



**An Evening With Daniel Boone**  
Hear the story of Daniel Boone, the quintessential Kentuckian, from Kentucky Humanities Chautauqua speaker Kevin Hardesty. Thursday, March 26, 6 p.m. at the Garrard County Public Library.

**Garrard Arts Center SUMMER ART CAMP**  
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June 1 – June 5, 2026, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
Garrard Educational Center  
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**Jacob Jones Appointed Senior Minister at Scotts Fork Christian Church**



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## Multiple Drug and Theft Charges Following Early Morning Incident

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A Lancaster man was arrested in the early morning hours of March 22, following a police response to a reported suspicious person, according to a uniform citation issued by the Lancaster Police Department.

Authorities identified the individual as Christopher Bray, 42, of Lancaster. Officers were dispatched to a residence on Cave Springs Drive after receiving a report of a person trespassing.

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The moment that officers located Bray was captured via the resident's home security system. Officers yell for the offender to drop his knife as he is seen crouching behind a tree in a frame from the video above.



Christopher Bray

## Multiple Charges Follow High-Speed Pursuit

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A man identified as Paul D. Brown of Junction City, is facing multiple criminal charges following a sequence of events that began with a reported disturbance and escalated into a high-speed vehicle pursuit, according to a uniform citation.

See **Chase**, A-7



Paul D. Brown

## 21 Indicted by Grand Jury in March



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The Garrard County Grand Jury convened on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, and returned

indictments against more than a dozen individuals on charges ranging from flagrant nonsupport to drug trafficking and organized crime. The indictments were filed with the

Garrard County Circuit Clerk's office on March 19, 2026, with arraignments scheduled for April 17, 2026.

Paula Tuggle, 47, of Lancaster, KY, was indicted on

March 18, 2026, on one count of Flagrant Nonsupport under KRS 530.050, after the grand jury found that she persistently failed to provide court-ordered

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## Garrard Board Sets Ground Rules for Superintendent Hunt

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The Garrard County Board of Education took another public step toward finding its next superintendent during its March 19 regular meeting, formally outlining expectations for the district's superintendent screening committee and emphasizing both confidentiality and fairness

as the search moves forward. The topic had already surfaced earlier in the month during the board's March 5 working session, where members held a general discussion on the superintendent search before moving into executive session, signaling that the transition has been an active and developing priority for district leadership.

See **Superintendent**, A-9

## Capital Request Clears Board as Garrard Schools Shifts Restricted Funds to Immediate Needs

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The Garrard County Board of Education unanimously approved a new capital funds request Thursday night, sign-

ing off on a \$241,452 package that district leaders said will help move money from restricted accounts into projects and obligations the district can use more effectively right now.

See **Capital**, A-7

## Payroll Policy Update Clears Final Hurdle

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The Garrard County Board of Education gave final approval March 19 to updated salary deduction policies for both certified and classified employees, completing the second reading

of a measure district leaders described as a cleanup of existing policy language. The action passed unanimously among members present, with Mary Davis making the motion and Ethan Smith providing the second. Board Chairman Dr. Jerry

See **Payroll Policy**, A-7

## GCHS Co-Ed Archery Team Claims Regional Title, Advances to State Tournament

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The Garrard County High School co-ed archery team secured a first-place finish at the KHSAA Region 9 Tournament, earning a regional championship and a berth in the upcoming state competition scheduled for April 21 in Lexington.

Competing at Boyle County High School on March 21, the Garrard County High School co-ed squad posted a team score of 1982, the highest among all participating schools in the 7-12 grade division. The team also recorded an X-count of 117, demonstrating consistency and precision across scoring rounds. The victory placed Garrard County ahead of Pulaski County High School and Boyle County High

School, which finished second and third respectively.

The regional performance was highlighted by strong individual showings from Garrard County archers. CJ Walker led the field with a top score of 293 and an X-count of 23, finishing first overall. Elijah Lamb followed closely with a score of 290 to claim second place, while Lori Burkhead contributed a score of 286, placing fourth. Additional contributions from team members including Samuel Fielder, Caiden Conyer, Gunner Roller, Kylee Kobernick, Abigail Fathergill, Ashton Mobley, Aiden Click, Tristan Kobernick, and Micah Noe helped secure the overall team victory.

In the girls division, Garrard County High School finished

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Garrard County High School Co-Ed Archery Team - Gunner Roller, Kylee Kobernick, Tristan Kobernick, Lori Burkhead, Caiden Conyer, CJ Walker, Elijah Lamb and Samuel Fielder. Absent from photo Abigail Fathergill, Ashton Mobley, Aiden Click and Micah Noe.



CJ Walker Elijah Lamb Lori Burkhead

## Honors and High Marks Open March Board Meeting

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The Garrard County Board of Education opened its March 19 meeting by celebrating the people and achievements giving the

district momentum this spring, from school staff and teachers to standout students and a history-making archery team. During the recognitions portion of the meeting, Superintendent

See **Recognitions**, A-9

## Library Launches Home Delivery Service to Expand Community Access

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The Garrard County Public Library has introduced a new home delivery service aimed at increasing access to library

materials for residents unable to visit in person. The initiative, promoted through a recent public notice, offers delivery of books, movies, and other library resources directly to patrons' homes.

See **Library**, A-9

## Garrard County Edges East Jessamine 2-1 Behind Strong Pitching Effort

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Garrard County secured a narrow 2-1 victory over East Jessamine on March 19, relying on timely hitting and a composed performance on the mound to earn the win.

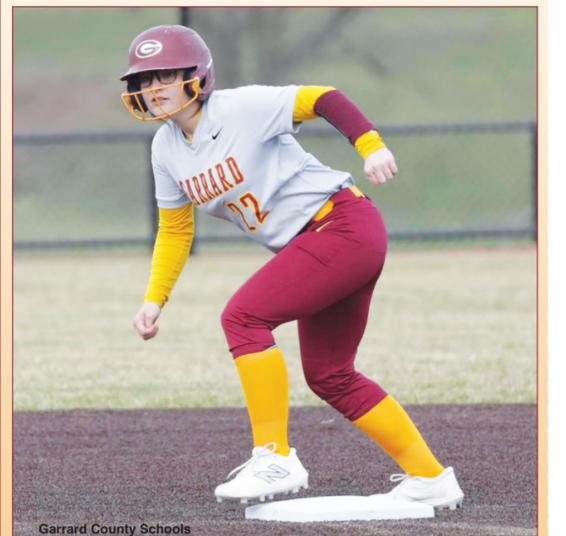
The contest remained tightly contested throughout, with both teams struggling to generate sustained offense. Garrard County finished with five hits but capitalized on key opportunities to produce the decisive runs.

Senior Justin Parsons led the offense, delivering an efficient outing at the plate. Parsons went 2-for-3 with a double and drove in one of Garrard County's two runs, finishing with a .667 batting average for the game. Freshman Ryan

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In the March 19 win over East Jessamine, David Moberly (#33) had a hit, scored a run, and then closed the game with three scoreless innings to earn the save. In the March 21 game against Wayne County, he led Garrard County offensively by going 2-for-4. In the March 23 game against Mercer County, he added another hit.



Jazlyn Shelton (#22) recorded a hit and the team's lone RBI against Estill County, then added two hits and an RBI against Berea, and followed that with a 2-for-4, two-RBI performance against Casey County.

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The Berea softball team secured a narrow 7-6 victory over Garrard County in a closely contested non-conference game

on March 20, overcoming a mid-game deficit with late scoring to seal the win.

According to game details from Berea, Berea established an early advantage, scoring two runs

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