"I think the best part about being the basketball coach here at Kentucky is the fact that we all do this together," Pope said. "The good days, the bad days, the times where I'm good and the times where I stink. As a head coach, we all get to do it together. It's pretty great."

As I have written several times in the past, Pope gets it when it comes to coaching at Kentucky and appreciates the fan base, the expectations of coaching the Wildcats, the assignment, and the media.

"I know I only get to be the head coach at the University of Kentucky for a while," he said. "I am not leaving anything on the table here, like we all get a chance to serve in different capacities throughout our lives, and we only get those only little windows where we get to do it."

Pope is living in the moment, while creating memories. Media member family day was indeed memorable for Rhonda and me.



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SNAP benefits & EBT cards

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP") is a government program that helps low-income individuals and families buy the food they need. Here are some key things to know about SNAP.



Glenn Mollette

SNAP is administered by the US Department of Agriculture and is available in all states. The program helps people with limited incomes buy food and maintain good nutrition. Eligibility is based on income and family size. Benefits are loaded onto an Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card each month. The card can be used to buy food at authorized stores, farmers markets, and online retailers.

As of this month, about

41.2 million Americans are receiving SNAP benefits each month, which is roughly 12.3% of the U.S. population.

To qualify for SNAP, your income must be below a certain amount. The income limits are based on the size of your household. Here are the limits for 2026:

1 person: \$1,305/month, 2 people: \$1,763/month, 3 people: \$2,221/month, 4 people: \$2,680/month, 5 people: \$3,130/month, 6 people: \$3,596/month, 7 people: \$4,055/month, 8 people: \$4,513/month.

Keep in mind that these limits may be higher if someone in your household is 60 or older, or has

a disability.

SNAP recipients can buy a wide variety of food items, including:

- Fresh produce
- Meat, poultry, fish, seafood
- Dairy products
- Breads and grains
- Pantry items
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- Seeds and plants to grow your own food

Recipients can also buy prepared meals from certain retailers in some states.

California has the most SNAP recipients, with about 5,496,920 people receiving benefits. Wyoming has the least, with

about 5.0% of its population participating in SNAP, or 11,890 people.

Many people who receive SNAP benefits also qualify for other programs, including:

- Medicaid or CHIP
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- Low-cost phone or internet service
- Housing assistance
- Energy assistance
- Veterans' benefits

Some states also offer additional benefits, such as:

- Summer EBT programs for children
- SNAP match programs at farmers' markets

- Discounts on museum or zoo visits

The government shutdown is affecting SNAP recipients in several ways.

November SNAP benefits will be delayed due to the shutdown, but a court has ruled they must be paid.

Some states are providing emergency funds to help with the delay.

SNAP recipients can still use their EBT cards and apply for benefits during the shutdown.

Food banks are preparing for an increase in demand.

Some businesses are offering discounted meals and other resources to help.

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- William Somersall, 28: disregarding traffic control device – traffic light; failure to wear seat belts; operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st
- Edgar Flores, 20: failure to wear seat belts; one headlight; no operator’s – moped license; failure to produce insurance card; no registration plates; possession of open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle; possession of marijuana; drug paraphernalia – buy / possess; operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol / substance(s) – 1st
- Mariah Felix, 26: speeding, 26 mph over limit; operating motor vehicle under

- the influence of alcohol .08 -1st (aggravated circumstances)
- Abiona Grady, 18: alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses)
- Alicia Daltob, 33: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st
- Thomas Brosius, 42: contempt of court, libel / slander, resistance to order; failure to appear
- Mycal McDonald, 24: strangulation, 1st degree domestic violence related; assault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor injury
- Felisha Reynolds, 39: failure to or improper signal; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); prescription controlled substance not properly contained – 1st offense

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- Michael Sanchez, 34: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (opiates); possession of a controlled substance, 2nd degree – drug unspecified
- Charles Ingram, 22: assault, 4th degree, minor injury; disorderly conduct, 2nd degree; criminal mischief, 1st degree
- Charles Ingram, 47: assault, 4th degree, minor injury; disorderly conduct, 2nd degree; criminal mischief, 1st degree
- Tracy Parson, 41: strangulation, 1st degree
- Hayden Burns, 25: alcohol intoxication in a public

- place (1st and 2nd offenses)
- Brooklyn Fox, 35: disregarding a traffic control device – traffic light; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st
- Timothy Harold, 27: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st
- Shelton King, 31: disregarding traffic control device – traffic light; resisting arrest; fleeing or evading police, 2nd degree (on foot); possession of a handgun by a convicted felon; receiving stolen property (firearm); failure to wear seat belts; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol / substance(s) – 2nd
- Danny Thomas, 49: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol / substance(s) – 1st; possession of an open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle; possession of marijuana

Oct. 27

- Ceira Robbins, 19: leaving the scene of an accident – failure to render aid or assistance; no operator’s -moped license
- Jerome Angel, 56: failure to wear seat belts; failure to produce insurance card; driving on DUI suspended license – 1st offense; operating motor vehicle / motorcycle without ignition interlock device; possession of marijuana
- Jerrod Mikel, 40: state community center prisoner hold
- Tristan Bryant, 39: parole violation (for technical violation)
- Jessica Shown, 31: fail-

- ure to appear (2 counts)
- James Colbert, 32: violation of a Kentucky EPO / DVO

Oct. 28

- Keeley Lakes, 29: burglary, 1st degree
- Alexus Little, 26: trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (greater than or equal to 2 grams methamphetamine)
- Brad Riddell, 34: burglary, 3rd degree; disorderly conduct, 2nd degree
- David Short, 23: assault, 4th degree domestic violence, no visible injury
- Elizabeth Fox, 48: hold for court
- Ricky Gibbs, 60: failure to appear
- Adam Scott, 50: failure to appear
- Ryan Jones, 33: probation violation (for felony offense)
- Oct. 29
- Dan Crook, 75: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st (aggravated circumstances)
- Bridgett Hillard, 44: failure to appear; bail jumping, 1st degree
- Brian Johnson, 39: theft by unlawful taking or disposition – shoplifting (2 counts); theft by unlawful taking or disposition, automobile, \$10,000 but less than \$100,000; theft by unlawful taking or disposition – shoplifting \$1,000 but less than \$10,000 (2 counts); flagrant non-support
- Sean Gillespie, 46: fugitive from another state – warrant required

MARRIAGES

Oct. 24

- Lara Catherine Armstrong to Michael Robert Grubb
- Kayla Rachelle Howard to Lukas Wayne Owens
- Kayla Sierra Jordan to James Roger Francisco
- Lucy Averitt Kirk to Mihcael David Miracle
- Owen Trent Lanham to Isabella Rose Cheser
- Josie Lynn Lehman to Trenton Alexander Knuckles
- Georgia Leigh Means to Anthony Scott Miller

Oct. 27

- Summer Lynn Benton to Silas Gene Emmitt
- Marisa Faith Boyd to Milam Wesley Douglas
- Ashley Danielle Harrison to Charles Brian May
- Christopher Wayne Harrison to Madison Nicole Ballard
- Courtney Colene Mullins to Jaren Noah Scott Floyd
- Angel Dawn Stout to Kenneth James Korb
- Katherine Reagan Taylor to Matthew Logan Bryan
- Jillian Paige Whitt to Daniel Douglas Wickert
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- Heather Jo Story to Donald Stephen Simpson

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- Jaiden McKincee Me’ Kailynn Brown to Shakur Davion Wortham
- Josph Donald Lovell to Syndey Paige Larue
- Haleigh Kathleen Sears to Andrew Thomad Allen
- Emily Brooke Shearer to Blake Alexander Masters Sharon
- Jasmine Lynn Standifur to Ethaniel Cordell Lathery
- Sydney Daniella Turner to Danny James Dale Burberry
- Charlie Brookk Webb to Jacob Ryan Allen Denton



PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Oct. 24

- Gretta Abbott to Beverly Brock and William K. Brock, tract 3 plat 20 / 55
- Beverly Brock, William K. Brock and William K. Brock as Executor to Beverly Brock and William K. Brock, lot 1 plat 20 / 55
- Central Park Berea, LLC to Pingleton Contracting, LLC, lot 91 Central Park Subdivision
- Central Park Berea, LLC to Pingleton Contracting, LLC, lot 92 Central Park Subdivision
- Harris Memorial Baptist Church to Harris Memorial Baptist Church, Inc. tracts Madison County
- Harris Memorial Baptist Church to Waco Baptist Church, Inc. tracts Madison County
- FTM Construction, Inc. to Danny Garrett and Lisa Garrett, lot 23 Diamond Brook Subdivision
- The Estate of Betty B. Isaacs to Bevery Brock and William K. Brock, tract 3 plat 20 / 55

Oct. 27

- A&R Contractors, LLC to Dylan Michael Potter and Meghan C. Potter, lot 50 Parkview @ Hanger Farm Subdivision
- Jackline Cheron Cheruiyot to Tylen M. Hall, lot 81 Orchard Hills Subdivision
- George William Cole and Peggy Leigh Cole to RKB Enterprises, LLC, lot 61-B Ash Park Subdivision
- Michell Ilene Hardy and William Robert Hardy, Jr. to White Barn Home Buyers, LLC, tract Madison County
- Robert Darrell Harrison to Demian G. Gover, tracts Kentucky Highway 1016

- Peter E. Hartman to Tennaye Dawn Flynn, lot 10 Edgewood Subdivision
- Casey Howard and Wendy Howard to Wendy Howard and Casey Howard as Co-Trustees of the Casey and Wendy Howard Irrevocable Trust, lot 2 Stocker Place
- Candice Lynn Kamuf, Executrix of the Estate of James L. Kamuf to Marcia B. Chism, tract Madison County
- Tatiana D. Laird to James Laird, Trustee of the Tatiana Laird Irrevocable Trust, lot B tract 7 / 148
- LMP Development, LLC to McCarty Holdings, Inc. lot 1B plat 31 / 229
- Orvil Nelson and Company to Chantz Scott, tract 2A plat 23 / 252
- Roberts Phelps, LLC to Brian E. Charles, Trustee of the Brian E. Charles Living Trust, tracts Madison County
- Geoffrey Ronoh by and through his Attorney in Fact Geoffrey K. Rohon to Tylen M. Hall, lot 81 Orchard Hills Subdivision
- Small Town Housing, LLC to Nancy K. Childers and John E. Hodges, Jr. lor 3 Burchwood Subdivision
- Alex Tyler Vaughan and Stephanie Vaughan to John Dial, lot 1 Clay Lane Subdivision
- White Barn Home Buyers, LLC to Molly Elizabeth Clark and Nathaniel Daivd Clark, tract Madison County

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- 1st Call Construction, LLC to Teresa Combs and Tony Martin Combs, lot 198 Firebrook Subdivision
- Mike F. Brandenburg, Trustee to Mike

- F. Brandenburg, Trustee of the Mildred E. Brandenburg Trust, for the benefit of Melony and the Mildred E. Brandenburg Trust, for the benefit of Michael, lot 1 plat 18 / 55
- Aliyah Carter and Jared Carter to Jared Carter and Aliyah Carter, D861 / 46 lot 24 Oakdale Subdivision
- Mina Sue Dais to Michael Hickin, lots 15 – 17 Crutcher Pike Estates Subdivision
- Jesus Garcia and Mary Garcia to Daniel Brian Riddle and Deborah Earline Riddle, tract Madison County
- Heather Hall and Wade Hall to Misty Dunn and Rodney Dunn, parcel 1 plat 32 / 55
- Julie Jordan and Robert Eugene Jordan to Erin P. Williams and Michael D. Williams, tracts Madison County
- JWB Irrevocable Trust to Mike F. Brandenburg, Trustee of the Mildred E. Brandenburg Trust, for benefit of Melony and the Mildred E. Brandenburg Trust, for benefit of Michael, tract Madison County
- Mary K. Ousley to Mary K. Ousley, Trustee of the Mary K. Ousley Revocable Living Trust, parcels Hickory Hills Subdivision
- Short Carpentry and Construction, Inc to Gordon A. Phillips, lot 26 Stoney View Estates
- Kenneth Short and Sharon Short to Shauna K. Clark, Ethan Dixon, Sheila Renee Thacker, tract Madison County
- Charles A. Touratsos and Charles A. Touratsos to Lauren Preuit and Chase J. Preuit, lot 14 Della View Subdivision

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them at their funerals.

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them say he was
the best bass
fisherman in these
parts.

The second said
he'd like to hear
people say he
was a wonderful
father who loved
his family.

The third said
he'd like to hear them say: "Hey,
look. He's moving."

You know, that actually could
have happened with a fellow
named Lazarus back in the day
when Jesus was involved in his
earthly ministry. People were
gathered with Lazarus and his
family, very concerned about
him. He was deathly ill. They
had asked for Jesus to come,



Roger

hoping that He would arrive in
time to heal Lazarus.

However, when Jesus got there,
Lazarus had already died.

Lazarus' sister, Martha, said to
Jesus, if you had been here, my
brother would not have died.

Then Jesus uttered those
famous words: "I am the res-
urrection, and the life: he that
believeth in me, though he were
dead, yet shall he live. (John
11:25-26).

Jesus walked to the tomb where
they had laid Lazarus and com-
manded that the stone be rolled
away from the opening. At this
point, Martha objected, saying
by now his decaying body will
stink, considering he had been
dead four days. Even so, they
did as Jesus had commanded.

Jesus then called out in a loud
voice: "Lazarus, come forth!"

"And he that was dead came
forth, bound hand and foot with
grave clothes: and his face was

bound with a napkin. Jesus said
unto them, loose him, and let
him go" (John 11:44).

To truly appreciate this incred-
ible miracle, you need to put
yourself at the scene, watching
all this unfold in your mind's
eye. You're there with the griev-
ing family offering words of
condolence. Then you hear Jesus
call out to the dead man.

You peer into the darkness of
the tomb, and your eyes grow
wide. You feel a rush of adrena-
line. You turn to a friend and,
perhaps, you utter the only
words that come to mind: "Hey
look. He's moving!"

Then you look at Jesus, who has
done this incredible miracle, and
you utter the only words that
come to mind: "Truly, this man
was the Son of God" (Matthew
27:54).

Reach Roger at (502) 514-6857
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CHURCH DIRECTORY

Berea Baptist Church



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Reflections

Berea Citizen archives

November 5, 1925 Man fined

On Friday evening, Ed Dickerson, proprietor of the Little Plates restaurant on Short Street went into Nu-Way Cleaning and another business and began using them for illegal purposes that were not condoned by their owner Jack Chastine. Dickerson was asked to leave the premises but entered into an argument. This was when Dickerson pulled a knife on Chastine. Chastine struck

Dickerson in the head in self-defense. City Court cleared Chastine of all charges, but Dickerson was fined \$20 and court costs.

November 2, 1950 New restaurant

Ernest Gabbard opened a new restaurant in the location of the former G and M, Café. Gabbard completely remodeled the establishment and equipped it with the most modern equipment and furnishings. The front

of the building was changed to brick with large windows. Gabbard had been in the restaurant business from many years and also was the owner of K Taxi which would be headquartered at the new restaurant.

November 6, 1975 Election results

Citizens of Berea voted for big change in the election by electing six new councilmen, all of which were from the progressive party. Ervin

Connelley and Clifford Kerby, both incumbents, were re-elected. In the governor's race, unofficial returns gave Julian M. Carrol 920 votes to Robert Gable's 623 votes. Southern Madison County as a whole went heavily in Carrol's favor with 1966 votes. The amendment extending homestead exemptions were voted in favor of in both Berea as well as southern Madison County. Madison County did considerably better in voter turnout with approximately 47% turnout as compared to a

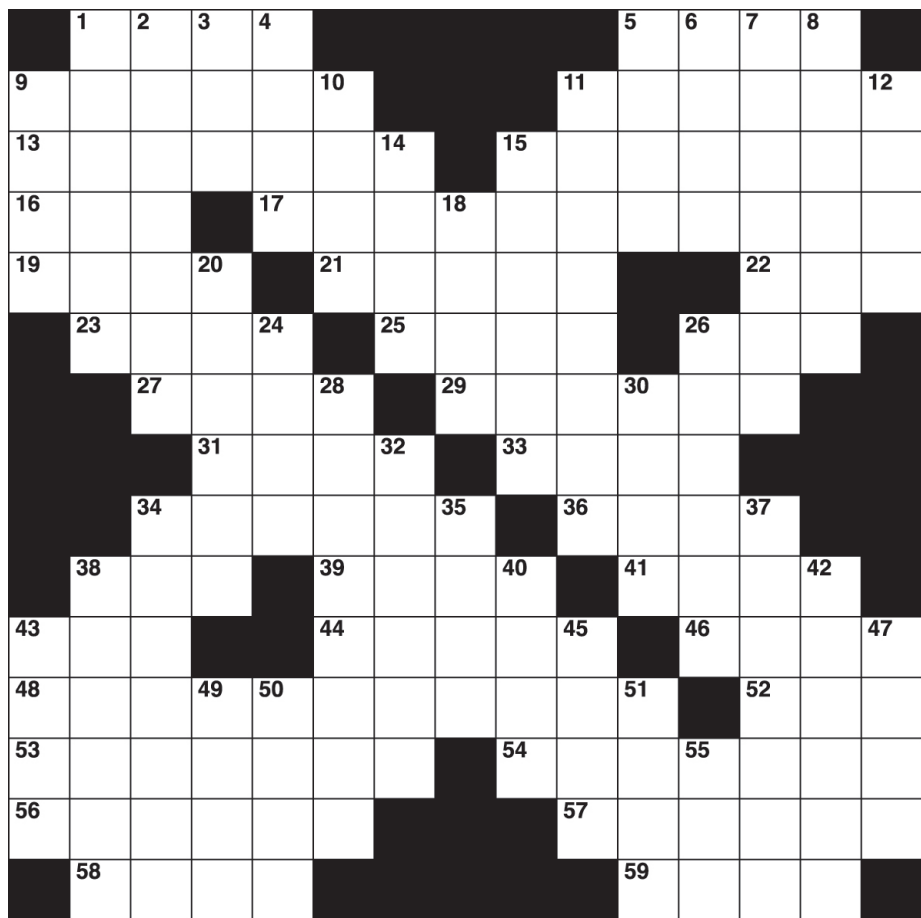
39% state turnout.

November 9, 2000 Alcohol initiative fails

Berea citizens chose to not allow alcohol sales in restaurants. The measure, which would have allowed alcohol sales by the drink in restaurants seating more than 100 people and deriving more than 70% of its income from food sales, failed by a 2 to 1 margin. The final tally was 1940 votes against the referendum while only 1039 vot-

Game Page

Crossword



CLUES ACROSS

- Difficult
- Coarsely ground corn
- There's one for the "world"
- Loved Romeo
- Sticky situation
- Pelvic areas
- An informal debt instrument
- Cannot be repaired surgically
- A device attached to a workbench
- Related on the mother's side
- Sound unit
- __ Sagan, astronomer
- Utah city
- A disappointing effort
- Steal goods during a riot
- Wakes up
- Hair salon service
- Serenaded
- Looked intensely
- U.S. Air Force expert Robert F.
- A type of cast
- One's duty
- Where golfers begin
- Make a mistake
- Semitic sun god

- Ancient Greek City
- Having had the head cut off
- A place to stay
- Unwise
- Most unnatural
- Dennis is a notable one
- Ointments
- Students' exam
- Leaked blood

CLUES DOWN

- Brave
- Act of awakening
- Jest at
- Sandwich store
- Chapter of the Koran
- Dismounted
- Small vehicle
- Irked
- One who earns by disreputable dealings
- Monetary unit of Samoa
- Long, mournful lamentation
- Weight unit
- Alone, single
- Decreases
- Indicates beside
- Worn by exposure to the weather
- A body of traditions
- College students'

- ultimate goal
- Amino acid
- Nasal mucus
- US government entity
- Swinish
- Legislative body in Russia
- Grant an exemption to
- Put in advance
- Satisfy
- Felt
- Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
- Witnesses
- Picnic invaders
- Gasteyer and de Armas are two
- Ancient person of Scotland
- Cheerless
- Unwell



UNITY

FROM PAGE 1

And some of you do, because some of you make those calls. And if you have a relationship with me or with any member of my team, you already know — we'll always take your call, we'll always listen, and we'll always tell you the truth," Taylor said.

Taylor noted the county has seen a number of positive developments, including:

- The Central Kentucky Business Park Authority is a joint venture with Scott County, Fayette-Urban County Government, and Berea to identify sites for commercial/industrial development and job creation. Two develop-

ment locations have been identified so far, one in the Berea Industrial Park and the other in northern Madison County.

- The county capitalized on funds from the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program to create a new revenue stream for the county, using CSEPP funded equipment to offer data management services to other local governments. Taylor cited it as an example of the county adapting so that a potential negative becomes a positive. "Our IT team serves more than 1,400 people, even more devices and 16 contracted agencies with three technical support people. This includes generating revenue and advising other local governments around the state using

infrastructure paid for by the federal government. This is government efficiency at its best."

- In the field of public safety, Taylor said the county is creating a more efficient and effective 911 emergency communications center, while also building a new fire station in northern Madison County, and facilitating a new fire station for the Kirksville volunteers.

Near the end of his presentation, Taylor announced his intention to seek a fourth term as judge executive, stating he is "all in" when it comes to serving Madison County. Future goals he identified included:

- Continue strengthening public safety and preparedness;
- Working to expand infrastructure in the

areas where it's needed most;

- Maintaining fiscal responsibility, making sure every investment is strategic and sustainable;
- Supporting workforce and business growth, while ensuring

the county retains its agricultural heritage;

- Listening to citizens and acting with purpose.
- In closing, Taylor stated: "I can't wait for the next five years and to build on our success, tackle challenges

head-on, and continue to make Madison County the kind of place our children and grandchildren will be proud to call home. Together, as one Madison, we'll keep moving forward — stronger, smarter, and better than ever."

