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United Way of Western Kentucky launches Impact Opportunity McCracken County Task Force

Paducah, KY – United Way of Western Kentucky is launching a new chapter in community planning and collaboration through Impact Opportunity, a regional initiative designed to identify barriers, strengthen opportunities, and create lasting change for residents across Western Kentucky. Leading the McCracken County task force will be Brent Housman, Director with Baird Private Wealth Management - The Housman Group, and President-Elect of the United Way of Western Kentucky Board of Directors.

Impact Opportunity builds on a foundation of work that began more than a decade ago. In 2010, United Way brought together approximately 40 community members for a two-year Impact Poverty Study in McCracken County. That effort led to the development of a 10-year action plan focused on addressing challenges related to poverty and creating stronger pathways for families and individuals in the community. Many of those recommendations continue to shape community partnerships and investments today.

Since that original work began, United Way of Western Kentucky has expanded and adapted its efforts to meet changing community needs. In addition to ongoing investments in education, health, and financial stability programs, the organization mobilized significant resources during times of crisis, including the COVID-19 pandemic and the December 2021 tornado, with more than \$2.3 million being allocated to support recovery efforts throughout the region.

Now, through the generosity of AES Renewables in partnership with United Way of Western Kentucky, those efforts are evolving into a

larger regional strategy.

Impact Opportunity will bring together multiple task force groups representing the seven counties served by United Way of Western Kentucky. Participants will include leaders from government, education, nonprofit organizations, businesses, and local residents who understand the barriers faced by individuals and families experiencing financial hardship.

“This work is about listening, learning, and creating opportunities that have a lasting impact,” said Brent Housman.

“Communities grow stronger when people with different perspectives and experiences come together around a shared goal. I’m honored to help lead these conversations in McCracken County and look forward to working alongside community members as we help shape the future of our region.”

The McCracken County task force is expected to meet for six weeks throughout June and July as members review local data, discuss community concerns, and identify priorities for future action. Similar task forces are also being formed throughout the United Way service area.

The final Impact Opportunity report and action plan is expected to be released during the first quarter of 2027. The initiative is designed to create meaningful, data-driven conversations that help communities better understand local needs, inform future investments, and support long-term economic growth.

United Way of Western Kentucky encourages community members to be part of the conversation and help ensure a broad range of voices and perspectives are represented throughout the process.

For more information about Impact Opportunity and how you can get involved, contact 270-442-1691.

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City Commission meeting highlights

City Commission meeting highlights from May 26, 2026.

Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget Ordinance Introduction

The Paducah Board of Commissioners introduced the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget Ordinance which, once approved, will be effective July 1. The budget ordinance will be presented for adoption at the June 9 Commission Meeting. City Manager Daron Jordan provided an overview of the budget through the presentation of his budget address. The City of Paducah’s proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget is built around the theme “Strengthening Today, Preparing for Tomorrow,” reflecting a balanced approach to maintaining high-quality city services

while planning responsibly for the future.

Jordan said, “The FY 2026-2027 budget recognizes an important financial reality facing local governments nationwide: while revenues remain stable and continue modest growth, operational costs continue to rise at a pace that demands discipline, prioritization, and intentional planning. Rather than simply reacting to these pressures, this budget positions the City to respond proactively by strengthening core operations today while building financial and organizational capacity for tomorrow.”

The proposed General Fund budget totals approximately \$51.9 million, with

an overall city budget across all funds of \$116.4 million supporting municipal operations, infrastructure, public safety, economic development, and quality-of-life initiatives. Jordan said this budget addresses rising operational costs through conservative financial planning, operational efficiencies, and disciplined spending while continuing investments in key priorities such as downtown development, neighborhood revitalization, Southside investment, street improvements, and community growth projects. The City’s Investment Fund is projected at approximately \$7.9 million to help advance these strategic initiatives.

Jordan explained that the major cost drivers include personnel, insurance, software and technology systems, fuel, and inflationary operating expenses. In recognition of long-term financial sustainability, nine currently unfilled positions have been frozen, allowing the City to manage cost pressures while protecting essential municipal services and maintaining operational effectiveness.

In addition, the City is recommending an increase in its General Fund reserve from 10 percent to 25 percent to strengthen financial resiliency and better prepare for emergencies, economic uncertainty,

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AG UPDATE CONTROLLING BAGWORMS

for Ag and Natural Resources

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I get several calls a year about bagworms on trees and shrubs in people's yards. They are usually on evergreen species but can be on other plants like maples, oaks and locust trees. Unfortunately, by the time most people notice the bagworms, it is too late to do anything about it. When they are in the bag, it is almost impossible to get a high enough dose of insecticide on them to do any good.

Bagworms are leaf feeding pests as larvae. Early instar caterpillars create small holes in leaves or needles or may produce windowpane like feeding symptoms. As they grow, they will be able to feed on more of the leaves. They may completely defoliate an area of the plant, or they may leave behind the largest veins of the host leaf.

Feeding damage from bagworms tends to start at the top of the host plant. As feeding progresses, the canopy of the tree or shrub will become thinner. Over successive generations, they will move down the plant and symptoms may spread. In evergreen hosts, the bagworm often induces "bronzing" a symptom where formerly green sections have become bronze or brown. These areas will likely never recover.

The most seen characteristic of bagworms is the bag itself. They have been described as pinecone like by some. When



Bagworm emerging from bag to feed

(Jonathan Larson, University of Kentucky)

the caterpillar first emerges, the bag they construct is conical but as they mature, the bag may become more diamond shaped in profile. The bag is tough and brown and covered in material from the host plant like leaf bits, needles, and berries.

Inside of the bag is the caterpillar which can range from 1/8th inch long to over an inch long depending on the instar of development. Caterpillars are mostly brown in color, with the head and thorax having stripes of yellow-white and black. Pupae are located inside of the bag and are dark brown. Males will emerge as winged moths which are small and brown

with fuzzy antennae. Females on the other hand emerge as adults that resemble the caterpillar stage, they have no wings, reduced legs, and will never leave the bag.

Bagworm eggs begin to hatch in May across most of Kentucky. Upon hatching, the newly emerged caterpillar will either stay and reinfest the tree they were born in, or they may "balloon" away to a new site. Ballooning involves releasing a small strand of silk and using that to ride wind currents before landing on a new host.

The caterpillars will progress through seven instars of development. As they progress, the larvae will get larger and

will also enlarge the bag they live in. After about 6-8 weeks of feeding, the larvae will be ready to pupate. Typically, this occurs in the early fall and the caterpillars pupate inside of the bag they have constructed. Sometimes the caterpillar will take its bag and leave the host plant before pupating, leading to bags being found on the exteriors of homes, on fences, and other odd locations.

Once pupation is complete, the winged males emerge to mate with the females inside of their bags. The females produce a pheromone that recruits males to their bag for mating to occur. Male moths live for a short period

while females may live for 1-2 weeks as adults. Females lay their eggs in the remains of their pupal case, where those eggs will overwinter to emerge next year.

Bagworms can cause enough damage over successive years to seriously harm trees and shrubs. One possible management strategy is to go to infested plants in the winter and snip the bags out of the plant. Use sharp scissors, shears, or a knife to cut the loop holding the bag to the plant. Following this procedure will remove the female bags with eggs and hopefully prevent an infestation in the spring.

If bagworms infestations are caught in

May or June when the caterpillars are still small, biorational insecticides such as Bt (*Bacillus thuringiensis*), neem, and Spinosad will manage populations. If the bagworms are not discovered until later in the season, then applications of pyrethroid insecticides (such as bifenthrin) or carbaryl may be needed to try and curtail the caterpillars. These likely won't eliminate the population but would limit damage. A newer product, dinotefuran, is a systemic insecticide that you can apply to the soil around the tree and the insecticide is taken up by the tree and be there to control the worms when they are small and just starting to feed. This must be done before they hatch to make sure there is enough taken up in the plant prior to feeding. This might be a good option for trees with known bagworm problems from the year before.

If the infestation is localized to one plant, then the physical removal method mentioned before is an option late in the summer as well. Any bagworm bags removed while the caterpillar is alive should be thrown into a bucket of soapy water to kill the insect. Do not remove the bags and throw them on the ground around the tree, they will simply return to feed more!

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History Comes Alive at Fort Jefferson Patriot Grave Marking



By Laurna Todd
KPI Writer

Step back into Kentucky's frontier history during the 3rd Annual Sons of the American Revolution Patriot Grave Marking ceremony on Saturday, June 6, at 2 p.m. at Fort Jefferson Memorial Park, located one mile south of

Wickliffe. The free community event honors the 63 men, women and children who died at Fort Jefferson between 1780 and 1781 during one of Kentucky's earliest settlements. Organizers will also recognize five additional patriots this year as part of the continuing effort to

preserve the story of Fort Jefferson and Clarksville. Visitors will experience living history through musket firing demonstrations, a parade of historic flags, patriotic music and presentations highlighting the courage and sacrifice of America's frontier settlers during the Revolu-

tionary War era. Fort Jefferson was once the largest settlement in Kentucky and served as General George Rogers Clark's western headquarters during the American Revolution. Organizers say the event offers families and history lovers a unique chance to connect with the region's

earliest roots and honor the pioneers who helped shape the nation. Before the ceremony, the Ballard-Carlisle Historical and Genealogical Society will open at 11 a.m. for tours and access to the Fort Jefferson Reading and Research Room, which houses a large collection of

Revolutionary War frontier history documents. Residents and visitors alike are encouraged to attend this meaningful event and help celebrate America's 250th anniversary while honoring the legacy of the patriots connected to Fort Jefferson.

Sen. Danny Carroll Secures Millions for Western Kentucky Infrastructure and Advances Nuclear Energy Initiative

Staff Report

Kentucky State Sen. Danny Carroll, R-Paducah, delivered major legislative and infrastructure victories during the recent General Assembly session, securing millions of dollars for Western Kentucky while advancing innovative

energy policy for the Commonwealth. Among Carroll's most significant accomplishments was the passage of Senate Bill 57, which establishes the Nuclear Reactor Site Readiness Pilot Program. The legislation positions Kentucky as a leader in advanced nuclear

energy development and prepares communities such as Paducah for future economic growth tied to small modular reactor technology. Carroll successfully secured \$75 million in authorized government expenditures for the initiative. The program allows approved

projects to receive up to \$25 million to support early site preparation, licensing, and construction permitting for small modular nuclear reactors. Supporters say the investment could attract long-term private sector development, strengthen energy reliability, and create high-paying jobs across the region.

In addition to energy policy, Carroll helped deliver substantial transportation funding for Marshall and McCracken counties. More than \$18.1 million was secured for Marshall County highway and bridge improvements, including \$8.75 million designated for Interstate 69 upgrades and \$7.5 million for improvements along U.S. Highway 62.

Carroll also partnered with House Floor Leader Steve Rudy to secure \$41.5 million in localized road project funding



Drawing of Kentucky State Sen. Danny Carroll

for McCracken County. The funding is expected to support infrastructure modernization and improve transportation efficiency throughout the region.

Beyond infrastructure and economic development, Carroll played a key role in advancing legislation aimed at protecting vulnerable youth. He handled Senate passage of House Bill 669,

a veto-proof measure ensuring Kentucky foster youth can retain their own Social Security survivor benefits rather than having those funds redirected.

Carroll said the session demonstrated a commitment to strengthening Western Kentucky's infrastructure, energy future, and quality of life for families and communities across the region.

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VICTORIOUS *Living* ...in a troubled world

Faith: It's not the size that matters

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Do you ever wonder what the Lord requires of you? From what I understand it's not more works, but a change of heart that changes everything for the better. Drawing from the book of Isaiah 33: 15-16 and of Micah 6:8, their messages emphasize that God provides protection and care for those who walk uprightly before Him during times of rebellion and spiritual decline. I think you'd agree, we live in a time of rebellion and spiritual decline.

There are scriptures that declare, "He shall dwell on high," describing a place of safety and defense prepared for the faithful. These passages promise that "bread shall be given him" and "his water shall be sure," which, to me, describes a picture of God's provision and security for



His people.

All throughout Scripture, attention is given to several areas of godly conduct: one's walk, speech, actions, hearing, and sight. Isaiah's question concerning who will stand "when the devouring fire comes," explains that divine protection is connected to the condition of a person's life. How we walk with God and

interact with people, apparently, is important to God

Psalm 24:4 refers to the kind of heart God expects. The call from God is for people to "speak uprightly" and live with "clean hands and a pure heart." The writer of Psalm clearly states, we need both clean hands and a pure heart, which indicates our intentional interaction with the world and

how we treat others; acting for the right reasons and not harboring hidden resentments, are things God pays attention to.

Micah 6:8 asks what the Lord requires of His people in an age of idolatry and rebellion. The answer was not extravagant sacrifice and working until you have nothing left to give, but simple obedience: "to

do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with thy God."

Justice can be described as living honestly; fulfilling obligations, being fair, and letting God be the ultimate judge because He sees the big picture. We don't. Mercy is explained as having compassion, refusing revenge, and learning to place oneself in another person's position.

We are reminded not to hold grudges or retaliate against criticism or hatred. Instead, believers are encouraged to love those who oppose them, pray for those who mistreat them, and bless those who curse them. Only God's spirit in us can help us forgive like that, but there is a blessing promised to those who do.

In conclusion, when we ask ourselves, "What does the Lord require", we're reminded that all people stand in need of redemption and that true humility before God produces compassion, mercy, and a willingness to seek the good of others. There is no room for a judgmental spirit, if we want clean hands, a pure heart, and divine protection. As followers of Christ, I believe that is something we all continue to work toward.

