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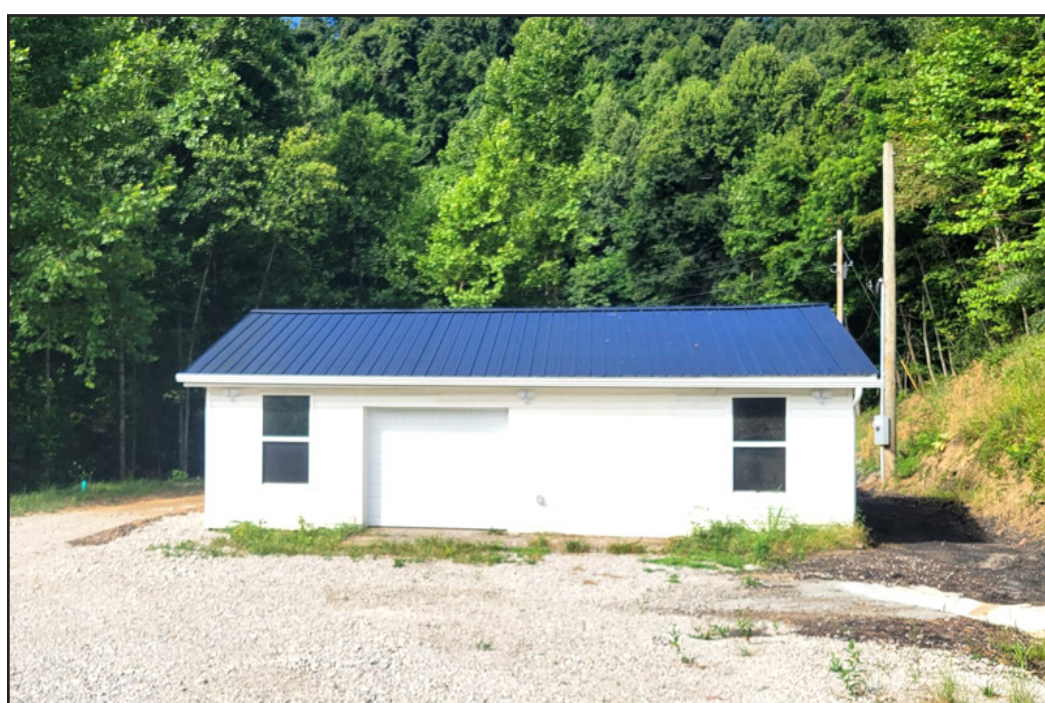
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Animal shelter facility located at 2649 Hwy. 409 in Elliott County.

Elliott Fiscal Court Opens First Animal Shelter

FROM ELLIOTT COUNTY FISCAL COURT – In keeping with celebrating wins in 2024, the Elliott County Fiscal Court announces it has opened the county's first animal shelter for dogs.

This facility, located at 2649 KY 409, is now operational and functioning appropriately. Within the next few weeks, Mountain Telephone will have phone access up and running,

but for now we ask that you use the contact information listed on the Elliott County Animal Control page on Facebook.

Judge Executive Myron Lewis issued the following statement via the Elliott County Fiscal Court Facebook page:

“We are extremely proud of this project as it opens on 17 acres with no debt. Furthermore, this shelter was funded without using dollars from

sources other than diligent budgeting from within and the hard work of the fiscal court, our team members, contractors, LSCC inmates, and our ACO over the last 2 years.

“It is our desire that this location works well serving our ACO and citizens for years to come. Elliott County truly deserves this project, and we are pleased to have it now open.”

