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conference scheduled Feb. 9.

Ransom Neil Griffey, 67, speeding (five miles per hour over the limit) — pleaded guilty, fined \$138

Rickey Dale Griffey, 39, license plate not illuminated, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/substance (first offense), failure to produce insurance card, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security (first offense) — pleaded not guilty, jury trial scheduled June 30.

David Neal Hall, operating a vehicle on suspended/revoked operator's license — pretrial conference scheduled Feb. 9.

Jordan C. Howard, 36, failure to wear seat belt — dismissed.

Kenneth Howard, 55, alcohol intoxication in a public place — bench warrant/failed to appear for hearing.

Robert B. Howard, 48, speeding (five miles per hour over the limit) — pleaded guilty, fined \$138.

Tiann N. Howard, 43, expired or no registration plate, expired or no Kentucky registration receipt, possession of marijuana, operating a vehicle with expired operator's license, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a substance (first offense) — pleaded not guilty, jury trial scheduled June 6.

Destiny Dawn Hyatt, 28, failure to wear seat belt — bench warrant/failed to appear for hearing.

Brian Davis Jennings, 48, speeding — pleaded guilty, fined \$133 and sentenced to stay traffic school.

Brooke Nicole Johnson, 34, speeding (20 miles per hour over the limit) — pleaded guilty, fined \$173.

Scott Johnson, 50, speeding (15 miles per hour over the limit) — dismissed on warning.

James Dan Jones, 64, failure to wear seat belt — pleaded guilty, fined \$25.

Jeffery M. Jones, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol (first offense) — pleaded not guilty, jury trial scheduled March 3.

Leroy Dewayne Jones, 27, alcohol intoxication in a public place — pleaded guilty, sentenced to 60 days in jail (probated 24 months). No new arrests or violations of law.

Nina Loretta Lay, 25, expired or no Kentucky registration receipt ex-

pired or no registration plate — dismissed on proof.

Braden Neal Madden, 18, speeding (26 or more miles per hour over the limit), reckless driving — first charge, amended to speeding (20 miles per hour over the limit), pleaded guilty, fined \$173; other charge, dismissed.

Joe McKinney, 51, expired or no Kentucky registration receipt, operating a vehicle on suspended/revoked operator's license, failure to wear seat belt, failure to produce insurance card, license plate not illuminated license to be in

possession, operating a motor vehicle without an ignition interlock device — first two charges, pleaded guilty, fined \$183 and sentenced to 60 days in jail (probated 24 months); other charges, dismissed on warning.

Gloria Mefford, 40, failure to give or improper signal, first-degree possession of a controlled substance (first offense, methamphetamine), tampering with physical evidence, expired or no Kentucky registration receipt, failure to produce insurance card, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a substance (second offense), driving on a DUI-suspended license (first offense) — waived to Harlan County Grand Jury.

Kayla B. Middleton, 34, of Kenvir, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance (first offense), failure to wear seat belt, failure to produce insurance card, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security (first offense) — pleaded not guilty, jury trial June 30.

Kayla Brielle Middleton, 34, of Kenvir, operating a vehicle on suspended/revoked operator's license — amended to license to be in possession, pleaded guilty, sentenced to two days in jail.

Larissa Nicole Middleton, 37, speeding (16 miles per hour over the limit) — pleaded guilty, fined \$165.

Linda Kay Middleton, 54, failure to produce insurance card, operating a vehicle on suspended/revoked operator's license — pleaded guilty, fined \$183 and sentenced to 90 days in jail (probated 24 months). No new arrests or violations of law.

Jeff Muncy, 61, of Cawood, speeding (18 miles per hour over the), failure to wear seat belt, expired or no registration plate, expired or no Kentucky registration receipt, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security (first offense), failure to produce insurance card, no operator's/moped license — bench warrant/failed to appear for hearing.

Jesse Osborne, li-

cense to be in possession, operating a vehicle on suspended/revoked operator's license, no operator's/moped license, license plate not legible — bench warrant/failed to appear for hearing.

Stewart Osborne, 57, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a substance (first offense) — pleaded guilty, fined \$758, operator's license suspended six months and sentenced to driving school (must attend school before getting license back).

Bridgett Parrott, 28, operating a vehicle on suspended/revoked operator's license — pleaded guilty, sentenced to 30 days in jail (probated 24 months). Only operate when legal. No new arrests/violations of law.

Andrew Tye Patrick, 29, failure to wear seat belt, expired or no registration plate, expired or no Kentucky registration receipt, failure to produce insurance card — dismissed on warning and proof.

John William Phelps, 47, of Harlan, speeding (26 or more miles per hour over the limit), reckless driving, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a substance (first offense), failure to give or improper signal — pleaded not guilty, jury trial scheduled Feb. 9.

Katelyn Stewart, 31, speeding (five miles per

trial scheduled March 3. Raymond Philpot Junior, 20, speeding (five miles per hour over the limit) — pleaded guilty, fined \$138.

Marlena Powers, 45, failure to wear seat belt — pleaded guilty, fined \$25.

Laura Lee Robinson, 43, failure to produce insurance card, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security (first offense), expired or no registration plate, expired or no Kentucky registration receipt, failure to wear seat belt, rim or frame obscuring lettering or decal on plate — bench warrant/failed to appear for hearing.

Pete Rowe, 52, public intoxication of a controlled substance (excluded alcohol), third-degree criminal mischief — pleaded not guilty, jury trial scheduled July 7.

Eddie Ray Rusher, 38, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a substance (first offense) — pleaded guilty, fined \$758, operator's license suspended six months and sentenced to driving school (must attend and complete before getting license back).

Ronald Russell, 62, speeding (five miles per hour over the limit) — dismissed.