Taking a moment to appreciate our soulmate

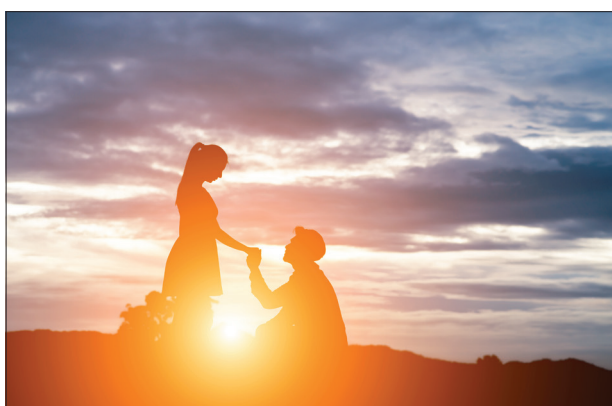
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Recently, I was sitting in my office on a dreary afternoon, tapping on the keyboard and listening to the rain blowing against the window. The house is quiet during the day as my writing routine includes our dog sprawled out on the cool hardwood floor, snoring contentedly around my desk. Then it suddenly dawned on me, June fourth will be the forty-ninth year of our marriage. I then thought about our upcoming golden wedding anniversary in 2027, and how blessed I am to share this milestone with the one I love. I'm confident she feels the same way and definitely deserves a medal for her patience, support, and for embracing the work and shared vision with me for nearly five decades. It's been an amazing journey so far, and throughout the hard times and the good

times, we know we are truly blessed.

Familiarity is a slow-growing deception that can cause us to take people for granted, and in the realm of marriage, this is one of the many reasons couples become distant. Those of you who have been married for a while can relate when I say that holidays, birthdays, and even vacations can lose a little of their sparkle and excitement after years of repetition. It's not the occasion, it's the awareness of who we are with. Could it be that falling into a predictable routine can cause our love to grow cold as we just go through the motions? When we were dating and then became newlyweds, life was like a romantic, magical fairy tale. Even just taking a walk around the block or going for a drive was exciting simply because we were together.

But as the years pass by, the exhilaration



seems to wear off, and when we would come home from a hard day of work, it became mutually agreeable that a peanut butter sandwich, a candy bar, and watching Wheel of Fortune would be plenty of excitement for the evening. Whatever happened to all the hugging, kissing, and holding hands? Do you remember how the first years of marriage had three-word phrases like "I love you" and "you are amazing," and then after a few years, they evolved into "toilet seat down," "car needs gas", and "need more Advil?" When we were younger, we didn't know the

meaning of tired, and now we become giddy about an afternoon nap. Nonetheless, it's a comfort to know that the person who shares our couch with us every night is there because they love us and wouldn't have it any other way.

Showing appreciation to the one we love doesn't require a special holiday or a fancy restaurant. It's the little things that prove how we feel. Of all the people in the world we could have set our sights on, the person we are with now is the one we selected. They are the ones who stole our hearts, so there is

nothing preventing us from expressing how much we need them. We assume they already know we love them, and they do, but there's nothing wrong with showing it more than just a Valentine's Day card. Another thing that we avoid thinking about is that life will not always be like it is now, which is another reason to cherish the moments we have together. Life is precious, let's appreciate each moment. We can also turn to the Bible as a wonderful source of wisdom, as it reminds us of our responsibility to honor our vows. We made a pledge as we lit the unity candle, promising that having God at the center of our marriage would bind us together with Him.

I heard someone say that marriage is finding that one special person you want to annoy for 50 years- ha!. But seriously, we do not need to be a marriage counselor to understand the

dangers of allowing the fires of our passion to grow cold. May we use our own imagination to come up with fresh ideas that can fan the embers of our love into a bonfire of affection? I would rather have someone give me a candy bar while telling me how much they love me than to receive elaborate, expensive gifts like a new house, car, or jewelry out of obligation. Character traits like respect, forgiveness, sacrifice, and humility are foundational pillars that strengthen the covenant bond with our spouse. Let's remember: God is love, and walking in communication with Him is the key to maintaining a lasting relationship with our soulmate.

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Faith That Endures Through Every Season

Life is filled with challenges, uncertainty, and moments that test even the strongest hearts. For Christians, faith serves as an anchor during difficult times and a source of hope in every season of life. While the world often encourages fear, worry, and discouragement, believers are reminded that God's

promises remain constant and unchanging.

Christian faith is not built on perfection but on trust. Every believer faces struggles, disappointments, and moments of weakness. Yet throughout Scripture, God continually demonstrates His faithfulness to ordinary people who chose to keep believing even

when circumstances seemed impossible. From David facing Goliath to Paul enduring hardship while spreading the Gospel, their strength came through trusting God's plan.

One of the greatest gifts Christians possess is the assurance that they are never alone. Prayer provides comfort, guidance,

and peace during life's storms. Even in silence, God is working behind the scenes in ways that may not be immediately visible. Often, the hardest seasons become the moments that shape character, deepen faith, and reveal God's purpose.

Christians are also called to reflect compassion, kindness,

and love to others. In a divided world, simple acts of encouragement and generosity can make a powerful difference. A kind word, a helping hand, or a prayer for someone struggling may become the very thing that restores hope.

Faith does not remove every obstacle, but it provides the courage to keep mov-

ing forward. Christians can face the future with confidence, knowing that God's grace is sufficient for every challenge. No matter how dark the path may appear, God's light continues to shine, offering hope, strength, and peace to all who trust in Him.

OUTDOOR Truths

By Gary Miller
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I have a favorite blanket. Don't laugh. You probably do to. And if you don't now, you once did. Deny it and I'll just ask your momma, and she'll show me picture after picture of you with your thumb in your mouth and your blanket over your shoulder. My own son was not only attached to a certain blanket, but he also had a favorite corner of the blanket. I can remember that blanket having to be restored several times and ultimately becoming a series of knots that simply

held one piece to the other. My blanket is special for a few reasons. It's only wide enough for me, it's camo, it's two layers of fleece, and my daughter made it for me. Just writing about it makes me want to stop what I'm doing and go get it.

If you think about it, blankets are prized possessions of many women today. Except this blanket is no longer in use. It is for safe-keeping and for remembering family and events. It is their mother's or grandmother's quilt. It was put together

one piece at a time from swatches of clothing or fabric that had made its way to the rag pile. Part of a coat has been sewn to a strip of a worn-out shirt. The other side of that shirt is attached to the leftover seat of an old pair of blue jeans. A portion of a baseball jersey is attached to a sliver of your first pair of pajamas. Each piece seemingly no longer of any value on its own and seemingly without any connection to the other. And yet there it is, one whole



tapestry, completely understood, and of immeasurable value. All from what was once falling-apart, worthless swatches of unconnected material. Except to the seamstress. Except to the one who was there for the first onesie and the first silky blanket. Except for the one who understood that each section was always a part of the whole, that there were no random events, and there were no worthless pieces.

God is taking every swatch of your life and sewing them

together. What you see as worthless and worn-out, He sees as indispensable and ready for its best use. What you see as unconnected, God sees as vital to the whole. What you see as insignificant, He sees as essential in who He is making you to be. And what you see as a flaw, He sees as what will be someone's favorite corner of your life. God has been there from the very beginning, and not one piece of your life will be wasted. Individually they may not make sense, but God is bigger

than your pieces. He is not only making you into a quilt to be admired and remembered, but also into a blanket to be used to bring comfort and assurance to others.

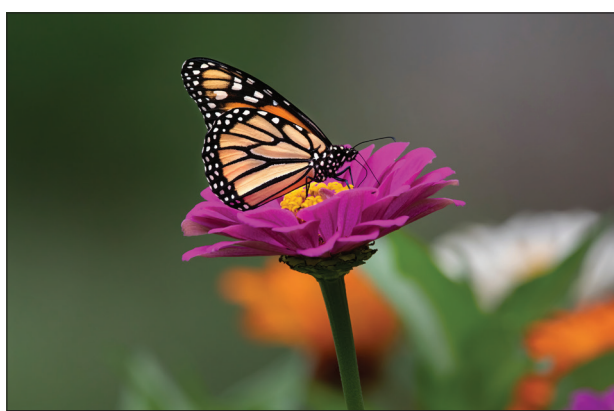
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BUTTERFLY BELIEVERS

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Peck. Peck. Peck. The nettlesome noise awakened the woman from a sound sleep. A peckish sparrow perched outside her window trying to eat breakfast—a butterfly frantically fluttering against the inside of the glass. There was a misunderstanding—the butterfly believed it was history, and the hungry bird was frustrated because it couldn't reach its meal due to the invisible barrier between them. The butterfly had no reason to have the butterflies—it was as safe as if it had been thousands of miles away.

Crippled with panic, yet completely protected. How frequently do we as believers suffer from paralyzing dread regarding our souls when we have no reason to? Lacking assurance, we often live as though our salvation hangs by a thread, as if heaven's door is barely open and poised to slam shut in our faces. We fear losing our salvation, out-sinching the grace of God, disappointing our Savior one too many times, or being snatched away by the world or the devil. But according to the Scripture, there is something infinitely greater than a glass pane standing between us and



falling away from the faith: the nail-scarred hands of Christ Jesus.

Jesus graciously assured that there is no reason for His sheep to live in trepidation: "I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand" (John 10:28). Believer, your salvation does not

depend on your grip of Christ, but upon His grip of you—and He will never let you go (cf. Heb. 13:5). He likewise promised, "All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. . . . And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of

all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day" (John 6:37, 39). And your name is inscribed in the Book of Life with immortal ink—even graven in the palms of His hands (Rev. 3:5; Isa. 49:16), and it cannot be erased by your transgressions nor made more permanent by your obedience.

Is this not why Paul exclaimed, "I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which

is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 8:38-39, KJV)? God's grace-kept, eternally-secure, and never-lost children have no reason to live like anxious butterflies. Rather, there are a thousand reasons to mount up with wings as eagles and soar in the joy of blessed assurance. For all who are in Christ, the Lord's promise remains unchanged: "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness" (Isa. 41:10).

Jackson Manning Named 2026 County Winner in Grandparent Essay Contest

By Patty Reynolds

Paducah, KY — The Paducah-McCracken Retired Teachers Association (PMCRTA) recently recognized Jackson Manning, a 5th-grade student at Concord Elementary School, as the County Winner in the AARP/KRTA Kentucky Grandparent of the Year Essay Contest. His winning essay has advanced to the District Division, representing McCracken County

During the county award ceremony,

Jackson read his essay aloud. He presented a medal to his grandfather, Mr. Calvin Manning of Cottage Grove, TN, in a meaningful moment that highlighted their special bond.

The AARP/KRTA Kentucky Grandparent of the Year Essay Contest encourages students across the Commonwealth to reflect on and celebrate the important role grandparents and grandparent-like figures play in their lives.

Jackson was guided in his writing by his teacher, Mrs. Cristie Wooten, who supported him throughout his writing journey. Jackson's mother shared that she was proud of his accomplishment and expressed gratitude to the contest sponsors for providing this opportunity.

The Paducah-McCracken Retired Teachers Association celebrates Jackson's achievement and encourages continued participation in this meaningful program.



Left to right: Calvin Manning (grandfather, Cottage Grove, TN), Jackson Manning (5th-grade student at Concord Elementary School), and Mrs. Cristie Wooten (Jackson's teacher) at the AARP/KRTA Kentucky Grandparent of the Year Essay Contest— County Ceremony in Paducah.

(Photo courtesy of Patty Reynolds)

WEST KY SPORTS



McCracken County Baseball wins District Championship



McCracken County won the 2026 2nd District Baseball Championship on Wednesday, May 20.

(Photo courtesy of McCracken County High School)

Chiefs are getting ready for the 2026 season



The Paducah Chiefs are preparing to compete in the Ohio Valley League's 2026 season.

(Photo courtesy of Paducah Chiefs Baseball Club)

All-2nd District Baseball Team announced



Stone Crowe, Hank James, Brendan Mira and Wyatt Gower from runner-up Paducah Tilghman were named to the All-2nd District Baseball Tournament Team. (Photo courtesy of Paducah Tilghman High School)



Caden Kern, Lucas Gagnon, Kendrick Dunning, Briar Hall and Will Fox from champion McCracken County were named to the All-2nd District Baseball Tournament Team. (Photo courtesy of McCracken County High School)

Hickman County Softball wins 1st District Championship



Hickman County won the 2026 1st District Softball Championship on Thursday, May 21.

(Photo courtesy of Hickman County High School)

Mustangs shut out Tigers

Staff Report

PADUCAH — McCracken County shut out Murray 2-0 during the opening round of the 1st Region Baseball Tournament on Monday, May 25.

With the win, McCracken County improved to 29-8. The Mustangs advanced to the semifinals of the 1st Region Baseball Tournament.

As a result of the loss, Murray slipped to 22-10. The loss eliminated Murray from the 1st Region Base-

ball Tournament.

Joshua Penrod pitched a four-hit shut-out for McCracken County and earned the win on the mound. Penrod recorded eight strikeouts.

Avery Starks pitched for Murray and took the loss on the mound. Starks posted five strikeouts.

Tournament host McCracken County plated two runs on six hits. Caden Kern (two hits, one RBI), Kendrick Dunning (one hit, one RBI), Brady Thompson (one hit),

Gage Reeves (one hit) and Briar Hal (one hit) accounted for McCracken County's offense. Both Kern and Thompson doubled.

Starks (two hits), Eli Whitaker (one hit) and Haden Parker (one hit) accounted for Murray's offense in the region tournament game.

In addition to McCracken County, Hickman County, Paducah Tilghman and Carlisle County won opening round games in the 1st Region Baseball Tournament.

Shepherd Earns Top 10 At State

By Tim Taylor
KPI Sports Writer

Lady Bomber sophomore Blakeley Shepherd earned a pair of top 10 finishes in the KHSAA Class 1A Track and Field Championships in Lexington. The 1st Region Champion in the Discus backed up her regional title with an 8th place finish in the state championship. She then transferred from the Discus to the Shot Put where she finished in a 3-way tie



for 10th place. Ballard Memorial 7th grader Zoe McGlenon got valuable varsity experience earning a berth into the State Championship in the Shot Put

where she recorded the 23rd best throw of the day. She will look to use that experience as she prepares for the Middle School State Tournament on May 30th. Senior Karley Veit raced to the 15th fastest time in the 100M Hurdles to end her Ballard Memorial track career. A young track team looks to build upon the achievements this season as they build for an even stronger season in 2027.

