

Deeds

Melinda Clark, Executrix of the Estate of Henrietta Duke, to Melinda Clark, Trustee of the Duke Family Revocable Trust U/T/A/, no monetary amount listed (terms of Last Will and Testament of Henriette S. Duke), tract of land near Lakeview Lane.

Peggy Reeder, by and through her duly appointed attorney-in-fact Daniel Reeder Jr., and Daniel Reeder Jr. to Cynthia Melissa Arnett, love and affection, property at 37 Old Corbin Road, Corbin.

Mary Burnette to Clay Bruce Shelton and Angela Shelton, \$200,000, tract of land near Alsip Trail.

R.J.V. Properties LLC to LTC Enterprises Corbin LLC, \$750,000, tract of land in Whitley County.

Roger Leland Prewitt and April Misty Prewitt to Jacob Prewitt and Gracie Prewitt, love and affection, tract of land near Gorman Bonnie Lane and Old Corbin Pike.

Tina Dusina, Roy Dusina, Sonya Storey and John Storey to William Rains, \$30,000, tract of land near KY-26.

Darrell Robert Monhollen to Michael Willis, no monetary amount listed, tract of land near KY-92 between Hanging Rock Road and Jackson Subdivision Road.

Corey Shane Shelton and Alexa Rae Shelton to Lisa Creech and Eric Creech, \$50,000, tract of land near Highland Park Drive and US25W, Williamsburg.

Carolyn S. Mills to John Mills and Shawntee Mills or survivor, love and affection, tract of land near McNeil Corn Creek Road.

James Hayes and Billie Hayes to Robert Hayes and Fonda Hayes, love and affection, tract of land near Henry Mackey Road.

Wayne Carl Marcus, Carla Marcus and Linda Sue Rakes to Hoytt Dewayne Canada and Sherry Ann Canada, \$30,000, property at 74 Boyd White Road, Williamsburg.

Stella Mae Rice to Bradley Ridgell and Brittany Ridgell, \$180,000, tract of land in Oaklawn Subdivision, Corbin.

Kristy Wittenmyer to Carla Angelina Ricci and Dennis Edward Dagley, \$165,000, tract of land near Black Oak Road.

Elizabeth M. Sharp to Greta Price Atherton, trustee, no monetary amount listed, tract of land near KY-727 (Fifth Street Road).

Greta Price Atherton, trustee, to Elizabeth M. Sharp and Nicole Taylor, no monetary amount listed, tract of land near KY-727 (Fifth Street Road).

Robert L. Owens to Richard Richardson, \$95,000, tract of land near Jellico Creek.

Amerah Rutherford and Zachary Tyler Rutherford to Andrea Morazan Santos, \$120,000, tract of land near Washington Avenue, now 17th Street, Corbin.

W. David Tidwell, also known as William David Tidwell, and Catheryn E. Tidwell, to Cavins Farms LLC, \$46,226.45, tract of land near Laurel Fork and High Cliff Road.

W. David Tidwell, also known as William David Tidwell, Catheryn E. Tidwell, Lois Bowman, Charles Bowman, Johnny Mack Trammell, Vanessa Trammell, Judy Shultz, Paul Schultz, Jerry Reynolds, Patricia Rose Reynolds, John B. Reynolds, Betty Reynolds and Floella Lawson to Cavins Farms LLC, \$17,818.95, tract of land near Mud Creek.

Marriage Licenses

Autumn Nicole Edwards, 22, of Williamsburg, a factory worker, and Jerryn Lysha Cooper Morris, 23, of Jellico, Tennessee, a carpenter.

Sheena Renee Gray, 41, of Corbin, a collection specialist, and Garrett Dale Woods, 44, of Corbin, retired.

Helen Florence Stanfill, 79, of Williamsburg, disabled, and David Ray Napier, 79, of Williamsburg, retired.

Emma Rose Patterson, 19, of Corbin, a childcare worker, and Christopher Lee Robert Lester, 20, of Corbin self-employed.

Tonya Regina Montiel, 51, of Corbin, a nurse, and Joshua Hayden Dobson, 46, of Corbin a mechanic.

Circuit Court

Midland Credit Management Inc. vs. Eric Monhollen – complaint (credit card debt collection).

