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# Chamber Members Hear from Ag Commissioner



▲ PHOTO | BEVERLY BONILLA  
Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner Jonathan Shell speaks during the June Chamber meeting.



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Greg Drake, President of Butler County Farm Bureau, welcomed attendees to the meeting.

By Beverly Bonilla  
Banner Reporter  
The Morgantown-Butler County Chamber of Commerce held its June meeting on June 26, 2025, at the Eva Hawes Building. The sponsors

for the event were Kentucky Farm Bureau and the Butler County Soil Conservation District.  
Kentucky Agriculture  
**COMMISSIONER,**  
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# Magic and Laughter Fill the Library



▲ PHOTO | BEVERLY BONILLA  
Mark Comley doing magic.

By Beverly Bonilla  
Banner Reporter  
Enjoyed by all ages on June 26, the magic show at the Butler County Library was a

hit!  
With audience participation in every  
**MAGIC,**  
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# Holiday Deadline

The deadline for content and advertising in the July 9th newspaper will be noon on Thursday, July 3rd. The Banner/Republican office will be closed on Friday, July 4th.

# 8U All-Stars Runners-Up at District

By Greg Moore  
Banner Sports Editor

The Cal Ripken District Tournament was played in Greenville/Central City last week. Butler County's 8U and 10U groups won one and lost one during pool play games. The 8U squad had been beaten by Muhlenberg County; however, in the first round game of the tournament, BC returned the favor to advance to the



▲ PHOTO | GREG MOORE  
Butler County All Stars (No particular order): River DeBerry, Elliott Powell, Caine White, Samson Oliver, Kylar Suiter, Maverick Felty, Xzavier Neighbors, Ryan Statzer, Killian Bratcher, Wick Hall, Grayson Thompson, and Axton Hudnall.

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# Conditions Not Ideal; Numbers Down for Anglers



Biggest fish as of yet--Scottie Simmons at 41.05 pounds. See more photos on page nine.

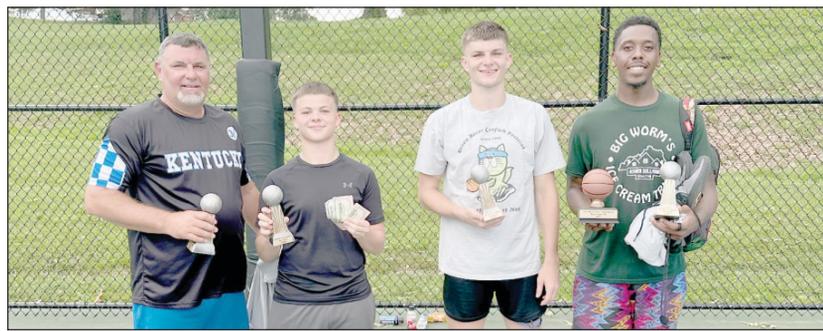
By Greg Moore  
Banner Sports Editor  
The amount of rain has kept the banks full and the recent abundance alleviated all hopes of perfect fishing settings for the Green River Catfish Festival's Fishing Tournament.  
As of press deadline, 12 tagged fish had been caught; whereas, nearly three times the amount were caught

last year.  
An insider shared, "they released them in as easy of places as they could; near the banks."  
Enthusiasts still had until 6:00pm on Sunday to stake a claim on turning in one of the 145 tagged catfish.  
Check in for all the winners in next week's edition.

# Bluegrass Roofing host GRCF 3-on-3 Tournament

By Greg Moore  
Banner Sports Editor

Early Saturday morning, several hoopsters made it over to the City Park's new basketball courts to swelter in the sun while getting it on with the round ball. Smack talk was



▲ PHOTO | GREG MOORE  
Champions Gary Highbaugh, Brodie Highbaugh, Braxton Highbaugh, and Tre Starks.

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