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Public Records

Deeds

Betty S. Adams and Carl Engle to Betty S. Adams and Carl Engle, no monetary amount listed (quitclaim deed), tract of land near KY-1193 (Bee Creek Road) and US25W (Cumberland Falls Highway).

Douglas Spurlock as Executor of the Estate of Joyce Jones, Douglas Spurlock and Donna Gayle Spurlock to Douglas Spurlock and Donna Gayle Spurlock or survivor, no monetary amount listed (final settlement of the Estate of Joyce Jones), tract of land near Reasor Street, Corbin.

Eleanor Prindle to Angela Crider, no monetary amount listed, property at 100 Prindle Street, Williamsburg.

Vickie H. Teetsel as trustee under the Charley R. Hamblin and Virgie Hamblin Revocable Living Trust to Brenda Sue Wells, no monetary amount listed, tract of land near KY-204 and Log Cabin Road.

The Estate of Rondal Karr by and through Executrix Candace Moses to Rex Allen Karr, no monetary amount listed (terms of Last Will and Testament of Rondal Karr), tract of land near Young Cemetery Road and Devils Creek Road.

Jimmy Thornton and Linda Thornton to Gladys Thornton, love and affection, tract of land in Whitley County.

Dawn Rae Davis to William Reynolds and Charline Brandenburg, $171,500, tract of land near Red Witt Road, Emlyn.

Brenda Wyatt Meadors and Darrell Meadors to Cindy Gabbard, $500, tract of land near Elm Street.

Business Properties LLC to City of Williamsburg, Kentucky, no monetary amount listed, tract of land near Main Street.

The Messer Family Revocable Trust to Diamond Acres LLC, $54,000, tract of land in Diamond Acres Resort Phase I.

The Messer Family Revocable Trust to Diamond Acres LLC, $57,000, tract of land in Diamond Acres Resort Phase I.

The Messer Family Revocable Trust to Diamond Acres LLC, $50,000, tract of land in Diamond Acres Resort Phase I.

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Betty Faye Perkins to Richard Mills and Betty Faye Perkins, love and affection, tract of land near Cemetery Road and KY-26.

Dennis Griffith to James Donald Powers and Margaret C. Powers or survivor, $60,000, tract of land in Whitley County.

J&A Development LLC to M&M Corbin Properties LLC, $199,900, tract of land near Gordon Street.

Eller Jean Dye to Elisha Mary Price, love and affection, tract of land near North Archer Street and KY-26.

Ronald Lee Canada and Phyllis Anissa Canada to Stacy Neal-Smith and Terry Smith, $235,000, property at Letha Petrey Road.

Ronald L. Canada and Anissa Canada to Kelly A. Schwartz, $95,319, tract of land near KY-204 and Gibson Lane, Canada Town.

William J. Griffith and Gail A. Griffith to Andrew James Elfter, $350,000, property at 885 McNeil-Corn Creek Road, Rockholds.

Sharon Louise Perry to Sharon Louise Perry as trustee of the Perry Living Trust, no monetary amount listed (quitclaim deed), property at 174 Derby Trail, Corbin.

Sharon Louise Perry to Sharon Louise Perry as trustee of the Perry Living Trust, no monetary amount listed (quitclaim deed), property at 793 McKeehan Crossing Road, Corbin.

Bland D. Lee Sr. to Raven N. Turner, trustee, $1, tract of land in Whitley County.

Raven N. Turner, trustee, to Bland D. Lee Sr., $1, tract of land near Tidal Wave Road and Deering Road, also known a Mayne Chaple Road.

The Estate of Betty Stiner, by and through its Co-Executors Lisa Ann Bielski and John Gregory Stiner, to Lisa Ann Bielski and John Gregory Stiner, no monetary amount (terms of Last Will and Testament of Betty Stiner), tract of land near KY-204 and Mt. Morgan Road.