Bid Notice

Madison County Emergency Management Agency (EMA), in coordination with the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP), is requesting proposals from qualified contractors for the removal and transportation to a designated storage site of existing outdoor warning sirens located throughout Madison County, Kentucky. View full posting and bid specifications at www.madisoncountky.gov/public-notices.

All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly labeled "Outdoor Warning Sirens Removal and Transportation to a Designated Storage Site RFP" no later than 11:00 AM Eastern on November 17, 2025, to:

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Proposed Land Use Change



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

There will be a public hearing of the Madison County Planning Commission on, Tuesday November 18, 2025 at the Madison County Courthouse Annex, 1st Floor at 5:30 p.m. The purpose is to consider a land use change for 107 Carr Lane from UC-1 (Single Family Residential) to UC-6 (Public & Semi-Public) as shown on the map above. Contact the Madison County Planning and Development Office at 859-624-4780 for questions.

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

REQUEST FOR BIDS for the MADISON COUNTY TELECOMMUNICATIONS FRANCHISE

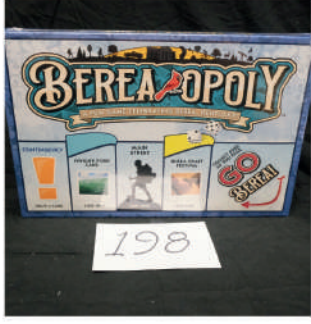
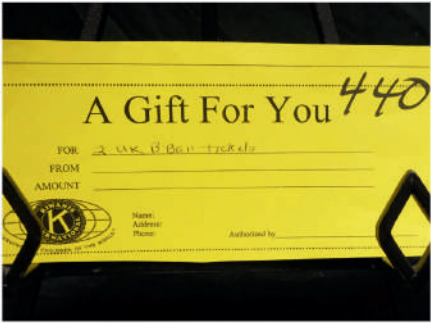
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Bids must be received by Madison County Fiscal Court no later than 2:00 PM Eastern on November 13, 2025, at which time the bids will be opened and read aloud publicly. Bids shall be sealed and clearly labeled as "Madison County Telecommunications Franchise Bid." All responses shall be mailed or hand-delivered to:

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Stoney Creek

traffic issues

still an issue

By Andy McDonald

For The Citizen

The Berea Planning Commission approved a 72-unit townhouse development in the Stoney Creek subdivision, though some officials expressed concern about U.S. 25 traffic.

The issue was raised at the most recent meeting of the commission when plans were reviewed for two separate developments, Stoney Creek and Stoney Run Acres.

Builder Patrick Sowers outlined plans for Stoney Creek, a preliminary plat of a 72-unit townhome development which would be located south of Wyldwood Way, near U.S. 25. Sowers said most of the units would have garages, and would be approximately 1,300 square-feet in size.

In making his request, Sowers asked for three variances: Roll curbs, a variance on the required separation between buildings from 7.5 feet to zero feet in some cases, and that the plan be allowed to go forward subject to the approval of the Berea Fire Department chief, who must rule whether there is adequate water flow for fire protection.

The commission approved the preliminary plat unanimously.

During the work session prior to the regular business meeting, however, the commission discussed the potential impact of building more in the

See ISSUE, A6



Students, faculty and staff at Kingston Elementary School honored veterans and their families during the school’s annual Veterans Day program on Tuesday. Fifth grade students cheered on a parade of veterans in front of the school prior to a program in the gymnasium. In top left photo, Colonel Sam Morgan III, Commander at the Bluegrass Army Depot, was the keynote speaker during the program, which honored veterans for their service.

The Citizen/Keith Taylor

Veteran reflection



Veteran Wes Reynolds looks over memorabilia placed at the Folk Center prior to a Veterans Day program sponsored by the American Legion Cleveland Frost Post 50 on Tuesday. The program honored living and deceased veterans and their families. More photos appear on page A8.

The Citizen/Keith Taylor

Helping hand

Food bank seeks donations ahead of holiday season

By Andy McDonald

For The Citizen

You never know just who you may be helping when you donate to your local food bank.

That was just one message from Berea City Councilman John Payne, who recently addressed the Berea Food Bank volunteer appreciation luncheon at the Berea College Forestry Center.

Payne, who also serves the community at the Madison County Public Library, said he knows how important help can be when facing food insecurity.

“Public services like the Berea Food Bank are essential to our community,” said Payne, noting that when he was younger, his

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John Payne

family faced challenging times.

“I feel like I understand the value you bring to your neighbors,” Payne told food bank volunteers.

“As a child growing up in rural Rockcastle County, my family struggled. We relied heavily on our garden, lots of soup beans

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Remembrance Tree ceremony set for Dec. 7

Hospice Care Plus will host its annual Remembrance Tree Ceremony on Sunday, Dec. 7, at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 425 Eastern Bypass in Richmond.

Now in its 31st year, the event is a cherished community tradition that brings together hundreds of people each December to honor and remember loved ones during the holiday season.

The event invites community members to place a personalized memorial ornament on a beautifully lit Christmas tree.

“At a time of year when families gather and memories are especially dear, many find comfort in coming together with others who share in both love and loss,” said Denise McKinney, grief support coordinator at Hospice Care Plus. “The ceremony offers a meaningful way to remember those who remain in our hearts.”

The program will include an opening reflection, special music performed by the First Baptist Church handbell choir, and the reading of memorial names. As each name is read aloud, guests may place their ornament on the Remembrance Tree.

If a participant cannot attend in person, Hospice Care Plus staff will lovingly place the ornament on their behalf, as the name is read. Guests are encouraged to stay for a light reception following the ceremony.

Anyone who is missing a loved one during the holidays is welcome to participate. There is no charge for ornaments, though donations of any amount are appreciated to support patient care and services, as well as grief and loss support across the region. Reserve your ornament(s) by Thursday, Dec. 4. After that date, ornaments can be reserved at the event on Sunday, Dec. 7.



Message from Cora Jane Wilson

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1 Thessalonians :5:11(KJV)



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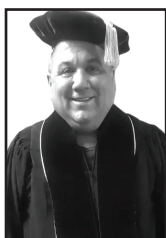
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OBITUARIES

Dr. Eef Ji Fontanez



With profound sadness, we announce the passing of Dr. Eef Ji Fontanez, 55, of Berea, who passed away on Nov. 8, 2025 Eef was born on June 4, 1970, in Richmond VA to Israel James and Mary Levina Fontanez. He spent his formative years in Wilsonburg, WV. After high school Eef attended and graduated with his bachelor’s degree in education from Berea College. He later attained his master’s degree in education and went on to achieve Doctorate level at Eastern Kentucky University. Eef has been a driving force in the Berea community since 1988. With the creation of one of the region’s first “gaystraight alliance” clubs to break down discrimination. At first Eef educated students as a classroom teacher until he became the school counselor of Berea Independent school. As a counselor at the school, Eef shaped many young lives. He was always there to guide and support all the students with love and compassion. It comes with no surprise that after 30 years of service to the community as Eef took retirement and was honored with the Berea Human Rights Commission “John G. Fee” Award for his unwavering work. Eef will be remembered for his kindness and generosity. He sought to assist with family and community needs. He delivered food to families during COVID. He organized and assisted with the care of his aging mother. He enjoyed planning and serving in various roles for the school such as commentator of

basketball games, a coordinator for homecoming and graduation. His love for animals created a revolving door of furry children that needed a home and love. Eef enjoyed reading, learning and traveling as evidence by his part in school trips. Family was a big part of who Eef was. He is survived by his mother Mary Luzader, his siblings James Fontanez, Patricia Jones, Stella Luzader and Bobby Luzader, his nieces and nephews Alexis, Nolan, Ethan, Joellen, Jillian, Sophia, Colton, Mason and Carter, In-laws Lori, Brian, Kristen, and his fur babies Sherlock and Roxy. He is preceded in death by His father Israel Fontanez and our beloved Mary Ellen McNew. A Celebration of Life honoring Eef will take place on Friday, Nov. 14 at 1 p.m. at Union Church. While the family holds a private burial at Berea Cemetery, friends and loved ones are invited to remain at the church for a repass. The family will return to Union Church following interment to join in fellowship and remembrance. The family wishes to thank Mary Kay Gilbertson, Angela Anderson, Lori Zastrow, Kent Gilbert, and Greg Lakes for their unwavering support, love and compassion. Forever in our hearts, Eef will be missed by all who knew him. Rest in peace our dear son, brother, uncle, colleague, teacher, counselor and friend. The service will be livestreamed on FaceBook, YouTube, and the Union Church web page, and will be recorded for later viewing for those not able to attend in person. (Facebook.com\UnionChurchBerea; YouTube.com\UnionChurchBerea; Union-Church.org/live-broadcast).

Wilma Doris Jenkins Poynter



Mrs. Wilma Doris Jenkins Poynter, 82, of Richmond, passed away on Saturday evening, Nov. 8, 2025 at Baptist Health – Lexington. She was born in Madison County, on Feb. 26, 1943, on East Kentucky Avenue. Mrs. Poynter worked for Square D, as well as Kmart for several years and was also the custodian for Madison Hills Christian Church. Mrs. Poynter was quite the social butterfly and never met a stranger. She was a good hearted person who loved animals and people and looked forward to spending time with her family and friends. She was a long time member of the Calvary Baptist Church. Survivors include: her children, Mark A. Poynter (Julia) & Sharon A. Poynter; one brother, Marvin Jenkins (Nora Ruth); one sister, Gail Duvall (Jeff); her grandchildren, Spencer Alyse Poynter Collado (Jonathan), and Kellis Allen Poynter (Mary Proctor), and a special “bonus grandchild”, Matthew Carey (Emily); one great-grandchild, Maidali Collado; as well as a host of other

extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by: her husband of 53 years, George Poynter; her father, Thomas T. Jenkins; her mother, Agnes Wells Jenkins Good; and her step-father, Allen Dunn “Slim” Good. Funeral Services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, 2025, at the Combs, Parsons & Collins Funeral Home, W. Main St., Richmond, with Bro. Bobby Greene & Rev. Vaughn Rasor officiating. Burial will follow in the Richmond Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6-9 p.m. Friday, at the funeral home. Pallbearers will be: Spencer Poynter Collado, Jonathan Collado, Kellis Poynter, Mary Proctor, Matthew Carey, Zach Carey, Tuck Bratcher & Charles Bratcher. Honorary Pallbearers will be: Emily Miller Carey & Kristie Bratcher. The family would like to especially thank the nurses & staff at The Terrace Nursing & Rehabilitation in Berea for their care of Mrs. Poynter. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Mrs. Poynter are suggested to the Madison County Human Society, PO Box 2094, Richmond. The Combs, Parsons & Collins Funeral Home, W. Main St., Richmond, is in charge of the arrangements. www.cpcfh.com.

Shawn Gilbert



Shawn Gilbert, 60, son of Betty Baumgardner Gilbert of Berea and the late Robert E. Gilbert. Shawn was born in Frankfurt, Germany, and he was a US Air Force Veteran. Shawn is preceded in death by his siblings Lisa Hall, Lenny Gilbert and Jamie Gilbert. Shawn is survived by his siblings: Michelle Salee, Yvette Gilbert, Lance Gilbert, Robert Gilbert Jr., Katrina Gilbert, and Heidi Gilbert, his aunt Kathy Gilbert, as well as many aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews. In memory of Shawn, his family will receive friends on Thursday Nov. 13, 2025 from 5-7 pm at Lakes Funeral Home and Cremation Service.



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Proud to be the son of a Vietnam War veteran

For as long as I can remember, Dad always had a personal license plate attached to the front of his vehicle.

Most people display their favorite team, while others simply show their own name in the front of their vehicle. At one time, I remember the front of Dad's black 1970 Chevrolet Cheyenne had a different tag, but he never swayed from displaying his loyalty to the country he served.

A veteran of the Vietnam War, my dad, William Taylor, served in the United States Marine Corps and has always been proud of

the service to his country. In my later years, Dad has told more and more stories about his time in the service. Some of them are serious, but some of them also are funny.

Much like many young men of that era, dad was part of a generation that wanted more than their parents experiences in their lives and became known as the "Baby Boomer" explosion. Many of them,



Keith Taylor

including my dad, didn't just settle, they sought and envisioned a better America they were a part of in their youth.

I'm not sure dad knew altogether what he signed up for when he joined the military, but the experience took him around the world via land, air and sea. After boot camp, dad was sent to Vietnam, a war that featured several twists and turns. Dad was in the forefront of war and stared it right in the eye.

Dad never blinked and was consistent in his service to his country. All through the good, bad and the ugly,

dad persevered and fought with honor and dignity.

It's been more than 50 years since dad fought in combat, but he still talks about his experiences in the military to this day. He was proud of his country then and remains proud for what America stands for, which is freedom and the pursuit of happiness.

On Tuesday, we honored my dad and thousands across our great nation who have served in the United States Armed Forces. Some of them fought, some of them served at the most peaceful of times, but regardless of the extent of

their service, they deserve our utmost respect for serving our country.

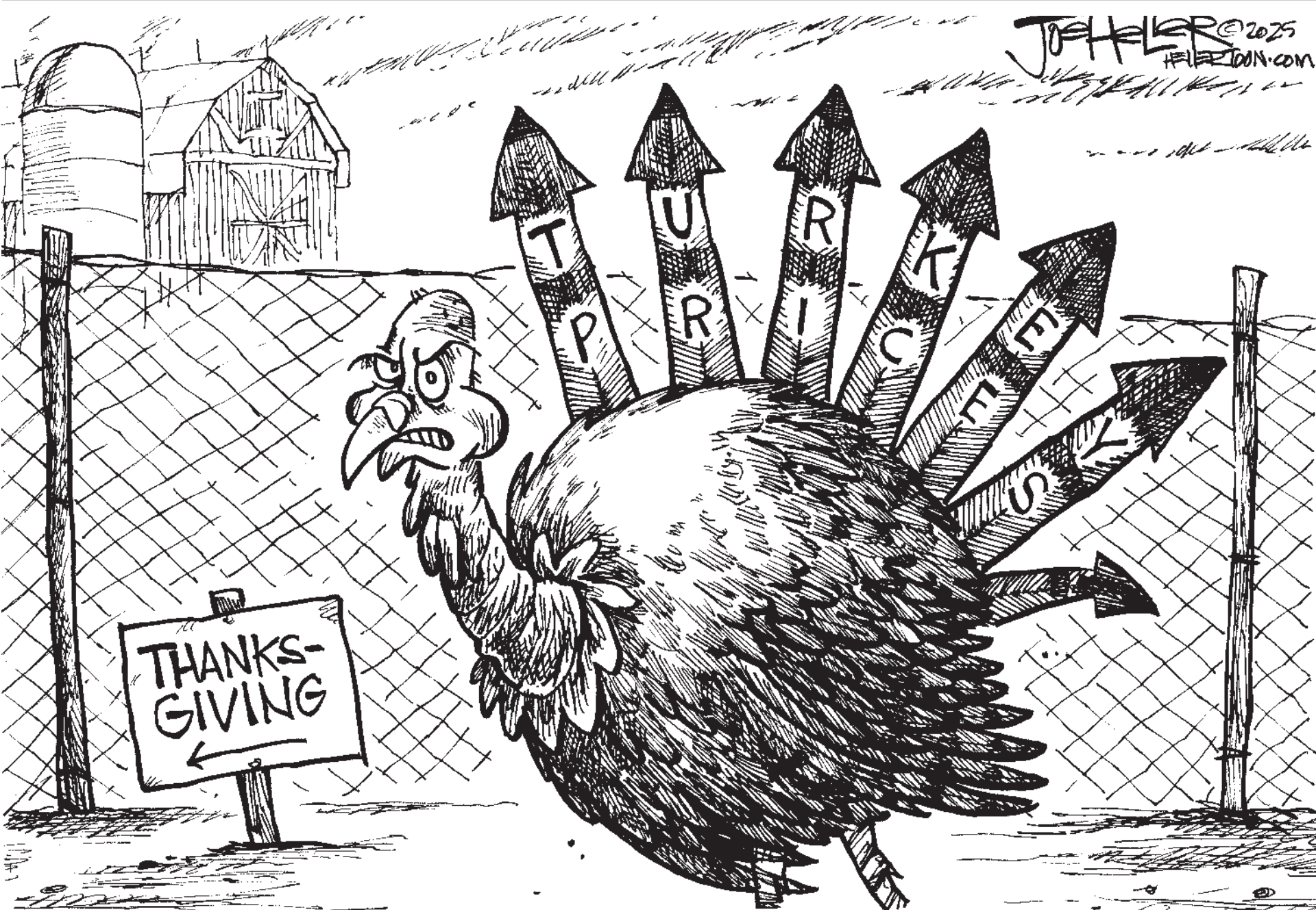
Although Dad doesn't drive anymore, he gave me a license plate to keep from the last truck he owned.

That license play bears the U.S.M.C. logo and emphasizes my dad's status as a veteran.

He served his country well.

As the son of a veteran, I now proudly display it in my office.

Keith Taylor



Age: Don't focus on the number

We battle age at both sides of life. The young adult must prove they have enough knowledge and skills to do the job. The senior adult must prove they still have the health, skills and motivation to do the job. Both sides of the spectrum can be challenging.

The same. The forty-year-old doesn't get a pass from proving he has the skills and desire to perform the tasks but often is given the first glance as a stronger candidate for the job.

When I was 20 years old, I was in college and serving as a senior pastor of a church in Lexington, Kentucky. I went on to several

other senior pastoral positions in Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana. From age 20 to 30 I knew I was competing with men 30 to 55 who had more experience and could point to more success than I could. It all worked out and I did receive numerous opportunities and places to serve. At age 49, I was receiving calls from different churches in various states about serving as their pastor. I almost went to at least three of those opportunities. Around age 50 seemed to be a peak time for moving to a new senior pastoral position. I had vast experience, doubled and tripled attendance everywhere I had been and generated millions of dollars in contributions to the churches and their causes. For someone in my profession, 45 - 50 is a grand time.

I was fortunate that at age 50 I had found my place in

life with my current job. It doesn't feel like a job but a daily opportunity to serve and help ministers around the world to train for greater service and fulfill their callings in life.

My dad was another story. By the age of 55 he had worked about 37 years in the coal mines and he was done with that part of his life. Age 50 would be a hard time to begin a new career as a coal miner. There are so many jobs where 50 or 55 is a great age and some jobs where it's not.

Regardless of what we do in life, we are to some extent competing with age. Unless we can prove it doesn't matter.

If we can prove it doesn't matter then people forget about it. Someone is not too old or too young to do the job unless they prove they are too old or too young.

President John F. Kennedy was 36 and he did the job. We have had elderly Senators and Representatives who have performed their jobs well and others who have obviously become too old to do their jobs.

Regardless of your age you have to prove yourself. Age 21 might be too young, but maybe not if you are willing to work hard, educate and prove yourself. Eighty might be too old, but maybe not if you have the health, motivation and skills to keep going.

Don't let the number be the determining factor. Evaluate your skills and motivation and do your best whatever the job or task.

