



CREWS BEGAN WORK last week on the upgrades/renovation project at the Webster County High School track and football field. The track, laid in 1975, was being removed when these pictures were made, making way for a new drainage system, new track that will allow the school to host track meets and a new layout for field events. The district is spending over a million dollars on this project and well as other facility improvements throughout the district, including building roof repairs, safe school projects and HVAC projects.



Kentucky State Police Announce Safety Checkpoints

The Kentucky State Police (KSP) will be conducting traffic safety checkpoints throughout the Post 2 district, to check motorists for compliance with motor vehicle laws including driving under the influence statutes. KSP utilizes traffic safety checkpoints to promote safety for motorists using the public roadways and to provide a deterrent for those who violate laws contained in the Kentucky Revised Statutes.

The intent of a traffic safety checkpoint is to provide for a high visibility, public safety service, focusing on vehicular equipment deficiencies, confirming appropriate registration and insurance of vehicles, and the valid licensing of drivers. Violations of law or oth-

er public safety issues that arise shall also be addressed.

Traffic safety checkpoints will allow the Kentucky State Police the opportunity to periodically concentrate its efforts in checking for violations of Kentucky traffic and regulatory laws that will ultimately increase the safety of the citizens within the Commonwealth. Drivers encountering a traffic safety checkpoint are requested to have their operator's license, vehicle registration receipt, and proof of insurance readily accessible. Drivers with this information in hand, those with no violations of law and minimal roadway congestion can reasonably expect to be delayed for only a brief time period.

For a list of KSP Post 2 checkpoint loca-

tions, visit the website, <https://www.kentuckystatepolice.ky.gov/post2checkpoints>

WC Jailer's Report

Webster County Jailer Greg Sauls worked a total of 1714 hours between March 30 and April 5, 2025. Hours worked included 850 hours at the detentions center; 280 hours at the restricted custody center; 80 hours for the mowing/trimming crew; 200 hours for Union County; 40 hours for the city of Clay; 40 hours for the city of Dixon; 80 hours for the city of Providence; 40 hours for recycling; for hours for the road department Shop; 40 hours for

Termites: Small, But Mighty

**By Vicki Shadrick
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Termites cause more damage to homes than all other natural disasters combined. Spring is typically when large numbers of winged termites (known as "swarmers") emerge inside structures, triggering initial concern among homeowners. In nature, termites swarm to disperse and start new colonies. After a colony reaches a certain size, typically taking 5-8 years, winged reproductives are produced. These winged termites emerge from the colony and fly into the air due to warmer weather and rainfall. The swarmers then drop to the ground, shed their wings, pair off with a mate, and attempt to begin a new colony in the soil.

Very few swarmers emerging outdoors survive to start new colonies. Termite swarmers emerging inside a structure almost never survive; however, they indicate that an infestation is present. A vacuum can be used to remove the swarmers and the wings that were shed.

The presence of winged termites inside a home almost always indicates an infestation warranting treatment. Termite swarmers are attracted to light and are often seen around windows, doors, and

light fixtures. Winged termites are often confused with winged ants. A winged termite has straight antennae, a uniform waist, and wings of equal size. Winged ants have elbowed antennae, a constricted waist, and forewings that are longer than the hind wings.

Swarmers emerging from tree stumps, woodpiles, railroad ties, and other outdoor locations are not necessarily cause for concern and don't necessarily mean that the structure itself is infested.

Another indicator of a termite problem is pencil-wide mud foraging tubes extending over foundation walls, support piers, sill plates, floor joists, headers, and subfloors. Termites construct these mud "shelter" tubes as they travel between their underground colonies and the structure. Termite-damaged wood is usually hollowed out along the grain with bits of dried mud or soil lining the feeding galleries. Wood damaged by moisture or other insects, like carpenter ants, will not have this appearance.

There will often be no sign of the termites themselves. Termites are small, creamy-white insects with an ant-like appearance. An infestation can go undetected for years, hidden behind drywall, paneling, floor coverings, insulation, and other obstruc-

tions. Confirmation of infestation often requires the keen eye of an experienced termite inspector.

Ridding a home of termites requires extensive knowledge of building construction and an understanding of where termites are likely to enter. Many of these potential entry points are hidden and difficult to access. Termite control also requires specialized equipment and the application of large amounts of termiticide. Given the financial investment in one's home, termite treatment is usually a job for professionals.