Eagles fall to Falcons

Staff Report

PADUCAH — Graves County was limited offensively as Hickman County prevailed 4-1 during the quarterfinals of the 1st Region Baseball Tournament at McCracken County on Monday, May 25.

Hickman County scored first, pushing across one run during the top half of the opening inning.

Then, following a three-run outburst during the top half of the second inning, Hickman County led 4-0.

Graves County plated its lone run during the bottom half of the third inning.

The win allowed Hickman County to

advance to the semifinals of the 1st Region Baseball Tournament.

Nyiahez Irons pitched a complete game for Hickman County and earned the win on the mound. Irons held Graves County to one run on three hits. The Hickman County pitcher struck out one Graves County batter.

Corey Toon started on the mound for Graves County and suffered the loss. Toon pitched two innings and logged two strikeouts.

Following Toon, Cole Woodward pitched four innings in relief for the Eagles. Woodward recorded six strikeouts.

Hickman County scored four runs on eight hits. Drew Cunningham (two hits),

Korbin Kimbell (one hit, two RBIs), Kobe Yamauchi (one hit, one RBI), Brec Byassee (one hit, two RBIs), Witt Carter (one hit), Jax Hunter (one hit) and David Camp (one hit) accounted for Hickman County's offense.

Offensively for Graves County, Toon, Woodward and Beckett O'Guinn each hit safely once.

In the other opening round games in the 1st Region Baseball Tournament, it was Paducah Tilghman 6, Marshall County 5; McCracken County 2, Murray 0 and Carlisle County 9, Mayfield 7.

With the win, Hickman County improved to 25-7.

Comets outlast Falcons in 1st District title game

Staff Report

BARDWELL — Hickman County finished runner-up in the 1st District Baseball Tournament.

Host Carlisle County edged Hickman County 2-1 in the 1st District Baseball Tournament championship game on Thursday, May 21.

The Falcons and Comets were tied 1-1 midway through the district championship game. Carlisle County scored the game-winning run during the bottom half of the seventh inning.

Kase Kelly pitched a complete game for Carlisle County and earned the win on the mound. Kelly recorded 15 strikeouts.

Kobe Yamauchi pitched a complete game for Hickman County and took the loss on the mound. Yamauchi recorded five strikeouts.

Carlisle County plated two runs on seven hits. Kelly (one hit), Maylon Hafford (two hits), Karmine Vela (one hit), Myles Fourshee (one hit), Tae Warren (one hit) and Justice Gill (one hit) accounted for Car-

lisle County's offense in the championship game. Hafford and Camden Rogers each scored one run for the Comets.

Hickman County pushed across one run on eight hits. Yamauchi (two hits), Witt Carter (two hits), Korbin Kimbell (one hit), Brec Byassee (one hit), Nyiahez Irons (one hit) and Drew Cunningham (one hit) accounted for Hickman County's offense.

Both Carlisle County and Hickman County advanced to the 1st Region Baseball Tournament.

Hickman County outlasts Calloway County

Staff Report

PADUCAH — Hickman County outlasted Calloway County 3-1 during the quarterfinals of the 1st Region Softball Tournament at Paducah Tilghman on Monday, May 25.

The Lady Falcons improved to 21-13 after notching the win.

With the win, Hickman County advanced to meet McCracken County in the semifinals of the 1st Region Softball Tournament on Tuesday, May 26.

Blair Byassee pitched a complete game for Hickman County and earned the

win in the circle. Byassee recorded three strikeouts.

Hailee Jones pitched a complete game for Calloway County and suffered the loss in the circle. Jones recorded eight strikeouts.

Hickman County plated three runs on seven hits. Byassee (one hit, one RBI), Sophie Morris (two hits, one RBI), Kaylee Britton (one hit), Audrey Tucker (one hit), Keeleigh Stewart (one hit) and Kayley Howell (one hit) each contributed offensively for the Lady Falcons. Helping her pitching cause at the plate, Byassee

doubled.

Calloway County pushed across one run on five hits. Jones (one hit, one RBI), Emerson Herndon (one hit), Jaylee McLeod (one hit), Gabriella Yocum (one hit) and Laila Clark (one hit) accounted for Calloway County's offense.

In the other opening round games in the 1st Region Softball Tournament, it was Paducah Tilghman 8, Marshall County 0; Ballard Memorial 12, Carlisle County 0 (5 innings) and McCracken County 13, Graves County 1 (5 innings).

Lady Falcons win second straight 1st District title

Staff Report

BARDWELL — Hickman County has won its second straight 1st District softball championship.

The Lady Falcons pulled away to defeat Carlisle County 12-1 in five innings in the 1st District Softball Tournament championship game on Thursday, May 21.

Hickman County controlled the district title game versus the

tournament host.

Blair Byassee pitched a complete game for Hickman County and earned the win in the circle. Byassee held Carlisle County to one run on five hits and recorded four strikeouts.

The Lady Falcons excelled both offensively and defensively. Hickman County scored a dozen runs on nine hits. Kaylee Britton (three hits, one RBI), Jenna Byassee

(one hit), Blair Byassee (three hits, four RBIs), Sophie Morris (one hit, two RBIs), Kennedy Sublett (one hit, one RBI) and Kylie Meshew (one RBI) comprised Hickman County's offensive attack.

Coach Lisa Britton guided Hickman County to the 1st District softball title.

Both Hickman County and Carlisle County advanced to the 1st Region Softball Tournament.



Blair Byassee and Kaylee Britton combined to hit three home runs in Hickman County's win over Carlisle County in the 1st District Softball Tournament championship game on Thursday, May 21.

(Photo courtesy of Hickman County High School Softball)



Paducah Tilghman finished runner-up in the 2026 2nd District Softball Tournament.

(Photo courtesy of Paducah Tilghman High School)

Invasive Alabama bass found at Lake Linville in Rockcastle County

Staff Report

FRANKFORT — Biologists with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources have confirmed the presence of Alabama bass hybrids in Lake Linville, marking the first time the species has been detected in Kentucky waters. Lake Linville is a 356-acre lake located near Mt. Vernon in Rockcastle County.

During routine fisheries surveys at Lake Linville, biologists collected two fish initially identified as spotted bass that raised concern. Subsequent genetic analysis confirmed that both fish were Alabama bass/spotted bass hybrids.

The extent of Alabama bass presence in Lake Linville is currently unknown. Fisheries biologists with the department are conducting expanded genetic testing of Lake Linville's bass popu-

lation. Findings from this effort will help guide future management strategies for the lake and surrounding waterways.

Alabama bass, native to the Mobile Bay basin in Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia, have caused devastating impacts to fisheries outside their native range across several southeastern states. Recent introductions of the species by anglers in Tennessee, Georgia and North Carolina have significantly altered native populations of smallmouth bass, largemouth bass and spotted bass through interbreeding and competition.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife biologists are most concerned about the potential for Alabama bass to interbreed with native smallmouth and spotted bass populations in Kentucky.

The resulting hybrid fish would eventually eliminate existing smallmouth bass and spotted bass over time. Home of the world-record smallmouth bass, Kentucky's premier smallmouth bass fisheries, including Lake Cumberland and Dale Hollow Lake, could face serious risk if anglers continue to move Alabama bass into Kentucky waters.

"The discovery of Alabama bass hybrids in Lake Linville is concerning for fisheries in Kentucky," said Marcy Anderson, program coordinator for the Southeast Fisheries District for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "It's not simply about an introduction of a new species. It's also the long-term negative consequences for the native bass species that anglers frequently target."

Previous Alabama bass introductions to

new waters in other states have shown that they quickly become the dominant species and drastically reduce the abundance of largemouth bass through competition. Alabama bass do not grow as large as they typically do in their native environment and invasive populations are usually composed of fish much smaller than the largemouth bass they displaced.

Alabama bass are nearly indistinguishable from native Kentucky spotted bass based on appearance alone, making genetic analysis the most reliable method for identification. However, differences between Alabama bass and other black bass species — such as largemouth bass and smallmouth bass — can sometimes be observed through jaw size, lateral band coloration and overall

body coloring.

"For many years Alabama bass were considered a subspecies of spotted bass and many anglers still refer to Alabama bass as "spots," said Dave Dreves, director of the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Fisheries Division. "Unfortunately, Alabama bass are very different from our native Kentucky spotted bass so it's critical that these fish are not moved to new waterbodies."

Public engagement remains critical in addressing the spread of invasive species such as Alabama bass. Anglers and boaters are reminded not to move fish and plants between water bodies, as doing so can unintentionally introduce invasive species into new ecosystems. Following all state regulations is essential to protecting Kentucky's aquatic resources.

"Invasive species negatively impact the local environment and economy when introduced into new areas," said Jeffrey Herod, aquatic invasive species coordinator for the department. "In the case of Alabama bass, there is sufficient information based on research from fisheries biologists from multiple states that anglers should anticipate negative impacts to aquatic habitat, and specifically declines in largemouth bass, smallmouth bass and spotted bass populations if Alabama bass become established."

More information about Alabama bass including how to identify the species is available on the department's website (fw.ky.gov) on the Frequently Asked Questions about Alabama Bass and the Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) webpages.

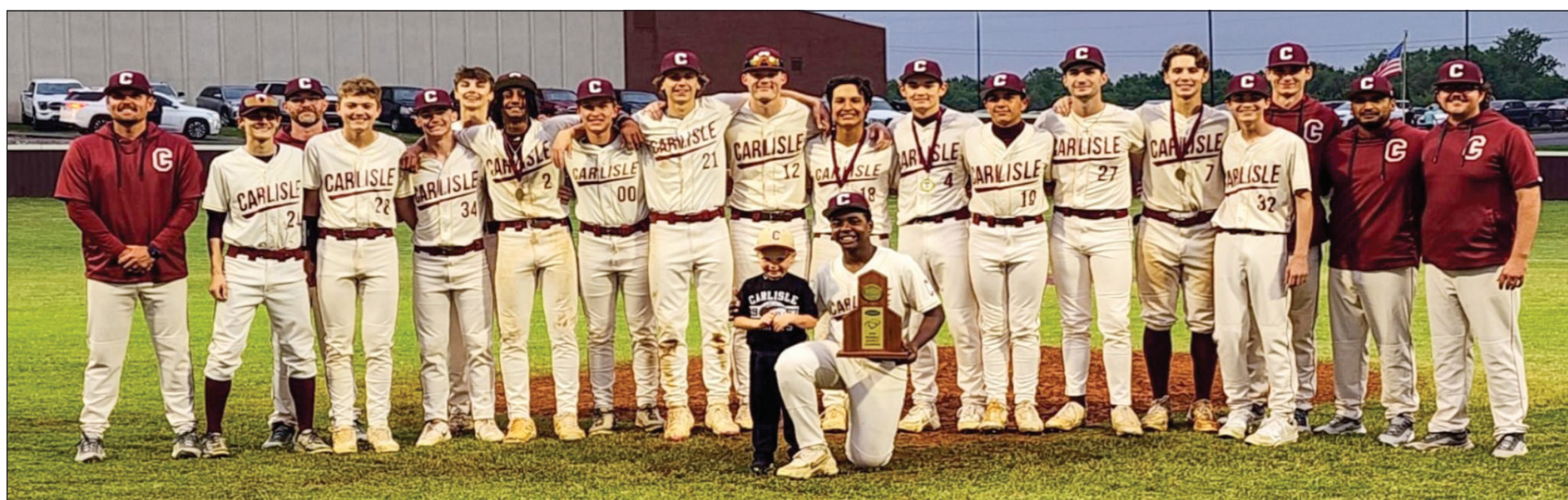
Calloway County girls track wins State Championship



The Calloway County girls' track & field team won the KHSAA Class 2A State Championship in Lexington on Friday, May 22.

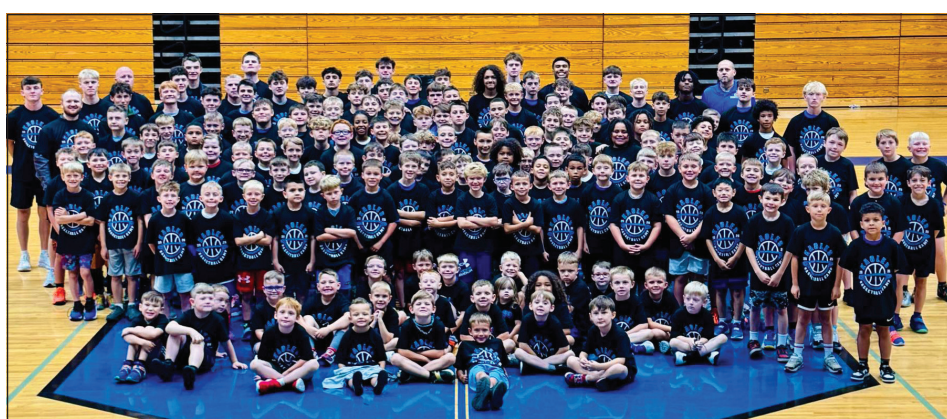
(Photo courtesy of Calloway County High School)

Carlisle County baseball wins District Championship



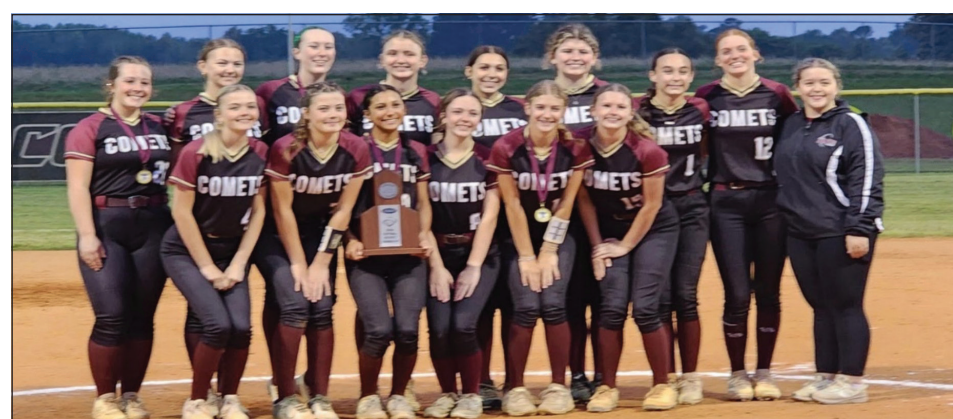
Carlisle County won the 2026 1st District Baseball Championship on Thursday, May 21.

