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her freshman season with a similar knee injury to the opposite leg.

Daviess County senior guard Kennedy Lane was selected as the Third Region Player of the Year after averaging 23 points and 5.1 rebounds per game.

Joining Lane on the All-Region First Team were Edmonson County senior forward Cariann Williams, who averaged 20.4 points and 14.6 rebounds per game; Breckinridge County senior guard Elizabeth Grimes (16.3 ppg, 3 rpg); Grayson County sophomore guard Breigh Jones (17.8 ppg, 3.6 rpg); and Owensboro Catholic junior guard Taylor Mannahan (12.5 ppg, 3.8 rpg).

Second Team selections included Edmonson County

junior guard Shelby Sowders (17.5 ppg, 7.7 rpg); Owensboro Catholic junior forward Katie Hagan (12.4 ppg, 6.7 rpg); Butler County junior forward Ava Wilson (17.4 ppg, 13.7 rpg); Breckinridge County senior forward Rowan Radaszewski (13.2 ppg, 4.8 rpg); and Muhlenberg County senior forward Isabella Wilkins (15.3 ppg, 8.1 rpg).

Other players named to the All-Region Honorable Mention list included Owensboro's Unique Carter-Swanagan and Abby Sapp; McLean County's Karlee Floyd and Anna Miller; Daviess County's Riley Hayden; Breckinridge County's Josie Mitcham; Muhlenberg County's Brinly Sparks; Owensboro Catholic's Sophia Newby; and Whitesville Trinity's Rylayne Meserve.

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senior season leading the Eagles.

A three-year starter who played under coaches Paul Decker and Matt Brigrance, Durham helped guide Ohio County to a strong 22-6 regular-season record this year after the Eagles finished 10-21 a season ago.

The six-foot guard averaged 21 points per game during his senior campaign while shooting 51 percent from the field, 37 percent from three-point range, and an impressive 84.3 percent from the free-throw line. He also averaged 1.7 rebounds per game.

Durham is reportedly set to continue his basketball career at NAIA member Alice Lloyd College.

"He's a dynamic scorer," said Ohio County coach Matt Brigrance. "A former point guard who has thrived in his new role as a shooting guard. He sees the floor very well and he's highly efficient at the offensive end."

Daviess County and Grayson County dominated the Messenger-Inquirer

All-Region selections, combining to place seven players on the first and second teams.

Joining Durham on the first team were Jonathan Moss of Daviess County, a 6-0 senior guard who was voted the region's Player of the Year after leading the Panthers to a 24-6 record while averaging 24.2 points per game, six assists, 2.5 rebounds and 11.7 steals; Jack Logsdon of Grayson County, a 6-6 junior guard who averaged 20.5 points and 6.2 rebounds; DeAaron Watkins of Daviess County, a 6-8 senior forward who posted 17.1 points and 10.1 rebounds per game; and Hayden Shouse of Meade County, a 6-7 senior forward who averaged 22.6 points and 9.1 rebounds.

Second-team All-Region selections included Jagger Mardis of Grayson County (14.1 ppg, 2.5 rpg), Spencer Langdon of Grayson County (12.6 ppg, 5.9 rpg), Landon Henning of Apollo (14 ppg, 11.6 rpg), Brody Armstrong of Grayson County (14.4 ppg, 5 rpg), and Michael Acton of Daviess County (14.3 ppg, 5.7 rpg).

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championship.

"Last year was a rebuilding year for us," Brigrance told the Messenger-Inquirer in its March 10 edition. "We were a generally young team with not much varsity experience, so we took our lumps along the way — but gaining that year of experience was huge for us."

The Eagles embraced Brigrance's up-tempo style this season, thriving with a fast-paced attack built around outside shooting and strong offensive execution. Ohio County shot 46 percent from the field, including 39 percent

from three-point range.

"This season, our guys bought into the system completely," Brigrance said. "We play fast and shoot the ball well. We shoot a lot of three-pointers and we have a lot of offensive possessions. In the half-court, we play an inside-out game."

