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Mostly Sunny

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MONDAY

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Scattered Thunderstorms

Trailers on Bricks

The Damn Shames' first album performed at the Grove-KY

By **Allyson Dix**
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“It’s reckless in the right ways, steady where it counts, and never short on soul.”

These are the words of Candace Barbee on the debut album Trailers On Bricks by The Damn Shames. Barbee is the marketing director for The Grove-KY in Glasgow, where The Damn Shames were special guests last Saturday night.

The band is a self-proclaimed “unapologetic set of true rockers who have turned more inward to their country and wooded upbringing”. The band consists of Clayton Crowder (lead vocals/guitar), Trevor Smith (lead guitar/background vocals), Andrew Hopper (bass/background vocals), Zach Coffey (drums), and the band’s newest, all-around musician: Shepherd Hieb.

The band brings classic southern swagger mixed with country flavors, giving extra pop to honest, heartfelt lyrics.

While all the band members are from Kentucky, two are a bit more local. Crowder is from Morgantown and Smith’s roots are in Burkesville. The band met and formed in Bowling Green and played one of their first ever shows at The Grove.

Now, two years later, their first full-length album was released on June 20, one that the band worked with Gem City Studios out of Jellico, Tennessee, to produce.

“When we started forming this band in 2022, I had a small



▲ PHOTO | COURTESY | ROB TABER
Frontman Clayton Crowder, at right, and Trevor Smith with The Damn Shames perform songs from their debut full-length album on June 21 at The Grove-KY venue in Glasgow. The band was a special guest on Saturday night alongside Them Dirty Roses.

collection of songs I had already written that we worked up together as a band and we wrote the rest of the record together,” Crowder said. “We’ve been chipping away at it slowly for the better part of two years now.”

Crowder is the front-and-center songwriter for the group, but others pitch in on composition as well as Bowling Green native Kyle Daniels.

Crowder said he draws his inspiration for song lyrics from not only personal experiences, but also the same of others close to him. He keeps a running record of interesting things he picks up through conversations with others, so he’s not just writing stories about his life, but also the lives and experiences of others. He said the songs are about the everyday lives of Kentuckians with some lyrics only local folks can relate to.

The Damn Shames is an inquisitive band name and to put the question to rest, the *Barren County Progress* asked Crowder how

the clever name came about.

“We were recording as a part of a different band at an earlier time and we all went back to this crummy, junk roach motel in Jellico,” Crowder explained. “We realized none of us really liked the songs we were recording at the time and we made the decision to start a new band.”

The group stayed up into the early morning hours combing, more or less, for a new direction and a new path. In Crowder’s records on his phone where he takes note of inspirational titles and phrases, they came across one he had written down in the past: The Damn Shames.

“We had us a good old laugh for a long time because that explains all of us to a T—we couldn’t win for losing,” Crowder said. “If it wasn’t for bad luck, we wouldn’t have any at all so we thought that fit perfectly and it has

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▲ PHOTO | COURTESY | ROB TABER
The Damn Shames play songs from their debut album, Trailers on Bricks, on Saturday in Glasgow at The Grove-KY with over 500 patrons present. The band is comprised of, from left, Adrian Heil, Trevor Smith, Zach Coffey on drums, Clayton Crowder, Andrew Hopper, and Shepherd Hieb.

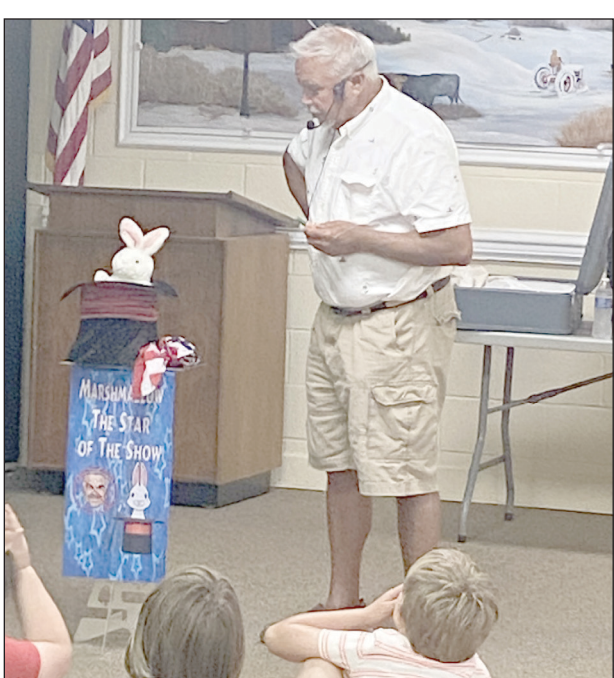
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trick, laughter and amazement filled the room as Mark Comley entertained with mind-blowing illusions and comedy.