The Estate of Betty Stiner, by and through its Co-Executors Lisa Ann Bielski and John Gregory Stiner, to Lisa Ann Bielski and John Gregory Stiner, no monetary amount listed (terms of the Last Will and Testament of Betty Stiner), tract of land near tract of land near Stiner Road and Tackett Creek Road.

The Estate of Houston V. Stiner, by and through its Executrix Lisa Ann Bielski, to Lisa Ann Bielski, no monetary amount listed (terms of the Last Will and Testament of Houston V. Stiner), tract of land near Stiner Road and Tackett Creek Road.

The Estate of Deran Stiner, by and through its Executrix Lisa Ann Bielski, to Lisa Ann Bielski, no monetary amount listed (terms of the Last Will and Testament of Deran Stiner), tract of land near Stiner Road and Tackett Creek Road.

G.G. Mauney to Richard D. Lipsey, love and affection, tract of land near Hill Street.

Robert Lipsey, Margaret Lipsey, Shelly Popp, Jeffrey Byerly and Kerri Byerly to Stratton Holdings LLC, $35,000, tract of land near Hill Street.

Marriage Licenses

Megan Faith Lawson, 23, of Corbin, a cosmetologist, and Austin Alan Rice, 23, of Williamsburg, a barber.

Alondra Angelina Lee Diaz, 25, of Corbin, a delivery driver, and Bradley Christopher Johnson, 21, of Corbin, a packer.

Haley Michelle Blakley, 23, of Rockholds, an optician, and Noah Steven Carroll, 24, of Rockholds, a warehouse worker.

Tiffany Lynn Leach, 38, of Williamsburg, home health, and Randall Brent Partin, 34, of Clairfield, Tennessee, mechanic.

Casey Rynn Reeves, 44, of Williamsburg, an admin specialist, and Leslie Dewayne Collins, 44, of Williamsburg, lawn care.

Destiny Nichole Snell, 23, of Salem, unemployed, and Dakota Wayne Lamb, 23, of Salem, a game warden.

Tanya Renee Hudson, 43, of Corbin, self-employed, and Michael David Blum Jr., 47, of Corbin, a disabled veteran.

Abigail Elizabeth Harris, 21, of Corbin, freelance, and Blayre Richard Fallon, 23, of Robinson, Texas, U.S. Army.

Felicia Danielle Lee Eversole, 24, of Burkesville, a game warden, and Samuel Dwight Allen Dean Haynes, 22, of Burkesville, a dietary aide.

Makenzie Michelle Dries, 27, of Knoxville, an event director, and Luke Edward Hussung, 27, of Knoxville, a data analyst.

Savannah Lee Vicari, 26, of Williamsburg, unemployed, and Hunter Levi Orshal, 23, of Williamsburg, self-employed.

Circuit Court

PennyMac Loan Services LLC vs. Debra A. Makula, Whitley County, City of Corbin, and United States of America Secretary of Housing and Urban Development – complaint for foreclosure.

Keli Renee Thomas vs. Brian Joseph Martian - petition for dissolution of marriage.

Jerrie Lee Foster vs. Alvin Wayne Foster - petition for dissolution of marriage.

James David Thomas vs. Commonwealth Life Insurance, now known as Transamerica Life Insurance Company – complaint (contract).

East Coast Tax Auction LLC vs. Brandon Moses; unknown spouse of Brandon Moses; unknown occupant, tenant, or lessee of 7859 Cumberland Falls Highway; Mountain Goat LLC; Community Trust Bank Inc.; and Whitley County – complaint (foreclosure).

Destany Young vs. Johnathan Young - petition for dissolution of marriage.

Grant Novitske and Jennie Novitske vs. Cecil Ray Griffith and Wanda Griffith – verified complaint (property rights).

Jefferson Capital Systems LLC vs. Charles Huff – complaint (contract).

Cynthia Tanner vs. Whitley Operations LLC – complaint for damages and injunctive relief (employment dispute).