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Oct. 30

- Corey Zylinski, 28: criminal mischief, 2nd degree; harassment, no physical contact
- Kaitlyn France, 29: trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, 2nd or greater offense (greater than or equal to 2 grams methamphetamine); trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st offense (fentanyl); trafficking in a controlled substance, 3rd degree, 1st offense (less than 20 drug units – drug unspecified); possession of marijuana; drug paraphernalia – buy / possess; possession of a controlled substance, 2nd degree – drug unspecified; prescription controlled substance not properly contained -1st offense; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (drug unspecified)
- Bezaleel Cruz Diego, 27: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st; possession of an open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle
- Marshall Willoughby, 58: trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st offense (fentanyl)
- Cody Murphy, 34: failure to appear
- Ricky Lear, 34: non-payment of court costs, fees or fees

Oct. 31

- Charles Warner, 47: assault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor injury; stalking, 2nd degree; harassing communications; distribution of obscene matter (1 unit of matter)
- Gabirel Blair, 23: failure to appear; fleeing or evading police, 2nd degree (on foot); giving officer false identifying information
- Alexander Aguilar, 35: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol

- .08 – 1st
- Michael Pulinko, 54: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st
- Ryan Aven Bohms, 18: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol under 21 years of age; possession of open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle
- Cathy Cole, 60: failure to appear (2 counts); possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); possession of marijuana; drug paraphernalia – buy / possess
- Corey Cardwell, 24: serving weekends
- Hunter Gray, 28: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (heroin); fleeing or evading police, 2nd degree (on foot); possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); drug paraphernalia – buy / possess; probation violation (for felony offense); failure to appear

Nov. 1

- Ronald Romero, 18: failure to illuminate head lamps; improper registration plate; driving on DUI suspended license – 1st offense
- Daniel Richardson, 36: failure to appear; theft of identity of another without consent; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (opiates); possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); drug paraphernalia – buy / possess
- Austin Richardson, 28: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st
- Brett Huffman, 20: operating motor vehicle under the influence of substance(s) – 1st; failure to illuminate

- head lamps; no registration plates
- Kamrin Silverburg, 31: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 2nd; possession of an open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle
- Stephanie Grace, 44: failure to appear
- John Steel, 33: violation of a Kentucky EPO/DVO

Nov. 2

- Donnie Kindred, 48: giving officer false identifying information; theft of identity of another without consent; burglary, 3rd degree
- Juan Vazquez Perez, 35: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st; no operator’s – moped license; failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security – 1st offense
- Danielle Graham, 21: alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses); disorderly conduct, 2nd degree; assault, 2nd degree; wanton endangerment – 1st degree; resisting arrest
- Hamilton Young, 27: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st
- Matthew Baker, 19: operating motor vehicle under the influence of substance(s) – 1st
- Michael Taylor, 51: failure to appear (2 counts)
- Chayce Birchfield, 33: trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st offense (heroin); possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); possession of marijuana; drug paraphernalia – buy / possess; illegal possession of a legend drug; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st degree (heroin); possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree (fentanyl); promoting contraband – fentanyl, carfentanil or

- derivative; tampering with physical evidence
- Peggy Renfro, 64: trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st offense (heroin); possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 2nd offense (methamphetamine); possession of marijuana; drug paraphernalia – buy / possess
- Carl Miles, 36: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (heroin); drug paraphernalia – buy / possess
- Jeri Isaacs, 38: serving parole violation warrant

Nov. 3

- Brandon Royster, 25: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 2nd
- Stephanie Ecton, 49: failure to appear
- Donnie Brooks, 25: parole violation (for technical violation)
- Donna Stone, 46: hold for court
- Nikita Jenkins, 40: trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (greater than or equal to 2 grams methamphetamine); drug paraphernalia – buy / possess

Nov. 4

- Stephanie Prater, 26: contempt of court, libel/slander, resistance to order
- Michael Brooks, 49: alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses); drug paraphernalia – buy / possess; unlawful possession of a methamphetamine precursor, 1st offense; failure to appear; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/substance – 3rd; operating on suspended or revoked operator’s license
- Marcis Williams, 41: failure to appear (2 counts)
- Madison Ivy, 22: operating motor vehicle under the

- influence of alcohol .08 – 1st; failure to produce insurance card; license to be in possession
- Kade Lewis, 31: serving parole violation warrant
- John Lawson, 43: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance - 1st; operating on a suspended or revoked operator's license
- Caleb Nelson, 20: fugitive from another state (2 counts)
- David Paulus, 19: alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses)
- Vasquez Bandomero, 19: hold for court
- Charles Allen, 50: hold for court
- Billy Hines, 38: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, all others
- Effie Harris-Walker, 56: theft by unlawful taking or disposition – shoplifting; criminal mischief, 2nd degree; failure to appear (3 counts)
- Jeremy Nichols, 33: serving weekends
- Chase Morgan, 29: failure to appear

Nov. 5

- James Newhouse, 42: assault, 4th degree domestic violence, no visible injury
- Shawn Thompson, 42: failure to appear
- Raymond Kidd, 42: hold for court
- Colt Pack, 42: theft by deception – include cold checks, \$500 but less than \$1,000
- Ricky Allen, 66: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting, \$1,000 but less than \$10,000
- Ashley Douglas, 34: burglary, 2nd degree
- David Foley, 52: serving weekends

MARRIAGES

Nov. 3

- Charles Asa Clark to Carey Beth Turner
- Alexandra Renae Nelson to Preston Wesley Coon
- Sadie Marie Hall to Brandon Wayne Robinson
- Sarah Jo Martyn to Garrison Wade Knight
- Jaeserby Spencer Powell to Amelia Dale Foltz
- Amy Elizabeth Nicholas to Jeffery Todd Mosley
- Jaxon Leo Watts to Kelsi Grace Pennington
- Makayla Leann Scott to John Brayan Valencia Flores
- Shelby Brooke McKinney to Levi Scott Robinson
- Tiffany Rose Johnson to Matthew Martin Cooke

Nov. 4

- Andrew Gover Clouse to Chelsi Rae Vanhook
- Christopher Joel Reeder to Kathryn Elizabeth Greene
- Samantha Nicole Crutcher to Aaron Shaen Christian
- Lauren Elizabeth Crumly to Matthew Adam James Jorgensen
- Novela Mwlemo to Ibrahim Amzath Christian Abdou
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- Lola Greear Faulkner to Gregory Dale Cobble
- Shawna Renee Myers to Sean Allen Schmidt
- Erica Faith Embree to Shane E.C. Salyers
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- Cecil Paul Thomas and Renee Dianne Thomas to Jeremiah Bowman Tate and Nancy Kathryn Tate, parcel 32/180
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ISSUE

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neighborhood. Bill Short of New Idea Construction presented a preliminary plat for Stoney Run Acres, consisting of 135 single family residential homes. The development would also be located south of Wyldwood Way, just east of the Stoney Creek development proposed by Sowers. The project has not yet come up for a final review and vote.

One advantage of the new subdivision, said Short, was that all of the units will have individual wastewater pumps with backflow valves.

"We're putting a pressured system in. It's a new thing for Berea," Short said. "We think it's a good thing for Berea to do this in this situation."

Short said the pumps have been used in other Madison County developments.

Berea Codes Enforcement Administrator Amanda Haney said there are stormwater issues to be resolved first before Stoney Run Acres can go forward, while Commissioner Ben Robinson III again raised issues about the long-term impact on traffic in the area.

"I still have some concerns about this development, not to mean that I am anti-development. I still have a problem from a safety perspective when we look at only one way into this place. When this one comes in, plus the other one, you know, potentially another 400 plus cars, what do we do if there's some sort of emergency? It continues to concern me from a safety perspective," Robinson said.

Speaking on behalf of Short, attorney Preston Worley said there is sufficient ingress/egress into

the subdivision. Additionally, Worley said a recent traffic analysis conducted for the intersection of Wyldwood Way and U.S. 25 indicate that so far, traffic is still well within capacity projected by the state. Short commissioned the study, which compared traffic data from a similar study completed last year, Worley said. Short interjected that he has approached state officials about adding a traffic signal to the intersection, but that those requests have been denied.

"They come to basically the same conclusions," Worley said of the two studies. "...that the service level of all the movements in and out will always be safe though it will continue to be a little more difficult as growth comes along; particularly that left hand turn lane could get as much as two or three cars stacking at a time as time goes along. I think that's when you get more build out, when you get more units, when you get more trips, that's when the state highway traffic engineer looks into it [a traffic light] a little more."

Worley also assured commissioners he recognizes their concerns.

"I'm not saying that it's not a busy area. I'm just trying to say that I think the record gives you some confidence that it is bad traffic, but it's not bad because you're developing it. It's just bad traffic that we all have to work through and figure out how the best way to plan."

When Commissioner Mike Barnett asked when the peak traffic times are at that intersection, Worley replied they are 7:15-8:15 a.m. and 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. The plan will likely come up for review at a future date.

The next meeting of the Berea Planning Commission is slated for Tuesday, November 25.

HAND

FROM PAGE 1

and cornbread." Payne said they occasionally got other food items available through the government.

With that in mind, Payne honored the volunteers, saying their commitment touches more people than they may ever know.

"When I think of public service, I often think of Jimmy Stewart as George Bailey in 'It's a Wonderful Life.' None of us in this room will see the full extend to which our work and our relationships affect those around us. That reach, I believe, is far beyond what any of us can imagine. This work is part of your legacy, and I promise you it is appreciated," Payne said.

Berea Food Bank Executive Director Tony Crachiolo thanked Payne for being a champion for those in need, calling him a voice of reason and compassion. Payne's advocacy continued last Tuesday at the Berea City Council meeting when he appealed to citizens to donate to the food bank.

The office/storage facility is made available by the City of Berea. The bank operates under the umbrella of Berea Faith Community Outreach (BFCO), which also includes Bereans United for Utility and Rent Relief, and the Frank Gailey Transient Fund, which is run by the police department.

Crachiolo noted the Gailey transient fund provides support 24 hours a day, 365 days a week to those in need, whether it's facilitating the towing of a broken-down vehicle, providing a tank of gas for stranded travelers, and even shelter for those escaping a domestic abuse situation.

But it's the food bank that's playing

the most prominent role these days in helping people, especially since food assistance benefits were frozen with the government shut down. While the bank typically serves approximately 450 per month, it's currently on track to serve over 700 in November, according to the organization's website.

When asked why Berea Food Bank can help more people through direct monetary donations instead of food donations, Crachiolo said it comes down to buying power. Because BFCO is a charitable organization, the food bank has access to certain networks that provide steep discounts, and because it can use discounts to buy more food, the food bank's dollars can stretch further to help more people.

Crachiolo said there are three guiding principals of the Berea Food Bank to ensure people are treated with dignity: They are given a warm welcome, treated with generosity, and people are valued over paperwork. That means they don't send people away empty-handed or feeling shamed.

In closing his presentation, Crachiolo gave all the credit to the 40-plus volunteers who help the food bank, stating he is uplifted by the commitment they show.

"I just want to say how much I appreciate all of the work that you do. I make it clear to anyone who asks me about this work; the volunteers at the food bank are there day in and day out. They are the ones adjusting policy and changing procedures and making suggestions, and are actively involved in how we run the organization. You all run the food bank," Crachiolo said.

Donations to the Berea Food Bank can be sent to Berea Food Bank, 108 Parkway, Berea, 40403 or, they can be made online at: <http://www.bereaoutreach.org/food.html>

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Reflections

Berea Citizen archives

The Red Lick area had been the scene of a capture of a huge still on November 5th. Deputy Sheriff Davis, along with Holt Goodrich and Silas Kindred, captured three men on the ground. The still was in Carpenter Hollow which was very difficult to approach with only two entrances. The still happened to be in a deep gorge of considerable depth and quite narrow. Officer Davis, being suspicious that something was going on, entered the canyon on one end. He placed the other two deputies at the opening on the other end as guards. When Davis came to the site.

he found the three men operating a complete still of approximately 50 gallons. One man tried to escape but was caught by the other two deputies. The deputies located total of 200 gallons of beer and a considerable amount of dry mash. The entire still was destroyed and the three men were awaiting trial.

A fire early on the morning of November 9th, gutted the medical offices of doctors John Baker, Ballard Robbins and Earl Hays, Jr. in the Porter-Moore block on Main Street. The B&B Food Store was also badly damaged by

water. The fire was spotted by Edward Pollard who was working on Short Street at the time. Pollard stated he spotted a small blaze on the roof which spread quickly before it could be contained. Firefighters battled the blaze for several hours. The fire gutted the entire second floor where the doctor's offices were located. Nothing was able to be salvaged. Porter-Moore nor B&B Food store received any fire damage but sustained significant water damage. The estimated damage to the building was \$40,000 but the contents of the medical offices were expected to run considerably higher as one of the offices contained an x-ray machine valued of at least \$3,000. The origin of the fire had not been

determined.

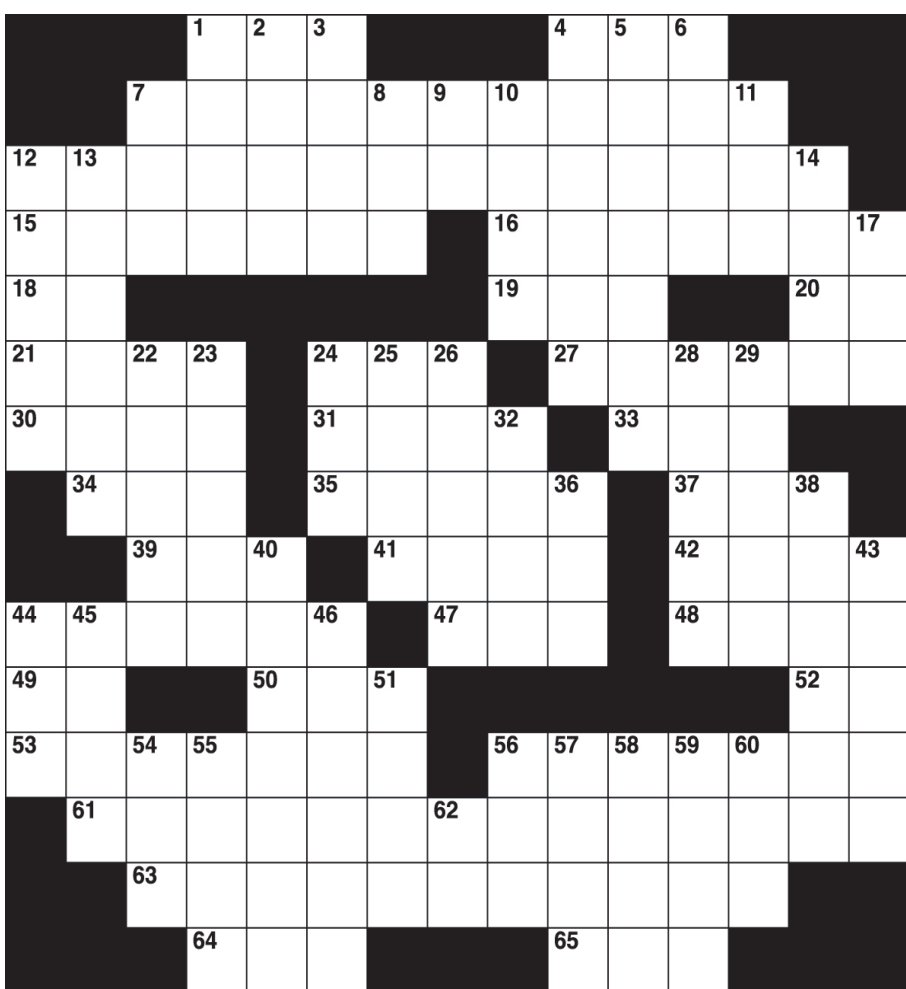
After final tabulations of ballots for Berea City Council, Edsel Arnett of the Progressive Party came in first with 834 votes. In descending order other totals were Melvin Higgins 780; Bernard Davis 744; George Bryant 722; Leonard Hays, Jr. 720; Bob Nunnery 656; Ervin Connelly 665 and Clifford Kerby 645. All of the candidates except Connelly and Kerby were of the newly formed Progressive Party, whose platform had been that they could work together as a party and facilitate decision making. Several of the can-

didates expressed surprise at winning by such a large margin and unseating two long term incumbent members.

The vote was not as close as expected in a referendum to allow alcohol sales in restaurants. The measure, which would allow alcohol sales by the drink in restaurants seating more than 100 persons and deriving more than 70% of its income from food sales, failed by a 2 to 1 margin. The final voting was 1940 against and 1039 in favor.

Game Page

Crossword



CLUES ACROSS

1. Expression of surprise
4. Keyboard key
7. One who works on lights
12. Notable children's story
15. Fall back into a bad pattern
16. Eye parts
18. Atomic #18
19. Of she
20. Farm state
21. One point south of southeast
24. British media entity
27. Asian garment
30. Drench
31. Expressions of pleasure
33. Turf
34. UK trade union (abbr.)
35. Bleated
37. Fifth note of a major scale
39. Paddle
41. Monetary unit of Italy
42. American classical pianist
44. Shuts down for the day
47. Seize
48. Soluble ribonucleic acid
49. Greeting
50. Some cars still need

it

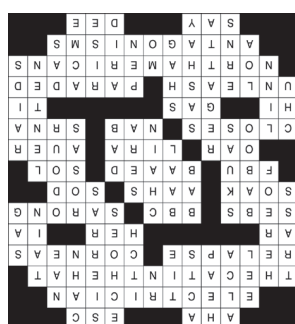
52. Atomic #22
53. Let go
56. Marched in public
61. U.S. residents, Mexicans and Canadians
63. Hostilities
64. Speak aloud
65. River in NE Scotland

CLUES DOWN

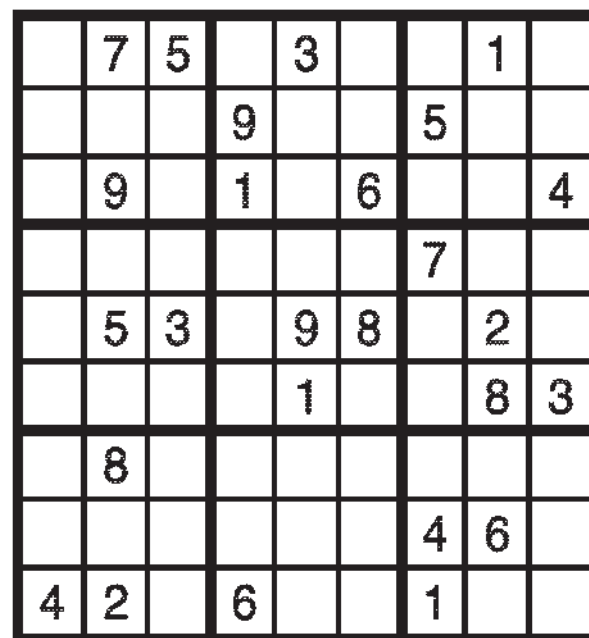
1. Razorbill genus
2. Longtime Baltimore tight end
3. Performs on stage
4. Supports a sentiment
5. Rugged mountain ranges
6. Broadway songwriter Sammy
7. Snakelike fish
8. Men's fashion accessory
9. Hospital worker
10. Something to scratch
11. No (Scottish)
12. Volcanic ash
13. Of this
14. American jazz drummer Watts
17. Drop down
22. English dialect
23. Predatory seabirds
24. Imams' deputies
25. Fertility god
26. Fence material
28. Parks and DeLauro are two
29. Distinctive smell

(Brit.)

32. Protein-rich liquids
36. Touch lightly
38. Season for Catholics
40. Boat race
43. Police actions
44. Chinese river
45. Waterfall (Scottish)
46. Walk ostentatiously
51. Type of carpet
54. Mauna __, Hawaiian volcano
55. Sea eagles
56. An enclosure for confining livestock
57. Dry
58. An increase in price or value
59. The highest point of something
60. Government lawyers
62. Larry and Curly's pal



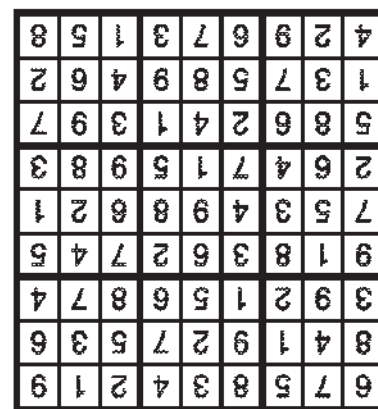
SUDOKU



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 geography.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 25 = N)

- A. 8 2 7 23 13 21 12**
Clue: Average weather
- B. 13 21 3 2 2**
Clue: Ring-shaped island
- C. 8 13 25 11 3 25**
Clue: Deep cleft
- D. 8 3 25 21 7 25 12 25 21**
Clue: Large land region

Answers: A. climate B. atoll C. canyon D. continent



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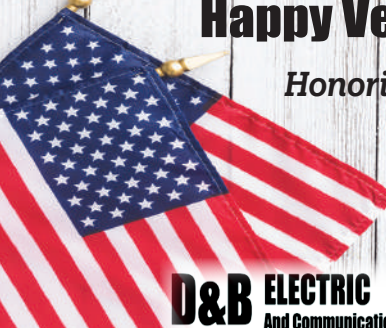



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Berea hospital expanding, not closing

By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

Officials from CHI Saint Joseph Health were unequivocal in their message to the Berea City Council Tuesday, stating that Berea’s hospital is not only staying in business, it is investing in expanded services. Saint Joseph Berea Hospital President John C. Yanes told officials the hospital has invested in a number of new facilities in recent years, including a new nuclear medicine camera that draws patients from around the region, but also a new sleep center, and a top rated MRI center among other services. But Yanes said the hospital will be expanding one thriving facet of the facility’s operation – emergency medicine.

“We do about 16,000 visits through our emergency department. That space that we’re currently in is too small, so we’re looking at expanding that,” Yanes said. Berea City Council member Katie Startzman recently addressed a rumor that the local hospital was in danger of closing, based on media coverage that hospitals subject to cuts in Medicaid funding would presumably be forced to close, including Berea. Payment reductions would be implemented in 2028 through 2032.

Yanes said that because Berea is consistently achieving high patient satisfaction ratings, and because future investments are planned for the hospital, hospital closure is not being considered. “The investment is there. Healthcare is always changing. There’s always threats with reimbursement. And what we’re trying to do is position Berea Hospital to serve future generations,” Yanes said. At one point, Berea City

“I was very dismayed when the report or the study from North Carolina gained national attention, because it’s a very rudimentary analysis of hospitals across the country without even looking at market position or financial performance or community support.”

Matt Grimshaw, CHI

See HOSPITAL, A3

Depot to produce military containers

By Keith Taylor
Citizen Publisher

Kentucky senator Mitch McConnell secured \$147 million in funding for construction projects at Kentucky’s military facilities, including the Bluegrass Army Depot. The funding was included in the 2026 military construction budget signed by President Donald Trump late last week. McConnell (R-KY) is a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, which helped secure funding for the BGAD, Fort Campbell and Fort Knox facilities in Kentucky. The depot will receive \$27

See DEPOT, A3

Pickleball, ya’ll



The City of Berea and Berea Tourism held a ribbon-cutting for the Pickleball Courts last Friday. There are three courts located near the Berea Skate Park and gives residents a chance to enjoy a leisure version of tennis.

Photo by Robert Elam

Installing lights

Workers with Berea Public works were busy this week installing Christmas lights throughout the city. The lights help put the city in the holiday spirit. The Thanksgiving holiday is next Thursday, followed by Christmas on Dec. 25.

