

Courthouse News

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CIVIL LAWSUITS

Adam Hensley vs. Rebecca Hensley — dissolution of marriage.
Christina Michelle Browning vs. Gerald Arthur Browning — dissolution of marriage.
Mariner Finance, LLC., vs. Joseph Saylor — seller plaintiff/services (debt collection).
LVNV Funding, LLC., vs. Alvin Brock — credit card debt collection.
LVNV Funding, LLC., vs. Kellie Lee McCarty — credit card debt collection.
Credit Corporation Solutions, Incorporation, vs. Haley Wampler — credit card debt collection.
Christopher Shane Sargent vs. Marisa Nicole Sargent — dissolution of marriage.
Patricia Nicole Thomas vs. Jimmy Wayne Thomas — dissolution of marriage.
Rebekah Banks vs. Brian Banks — dissolution of marriage.
J.P. Morgan Chase Bank, N.A., vs. Laura L. Nelson — credit card debt collection.
Victoria M. Shepherd vs. Brian L. Shepherd — support.
Kentucky Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company vs. Joshua Penn, et al. — property damage.
Kentucky Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company vs. Sharon Helton — property damage.
Kentucky Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company vs. Nicholas Cornett — property damage.
Samuel Kelly vs. Mary Fultz, et al. — automobile dispute.
Juanita D. McHargue vs. Doctor Jamal D. Butt, et al. — medical malpractice.
Janice A. Frost vs. James D. Parrott — support.
KFBMIC (Jacob Hensley) vs. CMH Manufacturing, Incorporation — property damage.
Erica Mefford, et al., vs. Becca Mefford — custody.
Breanna Marie Jenkins vs. Samuel Douglas Howard — URESA/UIFSA.
Makayla B. Middleton vs. Dalton R. Middleton — URESA/UIFSA.
Ethel D. Pace, et al., vs. Appalachian Regional Healthcare, Incorporation, et

al. — medical malpractice.
Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Incorporation, vs. Rae L. Nagel — seller plaintiff/goods (debt collection).

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Rebecca Ann Cornett, 38, of Baxter, to Fayltn Newdigate-Hester, 53, of Baxter.
Heather Nicole Mefford, 42, of Loyall, to Johnny Hugh Baker, 57, of Cawood.
Makenna Rae Doss, 23, of Totz, to Peyton Ty Wilder, 23, of Speedwell, Tenn.
Michele Olline Allison Stewart, 21, of Cawood, to Charles Lee Blackshire III, 21, of Evarts.
Steven Elmer Johnson, 42, of Grays Knob, to Tiffany Miranda Hamlin, 35, of Flat Lick.
Justin Lee Rowe, 36, of Ages, to Natasha Nicole Dean, 35, of Rio Vista.
Georgia Breigh Perkins, 24, of LeJunior, to Brayden Christopher Ellis, 20, of Pathfork.
Sophia Kennedy Sergeant, 25, of Partridge, to Nicholas Anderson Brown, 22, of Cumberland.
Michael Edward Lee Lewis, 33, of Benham, to Aubrey Brittany Gayle Day, 33, of Cumberland.
Veronica Michelle Coots, 23, of Big Laurel, to Shawn Daniel Shepherd, 25, of Big Laurel.

DISTRICT COURT CASES

Treyvon Allen Long, 22, of Cumberland, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a substance (first offense), failure to wear seat belt, expired or no Kentucky registration receipt, failure to produce insurance card, possession of marijuana — first charge, pleaded guilty, fined \$758, operator's license suspended six months and sentenced to driving school (must attend and complete before getting license back); other charges, dismissed.
Ashton Christopher Moser, 19, of Pineville, speeding (13 miles per hour over the limit) — pleaded guilty, fined \$159.
Sonya A. Parker, 56, failure to wear seat belt — pleaded guilty, fined \$25.
Whitney Jahmara Smith, 38, speeding (15 miles per hour over the limit) — pleaded guilty, fined \$163.

