

COMMUNITY

Fleming County Rotary Club updates



The Fleming County Rotary Club was proud to present scholarships to the following Fleming County High School Students. Pictured l-r, Carol Thompson, Robert Pease, Preston Cropper, Gavin Planck, Elizabeth Thorn, Mallory Price, Alexander Womack and Becky McGinnis. Absent was Avery Ishmael.



Ronita Leach, owner of Kentucky Lady LLC, was the guest speaker at a recent Fleming County Rotary Meeting. Ms. Leach spoke about her new business venture in Fleming County - All things Apple Butter. Her product is currently being sold locally at Yoder's Dinner Bell. Pictured l-r, Paula Hyatt, Joni Hazelrigg, Ronita Leach and Tammy Thomas.



Jarrold Fritz, Fleming County Court Clerk, spoke to the club about the functions of his office including elections, registering motor vehicles, land deeds, mortgages, wills and marriage licenses. Pictured l-r, Joni Hazelrigg, Joe Gulley, Jarrod Fritz, Tony Kinder and Brian Clark.



Jonathan Coleman, Executive Director of the Bluegrass Trust for Historic Preservation, spoke to the club about their role in assisting in preserving historic buildings in central Kentucky. Their focus is on education, service and advocacy in assisting with various projects. Pictured l-r, Dr. Glenn Womack, Dr. Phil Tibbs, Joyce Fidler, Jonathan Coleman, Trudy Tibbs, Janie Ferguson and Joni Hazelrigg.



Crystal Thayer brought five finalists from the Amazing Shake competition. The students described the rounds of the competition with two students giving their impression of the competition in Atlanta. Pictured in no particular order - Joe Gulley, Ashley Ellison, Joni Hazelrigg, Jackson Teegarden, McKenzie Utterback, Darcy Moran, Ethan Thompson, Caelynn Howard and Mrs. Crystal Thayer.



Austin Hart, Fleming County High School, spoke about the need for community volunteers. Trinity Flora made a wonderful presentation to show the Rotary Club what each student will be doing in their presentation. Pictured l-r, Wayne Grannis, Austin Hart, Trinity Flora, Joni Hazelrigg and Joe Gulley.

OPINIONS

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A Tribute to Charles Mattox - Heaven is a Lot like Kentucky

THE CALM BEFORE THE STORM

Editor's Note: At the suggestion of many readers, we will be re-running Charles Mattox's columns within our publications. Follow along and enjoy his legendary work at capturing our local history.

Although a British army under Lord Cornwallis had surrendered at Yorktown, in October 1781, the Revolutionary War on the Ohio River Valley continued.

March 8, 1782, American Colonel David Williamson, and a force of 160 men of the western Pennsylvania militia murder 96 "Christian Indians" at the Moravian settlement of Gnadenhutten (translated as "Cabins of Grace"). The incident remains one of the darkest episodes of the conflict in the Ohio River Valley during the Revolutionary era, and compels the Wyandotte Nation to swear revenge. The Moravian men, women and children are bludgeoned to death while they pray.

March 22, 1782, the Battle of Little Mountain, or Capt. James Estill's Defeat, occurs near the present-day community of Mt. Sterling, following the attack of Estill's Station by two dozen Wyandotte

warriors, who lash out in revenge of the Moravian Massacre and murder and scalp young Jenny Gass in the presence of her brother and others in the fort. During the ensuing battle, Estill and seven men are killed, and one dozen are wounded.

May 25-June 11, Col. William Crawford, leads about 500 volunteer militiamen, mostly from Pennsylvania, from Fort Pitt, deep into American Indian territory, the campaign's goal was to destroy enemy American Indian towns along the Sandusky River in the Ohio Country. After a day of indecisive fighting near the Sandusky towns, the Americans found themselves surrounded and attempted to retreat. The retreat turns into a rout, but most of the Americans managed to find their way back to Pennsylvania. About 70 Americans are killed; Indian and British losses are less than one dozen. Colonel Crawford and others are captured

and slowly tortured to death.

