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Woodford Dems win big on election day

Full election results; Dake first woman to win Versailles mayor's race; Kay reelected

By Scott White
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Woodford Countians turned out in big numbers and handed the Woodford County Democratic Party big wins in the races for County Judge-Executive, which saw James Kay gain a third term by 15% over Michael Duckworth; Cassie Barnes won her first election, succeeding retiring County Attorney Alan George, trouncing Carmine Iaccarino by nearly 21%; and County Jailer Michele Rankin won a fifth term by a whopping 25% over Sean Williams.

"I feel like the people of Woodford County spoke loud and clear that they want us to come together and move forward together for the next four years," Kay said, seeking to move past the rough and tumble of the campaign. "It's gonna be really hard for this Fiscal Court to live up to the greatness of the last Fiscal Court and the great magistrates we had. But I am willing to work with each and every one of them to move Woodford County forward."

Acknowledging the sometimes-tense electoral season, Kay said of Duckworth, "He was a great opponent, probably the best person I've ever run against. It was an honor to run against him. And ultimately, I wasn't running against him. I was running for the people, and I'm glad that they made the decision they did."

"We all worked very hard to serve our county through the election process and listen to the concerns of the citizens," Duckworth told the *Sun* in a text. "I have no doubt that we all will in our various capacities and according to our talents to continue to serve. I congratulate all those elected on Tuesday. I am hopeful all governments can address the issues facing Woodford County with thoughtful decisions."

According to Woodford County Clerk Sandy Jones, voter turnout was 56.29 percent, the highest turnout in the state, according to the Kentucky Board of Elections. The results are unofficial pending their certification by the County Board and Kentucky Board of Elections.

"I think this (high turnout) is exemplary," Jones said. "Our residents are engaged in our elective process."

Woodford County Republican Vice Chair Nick Nash congratulated all of the winners, including the Republicans.

"Congratulations to every winner and candidate in Woodford County's largest field in modern history," Nash said in a text to the *Sun*. "Despite national setbacks, Republicans gained ground locally, electing Clerk Amanda Centers and Magistrate Josh Kight. Congratulations to Dan Fister, Darrell Varner and Mary Ann Gill on reelection, and unopposed Coroner Penny Baker on another four-year term."

The only winner on the Republican side in the countywide races was Amanda Centers, who bested Jackie Anthony by a bit over 3 and a half percent. Returning to the clerk's office from a family celebration, Centers said, "This feels amazing. It's surreal. We worked so hard for this. The good Lord has blessed us, and our hard work has paid off."

All of the Democratic and Republican incumbent magistrates won their races, with Republican Joshua Kight squeaking past Linda Popp by 31 votes in the 8th District to fill the open seat created by retiring Magistrate Jackie Brown. The Republicans picked up one seat on the Fiscal Court, resulting in a mix of five Democrats and three Republicans.

The magisterial districts contests ended: First, Liles Taylor (D) over Donald Mitchell (R) by 15%; Second, John Gentry (D) over Chris Hooten (R) by 10%; Third, Darrell Varner (R) over Amy Iwahara (D) by 3%; Fourth, Kelly Carl (D) over Teresa Huddleston (R) by 18%; Sixth, Larry Blackford (D) over Mike Gampper (R) by 5%; Seventh, Mary Ann Gill, who notched the biggest win among the Fiscal Court races, over Joe Johnson (D) by 23%; and, the Eighth, the nail-biter of the night, saw Joshua Kight (R) top Linda Popp (D) by just 31 votes out of 1,901 cast.

The partisan races were robust, with most candidates focused on issues ranging from the Versailles-Fiscal Court purchase of Yokohama, an appointment to the Fire District Board, agriculture and land use issues, data centers, and the use of industrial revenue bonds for economic development.

Voters rejected Iaccarino's attacks on both George and Barnes in the county attorney race.

"Thank you, Woodford County, for entrusting me to serve as your next county attorney. This is an honor I do not take lightly, and I am committed to upholding the high standard Alan George set for this office," Barnes told the

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SOVEREIGNTY, a Woodford County native who was born and weaned at Godolphin's Gainsborough Farm on Steele Road, guaranteed his listing on the roll of all-time champions with a win in last Saturday's Breeders' Cup Classic held at Keeneland Race Course, besting an incredibly strong field that included a fellow Kentucky Derby Champion and last year's Classic winner. Sovereignty, following wins in last year's Derby and Belmont Stakes, returned under the tutelage of Hall of Fame trainer Bill Mott and the skills of jockey Junior Alvarado, for a 4-year-old campaign with the sole goal of winning the Classic. A true keepsake for any owner is the winner's floral blanket created since 1988 by Kroger, and this year by the Versailles Kroger. According to a press release from Kroger, each blanket consists of a special mix of 108 custard-yellow cremones and 265 rich purple asters, with the crown accented with six Cattleya orchids along with solidago, Italian ruscus, oregonia and leather leaf. The flowers are carefully glued into satin-backed panels designed not only to look beautiful but to safely drape across a Thoroughbred's body, a safety concern always at the forefront. Each of the floral blankets placed on the Breeders' Cup winners was handmade at the Versailles Kroger. Pictured is Louisville Kroger employee Becky Allen working on one of the blankets. (Photo by Melissa Patrick)

Comprehensive Plan

Housing, jobs, agriculture trends discussed during public meeting

By Bob Vlach
Woodford Sun Staff

Several people attending a public meeting on Oct. 29 asked Planning Director Steve Hunter questions about proposed updates and new chapters in the Comprehensive Plan. The planning document includes a chapter on land use, but the sub-committee working on the updated plan has not begun reviewing that chapter yet, Hunter told those at last week's meeting.

One of the charts in the Chapter II: Existing Conditions & Background Research update caught Hunter's attention. The data for agriculture characteristics showed the number of farms in Woodford County had declined from 713 in 2012 to 688 in 2022. The data provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture also showed the acres of cropland declined from 41,963 in 2017 to 35,700 in 2022, and the number of horses sold in the county increased from 1,434 in 2017 to 2,181 in 2022.

Of about 25 people attending the first of three scheduled public meetings to discuss two updated chapters and two new chapters (economic development and housing) in the Comprehensive Plan, approximately half were elected or appointed officeholders, candidates for public office, or employees of the city, county or Planning Commission.

Stations and tables were set up around the meeting area in Versailles at The District pavilion. Small group and one-on-one discussions were encouraged after Hunter provided an overview of the proposed updated and new chapters in the Comprehensive Plan.

Kristin Ingwell-Goode, who told the *Sun* that she moved to Woodford County from Lexington in 2019, said she attended the meeting because "I'm continuing to get my head around different issues facing the county, both (about) the schools and land use issues."

Ingwell-Goode said she originally came to Lexington because she worked in the horse industry.

"And so the entire region, and its access to green space and agricultural space is what brought me here," she said. "What has kept me here is, in part, that quality of life it provides."

So listening to Hunter talk about data showing the number of farms in Woodford County has declined is "absolutely" a concern, Ingwell-Goode said. "I'm also concerned about being realistic about what people can afford to live in our community..."

A new Housing Chapter shows about 30 percent (2,301) of Woodford County's workforce live and work in the county, but the number of residents commuting to other counties for work has increased from 7,003 in 2018 to 7,083 in 2023, according to U.S. Census data.

Because a majority of the people who live in Woodford County work elsewhere and a majority of the people who work here, including teachers, police officers and other first responders, come from other counties, Hunter said traffic is increasing, and no one should be surprised that the state is planning to widen U.S. 60 East (Lexington Road) to six lanes to the Fayette County line.

Hunter cited housing costs and supply in Woodford County as drivers for people not living here when they work here.

A recently completed housing study, which supplied data for the new housing chapter, shows the median home value in Woodford County is projected to increase 11.6 percent, from $306,646 in 2025 to $346,834 in 2030. By 2030, Woodford County housing units valued under $250,000 are projected to decline by 956 units. The number of houses built in the last 10 years (2015 to 2025) is 997, which in a county of this size "is a lot," Hunter said. More interesting, he pointed out, is that 351 of those new houses were built in the county. Only 12 houses were built in Midway, and 634 houses were built in Versailles, according to residential building permit data.



SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER KT Gould and her 14-year-old son Kash talked to Planning Director Steve Hunter during a public meeting on Oct. 29 when updates and new chapters in the Comprehensive Plan were presented and then discussed. Kash, a freshman at Woodford County High School, is very interested in being a leader in the community for the next generation, his mom told the *Sun*. (Photo by Bob Vlach)

In response to one question about housing construction in the county, Hunter said about 1,700 housing units have been rezoned and are ready for construction, including 522 homes in the Paynes Crossing subdivision on Lexington Road.

Ingwell-Goode said it's important to show up for meetings like this. Asked about her thoughts on the number of people who came to the meeting, she said, "I think it's a lot easier to sit behind your computer and say uneducated things than to come to a meeting," where she said you can ask questions and talk to elected and appointed officials as well as experts.

"So it's much better," she added, "to be there in person and ask questions yourself than assume things."

Ingwell-Goode was having a conversation with Planning Commissioner Karen Isberg, who chairs the Comprehensive Plan sub-committee, before and after being interviewed by the *Sun*.

Isberg told the *Sun* that it's important for people to attend these meetings so they can participate in the process and give their input. One person pointed out that an image on a wall for the meeting was labeled "Conser-

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GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

Tuesday, Nov. 10, Fiscal Court at 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 12, Planning Commission at 6:30 p.m.

Versailles City Council approves zone change for expansion of Goldie Singh's Marathon station/food mart

By Scott White
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As Mayor Laura Dake said two weeks ago, the Versailles City Council took up the zone change from B-2 (two family residential) to B-4 (highway business district) on Locust Street and Lexington Road sought by longtime Versailles businessman Goldie Singh.

At its last meeting on Oct. 20, Councilmember Fred Siegelman attempted to bypass the normal council process and decide the issue, moving the council to approve the request. His attempt failed to gain traction and died for want of a second, which then allowed councilmembers two weeks to review the record from the hearing held by the Versailles-Midway-Woodford County Planning Commission when it approved the request.

At Tuesday's meeting, the council voted to accept the Commission's record and not hold its own hearing. At that point, Councilmember Lisa Johnson moved for the approval of the zone request with some minor changes from what the Commission had approved.

Johnson said she had spoken with Singh and he agreed to the changes, which included: approval of the Architectural Review Board on various exterior parts of the new structure given it abuts both a historic and residential area; lighting with downward beams to reduce light pollution, and that the lighting must be turned off 30 minutes after the store closes; that a vape shop could not be opened in the new facility; that it include a 10-foot-wide landscape buffer; and that it have one entrance off Lexington Road and one off Locust Street.

Following the City Council's unanimous vote, Johnson said, "We are fortunate to have a well-loved businessman and community member as Goldie, as evidenced by the petition we were sent that had 380 signatures!"

The council chamber was packed and standing room only with approximately 25 Versailles residents and supporters of Singh. Though they did not seek to speak during public comment, there were loud cheers following the City Council's vote. Following the meeting, Singh said the next step is to file a consolidated plat with the Commission, and if all goes well, construction could begin in the fall. He said he hopes to have the new gas station/food mart open sometime in 2027. During the construction, the store will remain open, but the gasoline service will be shut down for a new state-of-the-art tank and pump system to be installed for a few months.

"I feel very proud to be a part of this community. I feel welcome in this community," he said. "It just . . . I don't have the words, I can't explain how happy I am to have this support."

Old Kroger update

Mike Hall, one of the principals of the group that has leased the troubled old Kroger building on Lexington Road, updated the council on the work that has been ongoing, the lease plans and a general timeline to open its doors.

Hall said he has spent $156,000 to date on a variety of needed repairs – fixing the roof to stop leaks, plumbing for bathrooms, electrical "make safe" work, and removing debris and old material that, he estimated, had been left in the building since Kroger vacated over 10 years ago.

He said the group had been in discussions and negotiations with a variety of tenants, and though he could not divulge their identities yet, "I live here, and I think they would all serve Versailles well."

He indicated that the final fit-up of leased space will depend on the needs of a particular tenant. He said final lease agreements had already been negotiated with some tenants, but that final approvals were pending, and he expected to be able to announce some tenants in December.

Johnson asked if the agreement to dedicate some portion of the building to a family fun type business was still in the plan, and Hall said it was. He said they are looking at options such as roller skating or some sports-related activity like indoor soccer.

Paddock Place extension emergency

Public Works Director Bart Miller asked the council to approve an emergency expenditure of $227,813 for work to complete the Paddock Road extension. City Attorney Bill Moore explained this was needed because of changes and delays in grant money from the federal government, which means it will not be available in time to complete the job. And, he said, if it is not done now while asphalt is still available, then the city risks more costs and failing to complete the extension as required.

Councilmembers Gary Jones and Fred Siegelman sought more clarity on the problems which led up to the need for an emergency declaration. Jones, in particular, obtained Moore and Miller's confirmation that though the city would essentially "front the costs," the grant monies would still be received. Moore clarified that the money would come in, but it would need to be applied to a different project under federal regulations.

With the explanations, council voted unanimously to approve the declaration and spend the funds to complete the project.

Russelltown lights

At the Oct. 20 council meeting, there was, at times, strident debate between Siegelman and Councilmember Chantel Bingham over the need to fix street lights at Russelltown.

Since then, Bingham told the council that the matter was discussed in committee, and a request had been made to Kentucky Utilities to replace the bulbs at the three light poles Bingham had identified previously. Versailles Police Chief Rob Young said that officers had confirmed the lights had been fixed and were working.

Midway Council considering expansion of Entertainment Destination Center

By Scott White
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Mayor Grayson Vandegrift raised, for a preliminary discussion, the concept of expanding the city's Entertainment Destination Center (EDC) from the core downtown to include Gratz Street up to E. Bruen, down to N. Winter Street and then back to Main Street.

An EDC is a designated economic development and social district, nicknamed a "sip and stroll" zone, where patrons can legally purchase alcoholic beverages in specialized, branded cups from licensed local vendors and carry them within defined public and commercial boundaries. They are created by a city ordinance and regulated by the State Department of Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC).

Vandegrift made it clear he was just raising the issue, checking with impacted residents and businesses, and bringing back a proposed ordinance for the council to discuss and make a decision on. He said he would like to get a decision prior to spring when outdoor tourism and activity picks back up.

A catalyst for the issue is the new Bruen Bunker in the old Midway Firehouse, which is a bar that offers simulated golf. Already, most downtown businesses are in the EDC, and "sip and stroll" is allowed during certain business hours from licensed establishments or licensed vendors during festivals.

Councilmember Logan Nance suggested to not include N. Winter Street in the EDC because it's busy and could cause confusion as to where on the street the EDC would begin.

Councilmember Kay Nita Gallagher expressed concern that there could be residents on Bruen Street who could have concerns about being included in the EDC, and Vandegrift said that, as part of the work, those views would be sought.