Photo by MARK WHITE

Open for business: One of Corbin's newest restaurants, Giovanni's Pizza, hosted a ribbon-cutting on Monday. Members of the Southern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce were on hand for the occasion and presented owners with their Chamber of Commerce membership plaque afterwards.

W'burg hosting annual chili cookoff, craft fair Saturday

■ *By Mark White*

Think you have the best chili in Williamsburg? You have the chance to find out Saturday.

Williamsburg will hold its annual chili cookoff in conjunction with a craft fair. Flannels, Frost and Flames: Keeping it Cozy in the "Burg" will take place at the Williamsburg Tourism and Convention Center.

The craft fair will take place from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

The chili cookoff will take place from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

There are two chili categories this year, home style (with beans) and traditional (no beans).

There will be a judge's choice award and a people's choice award in each category.

There will be a $125 cash prize and a trophy given out to the winners for judge's choice, and a trophy for winners in people's choice.

In the judge's choice category, the judges will not know, whose chili they are judging. Criteria will include color, aroma, consistency, taste and after taste.

Williamsburg Assistant Tourism Director Patty Faulkner said if there is a residual taste after eating the chili, then it should be pleasant. Judges will assign a point value based upon each criteria and the chili with the highest score will win.

The people's choice category will involve members of the public sampling the chili and casting votes for their favorite.

Faulkner said five chili cooks have already signed up for the contest. Anyone else wishing to participate should contact Faulkner at the Williamsburg Tourism and Convention Center at (606) 549-0530 by 5 p.m. Friday. Faulkner said this is so she can have their station set up for them Saturday morning.

Each chili cook must have completed the food handler's certification from the Whitley County Health Department, and the certificate must be displayed at their table. The class for the certification is available for free online at train.org.

So far, 49 vendors have signed up for the craft show. Faulkner said there are two or three more spots available, then the gymnasium side of the building and the convention center side will both be full.

Unemployment rates increase in Whitley, Laurel, Knox counties

Unemployment rates

■ *By Summer Mills*

increased in Whitley, Laurel, Knox, Bell and McCreary counties between August and September 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 increased from 4.3 percent in August 2026 to 4.5 percent in September 2026. Whitley County's September 2026 unemployment rate was 0.3 percent lower than the September 2025 unemployment rate.

Laurel County

Laurel County's unemployment rate increased from 5.1 percent in August 2026 to 5.6 percent in September 2026. Laurel County's September 2026 unemployment rate was 0.1 percent higher than the September 2025 unemployment rate.

Knox County

Knox County's unemployment rate increased from 5.8 percent in August 2026 to 6.0 percent in September 2026. Knox County's September 2026 unemployment rate was 0.4 percent lower than the September 2025 unemployment rate.

Bell County

Bell County's unemployment rate increased from 5.2 percent in August 2026 to 5.9 percent in September 2026. Bell County's September 2026 unemployment rate was 0.3 percent lower than the September 2025 unemployment rate.

McCreary County

McCreary County's unemployment rate increased from 5.7 percent in August 2026 to 6.0 percent in September 2026. McCreary County's September 2026 unemployment rate was 0.2 percent higher than the September 2025 unemployment rate.

Statewide unemployment

Kentucky's unemployment rate increased from 4.3 percent in August 2026 to 4.5 percent in September 2026. Kentucky's September 2026 unemployment rate was 0.1 percent higher than the September 2025 unemployment rate.

Unemployment rates fell in 54 counties between September 2025 and September 2026, rose in 47 counties and stayed the same in 19 counties, according to KYSTATS.

Woodford County recorded the lowest jobless rate in the commonwealth at 3.4 percent. It was followed by Cumberland County, 3.6 percent; Todd County, 3.7 percent; Campbell and Fayette counties, 3.8 percent each; Boone, Franklin, Jessamine, Kenton and Scott counties, 3.9 percent each.



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