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COUNCIL

FROM PAGE 1

to vehicles left on city streets. Vehicles on private property are already covered under the nuisance laws in Berea city codes, Sandlin said.

Teresa Scenters, Steve Davis, John Payne, Jerry Little and Ronnie Terrill all asked for the language of the ordinance to be clarified before it comes up for a second and final reading at the February 17 council meeting.

In other action, the council unanimously adopted an ordinance accepting a zone change at 151 and 170 76 Boulevard from I-2 Industrial to B-4 Interchange Business District.

The zone change will affect approximately 18 acres of land that is being considered for a luxury RV park, which will include a swimming pool and small water park. The water park will not be open to the general public.

The council unanimously approved the appointments of several citizens to local boards. Appointed to the Planning Commission were Martin Richards, Stephanie Hembree and Andrew Gardiner. Both Richards and Hembree are returning commissioners.

Reappointed to the Board of Adjustments were Joshua Bills and Katherine Berry.

Regarding the recent winter storm, City Administrator Sandlin noted that several tons of salt were used in the recent snow/ice storm, and that the city has ordered more road salt.

Berea Public Works crews were praised for their prompt and skillful response to the

storm, allowing Berea to avoid some of the traffic problems suffered by neighboring cities, officials said. Additionally, council members expressed thanks for Berea Municipal Utilities for keeping trees trimmed over the course of the year, thus helping avoid power outages. Police and fire personnel, meanwhile, were praised for their contributions, such as transporting medical professionals during the worst of the storm.

On another storm-related note, officials urged citizens to be patient when it comes to garbage removal, since the ice has disrupted regular trash pick-ups. The company had to miss Monday and Tuesday collections in some areas because of the ice, Sandlin reported.

Berea Mayor Bruce Fraley honored staffers at the Family Resources and Youth Centers at Berea Community School and Madison County Schools, presenting them with a proclamation.

Fraley said the centers are instrumental in helping students in need, whether it is providing them with food, clothing, or other vital assistance.

Turning to staff reports, Berea Fire Chief Charlie Russell briefed the council, noting that the number of calls to which his department responded increased by over 200 incidents in 2025. Russell said because of increase call volume for Madison County Emergency Management Services (EMS), the fire department is often called to render assistance before an ambulance can arrive.

The next council meeting is slated for Feb. 17.

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OBITUARIES

Margaret Jane Cornelison Caudill Ballinger



With the deepest of sorrow, we announce the passing of Margaret Jane Cornelison Caudill Ballinger.

Jane passed away peacefully on Jan. 29, 2026, at the age of 87 in Madison County. Born on Aug. 23, 1938, in Richmond to Armour and Helen Cornelison, Jane lived her life in Richmond, raising her family. She began her careers working at Westinghouse, then as a Welcome Center Representative for the State of KY, before finding much success for 40+ years as a realtor.

Jane was an exemplary mother figure and human being. She embodied the best qualities: unconditional love, strength of spirit, and an unending generosity that could be seen in her care for her family and friends. A devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Jane found her greatest joy in her family. She was a pillar of strength for all who knew her. Unbeknownst to most, Jane gave anonymously to several charities throughout her life. She felt very strongly that giving to others should be a priority, and anonymous.

Jane is survived by her loving husband, Gene Ballinger; her children: Vickie Caudill, Richmond; Eric Caudill (Cyndi), Louisville; Randall Caudill, Richmond; Robert Caudill (Jennifer), Richmond; and JaneAnn Pittman (James) Richmond.

Her grandchildren: Monica Johnson (Mark), Travis Caudill (Amanda), Joshua

Caudill (Britney), Nicholas Caudill (Holly), Randall Caudill, Cody Caudill, Tanner Caudill (Sierra), Bennett Pittman (Savannah), Jillian Ziada (Mahmoud), and Zoey Pittman; and her great-grandchildren, Aubrey Murphy (Travis), Jacob and Emma Caudill, Avery Caudill, Clayton Caudill and Lukah and Eloise Pittman.

After marrying Gene Ballinger, Jane acquired more children and grandchildren to love: Gerald and Elaine Ballinger with Josh & Mindi Jones (Colten, Conner and Kyler Chaney), and Whitney and Clay Hooper (Addie and Jaxon); Karen and Rick Miller with Matthew and Mindy Miller (Jameson, Graham, Cassius Miller, Kylee and Dylan Taylor and Caleb and Jacob St. Pierre), and Mary Kate and Conner Henson (Maddie Grace); Pat and Michelle Ballinger, with Taylor and Rosie Ballinger (Caroline and Elizabeth), Riley Ballinger, Mark and Kendall Agee (Watson and Stevie) and Mary Ann and Carl Alexander.

Jane is also survived by her sister, Betty Lindblom, and brother, Marion Cornelison, and several nieces and nephews.

Jane was preceded in death by her first husband, Crit C. Caudill, her oldest son, Jeffery C. Caudill, her parents, Armour and Helen Cornelison, older brother Coleman Cornelison, and sister-in-law, Virginia Cornelison.

A celebration of life will be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to a charity of your choice in her memory. Mom's love and spirit will be dearly missed and forever live on in our hearts.www.cpcfh.com

Lonnie Abney



Lonnie Abney, 70, of Big Hill, passed away on Friday, Jan. 30, 2026 surrounded by the love of his family. Born on May 12, 1955, he was raised in Clover Bottom and remained deeply rooted in the place and people he called home.

Lonnie was married for over 50 years to the love of his life, Tina Abney, his partner in marriage, business, and every adventure life brought their way.

Together, they owned and operated Abney's Towing, a business built on hard work, integrity, and helping neighbors in need.

He dedicated more than 30 years of faithful service to Hyster, where he was respected for his strong work ethic and unwavering commitment. A lifelong Harley-Davidson enthusiast, Lonnie also found strength and community as a proud member of Red Lick Baptist Church.

Known for his larger-than-life personality, Lonnie was affectionately regarded as a renowned "house-cat"—most content at home, always exactly where he wanted to be.

Lonnie was the son of Jack Abney and Beulah Tussey Abney and was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, Russel Abney, Charlie Abney, and Johnnie Abney, and two sisters, Lola Jane Roe and Betty Brockman.

He is survived by his sister Jackie (Charles) Lakes; brother-in-law Bill (Frankie) Alexander; sisters-in-law Pennie (Tim) Centers and Maxine Abney; his children Jason (Morgan) Abney and Blake (Ariel) Abney; and his grandchildren Colten Abney, Laurel Abney, and Noah Sallie. He also leaves behind numerous nieces and nephews whom he loved dearly.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2026 at Davis and Powell Funeral Home. Bro. Thomas Lester and Bro. Kris Isaacs will officiated and burial followed in Pilot Knob Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Jason Abney, Blake Abney, Colten Abney, Scott Alexander, Ryan Centers, Don Lakes, Chris Sipple, and Danny Pennington. Honorary Pallbearers were Laurel Abney, Noah Sallie, Bill Cook, Rick Isaacs, Fred Cox, Jimmy Lamb, Danny Dooley, James Adams, Clarence Issacs, Dewayne Lainhart, and Lonnie's other close friends from Hyster, Big Hill Garage, and church - you know who you are.

Lonnie Abney will be remembered for his loyalty, humor, work ethic, and deep love for his family and friends. His presence will be missed, but his stories, laughter, and legacy will live on in Big Hill and beyond.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions suggested to Red Lick Baptist Church.

C/O Pastor Kris Isaacs, 1039 Alexander Rd. Berea, KY 40403.

Funeral notices

Lakes Funeral Home

- Rick Martin, 57, passed away Jan. 27, 2026. Lakes Funeral Home and Cremation Services handled arrangements.
- Brenda Gale Abney, 70, passed away Jan. 28, 2026. Funeral services were at 2 p.m. on Feb. 3. Lakes Funeral Home and Cremation Services took care of arrangements.

Reppert Funeral Home

- Wallace "Wally" Jones, 82, passed away Jan. 30, 2026.

Jones was cremated and a Graveside Burial Service will take place at a later date. Reppert Funeral Home and Cremation Services took care of arrangements.

Davis & Powell Funeral Home

- Beulah Anglin Carter, 88, passed away Jan. 25, 2026. Funeral Services were at 2 p.m. on Jan. 30. Davis & Powell Funeral Home took care of arrangements.
- Harold Lee "Hoppie" Hopkins, 74, passed away

Jan. 27, 2026. Funeral Services were at 1 p.m. on Feb. 2. Davis & Powell Funeral Home took care of arrangements.

- Misty Nicole Combs, 38, passed away Jan. 27, 2026. Funeral Services were at 1 p.m. on Jan 31. Davis & Powell Funeral Home took care of arrangements.

Oldham, Roberts & Powell Funeral Home

- Shirley Ann West, 90, passed away Jan. 21, 2026. A funeral Mass will be held on Feb. 6 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mark Catholic Church. Oldham,

Roberts & Powell Funeral Home handled arrangements.

- Dorothy Louise Kaylor Childers, 95, passed away Jan. 30, 2026. Funeral services were at 1p.m. on Feb. 3. Oldham, Roberts & Powell Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Combs, Parsons & Collins Funeral Home

- Jimmy Collins, 70, passed away Jan. 24, 2026. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. on Feb. 5. Combs, Parsons & Collins Funeral Home took care

of arrangements.

- Wanda Lea Rison Garrett, 72, passed away Jan. 26, 2026. A memorial service will be announced at a later date. Combs, Parsons & Collins Funeral Home took care of arrangements.
- Burley Burns, 80, passed away Jan. 26, 2026. Funeral services were at 1 p.m. on Feb. 4. Combs, Parsons & Collins Funeral Home took care of arrangements.
- Donna Hope (Murley) Karr, 73, passed away Jan. 29, 2026. Funeral services were at 4 p.m. on Feb. 2. Combs, Parsons & Collins Funeral Home took care of arrangements.

Heart month under way

As Heart Month begins, an American Heart Association report shows more than half of U.S. adults are unaware that heart disease remains the leading cause of death, a position it has held for 100 years.

In Kentucky, where rates of coronary heart disease are higher than the national rate, it stresses the importance of practical prevention steps and awareness.

With February bringing both Heart Month and global attention to athletic performance during the Winter Olympic Games, Dr. Breeding added the timing can serve as a boost of encouragement for people who set New Year's resolutions on improving their physical or mental well-being. Being consistent, even with small efforts, can help support long-term heart health.

- Baptist Health



Message from Cora Jane Wilson

"Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

Matthew 7:12 (KJV)

PROPOSED LAND USE CHANGE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

There will be a public hearing of the Madison County Planning Commission on **Tuesday February 17, 2026** at the **Madison County Courthouse Annex, 1st Floor at 5:30 p.m.** The purpose is to consider a land use change for **165 and 167 Charlie Norris Rd from UC-7 (Agricultural) to UC-4 (General Commercial)** as shown on the map above. Contact the Madison County Planning and Development Office at 859-624-4780 for questions. Applications and other documentation may be found on the Madison County website at www.madisoncountky.gov under the Planning and

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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On **February 19th, 2026, at 5:30pm**

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The purpose is to consider the following:

Conditional Use: 110 Hensley Lane, Richmond Ky, 40475

Conditional Use: 2680 Lancaster Rd, Richmond Ky, 40475

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

ORDINANCE NO. 01 - 2026

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEREA, KENTUCKY, CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AND REFERRED TO AS 151 & 170 SEVENTY-SIX BOULEVARD AND OWNED BY WILLIAM TODD HOLBROOK AND ERIN C. HOLBROOK FROM I-2 (INDUSTRIAL PARK DISTRICT) TO B-4 (INTERCHANGE BUSINESS DISTRICT)

The City Council of the City of Berea, Kentucky, does ordain as follows:

Pursuant to the authority granted in KRS 100, and in Section 401.2 of the Land Management and Development Ordinance, and further pursuant to a hearing held on December 9, 2025, by the Berea Planning Commission, wherein the Planning Commission found that the proposal for zoning map amendment from I-2 (Industrial Park District) to B-4 (Interchange Business District) to was appropriate based on specific factual findings, and said Planning Commission having recommended to the City Council that the requested map amendment be granted; therefore, the City Council adopts the findings of fact and recommendation of the Planning Commission and further, pursuant to KRS 100.211, the area as hereinafter described on Exhibit "A" hereto (18 acres, more or less) and located at 151 & 170 Seventy-Six Boulevard be and the same is reclassified to B-4 (Interchange Business District) from I-2 (Industrial Park District).

FIRST READING: January 6, 2026.

SECOND READING & ENACTMENT: February 3, 2026.

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Bruce Fraley, Mayor

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Papaw and his pipe

The man who had the biggest impact on my life smoked a pipe filtered with black cherry tobacco.

That precious soul was my late grandfather Reed Taylor, known as papaw Taylor. He was a gentle and giant figure during my childhood.

Reed Taylor was short in stature and a man of a few words. He led by example, yet when he spoke, his words and instructions were powerful and impactful.

When I was young, my grandparents lived next to us in a mobile home for a few years and it was during those years my sister Taunya and I spent a lot of time with them, because they were so close to home.

I can remember trying to build a dog house or something like that one day and, not knowing any better, I took a few shortcuts. I asked Papaw what he thought of the job I was doing. He looked at me and told me, “Son, if you don’t do just one thing a day, do it right.”

From that point on, I never took a shortcut to anything. I make every effort to get it right on the first try, but I also realize that’s impossible sometimes. It may take two or three times to make it right, but I understand what papaw meant when he spoke those words of wisdom to a young boy just getting started on this journey of life.

He believed in hard work and was a man of faith. He attended church on a regular basis, and when he prayed, he bowed his head on the pew in front of him. He wasn’t loud or wanted to be seen. His example of a personal relationship with God always stuck with me during the days of my youth.

He loved his pipe and later chewed tobacco. I can still smell the aroma of that black cherry tobacco and see him taking puffs from his pipe to this day.

Papaw Taylor also was a patient man and took his time, especially when it came to driving. My sister always was embarrassed to ride with him because if he was leading the pack, there was a long trail of vehicles behind us. He took his time getting to and from his destination.

He loved his vehicles and always had the newest one in the family. I remember when he was picking out his last car — a brown 1990 Ford Taurus — I took it on a test drive and he asked me how I liked it, not knowing at the time he was going to purchase it. He signed the papers and he drove it home that day.

About a year or so later, papaw passed away at the age of 76, but left behind a legacy of honesty and integrity. It made a lasting impact on his grandson.

Papaw smoked a pipe, but when he spoke, he never blew smoke.



Keith Taylor



Friendship is a two-way street

Friendship is a two-way street. If a relationship is totally dependent on one person it won’t last very long.

If you have to make all the effort a friendship will soon die. One person, does not make a friendship, marriage or any kind of relationship.

The telephone works both ways. Text messages and emails work both ways. Telephones are made to make calls but they also receive calls. If you have to make all the calls, make all the effort to connect with someone then you will become tired and give up.

This may be why so many people have so few friends. If you want a friend, be a friend. If you want to be connected to your marriage partner then every day it’s mutual communication and companionship.

If you want help, then help others. If you want love, then love others. Whatever you invest in will typically come back to you.

We’ve all had experiences with the family member who never comes to see us or shows any interest in anything we are doing. We’ve all invested in loved ones and given until we are blue in the face. There always seems to be those that we have tried to reach out to, befriend and love but who ignore us or even bite us.

Many of us have at least one family member who always finds a way to be sour, hateful or critical and never misses a chance to complain about something. Why do we put up with these people? I don’t have a good answer but I know many of us deal with these personalities.

Often, people are the meanest to close family and friends. A spouse may treat another



Glenn Mollette

spouse badly because they believe they can get by with acting so badly. Relatives often do the same thing. People get by with it for a little while but eventually loved ones and friends will begin to pull away. In time, mean people will find themselves very lonely. You can’t treat others badly and get by with it forever. It will come back to you.

Don’t waste your life constantly trying to love the people who shrug you off. Move on!

This is not rocket science or brain surgery. Return communication. Don’t act like you are King Tut and are too important to make phone calls. Visit with others and respond to messages, texts, etc. Reach out to others and show yourself friendly.

Of course, there is a chance that you love being in isolation and prefer to just stare at the walls or television. You have the right to make that choice, as long as you don’t mind living with that choice.

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TOURISM

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outreach at tourism conferences is such that Berea likely won’t see the effects until motor coach companies begin adding tours for 2027.

“What happens when we attend these conferences is that it’s not an immediate booking for that year. She’s [Reynolds] doing work now for the next year, so, you’ll see the return for that work in the next year or even two years where we’re meeting those groups and planting that seed,” Conley said.

Later in the meeting, Tourism Program Coordinator

Laura Poulette announced a plan to re-launch the LearnShop artisan workshop series, which has been on hiatus for the last year.

Poulette, who is a painter and has been a LearnShop instructor, said the opening of the popular series will be scheduled to coincide with the surge of visitors who come to town for the Berea Craft Festival.

“We really anticipate the timing will create added energy and excitement and opportunities for both instructors and attendees,” Poulette said, noting the courses will open the Friday of the crafts fair. “Everybody needs to save the date

– July 10 through the 19th – for a town-wide happening of hands-on workshops throughout Berea.”

Demand for the craft LearnShops series was strong in 2024, drawing 575 registrations, covering 130 classes and yielding over \$50,000 in revenue. For Berea’s working artists, the influx resulted in a boost to the local artisan economy, since participating artisan instructors received 80 percent of the proceeds.

Tourism Commissioner Jim Davis said combining the two events seems like a prudent strategy for the city.

“I think the LearnShops and the crafts fair together

is a good idea. I think it will draw people to the fair and to the shops as well,” Davis said.

In the meantime, tourism staffers are working on additional ways to bring visitors to town and boost local commerce. Berea Tourism Media Manager Haley Howard reported she is exploring the possibility of staging events like coffee week and burger week, local promotions that have proven successful in other cities.

In other business, tourism commissioners reviewed a proposal to help fund the Berea Dolphins Swim Team, since locally-hosted swim

meets bring hundreds of people to town.

Representing the Dolphins, Jamie Morris said the organization could use help with its \$18,000 budget, though she didn’t specify how much she’s hoping Berea Tourism can help. The city currently provides in-kind support, allowing use of the Berea swimming pool and staffing the facility with lifeguards, officials said. The item was tabled for future consideration.

Finally, the commission unanimously adopted a measure to grant the Berea Arts Council \$500 in funds to support the organizations cultural offerings.



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- Ashley Shackelford, 38: theft by failing 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 legend drug(s); 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

Jan. 22

- Kimberly Coomer, 53: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting
- Canaan Lamb, 21: assault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor injury
- Abbygail Eller, 26: criminal abuse, 1st degree – child 12 or under
- April Miller, 43: failure to appear, citation for misdemeanor
- Michelle Scenters, 40: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines
- Alva Combs, 48: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); failure to appear (3 counts); criminal abuse, 1st degree –

- child12 or under
- Erika Isaacs, 34: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); failure to appear
- Charles Kavanaugh, 38: harassment -physical contact – no injury; theft by unlawful taking or disposition, all others; intimidating a participant in the legal process
- John Harding, 41: disorderly conduct, 2nd degree; terroristic threatening, 3rd degree; resisting arrest; obstructing Emergency Responder violations – 1st offense; probation violation, for felony offense (2 counts)
- Harold McIntosh, 63: criminal mischief, 1st degree – tampering with key infrastructure assets
- Syecret Moore, 20: assault, 4th degree dating violence, no visible injury
- Tyler Fishback, 27: rape, 1st degree – incapable of consent – physically helpless
- Jaylan Hood, 23: overweight on tandem axle; violation of part 393 Federal Safety Regulations – parts needed for safe operations
- Shera Means, 44: failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security – 1st offense; operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st (aggravated circumstances); endangering the welfare of a minor
- John Turner, 37: assault, 2nd degree; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st
- Flisha Reynolds, 39: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of substance(s) – 1st; violation of a Kentucky EPO/DVO
- Heather Wagers, 48: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine)
- Antonio Jenkins, 37:

- theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting, \$500 but less than \$1,000

Jan. 23

- Eric Taylor, 41: failure to appear (2 counts)
- Jacob Newman, 40: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine)
- Tara Coffey6, 34: probation violation, for technical violation
- Ricky Mayes, 65: operating motor vehicle/ motorcycle function without ignition interlock device; no registration plates; no registration receipt; operating on suspended or revoked operator’s license; failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security – 2nd offense
- Emily Fultz, 29: criminal mischief, 1st degree; violation of a Kentucky EPO/DVO; stalking, 1st degree; burglary, 2nd degree; possession of burglary tools; violation of terms of release
- Robert Roberts, 59: rape, 1st degree; sexual abuse, 1st degree; voyeurism
- Clarence Smith, III, 52: contempt of court, libel/slander, resistance to order
- Joshua Salder, 48: non-payment of court costs, fees, of fines
- Steven Klein, 62: failure to appear
- Jacob Mosley, 36: failure to appear

Jan. 24

- Andrea Shackelford, 34: license to be in possession; operating on suspended or revoked operator’s license; failure to wear seat belts; non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines
- Kenneth Cleland, 47: assault, 4th degree domestic violence, minor injury
- Ethan Cox, 22: failure to illuminate head lamps; no registration receipt; no registration plates; operating on suspended or revoked

- operator’s license; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of substance(s) – 1st
- Brandon Ferrera, 25: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st (aggravated circumstances); reckless driving; failure to wear seat belts
- Ryan Payne, 18: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol (under 21 years of age); failure to wear seat belts; careless driving
- Austin Kaylor, 30: driving on DUI suspended license – 1st offense; no registration plates

Jan. 25

- Robert Ward, 33: trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (greater than or equal to 2 grams methamphetamine); possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); promoting contraband – 1st degree; possession of a controlled substance – 3rd degree – drug unspecified
- David Neal, 34: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 3rd (aggravated circumstances); failure to wear seat belts
- Charles Rice, 33: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 2nd; possession of an open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle
- Michael McKinney, 42: careless driving; failure to illuminate head lamps; no operator’s – moped license; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st
- Eric St. John, 18: failure to appear (2 counts)
- Justin Quesenberry, 26: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines; operating on a suspended or revoked

- operator’s license; failure to wear seat belts

Jan. 26

- Steven Conway, 36: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 3rd (aggravated circumstances)
- Joseph Lansing, 47: failure to appear
- Karla Sterner, 48: failure to appear
- Damon Rice, 20: failure to appear
- Tylana Clark, 18: fleeing or evading police, 3rd degree; public intoxication – controlled substance(s) – excludes alcohol; assault, 3rd degree – health care provider
- Jamey Fleming, 50: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines
- Charles Lear, 43: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines
- Isaiah Harvey, 28: non-payment of court costs, fees, or fines

Jan. 27

- Ronald Webb, 42: assault, 4th degree, no visible injury
- Asha Ali, 37: resisting arrest; theft by deception – include cold checks, \$1,000 but less than \$10,000; fraudulent use of a credit card

Jan. 28

- Ernest Wagers, 55: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine)
- Eric Edmonds, 53: operating on suspended or revoked operator’s license; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); failure to or improper signal
- James Mink, 49: failure to appear
- Carlos Kelley, 53: failure to appear
- Jon Southern, 38: violation of conditions of release

MARRIAGES

Jan. 22

- Mirakle Sha-Ron Phillips to Isaiah Jacob-Alexander Bunn
- Charis Danae Haskins to Cain-Robert Ford Cummins
- Mikayla Joelle Estepp to Dustin Thomad Riley

Jan. 23

- Quinlyn Lenay Burkhardt to Christopher Cole Burchett

Jan. 28

- Jasmine Rayleigh Jones to Graham Lucas Gunn



PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Jan. 22

- Extreme Properties, LLC to Jamie Lynn Davis, lot 108 Parkview @ Hanger Farm Subdivision
- Jeffrey Myrell Scurlock and Glora Sawyer Scurlock to Janet F. Neal, lot 36 Lower South Pointe Subdivision
- Charles Gibson to U.S. Bank National Association, lot 27 Moreland Estates Subdivision
- TMR Ventures, LLC to Justin M. Heagarty and Brandy N. Heagarty, tracts Madison County
- Shawne Greene and Wesley Belknap Greene to Michael C. Brunn, Jr. by and through Morgan Fitzhugh, Attorney-in-Fact, and Megan E. Brunn, by and through Morgan Fitzhugh, Attorney-in-Fact, tracts 63 – 64 Woodlands Subdivision at Boone’s Trace
- Elizabeth D. Bowman to Michael Jacob Dakota Hobbs

- and Kirsten Dovie Anglin, lot 2 plat 14/170

Jan. 23

- Jason Arnold Kirby and Amanda Kirby to Paul Mays, Jr, lot 37 Rainbow Acres
- Robert Dakota Brandenburg and Kendra Brandenburg to Joyce Ingram Lamb, lot 21 Old South Estates Subdivision
- DS & JV Properties, LLC to Waco Home Builders, LLC, lot 249 Firebrook Subdivision
- Eliza Anderson, by and through Delbert Anderson and D.M. Anderson to Gary Kent Anderson, lot 36 plat 5/142
- Rhonda Lisle and Robert Lisle to Merlen Properties, LLC, lot 79 South Bluegrass Junction
- Robert Zachary Coldiron and Miranda Page Coldiron to Austin Phipps, lot 37 Eagle Point Subdivision

- Kaizen Investments Group, LLC to Jordan D. Perrin, lot 11 Baker Heights Subdivision
- Ronald M. Whitson and Autumn R. Whitson to Todd Reynolds and Crystal Reynolds, lot 43 Fieldstone Subdivision
- Alvin C. Buckmaster, III and Susan M. Buckmaster to Stillwater Development KY, LLC, lot 7 Ridgewood Addition

Jan. 28

- Joyce Lamb to Franklin Scott Wise and Alanna Nicole Wise, tracts Flint Acres Subdivision
- Fred J. Reeves and Heather Marcum to Rachael Lemire, lot 4 Beckah Ridge Subdivision
- Thomas Construction, Inc. to Windsor Creek Properties, LLC, lot 50 Crutcher Pike Estates
- PennyMac Loan Services, LLC to Secretary of Vet-

- eran’s Affairs, lots 6 and 7 Hurley Addition
- Sharon Lynn Vanwinkle to Roger Reynolds and Ann Reynolds, lot 1B plat 13/78
- Ketaki Bhattacharyya and Joshua G. Prentice to Longtail Ventures, LLC, tracts Madison County
- Apex Homes, LLC to Robert Pack, II and Lisa Dawn Pack, lot 223 Firebrook Subdivision
- John Passafiume and Kathleen Passafiume to John Passafiume, tract Madison County
- Tomas Garcia Sorcia to Bruce Cope Builders, Inc., lot 23 Lake Ridge Estates
- Douglas Biggs and Geraldine Biggs to Douglas Biggs and Geraldine Biggs, lot 7 Flint Acres Subdivision
- Douglas Biggs and Geraldine Biggs to Ashlie Drake, lot 10 Flint Acres Subdivision

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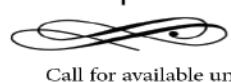
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Religion

Bible calls for us to be kind to coon hunters, sort of

You might have heard about the young man who, in the midst of a wintry blast of snow and cold, decided to ask his 85-year-old neighbor if she needed anything from the grocery store. “She said she did, so I gave her my list too,” the young man said. “No sense in both of us going out in such bad weather.”
Sadly, we’re living in a day and time when neighborliness seems to be in short supply. For many people, the idea of being good neighbors is a far cry from the biblical definition. Nowadays, we run the risk of being prosecuted for simply stepping foot on a neighbor’s property. That was never the case in Bible times. In fact, Old Testament law

spells out that people had an absolute right to cross a neighbor’s property, and, as they went, they could even pick and eat grapes or grain or figs or whatever was in season. “When thou comest into thy neighbor’s vineyard, then thou mayest eat grapes thy fill at thine on pleasure; but thou shalt not put any in thy vessel” (Deuteronomy 23:24).
You may remember from your Bible reading that, in Old Testament days, property owners routinely left a portion of their crops in the field so



Roger Alford

that others could collect food. That’s how Jesus’ great grandmother, Ruth, met His great grandfather, Boaz. She was gleanng grain from Boaz’s fields.
In Matthew 12, Jesus and his disciples were walking through a field of grain. Some of the disciples stripped some of the grain from the stalks and ate it as they walked. Critics were always looking to find fault with Jesus and his disciples. In this case, they claimed the disciples had violated the rules of the Sabbath by collecting tiny bits of grain, which, in their eyes, meant they were working on the sabbath. They could make no accusation of trespassing or stealing because what they did was considered

perfectly appropriate. My, how times have changed. And that has had a drastic impact on one of America’s oldest outdoor traditions, hunting with hounds. The thing about hounds is that they tend to go far and fast without ever stopping to read “no trespassing” signs tacked up on trees and fence posts. A very good friend of mine lost his best dog when it got onto a man’s property. That man bashed the dog over the head with a club and threw him over a cliff. The dog’s crime was barking up one of the man’s trees. My friend had paid thousands of dollars for that dog just a few months before it was killed. A Tennessee man and his

wife were charged last year with killing a coon hound competing in what’s billed as the world’s largest coon hunt. The dog’s owner heard gunshots and went looking for his dog, a 4-year-old bluetick, which had a GPS tracking device on his collar. The dog was dead on the couple’s property. The proverbial pendulum swings to-and-fro when it comes to societal norms, and certainly, it has swung far from Biblical standards when it comes to being neighborly. Let’s not be like the young man asking the 85-year-old lady to do his shopping. Let’s be good neighbors.

