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the system in September 2025 and is now ready for the platform’s public debut.

The platform centers around what Williamson calls The Pentarchy. This is a system that brings together five of the leading AI networks — Claude, GPT, Gemini, Grok and Deep Seek. The AIs combine their responses with a user serving as a human moderator during the search process.

“Early on in the development process, we found that we had to set up some guardrails in the system to keep the AIs from running amok,” Williamson said. “This is where the human moderator comes into play. The system is set up so each AI answers and responds to each other one time. At that point, a human prompt is required before additional responses can be made. If not, they would just keep on going with it.

“So we created some back structure in the program,” she continued. “It allows you to do an adversarial type of collaboration, have a little friction and allow the AIs to challenge each other and ask questions.”

Williamson said some basic parliamentary procedures were put in the coding along with a random generator so one AI would not always answer first with the others taking sequential turns. This way users will not infer that Janus Forge Nexus is prioritizing one over another or that one has better information than the others.

“It started out with me having a ‘conversation’ with several AIs between September and October of 2025,” she said. “I knew they were in their own ‘silos’ and they give you the information that comes from their creators. So I was copying and pasting prompts and responses from each of them.

“It was like having kids in a classroom,” Williamson continued. “You tell them something and one kid gets

it this way but another kid gets it that way. They truly behave like kids, but when you put them together the results are crazy. The AIs begin to even develop personalities. They realize that each other can be right, it is just a matter of seeing the world differently. Just like people, each individual has their own way of perceiving the world even though they have the exact same information, they come away with a different perspective. It is amazing.”

After finding the AIs would respond to each other and expound on results, including pointing out weaknesses in responses or asking for additional sources or information to be provided from each other, Williamson then set out to develop a code in which they would work together without the time of manually working between each platform separately but would still require a human component.

She even used the AI generators to provide input as she was building the Janus Forge Nexus code.

“It was phenomenal how it turned out,” Williamson said.

Janus Forge Nexus has two operational nodes: one public and the other private. The public side is exactly what the name implies she said. Any user on the system can comment or participate in other users’ streams.

The private side is set up to create separate accounts for businesses, educational institutions and other agencies or commercial endeavors. These allow private communications within the respective entities and those with whom they grant access. Also, with this each user stream is private and cannot even be seen by others in the same group unless permission is given.

Now that the platform is ready to launch, Williamson is currently working on proposals for the platform for the University of Pikeville, Southern West Virginia

Technical and Community College, Big Sandy Community and Technical College and the Galen College of Nursing.

After that, she wants to pursue a wider spectrum of businesses and educational institutions.

“I see this as a global force,” Williamson said.

She emphasised the importance of using multiple AI systems together to provide better answers than opposed to one AI system independently. She added this provides a deeper range of information gathered and thus creating a much better problem-solving resource for educational facilities and businesses.

Williamson is a native of the Belfry/Hardy area but has lived out of the area for most of her life. She graduated from the Annapolis Naval Academy, served in the Marine Corps and has had a heavy academic and entrepreneurial background before recently returning to the area to serve as a caregiver for her recently deceased mother. It was during the time spent as a caregiver that she began exploring the possibility of connecting AIs.

“I live at Mud Lick and jokingly call it ‘Silicon Holler,’” she said. “This proves that no matter where you live, there is no problem you cannot solve. If you have an idea, go for it no matter your age or where you live. If you have a skill or an ability for something, you can come up with a solution that will allow you to become successful.

“I have always been fascinated with science and technology and moving things forward and keeping ahead of the game,” Williamson said. “I’ve tried to push those boundaries to understand things more deeply and to offer solutions. I see Janus Forge Nexus as a way to do that.”

For more information about the platform or pricing, visit, janusforge.ai

be difficult and costly to maintain, especially during severe weather,” the statement said. “We will continue to follow the PSC process and remain focused on serving our customers, supporting our communities and providing assistance options for those who may be struggling to pay their bill.

