



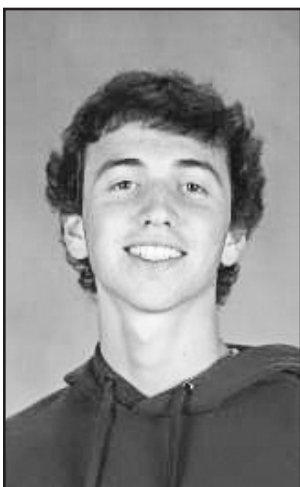
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Webster County High School Students Selected For Summer Programs

Webster County Schools has announced that four students have been chosen for the Governor’s Scholar Program and the Governor’s School for Entrepreneurs summer programs.

Junior Mylee Whitledge has been chosen to attend the Governor’s Scholar Program (GSP),

and Junior Reagan Corbett is an alternate. Sophomore Rex Whitsell and Junior Eli Stone were selected to attend the Governor’s School for Entrepreneurs.

The GSP and GSE programs are highly competitive and allow the state to develop its next civic and economic leaders and entre-

preneurs. Students will spend several weeks in residence on one of the state college campuses learning and exploring different areas of interest. They will also qualify for scholarships from Kentucky’s universities and colleges by attending the program.

Native Languages Saved Thousands Of Lives During World War II

By Tommy Druen

When the United States entered World War II, it quickly became clear that winning wouldn’t depend solely on firepower. It would require something far more subtle: secrecy. Our military faced a critical vulnerability—not in troops or equipment, but in language. The Axis powers had proven themselves adept at intercepting communications and cracking codes. It is often said that knowledge is power, but in warfare, information means survival. Allied encryption methods were too slow. Codes were too fragile. What we needed wasn’t just security—it was speed and secrecy rolled into one.

The War Depart-

ment knew it had to try something radically different. Fortunately, America had an asset our adversaries did not—our Indigenous peoples. In 1942, the Marine Corps recruited twenty-nine young Navajo men, fluent in their native tongue, and tasked them with creating an unbreakable code based on their language. It worked. The Navajo Code Talkers transmitted thousands of vital messages across the Pacific Theater. Not one was ever deciphered.

Other Native nations, including the Comanche, Lakota, and Cree, made similar contributions in Europe. There’s a certain poetic justice in that. For generations, Native languages had been

suppressed, mocked, or forcibly erased. But in this moment, that same culture—so often overlooked—helped save the lives of thousands of Americans and win the war.

It’s a story I come back to often—because it reminds me how powerful and precious language can be. But I also know how language can exclude just as easily as it can protect. Words matter. Language can divide or unite, conceal or reveal, depending on how and when it’s used.

A while back, I read about a seminar offered to professional women, designed to explain the sports metaphors commonly used in corporate America. These were women with advanced degrees from top institutions—yet they were

lost in meetings not because of lack of ability, but because of how things were being said. Phrases like “full-court press” or “swing for the fences” seem innocuous if you grew up glued to ESPN. But for others, you might as well be speaking Klingon. It’s not about intelligence; it’s about access. Intentional or not, language can become a gatekeeper.

And it’s not just sports. Every profession, every subculture, every group has its own dialect. Education, law, medicine, IT—they’re all full of acronyms and shorthand that turn insiders into a tribe and relegate outsiders to being observers.

But nowhere do I find this dynamic more troubling than in matters of faith.

As a Christian, more specifically a Baptist, I grew up in church, becoming fluent in the vocabulary of my denomination. Words like “fellowship,” “salvation,” and “communion” feel second nature. But I sometimes wonder how those words sound to someone who’s never darkened the door of a sanctuary. Do they land with warmth and clarity—or do they confuse, intimidate, and distance?

Nearly every religion

and denomination say they want to be welcoming. And I believe them to be sincere in that sentiment. Yet too often, the language of faith serves as a velvet rope. Not because of what we believe, but because of how we say it.