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Reflections

Berea Citizen archives

November 26, 1925 Three injured

On Monday afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. S.C. Caldwell and George Layer were involved in a serious motor vehicle accident. They had traveled into Berea on business and were returning to their home at White Station. Layer, who was driving, pulled up to the rail crossing at Faristown awaiting a north bound train to pass. However, Mr. Chadwell, seeing the train was some distance away, gave Layer the ok go ahead, feeling there was adequate time to cross. As Layer began to cross the tracks their vehicle was struck by a south bound train that came from the southern direction. The car was carried approximately 30 feet down the track and was a total loss. Mr. Caldwell received minor injuries to his head and

hands. Mrs. Caldwell received more serious injuries to her head and arms. Layer suffered several broken ribs but was not seriously injured. He was hospitalized at Robinson Hospital. The Chadwell's were released to recover at the home of their son.

October 26, 1950 Visiting educator

Mr. H.B. Adam Bachtiar, Chief of Education Section of the Ministry of Education, Sciences and Culture of Indonesia was in Berea to study the program at Berea College. The recipient of a grant-in-aid under the Department of States exchange program, Mr. Bachtiar was making a three month tour of American schools to observe work-study programs, student self-help systems, orphanages, technical high

schools, private boarding schools, teacher-training institutions and public schools. A native of Sumatra, Bachtiar obtained his degree in sociology at the University of Amsterdam. Prior to his appointment to the Ministry of Education, he taught Civil Secondary School and served as principal of the Republican Secondary School of Djakarta.

October 16, 1975 Centenary outing

The 100th anniversary of Mountain Day sent Berea College students and faculty scrambling over the rocks following a long time tradition. In 1875, students first called off classes for the day for everyone to enjoy a fall outing. Some groups ventured out Tuesday night to camp in the college forest. Others departed as early as

6 a.m. to compete for the first glimpse of the rising sun. Most chose to meet in groups on campus later in the morning to walk the three mules out to the trails, leading through Fat Man's Misery, down Devil's Slide and up to the top of Indian Fort Mountain. Unlike the first Mountain Day, when picnic supplies were taken by wagon to a spring halfway between the valley and East Pinnacle, this year the college food service trucked box lunches out to the picnic areas. Tony Coppage, organizer of a newly formed student outing group, gave demonstrations on rappelling from Eagle's Nest. Weary hikers were able to obtain transportation back to town from members of the agriculture department. The band "Bluegrass Saturday Night," entertained in the college snack bar later that

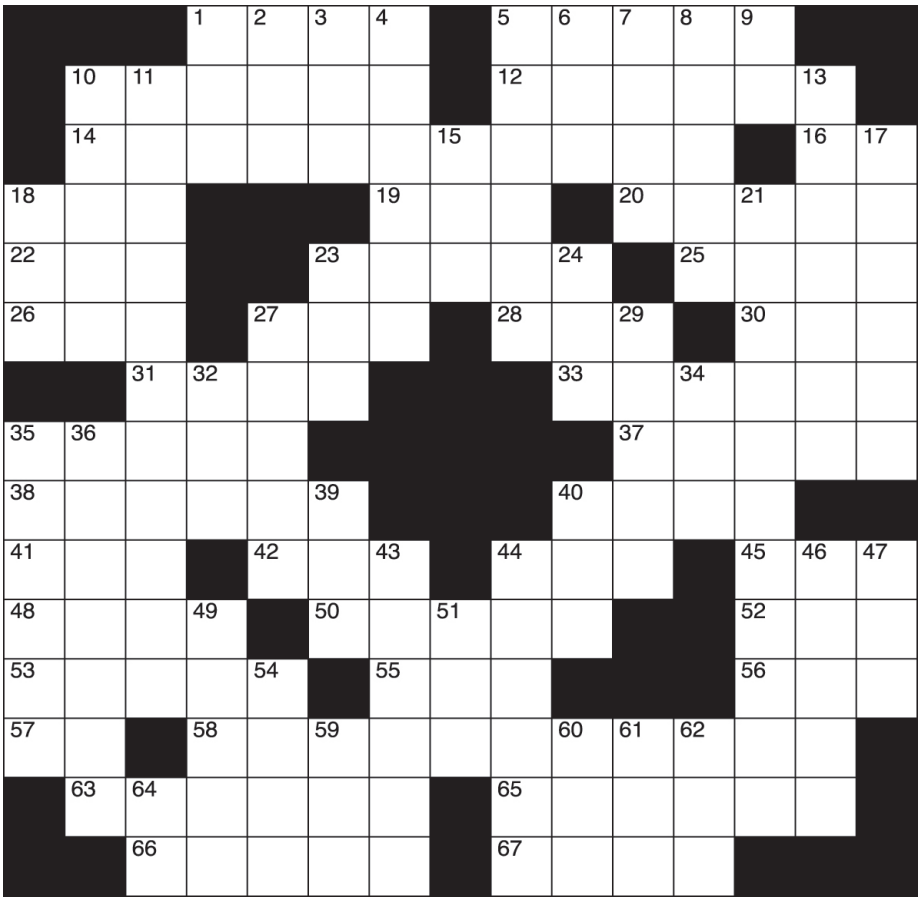
evening.

November 16, 2001 New directors

Ballots had been counted and the 2001 Berea Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors was formally elected. Symedar Baskin, Sandra Bolin, Cathy Broaddus, Steve Carter, Wilma Chambers, John Chapman, George Clark, Ken Duerson, Maurice Dula, Tim Edwards, Stacy Edwards, Jeff Eisenbarth, Steve Fain, Ken Gastineau, Barb Greic, Emogene Hartman, Lisha Hays, Gordon Hisel Charles Huffman, Ken Holt, Diane Kerby, Marsha Mulerig, Myra Neely, Sandy Osborne, Diane Peacock, Anita Ratliff, Jeremy Rigney, Teresa Scenters, Christy Tate and Dave Van Dellen, would serve as board members for the upcoming year.

Game Page

Crossword



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Native American group of N. California
- 5. Geological times (Brit. sp.)
- 10. Tool to remove
- 12. Rods
- 14. One who renews
- 16. They precede C
- 18. Chatter incessantly
- 19. __ King Cole, musician
- 20. Insect parts
- 22. One from Utah
- 23. The world of the dead
- 25. Singer Redding
- 26. NBA legend Nelson
- 27. Indicates wrongly
- 28. Unhappy
- 30. Anger
- 31. Dark brown
- 33. Some are in kitchens
- 35. Made a mistake
- 37. Damp
- 38. Type of fuel
- 40. Actor Damon
- 41. What thespians do
- 42. One's mother
- 44. Disallow
- 45. Swiss river
- 48. A banana has one
- 50. Philippines lake and volcano are two
- 52. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- 53. Agave
- 55. Journalist Tarbell

- 56. One-time tech giant
- 57. Indicates upon
- 58. Intestinal bacteria
- 63. Loose sheaths around the spinal cord
- 65. It goes with nook
- 66. A fashion
- 67. Very eager to hear or see

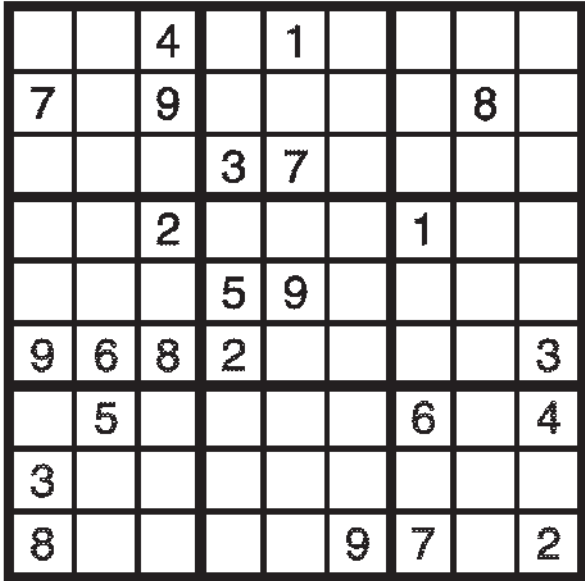
CLUES DOWN

- 1. Witch
- 2. Utilize
- 3. Writing utensil
- 4. Where rockers go to work
- 5. Subsides
- 6. Consume
- 7. Greek mythological figures
- 8. California mountain town
- 9. Tin
- 10. Muse of lyric and love poetry
- 11. Animates anew
- 13. Humorous criticisms
- 15. Cool!
- 17. Worst
- 18. Wet dirt
- 21. Designed to be useful
- 23. Hebrew unit of liquid capacity
- 24. High schoolers' test
- 27. Computer device
- 29. Indian territory __ and Diu

- 32. A place to sleep
- 34. AI tool
- 35. Pass or go by
- 36. Indicates a purchase
- 39. A digital tape recording of sound
- 40. More (Spanish)
- 43. Disfigured
- 44. White (Spanish)
- 46. Church building
- 47. Georgia rockers
- 49. Type of surgery
- 51. Much __ about nothing
- 54. Make by braiding
- 59. Local area network
- 60. Unit of work or energy
- 61. Member of indigenous people of Thailand
- 62. Liquefied natural gas
- 64. Distance to top



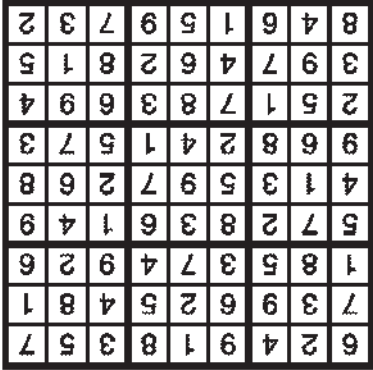
SUDOKU



Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

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



ANSWER:

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

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to Valentine's Day.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 19 = E)

- A. 24 7 19 14 19 12 9
Clue: Gift
- B. 21 11 25 21 25 26 3 9 19
Clue: Confection
- C. 7 25 5 3 12 21 19
Clue: Feelings of affection
- D. 11 19 3 7 9 14
Clue: Love symbols

Answers: A. present B. chocolate C. romance D. hearts

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Adults

Berea Quilters & Needle Artists
1-3 PM, Tuesdays
Meeting Room, Berea

Creative Studio Intro Classes*
5:30-7:30 PM, Tuesdays
Creative Studio, Berea
*Registration required

Embroidery Machine*
Tuesday, February 3

3D Printer*
Tuesday, February 10

Music & Audio Production*
Tuesday, February 17

Laser Cutter & Engraver*
Tuesday, February 24

Stitch & Sew
2-4 PM, Tuesdays
Creative Studio, Berea

Berea Woodcarvers
10 AM-12 PM, Wednesdays
Fireplace, Berea

Open Studio
5-7:30 PM, Wednesdays
Creative Studio, Berea

Classically Read Movie Night
6-7:30 PM, Tuesday, February 3
Community Room, Berea
Watching: *Lord of the Flies* (R, 1h 30m)

Drop-In Tech Help
1-3:30 PM, Thursday, February 5
Fireplace, Berea

GED Testing*
9 AM-1 PM, Friday, February 6
9 AM-1 PM, Friday, February 20
*Registration required
Contact Madison County Adult Education to schedule an exam.

Valen-Tie Dye*
3-4 PM, Saturday, February 7
Community Room, Berea
*Registration required

Creative Studio Orientation
11 AM-12 PM, Monday, February 9
11 AM-12 PM & 5-6 PM, Monday, February 23
Creative Studio, Berea

English Language (ELL) & Spanish Language Tutoring
6-8 PM, Monday, February 9
6-8 PM, Monday, February 23
Community Room, Berea

Podcast Recording 101*
6-8 PM, Monday, February 9
Creative Studio, Berea
*Registration required

Illuminated Impressions
6-7 PM, Tuesday, February 10
Community Room, Berea

Bridge Club
2-4 PM, Thursday, February 12
Meeting Room, Berea

Palentine's Day & Singo
5:30-7:30 PM
Russel Acton Folk Center, Berea

Second Saturday Yoga
10-11 AM, Saturday, February 14
Community Room, Berea

Seed Distribution
Meeting Room, Berea

Seed Workshop
Community Room, Berea

10-11 AM, Saturday, February 21

Berea Writers Circle
1:30-3 PM, Saturday, February 21
Meeting Room, Berea

Genealogy Search Instruction
1:30-3 PM, Saturday, February 21
Community Room, Berea

Creative Studio Live!!
1-2 PM & 5-6 PM,
Thursday, February 26
Creative Studio, Berea

February Book Clubs:

Bookish Brunch Book Club
11 AM-12 PM, Tuesday, February 3
Meeting Room, Berea
Discussing: *Part of Your World* by Abby Jimenez

Just Love Book Club
6-7 PM, Tuesday, February 3
Just Love Coffee, Berea
Discussing: *Finlay Donovan is Killing It* by Elle Cosimano

Booktrovert
6-7 PM, Wednesday, February 4
Russel Acton Folk Center, Berea
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Munchy Monday Cookbook Club*
6-7 PM, Monday, February 23
Russel Acton Folk Center, Berea
Theme: *Breakfast Foods*
*Registration required

Pick of the Month Book Club
6-7 PM, Tuesday, February 24
Community Room, Berea
Discussing: *Crow Mary* by Kathleen Grissom

Classically Read Book Club
7-8 PM, Tuesday, February 24
Community Room, Berea
Discussing: *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen

Booktok Made Me Read It
11 AM-12 PM,
Saturday, February 28
Meeting Room, Berea
Discussing: *Fourth Wing* by Rebecca Yarros

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Wyatt, Circulation Services Manager

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Community Room, Berea
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Yoga Story Time
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Community Room, Berea

Little Artist Story Time
1-2 PM, Wednesdays
Community Room, Berea

LEGO Club+
4-5 PM, Thursdays
Community Room, Berea

Lap Time
10-11 AM, Fridays
Fireplace, Berea
*No Lap Time on February 27.

Books Cook!
2-3 PM, Fridays
Community Room, Berea
Each week, we'll read a fun book and then make a simple dish!

Tall and Small Ball
6-7:30 PM, Saturday, February 21
Community Room, Berea
Dance on down to our fourth annual Tall and Small Ball.

Once Upon an Orchestra
4-5 PM, Wednesday
Fireplace, Berea
Once Upon an Orchestra brings children's books to life through live music performed by an ensemble of 2-5 musicians.

Early Learning Activities
10-11 AM, Friday, February 27
Community Room, Berea

Crafternoon
4-5 PM, Mondays
Community Room, Berea

DIY Valentines
Monday, February 2

I Love Chocolate Party
Monday, February 9

Pottery Bowls
Monday, February 16

Yarn Basket weaving
Monday, February 23

Time Traveler's Workshop
4-5 PM, Tuesdays
Community Room, Berea
Learn about our nation's past through activities and crafts!

Homemade Butter
Tuesday, February 3

Natural Tie Dye
Tuesday, February 10

Snow Candy
Tuesday, February 17

Survive the Wild West
Tuesday, February 24

Teens

Unplugged
Fridays, 3:30-5 PM
Community Room, Berea

Teen Scene: Hand Loom Weaving
4-5 PM, Wednesday, February 4
Learn how to make a beautiful wall hanging on a hand loom!

Teen Advisory Group (TAG)
5-6 PM, Wednesday, February 4
Community Room, Berea

Teen Cuisine: Navajo Fry Bread
4-5 PM, Wednesday, February 11
Community Room, Berea
earn how to make traditional Navajo fry bread and customize it with your choice of toppings.

Pick Your Own Book Club: Romance
4-5 PM, Wednesday, February 18
Community Room, Berea
A book club where you pick what book you read every time! This month, we will be discussing romances.

Berea Writers Circle
1:30-3 PM, Saturday, February 21
Meeting Room, Berea
Meet with other writers to discuss your work and foster good writing.

TAG Presents: Love Song Painting
4-5 PM, Wednesday, February 25
Make a canvas out of music! We will be painting over old records, CDs, and cassette tapes this week.

Teen D&D Open Table*
2-4 PM, Saturday, February 28
Meeting Room, Berea
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New development approved for Stoney Creek

Planning Commission

By Andy McDonald

For The Citizen

A preliminary plat for a new development in the Stoney Creek subdivision was unanimously approved Tuesday by the Berea Planning Commission, adding an additional 135 homes to the neighborhood.

In making the request for approval, Bill Short of

New Idea Construction assured officials that he is aware of the concerns of surrounding residents, and that he has condensed his development to use less land. Short said he is only using 43 acres of the 115 acres he could have employed to build Stoney Creek Acres. The new development is on the southern end of the Stoney Creek neighborhood.

The Stoney Creek subdivision is zoned as a Planned Unit Development (PUD). Short explained that under the PUD designation, he could have built higher density housing, such as apartments in Stoney Acres. Instead, he opted for a development that would preserve surrounding land, he explained.

Berea Codes Enforcement

Administrator Amanda Haney provided a brief overview on Stoney Creek, noting that the PUD was approved in the early 2000s with the intent of providing higher density housing in a mixed neighborhood, which would include single family homes, apartments, duplexes and small businesses. Haney said there are approximately 500 homes built so

far. Roughly 700 homes will be completed by the time current developments are constructed. Haney added that when Stoney Creek was first approved, the idea was to allow the construction of between 900 and 1,000 homes.

As Stoney Creek has grown, city officials have heard from residents in

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FRYSC Week

By Andy McDonald

For The Citizen

The City of Berea honored Family Resource and Youth Services (FRYSC) coordinators Tuesday, with Mayor Bruce Fraley proclaiming February 9 through 13 as Family Resource and Youth Services Coordinators Week.

Representatives from both Berea Independent School District and the Madison County School District FRYSC programs were on hand to accept the honor.

In the proclamation read by Fraley, it is noted that FRYSC coordinators work to remove non-academic barriers to student achievement, helping students in need to overcome challenges that make it harder to succeed in school. Those challenges can include hunger or access to needed supplies or clothing.

The proclamation further noted Berea is served by six FRYSC centers, out of over 900 such facilities throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Berea's FRYSC representative Natasha Johnson thanked the community at large for helping the organization assist local youths.

"I couldn't do it without such a wonderful town. Anything that we ever have a need for, it is always provided," Johnson said. "We have never had a need that has gone unmet. We have wonderful resources in this town, led by a wonderful mayor."

Speaking for FRYSC centers in Madison County schools, Amy Carmichael praised the staff, but also expressed gratitude for the community and the city.

"We are blessed to have all of these people taking care of our students and families," Carmichael said.

"We couldn't do it without the council and the great community of Berea."

When asked by Mayor Fraley how the community can directly assist their local FRYSC offices, representatives said donations are always welcome, including clothing, shoes, food, hygiene products and dental supplies.

During the Council Comments segment of last Tuesday's meeting, Councilman Steve Caudill praised the work of FRYSC centers to make success in school a little more accessible for those who face challenges.

"The Family Resource and Youth Services coordinators do such an amazing job in the schools. I've seen them do so many wonderful things in our community, and the reality is you can't learn if you're hungry, if you're cold, and if you're not taken care of, and they make sure that they [students] really are. The work that they do is immeasurable," Caudill said.

Chief: Calls to BFD saw an increase

By Andy McDonald

For The Citizen

The Berea Fire Department saw an increase in calls for 2025 compared to the previous year, according to a report from Fire Chief Charlie Russell.

Russell explained the increase at a recent Berea City Council meeting, noting his department had 899 service runs in 2024 compared to 1,121 runs in 2025, an increase of 222 incidents.

Because calls to Madison County EMS increased last year, the Berea Fire Department (BFD) occasionally responded to emergencies if EMS was tied up, Russell explained. Russell said his department is trying to help EMS in the most efficient manner.

"We're working to implement our brush truck to run the EMS calls to cut down on running those bigger, more expensive apparatus, [which require] a little bit more maintenance. Then we'll have a smaller

Chief Charlie Russell

apparatus to be able to get into some of the more rural areas," Russell said. "So, we'll be running the EMT [Emergency Medical Technician] on that truck to also help with EMS."

Russell reported his department's activity for 2025 was as follows: 77 fire calls. 28 structure fires, 12 vehicle fires, 17 brush fires, seven over-pressure, rupture or explosion or overheat calls, 326 medical emergency service calls, 64 hazardous conditions, 130 calls for service, 188 good intent calls, 244 false alarm calls, 31 severe weather calls, and 55 special incidents.

In addition to emergency calls, Russell told officials his department has been very busy when it comes to training.

The BFD hired three

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Rat Fight Robotics set to take off

By Maryn McDonald

Special to the Citizen

With technology rapidly changing the world, a small group of students from Madison County is preparing to put their skills to the test at this year's international robotics competitions.

On Feb. 19, from 6-8 pm, in Berea College's Computing, Media, and Information Technology (CMIT) building, Rat Fight will be hosting an on-boarding event for new students who are interested in joining the team. During this time,

new students will get caught up to date on what the team has been working on, in addition to competition details.

Rat Fight Robotics is a student-led organization, mentored by Berea College students

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Carson Pool is shown working on the latest creation of the Rat Fight robotics team, which will be competing in upcoming international competitions. Rat Fight will be hosting an event on Feb. 19 to invite new students to join the Berea College-mentored team.

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OBITUARIES

Mollie Marie Todd



Mollie Marie Todd, 100, departed this life on Feb. 9, 2026, to go home and be with the Lord. She was born on Feb. 19, 1925, in Rockcastle County, to the late Willie and Ida Chasteen Seals. Marie was a devoted wife to the late Roy Edmond Todd and proudly stood as an officer’s wife to the City of Berea Police Department. She served beside Todd with unwavering support, grace, and pride throughout his years. She was also a r tree of West-inghouse. Marie was a charter member of Gethsemane Baptist Church, where she faithfully served in so many roles, including secretary / treasurer, choir, VBS volunteer, hostess committee, and historian. Marie carried out these roles with love for Jesus, dedication, integrity, and a true servant’s heart. Her faith guided her life, and she lived it daily through prayer, kind-ness, generosity, quiet strength, and always seeing the best in everyone. Marie was a talented seamstress and cook, but found her greatest joy in spending time with her family and friends. Flower gardening, pruning her rose bushes, canning vegetables, and making strawberry freezer jam were favorite summer pastimes. She took great pride in the details of all things she did with her hands. Family reunions were especially dear to her as she helped maintain both the

Todd / Gatliff and Seal family reunions for many years. Marie cherished every moment spent with loved ones across generations, including countless hours at her grandchildren’s events and memorializing it in scrapbooks for them. Most of 1l, her home had open doors and was always a place of warmth, where meals were shared, stories were told, grace was offered, and everyone felt welcome. Marie is survived by her stepson, Roy Gene Todd, and his wife, Anita; her two sisters, Mayme (Don) Brum-field, and Lorraine Lake, her sisters-in-law Gaye Seals and Louise Todd Bales, and brother-in-law Hermon Todd; three grandchildren, Billy (Verna) Todd, Tracy Todd Blevins, and Eddie Todd; nine great-grandchildren, Jamie (Casey), Trevor (Hannah), Allie, and Mollie, Finley, Tessa; and McKinzii (Phil), Ellen, and Bo; and three great-great-grandchildren, Zoey, Tripp, and Raylee, as well as a host of beloved nieces, nephews, and friends, including Lisa Houp. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her siblings: Onita Rhodus, Monroe Seals, Ernest Seals, Blueford Seals, Oscar Seals, and Pete Seals. Visitation for Marie will be held on Friday, February 13, 2026, at Davis & Powell Funeral Home from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Funeral services will begin at 11:30 a.m. officiated by Pastor Ed Cortez. You may view the service livestream at www.davisandpowellfuneralhome.com Burial will follow at Scaffold Cane Cemetery.

Michelle Abney Reed



Michelle Abney Reed peacefully went home to be with the Lord on Feb. 3, 2026. She was born on Aug. 22, 1975, in Richmond, to Lee Abney and her beloved late mother, Kaye Gabbard Abney. Michelle had a deep and unwaver-ing love for Jesus and devoted much of her life to studying the Bible. When you thought of Michelle, you saw Jesus reflected in her life—her walk with Him was constant and never-ending. She faithfully served her church, where she especially enjoyed working with the Bible school and participating in the ladies’ group. Mi-chelle found joy in simple pleasures, including words with friends, long drives and time spent with those she loved most. Family outings and beach

vacations were among her favorite moments, and she never missed an opportunity to share laughter—often through a playful prank. Above all, Michelle cherished the time she spent with her church family, her loved ones, and her friends, leaving behind countless memories filled with love, faith and joy. Michelle is survived by her two chil-dren, Ryan Reed and Kaylee (Avery) Davidson, both of Berea; her brother, Jeremy (Amy) Abney, also of Berea; one niece, Chloe Abney; and one nephew, Caleb Abney. A Celebration of Life service was held on Monday, Feb. 9, 2026, at noon at Galilee Baptist Church, officiated by family members. Burial followed at Berea Cemetery. Pallbearers were Ryan Reed, Jeremy Abney, Caleb Abney, Avery David-son, Mike Kerns, and Andrew Miller. Honorary pallbearers will be Andy Northern, Quentin Lamb and Zac McGuire.



Little signs with Georgetown

Sam Little, a Madison Southern High School senior, took the next step in his football journey this week, signing a national letter of intent to continue his academic and athletic career at Georgetown College. Surrounded by family, coaches and teammates, Little made his commit-ment official during a brief ceremony, marking the culmination of years of work on and off the field. He will join the Tigers’ football program this fall, competing in the Mid-South Confer-ence at the NAIA level.

Georgetown’s football program has a long tradition of excellence, consistently competing at a high level within the NAIA. The Tigers have won multiple national championships — 1991, 2000, and 2001 — and have been national finalists and semifinal-ists many times. “It’s a great opportunity for me,” Little said. “Georgetown felt like the right fit from the start — the coaching staff, the campus, and the chance to keep playing the game I love while getting a strong education.”

