



Photos by Williamstown Independent Schools
 Williamstown High School teacher April Saylor was awarded a prestigious Golden Apple at the 2026 Northern Kentucky Education Council Excellence in Education Awards held Tuesday, April 21.



Williamstown senior Josiah McCain was awarded the St. Elizabeth Scholarship at the Northern Kentucky Education Council Excellence in Education Awards held Tuesday, April 21. He is pictured between Williamstown Independent Schools Superintendent John Slone and Board of Education Member Angie Cleveland.

Excellence in Education Awards: Williamstown Independent Schools

Williamstown Independent Schools brought home a pair of awards from the 2026 Northern Kentucky Education Council Excellence in Education Awards held Tuesday, April 21.

Senior Josiah McCain was presented a St. Elizabeth Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded to high school seniors pursuing a degree in the healthcare field, including public health, biochemistry,

nursing, medicine, behavioral, occupational health, environmental health, quality, safety, or other health-related disciplines.

Williamstown High School English teacher April Saylor

received the prestigious Golden Apple Award. The award honors excellent full-time or part-time teachers at any grade level from pre-kindergarten through high school.

Golden Apple Award winners are noted for their leadership capabilities, their commitment to professional growth and development, and their ability to use individual learning strategies to meet children where they are.

Williamstown Alumni Open House set for May 16



The Williamstown Alumni Open House will be Saturday, May 16, from 2-4 p.m.

At 2:15 p.m., the Williamstown Alumni Choir, directed by Tonya Fox, will be performing in the cafeteria.

The Williamstown Alumni Band, under the direction of Chris Hedges, will perform at 3 p.m. in the Williamstown Performing Arts Center. Also at 3 p.m. there will be a recognition program.

Classes honored at this year's open house will be: 1941, 1946, 1951, 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991,



1996, 2001, 2006, 2011, 2016 and 2021. Mark your calendars for May 16 and make plans to catch up with fellow classmates and friends!

Dust off the old horn and join the Williamstown Alumni Band on May 16!

Courtesy of Williamstown Independent Schools

GRANT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORT

Between April 12 and April 18, 2026, the Grant County Sheriff's Office:

- Served 34 summons and/or subpoenas
- Spent 16.5 hours serving court
- Executed 10 arrests/warrants (out of county residence)
- Drove 234 miles transporting prisoners
- Arrests
- 4/14 — Deputy Trenton Dalton under warrant, arrested Jacob Lewis, 41, of Jonesville on Jonesville Road at 7:09 a.m. on offense or failure to appear, six counts. Lewis was lodged in the Grant County Detention Center.
- 4/14 — Deputy Dustin

Grady under warrant, arrested Lauren Adkins, 27, of Williamstown on Barnes Road, Williamstown at 1:55 p.m. on offense or charge of probation violation. Adkins was lodged in the Grant County Detention Center.

4/16 — Deputy Trenton Dalton arrested Joann Dupin, 60, of Corinth at 11000 Block Dixie Highway, Corinth at 7:49 p.m. on offense or charge of trafficking in controlled substance, first degree; trafficking in marijuana; drug paraphernalia. Dupin was lodged in the Grant County Detention Center.

Grant County Jail Report

Population analysis, April 21, 2026
 Total Inmates: 317
 (Male: 268, Female: 49)
 Inmates by County:
 56 Grant
 38 Gallatin (Paying)
 1 Owen (Paying)
 15 Pendleton (Paying)
 5 Other (Arrested in Grant County on Warrants, awaiting pickup)
 State Inmates:
 98 SAP (Substance Abuse Program — Pays Extra)
 57 SOAR I & 2 (Supporting Others in Active Recovery, Levels I & II, Pays Extra)
 47 Other (Regular Rate)
 From Chief Deputy Jailor Joshua Brearton:

The outside work crew worked two days on US 25 South from Williamstown to Corinth, collecting 115 bags of garbage along with multiple pieces of furniture and large items.

The Center has started the Grant County Detention Center Horticultural

Therapy Program. With a vegetable and flower garden, this will add an additional therapy type for SAP and SOAR inmates.

The plan is to use the fresh vegetables in the facility kitchen for all inmates to be able to enjoy, and the flowers will be

made into bouquets and donated to other local entities. The garden was started and paid for with the commissary fund monies, not taxpayer dollars.

Currently there are 44 employees at the facility; looking to hire six more.

INSPECTION PERIOD FOR THE PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT ROLL

The GRANT County real property tax roll will be opened for inspection from May 4th through May 18th, 2026. Under the supervision of the property valuation administrator (PVA) or one of the deputies, any person may inspect the tax roll.

This is the January 1, 2026, assessment on which state, county, and school taxes for 2026 will be due about September 15, 2026.

