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than holding a title. She emphasized her working relationships with state officials and neighboring county leaders, which she believes are critical for a small, rural river county like Carlisle. “Our communities can too often be overlooked,” she said, crediting current river county judges for ensuring local voices are heard at

the state and federal levels. Galloway said she has learned from that leadership and is committed to continuing cooperation and advocacy on behalf of Carlisle County. She added that her experience has given her a comprehensive understanding of county government and the difficult decisions required of the office. **Priorities if Elected:**

If elected, Galloway said maintaining day-to-day operations, current projects and road maintenance would remain top priorities. She also identified economic development as a major focus. “Our tax base has continued to decline,” she said, noting that Carlisle County is well positioned for growth due to access to rail and water transporta-

tion and proximity to Interstates 57 and 24. Galloway said leveraging these assets is key to attracting investment, expanding the tax base and promoting sustainable economic growth.

Community Engagement: Galloway said she plans to engage with residents by being present, accessible and responsive. Her approach includes attending community events, listening to concerns and working directly with residents and local leaders. She emphasized collaboration, transparency and cooperation as essential to making informed decisions that reflect the needs of the county. As the election season continues, The Carlisle County News

will provide ongoing coverage of local races and ballot issues. Voters are encouraged to stay informed, ask questions and most importantly, participate in the democratic process. Local elections have a direct impact on daily life in Carlisle County, and every vote counts.

Residents Say Goodbye to Arlington First Baptist Church

By Lilly Morefield
KPI Writer

ARLINGTON — Arlington’s First Baptist Church, with a rich history dating back to the early 1900s, was recently taken down,

marking the end of an era for longtime members. The decision was not made lightly. Church treasurer Cynthia Hocker explained, “The old church had many problems, including

being inaccessible to those with disabilities, as well as issues with heating and cooling, among others.” She added, “There will be more fundraisers in the future for the new building, which

will be constructed at the same location.” During the demolition, the church’s concrete sign was removed, revealing a remarkable piece of history: a time capsule dating back to the

1920s, stored inside an old canning jar. The capsule contained newspaper clippings, names, and other artifacts documenting the church’s long legacy. The congregation held its final service

in the sanctuary in late 2025 or early 2026, marking a significant transition as they look forward to a new building and the next chapter in their community’s history.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CARLISLE CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO. 23-CI-00035

Jared O'Neill

PETITIONER

VS

ADVERTISEMENT PURSUANT TO
KRS 426.200 AND KRS 426.560
And
KENTUCKY ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES AP IV AS AMENDED JUNE
29, 2017

Unknown Heirs of Martha Jean Hammonds Sams
Howard Wilmoth, ET AL

RESPONDENT

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale in Case No. 23-CI-00035 entered April 18, 2025 and Judgment against Additional Partes and Order of Sale in Carlisle Circuit Court, entered November 6, 2025, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Courthouse door in Bardwell, Carlisle County, Kentucky, to the highest bidder at public auction on **the 2nd day of February, 2026**, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the following described property:

Property Address: Lot in Burkley, Carlisle County Kentucky
PVA Map # 016-10-00-023.00

For greater certainty see the following deeds: Deed Book 132, page 659, all records of the Carlisle County Court Clerk.

The property will be sold under the following terms and conditions:

- At the time of sale the successful bidder shall either pay full cash or make a deposit of ten (10%) per cent of the purchase price with the balance on credit for 30 days. If the purchase price is not paid in full, **the successful bidder shall execute a bond at the time of sale with sufficient surety approved by the master commissioner two (2) days prior to the sale** to secure the unpaid balance of the purchase price. The bond shall bear interest at the rate **of the judgment** from the date of sale until paid. In the event the successful bidder is the plaintiff, then in lieu of the deposit the plaintiff shall be allowed to bid on credit up to the judgment amount.
- The bond shall have the same force and effect as a Judgment and shall remain, and be a lien on the real property sold as additional security for the payment of the purchase price until the purchase price, plus interest and costs, are full paid. On executions issued upon them no replevy shall be allowed, and sales shall be for cash.
- The property shall be sold free and clear of the claims of the parties to this action, but it shall be sold subject to the following:
 - All current year (2026) ad valorem real estate taxes not yet due and payable and all taxes due thereafter. Buyer shall pay 2026 ad valorem taxes.
 - Easements, restrictions and stipulations of record affecting the Real Property.
 - Any assessments for public improvements properly levied against the Real Property.
 - Any matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the Real Property.
 - Any right of redemption that may exist in favor of the Defendants.
- The Master Commissioner will retain a lien on said property to secure payment of said bond, if issued.

This Sale may be cancelled, and any announcements made at the sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

The undersigned commissioner does not have access to the inside of the above-mentioned property.

Dated this the 12th day of January, 2026.

/s/ Sue Ellen Morris
Master Commissioner – Carlisle Circuit Court
636 Hickman Road
Clinton, Kentucky 42031
270-207-0103

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Lance Black Construction doing demolition of First Baptist Church in Arlington.



Lance Black Construction scrapping up rubble after removable of First Baptist Church in Arlington.

Arlington Council Discusses Gas Contract, Ballpark Plans

By Lilly Morefield
KPI Writer

ARLINGTON — The Arlington City Council held its monthly meeting on January 12th at 5 p.m. Mayor McGee welcomed attendees, which included Clerk Anya Carol Carter, council mem-

bers Nancy Dodge and Evelyn West, and visitor Lilly Morefield with the Carlisle County News. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, last month’s minutes were approved. The financial report was reviewed and approved after a motion by Dodge, seconded by Carter. Similarly, a motion by West, seconded by Dodge, to approve the city bills was carried. In the sanitation report, Carter noted that a new pump along Highway 51 was discussed at the meeting, though no decision was reached. Dodge provided an update from Commonwealth Gas, stating that the council may want to explore securing a contract with the company. The Knights of Columbus had suggested the city may not be covered with-

out a contract. After

Public Notice
Carlisle District Probate:
Name of Estate:
WILLIAM ROY RUSSELBURG
9044 ST RT 408
FANCY FARM, KY 42039

Name/Address of Fiduciary:
CYNTHIA ANN
RUSSELBURG, EXECUTRIX
9044 ST RT 408
FANCY FARM, KY 42039

Date/Time of Hearing:
JANUARY 12, 2026

Name/Addr. of Attorney:
Michael W. Hogancamp
PO Box 514, 985 US Hwy
62, Suite #236
Bardwell, KY 42023

Persons having claim
against. The estate must
present verified claims no
later than:
JULY 12, 2026

Courtney Burge, Clerk
Carlisle District Court
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discussion, the council agreed to consult a lawyer to determine whether a contract is necessary. Mayor McGee noted that the city had a contract in the past but was recently informed it was no longer required. Under new business, the council discussed the old ballpark building. Mayor McGee stated the structure is in poor condition and cannot be repaired. The council considered hiring someone to remove it and scrap the tin from the roof, with the city receiving a small payment for each layer of tin. A decision and resolution regarding the project will be made at the next meeting, along with a public notice for bids. The meeting was adjourned following a motion that carried unanimously.