The Citizen
Keith Taylor



Novelis lands rail award

By Andy McDonald • For The Citizen

Novelis Corporation in Berea landed a \$1.875 million award to expand its rail capacity and logistics efficiency, according to an announcement from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. The funds will be used toward the construction of a rail spur for the aluminum recycler. The news stems from an announcement last month from Governor Andy Beshear that the state was awarding six rail infrastructure improvement awards around the commonwealth, valued at \$5.6 million and spanning seven

See RAIL, A6

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Jasper Dunaway



Jasper Dunaway, 76, a cherished husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, and friend, passed away peacefully on Nov 12, 2025, in Richmond. Born on Aug. 7, 1949, in Blue Diamond, Jasper’s life was one of dedication, love, and service to his family and community. Jasper was preceded in death by his parents, Nick and Faye Suthers Dunaway, and his siblings, Shelby Tice, Lois Bertrum, and Anna Fox. His memory will be forever held in the hearts of his beloved wife, Geraldine Dunaway, his devoted children, Brian Jasper Dunaway and Stephanie Renae O’Donnell, and his adoring grandchildren, Dylan Jasper O’Donnell, Brian Austin Dunaway, Alyssa Riley O’Donnell, and Oliva Gail Dunaway. Jasper was also blessed with two great-grandchildren, Paisley Grace Dunaway and Greyson Lee Dunaway, who brought him immense joy in his later years. His legacy continues through his ten siblings, Deanna (Doug) Cobb, Sandra Novablaski, Lloyd (Virginia) Dunaway, Paula (Gannett) Portwood, Nick (Sue) Du-

naway, Irene Allen, Patricia (Hank) Henson, Larry Dunaway, Jimmy Dunaway, Lynn (Tom) Curtis, and many loving nieces, nephews, and extended family, all of whom will miss his warmth and special sense of humor. Jasper’s work ethic was evident throughout his career as he dedicated many years to Begley / Big B Cleaners and the maintenance department for the Berea Board of Education before his retirement. A man of faith, Jasper was a member of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, where he found strength and fellowship. His leadership skills shone brightly as he served as a former assistant Boy Scout Leader, guiding young minds with patience and wisdom. Jasper was also a proud member of the Waco Masonic Lodge. He was often found at Bluegrass festivals alongside his brothers. Fishing was another of Jasper’s favorite pastimes, providing him with moments of peace and enjoyment. Funeral services were Sunday, Nov. 16, 2025, at Emmanuel Baptist Church where Pastors Joey Kays and Scott Guiley officiated. Burial was at Madison County Memorial Gardens on Monday with Bro. Douglas Clem officiated Condolences may be left for the family at www.lakesfuneralhome.com

Reggie Clinton VanWinkle



Reggie VanWinkle 85, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday Nov. 11, 2025. Reggie was a proud U.S. Army veteran, he enjoyed fishing and camping, and spending time with his family, and grandchildren. Reggie was born in Jackson County to the late Omer and Martha Coyle VanWinkle, he was also preceded in death by his daughter Debra Ann VanWinkle and two sisters: Morena Johnson, and Kathy Cunagin.

Reggie was also a longtime member of Silver Creek Baptist Church, and he was retired from IBM in Lexington. Reggie is survived by his wife of 59 years Freda Powell VanWinkle, his daughter Tammy Rene’ (William) Lamb, a grandson Justin Matthew Lamb, granddaughter Hillary Carol Lamb, and numerous nieces and nephews also survive. Funeral services were Saturday Nov. 15, 2025, at Lakes Funeral Home where Rev. Jimmy Ashcraft officiated. Burial was in the Berea Cemetery. Pallbearers were Justin Lamb, Cole VanWinkle, Logan Angel, Matt Coffey, Jackie Paul Johnson, and Dwight Brown.

Notices

• Thomas Ferrell Farris, 56, died Nov. 13, 2025. Services, Friday, 11 a.m., Nov. 21, Farristown Baptist Church. Davis and Powell Funeral Home in charge of arrangements

• Stanley Lewis Golding, 87, died Nov. 16, 2025. Davis and Powell Funeral Home in charge of arrangements
• Barbara Walters, 84, died Oct, 26, 2025. Funeral services are Dec. 7 at 3 p.m. at Reppert Funeral Home.

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HOSPITAL

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Councilman Steve Davis asked for clarification that Berea hospital is not in danger of closing as media reports suggest. “I’m hearing that you’re in a good financial position, you’re looking to expanding services to increase your market share, so that’s your answer to potential [Medicaid] cuts coming up?” Davis asked. Matt Grimshaw, who is market president of CHI Health said the reports were oversimplifying the issue, not taking Berea’s specific situation into account. “The media has picked up on stories. I was very dismayed when the report or the study from North Carolina gained national attention, because it’s a very rudimentary analysis of hospitals across the country without even looking at market position or financial performance or community support,” Grimshaw stated. “None of those metrics were factored in. It was a simple analysis that said which hospitals in America have the highest percentage of Medicaid patients. That was it. And two of ours [CHI Saint Joseph] were on the list.” Grimshaw added that if the situation got bad enough that Berea had to close, it would probably mean the whole health care system had collapsed. Grimshaw did acknowledge that some Appalachian communities in eastern Kentucky are facing challenges, such as weak economic development and an aging population that will

require more care. However, Berea is well situated due to its location along a major interstate. “All of Appalachia is facing major headwinds for health-care, however, we are very well positioned so as those things change, we want to be positioned to take care of those patients here,” Grimshaw said. “We’re looking to bring more services to Berea, more services to London, more services to Mt. Sterling, because we believe those interstate corridors are where patients are going to have to go for health care, and we want to be here to serve this community and beyond for years to come.” Grimshaw noted the impact of federal legislation will bring Medicaid payments down to the level of Medicare. While that will impact the overall revenue stream for Saint Joseph Health, a \$1.2 billion organization in Kentucky, it will mean a \$75 million impact annually. “At Medicare rates, we are still viable. The reduction in reimbursement reduces our operating cash flow, but it does not take us to negative. There are many organizations in the state of Kentucky where that is not the case,” Grimshaw said. He added that because Saint Joseph Berea is classified as a critical access hospital, they are reimbursed differently than Richmond, which will bear more of a burden as a result of the changes because they don’t have critical care reimbursement.

Fiscal Court approves new fire station contract

By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

The Madison County Fiscal Court unanimously approved a resolution to contract for engineering services to build a new fire station in northern Madison County. Before the vote, however, officials acknowledged that some citizens have expressed concern about whether the proposed station’s location is in the right place to best serve county residents. In reply to a question from Magistrate Billy Ray Hughes, Madison County Fire Department Chief Tim Gray said that computer overlays and analysis of the various service areas, including the reach of the respective volunteer fire departments, indicate a new station on Carr Lane, near the northern border of the county, was the right choice. “We looked at a number of different locations from the 95 to the 97 [interstate exits] on Lexington Road, Boonesboro Road, Combs Ferry Road, and that location took in more residential rooftops to help more citizens than anywhere we found in that area of the county,” Gray said. Madison County Judge Executive Reagan Taylor agreed, stating:

“One of the things that we’ve done is we’ve invested a lot in technology, so our GIS Department has overlaid Richmond’s boundaries, Berea’s boundaries, all of our volunteer station boundaries. We can see an area that we can’t serve. So, there was a pretty good size area in the northern side that wasn’t getting the benefits.” In other business, the court heard the first reading of ordinances to change a zoning classification at 2719 Robbinsville Loop and 119 Greens Crossing from UC-1 single family residential to UC-4 general business. County Planning Director Bert Thomas noted that the applicant acquired the two properties that are adjacent to his, and wants to expand his business. Officials noted that one of the properties had been a former dump site and has been significantly improved. The item will come up for the second and last reading at the Nov. 25 Fiscal Court meeting. Also Tuesday:

- The court approved an agreement with the American Battlefield Trust and the City of Richmond to extend the closing date on three parcels totaling 20.89 acres. The delay will allow additional time for federal grant processing to secure

- a conservation easement.
- Unanimously approved a services agreement with attorney Linda Katz Ain to provide legal services related to cable, broadband, franchising and rightofway matters.
- Irvin Yoder and Meredith Reed were unanimously reappointed to the Madison County Extension Board.
- Robert Farmer was reappointed to the Madison County Planning Commission. Billy Ray Hughes said that while he appreciated Farmer’s years of service, it was time for a change. Hughes cast the lone dissenting vote.
- The court adopted Madison County Animal Shelter standard operating procedures to take effect at the end of this year. Procedures will be reviewed annually, officials said.
- Madison County Sheriff’s Deputy John Northern, a veteran of the Marine Corps, was honored for both his military service and his service to the community.
- Battlefield Golf Course grounds superintendent Tony Kidd was honored as employee of the month.

The next Madison County Fiscal Court meeting is slated for Nov. 25 in Richmond.

DEPOT

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million in federal funding for the planning and design of a military container production facility. The Department of Defense’s global logistics operations rely on 20-foot metal shipping containers for logistics and deployment, yet most of these containers are currently manufactured in China. While BGAD already operates a small facility focused on maintenance and repair of shipping contain-

ers, this federal funding will support plans for the construction of a new container production facility — advancing domestic manufacturing capabilities and reducing American dependence on foreign suppliers. “Senator McConnell’s steadfast leadership and vision continue to deliver meaningful results for Madison County and the Commonwealth of Kentucky,” Madison County Judge-Executive Reagan Taylor said. “His success in securing funding for the new military container production project at the Blue Grass Army Depot represents

a critical step in sustaining economic growth and preserving the skilled workforce that has long supported the Depot’s mission. As operations at the chemical cemilitarization site conclude, Senator McConnell has worked alongside us for a continual focus on job replacement and reinvestment which ensures BGAD remains an anchor of opportunity and innovation for Madison County and for the nation.” The funding represents a step toward an opportunity identified in the Army’s study on the feasibility of reusing the Blue Grass Chemical

Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant and the Blue Grass Army Depot infrastructure, which was authorized by the FY 2023 National Defense Authorization Act. As articulated by the feasibility study, BGAD is a promising potential home for new missions that would help bridge critical supply chain gaps. “I’m honored to represent multiple key military installations in Kentucky that play a critical role in our national defense,” McConnell said. “The legislation we passed — and that the President signed—will support essential construction projects

across the state. This bill makes an important investment in Kentucky’s contribution to the American defense industrial base by funding plans for a U.S.-based military shipping container production facility at Blue Grass Army Depot. It also provides substantial funding to modernize our military infrastructure at Fort Campbell and Fort Knox, both of which are home to some of our military’s most distinguished Army units, as well as the Kentucky National Guard — further reinforcing Kentucky’s deep importance to our national defense.”

Christmas movies help spread holiday cheer

Some movies never grow old. Like many of you, I’ve watched National Lampoon’s “Christmas Vacation” more than once and more than I can count on my fingers and toes not just once but twice. The first viewing of “Christmas Vacation” appeared on the screen earlier this week. Seems like each and every time I watch it, I see a sequence I had forgotten about or didn’t catch the first time. Christmas Vacation is one of our family’s favorite movies this time of the year and mom loved it, too. It was one of her favorite Christmas movies.

We watch it non-stop on television even though we have a DVD version of the flick. It’s just one of those movies that is memorable and the actors, starting with Chevy Chase, do a fantastic job depicting a Griswold Family Christmas. Although a comedy straight out of Hollywood not based on a true story, some of the humor and characters in the movie reminds us of some of our family members. Every family has a “cousin Eddie”



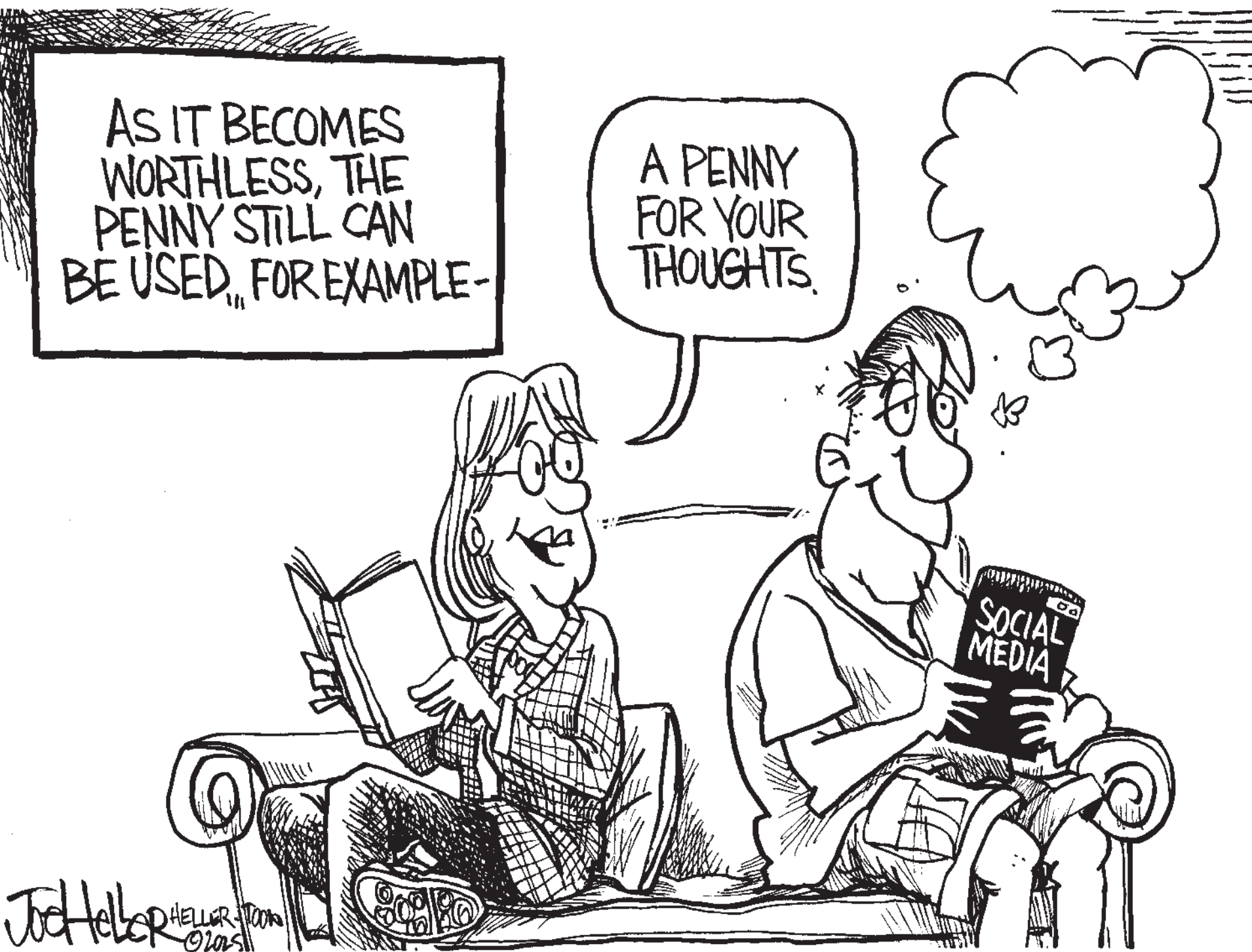
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and I would venture to say real-life versions of Randy Quade’s character are even more comical than cousin Eddie Griswold. What makes the movie so memorable is the well-written script the actors and even the music used from beginning to end. Who would have thought to use frozen ice as a weapon or even a well-greased sled to create memorable scenes? Even though the scenes are less than realistic for most families, it does create a sense of family and what it means during this time of the year in a way that brings laughter, which is good for the soul.

The turkey that didn’t turn out so well, despite looking tasty on the outside in one the scenes in the movie. It was reminiscent of my first try at mom’s homemade pecan pie. The outside looked much better than the inside, but I’m going to keep trying to perfect the pecan pie. Clark Griswold had planned to install an in-ground pool with his annual Christmas bonus but instead received a subscription to the jelly of the month club. Although it was a bonus that “keeps on giving” throughout the year, it wasn’t the gift he was expecting from his employer. Sometimes our gifts may

not be what we expect, but it’s important to appreciate the little things amid so much uncertainty. Honestly, Christmas hasn’t be the same for our family, but we’ve made the best of it, because mom would have wanted it that way. We also continue to watch “Christmas Vacation” over and over and over again. You may see a scene that you missed the first time or just need a few laughs ahead of Christmas. Some movies are just memorable and “Christmas Vacation” is one of them.

Keith Taylor



Motivation to overcome depression

It’s not difficult to become unmotivated in life. The death of a spouse, health debilitation, financial hardship and many more reasons can take the wind from our sails. About 18-20 percent of Americans routinely struggle with depression. In 2024, one in five Americans reported taking medication for depression. About 31 percent of women and 15.6 percent of men reported taking medication for depression. Depression zaps us of our energy and drains us of our motivation. When we are depressed, it’s difficult to do homework, rake the leaves, perform well at work or often just get up from the sofa. Regardless of the cause, it’s not a fun or productive state

of life. This time of year, many people experience Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD). SAD is also known as the winter blues. SAD is caused by lack of sunlight and cold temperatures. Young and senior adults are impacted. Young adults struggle with depression, anxiety and burnout. Too often there is a lack of purpose or direction. They face unrealistic expectations or pressure to succeed. Young adults struggle with social media comparison, boredom and lack of personal engage-



Glenn Mollette

ment. Poor physical health and fear of failing also are major contributors to depression and lack of motivation. Seniors are impacted by aging, health decline, retirement or loss of purpose. Social isolation, loneliness, grief, chronic illness, medication side effects, cognitive decline and fear of death can, to some extent, plague all of us. Solutions for depression may be found by seeking medical help but also in a number of other areas. Consider regular exercise, a balanced diet, sufficient sleep, prayer, meditation, yoga, deep breathing and more social involvement/connections. Spend time with loved ones, pursue hobbies and other creative activities.

Do what you can do. You may not be material for the NBA, NFL or PGA, but that’s okay. Find what you can do, which is not everything, or even a lot of things, but it is some things. Don’t worry about what you can’t do and do what you can do. Do what you enjoy. Life is seldom a daily 24-hour party but there should be some fun along the way. Whatever it is, find some time to fit it into your schedule. It could be anything from playing cards, gardening, taking a walk or cooking. whatever it is, try to find a way to fit it in. It can be anything that will help you to cast off that heavy blue feeling that is draining the life out of you.

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- Timberlee Reed, 21: assault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor injury
- Reyna Romero, 19: assault, 4th degree dating violence, minor injury
- William Stemple, 37: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st
- Sabrina Coleman, 36: probation violation for misdemeanor offense (2 counts); probation violation for technical violation (4 counts)
- Joseph Creekmore, 31: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 2nd offense (methamphetamine); parole violation, for technical violation
- Yvonna Foster, 61: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); drug paraphernalia – buy / possess
- James Gibson, 52: failure to appear
- Paul Dunaway, 39: commitment order
- Todd Holden, 39: assault, 3rd degree, police officer or probation officer; fleeing or evading police, 2nd degree (on foot); promoting contraband – 1st degree; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (drug unspecified)

- Amanda Hur, 43: failure to appear
- Tyler Carmichael, 38: violation of conditions of release
- Carl Ruppe, 46: failure to appear
- Ronald Puckett, 33: careless driving; operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st; speeding, 12 mph over limit
- Gabriel Shearer, 51: failure to appear
- Joshua Lopez, probation violation, for technical violation
- Dana Fousatt, 62: assault, 2nd degree; wanton endangerment – 1st degree
- Carrington Roberts, 34: probation violation, for technical violation
- Timothy Black, 43: failure to comply with sex offender registration, 1st offense
- Stephanie Durham, 49: probation violation, for technical violation

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- Steve Norton, 61: probation violation, for felony offense
- Tracy Blair, 37: failure to appear
- Andrew Mullins, 22: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines
- Richard Blevins, 33: failure to wear seat belts; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st

- offense (heroin)
- Justin Richardson, 43: probation violation, for felony offense
- Kathy Asbury, 42: escape, 2nd degree; theft of identity of another without consent; giving officer false identifying information; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); drug paraphernalia – buy / possess
- Michael Creech, 42: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting (2 counts)
- Jacobe Ellington, 23: robbery, 2nd degree; terroristic threatening, 3rd degree

Nov. 9

- Jordan Carpenter, 31: failure to appear
- Charles Lawson, 48: failure to appear
- Tristan Raley, 42: failure to appear
- Jonas Key, 19: alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses); criminal mischief, 1st degree
- Dakota Floyd, 33: speeding, 20 mph over limit; operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 3rd; driving on DUI suspended license – 2nd offense (aggravated circumstances)
- Herrera Hernandez, 21: careless driving; disregarding traffic control device – traffic light; failure to wear seat belts; no operator’s – moped license; operating

- motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st
- Abbas Albuleushi, 33: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st
- Nitu Chanchal, 42: false report of emergency – use of party line
- Elijah Baker, 20: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, under 21 years of age
- Harry Deal, 51: illegal take/pursue deer/wild turkey; entry on land to shoot/hung/fish/trap without consent – 1st offense; possession of a firearm by a convicted felon
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- Christophere Bray, 42: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting (2 counts)
- Thomas Carpenter, 45: failure to appear; theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting; failure to appear (2 counts)
- Ashton Clark, 25: failure to appear
- Pacifico Diaz, 34: possession of an open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle; alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses); obstructing emergency responder viola-

- tion – 1st offense
- Jerry Ector, 30: operating motor vehicle under the influence of substance(s) – 1st
- Chad Thomas, 44: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 2nd offense (heroin)
- Melissa Judd, 50: failure to appear; operating on suspended or revoked operator’s license
- Joshua Pierce, 36: hold for court
- Terry Lynch, 31: failure to appear
- Sheliah Foster, 54: probation violation, for felony offense
- Chester Shoup, 40: serving parole violation warrant

Nov. 12

- Susan McGuire, 56: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st
- James Willis, 36: public intoxication – controlled substance (excludes alcohol)
- Jordan Lothridge, 35: rape – 1st degree (victim under 12 years of age); sexual assault, 1st degree (victim under 12 years of age)
- Jason Linville, 46: probation violation, for felony offense
- Christina Cruz, 50: failure to appear
- Ashley Montgomery, 36: hold for court
- Shawn Crofutt, 49: criminal mischief, 2nd degree

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- Raven Mackele Richardson vs. Teddy

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- Wesley Todd Means, warehouse manager, 34 of Richmond to Leiana Marie Ortiz, sales manager, 25 of Richmond
- Lanna Storm Curtis, hotel front desk, 18 of Berea to Riley Shaen Wilmont, food service, 19 of Berea
- Ricky Lee Elkins, nurse, 62 of Richmond to Mary Jean Cotton, TMMK, 44 of Mt. Sterling