The tax roll is in the office of the property valuation administrator in the county courthouse and may be inspected between the hours 8:00AM and 4:00PM Monday through Friday and 9:00AM to Noon on Saturday's.

Any taxpayer desiring to appeal an assessment on real property made by the PVA must first request a conference with the PVA or a designated deputy. The conference may be held prior to or during the inspection period. Written documentation supporting your opinion of value will continue to be required. However, you will be instructed on the best method to submit your documentation after contacting our office regarding your request to have a conference. More specific instructions regarding how conferences will be held this year are will be posted at the entrance to the PVA's office, located at: 101 N. MAIN STREET, WILLIAMSTOWN KY 41097.

Any taxpayer still aggrieved by an assessment on real property, after the conference with the PVA or designated deputy, may appeal to the county board of assessment appeals.

The appeal must be filed with the county clerk's office no later than one work day following the conclusion of the inspection period (May 19th). Please contact the county clerk's office to receive instructions on the method the office is using to accept appeals this year and to obtain a form that can be used to file your appeal.

Any taxpayer failing to appeal to the county board of assessment appeals, or failing to appear before the board, either in person or by designated representative, will not be eligible to appeal directly to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals.

Appeals of personal property assessments shall **not** be made to the county board of assessment appeals. Personal property taxpayers shall be served notice under the provisions of KRS 132.450(4) and shall have the protest and appeal rights granted under the provisions of KRS 131.110.

The following steps should be taken when a taxpayer does not agree with the assessed value of personal property as determined by the property valuation administrator.

- (1) He/She must list under protest (for certification) what he/she believes to be the fair cash value of his/her property.
- (2) He/She must file a written protest directly with the Department of Revenue, Office of Property Valuation within 30 days from the date of the notice of assessment.
- (3) This protest must be in accordance with KRS 131.110.
- (4) The final decision of the Department of Revenue may be appealed to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals.

ELI ANDERSON
 Property Valuation Administrator
 GRANT
 County

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
 UNIFIED COURT OF JUSTICE
 GRANT CIRCUIT COURT
 CASE NO. 25-CI-00347

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC PLAINTIFF

VS. **NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE**

JULIE A. GARLAND, ET AL DEFENDANTS

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By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Grant Circuit Court on March 26, 2026, I will sell at public auction at the **Judicial Center Lobby**, 224 South Main Street, Williamstown, Kentucky, the property described herein located in Grant County, Kentucky, on **Wednesday, May 6, 2026**, at the hour of **1:30 p.m.**, prevailing time, and more particularly described as follows:

Being the same property conveyed to Julie A. Garland who acquired title by virtue of a deed from Austin Ryan and Ashley Ryan, husband and wife, dated January 2, 2015, recorded January 13, 2015, in Deed Book 374, Page 359, Grant County, Kentucky records.

More Commonly Known As: 302 Brentwood Drive, Dry Ridge, KY 41035
 Map ID #: 046-04-00-133.00

There is not a mobile home, doublewide or manufactured home included in the sale.
 Announcements made on the day of sale take precedence over printed material.

The amount of money to be raised by this sale is the principal sum of \$89,774.92, together with accrued interest thereon to April 1, 2025, and interest thereafter at the rate of 4.125% from April 1, 2025 (per diem interest in the amount of \$10.15) until the entire amount has been paid in full plus late fees, costs, attorney's fees, and other advances.

The real estate shall be sold on the terms of 10% cash at the time of the sale, except that said deposit shall be waived if the Plaintiff is the successful bidder at the sale, and the balance on a credit of thirty (30) days bearing interest at the rate of 4.125% per annum for the date of sale. When the purchase price is paid in full, the deed will be delivered to the purchaser. It is further provided that the property sold includes insurable improvements and the successful bidder at said sale shall, at bidder's own expense, carry fire and extended insurance coverage on said improvements from the date of sale until the purchase price is fully paid in the amount of the Court appraised value of said improvements or the amount of the unpaid balance of the purchase price, whichever is less, at minimum, with a loss payable clause to the Commissioner of the Grant Circuit Court and the Plaintiff herein. Failure of the purchasers to obtain such insurance shall not affect the validity of the sale or the purchaser's liability thereunder, but shall entitle, but not require, the Plaintiff to obtain said insurance and furnish the policy or premium thereon or the proper portion thereof shall be charged to the purchaser as purchaser's costs.

The aforesaid property shall be sold free and clear of all liens and encumbrances, except the following:

- All unpaid state, county and city real estate taxes for the year 2026;
- Easements, restrictions, and stipulations of record;
- Assessments for public improvements levied against the property;
- Any facts which an inspection and/or accurate survey of the property may disclose.

/s/ Edward M. Bourne
 MASTER COMMISSIONER
 GRANT CIRCUIT COURT