

# •PLAYGROUND

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**Spouses of PTO officers, including Jacob Logsdon, helped to refurbish and install the equipment.**

everyone’s hard work.

“I’m so glad that we have been able to complete a goal that Bonnieville families have had for such a long time,” Savannah said. “Thank you to each person who ever donated time or money to help reach this milestone! Seeing the kids excited and happy while running up the hill to the playground is the ultimate payoff for all the long hours and hard work of

volunteering that we have all put into this project. I hope that joy continues for years to come!”

For the PTO of Bonnieville Elementary School, the accomplishment is as rewarding as it is long-awaited.

“I think Erika speaks for everyone in saying how thankful we are that we were able to do this,” Brooke said. “It has been a dream come true.”

# •COURT

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court that the surplus auction brought just over \$20,000 and thanked Cameron Nunn and Doug Wells for their help with the auction.

Animal Shelter Director Tony Roberts reported that due to many adoptions, the shelter was down to 56 dogs. He also stated that if all paperwork gets finished, the groundbreaking for the new Hart County Animal Haven will be in about two weeks.

Road Supervisor Kelly Rosser stated that mowing and boom mowing were ongoing. He also stated that pot hole patching, chip seal, and blacktopping were on schedule.

In other business, the court approved:

- Changing E. Possum Hollow Road to J W Wilkerson Road;

- Hart County 2025 Emergency Operations Plan;

- Set the 2025 tax rate

at 9.4% which is down from 9.5% last year;

- 1st reading relating to street legal special purpose vehicles;

- Accepted \$302,000 from the KYTC for black topping county roads;

- Acknowledged the 2023 Sheriffs Tax audit;

- Acknowledged Hart County Solid Waste 22/23 and 23/24 audits;

- Hired Mekhi Hampton at the road department at \$15 per hour and part time help at the road department, Curtis Gamble, Cole Beeler, and Josh Beatty, at \$20 per hour.

Judge Choate informed everyone that a public hearing for the Hart County Comprehensive Plan will be in Horse Cave on September 10.

The court’s next meeting will be 9 a.m. Tuesday, August 26 in the courtroom.

# Community Rallies Around Olivia Martin and Family

By **Mary Beth Sallee**  
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The local community is coming together to support one-year-old Olivia Martin, who was recently diagnosed with leukemia in July.

Olivia’s parents, Candace and Clinton Martin, have been by her side as mounting expenses add to the challenges of their daughter’s treatment. Olivia is also the

little sister of Kylie Jessie, who has been cheering her on through this fight.

Two benefit events have been organized to help ease the family’s burden and show support during this difficult time.

## Hart County Benefit

The first event will be held on Saturday, September 27, 2025,

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**Olivia Martin was recently diagnosed with leukemia. Two benefits will be held to support Olivia and her family.**

# •LAWSUIT

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sexual words, including clitoris, vagina, and abortion. Various other pages depicted large breasts that could be colored and a maze regarding abortion in Texas.

The Terrys argue that the material was “wholly inappropriate” for a child of their daughter’s age and caused her embarrassment, shame, and humiliation.

They further claim Planned Parenthood’s actions deprived them of the right to decide when and how to discuss sexual topics

with their child.

The suit names the Kentucky Science Center, Planned Parenthood Great Northwest, Hawai’i, Alaska, Indiana, Kentucky, Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates, and the Planned Parenthood Federation of America as defendants. Allegations include negligence, intentional infliction of emotional distress, and violation of Kentucky’s statute prohibiting the distribution of obscene material to minors.

According to the lawsuit, Planned

Parenthood Alliance Advocates CEO Jennifer Allen initially denied distributing the book at the event but later acknowledged that a staff member “inadvertently” provided the materials. Allen apologized for the incident and said the organization was reviewing internal protocols.

The Kentucky Science Center also issued a statement saying Planned Parenthood failed to submit its materials for vetting and arrived late to the event, which “made it difficult to assess the

materials.”

