

NEWS COURTHOUSE

Information Provided

The following information is provided to the Garrard Central Record from the Garrard County Court Clerk, Garrard County Circuit Clerk, the Garrard County Police Department, the Garrard County Sheriff's Office and the Lancaster Police Department.

DEEDS

- Lancaster Cemetery Company to Julie Peters. Grave 4, Lot 23 in Section No. 31. \$700.
- Charles J. Dragon and Lavonne M. Dragon, husband and wife, 5936 Oak Ridge Drive, Fairfield Township, Ohio to Steven N. Dragon, 7284 Fox Chase Drive, Westchester, Ohio and Kristin Jean Dragon Lowe, 753 St. Thomas Court, Cincinnati, Ohio. In consideration of love and affection for their son and daughter, property being all of Lot #9 of Herrington Hills Subdivision, a Planned Unit Development. Fair cash value of the property is \$175,000.
- Wanda S. Metro, unmarried widow, by and through Tracey Huebshman, her Attorney in Fact, 2937 Dripping Springs Road, Crab Orchard KY to Marty Lee Miniard and Marcella Rose Miniard, husband and wife, 2947 Dripping Springs Road, Crab Orchard, KY. A certain track or parcel of land lying and being on the East side of Springhouse Road containing 4.55 acres. \$260,000.
- William Lewis Long and Nancy Long, husband and wife, 1810 Kirksville Road, Lancaster, KY to Karl Robert Burger and Julie Burger, husband and wife, 414 Copper Creek Road, Berea, KY. Located and being on KY Highway 1295 containing 12.114 more or less acres. \$200,000.
- Crystal Ann Parson and Timothy Ryan Parson, wife and husband, 235 Laughlin Way, Lancaster, KY to Donna Breedon, an unmarried woman, and Bradley Brennand and Krissy Brennand, husband and wife, 500 Joe Damrell Road, Berea, KY. A certain tract of land located approximately 1200 feet north of the crossing of Copper Creek and Joe Damrell Road containing 1 acre more or less. \$142,000.
- Jason Marcum and Laura Marcum, husband and wife, 1244 Colonial Drive, Lexington, KY to Brent William Howard and Karie Lanham Howard, husband and wife, 1553 Hunter Drive, Lancaster, KY. Being Lot 22, Section III, of Woodlawn Estates. \$35,000.
- Tim Nunemaker and Debbie Nunemaker, husband and wife, P.O. Box 82, Lancaster, KY to Thomas Tipton and Diana Tipton, husband and wife, 957 Gregory Way, Lexington, KY. Located and being in the City of Lancaster and being all of Lot No. 8 of Heritage Place Subdivision. \$298,000.
- Daniel Miller and Taylor Miller, husband and wife, 2450 KY Highway 518, Hustonville, KY to Carla Gray and Jimmy Gray, wife and husband, 4175 Kennedy Bridge Road, Lancaster, KY. Being all of Lots 103, Phase IV of Hideaway Cove Estates. \$410,000.
- Warranty Deed: Laura Susan Peel, unmarried, 222 Davis Avenue, Lancaster, KY to Nature Boy, LLC, a Kentucky Limited Liability Company, 413 Winchester Road, Ste. 101, Lexington, KY. Being all of Lot 1, of Unit 1, of Four Guys Realty Inc. Subdivision. \$125,000.
- Ralph Edward Carpenter, a single man, 257 Patsy Lane, Berea, KY to Hunter Dale Stacy and Aaliyah Faith Stacy, husband and wife, 145 Shelly Lane, Paint Lick, KY. Being Lot #5 of the Chris Hill Subdivi-

sion and designated as 145 Shelly Lane. \$75,000.

DIVORCES GRANTED

- Matthew Oliver vs Laura Oliver.
- William Dean Bartholow vs Lisa Dawn Burdette.

CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE DAUGHERTY FEBRUARY 20, 2026

Dustin Lee Allen, fleeing or evading police, 1st degree (motor vehicle). Status Hearing on March 26, 2026.

