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VOTER
GUIDE

The 2026 primary election will take place on May 19 from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The primary includes partisan primaries for federal and state candidates and nonpartisan primaries for local offices. The Primary Elections determine the candidates that will appear on the ballot in the General Elections on Nov. 5.

Madison County candidates who have filed as of Jan. 6 are as follows:

Judge-Executive

- Donna Agee (R)
- Reagan Taylor (R) *
- Chuck Givens (R)

Jailer

- Doug Thomas (R)
- Larry R. Brock (R)
- Jonathan Everett King (R)

Magistrate 1st District

- Brian Combs (R) *
- Michael Barnett (R)

Magistrate 2nd District

- Stephen Lochmueller (R) *
- Bruce Barnes (R)

Magistrate 3rd District

- Billy Ray Hughes (R) *
- Jason Scott Rawlins (R)

Magistrate 4th District

- Alfred E. Winkler (R)

- Debbie Vescio (R)
- Chris Sipple (R)
- Gary Thomas (R)

Constable 4th District

- Jonathan Brock (R) *
- Greg Mayo (R)

Mayor City of Richmond

- Robert R. Blythe *
- John H. Rakestraw
- Ed McDaniel

Richmond City Commissioner

- Mike Brewer *
- Jim Newby *
- Mike Edwards
- Stephen Delaney
- Tammy W. Cole *
- Krystin Arnold
- Bruce W. Frederick
- Jeffrey DeBarr
- Mendi Goble *

Uncontested races

- County Attorney: Jennie Y. Haymond (R) *
- Sheriff: Tony Terry (R)
- PVA: Billy Ackerman *
- Clerk: Kenny Barger (R) *
- Coroner: Jimmy Cornelison (D) *
- Constable 1st District: No filing
- Constable 2nd District: Steven Gregg (R) *
- Constable 3rd District: James Ebert (R)
- Mayor City of Berea: Bruce Fraley *

(* incumbent)

Primary calendar

- April 4: Online mail-in absentee request portal opens
- Eligibility: Voters need to meet absentee qualifications.
- Deadline: Portal closes May 5; mailed-in ballots must be received by 6 p.m. on
- April 20: Last day to register to vote for the primary election.
- Deadlines: Online: 4 p.m. local time. Mail: Postmarked by April 20. In person: Closing time at the Clerk's Office.
- May 6-8, 11-13: Excused, in-person absentee voting: Location: Richmond Branch, Madison County Clerk's Office
- Time: 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., May 14-16: No excuse, early voting. Time: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Berea Locations: Russel Acton Folk Center, Ignite Academy South Campus
- Richmond Locations: Ignite Academy North Campus, Richmond Active Living Center, Madison County Extension Office, Madison County Public Library
- May 19: Primary locations
- Times: 6 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- Berea Church of God, Russel Acton Folk Center, Ignite Academy South Campus, Eastside Community Church, The Mule Barn at Arlington, White Hall Baptist Church, Ignite Academy North Campus, Richmond Active Living Center, Madison County Extension Office, Madison County Public Library

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Message from Cora Jane Wilson

“Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.

Isaiah 60:1 (KJV)

Business directory





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Calendar of events

Free events

• Jan. 7, 6-7 p.m. Berea Parks and Recreation is organizing a silent book club at the Folk Center.

• Jan. 10, 1-3 p.m. Join Berea Parks and Recreation at the Folk Center for winter crafts and outdoor mindfulness in partnership with MCPL and Winterberry Studios.

• Jan. 10, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Nature journaling through the arts will be hosted by Berea College Forestry Outreach Center at 2047 Big Hill Rd. Bring your own notebooks. There will be some generic materials available, but it is recommended you bring your own art supplies if you have any.

• Jan. 12, 6-7 p.m. 80's Musical Bingo hosted by Berea Parks and Rec will be at the Folk Center.

• Jan. 12, 6:30 p.m. There will be auditions for "Murder on the 518" at The Spotlight Playhouse. Multiple roles are available. Visit <https://www.spotlightacting-school.com/murder-on-the-518-age-16-bgp/> for more information.

• Jan. 12, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Join Madison County Tabletop Gamers for a day of gaming at the Madison County Public Library in Richmond, bottom floor community room #013. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own games and refreshments.

• Jan. 10, 6-9 p.m. The Jenkins Twins will be performing at Chenault Vineyards.

• Now - Jan 15. Drop off your unwanted natural Christmas trees at Lake Reba, Soccer Complex B parking lot. Trees MUST be real and not artificial. Remove all decorations. Only in-tact trees are accepted.

Paid events

• Jan. 10, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Learn how to make a glass snowman with Fire and Fern Glass Studio for \$75. Multiple timeslots available. Pre-registration required at <https://fire-andfernglass.com/>

• Jan. 10, 1-7:30 p.m. Tour two Richmond historical homes for \$14.95 per adult, free for children 18 and under. Buy tickets here <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/family-fun-historical-homes-of-richmond-ky-tour-tickets-197773298660?aff=erelpanelorg>

• Jan. 10, 1-3:30 p.m. Join Spirit & Truth Nutrition for a mother and child paint and sip session that blends artistic creativity with snacks and tea or a shake. \$35 for one adult and child. \$5 for each additional child. Registration here: <https://square.link/u/nRRuppBL>

PARK

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Interchange Business District. If their zone change request is ultimately approved, Hembree would then purchase and develop the property, subject to approval of a site development plan by the planning commission.

Attorney Cory Isaacs made the zone change request on the basis that doing so would bring the property into compliance with the 2020 Berea Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map, which indicates the plots in question will be zoned commercial instead of industrial.

In other news:

- Mayor Bruce Fraley announced the city has received funds from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to move forward with connecting the Dixie Park and Roselawn subdivisions to Richmond Road, near the bypass. Fraley said the next step is to purchase right-of-way for the project.
- Fraley also revealed that bids are expected to go out soon for the state to repair the Farristown Bridge. Fraley said the bridge provides a vital connection not only for residents in the neighborhood, but for others in Madison County.
- Berea City Administrator Shawn Sandlin revealed that work on the new restrooms/snackbar in Berea Community Park may begin as early as this week. Work on the Memorial Park restrooms is also expected to commence soon, Sandlin said.
- During the Public Comments segment, Whitney McKnight thanked city officials for the trails and Tillie Dog Park. She requested the city provide pet waste bags near the entrance of Berea Community Park, and she also encouraged residents to be considerate in cleaning up after their dogs in the city's parks and trails.
- In a 6-1 vote, the council voted to accept 860 feet of curb, gutters and sidewalks in the Stoney Creek Subdivision into the city street maintenance plan. The improvements are valued at \$344,000. At one point in the discussion, Ronnie Terrill suggested tabling the item until the city was assured that a second entrance would be added to the sprawling subdivision. Codes Enforcement Administrator Amanda Haney noted efforts are underway to secure another entrance at Crestview Drive, but that it is undergoing a state and federal permitting process. Terrill cast the lone dissenting vote against accepting the improvements for city maintenance.

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

CHIEF

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speeding citations were issued last year, while officers responded to 546 collisions, including one fatality on the bypass. A total of 742 arrests were made in 2025, according to Hays.

In response to a question from Councilman Jerry Little, Hays highlighted the efforts of the department's two narcotics officers, who seized over 144 grams of marijuana, 229 pills, including hydrocodone, Oxycontin, Suboxone, 267 grams of synthetic marijuana, 51

grams of fentanyl and heroin, 2,033 grams of methamphetamine, and 324 grams of cocaine. Hays noted those numbers do not include the number of drugs seized during traffic stops.

"In 2025, the narcotics team seized more than \$63,000 in cash connected to drug-related arrests. I think it's a pretty impressive number for a two-man team. They work really hard," Hays said.

Hays stated the effort to battle drug trafficking may have also resulted in other positive effects. In 2023 Berea had 86 overdoses. In 2024 there were 53, while 48 were reported in 2025 - a decrease of 44% over the

last three years, Hays noted.

"That number is still too high. We want to see that to continue to drop. But I think that shows the hard work that our narcotics team and our officers are doing to fight the drug epidemic in Berea. We're very proud of our efforts, and of all of our officers," Hays said.

In response to questions from Councilman John Payne, Hays stated his department will continue to provide social service referrals to people in need, including connecting them to organizations like Room In The Inn, the Frank Gailey Transient and Emergency

Assistance Fund, and the Berea Food Bank.

At one point in his report, Hays stated his department is fully staffed, and that when they lose officers, it is typically to retirement instead of those seeking opportunities in other cities. As such, Steve Caudill expressed his appreciation for the general direction of the city's police department.

"I really would say that over the last 10 or 12 years I've been doing this, I feel like our police department is in the best position that it has been in the entire time that I've been here," Caudill said.

"There's not many

police departments that can say most of our departures are retirements. That's not just because of hazard duty [retirement pay]. I think that the biggest reason is because of the culture that you and your staff have created."

Caudill continued: "I really am very, very proud of the work that you all do as a police department, and I'm very proud of the work that you do as a chief. I feel safe in our city every day, and you can't say that about a lot of places, either. So, thank you to you and all of your officers, because if you don't feel safe in a place, there's not much else that you can do."



BHV honors top volunteers

Each year, Berea Home Village selects two volunteers, one lady and one gentleman, to receive the Volunteer of the Year Award at its annual holiday dinner.

The volunteers, chosen by the organization's Volunteer and Member Committee, exemplify volunteer excellence and unwavering service to the organization's mission to help older Bereans thrive at home.

In 2025, the awards went to Cora Leporin and Chuck Morgan.

Leporin, a retired social worker, has served in several capacities as a Berea Home Village volunteer, including driving, making weekly calls to members, conducting home visits, troubleshooting member needs, and serving on the Volunteer and Member Committee.

Morgan provides friendly and reliable transportation. He drives members to medical appointments as far as London and Lexington, sometimes transporting members three times a week. Always eager to serve, he keeps his personal schedule flexible to accommodate members' needs.

AUDIT

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fairly in all material respects. So, in an audit, we call this a clean or unmodified opinion. In auditing terms, it's the best outcome you could receive. So it's what you would be seeking during the audit process," Powers said.

As of June 30, 2025, the city's combined assets were \$149,644,000, a net increase in assets of \$8.4 million, Powers said.

Total liabilities were \$41,032,000 for the year, a net decrease in liabilities by about \$6.1 million. Powers noted the decrease in liabilities was due to the city making a large bond payment, as well as changes in the city's employee pension system that resulted in a \$2.5 million difference.

As a result, the city's net financial position, assets minus liabilities, was \$110,436,000, according to the report. Additionally, the city's investment income totaled approximately \$2.5

million, an increase of approximately \$327,000 from the prior year, according to the report.

Powers added that when it comes to the city's accounting of federal funds, Berea is also reported to be in full compliance with federal reporting regulations.

Powers further noted that total primary government expenses for the year were \$35,978,000 while total general revenues were \$21,000,007.

Council members made two statements at the conclusion of Powers' report. First, Steve Davis said that in the future, he would like the Audit and Finance Committee to have a meeting to discuss the audit prior to the item appearing on the council business agenda. Davis later added that he appreciates the professionalism of the Finance Department, and the fact that they worked well with auditors.

Secondly, Audit and Finance Chair Steve Caudill expressed his gratitude to Director Susan Helton and the Finance Department staff.

CRAFTS

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more authentic to what Berea College is today and who its students are," said Aaron Beale, associate vice president of Berea College Student Craft. "So, when we were given just the slightest bit of daylight, we ran with it."

Each of the five areas of Student Craft was considered – outreach, weaving, woodworking, ceramics and broom craft, and students pitched their ideas to the size of each available space.

Ideas were gathered, and students and staff collaboratively chose what they thought would best tell the Berea College story. Once designs were chosen, students and staff worked to craft the 81 unique items created and installed by staff and students.

By spring, an additional 132 objects will have been added.

"I'm really proud of all the pieces that are on the walls," Beale said. "Some of our students are really good about pushing the envelope and trying to create something new, (and) some of our students are very focused on the tradition and heritage of craft. Some of our students are both of those things bundled up into one individual student. This project allows them to display just that – how they are feeling in a given moment."

"The entire time I've been around the city, we've always had clean opinions on our audit, and that's a testament to the hard work we often take for granted - how smoothly this goes every year. I would just like to thank all of our staff - Susan and her entire operation. They make this very easy, and that's not always the case everywhere," Caudill said.

Mayor Bruce Fraley echoed those comments, adding, "My highest compliments to Susan. We're blessed to have someone of her caliber for finance director, but Susan will be the first person to let you know that this is a total team effort to make sure that public funds are used in the right way and that we're good stewards of the public trust. That credit also goes to the city administrator, the department heads, and the city council, because everybody plays a critical role in making sure public funds are used the right way."

The Berea City Council then unanimously voted to accept the audit.

OBITUARIES

Madison County notices

- Patricia Juanita Maynard, 78, passed away Jan. 2, 2026. Maynard was cremated and memorial services will be scheduled at a later date. Davis & Powell Funeral Home took care of arrangements.
- Susan Culton, 69, passed away Dec. 31, 2025. No services are planned at this time. Oldham- Roberts & Powell took care of arrangements.
- Ann Crain, 98, passed away Jan. 2, 2026. Graveside services were Jan. 6. Oldham, Roberts & Powell Funeral Home took care of arrangements.
- Harley "Tommy" Thomas McCoy, 84, passed away on Jan. 2, 2026.

Services were at 1 p.m. on Wednesday at Oldham, Roberts and Powell Funeral Home.

- Nancy Carol Short, 77, passed away Jan. 2, 2026. Services were Jan. 6. Combs, Parsons & Collins Funeral Home, took care of arrangements.
- Wesley Logan Collins, 80, of Georgetown, passed away on Jan. 3, 2026. Services were at noon on Jan. 7 at Combs, Parsons and Collins Funeral Home.
- Annette Wilder Holbrook, 93, passed away on Jan. 6, 2026. Services will be at 2 p.m. on Jan. 8 at Combs, Parsons and Collins Funeral Home.
- Kathy Isaacs Fair, 68, passed away on Jan. 4, 2026. Services will be at 1:30 p.m. on Jan. 9 at Combs, Parsons and Collins Funeral Home.



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New year, updated technology, same mission

Just like that, it's a new year. This year marks my 32nd year in the newspaper business. It all started with a pen, paper, a cassette recorder and an unreliable Tandy 102 portable laptop. Things have changed since I began full-time in the business in 1994 and adapting to technology has been the biggest change in three-plus decades. Back then, when I was on a road trip, I had to "call in" my story



Keith Taylor

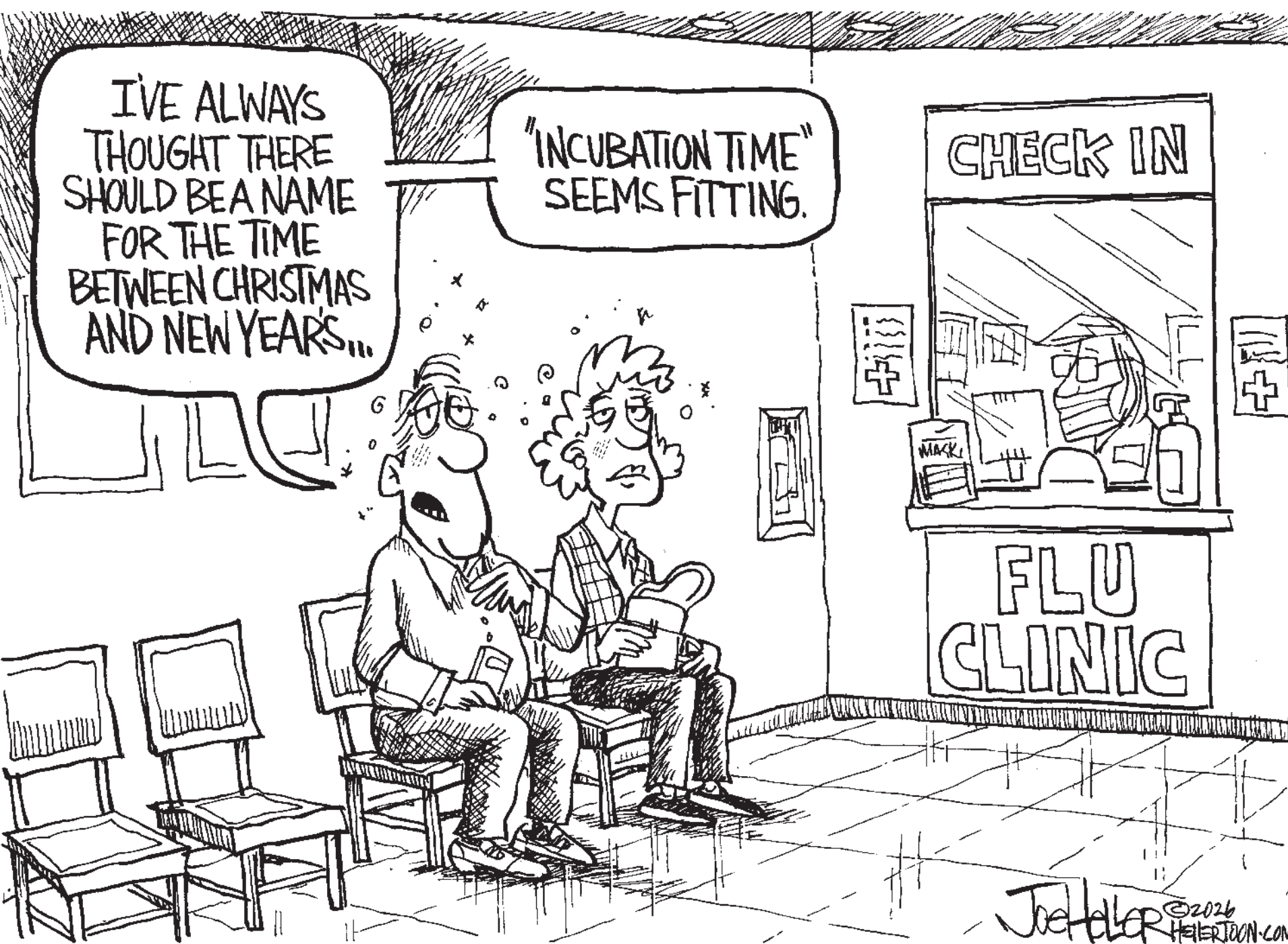
to the editor by phone the next morning. There were no Apple laptops and the information superhighway was just getting started. Gradually, technology took off and now, I can write a story, build a page, edit copy and post to the a content management system (CMS) anywhere and anytime. I just need a wi-fi connection and a laptop and I'm good to go. On the photographic side, we no longer have dark rooms and everything is digital. Photos are produce fast, easy and quickly. The only thing that hasn't changed in three decades is the printed paper product that we produce every week. The adrenaline of

seeing your work on paper is the same as it was in 1994. We still have a heavy volume of print readers, but thanks to technology, more people are reading our stories than ever before. Our company, Nolan Group Media, had 2.13 MILLION page views last year. The Berea Citizen had nearly 200,000 visitors to our web site in 12 months and that's not including social media posts. Contrary to speculation, newspapers are alive and well and we are making an increased effort this year to enhance our product and include more video content and story telling in addition to keeping you informed

with government meetings in Berea and Madison County. Our company — Nolan Group Media — has invested in new technology, which includes the latest iPhone 17, and hardware to produce video content for our online edition. Jemi Chew, who served as our intern last summer, and recently graduated from the University of Kentucky last month, is now serving as news editor and she will be adding more videos and content — print and online — to our product. If you have a news tip or story idea, you can reach her by text or phone at (606) 731-9912.

You can also reach me on my work cell phone at (606) 731-9940. We will be available through those communication devices, making it easier to provide information and get in touch with us even after business hours. As we tackle this new year, our mission remains the same and hasn't changed. We strive to bring the latest news and information for residents of Madison County in 2026. We have been here since 1899 and we don't plan on leaving anytime soon.

Keith Taylor



Maduro out, Putin still in

Nicolas Maduro is the former President of Venezuela. He's been in power since 2013 and has been accused of being a dictator due to electoral fraud, human rights abuses, corruption and severe economic hardship. Today he is in a Brooklyn, New York jail. He and his wife Cilia Flores were arrested by US troops and taken out of the country to stand trial on U.S. drug trafficking charges. They were scheduled to appear in court on Monday, January 6. Maduro faces charges



Glenn Mollette

of narco-terrorism conspiracy, cocaine importation conspiracy and attempting to arrange a meeting between a large-scale drug trafficking organization and the director of Venezuela's National Anti-Drug office. There is much more to come about Venezuela in the days ahead. While Maduro and his wife are adjusting to lifestyle changes, isn't it time for Vladimir Putin to have an adjustment? Putin has been in power since 1999. He was appointed acting President after Boris Yeltsin's resignation on December 31, 1999 and then won the election in March 2000. Before that he served as the head of the Federal Security Service and as Secretary of the Security council. He has been described as the de facto leader of Russian since 2000. Putin has stayed in power by controlling the media and suppressing opposition voices. He has manipulated elections through voter suppression and ballot stuffing. He has arrested

or exiled political opponents. He has granted himself extended presidential terms through constitutional changes. He has maintained a strong grip on the economy through state-controlled industries. Since Putin took office Russia has been involved in conflicts in several countries including Ukraine, Georgia and Moldova. Ukraine has been at the forefront of our news stories since his full-scale invasion on February 24, 2022. His invasion actually began in 2014 but did not escalate until 2022. In 2014 he began invading Ukraine by annexing Crimea through a disputed referendum. He supported pro-Russian separatists in Eastern Ukraine with troops and equipment in April, 2014. He seized key infrastructure such as airports and government buildings. He engaged in clashes with Ukrainian forces resulting in thousands of deaths. Since 2014, the estimated death toll in Ukraine, due to Putin's actions, is around 323,000

people with an average of 7,690 killed per month. This includes over 14,000 military and civilian deaths during the War in Donbas, and 400,000 to 1.5 million casualties during the Russian invasion from February 24, 2022 until November 2025. Will Putin really make a deal? He will if it is all in his favor. If he can totally control Ukraine he might agree to make a deal until he decides to invade another neighboring country. Putin's deal includes recognition of the land Russia's already taken. No NATO membership for Ukraine, and limits on their military. Ukraine's President wants a full withdrawal of Russian troops and security guarantees. There have been some talks while Putin continues to kill and bomb Ukraine. Currently there doesn't appear to be any stopping him from taking the entire country. Maduro and Putin are both bad people. One is now in jail. The other continues to move forward killing at will.

