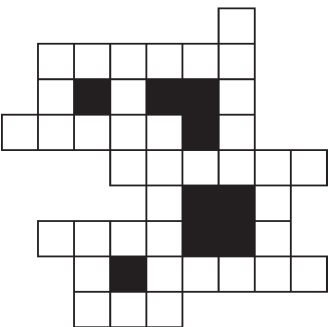


FEAR KNOT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ... OR DARE!

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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. **HAGNEC** becomes **CHANGE**). Prepare to use only **ONE** word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥ **RATHE** becomes **HATER** or **EARTH** or **HEART**). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

MEETING

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A band trailer and if the district would take ownership of it was the next item on the agenda. As the trailer had no liens on it a motion was made to add it to their fleet inventory and seconded. The motion passed.

An upgrade to technology was the next item on the agenda as the district approved moving to

a cloud computing based fax system. As it stood, the school district operated two analog fax machines and the infrastructure supporting them was itself no longer supported or maintained.

After that was approved, Mr. Hamby, the Superintendent of AC-S, stated that their next meeting is scheduled after school

started. There would also be a leadership breakfast and open house prior to school starting.

Mention was made of the Back-to-School event held the previous night, Wednesday, July 15, at Dugas Park. While not a school sponsored event, the board members made mention that an estimated 2,700 people participated with

several community businesses and organizations coming together to help ensure students had all their essentials such as shoes, backpacks, supplies and even hair cuts, ready for the school year to start.

There was a motion to go into executive session. There was a second to the motion and all non-board members were dismissed.

Kentucky Local Assistance Road Program Funding Agreement of \$659,000 Approved

By **H.D. Overholt**
STAFF REPORTER

Allen County Fiscal Court met Tuesday July 14, 2026 at 9 a.m. at City-County Building Fiscal Court Room, 201 West Main Street, with Judge-Executive Dennis Harper presiding and Magistrate John Buchanon absent. A new procedure for attendees requesting speaking recognition on agenda will need to sign a guest register upon entering any Fiscal Court meeting location.

The July 1, 2026 minutes were approved with no corrections or additions noted.

Bills list was presented and approved along with a transfer of funds from general account to jail account of \$74,000.

Allen County Sheriff's Report, given by Sheriff Brandon Ford, included activity within the department of 14 alcohol activity, 24 accidents, 16 alarm calls, nine domestic violence, 14 motorist assists, 29 welfare checks, 109 civil summons served, 14 subpoenas, 24 warrants served and 102 traffic stops, totaling 834 calls for service as well as 182 car inspections. A successful Active Training Session was held at James Bazzell Middle School for department's members. Recognition was noted with South Central Drug Task Force resources and operations in Allen County, detectives have been able to increase case openings concerning child welfare instances—bringing greater safety for innocent youth's health and emotional involved cases.

Allen County Jailer Tim Meador's June report included billing State of Kentucky \$48,663.18 of 48 state inmate housing and

62 county inmates booked in. Five ankle monitor clients paid \$1,700. Community service data recorded 22 weeks of litter abatement performed by Detention Center Work Release inmates collecting 1,265 bags amounting to 30,820 pounds as well as 73 tires and 17 dumpsites cleared. Additionally, one Detention Center Deputy resigned. Magistrates approved hiring William M. "Mike" Logsdon as part-time deputy.

Transfer Station report by Derek Isenberg reminded Magistrates Kentucky State June 1 regulation for receiving at station as Allen County Residents Only is progressing well. Owners of property in Allen County can show proof of ownership, yet does not have to live in Allen County. Magistrates approved a resolution for Judge-Executive Harper authority to sign paperwork for Kentucky Legislature House Bill 900 (known as Transfer Station Pad Funding Project).

Kentucky House Bill 900 is a major \$1.7 billion one-time bipartisan spending bill passed by the General Assembly and enacted on April 13, 2026. It allocates funds from the state's Budget Reserve Trust Fund (the "Rainy Day Fund") toward infrastructure, community projects, and economic development across the 2026–2028 fiscal biennium. The bill allocates \$404,000 in state funds distributed to Allen County Fiscal Court, and is specifically designated to install a new leachate collection system, including a 500-gallon tank and piping, at Allen County Transfer Station.

