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"I am pleased to get this because I have been serving the federal government for many years," said Siler. "It's my pleasure to be in this organization, and see all the people who are very patriotic."

Judge Siler still serves on the United States Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit as a senior judge. He was recognized, according to Hayes, for his service in the United States Navy which began in 1957 and ended as a commander in the United States Navel Reserve in 1983. His patriotism was then displayed as Whitley County Attorney which he held until he was began federal service in 1970. He served as United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky until he was appointed to a joint seat on the

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky and the United States District Court for the Western District of Kentucky. He served as Chief Judge of the Eastern District from 1984 to 1991, and was placed on the Sixth Circuit upon his nomination by President George H.W. Bush on June 19, 1991.

Following the presentation, members of the local DAR chapter placed a commemorative wreath at the veteran memorial located in front of the courthouse. As part of the holiday gesture, young ladies from St. Aloysius distributed Christmas ornaments to veterans in attendance to thank them for their service.

The ceremony concluded with a musket salute performed by SAR members, honoring those whose lives were lost during the attack on Pearl Harbor and preserving the legacy of soldiers who stood in defense of the nation on that historic day.

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Upon arrest, according to LCSO, Davidson briefly struggled with deputies before being taken into custody. While being transported to the detention center, Davidson struck his head on the patrol vehicle's safety partition causing a minor laceration

to his forehead. Deputies diverted to a local hospital where he received medical attention, then was medically cleared and lodged in the Laurel County Correctional

With a not guilty plea entered at arraignment, Davidson is next scheduled to appear in Laurel District Court Tuesday morning. At press time, he remained lodged at LCCC in lieu of a \$25,000 bond.

#### GRADUATES Continued from page 1

graduate each year.

Shelton wrote in her application for the scholarship that she hoped to further her education by attending Eastern Kentucky University and majoring in Communications. Shelton wrote that she wanted to advocate for the unheard population.

"I want to give a voice to those people that aren't heard," read Laurel County Adult Education Director Tina Gabbard Cook.

Erica Couch was the recipient of a \$300 scholarship. She plans to attend the University of the Cumberlands to land a "stable and long term career."

Another \$300 scholarship was given to Kate Labhart, also from Laurel County, Labhart said in her application that she hoped to help others in her educational and career

Cook read parts of Labhart's essay

that stated: "I came from the bottom rung of the American economic ladder. I want to close the disparity between the wealthy and people like me" Labhart wants to major in Political Science to achieve that goal.

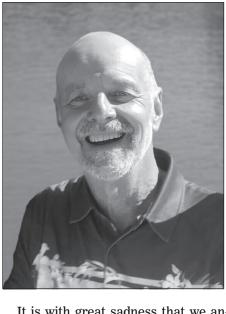
Jennifer Thompson also received a \$300 scholarship and pursue a better lifestyle for herself and for her children. Thompson said she had grown up with domestic violence in the home and she wanted a better future. She is the first person in her family to attend college.

Cook said the graduates each had their own stories, their own reasons for enrolling in Adult Education. She reminded them that their effort to improve their lives had paid off, regardless of their background.

Cook also credited the Laurel County Fiscal Court for their support to the program, the board members of the Adult Education program, and the friends and families of the graduates who had a role in the graduates' success.

## **OBITUARIES**

#### JEAN-MAURICE PAGE



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Jean-Maurice Pagé. He was born on December 19th, 1949, and passed away peacefully at home on November 23rd, 2025, surrounded by his family in Columbus, OH.

Jean-Maurice is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Michèle; his children, Maurice-Pierre (Tiffany), Alexandre (Charlotte), Marie-Josée (Chris), Andrée-Anne (Steve), and Jean -Michel; and his twelve cherished grandchildren: Taylor and Lucien, children of Maurice-Pierre and Tiffany; Alexa and Fitz, children of Alexandre and Charlotte; Hudson, Landon, Hadley, and Greyson, children of Andrée-Anne and Steve; and Peyton, Keaton, Jaxson, and Paxton, children of Marie-Josée and Chris. He also leaves behind two sisters and one brother, as well as two sisters-in-law and two brothers-in-law. He was preceded in death by his parents, Maurice and Rita Pagé.

Jean-Maurice graduated from the University of Montréal with a Doctorate of Medicine and went on to become an

Orthopedic Surgeon with a fellowship in hand surgery. He completed a master's degree in education at the University of Chicago and became a professor at the University of Montréal College of Medicine. He was an attending for the orthopedic residents and the president of the hospital's ethics committee. He helped many throughout his 44-year career working in Montréal, Canada and London, KY. He married his beloved wife, Michèle, in 1975, and together they raised five children, Maurice-Pierre, Alexandre, Marie-Josée, Andrée-Anne, and Jean-Michel.

Jean-Maurice was known for his hard-working nature, his constant thirst for knowledge and adventure, his love for his wife, and commitment to his family. Jean-Maurice was a master scuba-diver, a sailor, a skier, an airplane pilot, a hockey player, and an avid explorer. He was an incredible advisor, mentor, and teacher. He created endless opportunities for those around him. He was a committed church member and an exemplary member of his com-

Visitation hours will be held on December 20th, 2025, starting at 10:00 AM, followed by a mass at 12:00pm at St Simon and Jude Church in West Jefferson, OH. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations made to the Lewy-Body Dementia Association in Jean-Maurice's memory.

Jean-Maurice's kindness, generosity, hard work, mentorship, and love for his family will always be remembered by those who knew him. He was an extraordinary person who left his mark on We are whole-heartedly so many. grateful for the time we had with him and the memories we will carry in our hearts and minds forever.

A visitation will be held from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM on 2025-12-20 at St-Simon and Jude Catholic Church, 9350 High Free Pike.

## **PARADE**

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along the parade route, giving visitors a warm break from the cold.

As the parade stepped off, Main Street came alive with colorful lights, costumed characters and decorated vehicles showcasing the creativity of local organizations. One of the standout entries came from Whitley County Jailer Jason Wilson, whose themed float, "The Villain Vault," featured a locked-up Grinch, Jack Frost, and Maleficent — each sporting bright orange WCDC shirts.

Marching bands, twinkling floats, community groups and holiday characters filled the route from start to finish — offering plenty of cheer as spectators waved and snapped photos. The Corbin High School Marching Band added to the festive energy with holiday music echoing through downtown.

With a large crowd gathered along the sidewalks and no shortage of creativity from participants, this year's parade once again delivered a joyful start to the Christmas season in

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