Randy Bates, (1) convicted felon in possession of a handgun; (2) menacing; (3) drug paraphernalia - buy/possess. Status Hearing on March 20, 2026.

James Dion Bixler, (1) trafficking in a controlled substance 1st offense - (heroin); (2) trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (>=2 GMS methamphetamine); (3) tampering with physical evidence; (4) drug paraphernalia - buy/possess. Status Hearing on March 20, 2026.

Gary Branham Jr., (1) trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st offense (carfentanil or fentanyl derivatives); (2) theft of identity of another without consent; (3) persistent felony offense - first degree. Status Hearing on March 20, 2026.

Christopher Brooks, (1-2) rape 3rd degree; (3) sexual abuse, 1st degree; (4) sodomy, 3rd degree; (5) distribute obscene material to minors - 1st offense; (6) unlawful imprisonment - 1st degree. Status Hearing on April 17, 2026.

Nelson Brown, Diversion completion. Status Hearing on March 20, 2026. Commonwealth to file motion to void by March 17, 2026.

Chris Butner, (1-2) theft by unlawful taking all others \$500 or more but under \$10,000. Status Hearing on May 15, 2026. Jury trial on June 22, 2026 at 8:30 a.m.

Vedenia Byrd, (1) trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (>=2 GMS methamphetamine); (2) trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, 2nd or > offense (>=10 D.U. drug unsp). Status Hearing on March 20, 2026.

Haley Carlton, (1) trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (>=2 GMS methamphetamine); (2) trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, 2nd or > offense (>=10 D.U. drug unsp). Status Hearing on March 20, 2026.

David Lee Cobb, (1) trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (< 2 GMS methamphetamine); (2) persistent felony offender - first degree. Status Hearing on March 3, 2026 at 8:30 a.m.

Zachary Collins, other hearing. Status Hearing on March 20, 2026 to consider drug court instead of inpatient.

Andrea Coomer, (1) trafficking in a controlled substance 1st offense - (heroin); (2) trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (>=2 GMS methamphetamine); (3) fleeing or evading police, 2nd degree (motor vehicle); (4) tampering with physical evidence. Status Hearing on March 20, 2026.

Austin Cooper, motion to revoke bond and outstanding warrant for leaving rehab. Status Hearing on March 20, 2026.

Robert Davis, criminal possession forged instrument - 2nd degree. Plea of guilty, enter judgment and probation order.

Jeffrey W. Denson, trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (>=2 GMS methamphetamine). Status Hearing on March 20, 2026.

Clay Earl, (1) criminal mischief 2nd degree - restitution/repair; (2) wanton endangerment - 1st degree.

Fire Dept. From Front

Avenue, was initially dispatched as a structure fire but was later determined to be a furnace issue, resulting in minimal damage.

In addition to those incidents, the department handled several mutual aid responses during the month. District One recorded two mutual aid calls, while the Cartersville area accounted for four. Whited noted there were six mutual aid calls in total.

Training remained a focus throughout February, with firefighters participating in four Thursday night sessions covering topics such as victim search and rescue, vehicle education, and fire control techniques. Several members also attended specialized training outside the department. Four firefighters participated in an Adams pipe-

line class, and two members attended flashover training conducted by the Kentucky State Fire Commission in Paris.

Whited also reported that three firefighters are currently enrolled in an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) course in Garrard County. The program, which meets twice weekly, is expected to last approximately four months and is intended to expand the department's medical response capabilities.

Whited and Chief Prager also attended a recent emergency management meeting at the county's Emergency Operations Center regarding Garrard County's continued participation in the Bluegrass Emergency Response Team (BERT). The regional program includes 13 counties that coordinate resources during large-scale emergencies.

Through BERT, specialized response teams are available

for situations such as hazardous materials incidents, technical rescues, and mass casualty events. Different counties host specialized units within the system, including a mass casualty hub in Lexington, technical rescue capabilities in Jessamine County, and hazardous materials resources in Clark County.

Whited explained that when a significant incident occurs, local responders can request a BERT response through dispatch, bringing personnel and equipment from multiple counties to assist. The program has previously been used during emergency situations in the region, including flooding events that required additional equipment and personnel.