CHIEF

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new employees over the course of the year, who complete a 13-week Kentucky Fire Academy, followed by a four-week EMT class. Overall, the career staff completed 7,326 training hours in 2025, while volunteer staff completed 2,674 hours. That includes five career staff who gained their 40-hour Rescue Technician Certification, Russell said. In terms of community outreach, the department participated in over 60 public relations events, encom-passing over 100 hours and serving 3,000 people. The department also hosted 15 station tours, five career days, 25 special events, six fire truck Fridays, facilitated seven fire extin-guisher classes and participated in five parades, Russell said. Additionally, the department’s high school training program has had continued success, Russell said. The Ignite South facility located next to Farristown Middle School offers vocational training through

the Madison County School District. Students from the Berea Independent School District also participate in the programs. Ignite South offers firefighter train-ing in cooperation with the BFD, and is currently instructing students from Madison Southern, Berea, and Madi-son Central. The object is to get them ready to begin careers as firefighters, Russell said. Russell capped his first year as Berea fire chief, expressing hope that he’ll continue to learn as he moves his department forward. “I would like to thank my depart-ment staff for their hard work and dedication and professionalism they provide each and every day, on and off duty. “I would like to thank the council and the mayor and city administra-tor for the opportunity to lead such a great staff. This being my first year, I’ve learned quite a bit, but I have a lot to learn. I would like to thank you all for your support,” Russell said. Mayor Fraley closed out the discus-sion by expressing thanks for the pro-fessionalism of the department.

Johnny William Revel Jr.



Johnny William Revel Jr., 63, of Rich-mond, passed away on Sunday, Feb. 8, 2026, in Lexington. Johnny was born on April 1, 1962, in Richmond, Kentucky. He devoted his early career to serving in his fam-ily’s business endeavors as a busi-ness manager with Revel Enterprises. Johnny was blessed with many talents not only in business, but also in his ability to entertain others with his sense of humor and his artistic nature. He was a talented artist who could put together a skit or theatrical pro-duction as well as use his talents to draw pencil sketches. It was his ability to adapt that made him the essential “handyman” for any project and took pride in a project well done. Johnny served as the President of Highland Condominiums and took pride in overseeing projects to meet the needs of the property owners. An avid collector, he particularly enjoyed collecting retro collections,

antiques, and glass. He held a love of old westerns, comic books and video games. His greatest love, however, was that of his family, especially spending time with his children. Often times, his love of collecting an-tiques would inspire traveling adven-tures with his son, Chase, and uncle, Rev. Harry Revel. Johnny was of the Baptist faith and a member of First Baptist Church, Richmond. Survivors include his parents: John W. and Carolyn G. Revel; children: Chase William Revel and Chelsea Ni-cole Edwards (Ryan); grandchild: Ava Rose Edwards; sister: Ann R. Cottone; and numerous nieces and nephew. He was preceded in death by his brother, Jimmy Wayne Revel. Funeral Services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, 2026, at the Combs, Parsons and Collins Fu-neral Home, 328 West Main Street, Richmond, with Rev. Bill Wright officiating. Burial will follow in the Richmond Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Johnny’s cousins will serve as pall-bearers.

Marvin Dewayne Knuckles



Marvin Dewayne Knuckles, 48, of Berea, passed away suddenly on Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2026, after a fall in West Liberty. Marvin was born on June 25, 1977, to Elsie Knuckles and the late Hershel Knuckles. In addition to his mother, Elsie Knuckles of Mt. Vernon, he is also survived by his son, Christian Knuckles, his wife, Teresa Day, step-son, Michael Day all of Berea, three sisters, Tammy Knuckles, Rita (Dar-rell) Alexander both of Berea, Michelle (Jeff) Wright of Mt. Vernon, two brothers, Timmy Isaacs, and Steven (Bobbi Jo) Knuckles both of Berea, his mother-in-law, Beverly Miller of

Berea, who he loved like a mom, he called her everyday. He also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends. Marvin is preceded in death by his daddy, Hershel Knuckles; one brother, Junior Knuckles; niece Tiffany John-son; nephew Daniel Knuckles; his maternal grandparents, Hiram and Rosie Gabbard; paternal grandpar-ents, Joe and Lucy Knuckles; and two brothers-in-law, Danny Moore and Cecil Anglin. Funeral services were at 1 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2026, at Lakes Funer-al Home, with the burial following in the Scaffold Cane Cemetery. A visita-tion was on Monday evening from 6 p.m.-9 p.m. at the funeral home. Pall-bearers will be Timmy Isaacs, Darrell Gabbard, Briany Fryer, Michael Day, Matt Jewell and Darrell Alexander.

NOTICES

Lakes Funeral Home

• Odell Dixon, 80, passed away Feb. 3, 2026. A funeral service will be on Feb. 6 at 2 p.m. Lakes Funeral Home and Cremation Services took care of arrangements.

Reppert Funeral Home

• Betsy Bain Lamb, 66, passed away Feb. 2, 2026. A graveside service will be on Feb. 13 at 1 p.m. at Silver Creek Cemetery. Reppert Funeral Home and Cremation Service took care of arrangements.

Davis & Powell Funeral Home

• Dorothy Marie Campbell, 81, passed away Jan. 27, 2026. A funeral service was held Feb. 7 at noon. Davis & Powell Funeral Home took care of arrangements. • Clarence Wilbert Adams, 55, passed away Feb. 5, 2026. Arrangements are pending. Davis & Powell Funeral Home will take care of ar-rangements. • Justin O’Brian Boone, 22, passed away Feb. 5, 2026. Davis & Powell Funeral Home will take care of arrangements. • Shirley Ann Cheek, 83, passed away Feb. 6, 2026. A funeral service was held Feb. 11 at 1 p.m. at Cartersville Holiness Church. Davis & Powell Funeral Home took care of arrange-ments. • Oneida Joyce Dooley, 82, passed away Feb. 7, 2026. A graveside service will be held Feb. 12 at 2 p.m. at Berea Cemetery. Davis & Powell Funeral Home took care of arrangements.

Combs, Parsons and Collins Funeral Home

• Cheryl Joan Ward Richardson, 75, passed away Feb. 2, 2026. A funeral service will be Feb. 12, 2026 at 12:30 p.m. Combs, Parsons & Collins Funeral Home took care of arrangements. • Brenda Casey Smith, 76, passed away Feb. 2, 2026. Private services will take place. Combs, Parsons & Collins Funeral Home took care of arrangements. • Barbara Ruth Taylor, 94, passed away Feb. 4, 2026. Private services will take place. Combs, Parsons & Collins Funeral Home took care of arrangements. • Betty Lee Seibers, 84, passed away Feb. 4, 2026. A funeral service was held on Feb. 9, 2026 at 1 p.m. Combs, Parsons & Collins Funeral Home took care of arrangements.

Oldham, Roberts & Powell Funeral Home

• Fred Clay Brandenburg, 75, passed away Feb. 2, 2026. A funeral service was held Feb. 8 at 1 p.m. Oldham, Roberts & Powell Funeral Home took care of arrangements. • Myrtle Miller Willis, 92, passed away Feb. 3, 2026. A funeral service was held Feb. 7 at 1 p.m. Oldham, Roberts & Powell Funeral Home took care of arrangements. • Patrick Edward Ridgley, 94, passed away Feb. 3, 2026. A funeral service will be held Feb. 16 at 1 p.m. at First United Methodist. Oldham, Roberts & Powell Funeral Home took care of arrangements. • James Roscoe Elam, 74, passed away Feb. 4, 2026. A visitation was held Feb. 9 at 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Oldham, Roberts & Powell Funeral Home took care of arrangements.



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Nancy Guthrie case: Be prayerful, and be alert

By the time you read this there will hopefully be good news about Nancy Guthrie. Our nation has prayed for her, her famous daughter, Savannah, and her family. The abduction of this beautiful, charming 84-year-old woman is alarming and very concerning to us all. Nancy Guthrie is known as a sweet, beautiful church going lady. Millions of us have been introduced to her via national television. We feel like we know her and Savannah as they have been welcomed into our homes via television for many years.



Glenn Mollette

We have asked the question “Why would someone do this to such a wonderful elderly lady?” The best answer seems to be for money. Savannah Guthrie makes millions each year as anchor of the Today show. She would appear to be a deep well for cash. Sadly, it might not necessarily be for cash. People seemingly kidnap and kill others for no apparent reason. Some people kill others simply because they want to kill someone. Yes, it’s a horrific thought, but we know it’s true.

Nancy Guthrie’s kidnapping is a frightening reminder that no one is ever beyond becoming a victim of a crime. Just because you are good and kind does not make you immune from being the target of evil. Evil doesn’t care who you are, how religious you are or how nice you are to others. An evil person will rob, hurt and kill even the very best of people. This crime reminds us that you are never totally safe, wherever you may live. You may live in a small town, a rural community or in a gated, security filled place but evil people plot, scheme and look for a way. We can never be too careful.

Lights are important around your home. Bad people don’t like the light. An evil person loves darkness more than light. The lighter the better. A barking, biting dog makes intruders think twice. A barking dog is like a big alarm going off. Bad people don’t like alarms. Be safe entering your home late in the evening. This is where light and a dog help. A handgun in your pocket also helps. Have the handgun in your hand and the safety off. If someone comes at you from out the bushes then protect yourself. If someone is waiting on you in your house and have your gun in hand, you can defend yourself against the evil perpetrator. Security cameras can be great for catching people later but they may not prevent anyone from attacking you.

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. We all hope and pray this happens to no one, but it does. It happened to Nancy Guthrie and none of us are immune.

In 2024 533,936 persons were reported missing in the United States. 203,330 were over the age of 18. Be prayerful for Nancy Guthrie and be alert.

Letters to the Editor

Guidelines: Letters to the editor must contain no more than 500 words. Writers are limited to a maximum of three letters in a three-month period. Letters are published in the order in which they are received as space permits. Letters must not contain libelous materials and all letters must include the author’s name, address, a telephone number or e-mail address for verification purposes. Illegible or incoherent letters will not be considered for publication. Letters which do not meet the guidelines will neither be published nor returned to the author. For questions, contact the editor at (859) 986-0959.



Forever in Blue Jeans: Stylish win for Comeback Cats

It was a reunion to remember.

Kentucky honored one of its most beloved teams, the 1995-96 national championship squad, “The Untouchables,” put on the denim jerseys and completed a sweep of Tennessee on Saturday night.



Keith Taylor

Seven of coach Mark Pope’s former teammates came to support their captain and watched as the Wildcats recorded their fifth double-digit comeback of the season. Kentucky rallied from a 14-point halftime deficit to snap Tennessee’s modest four-game winning streak.

Much like the Wildcats did three decades ago after unveiling the blue denim uniforms and Converse shoes, Pope and his teammates celebrated together after the final buzzer. He ran into the arms of former teammates Cameron Mills and Derek Anderson after the 74-71 triumph over the Volunteers and seven members of the national championship team that went 34-2, joined Pope on the podium for the post-game media session.

The comeback made a special night even more memorable. It wasn’t the denim, but what was in ‘em, as the coach said all week. Pope made his team aware of the importance of taking care of business on the court before tipoff.

“It’s Kentucky, there’s so much noise surrounding everything these guys do, and honoring the denim and bringing back the denim was

such a big deal and such a big storyline,” he said. “I know all of this is going on, but this is not about 30 years ago. This is not about denim, this is just about anything except for the story that you guys are writing right now.”

That story has kept Big Blue Nation on edge, especially since Kentucky opened Southeastern Conference play in January. First-half deficits doomed the Wildcats in losses to Alabama and Missouri the first week of the new calendar year. A five-game winning streak, sandwiched between a blowout loss at Vanderbilt and three straight victories, has Kentucky well-positioned to make a run at winning the regular-season title.

The Wildcats have clawed their way to eight wins in the past nine games, going into Saturday’s showdown at No. 17 Florida.

“The story that these guys are writing right now is awesome — it’s their story,” Pope said. “If you are not enjoying it, if you are not on this ride with us, I feel bad for you because it just is what it is, man. It might not be the normal way we do things here in Kentucky, but it’s pretty great.”

During the struggles early this season, Pope’s former teammates were encouraging him. At the same time, they reminded the Kentucky coach of the standard that’s expected regardless of the unforeseen circumstances that led to the team’s early letdowns.

The group texts between the original denim brotherhood were tense and straight to the point.

“He gets no passes,” former Kentucky guard Derek

Anderson said. “... We’re not gonna give him a pass if he’s not doing well. ... He’s always been responsible to that. So our group chat is very active.”

Through recent wins and triumphant moments, the pressure has subsided. Pope said the chats won’t “be quite so vile” moving forward.

“The connection that we have — you can’t buy it,” Pope said. “There’s nothing in the world like it. I care about these guys so much. I love them so much. I’m grateful that they could be honored in all the ways they got honored (Saturday). I’m grateful our team honored them with a win. Because that matters too. It matters to me.”

It’s not known if the Wildcats will keep denim uniforms in style for the remainder of the season but, regardless, the expectations for the name on the front of the jersey won’t change.

“I can talk to them till I’m blue in the face and BBN can reach out to them nonstop, but you don’t really understand what this is until you have bled and suffered and sacrificed for this place,” Pope said. “That’s actually what makes this jersey great. These guys are in the process of doing it. The hits we’ve taken this year, I wouldn’t wish this on anybody. But these guys refused to go away. That’s why they are actually making this great.”

“They are earning the understanding of what it means to be Kentucky by their blood, sweat, and tears ... super cool.”

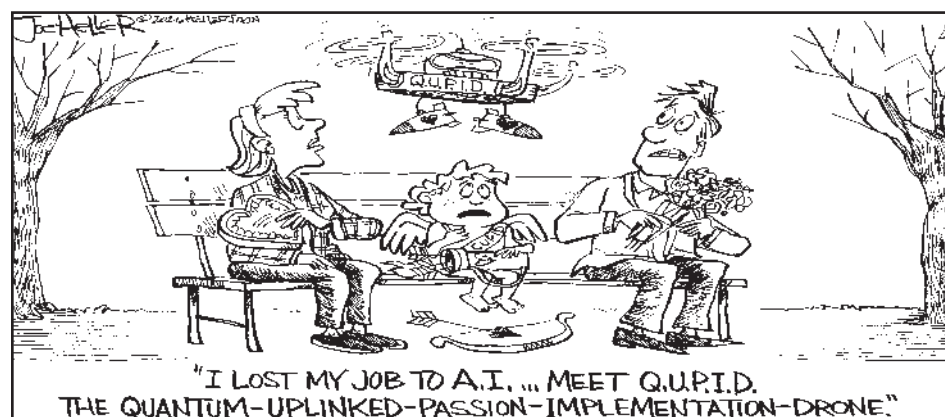
Keith Taylor

FROM OUR READERS

Dear Editor:

I’m Patricia M. Oliver, 74 years old. And I want to thank you, Berea, Ky., for your wonderful presentation at the Berea Memorial Park. I want to commend you on your presentation that has never been done before. It was mainly for the children, but I want you to know there were more adults than children there. I’m very pleased! I’m proud of Berea. You have done something wonderful and it won’t be forgotten!!!

Patricia Oliver



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Jan. 30 • Joshua Smith, 28: serving parole violation warrant • Jeannette Monroe, 60: failure to appear • Eric Barnes, 31: failure to improper signal; operating on suspended or revoked operator’s license; failure to appear (2 counts) • Jonathon Rhodus, 39: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 1st • Tyler Hacker, 28: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 – 3rd (aggravated circum-	Jan. 31 • John Hardin, 59: failure to appear (2 counts) • Victor Anglin, 33: possession of marijuana; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); failure to appear • Marc Miller, 31: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08-1st	Feb. 2 • Riva Banks, 56: failure to illuminate head lamps; operating on suspended or revoked operator’s license; license to be in possession; failure to produce insurance card; failure of owner to maintain required insurance/ security, 1st; possession of marijuana • Tommy Eaton, 51: theft of identity of identity of	Feb. 3 • Michael Corder, 53: failure to appear • Carly Rankin, 36: operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance – 1st (aggravated circumstances); wanton endangerment, 1st degree; license to be in possession; resisting arrest • Jessica York, 43: public intoxication – controlled substance (exclude alcohol) • Muraddin Kadyrov, 51: contempt of court, libel/ slander, resistance to order • Johnny McQueen, 63: failure to appear • Dustin Allen, 46: hold for court • Daniel Kelley, 47: hold for court • Randy Kauffman, 35: hold for court	• Michael Mivins, 49: hold for court • Justin Richardson, 36: probation violation, for felony offense Feb. 4 • Victor Lezacno, 36: theft by unlawful taking or disposition, shoplifting; drug paraphernalia – buy/ possess • Katie Nichols, 27: possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine) • Jenna Logan, 29: operating motor vehicle under the influence of controlled substance(s) – 1st • Shannon Hardy, 40: trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); drug paraphernalia – buy/ possess; operating on suspended or revoked operator’s license • Samantha Dotson, 44: operating motor vehicle under the influence of substance(s) – 1st • Kevin Rogers, 42: hold for court • Lealand Edwards, 37: parole violation, for technical violation • James, Rollins, 35: failure to appear; bail jumping, 1st degree • Ronald Fogle, 46: parole violation, for technical violation • David Wright, 54: failure to appear

PROPERTY TRANSFERS		MARRIAGES
Jan. 28 • MA Conley Construction, LLC to Damon LeRoyn Renfrow, 638 Champion Way, \$690,00 • SJO Investments, LLC to Feather Wafford, 425 Yosemite, Lane, \$310,900 • Brian Andrew Jenkins and Mekesha Darlene Jenkins to Robertson Holdings, LLC, 303 Remington Court, \$290,000 • Roy Todd Builders, Inc. to Marian Goffoli, lot 82 Block 1 Central Park, \$279,000 • KJC Construction Inc. to Billy Todd Builders, LLC, lots 6 – 10 West Park, Berea, \$235,000 • Paul Blanton, as Administrator of the Estate of Brenda G. Blanton, Paul and Ladonna Blanton, Barry Blanton and Mary Blanton, Stanley Blanton and Melinda Michelle Blanton, Christina Beasley and Jonathan Beasley to WW Investments, lot 1 plat 6/216 (vicinity of Scaffold Cain Road), \$125,000	• Darren Kissinger and Natalie Kissinger to Kimberly Keeton 610 Powderhorn Drive, \$195,000 • Taryn Sweet (n/k/a Taryn Lathrop) and Taryn Lathrop, Kimberly A. Kammer and James J. Kammer, to Iskulaz Holdings, 4025 Ruby Rose Road, \$225,000 • PWG Industries, LLC to Iskulaz Holdings, LLC, 625 Jennifer Drive, \$249,200 • Bryce D. Howard and Lynn Elizabeth Grunkemyer to Iskulaz Holdings, LLC, 629 Jennifer Drive, \$227,500 • Stephen D. Bates to Colette Mink and Mickey Mink, 219 Winward Way, \$332,500 • LMP Development, LLC to Craft Masonry, Inc., 128 Ivy Creek Drive, \$79,500 • Jackson Croslin Damron to KWB Properties, LLC, lot 9A p31/36, \$239,000 • King’s Rentals, LLC to King’s Rentals, LLC, lots plat 15/42, for and in consideration of clarifying the name of the entity in prior deed • Timothy R. Buckley and Nicol Buckley to Anfrew Spanyer and Mary Spanyer, tracts Madison County, \$295,000	Jan. 28 • Grace Elizabeth Levan, unemployed 24 of Miamisburg, Ohio to Nathaniel Michael Turkov, chemical engineer, 23, of Fairfield Ohio • Hannah Kay Fairchild, dental hygienist, 22 of Berea to Jordan Warren Williams, civil engineer, 23 of Berea • Kristi Monique Sexton, artist, 55 of Berea to La’SWhelle Quintte Allen, opera singer, 55 of Berea • April Lynn Clemmons, manager, 41 of Booneville to James Dempsy Franks, diesel mechanic, 41 of Booneville
Jan. 30 • Chasity Ray to Ryan Colliver and Mary Colliver, lot 68 Bay Colony Subdivision, \$610,000 • Michelle Elaine Woods and Jeremy Woods to KY Home Investors, LLC, lot 71 Frazwood Subdivision Block B, \$71,000 • KY Home Investors, LLC to Southern Investment, LLC< lot 71 Block B Frazewood Subdivision \$110,000 • Dale Ray Properties, LLC to Tradeworks, LLC, 408 Farris Parks Boulevard, 412 Farris Parks Boulevard, \$652,000 • Nicholas A. Cole and Kourtney Cole to Jonathan Andrew Pace and Hali M. Ashley, lot 30 Moreland Estates, \$270,000 • Mary E. Colliver and Ryan Thomas Colliver to Colby James Smith and Bailey Durea Wright Smith, 303 Wisteria Court, \$3360,000 • LMP Development, LLC to Craft Masonry, Inc., lots 55, 44 – 67 and 72 – 78 Shiloh Cove Phase 2, \$795,500 • Thomas Halcomb to Lisa Alford, lot 1 p28/15, ½ interest for and in consideration of love and affection between stepparent and stepchild • Manfred Charles Smith and Erina K. Smith to IKE Homes, LLC, lot 3 Avawam Estates Phase 1 of Boone’s Trace Subdivision, \$75,000	Feb. 3 • D.R. Horton, Inc. – Louisville, a Delaware Company to Donovan Provost and Emly Ann Crimaldi, lot 48 Carriage Place Phase 1, \$359,883 • The Estate of Carolyn Jane Vice to Nickolas Wrobleski, lot 1 plat 22/166, \$269,900 • Thomas White and Apryl White to Janice Czochara and Jacqueline Czochara and Lynda Czochara Rouch, lot 11 Bradford Court Subdivision, \$359,900 • Mark Chula and Ranay Chula to Justin Ray in Chula and Jesse Daid Chula, as Co-Trustees of the Chula Family Irrevocable Trust, tract Riverhill Farms, for and in consideration of estate planning purposes • A&R Contractors, LLC to Warren Adams and Bernadette Adams, lot 52 Parkview @ Hanger Farm Subdivision, Phase 1, \$349,900 • Leslie C. Carpenter and Michael Davis to Leslie Davis and Michael S. Davis, lot 96 Phase 4 Welchwood Subdivision, in order to carry out desire of Grantors and in consideration of Grantor’s mutual desire that such be done	Feb. 5 • Sydney Leigh Chadwell, registered nurse, 27 of Richmond to Jacob Aaron Houk, industrial hygienist, 30 of Richmond
Feb. 2 • Melvin Macomber and Cheryl Macomber and Ian Dyson to Richard Rhodes, Jr. and Samatha Jewel Rhodes, 152 Wesley Court, \$255,000 • Brian Hill and Kelsey R. Hill to Kevin Christopher Feeley and Nikki Brea O’Fithchealaigh, tract 1 A Plat 32/209, \$386,000	Feb. 4 • Ethel Mae Davidson to Dustyn Watson and Shae Kellner, lot 22 and 23 Block N Rosedale Addition, \$169,000 • Kevin Jay Paratchek and Jessica Paratchek to Jana Agee and Joshya	Feb. 6 • Kyper Erin Irem, production engineer, 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 Berea 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 of Richmond Dale Foster, retired, 56 of Richmond

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PUBLIC NOTICE

A&S Store Inc.
55 Raleigh Rd, Science Hill, Ky. 42553.
Hereby declares intention(s) to apply for a **Quota Retail Package, NQ Retail Malt Beverage Package and transitional license(s).**
No later than March 3, 2026, the business to be licensed will be located at
865 KY 1016 Unit B, Berea, Kentucky 40403,
doing business as
Silver Creek Wine & Spirits.
Owner is **Jagdushkymar Patel** of 55 Raleigh Rd, Science Hill, Ky 42553.
Any person may protest this approval of the license by writing the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control within thirty (30) days of the date of legal publication.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Cobo's Cantina and Grill
790 Chestnut St. Berea Ky. 40403
doing business as **Cobo's Cantina and Grill.**
Hereby declares intention(s) to apply for a **NQ2 Re-tail Drink License and Special Sunday Retail Drink licene(s)**
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Religion

'Sweetheart' or 'Babe' works when you can't recall a name

I enjoyed the story of the young man who was impressed by the tender way his elderly grandfather addressed his grandmother, always calling her babe, darling, honey, sweetheart and the like.
"You act like a newlywed with all those pet names," the young man said. "After 60 years of marriage, what's your secret?"
"To tell you the truth, I for-

got her name about five years ago." Pet names aren't only sweet; they are also descriptive. That's especially true for Jesus who has many such names. He's the Redeemer, Savior, Good Shepherd, Prince of Peace,



Roger Alford

Bread of Life, Lamb of God, Master, Advocate, and Mediator.
He's the Alpha and Omega, Chief Cornerstone, King of Kings, and Light of the World.
He's the Almighty One, Alpha and Omega, Advocate, Author and Finisher of Our Faith, Beloved Son, Chief Cornerstone, Deliverer, Faithful and True.
He's our Great High Priest,

Immanuel, and the Lion of the Tribe of Judah.
He's Lord of All, Mediator, Messiah, Mighty One, Our Hope, and the only Begotten Son.
He's the Perfect Sacrifice, the Son of the Most-High, and the Resurrection and the Life.
He's the Door, the Way, the Word, and the True Vine.
And that's not an exhaustive list.

If pet names are a sign of love, Jesus certainly is loved. He's loved by his Father, and He's loved by his people. And He should be, considering what He has done for us. I hope you talk about Jesus in a way that leaves no doubt in your grandson's mind that you love Him dearly.

Reach Roger Alford
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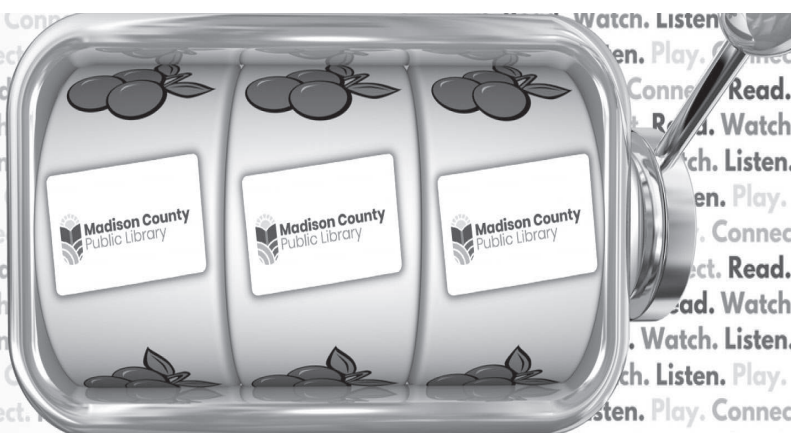
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November 12 1925

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.

October 12, 1950
Berea Locker opens

The Berea Locker and Grocery held its grand opening on October 6 and 7th. The building had been repainted and boasted all new equipment. Free prizes were given away on Saturday. O.L. Kenner was the recipient of a Mirro Matic pressure saucepan. Second prize of an Amour boiled ham went to Mrs. Ralph King. Third prize of an eclectic iron went to Mrs. Carl Clark and Fourth prize of \$5.00 in gro-

series went to Mr. Bert Herd.

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 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.

