

# Hometown fans to see Miss Madison's season opener

BY PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

The Miss Madison Racing team has re-tooled and is ready to make its H1 Unlimited season debut in front of its hometown fans at Madison this weekend at the Madison Regatta.

The team blew up an engine and failed to complete a lap of testing at the season opener in Guntersville, Alabama, in early June. But that race was ruled a no-contest due to high wind and few teams had a chance to get much water time.

With one engine destroyed and another unable to start, the team needed a new engine. As a result, the team has acquired an engine and a gearbox from Dave Bartush of Detroit, the same boat owner that the team leased its current hull from, the former Miss Budweiser T-3.

Miss Madison rookie driver Brandon Kennedy failed to complete a lap at Guntersville and still needs to qualify as an H1 driver. Under H1 rules, Kennedy must run 15 total laps, 10 of which need to be at 130 mph, to pass driver qualification.

Testing for the 75th Madison Regatta begins at noon on Friday.

## 'SHARKY' MAKES ITS RETURN

The BWR Racing Team



Courier file

**The former Oh Boy! Oberto/Miss Madison hull known as "Sharky," acquired last offseason by BWR Racing Team, will race at Madison as the U-27 Miss Apollo with Dave Villwock driving.**

announced that it will be campaigning the former Miss Madison hull affectionately known as "Sharky" at the Madison race this weekend.

BWR Racing owner Bruce Ratchford purchased all of the Miss Madison racing equipment in the offseason, including the 2007-vintage hull that ran for nearly a decade with a shark motif on the front as the Oh Boy! Oberto.

BWR Racing was planning to use Sharky as a backup, and ongoing repairs on the team's U-27 Miss Apollo from a wreck at Guntersville forced the boat into service.

With 24 wins, Sharky is the fourth-winningest Unlimited

hydroplane of all time and is responsible for the Miss Madison team's rise to glory. Drivers Steve David and Jimmy Shane won a combined seven National High Points championships in the boat.

Dave Villwock, the sport's winningest driver with 67 career wins, will pilot the boat at Madison.

The inclusion of Sharky means that half of the six boats at this weekend's Madison Regatta will be either current or former Miss Madisons. Andrew Tate will steer the 2018-vintage U-91 Goodman Real Estate, the defending Madison and national champion, at the race.



Photo courtesy of Owen County History Museum

**Harold and Margie England, pose for a photo with their children Betsy, Susan, Margina and Gilbert on one of the course's first electric golf carts in 1964.**

## Fairway G.C. to celebrate 65th anniversary in August

BY MALLORY HARDEST

WHEATLEY, Ky. — Northern Kentucky is known for its wide-open spaces. Owen County has acres of sprawling farmland and a tight-knit community where everyone knows your name.

Before 1960, Fairway Golf Course was one of these sprawling farms with a tobacco field, a corn field, and plenty of space for livestock to roam. Now, 65 years later, it is one of the many thriving small businesses that Owen County has to offer.

The land was purchased by Harold England in 1959, who mowed a small area of farmland to function as a driving range for him and his friends. With the encouragement of his friends, England decided to turn the farmland into a golf course.

Fairway Golf Course was developed by England in 1960 and opened to members in July of the same year. England and his son, Gilbert England, have developed more than 40 golf courses throughout Kentucky, Indiana, and Tennessee including Sunrise Falls Golf Course in Madison, Indiana.

The course started as a nine-hole, with the current 18th green being the original green for the ninth hole. In 1963, England expanded to course by adding another 9 holes and as well as motorized golf carts the next year.

The course was the only one in the area for the first several years of its existence. Many golfers from Owen, Carroll, Trimble, Henry, and Gallatin counties learned to play the game on the rolling hills of Fairway Golf Course.

While the course has changed drastically since it first opened, one thing has remained the same. Fairway Golf Course is known for its family atmosphere that greets visitors as soon as they pull into the parking lot. The course is still

owned and operated by Gilbert England, and the pro shop is staffed by Owen County locals who aim to share the love of golf to everyone who walks through the doors.

Fairway has opened the doors for many in the area and the surrounding counties to learn the game including numerous school-age players who ended up playing the game for life. The relaxed atmosphere brings families and friends alike to tee off time and time again. The course is hosts various community events, scrambles and high school tourneys allowing everyone in the community to come together and enjoy the game of golf.