11 July 1782. Excerpts from a letter from Col. William Irvine, Commander at Fort Pitt (Pittsburg) to General George Washington:

"Dr. Knight, a surgeon I sent with Colonel Crawford, returned the 4th instant to this place. He brings an account of the melancholy fate of poor Crawford. The day after the main body retreated, the Colonel, Doctor, and nine others, were overtaken, about thirty miles from the field of action, by a body of Indians, to whom they surrendered. They were taken back to Sandusky, where they all, except the Doctor, were put to death... The Doctor adds, that a certain Simon Girty, who was formerly in our service, and deserted with McKee, and is now said to have a commission in the British service, was present at torturing Colonel Crawford...He also says the Colonel begged

of Girty to shoot him, but he paid no regard to the request..."

In the settlements of central and northeastern Kentucky, the men and women went about their work as usual as the summer continued. Some early vegetables were being harvested from the gardens and the solitary and group hunting expeditions had been successful.

The hemp, tobacco and corn, had been planted and the various scouts from the various communities stayed ever vigilant in their inspection of the terrain near and around the forts, or stations, as they were more aptly called.

At Hoy's Station, two young stepbrothers; Jones Hoy and Jack Callaway, spent much of their days filled with doing farm-related chores, but they always managed to keep a close watch on their watermelon patch. Watermelons were a rare commodity along the frontier and the seeds alone were

worth a good deal, besides the boys were already savoring the delicious taste and other "fruit of their labors."

Along the Sandusky and Scioto Rivers, however, British Ranger Captain William Caldwell and the leaders of several Native American Tribes, including the Shawnee, Chipewewa, Mingo, Wyandotte and Ottawa, met during a grand council at Chillicothe on the Scioto River. It was there throughout several days in the middle of July that the white renegade and former American soldier, Simon Girty, drew up plans to vanquish all the settlements of Kentucky. Girty was well known in Kentucky, having helped persuade the garrisons at Ruddle's and Martin's Station into surrendering in June of 1780 during the British General Henry Byrd's invasion, two years earlier. Hundreds of Kentuckians were taken prisoner and separated from their families members over northern British garrisons and

Native American villages across the Ohio River. Dozens perished along the way.

Captain Caldwell was leading a skilled group of hardened Canadian Rangers who were eager to invade Kentucky.

Little did any of them know at the time, but young Jones Hoy and Jack Callaway were about to become a hinge point in the turning of events during one of the worst weeks of the history of Kentucky, when possession of the land that ranged from the ancient Shawnee village of Eskipackithicki (in present Clark County) to the sacred springs along the rivers of sacred springs (Licking River) would result in the death of dozens and dozens of Kentuckians.