Letters to the editor

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Dec. 25 • Landon Jayne, 18: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (cocaine); tampering with physical evidence • Kimberly Farmer, 30: assault, 4th degree dating violence, minor injury; strangulation, 1st degree, domestic violence related • Sally Eversole, 33: failure to appear • David Smith, 50: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance – 1st; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (drug unspecified) • Curtis Simpson, 36: failure to appear; operating on suspended or revoked operator’s license; failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security – 1st offense; no registration plates • Stephen Neeley, 53: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting; possession of marijuana; possession of a controlled substance – 3rd degree – drug unspecified • Brandon McIntosh, 35: public intoxication – controlled substance (excludes alcohol) Dec. 26 • Larry Lawson, 38: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st of-	fense (methamphetamine); drug paraphernalia – buy/possess; failure to appear (2 counts) • Akeem Akinola, 40: no registration receipt; no registration plates; failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security – 1st offense; operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st; possession of an open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle • Olivia Hobbd, 36: failure to appear (2 counts); non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines • Chandler Hallett, 24: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines • Adolf Guerra, 20: rape, 1st degree; kidnapping – minor; sodomy – 1st degree; sexual abuse, 1st degree • Jeffrey Nester, 60: assault, 2nd degree • Anthony Martin, 39: drug paraphernalia – buy/possess; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (heroin); public intoxication – controlled substance (excludes alcohol); possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (opiates) • Jamez Chenault, 32: assault, 2nd degree domestic	violence • John Isaacs, 30: harassing communications; stalking, 2nd degree Dec. 27 • Charles Burchfield, 40: serving weekends • Corey Lowery, 26: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st; failure to wear seat belts • Jonathan Smith, 44: failure to appear • Raqueshel Latimore, 32: speeding, 22 mph over limit; fugitive from another state (2 counts) • Shelbi Fields, 33: public intoxication – controlled substance (excludes alcohol) • Gregory Grant, 61: assault, 4th degree domestic violence (minor injury) Dec. 28 • John Gordon, 78: no registration receipt; no registration plates; no tail lamps; operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st (aggravated circumstances) • Jessica Miles, 38:P. assault, 4th degree domestic violence (minor injury) • Laura Bondurant, 55: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 2nd; operating on suspended or revoked operator’s license; careless	driving • Jadon Carter, 21: robbery, 1st degree; criminal mischief; assault, 4th degree (minor injury); wanton endangerment – 1st degree; tampering with physical evidence; operating on suspended or revoked operator’s license; leaving the scene of an accident – failure to render aid or assistance; using restricted ammunition during felony (shot fired, no injury) • Jeremiah Sangugni, 20: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st • Seantez Baytops, 22: failure to appear • Jonathan Millard, 30: probation violation (for felony offense); failure to appear • Aurelio Chontal, 30: assault, 2nd degree – domestic violence • David Yancey, 52: failure to appear Dec. 29 • Ronald Hunter, 32: failure to appear • Ken Berry, 50: contempt of court, libel/slander, resistance to order • Tamara Buttry, 45: failure to appear • Hunter Cox, 27: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, all others - \$500 but less than \$1,000	Dec. 30 • Brian Jackson, 38: failure to appear • Zariah Griffith, 23: non-support • Rochelle Ingram, 37: assault, 2nd degree; leaving the scene of an accident, failure to render aid or assistance Dec. 31 • Amy Mitchell, 45: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting; operating on suspended or revoked operator’s license; no registration plates; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); failure to notify address change to Department of Transportation • John Ciochina, 65: assault, 4th degree domestic violence – no visible injury • John Dillard, 30: parole violation (for technical violation) • Kirby Klette, 52: parole violation (for technical violation) • Jesse Ocasio, 39: parole violation (for technical violation) • Dalon Chitwood, 23: parole violation (for technical violation) • Bryan Rader, 46: failure to appear; theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting
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PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Dec. 24 • The Estate of George P. Monaco to David E. Durham and Virginia Carol Durham, Unit 1 Arcadian Condominiums, \$214,000 • William Hugh Baldwin and Virginia Fannin Baldwin, William Hugh Baldwin, Trustee to Goodwin Operation, LLC, lots 36 – 40 Rosedale Addition, \$70,000 • The Estate of Fanny Rice, Connie Bowlin and Steven Thomas Bowlin, Co-Executors, to Spurlin MHC, LLC, tracts Madison County, \$4,537,500 • Cory Bruce and Kelsey Bruce to The Bruce Family Trust, Cory Bruce, Trustee and Kelsey Bruce, Trustee, lot 58 Highland Place Subdivision, as a five with nominal consideration • The Fairways at Boone’s Trace, LLC to Mac and Cheese Holdings, LLC, lot 12 Boone’s Trace Subdivision, \$85,000 • Evan Carlson and Linda Jean Carlson to Q Offers A, LLC, tract Madison County, \$580,000 • Luxon Contracting, LLC to Realcraft Estate, LLC, tract A plat 29/18, \$650,000 • F & M Investments, Inc. to Robert Pauo McNew, lot A of Plat recorded in D 356/692, \$1.00 and as the winding up of business affairs and dissolution of Inc. 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Anglin to Denise Carter, tract Madison County, \$200 • Charles Sparks and Samanta Sparks to Mark Horn, tract 9B Resthaven Property, \$159,570.96 • John Devere Builder, Inc. to Ellisa McWhorter, lot 49 Stoney View Subdivision, \$295,000 • DCW Development, LLC M. Patton Properties, LLC, lot 15 24/269, \$75,000 • Berea Development, LLC to Switchgrass, LLC, lots Ridgewood Villas plat 31/389, \$120,000 • Edith Rattliff Trust, Edith Ratliff, Trustee to Masters Properties, LLC, lots 18 and 19 Hillcrest Subdivision, \$225,000 • Ronald Gosses to Diane and Ronald Gosses Arts Management Trust, Ronald Gosses, Trustee, tracts Madison County, as a gift • Camille Fergie Lall to Ark Ecclesiastical Living Trust, Rodney Lall, Trustee, lot 62 Orchard Hills, \$1.00 • Jeffrey Scott Townsend and Melinda G. Townsend to KY Home Investors, LLC, lot 15 Oak Subdivision, \$148,000 • KY Home Investors, LLC to Eric D. Payne, lot 15 Oak Subdivision, \$190,000 • Frances Cuzick Irrevocable Trust, Robert Anthony Hamblen, Co-Executor and Crystal Faith Whittemore, Trustee, to Crystal Faith Whittemore, tract A1 plat 22/122, for the purposes of distribution from the Irrevocable Trust • Daniel L. Bodine Revocable Trust, Deborah A. Dever, Trustee to Deborah A. Dever, Michele L. Bodine, Michelle L. Bodine Freeman, Densie L. Bishop, lot 46 South Bluegrass Center, \$150,000 Dec. 30 • RNJ Investments, LLC to PSJ, LLC to tract plat 32/169, \$400,000 • Alex Jeremiah Dixon and Sidney Alis Dixon to Victoria A. Maloney Hunt and Andrew M. Hunt, lot 7 Della View Estates Subdivision, \$267,500 • Charles E Browning and Sema A. Browning to Kimberly Ann Haugen Edwards Inheritance Trust, Kimberly Edwards, Trustee, lots 1 and 2 Country Club Heights Subdivision, \$132,000 • Kelly Farrow and River Farrow to Cody McQuithy and Kelsey Carico, lot 54 Walnut Grove Subdivision, \$6227,500 • Cloyd Short and Tracy Short to Stargazer Homes, LLC, lot 8 plat 1/73, \$60,000 • Marshall Lee Fitzgerald and Virginia Fitzgerald to River Chance Farrow and Kelly Whitacre Farrow, lot 7 Tahoe Way, \$550,000 • Cornell Overbay to Raymond Overbay, Jr., Jerry Overbay, Delendia Overbay, Samuel Overbay, Daniel Overbay, Dean Overbay, Edith Blanton and Bessie Overbay, tracts Madison County, \$33,400 • Crystal Overbay to Raymond Overbay, Jr., Jerry Overbay, Delendia Overbay, Samuel Overbay, Daniel Overbay, Dean Overbay, Edith Blanton and Bessie Overbay, tracts Madison County, \$33,400 • St. Andrews Place Retirement Community, Inc. to Carl E. Cowell, by and through Holly V. Cowell, Attorney-in-Fact and Holly V. 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All of us beyond a certain age know that a rolled-up newspaper is quite the flyswat. In fact, newspapers are incredibly versatile beyond keeping us up to date

on the latest happenings in the community, state, nation and world.

Newspapers have been good to me and my family over the past 40-plus years. As a journalist, they have put food on our table and shoes on our feet. They have also given me a front seat to history and have allowed me to meet some incredible people.

I was reminded of that

Roger Alford

not long ago when I was privileged to chat with Jerry Sue Lawson, an absolutely vibrant Christian lady from southeastern Kentucky who happens to bear an uncanny resemblance to the character Madeline “Matty” Matlock in the hit CBS legal drama series “Matlock.”

Jerry Sue said people often ask her if she realizes how much she looks like Matty, who is played by Kathy Bates. But I believe there is someone Jerry Sue is far more like than Matty Matlock. That someone is Jesus. You see, Jerry Sue is

an encourager, a kind lady whose vibrant spirit lifts up everyone around her the way Christians in the early church did.

In the book of Acts, we read about a tiny group of believers in Antioch who grew in number and in spirit.

Folks around Antioch couldn’t help but notice something very different about these people. They coined the name Christians for the Antioch believers because they were so Christ-like.

It’s not uncommon to see a

person who puts us in mind of someone famous from TV. We’re intrigued by that. But when we see someone who puts us in mind of Christ, we truly take notice.

There’s something truly special about a vibrant Christian.

Printed newspapers may one day be totally replaced by iPads, laptops and Smartphones, but nothing will ever take the place of a kind-hearted Christian.

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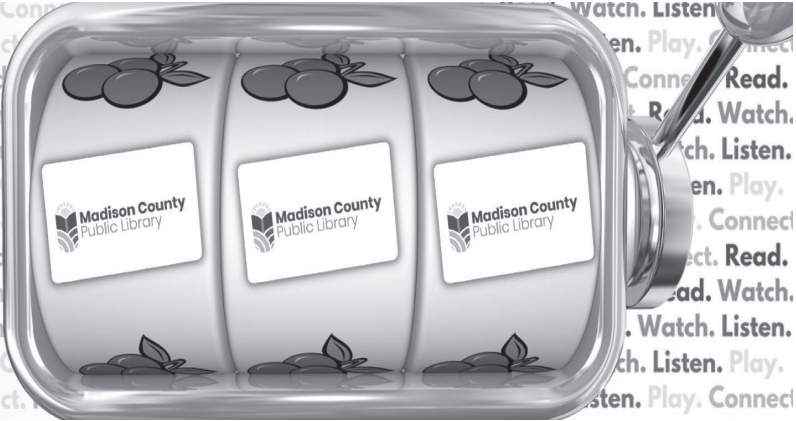


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Reflections

Berea Citizen archives

November 15, 1925 Church bell

Dr. Smith, father of C.D. Smith of Berea and Reverend Anderson of Irvine Baptist Association stopped in Berea enroute to Irvine from the state Baptist Convention which was held in Covington. They asked the Baptist Church of Berea for their discarded church bell to be used for a new Baptist

church near Bond. The Trustees of the church recommended the gift of the bell to the young church. The Trustees voted unanimously to make the gift.

November 16, 1950 College sells herd

The entire shorthorn herd of Berea College were to be sold at a public auction on Satur-

day, November 18th. The sale was to be under the direction of Mr. Raymond Orr, Superintendent of the livestock farm. A total of 20 head of registered shorthorns were being offered as breeding stock to prospective buyers. The heard consisted of 4 bulls and 16 cows and had passed all necessary health inspections.

November 17, 1975

High quotas likely

The U.S. Department of Agriculture 1976 Burley tobacco marketing quota that was to be announced in January was anticipated to be high. That was the announcement from the USDA's annual outlook conference. There was concern that a continued high quota into 1976 could cause a surplus of tobacco that could lower farmers' prices.

November 20, 2000 Fletcher recovering

Sixth District Congressman Ernie Fletcher was recovering following an emergency appendectomy. Staffers report that the Congressman underwent the emergency procedure on November 25th at St. Joseph Hospital. He was released and was recovering at home.

Game Page

Crossword

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CLUES ACROSS

- Lakes
- Electromotive force
- Invests in little enterprises
- Longtime Utah Jazz coach
- Small sailboat
- Actor Idris
- Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
- System that detects objects under water
- Harsh, grating noise
- Steward
- A fencing sword
- Infections
- Actress Ryan
- Sodium
- Swedish castle
- A lump of slime
- African antelope
- Insurance providers
- Choosy
- Ringworm
- Unpolished
- Drenches
- Pant style
- Son of Noah
- Spiritual being
- Upton Sinclair novel
- Journalist Tarbell
- Popular sports highlight show
- Born of
- Rich tapestry
- S. China seaport
- State of being unclothed
- Surrounded by
- Residue

- Away from wind
- Dried-up
- Visionary
- A very large body of water
- Garden tools
- Screen type
- Ancient Scandinavian poet

CLUES DOWN

- Millisecond
- Spanish city
- A sudden very loud sound
- "The Indiana Jones of beer"
- Tin
- Sea eagles
- Volcanic crater
- Type of coat
- Women's apartments in Ottoman palace
- Divulge a secret
- Norwegian playwright
- "It's a Wonderful Life" director
- Poisonous perennial plant
- 18-year astronomical period
- Clothes
- Places to sit
- Family of regulator genes
- New York ballplayer
- Impressive in size or scope
- Jacques __, French biologist
- One from the Big

- Apple
- Genus of woolly lemurs
- Songs to one's beloved
- Indigenous person of N.E. Thailand
- Supplemented with difficulty
- Farewell
- Investment account (abbr.)
- One from Utah
- Begets
- A male child
- Break apart
- Brief appearance
- Partner to "ooohed"
- A light informal meal
- Fabric with smooth, shiny surface
- One billionth of a second
- Ancient Italian-Greek colony
- Close tightly
- Mail out
- Language
- Computer characteristic

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Level: intermediate

Here's How It Works:

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

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

ANSWER:

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to the new year.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 21 = O)

- A.

24 11 8 21 23 22 4 13 21 16

Clue: Made on January 1
- B.

20 24 21 2 13 8 11

Clue: Pledge
- C.

25 11 3 23 4 25 17

Clue: Good for you
- D.

15 21 3 23

Clue: Objective

Answers: A. resolution B. promise C. healthy D. goal

Sports



Madison Southern forward Luke Daniels goes up for a basket in a win over Paris last week. Photo by

Denis House

Helton clutch for Eagles

By Denis House
Special to the Berea Citizen

In the dying seconds of last Friday night’s game with visiting Paris and his team trailing 70-69, Madison Southern’s Derek Helton was fouled as he attempted a shot under the basket.

The call didn’t sit well with Greyhound coach Eli Strait, who let the officials know he disagreed with the call and was hit with a technical. Helton now had four chances to give his team the win.

After missing the first, he then sank the next three as the Eagles battled back to claim a 72-70 win. Helton, who led his team with 24 points, knew what he had to do when he stepped to the line.

“If I didn’t make ‘em, we were going to lose,” Helton said. “And I don’t like to lose.”

For most of the game, it looked like Madison Southern (9-4) was going to lose. They trailed by 15 points at the half, and only led three times in the game (7-5 with 5:27 left in the first quarter, 69-68 with 13.1 seconds left, and at the buzzer).

Paris led 18-11 after one and 35-20 at the half. Southern was 9-of-30 from the field in the half.

“None of us could really shoot in the first half,” Helton said. He said despite the cold shooting, the team still believed it could win.

Braylon Francis tried his best to lead Paris (1-7) to the win, pouring in a game-high 30 points, one of three Greyhounds in double figures. Brayden Strait added 19, and Guy Turner, 10.

Southern opened the third quarter with a 5-0 run (all from Bryant Brock) to cut the lead to 35-25. A basket and free throw by Helton brought the Eagles within seven, 27-20, at the 4:23 mark. After Paris pushed its lead to 43-38, Zach Adams drained a three, followed by a dunk by Luke Daniels, and with 2:20 left in the third, the lead was down to five, 43-38. But Paris ended the quarter on a 7-4 run to hold a 50-42 lead after three.

Every time Madison Southern would cut into the lead, the Greyhounds responded. A Francis layup with 5:40 left gave Paris a 59-51 lead. Helton then scored the next five Southern points to cut the lead to four, 60-56, with 4:27 left. A Daniels bucket at the 4:01 mark brought the Eagles to within two, 60-58.

Paris pushed its lead to 67-62 with 1:12 left, and things weren’t looking good for the Eagles. A three by Helton cut the lead to two, 67-65. After Turner made 1-of-2 to give the Greyhounds a 68-65 lead, Jordan Dunaway sank two free throws of his own, bringing the Eagles to within one, 68-67, with 21.7 seconds left.

The Greyhounds turned the ball over, and Southern got the ball down low to Helton, who faked, then hit a clutch turnaround jumper, and Southern had its first lead since the 5:27 mark in the first quarter, 69-68. Francis was fouled on the other end, hitting both from the line, and Paris retook the lead, 70-69, with seven seconds left, to set up the wild

finish.

“We beat them before (77-68 on Dec. 5),” Helton said. “We just got to play as a team and make the right shots. We cranked it up on defense a little bit. I think that’s what helped us win.”

After starting the season 5-1 before the Christmas break, the Eagles went 2-1 in the Berea Holiday Classic and 1-2 in the Richmond Car and Truck Center Holiday Classic at Madison Central. Madison Southern was on the road at East Jessamine on Tuesday, then will travel to Coach Steve Wright’s old stomping grounds, South Laurel, on Saturday to face Whitley County in the Grace Health Raymond Reed Classic before returning home on Jan. 16 to host district rival Madison Central.

Berea

The Berea Pirates have opened the season with a 5-5 record, including a 71-64 win over Bourbon County on Saturday in the Tim Short Automotive Classic at George Rogers Clark.

Coach Eric Fields’ team started the season slowly, going 1-4 in its first five games, with an 80-72 win over Eminence its lone high spot. The Pirates then lost to Breathitt County, 61-48, in their first game in the Berea Holiday Classic before regrouping to beat Heritage (Florence) and Lee County. Next for Berea was the Railroad Classic at Estill County, where they went 1-2.

The Pirates have had several players lead the team so far, including Wiley Reed, Finely Belvins, Liam Brewer, Jake Mills, Michael Winkler, and Colton Hembree.

The Pirates were at home on Tuesday against Williamsburg, then will host Harrison County on Saturday.

Girls Basketball

Berea has opened the season 4-5, while Madison Southern sits at 6-6.

After starting the season 1-3, Berea has gone 3-2 over its last five games, including a 62-3 win over Lee County last Friday. Avery Plessinger is leading the Lady Pirates in scoring, averaging 15.4 points per game, the only Berea player in double figures. Kadence Stepp and Cora Reed are averaging 7.5 and 7.0 rebounds a game, respectively. As a team, Berea is shooting almost 33% from the field and 52% from the free-throw line.

The Lady Eagles recently returned from playing in a holiday tournament at the Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center, where they went 2-1, beating Chester (CA), 63-10, and Westminster Christian (Miami, FL), 58-41, and losing to Mendham (NJ), 35-18. Madison Southern opened the season 4-2 before going 0-3 in the Holiday Showcase at Frederick Douglass.

Laci Sandlin (17.7), Briana Hensley (13.8), Cami Duerson (12.2), and Hadley French (11.0) are leading the Lady Eagles in scoring, and Sandlin is tops in rebounding, averaging 6.3 per game.

The Lady Eagles have three straight home games, having hosted West Jessamine on Tuesday, and will welcome Frederick Douglass on Thursday and Tates Creek on Friday.

Local MMA gym brings home the gold

By Emily Kessler
Berea Citizen Intern

Hurricane Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) in Berea competed in the Good Fights Sub-Only World Championship on the weekend of Dec. 13 and brought back six first place gold medal world titles, two second place medals and one bronze medal.

“We’ve been preparing for it all year,” said Harry Hunsucker, owner of Hurricane MMA. “Jiu-jitsu it’s the thing where your kids are on the mat constantly...”

Six people participated in the championship hosted in Pennsylvania; two adults and four kids.

Hurricane MMA started competing in 2024, two years after Hunsucker bought the gym.

“In 2024, we started competing pretty heavily all year long and we took, I think, nine kids to Worlds that initial year and eight kids made the podium,” he said. “...we brought home three World Championships our very first year ever going to compete.”

Hunsucker began working at Hurricane MMA in 2013, while fighting in the Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC).

“We used to be a karate school,” he said. “I had ran that karate school since 2013, and back in July of 2022 I bought the gym from the owner... and I turned it into Hurricane Mixed Martial Arts.”

Hunsucker started putting his full attention into coaching when he bought the building and had his

last fight in the UFC. He immediately began teaching kickboxing, wrestling and jiu-jitsu and started transitioning away from karate.

“I already kind of knew that I was working my way out of fighting because the only reason I was fighting in the first place was so I could open my own gym,” he said.

Hunsucker said their purpose at Hurricane MMA is to build champions on the mat and in life.

“We’re excited to help kids change their life and become different versions of themselves and the best versions of themselves and reach their full potential,” he said.

Hunsucker said Good Fights starts hosting tournaments in January and they compete in as many as they can. They are qualifier events meaning you have to place first in a local event to compete at Worlds.

Leo Winkler, 9, and Skyla Wampler, 13, competed at the Dec. 13 Championship and brought back wins for the gym. Winkler got double gold and Wampler got two silvers.

Wampler said it was exciting to see those in Hurricane MMA winning at the Championship.

“Mostly, I hung out with the group while we were all fighting and we would cheer on each other. It was really exciting to see each other win,” she said.

This tournament was Winkler’s second time competing and Wampler’s first.

However, both Wampler and Winkler’s favorite part about being in Pennsylvania competing was the pool parties they had. Specifically, for Wampler, she enjoyed chicken fighting in the pool.

The gym’s next tournament is Feb. 7. For more information on Hurricane MMA, the classes they provide or to sign up for their programs, check out their website bereamartialarts.com



Hurricane Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) traveled to Pennsylvania on the weekend of Dec. 13 and brought home nine medals. Six people participated in the championship from Hurricane MMA.

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Sheriff's office sees decline in drug overdoses

Fiscal Court

By Andy McDonald

For The Citizen

Madison County Sheriff Chief Deputy Tony Terry provided a mixed report Tuesday when outlining the activity of his department for 2025.

Terry provided the update at Tuesday's meeting of the Madison County Fiscal Court, noting that

while the demand for Madison County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) services has increased, some progress has been made in the fight against the illicit drug trade.

Overall, Major Terry reported there were 34,403 service calls,

Tony Terry

an increase of 793 over the previous year. The number of citations issued totaled 5,453, an increase of 626. During that same period, there were 178 arrests for driving under the influence, 65 more than in 2025, which Terry attributed to more aggressive enforcement.

Additionally, there were 114 drug and narcotics arrests, 19 less than the previous year, Terry said.

MCSO served 991 warrants, 3,498 papers were served, and 771 evictions/vacates were conducted in 2025, Terry said.

Terry stated he believes the county's more aggressive traffic enforcement is directly related to the drop in traffic fatalities in MCSO's jurisdiction.

See COURT, A8

Heat relief

Geothermal wells being installed at Southern, Foley

By Jemi Chew

Citizen News Editor

RICHMOND — Construction of geothermal wells to address heating issues at Madison County Schools is making progress.

There are only four wells left at Waco Elementary that need to be completed. The main bulk of the work is currently being done at Foley Middle School and Madison Southern and is expected to be completed in February. Afterward, drilling will begin at White Hall Elementary.

Board Chair Lori Cobb said that this project would help to address the heating problems that some Madison County schools are facing.

"We have five schools that have failing LG systems that are just horrible," Cobb said.

See HEAT, A3

White Hall to get curator

By Jemi Chew

Citizen News Editor

RICHMOND — The Richmond Commission approved a position for White Hall curator which will fall under the department of historical properties during a meeting Tuesday night at City Hall on Tuesday night.