LVNV Funding LLC vs. Cheryl Thompson, also known as Cheryl Goforth – complaint (credit card debt collection).

Joshua Lee Bennett vs. Tressia Bennett – verified petition for dissolution of marriage.

Amber Renee Collins vs. Nicholas Joestes Collins – verified petition for dissolution of marriage.

Republic Finance LLC vs. Sheryl A. Strickland – complaint (contract).

Headway Capital LLC vs. Bishop Pharmacy Inc. and James Rickett – complaint for breach of contract with guarantee (144.681.68).

Amanda Paige Revels vs. Joshua Dean Revels – verified petition for dissolution of marriage.

Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance Inc. vs. unknown heirs, if any, of Paul David Cox; unknown heirs, if any, of Paul David Cox Jr.; Diana White, in her capacity as Administratrix of the Estate of Dennis Ray Cox; Diana White, individually; Jennifer Freeman; Jason Cox; and Whitley County – in rem complaint with notice under the fair debt collection practices act (foreclosure).

Midland Credit Management Inc. vs. Sherman C. Smith – complaint (credit card debt collection).

James Miracle vs. Roman Miracle, Christy Miracle, Glenda Martin, Ricky Martin and Whitley County – verified complaint.

Credit Corp Solutions Inc. vs. Breana Steele – complaint (credit card debt collection).

Lendmark Financial Services LLC vs. Amos Moses – complaint (contract).

School building project updates

■ By Mark White

Work to replace the flooring at Whitley Central Primary School is complete, tennis court replacement is underway and work to upgrade the Oak Grove Elementary School HVAC system to geothermal is starting.

These were the messages officials with RossTarrant Architects delivered to the Whitley County Board of Education during its monthly meeting Thursday.

The board voted Thursday to pay \$380,932.97 to Engineered Floors for floor replacement work at Oak Grove.

Laith Ross, a RossTarrant senior principal, told the board this is the only invoice for the work, and the contract is ready for closure.

Superintendent John Siler said this is the same surface the district previously had installed at Whitley North Elementary School a few years ago and has been pleased with.

The floor requires no wax or stripper. “We are really happy with this product,” Siler added.

Sarah Siekkinen, a RossTarrant civil designer, said the subdrainage has been installed for the tennis court replacement.

The fence and posts are currently being installed. The concrete curbs are being formed.

“In the foreseeable future, they are going to put asphalt down. It is moving along,” she told the board.

Siler said the asphalt should be laid before the board’s next meeting in September, and the fence

should match the football field.

The district is hoping to get the surface color coating and graphics down before bad weather hits.

The Oak Grove HVAC project is currently in the construction documentation phase, Siekkinen added.

The bid opening on the project is scheduled for Nov. 5, 2026.

Siler said the district hopes to start work on the project in February. The school principal thinks she can hand over three classrooms at a time to the contractor to plumb the classrooms for installation of the new system.

Officials hope to have the new system installed before the start of the next school year. “That will be a huge project. You are talking about all new heat and air and geothermal

wells,” Siler said.

During the meeting, the board approved a \$28,000 bid from Bluegrass Geothermal for installation of a test well, and \$15,750 for a site survey.

Ross said the purpose of the test well is to gather data so architects know things like the proper depth to install the geothermal wells, whether the rock drills like it should and whether the well absorbs and releases heat like it should.

The test well can later be utilized as one of the geothermal wells for the new HVAC system. It is the most expensive well to drill. The site survey examines everything around the building because a well field is required. It looks at all utilities involved, how to get the well field connected to the building, etc.

Whitley BOE discusses IT security

■ By Mark White

Education is a major target of computer hackers.

During its monthly meeting Thursday evening, Information Technology Director Kevin Anderson told the Whitley County Board of Education about a major data breach involving education, and the breach of a different platform not used in Kentucky nor the Whitley County School District. It involved 62 million pieces of data.

“It was one of the world’s greatest data breaches. In 2026, it came out. This is an equivalent to a platform that we would use to store all of our student data. This was a major deal. It was millions of credentials and social security numbers and private information about students and staff in different states across the country,” Anderson said.

“It is never ending. We are constantly challenged by it. We are constantly looking for new ways to do our job better, and keep our students safe, and our staff safe and our data safe.”

