



Hancock Reunion Draws Large Group Of Descendants

The annual Hancock family reunion was held August 23 at the Fire Barn in Onton, Kentucky. Forty people attended the gathering for descendants of William Lewis and Sarah Bradshaw Hancock, early settlers of the Onton area. Everyone enjoyed an afternoon of good food and visiting with family. The oldest descendant attending was Junior Dunville, age 93, a 3rd great grandson of William Lewis and Sarah Hancock. The youngest descendant attending, a 6th great granddaughter, was four-month old Josie Evans, daughter of Chad and Morgan Evans. Junior and Josie, who was held by her mother, are pictured below. Thanks to Annette and Tommy Thomasson for helping set up and clean up, to Kerry Thomasson for giving the blessing, and to David Hancock for taking the family photos.

Others attending were Rick Hancock. Kelly Siegfried, Chuck and Lesa Hancock, Joan Wright Jackie Hancock, Roger Hancock, Priscilla Dunville, Rod and Renee Nance, Beth Melton, Tammy Parker, Andrew and Lena Parker with son Eli, Tommy Cobb. Kathy Thomasson, Theo Evans, Jason and Jessica Hoesli with sons Jackson, Nolan, and Hudson, Hal Ray Roach and Rhonda Rawlings Roach, Judy Ayer, Betsy Woosley, Tommy Woosley, Betty Wright, and Joni Ramsey Hoesli. Also attending but not pictured are Jeremy and Kristy Hoesli.



Social Isolation Affects Many Senior Citizens

Social isolation affects many seniors. Social isolation produces various warning signs, including changes in personality, pulling away from social events, and failure to engage in self-care.

According to Michigan Medicine, findings from a review of six years of data from the National Poll on Healthy Aging found more than one-third of people age 50 to 80 feel lonely, and nearly as many feel isolated.

Feelings of loneliness were higher among those reporting fair or poor health and those not working or on disability.

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Kentucky Love Story Shows The Lifelong Impact Of Organ Donation

Kentucky child Brooklyn Dotson was just a toddler in 2003 when doctors gave her only three days to live. She had become critically ill with a rare liver condition, and her family was told she would not survive without a liver transplant.

At the same time, the Waters family was facing an unimaginable loss. Ten-year-old Michael Waters of Ohio died following a tragic accident. Even at a young age, Michael had already expressed that he wanted to be an organ donor, and his family honored his wishes.

More than two decades later, that gift will become part of another remarkable chapter: Brooklyn is marry-

ing Michael's brother, Noah Waters.

Following organ donation, there is a thoughtful and confidential process that allows donor families and recipients to connect, if both choose to share their contact information. These safeguards respect the privacy of everyone involved while allowing relationships to develop when both families are ready. Brooklyn and Michael's families chose to connect when Brooklyn was young and remained close through the years.

As they grew older, Brooklyn and Noah developed a friendship. That friendship eventually became love. On September 26, Brooklyn and Noah plan to marry in Kentucky - more than 20 years af-

ter Michael's gift first connected their families.

For Kentucky's Circuit Court Clerks, stories like Brooklyn's are a powerful reminder of why they have championed organ donation since 1992. Kentucky's Circuit Court Clerks created an independent nonprofit organization, originally known as the Circuit Court Clerks' Trust For Life, to educate Kentuckians about organ, tissue and eye donation. Today, that organization is known as Donate Life Kentucky Trust, which continues the Clerks' legacy by providing trusted donation education as well as direct financial assistance and support to transplant patients, caregivers and donor families across the

Commonwealth.

"Every day, Kentuckians have the opportunity to make a decision that could someday give another person the chance to grow up, graduate, fall in love, get married and create future generations," said Janet Cole, Webster Circuit Court Clerk. "Brooklyn's story is an extraordinary example of the lasting impact one person's decision can have. We encourage Kentucky families to talk about organ, tissue and eye donation and, most importantly, share their wishes with the people they love like Michael did."