The lawsuit further states that this is not the first time Planned Parenthood has been accused of distributing the “Planned Parenthood Coloring + Activity Book” to minors.

At an event in Oregon around April of this year, Planned Parenthood representatives distributed the coloring book to children who were attending the event. The Terrys are seeking damages, including punitive damages, and have requested a jury trial.

# •CAVERNA

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the comment section, Caverna schools state in response to a comment that “the incident at Trooper Island was investigated by the State Police” and said students need to report any incidents of bullying or violence.

“We can confirm that this matter was never reported to Caverna Administration,” the statement reads. “Therefore, no investigation or disciplinary action has been taken at this time. We urge anyone with knowledge of this or any other incident to report it immediately to the proper authorities.”

The statement, which came on the heels of a commentary published in the *Barren County Progress* revealing several violent incidents under the school’s supervision, confirmed the other incidents did occur.

“Yes, there was an incident in 2021 in Caverna Middle School boys’ restroom involving a physical altercation between multiple middle school students. This incident was recorded on video.”

Caverna officials say law enforcement was notified “immediately” and an investigation was conducted, which resulted in two individuals being formally charged with assault.

The statement also confirms the other situation occurring at Trooper Island that BCP has previously confirmed led to the team’s removal from the island in the middle of the night following calls made to 911, which have been described as crank calls from a phone that Caverna staff were unaware a student was in possession of while on the island.

“...there was an incident at Trooper’s Island involving two brothers who had recently enrolled in our school system. These students became involved in physical aggression and fighting during the trip. Again, law enforcement was contacted and investigated. The two

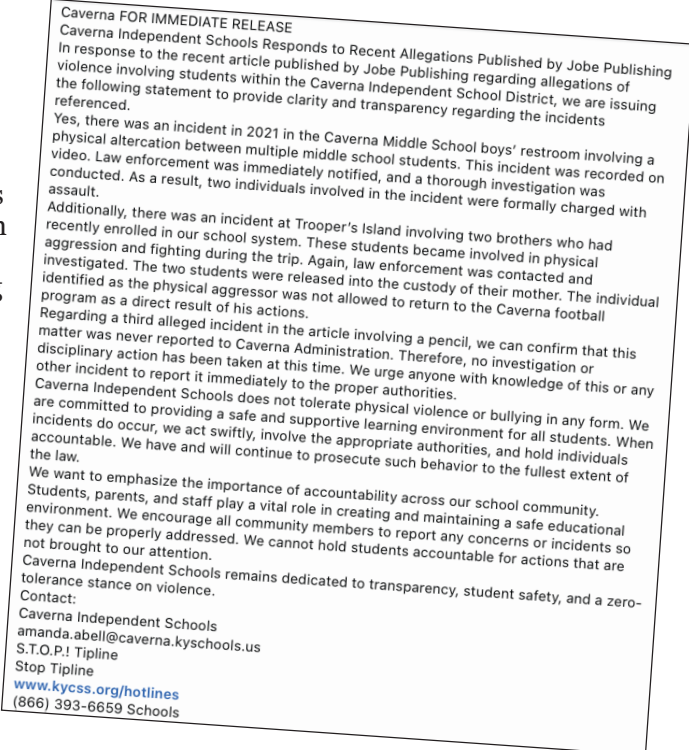
students were released into the custody of their mother. The individual identified as the physical aggressor was not allowed to return to the Caverna football program as a direct result of his actions.”

“Caverna Independent Schools does not tolerate physical violence or bullying in any form...When incidents do occur, we act swiftly, involve the appropriate authorities, and hold individuals accountable. We have and will continue to prosecute such

behavior to the fullest extent of the law,” the statement reads.

To report information, Caverna notes to contact Superintendent Amanda Abell at amanda.abell@caverna.kyschools.us or the S.T.O.P. Tipline at www.kycss.org/hotlines or by calling 866-393-6659.

\* *Publisher’s Note: There are discrepancies in the statement issued by Caverna Independent Schools that will be addressed in an upcoming publication.*



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