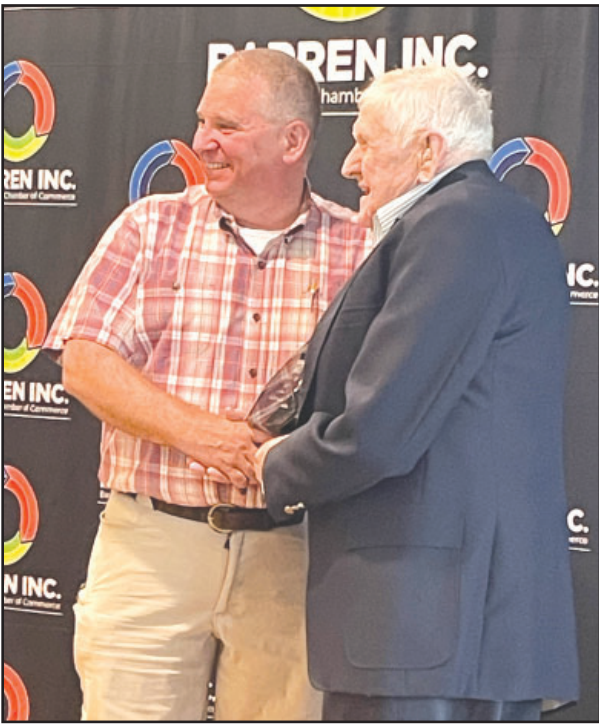


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Extension Agent Chris Schalk presents Carl B. Franklin with the Farmer of the Year Award on May 8 at Willow Oaks Country Club during the Barren, Inc. awards luncheon.



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Nancy Griffin, right, was announced as recipient of the Administrative Professional of the Year Award on May 8. She is pictured with Jon Marc McDougan.



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Replica Screenprinting was named Small Business of the Year. Owner Heather Streible accepts an award from Barren, Inc. Karisa Peterson on May 8.



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Nicole Rock of Golden Gate Bridges was presented the 2025 Small Businessperson of the Year award by Terry Bunnell, President and CEO of The Peoples Bank on May 8.

Support Specialist at TJ Samson.

The Farmer of the Year Award, sponsored by Barren County Farm Bureau Federation, was presented to Carl B. Franklin. As the steward of a 5-generation, 600-acre farm in Park City, Carl officially took over operations in 1992 but has been farming since childhood.

The Small Business of the Year sponsored by German American Bank, was presented to Replica Screenprinting. Heather Streible's female-owned business in Cave City has earned national recognition for its high-

end design, premium products, and industry-leading halftone printing.

The 2025 Magnolia Award, sponsored by Houchens Food Group, was presented to Cortni Crews of Barren County Schools for her outstanding leadership, compassion, and commitment to community. She was one of the Keynote Speakers and spoke on remembering those people that make an impact in your life. "I am so thankful we live in such a great community that supports our students," she said.

The 2025 Small Busi-

nessperson of the Year Award, sponsored by The Peoples Bank and presented by Terry Bunnell, was awarded to Nicole Rock of Golden Gate Bridges for her exceptional leadership, creativity, and dedication to both her business and the broader community. She was also a Keynote Speaker. She talked about the growth the company has seen providing quality care and

support to individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities since she and Sue Jester founded it in 2010. She also talked about the core values the company follows with commitment, communication, and community. "What we want to accomplish is to create moments that turn into memories that last a lifetime," Nicole said.



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Barren, Inc. hosted its 2025 Achievement in Business Awards luncheon on May 8 at Willow Oaks Country Club. Pictured, from left, are Shayla Brooks, Jessie Brooks, Daniel Byrd, Liz Barr, Savannah Howell, Emily Bryant, and Chris Reno.



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Pictured from left are Nicole Randall, Kylie Foushee, Sarah Carroll, Randy Chapman, Scott Kerley, Michael Bradley, and Greg Harry at the May 8 Achievement in Business Awards luncheon.

Fiscal Court Briefs

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Barren County Fiscal Court met in regular session on May 6. All magistrates were present except Tim Durham and County Attorney Mike Richardson.

The anticipated second reading of a solar farm ordinance was not addressed and Judge/Executive Jamie Byrd cited the reason being the absences of Durham and Richardson. Byrd also said magistrates should

provide clarification to the county attorney for language amendments for the ordinance. It is expected to be held at the next meeting, May 20. Byrd encouraged constituents to reach out to their magistrates with concerns before the meeting. Contact 270-651-3338 if you need to reach your magistrate.

Other items approved by the court include:

- \$11,250 to the Barren River Area

Development District for their technical assistance and administrative services;

- \$14,696 to Team First Services for a final payment for baseball and softball uniforms;

- Resolution discontinuing Soccer Way from being a county road;

- Amanda Proffit appointment as Voluneer Deputy Director of the local emergency management.

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