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Alexandra Hazelwood, disregarding stop sign, fail to wear seat belts, fail of non owner op to maintain req in 1st, fail to produce ins card, fleeing or evading police 2nd degree on foot, op on susp/rev ops lic, op mv u/infal alc .08 1st, possess open alc bev container in a mv, ph 4/28 at 11am.

Amanda L Parks, reckless driving, op mv u/infal alc .08 1st, wanton endangerment 1st degree, ph 4/28 at 11am.

Beretta Templin, public intox controlled subs (excl alc), 90 days prob 2 yrs, nvl, have subs abuse assess upon comply w/all recomm.

Gavin Adams, careless driving, 6 mos div, nvl, complete clas through ca office, op veh with exp ops lic, dismissed.

Daarryl Brown, fail to produce ins card, dismissed.

Bobby Burton, no/exp reg plates, dismissed, no/exp Ky reg recpt, dismissed.

Gordon Devon, improper display of reg plates, dismissed.

Lorenzo Gene Hicks, fail to wear seat belts, pass 5/19 at 9am.

Gage Lewis, one headlight, dismissed, rear lic not illuminated, dismissed, no/exp reg plates, dismissed, no/exp Ky reg recpt, dismissed, improper display of reg plates, dismissed, fail to produce ins card, dismissed, fail of non owner op to maintain req ins 1st, dismissed.

Steve McNeal, poss cont sub 1st degree 1st off drug unspecified, ph 6/16 at 11am.

Shane Ray Middleton, alc intox in a public place 1st and 2nd, \$25 plus cc.

Kevin Dale Sturgill, no/exp reg plates, dismissed, no/exp Ky reg recpt, dismissed.

April Dawn Swanigan, other hearing, cont 6/2 at 9am.

Mary Elizabeth Wellman, tics 1stdegree 1st off (>= 2 gms methamphetamine), poss of marijuana, pj 6/23 at 11am.

Bradley Wright, fail of non owner op to maintain req ins 1t, 30 days prob 2 yrs, nvl, pay rest if any is owed.

Christopher Waymen, speeding 20mph over limit, careless driving, cts.

Dalton Davis, 71 counts violation of Ky EPO/DVO, 12 mos to serve.

Michelle Breann Dewitt, public intox controlled subs (excl alc), 90 days prob 2 yrs, nvl, have mental health and sub abuse eval comply w/ recommend, file proof of record comply w/ any treatment recommendations.

Joseph S Hamilton, criminal trespass 2nd degree, pass to 4/28 at

10am. Shannon Kimelton, reckless driving, merge, op mv u/infal alc .08 1st, fine \$200.

Braeden Lillard, assault 4th degree domestic violence minor injury, 24 mos div, nvl, no contact w/victim, have anger management assess, comply w/ recommendations, file proof.

Ashley Reed, disorderly conduct 2nd degree, resisting arrest, pass 4/28 at 10am.

Raymond Waddell, no/exp reg plates, op on susp/rev ops lic, fail of owner to maintain req is/sec 2nd or >, pass 5/12 at 10am.

Logan Young, probation revocation hearing, 6 mos to serve of 12 months, def stipulates to revocation.

Logan Young, assault 4th degree domestic violence minor injury, 12 os prob 2 yrs, nvl, no contact w/ victim, follow any and all cond of EPO/DVO.

Logan K Young, probation revocation hearing, 6 mos to serve of 12 months, def stipulates to revocation.

Brandon Barker, wanton endangerment 1st degree, probable cause found, bound to grand jury.

Brandon Kyle Barker, opmv u/infal alc .08 1st, fail of non owner op to maintain req ins 1st, probable cause found bound to grand jury.

Jacob A Bowes, op mv u/infal alc .08 1st, fine \$200, 30 days prob 2 yrs, nvl, poss of marijuana, \$25.

Taylor Ferguson, assault 4th degree minor injury, 12 mos prob 2 yrs, nvl, no unlawful contact, have anger management assess, comply w/ recomm.

