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## Benton residents discuss potential golf cart ordinance

Public hearing focused on safety and street access

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The City of Benton discussed creating an ordinance

potentially allowing golf carts on city streets, electing to hold a public hearing on May 7 to gauge public interest before drafting.

The prospect was most recently discussed during the April 20 council meeting, where it was decided to hold a public hearing. It was also stated during that meeting

that any ordinance would have to follow KRS 189.286, which outlines a variety of regulations including the roads golf carts are allowed on, safety requirements like headlights, reflectors, and seatbelts, the requirement for the operator to be a licensed driver, and more. It

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Jimmie Sloan was among a number of citizens who spoke in favor of allowing golf carts on city streets.



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Justin Lamb has written a book, "I Heard It At Harrison's Store," about the history of Olive, Kentucky. He now displays the sign of the titular grocery store in his restaurant, The Hot Pig.

## Hot Pig owner publishes Olive history book

Local stories and family memories shape new release

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After spending a lifetime in the Olive community of Marshall County, Justin Lamb has

acquired a number of stories, oral histories, and "tall tales" from the area. The barbecue pit-

master and restaurant owner has now added author to his titles,

turning those stories into a book about Olive.

The title, "I Heard It At

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## Marshall County holds Day of Prayer event

Marshall County community members gathered on May 7 for the annual National Day of Prayer service tradition. In addition to a variety of prayers led by community leaders, the event featured a posting of the colors by American Legion Post 236 and performances of the national anthem and "My Old Kentucky Home" by Brian Doss. See more photos on page A2.

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Claude Russell makes an appearance in Marshall County Circuit Court on May 12.

## 2027 trial date set in Thompson murder case

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Over a year after the death of Lia Thompson, a trial date has been set for the man charged with her murder, Claude Russell.

Marshall County Circuit Court Judge Andrea Moore set the trial dates for April 28 through April 30 of 2027. However, there are other court dates set for the case ahead of that.

Both Commonwealth's Attorney Dennis Foust and Defence Attorney William Deatherage requested that a hearing date be set. Neither attorney is expecting a ruling of any form, and requested the hearing purely as a way to gather necessary testimony about the case.

Foust said they intended to subpoena officers that were involved with the case, as well as witnesses that had not completed statements, in order to better prepare for the trial. That hearing is scheduled for July 7 at 9 a.m.

A final pretrial hearing is also set for March 9, 2027.

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Russell was previously charged with rape and murder in the 2002 death of Chantell Humphries. The Trigg County trial ended in a mistrial due to a hung jury. A new trial was never held, and the case was dismissed in February of 2019.



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