

Webster County District Court

The following persons were scheduled on the docket in Webster County District Court on Tuesday, May 12 before District Judge Ben Leonard.

Darrin Wayne Ditzer, criminal trespassing, third degree, criminal mischief, first degree, theft by unlawful taking, all others, four counts, theft by unlawful taking, all others, \$1,000 to less than \$10,000, three counts, burglary, third degree, six counts, and criminal littering, preliminary hearing on May 19, public defender appointed.

Brennon Owens, illegal taking or pursuit of deer or wild turkey, two counts, pre-trial conference on May 26, public defender appointed.

Kolton Briley Walker, speeding 26 mph or greater over posted limit, reckless driving, no or expired Kentucky registration receipt, no or expired registration plates, and operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, second offense, pre-trial conference on May 19, public defender appointed.

Cody Shelton Byassee, speeding 10 mph over posted limit, limited access. Failed to appear.

Daniel Lawrence Elsey, speeding 26 mph or greater over posted limit, fined \$60.00 plus court costs.

Ashlyn E. Flowers, speeding five mph over posted limit, limited access, failed to appear.

Leah Kathleen Hunter, speeding 20 mph over posted limit, limited access and operating on suspended or revoked operator's license, pre-trial conference on June 16, public defender appointed.

Kirsten Aaliyah Laughary, speeding 22 mph over posted limit, completed CATS.

Christina Ann Lawless, no or expired registration plates, charge dismissed based on verified proof and payment of \$25.00 DCE fee.

Wesley Dewayne Scott, failure of owner

to maintain required insurance, first offense and failure to or improper signal, pre-trial conference on July 14.

Caroline Elizabeth Warren, no or expired Kentucky registration receipt and no or expired registration plates, both charges dismissed based on verified proof and payment of \$25.00 DCE fee.

Vania Nycole Woodruff, speeding 20 mph over posted limit, limited access, failed to appear.

Gregory Allan Baker, Jr., assault, fourth degree, minor injury and wanton endangerment, second degree, pre-trial conference on June 16, public defender appointed.

Mitchell Diamond, buying or possessing drug paraphernalia, criminal trespassing, third degree, public intoxication, controlled substance, excludes alcohol, and possession of controlled substance, first degree, second offense, methamphetamine, preliminary hearing on May 19, public defender appointed.

Joseph Gamble, no or expired registration plates, failure of owner to maintain required insurance, first offense, possession of controlled substance, first degree, first offense, methamphetamine, buying or possessing drug paraphernalia, and criminal trespassing, third degree, preliminary hearing on May 19, public defender appointed.

Austin Williams, possession of marijuana and buying or possessing drug paraphernalia, referred to MEP, to be completed by June 23 or defendant to appear in court on that date.

Robert Lee Caudill, license to be in possession, fined \$100.00 plus court costs plus 30 days in jail probated per order.

Cody Lee Denton, motion to revoke probation, continued to May 26.

Cody Lee Denton, attempted burglary, second degree, possession of marijuana, and

buying or possessing drug paraphernalia, continued to May 26.

Dana Denton, operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance, first offense, aggravator, criminal mischief, second degree, and assault, fourth degree, no visible injury, continued to May 19.

Aaron Daniel Gambelin, entry on lan to shoot, hunt, fish, or trap without consent, first offense, pre-trial conference on June 23, jury trial on July 17.

William Grant Hartsock, speeding 25 mph over posted limit and no or expired registration plates, failed to appear.

Peggy Jones, motion to revoke probation, continued to June 16.

Peggy J. Jones, motion to revoke probation, continued to June 16.

Peggy Jo Jones, leaving the scene of an accident or failure to render aid or assistance and operating motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance, second offense, aggravator, continued to June 16.

Robert Lance Keown, review for non-payment of \$25.00, continued to June 2.

Zindell Remone Lindle, speeding 13 mph over posted limit, completed CATS.

Wayne Allen Stone, no or expired registration plates and rear license not illuminated, both charges dismissed based on verified proof and payment of \$25.00 DCE fee.

Angel Joel Velez, speeding 15 mph over posted limit, limited access, paid in full.

Jimmy Clark, assault, fourth degree, dating violence, minor injury, terroristic threatening, third degree, possession of controlled substance, first degree, second offense, methamphetamine, and buying or possessing drug paraphernalia, preliminary hearing conducted, probable cause established, charges referred to grand jury.