The annual cost for participation in the program is approximately \$2,700. City officials indicated during the meeting that Lancasater will continue to cover the expense to ensure lo-

cal agencies remain involved in the regional network.

Mayor Michael Gaffney and county officials also discussed previous incidents in which mutual aid and regional assistance had been utilized, including fire responses and large animal rescues.

Whited also noted increased public engagement with the department's social media presence after recently assuming management of its Facebook page. Posts related to recent incidents and training activities generated approximately 30,000 views during the month.

He said the department plans to continue using social media to keep the public informed about emergency responses, training efforts, and community activities.

No additional questions were raised by council members following the report.

Structure From Front

regarding a garage-like addition constructed beside a residence on Pine Hill. The structure has drawn complaints from neighboring residents and raised questions about compliance with local building standards.

Land distributed two letters to the council, including a report from the city's building inspector, Tim Scott, who recently evaluated the structure at the request of the Planning and Zoning Commission. According to the report, the addition does not meet several structural and zoning requirements and may pose safety concerns.

Scott's review indicated the structure was built only two feet from the property line, despite city regulations requiring an eight-foot setback. Although a building permit was issued for the project on Nov. 26, 2024, Land said the permit has since expired and the work has not been completed.

The inspector's assessment also cited multiple construction deficiencies. Among them were the use of two-by-twos for roof rafters spanning approximately 11 feet, a span considered excessive for that material, and two-by-fours that may not support the roof's weight or potential snow load. The report further noted untreated four-by-four posts that may not be suitable for ground contact, uncertain anchoring depth, inadequate mechanical connections between structural components, and a roof pitch that may be insufficient for shingle roofing. Additional concerns included the absence of ice and water shielding and other issues that would prevent the structure from meeting the 2018 Kentucky Residential Code.

Land told the council that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended condemnation of the structure, though the commission elected to present the recommendation to the council rather than pursue action through the city's blighted property process. Council members asked

whether the structure was occupied. Land clarified that residents live in the house itself, but not in the addition, which he described as a garage intended for boat storage. He said a garage door has since been installed.

Mayor Michael Gaffney explained that the permit may have been issued using a state plan rather than the city's more restrictive setback requirements. The permit was issued during a transitional period between building inspectors.

Councilman Marsall Norton noted that neighbors in the area have expressed significant concern about the structure. Land acknowledged that the situation has been contentious among nearby residents, prompting calls to city officials and law enforcement.

City Attorney Jonathan Baker told the council he would need to review the city's ordinances to determine the appropriate procedure if the city were to pursue condemnation or removal of the structure. He noted that such actions could involve public notice requirements and

potential costs to the city, which could later be recovered through a lien on the property.

Councilman Danny Waters also raised questions about a neighboring property owner who installed a privacy fence reportedly to block the view of the structure. Officials said the legality of the fence placement may depend on subdivision restrictions dating back several decades.

Following discussion, Norton made a motion directing Baker to examine the city's legal options and report back to the council at its next meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

After the vote, the council moved on to other business, including departmental reports. Baker also acknowledged that a previously discussed letter to the Kentucky Attorney General dealing with mayoral pay had not yet been sent but said he had begun drafting it and planned to provide it for review.

Plea of not guilty - Status Hearing on April 17, 2026.

Nicholas Floyd, possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense - opiates. Status Hearing on March 20, 2026.

Jesse Fox, (1) possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 3rd or > offense (methamphetamine); (2) drug paraphernalia - buy/possess; (3) possession of marijuana; (4) operating on suspended/revoked operators license. Plea of not guilty - Public Defender appointed. Status Hearing on April 17, 2026. Amend bond to \$5,000 surely on condition he complete treatment.

Bobby Gamble, other hearing - dismissed with prejudice on stipulation. Status Hearing on April 17, 2026.

Zachary Austin Gregory, (1-2) trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, 2nd or > (>=2 GMS methamphetamine); (3) drug paraphernalia - buy/possess; (4) convicted felon in possession of a handgun. Status Hearing on March 20, 2026.