(Photo courtesy of Carlisle County High School)



The Graves County Boys' Basketball Summer Camp was held at GCHS May 19-21.

(Photo courtesy of Graves County High School)



Carlisle County finished runner-up in the 2026 1st District Softball Tournament on Thursday, May 21.

(Photo courtesy of Carlisle County High School)

Lady Bombers win 1st Region Championship



HISTORY MADE — The Ballard Memorial Lady Bombers celebrate after capturing the 2026 1st Region Softball Championship, defeating Hickman County 7-4 to earn the program's first-ever trip to the KHSAA State Softball Tournament in Lexington. *(Photo by Travis Holder)*

1st Region All-Tournament Team



Members of the 2026 1st Region All-Tournament Team were recognized following the regional championship game Wednesday night at Paducah Tilghman. Honorees included Ballard Memorial's Adalyn Hargrove, Aubrey Alexander, Miley Nichols, and Mady Bohde; Hickman County's Keeleigh Stewart, Kaylee Britton, and Blair Byassee; McCracken County's Olivia Lee and Alyssa Knight; Paducah Tilghman's Adrienne Romain and Camrynn McMinn; Calloway County's Hailee Jones; Graves County's Payton Hayden; Carlisle County's Rylee Lemons; and Marshall County's Elin Denfip. *(Photo by Travis Holder)*

Lady Falcons finish 1st Region Runner-Up



Despite the loss, the Hickman County Lady Falcons finished an impressive postseason run as 1st Region Runner-Up. The Lady Falcons battled until the final out Wednesday night against Ballard Memorial and finished the season with pride, determination, and a regional championship appearance to remember. *(Photo by Travis Holder)*

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By Betty L. Johnson

Finding and raising cemetery sunken stones is worth it all as we continue a massive cleanup in the Pace Family Pioneer Cemetery plot.

The Pace Family Pioneer Cemetery plot is rooted in the lineage of John Pace, Pioneer Patriarch, who was born in (1794-1863) in Virginia and became an

influential pioneer settler of Ballard County, Kentucky.

No one's tombstone should be sunken.

Join us Saturday, May 30th., 8 a.m. until Noon (weather permitting) to find and raise more Pace Family Pioneer Cemetery sunken stones.

Contact bettyjohnsonky@yahoo.com or text 270 210 3538



Finding a sunken stone at Pace cemetery



Sunken stone all cleaned up at Pace cemetery

The Ingram Distillery Deepens Partnership with One Mississippi with Support of River Days of Action

Press Release

COLUMBUS, KY – Fresh off a ribbon cutting ceremony to formally open its grounds to the public together, The Ingram Distillery is deepening its partnership with One Mississippi, the nonprofit organization whose mission is to protect, strengthen, and restore the Mississippi River, by supporting its annual River Days of Action event.

River Days of Action will take place June 1-15 in towns and cities throughout the Mississippi River system and will include hands-on activities and events like canoe excursions,

restoration projects, engaging webinars, and more that inspire action for people, land, water, and wildlife. The Ingram Distillery is supporting in a number of ways:

River Days of Action Sweepstakes. For those who enter the River Days of Action Sweepstakes, three winners will be selected to win different Ingram Distillery prizes including one Grand Prize of an overnight stay at its grounds complete with dinner, tours and a special private tasting.

Free Ingram Distillery Tours on National Mississippi River Day (June 2). The first 14 people who sign up for



a tour on this day will get a one-of-a-kind bourbon experience at no cost!

Working with civic leaders in Columbus and Hickman County, KY to secure a proclamation officially recognizing June 2 as National Mississippi River Day.

Participating in the Four Rivers Clean Sweep river cleanup in Paducah, KY on June 6

“What One Missis-

sippi does to energize people around a shared love of the Mississippi is incredible,” said Founder Hank Ingram. “We are proud to play a role in this year’s River Days of Action and look forward to continuing to do so far into the future. We hope our involvement inspires others to participate and help protect this vital waterway. It’s an American wonder that has served as

inspiration for countless adventurers and innovators over the years – and that certainly includes us!”

“We are inspired by the support from The Ingram Distillery for this year’s River Days of Action,” said Kelly McGinnis, Executive Director for One Mississippi. “Their generosity during Earth Day and their opening weekend reflects a shared commitment to the Mississippi River and the communities it supports. As River Days of Action 2026 continues to grow, partnerships like this will help make this year’s program one of our most impactful

yet.”

The Ingram Distillery is located in Columbus, KY on a bluff above the Mississippi River, sitting right beside Columbus-Belmont State Park. Those interested in booking tours can go to The Ingram Distillery’s Visit page to learn more about the different offerings. Availability is limited, so parties are encouraged to make their booking sooner than later.

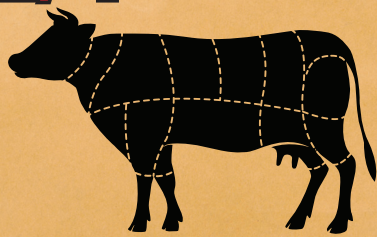
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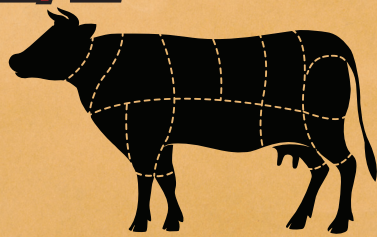


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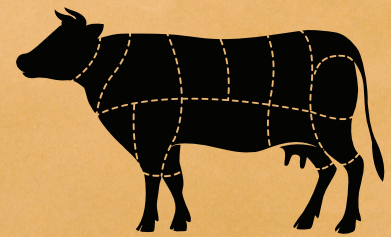


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and future capital investments. The budget identifies more than \$15.5 million in unfunded capital needs including City Hall stabilization, a future police station, and planning for the future replacement of Fire Station #4.

In closing Jordan said, “The FY 2026–2027 Budget represents more than a spending plan—it reflects a strategic commitment to strengthening the services residents rely upon today while preparing our community for tomorrow. It is disciplined, balanced, and intentionally aligned with the priorities of the Commission. Together, we continue building a stronger, more resilient Paducah—honoring our history while confidently preparing for the future.”

Zoning Text Amendments to Help Restore Neighborhoods

The Paducah Board of Commissioners approved an ordinance amending Section 126-104, Medium Density Residential Zone R-3, of the Paducah Code of Ordinances. The Paducah Planning Commission met April 6 and

provided a favorable recommendation for the amendments.

The text amendments expand the principal uses permitted in the R-3 Zone and create a better transition to the R-4 High Density Residential Zone. The amendments will allow smaller lot sizes and narrower lot widths to help restore the development pattern of historic neighborhoods such as the Southside and the Northside Historic District. In addition, the amendments introduce corner stores as principal permitted uses. Historically, corner stores served as neighborhood hubs in higher-density residential areas.

Discussion about the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Local Government

Chief Technology Director Eric Stuber provided an overview of the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in local government and recommendations for moving forward with the creation of an internal AI policy. Stuber began with by defining AI as a broad range of technologies that enable computers to perform tasks that typically require human thinking and

decision-making.

Rather than being a single technology, AI includes systems such as generative AI, machine learning, computer vision, natural language processing, optical character recognition (OCR), behavioral AI, intelligent automation, and agentic AI. In local government, these tools can support a variety of functions including cybersecurity, financial auditing, law enforcement, urban blight management, resident inquiries, FOIA redaction, plan review and code compliance, call handling, meeting minutes, and compensation studies.

Stuber emphasized that successful AI implementation requires a thoughtful and practical approach. Organizations should start with small, clearly defined use cases, establish governance policies, require human oversight through a “human in the loop” process, and disclose when AI is being used.

The City of Paducah already is applying AI in several areas including OCR of documents, email security, machine learning for endpoint detection and

response, generative AI for policy review and meeting notes, and OCR in law enforcement.

Moving forward, the recommended next steps include adopting an AI policy, forming an AI working group, and evaluating additional opportunities where AI can improve efficiency and service delivery.

Additional Meeting Information

Mayor George Bray presented a proclamation to Paducah Main Street Executive Director Blaine McDonald and Assistant Director Carly Dick proclaiming May as Paducah Main Street Month to celebrate the accomplishments of the organization since transitioning to an independent agency in 2025. The proclamation also proclaims the first Friday in June as Fridays After Five Concert Series Day to kick off the concert series that will be held Friday evenings from June 5 through August 7.

Appointment of Michael Yungmann to the Paducah Junior College Foundation Board.

Municipal Order approved authorizing

the Mayor to execute a purchase agreement with DWA Recreation for shade canopies in Noble Park. There will be four canopies at the Noble Park Pool and two at the tennis courts.

Municipal Order approved authorizing the Mayor to execute a purchase agreement with Miracle Playground of KY and TN for playground equipment for Kolb Park.

Municipal Order approved authorizing a contract renewal with Rightway Janitorial for custodial services for the City’s public restroom facilities.

Municipal Order approved authorizing the application of a Kentucky Office of the Attorney General Stand by the Badge: Peer Support for Law Enforcement Grant requesting \$5000. The funds would be used to implement a peer support team to help promote mental health and wellness.

Municipal Order approved authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding between the Paducah Police Department and the Paducah Independent School District permitting School Resource Officers to conduct law enforcement

activities beyond school property to fulfill duties including home visits, mutual aid responses, and truancy summonses.

Municipal Order approved for the purchase of light fixtures from Hannan Supply for the Marine Way Improvement Project.

Municipal Order approved for a contract with World Tower to complete the E911 tower remediation project.

Municipal Order approved for a contract with Allied Contracting for improvements to the Administrative Department at City Hall.

Municipal Order approved for a contract with Window Energy for window security film for City Hall.

Municipal Orders approved for a contract with Ray Black and Son for capital improvements to the Hotel Metropolitan. Funds for this project are through a Mellon Foundation grant received in 2024.

Ordinance approved amending the current fiscal year budget to address adjustments identified since the budget’s adoption.

OCTC to host downtown campus open house on June 13

By Katie Powers

OWENSBORO, KY—Owensboro Community & Technical College will host its Downtown Campus Open House on Saturday, June 13, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the OCTC Downtown Campus, located at c. The event is free and

open to the public and will take place rain or shine.

The open house will provide an opportunity for the community to explore OCTC’s Downtown Campus, meet the people behind its programs and services, and experience the

variety of training opportunities available throughout the facility.

“Whether someone is exploring educational opportunities, looking to build new skills, or simply wanting to learn more about OCTC, the Downtown Campus Open House is designed to welcome everyone,” said Alicyn Rodgers, Workforce Solutions Program Coordinator and Career Navigator. “There truly is something here for students, employers, and community members alike.”

Attendees will have the opportunity to connect with staff, explore hands-on training areas, participate in games and activities, enjoy

light refreshments, and enter to win prizes throughout the event.

“The Downtown Campus is home to a wide variety of programs and services, and this event gives the community an opportunity to come inside, ask questions, and experience what we do firsthand,” said James Cecil, OCTC CDL Program Instructor.

Representatives from Adult Education, Workforce Solutions, and the Veterinary Technology program will be available to answer questions and share information. Adult Education representatives will be available to discuss English Language

Learner and GED programs. Workforce Solutions programs featured during the event will include CDL training, TechX, Healthcare programs, GO FAME, ITEC, Computer Based Training/Flextrain (CBT/Flextrain), AMTEC, and Artificial Intelligence Innovation initiatives.

Visitors will also have the opportunity to learn more about OCTC’s Veterinary Technology program and its partnership with Saving Paws Animal Rescue of Kentucky (SPARKY), a local no-kill animal shelter.

“OCTC is committed to providing accessible education and workforce training

that supports both individual success and the needs of our region,” said Sheri Plain, OCTC Vice President of Workforce Solutions. “Events like the Downtown Campus Open House allow us to connect directly with the community, showcase these opportunities firsthand, and help people discover programs that can support their goals.”

Whether you’re a student, employer, or community member, there is something here for you at the OCTC Downtown Campus Open House.

For more information, contact James Cecil or Alicyn Rodgers at 270-686-4444 or email octc.workforcesolutions@kctcs.edu.

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KSP adds bulletproof Rook vehicle to fleet

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – Kentucky State Police (KSP) has added a specialized “Rook” armored vehicle to its fleet, enhancing the agency’s ability to respond to calls while prioritizing the safety of both troopers and the public.

“Our brave law enforcement officers put themselves in harm’s way to make our communities safer,” Gov. Andy Beshear said. “Providing them the resources they need not only boosts public safety, but also helps ensure they can return home safely to their family

at the end of each shift.”

The Rook is a versatile tactical vehicle designed to protect officers in complex law enforcement operations, including hostage situations, barricaded subjects, riot response and natural disaster scenarios. Its compact design allows it to operate in confined spaces where the use of traditional armored vehicles may be limited.

Interchangeable attachments, such as a hydraulic fork for removing obstacles and an armored personnel cage for a protected approach, allow troopers to intervene in danger-



The Rook armored vehicle has been added to the Kentucky State Police fleet.

ous situations. KSP’s Rook is the only such vehicle in the state and one of only 108 in the nation. The vehicle was purchased in December 2025 using asset forfeiture funds, which are funds seized from criminal activity that are in turn used

to enhance public safety at no additional cost to Kentucky taxpayers.

“The Kentucky State Police is committed to providing our troopers with the best equipment available to safely resolve critical incidents,” KSP Commissioner

Phillip Burnett Jr., said. “This purchase is the direct result of successful investigative efforts by our troopers, turning funds that were derived from criminal activity into tools that help us combat crime and protect Kentuckians.”

The positive impacts of the Rook have already been proven. Since its acquisition, KSP’s Special Response Team has deployed the Rook eight times, and it has proven to be a life-saving tool, helping breach barricades and protect troopers while serving high-risk warrants.

