

Chisholm named alternate for Critical Language Scholarship

Maria Chisholm of Harrodsburg, a first-year student and pre-nursing major at Western Kentucky University, has been designated as an alternate for a 2026 Critical Language Scholarship. Chisholm is the daughter of Adam and Diane Chisholm. In the future, she seeks to work in an environment as a nurse where she can interact with Russian-speaking patients.

Four WKU students were offered Critical Language Scholarships while two were designated alternates. The Critical Language Scholarship Program (CLS), a program of the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, is an intensive overseas language and cultural immersion program for American undergraduate and graduate students enrolled at U.S. colleges and universities. Recipients spend eight weeks abroad in intensive language instruction and structured cultural enrichment designed to promote rapid language gains and cultural proficiency in one of nine critical languages. WKU's recipients are among approximately 315 undergraduate and graduate students selected nationwide from a pool of more than 4,500 applicants.

Applications for Summer 2027 Critical Language Scholarships open in September 2026, and the deadline is typically in mid-November. Students interested in intensive language study in Arabic, Chinese, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Persian, Portuguese, Russian, or Swahili, should contact osd@wku.edu for more information.



CHISHOLM

The Office of Scholar Development mentors students applying for national scholarships to fund "academic extras" such as study abroad, research, professional experience, and more. From first drafts to final submissions with multiple revisions in between, OSD helps students make more possible. By conceptualizing and revising the stories they tell in application essays, students better understand their strengths, interests, and purpose—and explore multiple possible pathways to that work.

Futures

or remodeling the building needs.

"I don't have any resources at this time," Branam. She said the group is still working on gaining nonprofit status after founding at the beginning of this year.

"I don't think it's going to be a challenge to find the resources to do what we need to do," Branam said.

The commission took no action on her request. Mayor Williams said any lease agreement the city made would include monthly payments and as well as utilities.

"This is something we can't make a decision on the spur of the moment," Williams said.

The mayor recommended they continue recruiting volunteers.

"What size organization are you going to have versus the size of that building?" asked Commissioner Jack Coleman.

Branam said they are eventually looking toward creating a clinic area at the armory. She said she wanted to continue working with the two organizations that lease parts of the armory from the city.

"I want this to be a full-time volunteer center," Branam said.

Williams noted that operations at the Lexington Rescue Mission, which Branam said is a model for the local program, take up all five floors of the building it occupies in Lexington.

"The sky's the limit," Williams said. "That building may be a good starting point but it may be small once you get going."

The mayor said city officials would discuss the issue and see what kind of lease agreement they could come up with after they've seen who else has an interest in the Harrodsburg Armory.

Water, Sewer Rate Increases

The Harrodsburg City Commission has given first reading to ordinances that would increase the city's water and sewer rates.

At their regular meeting on Monday, April 13, the commissioners gave a reading to ordinances that would

increase water and sewer rates in Harrodsburg 2.7 percent, effective July 1. The minimum water rate for the first 250 cubic feet of water per month would increase 40 cents, from \$14.86 to \$15.26. The charge for the next 750 cubic feet of water per month would increase 15 cents, from \$5.64 per 100 cubic feet to \$5.79 per 100 cubic feet. The rate for over 60,000 cubic feet of water per month would increase six cents, from \$2.38 per 100 cubic feet to \$2.44 per 100 cubic feet.

For sewage, the minimum rate for the first 250 cubic feet of wastewater per month would increase by 48 cents, from \$17.95 per 100 cubic feet to \$18.43 per 100 cubic feet. The charge for the next 750 cubic feet of wastewater per month would increase 20 cents, from \$7.33 per 100 cubic feet to \$7.53 per 100 cubic feet. The rate for over 60,000 cubic feet of wastewater per month would increase 16 cents, from \$6.11 per 100 cubic feet to \$6.27 per 100 cubic feet.

Each customer's bill will include a \$2 surcharge which will be used to fund infrastructure projects, according to the ordinance.