The newly-created position that is expected to be posted on Jan. 14, with the transition taking place in early February or March.

"I'm excited that we're looking at grouping our historic properties and then actually

See, CURATOR, A3

Fraley honored

By Andy McDonald

For The Citizen

Berea Mayor Bruce Fraley was honored by American Legion Cleveland Frost Post 50 on Monday, accepting the recognition from Post Commander Danny Helton.

Helton noted that Fraley has been especially attentive to the needs of Berea's veterans during his tenure as mayor, providing assistance when needed.

"Mayor Fraley and the city are very pro-veteran," Helton said. "People need to know that they respect and appreciate veterans and help us in any way they can."

Helton, who served in the United States Army from June 1969 to May 1991, including a tour in Vietnam, said the Cleveland Frost post is working to serve the community, whether it is helping ensure veterans receive the health and other benefits they deserve, or

“Mayor Fraley and the city are very pro-veteran. People need to know that they respect and appreciate veterans and help us in any way they can.”

Post Commander Danny Helton

in reminding citizens of the sacrifices veterans made in serving their country.

"We're here to assist veterans get benefits if they need help, or financial benefits if they are wounded or disabled," Helton said, adding the American Legion also provides assistance to spouses and families of veterans. "But we also have a responsibility to help educate the public about patriotism, keeping it alive in our community."

Another way the post educates the public is by being available to the community, Helton said. They work with local schools

to participate in Veteran's Day celebrations, and they even meet with home-schooled students to share their experiences in the armed forces.

At one event, the post provided breakfast for students, during which veterans answered the students' questions. During another event, students, along with the Berea Police Department and other citizens, helped plant American 900 flags on the graves of servicemen at Berea Cemetery for Memorial Day.

In addition to honoring veterans, the post is committed to community outreach in other ways. At

Christmas time, members visit veterans in local nursing homes, while the Berea Chamber of Commerce provides gifts for the visits.

The post recently donated \$1,000 to a World War II veterans memorial, an initiative of the Madison County Historical Society. They also conduct "buddy checks" for members who live alone, and they are committed to preventing suicide among veterans.

Cleveland Frost Post 50 has an open house annually on Armed Forces Day, but residents will also likely see local legionnaires at the city's 4th of July celebration, hosting a booth at Berea Community Park, selling hot dogs, cotton candy, snow cones, and giving out bottled water for donations.

Helton said he was delighted to present the award to the mayor.

"I was tickled to death because of all the support he has given us," he said.

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Calendar of events

Berea

- Jan. 17, 1 p.m. Join a group hike organized by Berea College Forestry Outreach Center at 2047 Big Hill Rd. Meet at the bridge near the parking lot.
- Jan. 18, 2-3 p.m. Bring your kids and learn about animal tracks and snow science as a family at 2047 Big Hill Rd.
- Jan. 12, 10-11:30 a.m. Free toddler time play for children under five at the folk center.
- Jan. 22, 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. Yonder Behavioral Health is hosting a nursing job fair at 330 Hotel Ct with on-the-spot interviews for nursing positions.
- Jan. 22, 6 p.m. Take a slow walk in the woods at Brushy Fork, organized by Berea College Forestry Outreach Center. Meet at bridge near the parking lot and bring a flashlight.

Richmond

- Jan. 16, 6:30 p.m. Attend trivia night at the Chenault Vineyards welcome center.
- Jan. 20, 9 a.m. Free community breakfast at Chenault Vineyards hosted by Together RKY to discuss critical community issues. RSVP here: <https://togetherrky.org/rsvp/>
- Jan. 21, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Join Madison County Tabletop Gam-



Message from Cora Jane Wilson

“Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.

Luke 12:40 (KJV)

ers for a day of gaming at the Madison County Public Library in Richmond, room #138.

If you would like to have an event featured on the web and in print, e-mail Jemi @ news@bereacitizen.net.

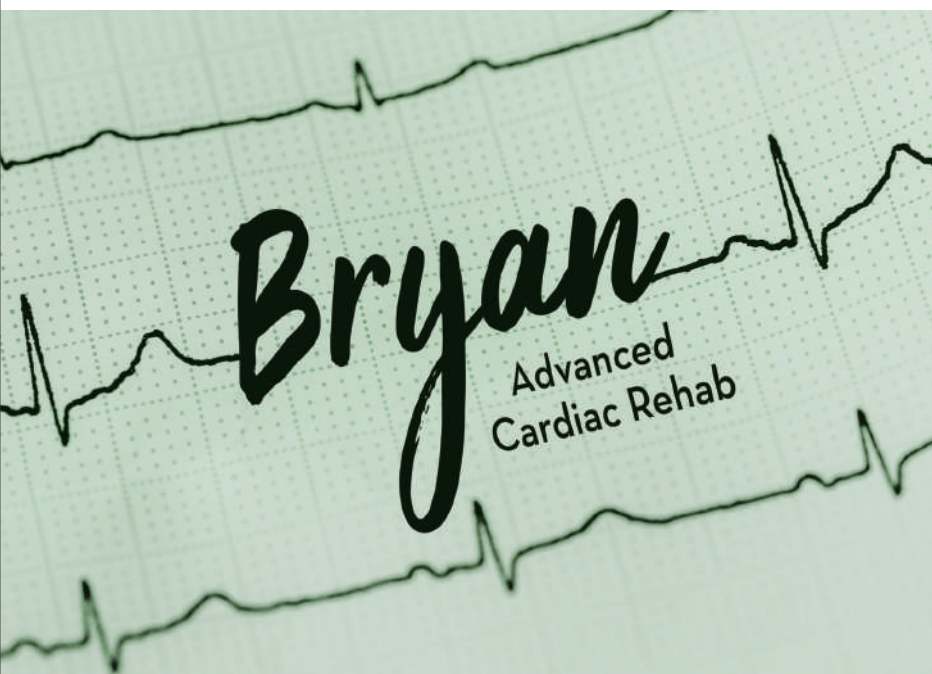


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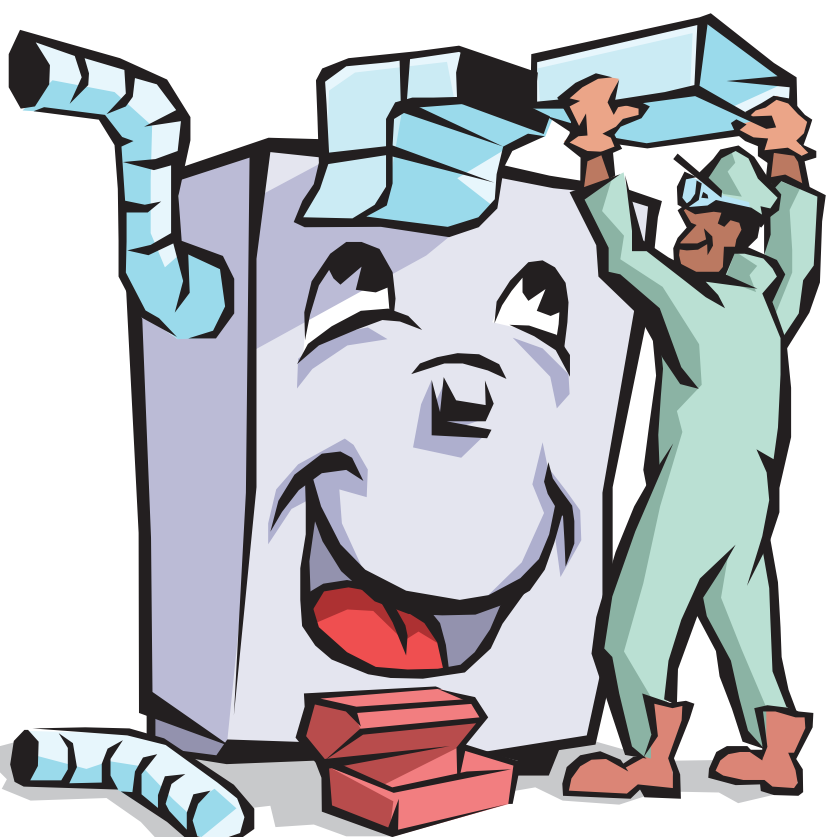
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• Damon Roger Templeton, 67, passed away Jan. 2, 2026. Funeral services were at noon on Jan. 8. Lakes Funeral Home and Cremation Services took care of arrangements.

• Connie Sue White, 71, passed away Jan. 4, 2026. There are no scheduled services or events at this time. Lakes Funeral Home and Cremation Services took care of arrangements.

• Freddie D. Castle, 87, passed away Jan. 7, 2026. Funeral services were at 1 p.m. on Jan. 13. Lakes Funeral Home and Cremation Services took care of arrangements.

• William "Bill" Robert Combs, 82, passed away Jan. 8, 2026. Combs family will have a private memorial service at a later date. Lakes Funeral Home and Cremation Services took care of arrangements.

• Anna June Smith, 67, passed away Jan. 9, 2026. Funeral services were at 2 p.m. on Jan. 14 at Berea Evangelistic Center. Lakes Funeral Home and Cremation Services took care of arrangements.

• Kevin Thomas Damrell, 48, passed away Jan. 10, 2026. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Jan. 15. Lakes Funeral Home and Cremation Services took care of arrangements.

• William McMahon, 85, passed away Jan. 6, 2026. The first funeral services was at 11 a.m. on Jan. 9 at Big Central Christian Church in Rich-

Pallbearers were Dameon Adams, Kevin Riley, Michael Miracle, Taylor Miracle, Camden Adams, and Landon Adams. Honorary bearers will be Chris Adams and Brinn Riley.

• Lowell Dean Land, 79, passed away Jan. 5, 2026. Services will be from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Jan. 17. Combs, Parsons & Collins Funeral Home took care of arrangements.

Geothermal systems are being used across the country in school districts as they are more environmentally friendly and efficient at heating and cooling. While they require a higher initial cost to implement due to the drilling, they are more cost friendly in the long-run as they do not rely on gas, which has variable prices, or burning fuels, which results in more energy loss.

The Madison County Board of Education budget meeting will take place on Jan. 22 at 6 p.m.

A key exchange will take place once the property is transferred. White Hall is currently managed by Eastern Kentucky University and needs to be transferred back to the state for approval. The city is working with the

The acquisition of White Hall joins other properties that the city wants to preserve such as the battlefield property and Irvinton House.

- David Coffman was appointed as assistant fire chief for the Rich-

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• The commission approved an animal shelter inter-local agreement with the Madison County Fiscal Court. The city of Richmond will pay 25 percent of the shelter's total budget as part of the agreement. Commissioner Mike Brewer noted the cost increase compared to the previous year and asked that reports on the number of animals

- Half of the new Richmond Regional Sports Complex, which

includes 10 soccer fields and a historical site, is expected to be completed in July. The remainder of the park is set to be completed in October or November. Construction of the mountain bike trail will start next week along with the disc golf course.

The next city commission regular meeting will take place on Jan. 27 at 6 p.m.

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‘Bundle up’ stay warm

“Bundle up” and “Stay warm.”

Every winter, I would get that advice from Mom, especially when the temperatures crashed and snow was in the forecast. She also told my sister Taunya and I to make sure we had an extra blanket, flash light and a candle in the car for emergency purposes.



Keith Taylor

To this day, those words still echo in my head, especially when winter weather makes an appearance like it has this week, bringing back memories of those “snow days” of my youth.

When a heavy snow was forecast, it wasn’t unusual for school to be canceled for days and weeks at a time. Back then, it seemed like the snow days lasted longer than they do now. Before my sister and I were old enough to stay at home without an adult present, we would pack up and Dad would take us to our grandparents house on Cottonwood Drive in Richmond. It gave us a chance to spend time with my grandparents Reed and Irene Taylor, although papaw would work the second shift at the power plant at Eastern Kentucky University, a job he held until the final year or two of his life.

I can remember making sure the driveway was shoveled and clear of snow and was thrilled to be able to watch cable television, considering we were lucky to have four clear channels at home. The channels were clear and we could watch ESPN and all the sports programming I wanted as long as it didn’t interfere with Mamaw’s game shows and soap operas.

In later years, we would climb the hill and go visit Aunt Molly King and Madrew. Her grandson Chris King often would be visiting and we would grab our sleds and go sleigh riding. They had plenty of farmland and a lot of hills and valleys, but you had to walk to get there. The snow made it that much more difficult, but we were young and didn’t care as long as we had fun in the snow.

Much later, when we lived in Richmond and I still resided at home, I would spend countless hours playing football in the snow in the parking lot at the Lancaster Road Church of God. My best friends Jeff, Greg, David Crockett and I would play 2-on-2 football since we couldn’t play basketball on that outdoor basketball goal that was heaven sent during the spring, summer and fall.

Those were fun times and even then, I would “bundle up” because it was cold and mom told me to make sure I stayed warm in the bone-chilling cold.

As winter kicks into overdrive, make sure you bundle up and stay warm.

Keith Taylor

“We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope.”

-Martin Luther King, Jr.



Keep doing your best

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Glenn Mollette

We can vote and that is powerful. We can let our leadership know how we feel and that is never a waste of time. We can make our contributions to causes that bring about change. We can volunteer in places that make a difference. After that, it’s up to those we elected. After we do and have done all we can do, we have to sit back and wait and watch to see what is going to happen. Sometimes we approve. Sometimes we don’t and sometimes we are unsure.

In the middle of conflict and uncertainty, we should never cease to pray for our President and leaders of government. They need our prayers. They also need our support. They need it when we feel they are right and they need it when we believe they are wrong. Just because we believe leadership may be wrong doesn’t mean we withdraw our support.

Our country and houses of faith are made up of everyday, hard-working Americans. Hard working Americans of faith have made this country and will keep this country going.

Usually when we feel they are wrong they need our support more but in a different way. That’s when we say, “I support you but you need to go at this in a different way.” Sometimes those who lead us listen and it seems like often they don’t pay any attention to us.

In the middle of all that is going on in America and the world we need to be busy going about our lives as much as possible.

We need to work our jobs, take care of our families, pay our bills, plant and raise our gardens and do life as best as we can. Our country and houses of faith are made up of everyday, hard-working Americans. Hard working Americans of faith have made this country and will keep this country going.

Too often we have albatrosses that are hung around our neck. We’ve had Vietnam, Afghanistan and Iraq. They were financially crippling and killed thousands of our people. We don’t want any more of that insanity but we are wondering if we are bound and determined for more?

What will Venezuela bring to America? What are we getting ourselves into? What kind of blowback is coming our way? Are we going to plunge head first into Iran and their problems? Here we go again placing ourselves where we don’t need to be. Next, there is Greenland, Cuba and Mexico. Where will all this take us and cost us?

Let’s pray for Venezuela that they can get their act together and elect their own leadership. If we can help them with their oil and benefit both countries then that would be a win-win.

In the meantime, let’s do the good things we know to do. Our communities and towns need us to carry on, even when it seems like the world is trying to fall apart.

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How America got its name

As residents of the United States of America celebrate the nation’s two hundred and fiftieth anniversary, some might be curious where the “America” portion of the country’s name comes from. According to the Library of Congress, America is named after Italian explorer Amerigo Vespucci. The LOC contends that Vespucci was the first to suggest that the lands Christopher Columbus sailed to in 1492 were part of a separate continent. German mapmaker Martin Waldseemüller honored Vespucci’s assertion in 1507, when he created a notable map that was the first to depict the lands as a separate continent, naming the area “America,” which is a Latinized version of “Amerigo.” That map is now part of the cartographic collections at the LOC, and is sometimes referred to as “America’s Birth Certificate.”

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- Stephanie Carlquist, 31: failure to appear
- Cynthia White, 38: assault, 4th degree dating violence (minor injury)
- Riva Banks, 56: failure to appear
- Dion Watts, 42: criminal trespassing – 3rd degree
- Rachel Johnson, 37: failure to illuminate headlamps; operating vehicle under the influence of substance(s) – 1st; no tail lamps
- Caroline Crain, 24: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 1st
- Rudy Guy, 27: speeding, 16 mph over limit; driving on DUI suspended license – 1st offense; failure to wear seat belts; possession of marijuana

Jan. 2

- Angel Jones, 27: failure to appear
- Ashley Lewis, 38: probation violation, for misdemeanor offense
- Ruth Noll, 56: failure to appear
- Brian Baker, 53: assault, 4th degree dating violence, minor injury
- Joseph Daidson, 18: speeding, 23 mph over limit; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of substance(s) – 1st
- Aaron Baugh, 48: driving on DUI suspended license – 2nd offense; possession of an open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle
- Idi Kaumba, 31: stalking, 1st degree; violation of a Kentucky EPO/DVO
- Cole Blankenship, 26: wanton endangerment – 1st degree; theft by unlawful taking or disposition, auto, \$1,000 but less than \$10,000; robbery, 2nd degree; failure to appear (2 counts)
- Kathrine Haubner, 31: bail jumping – 1st degree; failure to appear (2 counts); fugitive from another state –

warrant required

- Charles Warner, 47: stalking – 1st degree; violation of a Kentucky EPO/DVO; violation of conditions of release

Jan. 3

- Zachary Robinson, 37: failure to appear
- Issac Faulkner, 44: failure to appear (3 counts); contempt of court, libel/slander, resistance to order (3 counts); bail jumping – 1st degree
- Emily Fultz, 29: wanton endangerment – 2nd degree; disorderly conduct – 1st degree
- Shawn Dahmer, 24: assault, 4th degree domestic violence – minor injury; violation of a Kentucky EPO/DVO
- Noah McConell, 20: incest – forcible compulsion/incapable of consent, under 18 years of age
- Jake Reynolds, 28: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st
- Tyler Monst, 23: probation violation (for felony offense); contempt of court, libel/slander, resistance to order (2 counts)
- Lori Jones, 48: alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses)
- Michael Richardson, 57: failure to wear seat belts; operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st
- Angelicque McQueen, 54: terroristic threatening – 3rd degree; harassing communications
- Angel Carter, 32: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (cocaine); failure to appear
- Johnathan Herring, 26: assault, 4th degree (child abuse)

Jan. 4

- Kenny Knight, Jr., 30: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol

.08 – 1st; failure to wear seat belts

- Brianna Witt, 21: speeding, 22 mph over limit; operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st
- Jordan York, 33: disorderly conduct- 2nd degree; alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses)

Jan. 5

- James Bellando, 58: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines
- Carla Rowe, 51: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st; speeding, 23 mph over limit
- Jennifer Purvis, 44: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st
- Samuel Geames, 42: fleeing or evading police, 3rd degree; possession of burglary tools; drug paraphernalia – buy/possess; failure to appear (2 counts)
- Keaton Eden, 30: serving time
- Chassdy Felts, 24: failure to appear
- Phillip Adkins, 42: failure to appear
- Emily Davenport, 27: drug paraphernalia – buy/possess; possession of a controlled substance – 1st degree (fentanyl); promoting contraband – 1st degree; promoting contraband – fentanyl, carfentanil or derivative; possession of a controlled substance, 3rd degree – drug unspecified
- Donald Taylor, 60: failure to appear (2 count)
- Jason barker, 55: failure to appear; burglary, 3rd degree; theft by unlawful taking or disposition, auto, \$1,000 but less than \$10,000; possession of burglary tool
- Clay Alexander, 30: failure to appear
- Robert Cain, 53: failure to appear

- Christopher Hughes, 38: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (heroin); drug paraphernalia – buy/possess; prescription controlled substance not properly contained – 1st offense; failure to or improper signal
- Terry Stegall, 33: failure to appear (2 counts)
- James Lamb, 24: serving weekends

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- Laquecha Jones, 33: serving weekend
- Billy Johnson, 53: commitment order
- Joshua Stokley, 38: probation violation, for felony offense (2 counts); failure to appear (2 counts); fleeing or evading police, 3rd degree; drug paraphernalia – buy/possess
- Jarred Bugg, 22: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines
- Dmetris Berry, 35: speeding, 15 mph over limit; operating on suspended or revoked operator’s license; failure to appear
- Steven Williams, 34: failure to appear
- Brenda Taylor, 49: terroristic threatening, 3rd degree
- Ashley Espinal, 32: failure to appear
- Amber Gonzalez, 41: failure to appear; theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting
- Marilyn Bowling, 67: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); drug paraphernalia – buy/possess
- Gary Carney, 40: serving parole violation warrant
- Robert Napier, 57: terroristic threatening, 3rd degree
- Andrew Tate, 28: violation of a Kentucky EPO/DVO
- Ricky Allen, 66: failure to appear

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- James Lamb, 54: failure to appear
- Richard Middleton, 30: public intoxication – controlled substance (excludes alcohol); possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine)
- Kristen Walton, 33: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance – 1st; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (heroin); possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (drug unspecified); no registration receipt; no registration plates
- Corey Harrell, 29: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st
- Zachary Armstrong, 29: speeding, 26 mph over limit; reckless driving; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 2nd (aggravated circumstances); license to be in possession
- Deshawn McFarland, 26: failure to appear
- Anthony Dykes, 44: hold for court
- Cody Morris, 29: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines
- Justin Blevins, 38: hold for court
- Dasan Boone, 20: failure to appear; probation violation, for felony offense
- Douglas Newman, 38: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting
- Cindy Cain, 55: probation violation, for technical violation
- Edward Baugher, 58: fugitive from another state – warrant required
- Jerrod Miiell, 40: state community center prisoner hold
- Chris Spoonamore, 45: hold for court
- Michael Agee, 41: failure to appear; criminal trespassing – 1st degree; drug paraphernalia – buy/possess

MARRIAGES

Jan. 5

- Sydney Leigh Chadwel, registered nurse, 27 of Richmond to Jacob Aaron Hauk, industrial hygienist, 30 of Richmond

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- Kuper Ervin Imrem, production manager, 25 of Lexington to Madisen Grayce Werdell, pharmacy intern/student, 25 of Lexington
- Andrew David Lieftring, landscape/maintenance, 52 of Howards Grove, Wisconsin to Jenna Nicole Lieftring, office manager, 41 of Richmond
- Hannah Raygen Smith, case manager, 24

of Ber4 to Jason Latrell Norton, Cold End tech, 25 of Berea

- Stuart Nicholas Spurr, chef, 41 of Berea to Melissa Suzanne Banford, unemployed, 41 of Berea
- Eli Max Clapper, campus ministry associate, 23 of Richmond to Rachel Michelle Feltner, RN, 22 of Hazard
- Jennifer Lynn Linn, customer service rep, 50 f Richmond to James Dale Foster, retired, 56 of Richmond

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- Michaela Park Applegate, customer service rep, 28 of Richmond to Claude David Combs, cook, 29 of Richmond

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

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- Timothy Ward and Jacqueline Ward to Michael Burns and Anna Novia Marthin Marpaung, 301 Water Street, Berea, \$244,500
- Jerry M. Whicker to Zachary Wilson and Brines Hughes, 1410 Providence Road, \$251,850
- Thomas Marion Bratcher and Mary Lee Bratcher to Rebecca Kristen Dahl and Joshua Paul Dahl, lot 43 Madison Village, for and in consideration of love and affection
- Charles L Phillips and MA Theresa Phillips, Terry L. Wilson and Cora Jane Wilson, James E. Todd Wilon and Heather Wilson to Terry L. Wilson and Cora Jane Wilson, 302 Baugh Street and 306 Baugh Street, \$400,000
- Concrete Materials, LLC to Southgate Development, LLC, tracts Madison County, \$10,000
- Timothy W. Singleton, Jr. and Morgan E. Singleton to Taylor Scott Cameron and Madison Elizabeth Childers, lot 65 Indian Hills Estates, \$235,000
- Logan S. Frazier to Rebekah Frazier, tract Madison County, \$100,000

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- Douglas R. Parke and Debbie Parke to Holli Hatmaker, tracts Madison County, for and in consideration of love and affection
- Babuka Aviation, LLC to BL Assets, LLC, 147 Estill Avenue, \$1,674,000
- Terry Ann Golightly and John Wesley Golightly to Paul Sherman Golightly, Trustee of the Terry and John Golightly Irrevocable Trust, dated October 30, 2025, lot

43 South Bluegrass Center Phase 4, for and in consideration of premises and to conform to the intentions of the parties

- Devona Ann Flannery to Deana Flannery-McDaniel, lots 15 – 17 Block N Rose-dale Addition, for and in consideration of love and affection

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- The Estate of Zola Mae Kindred, Christopher Kindred and Angela Kindred and Susan Kindred Woods to Wayne E. Pate and Helen Pate, lot 70A Battlefield Estates, \$250,000
- Jacquelyn Roberts, individually and as Administratrix of the Estate of Malinda Covington to Trust Equity, LLC, lot 67 Phase II South Bluegrass Junction, \$121,000
- Derrick Simpson and Zoe Simpson to Justin Neireiter and Lexi May, lots 20 and 21 Shady Hills Estates, \$202,000
- Edison A. Palmiter to Jadon Palmiter, Trustee of the Edison and Sandra Palmiter Irrevocable Trust, dated September 23, 2025, 262 Clairmont Drive, for and in consideration of premises and to conform to the intentions of the parties
- Concord, LLC by and through Douglas A. Riddle, manager, Gary Michael Burnett, Member, Gary Michael Burnett, II, member to William Corey Cain, tract 1-A plat 32/184, \$495,000
- Timothy W. Sherrard and Cassandra G. Sherrard to Tanner R. Morefield, 128 Frankie Drive, \$307,750
- Connie L. Conley to Kelly Cox, 1033 Moonlight Drive, \$1.00 and love and affection

Superheroes Series: Berea Home Village

By Jemi Chew
Citizen News Edcitor

Superheroes still exist.