Around The Elliott Co. Courthouse

MARRIAGE LICENSES

- Sept. 6 – Kensleigh Grace Hay Spriggs and Noah Adam Prater.
 - Sept. 13 – Patricia Ann Blevins and Delbert Ralph Hampton Jr.
 - Sept. 19 – John Dalton Littleton and Salena Dawn Lewis.
 - Oct. 7 – Shaleigh Grace Griffith and Gary Zachary Noah Keeton.
 - Oct. 7 – Samuel Houston Howard and Kaitlyn Danielle Hall.
 - Oct. 19 – Dylan Earl Evans and Hannah Stafford Reyanne.
 - Oct. 30 – Letha Keeton Peyton and Walter Lee Wilder.
 - Nov. 8 – Candace Grace Distel and William Joseph Conley.
 - Nov. 16 – Nicole Julius Lynn Neff and Kenneth Wade Cox.
- ### PROPERTY TRANSFERS
- Sept. 4 – Rufus David Burton to Billy Banks – Lot in Sandy Hook. (Deed 115)
 - Sept. 4 – Gary R. Fral-

- ey to Daniel A. Warner – 45 acres more or less on Middle Fork. (Deed 118)
- Sept. 4 – Joseph E. Burns to Commonwealth of Kentucky – Ky. 32 and Ky. 7, 2 tracts. (Deed 122).
- Sept. 4 – Phyllis Crum to Bank of the Mountains – Parcel of Land on Ruin. (Deed 125)
- Sept. 6 – Kenneth R. Hutchinson to Hannah G. Harris – 4 acres more or less o Buck Fork Road. (Deed 129)
- Sept. 6 – Unknown Successor Trustee of David Marion Davis to Jayla Brook Bowling – 3.01 acres more or less on North Ruin. (Deed 133)
- Sept. 10 – Jack McDaniel to Diana Cunningham – Parcel #012-00-00-024.00. (Deed 138)
- Sept. 10 – James H. Ison to James H. Ison – 0.945 acres on KY 32. (Deed 145)
- Sept. 12 – Joy Greene Conley II to Landyield US 1, LLC – Parcel on Dehart Road. (Deed 148)
- Sept. 12 – Freddie Ray

- Boggs Jr. and Isaiah D. Bush – Parcel of 5 Plat Cab 1 PG 69. (Deed 170)
 - Sept. 12 – Estate of Earl Reynolds to David M. Thomas – Tract of Land on Parker Trail. (Deed 181)
 - Sept. 18 – Elzie Penix to Bryant Ison – 1.5 acres more or less on Hwy. 719. (Deed 198)
 - Sept. 18 – Bryant Ison to Bryant Ison – 2 parcels on Hwy. 719.
 - Sept. 18 – Carol Estep to Otha Mayo – 3 acres more or less. (Deed 211)
 - Sept. 18 – Hollie Michelle Martin to Bobby Howard – 1/2 acre Lot #29. (Deed 218)
 - Sept. 18 – Cecil Bentley to John Dean Whitley – Lot #35 Frontier Housing Subdivision. (Deed 221)
 - Sept. 25 – Charlotte Sluss to Brandon Scott Oney – Blaines Trace Creek, 17.5 acres. (Deed 225)
 - Sept. 25 – Freddie Junior Miller to James Glenn Keith – 2 parcels, Sunnybrook Lots 213
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Elliott County Heritage Arts Network

The Elliott County Heritage Arts Network met on Jan. 2, 2025, at Newcombe Valley Church Fellowship Hall for its regular scheduled meeting. Minnie Adkins, Sharon Boggs, Cindy and Fred Crager, Lola and Tim Lewis, Lorine Newell, Anita and Gobel Skaggs attended this meeting. The last meeting minutes were read, and the new bank balance was given. This was approved on a motion by Anita Skaggs and a second by Cindy Crager.

Under Old Business we discussed the past arts events for the months of November and December. We missed the December meeting, so we covered two months this time.

All the events went well as far as we know. Then we moved on to the latest news on the Elliott County Rooster Run. Anita reported that the Fiscal Court Meeting was full of enthusiasm for the Rooster Run and several of the magistrates wanted to place some of the roosters. They plan on having an article in the newspaper soon.

Under New Business we distributed the black blocks and some material and patterns to those who were interested in trying to fix a block for the new quilt. I shared the brochure and information from Sweet Hayvin candy making shop and gave it to Anita as they

expressed an interest in setting up at this year's Minnie Adkins Day. She said she would touch bases with them. I shared with the others about Minnie Adkins filing out the application for the USA Fellowship Award. I asked Anita if she would take two donations of artwork to The Little Sandy Lodge for Sandy Moore to pick up.

