

Briefs

From staff reports

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

The February 18th meeting will be at the Nelson County Public Library in community room 1 at 1 p.m. In case of inclement weather we follow the Nelson County School system closure policy. Meetings are open to those touched by Parkinson's including patient, care partner, family and friends. Call Jane Swarts at 502-350-4458 with questions.

SHOWSTOCK FAMILY INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Washington County 4-H Livestock Club will be hosting a presentation on February 19 at 5:30 p.m. for anyone interested in showing livestock. Kaitlin Fouts with the Shows & Fairs Division of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture will be the presenter. Topics will include rules and guidelines for KDA sponsored district shows and junior livestock expos, validation information, and basic Department of Agriculture information. All are welcome to attend.

WHEELBARROW SERIES

The Wheelbarrow Series 2026 catalog is out. Stop by the Extension Office to grab your copy or find it on the Washington County Extension Office's facebook page. The next class, Building a Bluebird House, is February 19 at 10 a.m.

QUILTING CLUB

The Washington County Quilting Club meets on the third Saturday of each month at the Washington County Extension Office with the next one coming up on February 21. All are welcome. Contact Martha Ann Hardin for details.

LIVESTOCK CLUB

The Washington County 4-H Livestock Club has started it's year, but it's not too late to join. The next meeting will be at 6 p.m. on February 24. All are welcome to attend.

HERITAGE HOMEMAKERS

The Heritage Homemakers, headquartered at the Washington County Extension Office, is open to all homemakers that are looking to get more involved in their community and enjoy great fellowship. Our next homemaker lesson, a pre-

sentation on Gardening Safety, will be Tuesday, February 24, at 1:30 at the Extension Office.

POP-UP DRIVER'S LICENSE

Washington County Extension Office will host the pop-up driver's license on Wednesday, February 25. Please visit drive.ky.gov for more information. The Extension Office can NOT make appointments.

FILL THE GAP

The Tri-County Extension Offices are happy to announce a new series: Fill the Gap, learning heritage skills that have become viral trends. Upcoming topics include Dehydrating on February 26 in Washington County, and Meal Prep in Marion County. Please check out our facebook flier on the Washington County Extension Office Facebook page or stop by the Washington County Extension Office for more information.

WITS WORKOUT

Please join us at the Washington County Public Library for our continuing Wits Workout Series. The next class, Baby Steps, will be February 27 at 10 a.m. at the public library.

EMPTY BOWL SUPPER 2026

New Pioneers for a Sustainable Future will be hosting the annual Empty Bowl Supper on Friday, February 27, from 6-8 p.m. at Cornerstone Acres in Springfield, Kentucky.

CONCERTS AT LORETTO MOTHERHOUSE

Saturday, February 28, 7:00 - Grace Baugh-Bennett, piano; Works by Ravel, Chopin, Rachmaninoff, and Prokofiev.

4-H CAMP

4-H Summer Camp will be June 29-July 3, 2026. Registration opens on March 1 and a link will be posted on the facebook page.

DEMENTIA CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

A new dementia caregiver support group will be meeting on the first Monday of each month at 10 a.m. at the Washington County Extension Office. The support group is designed to provide a safe, supportive environment to allow family members,

friends, caregivers, and other interested individuals to meet regularly for mutual support and to exchange coping skills with one another in matters relating to Alzheimer's disease/dementia. Our support groups are free and open to the public. The first meeting is scheduled for March 2, 2026.

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY ADULT LUNCHEON

C.C.C. lunch will be held at noon at the Springfield Baptist Church on Tuesday, March 3, 2026. The guest speaker will be Cabrina Buckman from the Washington County Extension Office about the WOW program and eating healthier. We provide the meat and drinks. You can bring a side dish or dessert. Bring a friend to join us in fellowship.

GENEALOGICAL ROUND TABLE

The Nelson County Genealogical Round Table will hold its first meeting on Tuesday, March 3, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. This will be a business and planning meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend.

ADULT SEWING GROUP

The Washington County Adult Sewing Groups will meet Wednesday, March 4, at 6:00 p.m. at the Washington County Extension Office. All are welcome. Contact Sheila Smith for more information.

