

The Queen and the Poison . . .

Submitted by Christine Tailer

She stood tall, but he stood even taller. He took pride in the fact that he could look down on her from his ten-foot vantage. She was rightfully wary of his towering presence. When she saw him across the valley fields, she tried not to acknowledge his presence. She preferred to tilt her flower crown skyward toward the sun, the clouds, and nighttime stars. Thankfully, she rarely stood close to him. His preference was to stand by the valley's ditches and runs, leaving her the higher and drier ground.

She had actually grown to despise him, and that is a strong sentiment for a gentle queen, but she knew that his presence along the edges of the fields was nothing short of wicked. She knew that passersby often mistook him for her. How could they possibly be so mistaken? She pondered, and then quickly understood. They look so much alike. They are family after all, and as with many families, they share striking similarities.

They share not only their height, but both are also crowned with broad white flower heads made up of hundreds of individual fleurettes, though his flower head is domed while hers is rather flat, and in the center of the Queen's flower sits a small dark jewel, befit-



Queen Anne's Lace

ting a queen.

They also wear similar fern-like attire of pointed flat leaves, but the Queen's greyish green leaves are finely divided and sport a curiously course, almost

hairy, texture for such a fine lady. His dark green leaves, unlike hers, are hairless and glossy. Then, should the Queen's leaves ever bruise, they fill the air with a healthy carrot-like scent, while



Poison Hemlock

his crushed leaves emit a rank, unpleasant odor. Even though they are related, and appear similar on first glance, they really are quite different.

Perhaps the most striking difference is found in the tall stems that support their flower crowns. Her stem is solid green, and like her leaves, is covered in fine hairs. (Apparently, the Queen does not like to shave her legs). His stem is smooth, and covered with with blood red blotches, befitting the toxic fellow he is.

The Queen has tried to call out to the world and warn folk about her poisonous relative, but sadly, she has no voice, so one day, as I was passing by, her gentle carrot scent reached out to me. I approached her. I saw her hairy green stem, unmarred by red. I saw the jewel in the center of her flower head, and I promised to spread the word.

Queen Anne's Lace is a lovely lady, but Poison Hemlock is wicked. He contains toxins that can be fatal if ingested, and if they sneak into your bloodstream through a cut or rash, they can cause serious illness.

The Queen wishes for you to remember their differences. When I stopped by to let her know that I had spread her warning among my friends, she gently bobbed her jeweled flower crown and bent her hairy stem in a regal curtsy.

ABSOLUTE AUCTION

Saturday, June 27 @ 10:00 a.m.

Perry Poe Real Estate and Auction has been authorized by Keith R. Wehmeyer to sell the following. Location: 305 Bracken Street, Augusta, KY.

REAL ESTATE: Historical 1880's 2 story home with a large, covered porch, sitting on a 0.22 acre lot, private driveway to a 1 car detached garage, workspace while also having a loft. The main floor of this home has an entry way leading to pocket doors into the living room area. There is a bedroom on the first floor, open kitchen with walk in pantry, dining area, and a full bath. A closed in back porch with laundry area and extra storage room. Upstairs offers 5 bedrooms with closets and beautiful hardwood flooring. This home features a classic Victorian ambiance, original woodwork, monumental windows, just enough to add your own personal touches to make this yours. Important updates have already been handled, including a new roof and box gutters with 5 year workmanship and limited lifetime material warranty, serviced split A/C units, new water heater, interior plumbing repairs, and replacement of the water lateral. Per FEMA, this property is not in the flood zone. 10% down the day of sale. Close in 30 days.

Announcements day of auction take precedence over printed ad.

Joe Goecke - Principal Auctioneer

TJ Burton - Principal Broker

Brooksville, Kentucky

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Vehicle Maintenance Tips at July's "Lunch & Learn"

Learn how to keep your car running its best with routine maintenance during the free "Lunch & Learn" session on Wednesday, July 15 at 11:30 am.

"Lunch & Learn" programs are held each month at the Bracken County Extension Of-

fice, located at 1120 Brooksville-Germantown Road. Attendees will enjoy a light lunch and have a chance to win a \$25 gift card at each session.

To register, contact the Extension Office at 606-735-2141.

Basic Mower Maintenance Class at Extension Office



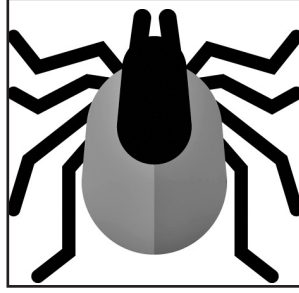
The Bracken County Extension Office will host a Basic Mower Maintenance program at 5:30 p.m on Tuesday, July 28 at the Bracken County Extension Office. This hands-on program will cover routine mower maintenance, including blade care, oil changes,

air filter replacement, and other tips to help keep equipment running safely and efficiently throughout the season.

For more information or to register, contact the Bracken County Extension Office at 606-735-2141. *submitted*

Bracken Cattlemen's Meeting Focuses on Ticks

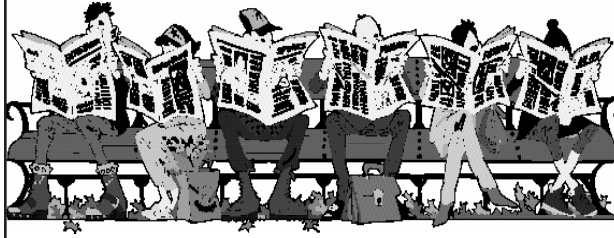
Landowners, community members and producers are invited to an educational Cattlemen's Meeting at 6:30 pm on Thursday, July 16 at the Bracken County Extension Office. UK Entomologist Dr. Larson will discuss tick identification, tick-borne diseases in livestock and humans, including Lyme disease and alpha-gal syndrome, and an emerging health concern linked to tick bites. This timely program will help producers better understand tick risks, prevention strategies and



management practices for their operations.

