

OBITUARY

David H. Kramer, 92

David H. Kramer, 92, passed away Monday, Oct. 12, 2026, at Harrison Memorial Hospital in Cynthiana. He was born Oct. 2, 1934, to the late Henry and Florence Katz Kramer.

David is survived by his devoted wife of 62 years, Yvonne Henriette Lagaay Kramer; a son, Reginald E. Kramer; a daughter, Penny Saskia Kramer; and Ann Robertson, a longtime friend of the family.

David was a veteran of the United States Army and was involved in many local clubs in Harrison County. He was a member of the Rotary Club, the Inquisitors Club, and the Planning and Zoning



Board. David graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and Columbia University in New York and also attended Yale University to study art. He was a physicist in metallurgy and an engineer spending most

of his professional career in the oil industry. After retiring, he became well known for his second career as an artist and sculptor, particularly for his Shaker Village Shaker oval boxes. He was also a member of the Kentucky Crafters, and the Kentucky Guild of Artisans. David also loved to travel. What a long and devoted life he lived as a real renaissance man.

Services for David will be private at the convenience of the family. View and sign the guest book at [www.warefuneral-home.com](http://www.warefuneral-home.com).

WAY BACK WHEN

**10 YEARS AGO ... OCT. 20, 2016**  
- Birth announced this week: Kyiara Rayne Thompson was born to Dana Underwood and Ranoni Thompson on Oct. 10.  
- Halloween approaches! The third annual Thriller on Main will be this Saturday. The old Ben Franklin building has been turned into a haunted house.  
- The Harrison County Woman's Club recently had a tree planted near the entrance of Flat Run Veterans' Park.  
- Artober Fest drew a crowd to downtown Cynthiana last Friday evening.  
- A group of ROTC cadets completed the Bataan Death March Memorial to honor American and Filipino servicemen who

died as a result of the infamous World War II event.  
**25 YEARS AGO ... OCT. 18, 2001**  
- Births announced this week: Haley Annette Fryman was born to Lisa Annette Power and Luther Herbert Fryman on Oct. 1; Hunter Nathaniel Gaunce was born to Tony and Christin Gaunce on Oct. 7; Katelyn Denise Robinson was born to William N. and Alicia D. Robinson on Sept. 26.  
- The Harrison County cross country team hosted their annual invitational at the Cynthiana Country Club last Thursday. Top finisher for the Fillies was Stephanie Fuller was ran the course in 20:52 to place 4th. Top Breds runner was Matthew Pickett, who also finished

4th with a time of 18:15, just edging out teammate Ricky Paynter at 18:20.  
**50 YEARS AGO ... OCT. 14, 1976**  
- Births announced this week: Chad Allen Price was born to Charles and Fannie Massey Price on Sept. 27; Bradley Thomas Kearns was born to Mr. and Mrs. Gregg Kearns on Oct. 4; Deborah Marie Eubanks was born to Leon and Flora Wilson Eubanks on Oct. 7; Christopher Douglas Tatum was born to Douglas Wayne and Terri Perkins on Oct. 4.  
- A pile of confiscated marijuana and pills was burned next to U.S. 27 near the River Road turnoff.  
- A special Bicentennial showing of Gone with the Wind is being held at The Studio Cinema.

Wild animals need warm winter habitat

BY JAMIE ROWE  
DIRECTOR, GRIT AND GRACE WILDLIFE REHABILITATION

Winter is coming, unfortunately, and Kentucky's wildlife already knows it ...

Long before we pull out our coats and blankets, wild mammals are making their own preparations for the colder months ahead.

They don't have thermostats, heated houses, or a pantry full of food. They rely on instincts that have been passed down for generations.

Squirrels are busy gathering and caching food, creating hidden reserves they can return to when food becomes harder to find.

Raccoons are eating more when food is available and seeking out protected places like hollow trees, dens, and other sheltered spaces. They don't truly hibernate, but they may spend much more time tucked away during especially cold weather.

Skunks also become much less active during the coldest parts of winter, spending long periods sheltered in dens.

Beavers prepare by reinforcing their lodges and storing food underwater, where they can access it even when the surface is frozen.

Coyotes and bobcats remain active throughout winter. Their thickened winter coats provide insulation, while their ability to adapt their hunting and feeding habits helps them survive when conditions become difficult.

Deer grow thicker winter coats too and rely heavily on fat reserves to help them get through periods when nutritious food is scarce. Their winter survival is closely tied to having enough natural habitat and food sources available.

And then there are the smaller creatures we may never see. Leaves become blankets. Hollow logs become shelters. Brush piles become hiding places.

Fallen trees become miniature ecosystems.