Vandegrift said he had spoken with the ABC, and that the only thing needed, aside from an amended ordinance, is new signage clearly demarcating the boundaries of the EDC.

Ordinance on Old EMS station

The council approved the second reading of an ordinance rezoning the property on which the former EMS Station was located from R-1B (low density single-family residential) to B-5 (highway

interchange service) on Leestown Pike. The property is owned by Woodford County, which plans to sell it, and the new zone will make it more marketable.



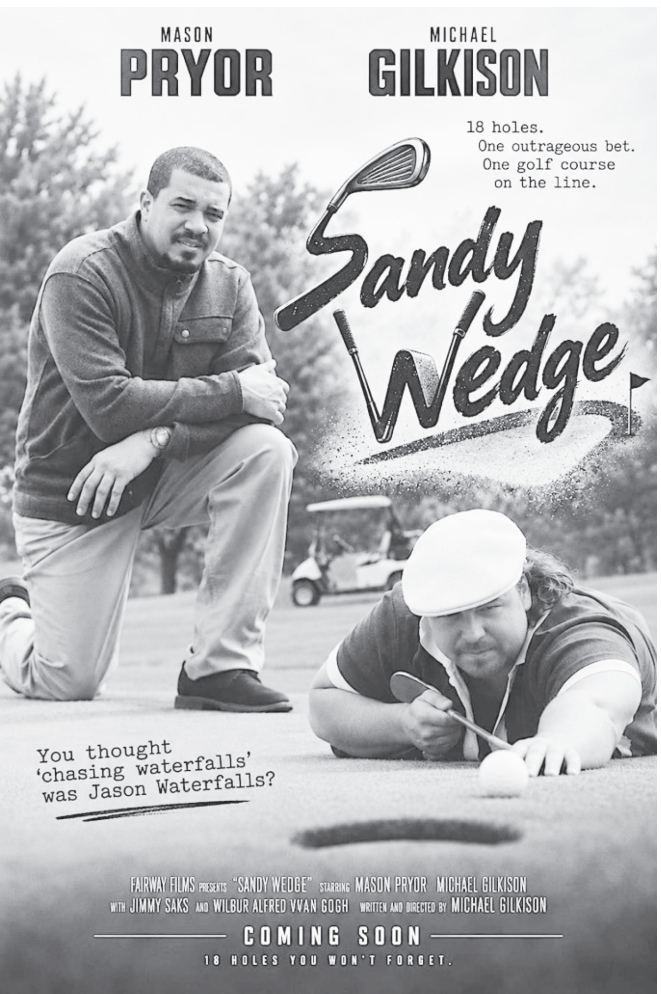
THE REPUBLICAN PARTY of Woodford County held its "Get Out the Vote" rally at The Barn at Duckworth Farm on Monday, Nov.2. Pictured are the local Republican candidates with State Sen. Amanda Mays Bledsoe (R-Lexington), Mike Gampper, Teresa Huddleston, Donald Mitchell, Darrell Varner, Michael Duckworth, Chris Hooten, Carmine Iaccarino, Josh Kight and State Rep. Dan Fister (R-Versailles). (Photo submitted)



SOVEREIGNTY thunders home to a career-topping victory in the Breeders' Cup Classic last Saturday at Keeneland. Godolphin, LLC, the stallion's owner founded by Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, will retire him to the breeding shed to stand at its breeding and stud farm, Jonabell, in Fayette County. Woodford County looks forward to becoming the birthplace of Sovereignty's offspring in future seasons. (Photo courtesy of EquiSport Photos)

WCHS graduate makes film in his hometown

Screening in Midway on Saturday



By Bob Vlach
Woodford Sun Staff

Filmmaker Michael Gilkison says filming his new movie, "Sandy Wedge," at The Woodford Club and Wilson's Pool Room in Versailles was an opportunity for him to highlight his hometown.

Those locations were also important to the plot of the film because the main character in the film, Sandy, played by Gilkison, was a really good pool player. "That's where I put my own life into it," he says.

It was after he started playing golf when the 2005 Woodford County High School graduate says he came up with the story idea about a golfer who putts like a pool player.

"The best writing comes from experience," he says, adding, "There's always a little bit of the writer in the writing." And in this film, he acknowledges Sandy is "a lot like me," only goofier.

His co-star in "Sandy Wedge" is Mason Pryor, the son of comedian Richard Pryor, whom Gilkison says he met while doing stand-up comedy. Both have given performances at Country Boy Brewing in Georgetown, he says.

"Sandy Wedge" will have a screening at Thoroughbred Theatre in Midway this coming Saturday at 6:30 p.m. Advance tickets are available for $25 plus tax by visiting eventbrite.com and searching for "Sandy Wedge," or $25 at the door, if a limited number of tickets (100) are not sold out.

A portion of the ticket sales will be donated to the Wilson family, whose pool room (where Gilkison's middle school football team ate hamburgers) was destroyed by a fire this year. He says ticket sales will also support his continued promotion of the film so it gets additional screenings. Screenings are coming up in New Orleans and Los Angeles, he says.

Growing up in Versailles, Gilkison says he loved telling stories. It was only after earning a degree in English at Georgetown College and an unsuccessful pursuit of a journalism career that he returned to his love of telling stories.

He began pursuing a filmmaking career after moving to California in 2013. "I started writing scripts and doing short films," he remembers. He started doing stand-up comedy too.

More than anything, he wanted to get the stories he told on a page onto a screen. "So," he says, "I started directing and producing my own stuff because then I knew it wouldn't sit in a box" at some movie studio.

Gilkison, who has another feature film (The Finish Line) to his credit, says he moved from Kentucky because people kept telling him that he had to move to Los Angeles or New York if he wanted to pursue a career in filmmaking.

After acquiring many of the skills needed to make movies while living in California, he came home because technology allows him to make movies here while working with people – no matter where they live.

Gilkison says he embraces every opportunity to be a part of storytelling, like being a background performer – formerly called an extra – in the series "This is Us."

Currently, he's working on a documentary and credits having a supportive wife, Heidi, for supporting him on this journey as a filmmaker and comedian.

Gilkison, whose 9-year-old son Ambrose plays young Sandy in "Sandy Wedge," describes stand-up comedy as "the most underrated art form."



What's Growing On...

Scavenger hunt

By Joanna Dunlap Kirby
Contributing gardening columnist,
Owner and operator of a cut flower farm in Garrard County

Leaves are falling, winds are blowing and the air is finally beginning to cool off. I am delighted! Fall has arrived in all her glory with vivid oranges, reds and yellow popping up in our yards, forests and byways. Pumpkins and corn shocks adorn many pathways and front doors as time marches on.

I have been busy as a bee (still) taking care of those last-minute chores that never seem to get finished. I really think I need a spreadsheet to work this out, but I lack the time it takes to come inside, sit at the computer and work on one. I would much rather be outdoors feeling the breeze on my face watching the leaves as they slowly float to the earth.

That brings us around to 'The List'.

Don't forget to winterize your watering system by unhooking and rolling up your garden hoses, checking outdoor water faucets for leaks or cracks, and emptying pails and buckets. Remove any stakes or trellising that may blow over in those cold winds and turnover your compost pile so it will break down for Spring use. Plant any Spring blooming bulbs now, and add a generous handful of bonemeal in the hole. Fill it in with soil and add a few inches of mulch over the top to keep it from heaving up during the Winter. Dig any Summer flowering bulbs, tubers or corms from dahlias, caladiums, cannas and gladioluses and store them in a cool (not freezing), dry location.

I always wait for the 'killing frost' before I dig my dahlias. Thus, triggering them to go into dormancy and survive my storage method.

It's not too late to plant evergreens, shrubs and trees giving them an ample supply of water as you do, and weekly if we don't have rain until the ground freezes. Instead of raking leaves we use a mulching attachment on the mower that puts chopped up leaves back on the ground. They will decompose and breakdown during Winter and help to enrich your lawn. If you do not have one of these attachments, you may need to get out your trusty rake and move them around a bit.

I am still gathering herbs to dry and share as Christmas presents. I have an old wooden drying rack that I spread them out on since I will be burning a fire and cannot use the mantle for drying. Once they are dry to the touch, I put them in a 200-degree oven on cookie sheets for a few minutes to make sure they are completely dry. Using a large bowl I then remove the leaves throwing away the stems and store them in small, glass jars. It's important to make sure they are dry before storing. If not, they may mold in the jars and not be safe to use. Today, I am harvesting sage, oregano, dill and parsley. I had lovely parsley earlier this summer and just when I was getting ready to harvest some,

I spotted several Swallowtail caterpillars having a feast. I immediately withdrew and photographed them instead. They were trying to eat as fast as they could before crawling onto a sturdier support to make their chrysalis on. In doing this it has prompted me to remind you that there are many other insects that use garden debris such as old leaves, stems, wood piles, tree bark, etc. for their winter homes. Look around your yard and gardens to see if you can locate some of them.

Just the other day I was tidying up a flower bed under a common buttonbush (cephalanthus occidentalis) and spotted three silkworm moth cocoons (promethea silkmoth) hanging almost side-by-side. I was amazed for several reasons. One, that they were even there and two, because I saw them!

Hence the title, scavenger hunt.

One more tidbit of information. Raking leaves now can reduce the number of fireflies next summer, and a thanks to Sue of the wonderful Woodford County Master Gardeners group, for that tidbit. Just rake them off your garden paths and walkways and leave the rest for the bugs.

Happy Fall

The Pink Sisters

By Haylee Hogan
WCHS student journalist

On Friday, Oct.16, 2026, in downtown Versailles, the community came together to support breast cancer awareness at the third annual "Light Up Woodford County," which aims to turn all of downtown pink, with most everyone wearing something pink.

The event offered educational booths, temporary tattoos and face paint for kids, live music and the breast cancer "Honor Walk" to the courthouse, where the annual group photograph is taken, which ran in the Oct. 22 edition of *The Woodford Sun*. Light Up Woodford County is held in October because it is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

The event brought breast cancer survivors, fighters and families together to show support and let it be known that no one fights alone.

Hosted by the Pink Sisters of Versailles, the community was able to walk around and learn about breast cancer and how to spot signs for early detection, which can be critical to a successful battle with the disease.

Chrissy Brooks was the guest speaker this year. She shared her breast cancer journey story, and how important it is to not put off your screening exams.

"The most important piece of advice I can give you is to get your yearly mammogram and do self-checks," she said.

Pink Sisters was co-founded by sisters Amy Thomas Iwahara and Catherine Anderson. Catherine said, "My daughter Peyton Whitaker deserves most of the credit. It all started with her idea to create banners honoring breast cancer along Main and Lexington streets and those we have lost."

Pink Sisters started as a small way to show support to community members, and has since grown into a non-profit organization that hosts monthly meetings for those affected by breast cancer.

Catherine explained in an email what she hopes the community will take away from this impactful event: "My hope is that this event not only raises awareness about breast cancer, but also reminds those facing the diagnosis that they are never alone."

At the Honor Walk this year, the community really showed up to support and honor one another. The courthouse steps were filled for the photo at the end, and you could see the event's impact. Once the large crowd dispersed, the survivors took another photo together. Amy said the photographs are her favorite part of the event. "After the group photo, we ask the survivors to stay for a survivor photo. These are the real heroes and warriors who make Pink Sisters," she said.

Catherine was very open about her diagnosis and journey, saying, "I found my lump about a month before my 36th birthday and thought I would just mention it at my upcoming annual physical. Shortly after turning 36, I was diagnosed with triple-positive breast cancer. I never imagined I would be facing breast cancer at that age. That's why I can't stress enough the importance of self-awareness, paying attention to changes, and speaking up when something doesn't seem right. Don't assume you're too young. Early detection can save lives!"

Cancer is incredibly scary. It doesn't matter the time, place or person.

"I wish everyone knew that preventive care truly saves lives, and lean on your support system," Amy stressed. "We are here for anyone and everyone in our community; no one has to fight alone."

Pink Sisters is offering free mammograms on Dec. 7, 2026, in Woodford County. You can register for a mammogram appointment on their Facebook page: Pink Sisters - Versailles, KY.

Editor's Note: This story is the product of the school system's "Portrait of a Learner" partnership between the Sun and WCHS teacher Renee Boss' journalism class, in which the Sun works with students to write and publish news stories.

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vation Easements," but also included acreage information and statistics about the Conservation District.

Isberg stressed that those are two different terms, with one being a land district and the other being an easement placed on the land to protect farmland from being developed. "I'm going to make a note to clarify that," she said, which she added is another reason she would like to see more people attend and provide input at meetings like the one held last Thursday.

"This is what we want the public to do, is come and look at it," said Isberg, so they can tell us when something doesn't make sense or should be changed.

Two more meetings are coming up – tonight, Nov. 5, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Northside Elementary in Midway, and Saturday, Nov. 14, from 9 to 11 a.m. at Troy Presbyterian Church. The meetings will give people another opportunity to give input and ask questions about the new and updated chapters of the Comprehensive Plan.

The process of updating the 2018 Comprehensive Plan began in the spring of 2023 with a series of public meetings led by facilitators from the Kentucky League of Cities, Hunter told those attending last Thursday's meeting.

After the goals and objectives were approved by the city and county governments in 2024, more meetings were held to get additional public feedback on other chapters in the plan, he said.

Hunter said a Comprehensive Plan is a policy document that provides a blueprint for the future for a community, but is not a law and is typically only used for zone change requests to determine if the zoning is appropriate.

A Comprehensive Plan is reviewed every five years, Hunter said, but an update is not required every five years under state law. He said plans that are done well can be 10-, 15-, 20- and 30-year planning documents for communities.



KRISTIN INGWELL-GOODE, at right, spoke to Planning Commissioner Karen Isberg, who chairs the subcommittee working on an update to the Comprehensive Plan, during a meeting on Oct. 29 in Versailles. (Photo by Bob Vlach)



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Two more meetings are coming up – tonight, Nov. 5, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Northside Elementary in Midway, and Saturday, Nov. 14, from 9 to 11 a.m. at Troy Presbyterian Church.



