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music all day (the party starts at 2 p.m.) with the supergroup headliners kicking it off right after the Run for the Roses and playing late into the evening.

I caught up with band leader and guitarist Jimmy Davis and asked him about this year's line-up. "We have a core band we're calling Lowland Static," explains Jimmy, "it's me on guitar, Joel Storm on drums and Chris Klosterman on bass. For this big show we've added Woody Woodmansee on keyboard, and then a powerful bench of vocal talent to come in and help us on a set of fun and different songs.

"We have Sandy Pickett, Chip Binzer, Zach Hackney, Brian Noble and Matt Red Moore. Believe me, that gang can cover just about anything from soul to funk to hard rock. It's a party, so of course we'll be focusing on the dance tunes everyone loves. But just to keep it interesting, we're gonna throw in some that don't get covered that often. Like 'Are You Gonna Be My Girl' by Jett, 'Word Up' by Cameo, 'Sweet Child of Mine' and 'Oh What A Night' just to name a few.

"I love the fact that it's a showcase of local talent, and that I get to play with some of these folks at this party that I normally would not have the opportunity to. I think it's the vocal firepower that will set this show apart from years past. We can literally do any song and one of this crew has the chops to do it justice. It's gonna be a blast!"

The music runs all day, and also includes Rusty Bladen and his band, Vaguely Familiar, and Brian "Biggin" Noble & Friends. There will be 30-plus performers in all!

If you are interested in joining the party, you can buy tickets at MadTixEvents.com, or just show up and pay at



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BAND LEADER AND GUITARIST JIMMY DAVIS

the door. Tickets aren't cheap by any means, but literally everything is included, from the moment you walk in ... food, drinks, live music, dancing, watching the horse racing on the big screen, everything. The festivities start at 2 p.m. at Richwood on the River over in Milton, and runs until about 11 p.m. I can honestly say, in all my years of going, that no one has ever said they didn't have a great time or didn't get their money's worth.

I want to mention two more live music events that are worth your attention. On the same night at the Derby Party (May 2), at Analog Coffee at Broadway and Main, they will be holding their first "house concert" with a full band, a group out of Cincinnati called Bleeding Kansas. It's free, and it should be very interesting in the confines of the shop.

The other event is next weekend, May 9, at the Ohio Theater, when Rusty Bladen is reprising his annual Neil Young tribute show. I asked Rusty what folks can expect this year. "Well, we're going to have a much bigger stage production this year, with improved lighting and special effects. We've added a few new songs to the mix, and frankly, we've just gotten better

overall. We pour our heart and soul into this project, and it means a lot to share it with our local friends.

"Neil Young is special to me," continues Rusty. "His were the very first songs I learned when I first picked up a guitar and started learning chords. Now I have some great players backing me up, including my son Jackie, so it's like a dream come true. The thing about Neil Young, his catalog of hits is so deep, you can build a very special show that everyone will enjoy. I encourage everyone to come out and join us at the Ohio. Tickets are at MadTixEvents.com or at the door.

HOT TIP OF THE WEEK

I mentioned last week that our floating restaurant, The Lighthouse, is back open for the season. But I didn't know they were gonna hit the ground running with a FULL weekly music calendar. So it's exciting to see something happening down there every night, Wednesday through Sunday this week. Let's support them!

I always like to point out new names on the weekly calendar, and I'm seeing several this week. There's Jak

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LEGAL NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
RFP Number: TCSP-2026-01
 Design/Build of Interactive Water Splash Pad Feature for Trimble County Park

Trimble County Fiscal Court ("Owner") is requesting proposals pursuant to KRS 45A.370 for the design and construction of an interactive water splash pad feature for the Trimble County Park. This project shall be delivered as a lump sum design-build contract, and the base bid shall not exceed \$500,000. The following description outlines the scope of work for the project. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive technicalities, and to accept the proposal deemed most advantageous to the Owner. This project is funded in part by the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and is subject to applicable federal requirements. All proposals must include the required elements set forth in this RFP. Incomplete proposals may be deemed non-responsive and disqualified from consideration.