This year, the course celebrates its 65th year anniversary and will host the annual Harold England tournament in memory of its founder and original owner and pro. The course is still owned and operated by the Englands, with several long-time employees, including Richard Hardesty and Virginia Wilson, ensuring that the course remains a great space for the community.

Fairway Golf Course has grown in a humble community and has continued to thrive. I was born and raised on Fairway Golf Course and have played thousands of rounds of golf on the course. The Harold England tournament, which will be held Aug. 2-3, is sure to bring a weekend full of fanfare and excitement for all who attend.

Mallory Hardesty is a native of Owen County who is currently located in Chicago for graduate school. She grew up across from the golf course on KY 227 in Wheatley.

# Wildlife officials urge boater safety ahead of July 4 holiday

BY PAXTON MEIA GROUP

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Kentucky Fish and Wildlife game wardens will step up patrols on state waterways during the Independence Day holiday as part of a national effort to curb boating under the influence.

The increased enforcement comes as part of "Operation Dry Water," an annual campaign aimed at reducing alcohol- and drug-related boating incidents during one of the busiest recreational weekends of the year, according to a news release from the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

"Vessel operators decide whether to drink alcohol and boat under the influence, and many times the decision

to do so has deadly results," said Maj. David Marques, assistant director of Law Enforcement for the department. "Our game wardens will be out on the water throughout the holiday to observe for those who may show impairment not just from alcohol but from drugs as well."

The release noted that environmental factors such as sun, wind, noise, and motion can intensify the effects of alcohol and drugs, potentially impairing judgment, reaction time, balance and vision for boaters and passengers.

In 2024, more than 7,000 officers from 485 agencies nationwide participated in Operation Dry Water. During the three-day effort, they made contact with nearly 300,000 boaters,

issued more than 43,000 citations and warnings, and made 584 BUI arrests, the release said.

Boaters are encouraged to review Kentucky's boating laws in the Kentucky Fishing and Boating Guide, available online at fw.ky.gov and at license vendors. Operation Dry Water is coordinated by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators, based in Lexington, in partnership with the U.S. Coast Guard and state and local agencies.

For emergencies on the water, officials advise calling 911. Non-emergency assistance is available at 800-25-ALERT (800-252-5378), or through local law enforcement or Kentucky State Police posts. Marine channel 16 can also be used to contact local marinas.

## TIKILIVE

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come here any time and have a fun and enjoyable experience.

"The food is being provided by Butch's BBQ on Wednesday through Fridays, and then Hot Mess Grill takes over on the weekends. We'll be opening around dinner time each day, and we're looking to have live music going during early hours, something like an acoustic player singing Buffett songs, something like that. Then the karaoke will take over about 8 p.m.

"And of course, we will continue to have high quality live music upstairs at TimelessLIVE a couple of days a week. We've been fine-tuning our music offerings since we've been open, and we're starting to focus more on special event type shows, with bands who have a strong following, or acts that bring something a little unique to the mix.

"We feel like this first floor addition with the tiki bar and karaoke kind of completes the package. Now people will know they can come here Wednesday through Sunday and find good food, live music, and a fun vibrant atmosphere that's perfect for a group of friends or out of town guests. There are so many things to do in Madison these days, it really is the perfect weekend getaway."



Charlie Rohlfing

**Chip Binzer, of the Slick River Rockets, with the sculpture that inspired the band's first CD cover**

### ON ANOTHER MUSICAL NOTE

One of Madison's favorite live performance bands, the Slick River Rockets, had their first ever album release party at Thomas Family Winery last Saturday. If you've never seen this super fun ensemble playing their version of rockabilly at the always cozy and welcoming Thomas Winery, you're missing out on a quintessential Music City experience.

The band, consisting of Chip Binzer, Brook Rein-dollar, Rick Bennett, Bill Lancton and Eric Phagan, have been getting together to perform live for many years now, but they'd never taken the time to record their efforts for posterity. This first album was a labor of love, a long time coming.

"It was actually Dennis O'Neal who provided the push," explains Chip. "He has a recording studio here in town and he'd been bugging us for years to do an album. Then one day he just showed up at my frame shop and asked, 'So when are we doing this?'"