Alvin Johnson, 35, possession of marijuana — bench warrant/failed to appear for hearing.
Brian D. Simpkins, 35, speeding (14 miles per hour over the limit) — amended to speeding (10 miles per hour over the limit), pleaded guilty, fined \$153.
Dakota Ferguson, 25, no operator's/moped license, failure to wear seat belt — first charge, pleaded guilty, sentenced to 30 days in jail (probated 24 months). Only operate when legal. No new violations/arrests; other charge, dismissed.
Danny O'Ryan Blanton, 21, speeding (17 miles per hour over the limit), expired or no registration plate, expired or no Kentucky registration receipt, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security (first offense), failure to produce insurance card — first charge, amended to speeding (10 miles per hour over the limit), pleaded guilty, fined \$153; other charges, dismissed.
Emily Crider 40, driving on a DUI-suspended license (first offense), operating a motor vehicle/motorcycle without ignition interlock device, failure to wear seat belt, rim or frame obscuring lettering or decal on plate, expired or no registration plate, expired or no Kentucky registration receipt, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security (first offense), failure to produce insurance card — pleaded not guilty, pretrial conference scheduled June 1.
Jonathan Phillips, 20, third-degree assault (healthcare provider), fourth-degree assault (minor injury) — bench warrant/failed to appear for hearing.
Robert Blanton, 37, speeding (15 miles per hour over the limit), license to be in possession — first charge, amended to speeding (five miles per hour over the limit), pleaded guilty, fined \$143; other charge, dismissed.
Jacob Quillen, 40, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle (first offense) — pleaded not guilty pretrial conference scheduled June 8.
Claude S. Sargent, 44, possession of marijuana, no operator's/moped license, all-terrain vehicle violations —

first two charges, pleaded guilty, fined \$243 and sentenced to 30 days in jail (probated 24 months). Only operate when legal. No new violations/arrests; other charge, dismissed.
Starr Renee Halcomb, 47, buy/possession of drug paraphernalia — pleaded guilty, sentenced to 120 days in jail (probated 24 months). No new violations/arrests.
Anthony Dwayne Asher, 49, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a substance (first offense), license plate not illuminated, failure to give or improper signal, obstructed vision and/or windshield, no tail lights, expired or no Kentucky registration receipt, possession of marijuana, possession of an open alcohol beverage container in a motor vehicle (prohibited) — pleaded not guilty, jury trial scheduled Nov. 3.
Aaron Scott Waddell, 36, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance (first offense), operating a vehicle on suspended/revoked operator's license, failure to surrender revoked operator's license — pleaded not guilty, jury trial scheduled Nov. 29.
Jordon Hobbs, 30, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a substance (second offense), license plate not illuminated, no operator's/moped license — first charge, pleaded guilty, fined \$958, operator's license suspended 18 months and sentenced to seven days in jail and driving school (must attend and complete before getting license back); other charges, dismissed.
John W. Holden, 38, of Evarts, fourth-degree assault (domestic violence with no visible injury) — pleaded not guilty, pretrial conference scheduled June 8 (no contact with alleged victim).
Corey Shane Brown, 29, speeding (17 miles per hour over the limit) — dismissed on warning.
Robert Middleton, 34, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security (first offense), operating a vehicle

on suspended/revoked operator's license — pleaded guilty, fined \$633 (\$450 suspended) and sentenced to 30 days in jail (probated 24 months). Only operate when legal. No new violations/arrests.
Leighann Rebecca King, 45, speeding (15 miles per hour over the limit) — pleaded guilty, fined \$163.
Ronald Steven Sturgill, 57, speeding (16 miles per hour over the limit) — bench warrant/failed to appear for hearing.
Deanna Bowling, 60, no lights on bicycle, giving an officer false identifying information — bench warrant/failed to appear for hearing.
Amelia Kazy, 20, failure to wear seat belt — pleaded guilty, fined \$25.
Thomas Aaron Carr, 33, of Harlan, expired or no Kentucky registration receipt, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security (first offense), expired or no registration plate, failure to produce insurance card — first two charges, pleaded guilty, fined \$733 (\$450 suspended); other charges, dismissed.
Patrick Taymar Bynum, 24, second-degree strangulation (domestic violence related), fourth-degree assault (domestic violence with minor injury), third-degree terroristic threatening — waived to Harlan County Grand Jury.
Baylor Wyatt Varner, 19, resident fishing without a license/permit — dismissed on proof.
Donavon Rains, 32, non-resident fishing without a license/permit — bench warrant/failed to appear for hearing.
Diana L. Perry, 40, speeding (15 miles per hour over the limit) — amended to speeding five miles per hour over the limit, pleaded guilty, fined \$143.
Joshua Keith Dixon, 36, speeding (five miles per hour over the limit) — bench warrant/failed to appear for hearing.
Matthew E. Perry, 36,