For more information about termites, contact the Webster County Extension office of the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Brian Hinton, 1074 Vanderburgh Lisman Road, Dixon, KY, appointed Executor of the Estate of Rebecca S. Durban, who died testate, a resident of 219 South Main Street, Clay, KY on January 22, 2025. Date of qualification March 4, 20-25. Attorney Bobby D. Murray, 100 North Broadway Street Providence, KY 42450. Inventory due May 5, 2025. Settlement due March 9, 2027. All claims must be filed within six months of appointment.

Summer Garrison Warren, 1409 Riverbrook Drive, Hermitage, TN, appointed Executrix of the Estate of Sharon L. Kelly, who died testate, a resident of 3218 State Route 138, Dixon, KY on October 19, 2024. Date of qualification March 4, 2025. Attorney Joe A. Evans, III Frymire, Evans, Peyton, Teague & Cartwright, PLLC, P.O. Box 695, Madisonville, KY 42431. Inventory due May 6, 2025. Settlement due March 9, 2027. All claims must be filed within six months of appointment.

Melinda Lantrip, 1070 Picas Austin Road, Providence, KY, appointed Executrix of the Estate of Wanda S. Farmer, who died testate, a resident of 1200 Leeper Lane, Providence, KY on January 7, 2025. Date of qualification March 18, 2025. Attorney Bobby D. Murray, 100 North Broadway Street, Providence, KY 42450. Inventory due May 20, 2025. Settlement due March 23, 2027. All claims must be filed within six months of appointment.

Leesa D. Russell, 8677 U.S. 41-A, North, Sebree, KY, appointed Executrix of the Estate of Steven Lee Russell, who died testate, a resident of 8677 U.S. 41-A, North, Sebree, KY. Date of qualification March 18, 2025. Inventory due May 20, 2025. Settlement due March 23, 2027. All claims must be filed within six months of appointment.

Vinson Blackburn, 738 Crab Orchard Creek Road, Clay, KY, appointed Executor of the Estate of Roger D. Blackburn, who died testate, a resident of 780 Crab Orchard Creek Road, Clay, KY on March 3, 2025. Date of qualification March 18, 2025. Attorney Lindsay Durbin, P.O. Box 21, Henderson, KY 42420. Inventory due May, 2025. Settlement due March 23, 2027. All claims must be filed within six months of appointment.

James Alexander, 232 U.S., 41-A, South, Providence, KY, appointed Administrator of the Estate of Kathy Kaufman, who died intestate, a resident of 509 Givens Street, Providence, KY on October 7, 2024. Date of qualification March 21, 2025. Attorney Wm. Clint Prow, 112 North Broadway, Providence, KY 42450. Inventory due May 20, 2025. Settlement due March 23, 2027. All claims must be filed within six months of appointment.



God Knows You

By Dr. Bob Hardison

We Can Know The Love of God Because Of Jesus's Sacrifice

Q: I just don't seem to be able to get my life together. I try to be worthy a person. I try to do good deeds and to stay out of trouble. No matter how much I try, my actions turn out badly. Can God possibly love me and help me?

A: When we are realistic about ourselves, we all need mercy and grace, not justice. God's grace is not in short supply. From John 1:16 we learn, "From the fullness of (God's) grace we have all received one blessing after another." It's His loving grace that pulls us out of the muck of self-righteous striving and into His restful

presence.

World religions are about stop messing up, straighten up, try to be worthy and do right things. Becoming a follower of Christ is not self-improvement and trying harder, but it's about accepting God's grace through faith in Jesus who shed His blood on the cross to cover our sins (Eph. 2:8). Christianity is about believing in and following Jesus who does all the saving.

God is the initiator of love. If Jesus came into the world when we got our act together, He would have never come. That takes the pressure off us to try to do better. Jesus came into this sinful, fallen world because He loved us

when we were still sinners (Rom. 5:8). Jesus came not just for the good, but also for the rest of us who struggle to get our act together. The wonderful, good news is God loves everyone, everywhere--warts and all.

-- PUBLIC NOTICE --

BUDGET HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED USE OF COUNTY ROAD AID AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE (LGEA) FUNDS.

A public hearing will be held by the Webster County Fiscal Court at the Webster County Senior Building, 80 College Dr., Dixon, KY 42409 on Monday, April 28, 2025, at 9 a.m., at regular scheduled meeting, to receive public comments regarding the possible uses of the County Road Aid (CRA) and Local Government Economic Assistance (LGEA) Funds will be presented.

All interested persons in Webster County are invited to comment on possible uses of the CRA and LGEA Funds. Written comments will be accepted at the above address or emailed to steve.henry@webster-co.org. Any person(s) who cannot submit written comments via mail or email to the above addresses, but wishes to submit comments, should call the office of the County Judge/Executive at 270-639-5042 before 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 25, 2025, so arrangements can be made to secure their comments.

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