

Excellence in Education Awards: Grant County Schools

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The Northern Kentucky Education Council Excellence in Education Awards were handed out at a dinner Tuesday, April 21. The awards recognize education excellence throughout our region. The award ceremony is more than a celebration — it is a reflection of the remarkable work happening every single day in our schools. It is a testament to passion, perseverance, and the unwavering belief that every student deserves the opportunity to succeed.

The Grant County school district was well represented at this year's ceremony.

Madison Utter brought home the Student Leadership Award, which honors an NKY high school senior who is a visionary, goal-oriented student and serves as a

role model for their peers.

Dry Ridge Elementary teacher Sheena Walters was awarded a coveted Golden Apple. The Golden Apple honors teachers across NKY who are exceptional educators and respected leaders.

The Community Partner of the Year Award, presented to the Grant County Schools Education Foundation, recognizes an outstanding non-profit organization in NKY that has shown exemplary leadership by facilitating partnerships, outreach and impact within local public school districts.

"The Grant County Schools Education Foundation preserves the wonder of education through innovation, opportunity, and excellence, without the restrictions inherent to public education," said Grant County Schools Superintendent Todd Moody.



Photos by Grant County Schools

Madison Utter was honored with a Student Leadership Award at the April 21 Northern Kentucky Education Council Excellence in Education Awards.



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The Community Partner of the Year Award was presented to the Grant County Schools Education Foundation at the 2026 Northern Kentucky Education Council Excellence in Education Awards on April 21.

Record \$100M in unclaimed property returned to Kentuckians

BY KENTUCKY STATE TREASURY

Kentucky State Treasurer Mark H. Metcalf announced today that the Treasury's Unclaimed Property Division has surpassed \$100 million returned to Kentuckians, setting a new record for the most returned at this point in any administration in Commonwealth history.

"We're not talking about numbers on a spreadsheet—we're talking about real money going back to real people," Treasurer Metcalf said. "Crossing \$100 million means helping Kentuckians

pay bills, support their families, and invest back into their communities."

The achievement reflects an aggressive effort by the Treasurer's Office to reconnect Kentuckians with lost or forgotten funds—putting money directly back into household budgets.

Unclaimed property includes forgotten bank accounts, uncashed checks, insurance proceeds, utility deposits, and other financial assets turned over to the state for safekeeping. In recent weeks, the Treasury has

processed claims ranging from a few dollars to tens of thousands.

"We made a decision early on: this money doesn't belong in government accounts—it belongs in the hands of the people," Metcalf added. "And we're going to keep pushing until every possible dollar is returned."

Treasurer Metcalf is encouraging all Kentuckians to check for unclaimed property, noting that significant funds remain available.

"There is still more money out there with some-

one's name on it," Metcalf said. "If you've never checked, now is the time."

Kentuckians can search treasury.ky.gov or Miss-

ingMoney.com. Searches are free, secure, and easy to complete.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
UNIFIED COURT OF JUSTICE
GRANT CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO. 20-CI-00222

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LIGHTSTORM PROPERTIES, LLC CROSS-PLAINTIFF

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

MARKEETA FAYE CRUPPER, 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 Markeeta Faye Crupper, a single person, the 28th day of April, 1990 and recorded in Deed Book 179, Page 656 in the Office of the County Clerk of Grant County, Kentucky.

Property Address: 7 Lapine Avenue, Williamstown, KY 41097
PIDN: 058-07-00-052.00

There is not a mobile home, doublewide and/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 \$2,963.24 adjudged due to plaintiff on its first lien on the property, together with interest thereon at the rate of 12% per annum from August 5, 2019, until date of judgment then 6% per annum thereafter from date of judgment until paid, plus other attorney fees, costs, and expenses.

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 6% 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.

For further information, see the Final Judgment and Order of Sale and pleadings of record in the Office of the Circuit Court of Grant County.

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

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
UNIFIED COURT OF JUSTICE
GRANT CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO. 25-CI-0007

L&N FEDERAL CREDIT UNION PLAINTIFF

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COLLIN E. HENSLEY, ET AL DEFENDANTS

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Being the same property conveyed to Collin E. Hensley, unmarried, by Deed dated June 7, 2022, and recorded June 9, 2022, of record in Deed Book 429, Page 570, in the Office of the Clerk of Grant County, Kentucky.

Property Address: 345 Barley Circle, Crittenden, Kentucky 41030
Parcel ID No. 042-06-00-208.00

There is not a mobile home, doublewide and/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 \$193,770.74, plus \$12,013.85 in interest through and including February 26, 2026, with interest on the principal balance at the rate of 6.875% per annum from February 27, 2026, until the date of Judgment, \$656.90 in late charges, \$2,144.67 in escrow shortfall, with interest accruing on the entire balance at the rate of 6.875% per annum from date of Judgment until paid, and its reasonable attorney fees and court costs herein expended.

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% 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.

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