

THE COURT RECORD

The Hancock County District Court docket for Tuesday, May 5, 2026. The Honorable Greg Vincent presiding.

Probate

Estate of Lillian Jones, Settlement, Order signed.

Estate of William Taylor, Inventory, continued to June 2, 2026, at 9:00 am.

Estate of Joseph Prater, Probate Hearing, Order signed.

Estate of Robert Daniels, Inventory, Order signed.

Estate of Donald Young, Probate Hearing, Order and Bond signed.

Estate of Benjamin Adams Sr., Motion for Extension of Time, Motion Overruled, Continued to June 2, 2026, at 9:00 am.

Estate of Sue Toler, Other Hearing, Bond and Order signed.

Estate of Mary Tongate, Inventory, Order signed.

Estate of Stephen Gray, Settlement, No Action Order signed.

Civil Court

Midland Credit Management Inc vs. Jennifer McKinney, Motion for Default Judgment, Order signed.

Michael Newton vs. Shannon Burk, Et Al., the Defendant admitted to owing \$45.00, Judgment for Plaintiff in the amount of \$45.00.

Cash Express LLC vs. Angela Kolley, Notice to Dismiss for Lack of Prosecution, Order signed.

Cash Express LLC vs. Robin Schaad, Notice to Dismiss for Lack of Prosecution, Order signed.

Owensboro Health vs. Brandon Glenn, Notice to Dismiss for Lack of Prosecution, Order signed.

Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Amy Keeley, Notice to Dismiss for Lack of Prosecution, Order signed.

Owensboro Health vs. Marcia Myers, Notice to Dismiss for Lack of Prosecution, Order signed.

Pediatric Dentistry of Owensboro vs. Kason Critchelo, Notice to Dismiss for Lack of Prosecution, Order signed.

Velocity Investments LLC vs. Morgan Hinton, Notice to Dismiss for Lack of Prosecution, Order signed.

Sallie Mae Bank vs. Madison Riley, Notice to Dismiss for Lack of Prosecution, Order signed.

Mariner Finance LLC vs. Jeffery Wilkerson, Notice to Dismiss for Lack of Prosecution, Order signed.

Mariner Finance LLC vs. Eric Howsare, Notice to Dismiss for Lack of Prosecution, Order signed.

Criminal Court

Douglas Priest, Pretrial Conference, case dismissed without prejudice.

Larry Hendershot, Pretrial Conference, Three Charges: 1) Possession of Marijuana, 2) Excessive Windshield/Window Tinting, 3) Possess Open Alcohol Beverage Container in a Motor Vehicle, the Defendant pled guilty to count 1 and was sentenced to 30 days in the County Jail probated for 1 year on the condition of no illegal drug use and no new offenses, counts 2 and 3 were deferred for 1 year on the condition on no new charges.

Jeremy Cole, Arraignment, Three Charges: 1) Theft by Unlawful Taking Automobile \$1,000<\$10,000, 2) Criminal Trespassing 3rd Degree, 3) Theft by Deception Include Cold Check, the Defendant pled not guilty and was scheduled for a pretrial

conference on May 19, 2026, at 9:00 am.

Aaron Duncan, Pretrial Conference, Operating a Motor Vehicle Under the Influence of Alcohol/Substance 1st Offense, the Defendant pled guilty.

Grace Carr, Preliminary Hearing, Two Charges: 1) False Report an Incident to Law Enforcement, 2) Tampering with Witness, count 1 was scheduled for Trial on August 7, 2026, at 9:00 am and a final Pretrial Conference on August 4, 2026, at 9:00 am. Count 2 was dismissed.

Caballero Espana, Arraignment, Four Charges: 1) Reckless Driving, 2) Failure to Wear Seat Belt, 3) Failure to Produce Insurance Card, 4) No Operators/Moped License, the Defendant pled guilty to charges 1, 2 and 4 and was sentenced to a fine of \$100 plus court costs. Count 3 was dismissed.

Jack Piercy, Arraignment, Two Charges: 1) Possession Controlled Substance 1st Degree (Methamphetamine), 2) Drug Paraphernalia Buy/Possess, the Defendant pled not guilty and was scheduled for a preliminary hearing on May 19, 2026, at 9:00 am.

Stephanie Wedding, Show Cause/Installment Payment, Review June 2, 2026, at 9:00 am.