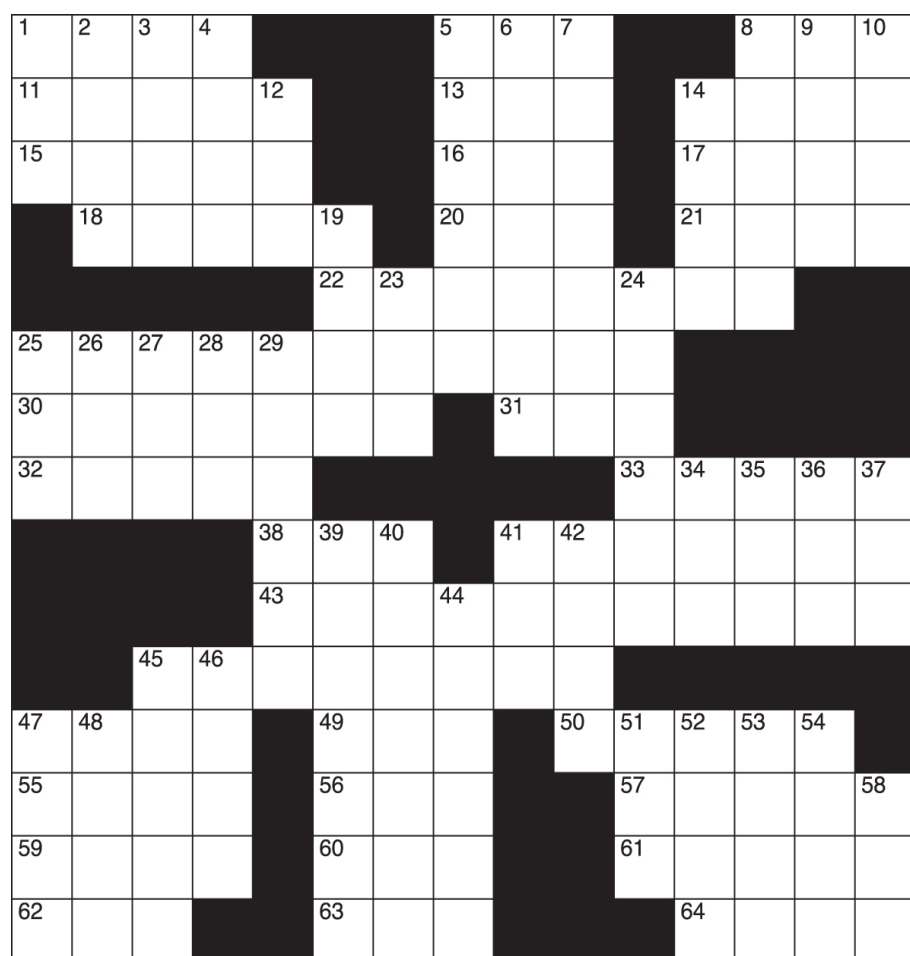
October 17, 2000

Student to play

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.

Game Page

Crossword



CLUES ACROSS

1. Breezed through
5. Consumer protection agency
8. Criminal syndicate
11. Moves back from
13. Satisfaction
14. Feel concern or interest
15. Monetary units
16. Congressman (abbr.)
17. Israeli city
18. Restaurants
20. 2,000 lbs.
21. Grandmother
22. North, South and Central
25. In an early way
30. Foes
31. Social networking platform
32. Early term for basketball player
33. Another name for sesame plant
38. Disallow
41. Provide greater detail
43. Inaccessible
45. Evoke emotions
47. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
49. Celtic punk rockers
50. A fencing sword
55. Actor Idris
56. Affirmative (slang)
57. Afflicted in mind or

body

59. One point north of northeast
60. Born of
61. Social media hand gesture
62. Hong Kong food stall __ pai dong
63. Opposite of beginning
64. Email function

CLUES DOWN

1. Sign language
2. Fashionable
3. Borough in Helsinki
4. Inability to hear
5. More quickly
6. An idea accepted as a demonstrable truth
7. Shrewdly
8. Rooney and Kate are two
9. Mediterranean port
10. Benedictine monk
12. Midway between south and southeast
14. Town in Galilee
19. Satisfy
23. Mice genus
24. Brass instrument
25. Chest muscle (slang)
26. Transmits genetic information from DNA
27. Records electric currents generated by the brain

28. Woman (French)
29. Short route aircraft
34. Pitching statistic
35. Pointed end of a pen
36. Popular sports league
37. Body part
39. Inoffensive
40. Yellowish cotton cloth
41. Feline
42. Does not tell the truth
44. Seduced
45. Spiritual leader
46. Abba __ Israeli politician
47. Repair
48. Olive genus
51. Swiss river
52. Prejudice
53. C. European river
54. Keep under control
58. Father



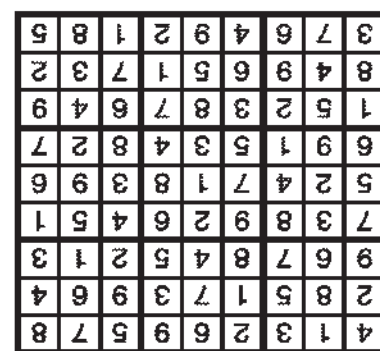
SUDOKU



Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

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



ANSWER:



Solve the code to discover words related to heart health.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 9 = S)

- A. 8 23 22 9 3**
Clue: Throbbing of arteries
- B. 8 10 3 9 9 23 10 3**
Clue: Continuous force
- C. 8 23 20 8 6 25 14**
Clue: Moving blood through body
- D. 2 3 9 9 3 22 9**
Clue: Veins and arteries

Answers: A. pulse B. pressure C. pumping D. vessels

FIGHT

FROM PAGE 1

made up of high schoolers from Berea Community, Madison Southern, Model, and Madison Central. While most members attend traditional schooling, a handful are homeschooled.

The team meets three times a week in one of Berea College's newest buildings, the CMIT building. There, they design and build their robot for the For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) Robotics Competition.

The first regional competition that Rat Fight will compete in is the Smoky Mountain Regional in Sevierville, Tennessee, from March 18-21, followed by the Miami Valley Regional in Cincinnati, Ohio, from April 1-4. Both of these regional competitions draw teams

from all over the world. Combined with local competitors from across the United States, FIRST pulls teams from as far away as China and India.

The challenge for this year was released in January, and the team has already begun work on the robot. Teams must build a robot that can score fuel into designated bins called processors to earn points for their alliance. The alliances consist of three teams, all working together against the other alliance to score the most points—the alliance with the highest score at the end of the round advances in the rankings.

Last year at the Smoky Mountain Regional, Rat Fight placed 29th out of 47 total teams. Member Natalie Lykins expressed high hopes for the team this year, saying she hopes the team can place in the top 10 at either competition. Rat Fight's participation was made possible through the support from: the Berea College Labor Department;

Berea College Alumni, Communications, and Philanthropy; Berea College Computer Science Department; Novelis; AndyMark; FIRST; and their community.

Although the main goal for the season is to build a competitive robot, mentor and head coach Dylan Roland emphasizes one of the team's core values, "Fun first, robot second." This philosophy has helped the team create a welcoming, friendly environment and get to know others who share similar interests.

Model High School senior Isaac Sartor said, "My favorite thing about the team is the community within it. You have so many different kinds of people and viewpoints, and everyone is respectful of each other and each other's ideas."

Rat Fight has four different sub-teams members can be a part of: Build Team, CAD [computer-aided design] Team, Software Team, and their newest addition, Business

Team. All of these teams work together to publicize the robot. During the fall season, each sub-team took on additional projects to refine their skills and fulfill sponsor requests. The CAD Team was tasked with creating a 3D-printed sign for Novelis based on an interpretation of a sketch that was sent to them. Sponsored by Novelis, The Build Team continued work on their can-crushing robot project (CAN bot). The robot was created to promote recycling by crushing aluminum cans, as Novelis is the global leader in recycling. The Software Team, meanwhile, continued improving their coding skills and learning other skills that will benefit the team this season.

The Business Team, Rat Fight's newest sub-team, helps students develop real-life skills in the business world. This season, under the guidance of Business Team mentor and founder David Brothers, the Business Team planned and

organized an open house event for the team, showcasing all of their accomplishments from the fall season. The event drew over 60 community members, along with many of their sponsors. Elaina Kirby, a Berea Community High School senior at Rat Fight, says that "I learned about fundraising, outreach, and how to communicate properly in a professional setting since joining the Business Team."

Rat Fight is always looking for more high school students who are interested in the STEM field or business world, who want to expand their knowledge. For more information, contact us at 9152ratfight@gmail.com.

"I think the team has had a really positive impact on me. I've learned a lot in general, and had a really good time coming over to the building on campus and being able to be in a room with a bunch of other people who share similar interests," said Isaac Sartor.

PLAN

FROM PAGE 1

the subdivision who are concerned about traffic safety. Currently, Wyldwood Way is the only way in and out of the subdivision, connecting to U.S. 25. Residents maintain another entry is needed, both because of everyday traffic congestion and to be able to get out of the subdivision in the event of an emergency.

On Tuesday, officials said the city is working with Madison County to connect the northern end of Stoney Creek to Crestview Drive. That road is currently only accessible as an emergency evacuation route. As for Wyldwood Way, attorney Preston Worley noted that both private and state traffic studies indicate that the traffic coming out of Stoney Creek is still well within the safety standards maintained by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.

On a related note, the Berea City Council Public Works Committee also met Tuesday to discuss whether to install a temporary speed table on

Wyldwood Way to slow traffic coming into the subdivision. A speed table is an asphalt or rubber mound that slows traffic.

Berea City Administrator Shawn Sandlin said one of the problems with speed tables is they create noise as motorists drive over them, which can be a nuisance for nearby homeowners.

Meanwhile, Public Works Committee Chair Jerry Little expressed concern that installing a speed table might set a bad precedent, and could potentially cause complications, such as interfering with snow removal equipment.

With that in mind, the committee opted to hold off on the speed table idea, instead having Public Works install signs to caution motorists to slow down while the issue is being studied.

In other action, the commission installed new officers Tuesday, with Ben Robinson III taking over as chair for Greg Lakes, Lakes moving to secretary, and Martin Richards remaining vice chair.

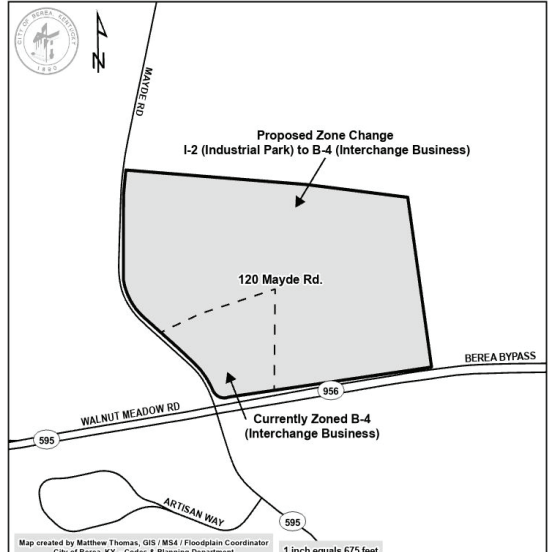
Betty Olinger was honored Tuesday. Olinger is stepping down after 22 years of service to the commission, to be replaced by Andrew Gardiner.



PUBLIC NOTICE

As required by State and Federal regulations, the public is hereby informed that KI USA was in violation of their Industrial User Permit during 2025 and the facility has been identified as being in Significant Noncompliance (SNC) for that year under guidelines set by the Berea Municipal Utilities, U.S. EPA and the Kentucky Division of Water. For violations of the discharge limits for nickel and zinc during the 4th calendar quarter of 2025, KI USA was issued Notices of Violation (NOVs) requiring corrective actions and meetings were held. KI USA implemented improvements to its pretreatment systems and BMU's increased monitoring verified that the facility had returned to compliance. No additional actions by BMU have been necessary.

Questions regarding this matter can be addressed to Kevin Howard, BMU Utility Manager, at (859) 986-4391 or Cynthia Leason, the BMU pretreatment consultant, at (859) 885-3331.



PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

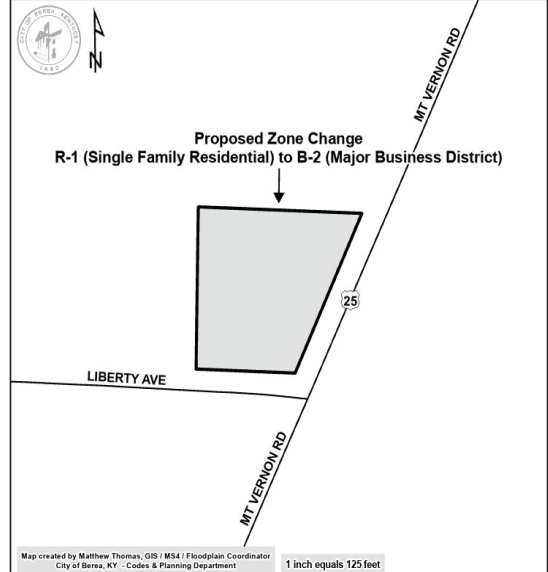
The Berea Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at 6:00 P.M., in the Council Chambers of the Berea City Annex for the purpose of considering the following requests:

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The public is invited to attend and make comments.

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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.

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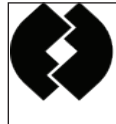
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Eco boost

City lands big bucks for jobs, infrastructure

By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

The Berea City Council unanimously adopted a resolution Tuesday enabling the administration to receive \$2 million for developing a new section of the Berea Industrial Park.

The state funds will be granted from the Kentucky Product Development Initiative (KDPI), a program of the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development. Berea will be receiving the funds on behalf of the Central Kentucky Business Park Authority (CKBPA), an economic development alliance consisting of the City of Berea, Madison County, Scott County and Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government.

The first major project of the CKBPA will be the Triple Crown Business Park, which will consist of approximately 200-300 acres running from a point past Farristown Industrial Drive, down to Silver Creek near U.S. 25 N.

Officials say the funds will initially be used to level land that would otherwise be unusable. Work on preparing the terrain could begin as early as August.

On a related note, local officials representing the CKBPA were in Lexington Tuesday to receive an additional \$2 million in federal funds for the project from Congressman Andy Barr, bringing the total

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Inoperative vehicle ordinance adopted

By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

City Council

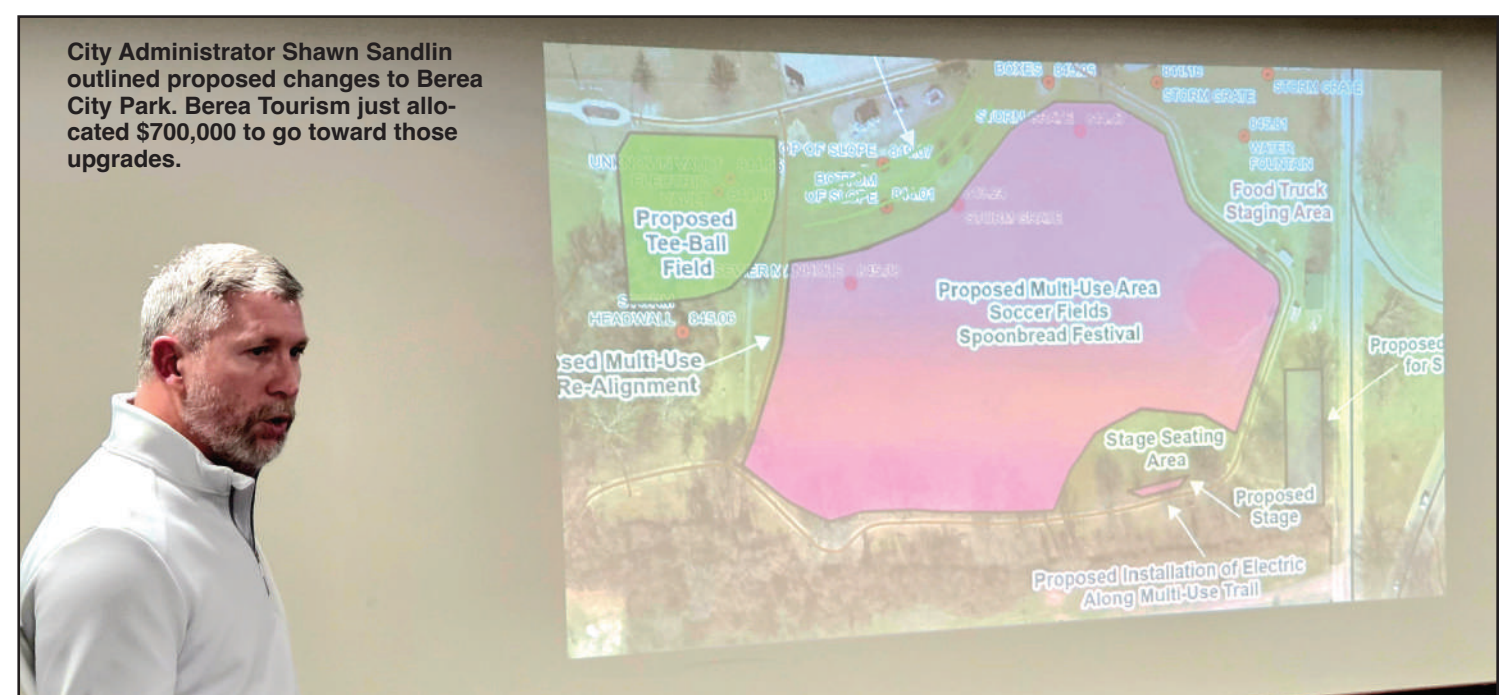
The Berea City Council adopted an ordinance Tuesday enabling the police department to flag inoperative vehicles on city streets, then possibly have them towed if the vehicle owner is non-compliant.

According to the new ordinance, a vehicle parked on a city street that appears to be inoperable for more than 30 days, or if it has expired tags and expired registration, the Berea Police Department can issue a citation requiring the owner to remove the vehicle within a designated period.

During a previous council session, Berea City Administrator Shawn Sandlin explained that the ordinance does not apply to private property. In other words, a repair business or body shop would not be subject to the ordinance. Vehicles on private property are already covered under the nuisance laws in Berea city codes, Sandlin explained.

When the vote was cast, Ronnie Terrill, Barry

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Giving back

Tourism gives \$700K to city for park upgrades

By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

The Berea City Council heard the first reading of an ordinance adopting the mid-year budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, including a \$700,000 allocation from Berea Tourism to upgrade Berea City Park.

The move comes on the heels of a Berea Tourism Commission meeting last week in which officials voted to use tourism funds to be used for park improvements.

Berea Tourism Director Nancy Conley said the money will help boost local business because the park improvements could help bring more tourists and business to town.

"The infrastructure that will be put in place broadens the possibilities for future activities," Conley said.

Berea City Administrator Shawn Sandlin first introduced ideas for the proposed changes in a December work session.

Under the proposed plan, the Berea Chamber of Commerce Spoonbread Festival events would be moved from Memorial Park to the seven-acre area in Berea Community Park. The space is currently occupied by a T-ball field and fields for youth soccer.

The T-ball field would be moved to the area just outside the gateway to the ball fields, and there might be an opportunity to add more soccer fields, Sandlin told officials.

Sandlin noted that Jefferson Street would no longer have to be closed for the festival, and the chamber could offer more booth space, doubling the size of space for vendors. Additionally, by providing electric service along the new path, other community events could be potentially staged there.

Sandlin said there is also an opportunity to add a stage for different kinds of performances, whether it is music, outdoor theater, or other events. That facility would be located what is

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Coach reaches milestone doing it the 'Wright' way

By Denis House
For the Citizen

The Madison Southern Eagles gave Coach Steve Wright the best Valentine's Day gift possible: His 800th win as a head coach in Kentucky high school basketball.

Afterwards, Wright, who is in his third season at the helm of the Eagles, took a moment to reflect on the magnitude of 800 wins, and his mind drifted to his late father, who had passed away the previous year.

"He was always about doing things right and treating people right," Wright said. "He always said, 'Work outworks talent any day.' I think about all that kind of stuff."

Wright's road to 800 included stops at Walton-Verona, Laurel County, South Laurel, Southwestern, Montgomery County, and Madison Southern. His greatest success was at South Laurel, where he won seven regional titles (one at Laurel County, which would later become South Laurel in 1994) and a state championship in 2005. Over an eight-year span, he won six region titles. He also had stops at the collegiate level as an assistant coach at Transylvania and Embry-Riddle. In total, he has been a head coach for 45 years. He also spent four years as a freshman and four years as a junior varsity coach before getting his first head coaching job. In 1986, at Walton-Verona, his team went to the finals of the All "A" regional.

"After that, I applied for a job at Laurel County, and somehow got it," Wright said. He said that Allen Feldhaus, Sr., helped him get that job, putting in a good word for him with the superintendent at

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Lenten series begins Feb. 25

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As Christians around the world prepare to enter the season of Lent leading up to Easter, please join in the Annual Lenten Lunch Series.

The event is hosted by Berea United Methodist Church and featuring guest speakers from around the area including Father Baualldo of St Clare Catholic Church, Pastor Kent Gilbert of Union Church, Rev. Lisa and Mark Caldwell-Reiss of First Christian Church, Father Giorgi of St. Athanasius Orthodox Church, and Alma Rodriguez, lay person of Berea United Methodist Church.

Please join us every Wednesday at noon Feb. 25th – March 25th in the Parish House, 101 Fee Street, Berea.

There will be a brief program with one of the speakers, special music, and a free light lunch.

Those attending should be able to enjoy the program and a meal and return to work within their lunch hour.

Come, invite others and join in the spirit of the celebration of the season of Lent!

For directions, questions, contact Berea United Methodist Church (859) 986-3485 or office@bereaumc.org

Bridge Club meets each Wednesday

Berea Bridge Club will meet on all Wednesdays from 1 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. at the Union Church basement, 200 Prospect Street, Berea.

After bridge, the participants are welcome to participate in a free meal in the community room.

Game day director is Beve Smith and scheduling and information will be handled by John Culp, phone (859) 304-1406 or (859) 248-0690.

Hospice hosts volunteer training

Hospice Care Plus will host a Volunteer Training on Saturday, March 21, from 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Madison County Public Library in Richmond.

The training is open to individuals ages 14 and up who are interested in supporting patients and families across Estill, Jackson, Lee, Madison, Owsley, and Rockcastle counties.

Registration is required by March 18.

To sign up or learn more about volunteering, visit www.hospicecareplus.org or call 859-986-1500.

Discovery Flight program flying high

By Jim Snyder
For The Citizen

The Berea Lions welcomed Ryan Thompson, flight instructor and owner of Kilroy Aviation, as its guest speaker at Lee’s Famous Recipe Chicken. Thompon spoke about “Discovery Flight,” a program designed to interest high school students in becoming pilots, and possibly seeking a career in aviation.

Thompson’s flying service is located at the Central Kentucky Regional Airport. The program is open to people of all ages. Ryan was introduced by Lion George Wyatt, a commercial pilot and chairman of the Airport



Board.

Thompson is the pilot who is donating his service for the recent Discovery Flight raffle held by the Berea Lions. The lucky winner will have the experience of operating the controls of an airplane under the watchful eye of instructor Ryan,

during a thirty minute flight over Madison County. He described his two passions as growing aviation in the state of Kentucky, building a flight school in Richmond and developing a local airplane repair facility. Ryan is currently enrolled as a full-time student at Somerset College studying the field of ‘A&P’ (Airframe & Power plant) service.

Some of our his other interests are community events, fundraising, non-profit events, and getting high and middle school students interested in aviation-related fields.

“There are other jobs beside pilots and mechanics,

such as operators, dispatch, safety jobs, inspectors.”

Ryan mentioned past students who had gone on to become flight instructors.

Ryan described watching the excitement of kids going up in a Discovery Flight... “That’s one of my favorite things to do.” Also mentioned was the growing number of students attending the speaker’s flight school. “Our number has tripled and plans are being considered for an additional flight school location.

Those interested in the Discovery Flight Program may call Ryan Thompson at (859)



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Cora Jane Wilson**

“For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

Habakkuk 2:14

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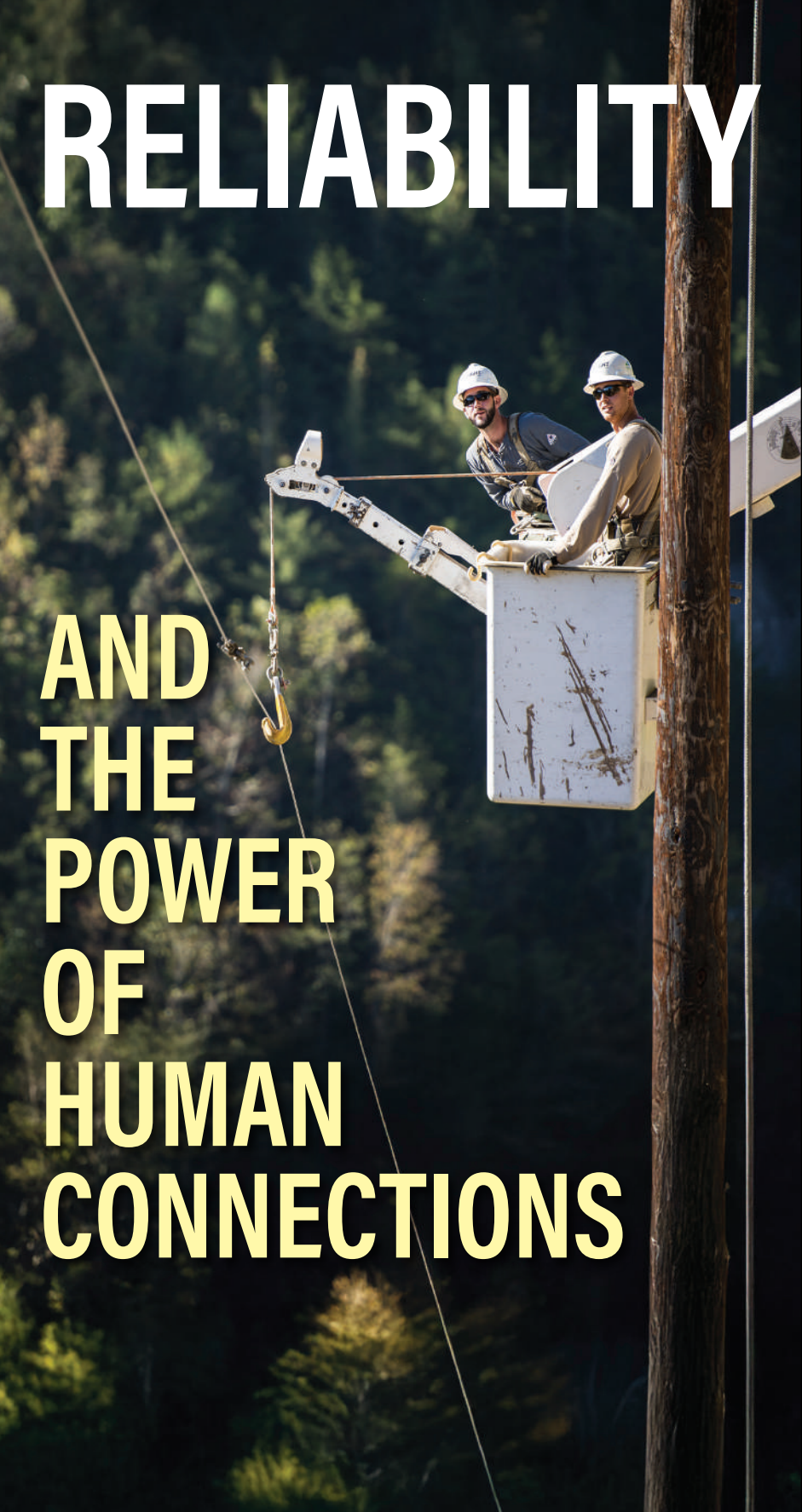
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funds received for the park to \$4 million.

In a meeting in which Barr doled out \$16.5 million in federal funds over 15 public improvement projects in the sixth congressional district, he said that projects creating economic opportunity were giving priority.

“We’re always looking for a return on our investment (ROI). We’re looking for economic development. If you bring a project to our team that will yield ROI in terms of bringing jobs and economic activity and prosperity to the people of the community, that’s what we’re looking to do with these federal dollars,” Barr said.

“The Central Kentucky Business Park Authority is aimed at attracting employers, creating jobs, and strengthening our district’s competitiveness,” Barr added. “The Triple Crown Business Park is an investment that will promote future economic development and will ensure that we are putting Kentucky first.”

At Tuesday’s council meeting, Fraley thanked not only Barr but his congressional staff, citing the fact that local officials presented their vision of a joint-government industrial park and Barr was receptive to the idea.

