

MEMORIAL

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of the crash. “He was called upon that morning to go to the Bluegrass field — that’s what we always called it when I was growing up,” Mayor Robert Blythe said of the crash and Brewer during the Richmond City Commission’s Aug. 25 meeting. “So when we mention those who responded on that morning, that kind of hits close to home.” For his part, Brewer gave a short, somber response when Mayor Blythe asked him what happened after he got the call.

“They didn’t need us,” Brewer said. As there were no survivors of the crash, no paramedics were needed. The commission held a moment of silence to pay tribute to the victims of the crash during that meeting. A monument to those six Madison Countians lost in the crash sits at Lake Reba Park. On the morning of the anniversary, several fresh flowers had been left on it to pay tribute to the victims of the crash. Brian Byrd was one of the first locals to play baseball at Lake Reba.

He would go on to be a youth sports coach. He also played on an adult softball team with his fiancée Judy Rains and Cecile Moscoe. All three were victims in the crash. “I feel this is where God wanted this memorial to be,” said Byrd’s mother Sue after the monument’s dedication in Aug. of 2008. “We didn’t know that Brian, Judy and Cecile had been on the same softball team until we met Cecile’s mother who showed us a team picture.” Carole Bizzack was married to a regent at Eastern Kentucky University. Lynda McKee was the volunteer manager of the gift shop at Pattie A. Clay Regional Center, now known as Baptist Health Richmond. Cecile Moscoe was on the flight to deliver police uniforms to New Orleans, which was still struggling in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Judy Rains ran a dog grooming and breeding business. While Vickey Washington had recently retired from the U.S. Military. She and her husband were about to become foster parents.



Flowers left on the monument on the morning of the 20th anniversary of the crash.

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The monument came about as part of an Eagle Scout project. Scout and Madison Central High School student Brian Huybers got in touch with Russell Sitter, a fountain designer, to sketch a concept for the monument. Through

work talking with civic groups, Huybers raised money to build the monument. It ended up costing \$27,000. The monument features 49 doves — each representing a victim of the crash — carved into a granite shaft. Each

dove is flying upward. An investigation from the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) determined that the pilots on the plane didn’t notice that they were on the wrong runway. It’s a tragedy that for-

mer NTSB chairwoman Deborah Hersman said helped change aviation policy for the better. *This story features information pulled from an Aug. 24, 2008 report from the Register written by Bill Robinson.*

PROPOSED LAND USE CHANGE



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

There will be a public hearing of the Madison County Planning Commission on **Tuesday September 15, 2026** at the **Madison County Courthouse Annex, 1st Floor at 5:30 p.m.** The purpose is to consider a Land Use Change for **2284 Barnes Mill Road from R-7 (Agricultural) to R-4 (General Commercial)** as shown on the map above. Contact the Madison County Planning and Development Office at 859-624-4780 for questions. Applications and other documentation may be found on the Madison County website at www.madisoncountky.gov under the Planning and Development tab

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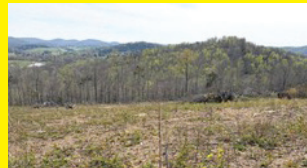
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