



Photo by Jonathan Wright

Toby Fried demonstrates how to 'throw' clay on a potter's wheel.

Looking back to June 8, 2018

Written by Jonathan Wright

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Art camp enriches community

An art camp in Old Washington keeps the spark of creativity well ignited among the youngest members in the community.

The art camp hosted by the Ohio River Valley Art Guild invited children to participate in practicing fine arts during its art camp. Activities ranging from pottery, painting to pop art have been keeping children enthralled throughout the week. The camp has been a long running activity for the art guild, with the number of participants growing each year. Toby Fried, member of the guild, taught children the meticulous art of pottery.

"Our whole idea is to bring art to the community," Fried said.

Fried has been a member of the guild for many years, and said the art camp has been bringing art to young members of the community for around 20 years. So many children have enrolled for the camp, that over the past couple of years some have had to be turned away because the camp's is filled to capacity. To remedy this increase in attendees, Fried said the guild is now hosting the camp for two sessions.

"This is the first time we're doing back to back," she said. "Next week we'll do exactly the same thing, but we're going to have about 45 to 50 different kids."

On top of art camp allowing younger children to attend, the guild will also host a camp for teens the week of June 25. While the children's camp gives the attendees a taste for many different art styles and mediums, the teens will receive a more focused approach.

"There will be less teachers teaching, but there will be more fine art," Fried said. "They're going to do a painting from the very beginning, and setting it up."

Some of the work the children have been doing will be on display at the Maysville-Mason County Recreation Park. Stephanie Martinez, vice president of the guild, have been giving the children a project to teach them about famous artists and their works.

"Each group has studied different artists, and each person in each group took one little piece of the painting," Martinez said, "and I showed them how you can take something large, and break it down into something small by doing a grid."

Groups of 7- and 8-year-olds came together to recreate works by artists like Georgia O'Keefe, Wassily Kandinsky and Henri Matisse, one piece at a time, and mount the individual images onto pallets provided by Lowes of Maysville.

"We started out by showing them how it's a puzzle," Martinez said, "so it was kind of like little challenges."

According to Martinez, the finished projects should be on display at the rec park by the weekend. Another, similar project is in the works for next week's camp in the form of pop art representing major figures and celebrities in the community.

Martinez has also worked with the art guild and the camp for several years, and has seen the impact the event has on the community. The camp, being a mainstay in the community, has begun to bridge generations.

"Adults have come up and said 'Oh this art camp, I remember doing this when I was a kid,' and 'this was one of my favorite things I've ever done,' so it's been going on for a long time."

Quinn Briefs: Hand towels

By Rix Quinn

I learned about hand towels later in life, because they were important to my wife.

As a kid, I paid them no attention whatsoever. If somebody told me, "Go wash your hands," I did that.

But I didn't disturb the towels. I wiped my hands on my pants.

When I got an apartment, my roommate and I bought lots of paper towels, and used them in kitchen and bathroom. But it takes lots of them to dry after a shower.

So we graduated to bath towels. We used them everywhere, and we also called them bathmats.

When I got married, my wife wanted different color towels for our two bathrooms. Also, they had to match the wall color, the wallpaper, or the tile.

I discovered that many had seasonal greetings or popular quotations printed on them. I even went shopping with her a couple times to pick out hand towels, but she told me the quotations I chose out were "distasteful," and would not be allowed in our house.

I learned that these smaller towels originated as personal linens, something people could hang on their belts to use after handwashing. I had strict instructions never

to use them to pick up spilled mouthwash, or to blow my nose.

In the 18th century some smaller towels became tea towels, and they were often made of fine linen. Today, our home's dish towels are absorbent cotton. These are my favorite small towels, because I also tuck them in my shirt collar to use during TV dinners.

Ever wanted to write your life story to share with family members? Here's the link to a series of simple steps you can follow to finish this project. And this Simple Scenes presentation is inexpensive, too: <https://payhip.com/b/b7mDQ>

To the Class of 2026

A graduation message from Senate Education Chair Steve West

Submitted by the Office of Senator Steve West

To the graduates of the Class of 2026, congratulations on reaching this important milestone. Your hard work and determination have brought you to this moment, and you should be proud of what you have accomplished.

