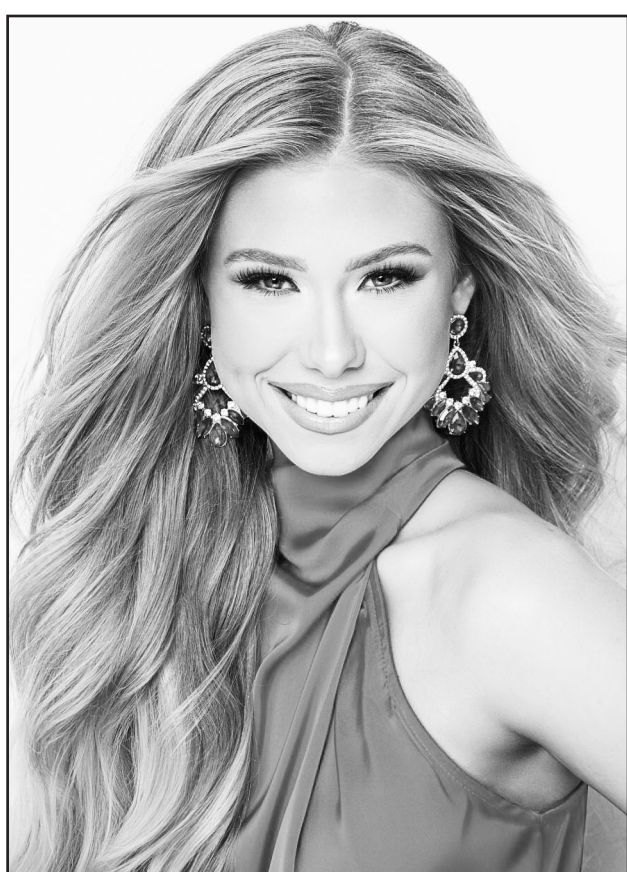


Webster County Native Is Preparing To Participate In Miss Kentucky Pageant

Webster County native Lily Martin is set to take the stage this June in Bowling Green as a contestant in the prestigious Miss Kentucky competition, bringing with her a strong background in academics, financial literacy advocacy, and community engagement.

Martin, the 22-year-old daughter of Ronnie and Beverly Martin of Providence, currently holds the title of Miss Bowling Green. She is a graduate of the Ole Miss School of Business and Webster County High School, finishing first in her class at both institutions. At Ole Miss she earned dual degrees in banking and finance and risk management and insurance and was named the top banking and finance student in the state of Mississippi. After graduation, she returned to Western Kentucky to begin her career with Baird Private Wealth Management, where she currently works as a Client Specialist with The Settle Group.

She had an interest in finance and entrepreneurship from a very young age. Martin says, "When I was nine-years-old I convinced my seven-year-old little sister, Emma, to invest in a business venture with me. We used our birthday money to buy



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blueberry bushes with the goal of selling the fruit. My parents were supportive of the idea, but they emphasized that it would be our responsibility to take care of the plants and keep track of income and expenses. We've cared for our plants for the last 13 years, establishing a Kentucky Proud member business, Martin's Fruit, learning a lot about entrepreneurship and agriculture in the process." According to Martin's mother, "When Lily was starting her blueberry business in elementary

school, we had no idea the valuable lessons she would learn, the impact it would have on her work ethic, or that it would be preparing her to compete for the title of Miss Kentucky one day." As the next Miss Kentucky she wants to share these same lessons of entrepreneurship and agriculture that she learned in the blueberry patch all those years ago.

As Miss Bowling Green, Lily travels Western Kentucky sharing her passion for financial literacy, focusing on reaching students ages preschool to college. She has reached more than 1,500 students through

60 educational presentations to date through her curriculum, "The Well-Kept Wallet: Your Pathway to Financial Literacy," which was published by the University of Mississippi. The curriculum focuses on essential and age-appropriate financial skills such as the difference between needs versus wants, saving versus spending, and how to invest.

"Competing for Miss Kentucky is about more than a crown," Martin said. "It's an opportunity to amplify a message of financial literacy that can truly change lives and the economic outlook of our commonwealth."

For the talent portion of the competition, she will be performing a groovy tap dance to "Boogie Fever."

The Miss Kentucky judges evaluate contestants in five categories: interview, evening gown, on-stage question, talent, and fitness. The winner of Miss Kentucky will be a representative of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture and will go on to represent the commonwealth at the Miss America competition later this year.

