

CHARLIE'S

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-one point, and we did it all.

"I used to compete a lot when I was really involved back then. I won Best Kentucky Taxidermist for three years when I was living there. I've been a judge at numerous competitions. It was a big part of my life for many years. Now that I'm living in Madison I'm a lot more involved in music, but I still keep my hand in. And I'm very pleased the Indiana association is having their annual meeting here. In fact, there's another one coming in July, the International Guild of Taxidermy.

"I encourage everyone to come out Saturday afternoon, from noon until 4 p.m and check it out. You'll see some amazing stuff. And not just the animals. There is a lot of attention given to the habitat display that often surrounds the animal. There's actually a separate award just for habitat design. These folks are true artists and craftspeople. It takes a lot of skill and creativity to make these displays.

"There will be a special Mayor's Award, and also a People's Choice Award, so you can come out, view the entries, and cast your vote for your favorite. There should be over 100 displays in all, so it will be a very interesting and diverse show. We hope to see you out there."

HOT TIP OF THE WEEK

As Madison locals are well aware, there was a huge fire at the historic church right next to the Broadway Fountain. As of this writing, we're not sure how this will affect events that take place at that location, specifically Live Lunch on Friday and the Farmers Market on Saturday. Both will go on, for



Handout

A Dave Tuttle taxidermy mount of a bluegill attacking a rubber worm



Handout

A Dave Tuttle taxidermy mount of a buck deer.

sure, but you'll have to keep an eye out for possible alternative venues. As for the music in town this weekend, well, WHEW!, we've got plenty. Seems like as the weather warms up, so does the live music scene. I'm seeing 18 calendar entries just on Friday and Saturday, with lots more on the weeknights. If you've been thinking about a weekend getaway in Madison, it's gonna be

warm and nice and full of music, so this might be the perfect time. Make your plans now.

Charlie Rohlfing is a retired advertising man and partner in The Red Bicycle Hall music venue. Look for his distinctive fedora bobbing above the crowd anywhere local live music is happening.

MUSIC EVENTS SCHEDULE

- Friday, May 15**
 Broadway Fountain Live Lunch - John Harrod & Tona Barclays (11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.)
 Madison Lighthouse - Forrest Turner (6-9 p.m.)
 Vintage Lanes - Live Jazz (7-9 p.m.)
 The Drake - Joe & Deano (7-10 p.m.)
 Mad Paddle Brewstillery - Craig Cole (8 p.m.)
 1st Street Saloon - The Imposter Band (9 p.m.)
 TailGators - DJ Scratchy Karaoke (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)
 Central Hotel - Alex Billman (9 p.m.)
- Saturday, May 16**
 The Farmer's Market - Vincent Gleason (10 a.m.-Noon)
 Madison Lighthouse - Vaugley Familiar (6-9 p.m.)
 Mad Paddle Brewstillery - South Bound Daryl Hewitt (7 p.m.)
 Thomas Family Winery - Davis & Devitt (7 p.m.)
 VFW - L&L Karaoke Open to the public (8 p.m.)
 1st Street Saloon - DJ Nate (9 p.m.)
 Central Hotel - Jimmy Davis Band (9 p.m.)
 TailGators - Roster Legacy Band (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)
 Ohio Theatre - Riverside Rampage metal show (3 p.m.-later!)
 Rivertown Grill - Highway 9 Blues Band (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)
- Sunday, May 17**
 Madison Lighthouse - Devon Hale (2-5 p.m.)
 Rivertown Grill - Andrew Palmer (7-10 p.m.)
- Monday, May 18**
 TailGators - Singo Bingo Karaoke



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.
4. 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 (20points): Proposer's design concept, creativity, appropriateness for the pad dimensions, compliance with technical specifications, and flow rate requirements.
3. Experience and Qualifications (15Points) 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 resident 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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