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KENTUCKY FARM BUREAU President Eddie Melton is pictured here as he testified before the U.S. Senate Agriculture Committee last week concerning the financial crisis many farmers are facing.

KFB President Testifies Before U.S. Senate Agriculture Committee

Kentucky Farm Bureau (KFB) President Eddie Melton testified last week before the U.S. Senate Agriculture Committee, calling on Congress to take immediate action to address the rising cost of fertilizer and the sustained economic pressure threatening farm families across Kentucky and the nation. The hearing examined fertilizer supply and affordability challenges facing U.S. farmers — pressures that have escalated in the wake of the ongoing conflict in the Middle East and resulting disruptions to global fertilizer markets.

Melton, a fifth-generation row crop and beef cattle farmer from Webster County, Ky., spoke on behalf of farm families in Kentucky and across the country. In his testimony, he drew a direct line from the hearing room to the fields of his own operation.

Melton noted that today's crisis did not emerge overnight. While disruptions at the Strait of Hormuz have compounded the problem, elevated costs for inputs like fuel and fertilizer have burdened producers for years.

"Since February, we have seen a 33% rise in anhydrous prices, a 55% rise in urea prices, and a 25% increase in liquid nitrogen," he said. "All the while, corn prices have declined from \$7 per bushel in 2022 to approximately \$4.50 per bushel today."

This year marks the fourth consecutive year of economic decline for the farm sector, driven by a combination of low commodity prices and high fertilizer costs. Melton described the cumulative toll on farm operations across the country: "Many farmers are operating with little to no working capital, limiting their ability to manage risk or invest in future production," he said.

Melton cited findings from a recent American Farm Bureau Federation survey of more than 5,700 farmers and ranchers nationwide,

highlighting what the numbers mean for Kentucky specifically.

In Kentucky, "just 29% of farmers reported being able to pre-book fertilizer with almost 72% stating they could not afford all the fertilizer they needed for this growing season," he said. "We know this is a direct result of rising fertilizer costs."

Melton called for both immediate relief and long-term policy change. "For producers operating on thin margins, there is no flexibility to wait for longer-term solutions," he said. "Congress should act now with additional economic assistance to help farmers manage today's cost pressures, prevent further financial strain and stabilize operations while longer-term fixes are put in place."

In the near term, he called for greater transparency in fertilizer markets. Looking further ahead, he urged expanded domestic production capacity and a regulatory environment that allows investment and development to move forward in a timely and predictable manner.

"The challenges facing agriculture today are the result of sustained economic pressure that is reshaping the farm economy," Melton said. "According to USDA, we lost more than 20 million acres of farmland between 2017 and 2022, along with more than 199,000 farms since 2017. If farm closures, farmland loss and consolidation continue, the long-term structure of American agriculture will begin to change. That change poses a risk to our national security by weakening domestic food production capacity and increasing reliance on foreign, less resilient supply chains."

Melton closed by reinforcing what is ultimately at stake for every American: "Ensuring that producers have access to affordable inputs and fair, transparent markets is critical, not only for their operations, but for the long-term stability

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Source: Pulse of America Research Study, February, 2017

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WEBSTER CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION 24-CI-00267

PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC

PLAINTIFF

vs.

RICHARD NASON, JR.

AKA RICHARD ROBERT NASON, JR. AND WEBSTER COUNTY

DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Webster Circuit Court on the 10th DAY OF MARCH, 2026, I will on **THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2026**, at the hour of **11:00 A.M.** or as soon thereafter as possible at the Courthouse door in the City of Dixon, Webster County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following described real property located in Webster County, Kentucky, to-wit:

Property Address: 229 Charles Buchanan Road, Sebree, Webster County, Kentucky 42455
PVA No. / Map No.: 093-027-005.

The current year's property taxes will be paid by the purchaser of the property.

Purchaser may pay cash or said property will be sold upon payment of 10% deposit, with the balance upon credit of 30 days, the purchaser shall execute a good and sufficient bond with approved surety thereon for the purchase price, the bond to bear interest at the rate of 3.75% per annum from the date thereof, until paid, and to have the force and effect of a judgment, but a lien shall be retained on said property to further secure the payment of the purchase price. At his option, the purchaser may pay cash or pay the bond with accrued interest at any time before its maturity. Said sale to be made free and clear of any and all liens, claims, rights, title, and interest of any and all parties to this action. The purchaser will be prepared to promptly comply with these terms or the said property will immediately be offered again for sale.

GIVEN under my hand this the 16th day of April, 2026.

STEPHEN M. ARNETT, Master Commissioner

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