- Proposer shall include the required points in their proposal:
- Splash pad is 98 feet x 52 feet, excluding sidewalks around the perimeter of the pad. The owner will add sidewalks after the splash pad has been completed and accepted by the Owner.
 - Site is anticipated to be at subgrade; however, the design/build team shall verify site conditions and include all work necessary to construct the splash pad as proposed.
 - Geotechnical investigation shall be the responsibility of the design-build team.
 - Proposer is responsible for both State and Local permits for construction and operational features from the State Department of Health.
 - The Owner will provide the necessary power source to the point of connection of the Proposer's feature. The Proposer will be responsible for all electrical connections.
 - Warranty – Proposer shall provide equipment manufacturer warranty per their standard, including all shipping of defective materials and a five (5)-year warranty on workmanship of the pad installation to include all underground plumbing and accessories, electrical, and concrete pad. No exceptions will be considered on the warranty terms.
 - Base bid shall be submitted as a pass-through spray equipment system; proposer shall submit an alternate price to include a recirculating system for the equipment package. Proposal should clearly delineate system components, costs, and operational differences.
 - All piping between play products and drain and water distribution system are to be Schedule 80 PVC or approved equal.
 - Splash pad activity deck and drain lines are to have a two percent (2%) slope to optimize drainage.
 - All line sizing must be confirmed with the spray equipment system manufacturer to ensure that the size of lines and distance are appropriate for correct flow. The manufacturer's spray effects shall be balanced and appropriately flowing.
 - Electrical requirements for the splash pad and equipment shall meet NEMA 4X Connector. All anchors shall be electrically bonded in accordance with NEC-680 and local electrical codes.
 - Systems shall have a feature that includes a remote start pedestal and automatic shut off.
 - The Owner shall provide a pre-fabricated restroom facility and will allow for space inside this housing for the equipment. Plans and specifications shall be coordinated with the Owner.
 - In regard to the type of features, the following criteria should be submitted by the Proposer. It is the Owner's desire to keep the total flow rate of the entire feature at 200 gallons per minute or less.
 - A structure
 - A combination of individual features that would be suitable for the pad size dimensions.
 - Proposer shall incorporate a cohesive design theme (e.g., nature based or sports oriented) and include conceptual renderings
 - Technical feature – program feature to send alerts to maintenance staff via smartphone, personal computer, or tablet.
 - Concrete finish shall be slip-resistant either through the finish itself or the type of coating material applied to the surface.

- General Notes:**
- Proposer is responsible for all waste debris disposal for the project.
 - The proposer is responsible for arranging and coordinating the offloading of materials at the site.
 - Project Schedule:**
 - Construction is planned for the Summer of 2026. The project is desired to be ready for start-up and full operation by September 2026; however, proposers shall approach this RFP with the earliest feasible completion per their proposal. A detailed CPM schedule (Primavera P6, Microsoft Project, or equivalent) shall be submitted with the proposal.
 - Project Coordination:**
 - The Owner will assign a staff engineer to the project who will coordinate all site activities.
 - Progress Payment Schedule:**
 - 10% upon design approval by the Owner.
 - 30% product material upon proof of either on-site storage or off-site warehouse storage. The Proposer will be responsible for all insurance coverage for stored material. No exception.
 - 40% actual construction
 - 10% start up
 - 10% final completion and acceptance by the Owner

- General Requirements**
1. A current Certificate of Liability Insurance must be provided to the Finance Department with the following minimum coverage:
 - A. Broad Form Comprehensive General Liability, including Products and Completed Operations. Bodily Injury: \$1,000,000 each occurrence, \$2,000,000 aggregate, Property Damage: \$1,000,000 each occurrence
 - B. Automobile Liability, including any auto, hiring autos, and non-owned autos, \$300,000 combined single limit
 - C. Workers' Compensation for all employees used on the job pursuant to statute.