At Monday's meeting, Mayor Williams said the additional revenues are needed in order to meet the minimum qualifications on loans the city has with the USDA Rural Development and the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority for upgrades to the city's water and wastewater infrastructure. The 2.7 percent rate increase is based on the Consumer Price Index.

Keebortz Named New Harrodsburg Fire Chief

On Monday, the city commission voted to hire Jamie Keebortz as the chief of the Harrodsburg Fire Department. Keebortz's hiring is effective Monday, April 20, pending background check and drug and alcohol testing.

Keebortz is a Burgin resident who has served for 32 years with the Burgin Fire Department, currently serving as assistant chief, and for 20 years with the Lexington Fire Department,

from which he just retired as a firefighter/paramedic.

"I'm really looking forward to the opportunity," Keebortz told the commissioners on Monday.

Keebortz, who had served on the Burgin city council since 2016, was appointed to fill out the unexpired term of former Mayor Joe Monroe last July. He told *the Harrodsburg Herald* he plans to continue serving as fire chief and mayor.

"There's no conflict," Keebortz said. "I'm going to do my best to serve both communities."

The commission also voted to hire Christian Hargis and Camryn Preston as recruits with the Harrodsburg Police Department. They also voted to promote Joshua Kerby to the rank of police officer, effective March 27.

The commission also hired Colton Kelly as a firefighter, effective May 4, and Cecil "Eugene" Wright as a public service worker II with the streets and parks maintenance department, effective April 27.

All hires are pending background check and drug and alcohol testing.

The commission also approved transferring Eric Moore from the public works water and sewer maintenance department to the wastewater treatment plant. Finally, they approved a take-home vehicle for Chad Prisk of the water sewer maintenance department for after-hours calls.

In other business, the Harrodsburg City Commission:

- Approved two resolutions awarding 10-year non-exclusive franchises to Spectrum Mid-America LLC/Charter and Windstream KDL LLC. The franchise agreements are effective on the date of passage.
- Awarded the Spring Hill Cemetery mowing and weed eating contract to Johnson's Lawn and Landscape. Mayor Williams said the city received four bids. The lowest bid was rejected after consultation with Chief Administrative Officer Stacey Maynard and City Attorney Norrie Currens because it appeared too low for what the city was requiring. Johnson's bid is \$1,950 for weed eating

every two weeks and \$1,400 for mowing as needed.

Commissioner Isham asked if the bid included cleaning tombstones after mowing.

"We need to make sure because we catch a lot of grief," Isham said. "We don't have time to send guys behind them to make sure they do it."

Mayor Williams said cleaning tombstones was not included in the bids.

Isham asked if they needed to table.

"It seems like it would be standard practice to me," Williams said. He said it could be addressed after they awarded the bid as part of the general instructions.

- Gave first reading to an ordinance establishing a no-parking zone on the right side of East Street extending 90 feet from the Lexington Street intersection.
- Approved a \$2,844 quote submitted by Kidd Glass to replace a door on the Short Street entrance at city hall.

"It gets an awful lot of use," Mayor Williams said. Williams said the city would like to replace the entry door for the Harrodsburg-Mercer County Joint Planning and Zoning Commission office as well as the door that separates the planning and zoning office from the rest of city hall.

The mayor said the replacement door will be an exit only. Williams said they want to direct traffic through the front door.

- Proclaimed April 18 Arbor Day in Harrodsburg. The Harrodsburg Tree Board is hosting an Arbor Day Celebration and Tree Planting on Saturday, April 18, at West Lane Park.
- Approved surplussing a 2008 Chevy Cobalt that had been confiscated by the Harrodsburg Police Department. The vehicle will be sold on govdeals.com.

The next scheduled meeting of the Harrodsburg City Commission will be Monday, April 27, at noon at Harrodsburg City Hall (208 South Main Street). A calendar with meeting dates and other information can be found online at harrodsburgky.gov.

Boosters enjoyed Easter activities

Mackville Boosters

Maria Wheeler & Barbara Best
Guest Columnist

The most beloved month of April has arrived. It brings windy days and chilly nights. Students are returning from spring break well-rested and ready for the last leg of school.

