

Library News



By Ashley Norris, Director – Cumberland County Public Library

Hello everyone! It sure has been a snowy and cold week! I am hoping that it warms up and stays that way soon because I think we have all had enough of the cold. I was able to finish the rest of the Sophie Quinn FBI series by Georgia Wagner, and I am hoping she writes another one soon because the last one was left on a cliffhanger! Georgia Wagner writes more series so maybe I can start on one of those in the meantime.

CCPL will be hosting a Driver's Licensing pop-up event on Wednesday, March 12th from 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM. These appointments are available online only, and registration for this event will open on February 26, 2025 at 8:00 AM. We will share the registration link on our Facebook on the 26th. If you have

Leave the Girls Behind by Jacqueline Bublitz

You're Safe Here by Leslie Stephens

A Farewell to Arfs by Spencer Quinn

A Grave in the Woods by Martin Walker

Pro Bono by Thomas Perry

The Woman Who Went Broke

Homecoming by Julie Klassen

Mary by Shannon McNear

Libby's Lighthouse by Susan G. Mathis

The Sick Man's Rage by Amir Tsarfati

New Star by Lana Christian

A Certain Man by Linda Dindzans

Meant for Me by Lyn

**DRIVER LICENSING
REGIONAL OFFICE**
Operated by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

**POPU
DRIVER LICENSING**
PORTABLE DRIVER LICENSING OFFICE

IS COMING TO OUR COUNTY!



The Last Wagon Train by William W. Johnstone

Dreaming of Autumn Skies by V.C. Andrews

We'll Prescribe You a Cat by Syou Ishida

Cote

All We Thought We Knew by Michelle Shocklee

Specters in the Glass House by Jaime Jo Wright



questions, you can go to <https://drive.ky.gov>.

Have a good week!

~New Arrivals~

Fiction:

We All Live Here by Jojo Moyes

Paranoia by James Patterson

The Storms Intent by Georgia Wagner

Loose Lips by Kemper Donovan

Chaos at the Lazy Bones Bookshop by Emmeline Duncan

The Vanishing of Josephine Reynolds by Jennifer Moorman

The Night Ends With Fire by K.X. Song

Lawbreaker by Diana Palmer

The Love of My After Life by Kristy Greenwood

Love Overboard by Shannon Sue Dunlap

With This Ring by Amy Clipston

Whispers of Fortune by Mary Connealy

The Seaside

Questions? Contact Us!

Need to renew your books? Want bookmobile service? Have a general question? Here is how you can reach us! Phone: (270) 864 – 2207 On the web: www.cumberlandcountylibrary.org Facebook: [@cumberlandcountylibrary.org](https://www.facebook.com/cumberlandcountylibrary.org) Hours: M-F: 8:30 a.m. – 4:50 p.m. Saturday: 8:30 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

*Note: Library board meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month @ 3 PM and are open to the public.

KSP Investigates Fatal Collision in Clinton County

Kentucky State Police (KSP) Post 15 Troopers responded to a two-vehicle collision on US-127 in Clinton County

The investigation concluded that Andrew Ridge, 21, of Albany, was traveling south on US 127 in a 2013 Dodge Ram 2500 when he crossed both northbound lanes and entered the northbound shoulder of the roadway. Ridge attempted

to return his vehicle to the southbound lanes when he collided head-on with a 2022 Mack tractor-trailer, operated by Dylan Tuck, 26, of Albany, traveling north on US 127.

Ridge was pronounced dead at the scene by the Clinton County Coroner. Tuck sustained serious injuries during the collision and was flown to the University of Tennessee Hospital for

treatment of his injuries.

Post 15 Troopers were assisted at the scene by the Clinton County Sheriff's Department, Tennessee Highway Patrol, Albany Fire Department, Clinton County Fire and EMS and the Kentucky State Highway Department. Senior Trooper Weston Sullivan continues the investigation of the collision.



Conservation Connection

Soil Survey Book

**Wanda J Gilbert
Cumberland County
Soil Conservation
District**

Cumberland County Soil Survey Book was published to help community members understand the structure of the soil layout on their land.

The book has General Soil Map Unit; Detail Soil Map Unit; Prime Farmland Unit; Use and Management of the Soils Unit; Soil Properties Unit; Classification of the Soils Unit and Formation of the Soils

Unit.

