

Detritus to treasure

BY BETSY SMITH
EDITOR

Life hands us a lot of detritus, bits of paper that we keep, thinking "I might want that one day." Many times these bits—recipes, receipts, ticket stubs, greeting cards—wind up as my bookmarks. I'll come across them years later and they serve as little reminders of the past.

Recently, I came into possession of a notebook that belonged to my maternal grandmother, Mattie Louise Petty Brannock, who was a student at Berry High School in the 1930s. Except for the fact that the black binder has only two rings instead of three, it resembles the notebooks I used decades later.

In addition to her neatly written class notes and spelling tests, tucked inside the binder are loose items that provide little glimpses of her life.

There's a full-page advertisement on blue paper for Blue Jay school and stationary supplies. The company made everything from notebook paper to steno pads to music tablets. Each item had a little blue jay image to cut out and save.

When you collected enough blue jays, you could send them in to claim a "beautiful premium," such as a pocket knife, a fielder's glove or a compact. For 500 blue birds, you could claim a Shirley Temple doll or an "exquisite toilet set."

500! How much writing did this company think kids were going to be doing? (The offer expired June

30, 1938, so it's too late to take advantage of it.)

There's a little tiny cardboard tag from a 4-quart Presto pressure cooker. The back of the card lists "ceiling price \$12.50" and a separate "ceiling price western zone \$12.95" along with the notice "The prices above have been fixed as the minimum prices at which 4 qt. Presto cookers may be sold in all states having fair trade laws."

I never saw anything like that before, but it applied to 11 western states "and following Counties in Texas: El Paso, Hudspeth, Culbertson, Jeff Davis, Presidio, Brewster, Terrell, Pecos, Reeves."

There's a blank Union Bank of Berry check that is a thing of beauty—proud lettering, a handsome engraving of the bank building in the top left corner where, in later decades, the account holder's name and address would go.

Today, physical checks are rare and often of the type spit out by a machine—the kind that must be wrested free from their many-layered paper cocoons before they can be deposited. They're ugly and charmless and, no matter how careful I am when trying to free one, when I'm done the jagged, ripped edges look like a toddler got hold of it.

On the back of the blank check in Granny's binder—in someone else's handwritings—is a recipe calling for 10 ounces of whole milk, six ounces of boiled water and one ounce of sugar. The recipe is for "formula" for feeding a baby; three

ounces at each feeding, six feedings in 24 hours.

My dad was born in 1941. I imagine an older woman, on learning of my grandmother's difficulty feeding him, jotting down the recipe on the back of that check while at church or in Brannock's Store in Kelat.

There's a small, undated brochure distributed by Farmers National Bank encouraging the purchase of war bonds and stamps, American Express money orders and Travelers' Cheques. It features illustrations of insignia of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps. (The Air Force was not created until 1947.)

"American Express money orders are ideal gifts for boys at Camp," the brochure suggests.

The detritus in Granny's notebook has been like opening a time capsule for me. The presence of those odd bits in her ring binder prove that she must have found use for her home economics notes long after she graduated from Berry High School.

The notes kept in my grandmother's binder demonstrate that her education both broadened her horizons (another column for another day) and helped prepare her for later milestones of her rural Kentucky life: marriage, house-keeping and rearing a family.

The detritus collected in the binder goes to show that even the most insignificant bit of trash can one day be a fascinating clue to the past.

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The City of Corinth, Kentucky, by and through the Code Enforcement, with the approval of the Corinth City Commission, has declared the following real property a PUBLIC NUISANCE as defined by KRS 65.8840(5): ADDRESS: 420 Main Street, Corinth, Kentucky, 41010. Owner: Jermery Wainscott Estate, DEED BOOK 391, PAGE 543 (Grant County Clerk, Williamstown, KY) Specifically, the structure thereon burned several years ago and is in a dilapidated condition, is unsafe, and otherwise poses a risk of harm to the safety and well-being of the City of Corinth, Kentucky and its citizens. It is the intention of the City of Corinth to abate the foregoing nuisance through DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL OF THE BURNED STRUCTURE. Anyone having an interest in the above-described real property has a right to abate the nuisance and a right to a hearing before the Corinth City Commission prior to any action being taken by the City. A request for a hearing must be made in writing within seven (7) days of the date of this publication.