5. Required Proposal Content: Each proposal must include the following: (a) a completed lump sum cost proposal with itemized pricing for all components, including a separate line item for the re-circulating system, aligned with the submitted design; (b) a design concept narrative and renderings and drawings including a 20–30% conceptual design consisting of layout, feature schedule, and preliminary system approach; (c) a proposed project schedule with milestones demonstrating ability to achieve the August 2026 completion deadline—or earliest feasible completion timeline—and a detailed project schedule (Primavera P6 or equivalent); if the September 2026 timeline cannot be met, Proposers shall supply a narrative with their schedule contextualizing why it cannot be met; (d) a list of at least three (3) comparable splash pad projects completed within the past five (5) years, with owner references, letters of recommendations and contact information; (e) proof of current insurance coverage meeting the minimum requirements set forth in Section 1 above; (f) the required bid bond or certified check; and (g) a description of all warranty terms offered, consistent with a five (5) year workmanship warranty and manufacturer standard equipment warranties. (g) Design shall be prepared and stamped by a Kentucky-licensed Professional Engineer with demonstrated experience in aquatic or splash pad systems. (h) Contractor shall self-perform a minimum of thirty percent (30%) of the work. (i) Proposer shall identify which portions of the work will be self performed and which will be subcontracted.

6. Federal Grant Compliance Requirements: (a) This project is subject to the Build America, Buy America (BABA) Act. All iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in the project shall comply with BABA requirements unless a waiver is granted. Proposers shall include all costs associated with compliance in their proposal. (b) Contractor shall comply with all applicable federal grant requirements, including but not limited to 2 CFR Part 200 and all Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) requirements. (c) Contractor shall maintain all project records, including payroll, invoices, and procurement documentation, in accordance with federal grant requirements and shall make such records available for audit upon request. (d) All procurement and subcontracting shall comply with applicable federal, state, and local procurement regulations associated with federally funded projects. (e) Contractor shall comply with all applicable nondiscrimination and equal employment opportunity requirements associated with federally funded projects. (f) Contractor shall coordinate with the Owner regarding installation of required signage acknowledging Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) participation. (g) This project shall comply with all applicable federal and state labor standards, including prevailing wage requirements if applicable.

2. Contractor must hold all required licenses and registrations to perform work in Trimble County, Kentucky, including any applicable state contractor's license.
3. A bid bond or certified check in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total proposed price shall be included with the submitted proposal. The bid bond shall be forfeited to the Owner if the selected Proposer fails to execute the contract.
- A one hundred percent (100%) performance bond and a one hundred percent (100%) payment bond, each in the amount of the awarded contract price, shall be required of the successful Proposer prior to execution of the contract, pursuant to KRS 45A.190.
4. Technical questions may be directed to John D. Ogburn Jr., Judge Executive, at (502-255-7196) Email: john.ogburn@trimblecountky.gov

Scoring Guideline - Evaluation Criteria
 Proposals will be evaluated and scored based on the following criteria. The maximum total score is 100 points:

1. Cost Proposal (50 Points): The firm with the lowest price will be awarded. 40 Points. All others will be calculated as: (Lowest Total Price Submitted / Total Cost Submitted) x 40 = Cost Points.
2. Technical Approach and Design Quality (20 points): Proposer's design concept, creativity, appropriateness for the pad dimensions, compliance with technical specifications, and flow rate requirements.
3. Experience and Qualifications (15 Points) Demonstrated experience with comparable splash pad projects, references, and relevant certifications or licensure. Evaluation of contractor experience, key personnel, and demonstrated ability to successfully deliver similar projects.
4. Project Schedule and Ability to Meet Completion Deadline (10 Points) Demonstrated ability to achieve the earliest feasible Substantial Completion following Notice to Proceed, including a detailed project schedule with milestones.
5. Warranty Terms (5 points): Quality and scope of warranty coverage offered, including any terms that exceed the minimum warranty requirements set forth in this RFP.

** Scoring note: Cost Proposal points will be calculated as set forth in item 1 above. Proposals must address each evaluation criterion identified above. Failure to provide sufficient information for scoring any criterion may result in a reduced score for that criterion.