If the good Lord is willing, in the future columns this summer, we will examine the events as they unfolded in those sweltering summer weeks of 1782.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLEMING CIRCUIT COURT CIVIL ACTION NO. 25-CI-00231 ELECTRONICALLY FILED
LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC VS. NOTICE OF MASTER COMMISSIONER SALE
CODY McCLEESE ISABELLA McCLEESE LENDMARK FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC DEFENDANTS
In obedience to an Order of Sale entered on the 28th day of January, 2026, and Order to Reschedule Master Commissioner Sale entered on May 4, 2026, in the above action, I will, as Master Commissioner proceed on:
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2026 FAMILY COURT ROOM FLEMING COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER FLEMINGSBURG, FLEMING COUNTY, KENTUCKY AT 10:00 A.M.
to sell the real estate at 241 Garr Avenue, Flemingsburg, Fleming County, Kentucky 41041. This property is described in a Deed of record at Deed Book 288, Page 58, Fleming County Clerk's Office. Parcel Mapping number: 039-70-16-008.00.
This sale is to satisfy Judgment in the sum of \$150,337.85, plus interest, taxes, court costs and attorney fees. The purchaser may pay in full at the sale if he/she chooses to do so. Otherwise, the purchaser immediately after the sale shall pay not less than 10% of the purchase price, and execute bond with surety, who is a Kentucky resident with net worth of greater or equal to the amount of the bond and who is approved by the Master Commissioner, and who must be present at the sale and execute the sale bond and affidavit of surety at the sale, for the balance of the purchase price, payable to the Fleming Circuit Court Clerk within thirty days with interest at 6.1% per annum on the balance from date of sale until paid in full. The bond shall have the force of a judgment and a first lien shall be retained on the property as security for the payment of said bond and interest. The purchaser shall at his/her own expense carry fire and extended coverage insurance on all insurable improvements located on the real property from the date of sale until the purchase price is paid in full, with loss payable to the Master Commissioner. The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all taxes assessed against the property for 2026 and all subsequent years. The title interest of the parties to this lawsuit will be conveyed without warranty by the Master Commissioner to the purchaser and the purchaser shall be entitled to possession upon payment of the purchase price in full after confirmation of the sale by Fleming Circuit Court, subject to any equity of redemption if the property does not sell for two-thirds of its appraised value.
Buyer is advised to have a title search completed on the property and must file any exceptions to the sale within ten (10) days. The purchasers will be required to have any persons evicted or property removed from the premises. The sale is subject to any terms and conditions that may be announced on the day of sale.
DARRELL K. RUARK MASTER COMMISSIONER FLEMING CIRCUIT COURT
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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLEMING CIRCUIT COURT CIVIL ACTION NO. 24-CI-00094 ELECTRONICALLY FILED
THE CITIZENS BANK (MOREHEAD, KY) VS. NOTICE OF MASTER COMMISSIONER SALE
LESLIE M. WRIGHT a/k/a LESLIE WRIGHT; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LESLIE M. WRIGHT; and CREDIT ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION DEFENDANTS
In obedience to Orders of sale entered on October 7, 2024 and May 4, 2026, in the above action, I will, as Master Commissioner proceed on:
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2026 FAMILY COURT ROOM FLEMING COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER FLEMINGSBURG, FLEMING COUNTY, KENTUCKY AT 10:00 A.M.
to sell the real estate located at 325 Lambert Lane, Hillsboro, Fleming County, Kentucky 41049. This property is described in a Deed of record at Deed Book 285, Page 776, Fleming County Clerk's Office, calling for 1.078 acres, including a 2000 Clayton Heartland doublewide mobile home, serial number CAP008512TN, Title No: 133230350008, which has been permanently affixed to the subject property and is classified as real property, Parcel Mapping number: 087-00-00-008.01.
This sale is to satisfy Judgment in the sum of \$30,047.28, plus interest, taxes, court costs and attorney fees. The purchaser may pay in full at the sale if he/she chooses to do so. Otherwise, the purchaser immediately after the sale shall pay not less than 10% of the purchase price, and execute bond with surety, who is a Kentucky resident with net worth of greater or equal to the amount of the bond and who is approved by the Master Commissioner, and who must be present at the sale and execute the sale bond and affidavit of surety at the sale, for the balance of the purchase price, payable to the Fleming Circuit Court Clerk within thirty days with interest at 7.49% per annum on the balance from date of sale until paid in full. The bond shall have the force of a judgment and a first lien shall be retained on the property as security for the payment of said bond and interest. The purchaser shall at his/her own expense carry fire and extended coverage insurance on all insurable improvements located on the real property from the date of sale until the purchase price is paid in full, with loss payable to the Master Commissioner. The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all taxes assessed against the property for 2024 and all subsequent years. The title interest of the parties to this lawsuit will be conveyed without warranty by the Master Commissioner to the purchaser and the purchaser shall be entitled to possession upon payment of the purchase price in full after confirmation of the sale by Fleming Circuit Court, subject to any equity of redemption if the property does not sell for two-thirds of its appraised value.
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