We then had our closing and round robin. Gobel Skaggs asked the blessing on our meal and we all thoroughly enjoyed our delicious supper catered to us by Little Sandy Lodge. Our next meeting, weather permitting will be on February 6, 2025.

Winter Storm Blair hits Elliott County, causes power outages

By Miranda M. Cantrell

Winter Storm Blair severely impacted much of the state on Sunday and Monday, Jan. 5 and 6, dropping approximately six inches of snow and a layer of ice in the local area.

The ice and subsequent downed trees resulted in power disruptions, though the Grayson RECC outage map showed no outages in Elliott County as of Wednesday morning.

The inclement weather also prompted numerous church closures on Sunday, as well as several business and government shutdowns and delays during the work week following emergency declarations from Judge Executive Myron Lewis locally and Gov. Andy Beshear statewide.

Elliott County government offices re-opened on regular schedule on Wednesday, though schools also remained closed through Friday.

County and state road crews, utility crews, local law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency personnel and other volunteers worked throughout the storm to clear roads, remove trees, restore services, and assist motorists and others in need.

Judge Lewis gave an update on road clearing operations and also expressed his gratitude to various agencies and individuals via the Elliott County Fiscal Court Facebook page:

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Jan. 7 – Good morning.
The men will be out again today running chains and spikes on the trucks. The grader will

also be out on the north end, also running with chains.

This ice is extreme difficult to cut through. It takes pressure and patience. The trucks risk overheating issues because of the exertion of gear use in the 4x4 to push the ice & snow while keeping the truck moving forward. In some cases we will have to actually back up a hill and push down due to the weight of salt in the bed. This also doubles the time it takes us to get through each road.

Please be patient. We have had several trucks in ditches and holes. We've also had to stop to go cut trees over roads to make them safe. All of this takes time.

For those of you who have used your own equipment to assist, God Bless you. Just be aware of the danger that mailboxes, drilled steel, culverts, and other challenges we face when out. Do not do anything which may put yourself or your equipment in harm's way.

Thank you to the fire departments, ambulance service, and all other good samaritans who are delivering needed items to our neighbors during this winter season. And for those of you keeping your businesses open so our community can still come and purchase our needed items, thank you too! Just getting to work is a challenge, and we appreciate seeing your lights on!

And shout-out again to the linemen! We've been fortunate that, so far, power losses have been to a minimum, and recon-

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Ball releases audit of Elliott Co. Fiscal Court

FRANKFORT, Ky. – State Auditor Allison Ball has released the audit of the financial statements of the Elliott County Fiscal Court for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. State law requires annual audits of county fiscal courts.

Auditing standards require the auditor's letter to communicate whether the financial statements present fairly the receipts, disbursements, and changes in fund balances of the Elliott County Fiscal Court in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The fiscal court's financial statement did not follow this format. However, the fiscal court's financial statement is fairly presented in conformity with the regulatory basis of accounting, which is an accept-

able reporting methodology.

This reporting methodology is followed for 116 of 120 fiscal court audits in Kentucky.

The auditor noted no instances of noncompliance. The auditor also noted no matters involving internal control over financial reporting and its operation that were considered to be material weaknesses.

The audit report can be found on the auditor's website.

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Minnie Adkins applies for United States Artist Fellowship Award

Minnie Adkins has been nominated to apply for the United States Artist Fellowship Award in 2026. The United States Artist Fellowship is a national organization based in Chicago, Illinois. It was created to address the lack of unrestricted funding available for artists. We are very proud of Elliott County's own Minnie Adkins for being nominated for this very prestigious award.

The election process takes

a whole year to complete. First artists are anonymously nominated by a group of art professionals to apply for this award. Then after they answer questions and fill out the application. It is then returned to them at the required address. Minnie has submitted her application at this time.

We all want to wish Minnie the best of luck in obtaining the 2026 United States Artist Fellowship award.



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