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accumulated through years of pageantry and pairing them with brand-new Hot Wheels cars to give to children facing medical challenges. The idea quickly grew beyond Briggs’ own collection. Sister queens, pageant directors, and supporters throughout Kentucky began contributing to the effort. One director in Lee County even hosted a pageant where the humanitarian drive was dedicated entirely to Briggs’ initiative.

To date, Carlee’s Cars & Crowns has collected approximately 400 crowns and 1,500 Hot Wheels cars. Briggs has also collected \$800 worth of toys for UK Children’s Hospital.

But Briggs’ work with children does not end with Cars & Crowns. She has also volunteered at Heuser Hearing & Language Academy, participated in Read Across America, and read aloud at school. The latter is something that carries particular meaning for her because Briggs has a form of dyslexia.

Rather than avoiding reading publicly because it can be difficult, Briggs does it for that very reason. She wants other children to see her stumble over words, continue reading, and realize they can keep trying when something is difficult for them, too.

Briggs has also found another group close to home with whom she enjoys spending her time: senior citizens. She has built relationships with residents at Arcadia Assisted Living and Highland Assisted Living through activities designed to give residents an opportunity to socialize, laugh, and spend time with younger members of the community. Those activities have included Tea & Tiaras, a Derby-themed party, and “Checkers & Chatter” social events. Briggs also organized a full pageant judged by Highland residents, drawing participants from across South-Central Kentucky.

For Briggs, spending time with seniors isn’t only about providing them with an afternoon of entertainment. It also gives her and other young people an opportunity to listen and learn from people with decades of life experience. Conversations can range from history and friendship to family, saving money, and career choices.

Briggs’ service throughout the region has continued in other ways as well. She has supported food and toy drives, LeBraun Cares mental-health initiatives, and community events throughout southcentral Kentucky.

While pageant crowns

and sashes may be the most visible part of holding a title, Briggs believes they can also provide a way to get people’s attention and use that attention for something positive.

“Being a title holder grabs your audience. People see you and they listen,” Briggs said. “Your smile and that crown can change the entire energy in a room.”

That outlook has changed the way Briggs measures success in pageantry. The few minutes spent competing on stage are only one part of the experience. The people she meets and the opportunities she has to make a difference while holding a title continue long after a competition is over.

Now, years after making her pageant debut at the Hart County Fair as a four-week-old infant, Briggs is preparing to take what she has learned to the national stage.

Briggs is currently the 2026 Metcalfe County Fair Preteen, proudly serving Metcalfe County alongside her director, Ginny Acree. When she arrives in North Carolina over Labor Day weekend, her community service will be part of the competition through her portfolio. But much of the story behind that portfolio has taken place far away from a pageant

stage - in hospital waiting rooms, schools, assisted living facilities, and communities throughout Kentucky. This year alone, she has completed more than 50 hours of community service and was named the 2026 Dr. Mody Children’s Day Volunteer of the Year for Caverna Independent Schools.

It began, in part, with something as simple as noticing a Hot Wheels track with no cars. Since then, that observation has grown into hundreds of crowns and toys for children, hours spent serving others, and a platform Briggs will now carry with her as she represents Caverna, Cave City, and Kentucky at the American United Miss national competition.

Briggs is the daughter of George and Jennifer Briggs of Cave City. She and her brother, Cooper, have attended Caverna Independent Schools since kindergarten. She is active in colorguard and attends Cave City Baptist Church, where she participates in youth group.

As Briggs prepares to leave for nationals, her family is asking the community she has spent so much time serving to send positive thoughts, well wishes, and prayers her way as she takes the national stage.

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those in attendance an opportunity to pause and remember the nearly 3,000 people who lost their lives in the attacks on September 11, 2001, as well as the first responders who rushed toward danger.

The anniversary will also serve as an opportunity to recognize local firefighters. September 11 is recognized nationally as a Day of Service and Remembrance, and organizers are using this year’s milestone anniversary to give back to area fire departments. As part of the effort, Hart County firefighters will receive

a free meal, while community members are being asked to help stock area fire stations with needed supplies.

Organizers are collecting items for nine fire stations, including Upton and North Metcalfe, whose departments assist in covering Hart County when needed. Donations of bottled water, protein bars, Meals Ready-to-Eat (MREs) and hydration packets, batteries, and monetary contributions are being accepted. Donation boxes are also expected to be placed at locations throughout the county this week.

