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Roger Bennett, 27, of Putney, fourth-degree assault (domestic violence with no visible injury) — pleaded not guilty, jury trial scheduled May 12.

Robert Blanton, 45, expired or no Kentucky registration receipt, expired or no registration plate, failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance (first offense) — pleaded guilty, fined \$733 (\$450 suspended).

Robert Blanton, 45, failure to wear seat belt, failure to produce insurance card, license to be in possession, failure to register transfer of a motor vehicle — dismissed.

Regina Diana Boggs, 55, failure to wear seat belt — bench warrant/failed to appear for hearing.

Jamie Bowling, 51, operating a vehicle with expired operator's license, failure to produce insurance card — bench warrant/failed to appear for hearing.

Landon Brock, 19, operating a vehicle on suspended/revoked operator's license, failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance (first offense), failure to wear seat belt, failure to produce insurance card — first charge, amended to license to be in possession, pleaded guilty, fined \$683 (\$450 suspended) on the first two charges; other charges, dismissed.

Edward N. Burkhardt, 69, expired or no registration plate, expired or no Kentucky registration receipt — dismissed on proof.

Whitney Faith Bustle, 36, speeding (13 miles per hour over the limit) — dismissed on warning.

Dalton Lee Cox, 28, expired or no registration plate expired or no Kentucky registration receipt — dismissal by motion of prosecutor.

Cody Deal, 28, possession of marijuana, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance (first offense), booster seat violations, buy/possession of drug paraphernalia, expired or no Kentucky registration receipt — pleaded not guilty, jury trial scheduled June 30.

Victoria Ellison, 60, operating a vehicle on suspended/revoked operator's license, speeding (15 miles per hour over the limit), failure to wear seat belt — first charge, pleaded guilty, sentenced to 30 days in jail (probated 24 months). Only operate when legal. No new arrests or violations.

Eddie Estep, 71, failure of owner to maintain re-

quired insurance/security (first offense), expired or no registration plate, operating a vehicle on suspended/revoked operator's license — pleaded guilty, fined \$683 (\$450 suspended) and sentenced to 30 days in jail (probated 24 months). Only operate when legal. No new arrests or violations.

Nicole Evans, 44, of Cumberland, first-degree possession of a controlled substance (first offense, methamphetamine), buy/possession of drug paraphernalia — waived to Harlan County Grand Jury.

Nathan Scott Hack, 48, speeding (15 miles per hour over the limit) — pleaded guilty, fined \$133; and sentenced to state traffic school.

Ronald Halcomb, 43, of Cumberland, public intoxication of a controlled substance (excludes alcohol), first-degree possession of a controlled substance (third offense or more, methamphetamine), buy/possession of drug paraphernalia — waived to Harlan County Grand Jury.

Richard Harris, 55, public intoxication of a controlled substance (excludes alcohol), second-degree disorderly conduct, buy/possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana, expired or no Kentucky registration receipt — bench warrant/failed to appear for hearing.

Charles A. Hatmaker, 36, failure to wear seat belt — bench warrant/failed to appear for hearing.

Robert A. Hawkins, 44, failure to wear seat belt — pleaded guilty, fined \$25.

James Holland, 41, driving on a DUI-suspended license (first offense), failure to produce insurance card, expired or no Kentucky registration receipt — bench warrant/failed to appear for hearing.

Kimilia Darchelle Hopkins, 46, 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, improper equipment — bench warrant/failed to appear for hearing.

David Ingram, 37, expired or no Kentucky registration receipt, expired or no registration plate, failure to wear seat belt, failure to produce insurance card, improper display of registration plate, license to be in possession — bench warrant/failed to appear for hearing.

William J. Jennings, 25, of Loyall, first-degree trafficking a controlled substance (first offense, methamphetamine) — waived to Harlan County Grand Jury.

Brandon Joe Jones, 36, resident fishing without a license/permit — dismissed on proof.

Chasity Jones, 41, expired or no Kentucky registration receipt, expired or no registration plate, failure to produce insurance card, license to be in possession, failure to wear seat belt — bench warrant/failed to appear for hearing.

Tammy Lynn Ledford, 49, speeding (13 miles per hour over the limit) — dismissed on warning.

Jesse Alan Lindsay, 38, speeding (five miles per hour over the limit), failure to wear seat belt — bench warrant/failed to appear for hearing.

Joshua Mendoza, 42, of Cumberland, excessive windshield/window tinting, failure to wear seat belt, operating a vehicle on suspended/revoked operator's license, failure to produce insurance card, expired or no Kentucky registration receipt — bench warrant/failed to appear for hearing.

Toby C. Moses, possession of an open alcohol beverage container in a motor vehicle, expired or no Kentucky registration receipt, expired or no registration plate, failure to produce insurance card, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security (first offense) — first charge, pleaded guilty, fined \$758, operator's license suspended six months and sentenced to driving school (must attend and complete before getting license

Matthew Napier, 31, failure of owner to main-

tain required insurance/security (first offense), license to be in possession — pleaded guilty, fined \$673 (\$450 suspended).

Shelby Nolan, 30, expired or no Kentucky registration receipt, expired or no registration plate, failure to produce insurance card, license to be in possession, failure to wear seat belt — bench warrant/failed to appear for hearing.

Tammy Lynn Ledford, 49, speeding (13 miles per hour over the limit) — dismissed on warning.

Jesse Alan Lindsay, 38, speeding (five miles per hour over the limit), failure to wear seat belt — bench warrant/failed to appear for hearing.

Kevin Osborne, 41, expired or no Kentucky registration receipt, expired or no registration plate, failure to register transfer of a motor vehicle, failure to wear seat belt — bench warrant/failed to appear for hearing.

Ashley Nicole Pennington, 35, speeding (five miles per hour over the limit) — bench warrant/failed to appear for hearing.

Walter Perkins, 75, speeding (five miles per hour over the limit), failure to wear seat belt — bench warrant/failed to appear for hearing.

Clyde Wayne Phillips, 63, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a substance (first offense), no tail lights, improper equipment, possession of marijuana — first charge, pleaded guilty, fined \$758, operator's license suspended six months and sentenced to driving school (must attend and complete before getting license

Matthew Napier, 31, failure of owner to main-

tain required insurance/security (first offense), license to be in possession — pleaded guilty, fined \$673 (\$450 suspended).

Christopher Raleigh, 39, of Cumberland, driving on a DUI-suspended license (second offense), failure to wear seat belt, first-degree trafficking a controlled substance (first offense, less than 2 grams of methamphetamine) — waived to Harlan County Grand Jury.

sion of drug paraphernalia, convicted felon in possession of a firearm, third-degree possession of a controlled substance (drug unspecified), controlled substance prescription not in original container (first offense) — waived to Harlan County Grand Jury.

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.

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.

This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

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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 Street, 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.

* (This is the final advertisement of this application, all comments, objections and/or request for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of this date.

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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 southwest 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 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 Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

(5) This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

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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 40004 (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, 2nd floor; Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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