The Road Department related the new brush axe should be shipped by July 21 and current mowing is continuing in the Akersville area. Magistrates approved

purchase of four road grader tires from three submitted bids, choosing Ziegler Tire, Bowling Green, Ky. At \$2,804 bid.

Local Assistance Road Program (LARP) funding agreement of \$659,000 includes Trice, Ramble Creek, McDonald, Halifax-Bailey, West Old State and Maysville road sections with a 17.5 percent county matching funding. 2025 Kentucky House Bill 546 established LARP to provide an additional option for cities and counties to secure state funding for road projects. The program is designed to help local governments address key transportation needs. LARP is focused on the rehabilitation of existing roads, such as repairs and resurfacing. It does not fund improvements, such as projects that create new roads or expand the capacity of existing roads. In 2026, House Bill 501—the Kentucky State Transportation Biennial Budget, the General Assembly allocated LARP \$70.2 million for FY 2026-27. A resolution was passed authorizing Judge-Executive Harper to sign needed papers for completion of funding requirement.

Judge-Executive Harper presented an appointment of Darrel Butler as Road Supervisor succeeding Brady Williams' retirement a few months ago. Magistrates supported the appointment.

A resolution was presented for closing Sandy Lane within Allen County Road Maintenance program. Public announcement will be advertised as well as posted notice in road area.

Animal Shelter Director Johnathan Carter reported daily average for housing dogs in June were 14 and cats 24 with euthanasia dogs at 20, cats at 26. Released to Warren County Humane Society were 26 dogs and 11 cats.

Twenty-two runs were completed within city and 47 within county. A spay-neuter grant application has been submitted to Kentucky Department of Agriculture for \$3,000 with a 50 percent matching funding if approved.

Judge-Executive Harper related a development of an animal control contract with the City of Scottsville. The contract will assist with recognition of Animal Shelter personnel authority within local city ordinance enforcement, also relieving some response pressure within law enforcement calls for animal control.

Magistrates approved a Scottsville Fire Department Road Tractor vehicle as surplus. If the Allen County Road Department can use the road tractor, a fair market value will be achieved or the road tractor will be sent to Harper Sales (not connected to Judge-Executive Harper family) for an auction disposal.

Magistrates approved Judge-Executive Harper selection of either Marcus Landers or Mike Huntsman for an Allen County Tax Board Member Term.

Discussion was opened concerning resident notification of excessive noise issues for extended hours within the Lake Side area in northern Allen County. Acknowledgment was given that no current ordinances exist in Allen County for enforcement of noise issues, yet extra county law enforcement patrols has been increased within the area since resident concerns are present. The quiet residential areas like Lakeside Drive and Lakeside Estates feature scenic water views and close proximity to boat ramps and recreational spots around Barren River Lake with an expanding business atmosphere developing in the last year.

Weekly SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

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♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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King Crossword

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1 Efron of "Parkland"
4 "For — the Bell Tolls"
8 Maui's — Highway
12 Rock's Brian
13 Continental coin
14 Petri dish gel
15 Scrape (out)
16 Shakable paperweight
18 Egypt's Anwar
20 Quibble
21 Composer Bartok
24 Informative
28 Hall & Oates ballad of 1976
32 Scarce
33 Galley item
34 Must, casually
36 Plant seeds
37 Radar dot
39 "Gems" found on a beach
41 "Bye!"
- 43 Poetry contest
44 Vat
46 Foolish
50 Scott Evil actor in the Austin Powers films
55 Blue bird
56 Saab model
57 Nest egg choices
58 Broad st.
59 Wee songbird
60 Lacking slack
61 Wine choice
DOWN
1 Dazzling duo?
2 "Diana" singer
3 Not single-sex
4 Locale in "The Great Gatsby"
5 Attila, e.g.
6 Acapulco gold
7 Cut, as a lawn
8 Summer top
9 Previously
10 Collar
11 Common verb
17 Tonic's mixer
- 19 Six-pack mus-cles
22 Novelist Anita
23 Poker pot starters
25 "That — close one!"
26 "No seats" signs
27 Evergreens
28 Weeps
29 Robust
30 Buffalo's lake
31 List-ending abbr.
35 Not for
38 Large constrictor
40 Run after K
42 Summer mo.
45 Telly watcher
47 Slightly open
48 Cathedral area
49 Kept tabs on
50 Cutting tool
51 Chariot trailer
52 Three, in Rome
53 Notable time
54 Vichy water

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