At a work session prior to Tuesday’s meeting, Fraley told officials that receiving the funds could be a milestone in terms of the city’s economic future. “This is really the best news we can get – a home run,” Fraley told officials.

By pooling their resources, the four governments were eligible for more state and federal funds available for economic development. Under the agreement, all of the partners will receive a share of profits once companies begin occupying the property.

Officials from the other governments said the alliance is a way to benefit from job development without having to invest in and maintain infrastructure.

“We’re going to receive a percentage of the revenues generated on this site,” said Scott County Judge/Executive Joe Pat Covington. “The infrastructure from Scott County is not stressed from this, the traffic is not stressed, but the partnership will bring revenue to Scott County that will help provide much needed services. This approach, I think, is a smart way to do business.”

Madison County Judge/Executive Reagan Taylor said that by cooperating with other local governments instead of competing against them, the four governments can create economic opportunities for generations to come.

“I think when you pull the three counties together, it provides a lot of opportunities for the next generation. These partnerships cut out the competition and allow the three governments to complement each other, which means we all win,” Taylor said. “That will keep future generations here – by giving them opportunities.”

In related news, Fraley also received \$1 million from Barr for the Kenway connector, the road that will open Dixie Park and Roselawn subdivisions to Richmond Road.

With the receipt of federal funds, the project now has \$2 million on hand, since \$1 million was secured by State Senator Jared Carpenter and Representative Josh Bray in 2023.

Both Andy Barr and Berea City Councilmember Teresa Scenters said that Fraley was persistent in trying to lobby for money for the Kenway connector, which Barr said will enhance public safety and boost economic opportunity.

PARK

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currently the T-ball field.

In another move to boost local businesses and to inform visitors

and residents on what Berea has to offer, the Tourism Commission unanimously voted to award the Berea Dolphins a \$1,000 grant at last Wednesday’s business meeting.

Under the agreement, the Dolphins

COUNCIL

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Poynter, Jerry Little, Teresa Scenters, Katie Startzman, John Payne and Steve Davis voted in favor of the measure. Steve Caudill was not in attendance.

In other news, officials adopted an order reconstituting the administrative committees of the Berea City Council. Committee assignments are as follows: Audit and Finance Committee: Steve Caudill, Steve Davis, Teresa Scenters, Barry Poynter; Public Works Committee: Jerry Little, Ronnie Terrill, John Payne, Steve Caudill; Parks Committee: Katie Startzman, John Payne, Ronnie Terrill, Steve Davis; Personnel Committee: Barry Poynter, Jerry Little, Katie Startzman, Teresa Scenters.

When the item came up for discussion, Startzman and Davis recommended ending the Personnel Committee for two reasons. First, the committee meets very infrequently, Startzman pointed out, while Davis questioned whether officials reviewing personnel decisions creates a potential conflict of interest.

The committees were adopted 5-2, with Startzman and Davis casting dissenting votes. Poynter will fill committee assignments previously filled by Cora Jane Wilson, who recently retired.

In other action, the council unanimously adopted a measure to increase the municipal road aid fund allocation from \$700,000 to \$800,000.

Public Works Committee Chair Jerry Little said the allocation is necessary because the city could risk falling too far behind in road maintenance if streets are not kept up.

“Our roads are so important. It’s gotten so expensive that if we don’t keep them up to date, we’ll be really hurting,” Little said. “We’ve got about 70 miles [of roads]. That may sound like a lot of money, but it doesn’t go as far as you think it does.”

John Payne, who also serves on the committee, agreed, stating: “The need for road repairs and the additional funds is there and it’s substantial.”

At the initiative of former city administrator Rose Beverly, the city has tackled road repairs earlier in the season order to ensure completion of needed repairs. As a result, more streets have been moved off what officials call the “red list” of road ways that are in dire need of repair.

Also adopted Tuesday was the 2025-2026 midyear budget. According to the revised spending plan, General Fund Revenues were revised downward by approximately \$567,864, bringing the total to \$27.7 million. Officials said the city is losing approximately \$870,000 of federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act, which is coming to an end. Expenditures ticked up by about a million for a total of \$6.6 million, as a result of expenditures relating to economic development in the Berea Industrial Park.

The next Berea City Council meeting is slated for March 2.

will post a banner at the pool during their swim meets that would highlight both businesses and events in the city.

The banner will feature a QR code enabling visitors and local residents

to learn more about the city’s offerings.

Conley said the hope is to accomplish two objectives. Because Berea Dolphins swim meets draw hundreds of visitors per year, the hope is to draw

them to local businesses and events while they are in town. But Conley added the other objective is to inform local residents about local opportunities they might otherwise have missed.

OBITUARIES

Nancy Katherine Clayton



Nancy Katherine Clayton passed away peacefully on Feb. 16, 2026, in Berea at the age of 89. She was born on April 11, 1936, in Peoria, Illinois, to Harold Ray and Vernice Mildred Langenbach.

She was preceded in death by her beloved parents, her devoted husband, James Gilbert Clayton, and her brother, Raymond “Skip” Langenbach. Her legacy continues through her children, Shawn (Darla) Clayton and Brian (Loretta) Clayton, who will forever hold her memory in their hearts. Nancy’s spirit will also live on through her adoring grandchildren, Valerie (Jason) Woodall, Ryan (Brandy) Maples, Jason (Brandi) Clayton, and Katherine (Daniel Laine) Clayton, as well as her great-grandchildren, Amyiah, Nathaniel, and Adarius Laine, Alyssa and Karter Clayton, Ezekiel Woodall, Bryant, Rylan, and Braylan Maples.

Nancy’s professional life was

marked by her tenure at Rite Aid, during which she retired after years of dedicated service.

A devout member of Church on the Rock, Nancy’s faith was the cornerstone of her life. She found great joy in participating in church activities. However, it was her family, particularly her grandchildren, that was her favorite pastime. The moments spent surrounded by their laughter and love were the ones she cherished most deeply.

Visitation will be on Friday evening from 6- 8 p.m. at Lakes Funeral Home. Graveside services will follow on Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2026, at 2 p.m. at Berea Cemetery with Pastor Mark Sarver officiating. Condolences may be left for the family at www.lakesfuneralhome.com

Elberta Smith

In loving memory, we sadly announce the passing of Elberta Smith, born 1948-2026. A service was held Feb. 16 at 2 p.m. at Cox Cemetery in Morrill, Ky. behind the Big Hill Visitors Center on U.S. 421.

Brenda Rogers Duerson



Brenda Rogers Duerson, 69, of Richmond died Monday, Feb. 2, 2026, at her residence. She was born March 12, 1956, in Berea. Daughter of the late Daniel Smith Rogers and Emma Jean Combs Abrams. Brenda was of the Christian faith, enjoyed vintage and modern thread and buttons, decorating and crafting in her spare time. She was a retired Licensed Practical Nurse and enjoyed her career as a Private Duty Nurse.

Survivors include her sons Nathan Leonesio (Leah), Daniel Duerson;

sister Kelly Rogers Prewitt; grandchildren Logan Leonesio, Sophia Leonesio; dear friends Debra Jane Duerson, Yvonne Crabtree; numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband Doug Earl Duerson.

Memorial Service 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, 2026, at Reppert Funeral Home. Acceptance of friends at 1 p.m. until service time, with Pastor Achee Eads officiating. Inurnment of Cremains will take place at Madison County Memorial Gardens at a later date.

Leave condolences for the family, share a memory, light a memorial candle, or plant a tree in a National Forest in Brenda’s memory at www.reppertfuneralhome.com

NOTICES

Lakes Funeral Home

- Stephen LaBoueff, 85, passed away Feb. 6, 2026. Lakes Funeral Home and Cremation Services took care of arrangements.
- Deborah Sue Wheeler, 69, passed away Feb. 7, 2026. A private family service was held. Lakes Funeral Home and Cremation Services took care of arrangements.

Reppert Funeral Home

- Brenda Rogers Duerson, 69, passed away Feb. 2, 2026. A memorial service will be on Feb. 21 at 3 p.m. Reppert Funeral Home and Cremation Service took care of arrangements.
- Bonnie Jones Whitaker, 69, passed away Feb. 11, 2026. A funeral service was held on Feb. 13 at 2 p.m. Reppert Funeral Home and Cremation Service took care of arrangements.

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- Carol Allison Perry, 90, passed away Feb. 4,

2026. A funeral service was held Feb. 17, 2026 at 3 p.m. Combs, Parsons & Collins Funeral Home took care of arrangements.
- Johnny William Revel, Jr., 63, passed away Feb. 8, 2026. Funeral services were held Feb. 13 at 1 p.m. Combs, Parsons & Collins Funeral Home took care of arrangements.
 - Dorothy Parrish Parke, 95, passed away Feb. 10, 2026. Funeral services were held on Feb. 16 at 2 p.m. at The Red House Baptist Church. Combs, Parsons & Collins Funeral Home took care of arrangements.

Oldham, Roberts & Powell Funeral Home

- Howard Watson, 85, passed away Feb. 9, 2026. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Oldham, Roberts & Powell Funeral Home took care of arrangements.
- Jerry Ray Vermillion, 77, passed away Feb. 10, 2026. Services were held Feb. 12 at 12:30 p.m. Oldham, Roberts & Powell Funeral Home took care of arrangements.
- Daniel Terrance Foley, 67, passed away Feb. 14, 2026. A funeral service was held Feb. 18 at 1 p.m. Oldham, Roberts & Powell Funeral Home took care of arrangements.



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Seeding makes sense

It's time for a change. The 44th District, which includes Madison Southern, Berea, Madison Central, and Model, is the only district in the state that still does a blind draw before the first round of the high school basketball postseason. The winner and runner-up receive a ticket to the 11th Region Tournament.



Keith Taylor

The rest of the 63 districts in the state reward their teams on regular-season achievement and seed to open the postseason. All schools, big and small, in their respective districts play each other during the regular season at least once, putting more meaning into the regular-season games.

Berea and Model prefer a blind draw to avoid competing against Central or Southern in the opening round. Under that scenario, one of the two teams will earn a spot in the regional tournament. The loser of the district final in the 44th competes against the winner of another district in the 11th Region, which can produce some lopsided opening-round contests.

I understand the logic from Berea and Model's perspective, but don't sell your program short and shy away from seeding. Overcoming the odds and winning the district can happen if you're Berea or Model. I've seen it done when I covered the 40th District, which featured George Rogers Clark High School, Montgomery County, Bourbon County, and Pairs — the smallest school in the district.

Tiny Paris won the 40th District title back-to-back from 2015-16, and tiny Augusta defeated powerhouse Madison County in the 39th District finals in 2016. Augusta even reached the 10th Region finals that season before losing to the Royals in a rematch by just four points in the finale.

David defeats Goliath, and it's happened time and time again, and it's fun and rewarding to be the underdog achiever. During my junior year at Berea in 1988, we defeated Madison Central to win the district championship, and we finished as runner-up the following year. It was perhaps the best two-year run in the history of the school in basketball.

Off the court, there are scheduling concerns, especially if you are Madison Central, when it comes to the possibility of playing each school in the district twice if seeding were to become a reality in the future.

Again, some scenarios can be put into place to avoid a scheduling snafu between the four schools, especially Central, which plays a top-heavy schedule every year. Each school could play each other once during the regular season, with the winner taking all the marbles. For example, if Madison Central plays Model once, the winner would be awarded two victories in the district standings.

The bottom line is that you want your two best teams in the district to compete in the regional tournament and reward them for their success during the regular season. Make the games count and do not depend on rolling the dice every year just for a chance to make the regional tournament. Many times, those district finals and first-round regional games that have transpired because of the "luck of the draw" have been real yawners.

It's time for the 44th District to throw out the big and small school labels and endorse regular-season seeding, a format that is fair for all schools in Madison County.

Keith Taylor



Bad Bunny & the Super Bowl

The Super Bowl is now in the history books and already forgotten by most Americans. I don't know if there was more talk about the Seahawks and the Patriots or the Super Bowl halftime show.

I admit, I had never heard of Bad Bunny until he was announced a few months back as this year's halftime entertainment. Later, I heard him talk at the Grammy awards but I couldn't understand anything he said. Actually, I don't understand Spanish or any other languages. I often go to Mexican restaurants but don't understand what the waiters and cooks are saying to each other. I hope they are saying how glad they are to see me or something nice like that.

Whenever I am in an Asian restaurant and the workers are talking I don't understand them either. I've been to a few foreign countries and I never understand what they are saying. It really is helpful when people in France or Germany are able to communicate in English. Seems like the people in cities like Berlin or Paris speak better English than the people further away from the cities.

I guess I am growing more and more disadvantaged. I work with a number of people

from Myanmar. They are extremely nice but most of them struggle with English. They have been in America for years and seem to be managing. They are managing better here than I would in Myanmar.

Years ago, I spent a couple of weeks in South Africa. That country has twelve official languages. English is their predominant language. Thus, it was easier for us to navigate in the country. Yet, I don't know how a country functions with so many official languages.

I've heard people say they loved the Superbowl show and some say they hated the show. I've heard others say they watched alternate shows. Then there a handful of people like me who wishes they would cancel the halftime show or just have the marching band from the local university entertain us. That won't happen because the Super Bowl is about Super money. Big money. Advertising spots went from \$8 to \$10 million each with total advertising revenue for NBC estimated at \$700 million.



Glenn Mollette

Still, I didn't understand a word Bad Bunny had to say. By the way it's taken me forever to get his name straight. I thought it was Bugs Bunny and then I thought it was Blue Bunny and then Big Bunny. I apologize for being slow to understand that his name is Bad Bunny. He doesn't act bad. He looks like a nice fellow. He is from Puerto Rico and he seems to carry a tune well. Yet, I don't know what he is saying. Although I wasn't raised Hispanic, I love Hispanic people. At this stage of my life, I just don't have time to learn another language. Maybe I will have to.

I hope that next year's Superbowl halftime show will be in English. Oh yea, I couldn't understand Lady Gaga. Until she sang, I thought there was something wrong with my television. I have read Bad Bunny is fluent in English. This is America. Most Americans only speak English.

I guess it must have worked for the National Football League. However, it didn't work for me.

Dr. Glenn Mollette is a syndicated columnist read in all fifty states. He is also the author of numerous books and can be heard each weekday morning on XM Radio 131

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leaving the scene of an accident – failure to render aid or assistance - Jennifer Sweeney, 45: speeding, 15 mph over limit; possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 2nd offense (cocaine); possession of marijuana; drug paraphernalia – buy / possess; driving on DUI suspended license – 2nd offense - Miguel Gomez-Garcia, 25: failure to appear - Bradford McKeehan, 37: parole violation, for technical violation - Austin Epley, 29: parole violation, for technical violation - Felisha Reynolds, 39: driving on DUI suspended license – 1st offense - Robert, Cilinceon, 57: violation of a Kentucky EPO / DVO; criminal trespass – 1st degree - Sabrina Wheat, 48: failure to appear - Bobby Samples, 38: failure to appear (3 counts); resisting arrest

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Hughes and Janean Hughes, Trustees of the William and Janean Hughes Living Trust, u/d/a January 21, 2026, tract College Hill, \$1.00 - William Charles Ray Hughes and Janean Hughes to William C. Hughes and Janean Hughes, Trustees of the William and Janean Hughes Living Trust, u/d/a January 21, 2026, tracts Waco, \$1.00 - Louise E. Morrison to Christopher M. McCullough and Jessica Leig McCullough, tract Walnut Hill Drive, \$335,000 - Katrina Faulkner Carpenter to Nicholas Cole and Kourtney Cole, 105 Moore Drive, \$285,000 - William F. Buell, Jr. and Billie Jane Buell to Jeffy W, Bishop and Donna D. Bishop, tract E.G. Guinn Subdivision, \$280,000 - Janice E. McKay, through her Attorney-in-Fact Harry A. Riley to Harry A. 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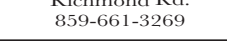
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Religion

Ever meet a Christian who was weaned on dill pickles?

I love every single joke that people send for me to use in these columns but I really got a kick out one that came in the other day about the fellow who decided to make sure his wife woke up with a big smile on her face.

"I'm no longer allowed to have permanent markers in the house," he said.

That would be one way to put a smile on someone's face. But there are better ways that don't involve markers. Being kind and encouraging will do it, too.

The Bible tells us, "Pleasant words are as an honey-comb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones" (Proverbs 16:24).

Someone once said that a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks. It's true. There's nothing more beautiful than a smile.

The Bible tells us that "a merry heart maketh

a cheerful countenance" (Proverbs 15:13). In other words, a smile comes from a happy heart.

When I accepted Christ as my Savior, I simply couldn't stop smiling. My heart was so happy. So, with a smile I couldn't erase, I went to the dentist to get my teeth cleaned up. I explained to the dentist, Dr. Deanna Tatterson, my dilemma, and asked her if she could help. Turned out Deanna was a Christian lady who clearly understood. I knew that because

this huge smile spread across her face when I told her my situation, and she said she would take care of it.

I love that Christians are happy people. They have reason to be happy. They have a Savior who loves them. They have a home awaiting in Heaven. And they have a Heavenly Father who stands with them no matter what they encounter in life. He tells us, "Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for

the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest" (Joshua 1:9).

With that in mind, I have never understood why some people who call themselves Christians seem to be so sour, like they were weaned on dill pickles or baptized in pickle juice, or both.

The only sure way to get a smile on the face of such a sour puss as that may be to use a marker.

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The big Kiwanis Ladies Night went off with a bang. Nearly 100 people were in attendance and exhibited more enthusiasm than was expected for a crowd of its size. Due to stormy weather, delegations from Lexington, Winchester and Irvine were not in attendance. Hats were off to the Mt. Vernon delegation, which weathered the storm to be in attendance. Mt. Vernon was wanting Kiwanians Club and were willing to do "daring things" to bring it to fruition. After the roll call, ladies gave their own opinion of Kiwanians which was follow by music and a series of short speeches. The only thing missing from the program was the special music for which the Berea Kiwanis

were famous for. The Woman's Club was recognized for the "feast of food." The Woman's Club was a vital force in Berea and its skills in serving a "sumptuous meal" did not fall short.

Street signs for Berea were finally a reality. For many years there had been a need for directing visitors and others within the city. The first new style markers were installed on the corner of Main and Chestnut Streets, opposite of Boone Tavern. Several months prior, the Berea City Council granted permission for the signs to be placed. The community project had grown to the point to where twenty additional signs were to be ordered and placed along the

main Thorofare's of Berea. The cost of the signs was eleven dollars. The city footed the installation costs. The initial sign along with the upcoming placement of an additional twenty-one signs was made possible through donations from Berea College, Lions Club, Kiwanis Club, Business and Professional Woman's Club and several individuals. There was a need for a total of fifty. It was hoped that other organizations would contribute to the purchase of additional signage.

Madison County Judge Robert Turley announce the creation of four additional public service employment opportunities. The positions created were deputy sheriff, reloca-

tion assistant, probation and parole officer and a secretary. Applications were being taken by Kentucky River Footballs. According to government guidelines, applicants had to be unemployed for a minimum of 30 days to be considered for the positions.

Berea Community High School held their homecoming dance and crowned a new king and queen for 2000. Matthew Hogg and Misha Jefferson were selected by their classmates for this honor. Both were seniors at Berea Community High School and members of the National Honor Society. Misha was a member of the Student Council, Beta Club, FCCLA and yearbook Staff. She was captain of

the boys' varsity cheerleading squad. She planned to attend Eastern Kentucky University and study pharmacy. She was the daughter of Craig and Teresa Jefferson of Berea. Matthew was a member of the boys' varsity football and baseball teams. He was active in Beta Club, Key Club, FHA and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He was a member of Berea Baptist Church and was involved in youth mission trips, campus life and drama teams. Matthew was a volunteer for Hospice, area health programs and Berea Hospital. He was the recipient of several scholarships and anticipated playing football at the college level upon graduation. He was the son of Ellis and Jeanie Hogg of Berea.



Solve the code to discover words related to the library.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 9 = E)

A. 11 10 15 9 20

Clue: No noise

B. 20 15 20 19 9

Clue: Book name

C. 6 10 20 25 14 8

Clue: Writer

D. 14 8 4 6 12 15 5 9 16

Clue: Made orderly

Answers: A. quiet B. title C. author D. organized

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to the library.

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Answer: Books

GUESS WHO ?

I am a singer/actress born in California on February 20, 2003. My acting debut was a role based on a character from a book series I was introduced to as a child. Early in my career I starred in movies and in a Disney show before progressing to music. A song about driving propelled my fame.

Answer: Olivia Rodrigo

Mary Lou’s Book Shop: Something Berea needed

By Emily Kessler
Berea Citizen Intern

Tucked in Berea’s Old Town Artisan Village, Mary Lou’s Book Shop is flourishing with community support.

On Feb. 11, the book store will be open for five months. Owner Mary Lou Wiese said the inability to live without a purpose inspired her to open the store.

“I am 74 and I did not think I could work a regular job, but I tried to be retired and it didn’t work,” she said. “I retired at 72 and did a year of retirement and found I was not that happy.”

On Wiese’s 74 birthday, she bought the bookstore.

“I decided that I had to have some reason, and turns out that this is kind of what Berea needs too,” she said.

Wiese is a retired English teacher and has always had a love for books. She has been reading books since she was small.

“Books have given me almost everything. All the strength I had intellectually; any wisdom I had came from books. It was also escapism,” she said.

Mary Lou’s Book Shop is all used books, and customers can request to order a new book. They accept donations throughout the week and they buy books on Wednesdays or by appointment, said Avena Cash, sells and buys books at Mary Lou’s Book Shop. Wiese calls her the professional consultant.

“There’s a lot of people that actually would really like a way to get rid of their books even if they donated,” Cash said. “They want to



Mary Lou’s Book Shop located at 210 N Broadway Suite 5 in Berea on Dec. 3. The store, owned by Mary Lou Wiese has been open for five months.

clean up, they want to get them out and maybe they don’t want to go to the Goodwill with them.”

Cash does the buying due to her experience with books and knowing what they’re worth. Cash was the owner of Robie Books.

“I really try to make anything that you buy in here affordable,” Wiese said. “We do have some antiques and some art that’s only affordable if you save up for it.”

The average price for a book at her store is \$8.

Mary Lou’s Book Shop is open seven days a week. Wiese wants to be open as much as she can so people have a chance to stop in; She sees this is an advantage.

“We are willing to be open when people can come,” she said.

Wiese said another advantage is their location and the community.

“Being in Berea is a strength. Berea is so easy to get to know people and people have donated tons of books, good books,” she said.

She said that due to donations they have not had to invest a lot into books, which helps them stay competitive and make a profit.

“It’s just the kindness of the town. The town wants a book store,” Wiese said.

Mary Lou’s Book Shop received a donation from community member Hazel Morris that helped them get started. Wiese credits Morris as the reason they were able to make it.

“She donated her book collection to this store and it was extensive,” Wiese said. “We had a tremendous

collection to start with. We still have a good collection, but she got us going.”

To give back to the community that gives to them, they gave out \$500 worth of presents to kids in December. They put coloring books, crayons and other goodies in the bags for any kids that came into the store.

“We just want that special feeling of receiving a gift without making it too heavy,” said Cash.

A struggle they face is size. They have to put books on the shelf that are going to sell, especially due to the shelf space available.

“We can’t just have 10,000 books and people just maybe buy them. We have to try really hard to have books that sell,” Wiese said.

Looking to the future, they want to continue doing what’s working for them and work on hosting little events in their store.

“We’re trying to find a way to fit smaller events in around some of the things that are already offered in the area,” said Cash. “Small has its strength as well.”

Wiese also wants to implement themes throughout the year and host events in Old Town to help businesses in the area like they’ve helped Mary Lou’s.

“We’ve got a lot of help, but so far I’ve just reaped the benefits of other people organizing it. I would like to do a function sponsored by us,” she said.

Mary Lou’s Book Shop is located at 210 N Broadway Suite 5 in Berea, and you can check out their Facebook, Mary Lou’s Book Shop.

Hometown girl makes dreams come true

By Emily Kessler
Berea Citizen Intern

Located in Berea’s Old Town Artisan Village Nicolette’s Nostalgia, owned by Nickie Guinn, provides citizens of Berea with mid-century and vintage items.

Nicolette’s Nostalgia opened on Nov. 1, 2025 and is a way for Guinn to recreate her childhood.

“I like to buy things that bring back memories for me,” she said.

For example, Guinn sells ashtrays in her store because they remind her of her childhood.

“Both of my parents were heavy smokers, so we have ashtrays everywhere, and I don’t smoke but I love ashtrays,” she said. “You can use them for anything.”

Guinn has an ashtray at home that she uses as a cologne bottle tray, and she had a customer buy one as a spoon rest.

Guinn said when customers shop in her store she hears them say they remember some of the items from their grandparents or parents when they were small.

“I want to recreate the mid century era for everybody,” she said. “Not everybody got to enjoy it.”

Guinn has items from furniture and home decor to vintage toys, lunch boxes and clothes.

The items in Nicolette’s Nostalgia are bought by Guinn; she doesn’t take donations.

“I purchase items from private estate sales, from auctions, sometimes people just come in and ask me if I want to buy things,” she said.

Before opening her store, Guinn started off selling her items in booths. She had a booth in the Chestnut



Nicolette’s Nostalgia, located in Berea’s Old Town Artisan Village, has been open for three months and provides customers with mid-century and vintage items. Owner Nickie Guinn opened the store to bring back childhood memories.

Street Mini Mall and she has one in Something Olde Antiques.

“...I do sell antiques (in her booth at Something Olde Antiques) but the things that I like to buy and sell don’t really fit into the antique category, so they don’t sell real well at places like that,” she said.

Guinn created her own space by opening Nicolette’s Nostalgia so she could create the vibe she wanted.

A challenge she faces is not having a huge audience locally.

“With a niche market, you kind of have to reach outside of your locality because not everybody’s into mid-century,” Guinn said.

However, she gets traffic from Berea Tourism and the events that they host. She also attracts customers from her Facebook.

“I’ve also had people, just from my social media presence, come into my store, travel to Berea, just to visit my store from Danville, Nancy, Nicholasville, Paint Lick, lots of different places...,” Guinn said.

On her Facebook page, she does a daily post and then shares

it with groups.

On top of running her store, Guinn still works a full-time job as the chief operations manager at Devere Construction

Inc., where she learned about running a business.

She comes into Nicolette’s Nostalgia after she gets off from Devere Construction Inc

on weekdays, and she is at the store all day on Saturdays- they’re closed on Sundays.

“Without my son and his girlfriend being here all day, I wouldn’t have been able to do it,” Guinn said. “They take care of customers at the store while they’re here, working on their own businesses...”

Guinn’s son has a marketing business and his girlfriend does clothing design and seamstress work in the same building as Nicolette’s Nostalgia.

“I come in when I get off (from Devere Construction Inc) and work on inventory and cleaning. I do take some things that are just busted and

turn them into something else, so I do that kind of stuff after hours, after I work on my other job.”

Looking to the future, Guinn hopes to expand into the backroom of her story with more furniture and to possibly open another store in Renfro Valley.

“...They need some businesses down there because that little area is dying,” she said. “I have a customer that has a store there, and she’s trying to recruit some people.”

Guinn is from Berea and does not want any surrounding towns, or Berea, to become a ghost town.

“(Just a) hometown girl making her little dream come true.

