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has been approved for up to \$500 million in capitol improvements. Teager said the building was constructed in 1948, and there was a lot of local emotional attachment to it. It had served as the Morehead Grade School and as Morehead High School in the 1960s, he said. It later served as Rowan County Middle School and the Board of Education Office. The building was most recently used to house students from Clearfield Elementary School while extensive renovations took place at Clearfield during the 2023-24 school year. He said the school district currently spends \$200,000 per year for utilities and upkeep at the building. Once UK St. Claire takes it over in January, they become responsible for those expenses.

Board member Brenda Stamm asked what would happen if payments were not made. Teager said the school district owns the property until it is paid off in three years. He said if it is not paid off, the property would be put up for auction. Stamm also noted that the purchase agreement includes a right for UK St. Claire to renovate or demolish. Teager explained that the Kentucky Department of Education would not allow the school district to do any further renovations on its own to the building and would direct the district to demolish the building and build a new facility, which would cost \$30 to 40 million. He said the property value of the site would go up if there was no building on it. As part of the property sale process, board members also approved a BG-1 project estimate, a new

requirement for all school districts who sell property. Board members also voted during the meeting to approve a BG-1 project estimate HVAC renovation at McBrayer Elementary School. According to the BG-1 document, the total estimated cost of the project is \$4.6 million. Board chairman Jeff Patrick said the board has “no more important thing on our plate right now than the McBrayer HVAC.” He said the safety concerns, the inability to work on it, and the fact that the fire department was called four times this past year to the school made its renovation necessary. He said that while the estimate gave him “sticker shock,” Patrick added, “It’s going to be fixed, and it’s going to be fixed right.” Current plans are to have the renovation done during summer 2026 while school is out for break.

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Mullins, who was reported to have been on some type of drug and had attacked his grandfather Danny Tackitt with an axe, sitting in a chair. Wright asked Mullins, 24, to stand and conducted a “Terry Frisk,” which is defined as a brief search of an individual based on reasonable suspicion to determine if a weapon is present. After feeling a bulky item in his front right pocket, Mullins advised Trooper Wright that it was a vape, and he gave consent to remove it. Mullins also advised Wright that he had a loaded needle in his front right pocket and two syringes in his left pocket. Wright said he did not observe any loaded needles and did not observe Mullins with an axe.

Michael Mullins told Trooper Wright that the grandfather was upstairs and bleeding from his head, so Wright said he detained Connor Mullins in his vehicle and went to check on Tackitt. Trooper Wright said as he approached the stairs inside, he observed a trail of blood on the floor and leading to the staircase and a Native American toma-

hawk sitting in chair by the stairs. He also observed more blood on the stairs. He made contact with Tackitt inside a bedroom at the top of stairs applying pressure to his head. Wright then request Rowan County EMS on scene. Wright spoke with Tackitt’s wife, Jane, who said that he had picked up Connor Mullins from a friend’s house. She said they were in the living room when she heard a loud sound and heard Tackitt yell, “No Connor!” She said she observed Mullins hit Tackitt with the tomahawk. She said she then called Connor’s mother and asked her to call 911. She also said Michael had come over to help Connor calm down. Michael Mullins told Trooper Wright that after he had Connor calm down, Connor told him he was “going to prison

for a very long time and that he should’ve killed him.” Wright transported Connor Mullins to the Rowan County Detention Center. Mullins was charged with one count of assault, first degree, domestic violence; one count of terroristic threatening, third degree; and one count of possession of drug paraphernalia. He is currently lodged in the Rowan County Detention Center under \$50,000 cash bond. He appeared in Rowan District Court on Monday for arraignment and is scheduled to appear in court again on February 9. Trooper Wright also noted that Danny Tackitt was airlifted to St. Mary’s in Huntington for his injuries. All individuals are considered innocent until proven guilty or pleading guilty in court.

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ceased at a residence driveway. The deceased was identified as Christian Mabry, 39, of Christy Creek Road. Mabry’s body was transported to the State Medical Examiner’s Office in Frankfort for an autopsy. According to Coroner John Northcutt, the investigation is still ongoing. Attempts to contact Kentucky State Police Post 8 were not returned at press time this week. The investigation is being conducted by Northcutt and KSP Sergeant Newt Robinson. Funeral services for Mabry are scheduled for Sunday, January 18, at Northcutt & Sons Home for Funerals.