George Embry, Preliminary Hearing, Nineteen Charges: 1-4) Wanton Endangerment 2nd Degree, 5-7) Resisting Arrest, 8-10) Criminal Mischief 1st Degree, 11-13) Endangering the Welfare of a Minor, 14) Criminal Trespass 1st Degree, 15) Abuse or Neglect, 16) Assault on Service Animal 2nd Degree, 17) Disorderly Conduct 2nd Degree, 18) Menacing, 19) Assault 3rd Degree Inmate Assault on Corrections Officer, waive to Grand Jury.

Brian King, Eight Charges: 1) Possession Controlled Substance 1st Degree 1st Offense (Methamphetamine), 2) Operating Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Alcohol/Substance 1st Offense, 3) Possession of Marijuana, 4) Drug Paraphernalia Buy/Possess, 5) No/Expired Kentucky Registration Receipt, 6) No/Expired Registration Plates, 7) Failure of Owner to Maintain Required Insurance 1st Offense, 8) Failure to Register Transfer of Motor Vehicle, waive to Grand Jury.

Laterence Hicks, Arraignment, Assault 4th Degree Domestic Violence, the Defendant pled not guilty and was scheduled for a pretrial conference on June 2, 2026, at 9:00 am.

Autumn Smith, Pretrial Conference, Three Charges: 1-3) Assault 4th Degree Domestic Violence No Visible Injury, continued to June 2, 2026, at 9:00 am.

Curtiss Moseby, Show Cause/Installment Payment, continued to June 2, 2026, at 9:00 am.

Anthony Seifert, Arraignment, Five Charges: 1) Operating On Suspended/Revoked Operators License, 2) Operating Motor Vehicle Under the Influence of Controlled Substance 1st Offense, 3) Trafficking in Controlled Substance 1st Degree 1st Offense (>=2 grams Methamphetamine), 4) Drug Paraphernalia Buy/Possess, 5) Possession of Marijuana, the Defendant pled not guilty and was scheduled for a preliminary hearing on June 2, 2026, at 9:00 am.

Devin Hunt, Preliminary Hearing, Two Charges: 1) Assault 4th Degree Dating Violence,

INSPECTION PERIOD FOR THE PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT ROLL

The Hancock County real property tax roll will be opened for inspection from May 26 through June 9, 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 November 30, 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 AM and 4 PM Monday through Friday and on Saturday, May 30 and June 6 from 9 AM-12 PM.

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.

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. 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) Taxpayer must list under protest (for certification) what they believe to be the fair cash value of their property.
- (2) Taxpayer 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.

Tara M. Robertson
Property Valuation Administrator
Hancock
County

Executrix Notice

Notice is hereby given that Robin Gillians of Hawesville, KY is hereby appointed Executrix of the Estate of Donald Lee Young, deceased. Anyone having claims against said estate must file same, properly certified on or before 6 months from this date. This the 5th day of May, 2026.

Michael T. Boling, Hancock Circuit Clerk
Atty: Hon. BJ Early, PO Box 245, Hawesville, KY 42348

Administratrix Notice

Notice is hereby given that Elizabeth Mullins of Lewisport, KY is hereby appointed Administratrix of the Estate of Sue Allen Toler, deceased. Anyone having claims against said estate must file same, properly certified on or before 6 months from this date. This the 6th day of May, 2026.

Michael T. Boling, Hancock Circuit Clerk
Atty: Jamie Stephens, 480 Jennings Street, Hawesville, KY 42348

2) Strangulation 2nd Degree (Domestic Violence Related), waived to Grand Jury.

Sebastian Delaney, Pretrial Conference, Drug Paraphernalia, the Defendant pled guilty to the amended charge of Possession of Marijuana and was sentenced to 10 days in the County Jail probated for two years on the condition of no new offenses and no illegal drug use.

Shelby Buckley, Pretrial Conference, Two Charges: 1) Possession of Marijuana, 2) Rear License Not Illuminated, the Defendant pled guilty to count 1 and was sentenced to 10 days in the County Jail probated for 2 years on the condition of no new offenses, count 2 was dismissed.

Harold Holbrook, Pretrial Conference, Registered Sex Offender Residence Restrictions 1st Offense, the Defendant failed to appear, and the Court issued a bench warrant.

Allen Taylor, Arraignment, Three Charges: 1) No/Expired Registration Receipt, 2) No/Expired Registration Plates, 3) Failure to Produce Insurance Card, the Defendant pled not guilty and was scheduled for a Pretrial Conference on June 2, 2026, at 9:00 am.