"We picked a few of our favorite perennial old rock songs, and then Eric, Bill, Rick and Brook all provided some original material. I'm super happy with how it came out. I did all the artwork for the CD cover, based on a retro rocket sculpture I've had for a long time. It just feels really good to get some of our music recorded for posterity. The music is available on all the online streaming platforms, plus I have the CDs for sale at the frame shop if anybody wants one."

### HOT TIP OF THE WEEK

Go check out the expanded music scene at TimelessLIVE this week. In addition to the upstairs music shows they now have a tiki bar serving food and drinks, plus karaoke after 8 p.m. It's a whole Masonic Lodge full of fun and music now! Of course the big music news in Madison this weekend is the huge Roostertail Music Festival at Bicentennial Park, Thursday through Saturday. It's popular country music this year, which is a great fit with the hydroplane racing that will be going on each day during the Madison Regatta. But if you want to check

out some smaller music venues, there's still plenty of that going on, all around town. The Rockin Cowboyz band up on the hilltop at Tailgators is especially fun with their pint-sized 12-year-old lead guitarist! Check it out.

Charlie Rohlfing is a retired advertising man and partner in The Red Bicycle Hall music venue. Look for his distinctive fedora bobbing above the crowd, anywhere live local music is happening.

### MUSIC EVENTS SCHEDULE

Friday, July 4

Imposters  
Riverboat Inn — Joe & Deano (8-11 p.m.)  
Mad Paddle Brewstillery — Karaoke (8 p.m.)  
Rivertown Grill — The Keith Swinney Band (10 p.m.-2 a.m.)  
Timeless LIVE! — Glow Party with DJ Dolla Bill (8 p.m.-2:30 a.m.)

Tailgators — Rockin Cowboyz (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)  
Roostertail Music Festival – Randy Houser headlining (6 p.m.-Midnight)

Saturday, July 5

1st Street Saloon — L&L Karaoke  
Rivertown Grill — Highway 9 Blues Band (10:30 p.m.-2:30 a.m.)  
Madison Farmers Market — Connor Dermon (10 a.m.-Noon)

Riverboat Inn — Zach Hackney  
Central — Ragtop Deluxe  
Roostertail Music Festival – Dustin Lynch headlining 5 p.m.-Midnight)

Sunday, July 6

Rivertown Grill — Jake Miller (8-11 p.m.)  
Central — Jimmy Davis Band

LEGAL NOTICE

City of Milton, Kentucky  
Ordinance #1, Series 2025  
AN ORDINANCE ADOPT-  
ING THE CITY OF MILTON  
ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE  
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025  
THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026,  
MAKING APPROPRI-  
ATIONS FOR THE FISCAL  
YEAR PURSUANT TO KRS  
91A.030.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to KRS 91A.030, the City of Milton is required to adopt a budget for the fiscal year based on the anticipated revenues to be received and defining and appropriating the necessary funds for the expenditure of monies during the said fiscal year, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Milton has reviewed the budget proposal as presented to the City Commissioners with a budget message,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** by the City of Milton as follows:

That the annual budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 is hereby adopted as follows:

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>
REVENUES--\$234,461.37
EXPENDITURES--\$234,461.37
<b>MUNICIPAL STATE AID ROAD FUND</b>
REVENUES--\$54,000.00
EXPENDITURES--\$54,000.00
<b>WATER DEPARTMENT MAINTENANCE FUND</b>
REVENUES--\$1,406,900.00
EXPENDITURES--\$1,406,900.00
<b>SEWER DEPARTMENT MAINTENANCE FUND</b>
REVENUES--\$90,000.00
EXPENDITURES--\$90,000.00

That this Ordinance take effect from and after its enactment and approval. First reading taking place on June 19, 2025.