At Berea Home Village, an organization that helps older Bereans thrive at home, they come in the form of volunteers.

More than just a service, Berea Home Village exemplifies what it means to be a family and community – sharing grief, joy, and resources together as well as honoring the stories and lives of those loved and those lost.

Members who join are supported through services such as transportation to and from doctor’s appointments and phone call check-ins while they remain in their own homes.

Rather than a place seniors go to get taken care of, Berea Home Village focuses on enabling people to thrive where they already are.

“It cuts across all kinds of divisions,” Berea Home Village Executive Director Katie Heckman said. “And even though everyone is 50 years or older, they all have family, a lot of them have grandchildren or neighbors, and so anybody can be involved in the village.

Though there are membership dues, these fees can be waived in the case of financial hardship.

“We have people who have a hard time scraping enough together every

month to pay the rent. 43% of our members pay no membership dues at all. And we waive it – we don’t want anybody to not be a member because they cannot afford it,” Heckman said.

Sally Hindman, a member who later became a volunteer and board member, said that she initially joined as a member because she had injured herself and needed transportation help.

“It’s just an irresistible organization,” Hindman said. “The work is so good, and the people are so good.”

But it’s not only the members that benefit.

Chuck Morgan, who was the male recipient of Berea Home Village’s 2025 Volunteer of the Year Award and joined in 2022, said that volunteers do too.

“It’s a way of giving back to the community, and becoming involved in the life of the community,” Morgan said. “I have met and become acquainted with, and in some cases friends, with people that I would not have encountered otherwise.”

Hindman added that becoming a volunteer has helped her as she grows older.

“It’s been very instructive for me to be around people who are doing well in their aging process,” Hindman said. “And to be able to

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Public notice

The Housing Authority of Berea will be re-opening its zero-bedroom (efficiency) apartment waiting list as of Jan. 15. The 1- and 2-bedroom size waiting list will remain closed. The 3- and 4-bedroom apartment waiting list remains open. For more information, call (859) 986-4436.

Public notice

Notice is hereby given that Darrin & Cheryl Chasteen has filed an application with the Energy and Environment Cabinet to remove topsoil and correct ground cover issues. The property is located on the North side of KY-595 app 0.1 miles East of the US 25 intersection. Any comments or objections can be submitted via email to: DOWFloodplain@ky.gov Kentucky Division of Water, Floodplain Management Section, 300 Sower Blvd. Frankfort, KY 40601. Call 502-564-3410 with questions.

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Religion

Toothbrush works great on dirty sneakers

I got such a laugh out of the lady who said her husband, after 40 years of marriage, still gets upset when she uses his toothbrush.

“So,” she said, “if anyone knows a better way to get dog doo out of the soles of my sneakers, I’m all ears.”

Sometimes we step into messes because we don’t pay close enough attention to what may lie ahead. That’s true of dog doo, but it’s also true of other kinds of messes we can find ourselves in.

The Bible tells us, “Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight

before thee. Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established” (Proverbs 4:25-26).

If I had strictly adhered to that proverb throughout my life, I would have been able to avoid stepping in everything from chewing gum to cow manure. I would also have been able to avoid other kinds of messes in life.

Even our Bible heroes weren’t immune to getting



Roger Alford

into messes. The Bible tells us so.

Abraham was a liar. Moses was a murderer. Gideon was a coward. Sampson was a womanizer. David was an adulterer. The Apostle Peter denied Christ three times in one night. The list goes on.

They were all imperfect people, just like us. They all had a knack for stepping into messes, just like us. They sinned, just like us. But, through God’s grace, all made it to heaven.

Here’s the good news for all of us: God loves us so much that he sent his only begotten son, Jesus, down

to earth to live among us, to teach us important lessons, and ultimately to die for us on the cross. You see, the Bible tells us the wages of sin is death.

Jesus took our sin upon himself and died in our place, paying our sin debt. In doing so, he showed us such amazing grace. He showed us saving grace.

“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast (Ephesians 2:8-9).

You can’t do enough good deeds to be saved. You can’t

donate enough money to be saved. You can’t be kind enough to be saved. You’re saved by God’s grace. It is a free gift.

The messes you’ve gotten into in life have sure enough soiled you, but the blood shed by Jesus at Calvary cleanses you from all unrighteousness.

Your husband’s toothbrush, no doubt, works well cleaning your shoes but only the blood of Christ will wash away your sins.

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

CHURCH DIRECTORY



Berea Baptist Church

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310 Chestnut Street A, Berea, Ky. 40403
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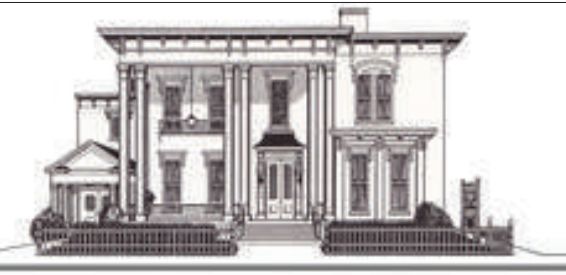
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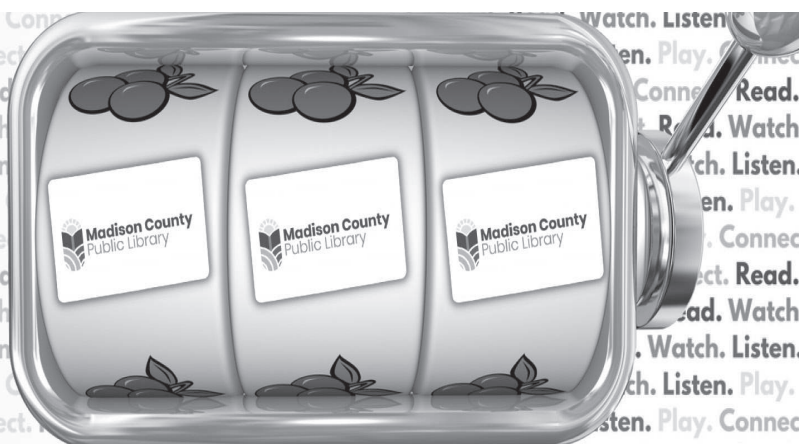
Business directory

Banks: Community Trust Bank, 525 Walnut Meadow Road, Berea. Phone: 985-0561

Dentistry: Mary Oldfield, DMD, PSC, 126 North Broadway, Berea. Phone: 986-2060

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

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Berea Citizen archives

Miss Eloise Marcy, who had been with Churchill Weavers for 18 months recently resigned her position in Berea but would represent The Churchill Weavers in Green Grove Springs Florida, where she would make her home along with Jacksonville.

Pfc. Cecil E. French, son of Mr. and Mrs. James R. French, received the combat infantry badge for his service with the 24th Infantry Division somewhere in Korea. Pfc. French enlisted for three years with the 24th Division on September 2, 1948. He took basic training at Fort Knox. His division was first sent to Japan and from there to Korea.

Berea's Harmonia Society was set to present its annual Christmas Concert on December 7th at Union Church. The choral organization would perform three 20th century works of the Christmas season: Benjamin Britten's "Ceremony of Carols," Daniel Pinkham's "Christmas Cantata," and Gustav Holst's "Christmas Day." The audience would join the orchestra and chorus in singing traditional carols at the close of the

program. Mrs. Joan Cook, harpist from Lexington and faculty member of Asbury College would be the featured soloist in the Britten work. The Berea College Brass Ensemble would accompany Pinkham's dramatic and rhythmic "Christmas Cantata," while the Berea Orchestra would accompany Hollst's "Christmas Day."

Madison Circuit Judge Julia Adams had ruled to permit Michael Shoopman to play soccer for Berea Community High School. Shoopman had transferred to Berea Community high School from Madison Southern High School without changing residence and was forbidden to play sports for the Pirates by the Kentucky High School Athletics Association.

October 25, 1950
Combat Infantry Badge

December 3, 1973

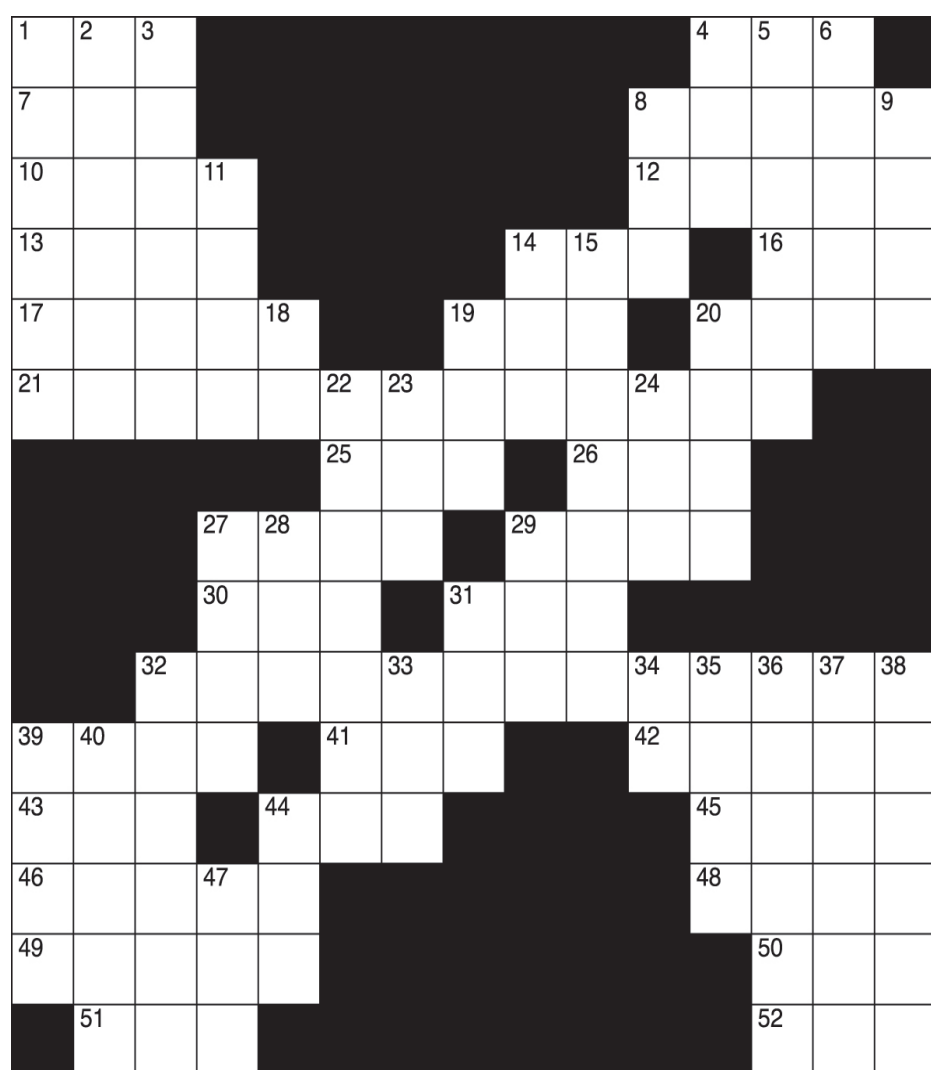
Christmas concert set

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Student to play

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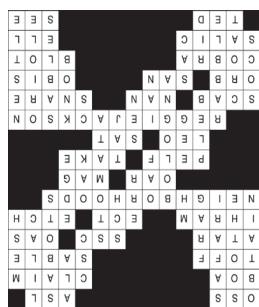


1. Former CIA
4. Language
7. Constrictor snake
8. Demand
10. Rich man
12. Short-tailed marten
13. Zoroastrian concept of holy fire
14. Superconducting super collider

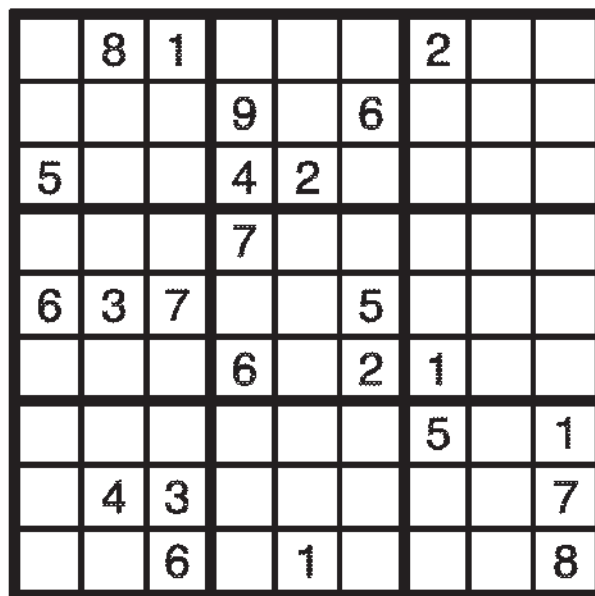
44. __ Francisco
45. Web-based data provider of marine life
46. Type of snake
48. Dark mark or stain
49. Member of the Salii
50. Former measure of length
51. CNN's founder
52. Witness

1. Acquire
2. Console
3. Hunting expedition
4. Pie __ mode
5. Simple shoes for peasants
6. Eurasian shrub
8. Reciprocal of a sine
9. Work together in harmony
11. Grenade
14. File extension
15. Minute pores in a plant
18. Medal of Honor
19. Make a mistake
20. Advance slowly, as if by inches
22. Sandwich meat
23. An awkward stu-

pid person
24. Strong tree
27. Commoner
28. Electroencephalo-
graph
29. __ Mahal
31. Congressman
32. Disorderly crowd
33. 007's creator Flem-
ing
34. Atomic #55
35. Part of a door
36. Short-tail martens
37. Baltimore ballplay-
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38. Cuddle
39. Gang in "The Out-
siders"
40. Of Croatia
44. Body cavity
47. Get free of

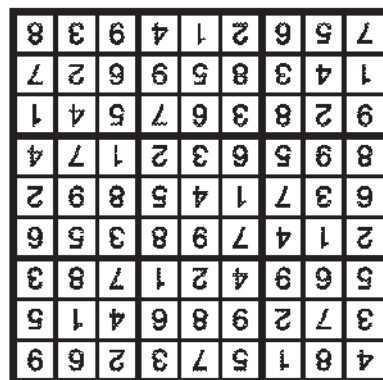


SUDOKU



Level: Intermediate

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 skiing.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 5 = i)

A. 7 23 15 19 24 20 5 19

Clue: Tall land mass

B. 4 5 8 24

Clue: Conveyance

C. 9 23 6 13 22 25

Clue: Soft snow

D. 10 5 4 4

Clue: Raised area of land

Answers: A. mountain B. lift C. powder D. hill

HEROES

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help them helps me feel more complete.”

Volunteering also led her to form close relationships with members. Hindman fondly remembered an older lady she would help to wrap packages for and who shared with her different recipes.

Cora Leporin, who has been volunteering since 2021 and was the female recipient of the 2025 Volunteer of the Year award, said that she was very impressed with the members’ strength and resilience and learned a lot from them.

“This woman who had lots of problems and difficulties in her past – I never once in the years that I knew



From left to right are Cora Leporin, Chuck Morgan, Sally Hindman and Katie Heckman of Berea Home Village. (The Citizen/Jemi Chew)

her, never once heard her complain,” Leporin said. “She had the most positive outlook on life that it was remarkable. I learned or

tried to learn a lot from her. But that was one of my best experiences.”

But it can also be an emotional journey.

Berea Home Village

has an annual Service of Remembrance to honor those who have passed away. Heckman said that they also carry the memories of

members with them every day.

“One thing we do is we keep talking about these wonderful people,” Heckman said. “We say their name, in meetings or when we’re thinking of a certain service, and that’s how we keep them alive.”

And even in private moments, the memories live on in their thoughts.

“You just remember the good times,” Morgan said. “Once in a while, that memory of a trip to Lexington, or a trip to Loxeplace in Berea, will come back. Yeah, that was a good day, that was a good day, I enjoyed that.”

At 80 years-old, Morgan still gives people rides to doctor’s appointments and helps with transportation.

He spends a lot of time listening to members talk while he drives and said that one thing he learned while volunteering for Berea Home Village was to appreciate the inner child that is part of your spirit regardless of your age.

“One woman told a joke that I wouldn’t have told in a locker room. But it was like well, that was kind of funny,” Morgan said. “You know, no matter how old you are, there is still a child looking for some release.”

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, member, or contributing to Berea Home Village, you can call Katie Heckman at 859-358-8610. You can visit their website at <https://www.bereahomevillage.org/>

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“Now, you’re not going to avoid all the tragedies that can happen, obviously, but we want to deter those, and we feel that by aggressive speeding, seat belt, and DUI enforcement, we’re able to do that,” Terry said. “In 2024 there were 10 fatalities. Last year, there was a total of six. So, it’s not just what the Madison County Sheriff’s Office is doing, either. It’s a concerted effort. I give credit to Richmond police, Berea police, Kentucky State Police. We’re all in this together, but that number is receding, and that’s great, considering all the traffic that we have going on in and out of this county.”

these drugs was \$66,000 more than it was last year, and the total value of all seizures was up \$166,000,” Terry said.

On a related note, the Fiscal Court reviewed MCSO’s 2026 budget. At that point, Magistrate Billy Ray Hughes questioned why the budget included a 15 percent increase in personnel costs.

Both Judge Executive Reagan Taylor and Sheriff Mike Coyle defended the increases, stating MCSO is experiencing the same phenomena impacting sheriff’s departments across the Commonwealth – an increase in demands on their services.

Taylor noted, for example, that MCSO provides security for three different courts, incurring costs he said are not adequately reimbursed by the state.

Coyle added that MCSO has to remain competitive in the job market when it comes to pay, or risk losing deputies to other agencies that offer higher pay. Magistrate Tom Botkin, meanwhile, said MCSO is showing very positive results when it comes to fighting drug trafficking in the county.

At the end of the discussion, Hughes stated that while he supports law enforcement, he couldn’t vote for the 15 percent increase in personnel costs. The remaining officials voted in favor of the sheriff’s department budget, however, with Tom Botkin, Brian Combs, Stephen Lochmueller and Reagan Taylor voting in favor.

The next meeting of the Madison County Fiscal Court is slated for Jan. 27.

Richmond Little League Baseball

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Establishment of Restoration Advisory Board for Conventional Mission at Blue Grass Army Depot

Madison, County, Richmond, Kentucky

The United States Army Environmental Command (USAEC) and Blue Grass Army Depot (BGAD) leadership are reaching out to the community to determine if there is sufficient interest to warrant the installation’s establishment of a Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) for the conventional national defense mission operation.

The purpose of RAB will be to help address community concerns and expectations regarding the Installation Restoration Program (IRP) and environmental remediation activities on the depot at various long-term monitoring/cleanup sites.

The RAB will be comprised of local citizen volunteers including representatives of local, state, and federal agencies who are interested in knowing about BGAD’s restoration program activities. RAB members should represent the diverse interests of the local community for the exchange of information between BGAD and the community on the installation’s present and future restoration/cleanup activities.

If there is sufficient interest, BGAD will establish the RAB with members who are willing to commit to attending regular meetings and provide meaningful feedback on ongoing IRP activities covering a two-year period.

If you wish to volunteer to be a RAB member or want more information, please contact USAEC Environmental Site Manager, Mr. John Beasley at john.p.beasley6.civ@army.mil, or BGAD Public Affairs Officer, William Ritter at william.d.ritter3.civ@army.mil within thirty days by January 18, 2026.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Berea Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at 6:00 P.M., in the Council Chambers of the Berea City Annex for the purpose of considering the following requests:

TERRY WILSON & TODD WILSON – ZONE CHANGE REQUEST – 288 MT VERNON ROAD – FROM R-1 (Single Family Residential) to B-2 (Major Business District) as indicated on the map provided.

The public is invited to attend and make comments.

Amanda Haney
Codes Administrator

Melissa Isaacs
Records Secretary

County prepares for Winter Storm, cold blast

A winter storm watch is forecast for this weekend and Madison County Road Department Supervisor Scott Shepherd said that Madison County is preparing for the winter storm that is expected this weekend. Salt trucks will be deployed when snow begins falling and will work 12-hour shifts with 8-hour break. You can view plow activity on your road here: https://madisoncountyny.gov/tracks

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Wilson retires from council

By Andy McDonald For The Citizen

Berea City Council-member Cora Jane Wilson announced Tuesday she is stepping down from council and that Tuesday's business session was her final meeting. The four-term council member and former Berea Municipal Utilities employee was first elected in 2016, serving prominently on the council's Personnel Committee. During the Council Comments segment of the meeting, Wilson stated she is moving beyond city limits and will thus no longer be eligible to serve on city council. The council has 30 days to vote on her replacement. "This will be my last council meeting. I am in the process of moving outside of Berea city limits," Wilson said. "But I've enjoyed it, I'm a former employee, but I'll still be sitting back there watching you guys. It's been great. This is a good group, the mayor's great, and I just appreciate you all."

