

Quinn Minute: Good manners

By Rix Quinn

Did you know that 4,000 years ago people lived without rules? With no restrictions, imagine the chaos, imagine the confusion...imagine the fun.

That changed when Babylon's King Hammurabi pulled out his ball-point chisel, and carved his 282-law Code.

We continued to refine human interaction with "etiquette," or rules of polite conduct. These rules vary by country.

For instance, in a mixed group in this country, a man should not burp. But if he's with guys, he can burp loudly, and a friend can record it for playback at the company picnic.

There are 17,000 rules of "good taste," many concerned with mealtime. Like, if we don't chew with our mouths closed, food could fall out.

If we don't brush our teeth, they could fall out too. And if they're chewing at the time, that's really bad.

Other critical table manners:

1. If served overcooked steak, do not ask the server "What was this animal originally?"
2. The long fork on the plate's left should never be used as a back scratcher.
3. Pass the rolls...do not throw them.

Yes, good manners are like a high-speed train. They can take you a long way if you stay on the right track.

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KDFW wardens investigating a fatal boat collision

Tom Latek
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – Game wardens with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources are continuing their investigation of a deadly boating incident that occurred on Herrington Lake, located in Mercer, Garrard and Boyle counties, on July 4.

A preliminary investigation found that two boats collided, a wake boat being operated by Cody Casey, 34, of Harrodsburg, and a pontoon boat that was being operated by Alex Svintozelskiy, 58, of Nicholasville.

A passenger on the pontoon, Nazar Svintozelskiy, 25, of Nicholasville, was ejected into the water. His body was recovered from Herrington Lake on Monday. The cause of death will be determined by the State Medical Examiner's Office in Frankfort. Another person was injured in the collision.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the Svintozelskiy family during this extremely difficult time," said Col. Jeremy McQueary, director of the Law Enforcement Division for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "We pray for continued healing and recovery for Alex and express our condolences for the loss of his son."

This investigation is being led by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources Law Enforcement Division in collaboration with the Commonwealth Attorney's Office. Anyone with information about the incident is asked to contact Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement via Kentucky State Police Post 7 in Richmond, at 859-623-2404.



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Looking back to July 13, 2018

Written by Christy Hoots

The following information was entered into the July 13, 2018, edition of The Ledger Independent:

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BCPL construction begins
BROOKSVILLE — Phase one of the Bracken County Public Library community room addition started Thursday.

BCPL Director Christian Schroll said crews with Trace Creek Construction out of Vanceburg starting excavatiOn on Thursday morning in order to ready the area for foundation work.

"They're digging for foundation and getting equipment set up for the ongoing phases," Schroll said. "They're working in the area of our new addition."

Schroll said work is expected to be completed later this year.

"It's expected to be complete within 190 days," he said.

According to Schroll, the community room will be built next to the children's area of the library in order to accommodate more programming. The current room has a maximum capacity of 30 to 40 people.

"We've noticed there is a growing need for more programming, not just for children, but also adults," Schroll said. "We have one community room, but it doesn't always meet the needs. It's smaller and if someone is using it, there's no other room in the library for another group to use. This will help to fix that problem."

Schroll said there will be a little bit of shelving in the room, but most of



Christy Howell-Hoots, The Ledger Independent

BCPL Director Christian Schroll shows where the addition to the library will be once construction is complete.

it will be open in order to have meeting space. There will also be a movie screen in the room.

"We'll be able to drop it down and show movies in there," he said. "There's a lot of limited options for programming, so the major focus has been bringing in opportunities for more programming."

Construction is expected to take about six to eight months to complete. Schroll said there is currently an outbuilding in the location of the planned construction, but that will be removed.

Schroll said the community room will be about 1,600 square feet and will cost about \$750,000 for just the construction. The interior work will bring the total cost to somewhere between \$800,000 and \$900,000.

According to Schroll, the board talked about the renovation for some time and decided to

move forward on it.

