CIRCUIT COURT REPORT

Items published in court news are public record. The Democrat publishes all misdemeanors, felonies, and small claims judgments recorded in district court, as well as all civil suits recorded in circuit court. Juvenile court cases are not published. Crime reports are provided by local law enforcement agencies. Charges or accusations reported to The Democrat do not imply guilt. Cases being heard by the Hon. William J. Verax, IV on Dec. 16 were Commonwealth vs.:

- James D. Alexander, 1942, arraignment. Theft by failure to make required disposition of property ($10,000 or more).

- Amanda Deshea Bryant, 1988, arraignment. Assault (third degree, police/probation officer - identified), resisting arrest, assualt (fourth degree), alcohol intoxication in a public place, disorderly conduct (second degree), attempt fleeing or evading police (third degree) and criminal mischief (second degree).

- Hadan Earl Johnson, 2003, arraignment. Strangulation (first degree, domestic violence-related), wanton endangerment (first degree), assault (fourth degree, domestic violence, minor injury) and terroristic threatening (third degree).

- Cody L. Porter, 1989, arraignment. Sexual abuse (first degree, victim under 12 years of age) and sexual abuse (first degree).

- Maranda Lee Allison, 1997, pretrial conference. Three counts criminal abuse (first degree, child 12 or under) and five counts endangering the welfare of a minor.

- Nicholas Tyler Allison, 1987, pretrial conference. Three counts criminal abuse (first degree, child 12 or under) and five counts endangering the welfare of a minor.

- Michael Jamal Barnes, Jr., 1995, pretrial conference. Aggravated trafficking in a controlled substance (greater than or equal to 28 grams fentanyl), trafficking in a controlled substance (second offense, carfentanil or fentanyl derivatives), trafficking in a controlled substance (first degree, second or greater offense, cocaine, greater than or equal to four grams) and persistent felony offender (first degree).

- Michael Jamal Barnes, Jr., 1995, pretrial conference. Trafficking in a controlled substance (second offense, carfentanil or fentanyl derivatives), trafficking in marijuana (second or subsequent offense, less than eight ounces) and persistent felony offender (first degree).

- Michael Jamal Barnes, Jr., 1995, pretrial conference. Retaliating against participant in legal process, terroristic threatening (third degree) and persistent felony offender (first degree).

- Alexis Tae Chappell, 1980, sentencing. Possession of a controlled substance (first offense, first degree, methamphetamine), drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, no operator's/moped license, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, failure to produce insurance card and disregarding stop sign. One year incarceration probated for three years.

- Richard Troy Clayton, 1962, pretrial conference. Convicted felon in possession of a handgun.

- Jessica Carol Clines, 1980, probation revocation hearing. Probation violation (for technical violation).

- Todd Darrell Cockley, 1968, pretrial conference. Possession of a controlled substance (first offense, first degree, methamphetamine), drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, operating a motor vehicle under the influence (substance), failure to wear seatbelts and improper equipment.

- Gary Wayne Courtney, Jr., 1968, pretrial conference. Seven counts trafficking in a controlled substance (first degree, second or subsequent offense, less than two grams methamphetamine), four counts trafficking in a controlled substance (first degree, second or subsequent offense, greater than or equal to two grams methamphetamine), complicity trafficking in a controlled substance (first degree, second or subsequent offense, greater than or equal to two grams methamphetamine), conspiracy trafficking in a controlled substance (first degree, second or subsequent offense, greater than or equal to two grams methamphetamine), complicity trafficking in a controlled substance (first degree, second or subsequent offense, less than two grams methamphetamine), conspiracy trafficking in a controlled substance (first degree, second or subsequent offense, less than two grams methamphetamine) and trafficking in marijuana (less than eight ounces). Sentenced to two years incarceration.

- Perry Gayle Feeback, 1971, sentencing. Trafficking in a controlled substance (first degree, first offense, less than two grams methamphetamine). Sentenced to two years incarceration.

- Perry Gayle Feeback, 1971, sentencing. Trafficking in a controlled substance (first degree, first offense, less than two grams methamphetamine) and trafficking in marijuana (less than eight ounces). Sentenced to two years incarceration.

- Marlin Scott Ferguson, 1969, sentencing. Enhancement possession of a controlled substance (first degree, first offense, methamphetamine), enhancement drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, enhancement possession of marijuana and inadequate silencer (muffler).

- Joshua Matthew Hall, 1984, preliminary hearing. Probation violation (for technical violation).

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- Joshua Matthew Hall, 1984, sentencing. Trafficking in a controlled substance (first offense, carfentanil or fentanyl derivatives) and persistent felony offender (second degree).