The Berea Citizen

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☐ James D. DUNCAN	All Precincts	☐ Larry R. BROCK
☐ Other Donald WENZEL		☐ Doug THOMAS
☐ George WASHINGTON	STATE REPRESENTATIVE 81st Representative District Vote For 1	☐ Jonathan Everett KING
☐ Michael James FARIS	☐ Deanna Frazier GORDON	All Precincts
☐ Andy BARR	☐ Andrew SIMPSON	MAGISTRATE 1st Magisterial District Vote For 1
☐ Valerie "Dr. Val" FREDRICK	A107, A111, B102, B103, B104, B105, B106, B107, B108, B109, B110, B111, C101, C102, D101, D103, D105, D106, D107, D108, D110, D111, D112, D113	☐ Terry NAPIER
☐ Nate MORRIS	STATE REPRESENTATIVE 91st Representative District Vote For 1	☐ Greg KING
All Precincts	☐ Darrell BILLINGS	☐ Mike SIPPLE
	☐ Jeff HENSLEY	☐ Michael BARNETT
	B101, C103, C104, C110, C112, C113, C114, D109.	☐ James Brian COMBS
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☐ Vincent Anthony THOMPSON	☐ Darrian D. BOTTS	☐ Mendi GOBLE
☐ Joshua BLANTON SR.	☐ Tyler S. FRAZIER	☐ Myron "Mike" EDWARDS
☐ Charles BOOKER	All Precincts	☐ Jim NEWBY
☐ Amy MCGRATH	NONPARTISAN CITY BALLOT MAYOR City of Richmond Vote For 1	☐ Mike BREWER
☐ Logan FORSYTHE		☐ Jeffrey DEBARR
☐ Dale Lewis ROMANS	☐ Ed MCDANIEL	☐ Stephen DELANEY
All Precincts	☐ John H. RAKESTRAW	☐ Tammy W. COLE
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE in CONGRESS 6th Congressional District Vote For 1	☐ Robert R. BLYTHE	☐ Krystin ARNOLD
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☐ Jimmy Clifton AUSBROOKS		
☐ Corey EDWARDS		
☐ Zach DEMBO		
All Precincts		

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☐ Chris SIPPLE	☐ John H. RAKESTRAW	
☐ Alfred E. WINKLER	☐ Robert R. BLYTHE	
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Registered voters in Madison County, Kentucky, may participate in the 2026 Primary Election through Early Voting, Election Day voting, or absentee voting, depending on eligibility. Details on voting options, locations, deadlines, and additional election resources are provided below.
Voting Locations
Registered Madison County voters may vote at any polling location during Early Voting or on Election Day. No excuse is needed.



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- Ignite Academy: North Campus—2075 Merchant Dr., Richmond
- Ignite Academy: South Campus—123 Farristown Industrial Dr., Berea
- Madison County Extension Office—230 Duncannon Ln., Richmond
- Madison County Public Library—507 W. Main St., Richmond
- Richmond Active Living Center—801 Brighton Ave., Richmond
- Russel Acton Folk Center—212 W. Jefferson St., Berea

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- Eastside Community Church—2010 Catalpa Loop, Richmond
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In-Person Absentee Voting
Excused in-person absentee voting will be held at the Richmond Branch of the Madison County Clerk's Office, located at 321 North Madison Ave., from 8:00 AM to 4: 30 PM on the following dates:

- Wednesday, May 6
- Thursday, May 7
- Friday, May 8
- Monday, May 11
- Tuesday, May 12
- Wednesday, May 13

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Voters requesting a mail-in absentee ballot can apply online at govote.ky.gov. The online request portal will open on April 4, 2026, and will close on May 5, 2026.
Sample Ballot
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Deadline to Register to Vote
The deadline to register to vote for the Primary Election is April 20, 2026:

- Online: Must be received by 4:00 PM local time. Visit govote.ky.gov.
- By mail: Must be postmarked by April 20, 2026, to be counted.
- In person at the Clerk's Office: Accepted by close of business on Election Day.

Individuals who will turn 18 on or before November 3, 2026, are eligible to register to vote, participate in the Primary Election, and serve as an Election Officer.

PREP ROUNDUP

Eagles fly past CCA, Bath County, fall to Rock

By Denis House
For The Citizen

The up-and-down season continues for the Madison Southern Eagles, with wins over Bath County and Community Christian Academy sandwiching a loss to Rockcastle County.

The win over Community Christian on Valentine’s Day was especially sweet for Coach Steve Wright as it was his 800th win as a head coach. But it didn’t come easy against the small Christian school from Independence. “When Mason County cancelled on us, I got a call from a friend in northern Kentucky who said he knew of a school who would play us,” Wright said. “He said they got three really good players. I took it. I wasn’t really looking for a duck; I was looking for a game to have for Senior Night because it was already set. They played well.”

Fans who were expecting a running clock were in for the surprise of their lives, as the Crusaders gave the Eagles everything they wanted, and then some.

Southern held a 25-21 lead after one quarter, thanks to 14 points from Blake Bonham (including four 3-pointers). He would finish with 23 on the night.

But the Crusaders outscored the hosts, 21-17, in the second quarter to tie the game at 42-42 heading into the locker room at the half.

Southern took control of the game in the third quarter, outscoring CCA, 18-8, to hold a 60-50 lead going into the third quarter. The Eagles opened the third with a 6-0 run, then back-to-back baskets from Bryant Brock pushed the lead to 53-46 at the 3:47 mark. Two free throws from Derek Helton, followed by

a three with 2.2 seconds left, gave Madison Southern the 10-point lead heading into the final quarter of action. Helton finished with 12 points.

The Crusaders managed to cut the lead to seven, 70-63, with 2:06 left, but that would be as close as they would get, as the Eagles ended the game with a 6-2 run to seal the win.

Rockcastle County 60,
Madison Southern 47

The night before, the Eagles faced off against the Rockets at Berea College, with Rockcastle County prevailing, 60-47.

The game was tied 11-11 after one, and 24-24 at the half. It was in the second half that the Rockets were able to wrestle control away from the Eagles behind 12 points from Walker Craig, who finished with 21 to lead all scorers. Rockcastle led 47-38 heading into the fourth quarter, where they outscored Southern, 18-9.

Brock led Southern with 14 points, while D. Helton added 10.

Madison Southern 82,
Bath County 36

The Eagles placed four players in double figures in the 83-36 rout of visiting Bath County.

D. Helton led the way with 14 points, while Colin Sebastian and Zach Adams added 12 each, and Brock added 10. In all, 12 Southern players scored in the win.

The Eagles opened the game on a 22-2 run and never looked back, leading 27-8 after one, 40-20 at the half, and 66-30 after three.

Heading into the final week

of regular season action, the Eagles will then face Madison Central in the first game of the 44th District Tournament. The Indians beat the Eagles, 91-61, on Jan. 16, and Wright knows his team has a monumental task ahead of them if they want to pull off the upset against the No. 5-ranked team in the state.

“We need to play connected as a team,” Wright said. “On offense and defense. We have to move on offense, be good teammates and look out for each other. It will take an incredible team effort on both offense and defense, and everybody has to do their jobs and play at a really high level. We’ve had a few injuries and setbacks, but I feel like we are getting back on track.”

The Eagles traveled to Bourbon County on Monday and Lexington Christian on Tuesday before returning home Feb. 19 and 20 to wrap up the regular season against Garrard County and Great Crossing, respectively.

Lady Eagles top Flyers,
fall to Rockets

The Madison Southern Lady Eagles went 1-1 last week, beating Franklin County, 48-46, but falling to Rockcastle County, 62-48.

The Lady Eagles hosted Estill County on Monday and traveled to Lexington Catholic on Wednesday.

Berea defeats
Frankfort Christian

Senior Finley Blevins hit five 3-pointers and finished with 23 points to lead Berea Community past Frankfort Christian, 70-54.

Jake Mills added 18 and Colton Hembree, 12, for the

Pirates.

Berea trailed by double-digits in the first half but rallied to topple visiting Frankfort Christian (11-14) in this 11th Region battle. The win improved Berea to 11-12.

The Pirates were trailing 31-22 at the half, but a 12-0 run to open the third quarter allowed Berea to take control of the game. A three by Blevins gave Berea a 38-34 lead, a lead it would never relinquish.

On Saturday, the Pirates traveled to face Leslie County, falling 72-60. Blevins led Berea with 21 points, while Mills added 19.

“The biggest thing in both games is we have to stop digging ourselves in a hole,” said Coach Eric Fields. “We had to fight back against Frankfort Christian and got the win. Against Leslie County, it’s really hard to go on the road and win. Otherwise, we just have to clean up some things before the district. We have to play a full 32 minutes.”

Berea will face Model in the opening round of the 44th District Tournament. The winner will automatically advance to the 11th Region Tournament. The two teams met twice this season, with Model winning both games, 73-67 in the 11th Region All “A” Tournament, and then 63-54 at Model.

Berea traveled to Frankfort on Monday and played host to Franklin County on Tuesday. The Pirates will host Bluegrass United on Thursday for Senior Night, then wrap up their regular season on Feb. 20 at Williamsburg.

Lady Pirates
on a roll

The Berea Lady Pirates traveled to Wolfe County

last Wednesday and came away with a 27-24 win for their third straight victory to improve to 12-11.

Avery Plessinger led the way with 11 points in this low-scoring affair, while Brooklyn Smith added nine, Absady Baker four, Kadence Stepp, two, and Cora Reed, one.

The Lady Pirates returned to action on Monday at Frankfort.

Central tops Jaguars
in Top 10 battle

LONDON—Grayson Burton scored a game-high 25 points, including seven 3-pointers, as No. 5 Madison Central downed host No. 8 North Laurel, 61-49, on Feb. 12.

The win came two days after the Indians routed Western Hills, 102-54, and improved Madison Central to 25-3 on the season. Coach Allen Feldhaus’ team has won five of its last six games.

Jake Feldhaus added 15 points for Madison Central in the win over North Laurel (22-5).

North led 11-9 after one, but trailed the Indians at the half, 25-22. The two teams battled back and forth throughout the third, with Central leading, 42-26, heading into the final quarter of action. The Indians outscored the Jags, 19-13, to pull away for the win.

Madison Central returned to Laurel County on Monday night to face South Laurel. The Indians will return home on Feb. 20 to host No. 1 Covington Catholic in the regular season finale.

In the win over Western Hills, Madison Central placed four players in double figures, led by Luke Asher’s 21. Burton added 17, Will Richardson, 14, and Feldhaus, 11.

PREP BASKETBALL LINESCORES

Girls Basketball
Berea 27, Wolfe County 24
BEREA (27)—Plessinger 11, Smith 9, Baker 4, Stepp 2, Reed 1.
WOLFE COUNTY (24)—Bush 11, Holbrook 7, Cox 4, Hall 2.

Berea 39, Bluegrass United 26
BEREA (39)—Plessinger 13, Reed 9, Stepp 8, Smith 7, Baker 2.
BLUEGRASS UNITED—No scores available.

Madison Southern 48, Franklin County 46
MADISON SOUTHERN (48)—No scores available.
FRANKLIN COUNTY (46)—L. Taylor 11, A. Taylor 11, Hazelett 10, Wheeler 7, Hogan 5, Comely 2.

Rockcastle County 62, Madison Southern 48
MADISON SOUTHERN (48)—No scores available.
ROCKCASTLE COUNTY (62)—King 16, Begley 15, McKinney 12, Spivey 12, Smith 7.

Scott County 44, Madison Central 36
SCOTT COUNTY (44)—Sweeting 10, Horn 10, Banner 9, Tanksley 6, Percell 5, G. Young 2, K. Young 2.
MADISON CENTRAL (36)—No scores available.

Paul Laurence Dunbar 66, Madison Southern 44
PAUL LAURENCE DUNBAR (66)—L. Flynn 30, Curtsinger 18, J. Flynn 9, Potts 8, Daniels 4.
MADISON SOUTHERN (44)—Sandlin 23, Duerson 11, French 5, Coburn 4, Hensley 4, Kirk 3, Baldrige 2, Collier 2.

Model 45, Frankfort Christian 18
MODEL (45)—No scores available.
FRANKFORT CHRISTIAN (18)—Gilbert 7, Angelopolous 4, McReynolds 3, Hornbeck 2, Sutherland 2.

Boys Basketball
Sayre 53, Berea 46
SAYRE (53)—Gaines 23, Corrigan 8, Berger 7, Hammons 5, Jones 4, Perry 3, Staley 2, Lamonica 1.
BEREA (46)—Blevins 14, Mills 10, Brewer 8, Reed 6, Hembree 4, Parke 4.

Berea 70, Frankfort Christian 54
FRANKFORT CHRISTIAN (54)—Sims 16, Tiggs 14, Lampkin 8, Linwick 6, Barnes 3, Asher 3, Bratton 2, Bullock 2.
BEREA (70)—Blevins 23, Brewer 5, Reed 4, Mills 18, Parke 2, Hembree 12, Eversole 7.

Leslie County 72, Berea 60
BEREA (60)—Blevins 21, Brewer 3, Reed 7, Mills 19, Parke 3, Hembree, 7.
LESLIE COUNTY (72)—Hoskins 14, Browning 11, Whitehead 9, Brashear 9, Rojem 6, Lewis 6, Hensley 5, Napier 4, Howard 3, Bell 3, Pitts 2.

Madison Central 102, Western Hills 54
MADISON CENTRAL (102)—Asher 21, Burton 17, Richardson 14, Feldhaus 11, Powers 9, Lawson 8, Edwards 4, Hamm 4, Smith 4, Howard 3, Jones 3, Steele 2, Ward 2.
WESTERN HILLS (54)—Clouse 23, Higgins 6, Ferguson 6, Beard 6, Mertz 5, Daniels 3, Robinson 3, Stoker 2.

Madison Central 61, North Laurel 49
MADISON CENTRAL (61)—Bur-

ton 25, Feldhaus 15, Steele 8, Asher 7, Richardson 3.

NORTH LAUREL (49)—Davidson 16, Allen 12, Cunagin 10, Rawlings 9, Elza 2.

Nelson County 66, Model 59
NELSON COUNTY (66)—Linton 22, Larue 14, Sparrow 12, Reynolds 8, Gagel 5, Sims 3, Morley 2.
MODEL (59)—Bingham 20, Mollette 18, Cunningham 8, Mayo 7, Bowling 6.

Madison Southern 82, Bath County 36
BATH COUNTY (36)—P. Cox 2, Dillon 2, Ulery 8, Allen 4, C. Cox 5, Grigsby 7, Coyle 5, Bailey 3.
MADISON SOUTHERN (82)—Nobbe 7, D. Helton 14, Daniels 5, Brock 10, Sebastian 12, Z. Adams 12, Catron 2, L. Adams 6, Hunley 3, Bullock 2, Smith 4, Hall 2, Duran 3.

Rockcastle County 60, Madison Southern 47
MADISON SOUTHERN (47)—Nobbe 5, D. Helton 10, Daniels 7, Brock 14, Bonham 2, Sebastian 4, Adams 3, B. Helton 2.
ROCKCASTLE COUNTY (60)—Goodin 3, Leger 7, Rogers 13, Craig 21, Cash 6, Parsons 8, Mullins 4.

Madison Southern 76, Community Christian 65
COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN (65)—Burkeneir, 12, Lovins 4, Hays 18, D. Casper 3, T. Casper 12, Lambert 16.
MADISON SOUTHERN (76)—Dunaway 2, Nobbe 2, D. Helton 12, Daniels 16, Brock 8, Bonham 23, Sebastian 2, Z. Adams 2, Catron 2, L. Adams 7.

Feb. 19
Boys’ Basketball
Berea vs. Bluegrass United, home, 7:30 p.m.
M. Southern vs. Garrard Co., home, 7:30 p.m.
Girls’ Basketball
Berea vs. Williamsburg, away, 7:30 p.m.
Women’s College Basketball
EKU vs. Stetson, away, 1 p.m.
College Tennis
EKU vs. Tennessee Tech, home, 3:00 p.m.

Feb. 20
Boys’ Basketball
Berea vs. Williamsburg, away, 7:30 p.m.
M. Southern vs. Great Crossing, home, 7:30 p.m.
Madison Central vs. Covington Catholic, home, 7:30 p.m.
Model vs. Barbourville, away, 7:30 p.m.
Girls’ Basketball
Berea vs. Frankfort, home, 7:30 p.m.
Model vs. St. Patrick, away, 6 p.m.
College Baseball
EKU vs. Dayton, away, Noon and 3 p.m.
College Softball
Eastern Kentucky University vs. Georgia Southern, away, 5:30 p.m.

Feb. 21
Men’s College Basketball
EKU vs. Lipscomb, home, 4 p.m.
College Baseball
Berea College vs. Carroll University, home, Noon
EKU vs. Dayton, away, 9:00 a.m.
College Softball
Berea College vs. Asbury University, away, 1 & 3 p.m.
EKU vs. Tenn. Tech, at Statesboro, GA, 10 a.m.
EKU vs. Georgia Southern, away, 12:30 p.m.
College Tennis
Berea College vs. Anderson University (Ind.), away, 4:30 p.m.
Eastern Kentucky University vs. Furman home, 9:00 a.m., men’s
Eastern Kentucky University

vs. Chattanooga, home, 2:00 p.m., men’s
College Track and Field
Berea College in the Last Roar Indoor in Cincinnati
Eastern Kentucky University in ND Alex Wilson Invite at Notre Dame

Feb. 22
College Baseball
Berea College vs. Kalamazoo College, home, 3:00 p.m.
Eastern Kentucky University vs. Dayton, away, Noon
College Softball
Berea College vs. Centre College, away, 1:00 p.m.
Berea College vs. Kenyon College at Centre College, 3:00 p.m.
EKU vs. Rhode Island at Statesboro, GA, 9:30 a.m.

Feb. 23
44th District Tournament
at Eastern Kentucky University
Berea vs. Model, girls, 6:30 p.m.
Berea vs. Model, boys, 8:00 p.m.

Feb. 24
44th District Tournaments
at Eastern Kentucky University
Madison Central vs. Madison Southern, girls, 6:30 p.m.
Madison Central vs. Madison Southern, boys, 8:00 p.m.
College Baseball
EKU vs. Louisville, away, 3:00 p.m.

Feb. 25
Women’s College Basketball
Eastern Kentucky University vs. Austin Peay, away, 6:00 p.m.

Feb. 26
44th District Tournament
at Eastern Kentucky University
Girls’ Championship at 6:30 p.m.
Boys’ Championship at 8:00 p.m.

COACH

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Laurel County. “He was coaching at Mason County, I was at Walton, we played each other, became friends, I was getting to know him,” Wright said. “He knew my dad and took a liking to me. He asked the superintendent if they were planning to hire from within or go outside of the system, and he said outside. He gave them my name.”

He also led Southwestern to its first county title in his first year at the Pulaski County school, losing in the final four to eventual state champion Trinity (Louisville).

“When I’m driving by myself, I think

about, I’ve been pretty consistent,” Wright said. “I’ve got a philosophy, and I’ve stayed with it. It’s hard for me to change. I think I’ve proven that I can adapt (with different teams) to what I want to do. I try to be genuine and straightforward with guys.” He said he knows his players have hopes and dreams, and he tries to coach them that way to help them achieve those dreams.

He said he still has the drive to coach, but also knows there will come a time when he hangs up his coaching hat for good.

“Here’s the bottom line, I’m not doing it forever,” he said. “I turn 69 in April, and I still love the whole process. I love coaching the kids, love building the team, the competition, the adversity, and trying to fix it. I love all that. But I can hear Father Time sometimes, too.”

The 800 wins make Wright the leader among active coaches in Kentucky, with only six other coaches ahead of him, led by Billy Hicks record of 1,013-276. The win tied him with old rival Rodney Woods, who coached at Wayne County and also has 800 wins. Wright is five behind Ron Bevars’ 805 wins.

Blevins reaches scoring
milestone

Berea High School’s Finley Blevins scored his 1,000th point on Jan. 3 against Bourbon County.

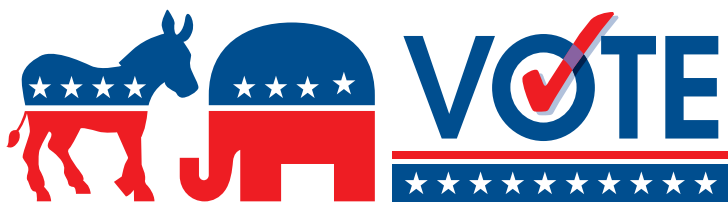
He is just the 13th player in the history of Berea boys’ basketball to reach this milestone, and the first since the 2020-2021 season.

Finley has been a varsity player for

five years, being a starter for four of those years.

While 1,000 points are impressive, Finley will also go down as one of the best passers in school history and is currently on pace to potentially break the school record for most assists in a career. His court vision, unselfish play, and basketball intelligence have made his teammates better and shaped the identity of this team.

Finley represents everything Berea Community High School hopes for in its student athletes. He is a young man of high character, strong morals, and an outstanding work ethic. He leads by example, competes the right way, and consistently represents the Pirate basketball program with class, humility, and pride.



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Zone change at exit 77 could pave way for new Walmart

“There would be other opportunities should that [Walmart] not come to fruition. But Walmart is under contract with the college for their entity to buy this property to develop.”

Preston Worley, McBrayer Law

By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

A unanimous vote by the Berea Planning Commission cleared the way for a possible retail center at Interstat- 75 exit 77, which may include the future home of Walmart.

During a public hearing at Tuesday's business meeting, Attorney Preston Worley of McBayer law firm requested a zone change on



behalf of the Berea Interchange Development Corp. for approximately 83 acres at 120 Mayde Road. The property on the western corner of Mayde Road and the Berea Bypass is currently zoned both B-4 business and I-2 industrial, but Worley asked to have the Berea

College-owned land zoned completely B-4 to clear the way for a shopping center.

“We are hopeful to relocate the Walmart superstore to this location,” Worley said, adding later. “In this case, they [Berea College] have an opportunity to sell the property to an end user.

That will benefit the college from the sale and the use of their land,” Worley said.

Worley noted the process of completing the land sale to Walmart is still under way, but that making it available for commercial spaces will likely promote economic development.

“Regardless of the end user, hopefully being Walmart, you’re going

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County opposes data centers

By Andy McDonald
For The Citizen

Madison County officials expressed opposition to allowing a data center to locate in Madison County, adding there are no such plans being proposed.

The issue was raised at Tuesday's Fiscal Court meeting when resident Mary McMahan asked officials whether there is currently any plan in place to address an application to build such a facility.

While Magistrate Stephen Lochmueller acknowledged rumors about a center being proposed, he said they are not true.

“You can't believe everything on social media. In fact, I don't respond very often to social media, but I do feel like there are times when something like this comes up that stirs up the public,” Lochmueller said. “We haven't been asked to look at it, we haven't heard of anything that I'm aware of about any data centers coming to Madison County.”

With the emergence of artificial intelligence and other technology, data centers are being constructed across the country, including Kentucky. While it has been reported there is only one major data center in the Commonwealth so far, located in Louisville, opponents of data centers say Kentucky's relatively low electric and water rates, combined with low land prices, and weak zoning laws, make the

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Tourney time!



The 44th District Tournament began Monday at Baptist Health Arena at Eastern Kentucky University on Monday. Madison Southern and Berea advanced in the girls' bracket and will play in the finals at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in Richmond. Madison Central and Model will follow and both teams will compete for the boys' crown at approximately 8 p.m. All four teams advance to the 11th Region Tournament. (Photos by Denis House)

Lady Eagles, Lady Pirates battle for title; Indians, Patriots reach boys' finale

By Denis House
For The Citizen

**Girls
Southern 34, Central 24**

RICHMOND — The stage is set for the finals in the 44th District Tournament set for Thursday night at Eastern Kentucky's Baptist Health Arena.

In the girls finals, Madison Southern will take on Berea at 6:30 p.m., followed by Madison Central and Model in the boys' finals set for approximately 8 p.m.

When these two teams met back on Dec. 12, Madison Southern rolled to a 70-30 win over Madison Central.

The two met against in the first round of the Girls' 44th District Tournament at Eastern Kentucky University Tuesday night, and while the outcome was the same, it wasn't as easy this time around for the Lady Eagles, who clawed their

way past Madison Central, 34-24.

“We played well defensively,” said coach Juan Byars. “We’ve been working an awful lot of defense the entire year.” Coming into the game, the Lady Eagles lead the 11th Region in scoring and giving up the most points.

Southern (17-14) was led in scoring by Laci Sandlin, who poured in 20 points.

“Laci stepped up,” Byars said. “She was 10-of-11 from the free throw line.

I'll take that any day.”

Southern led 9-5 after one, but the Lady Indians outscored the Lady Eagles, 8-6, in the second quarter to trail by just two at the half, 15-13. Both teams struggled on offense in the first half, with Southern shooting 21.7%, and Central, 37.5%. There were three ties and three lead changes.

Southern maintained its lead throughout the third

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Acoustic Nights



An “Acoustic Nights” performance at Top Drawer Gallery in Old Town featured Michael Parks, above, playing a variety of tunes and some covers of Hank Williams and Kenny Rogers last Friday night.





Message from Cora Jane Wilson

“O LORD, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth.
Isaiah 25:1



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Logan’s Law clears first major hurdle in House

FRANKFORT (KT) – Legislation aimed at significantly strengthening Kentucky’s sentencing and parole laws for serious and violent crimes cleared the Kentucky House on Tuesday by a vote of 93-1. The measure, House Bill 422, is named Logan’s Law in memory of six-year-old Versailles native Logan Tipton. Logan was violently killed as he slept in his family’s home in 2015. House Bill 422 is sponsored by Rep. Dan Fister, R-Versailles, Logan’s State Representative, and Rep. TJ Roberts, R-Burlington. “Logan was a kind, strong, and wonderful young man who loved his family and was a bright light to everyone

who crossed his path,” Fister said when presenting the bill on the House floor. “He had his whole life ahead of him and now his family is living the worst nightmare any parent or sibling can endure. While no legislation can undo that loss, this bill aims to turn tragedy into meaningful reform.” Ronald Exantus was acquitted of capital murder and first-degree burglary by reason of insanity in 2018, but was found guilty on two counts of second-degree assault and one count of fourth-degree assault for attacking other members of the Tipton family and was sentenced to 20 years in prison. Seven

years later, he was released from prison in October on mandatory re-entry supervision, despite being denied release three times by the Kentucky Parole Board. Exantus was rearrested in Florida on October 9, just eight days after being released from prison, and is back in Kentucky state custody. He will be released later this year. HB 422 expands and clarifies the definition of “violent offender,” increases the minimum time certain offenders must serve before becoming eligible for life (including raising life-sentence parole eligibility from 25 to 35 years), and limits early release options such as manda-

tory reentry supervision for violent and high-level felony offenders. The measure also requires consecutive sentencing for offenders convicted of multiple violent or serious felonies involving multiple victims, tightens parole eligibility rules, and adjusts reporting and data-tracking requirements to reflect longer sentences and parole restrictions. In addition, it revises procedures related to capital sentencing, aggravating factors, and treatment of defendants found guilty but mentally ill. Logan’s Law now goes to the Senate for consideration. • The Kentucky State Police (KSP) Commercial Vehicle

Enforcement (CVE) division has joined law enforcement agencies nationwide through Thursday for Operation SafeDRIVE, a high-visibility initiative designed to reduce crashes involving commercial motor vehicles. Operation SafeDRIVE, short for Distracted, Reckless, Impaired, Visibility Enforcement, is supported by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) and focuses on identifying unsafe driving behaviors by both commercial and passenger vehicle drivers. These behaviors are among the leading contributors to serious and fatal crashes on interstate and highway systems.