Wilson was praised by her colleagues on the council and Berea Mayor Bruce Fraley as a public servant who cared for city staffers. "Cora Jane has always had in her heart doing what is right and



Cora Jane Wilson

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Stoney Creek residents urge moratorium

Planning & Zoning

By Andy McDonald For The Citizen

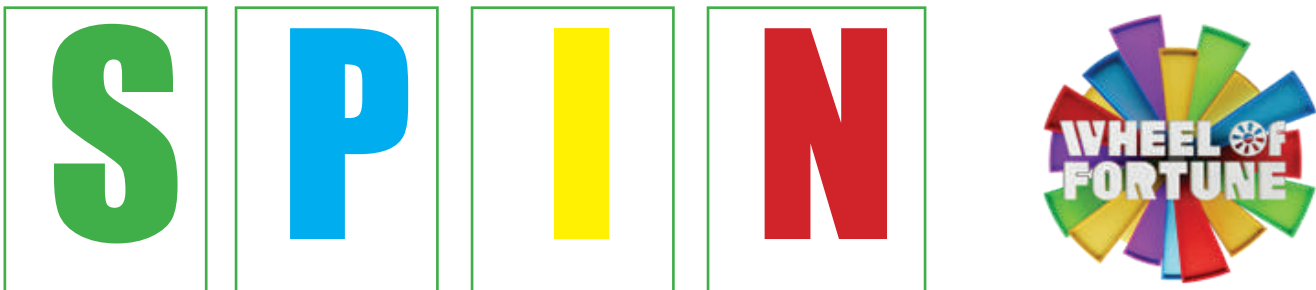
Residents of Stoney Creek subdivision urged Berea planning officials to hold off on approving more building until another entrance/exit is added to access the neighborhood. The issue was raised last Tuesday at a meeting of the Berea Planning Commission. Currently, the only access

to the neighborhood is at Wyldwood Way and U.S. 25, which residents complain presents both safety and traffic hazards. Five citizens spoke up as Vantage engineer Colton McGlone was seeking approval for Stoney Creek Subdivision Unit II, Phase II, a development of 31 single family homes on the north side of the neighborhood. McGlone noted that

another 108 homes are planned beyond Unit II, Phase II toward Crestview Road. Crestview is a county road that local officials are considering opening to Stoney Creek to provide an alternate entrance/exit. For the moment, however, it is closed, available only as an emergency outlet. "As far as I know, the discussions with the county and the city have been that it will only be for emergen-

cy vehicles," said McGlone. "Crestview is rather small, though, and I think that's why the county is apprehensive about connecting it [to Stoney Creek]." Stoney Creek residents asked the commission to table the item, and to stop approving new projects in the subdivision until new entrances can be added. "We moved here from

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The wheel



Samantha Thomas, currently living in Berea and working at Behavioral Health Group in Richmond, appeared on the Wheel of Fortune Season 43 Episode 88.

Berea resident appears on popular game show

By Jemi Chew • News Editor

Ever since she was a child, Samantha Thomas would watch Wheel of Fortune with her dad every night. What she didn't expect was that one day she would be on the show herself. "Everybody was really excited when they found out I was going to be on Wheel of Fortune," Thomas said. One of her bosses from her workplace at Behavioral Health Group in Richmond even traveled with her for the show. Thomas applied on the Wheel of Fortune website without high hopes but was shocked when they contacted her. "I thought it was a spam on my email," Thomas said. "I was like they spammed me, somebody spammed

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City of Richmond, organizations working to help homeless

By Jemi Chew News Editor

The Richmond City Commission heard updates from Haven of Hope and the One-Stop program at Enrich on the community work they are doing in Richmond. The two organizations

work together as well as separately to help the unhoused population in Richmond. Executive Director Monica Barnes said that since Haven of Hope's opening in December, 32 individuals have stayed at the shelter, with some that came from

Baptist Health in the middle of the night. The youngest person who used the shelter was 19 while the oldest was in their 60s. City Manager Rob Minerich said that Haven of Hope was a great example of how local government can work with non-profits. Barnes

worked with codes enforcement as well as planning and zoning to find a suitable location for the shelter. Barnes said that the hope is to help the houseless people who come to the shelter find homes. The One-Stop program at Enrich helps with that.

Enrich is an organization that helps "people who may be experiencing homelessness, are in active recovery, or have recently been released from incarceration," according to their website. At One-Stop, individuals

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Gilday trial venue under review

A change of venue request was put in for Shannon Gilday's murder trial, and the judge is expected to make a decision by the end of the week.

Shannon Gilday is on trial for breaking into the mansion of former Kentucky lawmaker Wesley Morgan and killing his daughter in her sleep. The defense has argued that the high-profile nature of the case and extensive media coverage has prejudiced the local jury pool, claiming that Mr. Gilday cannot receive a fair trial within Madison County. The trial is set to take place in May and there will be another hearing in March.



Message from Cora Jane Wilson

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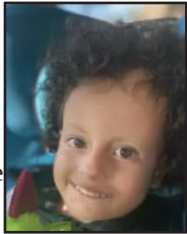


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OBITUARIES

Madison Hope Sawrie-Saquicela (Maddi)

Madison Hope Sawrie-Saquicela (Maddi) was called home on Thursday, Jan. 15, 2026. She passed away at UK Children's Hospital after bravely fighting complications surrounding complex medical issues associated with her Trisomy 18 diagnosis. Madison was born on April 20, 2018, and at just 7 years old, she touched more lives than many do in a lifetime. Madison was sassy, witty, and had the most infectious



smile. She loved listening to music, especially her favorite singer, Benson Boone, and her favorite song, "Mystical Magical." Beating all odds, Madison was a fighter—a true Trisomy 18 warrior. Though she was non-verbal, Madison loved to communicate, using sign language and her eye gaze device to connect with those around her. She was well known for giving the most spectacular "Bombastic Side Eyes!" Madison accomplished more in her life than anyone ever expected. Achieving many milestones at Marshall Pediatric Therapy, her second home. All her therapists who loved her so, she considered her "Besties." Her life was full of fun and adventure,

enjoying Hippotherapy on horseback and splashing around like a fish in aquatic therapy! Just last summer, she was granted her Make-A-Wish dream of swimming with dolphins at Island Dolphin Care in Key Largo, Florida. She was also part of multiple social media groups (Kentucky T18 & Edwards Syndrome Association) and had the joy of attending Center for Courageous Kids for children with Trisomy 13 and 18 in 2025. Made possible through the "Stella Effect." Madison's favorite color was orange, even though her mom tried (unsuccessfully) to make her love hot pink. She absolutely loved Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson and brought that same larger-

than-life energy into every room. Madison left an impact on everyone she touched and everyone who had the privilege of knowing her. Madison is survived by her father, Roger Saquicela (Chelsea McGuire), of Lexington, Kentucky, and her mother, Jackie Sawrie, also of Lexington, Kentucky. Madison is lovingly remembered by her three siblings: Mia Sawrie-Saquicela, Angie Saquicela, and Steven Saquicela, all of Lexington, Kentucky. Madison also had two stepsiblings, Madison and Hannah Walton. She is also survived by her grandparents, Jim and Jane Ann Sawrie of Lexington, Kentucky, and Rafael and Luz Saquicela of Ecuador. She leaves behind her aunts,

Jamie Mobley, and Jessica Adkins, of Lexington, Kentucky, and her uncles, Boris and Paco Saquicela. Services were held on Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2026, at 1 p.m. at Southland Christian Church in Nicholasville. Rev. Parker Sherwood officiated and burial followed in the Lexington Cemetery. Pallbearers were Dalton Adkins, Travis Mobley, Roger Saquicela, and Steven Saquicela. Honorary pallbearers were Rafael Saquicela, Boris Saquicela, Paco Saquicela, Eric Highley, Robin Flannery & Madison's therapist from Marshalls Pediatric Therapy. Davis & Powell Funeral Directors entrusted with arrangements. www.davisandpowellfuneralhome.com

Susan "Susie" Kilburn

Susan "Susie" Kilburn, known for her radiant smile and boundless kindness, passed away peacefully on Jan. 17, 2026. Born on Oct. 23, 1964, in Richmond,, Susie was a beacon of light to all who knew her, touching lives with her warmth and gentle spirit. Preceded in death by her loving parents, Charles and Alma Kilburn, and her sister, Pam Stamper, Susie's memory will be forever cherished by those she leaves behind. She is survived by her devoted sister, Louann Robinson; her adoring nieces, Marsha Moss and Karen (Shawn) Herzog; her caring nephew, Jason Robinson; and a host of great-nieces and nephews who



were blessed to experience her love and joy. Susie was a member of Berea Baptist Church, where she formed many lasting friendships and was beloved by the congregation. Her faith played a fundamental role in her life, demonstrated by her consistent acts of kindness. Throughout her life, Susie's interests and activities brought joy not only to herself but to everyone around her. Her presence was a gift, and her ability to find happiness in the simplest of things was a lesson in gratitude and contentment. Funeral services will be at 12:30 p.m., Friday, January 23, 2026, at Madison County Memorial Gardens with Pastor Kevin Slemph officiating, burial will follow. Visitation will be from 11 a.m.- noon at Lakes Funeral Home.

Ethel Carpenter Tuttle Pigg

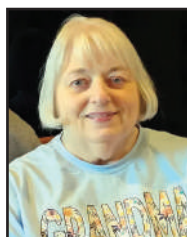
Ethel Carpenter Tuttle Pigg, 85, passed away at her home in Paint Lick, on Jan. 16, 2026. She was born Oct. 17, 1940, in Garrard County, to the late Newt and Flossie Bishop Carpenter. Ethel farmed and raised five children alone, instilling in her children an incredible work ethic. She loved fishing, bingo, and playing rummy. Most of all Ethel enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren. She was of the Holiness faith and had been attending the Clover Bottom Baptist Church. Other than her parents she was preceded in death by one son, Billy Tuttle, two brothers, Giles and Ben-



nett Carpenter, and two sisters, Sheila Masters, and Betty Lakes. Ethel is survived by four children, Carol (Jeff) Carman of Stanford, Donna (Dee) Bunch of Bradenton, FL, Timmy Tuttle, and Janet (Perry) Kerby both of Paint Lick. One brother, Glendon (Betty Jo) Carpenter of Berea, and one sister, Faye (Don) Perkins of Richmond. 10 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild also survive along with her constant companion and friend Poogie. Visitation were be Monday Jan. 19, 2026, at Davis & Powell Funeral Home where Pastor David Metcalf officiated. Burial was at Paint Lick Cemetery, pallbearers were, Thomas Winkler, George Winkler, Brent Moore, Brent Moore, Jr., Gary Heron, and Harold Carpenter. Honorary pallbearers are David Kerby, Randall Kerby, and Wayne Callahan.

Rhonda Lynn Simpkins

Rhonda Lynn (Daniels) Simpkins, 74 of Richmond, died Thursday, Jan. 15, 2026, in Baptist Health Richmond. She was born May 23, 1951, in Edgerton, WV, to Mason Daniels and Dana Laura (Coleman) Daniels. She was preceded in death by her parents and brothers, David Daniels and Randy Daniels, and her grandmother, Helen (Francis) Mar-



cum. She is survived by her husband of 51 years, Wesley Simpkins; Children Rebecca, Sean, and Brian Simpkins; daughter-in-law Stela Romero; three special grandchildren- Gavin, Gabrielle, and Graham Simpkins; and her sisters Helen Edwards, Kathy Wolford, and Teresa Allen, as well as a host of friends and family. A celebration of life will take place in Huntington, West Virginia, at a later date. Condolences for the family may be left at www.lakesfuneralhome.com

Danny Lee Philpot

Danny Lee Philpot, aged 78, peacefully passed away on Jan. 15, 2026, in Berea. Danny was preceded in death by his cherished parents, Cammie Hurst and Mabel Correll Philpot, and his loving wife, Patricia Ann Philpot. He is survived by his daughters, Susan Rennae Philpot and Danielle Snellen, alongside her husband, Billy. His joy and love will live on in the lives of his adored grandchildren, Katie Leanne Snellen and Laine Snellen.



After serving his country with honor in the Vietnam War with the Navy, Danny dedicated his career to working at Sherwin Williams until retirement. He was a member of Liberty Avenue Baptist Church. Danny was happiest outdoors, whether meticulously caring for his yard or embracing the tranquility of the lake in his boat. His passion for nature was only matched by his love for his cats, Hero and Fido, whom he pampered and adored. The family will be accepted friends Tuesday evening at Lakes Funeral Home. There will be a private burial at Madison County Memorial Gardens. Condolences may be left for the family at www.lakesfuneralhome.com

Judith (Judy) Ann (Meyers) Suder

Judith (Judy) Ann (Meyers) Suder, 82, of Berea, passed away on Jan. 14, 2026. She was born on July 17, 1943, to David and Sara Meyers in Berlin, Pennsylvania. Judy was a devoted wife, mother, Nana, aunt, and friend. Shy of the camera, the best photos could be captured when she was interacting with her grandkids. Judy trained and worked as a registered nurse, then raised her four children, along with babysitting others. She served in many ways as a volunteer for the Port Royal and St. Paul Lutheran parish in Pennsylvania. In Berea, she served as an aide for individual students with disabilities and also worked in kindergarten classrooms. She absolutely adored children. Judy and her husband Robert (Bob) of nearly 62 years devoted many summers to travel, often to Wyoming, where they would camp, hike, drive, and enjoy adventures together. Judy loved spending time with family and traveling. Judy loved to sing in the church choir and listen to liturgical music. She made it a priority to care



for those who were sick, and to always be there for the birth of all eight grandchildren. Judy enjoyed puzzles, books, cooking, sewing, giraffes, snowmen, and hummingbirds. She lways loved to shop for a child who needed Christmas presents through the Angel program at Berea Community School. Judy is survived by her husband Bob, of Berea, her children Mark Suder (Margie), Missy Arp (John), Jessica Suder (Nick Fil), and Danielle Ripperton (Ryan); her grandchildren Tim, Ben, Bryce, Matthew, Ella, Naomi, Alex, and Mikayla; and her siblings Jack Meyers (Joyce), James Meyers (Kay), and Jan Bardenhagen (Jim). She was preceded in death by her parents, David and Sara Meyers, and her stepmother Lucy Meyers. A funeral service will be held on Jan. 24 at 2 p.m. at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Lexington. A private burial service will be held in Berlin, Pennsylvania, later this year. In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation be made in Judy's memory to the "Frisk Latchkey Fund" with a note designating Christmas Angel Program mailed to Berea Community School's Berea Resource Center, or to the charity of your choice. www.davisandpowellfuneralhome.com

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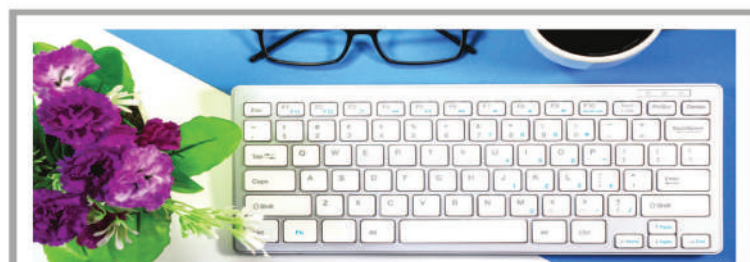
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Keith Taylor

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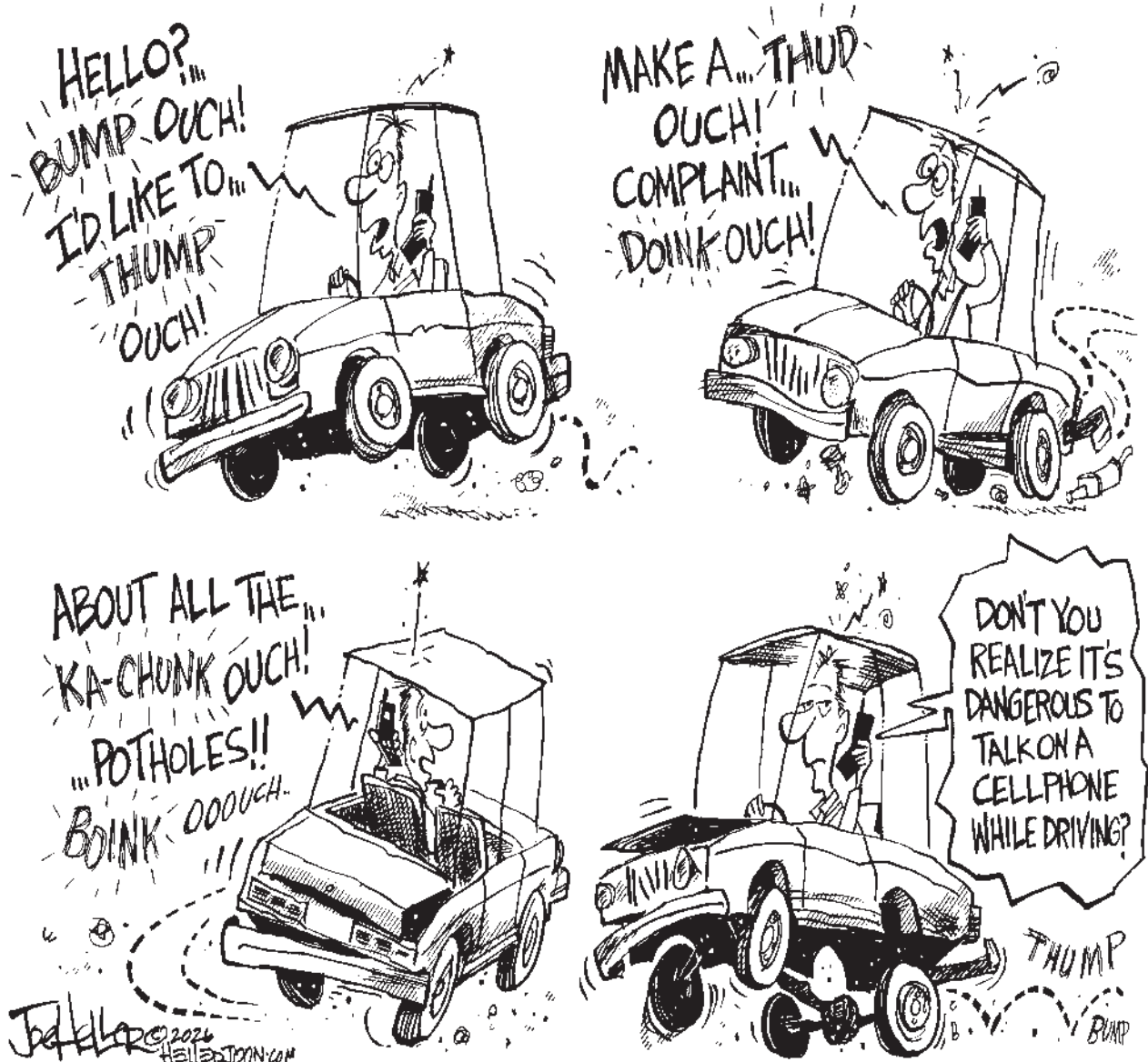
Secondly, we have a calendar of events page that is pretty popular and we want to make sure your church, social, or school event gets published for our readers to see and know about. As a news media publication, our job is to keep the community informed and we reach more readers than your social media page ever will reach. The more people who know about your event, the better the turnout will be and a successful one at that.

Our clubs are welcome to submit their news to us and the Berea Rotary Club and the Lion’s Club are active participants. We welcome club news to our pages and look forward to hearing from you!

We also are starting a business directory page for our businesses to participate in and also give them the opportunity to reach more readers and generate more business. We receive so many phone calls from people that want to know who to contact when it comes to a certain project or question they have about a specific item. Our first step is providing those who want to know with an avenue to those businesses.

We also offer a package for our local churches to promote their service times and offerings for those who are looking for a local congregation to become a part of within the community. If you and your church want to let people know where you are and what you are about, the church page is the perfect spot to reach the harvest field.

Our goal is to make sure our readers are informed and we want you to become involved in that process. To participate, send an e-mail to news editor Jemi Chew (news@bereacitizen.net), Intern Emily Kessler (news@bereacitizen.net) or myself (publisher@bereacitizen.net)



Americans cherish the right to protest. It is woven into the fabric of our democracy and protected by the Constitution. But that right does not extend to barging into a church during worship, shouting down a congregation and traumatizing families gathered in prayer.

What happened Jan. 18 at Cities Church in St. Paul, Minn., was not peaceful protest. It was intimidation — pure and simple.

During Sunday morning worship service, protesters forced their way into the sanctuary, blowing whistles, shouting and deliberately disrupting the service. According to reports, the protest was aimed at a pastor, David Easterwood, who also serves as an ICE field office director. Whatever one’s views on immigration policy or federal enforcement operations, storming into a church service is an indefensible tactic that violates both the law and



basic standards of human decency. Churches are not public sidewalks. They are private property and sacred spaces, protected not only by property law but by the First Amendment’s guarantee of the free exercise of religion. Worshipers have just as much constitutional right to gather in peace as protesters have to assemble in public forums. Some have tried to frame this incident as an act of free speech. It was not. Trespassing, willful disruption and

harassment are not protected speech. As North American Mission Board President Kevin Ezell rightly said, “No cause — political or otherwise — justifies the desecration of a sacred space or the intimidation and trauma inflicted on families gathered peacefully in the house of God.” It is especially troubling that a media figure appeared to suggest that protesters had a constitutional right to interrupt worship. That assertion reflects a dangerous misunderstanding of civil liberties.

The First Amendment does not grant anyone the right to silence others or to hijack private religious services for political theater. Tensions in Minneapolis are undeniably high following recent law enforcement actions related to immigration enforcement. Citizens have every right to express anger, fear, or disagreement with government policy. But targeting churches — places where people seek refuge, comfort, and spiritual guidance — crosses a line that should never be blurred. Attorney General Pam Bondi and the Department of Justice have indicated they are reviewing whether federal laws, including the FACE Act, were violated. That review is appropriate. But legal consequences alone are not enough. State and local leaders must also speak clearly and forcefully: churches must be protected, and worship must remain free

from political coercion. This is not a partisan issue. It is a civil society issue. If protesters can storm a church today because they dislike a pastor’s job, what prevents similar mobs from invading synagogues, mosques, or community centers tomorrow over other political disagreements? Once we normalize intimidation in sacred spaces, no house of worship remains safe. Protest has power when it appeals to conscience, not when it bullies the innocent. True advocates for justice do not need to shout down hymn singing to make their point. The message should be unambiguous: debate policies, challenge leaders, march in public spaces — but leave worship alone. A society that cannot protect the quiet moments of prayer and reflection risks losing far more than political arguments. It risks losing its moral compass.

