

Onton UMC Celebrating 206th Anniversary

Onton Methodist Church is celebrating its 206th anniversary with a special program on Sunday, August 23.

Onton United Methodist church was established in 1820 in a little log cabin and was originally known as Mt Olive.

Over the years fires and wind have damaged the previous buildings but the church has stood strong to rebuild. Congregations in the 50's reflected over 350 members.

Today, the beautiful white country church sits on a hillcrest and serves as a beacon of light with its steeple rising to a height that can be seen from all directions as both guests and community member enter the small community.

On August 23, at 10:30 a.m. church members will celebrate 206 years along with celebrating the nation's 250th birthday.

This year the church sustained water damage and again faced destruction to the basement area, but the congregation continues to rebuild and remodel and will again withstand challenges and hold tight to being the light of the little community with the church on the hill.

The public is invited to join Onton Methodist Church members as they celebrate 206 years of worship on Sunday, August 23.



Travel Can Facilitate Healthy Aging

The adage, "an apple a day keeps the doctor away," may be true, but for seniors, enjoying that apple at a hotel or on a cruise may be even more healthy than having it at home.

Travel can be an important component of healthy aging. Travel provides many benefits across multiple areas of life. According to The Senior List, around 70 percent of seniors (adults age 50 and up) travel regularly. Seniors are a target demographic for the travel industry, accounting for roughly one-third of all travelers. Seniors spend almost one month each year traveling.

Here are a few of the many health-related rewards seniors

can reap from travel.

- **Morale boost:** Booking a trip, making it to a destination and checking out new sights creates a strong sense of purpose that can elevate self-confidence.

- **Meet new people:** Travel offers lots of opportunities to meet fellow travelers and engage with locals at various destinations.

- **Get physical activity:** Exploring sights and landmarks engages the body. According to Clarendale Clayton Senior Residences, studies show that older adults who regularly vacation experience lower rates of high blood pressure, stroke and heart disease.

- **Reduces stress:** Getting away from the daily grind and

household routines or responsibilities can lower feelings of stress.

- **Improves cognitive health:** According to research by the Global Coalition on Aging, regular cultural travel can reduce Alzheimer's risk by up to 47 percent.

- **Foster cultural understanding:** Travel takes people outside of their typical circles and can expose individuals to new cultures. Learning about these cultures and interacting with local populations can foster a greater sense of cultural understanding.

Travel can be a key component of healthy living for seniors that boosts their physical and mental well-being.

Webster County Retired Teachers Meet

The Webster County Retired Teachers' Association met Monday, August 10, at Canaan Ridge Park. Thirteen members and three guests were present for the first meeting of the 2026-2027 membership year. President Nan Laughary welcomed the members and guests. Pauletta Yarbrough led the Pledge to the Flag, and Marilyn Whitsell gave the devotional.

Lunch was pot lunch

with fried chicken being provided and members bringing sides. Hostess of the meeting was President Laughary.

Guest Zara Toal, Director of Canaan Ridge Park, brought the members up-to-date on the present and planned features of the park.

Susan Weatherford, President of the Second District Retired Teachers Association, explained the activities of the SDRTA. Peggy

Coomes, Membership Chair of the SDRTA, gave members an update on membership ratings. She complimented WCRTA for having one of the best membership percentages in the district.

President Laughary announced that this school year, Superintendent Gooch will extend the privilege of free admittance to regularly scheduled ath-

letic events to WCRTA members. She reminded members that Sunrise Services will be coming to Webster County for a fund-raising event on September 25, at Hidden Hills Wedding and Event Center.

In the business session, Treasurer Marilyn Whitsell gave the financial report. Secretary Geraldine Stone had previously sent out the minutes by e-mail. Changes in committee chairs were: Member Caring--Brenda Stull; Social Media--Renee Capps; AARP Grandparent Essay--Heather VanWinkle and Lori Gonzalez.

The next WCRTA meeting will be Monday, October 12, at the Hidden Hills Wedding and Event Center.

Webster County Jailer's Report

Webster County Jailer Greg Sauls reports that inmates worked a total of 1432 hours between August 9 and August 15, 2026. Hours worked include 168 hours at the detention center; 608 hours at the RCC; 64 hours mowing; 200 hours for Union County (male inmates); 120 hours for Union County (female inmates); 40 hours for the City of Clay; 32 hours for the city of Dixon; 80 hours for the city of Sebree; 40 hours for recycling; 40 hours for the road department; 40 hours for the dog warden.

The total jail population is 160 with 21 Webster County inmates, 26 Union County inmates and 113 state prisoners.

Twenty inmates participated in the Moral Recognition Therapy program; 16 attended Anger Management; 20 attended Thinking for Good with two graduating; and 20 attended Untangling Relation-

ships. Five inmates attended GED classes.