MADISON McGOLDRICK, a school psychologist, received a Superintendent's HIVE Award during the Woodford County Board of Education's meeting on Oct. 26. Recently honored with the Kentucky Association of Psychology in the Schools Regional Best Practice Award, McGoldrick was honored on Oct. 26 for seamlessly blending deep clinical expertise with genuine empathy. Pictured, from left, are BOE Chair Adam Brickler, BOE members Sarah McCoun and KT Gould, McGoldrick, BOE student-representative Reese Divine, Superintendent Lori Jones and BOE Vice Chair Ambrose Wilson.(Photo by Bob Vlach)



ROBIN TAYLOR, principal at Northside Elementary School, received a Superintendent's HIVE Award on Oct. 26 at the Woodford County Board of Education meeting for "her wholehearted support of both students and staff," with "a student-first mindset." Pictured, from left, are BOE Chair Adam Brickler, BOE members Sarah McCoun and KT Gould, Taylor, BOE student-representative Reese Divine, Superintendent Lori Jones and BOE Vice Chair Ambrose Wilson. To nominate a student, staff member or community partner for a HIVE Award visit the Woodford County Public Schools website and fill out a nomination form. (Photo by Bob Vlach)



NATALIE BASANTA, a freshman at Woodford County High School, received a Superintendent's HIVE Award during the Woodford County Board of Education meeting on Oct. 26 for being a foundational member of Woodford County Middle School's FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) chapter as an eight grader last school year. Natalie was honored for being the only student in the FCCLA chapter at WCMS to qualify and compete at the FCCLA National Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. last summer. Pictured, from left, are BOE Chair Adam Brickler, BOE members Sarah McCoun and KT Gould, Natalie, BOE student-representative Reese Divine, Superintendent Lori Jones and BOE Vice Chair Ambrose Wilson. (Photo by Bob Vlach)

From Our Files

10 Years Ago
November 3, 2016

A Woodford County Circuit court jury found Vernon Saunders guilty of second-degree manslaughter and abuse of a corpse in the shooting of his younger brother Timothy Saunders and then dragging his body one and a half miles down Troy Pike, The prosecution asked for a murder conviction, and the defense sought a reckless homicide conviction. The jury recommended that the 59 year-old Saunders serve a 15-year prison sentence. Having already served two-years while awaiting trial, Saunders will be eligible for parole seven months after his formal sentencing on Dec. 7.

Tommy Haggard, Bluegrass Community Health-Versailles C.E.O., said the company which owns the old Woodford County Hospital is interested in building a new state of the art hospital at the recently rezoned Edgewood Farm property, but that a lawsuit brought by area farms to undue the rezoning puts the project in limbo saying he was unsure if the new project will ever proceed.

Police and Woodford County EMS responded to two apparent overdoses in the parking lot of the McDonald's restaurant on the U.S. 60 Bypass.

Victor Espinoza, the longtime farm manager of Brookdale Farm in Versailles won the "Unsung Hero" award presented by the Thoroughbred Industry Employees Association.

Midway University presented its Third Annual Community Spirit award to Midwegian Joyce Evans for her many efforts of improving Midway.

The WCHS football team fell to Central Hardin 51-0 on Senior Night. The Lady Jacket volleyball team lost to Madison Central in the first round of the Regional Tournament.

25 Years Ago
November 8, 2001

A community appreciation ceremony, "Honoring Our Heroes," will be held in downtown Versailles on Nov. 10 in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Police, firefighters, paramedics, emergency medical technicians, and active and retired members of armed forces will be honored.

The City of Versailles will reimburse the First Christian Church in the amount of $15,000 for drainage and sidewalk repairs on Lexington Street, which the church had paid for.

First Division District Judge Mary Jane Wilhoit Phelps of Versailles has announced plans to file for reelection in 2002.

Former Woodford County resident Brian DeYoung, a member of a California architectural firm, has had recent projects featured in two different magazines.

Wendy's Restaurant on Lexington Road is scheduled to open later this month.

40 Years Ago
November 6, 1986

U.S. Sen. Wendell Ford and Sixth District Congressman Larry Hopkins were re-elected in Tuesday's general election. Re-elected without opposition were state Sen. Ed Ford and state Rep. Joe Barrows. Gary Wilson was re-elected to the school board in District 2, while Tom Pierce and William A. Warren were re-elected without opposition in Districts 3 and 5, respectively.

Sewer and water service has been approved by the Versailles City Council for a residential development for the Barnes and Blackburn property located off South Main Street.

Dawson's Decorating Center has been sold by Bill and Vera Dawson to John and Dru Thompson.

Five Woodford County teachers have been honored by the University of Kentucky's Economic Education Center. They are Ava Taylor, Vicki Leet, Kathy Quinn, Susan Linton, and Jackie Richardson.

Clippings from our past...

Editor's Note: Having completed the adoption of the current Kentucky Constitution in August 1891 and the start of America's involvement in World War I in winter-spring 1917, the Sun now moves to the last months of WW I, the period of the United States major involvement. This period also saw the impact of the deadly Spanish Flu epidemic in the U.S., including Central Kentucky. For historical purposes, the Sun reprints the Clippings "warts and all," and so derogatory and racist stereotypical words are reprinted in an effort to combat any attempts to "clean up" history for modern eyes or assuage modern consciences.

The Woodford Sun
October 31, 1918

[SAM HENTON DIES FOR HIS COUNTRY] Sergeant Samuel Hampton Henton of Woodford County, was killed last Saturday fighting in France. He was born here in 1887 and in 1908 entered the employ of the Bank of J. Amsden where he remained until September 1917 when he was called into the service of his Country. He was married to Miss Kinkead Worthington of Versailles, who survives him. The couple purchased a home on Camden Avenue shortly after they wed, where they set up housekeeping. Sam Henton was a fine young man, a courteous gentleman, a very highly valued employee of the Bank, and very popular in Woodford society. He answered the call to serve willingly and cheerfully.

[WAR NEWS] Gen, Ludendorff, the brains of the German military machine, has resigned. Now, German Socialists, many released from imprisonment, are demanding that the ultimatum of President Wilson relating to the autocratic, monarchical regime should be fulfilled. The Supreme War Council meeting in London have, it is reported, already has drawn up the terms of an armistice with Germany. For the first time since the Americans entered the War, they have opened fire against the enemy with their long-range guns and are heavily bombarding Longuyon, some fifteen miles distant from their front lines. William Faust, Co. K, 120th Infantry, now in France, of Versailles, has been highly commended by his Lieutenant, writing to Faust's father, Adam, that William has been in the thick of the fight for several weeks and his conduct so admirable that he has been promoted to corporal.

[SPANISH INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC NEWS] Not until the entire State is practically free of the epidemic of influenza will restrictions imposed by the State Board of Health with a view of preventing the spread of the disease be lifted in Kentucky.

[NOTICE OF ELECTION] The City of Versailles has called for an election on November 5, at the usual polling locations, to decide whether the city will incur a debt not to exceed $38,000, to secure a more adequate waterworks system and of procuring and providing purer and more sanitary supply of water for Versailles than it now has.

[COLUMN BY PUBLISHER-EDITOR BOWMAR] Every citizen of Versailles ought to vote for the water bonds. It doesn't make any difference whether this (current) water has typhoid germs in it or not, we know it has sewage in it, has always had it, and will always have it unless we pass this bond matter. Do you know what sewage is? Would you want to drink water that had been full of it even if it had been filtered out? The cry about debt and taxes is ridiculous. For Versailles, with property worth in actual value at least two and one-half million dollars, to incur a debt of $38,000 is no more serious than it would be for a man worth $25,000 to incur a debt of $880 to be paid off in small installments over 20 years! This water is a poor man's fight, and don't you forget it! The well-to-do can have cisterns and filter pure rain water to drink (though even they must bathe in loathsome, filthy, vile-smelling stuff, and maybe will get enough water in their mouths that way to kill 'em). The poor man has just got to drink the stuff.

[NEXT TUESDAY IS ELECTION DAY] As I have said before, the Sun's reason for supporting Gov. Stanley for the Senate is because President Wilson wants a Democratic Senator from Kentucky, and the President is entitled to have the support of his own party and his own political friends in carrying the heaviest burden ever laid on a man's shoulders. Why go back on him at this critical moment? Take this thought with you and when you go into the booth, PLACE YOUR STAMP UNDER THE ROOSTER!

Guidelines for letters to the editor:

The Woodford Sun welcomes letters to the editor. Letters should be original, on topics of public interest, and not addressed to a third party.

Letters must contain the name, address, and daytime telephone number of the writer for purposes of verification. The *Sun* does not publish unsigned or unverifiable letters. We reserve the right to reject or condense any letter and to limit frequent writers. Letters should be typed, not in all upper case, and be no longer than 400 words.

Thank-you letters and those containing personal messages are not accepted, nor are all letters concerning candidates for local offices.

The deadline for receipt of letters is noon Monday. Letters may be brought to our office at 184 South Main Street, mailed to us at P.O. Box 29, Versailles, KY 40383, or emailed to *news@woodfordsun.com.*

Brickler elected for a second term on the school board

By Bob Vlach
Woodford Sun Staff

Being reelected to the Woodford County Board of Education for a second four-year term is an opportunity for its Chair Adam Brickler to continue the "progress that we've made in the last year and a half," he told the *Sun*.

In the face of ongoing financial challenges, including recent budget cuts in the millions of dollars, Brickler said, "We need to continue to look at ways to support the school system, the students, the staff" as a board.

Brickler said he was following election returns with his wife and their two daughters on Tuesday night when he defeated Crystal Collins by a narrow margin in the District 2 race. "I was confident about the race," he said, "but it definitely was close."

His wife and daughters were very supportive throughout the campaign, so Brickler said, "They were very happy, and I was too," about the results. He credits "door knocking" in several neighborhoods for his win – by only 105 votes.

If he and his family didn't visit hundreds of homes, he says, "who knows what could've happened."

Brickler was elected chair in January 2025, his third year on the board. He hopes to remain as chair next calendar year to "continue the momentum and getting ourselves into a better situation. And I think that I provide the type of leadership that can do that on the board," citing his willingness to work with board members.

Coupled with his experience as chair, Brickler said, "I feel like I have a better grasp of the role, the responsibilities in working directly with the superintendent and staff."

He said it's important that board members have time to ask questions during meetings, while also giving Superintendent Lori Jones and her staff the time that they need to answer questions.

Brickler said having two daughters in the schools "gives me a very vested interest in what's going on … and being a parent really gives … me an inside look into what" his children are experiencing.

With Sarah McCoun not returning for a second term on the board, Brickler said he wants to get to know incoming board member Lyen Crews so "we continue to have a productive board as we move forward."

In Tuesday's election, Crews was not contested for McCoun's District 5 seat. He begins his term in January.



WOODFORD DEMOCRATS celebrated their victories at Rolling Oven Pizza on Court Street on election night with resounding wins for County-Judge Executive James Kay, County Attorney-elect Cassie Barnes and County Jailer Michele Rankin. Republicans won only one of the four contested countywide races, with County Clerk-elect Amanda Centers emerging victorious. Pictured, center, is Kay with first-time House District 56 candidate David Graves and Versailles City Councilmember Chantel Brown-Bingham, who won reelection to the council. Although Graves lost the overall race to incumbent Dan Fister, whose district includes parts of Franklin and Jessamine counties, Graves carried the vote in Woodford County. (Photo by Scott White)

ELECTION

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Sun in a text. "I'm ready to hit the ground running, and I look forward to building on strong working relationships with local law enforcement, county officials and the newly elected Fiscal Court."

"Thank you to the people of Woodford County and . . . (c)ongratulations to all of last night's winners, including . . . our next County Attorney," Iaccarino said in a text. "This is home, and I remain committed to serving our community. As the signs come down, I look forward to all of our elected officials stepping up to put in the work that our community needs and deserves."

As seen in yesterday's national races, and in some races in Kentucky, this was not the best environment to run as a Republican. Even so, with multiple years of property tax cuts, low unemployment, a data center ban, the creation of a young farmer program, and restrictions on in-family conveyances of rural land, the Democrats campaigned on a record they argued was replete with positive accomplishments.

Versailles City races - nonpartisan

In a historic moment, Dake became the first woman to be elected to the office of Versailles mayor, following her appointment by Gov. Andy Beshear to finish out the term of former Mayor Brian Traugott.

Dake won a five-horse race with strong opposition in second-place finisher Councilman Fred Siegelman, who had served multiple terms as mayor and on the council before leaving to join the administration of Gov. Steve Beshear. Dake beat Siegelman by just under 8%, with Nick Green running third, or 24% behind Dake, and Cory Cooley and Jason DeVore finishing far off the pace.

"What a night. Thank you to everyone who supported me and placed their confidence in me," Dake told the *Sun* in a text. "I am humbled and grateful and look forward to serving the residents of this wonderful city for a full term!"

The Versailles City Council saw all of the incumbents win, with former Councilmember Aaron Smither beating out the rest of the field to claim the seat vacated by Siegelman, with his decision to run for mayor.

The winners, by percent of the vote, with the highest first, were: Chantel Brown-Bingham, 12.95%; Lisa Johnson, 12.46%; Gary Jones, 12.21%; Mary Bradley, 11.23%; Ann Miller, 10.88%; and Smither, 8.67%.

Midway City Council - nonpartisan

The calmest race took place for six seats on the Midway City Council. At the Candidate Forum held for these offices, the candidates nearly all said that any of the eight candidates would be a good member of council.

Like in Versailles, Midway voters were satisfied with those already on council, with all of the incumbents seeking reelection being returned. There was one open seat with Councilman Patrick Hall choosing to not seek another term. The winners, by percent of the vote, with the highest first, were: Mary Raglin, 15.21%; Logan Nance, 14.59%; Kay Nita Gallagher, 14,22%; Ian VanSteenbergh, 13.46%; Zach Rankin, 13.28%; and Steve Simoff, 12.84%.

Board of Education - nonpartisan

Incumbent and Chair of the School Board Adam Brickler defeated challenger Crystal Collins 52.49% to 47.51%.

Woodford County Conservation District – nonpartisan

Five candidates ran for three supervisor positions. Incumbents Brad Carmickle, 26.01%, Curtis Congleton, Jr., 21%, and challenger Jim Mansfield, 20.72%, were the winners, with incumbent Robert Richardson II and challenger Jesse Dahl missing out.

State House Representative, District 56

Incumbent Dan Fister, with a big helping hand from the parts of Franklin and Jessamine counties that were added during the last redistricting plan making it more difficult for Democrats, won reelection over Democrat challenger David Graves, 9,816 to 9,298 votes, or 51.4% to 48.6%. The race was far closer than many anticipated, and had Graves received the same level of support from the state party as Fister did (he ran a series of television ads in the closing weeks), then the result may have been different.

Regardless, Graves beat Fister in Woodford County, all of which is in the 56th District, 6,225 to 5,842 votes, or 51.59% to 48.41%, which underscored the strength and performance of the Democrats in Woodford County this cycle.

Federal races

In the U.S. Senate race, Republican Andy Barr won the election over Charles Booker. In Woodford County, the Democrats overperformed the statewide tally, with Barr winning 51.42% to 46.24%.

In the Congressional Sixth District, Democrat Zach Dembo defeated Republican Ralph Alvarado and will join the U.S. House of Representatives when the new Congress is sworn in. Dembo also beat Alvarado in Woodford County, 50.21% to 45.15%.

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Community Calendar

The deadline for Community Calendar items is Noon Monday.

Blood Drive

The Kentucky Blood Center will have a blood drive on Friday, Nov. 13 from 8 a.m. - 12 noon at Kroger, 212 Kroger Way, Versailles. Donors wll receive a $15 Kroger gift card (while supplies last).