“That said, we are disappointed in what the attorney general filed today, given that it undermines a variety of customer programs and the settlement agreement that provide significant benefits to our customers and ultimately attempts to undercut the Company’s ability to provide safe and reliable service to our customers,” the statement continued.

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Several lodged in Pike County Detention Center

A News-Express Staff Report

Several individuals were recently arrested and lodged in the Pike County Detention Center. Those arrested, according to the booking log at the jail, included:

Thursday, Jan. 29

Tammy S. Coleman, 51, Hurricane Road, Phelps, failure to appear and second-degree hindering prosecution.

Hazel M. Allen, 67, Long Fork Road, Kimper, second-degree hindering prosecution.

Tiffany L. Working, 33, Ky. 194, East, Phelps, trafficking in a controlled substance (fentanyl, first offense).

Benjamin T. Kidd, 26, Short Fork Road, Pippa Passes, non-payment of fines and failure to appear.

Jessica L. Utterback, 29, Argo Road, Stopover, fugitive from another state.

Friday, Jan. 29

Larissa L. Yates, 29, Greasy Creek Road, Shelbiana, failure to appear.

Dustin E. Worris, 27, Gardner Fork, Shelbiana, failure to appear.

Amanda J. Daugherty, 44, Phillips Branch, Phelps, probation violation.

William E. Dotson, 56, River Road, McCarr, failure to appear, non-payment of fines and traffic violations.

Suzanne N. Worri, 44, address unavailable, contempt of court.

Amanda Lynn Williamson, 46, Caney Fork, Belfry, failure to appear and third-degree criminal trespassing.

Saturday, Jan. 31

John L. Tinchler, 52, East Fourth Street, Williamson, W.Va., non-payment of fines

and fugitive from another state.

Skylar Dalton Hunter, 20, Ky. 2030, Banner, DUI (second offense), possession of an open alcoholic beverage container in a motor vehicle, person 18-20 in possession or attempting to purchase alcoholic beverages and traffic violations.

Kamera Akers, 28, Caroline Street, Pikeville, fourth-degree assault (dating violence, minor injury).

Darren T. Varney, 38, Left Fork of Island Creek, Pikeville, fourth-degree assault (no visible injury).

Sunday, Feb. 1

Austin D. Cox, 35, Regina Belcher Highway, Elkhorn City, fourth-degree assault (minor injury).

Monday, Feb. 2

Heather R. Martin, 36, Ky. 3379, Grethel, contempt of court.

Patrick A. Presley, 55, Grapevine Road, Phyllis, failure to appear.

Mark A . Dotson, 34, Pounding Mill, Freeburn, failure to appear, first-degree promoting contraband and first-degree possession of a controlled substance (drug unspecified, first offense).

Andrew C. Shepherd, 42, Gabriel Branch, Kimper, contempt of court and second-degree promoting contraband.

Jessica N. May, 32, Camp Creek Road, Stopover, contempt of court.

Timothy D. Lell, 47, Camp Creek Road, Stopover, probation violation and contempt of court.

Editor’s note: The above list reflects people lodged in the Pike County Detention Center. The charges against them are merely accusations and the defendants are presumed innocent until, if and when, they are proven guilty or enter a guilty plea.

KSP: DUI driver crashed, attempted to flee scene

A News-Express Staff Report

A Pikeville woman is facing charges after, Kentucky State Police said, she crashed her vehicle and fled the scene.

According to a citation written by KSP Trooper Mitchell Culbertson, on Jan. 31, KSP Post 9 received an iPhone crash



Krystal Stone

detection alert in the area of Garden Village Second Street at Shelbiana.

Upon arrival at the scene, Culbertson wrote, he observed an unoccupied Toyota Camry registered to Krystal Stone, 32, of Granite Drive.

Culbertson wrote that he saw tracks in the snow leading from the vehicle and, after tracking, he found Stone lying in a fetal position inside a culvert.