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Jan. 8 • Johnathan Embry, 36: state community center prisoner hold • Calain Myers, 22: trans-port orders • Robert Gerald, 47: pos-session of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st of-fense (methamphetamine); trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st of-fense (greater than or equal to 2 grams methamphet-amine); drug paraphernalia – buy / possess; operating motor vehicle under the in-fluence of substance(s) – 1st; operating on suspended or revoked operator’s license; failure of non-owner op-erator to maintain required insurance/security – 1st of-fense; no registration plates; no registration receipt • Donald Lunsford, 58: assault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor injury • Damien Schaffer, 47: failure to appear • Joshya Callahan, 37: failure to appear • George Lowery, 46: non-payment of court costs, fees or fines • Alexandra Schuster, 23: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 -1st • Dashanna Lakes, 47: commitment order • Robert Ellington, 21: sexual misconduct	ed license – 2nd offense; possession of marijuana; failure to surrender revoked operator’s license • Jordan Carpenter, 31: failure to appear • Kevin Randall, 47: fail-ure to appear • Christopher Kendrick, 51: serving weekends • Jasmine Duncan, 32: dis-regarding stop sign; driving on DUI suspended license, 1st offense • Paul Lesage, 48: failure to appear; no registration receipt; no registration plates; operating on a sus-pended or revoked opera-tor’s license; license to be in possession • Randy Wood, Jr., 44: dis-orderly conduct, 2nd degree	tor vehicle under the influ-ence of alcohol .08 – 1st • Wendy Combs, 35: criminal abuse, 1st degree (child under 12 years of age); criminal mischief – 1st degree – restitution/repair – 1st offense • Jalen Carnes, 20: crimi-nal abuse, 1st degree (child under 12 years of age) • Tasha Carnes, 35: crimi-nal abuse, 1st degree (child under 12 years of age); criminal mischief – 1st degree – restitution/repair – 1st offense • Kieon Young, 40: crimi-nal abuse, 1st degree (child under 12 years of age); criminal mischief – 1st degree – restitution/repair – 1st offense • Thomas Gordon, 21: non-payment of court costs, fees or fines	– failure to render aid or assistance; failure of owner to maintain required insur-ance/security – 1st offense; operating on suspended or revoked operator’s license; theft by unlawful taking or disposition, all others • Jeremy Terry, 47: operat-ing a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st; failure to wear seat belts • Dillard Norman, 44: receiving stolen property; disorderly conduct, 2nd degree • George Weddington, 31: failure to appear	strument, 1st degree • Jose Avalos Quezada, 42: failure to appear; immigra-tion detainer • Eric St. John, 18: failure to appear
	Jan. 10 • Edward Tipton, 54: contempt of court, libel/ slander, resistance to order; failure of non-owner to maintain required insur-ance/security, 1st offense; no registration plates (2 counts); improper display of registration plates; driving on DUI suspended license – 1st offense; drug parapher-nalia – buy / possess • Jason James, 44: failure to appear • Brandy Wiseman, 36: failure to appear • Joseph Crowder, 36: op-erating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 - 1st (aggravated circum-stances); disregarding stop sign; careless driving • Seth Hall, 25: alcohol in-toxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses) • Isaiah Dorsey, 21: reck-less driving; failure to wear seat belts; possession of an open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle; operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st • Marceo Morton, 51. No tail lamps; operating a mo-	Jan. 11 • Jerry McGee, 54: alco-hol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses) • Brian Doan, 46: operat-ing a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 3rd; possession of an open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle; failure to illuminate head lamps; no tail lamps • Shamichael Underwood, 28: probation violation (for misdemeanor offense) • Kara Guthrie, 30: alco-hol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses) • Jason Taylor, 37: operat-ing a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 2nd; criminal mischief, 2nd degree; leaving the scene of an accident – failure to render aid or assistance; operating on suspended or revoked operator’s license; license to be in possession; failure to appear • Cameron Powell, 34: receiving stolen property, \$10,000 or more; leaving the scene of an accident	Jan. 12 • Casey Hix, 31: operat-ing motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st • Billy Henry, 47: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines • Brandon Ness, 23: oper-ating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st (aggravated circum-stances); driving on DUI suspended license – 1st offense (aggravated cir-cumstances); no operator’s – moped license; possession of an open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle • Richard Parrent, 68: pa-rolé violation (for technical violation)	Jan. 14 • Christian Martin, 25: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st of-fense (methamphetamine) • Donna Greene, 41: fail-ure to appear • Benita Caldwell, 64: operating a motor ve-hicle under the influence of substance(s) – 1st; prescrip-tion controlled substance not properly contained – 1st offense • Ronnie Belt, 47: failure to appear • Hope Littlepage, 51: probation violation (for technical violation) • Chloe Greenidge, 24: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alco-hol .08 – 1st • Charles Hill, 28: termi-nated from drug court (2 counts) • Emma Bailey, 37: hold for court • John Dillard, 30: parole violation (for technical violation) • Lexavier Williams, 48: parole violation (for techni-cal violation) • Misty Spencer, 44: hold for court • Angela Sproles, 40: failure to appear (2 counts); persistent felony offender I; bail jumping – 1st degree; giving officer false identifi-ying information • Samuel Hayden, 35: state community center prisoner hold • Dominick Cunningham, 34: state community center prisoner hold • Adam Scott, 50: failure to appear • Jennifer Steven, 55: murder

Jan. 8 • Thomas Bellino and Sha-ron Bellino to Larry Hanson and Marilyn Gay Hanson, 196 Herndon Lane, Berea, \$525,000 • Gregory M. tucker to Dustin Johnson and Kali Johnson, 358 Bowerwood Drive, \$290,000 • TAKK Rentals, LLC to Iskulaz Holdings, LLC, lot 153 The Carriage Place Phase 2, \$439,000 • Scott Manson McKenzie to Emily Mofield and Marcus Mofield, 640 Boulder Court, Berea, \$260,000 • Stephen Spivey and Vickie Spivey to Jonathan Arnold and Alicia Arlund, lot 19 Silver Meadow Subdi- vision Berea, \$205,000 • Yong C. Young to Jamey M. Brewer, 121 Kara Drive, \$255,000 • Bradley J. Cummins and Tonya L. Cummings to Jami Dawn Arnold and Colby Franklin Arnold, lot 16 and 17 Lake Ridge Estates Phase 2, \$100,000 • The Janet R. Webb Es- tate, by and through Patricia Roberts, Executrix to Layton Enoch Webb, tracts Madison County, for and in compli-ance with eh terms and pro- visions of the Last Will and	Testament of Janet R. Webb • The Janet R. Webb Es- tate, by and through Patricia Roberts, Executrix to Nancy Anna Webb, tracts Madison County, for and in compli-ance with eh terms and pro- visions of the Last Will and Testament of Janet R. Webb • Robert Lawrence Hayden, Executor of the Joann Chris- tine Hayden to St. Andrews Retirement Community, Inc., 508 Caledonia Drive Unit 10 C, \$77,309 • Nelson Anglin and Abby Anglin to Marshall Fitzger- ald and Virginia Fitzgerald, lot 13 Walnut Grove Subdi- vision, \$50,000 • DS & JV Properties, LLC to 1st Call Construction, LLC, lot 171 Firebrook Sub- division and lot 17 Firebrook Subdivision, \$124,000 • Carl Weston Moore and Tiffany L. Moore to Ryan T. Purdue and Ciara T. Purdue, 613 Augusta Drive, \$430,000	2, \$439,000 • Patrick E. Ballinger and Angela Michelle Ballinger to B - Bulmaro Miguel Morales Peralta and Olga Lidia Fran- cisco, 477 Opossum King- dom Road, Berea, \$640,000 • Leila Grant Collins to Jerry Collins, tracts Madison County, pursuant to a Settle- ment Agreement of Civil Action No. 24-CI-50050 • James D. Harris, by and through his Attorney-in-Fact, Alice E. Harris to Terrence L. Harris, Trustee of the J.D. and Alice Harris Irrevocable Trust, dated December 28, 2025, 324 Overland Drive, for and in consideration of premises and to conform to the intentions of the parties • Albert Scott Robinson to Matthew Norman, 338 Short Line Pike, Berea, \$45,000 • Jeffrey D. Boyd and Lisa L. Boyd to Kenneth Bau- mann, 109 Spanish Wells Court, Berea, \$72,900 • Austin M. Webb to Emma Rachael Atwell, lot 8 Jergee Place, \$217,500 • Tommy Cope Proper- ties, LLC to Carla R. Kersey and Leeann Warfield Kersey, lot 6 North Dogwood Park, \$435,000 • David Wallace, Execu- tor of the Estate of Allen W.	Wallace to Ashely Smith, lot 14 Kavanaugh Subdivision, Berea, \$155,000 Jan. 12 • Geoffrey M. Breeden and Emily Sue Breeden to Eric Anderson and Ashley Carl- lisle-Anderson, 362 Peachtree Drive, Berea, \$240,000 • Norman’s Home Center, LLC to Jordan Allen Ben- nett and Victoria King, 1370 College Hill Road, Waco, \$270,000 • Louisa Summers to Lou- isa Summers, Trustees of the Louisia Summers Revocable Trust, dated January 7, 2026, 166 Lorraine Court and 174 Lorraine Court, for the pur- poses of funding the Louisa Summers Revocable Trust • Patrick E. Ridgely and Evelynne L. Ridgley to Patrick E. Ridgely and Evelynne Lou- ise Ridgely, Trustees of the Patrick and Evelynne Ridgely Revocable Trust, dated January 6, 2026, lot 62 Baker Heights, for the purposes of funding the Patrick and Evelynne Ridgley Revocable Trust • Zachary Blevins and Taylor Halisha Patrick to Elvis Dominguez and Mary Domingues, 612 Persimmon Ridge Trail, \$795,000	Jan. 8 • Shelby Ryan Grego- ry, sales, 33 of Berea to Robert Ozelee Stennis, AP detective, 31 of Berea Jan. 9 • Topanga Izabella Newell, social worker, 23 of Richmond to Austin Shane Brown, active duty military, 23 of Richmond • Margaret Sueu Tor- res, event manager, 57 of Berea to Christophehr Joseph Smith, nurse, 58 of Berea • Regina Marie Caldwell, electrician, 24 of Richmond to Jared Alan Tyra, elec- trician, 28 of Richmond • Colby Allen Combs, carpenter, 42 of Win- chester to Neely Puck- ett Caudill, cashier, 37 of Winchester Jan. 12 • Kadence Frost Lef- fker, host, 20 of Rich- mond to Trent Michael Rice, cashier, 19 of Richmond
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Notice is hereby given that Darrin & Cheryl Chasteen has filed an application with the Energy and Environment Cabinet to remove topsoil and correct ground cover issues. The property is located on the North side of KY-595 app 0.1 miles East of the US 25 intersection. Any comments or objections can be submitted via email to: DOWFloodplain@ky.gov Kentucky Division of Water, Floodplain Management Section, 300 Sower Blvd. Frankfort, KY 40601. Call 502-564-3410 with questions.

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Religion

What do you do about those pesky nose hairs?

“Last night, I yanked out a couple nose hairs just to see if it hurt,” a woman told her friends. “Judging by how fast my husband woke up screaming, I’d say the answer is yes.” Curiosity can cause us to do some strange things, I suppose. Curiosity is a very human trait, even for Jesus’ disciples back in the days of his public ministry. For example, they were curious about the end of time, and

they would ask Jesus questions about it. In Matthew 24:37, Jesus told them, “Of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.” Just before Jesus returned to heaven, the disciples asked him one final time.



Roger Alford

He answered in Acts 1:7, telling them, “It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.” Down through history certain people, claiming to know something no else does, have set dates for the return of Jesus. And, down through history, they have been wrong. I was told that a group of local people gathered at their church not long ago because they believed

Jesus was coming back on a particular day. Someone had told them so. Well, turns out someone was wrong. Again. Oh, Jesus is coming. We just won’t get a heads up about it. “Therefore, be ye ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh” (Matthew 24:44). And Jesus said no one’s going to miss his return. “For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west;

so shall also the coming of the Son of man be” (Matthew 24:27). If you’re curious about Christ’s return, you can read more about it in Matthew 24. And if you’re curious about whether it hurts to pull a nose hair, just take that woman’s word for it, and leave your poor husband alone. Reach Roger Alford at (502) 514-6857

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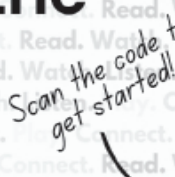
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Reflections

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Dr. Felton injured

Dr. Felton was on his way to ring the chapel chimes on Saturday evening when he met with a rather serious accident. At the time of the accident, a terrible storm was raging. Dr. Felton was driving past the corner of Main and Center Streets when another car lost control and struck Felton's car. Dr. Felton sustained only minor injuries. The other car failed to stop.

Seelbach Hotel in Louisville. On Thursday a student program was held to discuss having a state association of student nurses and during this meeting Miss Morgan spoke before the association regarding the student government program of Berea College.

and additional two-thousand complimentary tickets were issued. The beautiful weather contributed to a happy atmosphere. Three different booths did more than \$2,000 in trade over the three days and many others who typically didn't fare well, did better than expected.

October 19, 1950

Student nurse speaks

Miss Florence Gibson, Supervisor of Nurses at Berea College Hospital and Miss Edith Morgan, student nurse, attended the Kentucky State Association of Registered Nurses at the

October 19, 1975

Best 1st fair

Nothing but superlatives could be used to describe last week's first Fall Fair of the Kentucky Guild of Artists and Craftsmen. As a result, the event would probably be repeated. Garry Barker, director of the Guild said that all descriptions of the fair were very positive. \$35,000 was generated in trade for approximately 80 artists in attendance. Barker said that this was the best 1st fair sales he had heard of and that it was more than had had been sold in previous years at 4-day fairs. Nine-thousand tickets were sold to the event

October 19, 2000
Busy weekend

Fire crews stayed busy over the weekend with two fires. A barn on Slate Lick Road went up in flames just before 7:00 p.m. on Friday evening. The blaze ignited several rolls of hay in an adjacent field. It was believed that a four wheeler and farm equipment were in the barn. On Sunday at approximately 2:45 p.m., fire-fighters responded to the Berea College forest along Highway 21 East. An apparent cigarette butts parked a small fire causing traffic to back up for a short time.



Solve the code to discover words related to a cozy cabin.
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Answers: A. log B. fireplace C. forest D. woolen

A. 20 23 16

Clue: From a tree

B. 12 18 15 21 17 20 7 24 21

Clue: Produces light and warmth

C. 12 23 15 21 6 3

Clue: Grouping of trees

D. 1 23 23 20 21 11

Clue: Made of warm fabric

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Hitachi Astemo plans expansion

By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

Hitachi Astemo is gearing up for expansion according to plans revealed in last week’s meeting of the Berea Planning Commission. Lucas Garrett, civil engineer for the Kleingers Group out of Louisville, outlined the development plan for Hitachi’s south plant at 301 Mayde Road. “This is a building expansion

for Hitachi Astemo. They are going to expand their loading docks,” said Garrett, adding that the project will be approximately 34,000 square feet in size. Six loading docks will be initially added to the existing loading facility, he said. Garrett also noted the work will involve a water detention pond. “This addition is going in an existing detention basin, and because of that, we are having to move

that existing detention basin to the southwest corner of the plant, essentially between the property line and the existing pavement,” Garrett said. The pond is adjacent to Interstate 75. Codes Enforcement Administrator Amanda Haney thanked Garrett for the development plan submission, noting there were no errors or issues to clarify, something she said does not happen often. However, Commissioner Ben Robinson III raised one issue for future consideration: whether the south plant will have adequate parking in the future. “I think the employment is great, but they are running out of space quickly,” Robinson said. Garrett assured Robinson that plans for the retention pond are not expected to have any impact on parking for the time being.

When the item came up for a vote, the application was unanimously approved with John Eipert, Denise Hagan Rubin, Betty Olinger, Mike Barnett and Ben Robinson voting in favor of the project. Astemo, which is a leading manufacturer in automotive battery systems and transportation technologies, continues to grow in Kentucky, providing job opportunities in Berea, said officials.

SHOW

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me, but then I looked at the person who sent it to me and the web address, and I was like that’s legit.” Thomas flew to California for the show and said that she had an amazing time there, especially eating all the good food. “It was my first time ever flying, first time ever being in a big city,” Thomas said. “So it was all different for me because I’ve never done anything like that in my life.” She said she felt like a princess while they were doing her hair and makeup, but it was also a nerve-racking experience. “God I was so nervous,” Thomas said. “I was so nervous because when I went in there, I got to see Vanna White and I got to see the guy who does the voice behind the screen, they were both down to earth. Ryan was a hoot, he was so down to earth, he was so sweet.” She was especially nervous when she got onto the stage but said that joking with Ryan Seacrest on and off camera helped her to be more focused on the game. Thomas even said that Seacrest talked about her upcoming wedding and wanted to be a part of it. There was also another person from a small town and Thomas said they got along instantly. “Me, her stood with each other the whole time and then everybody else was from the big cities and stuff or like Louisiana. But me and her, we just clicked,” Thomas said. “She had the episode where she talked about her chickens.” When Thomas returned home, she had a watch party with her family, who immediately questioned her about why she did not pick up the mystery wedge even though she landed on the mystery wheel three times. “And the first thing they said was, why didn’t you pick it up, why didn’t you pick up that (mystery) wedge? And I said, I had my reasons,” Thomas said, laughing. “I want a redemption, so I’m going to apply later on again.”

Rivals meet



Madison Southern’s Derek Helton drives to the basket in the Eagles’ 91-61 loss to Madison Central last Friday night at the Seabury Center. The Indians are 19-1 on the season, while Southern carries a 11-7 record into Thursday’s game against Danville.

The Citizen/Kenth Taylor

HOMELESS

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can receive help and referrals to resources they need, such as employment, housing, healthcare, and more. The free program aims to target root causes that prevent individuals from becoming self-sufficient. Founder Dan Kirstein said that Richmond city government helped them in the beginning when they were fundraising by matching donations dollar for dollar. One story Program Director Adam Herald shared was of a 78-year-old woman with dementia found in Chicago by the police, who discovered she lived in Berea. The Lexington Police Department coordinated her return home, and the Richmond Police Department referred her to the One-Stop Program. They helped her to sort out her finances as they realized her money was being stolen and got her into assisted living. “On Dec. 12, 2025, (she) went to be with the Lord,” Herald said. “And I will end with a quote she told me was that she walked into the doors of the One-Stop and she felt like the way that she was treated at the One-Stop was the way that she’ll be greeted once she walks into the gates of heaven.”

RESIDENTS

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New York. We were not expecting to live in Lexington. We purposely picked Berea because it was a nice, quiet town,” said Wendy Noak, who lives on Wyldwood. “There is one entrance in and out of Stoney Creek, and you are building like gangbusters there. That’s the big concern.” Two residents expressed frustration about the fact that Stoney Creek has not turned out as it was originally proposed. Stoney Creek was originally designed as a Planned Unit Development. The design included small parks, stores, retirement living, and single-family homes, to create a neighborhood atmosphere. Anna Sasha Pixler told officials she and her husband moved in eight years ago with the understanding that there was going to be a park in the neighborhood. Instead, the land is being developed for multifamily housing, Pixler said. “Please stop approving this because it is very frustrating to live in a place like that,” Pixler said of the proposed project. Adding to the frustration of Stoney Creek residents is the fact that the planned unit development was approved on the premise that it would choose from five potential ingress/egress points proposed by the original developers. Since then, however, it was determined four of the five proposed access points were not feasible because the developers could not secure the appropriate easements. Commissioner Ben Robinson III, who has frequently raised concerns about safety and traffic at Stoney Creek, said he understands why citizens are upset.

“I’m as frustrated as you are. I approved it 20 years ago because I saw two ways into that place. I hear your concerns. And I promise you I have voiced them,” Robinson said. At one point, Haney reminded residents that the planning commission abides by the limits set forth in the city’s building codes, land use map, and comprehensive plan. Therefore, from a legal standpoint, commissioners would have a difficult time voting against a plan if it is in compliance with all of the rules. “If the land is zoned that way, and they meet the requirements, then this body, as the planning commission, really doesn’t have an option,” Haney said. Haney said one bright spot is that Vantage proposed a plan that could potentially move Stoney Creek toward an important goal – creating another point of ingress/egress at Crestview.

In the meantime, Commission Chair Greg Lakes thanked the residents for their comments, and he promised to share information with them as requested. “I’m just telling you tonight that what’s before us may or may not get approved. But it meets all the criteria to do exactly what has been on the map for better than two plus years. I just don’t want you to feel if that’s what happens, it’s because we just didn’t want to do what you wanted done. I wanted to hear what you had to say. I wanted to hear what the concerns were. We’ve heard it, and we’re going to try to make sure other people hear it and see where it goes,” Lakes said. When the vote was cast, John Eipert, Mike Barnett, Ben Robinson III, Betty Olinger and Denise Hagan-Rubin voted in favor of the project.

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WILSON

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what is best for the city of Berea, and especially for the city of Berea employees,” Fraley said, citing her advocacy. “None of us do this for fame or fortune or salary, we do it for the love of the community. There’s no question about that in my mind. No matter how we feel or what we believe, the one thing we have in common is that we have the best interests of the city and the people at heart, and Cora Jane has always been the center of that and brings me back to that fact.” Other council members thanked Wilson for her service as well, while Councilmember Steve Caudill expressed appreciation for her congenial approach in a time when the political world is becoming increasingly polarized. “We live in a political world, where it’s not okay to disagree. We have to dislike each other or we have to be mean. I will say that Cora, whether we disagreed, whether we agreed, whether we argued, I always know that when we leave here she still loves me as much as when we got here. I appreciate that about her, and I will always remember that’s who she was while she served this city, and cared deeply,” Caudill said. In other business, Lisa Foster of Redeeming Hope briefly addressed the council, noting that the Richmond Road women’s shelter is nearing completion and appears as if it will be completed without debt. In the meantime, people working with Redeeming Hope are seeking grants to fund the facility, which will be used to shelter girls and young women who are victims of human trafficking. The organization is continuing to raise money, and will be conducting a drive for clothing and shoes for the residents of Redeeming Hope, Foster said. Turning to mayoral appointments, Denise Hagan Rubin was unanimously appointed to another four-year term on the Berea Planning Commission, while Brenda McClure was appointed to another term on the Codes Enforcement Board. Additionally, the council unanimously approved a resolution authorizing the mayor to collect Community Development Block Grant funds for the Farristown Community Center. Meanwhile, a scheduled staff report by Berea Fire Chief Charlie Russell has been postponed until the next council meeting. Councilman John Payne addressed the issue of waste collection during council comments, noting that some residents have expressed concern about garbage pickups being missed by Waste Connections. Payne acknowledged that alerting the company to a missed connection may be time consuming by phone, so he recommended residents could get quicker action by notifying the company on their website. “If you have a missed connection. Contact them, but use their email function on the website. There’s also a form for missed pickups,” Payne said.

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The next Berea City Council meeting is slated for Feb. 3.

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Deep freeze

Snow, ice, arctic blast cripples county

Officials praise road crews

By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

Berea and Madison County officials are expressing thanks to crews working to reopen roads in the wake of last weekend’s snow/ice storm.

Approximately three inches of snow initially blanketed parts of the county Saturday, followed Sunday by two to three inches of ice in some areas. While the storm was not as severe as some predicted, it has been enough to disrupt local travel.

“It’s tough,” said Berea Public Works Director Roy Curtis. “That ice is so thick in some places that it’s just hard to get through it.”

Berea Public Works crews cover four snow removal routes over a total of 68 miles within city limits, while also covering state roads, such as the bypass, Highway 1016, and Chestnut Street. In total, Berea is tasked with clearing approximately 130 miles of roads during winter storms.

Curtis said the most

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A winter storm impacted the region last weekend, bringing snow, sleet and ice to Madison County. Crews from Berea Public Works and the City of Richmond were busy keeping the streets clean, while ice could be seen on a Boone Tavern sign, above. The City of Richmond was operating 13 salt trucks throughout the city earlier this week.