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- Shanna Lea Howes, machinist, 26 of Richmond to Jeremy Pryse Trent, foreman electrical, 27 of Richmond
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- Antoinette Miranda Williams, Scarefest team lead, 36 of Rich-

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Paula Price vs. Arthur Price, II

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- Tammy Jo Disotell vs. Michael Anthony Disotell
- Kelley Kayla Pitman vs. Chandler Kelley
- Scotty Ray Adkins vs. Michelle Nichole Adkins
- Evan Fields vs. Kaelin Durbin

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- Thomas Robert Conroy, engineer, 29 of Richmond to Samantha Fay Dearing, database administration, 30 of Richmond
- Joshua Robert Prater, Richmond Utilities, 32 of Richmond to Elesha Ann Hilbert, caregiver, 32 of Richmond
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- Eric Dwight Simpson, security officer, 39 of Richmond to Samantha Michelle Gahan, APMC, 37 of Richmond

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- CSBuckmaster, LLC to Buddy Whorral and Karen Whorral, tract Madison County, \$332,000
- The Estate of Wesley N. Rose, by and through Jessie Rose and Jerry W. Rose and Jessie Rose to Wayne Stevenson and Joyce Stevenson, tract Madison County, \$280,000
- Wayne Stevenson and Joyce Stevenson to David M. Denny, Jr., tract Madison County, \$420,000
- Wendell E. Combs and Diana Combs, Unit 2 East Ridge Plaza #2, \$86,500
- Ingram Brothers Investments, LLC to Dustin Ingram, lot 36B South Bluegrass Center, Phase I, for and in consideration of a distribution from an LLC to one of its members
- Dustin Ingram and Crystal Ingram to Ingram Brothers Investments, LLC, lot 36B South Bluegrass Junction, Phase I, \$350,000
- Joseph Lake and Deborah Lake to Dan Hall and Heather Hall, lot 16 Cantor Acres Subdivision, for nominal consideration
- Sharon Smith and Jonathan T. Smith to Jennifer Hays and Jason Hays, lot 16 Executive Park Subdivision, for and in consideration of agreement among parties and love and affection among parents and children
- Denver Madden and Francine Madden to James Meadows and Rita Meadows, lot 12 Logston Heights, for and in consideration of an agreement regarding the settlement of the Estate of Ruby Jean Isaacs
- US 25 Commercial,

- LLC to Combs Clark, LLC, lots 69 and 70 Stoney Creek Unit 1 Block 1, \$20,000
- Tammy K. Daniel and Marvin Daniel to Jerry G. Rawlins and Donna Rawlins, 3319 Old Irvine Road, for and in exchange of properties
- Jason L. Gabbard to Jason Lee Gabbard, Trustee of the Jason Lee Gabbard Revocable Trust, dated November 3, 2025, lot 8 Parks Place Subdivision, for purposes of funding the Jason Lee Gabbard Revocable Trust
- Jerry G. Rawlins and Donna Rawlins to Tanny K. Daniel and Marvin Daniel, 3310 Old Irvine Road, for and in consideration of an exchange of properties
- Vallorie Gwen Henderson and Vallorie Gwen Henderson, Trustee of the Vallorie Gwen Henderson Revocable Trust, dated November 4, 2025, 1047 Trevor Drive, Berea, for purposes of funding the Vallorie Gwen Henderson Revocable Trust

Nov. 7

- Paul and Janet, LLC to Joseh Lavoie and Michela Bernarding, lot 142 Firebrook Subdivision, Phase 2, \$305,000
- James Wray, Thomas Wray and Teresa Ellen Wray to Kathryn Gail Thiessen and Christopher Eric Thiessen, lot 12 Vankwinkle Grove, Berea, \$272,000
- DS & JV Properties, LLC to Chastity Ray, lot 48 Firebrook Subdivision, Phase 2, \$62,000
- Joseph C. Nantz and Brittany Jo Nantz to Joseph C. Nantz and Brittany Jo Nantz, lot 57 Deacon Hills Subdivision, for and in consideration of the love and affection between the parties and to create a survivorship interest
- Amy M. Bain, Trustee of the Bain

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

- Family Dynasty Trust, uta Dated January 14, 2025, to Amy M. Bain and Christopher A. Bain, 457 Foxwood Drive, for nominal consideration and for purposes of carrying out the terms of the Bain Family Dynasty Trust
- Shyer Construction, LLC to James Shafer and Judy Shafer, 639 Fourwinds Drive, for and in consideration of a capital distribution to its members

Nov. 10

- Wendell Howell and Bridgett Howell to Money Tree Hospital-ity, LLC, lot 2 Janwell Subdivision, \$250,000
- Lionel Travis Hayes and Heather S. Hayes to John Caleb Otterson and Cassaundra Sue-Anne Otterson, 924 Fieldstone Way, \$322,000
- James A. Nehila, Executor of the Estate of Gerald J. Nehila, Probate Case Number 2025-P-00429, filed in the Madison County District Court, James A. Nehila, Robin Nehilia and Gerald G. Nehila to Gregory Alan Atwell, 1175 Union City Road, \$200,000
- Sophoan Met to Anneteya Cheang, Trustee of the Anneteya Cheang Living Trust, dated November 5, 2025, lot 41 Ash Park Subdivision Phase V-A (4025 – 2029 Ruby Rose Road), for and in consideration of the premises and to conform to the intention of the parties
- Sophoan Met to Anneteya Cheang, Trustee of the Anneteya Cheang Living Trust, dated November 5, 2025, lot 35 Phase 1-B Pinnacle at Boone’s Trace, for and in consideration of the premises and to conform to the intention of the parties
- Mule Shed Properties, LLC to Brown Properties, LLC, lot 33 Crutcher Pike Estates, \$63,500

- Parrott Properties Kentucky, LLC to Jeremy L. Pool, lot 109 Bluegrass Junction Phase 1-A, \$360,000
- Orvil Nelson and Company, by and through Orvil Nelson and Rusty Foley Realty, LLC to Orvil Nelson and Company and Rusty Foley Realty, LLC, tract Madison County, for and in consideration of creating a new chain title for surveyed properties
- Samantha Vanover and Shannon Vanover to Carolyn Lavon Bryant and Bruce Lowell Bryant, 1030 Barker Lane, \$309,500
- Lisa Vaughn and Lee Etta Cummings to Heather Dent and Keith Dent, tract Madison County, \$115,000

Nov. 12

- Kellie Smith and Patsy Owens to Liam Funk, 102 Lassiter Way, \$215,000
- Amanda June Choate and Scott Choate to Beth Killian and Guy Killian, lot 107 Grey Oaks Subdivision, Phase III, \$469,000
- Coach’d, LLC to Spencer Lee Mauk and Silvia Mauk, 1102 Brandy Lane, \$305,000
- James Larkin and Laurie Larkin to Andrea Moss Freeman and Billy Bruce Freeman, lot 3 Whalen Place, \$435,000
- Embry LouAnn Jacobs and Christopher Michael Jansen to Shannon Rudsell and Miranda Russell, 269 Gravel Lick Branch Road, \$211,900
- Yvonne Schenck to Right Place Rentals, LLC, lot 5th Street, \$55,000
- Mary Fox to Lawson Elite Estates, LLC, lot 155 Block 2 Madison Village Subdivision, \$300,000
- DS & JV Properties, LLC to MRTN Construction, LLC, lot 80 Firebrook Subdivision Phase 1, \$58,000



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Shelburne to perform, sign bottles Saturday

Kentucky native JD Shelburne will be appearing at Great Spirits for a bottle signing at noon, followed by a performance at One Eyed Jacks at 2 p.m. on Saturday. Shelburne boasts a remarkable career, having performed over 3,000 shows and shared stages with country music luminaries, including the iconic ZZ Top. His musical journey includes collaborations with The Oak Ridge Boys and achieving significant success on platforms like CMT, with eight consecutive videos, including two number one chart-topping videos on the CMT 12 Pack Countdown, "Church Pew Barstool" and his most recent #1, "Cars & Trucks." Most notably, JD Shelburne made his official debut on the Grand Ole Opry on July 5.

Shelburne's dynamic performances have graced events for NASCAR, MLB, NBA and NCAA, showcasing his versatile appeal. With seven original albums, he soared to the iTunes Top 10 Country Chart in 2021 and again in 2025. Notably, his music has garnered praise from industry heavyweights such as Travis Tritt, Randy Travis, The Oak Ridge Boys, Mark McGrath of Sugar Ray, Steve Wariner and others.

Television has been pivotal in building his brand, with appear-

ances on NBC, CBS, RFD-TV, TNN, NEWSMAX, Circle All Access, Meet the Press, American Country Network and Great American Country. Shelburne's high-energy stage presence and rapidly growing fan base have solidified his status as a regional powerhouse, once earning him a display at the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame & Museum and gracing the cover of the State Tourism Visitor's Guide. Shelburne also just released his own Signature Series 101 Proof Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey throughout his home state of Kentucky.

Discovering his passion for the guitar in college in 2002, Shelburne embarked on his musical journey, performing his inaugural show at his hometown Baptist Church in 2003.

Since then, he has made a name for himself and carved a successful path, leading him to Nashville and eventually to the stage of the Grand Ole Opry! With an average of 7.0 million monthly impressions on Facebook, JD Shelburne invites you to follow his ever-evolving musical journey.

Recently endorsed by Bubba-koo's Burritos, Breedlove Guitars, Inclusion Brand Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey, Texas Roadhouse and more.

Cram the Cruiser event helps combat hunger

FRANKFORT (KT) – Gov. Andy Beshear and the Kentucky State Police (KSP) are encouraging Kentuckians to participate in the annual statewide "Cram the Cruiser" food drive to combat hunger throughout the state, which is running now through Dec. 5.

"No family should have to face hunger or worry about where their next meal will come from, especially during the holiday season," Beshear said. "Every year, I'm proud to see the love Team Kentucky shows through its participation in this food drive, and I hope anyone who is able will help us give back to our neighbors in

need."

"Cram the Cruiser," hosted by all 16 KSP posts, aims to collect essential food items to brighten the holiday season for those in need. Troopers will be stationed at various grocery and retail stores across the state, ready to accept donations of non-perishable food items.

The items include canned fruit and vegetables, canned meat, macaroni and cheese, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, canned soups, chili or spaghetti sauce, brownie and cake mixes, coffee, water, powdered milk and juices. Food items may also be dropped off at post locations.

RAIL

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Kentucky counties.

The funds were awarded through the Kentucky Industrial Access and Safety Improvement (KIASI) program, an initiative to improve commercial rail access, enhance safety, encourage economic development, and attract new jobs to Kentucky. The funds were awarded through the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.

A statement from Governor Beshear noted:

"By modernizing our rail network, we're ensuring trains are safe and efficient while creating new opportunities for communities across the commonwealth," Beshear stated. "Every line we improve and every spur we build

means safer travel, stronger businesses and more good paying jobs for Kentuckians, right here at home."

Berea Mayor Bruce Fraley welcomed last week's announcement, stating it bodes well for Novelis, a world leader in aluminum rolling and recycling, while also continuing positive developments in the Berea Industrial Park.

"We sincerely appreciate the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's significant investment in the Berea Novelis Plant.

"This investment in their rail infrastructure and storage expansion demonstrates a high level of confidence in the aluminum product that is created at our plant as well as the employees who do that important work. It speaks well for the future of the aluminum industry and the growing Berea facility," Fraley said.

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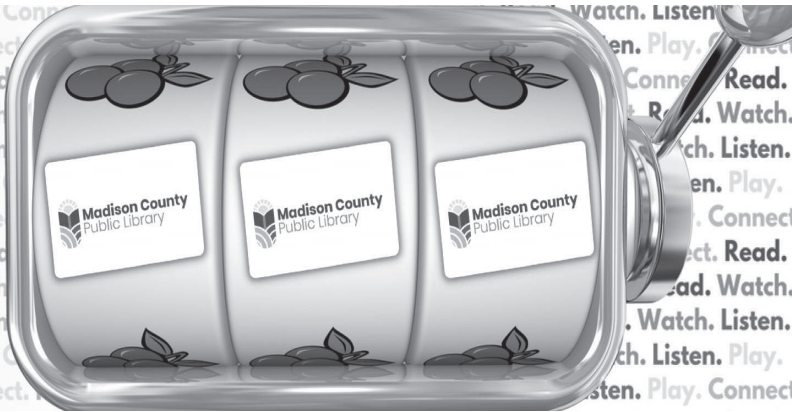
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Reflections

Berea Citizen archives

November 19, 1925 Women's club

Group one, musical and literary, of Woman's Club of Berea met on Wednesday, November 4th in the parlor of Boone Tavern. Mrs. Ira Shaw served as hostess. This group of women were studying the growth and development of the drama and the program for the afternoon was discussion of Maeterlinck's life and work and the reading of his play Mana Vanna. Mrs. Cloyd N. McAllister opened the discussion by giving an interesting and illuminating address of the life, character and philosophy of Maeterlinck. Twenty ladies were attended the meeting.

November 20, 1950 Snowstorm

The snowstorms that occurred on Saturday and Sunday caught many tourists in the region unprepared. Saturday night, heavy snow and increasing cold made travel dangerous. Most rooms at Boone Tavern were taken by Berea College Alumni who were in town for homecoming festivities. Alumni who had not reserved rooms, spent the night in the lobby. By 9:00 p.m., all hotels in town were filled to capacity and tourist homes were also crowded. Travelers resorted to sleeping on cots in dining areas. Putnam Hall and

Elizabeth Rogers Hall were opened to 45 travelers, and a call was made to the college hospital where another 15 beds on the 3rd floor were prepared for tourists. Churches also did what they could to accommodate displaced travelers.

November 20, 1975 Gas shortage

The natural gas shortage would not produce a real crisis in Berea for the short term. That was the conclusion from a local survey. "I don't think there will be any problems for residences nor small businesses," Ollie Myers, manager for the local Delta Natural Gas, said on prospects for the winter

season. "We will probably be able to deliver 100% to Category II until December but a lot depends on the weather." This was the observation of Bruce Hammond, design construction engineer for Delta's Winchester Office. Category II includes larger consumers like industries and enjoys a lower priority in allocation than Category I which included residences and small businesses. "We do not foresee having to close down or seriously curtail production," said Herbert S. Ashley, Manager of Keller Industries Berea plant. All other Berea industries used only minimal amounts of natural gas in processing and were not anticipated to be

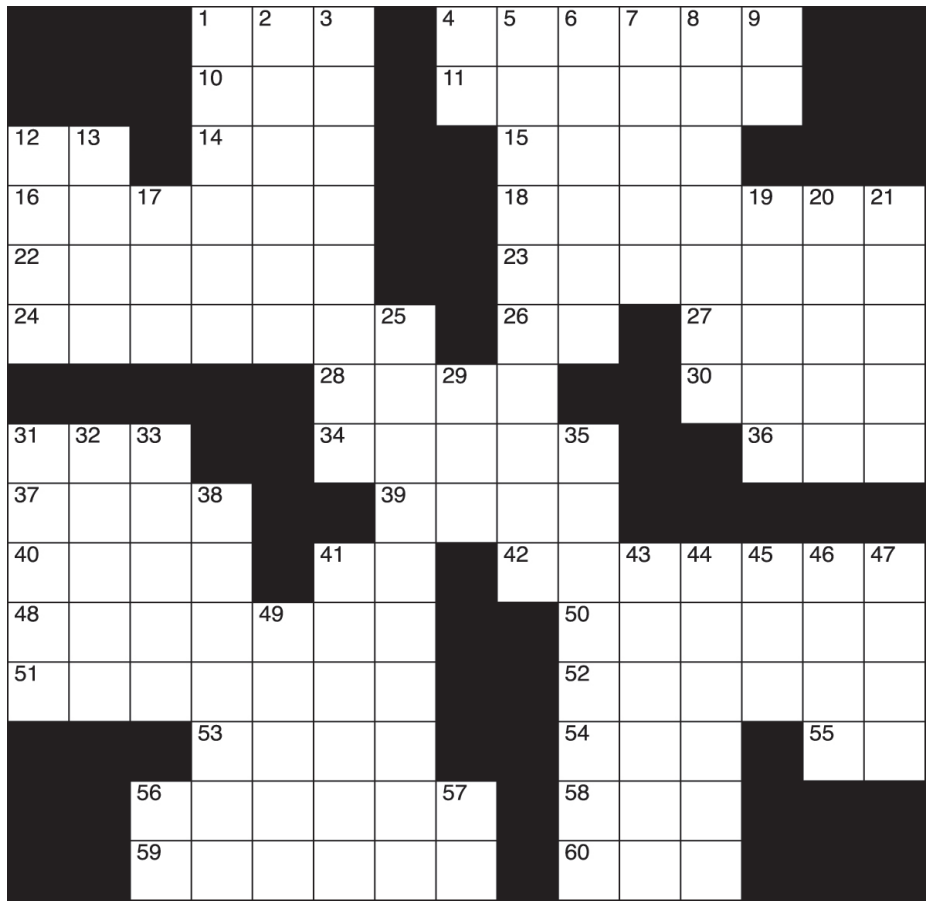
seriously affected by cutbacks.

November 16, 2000 Memorial dedicated

Veterans from across Madison County gathered at the Richmond Cemetery on Saturday, November 11th to dedicate the new Madison County Veterans' Memorial. The memorial would display the first American and Prisoner of War flags. Courtesy of a donation by Kentucky Utilities, the flags would remain lit 24 hours a day. The monument was the first of its kind and honored all veterans in Madison County.

Game Page

Crossword



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Popular broadcast network
- 4. Train line
- 10. Go quickly
- 11. Straightforward
- 12. Canadian province
- 14. Swiss river
- 15. It can be straight or curved
- 16. Edit
- 18. Utter repeatedly
- 22. Gotten up
- 23. Sea vessel
- 24. Agents of one's demise
- 26. Not out
- 27. Something to scratch
- 28. A round water pot
- 30. Slang for cylindrical green fruit
- 31. Promotions
- 34. Masses of matter
- 36. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 37. Nightstand item
- 39. The content of cognition
- 40. Arab ruler
- 41. Northern U.S. state
- 42. Chewed in small bites
- 48. Hawaiian island
- 50. More thin
- 51. Of one

- 52. Rigid bracelet or anklet
- 53. Barbary sheep
- 54. Not even
- 55. Atomic #106
- 56. Haggle
- 58. Boxing's GOAT
- 59. Division of a group into opposing factions
- 60. Vietnamese offensive

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Horse-drawn carriage
- 2. Prejudices
- 3. Peacefully
- 4. University athletic official
- 5. Soldiers
- 6. Large mollusk
- 7. Take out again
- 8. Sour or bitter in taste
- 9. Songwriter Tunstall
- 12. Husk of wheat
- 13. Flexible covering in some birds
- 17. Energy
- 19. Night monkey genus
- 20. Small nails
- 21. Colorless volatile liquid
- 25. In a way, changes integrity
- 29. Mark Wahlberg's

- stuffed animal
- 31. Remember it
- 32. "Good Will Hunting" lead man
- 33. Pleasant facial expression
- 35. Sea vessel
- 38. Lacking poetic beauty
- 41. Tall, swift and slender dog
- 43. Sports personality Michelle
- 44. Robber
- 45. Liquefied natural gas
- 46. Snakelike fish
- 47. Sediment at bottom of a liquid
- 49. Crimean seaport
- 56. Bad grades
- 57. Popular S. Korean rapper



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!

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

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 senior safety. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 17 = E)

A. 19 24 13 7 7 17 23 5

Clue: Slick

B. 19 1 15 11 17 23

Clue: Place to wash

C. 26 20 23 19

Clue: Handles

D. 17 5 17 19 13 12 1 25

Clue: Ability to see

Answers: A. slippery B. shower C. bars D. eyesight



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About that time, the lady of the house walked in and handed him the missing pack of cigarettes.

"I found these on the coffee table," she said. "Now, if only I could find my hamster."

Researchers suggest that the average person spends roughly 10 minutes a day looking for lost keys, seven minutes looking for socks and shoes, five minutes looking for the remote control, and four minutes searching for sunglasses.

Jesus used our familiarity with losing things to teach an important truth during his earthly ministry.

"What woman having ten



Roger Alford

pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep her house, and seek diligently till she find it? And when she hath found it, she calleth her friends and her neighbors together, saying, Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece which I had lost." (Luke 15:8-9).

Jesus, of course, told that in a spiritual context, painting a picture of the way that He searches diligently for lost souls in need of salvation. He went on to say, "there is joy in the presence of God's angels over one sinner who repents" (Luke 15:10).

A reader in Minnesota

shared with me that, some 40 years ago, he was lost, involved in drugs and of all sorts of other bad things. But the Lord saved him and transformed his life. His wife had also been into drugs and spent time in prison for smuggling cocaine before she was born again.

They are now serving Jesus with a passion, telling others about how they were spiritually lost when Jesus found them. Their passion now is telling others about the life-changing power of the gospel.

They're passionate because they've experienced God's

mercy and forgiveness.

"It's amazing what God can do with us ugly sinners," this man said. "We are new creations. Old things are gone. All things are new."

The carpet layer in the opening tale may have been willing to leave something behind, but Jesus isn't. He came this world to save lost people. If you're one of them, He wants to do for you what he did for the Minnesota husband and wife.

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Students help support Safe Haven Baby Box

MT. VERNON (KT) – Mt. Vernon is now home to Kentucky's 59th Safe Haven Baby Box, providing a safe, anonymous infant surrender option to parents in crisis. And it would not have happened without local high school students.

Brooke Abney was a senior in 2022, and president of Rockcastle County High School's chapter of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), when her student organization was challenged to take on a meaningful service project.