Why would someone want the social security number and date of birth of an eight-year-old?

“They want fresh young people, who don’t have bad credit or any credit established, to use their information for bad. Education is constantly hit with different types of

credential theft. They are out there every day working. It is really scary to see some of the logs we see from across the world,” Anderson told the board.

Anderson said the district participated in the pilot phase of a Kentucky Department of Education cyber security program designed to safeguard student data. The Rapid Identity platform is built specifically for education.

Every district in Kentucky will be required to use the Rapid Identity platform. Whitley County has already implemented it.

The state is providing the platform free to all school districts. Before this, Anderson said Whitley County was using a similar platform, which cost \$19,000 per year.

Anderson said the district was already doing a lot of the things the Rapid Identity program implemented, such as multi-factor identification. Rapid Identity adds another layer of security.

“Something this platform really does well is account automation and creation. What that means for us is when a student is enrolled in our student management system, they become active and there is an account that gets automatically created,” Anderson said.

“When they go inactive or receive an end date, it is automatically disabled. That is the same for our

staff. By automating that process, it alleviates the toll it would have on staff to constantly be tracking that. Students come and go in districts all across the state all the time. So does staff ... This closes those loopholes of, ‘I didn’t realize they were no longer with us anymore.’”

In addition, the program has phishing detection built into it. It monitors the dark web for credentials that may have been exposed in places these types of credentials are sold.

“It also works as a web application firewall to secure us from people coming in and gaining access. We have fully completed phase one, and we have completed what is called a federation process. Really, we have led the way with that roll out. There was a small group of eight on the planning committee and that turned into 12 pilot sites,” Anderson said. “It was very challenging, but we have fully implemented it. It has made us more secure today.”

Superintendent John Siler said threats from the outside are constant. Anderson called Siler one evening notifying him someone had tried to use Siler’s log in information from Boston, Massachusetts.

“We are constantly getting different shots,” Siler added.

The board voted to approve the data security implementation plan during Thursday’s meeting.

Corbin BOE discusses 2026 tax rates

■ By Mark White

If you live in the Corbin Independent School District and your tax bill goes up this year, then it won’t be because tax rates have increased. It will be because property assessments have increased.

During a special called Aug. 19 meeting, the Corbin Independent Board of Education Chief Financial Officer Rhonda Moore presented the board with two options for setting tax rates for 2026.

She noted property assessments have increased this year, which means the tangible property/personal property tax rate would decrease. Tangible property includes things, such as a business’ inventory.

One option would have involved increasing the

real estate property tax rate slightly and the other involved keeping the real estate tax rate the same but losing approximately \$32,000 in tax revenue.

The board unanimously choose the second option, which would decrease revenue slightly. This option will keep the real estate tax rate and the motor vehicle tax rate the same as last year and will decrease the tangible or personal property tax rate from 65 cents to 62.9 cents per \$100 of assessed value.

Board Member Ben Childers said he was in favor of keeping the real estate tax rate the same as last year.

“Sure, we would do a lot with \$32,000, but for the public, keeping it flat, I think, is a good gesture to recognize the current economic situa-

tion,” Childers said. “In the grand scheme of our budget, \$32,000 is not a huge loss relatively.”

Board Member Paul Taylor agreed saying he did not want to raise taxes during tough economic times.

Board Chairwoman Cardille Burchette said she also wants to keep the real estate tax rate as same as last year.

The proposed tax rates assume a 90 percent tax collection rate.

“If there is a significant increase, it will be because of assessments,” Moore said.

Taylor added the board has no control over property assessments.

Because of a change in state law, the school board first had to hold a meeting to decide on the proposed tax rates before officially setting the rates,

Superintendent Travis Wilder explained.

Moore noted there must be a two-week public comment period before the board can officially set the tax rates.

The board is expected to officially set the property tax rate during its Sept. 10 meeting.

Real estate tax rates in the Corbin school district decreased every year between 2020 and 2025. In 2020, the rate was 69.3 cents per \$100 of assessed value. The proposed rate 2026 rate is 62.4 cents per \$100 of assessed value.

Tangible or personal property tax rates have decreased every year since 2022 when the rate was 69.9 cents per \$100 of assessed value.

Automobile tax rates have remained 69.3 cents per \$100 of assessed value since at least 2020.



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