Taylor Ferguson, fleeing or evading police 1st degree, mv, 12 mos prob 2 yrs, nvl.

Taylor Ferguson, speeding 5 mph over limit, \$5, plus cc, fail to wear seat belts, \$25.

Local book reseller has another big find, set for national publicity

By Cecil Lawson
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A Sharpsburg man who has had a string of luck finding valuable signed books has done it again.

Christopher Kidney, who has made the news over the past few weeks finding valuable signed copies of rare books, recently located another signed edition at the Goodwill Store in Morehead.

Kidney located a signed first edition copy of Oliver's North biography, Under Fire: An American Story, published in 1991. North is

well-known for his role in the Iran-Contra Affair in the late 1980s, in which he was indicted for conspiring to defraud the United States by using proceeds from the illegal sale of arms to Iran to fund the Contra rebels in Nicaragua. His charges were subsequently reversed on appeal, and North became a hero to conservatives in the United States and a political commentator and writer.

We previously reported that Kidney came upon signature of early baseball legend Honus Wagner inside a 1948 copy of The History of the Pittsburgh Pirates while browsing books at

the Morehead Goodwill Store back in January. A couple of weeks later, Kidney found a signed copy of baseball great Mickey Mantle's The Quality of Courage, published in 1964, after buying a box of 400 books at a yard sale for \$100.

During a phone conversation with Kidney this past week, Kidney said he is overwhelmed with all the attention he has received for his lucky finds. This has also turned into a great opportunity for him, he said, because Goodwill Industries is having him do a national pitch at their corporate office in Louisville this Thurs-

day, which will appear in all Goodwill stores in the country. He also said this could turn into more opportunity for him with endorsements and sponsorship deals.

Kidney's finds have been picked up by Lexington TV stations, and he said he expects more after this week. He has also been interviewed by Newsweek, a Spanish media outlet, and is also slated to have a spot on CNN in the next month. He also said there is publicity to follow.

Despite the publicity, Kidney remains grateful to his family and his friend, Brad Hanneken, for getting him started in the business.

Rowan County Fiscal Court awards bid contracts for Senior Center, and Lower Craney and Logan Hollow bridges

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Members of the Rowan County Fiscal Court, along with Judge-Executive Harry T. Clark and County Attorney Cecil Watkins, met on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 8:00am, at the Rowan County Courthouse, for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting. The meeting was broadcast on the Rowan County Fiscal Court Facebook page, but unfortunately did not go live until a few minutes into the meeting, which Judge-Exec. Clark apologized for.

Judge-Exec. Clark called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call, and approval of the minutes from the last meeting held on Mar. 18, 2025.

Road Foreman Steve Kelsey reports to the court that the department is still cleaning up debris from the recent heavy rains that impacted the county. The mowing season is ready to roll, and the mowers

are ready. He also said that they have recently started patching potholes on the roadways, and talked about resurfacing, as well. He also spoke about the upcoming move of the road department to a new location.

Environmental Services Director Tyler Brown reports to the court that 57 electrical permits have been filed, and that trash pick-up crews have picked up 2,704 bags of trash along 155 miles of roadways and cleaned up 6 dumpsites, for the year, so far.

Animal Control Officer Kim Adams reports to the court about all the animals brought in and adopted back out at the animal shelter. She also talked about some recent donations, and that the shelter really appreciates all the help they receive, and the promotion that the shelter receives, as well.

EMS Director Homer Lewis reports to the court that the EMS service runs, between the two ambulance stations, runs at a 3 to 1 ratio. He also spoke about some of the recent maintenance repairs to some of the trucks, including a refreshed truck that is back in the fleet.

Under New Business, the court awarded the "Rowan County Senior Center Construction bid award" to Standafer Builders, Inc., in the amount of \$1,635,000.00, with funding coming from a

CDBG grant and ARPA funds; approved "the 1st reading of a Budget Amendment, in the amount of \$340,984.17;" approved an "authorization to pay the County Park construction contractors," J&C Masonry, in the amount of \$8,600.00; approved the "Lower Craney Bridge replacement bid award" to Stegall General Contracting, in the amount of \$96,000.00; and approved the "Logan Hol-

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INSPECTION PERIOD FOR THE PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT ROLL

The Rowan County real property tax roll will be opened for inspection from May 5 through May 19, 2025. Under the supervision of the property valuation administrator (PVA) or one of the deputies, any person may inspect the tax roll.