Incarcerated during the same period were Ronnie Allen Jarred Bartley Clinton Bowling II Ryan Bryant Adrian Cannon Amanda Collins Darnell Preston Ashley Day Carl Elliott Daniel Flanagan Landon Foster

Brittney Gardner Steven Gower Adam Gray Robert Grigsby Willis Harris Dheirus Lollis Rachel Lynch Kennett MacMackin Tyrese Mosby George Nelson Jesse Posey Yletzin Tellezlumbi Annisha Willett Marty Wright

PUBLIC NOTICE

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
WEBSTER COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
Webster County Water District is accepting sealed bids for a new **Fairbanks Morse Series 1920 Split Case Horizontal Pump, 5" Model 1922.**

Sealed bids must be received by **September 2, 2026** at the **Webster County Water District** office located at:
478 U.S. Highway 41-A, South Dixon, KY 42409

Bids may also be mailed to:
Webster County Water District
P.O. Box 320
Dixon, KY 42409

The envelope must be clearly marked:
"Fairbanks Morse Pump Bid"

Bids will be opened on **September 3, 2026** at the Webster County Water District office.

For questions or additional information, please contact the Webster County Water District officer at **(270) 639-9010**.

Webster County Water District reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
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Clay City Council Meets

The Clay City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 11 with Mayor Jackie Edens presiding and all council members present. Also in attendance were City Clerk Christy Freeman and City Attorney Will Cox.

In a session that lasted just over an hour, council members heard and approved reports, heard a citizen's appeal, gave first approval to the 2026 tax rate, and conducted a closed session of discuss personnel.

Council members reviewed and approved the minutes from the July meeting, the monthly clerk's report and the bills and claims.

Council member Rocky Williams presented the monthly report from the Clay Volunteer Fire Department which showed members responded to 1 rescue runs and six fires in July.

City resident Paul Cowan addressed the council concerning damage to his backyard caused by the sewer improvement project in 2025. He called the damage a "hazard" and told members an injury could result from a fall in the area.

Cowan was told that Spectrum, the wireless and cable provider in Clay, has not yet marked their underground lines, and as a result, city crews will not do any kind of excavation. The city will make another 811 call to Spectrum in an effort to get the underground lines located.

Mayor Edens added, "We are short-handed, but we will get to it as soon as we can"

Ms. Freeman told members that bids for light improvements at the city park had come in higher than expected. The city received only one bid in the amount of \$120,500. That bid, which was rejected by council members, came from Clark Electric, a local business. The council approved readvertising the project, and that bid notice can be found in this week's paper.

The clerk also informed members the local tourism committee had purchased new swing sets for the park, and installation was scheduled for Wednesday, August 12. The city's restaurant tax funds the tourism committee.

Council members approved a tentative tax rate of .314 cents per \$100.00 of assessed valuation. That is four percent above the compensating rate of .302 cents. As a result, the council is required to host a public hearing in order for local citizens to make comments concerning the rate. At press time, that public hearing had not yet been scheduled.

It was noted that even though the council is considering the compensating rate plus four percent, the tax rate for 2026 will be slightly lower than the rate in 2025.

At 6:25, the council went into closed session to discuss personnel. Returning to the open meeting 30 minutes later, Mayor Edens said there was nothing to report.

No further business came before the council, and the meeting was adjourned.

The next regular meeting of Clay City Council will be Tuesday, September 8, 6:00 P.M.

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In accordance with Chapter 65 and 424 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, the financial statement, adopted budget, and most recent audit reports of the Pittman Creek Watershed District may be inspected by the public at 555 State Route 1340 Dixon, Kentucky, by appointment, between the hours of 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., on Thursday August 20, 2026. This advertisement was paid for by Pittman Creek Watershed using taxpayers' dollars in the amount of \$18.00.

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-- PUBLIC HEARING --

Webster County Board of Education
28 ST RT 1340
Dixon, KY 42409

The Webster County Board of Education is proposing a general fund tax levy of 56.6 cents on real property and 56.6 cents on personal property.

The General Fund tax levied in fiscal year 2026 was 57 cents on real property and 57 cents on personal property and produced revenue of \$4,881,581.62. The proposed General Fund tax rate of 56.6 cents on real property and 56.6 cents on personal property is expected to produce \$4,736,751.38. Of this amount, \$911,935.95 is from new and personal property. The compensating tax for 2027 is 54.5 cents on real property and 54.5 cents on personal property and is expected to produce \$4,561,006.19.

The proposed rate is expected to generate more revenue than received in the preceding year. The general areas to which revenue of \$237,895 above 2026 revenue is to be allocated are as follows: Cost of collections, \$8,326; Instruction, \$229,569.

This information is published pursuant to KRS 160.470. The proposed tax rate is not subject to recall under KRS 132.017.

The General Assembly has required publication of this advertisement and information contained herein.
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