Deceased man cont. from pg. 1

pronounced the 37-year-old male deceased at 1:13 p.m. Northcutt said, following an investigation,

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it was determined that the man had taken his own life. No information about his identity has been released. The incident was investigated by Morehead Police Department Patrolman Leighton McNabb and Coroner Northcutt.

Public Notice

The following information is provided by the Gateway Area Development District (GADD), a regional planning and development organization, pursuant to KRS 65A.080.

The location of GADD’s most recently adopted budget, financial statements, and most recent audit information is on file and available for inspection at 110 Lake Park Drive, Morehead, Kentucky 40351 during business hours, or online at www.gwadd.org.

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PROBATE FINAL SETTLEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2025

CASE NUMBER 23-P-146
ESTATE OF: VINCENT MAGGIO
FIDUCIARY: ANGELA MAGGIO
ADDRESS: 51 SPRING STREET NORTH, MOREHEAD, KY 40351
DATE OF Hearing: FEBRUARY 13, 2026

CASE NUMBER 23-P-97
ESTATE OF: JOHN ERIC PETERSEN
FIDUCIARY: SONJA PIA TEEL HARLEY
ADDRESS: 7950 ALMEDA COURT, LORTON, VA 22079
DATE OF Hearing: FEBRUARY 13, 2026

CASE NUMBER 22-P-74
ESTATE OF: DANNY MYNHIER
FIDUCIARY: REBECCA MYNHIER
ADDRESS: 1477 DRY CREEK ROAD, PO BOX 422, CLEARFIELD, KY 40313
DATE OF Hearing: FEBRUARY 13, 2026

CASE NUMBER: 17-P-35
DECEASED: CAROL ADAMS
FIDUCIARY: TIM ADAMS
ADDRESS: 2115 US 60 EAST, LOT #1, MOREHEAD, KY 40351
DATE OF APPOINTMENT: FEBRUARY 13, 2026

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State of Kentucky
County of Rowan

I, Kerry M. Jessee, Rowan County Fiscal Court Clerk in and for said county and state do hereby certify that on the 16th day of December 2025 the Fiscal Court adopted an Ordinance incorporating Community Way into the Rowan County Road System. Copy on file in County Clerk’s Office.

Ordinance #20-25

Given this the 17th day of December 2025.

Kerry M. Jessee
Rowan County Fiscal Court Clerk

State of Kentucky
County of Rowan

I, Kerry M. Jessee, Rowan County Fiscal Court Clerk in and for said county and state do hereby certify that on the 16th day of December 2025 the Fiscal Court adopted an Ordinance whereas the County of Rowan has realized unbudgeted receipts in the amount of \$317,822.03 in the General and Jail Funds as presented by the County Treasurer. Copy on file in the County Clerk’s office.

Ordinance #19-25

Given this the 17th day of December 2025.

Kerry M. Jessee
Rowan County Fiscal Court Clerk

State of Kentucky
County of Rowan

I, Kerry M. Jessee, Rowan County Fiscal Court Clerk in and for said county and state do hereby certify that on the 16th day of December 2025 the Fiscal Court held he 1st reading of an Ordinance whereas the Fiscal Court has realized unbudgeted receipts in the amount of \$240,884.78. Second reading to be held on January 20, 2026. Copy on file in the County Clerk’s Office.

Ordinance #21-25

Given this the 17th day of December 2025.

Kerry M. Jessee
Rowan County Fiscal Court Clerk

State of Kentucky
County of Rowan

I, Kerry M. Jessee, Rowan County Fiscal Court Clerk in and for said county and state do hereby certify that on the 16th day of December 2025 the Fiscal Court adopted an Ordinance whereas the Fiscal Court has realized unbudgeted receipts in the amount of \$750,000.00 in the CDBG Fund. This is an emergency amendment for the construction of the Rowan County Senior Center and payments for the construction due to funding being a CDBG Grant. Copy on file in County Clerk’s Office.