speeding (15 miles per hour over the limit), failure to wear seat belt — pleaded guilty, fined \$188.
Jacob Batwin O'Donovan, 25, speeding (19 miles per hour over the limit) — pleaded guilty, fined \$133 and sentenced to state traffic school.
Kevin D. Osborne, 41, expired or no registration plate, expired or no Kentucky registration receipt — bench warrant/failed to appear for hearing.
Matthew T. Marsee, 56, possession of marijuana — pleaded guilty, fined \$243.
David Allen Wacks, 47, expired or no registration plate, expired or no Kentucky registration receipt, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security (first offense), failure to produce insurance card — bench warrant/failed to appear for hearing.
Dickie Franklin Messer, 48, speeding (15 miles per hour over the limit), failure to wear seat belt — bench warrant/failed to appear for hearing.
Charles Sizemore, 44, operating a vehicle on suspended/revoked operator's license, operating a vehicle with one headlight, no tail lights, failure to wear seat belt — bench warrant/failed to appear for hearing.
Charles Sizemore, 44, expired or no registration plate, expired or no Kentucky registration receipt, failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance (first offense), failure to produce insurance card, operating a vehicle on suspended/revoked operator's license, registration and title requirements: vehicle not to be operated on highway, failure to register transfer of a motor vehicle, improper registration plate — pleaded not guilty, pretrial conference scheduled July 27.
Zachery Allen Boggs, 39, leaving the scene of an accident/failed to render aid or assistance — pleaded not guilty, pretrial conference scheduled June 8.
John Anthony Payne, 33,

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DEATH NOTICES

Clarence Bradford Howard, Jr., 78, of Loyall, died May 24, 2026. Barbara Woods, 92, of Jacksboro, TN, died May 17, 2026. Christopher Ingram, 34, of Cloplint, died May 28, 2026. Betty Widner, 83, of Ages, died May 24, 2026. Wallace Don Johnson, 84, of Teetersville, died May 31, 2026. David Wendell Hobbs, 69, of Baxter, died May 28, 2026.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Housing Authority of Cumberland will receive bids for the project entitled:

ROOF REPLACEMENT IN KY29-1&2 CFP KY029-501(25)

... in Cumberland, Kentucky. This project will involve 30-year "dimensional shingles" on various buildings and structures, and the proper removal and disposal of all old material. Bids will be received until 1:30 p.m. local time on the 11th day of June, 2026, at the office of the **Housing Authority of Cumberland**, at which time and place all bids shall be publicly opened and read aloud.

The bidding/contract documents are in digital form and will be emailed to requesting firms upon request from the **Housing Authority of Cumberland** at the address and contact information below:

The Housing Authority of Cumberland prefers email requests for bidding/contract documents, however, all of the following methods are acceptable.

Email: cumberland2@windstream.net
Telephone: (606) 589-4600
Letter: Vera Ison; Executive Director, Housing Authority of Cumberland, 178 Russell Drive, Cumberland, KY 40823

Bidding/contract documents will be emailed to interested bidders. Hard copies can be provided if a digital copy cannot be provided, however, the contractor must pick them up at the office of the Housing Authority.

Attention is called to the Labor Standards provisions of the General Conditions. This project requires a **minimum hourly rate of \$17.75** for all workers on this project.

The **Housing Authority of Cumberland** reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive informalities in the bidding.

No bids shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of bids, without the consent of the **Housing Authority of Cumberland**.

**Vera Ison; Executive Director
Housing Authority of Cumberland**



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