At the time, the nearest Safe Haven box was 97 miles away.

"It seemed like a big undertaking, but as president of our chapter, I felt called to lead the effort to bring this life-saving resource to our community," said Abney at a November 14 ceremony blessing the box her organization worked to install.

By January 2023, after months of

research and meeting with local churches and other organizations, the students had raised \$700 and gained support from their community.

"Our community was behind us one hundred percent," Abney said.

The \$16,500 fundraising goal was met by the end of the school year, but the location that would house the box fell through. Abney's chapter explored their options, including donating the funds to place a box in another community or purchasing a billboard to raise awareness locally.

"Deep down, it didn't feel right," Abney said. "We stared this mission to put a box in Rockcastle County, and that was still our goal."

A further \$10,000 inflation-related cost increase was no match for the Mt. Vernon community who took hold of the FCCLA students' vision, and Rockcastle Regional

Hospital offered to house the Safe Haven box.

"Looking back, I know this journey was never just about fundraising or logistics," Abney said. "It was about faith, perseverance and the incredible strength of a community united by compassion. God knew from the beginning that this box would one day serve as a refuge for someone in their darkest moment. He knew every challenge we would face to get it here, and he knows every person who will be blessed by its presence."

Addy King, the current FCCLA chapter president, also addressed Friday's crowd, which included Safe Haven Baby Boxes Founder Monica Kelsey and State Rep. Nancy Tate, who sponsored the legislation that sanctioned use of Safe Haven boxes in Kentucky.

"FCCLA is built on the belief that strong families and strong communities go hand in hand.

Today's baby box opening is a beautiful reminder of that truth," King said. "It has been such an honor for our chapter to help bring Safe Haven Baby Box to Rockcastle County. This project shows what can happen when people come together with passion and purpose."

Kelsey, who was abandoned as an infant, thanked Abney, FCCLA students and community members who invested in bringing a Safe Haven box to Mt. Vernon.

"It's a good day to be in Rockcastle because today we give moms in this community another option they didn't have yesterday, and that is 100% anonymity if they so choose," Kelsey said. "This is box 396 in the country, the 59th in the state of Kentucky and we're just getting started."

Under Kentucky's Safe Infants Act, infants up to 30 days old can be surrendered face-to-face at designated locations, such as fire

stations, police stations, hospital emergency rooms or an Emergency Medical Services station. For those desiring anonymity, infants can be placed in the electronically monitored, temperature-controlled Safe Haven boxes housed in similar locations across the commonwealth. A silent alarm is triggered when the box is closed, alerting on-staff personnel to respond quickly to the surrendered newborn.

A parent has 30 days after face-to-face or anonymous surrender to contact the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, and then the Cabinet will begin the process of terminating parental rights and make arrangements for the infant's adoption.

Mt. Vernon's Safe Haven box is located on the exterior of Rockcastle Regional Hospital at 145 Newcomb Avenue. It is the third hospital in Kentucky to house a Safe Haven box.



ORDINANCE NO. 13 - 2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, RELATING TO THE RESTRUCTURING OF FUNDING OF THE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER/VEHNAHNCED 911 SERVICE THROUGH IMPLEMENTATION OF A WATER METER FEE IN THE INCORPORATED AREAS OF THE CITY OF BEREA.

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Resolution No. 17-2025, the City of Berea has entered into a Madison County Emergency Communications Center Interlocal Agreement with the Madison County Fiscal Court and the City of Richmond, Kentucky, dated September 2025 (the Agreement); and

WHEREAS, the Agreement provides that the Madison County Emergency Communications Center (the MCECC) shall be jointly funded by the Madison County Fiscal Court, the City of Richmond, and the City of Berea; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement further provides that the parties to the Agreement shall contribute to the projected MCECC budget on an annual basis based on the respective party's share of total calls for service inside its jurisdiction from the previous calendar year; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement further provides that each party to the Agreement shall determine its specific method of funding and collecting its Annual Budget Contribution; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Berea has determined to enact a reliable, equitable, and sustainable funding mechanism to support its Annual Budget Contribution.

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

SECTION 1
Definitions

For purposes of this Ordinance:

"911 Service" means the emergency telephone answering service provided by Madison County that enables a caller to reach a public safety answering point (PSAP).

"Water meter" means a devise used to measure water consumption, installed and maintained by a water district, water association, or other water utility provider operating within the incorporated areas of the City of Berea.

"Incorporated areas" means all areas of the City of Berea lying within the corporate limits of the City.

"Cost of Living Adjustment/CPI adjustment" means the annual percentage increase published and submitted by the Kentucky Department of Local Government each January.

"Non-Commercial Classification" means any account that is not required to pay Kentucky sales tax to the utility district, and these accounts shall pay the fee imposed herein based on each non-commercial unit, and not by meter.

"Non-Commercial Unit" means a single or multi family residential structure owned either by the occupier or which is a single or multi-family residential rental property whose occupants are required by the Kentucky Department of Revenue to fill out a declaration of domicile form.

"Commercial Classification" means any account that is required to pay Kentucky sales tax to the utility district and has a water meter that is less than or equal to one inch (1") in size.

"Industrial/Large Commercial Classification" means any account that is required to pay Kentucky sales tax to the utility district and has a water meter greater than one inch (1") in size.

SECTION 2
Establishment of 911 Fee

(a) Effective January 1, 2026, there is hereby imposed a monthly 911 service fee on each active water meter located in the incorporated area of the City of Berea.

(b) The fee shall be assessed according to the following schedule:

Classification	Definition (for billing purposes)	Monthly Fee
Non-Commercial	Every active account that is NOT required to pay Kentucky sales tax to the utility district, calculated per unit	\$ 3.50
Commercial	Every active account that is required to pay Kentucky sales tax to the utility district with a meter size (less than or equal to) ≤ 1" (one inch), calculated per meter	\$41.67
Industrial/Large Commercial	Every active account that is required to pay Kentucky sales tax to the utility district with a meter size (greater than) >1" (one inch)(calculated per meter)	\$125.00

SECTION 3
Automatic CPI Adjustment

(a) Beginning July 1, 2027, and on July 1 of each year thereafter, the monthly fees established under Section 2 shall automatically increase by the percentage change in the Cost of Living/CPI Adjustment as determined by the Kentucky Department of Local Government each January for the calendar year. In the event the COLA/CPI does not increase, the monthly fees shall remain the same as the previous year.

(b) The City of Berea Finance Director shall share the COLA/CPI adjustment annually with the Mayor and City Council based on the information provided by the Kentucky Department of Local Government, along with the budgeting process, by March 31 of each year.

(c) The City Council may decline to implement the COLA/CPI increase for the upcoming year in the budget ordinance.

SECTION 4
Collection of Fees

(a) Each water district, water association, or other water utility operating within the incorporated areas of the City of Berea shall be responsible for collecting the 911 fee from its customers.

(b) The collected fees shall be remitted monthly to the City of Berea Finance Director to be deposited into a special revenue fund designated solely for the operation, maintenance, and improvement of the Madison County Emergency Communications Center/911 system.

(c) The water utilities may retain an administrative fee that is fair and reasonable compensation of the total amount collected each month, to offset reasonable costs of collection and outlined in a Memorandum of Understanding. In the event that a water utility fails to agree to a proposed MOU, the City shall impose the amount of the administrative fee by unilateral action.

SECTION 5
Use of Funds

All funds collected under this ordinance shall be used exclusively for the provision, operation, maintenance, and improvement of the Madison County 911 emergency communications system as outlined in KRS 65.760.

SECTION 6
Enforcement

Failure of a water utility to collect or remit the fees as required by this Ordinance shall subject the utility to penalties as provided by Kentucky law and as may be enforced by the City of Berea, including but not limited to a legal action to recover the fees provided in Section 2 herein.

SECTION 7
Severability

If any provision of this Ordinance is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 8
Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage, approval, and publication as required by law, and the water meter fee shall be first assessed beginning January 1, 2026.

SECTION 9

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

FIRST READING: November 4, 2025

SECOND READING AND ENACTMENT: November 12, 2025

Prepared by:

Corporation Counsel

APPROVED BY:

Bruce Fraley, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Published this 19th day of November, 2025.

REQUEST FOR BIDS

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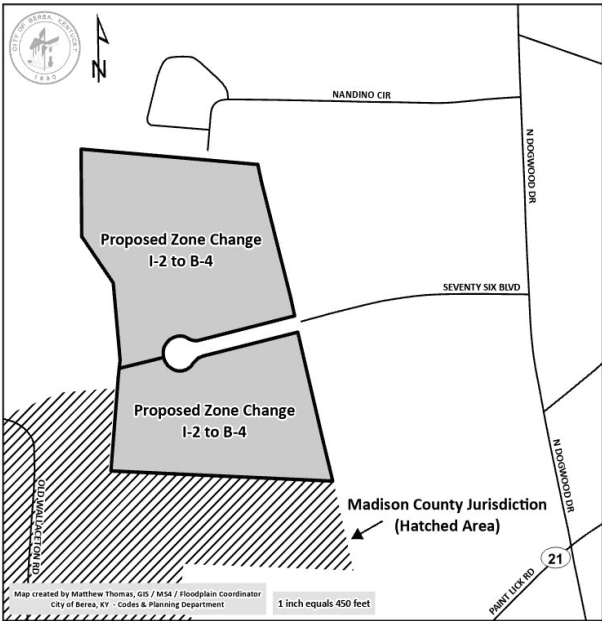
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The City of Berea, KY reserves the right to accept any bid, to reject any and all bids, to waive any irregularities or informalities in awarding the franchise, and to accept what, in its opinion, is the lowest, responsive, responsible and best bid which is in the best interest of, and most advantageous to the City.

Public Hearing Notice



The Berea Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, December 9, 2025, at 6:00 P.M., in the Council Chambers of the Berea City Annex for the purpose of considering the following requests:

WILLIAM TODD & ERIN C HOLBROOK – ZONE CHANGE REQUEST – 151 & 170 SEVENTY-SIX BOULEVARD – FROM I-2 (Industrial Park District) to B-4 (Interchange Business District) as indicated on the map provided.

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Williams receives lifetime award

By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

Berea resident and internationally recognized environmental advocate Craig Williams was honored recently by the Kentucky Resources Council (KRC), who awarded Williams with the organization's Winnie Heffner Lifetime Achievement Award.

Presenting the award to Williams was KRC board chair Jeanne Marie Hibberd, who noted the Heffner award is bestowed on those whose life work has demonstrated dedication, selfless commitment to nature, and courage to speak against injustice.

Williams is perhaps best known in central Kentucky for his 40-plus year effort to prevent the United States Army from incinerating over 520 tons of chemical agent



Craig Williams

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Payne honored



Berea City Councilman John Payne, right, was honored last week with a certification from the Kentucky League of Cities (KLC). In presenting the award, Berea Mayor Bruce Fraley, who serves as vice president of the statewide organization, KLC's commitment to providing continuing education and training for municipal staff and elected officials. "One of the things we place a really high value on is our training through the Kentucky League of Cities," Fraley said. "This is the level II, Excellence in City Government, which was earned by our council member, John Payne." Berea staffers have received several certifications in recent years, including citations for finance, codes and planning administration, economic development and law enforcement.

Walking in a ... Winter wonderland



City, Tourism Deck the Halls for the holiday season

By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

Berea Tourism and the City of Berea stepped up their efforts when it comes to holiday decorating this year, part of a year-long campaign to beautify the city.

In a new development, the city contracted with Upward Prolights to turn Memorial Park into a walk-thru Christmas village, something that local families have already begun to enjoy.

Berea Tourism Director Nancy Conley said the investment in decorations is part of a strategy to do something that will benefit local residents while also serving as a draw for visitors.

"Tourism is making a huge effort to work on beautifying the city in different seasons," Conley said. "Our efforts are not only to serve the community here, but to also be a destination. We wanted to create a destination that visitors and the community alike could enjoy."

Tourism is investing \$160,000 for beautification in the current fiscal year, which officials say is just the beginning of an effort to help make



Click on the QR Code above for a tour of the walk-thru village at Memorial Park.

Berea a destination and, ideally, boost local businesses.

"I think our city is headed in the right direction with our Christmas decorations," said Tourism Commissioner Jim Davis during a recent meeting. "We're starting small, but we're going to grow and expand and have something to be proud of in a couple of years."

Tourism Chair Will Gover, along with his fellow firefighters from Berea Volunteer Fire and Rescue, said he is excited to see the changes around town. "I've seen the contractors out at the Gallery and Events Center and it's really a good thing to see," said Gover, who was part of the team that placed a Christmas locomotive on the lawn in Artisan Village.

In addition to new decorations in Memorial Park, Chestnut Street



Pavilion, the Berea Gallery and Events Center, the Berea Welcome Center, as well as cable lighting down North Broadway, Conley said city staffers have been sprucing up the town as well.

Berea Public Works placed lighting on street lights around the city, Berea Municipal Utilities installed the traditional Christmas lights on power poles, and the Berea Fire Department hung a huge wreath at Berea City Hall. Berea Parks and Recreation, meanwhile, assisted in making the Memorial Park Christmas village possible, Conley said. Residents will also notice that John G. Fee Park, which is the venue for the

city's annual Hanukkah celebration, is also decorated with blue and white lighting.

"I guarantee you every city department has touched this project

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BEREA COLLEGE

Boone Tavern Brings Holiday Magic to Berea



A Boone Tavern team member adds final touches to a Christmas tree in the hotel's festive lobby. SEAN HALL/BEREA COLLEGE

Sean Hall
Berea College

BEREA, Ky. – As Berea begins to sparkle with holiday lights, The Historic Boone Tavern Hotel & Crafted invites the community to step into a season of warmth, wonder and celebration.

Owned by Berea College and managed by Olympia Management, Boone Tavern has long been a gathering place for holiday traditions.

“Each year, our team embraces the tradition of transforming the hotel into a warm, festive retreat where holiday spirit shines in every corner,” said Melissa McGuire, Boone Tavern general manager. “From timeless décor to sparkling seasonal touches, we take pride in creating an atmosphere that feels both magical and familiar. Many of our guests return year after year just to experience the beauty of our holiday displays, making it one of our most cherished traditions.”

This year’s holiday lineup offers a variety of events for all ages, both Berea residents and hotel guests alike.

At 7 p.m. on Dec. 11, Boone Tavern hosts The Holiday Heist, a spirited murder mystery presented by Bluegrass Mystery Theater. Set at the North Pole, the story unfolds with Mrs. Claus, Santa and Crumpet the Elf preparing for the busiest night of the year, until trouble arrives in the form of Don and Penny Henchman.

Music lovers can enjoy Christmas with Elvis & Sinatra at 7 p.m. on Dec. 12. This lively dinner show features the timeless voices of two music legends, blending holiday favorites with classic hits. Performer Lee Dean will channel three decades of Elvis Presley’s greatest hits alongside Sinatra-style holiday tunes, creating an evening of nostalgia and festive fun. Guests can choose a dinner-and-show experience or attend the performance only.

Families will find enchantment at the Princess Christmas Tea from 2-4 p.m. on Dec. 14. Presented in partnership with Gleam and Glow Princess Services, the event includes a meet-and-greet with beloved princesses, a tea party, sweet treats, sing-alongs and photo opportunities. Tickets are \$33 per person, and children under 2 are admitted free with a paid adult ticket.

At 3 p.m. on Dec. 21, the Annual Christmas Tea returns as a beloved tradition. This year, Boone Tavern partners with Golden Leaves, Kentucky’s one-of-a-kind soap and tea café, offering ethically sourced teas and festive treats in a cozy setting.

Beyond events, Boone Tavern invites guests to experience its redesigned restaurant, Crafted, which features holiday-inspired cocktails, seasonal menus and a private dining room ideal for office parties. Gift cards, T-shirts and Boone Tavern memorabilia are also available.

For those seeking a holiday getaway, Boone Tavern offers packages including a spa experience and the popular Christmas Tree Package – a stay in a festively decorated guestroom complete with a tree, cookies and a keepsake plate.

To learn more about holiday events or book a stay, visit boonetavernhotel.com/dining-events/upcoming-events or call 859-985-3700.



Firefighters from Berea Volunteer Fire and Rescue, including Bera Tourism Chair Will Gover, assembled a Christmas train in Artisan Village, as well as a Christmas sled in Memorial Park. It's part of the city's investment to boost holiday spirit as well as tourism and commerce.

TOURISM

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in some way," Conley said of city staff. She added that volunteers have also been crucial to the effort.

The holiday decorating campaign wraps up just in time for Shop Small Saturday, an annual event this Saturday in which local officials encourage residents to do their holiday shopping in Berea. The day will wrap up with the Mayor's Merry Mingling celebration in Artisan Village in Old Town, from 6 – 8 p.m.

The annual holiday festivities will fea-

ture the lighting of the Christmas tree, carols, campfires, hot cocoa, marshmallow roasting, as well as a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus.

When it's time to put the holiday decorations away, tourism staffers will be looking ahead to the spring beautification campaign, as well as the 250th anniversary celebration of the Declaration of Independence in July.

"We have some more beautification projects that we're interested in completing this [fiscal] year, including new flower boxes and hanging flower baskets at different points throughout the town. We are really focused on making Berea attractive for visitors but also for the community to enjoy," Conley said.

WILLIAMS

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at the Blue Grass Army Depot (BGAD).

Hibberd, who was part of that grassroots, community effort, said Williams sacrificed a lot to ensure the safe disposal of America's chemical weapons stockpile, not only in Berea, but around the United States and beyond.

"Many a night while driving through Berea, I saw his office light on. This is his life's work. At 77, he's still doing it. And I believe he won't rest until the final closure of the Bluegrass [chemical weapons demilitarization] facility," Hibberd said.

That effort began in 1984 after the army announced plans to burn the chemical weapons stockpile at BGAD. However, after years of research, lobbying, community organization, as well as national and international networking by Williams and others, the military abandoned the incineration plan. Instead, the weapons containing deadly nerve agents were destroyed by chemical neutralization, a process that was completed in July 2023. What remains is the effort to safely dispose of the infrastructure and tools that came into direct contact with chemical agents during the neutralization process.

One turning point of the effort was the bipartisan approach for rallying support from people with vastly different views, who came together to oppose weapons incineration in Kentucky. That approach resulted in the passage of Senate Bill 1 in 1990, a Kentucky law U.S. military officials called a "show-stopper." It ultimately ensured the military would have to prove it was employing the safest and most effective manner for chemical agent disposal.

"When you deal with the legislature and local elected officials, many of them don't agree with us on a plethora of issues. However, if you're trying to secure their cooperation on an issue you're working on, it's very important that you don't burn that bridge," Williams said.

"I would always keep in mind that they are people just like us. They just

have a different viewpoint and look through life from a different prism than we do. They bounce their grandkids on their knee. They take care of their wives and families. You have to relate to them on a personal level that shares that common humanity."

Williams cited the movement's relationship with Republican Senator Mitch McConnell as proof that bipartisan ship works.

"The staunchest advocate we had on this issue was Mitch McConnell. To realize that was astonishing, frankly, because he and I don't agree on probably much of anything. But once he realized what we were doing and that we had the support of the entire state, he followed through and got us the money that was used to bring together a group to look at [disposal] alternatives."

A Vietnam War veteran, Williams returned from the conflict and joined the Vietnam Veterans Against the War.

That advocacy led to his co-founding of the Vietnam Veterans of America Foundation, which, in 1985, won the Nobel Peace Prize for work regarding landmines.

Additionally, Williams was part of a VVAF effort to ensure veterans affected by the chemical defoliant Agent Orange had the right to petition the government for treatment.

Hibberd noted that Williams garnered countless honors over the years for his advocacy, including the 2006 Goldman Environmental Prize for outstanding environmental activism in North America.

When receiving the Winnie Heffner Lifetime Achievement Award, Williams credited the work of many other people, including Tom Fitzgerald, Peter Hille, Hibberd and others. He also expressed gratitude for his wife, Teri, and his family, who supported him despite his frequent work trips away from home.

Williams recalled something his eldest daughter, who is now 40, said to him before he went on the road.

"On my first trip to Russia, she was probably four or five, so I went up to her bedroom to say goodbye to her, and I tried to explain to her why I was doing this, but she looked at me and said, 'It's okay Daddy. You're going to save the world.'"

REQUEST FOR BIDS

for the

THE CITY OF BERA, KENTUCKY'S Communications Franchise

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Bid Notice

The Madison County Fiscal Court is accepting bid proposals for Battlefield Golf Course maintenance equipment in Richmond, KY. Bids must be received by Madison County Fiscal Court no later than 10:00 a.m. EST, on

December 9, 2025, at which time the bids will be opened and read aloud publicly at the Courthouse Annex in the office of the Madison County Judge/Executive. Bids must be sealed and clearly labeled "Battlefield Golf Course Maintenance Equipment Bid." All responses shall be mailed or

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OBITUARIES

Rev. Gerald Lee Powell



Rev. Gerald Lee Powell, 73, left this world at home, embraced by family, Wednesday Nov. 19, 2025, at his residence in Berea. He was born July 20, 1952 in Berea. to the late Charles "Tommy" and Myrtle Powell. Gerald retired after 47 years of service with Delta Natural Gas Company, where he spent the majority of his career as the Corrosion Specialist. He was also a minister and served as the pastor of Grace Baptist Church in Richmond, until recent health issues prevented him from continuing. For more than 40 years he hosted a church radio broadcast to share the gospel with the community. He was devoted to sharing God's word, and his family was always the highest priority. Gerald also found joy in holidays, family meals, movies, traveling, boating on the lake in his younger years, and old cars.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife Faye Chowning Powell, son James "Jimmy" Vaughn, Jr, son in law, Robbie Todd, and siblings, Dianne Embry, Deborah Abney, and Earl Powell. Gerald is lovingly survived by his brother, Jake Powell (Melody) of Berea, as well as three children: Mi-

Frances Marie Cuzick



Frances Marie Cuzick, a beacon of generosity and unwavering faith, passed away peacefully on Nov. 21, 2025, in Richmond. Born on Feb. 23, 1944, in Rockcastle County, Frances's life was a testament to her enduring faith and her commitment to her family and the Lord.