By investing in advanced tools like the Rook, the KSP says this helps them continue their mission to protect and serve the people of Kentucky while ensuring troopers are equipped to meet evolving public safety challenges.



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Ex-KYTC employee facing theft charges

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

MAYFIELD, Ky. (KT) – An investigation by Kentucky State Police (KSP) Post 1 detectives led to the arrest of a former Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) employee, now living in Tennessee, for thefts that occurred while he was with KYTC.

On April 13, KSP Post 1 at Mayfield received information from the KYTC Office of Inspector General reporting a

suspected theft from the KYTC Driver Licensing Regional Office in Mayfield. It was reported to KSP that Hunter Simmons, while employed with KYTC, stole payments for services rendered by KYTC at the driver licensing regional office.

A thorough investigation led to findings that Simmons was employed as the Administrative Section Supervisor for both the Mayfield and Paducah KYTC Driver Licensing Regional Offices. During his employ-



Hunter Simmons is facing theft charges while working as a supervisor for KYTC in Mayfield.

ment, between April of 2024 and January of 2026, Simmons was found to have stolen

\$88,688.50 from the Mayfield location. An investigation of the Paducah office is still

ongoing.

The Mayfield investigation was presented to the Graves County grand jury on May 12, 2026, resulting in the indictment of Mr. Simmons for the offense of Theft By Unlawful Taking (greater than \$10,000 but less than \$1,000,000).

After the indictment was handed down, Hunter Simmons, 33 years old, now of Bradford, Tenn., was located and arrested by the Gibson County, Tennessee Sheriff's Office on May 19, 2026.

On May 21, 2026, Simmons was extradited from Tennessee and brought to the Graves County Restricted Custody Center where he was served with the indictment warrant.

The investigation remains ongoing by Detective Propes with additional charges possible in McCracken County, once that investigation is concluded.

Simmons has his next appearance before a judge scheduled for Monday at Graves Circuit Court.

Summer meals programs for students back in place

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) announced on Tuesday their plans for the annual summer meals program for students, during the time classes are not in session.

During the summer months, the Summer Food Service Program – also called Sun Meals – is administered by the KDE. The program provides meals at no cost from late May through August to children 18 and under in low-income areas. KDE partners with school districts and

community organizations statewide to offer nutritious meals, recreational fun and educational activities while school is out of session.

This summer, more than 2,000 sites will serve meals to Kentucky children. The number of Summer Food Service Program meals and meal sites has increased each year, as more people have awareness of, and participation in, the program has occurred.

In rural areas, meals may be available for multiple days and in some cases, provided “to go” to children, parents or guardians.



Site locations and meal service times vary across the state. Visit the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Summer Meals for Kids Site Finder or call the USDA Hunger Hotline at (866) 348-6479 for information about

meal sites, distribution days and whether meals are eaten on site or are available to go. For more detailed information, contact the organizations which are providing the meals.

The Summer Food Service Program in

Kentucky is part of the National Summer Food Service Program, a federally funded program operated by the USDA.

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and USDA civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its

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KSP Foundation begins 250 for \$250 fundraising campaign

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – The Kentucky State Police Foundation has announced the launch of its 250 for \$250 Campaign, a statewide fundraising initiative designed to honor America’s upcoming 250th anniversary while supporting the men and women of the Kentucky State Police and advancing the Foundation’s mission.

The campaign, which runs now through July 5, seeks to recruit 250 supporters to contribute \$250 each, creating a collective investment in programs and initiatives that strengthen public safety, support agency personnel and their families, and enhance the Kentucky State Police Foundation’s impact throughout Kentucky.

Supporters who participate will be recognized as Founding Supporters of the 250 for \$250 Campaign, joining an exclusive group of individuals committed to preserving the values of service, sacrifice, and community that have defined our nation for nearly 250 years.



“For 250 years, America has been strengthened by those willing to serve something greater than themselves,” said Alison Chavies, executive director of the Kentucky State Police Foundation. “Through the 250 for \$250 Campaign, we are inviting Kentuckians to honor that legacy by investing in the men and women who continue to serve our Commonwealth every day. Together, we can ensure the Kentucky State Police Foundation remains a strong partner in supporting public safety, per-

sonnel wellness, and programs that make a lasting impact across Kentucky.”

For generations, law enforcement officers have served as protectors of communities

and guardians of public safety, carrying forward the ideals of duty, responsibility, and service that have sustained our nation since its founding. Through their daily

commitment to protecting others, they uphold a legacy that continues to strengthen communities statewide.

The 250 for \$250 Campaign celebrates

that tradition while offering Kentuckians an opportunity to stand alongside those who serve. Funds raised through the campaign will help advance the Foundation’s mission by supporting programs that enhance public safety, promote personnel wellness, provide critical resources, and strengthen connections between the Kentucky State Police and the communities they serve.

Individuals, businesses, and organizations interested in becoming one of the campaign’s 250 Founding Supporters can contribute online or contact the Foundation for additional information.

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BALLARD

John Plumley, age 52, passed away on Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at his home surrounded by his loving family. Visitation will be held on Saturday, May 30, 2026, after 11:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church of LaCenter. Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, May 30, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church of LaCenter, KY with the Rev. Jason Hay officiating. A private family interment will follow at Oscar Community Cemetery.

CALDWELL

Charles “Chuck” Tandy, 67, of Princeton, Kentucky, passed away Thursday, May 21, 2026 at Baptist Health Deaconess in Madisonville. There will be no service held at this time. Morgan’s Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Ophelia Tinsley Scott, 89, of Princeton, passed away on Thursday, May 21, 2026, at her home. Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at Morgan’s Funeral Home.

Debra Lynn Richardville, known to family and friends as Lynn, passed away at home on May 20, 2026, at the age of 72. Funeral services to be held Sunday, May 24, 2026 at 2:30 PM at Morgan’s Funeral Home with Rev. Danny Sherrill officiating.

Joy Elizabeth Watson, 96 of Princeton, passed away on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at her home. Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 24, 2026, at Morgan’s Funeral Home with Coley Rogers officiating. Burial followed in Morse Cemetery.

CARLISLE

Sarah Beth Lee, age 53, of Cunningham, Kentucky, went to her heavenly home on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, in Bardwell, Kentucky, surrounded by the love of family and friends who will forever cherish her memory. A Funeral Service was held on Saturday, May 23, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Cunningham, Kentucky, with Bro. Tim Harvey officiating. Burial followed at Bethlehem Cemetery in Cunningham.

Michael Lynn Copeland, 63, of Cairo, Illinois, passed away on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, surrounded by the love of his family and the memories of a life well lived. A Funeral Service was held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Bardwell. Burial followed at Roselawn Cemetery.

Kathy F. Perry, 71, of Cunningham, Kentucky, passed away on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at her residence, surrounded by the ones she loved. A Funeral Service was held at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 23, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Bardwell with Bro. Stan Durrett officiating. Burial followed at Cunningham Memorial Gardens.

CHRISTIAN

Sherri Lynn Henderson Guinn, age 63, of Hopkinsville, KY, passed away on Saturday, May 23, 2026, at Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville of natural causes. Celebration of Life Services will be at 1:00 PM on Friday, May 29, 2026, at Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home with Pastor Ross Littlepage officiating and burial to follow in Ancestral Haven Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be at the funeral home on Friday, May 29, 2026, from 10:00 AM until the service time at 1:00 PM.

Michael “Mike” D. Westerman, age 68, of Lafayette, KY, passed away on Thursday, May 21, 2026, at his home of natural causes. Graveside Services were held at 1:00 PM on Thursday, May 28, 2026, at Powell Cemetery with Pastor James Ates officiating and burial to follow. Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home has been entrusted by the family to handle the arrangements.

Arlinda Jones Fourquirean, 71, of Hopkinsville, KY died at 7:03 a.m. Saturday, May 23, 2026, at Baptist

Health Deaconess in Madisonville, KY. Funeral services will be 12:00 p.m. Friday, May 29, 2026, at Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Ancestral Haven Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be Friday from 10:00 a.m. until the funeral hour. Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Doris Deane Menser Renshaw, age 97, went peacefully to glory at 9:30 a.m. on May 21, 2026 surrounded by love at Anna Mae Owen Hospice House in Murray, Kentucky. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, May 25, 2026 at the Crofton Christian Church with Rev. Paul G. Moore and Barney Bishop officiating. Burial followed in Ridgeway Cemetery in Crofton.

James Stingily, Jr. - October 19, 1970 — May 21, 2026 - James gained his wings on May 21, 2026, at 12:30 p.m. He is reunited in Heaven with his father, James Overton Stingily Sr. His godfather, Daniel Harris; his sister Pamela; and his maternal and paternal grandparents. James will forever be loved, remembered, and deeply missed by all who knew him.

Charles E. Blankenship, 70, Johnson Mill Road, Hopkinsville, KY, passed away Thursday, May 21, 2026 at Bradford Heights Nursing and Rehabilitation of natural causes. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Lamb Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Isobelle Lee Buzzard Estes, 98, Sterling Drive, Hopkinsville, KY passed away Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at Christian Health Center, Hopkinsville, KY of natural causes. A private family service was held Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at Lamb Funeral Home with Rev. Glen Schory officiating. Burial followed in Riverside Cemetery.

Charles Edward Byrd, 86, of Hopkinsville, KY died at 6:52 a.m. Monday, May 25, 2026, at his residence. Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Friday, May 29, 2026, at Dogwood Funerals & Cremations of Hopkinsville. Burial will follow in Riverside Cemetery. Visitation will be Friday from 12:00 p.m. until the funeral hour. Dogwood Funerals & Cremations of Hopkinsville is in charge of the arrangements.

Darlene Jane Taylor, 70, of Oak Grove, KY passed away at 11:48 p.m. Thursday, May 21, 2026 at Centennial Medical Center in Nashville, TN surrounded by loved ones. No services will be held at this time. Dogwood Funerals & Cremations of Hopkinsville is assisting with the arrangements.

CRITTENDEN

John Charles May, 81, of Marion, Kentucky, died peacefully at home on May 23, 2026, surrounded by his family. Celebration of Life Service for John May will be held Saturday, May 30, 2026 between the hours of 11 AM - 2 PM at FOHS Hall in Marion, KY.

FULTON

Debora Scott Cox Pennington, age 68, of Fulton, passed away peacefully at her residence on Monday, May 25, 2026. There will be no services held at the funeral home.

Nina June Elliott Harris, 86, of Germantown, TN, died peacefully on May 19, 2026. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM on Monday, June 8, 2026, at the Hornbeak Funeral Chapel. Visitation for Ms. Harris will be held from 10:00 AM on the 8th until the service hour. Burial will follow in the Oak Grove Cemetery.

GRAVES

Doris Alderdice Norsworthy Morris, age 93, of Mayfield passed away on Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at Jackson Purchase Medical Center in Mayfield, KY. Funeral services for Mrs. Doris Alderdice Norsworthy Morris were held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY. Elliot Hamm will officiate. Interment followed at Lebanon Church of Christ Cemetery.

Mary “Carol” Calhoun, age 82, of Mayfield passed away on Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at Green Acres Healthcare in Mayfield, KY. Funeral services for Mrs. Mary “Carol” Calhoun were held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 24, 2026 at Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY. Rev. Richard Dowdy will officiate. Interment followed at Pleasant Grove Cemetery.

Gary Wayne Hobbs, age 72, of Mayfield passed away on Wednesday May 20, 2026 at his residence. Graveside services for Mr. Gary Wayne Hobbs were held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 28, 2026 at Trinity Cemetery. Rev. Windell Lain officiated. Inurnment followed.

Loyd Allen Bradford, age 66, of Hickory passed away on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at Jackson Purchase Medical Center in Mayfield, KY. Funeral services for Mr. Loyd Allen Bradford were held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 23, 2026 at Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY. Rev. Allen Davidson officiated. Interment followed at Liberty Baptist Church Cemetery. Masonic rites were conducted by Masonic Lodge #283.

Joe Lynn Mason age 85 of Mayfield, Ky. passed away on Sunday May 24, 2026 at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah, Ky. Funeral Services for Mr. Joe Lynn Mason are incomplete at this time. Brown Funeral Home of Mayfield in charge of arrangements.

Dennis Eugene Beadles, age 79 of Mayfield, KY passed away on Sunday, May 24, 2026 at Baptist Health Paducah surrounded by his family. Funeral Services were held at 1:00 PM Thursday, May 28, 2026 at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY with Bro. Mykel Tidwell and Dennis’ brother Don Beadles officiating. Burial followed in the Highland Park Cemetery.

Eldean Warren Atwell age 85 of Symsonia, Ky. passed away on Saturday May 23, 2026. at her residence. Graveside services for Mrs. Eldean Warren Atwell were held on Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at 12:30 P.M. at the New Liberty Baptist Church Cemetery.

Bonnie Lou Griffith, age 77 of Mayfield, Ky passed away on Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at 6:00 AM at Baptist Health of Paducah. Funeral Services were held at 11:00 AM Monday, May 25, 2026 at the Trace Creek Baptist Church with Rev. Ronnie Stinson Sr. and Rev. Ronnie Stinson Jr. officiating. Burial followed in the Trace Creek Cemetery.

HICKMAN

Angela Jean Strickland Mayhugh a long-time resident of Clinton, KY and a current resident of Georgetown, SC passed away on May 1, 2026, at her residence. One day shy of her 43rd birthday. A celebration of Angie’s life will be held at 7 PM Friday, May 29, 2026, at the Hornbeak Funeral Chapel in Fulton, KY. Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 4 PM Friday until the hour of service.

HOPKINS

Carol Ann Cook, 78, of Madisonville, KY, passed away on Sunday May 24, 2026, at Deaconess Gateway Hospital in Newburgh, IN, surrounded by her family. Funeral services were held at 3:00 P.M. Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at Grace Baptist Church with Pastor Chris officiating. Burial was in Chapel Lawn Funeral Home & Memorial Gardens in Crown Point, IN.