A truly magical experience for the whole community!

▲ PHOTO | LYNN BLEDSOE
Mark Comley and pet Marshmallow.



Fiscal Court Reviews Woodbury Dam Proposal



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Fiscal Court was held downstairs in the conference room.

By **Lynn Bledsoe**
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June 23, 2025 Butler County Fiscal Court held its regular meeting.

The dismantling of the Woodbury Dam was brought back up. Judge Flener stated that several Fiscal Court members had met with Lee Andrews at the dam. In a letter outlining what had been discussed the following was listed.

- Landward lock wall will stay
- Outer wall will be taken down as far as possible
- Remove lock chamber doors and use debris to line landward wall and near the kayak/boat lamp.
- The other side debris will be removed and



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Roger Givens speaks out for historical significance of Lock 4.

line the wall.

Kevin Phelps announced that the county officials were opposed to dropping elevation of the inner wall. They agreed to use material removed from the lock to be reused. A new road back to the RV park will be built, so one road in one road out.

They will install a gate on the inner wall, which will remain to prevent erosion. One of the things not agreed to was a fence to be replaced. Dillion Bryant asked what the end goal was? Bryant also said no studies had been done to try and predict what could happen. Andrews still insist the dam is not holding any water when it is at a normal river rate. Allen stated the only thing the county would be getting is the new road to the RV Park.

Roger Givens asked the Fiscal Court to table the decision due to the fact that the dam was built in 1838-40 by slave labor and should be considered a historical artifact and is a example of skilled art from the slave

PROPOSAL,
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NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF BUDGET ORDINANCE BUTLER COUNTY FISCAL COURT Fiscal Court 2025-2026 BUDGET SUMMARY		
AN ORDINANCE Relating to the Annual Budget and Appropriations.		
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FISCAL COURT OF BUTLER COUNTY, KENTUCKY:		
SECTION ONE: The following budget is adopted for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and the amounts stated are appropriated for the purposes indicated.		
GENERAL Fund		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,761,463.00
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	1,249,085.00
5200	GENERAL HEALTH AND SANITATION	396,640.00
5300	SOCIAL SERVICES	50,173.00
5400	RECREATION AND CULTURE	70,059.00
8000	CAPITAL PROJECTS	110,958.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	623,373.00
Total General Fund		4,261,751.00
ROAD Fund		
6100	ROADS	2,452,646.00
7000	DEBT SERVICE	63,964.00
8000	CAPITAL PROJECTS	476,000.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	351,200.00
Total Road Fund		3,343,810.00
JAIL Fund		
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	1,018,764.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	475,325.00
Total Jail Fund		1,494,089.00
LGEA Fund		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	3,000.00
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	9,400.00
Total LGEA Fund		12,400.00
CDBG Fund		
9000	ADMINISTRATION	100.00
Total CDBG Fund		100.00
WOODBURY RV PARK Fund		
5400	RECREATION AND CULTURE	11,530.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	5,910.00
Total WOODBURY RV PARK Fund		17,440.00
OPIOID SETTLEMENT Fund		
5300	SOCIAL SERVICES	211,283.00
Total OPIOID SETTLEMENT Fund		211,283.00
ROCHESTER FERRY Fund		
6400	OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES AND SERVICES	204,100.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	87,155.00
Total ROCHESTER FERRY Fund		291,255.00
REEDS FERRY Fund		
6400	OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES AND SERVICES	206,350.00
8000	CAPITAL PROJECTS	10,000.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	90,670.00
Total REEDS FERRY Fund		307,020.00
E-911 DISPATCH Fund		
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	337,012.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	144,025.00
Total E-911 DISPATCH Fund		481,037.00
CLERK DOCUMENT Fund		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	81,086.00
Total CLERK DOCUMENT Fund		81,086.00
ARPA Fund		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	102,000.00
Total ARPA Fund		102,000.00
Adopted by the Butler County Fiscal Court this the 23 day of June, 2025.		
<div><div></div><div>County Judge/Executive</div></div>		
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY		
All interested persons and organizations in Butler County are hereby notified that a copy of the county’s adopted budget in full is available for public inspection at the Office of the County Judge/Executive during normal business hours.		