Community Bible Study

Psalm 119:105 – Your word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Come with a "thirst." Bring a Bible, pen, paper and your coffee.

The study will be held at the Versailles Presbyterian Church Welcome Center, 130 N. Main St. on the first and third Saturdays at 10 a.m. with Minister Larry Blackford, lblackford.magistrate@gmail.com, 859-492-4075.

Mentors & Meals

Make a difference in a middle school student's life. Mentors & Meals seeks high school mentors, college role-models, and adult volunteers to provide homework help as compassionate mentors. This free after-school program offers academic support, enrichment activities, snacks, and hot meals Monday–Thursday, 3–5:30 p.m., at the First Christian Church Family Life Center (across from CVS Pharmacy). Transportation for students is provided to the program with parent/guardian pick up by 5:30 p.m. Student enrollment is open for grades 6–8, but space is limited, so contact us soon. Interested in volunteering or enrolling a student? Visit www.mentors-meals.org or email Program Director McKenna Halderman, mckenna@mentors-meals.org.

Midway Toastmasters

Midway Toastmasters meets every Monday at 6 p.m. in the basement of the Little Memorial Library on the Midway University campus. Meetings are open to the public and visitors are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact the club at nick@safetyreloaded.org or 859-397-5068.

Parkinson's Exercise & Support

Woodford County offers free classes and support for individuals living with Parkinson's disease and their caregivers. Join us and experience exercise, encouragement, and fellowship.

Classes are at The Cross Center at Forks of Elkhorn Baptist Church, 480 Duckers Road, Midway (behind the church with ample parking). Please check in at the front desk for all classes.

Drums Alive is on Mondays from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Beat the drums to the rhythm of music, movement, and laughter.

Monthly Support Group is on the third Thursday of each month with snacks and fellowship from 6-6:30 p.m. and a support group meeting from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Bring a snack to share. For more information, call 859-421-6678 or 502-330-5819.

Rotary Club of Woodford County

The local Rotary lunch/speaker meeting is the third Tuesday of each month at Versailles Brewing Company from 12-1 p.m. in their private room. Lunch is ordered off the menu. There is no guest meeting charge. Check out more on the Rotary Club of Woodford County Facebook page.

Survivors of Suicide

The Woodford Survivors of Suicide Loss Group meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in the community room (5th floor) of the WesBanco building. The address is 100 United Drive, Versailles. Please contact Julie Renner at 859-421-7697 if you have any questions or would like to attend.

Versailles Kiwanis Club

The club's monthly meetings are held the fourth Tuesday each month at 11:30 a.m. at Callie's Homestyle Restaurant.

For membership inquiries, please contact club president William Downey at 859-351-4429 or wkdowney5@gmail.com.

Woodford County Business and Professional Women's Club

The Business and Professional Women's Club meets monthly and works tirelessly in promoting the equal rights of all women. If interested, please contact any club member for more information.

Woodford County Chamber of Commerce

On Tuesday, Nov. 10, Coffee with the Chamber will be at the Woodford County Library at 8:30 a.m.

On Thursday, Nov. 12, the Non-Profit Roundtable, "Goodwill Training" willl be at the Woodford County Library at 9:30 a.m.

On Wednesday, Nov. 18, Women of Woodford will be at Saxony Farm, 469 Brown's Mill Rd. at 8:30 a.m.

Woodford Co. Extension Homemakers Assn.

Circle of Friends: third Thursday of the month at 6 p.m.

Patchwork: third Monday of the month at 6 p.m.

WCHS Marching Band Community Concert

The Woodford County High School Marching Band will hold its annual community concert on Monday, Nov. 9, at the WCHS football stadium starting at 7:30 p.m. The band will be performing this year's show "Tidal Forces," which carried the band all the way to a fourth place finish at the State Tournament held on Oct. 31 in Bowling Green

Woodford County NAACP

We meet every second Saturday at 10 a.m. in the Woodford Library Community Room. All are welcome.

Woodford County Republican Party

The Woodford County Republican Party meets the first Monday of every month.

Meetings are held at 7 p.m. at Versailles Brewing Company, 513 Marsailles Rd.

Woodford County Salvation Army Unit

The Woodford County Salvation Army Unit meets on the second Thursday of the month at Centerpoint Health at 9 a.m. in the second floor conference room. The unit is always looking for new volunteers. Salvation Army helps with many community organizations such as Coats and Shoes for Kids, Bluegrass Community Action, Family Resource Centers and the Red Kettle campaign. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Woodford County Woman's Club

The Woodford County Woman's Club welcomes all women in Woodford and surrounding counties to our monthly meetings, held on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:45 a.m. December's meeting will be held at the Pisgah Presbyterian Church and will feature a Kentucky Chautauqua performance by "Mary Todd Lincoln." The performance is free, and a lunch, catered by Partridge Catering, is available for $20. Reservations are required. To RSVP for the meeting and/or luncheon, please email contact@woodfordcountywomansclub.org. Come and help us make a difference in Woodford County.

THE WOODFORD COUNTY BUSINESS and Professional Women's Club recently held their recognition banquet in conjunction with Kentucky Professional Women's Week. The event was held at The Gathering Place in Midway. Pictured from left are the recipients of this years awards, Dina Johnson of Edwards Jones, Business Promoting Women and Brenda Richards, Woman of the Year. Absent from the photo is Woman of Achievement, Lisa Johnson. Members are pictured below. (Photos submitted)



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The Woodford County Library is accepting applications for the following job openings:

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This position requires an energetic and flexible person who enjoys working with the public in an efficient and friendly manner with an appreciation for detail and accuracy. Duties include checking materials in and out of the Library using a computer and shelving materials . Must have the ability to lift, push, or pull up to 20 lbs. Evening and weekend hours are required.

If you are interested, please pick up an application at the Library's circulation desk at the Main Library or Midway Branch.

All applications must be received by Wednesday, November 18th, 2026.

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Community Calendar Guidelines

As a public service to our readers, The Woodford Sun sets aside a certain amount of space for community events which are of interest to all readers. The guidelines for submission are as follows:

- Calendar postings are designed to announce local events such as programs, clubs and regularly scheduled meetings that do not charge a participation fee.
- Sporting events, political fundraisers and paid camps are not eligible for the Community Calendar.
- Events should be open to the general public and residents of Woodford County.

Please email your event to news@woodfordsun.com or contact the office at 859-873-3211. Include the event name, place and date. A brief description may be included. Space is limited to 100 words (total).

For events that do not fall into the categories listed above, please call our Sales Department for information on advertising rates at (859) 873-3211.

Obituaries & Church News



Jones

William Casey Jones ("Bill") skyrocketed into this world on New Year's Eve, Dec 31, 1951, in Huntington, West Virginia, the firstborn of the late Catherine Dunkle Jones and G. William Jones. Bravely and peacefully, he passed away on Nov. 6, 2025, at the age of 73, with his beloved wife and son, plus a family of lifelong friends at his side.

He is survived by his wife and love of his life, Patricia Berry Jones; their amazing son, Christopher (Laura); their grandson, Sam; his siblings, Susan ("Chuck"), Nancy (Edward), Penny ("Mach") and Andrew (Anita); cousins, Judy ("Don") and David ("Tom"); and countless nieces and nephews with their own children.

Known as Casey by his family and childhood friends, he was prone to asthma and allergies. He found solace in books on those "inside" days. Conspicuously, he was an avid reader from early childhood with a quirky curiosity, tempered by a gift for reticent observation, which matured and lasted throughout his adult life. Bill was passionate in his devotion to his family, the pursuit of the truth, the defense of his beliefs, and enthusiastically tackling his career, pastimes and hobbies.

Bill attended Barboursville High School in West Virginia, where he played some basketball, but more so exhibited a predisposition for math, science and social studies. He won the prestigious West Virginia State Golden Horseshoe History Award. Upon his high school graduation and entry to college, Bill moved with his family to Atlanta, Georgia, where he continued to work summers with his father, who supervised the building of large-scale road construction projects.

Bill often remarked that entering and attending Centre College in Danville, Kentucky, was a life-changing experience, opening his mind to so many opportunities and experiences. He played on the basketball team his freshman year and became a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon (SAE) fraternity, where he forged strong, lifelong friendships. He graduated in 1974 with bachelor's degrees in political science and chemistry.

Also, while at Centre, he met and fell in love with his future, who described him as one of the most unusual and intelligent men she'd ever met. They spent hours discussing the wonders of the universe, politics and science as they balanced their seemingly opposite geographical and cultural backgrounds. It was Bill who introduced his "beach girl from Miami" sweetheart to snow sledding, exploring the woods, evening hikes to Indian Falls, and his extensive collection of rock and blues albums. They married in 1976 and welcomed their baby son, Chris, 15 months later. He loved his family dearly and took great pride in his only son and grandson. They forged a life together founded on a mutual devotion that saw them through all those good and not so good times that life can levy.

Bill pursued an advanced degree in chemistry while working at the University of Kentucky before accepting a more lucrative position. His professional career spanned many years of service in both public and private sectors, including the federal government, Commonwealth of Kentucky, Kentucky and Louisville universities, as well as major corporations, including Ashland Chemical Co., Armco Steel/AK Steel, Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel, Granite City Steel and U.S. Steel (USS), where he progressed from laboratory chemistry and quality control to coal-fired blast furnace operations.

Having achieved in his career what he set out to do, Bill retired early. He and Pat returned to be near family and their many lifelong friends in Central Kentucky. Bill was an enthusiastic gardener of countless varieties of vegetables, roses and flowers, enjoyed ATVing, golfing, killing clay pigeons, building humongous campfires, launching over-the-top fireworks, and volunteering with Habitat for Humanity and the AARP Tax-Assistance Program. He rode horses in the Caribbean Sea in Jamaica and even learned how to "pilot" an airplane for one day as a 65th birthday gift from his wife… even though he barely fit, due to his tall stature.

Bill and Pat enjoyed attending concerts, cruises throughout the Caribbean and Europe, including multiple blues music cruises, traversing several countries in Europe, visiting Pat's relatives in Jamaica, visiting and hosting "Casey's" family for legendary Keeneland reunions, and vacations at their Marco Island condo. They were longtime patrons and friends of Tee Dee Young and his blues club. Most importantly, through all the good times and most trying times, in their successes and failures, health and tragic illness… they remained passionately in love and fiercely devoted to one another.

Bill dearly loved his family. He was an enthusiastic husband and a proud father and grandfather. Friends knew Bill as an honest, loyal and generous soul who lived life to the fullest… and did it "his way."

A celebration of William's life will be held on Saturday, Nov. 7, from 2 to 5 p.m.at the Jones residence. It will be livestreamed on the Clark Legacy Center Facebook Page. Parking for the Celebration of Life is located at Clark Funeral Home, 241 Rose Hill Ave, Versailles.

In lieu of Flowers, donations to honor Bill's legacy may be made to local humane societies, UK Children's Hospital, Shriners Hospitals for Children, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, the American Heart Association, Planned Parenthood and Bluegrass Care Navigators.

Clark Legacy Center, Versailles Road, is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be expressed at www.ClarkLegacyCenter.com.



Nutter

Keith Dudley Nutter, 71, of Lexington, Kentucky, passed away peacefully on Oct. 29, 2026, at his home.

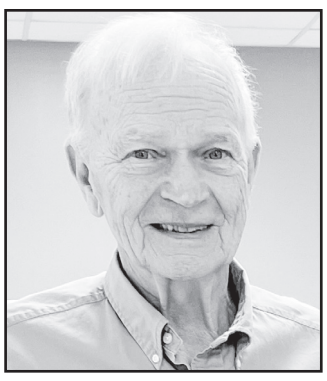
He was born Sept.13, 1955, in Frankfort, Kentucky, to James and Billie Sue Nutter.

Keith is survived by his significant other, Linda Richards; his brother, Rick Nutter, and his wife, Lindsey; his nephew, James Hayden Nutter, and his wife, Courtney, and children, Amelia Belle Nutter and George Hayden Nutter; and nephew, Michael Edward Nutter.

He worked as a transportation professional, enjoyed spending time with friends, and had a love for Rottweilers.

A celebration of his life will be held at a later date, to be announced.

Care Cremation and Funeral Service is honored to be entrusted with final care.



Trana

Kenneth Dean Trana, 81, of Versailles, passed away on Nov. 2, 2026. He was born to Rosalie and Owen Trana on Oct. 14, 1945, in Arlington, Virginia.

Ken was an alumnus of the Fishburne Military School and North Dakota State University.

Ken joined the Army and flew Hueys during the Vietnam War with the 57th Assault Helicopter Company, 1st Aviation Brigade, 1970-1971. He was a recipient of the Air Medal and a lifelong member of the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association.

A lifelong helicopter pilot, Ken flew for several companies over his 50-year career, the last 15 years as a helicopter EMS pilot with Air Methods, bringing care to those who needed it most. Ken felt most at home in the air and with his fellow EMS pilots and Vietnam Veterans.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Judi Trana Millard.

Ken is survived by his wife of 55 years, Karen Reeves Trana; children, Lesley (Royce) Gilpin and Christoper (Elisabeth) Trana; and grandchildren, Melody and Taylor Gilpin and Alex and Emery Trana.

Ken was a very loving and generous husband, father and grandfather.

A visitation will be held at Clark Funeral Home in Versailles from 5 to 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 9. A service will take place at the funeral home on Tuesday, Nov. 10, at 11 a.m. A private burial will follow in Clarksville, Tennessee.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Woodford County Humane Society.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.ClarkLegacyCenter.com.

Church News

Clear Creek Baptist

Sunday worship service is at 8:30 a.m and 11 a.m. with a livestream of the 11 a.m. service on Facebook. Adult and youth Sunday School is at 9:45 a.m.; Wednesday evening prayer meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. with Adult Bible Study and Book Club at 7 p.m. Clear Creek is located at 30 Pinckard Pike (corner of 169 and 33).

Clover Bottom Baptist

We invite you to join us in worship and Bible study at Clover Bottom. We are located south of Nonesuch at 6321 Fords Mill Road (#1965).

Our Sunday schedule begins with Sunday school classes for all ages at 10 a.m., followed by morning worship service (traditional style) at 11 a.m. and Bible study at 6 p.m. Our midweek Bible study is at 7 p.m. on Wednesday. See our Facebook page for current events and other news.

First Christian (Disciples of Christ)

Everyone is welcome to join us for worship on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. for our traditional service, 10 a.m. for Sunday School, or 11:05 a.m. for our contemporary service. Our small groups and youth group meet every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., with dinner at 5:30 p.m. The church's devotional library by the garden on Locust Street is open to everyone. If you have any questions or want more information, please call the church office at 859-873-3901 or email fccdoc@windstream.net. The church is located at 160 Lexington Street in Versailles.

Glen's Creek Baptist

We would like to invite you to our 11 a.m. Sunday Service at the Church (4678 Steele Road, Versailles).