REQUEST FOR BIDS

The City of Williamstown will be accepting sealed bids to replace the chain linked fence for the Electric Department's storage area. Bids will be received at 400 North Main Street, Williamstown, Kentucky 41097 until 2 p.m. Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at which time all bids will be opened.

Specifications may be picked up at the Williamstown City Building anytime Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., or by accessing them on the City of Williamstown's web site at www.wtownky.org. All bids are to be sealed and clearly marked "SEALED BID FOR ELECTRIC DEPT FENCE" and made to the Mayor's attention. The City of Williamstown reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive formality in bidding.

/s/ David A. Henson
Mayor
City of Williamstown, Kentucky

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The City of Williamstown is accepting applications for a **Public Works Laborer II or Public Works Laborer III**, depending on Applicant's qualifications. Job duties include assisting in construction, maintenance, repair, mowing, installation, landscaping, carpentry, plumping, snow removal, and operation and maintenance of departmental vehicles. Applications and complete job description are available by contacting the Mayor's Office at (859) 824-6351 or at www.wtownky.org. **Applications and resumes will be accepted until 4 p.m. on Friday, August 7, 2025, in person or by email at bhall@wtownky.org**

Mandatory pre-employment drug screening. The City of Williamstown is an equal employment opportunity employer.

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TURNING BACK THE CLOCK

10 YEARS AGO ... AUGUST 6, 2015

- Nevaeh Race received first place to become the National Grant Champion in the walk/trot assisted class in the Appaloosa National Horse Show in Forth Worth, Texas.

- Roberta Poole, co-owner of Tony's Hair Care in Williams-town, was recognized for her 40th anniversary of being a businesswoman. (The nearby statue of three children on a

slide was unveiled during the ceremony honoring Poole.)

- Lady Braves soccer will kick off the year with five senior starters: Kelsey Lund, Alicia Moreno, Sierra Schmitt, Kaylie Ezell and Shelby Maddox.

25 YEARS AGO ... AUGUST 10, 2000

- Births announced this week: Ashton Alisander Johnson was born to Dewayne and Alicia Johnson of Williams-

town on March 1; Stephen Phillips was born to Steve and Michelle Phillips on June 27; Connor Matthew Morgan was born to Matt and Shelly Morgan of Williamstown on May 30.

50 YEARS AGO ... AUG. 8, 1975

- Births announced this week: Kay Cee Beard was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beard of Dry Ridge on July 23;

Andrew Stephen Boyce was born to Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Boyce on July 7.

- There will be a capping ceremony for candy strippers at Grant County Hospital. Those who volunteered in the program this summer are Rana Jones, Linda Day, Debbie Hughes, Terri Thornton, Darlene Chappal, Patty Johnston, Rosie Lawrence, Jackie Campbell, Donna Guinn and Raenette Morgan.

GRANT COUNTY SHERIFF'S RECORDS

GRANT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Between July 20 and July 26, 2025, the Grant County Sheriff's Office:

- Served 35 summons and/or subpoenas
- Spent 12 hours serving court
- Served 8 Emergency Protective Orders
- Executed four arrests/warrants (out of county residence)
- Drove 64 miles transport-

ing prisoners

ARRESTS

7/20 - Deputy Zachary Lewis arrested Gregory A. Dorsey, 19, of Dry Ridge at 1:24 p.m. on Aarons Way on offenses or charges of assault, fourth degree; criminal mischief second degree and failure to notify of address change to Department of Transportation. Dorsey was lodged in the Grant County Detention Center.

7/25 - Deputy Trenton Dalton arrested Ashley M. Owens, 34, of Dry Ridge at 12:18 a.m. on North I-75, mile marker 158 on offense or charge of operating a motor vehicle under influence of alcohol, 0.08. Owens was lodged in the Grant County Detention Center.