The Mackville Christian Church had a big Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4, for all the children.

The Mackville Baptist Church had plenty of hot

dogs, chips, drinks and games Saturday, April 4, for the community.

The Boosters enjoyed another lovely hot meal of pork chops, potatoes, carrots, stewed tomatoes, biscuits, fruit salad and blackberry cobbler. We also enjoyed a game of Bingo.

The next drive-thru meal will be Saturday, April 18. Meals are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and younger. The meals will be served on the third Saturday of the month.

Prayer concerns are for Bobby Brady, Nelson Reynolds, Justin Reynolds, Linda Anderson, Leon Chance, Jerry Masters, Rose Mary Devine.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The following claims for unpaid Burgin Independent School Taxes are advertised for sale. The tax claims are to be sold for cash. Offers to purchase these bills can be submitted in writing and must be received in "the office listed below by Friday, May 1, 2026."

Place: Burgin Board of Education
140 Burgin-Danville Road
Burgin, Kentucky 40310

Date: Monday, May 4, 2026
Time: 10:00 a.m.

The amount listed below includes the base tax assessment and penalties to date. Additional charges may apply. The delinquent claim, if no responsible bid is made at the sale, may be purchased by the Tax Collector or the taxing district. Liens will be filed on all property with unpaid taxes. After liens are filed, additional fees plus interest at 12% per annum will be added to each bill.