The House of Prayer

Weekly services include Sunday School at 10 a.m.; Sunday morning worship at 11:30 a.m.; evening service at 4 p.m.; Tuesday prayer service at 7 p.m.; and Thursday Bible study/pop-up church. Address: 855 Kingsway Dr.

King's Way Church

Join us on Sundays at 10 a.m. (11:30 a.m. Español) for an unforgettable time of worship. Dive deeper midweek on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. We are located at 4175 Lexington Rd.

Midway Baptist

Everyone is invited to join Midway Baptist Church in worship. Our Sunday worship times are: 9 a.m. – traditional service; 10 a.m. – Sunday School/small groups with donuts and coffee available; 11 a.m. – contemporary worship. We offer nursery and children's worship during the 11 a.m. service. We are located at 121 S Winter St. in beautiful Midway, where all are welcomed.

Midway Christian (Disciples of Christ)

All are welcome to gather for worship on Sundays at 10:55 a.m. The service is available in person, on YouTube and Facebook. Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

The theme of "Sanctuary" continues with "Becoming a Living Sanctuary: Creating Safe Harbor for All" as the sermon and Luke 4:16-21 as the scripture.

For more information, go to Facebook, YouTube, http://www.midwaychristian.org or contact the church office at 859-846-4102.

Midway Presbyterian

Sunday worship is at 11 a.m. Children's choir practice is at 10 a.m. on Sundays. Adult choir practice is at 6:30 p.m. on Mondays.

Advent decorating will be on Sunday, Nov 22 after worship.

Midway United Methodist

Sunday service begins at 10:30 a.m., and can be livestreamed on YouTube at: @johnloper6370.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/MidwayKYUMC or call the office at 859-846-4963.

Millville Christian

Millville Christian Church holds service at 11 a.m. every Sunday on McCracken Pike.

Mortonsville Methodist

We are located at 929 Delaney Ferry Road and hold a service Sunday mornings at 11 a.m. We no longer have Sunday School or children's church, but welcome anyone who doesn't need those services.

The first Sunday of each month we experience Holy Communion. Next Sunday, Nov. 8, we are going to look at "Lies We Believe About God." Gary Barkman, husband of pastor Amy Barkman, predicts that this message will probably turn into a series. If you don't already have a place and time to meet with other Christians, we invite you to join us.

Mt. Vernon Baptist

We invite you to join us in worship and Bible study at 1220 Old Frankfort Pike, Woodford County. Sunday schedule begins with Fellowship at 9:15 a.m., followed by Sunday School at 10 a.m., Morning Worship at 11 a.m., and Evening Service at 6 p.m. The 11 a.m. Morning Worship is also live streamed on Facebook.

New Hope Baptist

The Hoppers Christmas performance will be Sunday, Dec. 6 at 6 p.m. There is no admission fee, but reservations are required. Call the church at 859-873-1707 for info.

Sunday School is at 9:15 a.m. Sunday Service is at 10:30 a.m. The Wednesday prayer meeting is at noon and children's activities are at 7 p.m.

We are located at 3825 Tyrone Pike, Versailles. We hope you can join us.

New Union Christian (Disciples of Christ)

The church invites all to worship Sunday mornings at 11 a.m., with option to attend on-site or on Zoom. Our weekly Prayer and Friendship group meets Tuesdays on Zoom at 11 a.m. New Union will host the annual Union Thanksgiving Day worship at 10:30 a.m., Nov. 26, with sister church, Pisgah Presbyterian, Rev. Hannah McIntyre preaching, and all in the community invited. The tradition for the Thanksgiving union service goes back to the 19th century, each year alternating the host church, and the visiting church providing the preacher. For more information, contact: newunionpastor@gmail.com.

Pinckard Baptist

We have adult, student and child age Sunday school at 10 a.m. every Sunday with morning worship service at 11 a.m. Adult, atudent and children's Wednesday night services are at 7 p.m., with a meal provided before hand at 6 p.m. We are located at 3401 Pinckard Pike, Versailles.

Pisgah Presbyterian

Pisgah Presbyterian Church continues with its stewardship season through November 22. Prior to the worship service at 11 a.m., Pisgah's Sunday school classes for children and adults meet at 9:45 a.m. All are welcome to join Pisgah's Sunday school classes and service.

St. Andrew's Anglican

The recovery group Freedom Road meets at 12:30 p.m. each Thursday at the Versailles Brewing Company restaurant in Versailles. This anonymous group is open to those struggling with issues like substance abuse, pornography and workaholism, offering a Christian perspective to the traditional 12-step recovery process. Please contact 859-414-6680 for more confidential information. St. Andrew's is located on Paddock Drive, just off US 60. We invite you to join us for our Sunday service which is also live-streamed on the church's website at 10 a.m. (www.standrewsky.org). The church office hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday.

St. John's Episcopal

We invite you to join us on Sunday Nov. at 8 and 10:30 a.m. for Kirkin' O' the Tartans and worship. Arrive at 10 to select your clan flag and march in the parade with the bagpipe band, who will play during the 10:30 service. "Godly Play for children" is at 10:30 a.m. and a potluck brunch is at 11:30 a.m. A healing service is on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. Livestream of the 10:30 service and Compline on Tuesday and Thursday at 8:30 p.m. is at http://www.stjohnsky.com. Call or email the church office if you have a name to add to the 2026 memorial list that will be read at the service..

St. Leo Catholic

Weekend mass times are 5 p.m. Saturday; 8 and 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. (Spanish) on Sunday. Coffee and donuts are served the first Sunday of each month after the 8 a.m. mass. Visit https://saintleoparishky.org for weekday mass times. Weekly Rosary is on Saturday at 4:30 p.m. Find our Masses on YouTube.

Southside Christian

Southside Christian Church, located at 3621 Cabinhill Lane in Versailles, invites the community to attend weekly services.

Sunday School is held at 9 a.m., followed by worship at 10 a.m. Adult Bible Study meets at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays. All are welcome to attend.

Troy Presbyterian

Adult Sunday School is in the Learning Center at 9:30 a.m. The Sunday worship service is at 11 a.m., in person or on YouTube, Facebook or our website, TroychurchKY.org.

This is Stewardship Month. For the next few weeks we will introduce Stewardship Month. Time and talent forms and pledge cards will be collected this Sunday.

The Troy men's breakfast group meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 9 a.m. at the Dixie Café in Keene.

The Troy Chili Lunch with a cake walk and vendors will be Nov. 7 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Wednesday Choir practice is at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Versailles Baptist

VBC offers worship services on Sunday at 8:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. The 8:45 a.m. service is livestreamed on Facebook. Sunday School, for all ages, is at 10 a.m. There is Wednesday night programming for all ages.

Visit our Facebook page for more details at facebook.com/versaillesbaptistchurch.

Versailles Presbyterian

Versailles Presbyterian Church is an open, welcoming and inclusive church located at 130 North Main St. Rev. Julie Johnson is the pastor. Sunday worship service is at 10 a.m., and is livestreamed via YouTube and Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/versaillespresbyterianchurch).

The cancer support group will meet on Monday, Nov. 9 at 6 p.m. in the large conference room.

VPC will host the Community Household Pantry on Thursday, Nov. 12 from 3:30 to 6 p.m. in the welcome center at the back of the church.

VPC will host a Christmas Mart on Saturday, Nov. 14 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. All are welcome.

Orders are being taken for Christmas poinsettias, now through Nov. 22. The plants are $15 each.

Call 859-873-3491 or visit www.versaillespres.org for more information.

Versailles United Methodist

VUMC invites everyone to join in the ministries of the church. Cornerstones will meet Thursday, Nov. 5 at noon. Free diaper distribution is Sunday, Nov. 8 from 6-7: p.m.

The Sunday worship services are at 9:30 a.m and 10:30 a.m. with Sunday School classes at 9:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. The youth meet at 4 p.m. on Sunday afternoon. The Ladies of J.O.Y. meet on Monday at 10 a.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal is on Wednesday, at 6:45 p.m.

Versailles United Methodist Church is located at 230 Payne's Mill Road, 859-873-4304.

Wesley Covenant Fellowship

Join us at Wesley Covenant Fellowship, a Global Methodist Church. Sunday school begins at 9 a.m., followed by fellowship at 9:30 a.m. and worship service at 10 a.m. We're located at 134 Court St. Everyone is welcome. Have questions? Connect with us on Facebook, email info@wesleycovenantfellowship.org, or call 859-682-9542.

News Of Record

District Court

Nov. 2
Sarah Hays Spedding, judge

Traffic

Speeding – *Traffic school (DSK, STS, CATS):* Dayshon Gipson; Angela McIntyre; McKenzie Roll; Camryn Samples; Kandis Sexton; Benjamin Hall; Alberick Maciel; Angelisse Warren. *Alive at 25:* Elijah Buckles; Grayson Fugate; Isaiah King; Maci McCallon; Hailey McQuillen, with careless driving, $30; Levi Noah; Ella Sullivan; Alexia Walker. *Remaining speeding guilties:* Krishnar Villegas, $36; Richard Hunter, $55; Elrico Hymon, with no insurance, $530; Caranne Kay, $20; Angel Javier, $30; Ashle Madry, $30; Mariana Gutierrez, with no license and failure to inform clerk of new address, $174; Matthew Satterly, $55; Leslie Seawright, $55; Stanley Sutton, $30; Andrew Vanover, $55; Damir Jimenez, $30.

D.U.I. – Chad Combs, $200/four to six months license suspension/alcohol education; Sarah Cummins, $200/four to six months license suspension/alcohol education; Miguel Gutierrez, $200/four to six months license suspension/alcohol education; David Webb, second offense, $350/12 to 18 months license suspension/alcohol education/seven days home incarceration.

Possession of alcohol in open container – Albert Krippenstapel, with careless driving, $200.

Reckless driving – Julia Garten, with speeding, STS & $100; Darail Newby, with speeding, STS and $55.

Careless driving – Alisson Perdomo, with no license in possession, $100; Jose Diaz, with no license, $150.

Disregard stop light – Ellis Endicott, STS; Christian Rodriguez, Jr., Alive at 25.

Driving on suspended license – Paul Jackson, with speeding, $138.

No insurance – Samuel Maison, $2,000 (two separate offenses).

I.C.E. Holder (This is an order or request by the U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement to keep the person in custody until I.C.E. can take custody of that person). – None.

Misdemeanors

Kevin McDonald – D.U.I. third offense, terroristic threatening, menacing, criminal mischief, possession of open alcohol container, and driving on a suspended license, $535/24 to 36 months license suspension/alcohol education/70 days in jail.

Jakob Tracy – possession of marijuana with speeding, $100 and STS.

Toni Brown – non-support of minor child, 90 days, probate two years.

Michael Brown – D.U.I., speeding, reckless driving, open alcohol container, and possession of marijuana, $550.

Austin Claycomb – possession of marijuana, $150.

Tommy Litteral – wanton endangerment, 99 days in jail, serve 9 days in jail, probate balance two years.

Christopher Reed – alcohol intoxication in a public place, $25.

Rosemarie Webb – possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, and cruelty to animals, nine days in jail.

Anthony Devine – assault with minor injury, 90 days in jail, serve six days, probate balance two years and no contact with female victim.

Michael Moungey – possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), possession of drug paraphernalia, and cruelty to animals, terroristic threatening, ten days in jail.

Police Reports

Versailles police investigated 13 non-injury and four injury vehicle collisions, made four arrests, had 586 calls for service, and made 71 traffic stops and enforcements from Oct. 25 to Oct. 31, 2026.

Fire Reports

City

The Versailles Fire Department made nie EMS calls, installed one car seat, and responded to one vehicle collision from Oct. 28 to Nov. 1, 2026.

On Oct. 26, firefighters responded to a gas odor on Elm Street.

On Oct. 28, they responded to a gas odor on Court Street, and dealt with a damaged fire hydrant on Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard.

On Oct. 29, they conducted a smoke investigation on Wooldridge Lane.

On Nov. 1, they responded to different odor investigations, one on Lexington Road and the other on Cedar Ridge Lane.

County

The Woodford County Fire Department made seven EMS calls, responded to four false alarms, and responded to three vehicle collisions and one roll-over tractor-trailer accident from Oct. 28 to Nov. 1, 2026.

On Oct. 30, firefighters responded to an ATV fire in a wooded area on Elliston Lane.

On Nov. 1, they responded to a controlled burn on Clifton Road.

Public Records

Deeds

Trisha Ann Lewallen, as trustee of the Brad Lewallen Revocable Trust, Stephen Craig Gillispie and Jennifer Dale Gillispie to Stephen Craig Gillispie and Jennifer Dale Gillispie, 33.45 acres on Haggin Lane, other consideration.

Stephen Craig Gillispie, Jennifer Dale Gillispie and Trisha Ann Lewallen, as trustees of the Brad Lewallen Revocable Trust, to Stephen Craig Gillispie and Jennifer Dale Gillispie, 40.28 acres on Haggin Lane, other consideration.

Trisha Ann Lewallen, as trustee of the Brad Lewallen Revocable Trust, Stephen Craig Gillispie and Jennifer Dale Gillispie to Trisha A. Lewallen, 1070 Haggin Lane, other consideration.

Station Bloodstock, LCC (Erik K. Good, sole member and manager) to Dayka 4, LP (Meghan Dayka, general partner), 208 South Winter Street, Midway, $470,000.

John T. Jones and Karen J. Jones to Benjamin Willis Coleman and Allison Renee Coleman, 12.404 acres at 1460 Shannon Run Road, $1,850,000.

Ronald Lewis Lane III, Aubrey Lane, Ronald L. Lane Jr. and Vanessa Lane to Matthew Fields and Kristin R. Fields, 2290 Shryocks Ferry Road, $265,000.

Peggy A. Cunningham to Good Boy Properties, LLC (Ben Hartley and Casey Whittle, members), 321 Dunroven Drive, $110,000.

Stacy Jacobs, as trustee of the Billy Brown Jacobs Irrevocable Trust, to Beverly Myers McDaniel, as trustee of the Beverly M. McDaniel Living Trust, 150 Sugartree Lane, $391,000.

James V. May to Susan Palmer McVey, 453 Gleneagles Way, $379,000.

Thad W. Scott and Tammy E. Scott to Thad Walker Scott, as trustee of the Thad Walker Scott Living Trust, 5001 Lupreese Lane, $1.

Sandra L. Gallagher to Stonebrook Farms, LLC (Daniel Northrup, member), 30 acres at 1070 Kidds Mill Road, $1,200,000.

Bobby Wayne Coubert, as executor of the Margaret Coubert estate, to Isabelle Hopkins, 318 First Street, Midway, $167,500.

Margaret H. Schott to Walter E. Schott III, 3517 Troy Pike, other consideration.

Walter E. Schott III and Elaine S. Schott to Walter E. Schott III, as trustee of the Walter E. Schott III Revocable Living Trust, 3517 Troy Pike, $1.