Frances was preceded in death by her beloved parents, Preston and Pearl Martin Anderkin, her stepmother, Gertrude Anderkin, her cherished husband, David Cuzick, and her siblings, Patty Roy, Wanda Prater, Dorothy Olsovski, Gladys Gill, and Loretta Smith. Her legacy continues through her devoted children, Anthony (Lana) Hamblen and Crystal (Shane) Whittemore, her one-of-a-kind brother, Frankie (Arlene) Anderkin, her cherished sister, Peggy (Bobby) Mason, and her adored grandchildren, Zachary and Nicholas Hamblen, Madison, and Lillian Whittemore. Frances also leaves behind her special niece, Cheryl Richardson, who held a unique place in her heart.

Frances's working life was marked by an impressive 40-year tenure at the Parker Seal O Ring Company, where she was not only a dedicated employee but also a dear friend to many. Her work ethic and steadfast commitment for over forty years were unparalleled, leaving a lasting impact on the company and its legacy.

randa "Mandie" Gay and her husband Justin; Candace Todd Schneider and her husband John and Cameron Vaughn and his wife Nikki, of Berea. He was deeply proud of his eight grandchildren- Ethan Richmond (Savannah), Andrew Richmond, Rylan "Raylan" Gay, Hadlee Todd, Hudson Todd, Ella Vaughn, Raegan Vaughn and James Vaughn and treasured his two great grandchildren, Everleigh and Emmylou Richmond. He is also remembered with great affection by a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Monday Nov. 24, 2025, at Waco Baptist Church, Richmond. Rev. Gerald Lee Powell officiated by video. Burial followed at the Madison County Memorial Gardens in Richmond. Pallbearers were Cameron Vaughn, Ethan Richmond, Andrew Richmond, Rylan Gay, Hudson Todd, Jarod Abney, Toby Honaker, and Ronnie Azbil. Honorary pallbearers were Mitchell Marshal Powell, Mitch Barrett, Lonnie Owens, Steve Dooley, Hershal Foster, Roger Ison, Larry Peavely, John Dooley, Randal Grant, Roy Rose, Jimmy Webb, Bobby Sanders, Chris Powell, Cody Powell and the members of Grace Baptist Church.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to: Grace Baptist Church C/O Heather Foster, 305 Peachtree Dr. Berea, 40403.

A devout Christian, Frances was a longtime member of Pilot Knob Baptist Church. Her faith in Jesus was the cornerstone of her life, and she loved her church community deeply. Frances's servanthood extended beyond the walls of the church, as she was deeply committed to helping those less fortunate in any way she could.

Those who knew Frances will remember her for her generous nature and gorgeous smile. She never hesitated to extend a helping hand or a listening ear to those in need. Her kindness and selflessness were evident in every aspect of her life, from her personal relationships to her vast charitable giving to numerous organizations.

Frances's family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to her special friends, Loretta Fitzgerald, Jessica Cain, Jackie Walling, and Shirley Lowe, for the exceptional compassion they provided. Their dedication to Frances's well-being in Her final year was a source of great comfort to her and her family.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2025, at Lakes Funeral Home with Pastors Greg Lakes and Ken Felty officiating. Burial will follow in the Madison County Memorial Gardens.

Pallbearers will be Todd Harris, Randy Anderkin, Cliff Mullins, Doyle Sparks, Roy Wilson, Jeff Horn, Mitch Fitzgerald, and Randy Calico. Honorary bearers will be the Staff at Dominion Senior Living, Ken Felty, and Loretta Fitzgerald. Services will be livestreamed at www.lakesfuneralhome.com

Notices

- Richard Davis "Rick" Abney, 61, died on Nov. 20, 2025 at his home. Family will be accepting friends from 4-6 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 23, 2025 at Lakes Funeral Home.
- Donald Elam, 91, died on Nov. 17 surrounded by family. Funeral service was at 1 p.m. on Nov. 22 at Davis and Powell Funeral Home.
- Rev. Arny Ray Reed, 76, pastor of Farristown Baptist Church, died on Nov. 17. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 29 at Farristown Baptist Church. Visitation will be 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the church. Davis and Powell Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.



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Counting my many blessings

When it comes to eating and spending time with family, Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays.

Of course, as you may know from my social media posts, it's no secret that I enjoy eating and it started when I was young. I can remember growing up we went to my grandparents house to celebrate. Since Mamaw May was a cook for the Madison County School system, she had a knack for cooking and was good at it, too. She also was a cook at the Madison County Jail for the late Frank King in the 1970s. She could flat out cook a feast. One of my all-time favorite

dishes were her dumplings. A few years later, my mom's dumplings were good too, and so was her homemade stuffing. She did it the old-fashioned way and not out of the box. My step-grandmother, Eva Reed, cooked the best dumplings as well. I tried my hand at dumplings back when I was a bachelor, but they were an epic fail and I haven't tried to make them again in more than two decades. Since my dad was a pastor



Keith Taylor

and minister, we would often get invites from people in the congregation to share in their family meals during dinner time on Thanksgiving. We were happy to share meals with church members who welcomed us into their homes and thankful for those times of fellowship.

If we didn't have a place to go, dad would often pack us up in the car and drive to South Laurel High School in London, where the best Southern Gospel groups at the time, were in concert. Those also were fun times, and we were blessed to hear great music and those bands put on a show on Thanksgiving evening.

They too, sacrificed time away from family and their performances were certainly appreciated and not forgotten. They are forever stored in my memory bank.

During the last 25 years of mom's life, she had her Thanksgiving meal the Friday following Thanksgiving, which allowed us to spend the holiday with other family members. We have revived our Friday Thanksgiving feast and I'm glad my sister Taunya has carried on the tradition in the same kitchen mom prepared countless meals for us through the years.

I do enjoy Black Friday shopping even though I usually do it on my own.

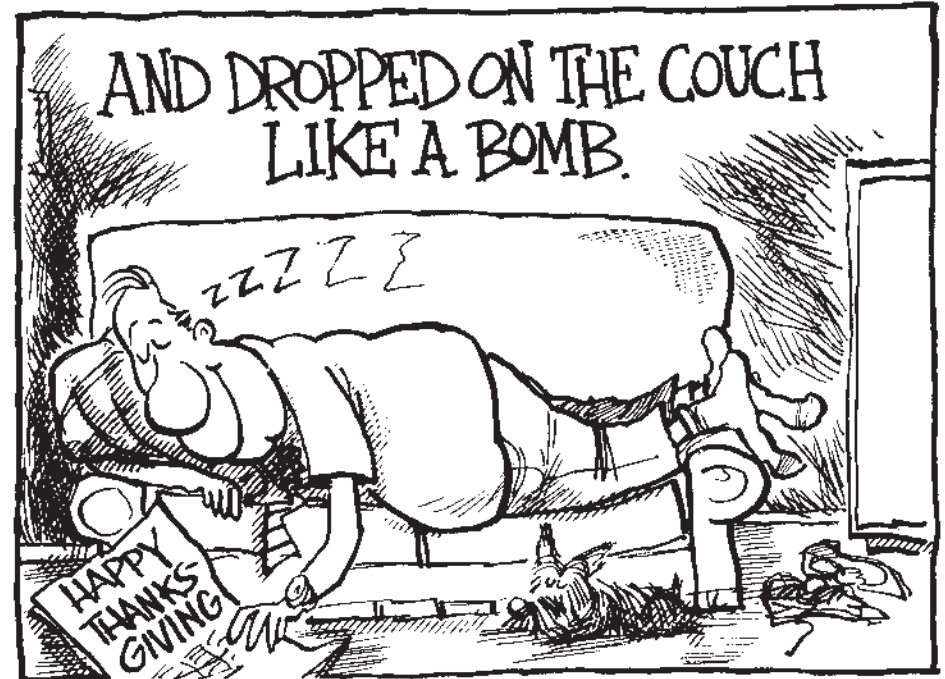
I've stood in line to get into a store at midnight and learned how to navigate through the crowded aisles. The secret? Keep your feet in drive and go. Don't look back.

The pandemic took the joy away from those shopping experiences and inflation has made me think twice about even shopping in the first place.

We are a blessed nation and we should be thankful for our many blessings and freedoms that we still enjoy in our great nation.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Keith Taylor



Take the time to give thanks

We can and should celebrate Thanksgiving every day. Jesus told the story about the man cleansed of leprosy who returned to give thanks. He pointed out there were nine who experienced the same healing of their physical problem, but did not return to give thanks. The Pilgrims celebrated Thanksgiving. They gave



Glenn Mollette

thanks for the rain, their harvest, health and the kindness of the local native Americans. They also gave thanks to God for their new life in America.

We know the difference between a thankful person and someone who complains all the time about anything and everything. It's more fun to be around a grateful person than someone who can find something bad to say about anything and everything that is good.

There is a painting I love that displays a man with a bowed head, hands clasped and before him what ap-

pears to be a bowl of soup. In the painting he is giving thanks.

Our children and grandchildren all have a lot to learn in life and so do all of us adults. Two words that seem to be absent from many vocabularies are "thank you."

We should say "thank you," a lot. Say thank you to God and to all those who do even the smallest things for us and around us. It doesn't hurt to say thank you two or three times.

Where did you learn to say thank you? Did your parents teach you? Did you learn it in school? Did you learn it from hearing someone else say it often? Or, have you yet to learn the importance of those two special and sacred words.

Thank you goes a long way. Saying thank you builds bridges, tears down

walls and overcomes a lot of sin, evil and bad feelings. Thank people for being your friends, for their kindnesses, for their service, their faithfulness, their patriotism and all the big and small things from A to Z.

Don't wait until Thanksgiving to say "thank you." Give thanks to God, our public servants, your family, co-workers and more today and as often as possible.

I've already had several days of Thanksgiving. Last week we sat in my sister's family room and spent time talking to one of our own who survived an aortic aneurism. We talked about the miracle of the many people who were involved in saving his life. We gave thanks and have many times.

We spent time eating chili soup and sloppy joe sandwiches and casually hanging out as family. They were

precious hours of Thanksgiving. My wife and I spent an hour or so another day with my sister, her husband and son eating some early turkey, dressing mashed potatoes and pumpkin pie. You don't have to wait until Thursday to have turkey and family fellowship. One evening we sat with my brother and his son and family just talking around the table while they were having hamburgers.

It was a nice time of fellowship. On another day we got to volunteer with others to distribute Thanksgiving food to over 800 people and again we experienced a blessed time of Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving can be any day, with any meal and a variety of people. Whatever the day, meal or occasion, see the blessing of the moment and give thanks.

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• Luis Balmiori, 22: commitment order • Lisa Gilliam, 44: receiving stolen property, \$1,000 but less than \$10,000; operating on suspended or revoked operator’s license; no operator’s – moped license; criminal mischief, 2nd degree • Megan Kilby, 42: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (heroin); possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); possession of a controlled substance, 3rd degree – drug unspecified • Robert Kilby, 20: aggravated trafficking in a controlled substance (greater than or equal to 28 grams fentanyl); trafficking in marijuana (8 oz but less than 5 pounds) – 1st offense; drug paraphernalia – buy/possess; receiving stolen property, \$1,000 but less than \$10,000 • Kevin Lamb, 31: strangulation, 1st degree, domestic violence related • Tara Garner, 39: probation violation (for technical violation) • Shannon Charles, 27: parole violation (for technical violation)	• Steven Richardson, 61: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); possession of a controlled substance – 3rd degree – drug unspecified; illegal possession of a legend drug; prescription controlled substance not properly contained – 1st offense • Levi Allen: serving parole violation warrant • Sammy Reynolds, 44: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine) • Steven Perdue, 55: failure to appear; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); possession of a controlled substance – 3rd degree – drug unspecified; illegal possession of a legend drug; prescription controlled substance not properly contained – 1st offense
Nov. 14	Nov. 17
• Skylar Spicer, 37: strangulation, 1st degree, domestic violence related; wanton endangerment – 2nd degree; unlawful imprisonment – 2nd degree; assault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor injury • Brooklyn Townsend, 21: alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offense); fleeing or evading police, 1st degree (on foot); receiving stolen property (firearm); receiving stolen property, \$1,000 but less than \$10,000; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); possession of marijuana; theft by unlawful taking or disposition, theft from vehicle • Jessica Hollon, 40: probation violation, for felony offense • Dawn Cruse, 51: probation violation, for felony offense	• Josyllnne Richards, 30: criminal abuse, 1st degree – child 12 or under; endangering the welfare of a minor • Paul Fierro, 25: failure to appear (2 counts); criminal abuse, 1st degree – child under 12; endangering the welfare of a minor • Tyler Dehorty, 33: failure to appear (2 counts) • John Kemper, 49: failure to appear (2 counts) • Ryan Williams, 35: failure to appear (2 counts) • Leandrea Berryman, 25: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); tampering with physical evidence
Nov. 15	Nov. 19
• Robert King, 50: failure to appear (2 counts); contempt of court, libel/slander, resistance to order • Delbert Brandenburg, 52: failure to appear; contempt of court, libel/slander, resistance to order	• Adjin Kanda, 42: violation of a Kentucky EPO/DVO; criminal trespass – 3rd degree • Brandon McIntosh, 45: assault, 4th degree dating violence (minor injury); probation violation (for felony offense) • Matthew Sullivan, 53: parole violation (for technical violation) • Shawnda Cox, 49: operating motor vehicle under the influence of substance(s) – 1st; probation violation (for felony offense)

COURT RECORDS

District Court	Nov. 7
	• Catherine E. Spicer vs. Skylar Rose Spicer • Natasha G. Maggard vs. William Joseph O’Donnell • Courtney Alicia Reeves vs. Robert Alexander Stafford
Nov. 13	Nov. 16
• Leo T. Ueda vs. Leah J. Ueda	• Morgan Bowling vs. Cameron Wilhoit
Nov. 17	Nov. 19
• Destiny Chrisman vs. Ryan Thomas Gadd	• Destiny Chrisman vs. Ryan Thomas Gadd
Circuit Court	Nov. 6
	• Lola Frances S. Kerns, Jr. vs. Jonathan Charles Kerns

MARRIAGES

Nov. 7	Nov. 13
• Shanna Lea Howes, machinist, 26 of Richmond to Jeremy Pryse Trent, foreman electrician, 27 of Richmond • Antoinette Miranda Williams, scarefest team lead, 36 of Richmond to Kevin Ray Johnson, store manager 33 of Richmond • Kristen Elayne Forrester, registered nurse, 27 of Richmond to Chad Delaney Vermillion, factory worker, 31 of Richmond • Thomas Robert Conroy, engineer, 29 of Richmond to Samantha Faye Dearing, database administrator, 30 of Richmond • Joshua Robert Prater, Richmond Utilities, 32 of Richmond to Elesha Ann Hilbert, caregiver, 32 of Richmond • Lexi Brooke Ritter, unemployed, 22 of Richmond to Carter Jacob Buckner, general contractor, 22 of Richmond • Eric Dwight Simpson, security officer, 39 of Richmond to Samantha Michelle Graham, APMC, 27 of Richmond	• Staci Rene Holley, fielf services supervisor, 49 of Richmond to William Edward Ackerman, PVA, 50 of Richmond
Nov. 14	Nov. 17
• Perla Guacdalupe Villa Francsco, unemployed, 27 of McKee to Jose Villa Montalvo, unemployed, 29 of McKee • Abigail Rae Martin, teacher, 23 of Richmond to Bobby Cole Baker, environmental technician, 26 of Richmond • Tommy McKeadon Dale Wilburn, maintenance mechanic, 22 of Richmond to Sidney Dakota-Faith Sanders, unemployed, 22 of Richmond	• Teresa Alexander Perry, physician assistant, 25 to Reese Alan Asher, banker, 27 of Cynthiana • Devan Graham Collins, bank manager, 38 of Richmond to Robert Foster Tackett, II, engineer, 50 of Richmond • Patricia Mae Aldridge, retired, 68 of Paint Lick to Jay Oldham Schroyer, self-employed, 67 of Paint Lick

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Nov. 13	Nov. 17
• Clifford J. Frazier and Catherine Hisore Frazier to Kristen McDowell, 216 Stratford Drive, \$295,000 • Lynda Alley Richter and Stephen Carroll Richter to Essence A. Allred, tract Old Hines Creek Road, \$160,000 • Jesse Robert Maupin and Nancy Maupin to Harold Ray and Terry Ray, tract Madison County, \$178,200 • Calloway Development, LLC to Luxon Contracting, LLC, lot 13 Callaway at Boonesboro, Phase 1, \$90,000 • Joseph Leskie Campbell, II, Jacob Thackson and Lauren Elizabeth Campbell to Sahdev B. Chokshi, Trustee and Ankia Choshi, Trustee of the Cahdev B. Chokshi and Ankita Chokshi Revocable Trust, 100 and 110 Interstate Drive, \$525,000 • Barbara Kiss (a/k/a Barbara E. Kiss) and Barbara E. Kiss, Trustee for and on behalf of Barbara E. Kiss Revocable Trust, dated November 10, 2025, lot 199 Phase IV Indigo Run Subdivision, for and in consideration of the terms and conditions of The Barbara E. Kiss Revocable Trust	• Mountain World Imports, LTD (a/k/a MT World Imports, LTD) to Jennifer Gaughan, 3187 Irvine Road, \$155,000 • Ryan David Hamilton and Brittany Hamilton to Jennifer Lynn Chadwell, tract Madison County • Weston Turner and Haley Turner to Shaina Estep an Eric Estep, lot 53 Wellington Subdivision, \$325,000
Nov. 14	Nov. 18
• Philip J. Walker and Jessica L. Walker to THRAB, LLC, lot 1 Block D Stateland Subdivision, \$270,000 • Calloway Development, LLC to Kaitlin Rene Baudendistel and Kearstin Leann Edmonds, lot Callaway @ Boonesboro, \$90,000 • Shirley Carson Gibson, by and through her Attorney-in-Fact Charles H. Gibson, II to Berea Property Development, LLC, tracts Madison County \$700,000 • Calloway Development, LLC to Robin Jones Group, Inc., lot 24 Callaway @ Boonesboro, \$90,000 • Community Trust Bank, Inc. to Brian E. Charles Living Trust, dated May 7, 2019, Brian E. Charles, Trustee, lot 14 Crescent Street, Berea, \$120,000 • Arthur J. Scheiderman to Alex Property, LLC, 116 Raven Drive, \$290,000 • Russell Ott and Patricia Ott to Bobby James Fugate and Brenda Sue Fugate, lot 6 Roaring Creek Estates, \$391,900 • Brianna Dewitt to Hallie Land, lot 4 Powell’s Addition, Richmond, \$200,000 • Terri Combs and Rick Combs (a/k/a Ricky Combs) to Nicholas R. Jurich and Sheryl L. Jurich, 1068 Amberly Way, \$403,000 • William M. Grise and Shannon Grise to Seth Robert and Sandra Louise Roberts, tracts Madison County, \$422,500 • Ellen Lee Hardin Joseph (f/k/a Ellen Lee Hardin Rankin) and Wallace Dean Joseph to Patrick R. Clayton and Leslie Monserrat Zamora, lot 4 Cherry Trace Subdivision, \$265,000 • J. Flynn, Inc. to William Brandon Pace and Shannon Lynn Pace, lot 54 Crutcher Pike Estates, \$417,500 • Scott A. Friends and Kristin Friends to James Michael Larkin and Laurie Jane Larkin, 440 Highland Lakes Drive, \$525,000 • Kristen McDowell to Jared T. Pyatt and Hannah C. Pyatt, 1221 Paula Drive and 1223 Paula Drive, \$296,900 • Frank L. Everhart to Pamela Harford and Craig Frederick Sindof, 193 Meridian Way, \$310,000 • Dustin Lainhart, Krista Lainhart, Jeffrey Lee Lainhart, Robert Dale Lainhart, Teresa Lainhart, Sundra Joan Ratliff, Misty Kay Mullins and Timothy Mullins to Erin E. Knight and James Gregory Knigt, tract Madison County, \$75,000 • Pedro A. Castillo and Aymara M. Castillo to Diana Ruth Howard, lot 53 Southern Hills Subdivision, \$265,000 • Richard L. Brown to Christina Moore and Michael Moore, tract Madison County, \$288,000 • Mia Turner Centers and Mark A. Centers	• Marilla Scudder-Davis and Leroy Scudder-Davis, lot 27 Indian Hills Estates, \$244,000 • Christian Hensley and Darienne Hensley to Breanna Rainwater and Nicholas Benton Rainwater, lot 109 Fieldstone Subdivision, Block 1, \$305,000 • Pamela Ritenour (f/k/a Pamela D. Gammon) to Hayden Arnott, lots 13 and 14 Block Jackson Addition, Berea, \$205,000 • Shaina Estep (f/k/a Shaina M. Johnson) and Eric Estep to Terry Popp, 9029 Beginnings Way, \$275,000 • Thomas Construction, Inc. to Candice Lee Susits and Fabian Susits, lot 51 Crutcher Pike Estates Subdivision, \$425,000 • Robert Gleaves Morrin, Jr. and Joan M. Morrin to Joan M. Morrin and Robert Gleaves Morrin Jr., Trustees of the Joan M. Morrin and Robert Gleaves Morrin, Jr. Living Trust, dated October 22, 2025, lot 5 Awawam Estates Boone’s Trace Subdivision, \$1.00 • Southland Christian Church of Lexington, Kentucky, Inc. to God’s Outreach Madison County Food Bank, Inc, tracts Arlington View and Bennington Court and lots 48 – 51 Rolling Hills Subdivision, for no consideration • Habitat for Humanity of Madison and Clark Counties, Kentucky, Inc. to Brooklyn Hart and Samuel Hart, lot 12 Block O Rose-dale Addition • Jonathan S. Pezzi to Old Hill Properties, tract Madison County, in order to contribute of capital of the Grantee by the Grantor • Riley Rentals, LLC to Randall Winkler, Jr. and Rebecca Winkler, tracts Madison County, \$24,500 • Paula R. Stout to Garry Lee Stout and Karen Stout, tracts Madison County, for and in consideration of the love and affection between parent and child • Douglas Wayne Kates and Michelle Kates and Blevins Law, PLLC to Douglas Wayne Kates and Michelle Kates, tracts Madison County, for and in consideration of a mutual advantage agreement and agreement between husband and wife • Kyle Stephen Franklin Jeffers to Kyle Stephen Franklin Jeffers and Shelby Emberton, lot 60 Firebrook Subdivision, Phase 1, for valuable consideration of love and affection and for the purposes of adding fiancé’ to title • Daria Lundberg to Daria Lundburg, Anya Silva and Amando Silva lot 12 Prairie View @ Twin Lakes Subdivision, Phase 2, for a valuable consideration of love and affection and for purposes of adding daughter and son in-law to title • Chandler Hope Kelley and Kayla Marie Pittman to Chandler Hope Kelley, lot 64 Indian Hills Subdivision, for a valuable consideration of love and affection for their spouses • Kacey N. Lear (f/k/a Kacey N. Riddle) and Christopher Chase Lear to Connie Ann Baker and Joseph Allen Baker, Jr., tract Madison County, \$145,000 • Calloway Development, LLC to Tommy Cope Properties, LLC, lot 14 Calloway at Boonesboro, Phase 1, \$90,000

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Bragging about \$7 haircuts may not be good idea

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friends, relatives and neighbors is another story altogether. That kind of competition is frowned upon in the scriptures. "Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves" (Philippians 2:3). In fact, Jesus commanded us to love one another,



Roger

just as He has loved us. As we know, Jesus loved us so much that he gave his very life for us. There's no greater love than that. The Bible also calls for us to be "kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love, preferring one another (Romans 12:10), and to be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake has forgiven you. (Ephesians 4:32). I'm glad we live in a place where those scriptures are considered second nature. In a world where the com-

mon philosophy tends to be to win no matter the cost and no matter who gets hurt, our corner of the world is different. We understand that the Bible calls us to be better than that. "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God, and knows God" (1 John 4:7). I'm glad to live in an area where I get to see these scriptures modeled by so many good people every day. If one of our neighbors has a need, we'll be there. If we can help someone in

our families, we're on it in a flash. If a friend is down, we lift him up, no questions asked. So, what would happen if we were barbers and a new hair salon tried to undercut our business? The truth is, if we were barbers who loved our customers the way Jesus calls us to, there's no new hair salon that could pull them away, even for \$7 haircuts.