In this book; the county is broken into 27 units. Each unit has a diagram of the types of soil found in that location along with a detail map. There are 29 soil series with 48 different soil types within the county.

To help understand the importance of knowing more about your land. In 2019; the soil conservation office held a class/workshop on the detail and layout on your farm soils location in the book.

Kentucky State Soil is: Crider

There is also 4 pages about the History and Settlement; Farming; Natural Resources; Recreation; Climate; Physiography Relief and Drainage of the county.

The Cumberland County Conservation District has the Soil Survey of Cumberland County Kentucky book available at the office located at 329 Keen Street, Burkesville, KY. Stop by and get your FREE copy.

HB 368,

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both a constituent and an employee of a newspaper, her support of this bill has helped advance it to a full House vote as early as February 26.

Neighbors said in an email to Jobe Publishing, Inc. that her support of such a bill would keep her districts and other local government entities from being “forced” to pay for legal advertising in her community’s newspapers, some of our oldest businesses in the state, despite it being your tax dollars that pay for that information.

HB 368 is designed to strip away a state mandate that requires local governments to publish advertising in local newspapers in areas with less than a population of 80,000, allowing them to post things such as public notices, surplus actions, filed ordinances, and other business items onto their government-run websites. This population reference is law because large cities have low cost internet providers and easily-attained, free WiFi.

In Cumberland County and other Jobe Publishing counties, many of our readers lack access to the internet, especially our older generations, nor do they have the time it takes to search every website ran by school districts, councils, commissions, boards, committees, etc.

Local newspapers strive to keep readers informed in their communities. It is a place they have come to rely on to find community happenings and government transparencies, which can sometimes come in the form of legal advertisements.

Supporters of this bill are out of touch with their small community constituents.

Does Amy Neighbors believe in these small communities she is elected to serve that all people are able to access the internet, especially given that Cumberland County has 28% of its population who live at

or under the poverty level?

Do these people not matter? It's much cheaper for a subscription or a 75-cent pick up at the local gas station than a monthly internet service of over \$60 per month.

Does Amy Neighbors believe her older constituents are able to navigate the internet like the younger generations can? According to a Coda Ventures study, 70% of ages 18-24 read their local news to stay informed. In contrast, those numbers reach 80% and above for ages 40 through 75 and older.

Many of our older populations are very competent folks but have no desire to learn how to navigate the internet or no service to do so at all.

This bill also creates unreasonable barriers for your local newspapers' abilities to help keep our government accountable and transparent, and creates a barrier for the constitutionally-protected right of Freedom of the Press; I would be hard-pressed to find someone who can dedicate the hours and hours of trying to keep up on a daily basis as would other small community newspapers.

In a time where mistrust of government is at record levels, the passage of this bill would further deepen that mistrust between elected officials, newspapers, and constituents in the communities they live.

It's YOUR tax dollars that are paying for newspapers to print legal advertisements from local government, and while legal ads are not a significant amount of revenue for Jobe Publishing, it is certainly a source of valuable income for small, independent publishers.

Newspaper publishers were not invited to the table from the misguided representatives regarding this legislation, and they may not even know how this mandate could affect many communities. That's why it's

critical to contact your state representative without delay.

If this law goes away like the Kentucky League of Cities is fighting to do, sooner or later, an unethical official will realize the public is not watching and corruption will once again become more prevalent. Jobe Publishing newspapers have uncovered many corrupt practices from elected officials, and some of those have come from the current state mandate for local governments to print legal advertisements.

What they fail to make known is that newspaper industries with paid subscribers are the only media with a quantifiable audited reach. They also fail to explain the mandate to be a paid newspaper with the USPS is to have a local office.

If this law goes away, there is no reason for 50 to 60 small community newspapers to keep an open office in small town Kentucky.

While the federal government and other states are working on incentives for these newspapers that are over 100 years old, our representatives are turning their backs on the legacy left from their predecessors, tax payers, and our oldest, ongoing businesses.

It is our hope that Amy Neighbors and neighboring representatives Rebecca Raymer and Michael Meredith will reconsider and honor the legacy of transparency left to them by the senators and representatives before them.

You can contact Representative Amy Neighbors at amy.neighbors@kylegislature.gov or by calling the hotline 502-564-8100 to leave a message for Neighbors, or any other state representative.

You can also access contact information for your representatives at <https://legislature.ky.gov/Pages/contactus.aspx>.