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Dan Ballou nominated for federal judgeship

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WASHINGTON, DC — President Donald Trump has nominated 34th Judicial Circuit Judge Daniel Ballou to serve on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky.

Trump announced the nomination Tuesday evening via a Truth Social post, describing Ballou as a longtime circuit judge and praising his legal and military background.

“I am pleased to nominate Daniel

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34TH CIRCUIT
JUDGE DANIEL
BALLOU

Corbin school board highlights family engagement, federal funding

BY MACEE SWAFFORD
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CORBIN — The Corbin Independent Schools Board of Education reviewed federal education funding, family engagement efforts and preparations for the upcoming school year during its meeting last Thursday.

Deputy Superintendent Cynthia Davis provided an overview of the district’s federal funding, including more than \$1 million in Title I funds. She explained that the funding

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Judge Eugene Siler honored at federal courthouse dedication

BY MACEE SWAFFORD
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LONDON — For more than five decades, Judge Eugene E. Siler Jr. has spent his career interpreting the law, serving Kentucky and the nation. This week, the federal courthouse in his home region took on a new name to ensure that legacy will remain for generations to come.

Family, friends, fellow judges, attorneys, elected officials and members of the community gathered Tuesday for the dedication of the Eugene E. Siler Jr. United States Courthouse Annex in London.

The ceremony celebrated Siler’s more than 50 years of judicial service and his decades of work on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.



Eugene E. Siler Jr., who currently serves the 6th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals, smiles Tuesday afternoon as the federal courthouse in London is named in his honor. | PHOTO BY MACEE SWAFFORD

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Corbin City Commission approves airport grant, police promotions

BY MACEE SWAFFORD
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CORBIN — The Corbin Board of Commissioners approved several items during its regular monthly meeting on Monday, including authorizing Mayor Suzie Razmus to sign a federal grant agree-

ment for the London-Corbin Airport.

According to city officials, the grant will help fund a hangar project related to the damage from the May 2025 tornado. Corbin will have no financial responsibility under the agreement, officials said,

with additional airport grants expected to come before the commission in the coming weeks.

The commission also approved the promotion of four Corbin Police Department officers to the rank of patrolman first class.

Police Chief Rusty Hedrick recognized Zach Johnson, Brentley Patrick, Justin Walker and Jared Carr — saying he wanted to recognize the officers “for their outstanding service, dedication and com-

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