Reach Roger Alford
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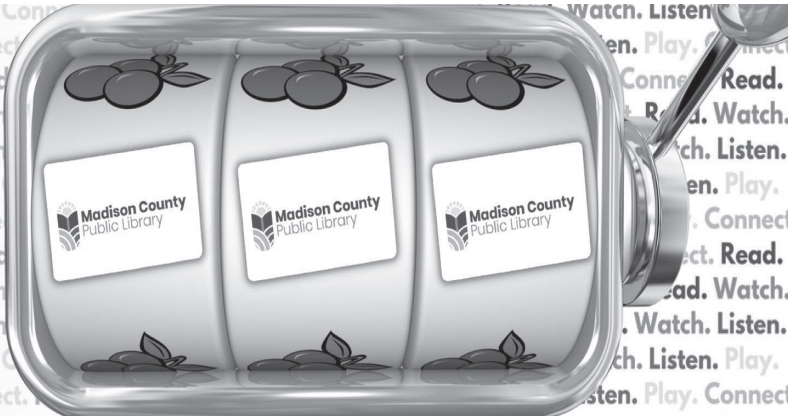
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speeding around the curve. The car was carried about 30 feet down the track before coming to a stop. While injuries ranged from minor to broken ribs, no one was hurt seriously and were expected to make a full recovery.

November 23, 1950 Belnap elected

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Berea College, New York City, held on November 17th, Mr. William B. Belnap of Goshen, Kentucky was elected as a Trustee. R.

Belnap was the director of Belnap Hardware and Manufacturing in Louisville and had been a member of the board previously.

November 27, 1975 Burley market

The Richmond burley market kicked off Monday with a familiar “sold American” pegging an average price of \$1.00 per pound for a total of 363,602 pounds of tobacco according to Federal Market News Service. First day sales averaged \$1.06 per pound

which was two cents less than opening day sales in 1974. Tobacco markets in Mt. Sterling, Paris and Carrollton brought higher averages of \$1.10 per pound. It was reported that those areas had a better crop than last year.

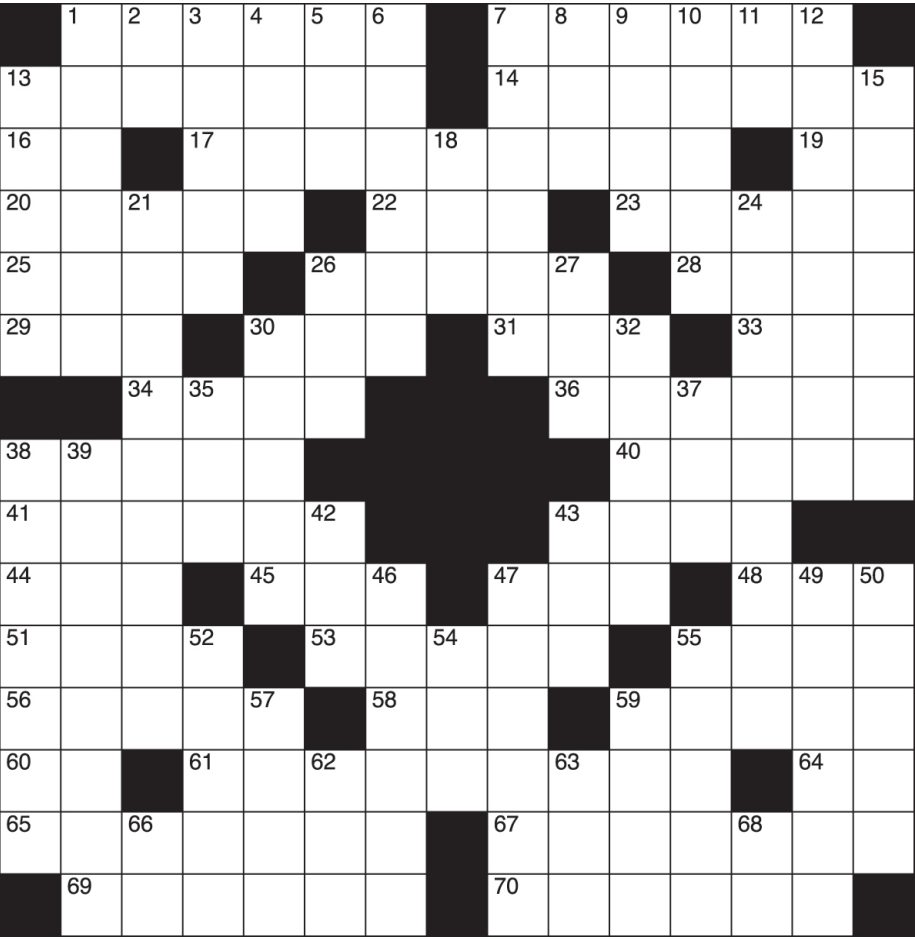
November 23, 2000 Berea couple returns

After months of work and preparation, Garry and Lisa Gay’s prayers had come true as 11 month old Dimitry James became a member of their family. “God has truly blessed

Lisa and I and we are so thankful to become parents,” said Garry. The Gay’s began the process of adopting Dimitry from St. Petersburg, Russia in January and after two trips to Russia, they brought their son home. According to the Gay’s, the community had been very supportive of their decision to adopt, and it was just another reason to be thankful for the community of Berea. The Thanksgiving this year was more special for both Lisa and Garry’s families as this was the first grandchild for both families.

Game Page

Crossword



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Spiritual leaders
- 7. A type of solution
- 13. Fortified wine
- 14. Edible mollusk
- 16. They precede C
- 17. A way to compare
- 19. Government lawyer
- 20. “Game of Thrones” actor Ciaran
- 22. The eighth month (abbr.)
- 23. Very willing
- 25. __ ex Machina
- 26. Makes happy
- 28. Type of berry
- 29. A doctrine
- 30. Popular Dodge truck model
- 31. Dekagram
- 33. Naturally occurring solid
- 34. Company officer
- 36. Villains
- 38. Cricket frogs
- 40. Influential German psychologist
- 41. Endured
- 43. A female domestic
- 44. You can get stuck in one
- 45. Cigarette (slang)
- 47. Fiber optics network
- 48. Group of blood disorders (abbr.)
- 51. Employee stock ownership plan
- 53. Belonging to the bottom layer
- 55. Sound

- 56. MLB legend Hank
- 58. Very attractive person
- 59. Late beloved sportscaster Craig
- 60. South Dakota
- 61. Mocking
- 64. Symbol for gold
- 65. Longtime Braves pitcher Julio
- 67. Humor
- 69. Shawl
- 70. Preliminary patient assessment

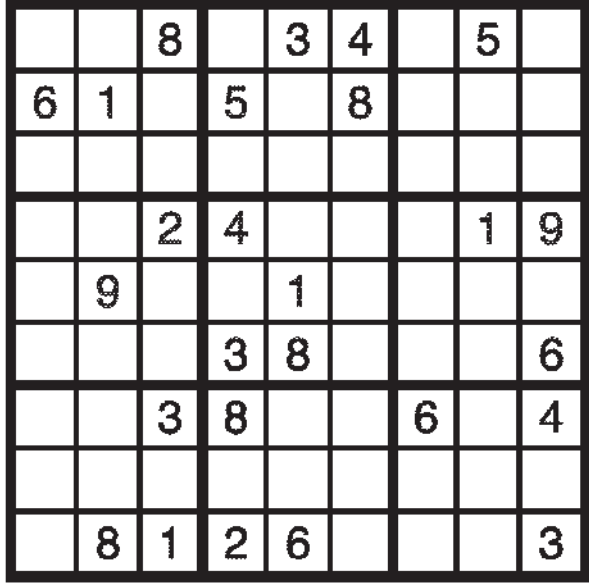
CLUES DOWN

- 1. Animal disease
- 2. Commercial
- 3. Necklace material
- 4. Containers
- 5. A way to save for your future
- 6. Colorado Heisman winner Rashaan
- 7. Dipped down
- 8. Head injury (abbr.)
- 9. Lay about
- 10. Intestinal
- 11. Opposite of yes
- 12. Caused to be loved
- 13. Spiritual leader of Islam
- 15. Businesslike
- 18. Not in
- 21. Number above the line in a fraction
- 24. An animal with its own day
- 26. Pouch
- 27. Swedish krona

- 30. Start over
- 32. Field flowers
- 35. Fourteen
- 37. A visual way to interact with a computer
- 38. Up-to-date
- 39. Campaigns
- 42. Touch lightly
- 43. “Boardwalk Empire” actress Gretchen
- 46. Violent seizure of property
- 47. Supporter of the Pope
- 49. Anxiety
- 50. Body fluid
- 52. One who’s faking it
- 54. Title of respect
- 55. Chilean city
- 57. City in central Japan
- 59. Silk garment
- 62. A form of dance
- 63. Automobile
- 66. The man
- 68. Justice Dept. head honcho



SUDOKU

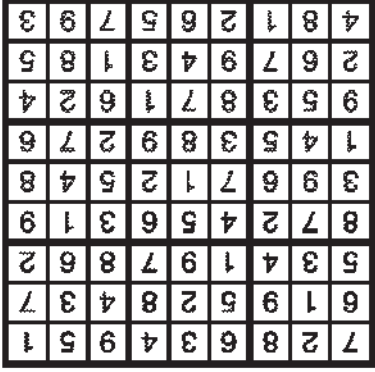


Fun By The Numbers

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

Here’s How It Works:

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



ANSWER:



Solve the code to discover words related to men’s health. Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 19 = N)

- A. 10 14 19
Clue: Male adult
- B. 8 23 6 18 23 11
Clue: Physician
- C. 6 25 15 6 22 13 7
Clue: Health exam
- D. 7 11 15 3 15 19 18 1 23 19
Clue: Stop something from happening

Answers: A. man B. doctor C. checkup D. prevention

this month at the

Madison County Public Library

December 25

Holiday Closings:

All library locations will be **CLOSED**
Wednesday, December 24
Thursday, December 25
Wednesday, December 31
Thursday, January 1



PICTURES WITH SANTA

Tuesday, December 9

Berea: 4-5 PM, Fireplace
Richmond: 6:30-7:30 PM, Room 142

Scan the code to see all of our upcoming events for both locations!



Berea Events
319 Chestnut St., Berea

Adults

Berea Quilters & Needle Artists

1-3 PM, Tuesdays
Meeting Room, Berea
Berea Stitch & Sew
2-4 PM, Tuesdays
Creative Studio, Berea
Creative Studio Intro Classes*
5:30-7:30 PM, Tuesdays
Creative Studio, Berea
*Registration required
3D Printer*
Tuesday, December 2
Music & Audio Production*
Tuesday, December 8
Laser Cutter*
Tuesday, December 16
Recording Studio*
Tuesday, December 23

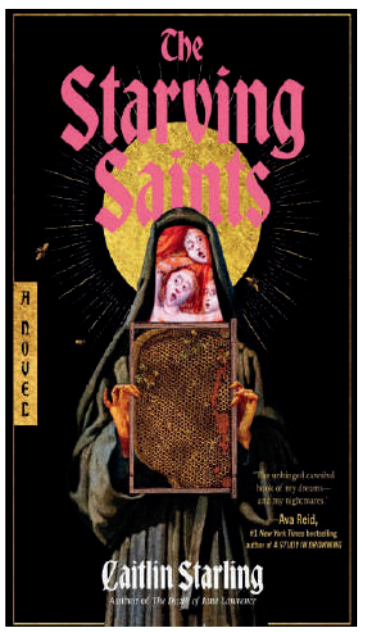
Berea Woodcarvers

10 AM-12 PM, Wednesdays
Fireplace, Berea
Open Studio
5-7:30 PM, Wednesdays
Creative Studio, Berea
Classically Read Movie Night
6-7:30 PM, Tuesday, December 2
Community Room, Berea
Watching: *The Giver*
(PG-13, 1hr 37min)
Drop-In Tech Help
1-3:30 PM, Thursday, December 4
Fireplace, Berea
Receive up to 30 minutes of tech help - no appointment required!
GED Testing*
9 AM-1 PM, Friday, December 5
9 AM-1 PM, Friday, December 19
Community Room, Berea
*Registration required
Contact Madison County Adult Education to schedule an exam.

Creative Studio Orientation
11 AM-12 PM, Monday, December 8
5-6 PM, Monday, December 22
Creative Studio, Berea
Stop by for a detailed tour of the Creative Studio!
Financial Coaching One-on-One*
9 AM-1 PM, Thursday, December 11
Meeting Room, Berea
Contact Sherry to schedule a session at 859-779-3504 or sherry.schloemere@operationhope.org
Bridge Club
2-4 PM, Thursday, December 11
Meeting Room, Berea
Second Saturday Yoga
10-11 AM, Saturday, December 13
Community Room, Berea
Start your Saturday morning with a gentle yoga class!
Under Wraps
5:30-7:30 PM
Monday, December 15
Russel Acton Folk Center, Berea
Enjoy a stress-free wrapping party with provided supplies - plus treats and hot chocolate.
Fireplace Concert Series: Clarinet Convergence
11 AM-12 PM, Tuesday, December 16
Fireplace, Berea
Artist & Maker Meetup
3-5 PM, Thursday, December 18
Creative Studio, Berea
Meet, collaborate, and share your works in progress with fellow artists at this monthly meet up!
Berea Writers Circle
1:30-3 PM, Saturday, December 20
Meeting Room, Berea

December Book Clubs:

Bookish Brunch Book Club
11 AM-12 PM, Tuesday, December 2
Meeting Room, Berea
Discussing: *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon
Just Love Book Club
6-7 PM, Tuesday, December 2
Just Love Coffee, Berea
Discussing: *The Housemaid* by Freida McFadden
Booktrovert
6-7:30 PM,
Wednesday, December 3
Russel Acton Folk Center, Berea
No assigned reading, no awkward icebreakers - just peaceful companionship and the joy of a good book. Stay for the last 30 minutes to discuss your latest read if you'd like!
Booktok Made Me Read It
11 AM-12 PM,
Saturday, December 13
Meeting Room, Berea
Discussing: *Lightlark* by Alex Aster
Pick of the Month Book Club
6-7 PM, Tuesday, December 16
Community Room, Berea
Discussing: *The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman
Classically Read Book Club
7-8 PM, Tuesday, December 16
Community Room, Berea
Discussing: *The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis

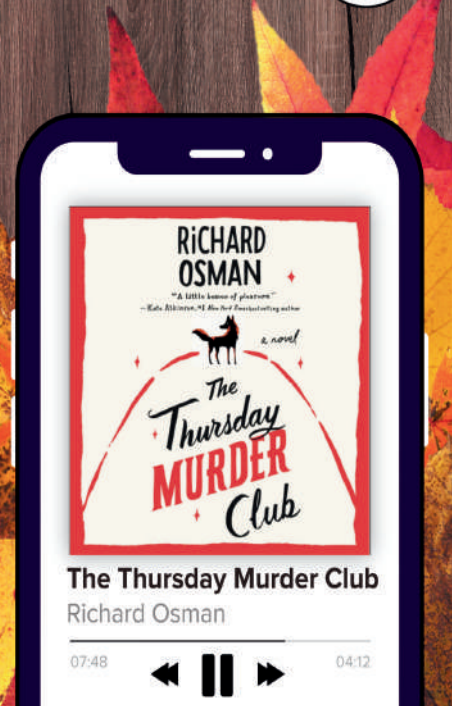


What WE'RE Reading

Emmanuel Moreland, Circulation Assistant

Aymar Castle is under siege. Phosyne, an ex-nun, now sorceress has purified their water source. Ser Voyne, a war hero has maintained the peace while Treila, who poses as a servant girl, plans her revenge against Ser Voyne. However, the issue of their dwindling food reserves is only intensifying as each day passes Desperation and hunger grow in tandem until a taboo act is taken. Then the Saints arrive. Beautiful saviors, just as they are depicted in their statues, enter the besieged castle and invite everyone to feast. But on what? *The Starving Saints* by Caitlin Starling is a medieval horror novel that explores themes of resilience, loyalty, love and of course actual cannibalism.

Get cozy with Libby.
Read. Listen. Borrow.



Children

***Recurring children's programs will not be meeting the last two weeks of December.**
Read and Play
10-11 AM, Mondays and Thursdays
Community Room, Berea
Learn different types of literacy through reading, music, movement, and play!
For ages 0-5 years of age.
Tiny Thinkers
10-11 AM, Tuesdays
Community Room, Berea
*No meeting the last two weeks of December.
Little Artist Story Time
1-2 PM, Wednesdays
Community Room, Berea
LEGO Club+
4-5 PM, Thursdays
Community Room, Berea

Books Cook!
2-3 PM, Fridays
Community Room, Berea
Books Cook is a hands-on story time where reading meets cooking! Each week, we'll read a fun book and then make a simple, themed dish together. It's a fun way to build literacy, creativity, and basic kitchen skills.
Pictures with Santa
4-5 PM, Tuesday, December 9
Fireplace, Berea
It's that time of year again! Come get a picture with Santa, tell him what's on your wish list, and grab some hot chocolate on your way out! Santa will also be giving out free books to children who come to see him.

Crafternoon
4-5 PM, Mondays
Community Room, Berea
DIY Holiday Cards
Monday, December 1
Kick off December with creativity by designing your own holiday cards using cardstock, paper, scissors, stickers, glitter glue, markers, and more.
Sugar Cone Tree Decorating
Monday, December 8
Bring your sweet tooth and design your own edible Christmas tree using ice cream cones, icing, and a variety of candy.
Assorted Ornaments
Monday, December 15
Get into the holiday spirit and create your own ornament with a variety of supplies!

Teens

***Recurring teen programs will not be held the last two weeks of December.**
Teen Café
3:30-5 PM, Fridays
Community Room, Berea
Teen Café is your space to meet new friends, be yourself, and build confidence.
Teen Scene: Snowy Necklaces
4-5 PM, Wednesday, December 3
Create a mini winter wonderland that you can carry with you!
Teen Advisory Group (TAG)
5-6 PM, Wednesday, November 5
Community Room, Berea

Teen Cuisine: Christmas Tree Truffles
4-5 PM, Wednesday, December 10
Community Room, Berea
Learn everything you need to know about making these delicious treats so that you can spread some holiday cheer!
Financial Coaching One-on-One*
9 AM-1 PM, Thursday, December 11
Meeting Room, Berea
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Teen D&D Open Table*
2-4 PM, Saturday, December 13
Meeting Room, Berea
*Registration required
Pick Your Own Book Club: Holiday Favorites
4-5 PM, Wednesday, December 17
Community Room, Berea
A book club where you pick what book you read every time! This month, we will be discussing the memoirs. Read a book, short story, or comic and tell us all about it!
Berea Writers Circle
1:30-3 PM, Saturday, December 20
Meeting Room, Berea

See all of our events: www.madisonlibrary.org