The Owner may conduct written or oral discussions with all responsible offerors who submit proposals that are reasonably susceptible of being selected for award. Discussions shall not disclose any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors. However, an award may be made without discussions based on initial offers.

The Owner reserves the right to request Best and Final Offers (BAFOs) from offerors in the competitive range before award.

Proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope, clearly marked "RFP - Trimble County Park Splash Pad - DO NOT OPEN," and delivered to the Trimble County Judge Executive's Office, 123 Church Street, P.O. Box 251, Bedford, Kentucky 40006.

Proposals must be received no later than 4:00 PM, prevailing local time, on May 29th, 2026. Proposals received after the stated deadline will not be accepted or evaluated, regardless of post-mark date.

This RFP shall be publicly advertised for a minimum of twenty-one (21) days prior to the proposal submission deadline, by posting on the Trimble County Fiscal Court website and/or publication in a newspaper of general circulation in Trimble County, Kentucky.

Proposal openings will not be public. The Owner reserves the right to cancel this RFP at any time prior to award, pursuant to KRS 45A.105, if cancellation is determined to be in the best interests of Trimble County Fiscal Court.

This solicitation is issued pursuant to KRS 45A.370 (Competitive Negotiation), as adopted by Trimble County Fiscal Court pursuant to KRS 45A.343.

Compliance Requirements: The awarded Proposer shall comply with all applicable state and federal laws, including but not limited to: (a) workers' compensation and unemployment insurance requirements pursuant to KRS 45A.480; (b) the requirement to disclose any final determinations of violations of applicable KRS chapters as required by KRS 45A.485; and (c) all applicable Kentucky residents bidder preference provisions under KRS 45A.494. The awarded contract shall incorporate these compliance requirements as material terms. 123 Church St. P.O. Box 251, on or before 4:00 PM, prevailing local time, on May 29th, 2026. The proposal opening will not be public. The proposals are being solicited pursuant to KRS 45A. 370

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ALLISON BALL
 AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Independent Auditor's Report
 The Honorable John D. Ogburn, Jr., Trimble County Judge/Executive
 The Honorable Charles Kelton, Former Trimble County Sheriff
 The Honorable Greg Clifford, Trimble County Sheriff
 Members of the Trimble County Fiscal Court

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statement Opinions
 We have audited the accompanying Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Excess Fees - Regulatory Basis of the former Sheriff of Trimble County, Kentucky, for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statement.

Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting
 In our opinion, the accompanying financial statement presents fairly, in all material respects, the receipts, disbursements, and excess fees of the former Trimble County Sheriff for the year ended December 31, 2024, in accordance with the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws as described in Note 1.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
 In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles section of our report, the financial statement does not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the former Trimble County Sheriff, as of December 31, 2024, or changes in financial position or cash flows thereof for the year then ended.

Basis for Opinion
 We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS), the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards (GAS)*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the *Audit Program for County Fee Officials* issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement section of our report. We are required to be independent of the former Trimble County Sheriff and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
 As described in Note 1 of the financial statement, the financial statement is prepared by the former Trimble County Sheriff on the basis of the accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky, to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effects on the financial statement of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statement
 Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of this financial statement in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of a financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the former Trimble County Sheriff's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement
 Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and, therefore, is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and GAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statement.

- In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and GAS, we:
- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
 - Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement.
 - Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the former Trimble County Sheriff's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
 - Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statement.
 - Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the former Trimble County Sheriff's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards
 In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 12, 2026, on our consideration of the former Trimble County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, in considering the former Trimble County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Ball

Allison Ball
 Auditor of Public Accounts
 Frankfort, KY

March 12, 2026
 State law requires the Auditor of Public Accounts to annually audit fiscal courts, county clerks, and sheriffs; and print the results in a newspaper having general circulation in the county. The complete audit and any other audit of state agencies, fiscal courts, county clerks, sheriffs, and property valuation administrators may be viewed in the reports section of the Auditor of Public Accounts' website at auditor.ky.gov or upon request by calling 1-800-247-9126.