| Bill # | Name | Address | Map # | Amount | Bill # | Name | Address | Map # | Amount |
|--------|---|----------------------------------|--------------------|------------|--------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|------------|
| 3 | 653 Short Acres Road LLC | First St 114 | 300.10-03012.00 | \$742.64 | 1112 | Lueke Michelle Kimberly & | Hughley Ln 220 | 074.00-00057.00 | \$4,236.56 |
| 4 | A S Thomas Enterprises LLC | Chimney Rock Rd 130 | 080.70-03002.00 | \$287.34 | 1137 | Martin JP | Chimney Rock Marina | 080.70-02014.00.B5 | \$178.47 |
| 402 | Combs Daisey | Hughley Ln 0 | 081.20-08007.00 | \$128.98 | 258 | Browning Tony | Kennedy Bridge Rd 1599 #23 | 080.80-02021.00 | \$128.98 |
| 411 | Conover Michael Dakota | Mill St W 320 | 300.10-05019.00 | \$163.62 | 1170 | Mccoy Anthony James | Kennedy Bridge Rd 1599 #24 | 080.80-02022.00 | \$109.18 |
| 414 | Cooley John | Hughley Ln 311 | 074.00-00070.01 | \$912.56 | 265 | Bugg Larry W & Lou W | Sunrise Shores 236 | 081.20-06010.00 | \$751.54 |
| 21 | Airbnbeyond LLC | Herrington Woods 685 | 083.50-01041.00 | \$4,286.05 | 1214 | Merriman Dion & Anne | Chimney Rock Rd 860 | 079.90-01051.01 | \$4,771.05 |
| 22 | Airbnbeyond LLC | Paradise Camp Rd 748 | 080.00-00050.00 | \$4,286.05 | 1235 | Miller Teresa | Normans Camp Rd 96 | 073.00-00043.01 | \$1,277.12 |
| 25 | Alford Dale Heath & Shelly | Cedar Wood Subd 0 | 081.40-02002.00 | \$54.74 | 282 | Bush Hannah Est | Hwy 33 0 | 073.00-00008.00 | \$371.47 |
| 26 | Alford Dale Heath & Shelly | Cedar Wood Subd 0 | 081.40-02002.01 | \$54.74 | 1241 | Mims Rebecca Tori | Hwy 33 S 1167 | 074.00-00035.00.M1 | \$1,332.37 |
| 54 | Atm Legacy LLC | Chimney Rock Rd 492 | 079.90-03015.00 | \$4,335.54 | 1290 | Moss Evelyn | Herrington Woods 581 | 083.50-01027.00 | \$1,776.96 |
| 420 | Cooper Michelle | Kennedy Bridge Rd 1599 #3 | 080.80-02003.00 | \$268.73 | 292 | Caldwell James Russell & | Sycamore St 108 | 300.20-04004.00 | \$609.02 |
| 428 | Coulter Glen | Cane Run Camp 345 | 080.40-03001.10 | \$79.49 | 1342 | Noon George E III | Chimney Rock Rd 594 | 079.90-03035.00 | \$5,463.89 |
| 85 | Ball Herbert & Ada C/O Mays, Sue | Hughley Ln 558 | 081.20-08009.00 | \$556.36 | 1367 | Patterson Betty Jean | Arasmith Ct 831 | 080.00-00036.00 | \$1,350.45 |
| 89 | Banker Nathan | Cedarwood Ct 138 | 081.40-02003.00 | \$962.51 | 1368 | Patterson Betty Jean | Arasmith Ct 833 | 080.00-00036.01 | \$128.98 |
| 96 | Barker Eric | Second St N 208 | 300.10-02031.00 | \$403.39 | 1423 | Pitts Edward Michael | Paradise Camp Rd | 081.70-03014.01 | \$104.23 |
| 462 | Curtsinger C Shawn & Crystal | Curdsville Rd 511 | 073.00-00038.05 | \$2,381.73 | 1433 | Pope Jeremy & Ashley | Carmichael Rd 275 | 080.80-05003.04 | \$487.90 |
| 505 | Dixon Angelia Ellis | Kennedy Bridge Rd 1599 #1 | 080.80-02001.00 | \$277.44 | | | | | |
| 532 | Dunn Herbert | Mill St 0 | 300.20-05005.00 | \$79.49 | 1458 | Pruitt William E & Louise | Kennedy Bridge Rd | 080.00-00043.00 | \$173.52 |
| 579 | Ernst Billy Joe & Ernst Lena | Paradise Camp Rd 0 | 081.70-02014.00 | \$277.44 | 1470 | Randy Melalam | 105561B Mercer Co | | \$70.09 |
| 582 | Estes Phillip | Cane Run Camp 344 | 080.40-03001.21 | \$39.90 | 329 | Carroll Richard & Brenda J | Mulberry St 107 | 300.10-01023.01 | \$109.18 |
| 652 | Gallegos Lorena Trustee | Cedar Hgts Subd 0 | 081.20-01018.00 | \$227.96 | 1497 | Richard Peddicord LLC | Maple Hill 155 | 081.00-01004.00 | \$325.45 |