That pile of leaves in your yard may be protecting insects and other tiny animals that you cannot see. That fallen branch may provide shelter. That patch of brush you were considering clearing may be someone's safe place to escape the cold.

Nature doesn't waste anything. Every leaf, log, hollow tree, and patch of tangled vegetation can serve a purpose.

So as we watch Kentucky change from green to gold/red and prepare ourselves for colder days, remember that wildlife is preparing too.

They don't need us to make winter easier for them.

They need us to protect the places that allow them to survive it.

One of the most important things we can give wild animals is habitat.

Because sometimes the best way to help wildlife isn't to rescue it.

It's to leave enough wild behind so it never needs rescuing in the first place.

Levels of Improvement Demands Menu Progression

BRUCE FLORENCE  
COLUMNIST

Falling ill when I was growing up created a whole different vibe in my family. In fact, there were levels of being sick—all the way from a BandAid for a boo boo to oh no! the doctor is coming. When that happened, mercy me, all the able-bodied were immediately thrown into action. The front walk and porch had to be swept and the vacuum run in the living room. Fresh coffee was perked; the patient was moved to the couch wearing fresh pajamas, face washed and hair brushed. Kids that were not sick were banned to the back of the house with strict orders to be quiet or else. We didn't know for sure what 'or else' really meant, but none of us were brave enough to test it.

For the two times that the doctor was called for me, I distinctly remember Dr. Begley's cigars, his size, and that he was gruff and loud. It always seemed he was mad at me because I got sick. He left his little white envelope of pink fever pills and instructions to pick up more medicine at the drugstore later. Remember, unless you were deep into pneumonia, antibiotics were seldom dispensed. Mother would be given instructions about a camphor tent, keeping patient warm, no food only liquids and then he would head back to the kitchen to talk to daddy and drink his coffee. At this time, he would report his medical findings to daddy not mother and because the back room where the healthy kids were sent was right off the kitchen we kids would find what ailed our sibling first. Poor

mother. Getting better was done by dietary levels for the most part. The first food would be chicken boullion and this dietary sadness lasted as long as one had fever. The next level up would be a dish called milk toast and after the boullion days, it seemed like a rare treat. This was the age of drinking orange juice daily, but it was deemed by mother to be too acidic for her patient. Milk tea was the beverage she allowed, but finally after what seemed like days, the tray would come with potato leek soup! Once you reached this level of dietary delight it would not be long before you could put on a robe and come to the kitchen.

Just recently felled by mischievous molecules I missed talking to my newspaper buddies and instead was gifted curative chicken soup by my daughter, Laura, and then in a couple more days 'wonder of wonders' an Appalachian Angel, named Frieda Mullins, tapped on my door. You guess it! She was bearing a pot of marvelously delicious potato leek soup. It was an immediate throw back to earlier days, and I felt sure healing was on the way.

If potato and chicken soup won't do it, then surely our Kentucky Wildcats must have a winning combination for curing what ails you! Isn't it fun to see BBN winning football games no one was expecting them to pull out? If that is not enough just feast on the progressing HHS band kids, directors and supporters. I don't know about you but winning Reserve Grand Champion sounds mighty impressive to this band fan. They make all of us so proud.

INCREASE

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Mayor Isaac Dailey provided some statistics on our water rates compared to other cities in the 17-county Bluegrass Area Development District. Our current rates, dating from November 2022, are the third oldest rate in the district. We have the lowest rate per 2,000 gallons and the second lowest per 4,000 and 6,000 gallons.

A 14% increase would be \$1.73 added to the minimum bill, he said, which would still leave us with the second lowest rate.

139 EAST PIKE STREET

In September the city received tied high bids of \$60,000 for the property located at 139 East Pike Street. To break the tie the city requested a "best and final bid" and got back one bid from Josh Vest for \$75,001.99.

Given the work needed on the building, Dailey called it a "strong bid." The commission approved to accept it.

OTHER ACTIONS

- Dailey made a motion to authorize to hire Jackson Herrington as a Distribution Trainee, with salary to commensurate with position. The motion passed.

- Dailey read a proclamation declaring Nov. 1, 2026, Extra Mile Day. The proclamation recognizes citizens who go above and beyond in serving the community.

- Dailey said the Local Assistance Road Program application for Highland Avenue has been submitted.

- Four engineering firms have submitted into the RFQ for the feasibility of moving the raw water intake in the South Licking River. The scores, out of 100, are as follows:

Clark Dietz - 91  
Eclipse - 84  
Kentucky Engineering Group - 81  
Summit Engineering -

89

The matrix and score sheet were submitted to the Kentucky Division of Water and no comment was made. Dailey recommended awarding the engineering service to Clark Dietz. A motion was made and approved.