- Joshua Matthew Hall, 1984, arraignment. Bail jumping (first degree) and persistent felony offender (first degree).

- James Nicholas Herrington, 1978, pretrial conference. Receiving stolen property (value $1,000 but less than $10,000) and complicity receiving stolen property (value $1,000 but less than $10,000).

- James Nicholas Herrington, 1978, pretrial conference. Bail jumping (first degree).

- James Nicholas Herrington, 1978, pretrial conference. Convicted felon in possession of a firearm.

- James Nicholas Herrington, 1978, pretrial conference. Trafficking in a controlled substance (first degree, second or subsequent offense, greater than or equal to two grams methamphetamine), drug paraphernalia-buy/possess and fleeing or evading police (third degree).

- Christopher Clint Hunt, 1979, pretrial conference. Trafficking in a controlled substance (first degree, first offense, less than 10 units of drug unspecified, Schedule 1 & 2). Motion to join all cases. No objection. All matters to be heard together.

- Christopher Clint Hunt, 1979, pretrial conference. Trafficking in a controlled substance (first degree, first offense, less than 10 units of drug unspecified, Schedule 1 & 2). See above.

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- Dira Dashan Hunter, 1981, sentencing. Trafficking in a controlled substance (first degree, first offense, less than four grams cocaine. Sentenced to one year probated for five years.

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- Adam Knipper, 1984, preliminary hearing. Probation violation (for technical violation).

- Adam Ray Knipper, 1984, preliminary hearing. Possession of a controlled substance (first degree, third or subsequent offense, drug unspecified), controlled substance prescription not in original container, drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, public intoxication (controlled substance, excludes alcohol) and possession of marijuana.

- Beau G. Lynn, 1999, probation revocation hearing. Probation violation (for technical violation). Probation revoked.

- Beau Graysen Lynn, 1999, sentencing. Convicted felon in possession of a hand gun. Sentenced to 10 years incarceration.

- Beau Graysen Lynn, 1999, sentencing. Enhancement trafficking in a controlled substance (first degree, second or subsequent offense, greater than or equal to two grams methamphetamine). Sentenced to 20 years incarceration.

- Beau Graysen Lynn, 1999, sentencing. Trafficking in a controlled substance (first degree, second or subsequent offense, greater than or equal to two grams methamphetamine) and persistent felony offender (second degree). Dismissed on motion of commonwealth attorney in exchange for plea agreement on first two counts.

- Beau Graysen Lynn, 1999, pretrial conference. Trafficking in a controlled substance (first degree, second or subsequent offense, less than two grams methamphetamine). Dismissed on motion of commonwealth attorney in exchange for plea agreement on first two counts.

- Beau Graysen Lynn, 1999, pretrial conference. Trafficking in a controlled substance (first degree, second or subsequent offense, less than two grams methamphetamine), trafficking in a controlled substance (first degree, second or subsequent offense, greater than or equal to two grams methamphetamine) and persistent felony offender (second degree). Dismissed on motion of commonwealth attorney in exchange for plea agreement on first two counts.

- Bradley McFarland, 1980, pretrial conference. Sexual abuse (first degree, victim under 12 years of age), dis-tribute obscene material to minors (first offense), possession of matter portraying sexual performance by a minor and two counts sexual abuse (first degree).

- Hoover Patrick, 1990, probation revocation hearing. Probation violation (for technical violation). Violation admitted. Defendant to remain in Bourbon County Detention Center pending disposition.

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- Hoover James Lee Patrick, 1999, probation revocation hearing. Probation violation (for technical violation). Violation admitted. Defendant to remain in Bourbon County Detention Center pending disposition.

- Mark Anthony Ramsey, 1970, pretrial conference. Receiving stolen property.

- Shrika Lashay Reed, 1993, pretrial conference. Two counts assault (third degree, police/probation officer identified), resisting arrest, assault (fourth degree, domestic violence, minor injury) and criminal mischief (first degree).

- Randy Timothy Roberts, 1985, pretrial conference. Trafficking in a controlled

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 378, SERIES 2025

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT FOR A 1.4262 ACRE TRACT OF LAND AT 1380 KY HWY 36 E, OWNED BY VIRGINIA H. ASHBROOK AND ORDERING THE ANNOTATION OF THE EXISTING A-1 AGRICULTURAL CLASSIFICATION OF THE TRACT ON THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP TO REFLECT ZONING CLASSIFICATIONS OF THIS TRACT TO R-1 RESIDENTIAL ONE.

