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PRAISE

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Richland Baptist Praise Team.

Don Elmore followed with a couple of songs including one from Johnny Cash and was accompanied by Frank Hobbs. Hobbs then remained on stage, picking up his guitar to perform several songs of his own. Traveling from Bowling Green, Tom Thang and his son shared their musical talents with the audience, followed by Ashlyn Brooks, who delivered a pair of heartfelt selections.

The Richland Baptist Praise Team energized the crowd and had attendees on their feet, waving hands and singing along. Praise Team “Made from Heaven” continued the spirit of worship with several songs, and Sonya King added both vocals and keyboard accompaniment to the



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Jeff Jewell

evening’s lineup.

Brian, Mike, and Devin closed out the scheduled performances with a few songs before the night concluded in true gospel fashion, as performers and audience members joined together in a final group sing-along that brought the room



▲ PHOTO | BEVERLY BONILLA
Frank Hobbs

to life.

Donations were accepted and concessions were available during the evening. The Gospel Jubilee is one of many events sponsored by the Butler County Arts Guild, which also hosts the popular Jamboree and other community arts programs



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Ashlynn Brooks

throughout the year.

For more information about upcoming events, contact the Butler County Arts Guild at 270-999-0834 or visit them at 115 W. Ohio St., Morgantown. Organizers are happy to share schedules and details about future performances and activities.



▲ PHOTO | BEVERLY BONILLA
Tom Thang and his son from Bowling Green



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Frank Hobbs and Don Elmore

RULES

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co-chair of the press association, said the agreement reflects roughly a year of work and began with conversations at the local level.

“This is an agreement that has been an entire year of working toward,” Jobe said. “We began by listening to the county judge-executives and mayors in the region our newspapers serve. I made notes of their needs, and we then met with their organizations’ leadership, JD Chaney and Jim Henderson. The press association knew we were going to have to evolve if we were going to keep Kentucky legal notices in our weekly newspapers.”

Jobe said the negotiations addressed concerns raised throughout the process.

“As Nolan said in the Feb. 11 meeting, there were some thorny issues, and I’m pleased that we addressed every issue brought before our combined meetings,” he said.

He also credited the bill’s sponsor for initiating the effort.

“He asked me to try to establish a consensus with the organizations we have had to fight for 20 years on this issue, something I would never have attempted if he didn’t ask me to try,” Jobe said.

Sponsor Senate

President Pro Tempore David Givens said lawmakers have long balanced two priorities: ensuring public transparency and controlling taxpayer costs.

“We have a need for transparency so that all the voters can understand how their tax money is being spent,” Givens said. “But we also have a need to minimize the amount of tax money we spend doing that.”

The legislation clarifies current law by defining a published statement of ownership, updating standards for which newspapers qualify to publish required legal notices, and requiring that public agencies be charged fair and

reasonable rates.

It also incorporates language allowing online publication of legal notices.

Nolan said the bill would provide continuous statewide digital access to public notices at no cost to the state through the press association’s system.

Committee Chair Michael Nemes said he expects the measure to receive favorable consideration when it reaches the Senate floor.

The full text of the draft bill can be read at apps.legislature.ky.gov/recorddocuments/bill/26RS/sb141/orig_bill.pdf.

DEBATE

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Jerry Bloom approached the Fiscal Court about repairs to Belcher road and then asked for the dead end road to be turned over to him to be maintained by him as a private road, due to the fact that he owns the property on both sides. He provided surveys and explanations as to why he would like this. Permission for bus turns around have led to others using the area for large truck and equipment to turn around. This has caused damage to Bloom’s property and the road. The damage has reached farther than the 15 ft from the center of the road. Road Department manager Jonathon Deweese asked questions about this. The circle drive, in front of Bloom’s home is the main issue. This has been an ongoing issue for several years that has resulted in damage to water lines and property.

Fiscal Court stated there were two pickups on the road for the school, and the Blooms agreed to let the bus continue to turn around, just not others. Magistrate Kevin Phelps stated the radius of the circle drive is to narrow for a tractor trailer to turn without causing damage.

Chad Johnson spoke that his trucks used the turn around, specifically, dump trucks. They were told not to use the road, and that attempts were made not to get in the grass, but that they had, and his understanding



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Jerry Bluhm.

is that it is a county road. Judge Flenner instructed the Blooms to go through the process of filing papers to find a solution to the issue and hold a public meeting.

Following a brief closed session, the Fiscal Court voted to hire a ferry operator for the Rochester Ferry at a rate of \$15.50 per hour, approving Donald Dockery for the position and naming Issac Cowan as an alternate.

The Fiscal Court approved the following; the 4th District VFD Treasurer’s report, to hire Blanton Electric Generator Maintenance for a one year contract to service the counties generators, to the purchase of Animal Shelter door, training incentive pay, to pay Transient Tax to Tourism in the amount of \$1,977.95, to transfer \$10,000 from the General Fund to the E-911 fund and to transfer \$35,000 from the General fund to the Jail fund and all other bills and transfers.

Donate Life Kentucky Trust Marks Record Year for Donor Registration and Family Support

Founded in 1992 by Kentucky’s Circuit Court Clerks, Donate Life Kentucky Trust reported one of the strongest years in its history. In 2025, more than 75,000 Kentuckians joined the state’s organ, eye, and tissue Donor Registry, and more than \$1.7 million was raised to support donor families, transplant patients, and caregivers statewide.

“With more than 1,000 Kentuckians currently waiting for a lifesaving transplant, each registration represents hope,” officials noted.

“When Kentuckians choose to register as a donor, or financially contribute to the Trust, they’re helping donor families and transplant patients from every corner of Kentucky,” said Melissa Cardwell, Butler Circuit Court Clerk.

“The leadership of the Circuit Clerks continues to shape how we support donor families and transplant patients beyond the moment

of registration. We provide financial assistance for lodging, travel, and basic life necessities to ensure families in every county of Kentucky receive access to lifechanging care,” added Shelley Snyder, Executive Director of Donate Life Kentucky Trust.

In 2025, the Trust assisted more than 100 families with pre- and post-transplant needs, including gas and grocery cards, rent and utility assistance, medication and co-pay support, and funeral and memorial expenses. More than \$20,000 in scholarships were also awarded through the Circuit Clerk Trust Endowment Fund. Scholarship applications are due April 6, 2026, at donatelifeky.org.

The organization will continue expanding education, strengthening partnerships, honoring donors, and supporting transplant patients and families across the Commonwealth in 2026.

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