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Local World War II veteran shares lasting memories

By Christopher Brown
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Eighty-one years after the day he graduated from Nicholasville High School and answered his country's call during World War II, Charles Partin still remembers the feeling.

"We didn't question. We went, and it was an honor," Partin said, as tears formed in his eyes.

Now 98 years old, Partin has spent nearly a century witnessing history, building a family and contributing to the community he has long called home. Despite surviving war, a battle with cancer and the loss of loved ones, he remains humble about

the life he has lived.

"I have no secret for a long life," he said with a laugh. "I just know I want to live as long as I can. I hope to make it to 100."

Born Sept. 16, 1927, to James and Anna Ruth Partin, Charles was the middle child of three brothers. He grew up alongside his older brother, Harry, and younger brother, James.

The family relied on one another through the hardships of the Great Depression and the demands of farm life. Those early years helped shape the values Partin carried with him through military service, marriage, fatherhood and a long career.

"Farm work is hard work. Manual work," he said. "As you get older, you do more and more. My brothers and I knew we didn't want to work on the farms anymore."

Partin attended Hanley School before graduating from Nicholasville High School in 1945. Almost immediately after graduation, he received notice from the local draft board.

World War II was entering its final months.

After basic training, Partin joined the 458th Amphibious Truck Company, where he learned to operate and maintain DUKWs, commonly known as "ducks." The amphibious

vehicles were used to transport troops and supplies, including weapons, ammunition and medical supplies, from ships to shore.

"The duck was a unique vehicle," he recalled. "You could deflate the tires so you wouldn't get stuck in the soft, wet sand on the shores."

Partin was eventually stationed in the Aleutian Islands, where remnants of enemy forces remained after earlier battles in the campaign. The United States had reclaimed the land and driven most enemy troops out in 1943.

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Charles Partin during his World War II military service. Now 98, Partin served with the 458th Amphibious Truck Company.



THE DANVILLE ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE BOARD

Members of the Boyle County Inmate Work Crew Program are recognized by the Danville Architectural Heritage Board for their preservation work at Constitution Square.

Danville Heritage Board honors preservation efforts

Awards highlight restoration, education and historic rehabilitation projects

By Josely Labarrere
Advocate Messenger

DANVILLE, Ky. — The Danville Architectural Heritage Board recognized several local projects during Historic Preservation Month, highlighting efforts that reflect the value of preserving Boyle County's historic character and cultural heritage, according to a press release.

Historic Preservation Month, observed each May, is a

nationwide initiative that promotes the importance of historic places and their role in strengthening communities. Locally, the board marked the occasion by presenting its annual Excellence in Preservation Awards, which recognize projects that contribute to the protection and restoration of historic resources.

This year, three projects were honored for their impact.

Nancy Davis received the Excellence in Exterior Com-

mercial Restoration Award for work completed at Second Presbyterian Church on North Third Street. The project focused on restoring the building's historic windows, a key architectural feature that plays a significant role in maintaining the structure's original character.

The Boyle County Inmate Work Crew Program was recognized with the Excellence in Preservation Education Award for its work at Constitution

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CASA of the Bluegrass seeks volunteers for June training

By Josely Labarrere
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DANVILLE, Ky. — CASA of the Bluegrass is seeking volunteers for an upcoming training session designed to prepare community members to advocate for children involved in the family court system, according to a press release.

The pre-service training, set to begin June 10, will equip participants to serve as Court Appointed Special Advocates, commonly known as CASAs. Volunteers are assigned to cases

involving children who have entered the court system due to abuse or neglect, where they act as an independent voice focused on the child's best interests.

CASA volunteers are appointed by judges and are responsible for gathering information about a child's situation, including their needs, living conditions and overall well-being. They then provide recommendations to the court to help guide decisions regarding the child's future.

The organization said

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Planning commission advances zoning changes, historic cabin project

Public hearing brings discussion on development, drainage concerns and preservation efforts

By Josely Labarrere
Advocate Messenger

DANVILLE, Ky. — The Danville-Boyle County Planning and Zoning Commission opened its June meeting with routine business before moving into a public hearing that drew discussion on zoning changes, historic preservation and site development concerns.

The commission approved minutes from its April 22 meeting and accepted a financial report indicating that

revenues and expenses remain in line with the current budget amendment. Officials said projections for the remainder of the fiscal year show no significant changes, though an increase in contributions from the city of Danville and Boyle County may be requested in the next budget cycle.

Commission members also approved the release of a performance bond for Danville Host Center Estates following

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