City of Richmond/Submitted

FUN IN THE SNOW!



Barry Poynter, left, was sworn in as the newest member of the Berea City Council last week by Berea Mayor Bruce Fraley, right.



Poynter joins council || to fill remainder of Wilson’s term

By Andy McDonald • For The Citizen

Lifelong Berea resident Barry Poynter was sworn in as the newest member of the Berea City Council Thursday, replacing five-term council member Cora Jane Wilson.

In a special called meeting in the Berea City Council chambers, cur-

rent members held a brief discussion before Councilman Steve Caudill moved to have Poynter selected, a motion endorsed in a 6-1 vote. Ronnie Terrill cast the lone dissenting vote, stating that while he didn’t know Poynter personally,

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Citizen staffers claim awards at KPA event

By Jemi Chew • Citizen News Editor

The Berea Citizen brought home 11 awards from the Kentucky Press Association awards banquet last Friday night in Louisville.

Citizen Publisher Keith Taylor won seven awards, including second place for Best Editorial, Best Column and Best Sports Column.

“Passion for local reporting evident in these editorials, pushing readers to become more involved with local reporting through a first-person approach,” judges wrote. Taylor also received first place

for Best Website and second- and third-place finishes in Best Sports Picture Essay category.

In the Best Editorial Page division, Taylor took third-place honors in the Weekly Class 2 category.

Citizen news editor Jemi Chew received a certificate of merit for Best Video and Best Use of Social Media during her internship last summer.

Freelance photographer Ted Kinson won first place in the Best Feature Picture category.

Intern Emily Kessler, currently a journalism student at Eastern Kentucky University and co-editor of the Eastern Progress, won third place for Best Column in the student publications division.



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difficult challenge of this severe weather event has been reopening the miles of neighborhood streets.

“We’ve got most of the bigger roads open, but we’re still trying to get the subdivision roads open,” Curtis explained. “We’re having problems on the ones with the really thick ice. It’s just going to be a little tougher than what we’ve dealt with in the past, and it’ll take a little longer.” Forecasters predict temperatures may not climb past 30 degrees until next Tuesday, making the job more difficult.

In the meantime, Curtis said it’s best to stay off the roads if you can.

Berea City Administrator Shawn Sandlin estimated that perhaps 250 tons of road salt had been used so far. Meanwhile, Mayor Bruce Fraley praised Curtis, Sandlin and the road crews for their storm response.

“I’m very proud of the way they performed. City Administrator Shawn Sandlin and the Public Works Director Roy Curtis led this effort, along with other key city staff during the snow and ice emergency,” Fraley said. “I feel like our road crew is the best in the business. They work really hard at it, and they are committed to making sure people can travel safely. It shows when you go through town and see the good work that they did.”

Meanwhile, Madison County crews have had to cover nearly 500 miles of roads, working in 16-hour shifts. Judge Executive Reagan Taylor said removing the ice was a challenge when he helped clear the parking lots and sidewalks around county facilities in Richmond.

“These cold temperatures are tough. That ice is tough. But hopefully with this last round [of salt] we should be opened back up,” Taylor said Tuesday.

Taylor added county crews may have used as much as 3,000 tons of road salt to try to clear the 19 snow routes the county covers. While the county staff has pitched in to field requests and keep the public informed, Taylor said the road crews have really stepped up in the face of the storm.

“It’s really been all hands on deck, trying to get the roads clear, but our guys are hanging in there,” Taylor said. “They are the heroes in this. I would put them against any road department anywhere. I’m so proud of them.”

In other storm-related news, Sandlin said Berea Municipal Utilities (BMU) has had no widespread power outages despite the ice. He credited BMU’s manager, Kevin Howard.

“We attribute a lot of that to Kevin,” Sandlin said. “He’s been very proactive in keeping trees trimmed and right of way clear, and it really makes a difference in situations like this.”

After being closed on Monday and Tuesday, both Berea City Hall and Madison County offices reopened on Wednesday.

Winter weather: Staying prepared

By Jemi Chew
Citizen News Editor

With the buildup of snow and ice alongside the frigid temperatures, here are some resources and reminders to help you get through the winter storm.

Warming Centers/
Shelters

Listed below are designated warming centers or shelters in Madison County.

Make sure to call the organization to confirm availability before traveling as some are only open on a need basis. You can also check which warming centers are open here.

- Madison Homes: 105 Fifth Street in Richmond, 859-800-0068
- Haven of Hope: 301 Steep Street in Richmond, 859-314-4821
- UP Initiative of Madison County: 1315 Gabbardtown Rd. in Berea, 859-986-00UP(87)

- Madison County Public Library (Berea/Richmond): Call 859-623-6704 (Richmond) or 859-986-7112 (Berea)
- Room In The Inn (RITI) Berea: Union Church, 200 Prospect Street, 859-567-0678

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Plowing

Check for Madison County plowing updates here. Be aware that plowing is handled by the jurisdiction the roads fall under. For example, state roads are cleared by the states, city roads by the city, and county roads by the county. This might cause incongruencies in the timing and ways the roads are cleared.

Important Numbers

- Emergencies: 911
- Non-emergencies: 859-624-4776
- Questions/information: 859-624-4787

City receives \$1 million for Kenway connector

By Andy McDonald • For The Citizen

Berea recently received \$1 million in state funding to go toward the Kenway connector project, a road that will provide additional access to the Dixie Park and Roselawn subdivisions.

Mayor Bruce Fraley said the money secured in 2024 by State Senator Jared Carpenter (R-34) and State Representative Joshua Bray (R-71) will cover the initial costs of the project, including design, sidewalk construction, and the clearing of property.

Officials said the single access point has been a sore spot for Dixie Park and Roselawn residents since 1976,

but that with the help of the legislature, there’s now a firm plan to connect the neighborhoods to Richmond Road.

“We were thrilled to have the support of our legislative delegation in the Kentucky State Legislature in providing that grant to the city for a desperately needed and long overdue transportation project,” Fraley said, noting that discussion of the project has been going on for decades.

During the initial announcement regarding the state grant, Fraley noted that both Carpenter and Bray wrote letters of support in order to help secure the funds from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.



Message from
Cora Jane Wilson

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Philippians 4:6 (KJV)

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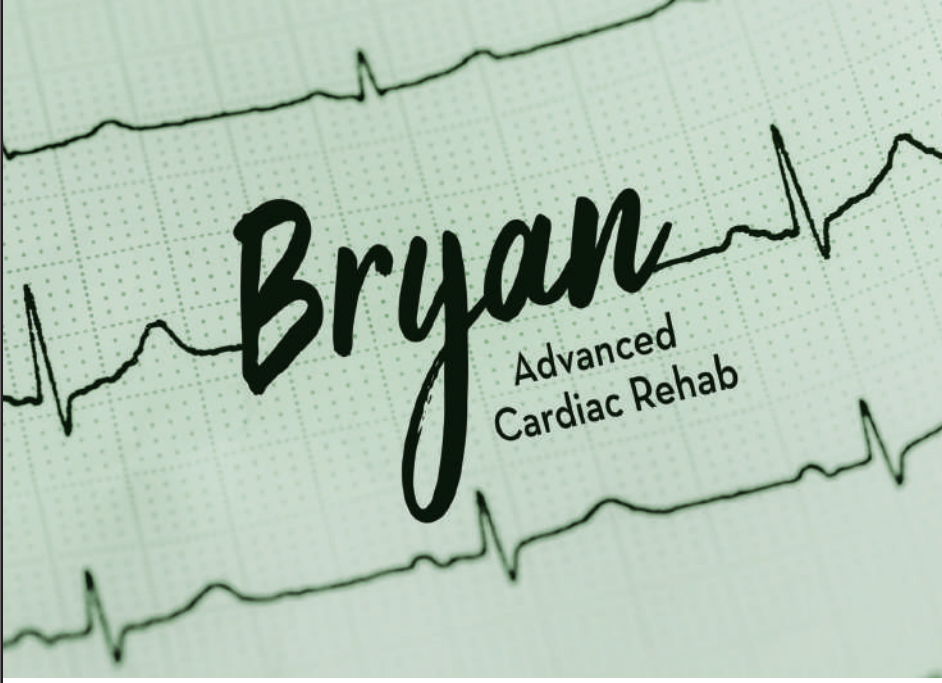
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Library card a free offering at library

By Emily Kessler
Citizen Intern

The Madison County Public Library has two branches, one in Berea and one in Richmond, they both provide residents with different services to fit everyone’s needs, as long as you have a library card.

Those who live, work or own property in Madison County can sign up for a library card, for free, to access the library’s amenities. For those who do not live in Madison County, there is still a chance to get the card. Everyone is encouraged to apply.

There are three focal areas that are focused on within the library, Madison County Public Library Executive Director Christina Cornelison said.

Literacy

The first area is literacy, meaning foundational things libraries offer residents ranging from books, CDs, DVDs and video games.

“Checking out books online is one of our biggest services rapidly growing,” said Cornelison. “We see more and more people using it every month.”

Other items the library offers include children’s toys, arcade games, ukuleles and projectors.

People can check out items for use while they’re at the library and certain items can be taken home to be returned at a later date.

Information access

The second area is information access, mainly through computers.

“We do a lot of outreach also throughout the community where you can utilize high-speed internet, the Bookmobile, you can receive some technology instruction,” said Cornelison.

The Bookmobile is considered the third branch of the Madison County Public Library, she said.

The concept started from Pack Horse Librarians, who delivered books to people in rural areas on horseback. The Bookmobile is the same concept but now a vehicle other than a horse.

“Basically, the goal of it is to take the library out into the community,” Cornelison said.

The Bookmobile goes to events across the community like Tasty Tuesday or the SpoonBread Festival.

“Our staff will load up carts of books that are either on theme or relate to wherever they’re going and offer them for checkout,” she said.

Different services, including NewsBank and Ancestry, are available for those with a library card as well. NewsBank allows for any newspaper to be read online and Ancestry is a service to help with genealogy.

Outside of computers, the staff at the Berea branch are happy to help with anything they can, said Cornelison.

“Our people is one of our biggest resources, if not the biggest,” she said. “We have a highly trained staff that can, essentially, answer any question you put in front of them.”

The staff in Berea are very diverse in what they know, said Branch Services Manager of the Berea branch Jonathan Reynolds.

“You’ve got sports guys, you’ve got your people that love roman-tasy,” he said. “(There are) a lot of degrees in different areas that really help.”

Meaningful connection

The third area is meaningful connection. This is done through the programs hosted at the library.

“We have programs for babies, pre-schoolers, elementary school kids, teenagers, adults. You name it, we have something that somebody is going to be into,” said Cornelison.

The library focuses on developing literacy and life skills with school-aged kids, she said.

In the basement of the Berea branch, there is a Creative Studio that has sewing machines, a laser cutter, 3D printers, a sound booth and more for those looking to find a place for their creative outlets.

However, not all the programs are just focused on developing and learning skills.

One of the programs hosted at the Berea branch of the Madison County Public Library was a Gilmore Girls Stars Hollow Autumn Festival.

“I worked that day and, I mean, it was nonstop from open to close,” said Reynolds. “I don’t think I heard one person complain, and there were long lines and everyone was just happy. It was truly community coming together and just existing as a community and really showing that bond.”

The Madison County community really comes together and shows up for the public library. Many community organizations partner with them as well, said Cornelison.

“I think we all understand that if we work together we can do so much more,” she said. “There’s a great environment of partnership and collaboration.”

For Kindergarten readiness programs, the library partners with Kingston Elementary Family Resource, and GED testing has expanded from the Richmond branch to the Berea branch.

“I think Madison County is so unique in that it really does sit between two completely different zones; Lexington from the North, metropolitan area and then you’ve got your beginning of Appalachia,” said Reynolds. “We’re smushed right between them, so I think that’s really, really cool because you see everybody.”

The library has something for everyone, said Cornelison.

“I think that there’s a misconception that it’s like, well, I don’t read so there’s nothing there for me, but I promise there is,” she said. “There’s something here for everybody.”

For more information on programs, events and items to check out, check out the Madison County Public Library’s website or go give them a visit at either the Richmond branch or the Berea branch.

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OBITUARIES

Joyce Ann Jackson Cole



Joyce Ann Jackson Cole, 77, passed away on Jan. 22, 2026, at Baptist Health -Lexington.

Joyce was born in Madison County on Nov. 21, 1948, to Lloyd and Nettie McQueen Jackson. She was an avid collector and loved to travel.

Joyce is survived by: her son, Brandon Myers Cole (Shirley); her daughter, Tonya Rey Stephens (Peter);

her sister, Bonnie Isaacs; her grandchildren, Zachary Tyler Hayes and Delgonna Cole.

In addition to her parents, Joyce was preceded in death by her husband Ray Cole.

A Graveside Service will be held at 1 p.m., Friday, Jan. 30, 2026, at Madison County Memorial Gardens, 210 Rice Ln. W., Richmond.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a local humane society in Joyce’s name.

The Combs, Parsons & Collins Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. www.cpcfh.com

Vera Junn Knowles



Vera Junn Knowles, 70, passed away Monday, Jan. 12, 2026, at Rockcastle Regional Hospital in Mt. Vernon.

Vera was born in Buffalo, New York, to the late Joseph G. and Marie

Lorraine Boiler Junn. She was also preceded in death by two siblings, Terrance Lee Junn and JoAnn Marie Junn.

She is survived by two children, Joseph Bird and Connie Lynn Miller, three grandchildren, and one brother, George “Butch” Junn.

There will be a memorial service at a later date. All service information will be posted on Connie Miller’s Facebook page.



Madison County notices

Lakes Funeral Home

- Teddy Roosevelt Ramey Jr., 92, passed away Jan. 20, 2026. Ramey will be cremated, and the family plans to hold a memorial service this spring. Lakes Funeral Home and Cremation Services took care of arrangements.
- Charles Leslie White, 82, passed away Jan. 22, 2026. A celebration of life was held Jan. 28 at 7 p.m. at Lakes Funeral Home. Lakes Funeral Home and Cremation Services took care of arrangements.
- Scottie Madison Cox, 73, passed away Jan. 22, 2026. Cox will be cremated and a memorial service will be held at Lakes Funeral Home at a later date. Lakes Funeral Home and Cremation Services took care of arrangements.

Reppert Funeral Home

- Joel Lee Page, 70, passed away Jan. 18, 2026. A memorial service will be on Feb. 1 at 4 p.m. at Beit Menorah Church Pilot View Elementary. Reppert Funeral Home and Cremation Service took care of arrangements.
- Carol Kerns Collins, 73, passed away Jan. 22, 2026. Collins was cremated and there is no public service scheduled at this time. Reppert Funeral Home and Cremation Service took care of arrangements.

Davis & Powell Funeral Home

- Frederick Rodney Stansell, 74, passed away Jan. 22, 2026. A funeral service will be held Jan. 29 at 11 a.m. Davis & Powell Funeral Home took care of arrangements.

Combs, Parsons and Collins Funeral Home

- Elliott Walter Dwan was born silently into the arms of Jesus on Jan. 18, 2026. Services will be private. Combs, Parsons & Collins Funeral Home took care of arrangements.
- Justin Lee Lowery, 37, passed away Jan. 23, 2026. A funeral service will be held Jan. 31 at 1 p.m. at the Lexington Road Church of God. Combs, Parsons & Collins Funeral Home took care of arrangements.

Oldham, Roberts and Powell Funeral Home

- Andrea Denise Patterson, 33, passed away Jan. 18, 2026. A funeral service was held Jan. 23 at noon at Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church. Oldham, Roberts & Powell Funeral Home took care of arrangements.
- Don Quaid, 62, passed away Jan. 19, 2026. A funeral service will be held Jan. 30 at 11 a.m. Oldham, Roberts & Powell Funeral Home took care of arrangements.

POYNTER

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he would have liked to have had a longer discussion about the appointment before a vote.

Poynter comes to the council with over 30 years experience in finance and academic administration. After graduating with a Bachelor’s Degree in Business from Berea College in 1988, followed by a Masters Degree in Business Administration from Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) in 1992, Poynter did a 16-year stint as controller and director of trust and investment at Berea College. He also served a year as vice president for finance at Cumberland College (now university) and a long tenure in ECU’s financial administration, reaching the position of vice president for finance and administration. Poynter left ECU in 2024 to return to his first alma mater, becoming vice president for finance at Berea.

Following Poynter’s selection council members said they were especially pleased that he’ll bring financial expertise.

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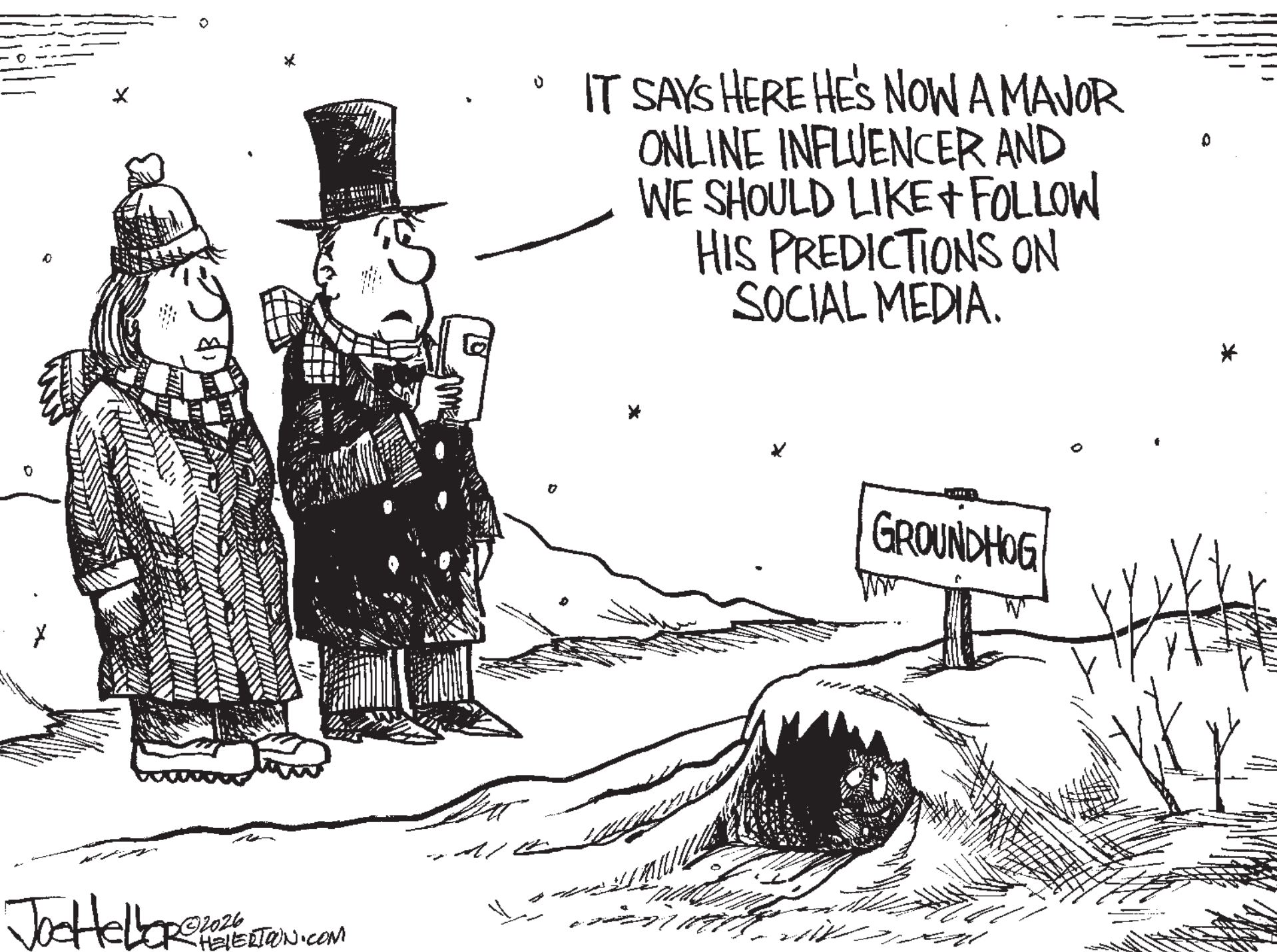
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Butt burning weather

Much of America is enjoying a large dose of winter this week. There will be more to come.

This is butt burning weather, but let me explain. When I was around four or five years old I drank too much soda pop before I went to bed. It was a cold January night so I got all snuggled up in layers of quilts and blankets.



Glenn Mollette

Most likely, the temperature outside was about zero degrees. When I woke the next morning I found I was cold and wet. Yep, the soda pop did not wait on me to wake up and get to the bathroom. I was miserably wet and cold. The house was a bit chilly. We had a big wood and coal burning stove in the middle of the bedroom but the fire had gone out. My dad got the fire going and within minutes the nice warm

heat from the coal and wood made the house comfortable once again. I jumped out of bed, shed my wet pajamas and ran over and turned my naked butt toward the stove. "Ouch," I screamed in pain as I had gotten too close to the stove and burned my butt.

I immediately started wailing and had to be cared for by my mother. I have no idea what she put on my bottom but for the next couple of days it was very sore.

On these very chilly days be cautious of the fireplace, wood burning stove, etc. Don't stand too close to them and especially don't get naked and put your bare butt too close.

I can attest that the pain is real.

I loved snow days

as a child. I would play in the snow and had family close by to visit. One snow day I sat with my cousin Johnny, his dad, Junior and another cousin. We sat in front of an old wood burning fireplace that really did a great job putting out heat. We played Rook for what seemed like hours. Winter days like this are good for playing cards, monopoly or other games. My cousin Johnny also had a sled. We would come off a hill beside his house at the speed of light it seemed.

Playing in the snow can be fun but there are dangers. I grew up around adventurous friends who decided to ice skate on nearby pond. Buzz, Slim Daddy, Joey and others were enjoying the

adventures of sliding across the ice when suddenly the ice gave way under Joey and into the water he went. I wasn't there that day but my friends told me later that they made a chain across the ice and somehow, by the grace of God, managed to pull Joey out of the icy cold, frozen pond. They were able to save his life. I don't think any of them ever stepped foot on frozen water again. Be wise and err on the side caution when it comes to outside activities.

Thus, enjoy winter and keep your butt safe.