"They've been saving up for awhile," he said. "They talked about this. Finally, we said, 'why talk about it; let's do it.' Now, we're moving forward. As far as plans, this was something that, when I came in, the current regional supervisor over the libraries in the area said it had been talked about, but she wasn't sure it would get done. Looking at the money we had, I knew the money was there to pay for it, without having to take any extra loans."

The Bracken County Public Library's current location was established in 1995. The children's wing was added in 2007 and the teen area was recently completed. Once the community room is complete, there will be no further renovations due to space.

"With the space we have available, this is the last construction project

we'll be able to do," he said. "If we were to grow any further, we would need more parking and there just isn't the space for it. Land wise, there's just no more build-able area. That was part of the process, to decide what the library needed and to sustain it for a long time."

Schroll said the current community room, located in the atrium, will also remain as a part of the library.

"The larger community room will be geared more toward library programming," he said. "The smaller one can still be used for public events. It makes sense to do it that way, because the smaller room isn't located in the main part of the library, so no one has to walk through the building for the public programming."

Schroll said he will be taking photographs and keeping a record of the construction process.

Beechwood counselor named 2026 KCTCS Pathfinder of the Year

Submitted by Brittany Fuller

VERSAILLES, Ky. — Beechwood High School counselor Megan Minton is helping students see what is possible after graduation by connecting them with pathways that lead to success in college, careers and beyond. Named this year's KCTCS Pathfinder of the Year, Minton's recognition includes a \$1,000 scholarship for a Beechwood student to attend any of the 16 colleges within the Kentucky Community and Technical College System.

"I believe in the meaning behind this work and feel honored to be doing it," Minton said. "This is an affirmation that we're moving the right direction and being responsive to the needs of our world. That's invaluable and being connected to this in any way is hugely motivating."

Since Minton began working at Beechwood five years ago, the number of students taking dual credit courses has increased by 64%, from 111 in 2021 to 182 this past year. Increasing dual credit participation helps more students earn college credit while still in high school, helps reduce the overall cost of college, and helps them gain earlier access to hands-on, workforce-aligned programs that will give them a head start on a credential, degree or transfer pathway towards a bachelor's degree.

"Not only is the cost savings something that is life-changing for them, but getting the chance to experience postsecondary education as a high school student is something that reveals to them how limitless their opportunities for growth and learning are," Minton said.



Submitted by KCTCS

Megan Minton, Pathfinder of the Year.

In addition to promoting dual credit, Minton helps educate her students about the value of community college as a "smart, respected choice" rather than a fallback option. Understanding that each student's college experience is not a one-size fits all approach, she gives them individualized advice based on goals, finances, family responsibilities and their strengths.

For Minton, listening to each student to learn who they are and what they strive to achieve is an important part of setting students up on the right path to conquer their goals.

"Embarking upon a lifelong career, or career journey, is a completely different process for every individual," she said. "So much consideration must be given to unique gifts and talents, values, and goals. These areas are unique to each one of us. Community colleges are the best of two worlds. A perfect launch pad and exploration avenue, and a destination where the credentials needed for a purposeful career can be achieved."

Passionate about student success, Minton takes her time to identify what kind of academic environment students will thrive in. Considering hands-on training,

career-connected programs, affordable postsecondary options, flexible pathways, and transfer opportunities, she identifies the best path for each student's success and encourages them to chase their dreams.

Reducing barriers by walking students through the college process such as enrollment, financial aid, scholarships and course selection, Minton also helps students redirect their course and change their career without shame to ensure they are on the right path to a brighter future.

"Megan Minton represents the very best of what the KCTCS Pathfinder Award is designed to celebrate: educators who see the potential in every student and help them find the pathway that fits their goals," said KCTCS President Ryan Quarles. "By encouraging students to explore dual credit, career-connected programs and affordable postsecondary options, Megan is helping them build confidence, save money and get a head start on their futures."

"Her work is changing lives at Beechwood High School and strengthening the pipeline of talented students who will help move Kentucky forward."