Gary C. Weil and Kathleen M. Weil to Gary C. Weil and Kathleen M. Weil, as co-trustees of the Weil Family Trust, 276 Rose Hill Avenue, $1.

Ball Homes, LLC to Warren T. Brown Jr. and Laura Brown, 449 Sandalwood Park, $670,014.

Eugenia Blackburn Farm, Inc. to Cynthia C. Blackburn, 742 Shady Lane, Midway, other consideration.

Michael S. Smith and Amy M. Smith to William H. Lancaster and Jessica L. Lancaster, 6008 Canonero Way, $565,000.

Louis Thomas Yount Jr. and Pamela A. Yount to Laurie D. Gimmon, 309 East Stephens Street and 306 Brand Street, Midway, $222,500.

About News of Record:

The Woodford Sun reports on this page all traffic and misdemeanor fines in District Court; police reports released from the local or state police departments and sheriff's office; civil suits in Circuit Court; fire reports released by the city and county fire departments, and property transfers recorded in the county clerk's office.

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MIDWAY FIRE HYDRANT FLUSHING

Monday, November 9, THRU Friday, November 13, 2026

The Midway Water Works Department will be flushing fire hydrants on Monday, November 9, 2026 thru Friday, November 13, 2026 starting at 8:00 a.m. and continuing thru 4:30 p.m.

This operation involves simultaneously opening several fire hydrants in an area to create increased water flows. This is necessary to clean the distribution system of any mineral deposits and sediment that may have built up in the mains.

It is possible that residents may notice cloudy tap water, but the cloudiness should pass in a short time, and the water is safe to drink. The water should be allowed to clear before residents do laundry. The City of Midway is not responsible for laundry being damaged during the hydrant-flushing period.

We apologize for this inconvenience and assure you it is a necessary part of our operation. If you have any questions, please contact City Hall at 846-4413.

WCFD honors volunteer firefighter for his 50-plus years of service

By Bob Vlach
Woodford Sun Staff

The Woodford County Fire Department honored Gary Curd for his 50-plus years of service as a volunteer firefighter on Oct. 23. Curd retired on July 31, but he did not want to have a celebration honoring him for his service, Fire Chief Melvin Montgomery said.

"That's the thing about volunteer (firefighters, they) … don't do it to be recognized and he didn't want that," Montgomery said.

So following the funeral for Firefighter Orville Coyle on Oct. 23, Montgomery asked Curd to stop by the station because "I've got something I need to give you." That's when Curd was given a plaque honoring him for five decades of service.

Curd was a volunteer at Station 3 in Nonesuch, where he lived "all this life," Montgomery said. Curd's knowledge of the area and knowing the people who live there "makes a world of difference" when firefighters are responding to a structure fire or other emergencies in that area, he said.

So Montgomery said he's thankful Gary's son Ethan is a volunteer firefighter who also knows the area and people.



GARY CURD received a plaque honoring his 50-plus years of service as a volunteer firefighter with the Woodford County Fire Department. Assistant Chief Terry Agee, also pictured, presented the plaque to Curd. (Photo submitted)

The Woodford County Fire Department has eight fulltime firefighters, Montgomery said, so "without volunteers you wouldn't have a fire department. That's how valuable they are to you."

Station 1 on Big Sink Pike is manned by fulltime firefighters, but the other five Woodford County Fire stations only have volunteers, he said.

"They do it because they want to do it," says Montgomery of his 43 volunteer firefighters. Because of full-time jobs and busy family lives, he said fewer people can dedicate time to serving as volunteers.



WOODFORD COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS HONORED Gary Curd for his 50-plus years of service as a volunteer firefighter. From left are Eric Hysell, Ken Hagan, Chris Kraus, Brandon Rue, Alex Cheak, Robert Hall, Chief Melvin Montgomery, Trevor Skipper, Curd, Assistant Chief Terry Agee, Kevin Wilson, retired Chief John Varner, Scott Spencer, Cody Simpson, Jacob Rand, Anthony Vhenault, Raymond Slusher and Ethan Curd, Gary's son. (Photo submitted)

Community partners help WCFD purchase large animal rescue trailer, equipment



DONATIONS FROM COMMUNITY PARTNERS helped the Woodford County Fire Department purchase a large animal rescue trailer and the specialized equipment used to rescue horses and cows. Pictured, from left, are Fire Chief Melvin Montgomery, Assistant Fire Chief Terry Agee, firefighters Cody Simpson and Brandon Rue, Amy Parker and Kathy Picklesimer (McCauley Brothers), Sharon Hughes (Animal House Pet Hotel), Michael Duckworth (The Barn at Duckworth Farm), and Malcolm Collins (Collins Construction). Someone from Woodford County Farm Bureau, also a donor, was not available for the photo. (Photo submitted)

By Bob Vlach
Woodford Sun Staff

With financial contributions from community partners, the Woodford County Fire Department (WCFD) has purchased a large animal rescue trailer and specialized equipment used for cow and horse rescues.

"This year alone," WCFD Chief Melvin Montgomery told the *Sun*, "we've had nine large animal rescues, which have all been horses." That is a much higher number than previous years, he said.

So after a harsh winter when two horses were rescued from frozen-over fields caused by water runoff, and more people becoming aware that the WCFD does large animal rescues, he said there was an increasing need for his department to have a fully-equipped large animal rescue trailer.

Montgomery said donations from Woodford County Farm Bureau, Collins Construction, McCauley Brothers, Animal House Pet Hotel and The Barn at Duckworth Farm totaling $2,800 made it possible for the WCFD to purchase a large animal rescue trailer and the equipment needed for those types of rescues without delay.

A fully-equipped trailer allows firefighters to respond to a large animal rescue as soon as a call comes in because "now all we've got to do is hook up (the trailer) and go," he said.

The large animal rescue trailer, which has been in service for about three months, cost about $5,900, and the equipment cost an additional $3,900, Montgomery said. The purchases were approved by the Woodford County Fire District Board, he said.

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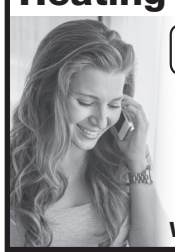
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Sports

WCHS cross country takes on state's best

BY BILL CAINE
WOODFORD SUN SPORTS

Woodford County High School cross country competed in the KHSAA state championship at the Kentucky Horse Park on Halloween morning.

There were some big performances and personal bests from the Woodford runners.

Harmony Gampper broke 20 minutes, Penny Oxnard reached both of her race goals and Blake Porter closed his season with a personal record

Gampper led the seven-runner girls' team with a 38th place finish in 19:44.24. Porter, Woodford's lone runner in the boys' race, finished 72nd in 16:58.56.

For coach Adam Swingle, the excitement came from watching his runners pursue individual goals on a course that challenged them with hills and crowded stretches.

"Exciting, I think, is the simple word," Swingle said. "Sometimes we come into the state meet and being here is our goal."

Swingle challenged his runners during the week to decide what they wanted to accomplish once they reached the starting line.

"They all let me know what their goals were, and they worked hard towards them," he said.

Gampper's target was to finish in less than 20 minutes. She cleared that mark by more than 15 seconds, working through a packed field and a series of climbs to lead the Yellow Jackets.

"It was pretty hard. It was really hilly," Gampper said. "There's a couple big hills, and you just have to keep going up them."

Finding room to move was another part of the challenge. With runners competing for the same space, Gampper said she had to stay with the flow of the race while looking for openings.

"You just kind of gotta keep going with the crowd and try to keep moving," she said.

Her preparation also included time spent in prayer. Gampper said she focused throughout the week on her relationship with God and asked for help getting through the race.

"This whole week, I've been really focusing on my relationship with God," she said. "That's really showed me how much He's really with me."

Avery Gill was Woodford's next finisher, placing 72nd in 20:23.72. Oxnard followed in 83rd in 20:34.88, giving the Yellow Jackets three runners among the top 100.

Oxnard entered the meet with two specific goals and accomplished both.

"I set a goal to get sub-21, and I got that goal," Oxnard said. She also wanted to finish among the first 100 runners. Her 83rd-place finish put her comfortably inside that target.

"It was really exciting," Oxnard said. "The course was really hilly, but it felt really good."

Getting to that point took work throughout the season. Asked how she handled the demands of cross country, Oxnard pointed to training hard, staying hydrated and eating well.

"I hydrate. I eat some good food," she said.

Jacey Lyddane finished 145th in 21:43.13. Her experience illustrated how much a runner's outlook can change between previewing a course and competing on it.

Lyddane visited the course the day before the championship and left with some doubts about what awaited her. The hills stood out, and she was initially not confident about the race.

By the time she competed, however, she felt better prepared mentally.

"Honestly, I felt pretty locked in, and it was a good experience," Lyddane said.

"I wasn't too confident about it, but today, my mindset was good."

Lucy Danks finished 210th in 23:11.92, Ashlyn Dearinger placed 215th in 23:19.43 and Genevieve Cox finished 227th in 23:43.62. Woodford's first five finishers combined for 476 team points.



THE LADY JACKETS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM is pictured prior to the start of the KHSAA state championship Oct. 31. Pictured from left is Ava Jones, Allie Twehues, coaches Ashley and Adam Swingle, Avery Gill, Harmony Gampper, Jacey Lyddane, Genevieve Cox, Penny Oxnard, Ashlyn Dearinger, Lucy Danks and coach Dr. Phil Latham. (Photo by Bill Caine)



BLAKE PORTER works through a crowded curve at the KHSAA state championship Oct. 31 in Lexington. (Photo by Bill Caine)

In the boys' race, Porter expected a difficult test and finished with a personal best.

"It was great," Porter said. "I went out there, knowing it was going to be difficult."

He kept pushing throughout the race, first working to find space in the crowded opening stretch.

"It was tight, especially at the beginning, so you kind of had to find the gap and work your way through," Porter said.

Once through that traffic, the hills presented another test. Porter said he had to attack the climbs and use the downhill stretches to gain ground and move ahead of other runners.

The finish required another push. With a slight uphill grade and competitors beside him, Porter knew the final stretch would demand everything he had left.

"You know it's going to be an all-out battle till the finish," he said.

His 16:58.56 gave him a personal record and a result he was thankful to carry into the off-season.

"Very satisfied," Porter said. "Got a PR to finish off the season."

For Swingle, the performances offered encouragement about what comes next for Woodford's program.

"The future's bright," he said. "The future's very bright."



HARMONY GAMPPER is pictured in the home stretch of Saturday's state championship at the Kentucky Horse Park. (Photo by Bill Caine)

WCHS football blanks Ballard in season finale

BY BILL CAINE
WOODFORD SUN SPORTS

The Woodford County High School football team closed out the regular season with a 45-0 shutout victory over the Ballard Bruins on Friday, Oct. 30, at Community Stadium.

For the Yellow Jackets, the win was another strong performance by a defense that has been among the best in the state all season. Woodford has allowed just eight points over its last two games, building momentum heading into the playoffs, which begin Friday night at home against Scott High School.

Woodford held Ballard to just 31 yards of total offense and two first downs. The Bruins finished with minus-4 rushing yards and had 13 rushing plays that resulted in negative yardage.

Woodford coach Dennis Johnson said his team took pride in keeping the Bruins off the scoreboard, particularly with younger players getting opportunities late in the game.

"That's a big deal," Johnson said. "They don't like giving up points. We put some of the young guys in there, and they came in and did a good job. We wanted to keep that shutout because Ballard has put up some points against other teams. It was good for us."

The game got off to a slow start, with both teams trading punts before Woodford's offense began to find its rhythm late in the first quarter.

Johnson credited Ballard's defense for making things difficult early.

"Look, I respect their defense," Johnson said. "I watched them against some really good teams, and those teams would get some chunk plays, but they couldn't consistently drive the ball against them. We finally picked things up and started doing what we needed to do. We just started a little slow."

JT Jackson broke free for a 20-yard gain to move the ball near midfield. A pass interference penalty against Ballard moved the Yellow Jackets closer to the red zone before quarterback Foxx Coons connected with Greyson Hodge for a first down as the opening quarter came to a close.

Aidyn Powell capped the drive with a touchdown run up the middle, breaking multiple tackles on his way to the end zone. Cash Wolfe added the extra-point to give Woodford a 7-0 lead.

Woodford's defense took control on Ballard's next possession. Jordan Holman brought down the Bruins' quarterback for a sack and a loss of approximately eight yards. On the following play, Darrian Tomlin stuffed a quarterback sneak at the line of scrimmage, forcing another Ballard punt.

The Yellow Jackets took over near midfield and went to the air. Coons connected with Hodge for another first down before Ryan Brown powered through a hole in the offensive line and carried the ball inside the Ballard 5-yard line.

Coons found Omari Jointer for a 5-yard touchdown pass, extending Woodford's lead to 14-0.

The Yellow Jackets' defense struck again on Ballard's next possession. Tomlin recovered a fumble on a backward pass and returned it for a touchdown, pushing the lead to 21-0.

Tomlin said the shutout carried additional significance because it marked the final regular-season game for Woodford's seniors.



GREYSON HODGE leaps for a reception during Woodford's 45-0 win over Ballard Oct. 30 at Community Stadium. (Photo by Bill Caine)

"We knew we had to make a statement in this game," Tomlin said. "The younger guys knew they owed it to us because they would want people to do the same for them."

After the Bruins turned the ball over on downs near midfield, Woodford wasted little time adding to its advantage. Coons found David Jones Jr. in stride for a 37-yard touchdown pass, sending the Yellow Jackets into halftime with a 28-0 lead.

Woodford forced another Ballard punt to open the second half. Coons completed passes to Jointer, Jones and Hodge on the ensuing possession, but the drive stalled on a turnover on downs.

The Yellow Jackets' defense quickly forced another punt, and Jace Carroll entered the game at quarterback. Carroll completed passes to Kael Rihtar and Jones before a big run by Jackson helped set up a Wolfe field goal, extending Woodford's lead to 31-0.

Wyatt Peters intercepted a Ballard pass on the Bruins' next possession, recording his seventh interception of the season. The total tied Peters for the state lead among defensive backs.

Coons returned at quarterback and connected with Jointer for a first down at the Ballard 25-yard line. Brown then carried the ball to the 1-yard line before finishing the drive with a 1-yard touchdown run, giving Woodford a 38-0 advantage.

Brown said the regular-season finale was an opportunity for the Yellow Jackets to demonstrate what they are capable of heading into the postseason.

"Man, we just really had to show everybody what we're capable of and what we can do moving forward," Brown said.

Carroll returned to lead the offense and connected with Zach Fugate for a touchdown pass to account for Woodford's final points of the night.

Coons credited the defense for its performance while acknowledging the offense still has areas to improve.

"The defense played amazing," Coons said. "The offense has a couple of things we could have worked on, but a shout-out to the defense for putting up the shutout today."

With the regular season complete, Woodford now turns its attention to the postseason and a home match-up with Scott High School.