CHANGE

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to get a higher and better use of this property as your interchange business where it sits than any other proposed use,” Worley said. “There would be other opportunities should that [Walmart] not come to fruition. But Walmart is under contract with the college for their entity to buy this property to develop.” At one point, Berea Planning Commission Chair Ben Robinson III asked what will become of the existing store on Jill Street near exit 76 if Walmart ultimately moves to exit 77. Worley said he believes that issue is being explored by Walmart, which owns the building. “One way or another, they will have to address that whether they ultimately sell it to another retailer that could use that space, whether it’s a retailer that would break it into smaller spaces, or whether it would have to be completely reassessing the use there altogether. They are committed to that,” said Worley. There were two representatives from Walmart at Tuesday’s hearing, including Director of Public Affairs Erik Hingst. Hingst said that if the plan goes forward, he’s not yet certain when the new store would open, but that the commission’s approval is an important beginning. “This is a perfect first step. It couldn’t be better,” Hingst said. “Our intention is to build a brand-new store for our customers and our associates.” Berea Business and Economic Development Director Donna Angel said she has been working to cultivate new

retail on the northern end of the city, and that this latest development could be a catalyst for more retail coming to town. “This is a perfect kick-start, whether it’s Walmart or any big box store. If you build it, others will come. I think it’s a great thing for Berea to have growth near the interstate and this is a great way to promote more commercial,” said Angel. The current Walmart location was constructed in 1997, and Angel said the fact that the company wants to renew its investment in Berea is a good sign. “I think it is such a win-win for our city,” Angel said. “When somebody comes in and they’re ready to build a new facility, and considering what they want to do there, that’s a long-term investment for us. It just shows their commitment to staying in Berea and continuing to be part of our city.” Angel added that a new store at the Mayde Road site could serve as an anchor for future commercial development on the northern end of town, something she has been striving to achieve for the last three years. “This is a perfect kick-start, whether it’s Walmart or any big box store. If you build it, others will come. I think it’s a great thing for Berea to have growth near the interstate and for promoting more commercial,” said Angel. The hearing was just the beginning of an administrative process in which the builder has to submit development plans for approval by the Berea Planning Commission. In the meantime, the commission’s recommendation for the zone change will now go to the Berea City Council for final approval.

DATA

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Commonwealth an attractive destination for developers who seek to build data centers. Opponents of data centers claim the facilities drive up electric and water prices for surrounding residents, create a nuisance with noise, and destroy the environment with little return in terms of jobs. However, Lochmueller emphasized nothing of the kind is currently under consideration. “I just wanted to make sure the public knew that whoever put that out...that it was not true, that...there’s nothing on the books at this time about any data center having any discussions with Madison County, Kentucky.” Madison County Judge Executive Reagan Taylor also expressed his doubt that a data center would be feasible, even if it was wanted. “There’s just not land available for that kind of use. So, it would require a zone change. It would require immense infrastructure, water, sewer, roads, and there’s not many places in the county that are suited for that,” Taylor said. “It would be a heavy lift for somebody to try to put one of those here.” Taylor added data centers don’t produce many jobs and would be a drain on local resources. Because it is the county’s objective to grow the number of jobs in the county, and thus help grow needed revenue for the future, Taylor said a data center would not be a good economic development strategy. In response to McMahan’s question regarding what the county intends to do, Taylor said it will probably be necessary to make a definitive policy statement, whether in the upcoming comprehensive plan process, or, in

future legislation. “If there’s something that the planning commission or the fiscal court sees necessary to maybe spell that out, I think that’s something that we could look into,” Taylor said. Citizen opposition to data centers has popped up most recently in Mercer County, while the Mead County Fiscal Court blocked changes requested by a prospective data center developer, according to a recent report by the Lexington Herald-Leader. Oldham and Simpson counties, meanwhile, have paused plans for data centers after objections were raised by local residents. McMahan asked if the proposed 800-acre business park in northern Madison County could be a potential landing spot for a data center. Taylor said that is not the case, and that the Central Kentucky Business Park Authority (CKBPA) is seeking clean businesses and industries and not “smoke stacks.” If a business park is ultimately built at the site, CKBPA, which consists of representatives from Madison County, City of Berea, Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, and Scott County, would ultimately decide what kind of business or industry goes into the park. In closing, Lochmueller thanked McMahan for directing questions personally to officials instead of relying on social media. “This is refreshing to have somebody actually come to court and ask questions. That’s what we want,” Lochmueller said. “We want to be transparent. We want to tell you what’s on our minds, what’s not on our minds. And I just find it refreshing that somebody comes to court to ask questions rather than typing on the keyboard.” The next Madison County Fiscal Court meeting is slated for March 10 in Berea.

OBITUARIES

Margaret “Peg” Ann Lehmann

Margaret “Peg” Ann Lehmann, 80, passed away at Baptist Health in Richmond on Wednesday Feb. 18, 2026. She was born June 4, 1945, in Detroit, Michigan to the late Richard and Florence Buente Lehmann. Peg was very artistic, she was known for working in all mediums of art, she loved sculpting as a way to bring her



creations into the physical world. Peg held a deep love for familial animals like dogs and cats. Peg is Survived by one sister, Karol Holt, and her husband Michael of Park Hill, Okla. Two nephews Alex and Damian Lastovich, and two nieces Heather Sanders and Kimberly Gilani. A Graveside service will be held at Berea cemetery on Feb. 23, 2026, at 11 a.m. with Rev. Wayne Miller Officiating. Davis and Powell Funeral Directors entrusted with arrangements. www.davisandpowellfuneralhome.com

NOTICES

Lakes Funeral Home

• Brenda Kaye Saylor, 78, passed away Feb. 13, 2026. Funeral services were held Feb. 20 at 11 a.m. Lakes Funeral Home and Cremation Services took care of arrangements.

Reppert Funeral Home

• Thaida Duty Isaacs, 84, passed away Feb. 17, 2026. A funeral service was held on Feb. 21 at 11 a.m. at Red Lick Baptist Church. Reppert Funeral Home and Cremation Service took care of arrangements.

Combs, Parsons and Collins Funeral Home

• Betty Jean Brock, 89, passed away Feb. 12, 2026. Private services were held. Combs, Parsons & Collins Funeral Home took care of arrangements. • Bonnie Gay Hurley Martin, 83, passed away Feb. 12, 2026. Private services will be held at a later date. Combs, Parsons & Collins Funeral Home took care of arrangements. • Stephen Patrick Virgin, 62, passed away Feb. 14, 2026. A memorial service was held on Feb. 21 at 7 p.m. Combs, Parsons & Collins Funeral Home took care of arrangements. • Sherman Franklin Turpin, 84, passed away Feb. 14, 2026. A funeral service was held on Feb. 21 at 3 p.m. Combs, Parsons & Collins Funeral Home took care of arrangements. • Tracy Lynn Morgan, 59, passed away Feb.

14. A committal service was held on Feb. 24, 2026 at 11 a.m. at the Richmond Cemetery Pavilion. Combs, Parsons & Collins Funeral Home took care of arrangements. • Michael J. Henderson, 60, passed away Feb. 15, 2026. Memorial services were held on Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. Combs, Parsons & Collins Funeral Home took care of arrangements. • Sandra Dee Marcum, 62, passed away Feb. 16. Private services have been chosen by the family. Combs, Parsons & Collins Funeral Home took care of arrangements. • Nathan Milton Mounts, 55, passed away Feb. 17, 2026. A memorial service will be Feb. 28, 2026 at noon at the Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church. Combs, Parsons & Collins Funeral Home took care of arrangements. • James H. Howard, 86, passed away Feb. 17, 2026. A memorial service was held on Feb. 21 at 2 p.m. at The First Baptist Church. Combs, Parsons & Collins Funeral Home took care of arrangements. • James Michael Ross, 59, passed away Feb. 18, 2026. A funeral service was held on Feb. 23 at 11 a.m. Combs, Parsons & Collins Funeral Home took care of arrangements. • Dale Carson Thomas, 61, passed away Feb. 22, 2026. A memorial service was held on Feb. 25 at noon. Combs, Parsons & Collins Funeral Home took care of arrangements.

Oldham, Roberts & Powell Funeral Home

• Anita Jane Pineur, 65, passed away Feb. 17, 2026. A private service will be held by the family. Oldham, Roberts & Powell Funeral Home took care of arrangements.

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Keep your eyes on the skies

The weather is always weird in Kentucky. This week has been designated as Severe Weather Awareness Week in the Bluegrass and it's a good time to be reminded about the risk for severe weather, especially as the season changes from winter to spring.

It seems like yesterday when I was awoken by what sounded like a roaring train at my Dad's residence on Haiti Road in the early morning hours of April 20, 1996.

Startled by a severe thunderstorm, I alerted my dad and told him I had heard what sounded like a locomotive zooming on I-75 nearby.

Although my father meant well, he said it was just a thunderstorm. Usually, those words are comforting. But this was different. I gave dad the benefit of a doubt because he was probably half asleep at the time, but because I'm such a deep sleeper, the sound was more than a few claps of thunder, a few lightning strikes, and a little rain. I tried to go back to sleep but just couldn't do it.

My reporter instincts took over. I just calmly got in my truck, and within minutes of reaching asphalt, I saw the aftermath of what I had heard just a few minutes earlier.

It wasn't pretty, either.

When I arrived at Dairy Mart — the current location of Circle K on Chestnut Street — it was evident a tornado had made its way through town. Circle K was located just a few miles from dad's residence at the time. I then traveled to Morningview Drive, where my mom and Kenneth lived at the time to make sure they were OK.

They were spared from the damage in the area, including structural destruction at the Parker Seal plant nearby. Downed trees and power lines were widespread in the area, including, the Old Town Village, and some trees were uprooted on the Berea College campus.

The night before, as I was leaving the newspaper office in Richmond, I grabbed more than a handful of camera film and threw a couple of rolls at Jeff Drummond, and told him to take them because you never know when you might need them. The weather forecasters predicted an outbreak of severe weather but not at the magnitude of what transpired in the early morning hours of April 20, 1996.

I had no idea.

As it turns out, he and I both needed film the very next morning. We didn't have iPhone technology, and I think a few of us had the old heavy flip Nokia cell phones of that era. The newsroom, led by Lea Schultz, gathered at a central location and devised a plan for coverage. My target area was Short-line Pike, and I came across a family that escaped by hiding in the bathroom of their mobile home under a mattress.

We had all of our news put together that night and ready for production the very next Sunday morning.

That was my first experience covering a natural disaster, and it helped prepare me for another tornado that hit the Kirksville community 13 years later in 2009.

By that time, technology had advanced, and sirens were more widespread in Madison County, giving residents more time to prepare for impending severe storms.

The tornado outbreak of 1996 still serves as a reminder to always be prepared when severe weather strikes. Sometimes you just never know.



Keith Taylor



Grade beyond the grave

James E. Webb was my first cousin, neighbor and friend. James was about ten years older than me. At the age of 23, he became my junior high school teacher. I had him for classes in the seventh and eighth grades.

Growing up, he taught me chords on the guitar and mandolin. Once, he even put up a basketball goal for me to practice on behind my grandparent's chicken coop. He also coached our seventh and eighth grade basketball teams. Through my young teenage years, James was a teacher, a coach, a mentor, a neighbor, a dear first cousin and so much more. He made an electric guitar for me. That was the first of many, many hand-crafted instruments he would make for others, which were mostly banjos and mandolins.



Glenn Mollette

When I was in the eighth grade, James gave me an A+ on a poem I wrote. That was the only "plus" I ever received from him in school. He once gave me a C because I failed at memorizing all of the 23rd Psalm. However, the A+ for the poem was an encouragement to me to keep writing and, for better or worse, I have been writing my entire life.

Mr. Webb, as he was affectionately known by hundreds of endearing students, recently died. His funeral was on February 14th. Loved ones and admiring friends paid their respects through various songs and testimonies. Sadly, I wasn't able to attend.

Years ago, I wrote a book titled "Grandpa's Store, Reflections of my Childhood." The book has been around

for a few years and has even been out of print for a while. Recently, it was restored back into print. One week after Mr. Webb's funeral, on February 21, I was reading over the information about Grandpa's Store on Amazon.com and to my astonishment there was a very nice review left by Mr. Webb about my book. He was mentioned several times in the book because he was raised by my Grandpa and Mama Hinkle. He was a central character in Grandpa's Store. He told me once that it was a good book. I was relieved to hear him say so. Yet, somehow I missed his written review on Amazon.com.

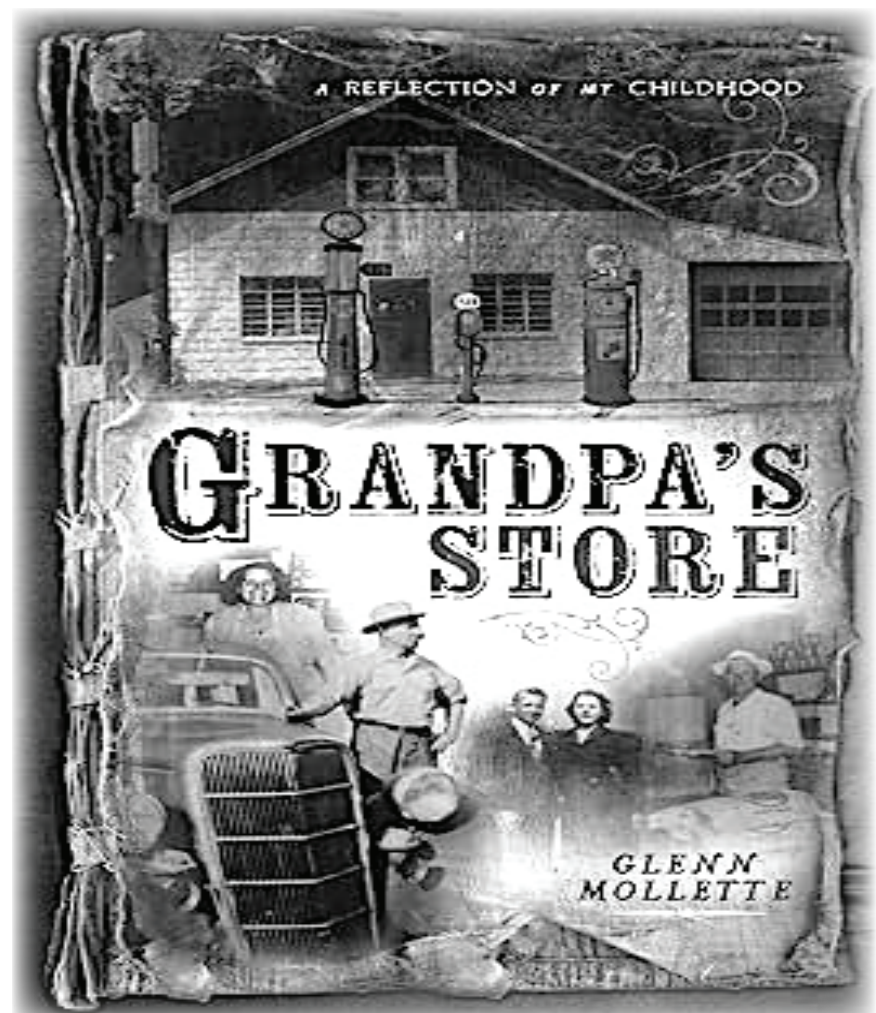
The review was an A+, five-star review with lots of info, insight and affirmation. I put my laptop down and wiped tears from my eyes. Mr. Webb was giving me a final parting grade from the grave. Of course, he always got the last word. Because he was ten

years older, a coach and a school teacher, all I could do was nod my head and agree with whatever he said.

The review that Mr. Webb wrote was written several years ago. It was surreal that I didn't read it until one week after his funeral. I guess God knew that's when I needed to read it. What he wrote came at the just right time.

I hope that we can all think about what words we might say. What actions we might do that might be a meaningful word to those who left behind. Something we might write or say or do today might be just what they need to hear from us, from the grave.

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Preacher accused of stealing butter knives

I enjoyed a story a friend sent to me the other day about a pastor who, while visitinxg one of his church members, noticed dust on his Bible.

The pastor asked the church member if he had been reading the Bible.

“Oh, yes, pastor,” the man of the house said. “I read that Bible every day. In fact, I read it twice a day.”

Over the course of a few weeks, the pastor had dinner with the fellow a half dozen times, each time noticing the dust on the Bible. That man started noticing something too: Every time the pastor visited, a butter knife disappeared.

“I think the pastor is stealing our butter knives,” the man told his wife. “I’m going to confront him about it.”

So, the fellow invited the pastor back to interrogate him about the missing butter knives.

“You harass me about reading my Bible, and you are a thief,” the fellow declared. “You have stolen a half dozen of our butter knives.”

“Oh, I didn’t take your butter knives,” the pastor said. “I put them in your Bible. I’m surprised you didn’t notice, since you read it twice a day.”

I love witty pastors who teach spiritual lessons in unexpected ways. You know, there are many instances in scripture of spiritual leaders who did the same.

The Apostle Paul was preaching in Athens to a people who were wholly caught up in idol worship. Among the many idols they had, Paul saw one that was dedicated to “the unknown god.” Paul pointed to that one and said that’s the one I want to talk to



Roger Alford

you about, and he launched into a sermon about Jesus, who was indeed unknown to them at the time.

Jesus also used objects to teach important spiritual truths. He pointed to fishing nets, mustard seeds, lilies, grapevines, sparrows, figs, yeast, salt and more.

I can envision Him sitting on a fishing boat with a net beside him when he said God’s kingdom is like a net. I can envision him in a vineyard when talked about being the true vine. I can envision sparrows flying nearby when He said consider the sparrow and taught about God’s love for us.

That’s why I think He would approve if a pastor actually used butter knives to teach a pompous man an important lesson about being truthful.

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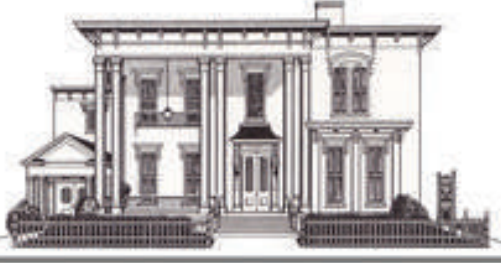
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Explore: Berea College Forestry Outreach Center

By Emily Kessler
Berea Citizen Intern

The Berea College Forestry Outreach Center is more than just a place to use the restroom before taking on the Berea Pinnacles.

The Center opened in 2018 and was an office for foresters, people who manage and take care of forests.

However, when Wendy Warren stepped into her position of director, the vision for the Center became larger.

“It kind of grew organically with the help of people in the community saying, ‘we think of it as a community center now,’” Warren said.

With the community’s ideas and support, the events hosted at the Forestry Outreach Center came to life.

Warren and Kayla Zagray, education and outreach specialists, have been working for the Center since 2018 and help to educate those who visit about the history of the Pinnacles.

“We’re kind of a visitor center where people come in and can get information, like maps, but also ask questions,” Zagray said. “Besides the day-to-day welcoming and questions, we offer programs for all ages, year round.”

The programs are free to everyone with the goal of getting people outside and connected with nature.

Events and programs can be relaxing, like Nature



The Berea College Forestry Outreach Center on Jan. 12. The Center provides those in the community with a place to reconnect with nature and learn about the history of the Pinnacles.

R&R with Warren, or more strenuous, like group hikes to the top of the Pinnacles.

Nature R&R is forest bathing, which is a concept that comes from Japan, said Warren.

“You’re bathing in the chemicals that trees give off to each other to bolster each other’s immune system. They’re called phytoncides and it turns out they also bolster our immune system,” she said.

“There’s a whole body of research about the health benefits of just being outdoors, not necessarily exercising.”

For most of human history, people lived and learned outside, thus the body can relax outdoors. Our nervous system is triggered through our senses and now we have new inputs, like technology, that we didn’t previously have.

This means that stress

hormones are now going through our body more often than before. Going outside can help our bodies learn to relax again, Warren said.

Typically, the experience is two hours but Warren can do an hour. In the winter, Nature R&R is always an hour.

“It’s an opportunity for people’s bodies to remember this connection,” she said.

Programs and events can also be based on what Berea College student workers at the Forestry Outreach Center are interested in.

“We do have Berea students that work here and sometimes they help plan or lead their own activities,” Zagray said. “Right now we have a student who’s going to offer some workshops on his own for...clay that he dug out of the forest.”

Activities for kids take place every Sunday and Zagray tries to keep the topics seasonal. One weekend, the kids looked at animal tracks and snow science to keep relevant with the winter season.

The Forestry Outreach Center also has students come for field trips or they can come for an in-class visit.

“We can really work with teachers to tailor lessons to what fits their curriculum, or we have some things we commonly do when groups come here,” said Warren.

When students come, they go on discovery walks, bug safaris and can look at the tadpoles in the pond during the spring. The goal is to get students outside into nature.

“Kids too are disconnected (from nature) because even recesses are so short and playgrounds often don’t even have trees on them,” she said.

For more information on Berea College Forestry Outreach Center and events being hosted, check out their website or take a trip to the Pinnacles.

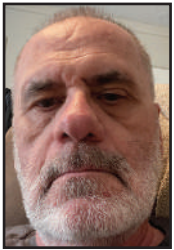
Blevins Berea's assist leader

Prior to Berea's game against Franklin County, senior Finley Blevins was presented with a plaque for becoming the all-time assists leader in school history.

Before his career is over, he will have surpassed 500 assists. When he was presented with the plaque, he stood at 480 assists.

"It's amazing because he has over 1,000 points," Coach Eric Field said. "That doesn't happen often."

Blevins was presented with his plaque by Jeff Johnson, the previous holder. During his four years as a starter for Berea, Johnson, a 1980 graduate, recorded 433 assists, so Blevins broke a record that had stood for 46 years. Johnson was inducted into the Berea Community Athletics Hall of Fame last Fall. On Jan. 3 against Bourbon County, Blevins scored his 1,000th point, becoming the 13th member of the 1,000-point club, and he is currently fifth on the all-time scorers list.



Denis House

Swimming

The Madison Central girls' swim team finished in ninth place in the KHSAA State Meet, held in Lexington.

The Lady Indians finished with 88 points, one point behind eighth-place finisher Bryan Station's 89, and two points behind Ryle's 90. Sacred Heart Academy won the team title with 440.5 points, well ahead of second-place Notre Dame Academy's 236.

Central finished in ninth place in the 200-yard relay and 12th in the 200-yard freestyle relay, while Marlee Cooksey took fourth in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:51.75 and second in the 500-yard freestyle in 5:00.87.

Model's Darby Nelson finished in 14th in the 50-yard freestyle and 13th in the 100-yard freestyle, Central's Angelena Brown placed fifth in the 100-yard butterfly (56.22) and fifth in the 100-yard backstroke (57.19).

KHSAA Board of Control

The Kentucky High School Athletic Association Board of Control conducted its Feb. 19 meeting in Lexington, and by a 15-3 vote, directed the Commissioner's office to draft a recommended alignment for football in 2027 and 2028, and track and field for 2026-27 and beyond, using an enrollment multiplier of non-public schools. The draft will use grades 9-12 boys' enrollment for football and the total grade 9-12 enrollment for track and field and cross country.

Both alignment drafts will be sent to member schools after an upcoming special meeting, once approved, with final adoption at its May meeting.

- The Board also approved the distribution of additional membership surveys for future sports or sports activities of Pickleball, Stunt, and Girls' Flag Football. Results are expected at the May Board meeting.

- The first two rounds of the state baseball tournament, presented by UK HealthCare, will be held at the home of the Lexington Legends, Legends Field. The Board also agreed to a two-year transition to shift the soccer season so it ends one week later than it currently does. This places the finals on the first weekend of November, a key step in securing long-term options to host the finals at the Lexington Sporting Club stadium, and the entire movement of the start of the season allows schools to adjust schedules over a two-year period, eventually playing fewer games during the hotter part of August.

Archery

Madison Central will host the 8th Region archery tournament on March 27 at Glenn Marshall Elementary School.

The KHSAA state archery tournament will be held on April 21 at the Central Bank Center in Lexington.

Bowling

Trinity (Louisville) captured the boys' state bowling title, beating Covington Catholic in the finals. Trinity's Blake Ackerman won the boys' singles title with a total score of 1,201.

Pleasure Ridge Park won the girls' state title, and Peyton Ramey of Boyle County captured the singles title.

Meade County won the Unified team title, and Ryan Neighbors of Jeffersontown won the Adapted crown. The event was presented by UK HealthCare and held at Kingpin Lanes in Louisville.

Southern stops Engineers

By Denis House • For The Citizen

After one quarter of play in Madison Southern's game against Estill County on Feb. 16, the Lady Eagles were flying high with a 12-1 lead.

That lead would grow to 27-12 at the half before the Lady Engineers battled back to cut the lead to four, 32-28, heading into the final quarter of action. But Southern responded with a 14-5 fourth quarter to take a hard-fought 46-33 win.

"It's been an up-and-down year," Coach Juan Byars said. "Our record shows that at 15-14, but we are due for a breakout game and we are due for a breakout run."

Southern opened the game on a 7-0 run behind a three-pointer from Laci Sandlin and four points by Adelia Collier. Sandlin led the Lady Eagles with 11 points, while Collier added eight.

Estill didn't score its first bucket from the field until the 5:18 mark of the second quarter when Jenna Jackson scored on a layup, which started an 8-4 run to cut the lead to 16-9 with 2:04 left. But Southern would end the half with an 11-3 run, including threes from Lillian Kirk and Audrey Baldridge, to hold a 27-12 lead at the break.

Estill County started to battle back in the third quarter, outscoring the Lady Eagles, 16-5, to cut the lead to 32-28 going into the fourth quarter. Southern was just 1-of-11 from the field in the third quarter, a three-pointer by Sandlin at the 5:13 mark.



A three by Hadley French, followed by a steal and bucket by Cami Duerson, and Southern's lead was back to nine, 37-28, with 4:14 left. Estill cut the lead to six, 37-31, at the 3:42 mark, but that would be as close as the Lady Engineers would get, as the Lady Eagles ended the game with a 9-2 run to take the 46-33 win.

"We look at the 30-game season as 30 exhibitions to get ready for one game, and that's our first district game match-up with Madison Central," Byars said.

Boys

After falling to Franklin County on

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quarter, and when Cami Duerson drained a three-pointer at the 2:17 mark, it pushed the lead to seven, 27-20. Southern led 28-20 after three.

The fourth quarter was a ragtag affair for both teams. Five straight points by Sandlin gave Southern a 33-22 advantage and put the game on ice. Over the last six minutes, the two teams combined for seven points and six turnovers. Byars said his team's youth played a role in the struggles against Central (6-21).

"We had a lot of girls, this was their first time on the big stage," he said. "We set goals at the start of the season, to win the district and win the region. With this win, we are now in the region, and anything can happen."

Southern 34, mCentral 24
MADISON SOUTHERN (34)—Duerson 5, Sandlin 20, Hensley 4, Collier 3, Coburn 2.
MADISON CENTRAL (24)—Miles 9, Herbst 13, Clines 2.

Berea 36, Model 24

In his 10 years as head coach of the Berea Lady Pirates, Coach Dammian Stepp's teams have reached the 44th District finals on four occasions, but have always come up short of cutting down the nets.

"The district title has always eluded us," Stepp said following his team's 36-24 win over Richmond Model Monday night. With the win, the Lady Pirates have a chance at getting Stepp that elusive district title. Also, the win advanced them to the 11th Region Tournament, which will be contested at Great Crossing High School in Scott County.

"I told the girls this was the most important game of the season," Stepp said. "Winning the first game of the district buys you two more games, another week of play."

Model (14-9) struggled to find any rhythm throughout the first three quarters,

trailing 11-4 after one, 15-10 at the half, and 28-12 after three. Through those quarters, the Lady Patriots were 5-of-14 from the field.

Berea (15-13) fared a little better but also struggled shooting, hitting 4-of-11 in the first quarter, 1-of-12 in the second, and 4-of-11 in the third.

"The first game of the district, somebody is going to play like it's their last," Stepp said. "They will play like there's no tomorrow. We missed a lot of shots, and I blame that on nerves. I thought our defense played stingy in the second half."

Model made a run at the Lady Pirates in the fourth quarter, but the Lady Patriots dug themselves too big a hole to climb out of. Berea opened the fourth on a 6-0 run to push its lead to 34-12. Model would end the game with a 12-2 run to cut the lead to 36-24 when time expired.

Avery Plessinger led Berea with 10 points, the only player on either team to reach double digits. Tiaree Ortiz led Model with nine.