GRANT COUNTY JAIL REPORT

Population Analysis (July 31, 2025)
Total Inmates: 308 (Male:

255 Female: 53)
Number of inmates by county:
Grant - 48
Gallatin - 36
Owen - 1
Pendleton - 14
Other - 2 (These inmates were arrested in Grant County on warrants and are awaiting pickup)
State Inmates:
SAP - 110 (paying extra)
SOAR 1 & 2 - 41 (paying extra)
Other - 56 (regular rate)

GRANT COUNTY CLERK RECORDS

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

7/24 - Kyle Reed Hedrick Estate, Kyle R. Hendrick Estate, William Wayne Hedrick Co-Executor and Patricia Lynn Dreisch Co-Executor to Cade Ferguson, Logan Courie and Cade Ferguson for Lot 7 Brentwood Estates Section 1 for \$280,000
7/25 - Grant Property Holdings, LLC to Janvi Enterprises, LLC, 0.75 Acre, Kentucky Highway 22 for \$1,340,000
7/25 - Lemon Northcutt Land Company to Brandon S. Covey, Jamie M. Covey, Tyler L. Twehues, Sarah Twehues and Sarah M. Twehues, 0.1644 Acres Spillman Drive for \$1.00
7/28 - Anna Marie Arnold Pelley, Anna Marie Arnold and Michael Pelly Fillmore to Christa Hall and Courtney Amber Wilson, 2.1329 Acres Kentucky Route 467 for \$250,000
7/28 - Steven Mains and Phyllis Mains to Word Investments, LLC, Lot 18 Alexander Subdivision for \$15,000
7/28 - Michael Evans and Michael E. Evans to Jillaine Cooper, 5.3175 Acres Turner Road 14.0448 Acres Turner Road for \$130,000
7/29 - TOC, LLC to EARP Enterprises, LLC, Lots 92 - 95 Section 3 Thoroughbred Run Subdivision for

\$170,000
7/29 - Barbara Louise McClain and Judy Ann McClain to Stuart Streck and Jennifer Streck, 174 A & 30 Poles Bracht and Robinson TP for \$10,000
7/30 - James A. Dalhover Estate, John S. Dalhover Executor and Melissa Dalhover to Freddy Wilson, Jr. Lot 20 Willow Glen Subdivision for \$192,000
7/30 - Christina Thornberry and Tyler Thornberry to Tyler Thornberry and Christina Thornberry Trust, Tyler Thornberry, Co-trustee and Christina Thornberry Co-trustee, 56.0085 Acres Violet Road and 18.82 Acres Violet Road for \$1.00
7/30 - Tyler Thornberry and Christina Thornberry to Tyler Thornberry and Christina Thornberry Trust, Tyler Co-trustee and Christina Co-trustee, 16.995 Acres Violet Road and LT 1 Archie Coldiron for \$1.00
7/30 - Tyler Thornberry and Christina Thornberry to Tyler Thornberry and Christina Thornberry Trust, Tyler Co-trustee and Christina Co-trustee, Lots 16 - 17 Kenneth Ruby Subdivision for \$1.00
7/30 - Tyler Thornberry and Christina Thornberry to Tyler Thornberry and Christina Thornberry Trust, Tyler Co-trustee and

Christina Co-trustee, Lots 18 - 20 Kenneth Ruby Subdivision for \$1.00
7/30 - Mickey Chasteen to Cynthia Jo McNab, Lot 39 Summerfield Subdivision Section 1 for \$290,000

MARRIAGES

7/24 - Savanna Grace Emrick to Jonathon Dalton Bruner

7/28 - Sandra Nicole Hughes to Michael Lloyd Britton
7/28 - Sophia Grace Hammond to Evan George Dunaway
7/28 - Savannah Paige Patterson to Nicholas Troy Vanderhoof
7/30 - Zoey Elizabeth Clair Campbell to James Matthew Wade

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

The Williamstown Board of Education's unaudited Financial Report for 2024-2025 can be found on the school web site @ www.williamstown.kyschools.us per KRS 424.220.

/s/ John Slone
John Slone, Superintendent

/s/ Dean Faulkner
Dean Faulkner, Director of District Operations

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