WHEREAS, Virginia H. Ashbrook, has applied to the Cynthiana-Harrison County-Berry Joint Planning Commission for a zoning map amendment for a 1.4262 acre tract lying at 1380 Ky Hwy 36 E, East of the City of Cynthiana, as evidenced by Application No. 2025-2MA-03; and

WHEREAS, said Joint Planning Commission did, pursuant to KRS 100.211 and Section 1240 of the Cynthiana-Harrison County-Berry Zoning Ordinance, conduct a public hearing on said application, duly advertised as required by law, on October 20, 2025; and

WHEREAS, said Joint Planning Commission did submit Findings of the Planning Commission and Recommendations to the Harrison County Fiscal Court for said 1.4262 acre tract located at 1380 Ky Hwy 36 E, recommending the approval of rezoning of said tract from A-1 (Agriculture) to R-1 (Residential), with said recommendations being dated the 20th day of October, 2025;and

WHEREAS, the Harrison County Fiscal Court has reviewed the Findings, Conclusions, and the Recommendation of the Joint Planning Commission and heard arguments based on evidence presented to the Joint Planning Commission that said Application be approved; and

WHEREAS, the Harrison County Fiscal Court has found that the proposed Zoning Map Amendment meets some of the goals and objectives of the Comprehensive Plan, further, that the l.4262 acre tract has contained a long time residence and the remai11ing 24.7684 acre tract will unchanged as ag1icultural (A-1) and will allow the owner to sell or lease said 24.7684 acre tract and retain the residence. The Court finds that the proposed zoning classification of Residential R-1. is appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the Harrison County Fiscal Court has reviewed the Findings, Conclusions and Recommendations of the Joint Planning Commission and is otherwise sufficiently advised and is desirous of granting the requested zone change;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FISCAL COURT OF HARRISON COUNTY, KENTUCKY AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the application of Virginia H. Ashbrook, to the Harrison Fiscal Court for zoning map amendment dated the 11th day of September, 2025, is hereby accepted, approved, and adopted by the Harrison County Fiscal Court.

SECTION 2. That said property is hereby rezoned from A- I (Agricultural-One) to R-l (Residential), and that said zoning notation shall be annotated on the official zoning map, with said property being more particularly described as follows:

PARCEL I (J.4262 Acres)

Lying and being in Harrison County, Kentucky on the Southwest side of Kentucky Highway 36 E, approximately 0.40 miles Southeast of Confederate Drive and more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Unless otherwise stated, any monument referred to as an iron pin set is a ½" rebar, 18" in length with a pink stamped P.L.S. 3046. All bearings stated herein are referenced to US State Plane 1983, Kentucky Single Zone, Nad 1983 (Conus), Geoid J 2A.

BEGINNING at an iron pin set in the Southwest right of way (30') of Kentucky Highway 36 E, a common comer of the Grantor and William & Jackie Faulkner (DB. 201, PG. 768); thence with said right of way, S 47 degrees 19 minutes 11 seconds E- 75.00 feet to an iron pin set; thence leaving said right of way with eight new made lines partitioning the Grantors property, S 38 degrees 00 minutes 57 seconds W - 247.42 feet to a post; thence S 40 degrees 45 minutes 22 seconds W - 92.92 feet to an iron pin set; thence S 5 degrees 43 minutes 05 seconds E - 45.22 feet to an iron pin set; thence S 24 degrees 46 minutes 00 seconds W - 61.73 feet to an iron pin set; thence S 50 degrees 50 minutes 14 seconds W - 121.02 feet to an iron pin set; thence N 71 degrees 57 minutes 57 seconds W - 104.04 feet to an iron pin set; thence N 42 degrees 05 minutes 34 seconds W - 31.42 feet to an iron pin set; thence N 39 degrees 41 minutes 31 seconds E - 8.90 feet to a post, a corner to William & Jackie Faulkner (DB. 201., PG. 768.); thence with the lines of Faulkner, N 42 degrees 12 minutes 48 seconds E - 242.74 feet to a steel rod found by post; thence N 5 degrees 48 minutes 29 seconds E- 36.79 feet to an iron pin set by post; thence N 38 degrees 24 minutes 38 seconds E - 49.45 feet to an iron pin set by post; thence N 66 degrees 38 minutes 57 seconds E - 54.70 feet to an iron pin set by post; thence N 42 degrees 07 minutes 08 seconds E- 208.21 feet to the place of beginning containing l.4262 acres more or less and is exclusive of all other right of ways and easements of record.

The above description is in accordance with a new boundary survey made by Patrick A. McLafferty, P.L.S. 3046 on the 20111day of August, 2025.