| 694 | Gofforth Erika Wethington | Kennedy Bridge Rd 1599 #14 & #15 | 080.80-02014.00 | \$598.53 | 338 | Catlett Robert L | Hughley Ln 528 | 080.20-08002.00 | \$402.78 |
| | | | | | 1529 | Rosenbarger Anthony D Jr & Beth | Ash Dan Estates 0 | 073.50-00031.00 | \$94.34 |
| 760 | Hale Jonathan | Bonta St W 401 | 300.10-02005.00.M1 | \$1,559.71 | 1562 | Sallee Rue | Buster Pk 325 | 068.00-00017.03 | \$277.44 |
| 768 | Hammons Milton & Jennifer | Peach St N 123 | 300.20-04011.00 | \$225.38 | 1586 | Schlosser Chris | Kennedy Bridge Rd 1599 #8 | 080.80-02009.00 | \$821.82 |
| 796 | Harrison Patsy & William W | Pleasant Hill Dr 201 | 300.20-09013.00 | \$128.98 | 1593 | Schulte Herbert S & Timmie E & | Curdsville Rd 751 | 079.20-01003.00 | \$263.84 |
| | | | | | 1602 | Sears Brandon | Pandora Camp 0 | 080.00-00046.00.B2 | \$64.64 |
| | | | | | 1634 | Sexton Pearl M | Pleasant Hill Dr 526 | 300.20-08022.00 | \$1,670.46 |
| | | | | | 1654 | Shelton Rod | Oster Dr 255 | 080.40-03001.05 | \$39.90 |
| 207 | Bowles Robert A | Dossett Ln 268 | 080.00-00001.00 | \$2,049.77 | 1663 | Shewmaker Patrick & Teresa Lynn | Hughley Ln 525 | 081.20-09007.00 | \$181.33 |
| 848 | Hicks Chris | Cane Run Camp 232 | 080.40-03001.25 | \$94.34 | 1664 | Shewmaker Teresa Lynn & | Hughley Ln 611 | 081.00-00002.01 | \$280.91 |
| 209 | Bowman Vincent Richard | Second St 0 | 300.10-02023.01 | \$36.93 | 1684 | Sims Larry A | Main St W 0 | 300.10-01029.00 | \$4,406.55 |
| 864 | Hollie Amanda | C/O Doyce Hardin, Robinson Rd 0 | 074.00-00007.00 | \$227.96 | 1685 | Sims Larry A & Marsha K | Ash Dan Estates | 073.50-00017.01 | \$44.85 |
| 866 | Hollon Gregory Thomas | Hwy 33 S 2625 | 074.00-00051.01 | \$1,963.43 | 1695 | Sirk Heather | Herrington Woods 0 | 080.00-00025.01 | \$2,918.33 |
| 892 | Horton Manuel T & Bettye D | Benton St 209 | 300.20-07014.00 | \$811.93 | 1765 | Stewart Justin Wayne | Main St W 623 | 300.10-01007.00 | \$1,514.67 |
| 904 | Hudnell Betty L & Richard Dane% Gonzalez Veronica & Rosalio, Russell St 206 | 300.20-07014.01 | | \$418.98 | 1770 | Stine Francis | Benton St 213 | 300.20-07016.00 | \$176.09 |
| 919 | Hurst James Thomas & Carolyn J | Buster Pk 321 | 068.00-00017.00 | \$671.87 | 1795 | Swope Phillip | Pleasant Hill Dr 851 | 073.00-00013.02 | \$312.09 |
| 923 | Ingram Nannie Est | Robinson Rd 0 | 074.00-00013.00 | \$128.98 | 1848 | Timmons Shannon Elaine & Joel S | Main St W 310 | 300.10-05001.00 | \$2,603.43 |
| 955 | Johnson Builders LLC | 263 Ashley Camp Rd | | \$107.19 | 1869 | Tuggle Jeff & Diane | Kennedy Bridge Rd 1599 #21 & #22 | 080.80-02020.00 | \$227.96 |
| 231 | Brito Kari | Cane Run Camp 352 | 080.40-03001.17 | \$54.74 | 1896 | Valz Scott P | Arasmith Ct 835 | 080.00-00035.00 | \$192.82 |
| 1029 | Lake Overlook Properties LLC | Old Orchard Inn 0 | 080.80-02031.00 | \$4,579.03 | 1908 | Vandiver Robert Howard | Court St W 102 | 300.10-07008.00 | \$563.21 |
| 1075 | Lewis Morgan & Hadgie | Ashley Camp Rd 475 | 079.00-00019.04 | \$618.29 | 1919 | Vasquez Barnabe | Kennedy Bridge Rd Lot 1599 #32 | 080.80-02029.00 | \$514.99 |
| 1081 | Lilly Todd C | Kennedy Bridge Rd 1599 | 080.80-02027.01 | \$198.26 | 1930 | W D M Ltd Company | Chimney Rock Rd 0 | 079.00-00017.00 | \$178.47 |
| 1083 | Lister Adam & Carey Jamie N | Main St E 504 | 300.20-10003.00 | \$702.86 | 1931 | W H P Enterprises LLC | Shakertown Rd 865 | 073.00-00012.00 | \$574.38 |
| | | | | | 1972 | Washington Susie Est | Robinson Rd 0 | 074.00-00007.01 | \$128.98 |