Graduation marks the start of a new chapter filled with opportunities, responsibilities, and important decisions about the future. Some of you are heading to college, others into the workforce, military service, technical training, or another path entirely. No matter where life takes you next, I encourage you to stay focused, work hard, and remain grounded in the values that helped get you here.

Scripture reminds us in Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you

hope and a future."

There will be challenges ahead, but there will also be opportunities to grow, serve others, and make a positive difference in your community. Our region has always been shaped by hardworking people who value faith, family, personal responsibility, and perseverance. I believe your generation will continue that tradition and help build a strong future for Kentucky.

To the families, teachers, coaches, mentors, and loved ones who supported these graduates along the way, thank you for the encouragement and guidance you have provided.

And to the Class of 2026, continue working hard, keep your faith strong, and never underestimate the impact you can have through integrity, compassion, and service to others.

Congratulations, and best wishes for the future.

KDE's Thomas Clouse named recipient of the Teresa Perry Compassion Award

Submitted by the Kentucky Department of Education

FRANKFORT, Ky. – Thomas Clouse, an education academic program manager with the Kentucky Department of Education's (KDE's) Office of Teaching and Learning, Division of Academic Program Standards, received the 2026 Teresa Perry Compassion Award during the Kentucky Board of Education meeting on June 4.

"I was very surprised to receive the Teresa Perry Compassion Award," Clouse said. "I feel incredibly fortunate to have worked alongside such amazing people during my time at KDE and I am grateful that they see me as approachable, supportive and caring. This team is deeply committed to supporting educators across the state, all with the shared goal of ensuring students have a high-quality experience

that prepares them for success. It is an honor to be mentioned among the past recipients of this award and its namesake."

Clouse has been employed at KDE for more than seven years. He was appointed education program manager of KDE's Academic Core branch in January 2019.

His nominators emphasized his commitment to KDE staff and educators, as well as his leadership, professionalism and ability to make his team feel seen.

"Thomas Clouse is more than our office program manager," wrote one nominator. "He's our friend and champion of connection. Whether supporting colleagues in times of need or helping navigate KDE expectations, Thomas leads with integrity, kindness and compassion. His dedication to Kentucky's educators and KDE staff makes him the embodiment of this award."

A second nominator said he was approachable and caring.

"I can go to Thomas

with any question and I will be met by his thoughtfulness and commitment to helping me figure it out," the nominator wrote. "Thomas is also wonderful out in the field where educators find him approachable, professional and warm."

"While Thomas is certainly productive and proficient at his job, the quality we love most about him is his heart for others. He is a caring listener and makes his team feel seen and valued. His sincerity is one of a kind and we all feel grateful to be working alongside him."

The award is given in honor of Teresa Perry, who served as executive secretary to the commissioner of education and worked for the state for more than 33 years. She was noted for providing outstanding customer service to those inside and outside the agency, always exhibiting compassion and providing positive inspiration for others.

The award is given annually in June to a

KDE employee who exhibits the characteristics and professionalism Perry showed every day. The first five recipients were Janice Harris (2021), Monica Raines (2022), Viembre Nicholson (2023), Crystal Sohl (2024) and Chris Williams (2025).

"Although Teresa would say not to worry about recognizing her, she'd be so happy that we have used her name for an award that honors the hard work and compassion that so many people at KDE show on a daily basis," said KDE Communications Director Jennifer Ginn.

"I am honored to be able to recognize Thomas here today," said Commissioner of Education Robbie Fletcher. "His nominators showed how dedicated he is to moving education forward in Kentucky and always with such a positive attitude. Thomas is All In when it comes to his commitment to assisting others and providing excellent service."

Traffic Advisory: Temporary closure on KY 1306 in Lewis County for culvert replacement on Wednesday, June 10

Submitted by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet – District 9

FLEMINGSBURG, Ky. (June 5, 2026) – The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) advises motorists of scheduled road closure to replace a culvert on KY 1306 on Wednesday, June 10, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Lewis County. The

road will be closed at mile point 1 which is 1 mile from KY 9. Traffic can detour using KY 9 and KY 10.

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