A new Miss Kentucky will be crowned on June 13, in Bowling Green at the Southern Kentucky Performing Arts Center. Preliminary competition will be held June 10 and 11.



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length previously and was ultimately approved.

Mayor Smith noted he had signed three executive orders during the month. The first of those orders appoints Ms. Meredith as the deputy administrator for alcohol beverage control. The second order names Nathan Stinchcomb as a member of the Sebree Tourism and Convention Commission in the amount of \$76,486.38. Those funds are generated from the local tourism and restaurant tax plus any interest accrued. The budget also estimates expenses at \$76,000. The expenses target local events, beautification projects, Sebree Springs Park, cost of an annual audit, and a contingency fund of \$13,000.

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In final business, the council approved the fiscal year 2025-27 budget for the Sebree Tourism and Convention Commission in the amount of \$76,486.38. Those funds are generated from the local tourism and restaurant tax plus any interest accrued. The budget also estimates expenses at \$76,000. The expenses target local events, beautification projects, Sebree Springs Park, cost of an annual audit, and a contingency fund of \$13,000.

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On Monday night the council also heard reports from city department heads.

Police Chief Ray Agent reported that his department responded to 151 total calls in March including 95 complaints, 47 traffic stops, five arrests, several special details and motorists assists and completed 40 hours of training,

The public works department has been setting poles at Legion Park, according to Travis Turner. Other work completed by the public works department includes mowing at the park, working on ball fields and keeping the cemeteries mowed. Turner also reported that the city's new trash containers are in and distribution will begin

in May. 250 of the bins will be provided to individuals who want them and the other 250 will be provided to those who need them, Turner said. In his comments, Glover noted that the city employees have done an exceptional job taking care of and mowing the cemeteries.

Brown reported that the fire department responded to seven fires in March and EMS made 77 runs. Firefighters also completed 50 hours of in-house training, and Brown attended an organizational meeting of the Webster County Fire Chief's Association. That organization is presently working on by-laws for the group, he said.

At 6:32 the meeting adjourned, with the next regular meeting of the Providence City Council scheduled for May 4, at 6:00 p.m.

Providence Council Approves Ambulance Bid

The Providence Council met in a special session on April 13, with council members opening and reviewing a bid for a new ambulance. Burgess Ambulance submitted a bid for \$274,960 for a 2024 Wheeled Coach 153 inch door-forward module mounted on a Ram 4500HD 4X2 chassis.

Following a discussion about the purchase, the council unanimously approved a motion by councilman Jimmy Crowell and a second by councilman Scott Frederick to approve the purchase pending discussion and a public forum at the council's Monday, April 20, meeting. That discuss will concern ways for the city to generate a revenue stream for the city's ambulance service.

The forum was held during Monday night's regular council meeting. (See coverage of that meeting in this week's Sebree Banner)

-- PUBLIC NOTICE --

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Hopkins County Coal, LLC, 1146 Monarch Street STE:350, Lexington, Kentucky 40513, has applied for Phase III bond release on Increment No. 7, 13, 14 of permit 917-0034, which was last issued on February 8, 2024. The application covers an area of approximately 167.20 surface acres.

The permit area is near the intersection of Slover Creek Road and Bruce Road.

The bonds now in effect for the mentioned increments are surety bonds in the amount of \$504,400. 100% of the original bonds receiving Phase III release in the amount of \$504,400 is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, regrading, topsoil replacement, and drainage control including soil preparation and initial seeding and mulching in accordance with the approved reclamation plan and a report for the area has been submitted to the cabinet in accordance with 405 KAR 16:200, Section 8 or 405 KAR 18:200, Section 8. revegetation has been established in accordance with the approved reclamation plan and the standards for success of revegetation, successful completion of all surface and reclamation operations in accordance with the approved reclamation plan such that the land is capable of supporting the post mining land use of cropland and pastureland approved pursuant to 405 KAR 16:210 or 405 KAR 18:220; compliance with requirements of KRS Chapter 350, 405 KAR Chapters 7 through 24, and 405 KAR 10:020 and release of 167.20 acres.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, 300 Sower Boulevard Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601 by June 5th, 2026.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 9:00 AM on Tuesday, June 9th, 2026 at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Madisonville Regional Office, State Office Building, Third Floor, 625 Hospital Drive, Madisonville, KY 42431. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by Friday June 5th, 2026. 5/6c

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