Noah Reed, Arraignment, Three Charges: 1) No/Expired Registration Receipt, 2) No/Expired Registration Plates, 3) Failure to Produce Insurance Card, counts 1-2 were deferred for 1 year on the condition of no new charges, count 3 was dismissed.

Camden Ames, Arraignment, speeding 15 MPH Over Limit, referred to the County Attorney Traffic Safety Program.

Terry Powers, Preliminary Hearing, Two Charges: 1) Theft by Unlawful Taking or Disposition Automobile \$10,000<\$1,000,000, the Defendant failed to appear, and the Court issued a bench warrant.

Administratrix Notice

Notice is hereby given that Emily Prater of Reynolds Station, KY is hereby appointed Administratrix of the Estate of Joseph W. Prater, deceased. Anyone having claims against said estate must file same, properly certified on or before 6 months from this date. This the 5th day of May, 2026.

Michael T. Boling, Hancock Circuit Clerk
Atty: Ben Byers, Rhodes & Rhodes, 115 E. 2nd Street, Owensboro, KY 42302

Hancock County Middle School ends year strong under Principal Powers' leadership

By Jennifer Wimmer

As students close this chapter of learning, Hancock County Middle School Principal Josh Powers said the 2025-26 year has been a stellar one. He said he is proud of each of the school's 288 students.

"This year, we focused on the qualities that have always made our school special while also setting high goals in several areas," Powers said. "We emphasized celebrating student success, increasing attendance and improving student achievement outcomes."

With Kentucky Summative Assessments wrapping up, Powers noted that staff are already reviewing results. They are also looking at ways to carry this year's progress into the next.

"We are incredibly blessed to have such supportive students, parents and community members," he said.

The principal said both students and staff maintained a steady, determined pace from the opening day to the final weeks.

"One of our biggest accomplishments has been the growth we have seen in student engagement, attendance and academic support opportunities," he said. "We have also focused on celebrating student success in meaningful ways throughout the year, which has helped create a positive school culture. In addition, our partnerships with local businesses and organizations have provided students with valuable opportunities to develop life skills, professional skills and confidence both inside and outside the classroom." Powers said he and Assistant Principal Fahlin Anderson placed an even sharper focus on improving attendance and expanding student support this year.

"When it came to attendance, we focused on celebrating and encouraging students to be at school consistently, because attendance is fundamental to everything we do," he said. "Research clearly shows that attendance is closely connected to student success, and we want our students to understand the importance of being present each day."

A central aspect of improving attendance, he said, is making sure students have the support they need to stay engaged. In the classroom, that meant expanding intervention and enrichment opportunities, which became a major focus this year. Through the school's partnerships with local businesses and organizations, students were introduced to practical experiences and additional resources that supported their development.

Powers said daily classroom experiences are designed to prepare students for high school. That continued preparation makes the shift easier on students once it's time to move on to ninth grade.

"We are fortunate not only to be located close to the high school, but also to work closely with its staff throughout the year," he said. "In addition to preparing students academically, high school staff members visit our eighth graders near the end of the school year to discuss the transition to high school. They help students choose classes for their freshman year and

provide guidance on how to prepare for the changes and adjustments that come with moving to a new school environment."

Students at HCMS are working on pictures, posters and 3D-printed models for inclusion in a time capsule that will be buried July 4 at Vastwood Park to commemorate America's 250th birthday. The capsule is set to be opened in 50 years.

"I am excited about the approach we have taken at Hancock County Middle School to celebrate America's 250th anniversary of independence," Powers said. "We created some basic guidelines and expectations for students, but beyond that, we left the projects open-ended so students could celebrate what America means to them personally."

Students created a variety of projects spanning a wide range of America 250 topics, and the middle school hosted an "America 250 Showcase" family night on May 18 to display their work. The event included short performances by the HCMS band and choir, and student projects were displayed throughout the school.

As eighth grade students celebrate their graduation from middle school and prepare to enter high school in the fall, The Hancock Clarion congratulates them and wishes them a strong start to the ninth-grade year. The HCMS eighth grade graduation ceremony will be held at the Hancock County High School gymnasium at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 21.

The Clarion staff wishes students and faculty a well-earned summer break that offers time to rest, relax and enjoy the months ahead.