Second reading taking place on June 24, 2025. Date of Publication: July 4, 2025

Approved:

/s/ Denny Jackson

Mayor Denny Jackson

Attest /s/ Angela Dunaway

City Clerk/Treasurer

Commissioners voting for:

Lee Carson

Troy Alexander

Leah Carson

Denny Jackson

Lynn Comeaux

Commissioners voting against:

None

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LEGAL NOTICE

Housing Authority of Car-  
rollton Invitation  
to Bid on Surplus Property

The Housing Authority of Car-  
rollton will be accepting sealed  
bids on surplus property: 2001  
DODGE RAM 2500 Truck, V-  
8, 5.9L, Auto,2WD, Mileage  
87,139. It can be seen at the  
Housing Authority of Carroll-  
ton, 534 Main Street, Mainte-  
nance Warehouse. A Bid Pack-  
et can be picked up at 1201  
9th Street, location, or you can  
call the Housing Authority Of-  
fice at 502-732-4330 or 502-  
662-0239. Pictures are also  
available. Bids must be placed  
in a sealed envelope with  
"BID" and "Surplus Property"  
clearly written on the front of  
the envelope and mailed to  
P.O. Box 305, Carrollton, KY  
41008 or dropped off at 1201  
9th Street. Bids must be re-  
ceived by 10:00 A.M. on July  
10,2025 and will be opened  
on July 11, 2025, at 10:00 AM  
at the Housing Authority of  
Carrollton, at 1201 9th Street,  
Carrollton, KY 41008. Inquir-  
ies regarding the items can be  
made to 502-732-4330 or 502-  
662-0239, Pat Baker, Director.  
The Housing Authority of Car-  
rollton reserves the right to re-  
ject any and all bids. Surplus  
property is to be sold "As Is".

Housing Authority of Carroll-  
ton Surplus Property Bid Form  
Bidder:

Address:

Telephone #:

Items Bidding On:

Bid Amount:

LEGAL NOTICE

City of Milton, Kentucky  
Ordinance #2, Series 2025  
ORDINANCE SETTING TAX  
RATE AND LEVYING AD  
VALOREM TAXES

**WHEREAS** the City of Milton is authorized to enact taxing legislations pursuant to Chapter 92, Kentucky Re-vised Statutes,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF MILTON** as follows:

**1.** That pursuant to KRS 132.285, the City of Milton does hereby provide that the assessment made by the Property Valuation Adminis-  
trator of the County of Trimble for State and County pur-  
poses shall be adopted as the assessment for City of Milton purposes and that City tax bills shall be made from the County of Trimble list and the said Property Valuation Ad-  
ministrator's Books as provided in said section of the Kentucky Revised Statutes.

**2.** That ad valorem ta,xes shall be levied on all real prop-  
erty for 2025 as shmvn by the aforesaid assessment and shall be levied on all real prop-  
erty commencing with the tax year 2025 and, thereafter, for residents of the City of Milton and the tax rate for the tax year is set and established at eleven and nine-tenths (\$OJ 19) cents per one hundred dollars of valuation.

**3.** That any franchise granted in whole or in part by the City of Milton and exercised within the City is taxed at the above rate.

**4.** That the purpose of said taxes is fixed, set, established, and levied for general revenues and all moneys are to be paid to the City of Milton same to be paid into the general revenue fund of the said City of Milton.

**5.** The City of Milton shall enforce collection of any tax bill due by the procedures author-  
ized under the provisions offKRS 91.474 to KRS 91.527.

**a.)** Tax bills shall be payable in October after they are lis-  
ted with the tax receiver for collection and shall become delinquent on January 1 of the following year.

**b.)** The taxes paid before November 1 may be reduced by discounts not to exceed two percent (2%).

**c.)** All tax bills uncollected on January 1 which were listed with the tax receiver shall thereafter bear a penalty of five percent (5%) through January 31. Thereafter, a pen-  
alty of ten percent (10%) of the face of the bill shall be ad-  
ded to all unpaid tax bills.

INTRODUCED AND GIVEN  
FIRST READING at a duly  
convened meeting of the  
Milton City Commission,  
Milton, Kentucky, held on the  
19th day of June, 2025.

GIVEN SECOND READING  
AND ADOPTED at a duly  
convened meeting of the  
Milton City Commission,  
Milton, Kentucky on the 24th  
day of June, 2025.

PUBLISHED ON: July 4,  
2025.

Approved:  
/s/ Denny Jackson  
Mayor Denny Jackson

Attest /s/ Angela Dunaway  
City Clerk/Treasurer

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