Carey Lee Henry, (1) trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (<2 GMS methamphetamine); (2) drug paraphernalia - buy/possess. Warrant outstanding.

Carey Lee Henry, (1-3) trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, 2nd or > (>=2 GMS methamphetamine). Failed to appear - issue warrant for \$2,000 cash.

Brandon Hensley, procure or promote the use of a minor by electronic means. Status Hearing on April 17, 2026.

Aaron Howard, assault, 1st degree. Status Hearing on March 20, 2026.

Jaymarion Hughes, (1) traf-

ficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (<2 GMS methamphetamine); (2) possession of marijuana. Plea of guilty - enter diversion order.

Gage Kelly, (1) burglary, 3rd degree; (2) possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); (3) drug paraphernalia - buy/possess. Status Hearing on March 20, 2026.

Gage Kelly, (1) trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, 2nd or > (>=2 GMS methamphetamine); (2) criminal mischief, 1st degree; (3) fleeing or evading police, 3rd degree; (4) resisting arrest. Status Hearing on March 20, 2026.

Leslie Kelly, (1) possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); (2) drug paraphernalia - buy/possess. Suppression Hearing on March 20, 2026 at 1 p.m.

Charles Wayne Lear, Show Cause deferred/installment payment. Held in contempt. 6 months to serve. Status Hearing on March 20, 2026.

Beverly Rose Maples, Show Cause deferred/installment payment. Paid in full. Waived Public Defender fee.

Conner McGuire, (1) fleeing or evading police, 1st degree (motor vehicle); (2) operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/substance - 1st. Status Hearing on April 17, 2026.

Richard A. McHone, (1) trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (<2 GMS methamphetamine); (2-4) convicted felon in possession of a firearm; (5) convicted felon in possession of a handgun. Status Hearing on March 20, 2026.

Justin Daniel Mobley, Probation Revocation Hearing. Public De-

fender appointed. Public Revocation Hearing on March 20, 2026.

Joshua Morgan, (1) trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (>=2 GMS methamphetamine); (2) persistent felony offender - first degree. Status Hearing on March 20, 2026.

Jonathan Adam Murphy, (1) trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st offense (>=2 GMS methamphetamine); (2) trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, 2nd or > offense (>= 10 D.U. drug unsp). Status Hearing on March 20, 2026.

Joseph Murrell, (1) possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); (2) drug paraphernalia - buy/possess. Suppression Hearing on March 20, 2026 at 1 p.m.

Eduard Ogorodnik, (1) possession of a controlled substance 1st degree; (2) possession of drug paraphernalia. Plea of guilty - enter judgment and probation order.

Randall Perkins, (1) trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st offense (carfentanil or fentanyl derivatives); (2) persistent felony offender - first degree. Status Hearing on March 20, 2026.

Randall Perkins, (1) trafficking in a controlled substance 2nd offense (carfentanil or fentanyl derivatives); (2) drug paraphernalia - buy/possess. Status Hearing on March 20, 2026.

Jenarosa Pomarico, assault, 2nd degree. Plea of not guilty, Public Defender appointed. Status Hearing on April 17, 2026.

Jeffrey Poynter, procure or promote the use of a minor by electronic means. Status Hearing on May 15, 2026. Jury trial on June 15, 2026 at 8:30 a.m.

Darren Scott, (1) possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense hydrocodone; (2) drug

paraphernalia - buy/possess. Status Hearing on March 20, 2026.

William Oscar Seals, (1) no/ expired KY registration receipt; (2) possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine); (3) drug paraphernalia - buy/possess; (4) failure to produce insurance card. Plea of not guilty - Public Defender appointed. Status Hearing on April 17, 2026.

Jeremy Sears, (1) fleeing or evading police, 1st degree (motor vehicle); (2) wanton endangerment - 1st degree - police officer; (3) convicted felon in possession of a firearm; (4) operating on suspended/revoked operators license; (5) failure to produce insurance card. Status Hearing on March 20, 2026.