The meeting is CAIP eligible, and each participant will also receive a tick identification kit. For more information, contact the Bracken County Extension Office at 606-735-2141. *submitted*

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BUDGET SUMMARY
AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF AUGUSTA, KY ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2026 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027
ESTIMATING REVENUES AND RESOURCES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF CITY GOVERNMENT
WHEREAS, an annual budget proposal and message has been prepared and delivered to the City Council; and
WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed such budget proposal and made necessary modifications;
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF AUGUSTA:
SECTION 1:
That the annual budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 is hereby adopted as follows:

General Fund Revenues	
TAXES	373,266.28
LICENSES & PERMITS	914,147.66
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REV. FINE & FORFEITS	81,419.86
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	642,500.00
OTHER	670,649.90
Total General Fund	2,681,983.70
Gas Fund Revenues	
TAXES	66,599.44
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	700,000.00
OTHER	10,000.00
Total Gas Fund	776,599.44
Water Fund Revenues	
TAXES	28,119.63
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	393,000.00
OTHER	8,550.00
Total Water Fund	429,669.63
Water Treatment Plant Fund Revenues	
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REV. FINE & FORFEITS	202,575.04
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	486,729.33
OTHER	105,480.00
Total Water Treatment Plant Fund	794,784.37
Sewer Fund Revenues	
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	459,781.56
Total Sewer Fund	459,781.56
General Fund Appropriations	
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,134,299.92
PUBLIC SAFETY - POLICE	500,002.32
PUBLIC SAFETY - FIRE	36,657.00
PUBLIC WORKS - STREETS	107,000.00
PUBLIC WORKS - SANITATION	343,000.00
PARKS & RECREATION	561,024.46
Total General Fund	2,681,983.70
Gas Fund Appropriations	
PUBLIC UTILITIES - ENTERPRISES	776,599.44
Total Gas Fund	776,599.44
Water Fund Appropriations	
PUBLIC UTILITIES - ENTERPRISES	429,669.63
Total Water Fund	429,669.63
Water Treatment Plant Fund Appropriations	
PUBLIC UTILITIES - ENTERPRISES	706,784.37
DEBT SERVICE	88,000.00
Total Water Treatment Plant Fund	794,784.37
Sewer Fund Appropriations	
PUBLIC UTILITIES - ENTERPRISES	459,781.56
Total Sewer Fund	459,781.56

SECTION 2: That this ordinance shall be effect on July 1, 2026.

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

All interested persons and organizations in the City of Augusta are hereby notified that a copy of the City's adopted budget in full size is available for public inspection at the City Office during normal business hours.

John Laycock, Mayor

Attest: Gretchen Usleman, City Clerk/Treasurer

The above summary of City of Augusta Budget Ordinance No. 2026-01 was prepared by:

Cynthia C. Thompson
Augusta City Attorney
202 East Riverside Drive
Augusta, KY 41002

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BRACKEN CIRCUIT COURT CIVIL ACTION NO. 26-CI-00012

MT. AUBURN TAX, LLC PLAINTIFF
VS.
MARY MITCHELL (AKA MARY PERSINGER), ET. ALS. DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF SALE MASTER COMMISSIONER SALE

In obedience to an Order of sale entered on the 6th day of June, 2026, in the above action, I will, as Master Commissioner proceed on:

FRIDAY, JULY 3, 2026

OUTSIDE THE FRONT DOOR OF THE BRACKEN COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER BROOKSVILLE, BRACKEN COUNTY, KENTUCKY AT 10:00 a.m.

to sell the real estate located at 3649 Powersville-Harrison County Road, Brooksville, Bracken County, Kentucky. This property consists of a Lot with a House thereon. The real estate is more fully described in Deed of record at Deed Book 144, Page 385. All references are to Bracken County Clerk's Records. Parcel Mapping number: 25-30.

This sale is to satisfy Judgment in the sum of \$4,138.26, plus interest (and other fees and costs that may later be awarded by the Court). The purchaser may pay in full at the sale if he/she chooses to do so. Otherwise, the purchaser immediately after the sale shall pay not less than 10% of the purchase price, and execute bond with surety, who is a Kentucky resident and who is approved by the Master Commissioner, for the balance of the purchase price, payable to the Bracken Circuit Court Clerk within thirty days with interest at 6.00% per annum on the balance from date of sale until paid in full. The bond shall have the force of a judgment and a first lien shall be retained on the property as security for the payment of said bond and interest. The purchaser shall at his/her own expense carry fire and extended coverage insurance on all insurable improvements located on the real property from the date of sale until the purchase price is paid in full, with loss payable to the Master Commissioner. The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all taxes assessed against the property for 2026 and all subsequent years. The title interest of the parties to this lawsuit will be conveyed without warranty by the Master Commissioner to the purchaser and the purchaser shall be entitled to possession upon payment of the purchase price in full after confirmation of the sale by Bracken Circuit Court, subject to any equity of redemption if the property does not sell for two-thirds of its appraised value.

MICHAEL A. CLARK
MASTER COMMISSIONER
BRACKEN CIRCUIT COURT

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