For the game, Berea out-rebounded Model, 26-21, led by Cora Reed, who pulled down 11 boards.

Berea 36, Model 24
BEREA (36)—Plessinger 10, B. Smith 9, Reed 7, Stepp 8, Nafee 2.
MODEL (24)—Ballou 2, Moore 6, Smith 7, Ortiz 9.

Boys

Madison Central 87, Madison Southern 44

Playing a Top 5 team like Madison Central at full strength is a daunting enough task.

Playing them when you have two players out with injuries, well, that makes it even tougher, as Madison Southern found out Tuesday night, falling to the Indians, 87-44, in the first round of the 44th District Tournament at Eastern Kentucky University.

"Not having Tucker (Nobbe) and (leading scorer) Derek (Helton) didn't help things," said coach Steve Wright. Both players suf-

fered injuries in the final week of the season and were in walking boots. "But it is what it is."

Central (28-3) came out on fire, opening the game with a 20-0 run and ending the first quarter with a 30-2 lead. The Eagles (18-14) were just 1-of-13 from the field in the first quarter, a bucket by Jordan Dunaway with just over three minutes left in the quarter.

Meanwhile, Madison Central drained four three-pointers in the quarter and was 11-of-16 from the field, including 4-of-7 from three-point land. Luke Asher led the way with nine points for the Indians.

"They (Central) came out and scored early, and we didn't score for a while," Wright said. "Central is not a team you can afford to fall behind early."

By the time halftime rolled around, the lead had ballooned to 56-17. Southern trailed after three, 72-25.

The Eagles were led in scoring by Zach Adams, who scored 10. Central placed three players in double figures, as Asher had 24, Jake Feldhaus, 15, and Grayson Burton, 12.

"Central has a really good team," Wright said.

Central 87 Southern 44
MADISON SOUTHERN (44)—Brock 5, Sebastian 2, Bonham 9, L. Adams 3, Bull-ock 3, Z. Adams 10, Dunaway 9, Hunley 3.
MADISON CENTRAL (87)—Richardson 9, Steele 3, Feldhaus 15, Asher 24, Burton 12, Powers 3, Howard 4, Hamm 2, Lawson 8, Smith 4.

Model 49, Berea 43

With 3:29 left in the third quarter of Monday night's boys' 44th District Tournament game between Berea and Model, the Pirates held a slim 30-29 when Colton Hembree drove to the basket, where his shot was contested by Model's Riley Mollette, causing him to miss.

On the other end, Preston Coots drained a three that sparked a 7-1 run to end the quarter and give the Patriots a 36-31 advantage en route to a 49-43 win, knocking the Pirates out of the postseason and avenging last year's first-round district loss. "We just couldn't finish

Feb. 17, 78-54, the Berea Pirates rebounded to win their final two games of the regular season, beating Bluegrass United, 69-64, and Williamsburg, 62-44.

Against Franklin County, the Flyers used their speed and athleticism to take a 21-12 lead after one quarter.

"The biggest thing we've got to do is stop digging ourselves in a hole," said Coach Eric Fields. "We had to fight back against Franklin County, and we cut it to two in the third and just really ran out of gas. The kids battled, but when they get tired, we make mistakes, and we kept making mistakes, and it allowed them (Franklin County) to push their lead back, and we just couldn't answer."

Colton Hembree led Berea with 16 points, and Jake Mills tossed in 11.

Berea then played host to Bluegrass United, a home school team based out of Lexington, on Feb. 19, and beat them, 69-64.

The Pirates ended their regular season on the road at Williamsburg, beating the Yellowjackets, 62-44.

- The Madison Southern Eagles had their four-game winning streak snapped in the season finale at Great Crossing, 85-57.

Before that, Coach Steve Wright's game defeated Garrard County, 64-53, Lexington Christian, 75-61, Bourbon County, 72-69, and Community Christian Academy, 76-65.

Wright currently has 803 career wins, two behind Ron Bevars to tie for fourth all-time in Kentucky high school basketball.

late, and they did," Berea coach Eric Fields said. "I thought we played really well. The kids executed the game plan, and we played our guts out and didn't leave anything out there. We just couldn't get shots to fall. One-of-16 in the third and 6-of-11 from the free throw line makes it hard to win ball games."

It was also the third win for Model over the Pirates this season, beating them 73-67 in the All "A" Tournament, and 63-54 on Jan. 31.

Mollette turned in a double-double, scoring 21 points and grabbing 10 rebounds. Jayden Bingham added 11 for the Patriots. Wiley Reed led Berea with 14 points, while Jake Mills tossed in 13.

Berea led 15-8 after one, but Model (19-11) battled back to outscore the Pirates, 15-10, in the second quarter to pull to within two at the half, 25-23.

Berea led for over 17 minutes in the game, while the Patriots led for about 12 ½ minutes. The largest lead for both teams was just seven points.

The Pirates (14-15) opened the fourth quarter on a 4-0 run on baskets by Hembree and Reed to pull to within one, 36-35, at the 4:30 mark. Model responded with a 5-0 run, including a three by John Bowling, to push its lead to 41-35. Just when it looked like the Patriots were going to put the Pirates away, Berea responded to stay within striking distance. A 5-0 Pirate run cut the lead to 43-41 at the 2:03 mark. Berea had a chance to tie the game when Reed was fouled with 1:23 left, but he missed both free throws. Mollette scored on the other end to make it 45-41 before Mills drove to the basket to cut the lead to 45-43 with 37.9 seconds left.

But Model would end the game going 4-of-6 from the free throw line to seal the game and advance to the district finals. "I'm proud of my guys," Fields said. "I wouldn't trade them for anything."

Model 49, Berea 43
BEREA (43)—Reed 14, Blevins 3, Hembree 9, Mills 13, Parke 4.
MODEL (49)—Mayo 3, Bingham 11, Mollette 21, Bowling 7, Coots 7.

Schedule

Feb. 25
Women's College Basketball
EKU at Austin Peay, 6:00 p.m.

Feb. 26
High School Basketball
44th District Finals at EKU
Girls at 6:30 p.m., boys at 8:00 p.m.
College Softball
Saint Louis at EKU 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m.

Feb. 27
Women's College Basketball
Bellarmine at EKU, 6:30 p.m.
College Baseball
EKU at Tulane, 7:30 p.m.
College Softball
Bradley at EKU, 3 p.m.

Feb. 28
Men's College Basketball
Lipscomb at EKU 4 p.m.
College Baseball

March 2
High School Basketball
11th Region Tournament starts at Great Crossing High School
March 3
11th Region Tournament continues at Great Crossing High School

Girls Basketball	
Madison Southern 46, Estill County 33 ESTILL CO. (33) —Brown 2, Jackson 7, Skinner 6, Brinegar 3, Cole 2, Snowden 7, Hale 6. MADISON SOUTHERN (46) —Sandlin 11, Collier 8, Simmons 4, French 4, Hensley 4, Kirk 3, Baldridge 3, Coburn 3, Duerson 2.	Berea 47, Frankfort 19 BEREA (47) —B. Smith 15, M. Smith 7, C. King 6, Stepp 5, T. King 4, Baker 2, Nafee 2, Reed 2, Carmack 2, Mullins 2, FRANKFORT (19)—Hall 8, Wardlow 7, Cleveland 2, Sims 2.
Rockcastle 62, Southern 48 MADISON SOUTHERN (48) —Hensley 20, Sandlin 13, Kirk 3, Terrill 3, Duerson 3, Collier 2, Simmons 2, Abner 1, Coburn 1. ROCKCASTLE COUNTY (62) —King 16, Begley 15, McKinney 12, Spivey 12, Smith 7.	Paris 56, Berea 34 PARIS (56) —Mason 16, Crutcher 10, Bell 10, Hayden 7, Wilson 7, Mason 6, Berea (34)—Plessinger 15, Stepp 9, B. Smith 4, Reed 4, Nafee 1, M. Smith 1.
Southern 53, Lexington Catholic 37 MADISON SOUTHERN (53) —Duerson 13, Sandlin 10, Hensley 9, Kirk 7, Collier 6, Simmons 5, Cress 3. LEXINGTON CATHOLIC (37) —Long 11, Avilez 10, Bretz 9, Reynolds 7.	Berea 35, Williamsburg 33 BEREA (35) —Plessinger 20, Stepp 4, M. Smith 3, B. Smith 3, Baker 3, Reed 2.
Bourbon Co. 44, Berea 36 BOURBON CO. (44) —Ring 15, Hardin 11, Jolly 8, Akemon 5, Hinkson 4, Bezeau 1. BEREA (36) —M. Smith 13, B. Smith 6, Reed 6, Stepp 6, Plessinger 4, Nafee 1.	Grant Co. 48, Madison Central 33 MADISON CENTRAL (33) —Miles 14, Clines 9, Herbst 5, King 4, Hale 1.
	Central 35, Lexington Christian 29 MADISON CENTRAL (35) —Miles 12, King 10, Herbst 10, Murphy 2, Hasion 1.
	Model 46, Frankfort 37 FRANKFORT (37) —Hall 20, Sims 9, Cleveland 4, Roberts 4. RICHMOND MODEL (46) —Ballou 15, Moore 11, Ortiz 9, Smith 6, Little 3, Maggard 2.
	Richmond Model 62, St. Patrick 46

ST. PATRICK (46) —Klee 37, Tucker 5, Markley 2, Arn 2. MODEL (62) —Moore 21, Ortiz 20, Ballou 7, Smith 5, Little 5, Hunt 2, Maggard 2.	Williamsburg 41, Model 37 MODEL (37) —Ortiz 18, Moore 10, Little 3, Ballou 2, Smith 2, Hunt 2.
Boys Basketball	
Berea 50, Frankfort 37 BEREA (50) —Reed 14, Blevins 11, Mills 11, Parke 5, Hembree 4, Brewer 3, Eversole 2. FRANKFORT (37) —Crocker 11, Washington 7, Tracy 7, Waincott 4, Wells 3, Caldwell 2, Corsini 2, Samuel 1.	Franklin County 78, Berea 54 FRANKLIN COUNTY (78) —Moore 17, Russell 13, Jones 8, Collins 8, Faust 2, Coleman 5, Byers 2, Peale 19, Redding 3. BEREA (54) —Hembree 16, Mills 11, Blevins 8, Parke 6, Eversole 5, Brewer 4, Reed 4.
Berea 69, Bluegrass United 64 BLUEGRASS UNITED (64) —K. Graham 2, Charles 14, Piermontt 25, L. Graham 9, Higginbotham 10, Farrar 4. BEREA (69) —Blevins 7, Brewer 12,	Madison Southern 72, Bourbon Co. 69 BOURBON CO. (69) —Earlywin 22, Fields 18, Rice 12, Perraut 10, Snowden 4, Buchanan 3. MADISON SOUTHERN (72) —Brock 26, Daniels 8, Z. Adams 8, L. Adams 7, Helton 6, Nobbe 5, Sebastian 4, Bonham 4, Dunaway 4.
Madison Central 70, CovCath 60 COVINGTON CATHOLIC (60) —McGillis 20, Harney 9, Myrick 8, Stava 8, Bradshaw 6, Gaiser 4, Courtney 3, Bode 2. MADISON CENTRAL (70) —Feldhaus 19, Asher 17, Burton 15, Steele 11, Richardson 6, Powers 2.	Central 73, South Laurel 56 MADISON CENTRAL (73) —Asher 22, Burton 22, Feldhaus 16, Richardson 6, Powers 5, Steele 2.

SOUTH LAUREL (56) —Taylor 19, McQueen 12, Howard 7, Brown 6, Murphy 6, Cassidy 2, Robinson 2, Baker 2.	Model 85, Estill County 72 (OT) MODEL (85) —Mollette 34, Bingham 25, Mayo 16, Bowling 6, Cunningham 4. ESTILL CO. (72) —Niece 20, Willis 17, Shepherd 15, Bingham 12, Mainous 2, Brumbaugh 2, Conley 2, Fox 2.
Owsley County 75, Model 57 MODEL (57) —Bingham 22, Cunningham 12, Mayo 11, Walls 6, Bowling 3, Roberts 2, Coots 1. OWSLEY CO. (75) —Herald 23, McCoy 17, Pryse 13, Wright 8, Napier 7, Caudell 7.	Model 54, Barboursville 45 MODEL (54) —Mollette 25, Bingham 12, Bowling 10, Cunningham 3, Mayo 2, Coots 2.

Franklin County 77, Model 75 MODEL (75) —Bingham 39, Mollette 21, Mayo 8, Cunningham 5, Bowling 2.	
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BEREA COLLEGE

Berea College events spaces available to the community

By Neelima Matcha
Berea College

Berea residents looking for a place to host a wedding, celebration or meeting may not need to look far. Berea College offers a variety of campus event spaces to the public, providing local families and organizations with options for gatherings throughout the year. With historic chapels, scenic overlooks and flexible meeting spaces, Berea College's growing event program is a practical and affordable choice for families and organizations marking meaningful milestones. Managed through Auxiliary Operations, the program offers a range of venues for events large and small, operating on a first-come, first-served basis.

Abby Nantz, manager of business development and marketing for Berea College's Auxiliary Operations, says interest in campus rentals continues to rise, with the spring and fall seasons often seeing the highest number of bookings. "We're seeing events get bigger and more diverse every year," Nantz said.

Whether it's weddings in Danforth Chapel or gender reveal parties at the Forestry Outreach Center, the variety of locations available at Berea College allows planners to shape events that match their vision. Accessibility is central to the program's mission. Rather than creating exclusive spaces, Berea College focuses on keeping events reasonably priced and open to everyone. Sustainability also shapes event offerings. The college provides sustainable catering options that highlight environmentally mindful practices and local sourcing. This flexibility allows organizers to design celebrations that reflect their own priorities while still encouraging greener choices. Beyond weddings and personal celebrations, campus venues frequently host conferences and educational programs. One memorable example Nantz shared was a week-long Appalachian seminar that brought together many voices and highlighted Berea's role as both a learning institution and a gathering place for the broader community.

Because bookings operate on a first-come, first-served basis, those interested are encouraged to check availability in advance, particularly during peak seasons. Find additional information about available venues and reservations at <https://www.berea.edu/conference-services> or by calling 859.985.3025.

Boone Tavern, owned by Berea College and managed by Olympia Hospitality, also offers rental spaces for events, meetings and weddings. To learn more, contact them at 859-985-3700 or visit <https://boonetavernhotel.com/meetings-weddings/meetings>.

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MADISON COUNTY DETENTION CENTER			
Feb. 12 • Christoper Howard, 55, failure to or im-proper signal, oper-ating on suspended or revoked operator licenses, no registration plates and failure of a non-owner operator to maintain insurance, 1st offense. Possibility of controlled substance 1st deg. 1st offense (methamphetamine) possession of marijua-na, drug paraphernalia - buy / possess, failure to appear • Kimberly Cowan, 46, possession of con-trolled substance 1st deg. 1st offense (Meth-amphetamine). Drug paraphernalia - buy / possession • Charles Thomas, 46, bond revoked • Jeffery Jenkins, 43, Bond revoked. • Larry Lawson, 38, Operating on suspend-ed or revoked opera-tor’s license, Tics, 1st offense fentanyl, pos-session of controlled substance 1st deg. 2nd offense (methamphet-amine) drug parapher-nalia - buy / possess, failure to signal, or improper signal. • Nathan Partin, 31,	no bond.	Feb. 13 • Priscilla Fuson, 42, possession of con-trolled substance 1st deg. 1st offence (meth-amphetamine) Drug paraphernalia - buy / possess. • Barbara Smith, 43, failed to appear. • Kristi Hull, 29, 2 counts of failure to appear. • Victor Jackson, 39, 2 counts of Probation violation (for felony offense). • Jack Falkner, 38, failure to appear. • Miranda Cole, 44, Possession of con-trolled substance 1st deg, 1st offense. (co-caine) Drug parapher-nalia - buy / possess	non-owner operator to maintain required insurance, 1st offense. • Darrin Pingleton, 32, failure to appear. • Terry Dorris, 53, serving parole viola-tion warrant. • Jordan Turben, 18, is serving a bench war-rant for court. • Timothy Harold, 28, failure to illuminate head lamps, operating a motor vehicle under the influence. 1st deg. • Joshua Mason, 25, failure to appear. • Zachary Thom[pson, 35, dis-orderlyy conduct 2nd deg., assault 2nd deg. Domestic violence, as-sault 3rd degree(EMS, fire , rescue squad) • Michael Golden, 41, strangulation 1st degree. • Brandon Lunsford, 39, failure to appear and serving parole violation warrant.
	Feb. 14 • Justin Tate, Operat-ing a motor vehicle under the influence, 1st deg. Operating on a suspended or revoked operator’s license, no registration receipt or plates, failure to produce an insur-ance card, failure of a	Feb. 15 • Joshua Elamon, 40, 2 counts, serving pa-role violation warrant. • Bethany Cornett, 38, Probation violation for felony offense. • Tyler Woolum, 37,	Feb. 16 • Amands Burns, 42, speeding 17 MPH over the limit, operat-ing on a suspended or revoked operator’s license. • Layla Ali, 20, speed-ing 26 MPH over the speed limit, reckless driving, operating a motor vehicle under the influence, 1st deg. Following another ve-hicle too closely, failure to or improper signal, no registration receipt, failure to produce an insurance card, or
		Feb. 16 • Amands Burns, 42, speeding 17 MPH over the limit, operat-ing on a suspended or revoked operator’s license. • Layla Ali, 20, speed-ing 26 MPH over the speed limit, reckless driving, operating a motor vehicle under the influence, 1st deg. Following another ve-hicle too closely, failure to or improper signal, no registration receipt, failure to produce an insurance card, or	Feb. 16 • Adrian Love, 27, as-sault, 4th deg. Dating violence(minor injury) disorderly conduct, 2nd deg. • Aliyah Tooley, 24, speeding 26 MPH over speed limit, Operating motor vehicle under the influence, 1st deg. Reckless driving, pos-session of marijuana. • Chad Howell, 48, Hold for court. • Shawn Lear, 47, held for court. • Alisha Stewart, 46, Hold for court. • Tony Malicote, 40, failure to appear. • James Somers, 60, Probation violation for technical violation.
			Feb. 17 • Alman Davis, 40, Failure to appear • Rebecca Akers, 52, Hold for court. • Joshua Botkin, 39, Violation of a Ken-tucky EPO or DVO, fleeing and evading police, 1st deg motor vehicle. Disregarding the traffic light. No tail lamps. Failure to or improper signal. Oper-ating on a suspended license or revoked License.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS			
Feb. 12 330 Walnut Creek Drive LLC to 330 Berea KY Realty LLC, Lot 180 of Creekside Village Subdivision, \$4,500,000.00 Bradley Lynn and Melissa Lynn to Courtney Crace, Lot 91 of Derby Chase Subdivision, \$263,000.00 Jacob Raleigh and Destini R. Ra-leigh to Bradyn Delaware and Sierra Delaware, Lot #1 of the Southpointe Subdivision, \$274,900.00 Short Carpentry and Construction Inc. to Rachel L. Cortell, Lot 39 of Stoney Creek Subdivision, Unit 3, Phase 1-C, \$290,400.00 Z 2021 Properties, LLC to Kentucky Lodging and Development Compa-ny, INC., 2041 Irvine Rd, \$500,000.00 Catina Hasty and Jerry Hasty to Lloyd Lee Cain, Jr. and Marcia Cain, tract Madison County and Plat 32 / 212, \$260,000.00	Colbrown, LLC to Colbrook, LLC, Tract 1-E, Tract 1-F, Tract 1-G, Tract 1-H, Tract 1-I, Tract 1-J, Tract 1-K, Tract 1-L, Tract 1-M Doylesville Community church to Maria E. Hoover, tract/parcel of land on the east side of the Doyles-ville Pike, \$20,000.00 David M. Waugh and Kristen Parsons-Waugh to David M. Waugh, Lot 35 as shown on on plat of River Run Phase III, \$1.00 Holly Hill Farm, INC. to Jack & Rob, LLC, tract Madison County, \$425,000.00 Larry B. Lee Jr and Wendy L. Lee to Wetherington Builders INC, Lot 28 Indigo Run Subdivision, \$35,000.00 James M. Dause to Charles Mi-chael Short, tract of land in Madison County on Meadowbrook Road (tract 2) and plat 32 / 79, \$250,000.00	Honeycutt and Ashley Marie Hon-eycutt, Lot 13, Block D, Unit 1-C of Burchwood Subdivision, \$230,000.00 Richard McDowell and Sundi J. McDowell to Matthew James South-ern, Lot 15 Hidden Hills, Phase I, \$275,000.00 Nathan Mitchell and Daniel Scott Moore to Paula Ilene Ackerman, Lot 22 Orchard Hills Subdivision, Phase 4, \$285,000.00 Joyce Seitz Hutcheson to Melinda Ann Conrad and Thomas Matthew Conrad, Lot 60 of the Covington Woods Subdivision, \$295,000.00 Katherine Ann Bates and David Vaughn Bates to Jonah Pack and Hollie Pack, Lot 85 of Stoney Creek Subdivision, Unit 3, Phase 1-A, \$272,500.00 Tamara Murphy, Executrix of the Betty C. Murphy Estate, and Den-nis Renton and Ashley Renton, K.B.R Investments, LLC members, Lot 3 in Mason Manor subdivision, \$289,900.00	Block B of the Gaines Subdivision, \$171,600.00 Feb. 18 Tanner Hembree and Lily Tay-lor Hembree to Cody Mullins, Lot 70 / 71 Meadow View Subdivision Jimmy Dale Green and Alyssa Rachelle Green to Jalen Faulkner and Casey Elizabeth Faulkner, Lot 74 of the Hidden Hills Subdivision, Phase II A, \$325,000.00 V. Stepp, LLC to Steven Drexel Stepp and Kimberly Stepp, Lot 2 of Kirkland Subdivision Earl W. Walton and Francis M. Wal-ton, through their Attorney-in-Fact Steven Walton, to Timothy Walton, Trustee of the Steven Walton Supple-mental Need Trust, Lot 19 in the Idylwild Subdivision, property sold with restrictions
Feb. 13 Joseph P. Robertson to Robertson Land & Trading LLC, tract of land between Calloway Creek and front-ing U.S. Highway 25 Vinard J. Lawson and Lois A. Law-son to Misty Lawson Hochkeppel, Trustee of the Lawson Family Irrevo-cable Trust, lot 13 of St. Andrews, Phase 1 of Boones Trace Subdivision	Feb. 17 Howard Properties LLC to Savanna Rininger and Nathan Rininger, Lot 25 of Calloway Creek Farms, Inc, \$475,000.00 Thin Line Properties, LLC to Robert Seth Brock and Denise Michele Brock, Lot 2A Plat 32,101, \$262,500.00 SOSO, LLC to Christopher Caleb	Margaret Susanne Dorn and Rich-ard D. Dorn to Casey Allen Dorn, Trustee of the Richard and Susanne Dorn Irrevocable Trust, Lot 6, Block C of Roselawn Subdivision Rosemont Nazarene Church to First International Organization of the Evangelical Churches of the Apostles and Prophets, Lot 1 in	MARRIAGES Feb. 17 • Sarah Michelle Walls to Randy Allen Shell Jr. • Patrick Thomas Saylor to Eva Marie Morris • Amber Nichole Schorpp to Clayton Joseph James Frusco

State house passes DNA sample legislation

By Tom Latek
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT (KT) – Legislation that would require collecting a DNA sample during the book-ing process from anyone arrested for a felony in Kentucky was passed by the House last week. The measure is spon-sored by Rep. Patrick Flannery, R-Olive Hill. He told his colleagues, “House Bill 414 would allow this Common-wealth to follow the lead of 31 of our sister states and the federal government to help solve crimes, prevent crimes and free the innocent. Currently, our Common-wealth, as well as many other states, allows this upon conviction.”

He said this could help solve cold cases. “When someone goes through the booking process, they have a mug shot, height, weight, fingerprints; all this will be added to the process. It goes into the CODIS system, which is a na-tional database. If there is a potential connection to an unsolved crime, it will trigger that connection, then law enforcement would have to proceed with a warrant for collec-tion of another sample, that could be used as evi-dence in a prosecution.” Flannery noted this procedure was ruled constitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court over a decade ago, in a case styled Maryland vs. King, and after that

many states proceeded with legislation like HB 414. If a person is found not guilty of a felony, or ends up convicted of a misde-meanor, the DNA sample would then be destroyed. There was no other discussion and the bill passed 73-18. It now heads to the Senate for further consideration.

In other legislative ac-tion, Senate Bill (SB) 172, sponsored by Sen. Phil-lip Wheeler, R-Pikeville, passed the House and now heads to the gover-nor’s desk. The legislation is the first bill to pass both chambers during the 2026 Regular Session of the Kentucky General Assembly.

Carried in the House by Flannery, it addresses sudden spikes in electric bills caused by sharp in-creases in fuel costs, par-ticularly during extreme weather events. The one-page bill pro-vides the Kentucky Pub-lic Service Commission (PSC) with the authority, upon request from a uti-lity provider, to spread fuel cost recovery over several months rather than allowing a large, one-time surcharge to hit consumers all at once. Under current law, when utilities face higher fuel expenses, often driv-en by volatility in natural gas markets, those costs are recovered through a fuel adjustment sur-charge added to monthly electric bills.

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Berea Citizen archives

Fire of unknown origin completely destroyed W.T. Mullin's residence at Middletown last Friday morning at 8 a.m. There was no one in the house at the time, Mr. Mullins being in his grocery store in Berea. The fire was first discovered by neighbors who rendered such valuable the furnishings on the first floor, but nothing from the second floor. The house belonged to F.J. Moore and was covered by insurance. Mr. Mullins wishes to thank the neighbors who were able to save

all assistance during the fire.

Street signs for Berea are finally a reality. For many years there has been a need for directing visitors and others within the boundaries of our fair city. The first new style marker has been installed on the corner of Main and Chestnut Street opposite Boone Tavern. Several months ago Berea City Council gave permission for the signs to be put up. The community project has grown to the point where twenty more will

soon be ordered and put up. These twenty will be placed along the main streets of Berea. The cost of each sign amounts to eleven dollars. The city will pay for the installation costs.

A Madison County boy is the winner of the 1975 Conversation Essay Contest sponsored by The Courier-Journal and The Louisville Times. Jonathan David Green of Route 6, Richmond wrote the essay that was judged best of some 70,000 written throughout Kentucky by elementary and

high school students on the subject, "Land- My Community's Heritage: Yesterday, today and tomorrow." The annual statewide contest is sponsored by the two Louisville newspapers in cooperation with the Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts and the Kentucky Department of Education. The contest was begun in 1944.

Peoples Bank of Madison County received high honors Tuesday for its continued support of the arts in Madison County. At the

200 Governor's Awards in the Arts in Frankfort, Peoples Bank President Larry Harrison was presented the Business Award by Governor Paul Patton and First Lady Judi Patton, which honors the individual or business with an outstanding interest in or support of the arts. Peoples Bank was selected based in its commitment to help artists meet their financial needs, a practice that benefits tourism and the entire community. The bank was also recognized for fostering the arts in other ways, including its support of the Kentucky Gateway Artisan Center and hosting the annual artist's appreciation dinner.



Solve the code to discover words related to fishing.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 1 = A)

A. 15 21 1 4

Clue: Rides on water

B. 9 1 4 9 7

Clue: Nab

C. 15 1 3 4

Clue: Lures in

D. 2 3 18 19 20 5

Clue: Heavy item

Answers: A. boat B. catch C. bait D. sinke

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to fishing.

TCKAEL

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Answer: Tackle

GUESS WHO?

I am an actress born in Florida on April 2, 2002. One of my earliest roles was in the television series "The Glades," and I've had a few roles in films. These days I can be found "wolfing out" in a popular Netflix series opposite my macabre roommate.

Answer: Emma Myers

LOVE FISHING

WORD SEARCH

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