This is the January 1, 2025, assessment on which property taxes will be based for 2025.

The tax roll is in the office of the property valuation administrator in the county courthouse and may be inspected between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday and 8:00 AM to 12 Noon on the two Saturdays within the Inspection Period.

Any taxpayer desiring to appeal an assessment on real property made by the PVA must first request a conference with the PVA or a designated deputy. The conference may be held prior to or during the inspection period. Conferences may be held by telephone or you may exchange correspondence requesting a conference with the PVA via email or fax. Additionally, our office will be open for in-person conferences this year as well. Written documentation supporting your opinion of value will continue to be required. However, you will be instructed on the best method to submit your documentation after contacting our office regarding your request to have a conference.

Any taxpayer still aggrieved by an assessment on real property, after the conference with the PVA or designated deputy, may appeal to the county board of assessment appeals.

The appeal must be filed with the county clerk's office no later than one work day following the conclusion of the inspection period. Please contact the county clerk's office to receive instructions on the method the office is using to accept appeals this year and to obtain a form that can be used to file your appeal.

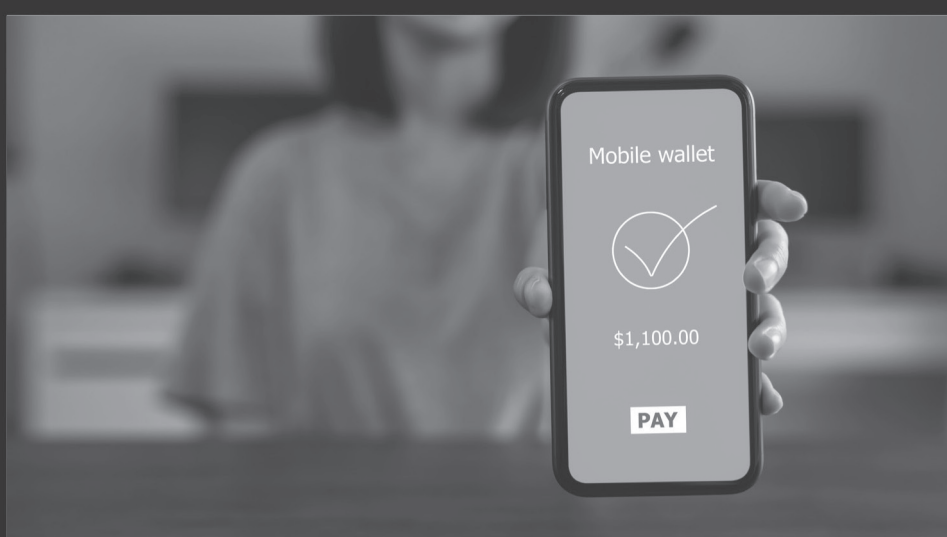
Any taxpayer failing to appeal to the county board of assessment appeals, or failing to appear before the board, either in person or by designated representative, will not be eligible to appeal directly to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals.

Appeals of personal property assessments shall not be made to the county board of assessment appeals. Personal property taxpayers shall be served notice under the provisions of KRS 132.450(4) and shall have the protest and appeal rights granted under the provisions of KRS 131.110.

The following steps should be taken when a taxpayer does not agree with the assessed value of personal property as determined by the property valuation administrator.

- (1) Taxpayer must list under protest (for certification) what they believe to be the fair cash value of their property.
- (2) Taxpayer must file a written protest directly with the Department of Revenue, Office of Property Valuation within 30 days from the date of the notice of assessment.
- (3) This protest must be in accordance with KRS 131.110.
- (4) The final decision of the Department of Revenue may be appealed to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals.

Carmen Eldridge Swim
Rowan County Property Valuation Administrator



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