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Public Records

Deeds

Titus Horst and Amanda Horst to Andrew Jackson and Jessica Jackson, \$1,750, tract of land near KY-895.

Bruce A. Sautter and Lisa J. Sautter to Okie Group LLC, \$70,000, tract of land near Jellico Creek.

Stanley E. Lovett to Stanley E. Lovett, Trustee of the Stanley E. Lovett Revocable Trust, no monetary amount listed, tract of land near Academy Park or Park Street, now Walnut Street.

William T. Child, Barbara W. Child, David H. Child, Susanna M. Child and Elizabeth H. Child to Titus Horst and Amanda Horst, trading property valued at \$2,500 with an additional \$7,000 cash in hand, tract of land near KY-895.

The Estate of Ada Almada Powers, by and through Executrix Brenda Kelly, to Larry Powers, Charolette Horsley, Linda Smallwood, Brenda Kelly, Roger Powers, Jerry Powers, Randy Powers, Arnold Glen Powers, and Noel Lynn Powers, no monetary amount listed (beneficiary agreement for distribution of property of the Estate of Ada A. Powers), tract of land near Whetstone Creek.

Keith Lee Stanley Jr., Trustee of the Boo-Boo Prater Living Trust, to Heather Lee-Ann Poff, no monetary amount listed (fulfilling terms of the Boo-Boo Prater Living Trust), tract of land in Tattersall Trails Estates.

Leif D. Deyrup and Julie A. Deyrup to Leif Deyrup and Julie A. Deyrup, Trustees of the Leif Deyrup and Julie Deyrup Living Trust, no monetary amount listed (funding of the Leif Deyrup and Julie Deyrup Living Trust, tract of land near Church Street.

Leif D. Deyrup and Julie A. Deyrup to Leif D. Deyrup and Julie A. Deyrup, Trustees of the Leif Deyrup and Julie Deyrup Living Trust, no monetary amount listed (funding the Leif Deyrup and Julie Deyrup Living Trust), tract of land near North 10th Street and Shawnee Street, Williamsburg.

Titus Horst and Amanda Horst to William T. Child, Barbara W. Child, David H. Child, Susanna M. Child and Elizabeth H. Child, trading property value at \$2,500 and no other consideration, tract of land near KY-895.

Clarence Siler to Marilyn Reynolds, love and affection, tract of land in Whitley County.

Clarence Siler to Sheila Powers and Ira Powers, love and affection, tract of land in Whitley County.

Vance Rental Properties LLC to D&J Rental Properties LLC, \$10, property at 1103 Whitley Avenue, Corbin.

The Estate of Clifford P. Jones, by and through Executor Gary Jones, to Shawn Hancock, \$50,000, tract of land near Main Street and Mt. Morgan Road.

The Estate of Clifford P. Jones, by and through Executor Gary Jones, to Shawn Hancock, \$150,000, tract of land near 12th Street (Mt. Morgan Road).

Eddie Gibbs Jr. and Chuck Valentine to Susan

Kearnely, no monetary amount listed, tract of land near Oak Lane.

Gerald Salyer Jr. and Lisa Salyer to Nancy E. Shaw and James G. Shaw, \$228,000, tract of land near Casey Ridge Road.

James Crosby to Melissa J. Burch and Jeremy C. Burch, \$965,000, tract of land near Rev. Bill Perkins Road and KY-204.

Ronnie Vanderpool and Rebecca Vanderpool to Charles Alexander Cooper, \$20,000, tract of land in Whitley County.

James Richard Douglas and Bridget Douglas to Dustin Douglas and Kristi Douglas, no monetary amount listed, tract of land near Bray's Chapel Road.

Leonard L. Walker and Peggy S. Walker to David Helton and Lendora Helton, \$173,000, tract of land near Corinth Road.

Marriage Licenses

Scarlette Rebecca Jasper, 60, of Somerset, a missionary, and Elmer Lawrence Parlier, 79, of London, retired.

Haylee Morgan Lewis, 29, of Barbourville, a research analyst, and Jerry Lucas Stewart, 34, of Heidrick, systems development.

Sabrina Bernice Marcum, 29, of Williamsburg, unemployed, and Jonathan Blake Wombles, 27, of Corbin, a delivery driver.