Bryce Anthony Dixon, 48 of Madisonville, passed away on Saturday, May 23, 2026 at Deaconess Midtown Hospital in Evansville, IN surrounded by his family, friends, and co-workers. Funeral Services were held at 2pm on Thursday, May 28, 2026 at Barnett Strother Funeral Home - Madisonville Chapel. The service will be officiated by Gary Taylor, with special words of remembrance by Tim Densmore. Justin Cardwell officiated the graveside service. Burial followed at Salem Baptist Church Cemetery in Mortons Gap, KY.

FUNERAL NOTICES continued

Mary Ann Teofilo, 62, of Madisonville, KY, passed away on Friday, May 22, 2026, at Deaconess Midtown Hospital in Evansville, IN, surrounded by her family. Funeral services were held at 2:00 P.M., Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at Barnett-Strother Funeral Home - Madisonville Chapel with Rev. Bobby Todd officiating. Burial followed at Odd Fellows Cemetery.

Sgt. Rayger Glenn Roberts (MIA), born March 31, 1919, in Taylor's Valley, VA, to the late Oliver and Maddie (Holdaway) Roberts. Sgt. Roberts was declared legally deceased in December 1953. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his older sister, Hazel Roberts, in 1918. A memorial military service will be held at 2:00 P.M. Saturday, June 6, 2026, at Browder's Cemetery in Madisonville, KY, with Fort Campbell Color Guard presiding.

Linda L. Vanover Robards, 83, of Madisonville, KY, passed away on Monday, May 25, 2026, at Baptist Health Deaconess in Madisonville. A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 30, 2026, in the chapel of Harris Funeral Home with Pastor Ron Elliott officiating and assisted by Rev. Tony Frederick. Burial to follow at Odd Fellows Cemetery in Madisonville. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until the funeral hour on Saturday at the funeral home.

Carolyn Sue McDowell Bronke, 85, of Powderly, KY, passed away on Thursday, May 21, 2026, at the Heartford House in Owensboro, KY. A private burial will be held at Fairmont Cemetery in Central City. Harris Funeral Home in Madisonville, KY was entrusted with care.

Martha Faye Rose, 85, of Nortonville, KY, passed away on Thursday, May 21, 2026, at Baptist Health Deaconess in Madisonville. A funeral service was held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, in the chapel of Harris Funeral Home with Pastor Ted Beaty officiating. Burial followed at New Cypress Cemetery in Greenville, KY.

LIVINGSTON

Jerry Dean Collier, Jr., a devoted family man and respected member of his community, passed away peacefully at his home in Ledbetter, Kentucky on Sunday, May 24, 2026, at the age of 67. Friends and loved ones are invited to honor Jerry's memory at Keeling & Goodman Funeral Home in Paducah. Visitation was held on Thursday, May 28, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., followed by the funeral service at 1:00 p.m. with Bro. Dean Mitcheson and Bro. BJ Myrick officiating. Burial followed at Leeper Cemetery in Smithland, Kentucky.

Jerry Wayne Murphy, 80, of Grand Rivers, Kentucky, passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 23, 2026, at the Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center at Mercy Health in Paducah. Memorial services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, May 29, 2026, at Lakeland Funeral Home in Eddyville, Kentucky. Memorial visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m. until service time on Friday, May 29, 2026 at Lakeland Funeral Home.

LYON

Kimberly Dawn Norsworthy, age 39, of Eddyville, passed away Monday, May 25, 2026 at her home. Funeral services were held at 1:00 pm Thursday, May 28, 2026 at Lakeland Funeral Home with Bro. Jamus Redd and Bro. Howard Cofey officiating. Burial followed in Rolling Hills Cemetery in Eddyville.

MARSHALL

Charles "Charlie" Weatherford, 70, of Benton, KY, passed away surrounded by his family and friends on May 24, 2026, at Mercy Health Hospice Center. A graveside service will be held Saturday, May 30, 2026, at 10:00am with Rev. Timmy Threatt at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens.

Shelia Green, age 76 of Benton, KY passed away Sunday, May 24, 2026, at Lake Way Rehab & Healthcare Center in Benton, KY. Arrangements are incomplete at this time at Collier Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Benton, KY.

Danny Allan Lovett, 82, passed peacefully into the presence of the Lord on May, 23, 2026, surrounded by the love of his family. Funeral services were conducted at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, in the chapel of Collier Funeral Home in Benton, KY, with Bro. Rick Miller officiating. Burial followed the service at the Horn Cemetery in the Olive Community.

Jimmy Wynn, age 78, of Benton, KY, died Friday, May 22, 2026, at Southgate Nursing & Rehab in Metropolis, IL. Arrangements were handled by Collier Funeral Home, Benton, KY. Funeral service was held at Collier Funeral Chapel at 1:00 PM, Sunday, May 24, 2026 with Rev. K. Alan Miller officiating. Interment will be at New Zion Cemetery, Benton, KY.

James "Jeff" Wiseman, 63, of Benton, Kentucky, passed away on Friday, May 22, 2026, at Marshall County Hospital in Benton. A funeral service was held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at the Life Celebration Center of Filbeck-Cann with Bro. Alan Miller officiating. Burial followed at Marshall County Memory Gardens.

McCRACKEN

James L. Shumaker, M.D., died at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center located at Mercy Health (Lourdes Hospital) on Memorial Day, May 25, 2026, in Paducah, Kentucky. Visitation will be on Friday, June 5, 2026, from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm at St. Thomas More Catholic Church, and the funeral Mass will be on Saturday, June 6, 2026, at 10:00 am at St. Thomas More Catholic Church, 5645 Blandville Rd, with Rev. Mike Clark officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Paducah, Kentucky.

Linda Sue McElya Fowler, known lovingly as Linda Sue, passed away on May 25, 2026, at Murray Calloway County Hospital. Memorial services will be held at 1:00 p.m., Monday, June 1, 2026, at Lone Oak Chapel of Milner & Orr Funeral Home with Rev. Keith Tilford and Dr. Jeff Wallace officiating. Visitation will begin at 11:00 a.m. Monday at the Funeral Home.

Deborah Kay (Horn) DeBaun, 63, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away on Sunday, May 24, 2026, at Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center. A funeral service will be held at 1:00 PM on Friday, May 29, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah with Pastor Jonathan Goodman officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Grove Cemetery in Paducah. Visitation will be held from 11:00 AM until the service hour of 1:00 PM, Friday, May 29, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah.

Gary Hudson, 82, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away on Sunday, May 24, 2026, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center of Paducah. Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, May 28, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah, with Father Jude Okeoma and Rev. David Dixon officiating. Burial followed at Columbus Cemetery.

Sarah Alexandra Humm, 51, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away at her home, surrounded by family and by prayer, on May 21, 2026, after a long battle with metastatic breast cancer. Visitation will be on Friday, May 29, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM (preceded by prayer at 4:30 PM), at the Lone Oak Chapel of Milner & Orr Funeral Home, 3745 Old US Hwy 45 S, Paducah, Kentucky. The funeral Mass will be Saturday, May 30, at 10:00 AM, at St. John Catholic Church, 6705 Old US Hwy 45 S, Paducah, Kentucky, followed by burial at St. Joseph Catholic Church Cemetery, RR1 Box 140, 15 St Joseph Rd, Elizabethtown, Illinois.

Doreen 'Renie' Barger, a devoted educator whose passion for teaching touched countless lives and whose vibrant spirit illuminated every friendship, passed away peacefully on May 20th. She was surrounded by the love of her family and friends. A memorial service to celebrate Renie's life will be held on June 9th at 2 PM at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah, with visitation from 12-2 PM.

Daniel Jamar Shannon, age 41, passed away, Thursday, May 21, 2026, 10:53 a.m., at Baptist Health Hospital of Paducah. More details are forthcoming at

Pettus Rowland Funeral Home in Paducah, KY.

Ronnie Potter, 76, of Paducah, passed away on Monday, May 25, 2026, at Mercy Health-Lourdes Hospital in Paducah. Arrangements are incomplete at this time at Hughes Funeral Home in Paducah.

It is with deep love and sadness that we announce the passing of **Cynthia Marie Auler** of Paducah, aged 66, on May 20, 2026, in Paducah, Kentucky. Private family graveside services will be held at a later date. Keeling & Goodman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Auler family.

TRIGG

William E. Haslett, 88, of Cadiz, KY died at 3:48 a.m. Friday, May 22, 2026 at Murray Calloway County Hospital in Murray KY. Funeral service was held at 12:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 27, 2026 at Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home with Bro. Russ Stallons officiating. Burial followed in Ancestral Haven Memorial Gardens.

Betty Jean McDonald - August 11, 1941 - May 24, 2026 - Memorial services will be held at a late date at the Spring Hill Cemetery in Paris, TX for 84 year old Betty Jean McDonald of Cadiz. King's Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Marie Mitchell - October 13, 1943 - May 21, 2026 - Funeral Services for 82 year old Marie Mitchell were held Sunday, May 24, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. at King's Funeral Home with Rev. Don Beverly and Rev. Gary Heath officiating. Burial followed in the Little River Cemetery.

Burnice Eugene Sowell, age 94, of Cerulean, Kentucky, passed away peacefully at his home on Sunday, May 24, 2026. Funeral services will be at Goodwin Funeral Home, 138 Main Street in Cadiz, at 1:00 PM, Friday, May 29, 2026. Burial with full military honors will follow in Cerulean Cemetery. Visitation will precede the service at the funeral home from 11:00 AM until the funeral hour of 1:00 PM.

Bonnie Baker Hall, age 81, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away on Friday, May 22, 2026, at Baptist Health in Paducah. Funeral services were held at Goodwin Funeral Home, 138 Main Street in Cadiz, at 1:00 PM, Thursday, May 28, 2026, with Bro. Brian Hacker officiating. Burial followed in the Lester Family Cemetery in Gracey.

Van Clifford Jennings, age 81, passed away on Friday, May 22, 2026, at his home in Cadiz, Kentucky. There will be no services at this time. Goodwin Funeral Home, 138 Main Street in Cadiz, is in care of arrangements.

Deborah Ann Clark, age 73, of Cadiz, Kentucky, passed away on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at Trigg County Hospital in Cadiz. There will be no services at this time. Goodwin Funeral Home, 138 Main Street in Cadiz, is in care of the arrangements.

UNION

Berenice Edna (Valdez) Kavanaugh, known to nearly everyone as Betty, passed away peacefully on May 24, 2026, at The Homeplace of Henderson, Kentucky at the age of 93. A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Whitsell Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Belinda Bolds, age 75, of Waverly, Kentucky, passed away peacefully at her home on Saturday, May 23, 2026. Graveside service and burial was held at 12 Noon, Thursday May 28, 2026 at St. Agnes Cemetery in Uniontown, KY.

WEBSTER

Sharon June Stone, aged 88, of Clay, peacefully passed away on Friday, May 22, 2026, at Baptist Health Deaconess in Madisonville. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at 1:00 PM at Vanover Funeral Home in Clay, with Brother Dale Williams and Brother Wayne Smith officiating. Burial followed at New Clay Cemetery in Clay.

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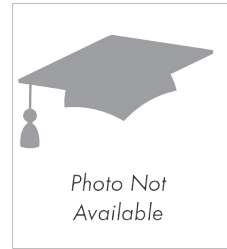
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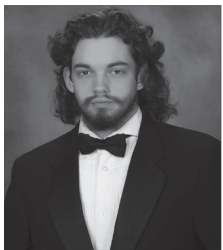
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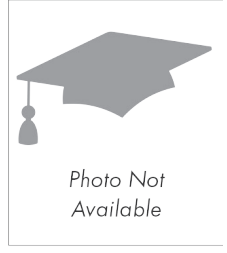
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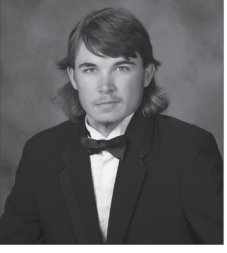
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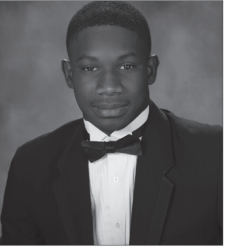
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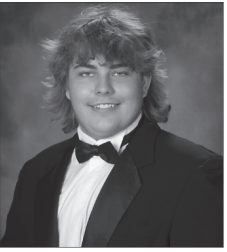
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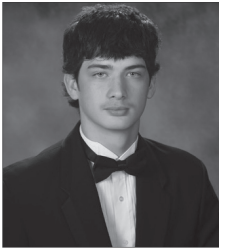
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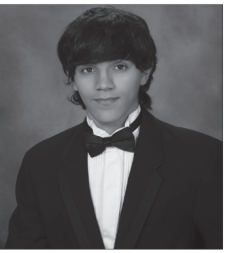
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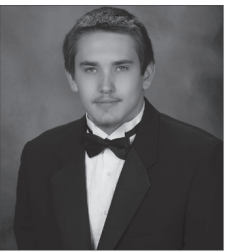
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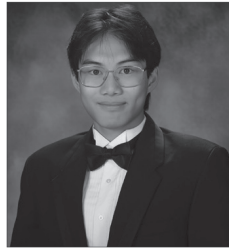
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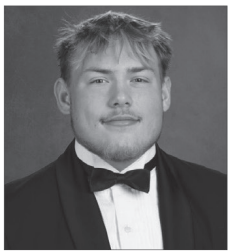
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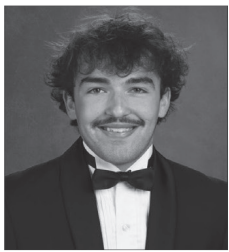
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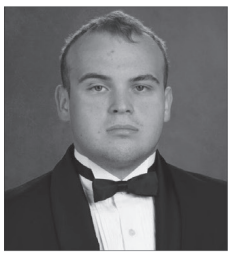
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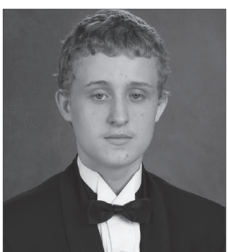
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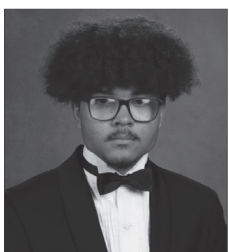
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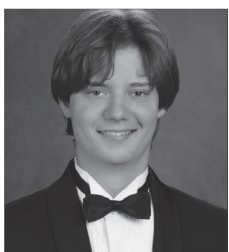
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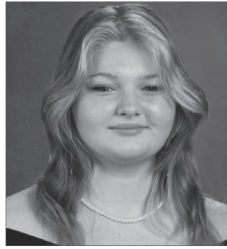
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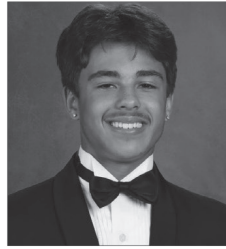
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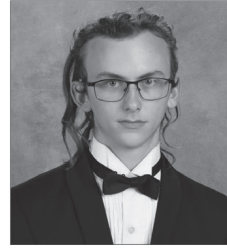
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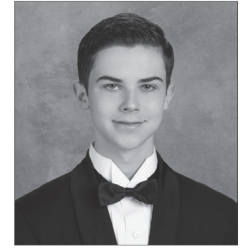
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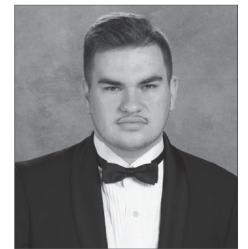
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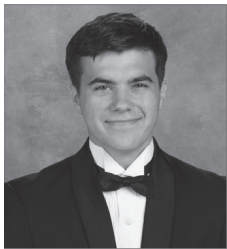
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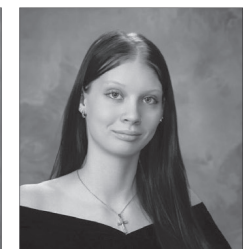
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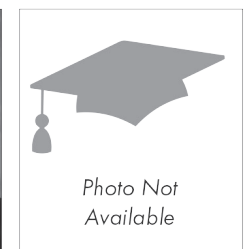