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Jan. 15

- Dada Jackson, 38: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 -1st (aggravated circumstances); leaving the scene of an accident – failure to render aid or assistance; failure of non-owner/operator to maintain required insurance/security – 1st offense
- Lindsay Gay, 37: failure to appear
- Jadyn Jaco, 21: speeding, 19 mph over limit; operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st
- Michael Thacker, 35: failure to appear
- Gertrude Hinson, 31: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines; assault, 4th degree (minor injury)
- Jason Johnson, 40: failure to illuminate head lamps; failure to wear seat belts; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of substance(s) – 3rd
- Patrick Nations, 25: failure to appear
- Dusty Dunaway, 45: possess/view matter portraying a sexual performance by a minor
- Timothy Powell, 51: hold for court
- Jane Musgrove, 62: failure to appear
- Donte’ Whitson, 28: parole violation, for technical violation
- Jesse Occasion, 39: parole violation, for technical violation

Jan. 16

- Sandra Frederick, 61: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting; possession

- of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine)
- Jeffery Flinchum, 31: trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (greater than or equal to 2 grams methamphetamine); persistent felony offender I
- Chasity Thomas, 37: theft of identity of another without permission
- Kealey Johnson, 21: failure to illuminate head lamps; operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st
- Jason Knight, 31: failure to appear
- Keena Lawrence, 37: failure to appear
- Virgil Kagin, 44: failure to appear; contempt of court, libel/slander, resistance to order
- Quannajia Hugdins, 22: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting, \$1,000 but less than \$10,000
- Jessica Cain, 45: failure to appear
- Justin Richardson, 36: probation violation, for felony offense
- Laura Bondurant, 55: serving weekends

Jan. 17

- Luis Garcia Sales, 30: alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses)
- Amy Adkins, 44: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st
- Bobbi Akers, 51: violation of a Kentucky EPO/DVO

Jan. 18

- Billy Hisle, 30: possession

- of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); drug paraphernalia – buy/possess
- Malinda Bowles, 45: failure to appear
- Roland Roberts, 54: failure to appear
- Vernon Harrison, 29: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st
- Billy Henry, 49: no registration receipt; no registration plates; driving on DUI suspended license – 1st offense
- Amanda Hogsten, 35: criminal trespass – 3rd degree
- Michael Ferguson, 44: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines
- Eva Foster, 52: theft by unlawful taking or disposition – all others
- James Scott, 29: theft by unlawful taking or disposition – shoplifting; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (opiates)
- Shanay Williams, 35: possession of marijuana; theft by unlawful taking or disposition – shoplifting

Jan. 19

- Brian Johnson, 40: failure to appear; assault, 4th degree dating violence, minor injury; strangulation, 1st degree domestic violence related tampering with a witness
- Robin Northern, 36: probation violation, for felony offense
- Luisa Fuentez-Leyva, 34: alcohol intoxication in a public place (1st and 2nd offenses)
- Demetrius Farris, 23: rape, 1st degree
- Tyler Money, 30: theft by

- unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting; criminal trespassing – 2nd degree
- Levi Allen, 20: serving parole violation warrant

Jan. 20

- Kevin Dolen, 20: dis-regarding a traffic control device – traffic light; operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, under 21 years of age; possession of an open alcohol beverage container in a motor vehicle; possession of marijuana; drug paraphernalia – buy/possess; possession of marijuana; drug paraphernalia – buy/possess
- Tyler Plummer, 40: failure to wear seat belts; driving on suspended or revoked operator’s license; operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 3rd
- Marcus Thomas, 47: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st
- Roger Roberts, 54: unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, 1st offense
- Bobbie Williams, 39: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st; failure to or improper signal
- Jake Reynolds, 28: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 2nd (aggravated circumstances)
- Skyla Alexander, 20: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st (aggravated circumstances); careless driving; failure to produce insurance card
- Jacob Hall, 27: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines (5 counts)
- Franza Caldwell, 47: failure to appear (2 counts)
- Shawn Miller, 35: pro-

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- Richard Lamb, Jr., 26: failure to appear
- Lydia Bowling, 38: assault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor injury
- Brandon Napier, 28: retaliating against participant in legal process; criminal mischief, 1st degree

Jan. 21

- Ashley Shackelford, 38: theft by failure to make required disposition of property; contempt of court, libel/slander, resistance to order
- Camerie Cooper, 23: failure to appear (2 counts)
- Shane Perkins, 49: assault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor injury; terroristic threatening, 3rd degree
- David Short, 23: illegal possession of a legend drug; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine)
- Eric Preher, 39: hold for court
- Joshua Abney, 41: driving on DUI suspended license – 1st offense; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); failure to or improper signal; failure to appear
- Curtis Young, 61: parole violation, for technical violation
- Jordan Byrd, 31: failure to appear
- Barbara Carr, 39: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines
- Kimberly Coomer, 53: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Jan. 15

- The Estate of Jon Lawrence Hayes, by and through Paula Bowman, Executrix and the Estate of Karen L. Dilka by and through Danielle C. Sullivan and Clifford C. Dilka, Co-Executors to Ridgeline Premier Properties, tract 2A plat 32/203, \$478,000
- Callaway Development, LLC to Ron Durham Builders, LLC, lot 10 Callaway at Boonesborough Phase 1, \$90,000
- Hershel Nelson Anglin and Abby McAlpin Angin to Anglin Land Ventures, 155 Walnut Grove Road, Richmond; 482 Wyldwood Way, Berea; 1016 Morris Drive, Richmond, for and in consideration of a capital contribution by member of LLC to said company
- Hershel Nelson Anglin and Abby McAlpin Angin to Anglin Land Ventures, lot 11 plat 1/156, for and in consideration of a capital contribution by member of LLC to said company
- Kimball Charles Winters, as Executor of the Estate of Phyllis Elaine East to Stephen Tussey and Kathryn Tussey, lot 25 Castle Heights, Berea, \$410,000
- MRTN Construction, LLC to Tommy Cope Properties, LLC, lot 18 Marcum Woods Phase 1, \$77,500
- Mule Shed Properties, LLC to Thomas Homes, LLC, lot 24 Crutcher Pike Estates, \$62,000
- Brian Sebastian and Cayci Sebastian, tracts College Hill Road, Waco, \$110,000

Jan. 16

- Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC to The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, as an Officer of the United States, 1191 Scaffold Cane Road, Berea, deed is given pursuant to federal statutory authorities set forth by Chapter 37 of Title 38 United States Code
- Tony E. Mason to Marilyn Kirby, 406 Koa Court, Berea, \$325,000

- Cody R. Ingram and Mica Ingram to Thomas McKinney and Jessie McKinney, lot 52 Double D Meadows, Phase IV, \$275,000
- Stella Randleman, appointed administrator of the Estate of Cletus Brockman in Madison District Court Case No. 25-P-00563 to Stella Randleman, Liza Allen Road, Berea, pursuant to Madison District Court Order to Transfer Real Property in Case 25-P-00563
- Haybarre, LLC (n/k/a Remington SWC Advisors, LLC, by and through Jennie Y. Haymond, member to RCT Construction, 213 Hedgewood Lane, \$38,000
- Allyson Bowes Rivard to Beth A. Magsig and Kevin S. Magsig, 120 Sherman’s Lane, \$465,000
- Berea Property Development, LLC to Joseph G. Evans and Bethany Evans, tract Lancaster Road, \$160,000
- Madison Clayton and Reece Michael Clayton to Roger Thomas Rentals, LLC, 434 West Walnut; 436 West Walnut; 440 West Walnut, \$80,000
- Jeffrey Kidd, Executor of the Estate of Billy T. Thacker, to Sandra H. Kidd, Jeffrey Kidd and Jennifer Anne Hacker as Trustees of the Jennifer Anne Hacker Testamentary Trust, created by Item VIII of the Last Will and Testament of Billy T. Thacker and Sandra H. Kidd, Jeffrey Kidd and Jennifer Anne Thacker as Trustees of the Rayelle Gilchrist Testamentary Trust, created by Item VI of the Last Will and Testament of Billy T. Thacker. 407 Charles Clayborne Court; 401 407 Charles Clayborne Court; 204 Bluegrass Drive; 206 Bluegrass Drive; 246 Miller Drive; 118 Overland Drive, for and in consideration of compliance with the terms and provisions of the Last Will and Testament of Billy T. Hacker
- Berea Property Development, LLC to Patrick Eugene Ballinger and Angela Michelle Ballinger, tract Lancaster Road, \$125,000
- Patricia D. Gonzalez and

- Manuel Gonzalez to Amelia Katherine Maupin and John F. Maupin, tract Colonel Road, \$258,500
- A&R Contractors, LLC to Brent Dutcher and Cynthia Dutcher, lot 76 Vineyard Estates Subdivision, Phase 3B, \$345,000
- Luxon and Durham, LLC to William Edwin Luxon, Sr and the Estate of Rondall G. Durham, Sr., by and through Rondall G. Durham, Jr., Executor, lots Walnut Street, for and in consideration of a disbursement of Grantor’s owned properties to Grantees

Jan. 20

- The Estate of Wanda Pennington, Madison District Court Case No. 24-P-462, Tony Shannon Pennington and Andrea L. Angel, as Exceutor and Executrix and Andrea L. Angel and Tony Shannon Pennington, personally and as co-beneficiaries of the Last Will and Testament of Wanda Pennington and Andrea L. Angel and Robert M. Angel, lot 5 W.C. parks Subdivision, for and in consideration of love and affection and Last Will and Testament of Wanda Pennington
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- Last Will and Testament of Wanda Pennington to Tony Shannon Pennington and Jessica A. Pennington, tract U.S. Highway 421 Kingston, for and in consideration of love and affection and Last Will and Testament of Wanda Pennington
- Ernest Lee Pennington and Daphne June Pennington to Clarke K. Douglas and Barbara A. Douglas, 129 Shale Drive, \$305,000
- A&R Contractors, LLC to Judy Gergen, 756 Yellowstone Trail, \$294,900
- Lisa Anne Harrison to Judy Ginter, 147 Barrett Lane, Berea, \$430,000
- Switchgrass, LLC to Nancy Domenech, 834 Ridgewood Drive Unit 2, Berea, \$215,000
- Colton Paul Johnson to John Lyndon Marcum, tract Madison County, \$370,000
- James Smith to James Smith and Bobbi Abner, lot 14 and 15 Flint Road, Waco, for and in consideration of creating a survivorship interest
- Tonya Evans and Mike Evans to Robert Steve Northern and Deborah Y. Northern, tract 4 Mary E. Park Farm Division located on Charlie Norris Road, as a gift
- Roger Dale Faulkner and Darlene R. Faulkner to Troy Conner and Lauren Conner, lots 7 and 8 Ashby Addition, \$210,000
- JCMi Properties, LLC to On Point Properties, LLC, lot 201A and 201 B plat 6/287, \$340,000
- JCMi Properties, LLC to On Point Properties, LLC, lot 4 plat 16/118 (Bahama Court and Foxhaven Drive), \$1,020,000
- JCMi Properties, LLC to On Point Properties, LLC, tracts Madison County, \$1,740,000
- Tommy Cope Properties, LLC to Rievaulx Investments, LLC, lot 7 North Dogwood Park, Berea, \$425,000
- Short Carpentry and Construction, Inc. to Brian Lee Blevins and Bonnie Blevins, lot 24 Stoney View

- Estates Phase 1, \$292,000
- Harlan Coal and Coke, LLC to Richmond Rentals, III, LLC, 114 Bennington Court, \$275,000; 211 Langford Court, \$285,000; 327 5th Street, \$255,000
- Sea Island Soil, LLC (f/k/a J.T. Barrett Land Holding, LLC to Richmond Rentals, III, LLC, 105 Bennett Place, \$215,000; 105 E. Walnut Street, \$218,000; 3009, 3013 and 3017 Silver Charm Court, \$1,635,000

Jan. 21

- J&R Rigney, Inc. to Chiayi Jennifer Chien and Chizimuzo Okoli, lots 6 and 7 Block A Bennett Addition, \$190,000
- Simpson Property Holdings, LLC to Wilbur Nerl Nickels and Beverly Lyn Nickles, lot 57 Southpointe Subdivision, \$288,000

MARRIAGES

Jan. 15

- Lauren Elizabeth Jackson, lab coordinator, 24, of Richmond to Charles Hunter Bowling, HVAC tech, 25, of Richmond

Jan. 21

- Zoe Nicole Beckhart, mental health therapist, 32, of Lexington to David Lee Taylor, 35, Director of Operations, 35 of Lexington
- Taryn Elena Sweet, nanny, 25 of Richmond to Taran Bradford Lathrop, marine, 26 of Richmond
- Kaylee Mikel Alexandria Wood, unemployed, 19 of Berea to Ashton Kyle McCollum, Taco Bell, 19 of Berea
- Chelsi Lashae Harville, director, 42 of London to Stephen Elkin Seals, postal worker, 54 of Berea
- Kaylee Michelle Reed, auto care center, 20 of Berea to Christian Avery Davidson, grocery team lead, 20 of Berea
- Estephanie Solorio, receptionist, 22 of Richmond to Nicholas Enrique Perez, drywall/construction, 23 of Richmond

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Religion

Over 100 years old and still using a chainsaw

My friend Bill Gori passed along a joke the other day about the reporter who was sent to interview the oldest man in his community. That reporter rang the doorbell and an elderly gentleman invited him in and showed him to the living room. When they got settled in, the reporter, assuming he had found his man, asked, "How old are you?" "I'm 97." "And to what do you attribute your longevity?"

the reporter asked. "Well, I eat right. I exercise. And I take vitamins every day." Right about then, the reporter heard a commotion outside, and asked, "What in the world is that?" "Oh, that's just my dad. He's out there with a chainsaw pruning the apple trees." I was reading here while back that the world's oldest living person, Ethel Caterham, has turned 116. She was born Aug. 21, 1909. But she's a mere child compared to some of the people in the biblical record. Methuselah lived to 969. Noah was 950. Adam was 930. Lamech was 777. And Enoch was 365. There were of course many others who lived into the hundreds. People of our day aren't given such long lifespans. The Bible tells us, "The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of



Roger Alford

strength they be fourscore years." That's 70 to 80 years for people who aren't familiar with the term "score." The Centers for Disease Control bear that out, telling us the average life expectancy of men in the U.S. is now 75.8 years while women is 81.1 years. Of course, we know some people don't live that long and others live much longer. The truth is, no matter how long we live, it's still a short time in light of eternity.

"What is your life? It is even a vapor that appeareth for a little time and then vanisheth away" (James 4:14). That's why we're compelled to make the most of every day, because, sooner than we think, we'll breathe our last on this side of eternity. With that in mind, we should live our lives in a way that honors Christ, whether we make 70, or 80 or 100-plus years.

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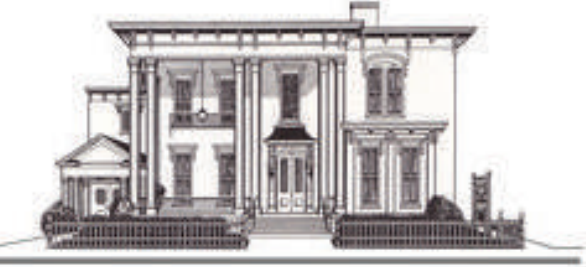
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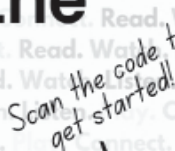
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BEREA CITIZEN ARCHIVES

Man fined

The Berea Locker and Grocery held its grand opening on October

November 13, 1975
World hunger

Udeinya of Enugu, Nigeria was the keynote speakers for the event. Their messages were the same, the reality of hunger, both in Kentucky and throughout the world, only its manifestation was different. Hunger in Africa, addressed by Udeinya, was dramatic. Babies physical distress because of hunger. Udeinya spoke of children with grey hair and sores in their head because of lack of protein; irreversible mental impairments because of the levels of malnourishment experienced by pregnant women. Hunger and malnutrition affected more than half of the nation of 89 million people. According to Mrs. Graham and Mrs. Joseph, the situation was said to be different in Appalachia. The two women attributed the problems in this population to "laziness and drowsiness." Statistically, 105,000 Kentuckians of the time were living in poverty driven malnutrition.

They were quick to point out that this type of poverty existed within five minutes of Boone Square. Mrs. Joseph added that people of the time were quick to follow the presidential lead in thinking that hunger in the U.S. was simply due to moral weakness and laziness on the part of the poor.

December 21, 2000

Home destroyed

Fire destroyed a home on Kindred Lane on Monday, sending three people to the hospital. According to reports, Jeff, Ada and Bridget Bowman were taken to area hospitals for various injuries ranging from burns to smoke inhalation. Units from Berea Fire Department, and Madison County Fire Department responded to the blaze that reportedly caused \$45,000 in damage.



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

A. 14 20 20 8 13

Clue: Another name for basketball

B. 1 20 11 4 3

Clue: Place to play basketball

C. 4 12 2 20 11 6 24

Clue: Bounce back

D. 2 5 13 17 12 3

Clue: Place for ball

Answers: A. hoops B. court C. rebound D. baske

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to basketball.

H O S T O

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ANSWER: SCHOOL

GUESS WHO?

I am a singer born in New York on January 25, 1981. I studied Mozart and Chopin as a youth, and graduated from the Professional Performing Arts School. I became the first singer to receive five Grammy Awards at once after releasing my debut album.

ANSWER: Alicia keys

BASKETBALL WORD SEARCH



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Harris, Stocker named to HOF

RICHMOND — Nine individuals and three special teams have been selected for enshrinement into the 2026 Class of the Madison County Sports Hall of Fame.

Lee Anne Browder, chairman of the MCSHoF executive board, announced the names of the inductees and teams following the board's December meeting. With the induction of the 2026 Class, the hall of fame will include 46 individuals and 18 teams.

The fifth class includes (listed in alphabetical order):

- Jeff Cruse
- Larry French
- Damien Harris
- Goebel "Tex" Ritter.
- Benny Roop
- Bill Maupin
- Luke Stocker
- Sylvia Powell
- Ray Vencill

The three teams that will be inducted are the 1960 Madison-Model football team, the 1961 Madison High football team, and the 2012-13 Madison Central boys basketball team.

PREP BASKETBALL NOTEBOOK

Southern, Berea seek consistency

By Denis House
Special to the Citizen

With February quickly approaching, that means the final month of the regular high school basketball season is upon us, and the postseason looms.

It also means, by this time, coaches are hoping their teams are playing consistent basketball. But for the teams at both Berea and Madison Southern, the season has been inconsistent.

After opening the season 6-1, the Madison Southern Eagles have gone 5-4, with their last two-game winning streak occurring when they beat Mercer County and Paris on Dec. 29 and Jan. 2, respectively. After that two-point win over Paris, Southern has played below .500 basketball, going 2-4, including last Thursday's 59-58 loss to visiting Danville in a game that Coach Steve Wright and his team know they should have won.

The Eagles led 18-16 after one, and 34-28 at the half. But the Admirals opened the third quarter with a 19-2 run (including 13-0 before Bryant Brock scored) to take control of the game.

Still, the Eagles had their chances. A three-pointer by sophomore Derek Helton cut the lead to 59-53 with 2:04 left. Following a Danville miss, Landon Adams sank two free throws, and when Brock drained with 45.9 seconds left, Madison Southern had cut the lead to one, 59-58.

Danville turned the ball over on its next possession, and Southern got the ball to Tucker Nobbe, but his three missed with five seconds left. Nobbe then fouled Omonte Johnson, but he missed both free throws. Brock got the ball to Colin Sebastin, but he couldn't control the ball as time ran out, dropping Southern to 11-8 on the season.

Helton led Southern with 22 points, and he has been one of the more consistent players for the Eagles this season, leading the team with 247 points for an average of 13.7 points per game. He is also shooting 44.3% from three-point land. Against Danville, he drained four treys.

When I was sports editor of The Sentinel-Echo in London, I covered



Wright and his South Laurel Cardinals, including their state title victory in 2004-05, and their run of consecutive region titles, so I got to know Wright pretty well. I know that he expects the best from his team every time they hit the court. I also know that it frustrates him when they don't.

Across town at Berea, coach Eric Fields is feeling the same frustration as Wright. His Pirates are 8-9, including Thursday's 54-30 win over Barbourville. After Tuesday's game against rival Madison Southern (if it wasn't cancelled by the weather), the Pirates finish the regular season with games against Portland Christian, Model, Gallatin County, Sayre, Frankfort Christian, Leslie County, Frankfort, two home school teams (Wellspring Guardians and Bluegrass United), and then at Williamsburg for the finale. Only one of those teams (not including the home school teams), Model, has a winning record (10-8), and Berea barely lost to the Patriots in the 11th Region All A tournament, 73-67.

This is the time for the Pirates to put together a winning streak before the 44th District Tournament.

"We definitely need to be more consistent defensively," Fields said. "We have let our offense dictate our defense in a few games, and it doesn't end up well on our end. I told the guys that before our last game, and they took it in well, and we came out and played very well

defensively. I feel like if we can become more consistent on defense, then we can be a really good team. We have worked a lot on defense this past week, and hopefully it starts to pay off."

Fields said Finley Blevins and Jake Mills have been very consistent the past few weeks.

"They are our captains and provide great senior leadership," he said. "They own their mistakes and push the other guys every day."

On the girls' side, Berea sits at 9-7, while Madison Southern is one game under .500 at 10-11. After going 3-5 in December, the Lady Pirates opened the new year winning five in a row (including knocking off a previously unbeaten but shorthanded Model) before going 1-2 over their last three games.

Avery Plessinger is the only Berea player averaging double figures at 16.1, although Kadence Stepp is just short at 9.9 PPG. Berea is shooting 36% from the field, 24.9% from 3-point land, and 53.4% from the free throw line.

Madison Southern's season has been one of ups and downs. During a stretch from Jan. 9 through Jan. 23, the Lady Eagles went 4-4, the results being W-L-W-L-W-L-W-L.

Laci Sandlin leads the Lady Eagles in scoring with an average of 16.4, followed by Briana Hensley's 13.1. As a team, Southern is hitting 35.6% from the field (31.5% from 3-point range) and 63.4% from the free throw line.

BEREA COLLEGE

Hutchins Library Invites Community to Explore Berea's Black Heritage



Dr. Jaleesa Wells posing with a hand-dyed quilt she created for her *Onyx Patchworks* exhibit.

SEAN HALL '25/BEREA COLLEGE

By Sean Hall
Berea College

BEREA, Ky. – As the nation marks the 100th anniversary of Black History Month, Berea College Hutchins Library's Special Collections and Archives (SCA) is opening its stacks and inviting the public to a month-long exploration of its vast Black history archives.

Founded by Berea College alumnus Carter G. Woodson, SCA is enhancing the celebration of Black History Month by preparing a series of exhibits and programs highlighting underexplored stories from Madison County and across Appalachia.

"We spent a year preparing, looking throughout the stacks for archives to enhance the story of Black history," said Tim Binkley, head of SCA.

An exhibit highlighting SCA's Black history archives – entitled *Onyx Patchworks*, will be on display on the main floor of the Hutchins Library throughout February.

Created by Dr. Jaleesa Renee Wells in collaboration with SCA and supported by America250KY, the Kentucky Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts, *Onyx Patchworks* features a display of hanging quilted pieces and viewable quilted memory games inspired and shaped by her archival research.

"I started looking at the Carter G. Woodson collection and thought, what else is here?" Wells said. "It's an exhibit that brings the past into the present in a

really colorful, interactive way."

In addition to the exhibit, SCA will host a series of Friday Finds tours at 2 p.m. each Friday, offering individuals and groups a chance to dig deeper into the archives. The February tours will focus on the recently cataloged Cleo Charles papers, honoring one of Berea's earliest tenured African American professors and a beloved figure in the community. These sessions give visitors the chance to handle historical materials, learn about the people behind the collections and gain a deeper understanding of Berea's Black history.

"We're welcoming you, the community, to come in

and open some boxes and immerse yourself in the history for a little while," said College Archivist Peter Morphew. "We've got more than 100 years' worth of history in this archive."

To reserve a spot, call (859) 985 3267, or make a reservation online at <https://berea.libcal.com/calendar/scaevents>.

Hutchins Library is open to the public, and all exhibits and Friday Finds tours are free. While February offers a special focus, the library encourages community members to explore the collections year-round.

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