WYATT PETERS leaps for his seventh interception of the season during Woodford's shutout of Ballard Oct. 30. (Photo by Bill Caine)

Johnson said the Yellow Jackets understand the importance of maintaining their focus, regardless of the opponent.

"They know the ultimate goal, right? You can't take a week off because you think the opponent is going to be weak," Johnson said. "You've got to prepare the

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New coach and expectations for WCMS volleyball team

BY BILL CAINE
WOODFORD SUN SPORTS

New coach Ashley Marsaa wants her Woodford County Middle School volleyball players to build something that lasts beyond this season.

Returning to the school system where she once wore black and gold, Marsaa is establishing expectations for the sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade teams that extend from the court to the classroom and community.

For the Woodford County High School graduate, the opportunity is personal. She attended elementary, middle and high school in the district and played volleyball before returning to help guide another generation.

Now, she wants to establish a tradition rooted in faith, unity, family and standards for what it means to represent Woodford County.

"That means grades. That means work ethic. That means respect for our teachers, coaches, and each other," Marsaa said.

Those expectations are part of a larger goal: developing players who understand how to support one another, accept responsibility and prepare for the next level.

Marsaa sees plenty of opportunities for the teams to grow. Their willingness to work and respond to her leadership has already given her reason for optimism.

"I think anything's possible," she said. "I mean, they have come in day after day. They have grinded it out."

That commitment has extended beyond drills and competition. Marsaa said players have led devotionals and embraced the expectations accompanying a coaching change.

"They have done everything that I've asked," she said.

Marsaa understands that adjusting to a new coach and new standards can be challenging. But she believes those changes can help establish a foundation that benefits the program well into the future.

"Change is scary," she said. "But sometimes change is good."

The goal is to build players up through their middle school years so they are ready for the demands of high school volleyball. Marsaa sees this stage as an important opportunity to develop both their skills and their approach to the game.

"So we can build this generation up," she said. "So they are ready to move on to that high school level."

For Sophia Metzger, volleyball is already a family tradition.

"My whole family played it," Metzger said.

Now she is finding her own enjoyment in the sport alongside teammates she appreciates.

"I like all the girls that are on our team," Metzger said. "They're really smart and very athletic."

She also enjoys the personality Marsaa brings to the gym.

"She's really energetic, and she's fun," Metzger said.



WCMS VOLLEYBALL COACH ASHLEY MARSAA is excited to build the middle school volleyball program. (Photo by Bill Caine)

As the season progresses, Metzger sees communication as an area where Woodford can make significant strides. She believes the team can compete more successfully by playing to its capabilities and working together more consistently.

"We can definitely improve, like, so much on our communication," she said.

For Malayah Givens, part of volleyball's appeal is encouraging others and sharing in their excitement.

"I love meeting new friends on other teams," Givens said. "I love seeing people happy."

Putting a ball away at the net brings its own reward.

"It feels so good," she said. "It's amazing."

Even when points are difficult to come by, Givens said the team wants to keep pursuing the ball. In a recent match that ended in a loss to Royal Spring, players kept diving to the floor and trying to extend rallies.

"We usually go after every point," Givens said.

That effort stood out to Marsaa, who praised her players for fighting throughout the match. She also pointed to a packed gym as an encouraging sign of the program's support.

"The most important part is that Woodford County showed it tonight for us," she said.

The evening included a breast cancer awareness effort, connecting volleyball with a cause that carries personal meaning for the coach.

"It's more than about volleyball," Marsaa said.

For her, community involvement is an essential part of what she hopes to teach. The people filling the stands bring their own experiences and struggles, and she wants her players to recognize that their connection to those supporters goes beyond a match.

"This is something I value," Marsaa said. "I want the parents to find value in this, and I want the kids to love and embrace this."

She believes giving back helps strengthen the relationship between the team and the community. As players learn to support others, they also see how willingly Woodford County supports them.

That sense of connection fits with the unity that Marsaa wants to develop across all three grade levels. Whether players are celebrating a point, working through a difficult stretch or taking part in a community effort, she wants them to understand they are building something together.

Marsaa believes the enthusiasm and commitment are already there. Her task is to help those qualities grow into habits players can carry with them.

"But it starts here," she said, "when they're young, and they're ready, and hungry, and that's what it's all about."

"Start from the bottom and grow."



MALAYAH GIVENS fires a serve during Woodford's season-opening match vs Royal Spring. (Photo by Bill Caine)

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right way and get ready to go."

Johnson also emphasized the importance of keeping his team healthy as the playoffs begin.

"Injuries are always a concern, so we're trying to protect some of our guys and get them healthy because, hopefully, after round one, we've got to go play," Johnson said. "We're really focused on the job at hand, and we always talk about the details."

Tomlin echoed his coach's message about maintaining the same preparation that carried the Yellow Jackets through the regular season.

"I think we've got to go in and prepare the same way we've prepared the whole season," Tomlin said. "These last few games, they really meant something to us, and we were able to ball out."

For Coons, the postseason represents an opportunity for the Yellow Jackets to finish what they started a year ago.

"We wanted to finish on a good note," Coons said. "Now we've got this next stretch of games, and we need to go finish what we didn't finish last year."

Woodford hosts Scott High School Nov. 6 with a 7:01 p.m. kickoff scheduled at Community Stadium.

THE WCMS 8TH GRADE FOOTBALL TEAM won the Region 3 championship and will play in the state semifinal Saturday, November 7 at 10:30 am at Frederick Douglass High School. (Photo submitted)

WCHS Esports team is climbing the state ranks

BY BILL CAINE
WOODFORD SUN SPORTS

Woodford County High School's Esports team is growing in numbers and confidence. With an enthusiastic coach in Mark Boain and a roster that has grown from two students to 13 in two years, the team is building friendships, developing leaders and setting its sights on championship competition.

For Boain, the growth means more students can represent their school and find a group where they belong.

"We are a really good organization for kids who normally don't have other things that they do," Boain said. "Some kids like physical activity, these kids enjoy video games and have found a place where they can enjoy the games and have a sense of teamwork as well."

The team practices and competes in the common area near the library and social studies hallway. The location puts the program in view of passing students, making an ordinary walk through school a potential introduction to Esports.

"We have kids who walk by and they're like, 'Oh, what's this?'" Boain said.

He welcomes those questions. Getting students interested was one of his biggest challenges when he started the program, and each conversation offers another chance to bring someone onto the team.

The early jump on the season has Woodford 34th in the state at Super Smash Bros. and 42nd in Mario Kart.

Boain previously served as an assistant esports coach at Frederick Douglass High School, joining midway through a season. He learned how matches worked there, but leading Woodford's program meant learning everything else that comes with coaching.

There were students to recruit, paperwork to complete and equipment to connect. Students also needed sports physicals, a requirement Boain said sometimes leads to funny exchanges when they explain their sport.

"I need a physical."

"What sport?"

"Fortnite."

Boain said the appointments also give students a chance to see a doctor and identify potential health concerns.

Teacher and assistant coach Elizabeth Fitts has helped with paperwork and connecting with students. Boain works at the middle school and said having someone who knows the high school's students and daily routines has made a difference.

The work is giving returning players more teammates to compete alongside and more reasons to feel optimistic.

Jasper Browning said starting earlier this school year has improved on last school year, when the team began competing in the spring.

"Maybe this time we'll be able to go to championships," Browning said.

Although the team lost players to graduation, Browning believes the current group can build on their contributions.

"We have really good players this year," he said. "Those shoes will definitely be filled."

Browning also helps spread the word. When talking with potential recruits, he usually starts by asking which games they play. Often, they already enjoy the same games Woodford plays.

Finding time can be the obstacle. Browning knows two students who want to join and play soccer, leaving little room in their schedules.

For those on the team, competition comes with time to enjoy one another's company.

Browning pointed to a recent Mario Kart match as his favorite example. Before play began, teammates were joking and teasing one another. The good mood carried into the competition.

"Everyone's having a great time," Browning said. "And then the match was super fun, because we were able to do that still, and we actually won."

The larger roster has also helped Audrey Blauser develop as a leader.

Now in her second year, Blauser serves as a Mario Kart team captain and competes in Super Smash Bros. Having more teammates has given her more opportunities to work with others.

"I also have gotten better at being a team captain for Mario Kart," Blauser said. "I feel like last year, I was kind of just on my own."

"It really helps having more people."

She's also noticed progress in how she handles the pressure of competition.

"I've gotten better at not cracking under pressure quite as much, because that was a problem the first year I was here," Blauser said.

One of her memorable matches this season came in Super Smash Bros., when she played well despite feeling nervous. Her preferred character is Duck Hunt.

For Blauser, being part of a school team gives gaming a different feel.

"It's not quite the same as playing online against random people," she said.

Sam Pereslucka enjoys that connection as well.

"Just playing video games in general with other people definitely makes me happy," Pereslucka said.

At home, he mostly plays Minecraft, along with occasional games of Roblox and Super Smash Bros. When playing Super Smash Bros., he favors Kirby.

Joining the team has introduced him to new people and tactics while giving him opportunities to test himself against other schools.

"It's been a lot of fun," Pereslucka said.

He recalled one match in which he had one stock, a remaining life in Super Smash Bros, while his opponent still had two. He came back to win.

"I do have those moments," he said.

Landon Johnson was preparing for his first competition when I asked him what he likes about Esports. Asked what he enjoyed about being on the team, his answer was straightforward.

"Being able to play the games with my friends," Johnson said.

He already played at home, but competing adds the responsibility of managing frustration when things don't go his way. He identified resisting the urge to leave a game out of frustration as one of the challenges.

For Johnson, the attraction remains spending time with friends and playing together in person.

Boain sees students learning teamwork through those experiences. Before they can compete, though, he sometimes has another problem to solve.

Asked about his biggest coaching challenge, he answered quickly.

"Technology."

Wi-Fi issues can complicate connections between schools and delay matches. Boain compared some of those exchanges to the communication problems during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Can you hear me now?" he said.

Coaches generally coordinate matches through text. Boain said opposing coaches have been cordial, wishing Woodford's students good luck before play begins.

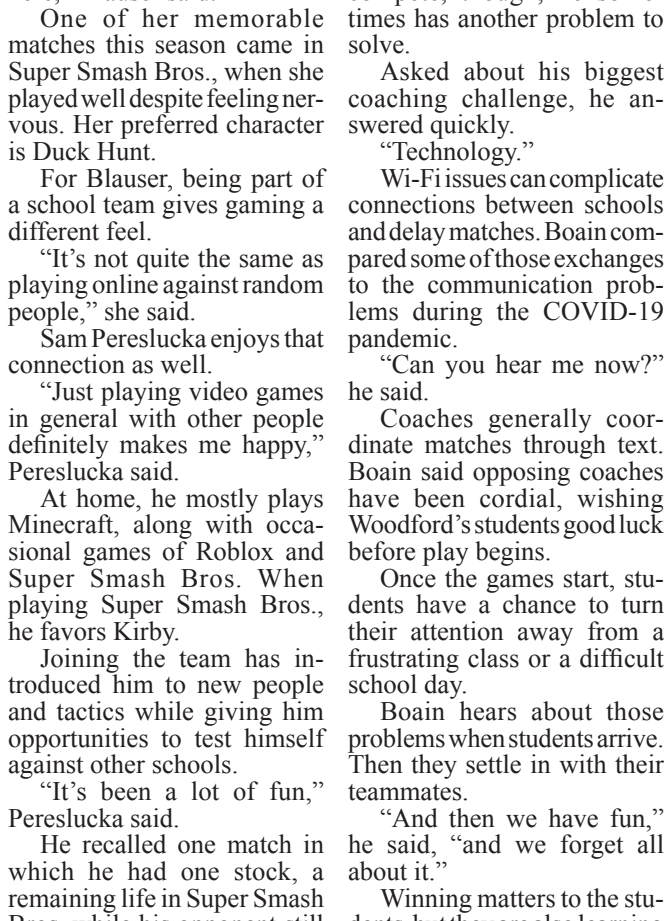
Once the games start, students have a chance to turn their attention away from a frustrating class or a difficult school day.

Boain hears about those problems when students arrive. Then they settle in with their teammates.

"And then we have fun," he said, "and we forget all about it."

Winning matters to the students, but they are also learning how to respond when they fall short. For Blauser, that means keeping one result in perspective and taking something useful into the next competition.

"Even if I lose, like one match, I could recover from that and learn," she said.



AUDREY BLAUSER competes in Super Smash Bros. while coach Mark Boain looks on. (Photo by Bill Caine)



JASPER BROWNING competes in a game of Super Smash Bros. against Fern Creek High School as Woodford earned a sweep. (Photo by Bill Caine)

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ORDINANCE NO. 2026-011

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONE FROM SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-1B) TO HIGHWAY INTERCHANGE SERVICE (B-5) FOR APPROXIMATELY 0.645 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 60 E LEESTOWN ROAD IN MIDWAY, KENTUCKY, AN INCORPORTATED CITY IN WOODFORD COUNTY.

WHEREAS, at a public hearing held on September 10, 2026 the Woodford County Fiscal Court presented a petition for a zoning ordinance map amendment for 0.645 acres of real property located at 60 E Leestown Rd in Midway, Kentucky from Single Family Residential (R1-B) to Highway Interchange Service (B-5). The Versailles-Midway-Woodford County Planning and Zoning Commission, after making specific findings of fact, recommended approval of the zone change on September 10, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Midway City Council agrees with the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Midway City Council does now deem it appropriate to approve, ratify, and confirm the rezoning of the subject property by ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MIDWAY KENTUCKY, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That the Zoning Map for Woodford County and the City of Midway be amended to reflect a change in zone from Single Family Residential (R1-B) to Highway Interchange Service (B-5) for 0.645 acres of real property located in Midway, Kentucky with a physical address of 60 E Leestown Road, as depicted on the Zone Change Plat.

Section 2: That the Versailles-Midway-Woodford County Planning and Zoning Commission is directed to show the amendment of the official zone map atlas and make reference to the number of this Ordinance.

Section 3: The provisions of this Ordinance are severable. If any section, sentence, clause, or section of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any particular case is for any reason found to be unconstitutional or invalid, such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect or repeal any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses or sections or part of this Ordinance.

Section 4: This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to KRS 67 in that it was introduced on October 19, 2026, and given final reading on November 2, 2026, and said Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon signature, recordation and publication in summary pursuant to KRS 424 and KRS 67. Roll call vote: 5 Yea & 0 Nay.

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The undersigned, LARY WAYNE SUTHERLAND, has been appointed as EXECUTOR of the ESTATE OF GLADYS SUTHERLAND, Deceased. All persons having claims against the Estate should present them verified as required by law to them at the addresses below no later than 04/14/27.