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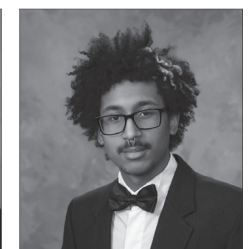
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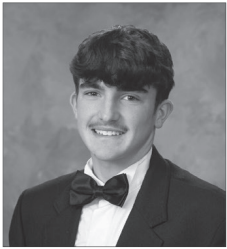
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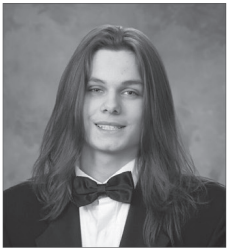
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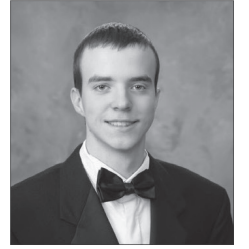
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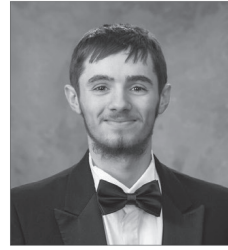
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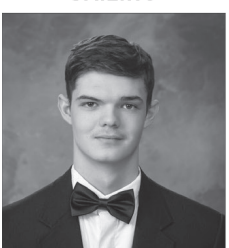
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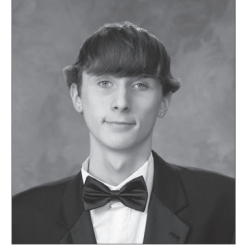
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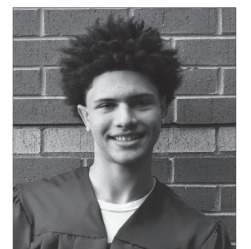
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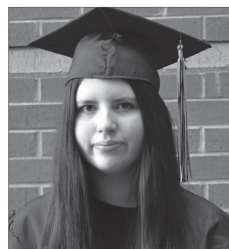
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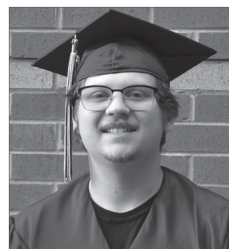
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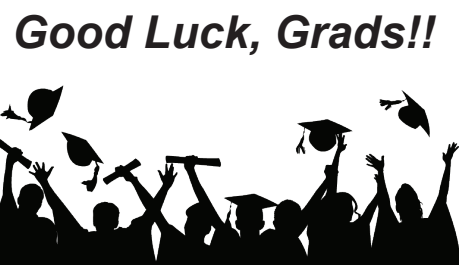
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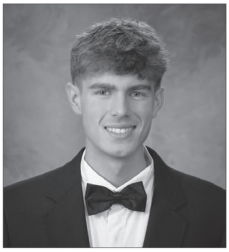
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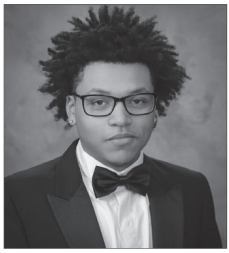
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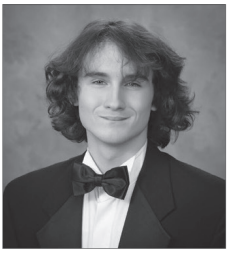
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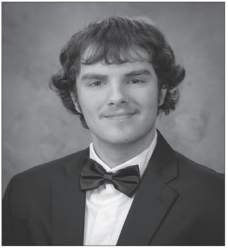
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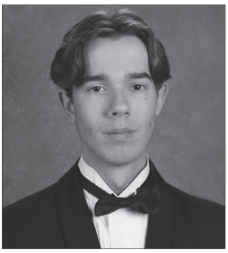
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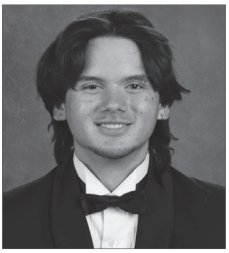
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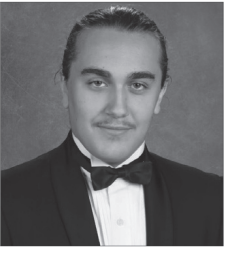
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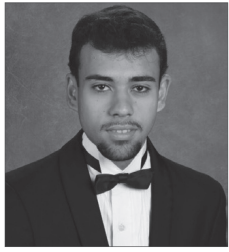
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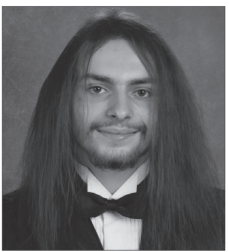
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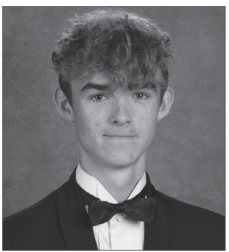
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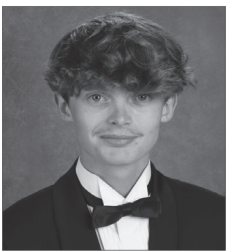
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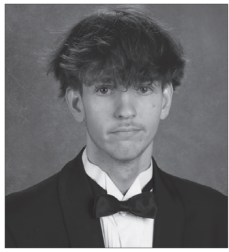
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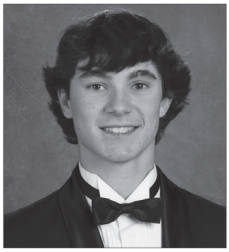
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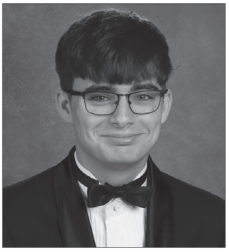
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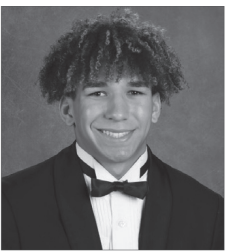
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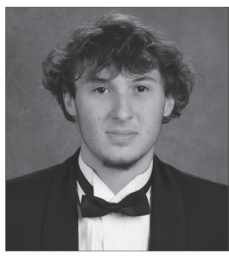
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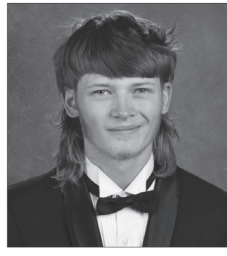
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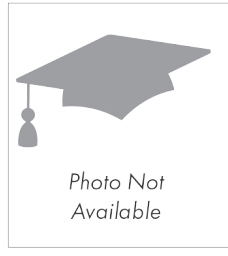
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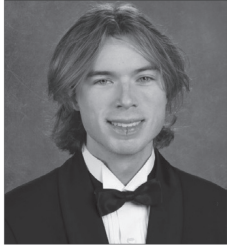
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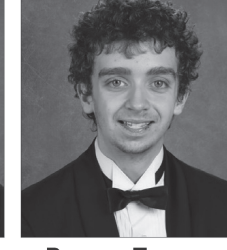
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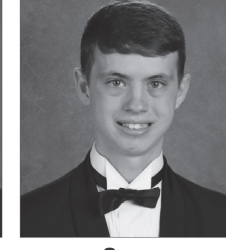
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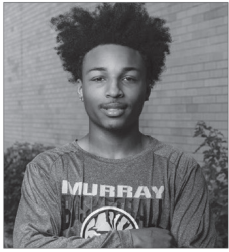
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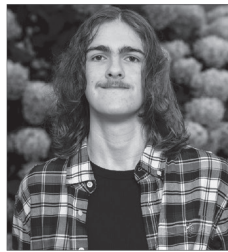
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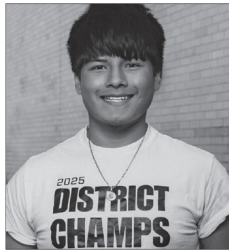
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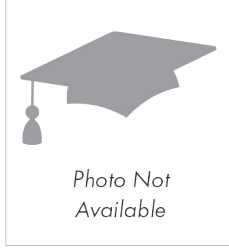


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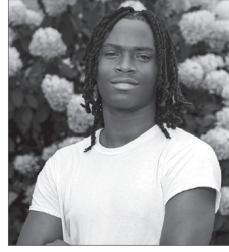


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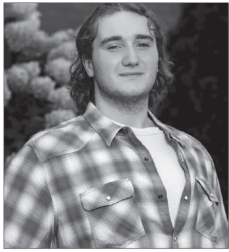
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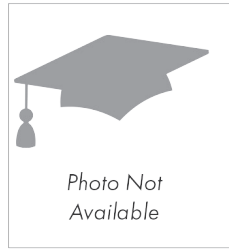


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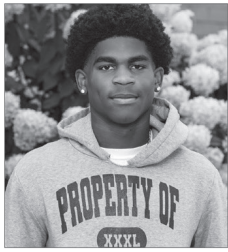
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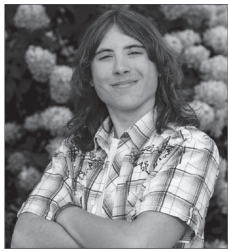
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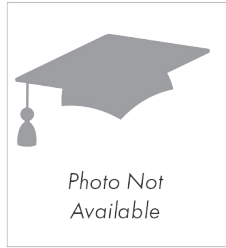
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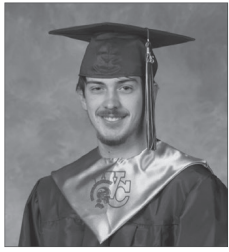
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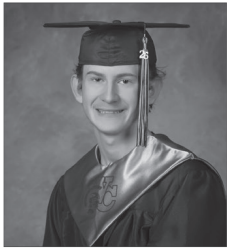
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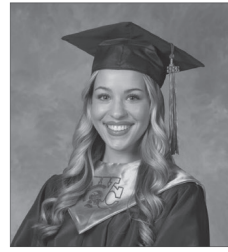
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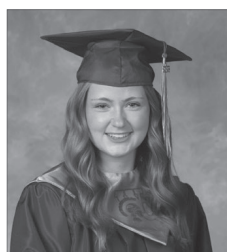
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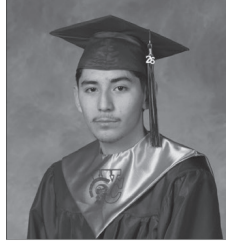
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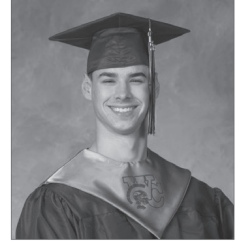
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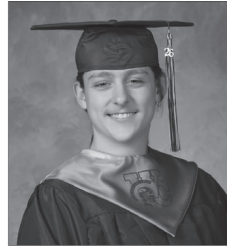
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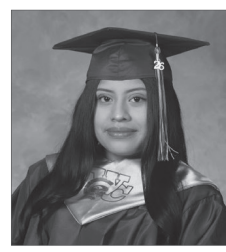
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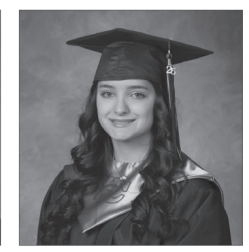
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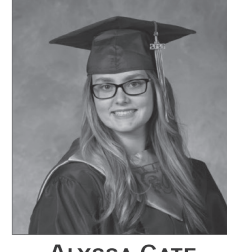
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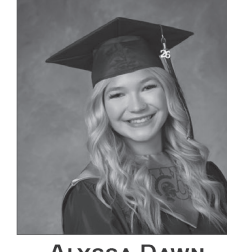
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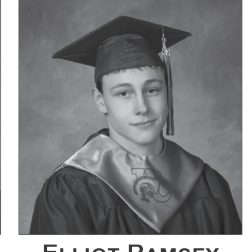
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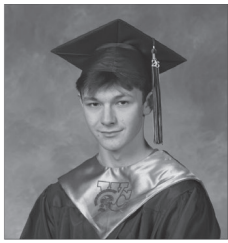