There’s a quote attributed to George Eliot that resonates with me: “The finest language is mostly made up of simple, unimposing words.” It’s a truth we’d do well to remember—not only in our pulpits, but in our boardrooms, classrooms, and living rooms.

In times of war, speaking in code can

save lives. But in times of peace—or at least, in the day-to-day moments of community and connection—we ought to aim for something else entirely. Not encryption, but invitation. Not mystery, but meaning. Maybe our challenge today isn’t to come up with the perfect words, but to strip them down. To stop speaking in riddles when clarity will do. To remember that the first rule of good communication isn’t to impress—it’s to connect.

Because if our words build walls instead of bridges, then we’ve forgotten what language is for in the first place.

Webster County Health Notes

By Pam Hunter, Facilitator

May Is Stroke Awareness Month

Learn the signs, you may save a life.

Considering the fact that nearly 800,000 people suffer from strokes every year, it stands to reason that we should understand at least the basics of this type of attack on one’s health. Sometimes called a “brain attack,” a stroke is the result of a loss of blood flow to the brain due to a blockage of some kind.

Time is the most important ingredient in a successful stroke treatment. The longer it takes for a stroke to be diagnosed means the longer the brain cells will be deprived of essential oxygen.

A Stroke Scale is used to identify a stroke and take the needed action. The scale addresses the F.A.S.T. approach to diagnosis:

F- Face: Has their face fallen on one side? Can they smile?

A-Arms: Can they raise both arms above their head and keep them there?

S-Speech: Is their speech clear or slurred?

T-Time: Call for help as soon as you recognize the signs.

The main source of treatment for a stroke is to restore blood flow to the brain. This could be done through intravenous lines and administering oxygen. If it is

an ischemic stroke then they may administer thrombolytic therapy to restore normal blood flow. In many cases, if this type of treatment is applied within the first three hours of symptoms appearing then there is a very good chance of a full recovery.

Dealing with a stroke can be a frightening thing for anyone. Without at least a basic knowledge stroke diagnosis and treatment, you won’t know what to do. However, for those who have learned stroke basics, the chance of recovering or helping

someone to recover are quite high.

Support, love and listen to those dealing with recovering from strokes, it’s important for their daily tasks.

Remember Mom’s Sunday 11 Gifts are nice...But love, hugs and time with them are unforgettable!

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wife and husband; DOROTHY A. HATLER;
MARTHA JANE HERRIN; JEFFREY DAVID HERRIN
and JENNIFER HERRIN, husband and wife;
JENNIFER LAYNE DILLON and LARRY DILLON
and LARRY DILLON, wife and husband; and
DEBORAH GAIL HAWKINS and ADAM HAWKINS,
wife and husband; and NELDA J. DRIVER

PLAINTIFFS

vs.
CHARLET HIBBS; DONNA THRELKELD;
ONA GAYLE FRASER; MELANIE ANNE FRASER;
EMORY E. HERRIN and PHYLLIS HERRIN, husband and wife.

RE-NOTICE OF SALE.

The scheduled sale of the following property was set for Thursday, May 8, 2025. However, the Sebree Banner failed to advertise the sale on Wednesday April 23. (See Exhibit A). The local rules state that sales must be advertised in the three (3) weeks preceding the sale. Therefore, by virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Webster Circuit Court on the 23rd DAY OF AUGUST, 2024, I will on **THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2025**, at the hour of **11:00 A.M.** or as soon thereafter as possible at the Courthouse door in the City of Dixon, Webster County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following described real property located in Webster County, Kentucky, to-wit:

**Property Address: New Hopewell Church Road
PVA No. / Map No.: 010-006-000.**

The current year's property taxes will be paid by the purchaser of the property.

Purchaser may pay cash or said property will be sold upon payment of 10% deposit, with the balance upon credit of 30 days, the purchaser shall execute a good and sufficient bond with approved surety thereon for the purchase price, the bond to bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date thereof, until paid, and to have the force and effect of a judgment, but a lien shall be retained on said property to further secure the payment of the purchase price. At his option, the purchaser may pay cash or pay the bond with accrued interest at any time before its maturity. Said sale to be made free and clear of any and all liens, claims, rights, title, and interest of any and all parties to this action. The purchaser will be prepared to promptly comply with these terms or the said property will immediately be offered again for sale.

