

TNT Realty cuts ribbon in Russell

BY ALLISON SCOTT
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RUSSELL With all of their hands on the scissors, a real estate team celebrated their business with a ribbon cutting.

The three-member team, TNT Realty Group, cut the ribbon Thursday afternoon with the Northeast Kentucky Chamber of Commerce on their new office space on 315 Ferry Street in Russell.

While the storms on Tuesday delayed the original ribbon cutting, NEKY Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Scott Martin said this celebration was much anticipated.

“This is an exciting time, and the proof is looking at all your friends here,” Martin said. “Everybody that loves y’all, they’re here.”

Founded by Tonja McCloud, Teresa Powers and her daughter Sydney Powers, in 2021, the real estate team combines their years of experience to provide residential and commercial real estate



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Teresa Powers talks to the audience during Team TNT Realty Group's ribbon cutting and grand opening for their new office space Thursday in Russell.

services operated through The Agency real estate brokerage. “I have said from day one

it would be awesome to have a little boutique real estate office,” said Teresa Powers.

“Tonja McCloud and Sydney Powers helped that come true for me.”

McKell abuse trial to be pushed

BY AARON SNYDER
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GREENUP One of the defendants in a criminal abuse trial in Greenup County recently changed attorneys, forcing a delay on the trial date.

Ashley Trissler is one of four former McKell Elementary employees accused of first-degree criminal abuse of victims under 12. The crimes allegedly occurred in the fall of 2024 in a special education classroom.

Trissler, who was a teacher aide in the classroom, was appointed to public defense attorney Charles Oppenheimer on Thursday morning.

“I just got appointed this morning,” Oppenheimer said in front of Judge Brian McCloud during a status hearing Thursday afternoon. “It’s been over a year and there’s a lot of video to go through.”

Sebastian Joy, defense attorney for Faith Jordan, agreed that it will take time for Oppenheimer to watch all the content relevant to the case.

The trial was originally set to begin Aug. 24. It will likely be pushed to September or later.

Makenzie Rice, who was the head teacher in the classroom, is charged with 40 counts of criminal abuse. Michael Lyons, a former teacher aide who is in the Carter County Detention Center on other charges, faces 33 counts of criminal abuse. Trissler is charged with five counts of criminal abuse. Jordan faces one count. Jordan was a substitute teacher aide.

Bob Miller, Lyons’s attorney, said he is the only defense lawyer in the case with a client in jail.

Lyons is currently jailed on no bond.

Judge Rebecca Phillips has re-

fused to reduce Lyons’s bond in Carter County. Factoring into that decision was McCloud’s ruling that Lyons should be incarcerated on no bond due to the prosecution’s assertion that Lyons violated bond conditions.

While out on bond from his initial booking in Greenup County, he is accused of procuring or promoting use of a minor by electronic means and distributing obscene material to minors (first offense).

Miller asked McCloud if he would reconsider his decision Thursday, to which McCloud quickly said no, adding it was the best call “for the safety of our community.”

A pretrial conference is set for Thursday, Aug. 13, at which time a new trial date will likely be determined.

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Man gets six years in pair of cases

BY AARON SNYDER
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GREENUP A 40-year-old Garrison man was sentenced to six total years of incarceration in two cases on Thursday in Greenup County Circuit Court.

The court sentenced Mitchell D. Royster to one year on a charge of second-degree unlawful transac-

tion with a minor and five years on receiving stolen property with \$10,000 or more.

Royster has a notable criminal history, including pleading guilty to two counts of manslaughter in 2013 in connection to murders of two people in Greenup County in 2010.

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Man dies in e-bike accident

STAFF REPORT

CANNONSBURG A 55-year-old man has died in an e-bike accident, according to the Boyd County Coroner’s Office.

According to a news release posted by Coroner Mark Hammond, a collision occurred at around 10:36 p.m. near the intersection of U.S. 60 and Marsh Hill Drive Thursday night.

Hammond said the preliminary investigation shows the e-bike operator, who was not wearing a helmet, was riding along the shoulder of the roadway when he struck a pedestrian and was ejected from the bicycle. The pedestrian, ac-

cording to the coroner’s office, was transported to Cabell Huntington Hospital Trauma Center for further evaluation.

The man on the e-bike, whose identity has not been released, was pronounced deceased at

11:42 p.m. by the Boyd County Coroner’s Office.

Responding agencies included the Boyd County Sheriff’s Office, Kentucky State Police, Boyd County EMS, Cannonsburg Fire Department and Summit-Ironville

Fire Department.

The collision remains under investigation and is being reconstructed by KSP’s accident reconstruction unit, according to the Boyd County Coroner’s Office.

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BOYD CIRCUIT COURT CIVIL ACTION NO. 26-CI-00367

KENTUCKY FARMERS BANK, PLAINTIFF,
vs. ADVERTISEMENT

ANGELA DINA GRIFFITH;
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ANGELA GRIFFITH;
VIRGINIA GRIFFITH, through her Guardian SUSAN
NOLTE;
GOODLEAP, LLC;
CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY;
COUNTY OF BOYD, KENTUCKY, DEFENDANTS.

Pursuant to Judgment and Order of Sale entered on June 26, 2026, I shall sell the property described herein below at public auction in the lobby inside the front door of the old Boyd County Courthouse, Catlettsburg, Kentucky, on **Friday, August 14, 2026, at 11:05 a.m.**, to highest bidder on the following terms:

Full purchase price will be due at time of sale, payable by personal, business or official check. We do not accept cash. **IF the Master Commissioner has pre-approved the surety and collateral for a bidder's bond**, a down payment of ten-percent (10%) of the purchase price will be due at time of sale, and the unpaid balance with interest at the rate of **3% per annum** will be due within thirty (30) days from the date of sale.

Address of Property: 2524 W. Euclid Avenue, Ashland (For Legal Description, see LSOT: Deed Book 873, Page 638-640, Boyd County Clerk's Office)

Map/Parcel ID Number: 031-16-13-012.00

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/s/ Kenneth Williams, Jr.
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CITIMORTGAGE, INC., PLAINTIFF,
vs. ADVERTISEMENT

UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES,
BENEFICIARIES OF LYDIA KINNEY, and
THEIR UNKNOWN CREDITORS;
UNKNOWN EXECUTOR, ADMINISTRATOR, OR
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE
ESTATE OF LYDIA KINNEY;
ABIGAIL STANLEY, AS PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR
FOR THE ESTATE OF LYDIA KINNEY
MELISSA RUTT, AS POSSIBLE HEIR TO THE ESTATE
OF LYDIA KINNEY;
EQUABLE ASCENT FINANCIAL LLC, DEFENDANTS.

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