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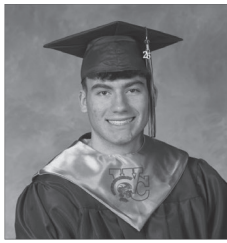
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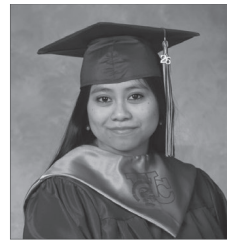
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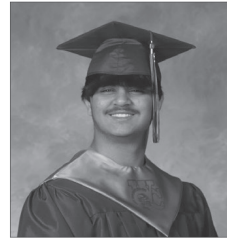
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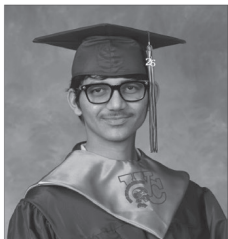
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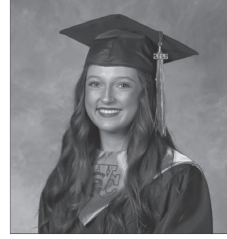
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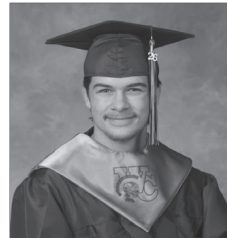
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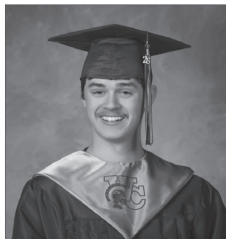
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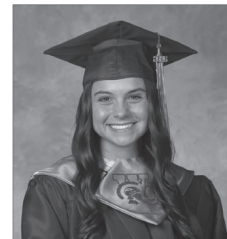
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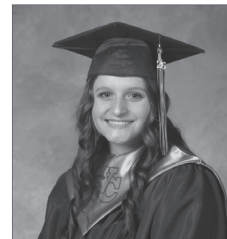
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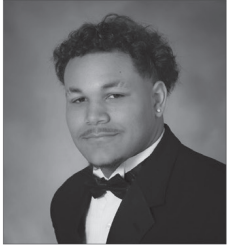
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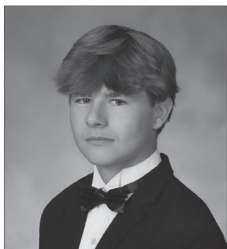
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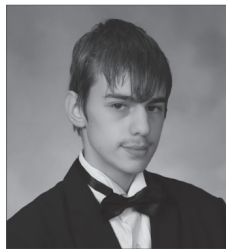
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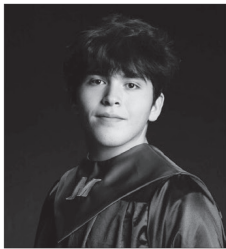
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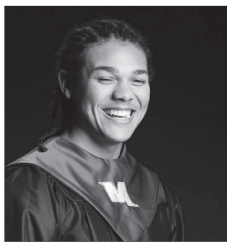
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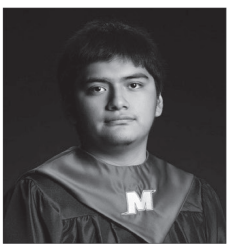
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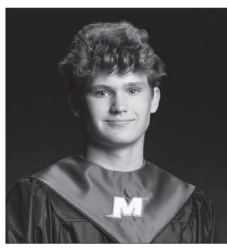
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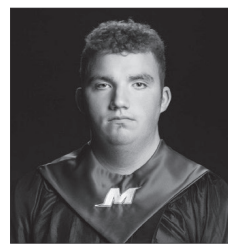
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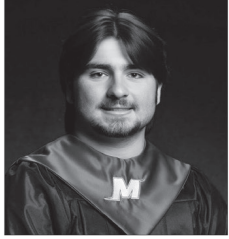
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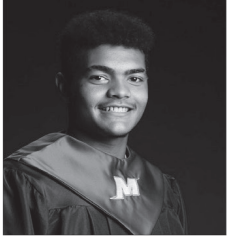
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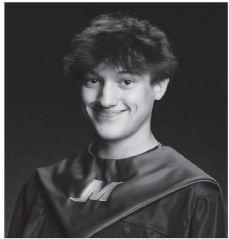
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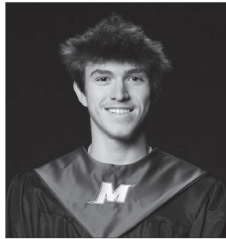
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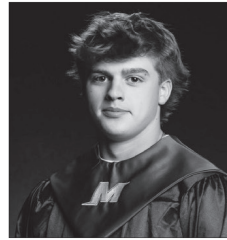
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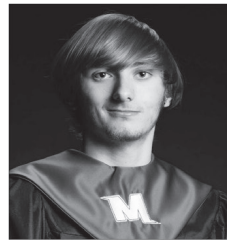
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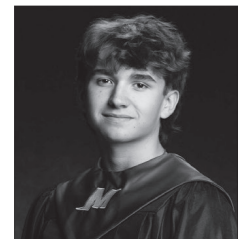
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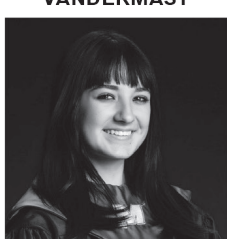
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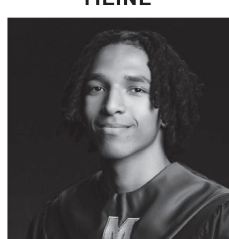
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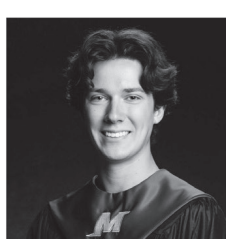
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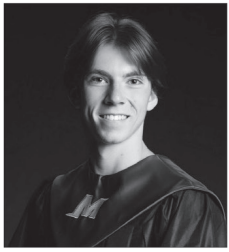
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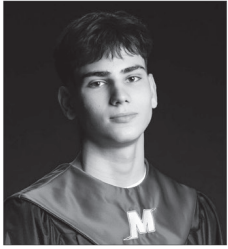
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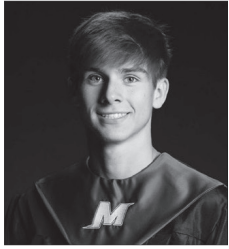
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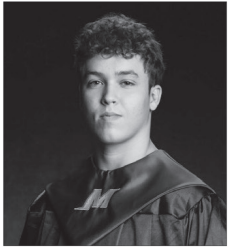
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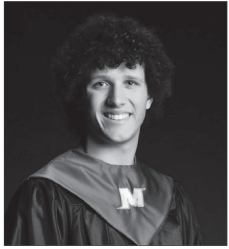
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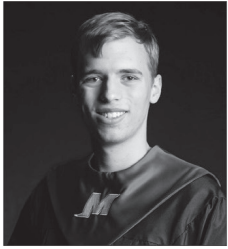
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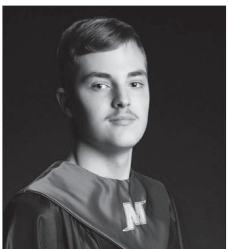
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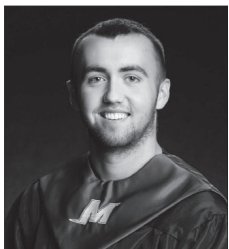
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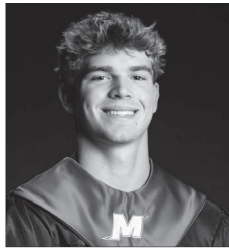
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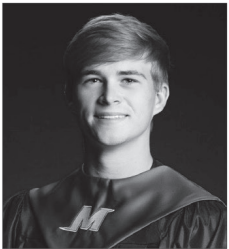
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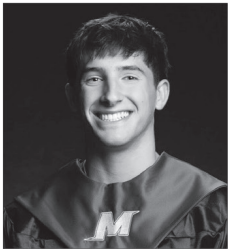
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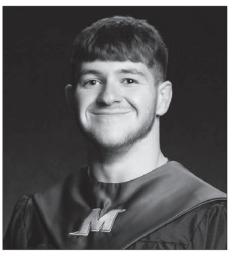


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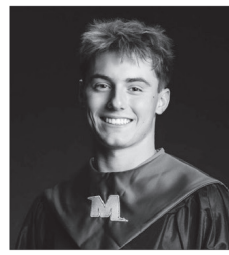
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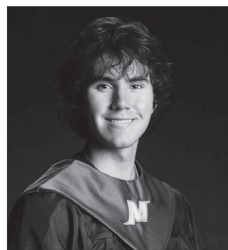
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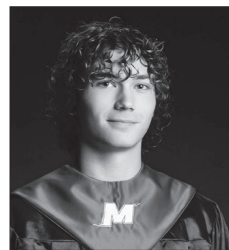
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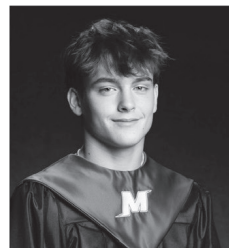
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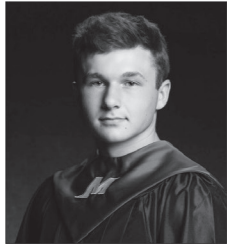
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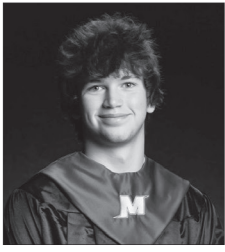
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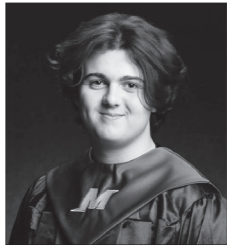
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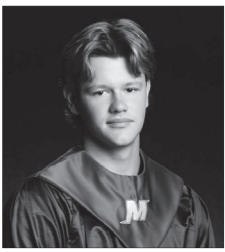
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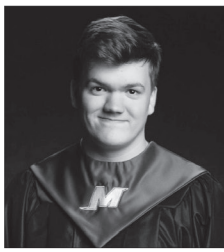
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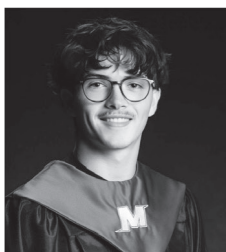
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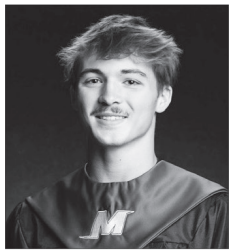
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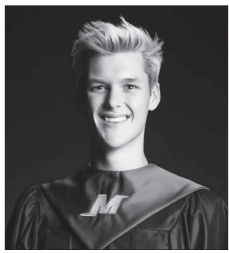


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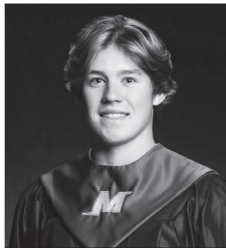
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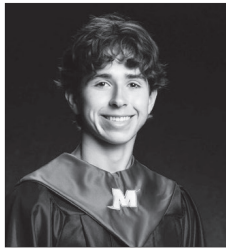
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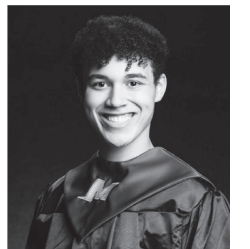
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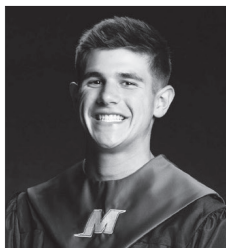
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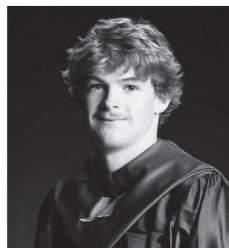
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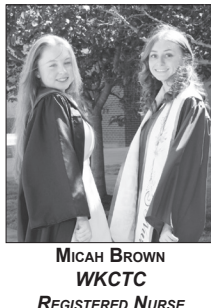
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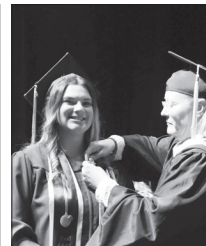
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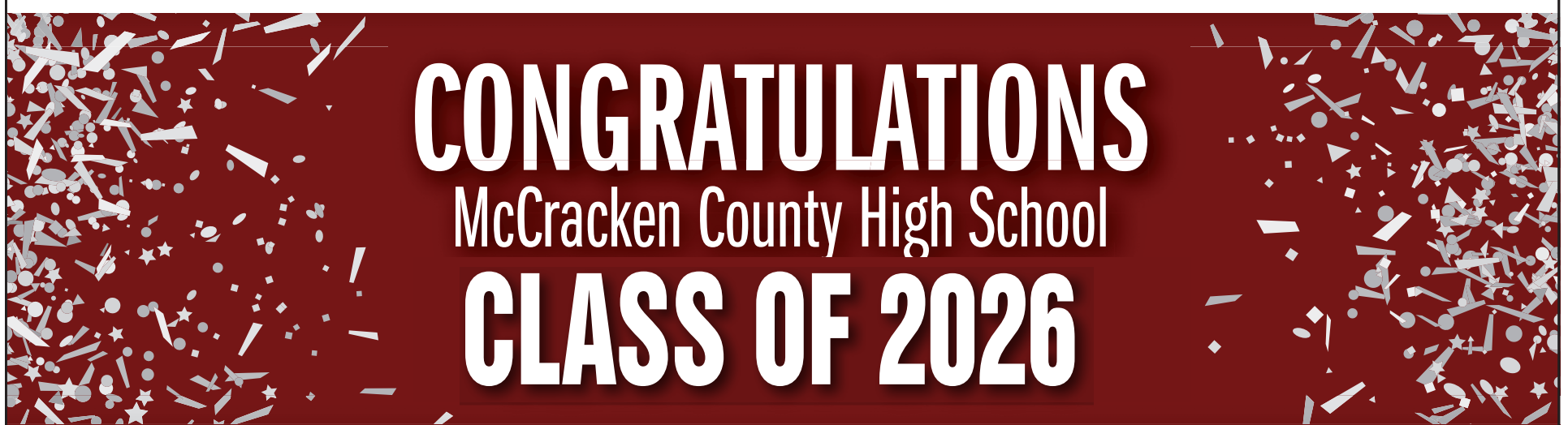
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