GIVEN under my hand this the 28th day of April, 2025.

STEPHEN M. ARNETT, Master Commissioner
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Brandon Jones

Brandon Eden Jones, 56 of Clay passed away Sunday May 4, 2025 at his home.

Brandon was born in Providence on October 10, 1968 to C. B. and Barbara Jones. He was a mechanic and worked at 5 Star Electric.

He is preceded in death by his father, C. B. in 2020 and his brother, Lemmy in 2022.

He is survived by his mother, Barbara Jones; daughter, Raichel Jones (Kristen Kelly); and son, Ty Jones (Madeylyn



Hackney), all of Clay.

Funeral Services will be Friday, May 9, 2025 at 1:00 PM at Vanover Funeral Home with Bro. Jason Buckman and Bro. Robert Woodring officiating.

Burial will be in Oddfellows Cemetery in Clay.

Visitation will be Thursday, May 8, 2025 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM and Friday 9:00 AM to service time at the funeral home.

Online condolences can be made at www.vanoverfuneralhome.com

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PUBLIC NOTICE

BID NOTICE

The Webster County Ambulance Board a/k/a Webster County Ambulance Taxing District is accepting sealed bids for roof repair and water damage repair projects at its EMS base located at 773 US Highway 41A, Dixon, Kentucky 42409. Bids and/or proposals being sought should be from qualified, licensed, and insured contractors.

Specifications include the following:

- Removing existing metal roof in its entirety
- Adding temporary bracing to existing trusses as metal is removed to ensure building remains square
- Install lumber joists on 2 inch center with hangers between trusses
- Install 2 inch x 4 inch x 20 foot lumber on 2 inch centers standard lumber purlins over existing trusses
- Install new 24 gauge max rib metal panes with kynar finish over entire roof (metal panels must have 2 year installation warranty with 20 year paint finish warranty)
- Install moisture barrier
- Remove and replace existing gutter

For office 1 –

- Remove and replace approximately 175 square foot of ½ inch drywall on walls and ceiling,
- Paint walls and ceiling in entire room

For bedroom 1 –

- Remove and replace approximately 32 square foot of ½ inch drywall
- Paint walls and ceiling in entire room

For bedroom 2 –

- Remove and replace approximately 90 square feet of ½ inch drywalls
- Paint walls and ceiling in entire room

For bedroom 3 –

- Remove and replace approximately 180 square feet of ½ inch drywall
- Paint walls and ceiling in entire room
- Hallway
- Remove and replace approximately 32 square feet of ½ inch drywall
- Paint walls and ceiling in entire hallway
- Training Room
- Remove and replace approximately 220 square feet of ½ inch drywall
- Paint walls and ceiling in entire room

Requests for Proposals will be made available to all interested parties. Interested parties may contact Kerry Daniel, Chairman, Webster County Ambulance Board, kd.webco.ems@gmail.com.

The award will be made on the basis of best value. Bids shall be publicly opened and read aloud at a special called meeting of the Webster County Ambulance Board at 773 US Highway 41A, Dixon, Kentucky 42409 on May 15, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. All bids and shall be received no later than May 15, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. (Central Time). All bids received after the designated time will not be considered. Bids must be in writing and mailed to and clearly marked: Proposal-Building Repair, Webster County Ambulance Board, c/o Kerry Daniel, PO Box 173, Sebree, KY 42455. Faxed or e-mailed bids are not acceptable.

All bids shall include a minimum of specifications for materials intended for use, proof of liability insurance coverage in an amount no less than \$1,000,000.00, proof of current business license, warranty details of work and materials as applicable, and a proposed work schedule. The Webster County Ambulance Board a/k/a Webster County Ambulance Taxing District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in accordance with KRS-45A. The award will be made on the basis of best value.

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