To learn more about organ donation or the programs of Donate Life Kentucky Trust, visit [DonateLifeKY.org](#).

PUBLIC NOTICE

**CITY OF SLAUGHTERS 2026-2027
PROPERTY TAX ORDINANCE
SEPTEMBER 22, 2026**

The City of Slaughters will hold a public hearing for the 2026-2027 property tax rate at the Slaughters City Office on September 22, 2026 at 6:00pm. All Residents of the city are encourage to attend. 9/16c

-- PUBLIC NOTICE --

SUMMARY AND NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE
The Fiscal Court of the County of Webster, Kentucky (the "County"), at regular meetings held on June 8, 2026 and June 22, 2026, adopted the following ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF WEBSTER, KENTUCKY APPROVING A LEASE FOR THE FINANCING OF A PROJECT, PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT AND SECURITY OF THE LEASE, CREATING A SINKING FUND, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF VARIOUS DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE LEASE.

The undersigned Fiscal Court Clerk of the County hereby certifies that the foregoing ordinance (the "Ordinance") provides for approval of a lease agreement (the "Lease") with Kentucky Association of Counties Finance Corporation for financing certain public improvements, establishes and maintains a sinking fund for the deposit and application of tax revenues, and makes certain designations regarding the Lease.

This Ordinance pledges the full faith, credit, and taxing power of the County, and provision has been made for the collection of a tax to pay lease payments due on the Lease, subject to certain credits, in Section 2 of the Ordinance, set forth below:

"Section 2. General Obligation Pledge. Under the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and Chapter 66 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, as amended (the "General Obligation Statutes"), the obligation of the Lessee created by the Lease shall be a full general obligation of the Lessee and, for the prompt payment of the Lease Payments, the full faith, credit, and taxing power of the Lessee are hereby pledged. During the period the Lease is outstanding, there shall be and there hereby is levied on all the taxable property in the Lessee, in addition to all other taxes, without limitation as to rate, a direct tax annually in an amount sufficient to pay the Lease Payments on the Lease when and as due, it being hereby found and determined that current tax rates are within all applicable limitations. The tax shall be and is hereby ordered computed, certified, levied, and extended upon the tax duplicate and collected by the same officers in the same manner and at the same time that taxes for general purposes for each of the years are certified, extended, and collected. The tax shall be placed before and in preference to all other items and for the full amount thereof; provided, however, that in each year to the extend that the other taxes of the Lessee are available for the payment of the Lease Payments and are appropriated for such purpose, the amount of such direct tax upon all of the taxable property in the Lessee shall be reduced by the amount of such other taxes so available and appropriated."

The foregoing Summary and Notice of Adoption of Ordinance of the County was approved by the Fiscal Court for first reading and second reading on the dates indicated above and was further approved for publication following adoption according to law.

By: /s/ VALERIE NEWELL
Fiscal Court Clerk
County of Webster, Kentucky

The undersigned, an attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, hereby certifies that the foregoing Summary and Notice of Adoption of Ordinance of the County of Webster, Kentucky was prepared by the undersigned and constitutes a general summary of the essential provisions of the Ordinance, reference to the full text of which is hereby made for a complete statement of its provisions and terms.

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-- PUBLIC NOTICE --

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Seebree Mining, LLC, 1146 Monarch Street STE:350, Lexington, Kentucky 40513, has applied for Phase I bond release on Increment No. 1 3 and 4, of permit 917-5027, which was last issued on July 9, 2026. The application covers an area of approximately 129.4 surface acres.

The permit area is near the intersection of US 41 and State HWY 494.

The bonds now in effect for the mentioned increments are surety bonds in the amount of \$738,977. 60% of the original bonds receiving Phase I release in the amount of \$443,386.20 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 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 129.4 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 October 23rd, 2026.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 9:00 AM on Tuesday, October 27th, 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 October 23rd, 2026. 9/26c