Dustin Shackleford, theft by unlawful taking (\$1,000 or more but under \$10,000) — preliminary hearing scheduled Feb. 9.

Katelyn Stewart, 31, speeding (five miles per

hour over the limit) — as, 24, speeding (15 miles per hour over the limit) — pleaded guilty, fined \$138.

Ellen A. Still, 40, of Evarts, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security (first offense), expired or no registration plate, expired or no Kentucky registration receipt — dismissed on warning.

Jake-Riley W. Turner, expired or no registration plate, expired or no Kentucky registration receipt — dismissal by motion of prosecutor.

Lester B. Wade, 64, speeding (26 or more miles per hour over the limit) — amended to improper equipment, pleaded guilty, fined \$143.

Hayley Annette Williams, 37, failure to wear seat belt — pleaded guilty, fined \$25.

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NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE PERMIT 848-5658

In accordance with provisions of KRS 350, notice is hereby given that Bluegrass Natural Resources, LLC, 158 Central Avenue, P.O. Box 487, Benham, Kentucky 40807, has applied for a Phase 1 bond release on Permit 848-5658, Increments #1 and #3, which was last issued on September 15, 2025. This application covers a surface area of 69.97 acres of Surface disturbance, 6,276.50 acres of auger/underground acres for a total of 6,346.47 acres. The permit is located 1.0 miles south of Clover-Darby in Harlan County.

The permit area is located approximately 1.0 miles south from KY 38's junction with Childs Creek Road and located on Childs Branch of the Clover Fork of the Cumberland River. The operation is located on the Louellen and Pennington Gap U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The latitude is 36-52-43 N. The longitude is 83-03-31 W.

The bonds now in effect for 848-5658 are surety bonds as follows: Increment #1 - \$50,000 and Increment #3 - \$93,300 of which approximately 60% of the original amount for increment #3 is included in the application for release. Increment #1 is roads only and 0% is included in the application for release. are included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: Backfilling, grading and vegetative treatment completed during the Spring of 2025 with some areas revegetated in 2012.

Written comments, objections, and request for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Enforcement & Reclamation, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, KY 40601 by March 27, 2026.

A public hearing has been scheduled for March 30, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at the Division of Mine Reclamation & Enforcement's Middlesboro Regional Office, 1804 East Cumberland Avenue, Middlesboro, KY 40965-1229. This hearing shall be canceled if the cabinet does not receive a request in writing, for the public hearing by March 27, 2026.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 848-0292, Renewal

1. In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Nally & Hamilton Enterprises, Inc., 109 S. Fourth Street, Bardstown, KY 40004, has applied for renewal of a permit for an existing underground and surface coal mining and reclamation operation of approximately 965.1 acres located 2.5 miles southeast of Pathfork in Harlan County.

2. The area is ±1.7 miles north from the junction of KY 2005 and KY 987, and located 0.6 miles southeast of Pathfork Branch.

3. The operation is located on the Ewing USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. Surface and mineral owner is Hamilton Holdings, LTD.

4. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Middlesboro Regional Office, 1804 E. Cumberland Ave. Middlesboro, KY 40965. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, KY 40601.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application No. 848-0242 RN-03

(1) In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Nally & Hamilton Enterprises, Inc., 109 S. Fourth St. Bardstown, Kentucky 40004 has applied for renewal of an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 1.0 miles east of Rutherford in Harlan County. The permit area totals 412.63 acres.

(2) The permit is located ±4.5 miles southeast from KY 38's junction with KY 179 and located in Breedens Creek and Kelly Branch.

(3) The permit is located on the Louellen U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by ACIN, LLC and Karst Land Company. The operation will use the contour strip and auger methods of mining.

(4) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining, Reclamation and Enforcement's Middlesboro Regional Office, 1804 East Cumberland Avenue, Middlesboro, Kentucky 40965. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, 300 Sower Blvd. Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 848-5650, Renewal

(1) In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Bluegrass Natural Resources, LLC, PO Box 487, Benham KY 40807, has applied for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining operation located approximately 1.0 miles south of Cumberland in Harlan County. The operation disturbs 19.53 surface area mining acres and underlying an additional 830.00 acres of underground area for a total of 849.53 acres.

(2) The operation is approximately 0.64 miles south southwest from CR 2006's junction with KY 179 and located 0.00 miles southeast of Cloverlick Creek.

(3) The operation is located on the Benham 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area disturbed is owned by ACIN, LLC. The operation underlies land owned by ACIN, LLC.

(4) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining, Reclamation and Enforcement's Middlesboro Regional Office, 1804 East Cumberland Ave, Middlesboro KY 40965. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 848-0425 NW

(1) In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Nally & Hamilton Enterprises, Inc., P.O. Box 157; Bardstown, Kentucky 40044 (Phone: 502-348-0084), has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation affecting 427.0 surface permitted acres and 1037.6 underground shadow acres located 2.1 miles northeast of Cawood, KY in Harlan County.

(2) The proposed operation is approximately 2.27 miles northeast from KY 1137's junction with KY 987 and located adjacent to Crumblies Creek.

(3) The proposed operation is located on the Evans Gap U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute quadrangle map. The surface area is owned by Penn Virginia Operating Company, LLC, Nathan & Nancy Brown, Fred & Joanna Busroe, Jack & Priscilla Carter, Martha Carter, Euel & Helen Carter, Jimmie Carter, Nally & Hamilton Enterprises, Inc., John Roberts, Binnie Ruth & John Faulkner, Melissa & David Caldwell, EP Browning, LLC, Albert & Marvenia Link, Roger Pennington, and Larry Grubbs.

(4) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining, Reclamation and Enforcement's Middlesboro Regional Office, 1804 East Cumberland Avenue, Middlesboro, Kentucky 40965. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, 300 Sower Blvd, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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