This being a part of the same property as described and recorded in Deed Book 214, Page 80, in the office of the Harrison County Court Clerk's Records, Cynthiana, KY.

All references are to the Harrison County Court Clerk's Office.

SECTION 3. That a certified copy of this Ordinance be delivered to the Harrison County Court Clerk.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption and publication as required by law.

Submitted:
/s/Bradley K. Vaughn
Bradley K. Vaughn
Harrison County Attorney

GIVEN FIRST READING AND APPROVAL BY THE FISCAL COURT OF HARRISON COUNT, KENTUCKY AT A REGULAR MEETING ON THE 9th DAY OF December, 2025.

GIVEN SECOND READING AND ADOPTED BY THE FISCAL COURT OF HARRISON COUNTY, KENTUCKY AT REGULAR MEETING ON THE 23rd DAY OF December 2025, AND ON THE SAME OCCASION, SIGNED IN OPEN SESSION BY THE COUNTY JUDGE-EXECUTIVE AS OF ITS APPROVAL.

ATTESTED UNDER SEAL BY THE HARRISON COUNTY FISCAL COURT AND DECLARED TO BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

/s/ Jason Marshall
Jason Marshall
Harrison County Judge-Executive

ATTEST:
/s/ Linda Barnes
Linda Barnes
Fiscal Court Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE

Combined Notice
Notice to Public of No Significant Effect on the Environment
And Notice to Public of Request for Release of Funds

Publication Date: 01/09/2026

City of Cynthiana, Kentucky
141 E. Pike St
Cynthiana, KY 41031
859-234-7150

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for the activities to be undertaken by the City of Cynthiana.

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND PERSONS:

On or about February 09, 2026, Cynthiana will request the Kentucky Department for Local Government to release Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383) for the following project:

Project Name: Cynthiana Fire Station #1 Expansion CDBG Project
Project Purpose: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

The City of Cynthiana is seeking $750,000 in HUD Community Development Block Grant funds for the purpose of preserving, renovating, revitalizing, and expanding the City's Fire Station Number I. The City seeks funding to build an additional bay, which will allow the station to provide shelter for the entire Fire Department fleet. Currently, with dimensions of 50'x40', the facility lacks the necessary space to store the entire fleet. The additional bay will also enable the City to accommodate larger engines in the future.

Location: 104 E. Pleasant St, Cynthiana, KY 41031
Census Tract: 21097950500

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

It has been determined that the project will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of human environment and, accordingly, Cynthiana, Kentucky is not required to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL-91-190).

An Environmental Review Record (ERR) respecting the within project has been made by Cynthiana which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such Statement is not required. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the above address and is available for public examination and copying, upon request, during normal business hours. No further environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted prior to the request for release of federal funds.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

All interested agencies, groups, and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the Cynthiana City Commission to the office of the undersigned. Such written comments should be received at the address specified on or before January 25, 2026. All such comments so received will be considered prior to authorizing submission of a request the release of funds or take any administrative action on the within project prior to the date specified on the proceeding sentence. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Cynthiana will undertake the project described above with CDBG Grant funds from the Department for Local Government (DLG) under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974.

Cynthiana is certifying to the state that the Cynthiana City Commission and Issac Dailey, in his official capacity as Mayor, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval Cynthiana may use the CDBG Grant funds and the state and HUD will have satisfied their responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and related laws and authorities.

OBJECTION TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The state will accept an objection to its release of funds and the City of Cynthiana certification period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission dates or its actual receipt for the request (whichever is later) only if they are one of the following bases:

(a) The certification was not in fact executed by the county Certifying Officer.
(b) The county has filed to make one of the two findings pursuant to S58.41 or to make the written determination decision required by SS578.57, 58.53 or 58.64 for the project, as applicable.
(c) The county has omitted one or more of the steps set forth at Subparts F and G for the preparation and completion of an EA.
(d) No opportunity was given to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation or its Executive Director to review the effect of the project on a property listed on the National Register of Historic Places, or found to be eligible for such listing by the Secretary of the Interior, in accordance with 36 CFR Part 800.
(e) The recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR part58 before the approval of the release of funds and approval of the Environmental Certification by HUD or the State.
(f) Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFO Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality.

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the Kentucky Department for Local Government, Division of Community Programs, 100 Airport Road, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by the state. No objection received after February 09, 2026 will be considered by the state. Potential objectors should contact the Department of Local Government to verify the actual last day of the state Comment period.

Isaac Dailey
Mayor
141 E. Pike St
Cynthiana, KY 41031