OUTDOOR EXPLORERS CLUB

New to Washington County is the Outdoor Discovery Club. This club will be starting March 5 and will spend the following months preparing for the Kentucky 4-H Wildlife Challenge. Members will learn to identify wildlife by skulls, skat, and pelts, as well as how to manage wildlife population in an area. This is for youth ages 9-13. Email

Melissa.schenck@uky.edu or call 859-336-7741 for questions or to sign up.

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS

The Sharpshooters' 2026 season officially began this week. The next scheduled meeting will be March 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office. Anyone with 4-H Youth interested in participating is welcome to attend.

I'M NOT DONE YET!

Is a new show by Gary Vidito featuring Gary's original music along with selections from some of the other great shows he designed for Mid Kentucky Arts over the years. Gary, his Not Done Yet band, and featured singers of Mid Kentucky Chorus will delight your music senses. Shows are in two locations: March 13 at Bardstown United Methodist Church Hall, and March 15 at St. Catharine Hall, St. Catharine Motherhouse. Tickets available on-line at MidKentuckyArts.com or by calling 859-336-9416.

YOUNG RIDERS

Washington County 4-H Young Riders will meet on March 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office to plan this year's trip to the Bluegrass Horse Camp. All 4-H aged youths interested in equestrian topics are welcome.

PRIVATE APPLICATOR TRAINING

Taylor Graves, Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent for Washington County will be conducting a Private Applicator Training on March 30, 2026. Please RSVP by calling the Washington County Extension Office at 859-336-7741. A morning (10 a.m.) and an evening (5:30 p.m.) session will be offered. This training qualifies for one CAIP educational hour.

KENTUCKY'S AG TAG

When you renew your vehicle license, don't forget to support 4-H and FFA with an AG TAG. The \$10 contributions from each AG TAG benefit Kentucky Proud, Kentucky 4-H, and Kentucky FFA. Help grow agricultural and local leaders and ensure a FRUITFUL FUTURE for all Kentuckians.

4-H

The new 4-H year has kicked off in Washington County. Stop by the extension office to pick up a participation form.

BEE CLUB

The Washington County Bee Keepers Club meets the first Monday of each month at the Extension Office. All are welcome to attend.

AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

The ANR newsletter is mailed out the first week of each month. To sign up to receive this newsletter send your name and address to kara.lewis@uky.edu or call the extension office at 859-336-7741. You can also find this newsletter and others on the website: washington.mgcafe.uky.edu

EXTENSION ON THE RADIO

Every Tuesday morning around 8:30 a.m. you can tune into 100.9 WLSK and get all the latest news and happenings from the extension office.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BINGO

Knights of Columbus bingo is played every Wednesday at 7 p.m., doors and concessions open at 5 p.m. Features a progressive jackpot start-

ing at \$500 and going up every week until won. Bingo tabs available on site. This is charitable gaming, and all proceeds are donated back to charities. Call 859-336-9967 for additional info.

4-H SEWING CLUB

The Washington County 4-H Sewing Club has a new name: HERITAGE THREADS. If your 4-H aged youth is interested in joining, they meet each Thursday at 3:30 p.m. at the Washington County Extension Office.

SURVIVOR OF SUICIDE SUPPORT GROUP

Survivor of Suicide support group meets the first Thursday of the month from 6-7 p.m. at the Boyle County Library. This group is for adults who have had friends or family members die by suicide. The group serves Boyle and surrounding counties.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

The Washington County Board of Elections will hold its monthly meeting the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. at the County Clerk's Office.

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB

The Democratic Women's Club meets the third Saturday of every month at the Washington County Public Library, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. All are welcome.

SPRINGFIELD TOURISM

Springfield Tourism Meetings are the 4th Monday of each month, at 5:30 p.m. at the Opera House. All regular meetings are open to the public.

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ALLISON BALL AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Independent Auditor's Report

The Honorable Timothy E. Graves, Washington County Judge/Executive
The Honorable Brett Barry, Washington County Clerk
Members of the Washington County Fiscal Court
Report on the Audit of the Financial Statement Opinions

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Excess Fees - Regulatory Basis of the County Clerk of Washington County, Kentucky, for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statement.

Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statement presents fairly, in all material respects, the receipts, disbursements, and excess fees of the Washington County Clerk for the year ended December 31, 2024, in accordance with the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws as described in Note 1.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles section of our report, the financial statement does not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Washington County Clerk, as of December 31, 2024, or changes in financial position or cash flows thereof for the year then ended.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* (GAS), issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the *Audit Program for County Fee Officials* issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Washington County Clerk and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

As described in Note 1 of the financial statement, the financial statement is prepared by the Washington County Clerk on the basis of the accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The effects on the financial statement of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statement

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of this financial statement in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of a financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statement, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Washington County Clerk's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and GAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statement.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and GAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Washington County Clerk's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statement.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Washington County Clerk's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we have identified during the audit.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 29, 2025, on our consideration of the Washington County Clerk's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Washington County Clerk's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Ball
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Auditor of Public Accounts
Frankfort, KY

October 29, 2025

State law requires the Auditor of Public Accounts to annually audit fiscal courts, county clerks, and sheriffs; and print the results in a newspaper having general circulation in the county. The complete audit and any other audit of state agencies, fiscal courts, county clerks, sheriffs, and property valuation administrators may be viewed in the reports section of the Auditor of Public Accounts' website at auditor.ky.gov or upon request by calling 1-800-247-9126.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

FOR VARIANCE

PLANNING COMMISSION

March 4, 2026, 6:00 p.m. – SPRINGFIELD CITY HALL

The City of Springfield Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on March 4, 2026 at Springfield City Hall, 127 W. Main Street Springfield, Kentucky 40069 at 6:00 p.m. to accept public comments relating to an application for a variance filed by 2S Homes LLC for property located at 1584 Perryville Road for variances submitted with the Construction Plans as follows (1) request to use HDPE pipe for stormwater sewer system on site and within dedicated ROW and (2) request to reduce the grass strip between the curb and sidewalk to 2'. The public is invited to attend. Regular meeting will immediately follow close of Public Hearing. Direct inquiries to City Hall at 859-336-5440.

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD/SPRINGFIELD WATER & SEWER COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

The City of Springfield has applied to the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority for a low interest loan from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, funded in part by a grant to Kentucky from the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The project is the construction of new distribution water main in downtown Springfield as well and enhancements to the carbon feed system and rehab work to the clearwell relating to the Water Treatment Plant. The City will hold a public meeting on Thursday, February 26, 2026, at 1:00 PM at the Water Office 603 W Main St Springfield KY 40069. The purpose of the meeting is to allow the public to review and comment on the proposed activities, potential impacts, and project alternatives. Any relevant documents will be on file at the Springfield Water & Sewer Commission office for citizen's review during regular business hours.

The Springfield Sun CLASSIFIED DEADLINE

WEDNESDAY - 4:00 PM

Contact Customer Service at
(859) 336-3716, Option 1 or
classifieds@thespringfieldsun.com
Monday-Friday 8AM-4PM

*Holidays advance deadline by 24 hours.

The terms of sale by the Master Commissioner shall require the purchaser of said real property to deposit a down payment equal to ten (20%) percent of the purchase price on the date of sale and to pay the balance of the purchase price within thirty (30) days after the sale date, to secure payment of which the purchaser shall give bond for the unpaid purchase price with good surety approved by the Master Commissioner. Said bond to bear interest at the rate of 6%. The purchaser shall have the privilege of paying all of the purchase price in cash on the sale date or earlier than 30 days thereafter.

The real property herein shall be sold free and clear of all claims of Pat Blanford Rentals, LLC, and all parties to this action but shall be subject to all liens and easements of record or apparent and excepting defects in description, which an accurate survey would disclose.

Bidders will be required to comply promptly with these terms. Possession will be granted with confirmation of the sale by the Circuit Court.

The Plaintiff has recovered a judgment against Defendants in the amount of \$120,595.17 plus interest and seeks to recover from this sale plus cost and fees.

For further information concerning the above sale contact the undersigned Master Commissioner at (859) 336-3766.

DANIEL CARROLL KELLY
MASTER COMMISSIONER