Additionally, a Fire

House Run organized by Can’t Stop-Won’t Stop Motorcycle Association will leave from the Veterans Committee building following the memorial ceremony. Registration for the ride begins at 5 p.m. CDT, with kickstands up at 6 p.m. CDT.

Riders will travel to firehouses throughout Hart County to show support for local firefighters. The cost is \$10 per rider, with money raised going to local fire departments.

Bingo numbers will be drawn at each firehouse along the route, with prizes awarded after riders return.

The 9/11 memorial event will also include vendors, food trucks, and a bounce house. For organizers, however, the gathering is about more than an evening of activities. It is an opportunity for Hart County residents to come together 25 years after a day that left a lasting mark on the country, remembering those who were lost while showing appreciation for the first responders who continue to serve their own communities today.

For additional information about the Fire House Run, contact Ashley Vance at 270-537-5870.

Community CALENDAR

HCHS Class of 1976 Class Reunion

HCHS Class of 1976 50th Class Reunion, Saturday, September 26 at Hart County High School, 5:00 pm. Enter cafeteria on Lonoke side, signs will be posted. Cost \$30.00 per person, includes meal and rental. There is also a home football game Friday night. We will have get together before the game.

More details to follow. Mail your reservations

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Super Crossword

Answers

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to: Jane Ann Tharp, PO Box 382, Munfordville, KY 42765. Due before September 11.

Please complete the following information: name including maiden name: spouse or how many will attend. Contact information: name, address, cell #, and email. For more information, contact: Jane Ann McCubbins Tharp 270-528-1657; Susan Cottrell Mouser 270-528-1233; Angie Pannell 270-528-7772 or Kim Smith Davis 270-991-0427. We will also meet Friday night at 6:00 pm for the home football game.

NOTICE

The Caverna Independent Board of Education will hold a public hearing at the Caverna Central Office, located at 1106 N Dixie HWY, Cave City, KY 42127 on September 10th, at 4:00 central time to hear public comments regarding a proposed general fund tax levy of 74 cents on real property and 74 cents on personal property.

The General Fund tax levied in fiscal year 2026 was 72.5 on real property and 78.7 on personal property and produced revenue of \$3,678,993.88. The proposed General Fund tax rate of 74 cents on real property and 74 cents on personal property is expected to produce \$3,878,260.76. Of this amount, \$753,526.85 is from new and personal property. The compensating tax for 2027 is 71.2 cents on real property and 71.2 cents on personal property and is expected to produce \$3,732,286.69.

The proposed rate is expected to generate more revenue than received in the preceding year. The general areas to which revenue of \$199266.88 above 2026 revenue is to be allocated are as follows: Cost of Collections, \$4981.67; instruction \$154285.21; transportation \$30,000; and maintenance of plant, \$10,000.

This notice is published pursuant to KRS 160.470.

The General Assembly has required publication of this advertisement and information contained herein.

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Harry M. Parks and Mary A. Parks, lot 4, plat G, slide 24.

Daniel R. Detweiler and Laura S. Detweiler to Christopher J. Buckner, tract, Hwy. 88.

Anthony Childress and Angela Childress to Jerry David Gibbons, Shelli Gibbons, and Shelli A. Templeman, 0.48 acre, Whitman Rd.

JD Wilson to Addison Bryant and Emily Brown, 0.567 acre, Knob Hill Rd.

Wilmer E. Yoder and Susan Yoder to John Henry Gingerich, 2.991 acres, Charles Jaggers Rd.

Eli A. Hershberger and Aleah Hershberger to Gary Robinson Jr. and Lauren Robinson, 5.152 acres, Hwy. 1079.

Sharon Brown to Shannon Brewer and Stewart Brewer, lot 7, Woodsonville Subdivision.

Herbert L. Phelps and Gale R. Phelps to Matthew Jones and Christina Jones, 27.181 acres, Harmony Trail.

Wilmer Yoder and Susan Yoder to Wilmer Yoder and Susan Yoder, 4.028 acres, Water Tower Rd., 21.60 acres, Reams.