Reis McKenzie Anderson, 24, of Williamsburg, a PT student, and Clay Isaac Shelton, 24, of Williamsburg, a virtual advisor.

Katesha Lynn Floyd, 53, of London, a medical assistant, and Michael Glenn Reed, 56, of London, a heavy equipment operator.

Circuit Court

Credit Acceptance Corporation vs. Amberly L. Collins – complaint (contract).

Jennifer Lee Earls vs. Douglas Alan Dail – verified petition for dissolution of marriage.

Velocity Investments LLC vs. Gloria Bryant, also known as Bryant June – complaint (contract).

Lakeview Loan Servicing LLC vs. John Carpenter – complaint (foreclosure).

Brittany Hufstetler vs. Sherry Ramos – complaint (automobile).

Onemain Financial Group LLC vs. Jeffery K. Roark – complaint (contract).

petition for dissolution of marriage.

Virginia Mae Carnes vs. James Travis Carnes – petition for dissolution of marriage.

Ally Bank vs. Terry J. Bozeman – complaint (contract).

Capital One vs. Tammie L. Sapienza – complaint (credit card debt collection).

Angela Ann Mills vs. Randall E. Robinson – verified petition for dissolution of marriage.

Richard Powers vs. Kroger Limited Partnership I – complaint (premises liability).

Lendmark Financial Services LLC vs. Laura Leigh Davenport – complaint (debt collection).

2026 Whitley County Fair farm, home exhibit winners announced

The Whitley County Fair has announced the winners of several home and farm exhibit contests, including:

Crops and Horticulture

Grand Champion – Brooke Mack, tomatoes

Red Tomatoes

First place – Brooke Mack

Second place – Stuart Mack

Sweet Corn

First place – Beckett Prewitt

Second place – Brynn Prewitt

Best Cantaloupe

First place – Stuart Mack

Best Three Green Bell Peppers

First place – Brooke Mack

Best Three Jalapeño Peppers

First place – Brooke Mack

Flower Arrangement - Fresh

First place – Sage Wilson

Miscellaneous

First place – Spaghetti Squash, Stuart Mack

Second place – Lemon

Cucumber, Brooke Mack

Food and Food Preservation

Grand Champion – Elizabeth Mills, 1½ Loaf of Yeast Bread

Plate of Five Yeast Rolls

First Place – Elizabeth Mills

1½ Loaf of Yeast Bread

First Place – Elizabeth Mills

One Jar of Tomato Juice

First Place – Elizabeth Mills

One Jar of Green Beans

First Place – Sarah Ayers

Second Place – Carson Wilson

One Jar of Sauerkraut

First Place – Nicki Bryant

One Jar of Sweet Cucumber Pickles

First Place – Kathy Lay

One Jar of Dill Cucumber Pickles

First Place – Kathy Lay

Second Place – Elizabeth Mills

One Jar of Pickled Beets

First Place – Carson Wilson

One Jar of Strawberry Jam

First Place – Kathy Lay

One Jar of Peach Preserves

First Place – Kathy Lay

One Jar of Apple Butter

First Place – Sarah Ayers

One Jar Miscellaneous – Jelly, Jam, Preserves

First Place – Kathy Lay

One Jar of Vegetable Salsa

First Place – Carson Wilson

Second Place – Elizabeth Mills

Third Place – Sarah Ayers

One Jar of Miscellaneous – Fruits, Vegetables

First Place – Elizabeth Mills

Handicrafts

Grand Champion – Deanna Meadors - Quilt - Hand Applique, Machine Quilted

Embroidered Article

First Place – Sage Wilson

Quilt-Hand Applique, Machine Quilted

First Place – Deanna Meadors

Quilt-Machine Pieced, Machine Quilted

First Place – Deanna Meadors

Arts & Crafts

Grand Champion – Kathy Noble – Stained Wall Hanging

Handmade Jewelry

First Place – Sage Wilson

Second Place – Kathy Lay

Woodcraft

First Place – Kathy Lay

Stuffed Animal

First Place – Kathy Lay

Painting – Acrylic on Canvas

First Place – Kathy Lay

Second Place – Sara Kroetsch

Third Place – Amy Crawford

Painting – Watercolor on Paper

First Place – Kathy Lay

Recycled Article

First Place – Kathy Lay

Manipulated Fiber Construction

First Place – Kathy Lay

Photography – Color

First Place – Kathy Lay

Second Place – Cleo White

Photography – Black & White

First Place – Kathy Lay

Miscellaneous

First Place – Kathy Noble

Second Place – Kathy Lay

July unemployment rates decrease in Whitley County

■ By Mark White

Unemployment rates decreased in Whitley, Laurel, Knox, Bell and McCreary counties between June 2026 and July 2026, according to the Kentucky Center for Statistics (KYSTATS), an agency within the Kentucky Education and Labor Cabinet.

Whitley County

Whitley County's unemployment rate decreased from 5.7 percent in June 2026 to 5.2 percent in July 2026. Whitley County's July 2026 unemployment rate was the same as the July 2025 unemployment rate.

Laurel County

Laurel County's unemployment rate decreased from 6.7 percent in June 2026 to 6.1 percent in July 2026. Laurel County's July 2026 unemployment rate was 0.2 percent higher than the July 2025 unemployment rate.

Knox County

Knox County's

unemployment rate decreased from 7.5 percent in June 2026 to 7.0 percent in July 2026. Knox County's July 2026 unemployment rate was 0.3 percent higher than the July 2025 unemployment rate.

Bell County

Bell County's unemployment rate decreased from 7.2 percent in June 2026 to 6.5 percent in July 2026. Bell County's July 2026 unemployment rate was 0.1 percent higher than the July 2025 unemployment rate.

McCreary County

McCreary County's unemployment rate decreased from 7.3 percent in June 2026 to 6.8 percent in July 2026. McCreary County's July 2026 unemployment rate was 0.3 percent higher than the July 2025 unemployment rate.

Statewide unemployment

Kentucky's unemployment rate decreased from 5.6

percent in June 2026 to 5.1 percent in July 2026. Kentucky's July 2026 unemployment rate was 0.3 percent higher than the July 2025 unemployment rate.

Unemployment rates fell in 87 counties between July 2025 and July 2026, rose in 18 counties and stayed the same in 15 counties, according to KYSTATS.

Cumberland and Woodford counties recorded the lowest jobless rates in the commonwealth at 4.1 percent each. They were followed by Campbell County, 4.2 percent; Boone, Fayette, Kenton and Scott counties, 4.3 percent each; and Franklin, Harrison and Trimble counties, 4.4 percent each.

Martin County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate at 10.1 percent. It was followed by Wolfe County, 9.5 percent; Lewis County, 9 percent; Elliott County, 8.9 percent; Magoffin County, 8.4 percent; Jackson County, 8.3 percent; Carter County,

7.9 percent; Lawrence County, 7.8 percent; Pike County, 7.4 percent; and Knott County, 7.3 percent.

Kentucky's county unemployment rates and employment levels are not seasonally adjusted because of small sample sizes.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually count people working. Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks.

Whitley County has a civilian labor force of 16,139 people with 15,305 employed and 834 unemployed. Statewide, Kentucky has a civilian labor force of 2,131,177 people with 2,021,438 employed and 109,739 unemployed.

Learn more about Kentucky labor market information at kystats.ky.gov.

Local officers win seatbelt awards

Safety personnel and more than 120 state and local law enforcement officers, including a Williamsburg police officer, were recognized last month at the annual Governor's Occupant Protection Enforcement Award ceremony to honor their commitment to save lives on Kentucky roads through seat belt and child seat enforcement efforts.

"Thank you to the dedicated law enforcement officers and safety professionals devoted to keeping folks of all ages safe on the road," said Gov. Andy Beshear. "From enforcing seat belt laws to educating families on safety practices, your work saves lives."

Area officers recognized included: Williamsburg Police Sgt.

Elijah Hunter, Barbourville Police Officer Braden Isom, London Police Officer Austin Cloyd, Laurel County Sheriff's Deputy Daniel Reed, Kentucky State Police (KSP) Commercial Vehicle Enforcement East Trooper Robert Dials, KSP Post 10 (Harlan) Trooper Josh Messer and KSP Post 11 (London) Trooper Justin VanHook.

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