Devon Shelton, possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense - opiates. Status Hearing on March 20, 2026.

Jonathan B. Smith, (1) operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol .08 1st; (2) trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st offense - (heroin); (3) drug paraphernalia - buy/possess. Status Hearing on March 20, 2026.

Francis S. Snowball, (1) operating a motor vehicle under the influence substance - 1st; (2) fleeing or evading police, 1st degree (motor vehicle); (3) fleeing or evading police, 1st degree (on foot); (4) assault - 3rd degree - police/probation officer - identified. Plea of guilty - enter judgment and probation order.

Ashley Robin Sparks, (1) burglary, 2nd degree; (2) criminal trespassing - 2nd degree; (3-4) terroristic threatening, 3rd degree; (5) persistent felony offender - first

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City / County Police Reports

Citations are provided by the Lancaster City Police Department and Garrard County Sheriff's Office.

Garrard County Sheriff's Department (GCSD)

Citations

January 29, 2026

- Frederick, William C 25..... 122 Sea Cadet Ct., Lancaster Served Fayette Criminal Summons for: Failure to produce insurance card; Operating on a suspended or revoked license; Possession of marijuana; Possession of an open alcohol beverage container inside a motor vehicle

February 16, 2026

- Denson, Jeffrey..... 50.....218 Stanford St., Lancaster Possession of marijuana; Possession of a controlled substance (drug unspecified).....

March 1, 2026

- Sleeping, Jake..... 28..... 125 Swift Run, Nicholasville Speeding 25 mph over limit

Arrests

February 21, 2026

- Coulter, Logan..... 46..... 60 Tanyard Branch Rd., Lancaster Executed Garrard County warrant for failure to appear

February 25, 2026

- Garcia, Crescend 60.....222 Stanford St., Lancaster Alcohol intoxication in a public place

- Hoskins, Zachary D. 37.. 142 Ray Johnson Rd., East Bernstadt Executed Laurel County warrant for terroristic threatening

February 26, 2026

- Johnson, Jacob 23.....4454 Lexington Rd., Lancaster Executed Hancock County warrant for theft by unlawful taking; Executed Hancock County warrant for engaging in organized crime

February 27, 2026

- Lane, Dillon H..... 32.....503 Baker Ln., Richmond Executed Madison County warrant for failure to appear
- White, Clarence..... 48.....105 Roland Ave., Clay City Executed Powell County warrant for trafficking in a controlled substance

Lancaster City Police Department (LPD)

Citations

February 17, 2026

- Whitaker, Evan K..... 31.....104 Hagan Ct., Lancaster Operating on a suspended or revoked license

March 2, 2026

- Goins, Mark A..... 53.....99 Elm Loop, Hustonville Passing unloading bus; Possession of marijuana; Possession of drug paraphernalia
- White, Tonya..... 43.....406 2nd Street, Carlisle Possession of marijuana

Arrests

February 19, 2026

- Browning, Bryan 33..... 19 Wainscott Ave., Lancaster

- Executed Lincoln County warrant for contempt of court
- Mattingly, Joseph S. 57..... 130 Delmont Dr., Lexington Executed Fayette County warrant for failure to appear

February 20, 2026

- Hall, Timothy E..... 41..... 12998 HWY 27, Waynesburg Driving under the influence of alcohol

February 25, 2026

- Baker, Leslie D 42..... 3618 Fall Lick Rd., Lancaster Careless driving; Operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol

February 27, 2026

- Gage, Kelly..... 32..... 112 Richmond St., Lancaster theft by unlawful taking; Tampering with physical evidence; Criminal mischief, 1st degree

February 28, 2026

- Murray, Steven 42..... 1631 Mike Genton Rd., Lancaster Speeding 24 mph over limit; Operating on suspended or revoked license

March 1, 2026

- Graham, Joseph..... 22..... 2520 Fork Church Rd., Lancaster Distribution of matter portraying sexual performance by a minor under 12

March 3, 2026

- Keyes, Robert 57..... 108 Kinnaird Ave., Lancaster Executed Garrard County warrant for failure to appear