Thomas P. Claycomb as Special MC, Marilyn Joyce Miller Dyer, Marilyn Joyce Miller Dyer Unknown Spouse, Hart County, and City of Horse Cave to Meadows Holdings LLC, lot 2, Joel White.

Nevin Wengerd, Ada S. Wengerd, Nevin G. Wengerd as POA, Matthew N. Wengerd, and Rebecca Wengerd to Christopher Trulock and Nanetta Marie Trulock, lot 1, Nevin and Mathew N. Wengerd.

Terry Bailey and Misty Bailey to Kylan S. Bailey and Hailey Wells, tract, 3618 Aetna Furnace Hwy.

Roger C. Staples to Patricia K. Dye. 0.771 acre, Hammonsville Schoolhouse Rd.

Roger C. Staples to Patricia K. Dye, 1.3 acres, Hammonsville Schoolhouse Rd.

Barney Lewis Withers and Nancy A. Withers to Sarah Beth Dickson as Trustee and Barney and Nancy Withers Irrevocable Trust, 2 tracts, Three Springs Crail Hope Rd.

Christopher Detweiler to Dwight Faulkner, tract, Old Mammoth Cave Rd.

William R. Seymour Jr. as MGR, WR and DL Real Estate Investment LLC, John Locke Seymour as MGR, Cane-Tuk-Ee LLC, Chris Blackford, and Leslie Blackford to Carlie Rebecca Seymour and Austin Scott Pence, 6.374 acres, Hwy 1140.

Baird and Middleton LLC as Owner and River Oaks Park Subdivision to William J. Loyall and Amy L. Loyall, lot 1, plat H, slide 27.

Matthew Rucker and Jennifer Hester as GDN to Jennifer Hester, 0.69 acre, Harper Rd.

William H. Hackemack Estate and Laura A. Buchenberger as Affiant to Laura Buchenberger, Richard T. Hackemack, and Steven W. Hackemack, corrected affidavit of transfer.

Steven Hackemack and Cindy Hackemack to Richard Hackemack and Laura Buchenberger, lot 2 and part 1, Gwendale Estates, part lot, 1 Poplar.

Robert F. Grisez and Tracy L. Grisez to Robert F. Grisez as Trustee, Tracy L. Grisez as Trustee, and Grisez Family Trust, 7.347 acres, Dennison Rd., Linwood.

Nathan Yoder, Sarah Yoder, Willis Yoder, and Laura Yoder to Willis Yoder and Laura Yoder, 3 parcels, Hwy. 571 and Tommy Toms Rd.

Beverly Sue Atcher to Beverly Sue Atcher as Trustee and Atcher Family Trust, 2 tracts w/ excep., Upton Riders Mill Rd.

Larue County Ready Mix Inc. and Carl T. Cruse II as President to Steven W. Parker and Kayla A. Parker, tract, Hwy. 31W.

Patrick A. Ross as MC, Herbalena L. Davenport, Commonwealth of Kentucky, County of Hart, and Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance Inc. to Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance Inc., tract 13 and 14, Gertrude Jones Estate.

Kentucky Housing Corporation, Russell Andrew Mink, Chelsea Marie Mink, Chelsea Hawkings, Sonic Home Buyers, and Patrick A. Ross as MC to Kentucky Housing Corporation, lot 4, Sandstone Ridge.

Anita R. Fuqua and Ron Fuqua to Leigh Ellen Vize, tract, Canmer, Halltown Rd.

Leigh Ellen Vize and Patrick Vize to Anita R. Fuqua, 53 acres, Canmer, Center Rd.

Leigh Ellen Vize, Patrick Vize, Anita R. Fuqua, and Ron Fuqua to Jenna Malcolm, 33 acres, Lafayette Canmer Rd.

Timothy Osborn and Jayme Osborn to Timothy Osborn as Trustee, Jayme Osborn as Trustee, and Osborn Fmaily Trust, 2 parcels, Falling Springs Rd.

Nathan Meadows and Cassaundra Meadows to Pamela Binns, 9733 sq. Ft., 124 New St.

Derek Adam Decker to Dennis Michael Beckley and Linda A. Beckley, lot 24, Heavenly Hills Subdivision.

Hunter Harvey and Summer Harvey to Chosen Land LLC, lot 6 and 7, Payton Hollow Lake, 3.3229 acres, Meredith.