LARRY WAYNE SUTHERLAND
618 CUMMINS FERRY ROAD
VERSAILLES, KY 40383
or
JAMES ROUSE
100 UNITED DRIVE, SUITE 5A
VERSAILLES, KY 40383

SARAH LITTRELL, CLERK
WOODFORD DISTRICT COURT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF LORA MOUNTS
The undersigned, JASON ELMORE, has been appointed as EXECUTOR of the ESTATE OF LORA MOUNTS, Deceased. All persons having claims against the Estate should present them verified as required by law to them at the addresses below no later than 04/14/27.

JASON ELMORE,
2800 OREGON RD.
VERSAILLES, KY 40383
or
PHYILLIS MATTINGLY
100 UNITED DRIVE, SUITE 4D
VERSAILLES, KY 40383

SARAH LITTRELL, CLERK
WOODFORD DISTRICT COURT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF
JEFFREY KASH GRIMES
The undersigned, CHRIS GRIMES, has been appointed as EXECUTRIX of the ESTATE OF JEFFREY KASH GRIMES, Deceased. All persons having claims against the Estate should present them verified as required by law to them at the addresses below no later than 04/14/27.

CHRIS GRIMES
212 ELM ST.
VERSAILLES, KY 40383

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WOODFORD DISTRICT COURT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF
CHARLES HERBERT SPRADLIN
The undersigned, CHARLES T SPADLIN has been appointed as EXECUTOR of the ESTATE OF CHARLES HERBERT SPRADLIN, Deceased. All persons having claims against the Estate should present them verified as required by law to them at the addresses below no later than 04/14/27.

CHARLES T. SPRADLIN
304 WILSON DOWNING ROAD,
LEXINGTON, KY 40517

SARAH LITTRELL, CLERK
WOODFORD DISTRICT COURT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF
JANET MARIE CHISMAN
The undersigned, ZACHARY CHISMAN, has been appointed as EXECUTOR of the ESTATE OF JANET MARIE CHISMAN, Deceased. All persons having claims against the Estate should present them verified as required by law to them at the addresses below no later than 04/14/27.

ZACHARY CHISMAN
6315 LA PLATA PEAK DR.
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80923
or
RICHARD PEARCE
1125 KELLY JOHNSON BLVD.,
STE. 115
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80923

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WOODFORD DISTRICT COURT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF SHANE NEIL KELLEY
The undersigned, CASANDRA LEE LELLEY, has been appointed as ADMINISTOR of the ESTATE OF SHANE NEIL KELLEY, Deceased. All persons having claims against the Estate should present them verified as required by law to them at the addresses below no later than 04/28/27.

CASSANDRA LEE KELLEY
536 WILL PARKWAY
VERSAILLES, KY 40383
or
WILLIAM MOORE
100 UNITED DRIVE, SUITE 3A,
VERSAILLES, KY 40383

SARAH LITTRELL, CLERK
WOODFORD DISTRICT COURT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF
KATHLEEN C. MIRILOVICH
The undersigned, NICOLE NORFLEET, has been appointed as EXECUTRIX of the ESTATE OF NICLOE NORFLEET, Deceased. All persons having claims against the Estate should present them verified as required by law to them at the addresses below no later than 04/28/27.

NICOLE NORFLEET
307 WHISPERING BROOK DRIVE,
NICHOLASVILLE. KY 40356
or
JONATHAN ROUSE
100 UNITED DRIVE, SUITE 5A
VERSAILLES, KY 40383

SARAH LITTRELL, CLERK
WOODFORD DISTRICT COURT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF NANCY S. MAYER
The undersigned, ADAM MAYER, has been appointed as EXECUTOR of the ESTATE OF NANCY MAYER. All persons having claims against the Estate should present them verified as required by law to them at the addresses below no later than 04/28/27.

ADAM MAYER
1210 STOURBRIDGE ROAD
VERSAILLES, KY 40383
or
JAMES ROUSE
100 UNITED DRIVE, SUITE 5A
VERSAILLES, KY 40383

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WOODFORD DISTRICT COURT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF SHIRLEY E. SAMES
The undersigned, KEVIN SAMES and JEFFREY SAMES, have been appointed as CO-EXECUTORS of the ESTATE OF SHIRLEY E. SAMES, Deceased. All persons having claims against the Estate should present them verified as required by law to them at the addresses below no later than 04/28/27.

KEVIN SAMES
123 ROCKY CREEK RD.
GEORGETOWN, KY 40324

JEFFREY SAMES
198 CHARDONNEY COURT
WINCHESTER, KY 40391
or
PHYILLIS MATTINGLY
100 UNITED DRIVE, SUITE 4D
VERSAILLES, KY 40383

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WOODFORD DISTRICT COURT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF
JOHN THOMAS TURNER
The undersigned, DEENA NUCKOLS and JOHN THOMAS TURNER II, have been appointed as CO-EXECUTORS of the ESTATE OF JOHN THOMAS TURNER, Deceased. All persons having claims against the Estate should present them verified as required by law to them at the addresses below no later than 04/28/27.

DEENA NUCKOLS
510 SOUTHLAND DRIVE
VERSAILLES, KY 40383

JOHN THOMAS TURNER
459 WELLS LANE
VERSAILLES, KY 40383
or
PHYILLIS MATTINGLY
100 UNITED DRIVE, SUITE 4D
VERSAILLES, KY 40383

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WOODFORD DISTRICT COURT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF
HOWARD WESLEY BLADES, JR.
The undersigned, TAMMY JANE TODD, has been appointed as ADMINISTOR of the ESTATE OF HOWARD WESLEY BLADES, JR., Deceased. All persons having claims against the Estate should present them verified as required by law to them at the addresses below no later than 04/28/27.

TAMMY JANE TODD
309 WARWICK COURT
VERSAILLES, KY 40383
or
KATHERINE FINNELL
120 N. MILL ST., SUITE 201
LEXINGTON, KY 40507

SARAH LITTRELL, CLERK
WOODFORD DISTRICT COURT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF
WILLIAM THOMAS RIDDLE
The undersigned, MARGARET RIDDLE, has been appointed as EXECUTRIX of the ESTATE OF WILLIAM THOMAS RIDDLE, Deceased. All persons having claims against the Estate should present them verified as required by law to them at the addresses below no later than 04/28/27.

MARGARET RIDDLE, 7500
FRANKFORT ROAD, VERSAILLES, KY 40383
HENRY C.T. RICHMOUND, III, 300 WEST VINE STREET, SUITE 1700, LEXINGTON, KY 40383

SARAH LITTRELL, CLERK
WOODFORD DISTRICT COURT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF SALLY J. GRAUL
The undersigned, JOHN GRAUL, has been appointed as EXECUTOR of the ESTATE OF SALLY J. GRAUL, Deceased. All persons having claims against the Estate should present them verified as required by law to them at the addresses below no later than 04/28/27.

JOHN GRAUL
1013 HAWTHORNE CT.
SHELBYVILLE, KY 40065
or
JOSEPH HOFFMAN
100 UNITED DRIVE, SUITE 4B
VERSAILLES, KY 40383

SARAH LITTRELL, CLERK
WOODFORD DISTRICT COURT

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the following fiduciary has filed a Final Settlement as such with the Clerk of the Woodford District Court: WILLIAM EARL BAULT, BARBARA FULTON, PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR. This settlement will stand for approval and confirmation by the Woodford District Court on JANUARY 13, 2027, at 1:00 PM. Any person interested may object thereto, or file exceptions before the day of confirmation.

PUBLIC NOTICE

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

TROY PIKE MASTER METER REPLACEMENT PROJECT
SOUTH WOODFORD WATER DISTRICT
WOODFORD COUNTY, KENTUCKY

NOVEMBER 2026

Sealed proposals for the following work will be received by the South Woodford Water District at 117D Crossfield Drive, Versailles, Kentucky until 10:00 a.m. (local time) November 17, 2026, for furnishing labor and materials and performing all work as set forth in this Advertisement for Bids, General Conditions, Specifications and/or Drawings prepared by HMB Professional Engineers, Inc., 3 HMB Circle, US 460, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

Immediately following the scheduled closing time for the reception of bids, all proposals which have been submitted in accordance with the above conditions will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The work to be bid upon is described as follows:

• Replace the existing Master Meter Connection with the City of Versailles and installation of approximately 610 l.f. of 8" and 12" water line, including miscellaneous appurtenances.

Drawings, Specifications and Contract Documents may be examined at the following places:

South Woodford Water District
117D Crossfield Drive
Versailles, KY 40383

HMB Professional Engineers, Inc.
3 HMB Circle, US 460
Frankfort, KY 40601

Printed or electric copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from LYNN IMAGING, 328 Old Vine Street, Lexington, Kentucky 40507, upon payment as follows:

Troy Pike Master Meter Replacement Project
South Woodford Water District — $250 per set (Hard Copy); $200 per set (Electronic Copy)

The phone number for LYNN IMAGING is (859) 226-5850. Note: Additional shipping charges may apply.

Sealed proposals for the Contract shall be clearly marked on the outside of the container as follows:

"Sealed proposal for Troy Pike Mater Meter Replacement Project – South Woodford Water District

Not to be opened until 10:00 a.m.(local time), November 17, 2026
(time and date of bid opening)

"The following addenda have been received and considered in the enclosed proposal:"

Addendum No. ___ Addendum No. ___ Addendum No. ___

Time allowed for completion is 45 calendar days.

If forwarded by mail, the sealed envelope containing the proposal must be enclosed in another envelope and mailed to the South Woodford Water District, 117D Crossfield Drive, Versailles, KY 40383 allowing sufficient time for such mailing to reach this address prior to the scheduled closing time for the receipt of proposals.

Bids shall be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond payable to the South Woodford Water District in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the base bid. No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of ninety (90) days after the date bids are opened. He may, however, withdraw his bid at any time prior to the time and date scheduled for opening of same or any authorized postponement thereof. Any bid received after the time and date specified will not be considered and will be returned unopened to the bidder.

The South Woodford Water District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive formalities and any bid that is obviously unbalanced may be rejected.

David Hudson
Chairman

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Woodford County Marching Band makes school history with first-ever state finals appearance

SPECIAL TO THE *SUN*

The Woodford County High School Marching Band made history on Saturday, Oct. 31, earning a spot in the Kentucky Music Educators Association (KMEA) State Marching Band Championship Finals for the first time in school history. The Marching Jackets went on to finish fourth in the state in Class 4A, marking a historic achievement for the school's band program. The milestone came after Woodford County competed against 11 other bands in the Class 4A State Semifinals at Barren County High School in Glasgow early Saturday afternoon. Performing their 2026 production, "Tidal Forces," they earned a score of 83.600, placing fourth and securing one of just six coveted positions in the state championship finals. The band then traveled, that same day, to Western Kentucky University's Houchens Industries–L.T. Smith Stadium in Bowling Green for the evening championship competition.

There, Woodford County delivered another strong performance, earning a score of 85.850 and finishing fourth. The band also placed second in the General Effect caption, which evaluates the overall musical and visual impact of a performance. The historic achievement represents the culmination of years of steady progress for the Woodford County band program. The Marching Jackets had finished among the top 10 bands in Class 4A at state semifinals in each of the previous four seasons, repeatedly approaching the elusive finals qualification before finally breaking through in 2026. "This is a moment that so many people have worked toward for so long," said Director of Bands Michael Collins. "We've had some incredible students come through this program over the years who helped lay the foundation for what happened Saturday. This year's students understood the opportunity in front of them, but more importantly, they understood the work it would take to get there. To watch them earn their place among the best bands in Kentucky, and then finish fourth in the state, is something I'll never forget. I couldn't be prouder of them."

The championship performance capped a remarkable 2026 competitive season. Earlier in October, the band earned Grand Champion honors at the Washington County High School Invitational, marking the program's first overall championship at a KMEA-sanctioned competition. The band also swept all five caption awards at that event, earning first place in Music Performance, Visual Performance, General Effect, Color Guard and Percussion. Beyond the competitive results, the season reflects months of dedication from the student performers, who began preparing for their production well before the start of the school year. Collins gave major credit to his instructional staff: Kelsey Collins and Will Baumann, assistant directors; Isaiah Cloud, color guard director; Morgan Fitzpatrick and Allie Padgett, color guard instructors; Jeremy Wade, Aaron Meller and Kate Stewart, percussion instructors; and student teacher, Josh O'Banion. For the Woodford County Marching Band, the 2026 season will be remembered not only for its historic results, but also for the students who helped establish a new standard of excellence for the program. "It's a special senior class who truly recognized the opportunity in front of them, and pushed everyone else across the finish line," Collins said. "They've earned their place in history, and we're incredibly grateful for their leadership. They led us to a night we'll never forget."

The band is in the process of organizing an "encore" performance at its annual Community Concert. Look for an announcement of the date and details soon.



THE WCHS MARCHING BAND advanced to the Kentucky Music Educators Association State Marching Band Championship Finals for the first time in school history and captured an overall fourth-place finish in the Class 4-A division, as well as second place in the General Effect category. The competition was held Saturday night, Oct. 31, at Western Kentucky University's football stadium. (Photo submitted)



DRUM MAJOR HANNAH COLLINS led the Woodford County High School Marching Band's award-winning program "Tidal Forces" at the Kentucky Music Educators Association State Marching Band Championship Finals on Saturday, Oct. 31, at Western Kentucky University. (Photo submitted)

Versailles artist Sawyer expresses his creativity in a different way

BY BOB VLACH
WOODFORD SUN STAFF

Known locally for his murals in public spaces and nationally for Art for God – his nontraditional portraits of Jesus – Versailles artist Steve Sawyer says he's never wanted to be known as an equine artist.

"So I had to forge my own way and figure out what kind of artist I wanted to be," he says.

Instead of doing equine art, Sawyer says he focused on doing portraits in oil because those paintings gave him a chance to make a living as an artist. He's tried many other forms of art too, including stained glass and computer animation.

So when Sawyer was contacted by a friend of a friend to do a commission for Debbie and Larry Jones, he viewed painting a life-size colt sculpture for them as an opportunity for him to get paid doing what he loves to do – creating art.

"So I was happy to do it, and I came up with a really nice design for them that they really like," he says.

Sawyer says the colt was placed on a concrete pad in the couple's backyard in Lexington where his art can be enjoyed by them, their family and friends.

His murals, including one featuring the silks of several local horse farms, are on exterior walls of buildings in downtown Versailles for all to enjoy.

Likewise, Sawyer describes designing and painting the Welcome to Versailles and Welcome to Midway signs as other opportunities to create art for a community that he loves. "As long as I can call it art," he says of his creative outlets, "I might try it."



COLOR IS ABUNDANT in the latest art project undertaken by Versailles artist Steve Sawyer. Best known locally for his murals in downtown Versailles, Sawyer says doing portraits in oil gave him a chance to make a living as an artist. (Photo submitted)



PAINTING A LIFE-SIZE sculpture of a colt was another creative opportunity for Versailles artist Steve Sawyer, who has also created art with stained glass and computer animation. (Photo submitted)

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