REPORTS

- Commissioner of Public Property and Finance Mark Mattmiller received approval to pay bills on the general fund (\$61,765) and water/sewer fund (\$88,080).

"Cash in the bank in the general fund is \$62,915; cash in the bank in the water/sewer fund is \$552,780. Our municipal road aid fund balance is \$200,105."

Mattmiller noted the property tax bills will be mailed by Oct. 19 with payment due Nov. 30.

- In the absence of Commissioner of Police

Safety Taylor Peoples, Dailey asked for and was granted authorization to use DEA asset forfeiture funds in the amount of \$1, 484.36 to buy a moveable target system from Dynamic Range for firearms training.

Police Chief Eric Kendall cautioned people to lock their vehicles as several incidents of theft have occurred recently.

He also announced the police department is giving away free reflective Halloween trick or treat bags. They can be picked up at the police station at 420 East Pleasant Street.

- Commissioner of Fire Safety and Emergency Services Roger Slade made a motion to authorize to offer employment to an individual as a part-time certified telecommunicator contingent upon successful completion of all pre-employment requirements. The motion was approved.



# LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 383 SERIES 2026  
AMENDMENT CORRECTING THE  
AD VALOREM TAX ON ALL PROPERTY BY  
HARRISON COUNTY, KENTUCKY FOR THE YEAR 2026

WHEREAS Ordinance #381 Series 2026 contained a typographical error in Section 2 stating the rate as 10.2 cents but should have stated 12.9 cents per \$100.00 worth of personal property subject to taxes for County purposes.

THEREFORE be it ordained by the Fiscal Court of the county of Harrison, Commonwealth of Kentucky:

1. That the ad valorem tax rate for the year of 2026 is hereby fixed at 10.2 cents on each and every \$100.00 worth of taxable real estate subject to taxes for County purposes.
2. That the ad valorem tax rate for the year of 2026 is hereby fixed at 12.9 cents on each and every \$100.00 worth of personal property subject to taxes for County purposes.
3. All taxes levied herein shall be for the General Fund, for the general expenses of Harrison County, Kentucky, and the above taxes levied shall not be used for any other purposes than that for which they are levied.
4. This Ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage, approval and publication as required by law.

Submitted:  
Bradley K. Vaughn  
Harrison County Attorney

Given first reading and approval by the Fiscal Court of Harrison County, Kentucky, at a regular meeting of the 2nd day of September 2026.

Given second reading and adoption by the Fiscal Court of Harrison County, Kentucky, at a regular meeting on the 13th day of October, 2024, and on the same occasion signed in open session by the County Judge Executive as evidence of its approval, attested under seal by the Harrison County Fiscal Court Clerk and declared to be in full force and effect.

Jason Marshall  
Harrison County Judge Executive

Attest  
Linda S. Barnes  
Harrison County Fiscal Court Clerk



# LEGAL NOTICE

RE-ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

**Sealed Bids for the Berry Wastewater System Improvements Project** will be received by the City of Berry at City Hall, 111 Main Street, P.O. Box 215, Berry, KY 41003 at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time/12:00 p.m. Central time, on 10/29/2026 at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud.

This project will include the following work:

Replacing lagoon liners and irrigation pumps; improvements to the control building; refurbishing floating aerators; installing new chain-link fencing; replacing residential grinder pumps and associated basin lids; installing valves outside the grinder pump basins; and completing other associated miscellaneous improvements.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is:  
**Lynn Imaging, Inc.  
328 East Vine Street  
Lexington, KY 40507**

Prospective Bidders may obtain or examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office Monday through Friday between the hours of **8:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.** and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.

Bidding documents are available through Lynn Imaging. Digital download and hard copy reproduction costs are determined by Lynn Imaging and is the responsibility of the Contractor. Contact Lynn Imaging directly for current pricing.

Questions regarding this project must be received by Nesbitt Engineering, Inc. in writing ([mwampler@nei-ky.com](mailto:mwampler@nei-ky.com)) no later than **5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on 10/23/2026**.

Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the contract. These include Section 3, Segregated Facility, Section 109 and E.O. 11246. Further, Title VI Minority bidders are encouraged to bid.

This Project is funded through the Kentucky Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and is subject to the Build America, Buy America Act (BABA) requirements. Bidders shall include in their Bid all costs necessary to comply with BABA.

No bidder may withdraw a bid within **90** days after the bid opening date. The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Each bidder must submit an acceptable bid bond or certified check with the bid in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid, payable to the Owner. The awarded Bidder must complete the project within **180 calendar days** of the construction start date.

George Keith Ison  
Mayor, City of Berry