Ohio County also made strides on the defensive end, using a mix of full-court pressure, man-to-man defense and zone looks to keep opponents off balance.

"We switched up a lot of stuff because we felt like our personnel

could handle it this season," Brigrance said. "One of the things we've really stressed is to not allow the opposition to feel comfortable in their offensive attack — to speed up teams, and when this happens we're in our comfort zone."

The Eagles showed that confidence throughout the season, including an 11-game winning streak from Dec. 11 through Jan. 6. They finished 13-4 against Third Region opponents and went a perfect 4-0 in district play.

Brigrance said

offseason work in the weight room and conditioning also played an important role in the team's success.

"We're not very big, so rebounding is always our biggest challenge," he said. "When we rebound well, it gets our transition game going the way we want it."

Ohio County will lose several key seniors from this year's squad, including All-Region first-team guard Ryan Durham, All-Regional Tournament selection Tate Abney and outside shooting threat Alex Quisenberry.

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY COUNTY OF OHIO**  
**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-6**

**AN ORDINANCE REGARDING BIODIGESTER AS AN ACCESSORY USE/INSTALLATIONS TO A PRINCIPAL INDUSTRIAL AND/OR PRIMARY USE/INSTALLATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to KRS 67.083, the Ohio County Fiscal Court is granted the authority to undertake all necessary governmental actions for the welfare of the county, and specifically is endowed pursuant to KRS 67.083(3)(h) and KRS 67.083(3)(m) for the regulation of commerce for the protection and convenience of the public, and with the power to protect and conserve the county's natural resources, including but not limited to soil and wildlife, to safeguard the livelihoods and well-being of its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fiscal Court has been informed of a proposal to install a biodigester within Ohio County, Kentucky to address waste from various distilleries; and

**WHEREAS**, Ohio County does not have an Ordinance to address the use of biodigesters in Ohio County, Kentucky; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ohio County Fiscal Court finds it necessary and appropriate to provide reasonable safeguards which mitigate potential nuisances such as pollution, environmental concerns, odor issues, noise disturbance, and impacts to local flora and fauna, among others, created by biodigester facilities as defined herein in order to protect adjoining properties and public at large; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ohio County Fiscal Court recommended the approval of this ordinance:

**NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF OHIO ORDAINS:**

**Section 1. Definitions**

A. The following definitions are hereby Anaerobic digester. See biodigester.

Biodigester. A device, structure, or system in which anaerobic digestion occurs. Anaerobic digestion is a collection of processes by which microorganisms break down biodegradable material in the absence of oxygen. A biodigester is typically used to manage biodegradable waste and/or to produce fuels and/or biosolids, such as fertilizer.

Further, the definition would also include an alternative energy system that is an accessory or principal use on a property and that utilizes anaerobic digestion for the primary purpose of producing energy. Mechanisms and processes that are part of the digester, including but not limited to separators and refining equipment, produce biogas, which is used for production of electricity and pipeline-quality natural gas.

B. The following specific development standards are hereby adopted as to the construction, maintenance, production and use of any biodigester:

A biodigester may be permitted per the following conditions:

- The biodigester shall be designed, constructed, and maintained in full compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, including but not limited to building, safety, property maintenance, health, sanitation, fire, electrical, plumbing, mechanical, wastewater, stormwater, and all other applicable laws and regulations.
- A biodigester shall be a minimum of five hundred feet (500') away from any existing residential use, residentially-zoned property, college, school, institution of learning, religious building, park, playground, community center, hospital, nursing home, daycare, airport terminal, or assisted living facility. This provision may not be waived or modified.
- All feedstock, filtering chemicals, and digestate shall be delivered, stored, and processed on an impermeable surface with a sealed drainage system inside a fully enclosed building, sealed containers, or reactor vessels. Feedstock and/or waste shall be stored in enclosed containers or reactor vessels.
- The building shall have equipment to control the release of objectionable odors, bioaerosols and microorganisms into the ambient air. Objectionable odors, bio aerosols, and microorganisms shall not be released into the ambient air. The building may be required to maintain negative air pressure if needed to control the release of objectionable odors.
- The property owner shall submit to the Emergency Management Director (and Fiscal Court) an operating plan, which includes strategies for mitigating odor. The operating plan shall be subject to future amendments as needed to implement measures that adequately address existing and future odor issues.
- Flaring of biogas shall be permitted in a location and manner approved by the Emergency Management Director (and Fiscal Court) and in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations. To the maximum extent reasonable, the flaring of biogas shall be screened from adjacent properties and rights-of-way.
- Vehicles delivering feedstock, waste or materials to the biodigester shall not be offloaded until they are parked inside a fully enclosed receiving building, and all doors and windows of the receiving building are completely closed.
- No outdoor storage of feedstock, waste, filtering chemicals, or digestate shall take place on the site. All feedstock, filtering chemicals, and digestate shall be stored inside a fully-enclosed building with all doors and windows closed.
- All bulking, transfer, and pre-treatment of feedstock and/or waste shall be carried out in an enclosed building maintaining negative air pressure.
- All storage and process tanks shall be bermed with a concrete barrier to prevent spills and shall have a total capacity of at least one hundred ten percent (110%) of the largest tank. Each individual tank shall have a capacity of twenty-five percent (25%) of the total tankage volume.
- The biodigester shall be at least fifty feet ( 50') from a perimeter property line adjacent to a public right-of-way.
- The biodigester owner/operator shall ensure that the noise level at the property line does not exceed 65 dBA. Any biogas production facility shall be designed and operated in compliance with all applicable noise standards as may be amended. The Ohio County Fiscal Court may require review by an independent noise professional to confirm compliance with this requirement.
- The biodigester shall be screened as a utility substation in accordance with any state or federal law concerning same. If no law exists, the project site for a commercial biogas production facility shall be fenced to prevent unauthorized access, including provision of signage addressing site security.
- Prior to the operation of a biodigester, the owner shall submit an emergency response plan to the Emergency Management Director of Ohio County and the Fiscal Court.
- Prior to the application of any biodigester product to any land/real estate, an environmental study must be performed on such land/real estate where application is sought. The owner(s) shall execute a consent to have the digestive nutrients applied.
- Liquids may be discharged into a sewer only as approved by the water agency servicing the biodigester and the Ohio County Regional Wastewater District or may be taken off site in a closed tanker.

**Section 2. Findings.** The recitals set forth in this Ordinance and oral open meeting statements are incorporated into and made a part of this Ordinance and where applicable, constitute the findings of the Fiscal Court.

**Section 3. Authorization to take additional steps.** Ohio County, its agents, employees and/or representatives are hereby authorized and directed to take any additional steps and actions necessary or convenient to accomplish the intent of this Ordinance.

**Section 4. Severability.** If a provision of this act or its application to any person, entity or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of the act that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are severable.

**Section 5. Misdemeanor Per Day of Violation.** Any person found in violation of this ordinance shall be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor and shall be fined not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) and not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) per violation. Each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 6. Effective date. **This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force after its passage and publication, in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.**

**Date of First Reading: September 9, 2025**

Motion by: Larry Morphey  
 Seconded by: Dale Beavin

Vote: Bullock Yes  
 Bennett Yes  
 Johnston No  
 Beavin Yes  
 Morphey Yes  
 McKenney Yes

**Date of Second Reading and Passage: October 14, 2025**

Motion by: LARRY MORPHEY  
 Seconded by: DALE BEAVIN

Vote: Johnston-yes McKinney-yes  
Beavin-yes Bullock-yes  
Morphey-yes Bennett-yes

  
 DAVID JOHNSTON Date  
 OHIO COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Pursuant to 405 KAR 8:010, Section 16(5), the following is a summary of permitting decisions made by the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Permits with respect to applications to conduct surface coal mining and reclamation operations in Ohio County.

KENTUCKY LAND RESOURCES, INC.			
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**Super Crossword**

**Answers**

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ATTESTED:  
  
 SONJA DAVIS, COURT CLERK