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Kentucky Power’s ratepayers are hurting.”

Kentucky Power, the brief said, “plays an outsized role in determining the future quality of life for the residents in the counties it serves.”

“Without affordable electricity, there is little economic growth and opportunity,” the brief said. “Without affordable electricity, people cannot meet their basic needs. If AEP wants to continue to operate in this service territory, then it must share in the good and the bad, the risk and the reward, and not solely burden the ratepayers with the problems of the area.”

If the rate increase is not rejected, the AG’s office said in the brief, then the commission should make all available adjustments to minimize the increase.

The PSC, the brief said, should carefully scrutinize the tiered rate design proposed by Kentucky Power to discontinue all demand side management programs that increase costs for non-participating ratepayers and order an independent management audit to engage outside experts to determine how Kentucky Power can improve the service received and rates paid by Kentucky Power ratepayers.

Kentucky Power responded to the AG’s brief on Feb. 3, saying in a statement that the company recognizes that many customers are facing real financial pressure and the company takes those concerns seriously.

“Kentucky Power’s responsibility is to provide safe, reliable electric service across a large mountainous service territory that can

be difficult and costly to maintain, especially during severe weather,” the statement said. “We will continue to follow the PSC process and remain focused on serving our customers, supporting our communities and providing assistance options for those who may be struggling to pay their bill.

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projects in Elkhorn City will once again get underway.

The following amounts of money have been released for various water projects:

- \$1,366,366 for Elkhorn City Water Loss Reduction;
- \$695,250 for the Elkhorn City Still House Tank Project; and
- \$361,000 for the Elkhorn City Aging Main Project.

Bringing the current total of released funds for water projects to \$2,422,586.

“These water projects have all been on hold while our funding was frozen,” Bryant said. “Now, these projects can get underway and be completed.”

Other money that has been released thus far to the city includes \$68,000 in municipal mineral severance funds, \$68,000 in municipal coal severance and \$130,360 in FEMA money.

“Now people can really see just how bad it has been for the city to operate daily when we were barely surviving on water and sewer payments and property taxes,” Bryant said. “That was what we had as far as money coming in that we had access to use.

“I want to really thank Mountain Water District and Kentucky Power Company for working with us during this time,” Bryant continued. “I also want to thank our elected officials and their respective staffs, county, state and federal, who worked with us and helped us navigate through this ordeal.”

Bryant said more money will be coming into the city in the near future.

“With the water project money and the other funds released so far, we have received approximately \$2,688,946 in released funding,” Bryant said. “We do have additional money coming in the form of grants and additional frozen funds and that should be around \$1.3 million or so.”

Bryant said the city’s pension fund issue will be a top priority for the council.

“We’ve been paying the monthly payments into the KPPA,” Bryant explained. “It’s the back payment we haven’t been able to pay but now with money coming back into the city again, we’ll be able to get those back payments caught up and paid off.”

Bryant said paying the amounts owed to MWD and Kentucky Power will also be a high priority as the money arrives.

Bryant reminds the

public that the city’s bank statements are posted in the lobby of the city hall for public inspection.

“That’s one of the first things we did when I became mayor,” Bryant said. “I wanted financial transparency. We did it by posting the bank statements and if anyone had questions, they could ask me or our city clerk.

“That is going to continue to be our policy now that money is beginning to come in,” Bryant said. “It’s not my money or the council’s money, it’s the people of Elkhorn City’s money and they deserve to see how it is spent.

Bryant said that hard copies of audits and financial statements will be available for the public to review at Elkhorn City Hall.

“Again, we have been as transparent as possible, and we will continue to be,” he said. “Part of that is for the public to see for themselves what the prior administration did and didn’t do and what this administration has done to correct the errors created by the prior administration.”

“I’m looking forward to the future for Elkhorn City,” Bryant said. “And that future is looking very bright now after a very long and dark time.”