Ordinance #22-25

Given this the 17th day of December 2025.

Kerry M. Jessee
Rowan County Fiscal Court Clerk

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PROBATE ADVERTISEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2025

CASE NUMBER: 25-P-105
DECEASED: BARBARA SUE PHILLIPS
ADDRESS: 200 NORTHFORK DR., MOREHEAD, KY 40351
FIDUCIARY: JEFFREY PHILLIPS
ADDRESS: 2000 NORTH LINDEN, APT 0-106, NORMAL, IL 61761
FIDUCIARY: THOMAS PHILLIPS
ADDRESS: 6026 METTLER LANE, RICHMOND, TX 77469
ATTORNEY: TRAVIS NEWMAN
ADDRESS: 2420 FRANKFORT AVENUE, STE. 300, LOUISVILLE, KY 40206
DATE OF APPOINTMENT: DECEMBER 03, 2025
CREDITORS MUST FILE CLAIMS BY: JUNE 22, 2026

CASE NUMBER: 25-P-158
DECEASED: PAUL W. BLAIR
ADDRESS: 1596 PERKINS ST., MOREHEAD, KY 40351
FIDUCIARY: SUANNE BLAIR
ADDRESS: 1596 PERKINS ST., MOREHEAD, KY 40351
ATTORNEY: EARL ROGERS
ADDRESS: 154 FLEMINGSBURG ROAD, MOREHEAD, KY 40351
DATE OF APPOINTMENT: DECEMBER 03, 2025
CREDITORS MUST FILE CLAIMS BY: JUNE 03, 2026

CASE NUMBER: 25-P-159
DECEASED: WILLIAM (WILLIE) LEE PENNINGTON
ADDRESS: 2729 SHARKEY ROAD, MOREHEAD, KY 40351
FIDUCIARY: GARNETTA D. PENNINGTON
ADDRESS: 2729 SHARKEY ROAD, MOREHEAD, KY 40351
ATTORNEY: EARL ROGERS
ADDRESS: 154 FLEMINGSBURG ROAD, MOREHEAD, KY 40351
DATE OF APPOINTMENT: DECEMBER 05, 2025
CREDITORS MUST FILE CLAIMS BY: JUNE 05, 2026

CASE NUMBER: 25-P-162
DECEASED: JACK LITTON
ADDRESS: 55 FAIRVIEW DRIVE, MOREHEAD, KY 40351
FIDUCIARY: SHARON FRALEY
ADDRESS: 483 PLUMMERS LANDING ROAD, WALLINGFORD, KY 41093
FIDUCIARY: JAMES SCOTT LITTON
ADDRESS: 55 FAIRVIEW DRIVE, MOREHEAD, KY 40351
ATTORNEY: PAUL STOKES
ADDRESS: 129 EAST MAIN STREET, MOREHEAD, KY 40351
DATE OF APPOINTMENT: DECEMBER 15, 2025
CREDITORS MUST FILE CLAIMS BY: JUNE 15, 2026

CASE NUMBER: 25-P-163
DECEASED: NATHAN CHARLES BOATMAN
ADDRESS: 318 WEST MAIN STREET, MOREHEAD, KY 40351
FIDUCIARY: RHETT LEE BOATMAN
ADDRESS: 246 FAIRWAY DRIVE, DRY RIDGE, KY 41035
ATTORNEY: BRANDON HAMILTON
ADDRESS: PO BOX 1387, OLIVE HILL, KY 41164
DATE OF APPOINTMENT: DECEMBER 16, 2025
CREDITORS MUST FILE CLAIMS BY: JUNE 16, 2026

CASE NUMBER: 25-P-166
DECEASED: JUDY WHITT
ADDRESS: 2760 BIG PERRY ROAD, MOREHEAD, KY 40351
FIDUCIARY: KEVIN BROWN
ADDRESS: 2740 BIG PERRY ROAD, MOREHEAD, KY 40351
ATTORNEY: PAULA RICHARDSON
ADDRESS: 86 WEST MAIN STREET, PO BOX 1169, OWINGSVILLE, KY 40360
DATE OF APPOINTMENT: DECEMBER 16, 2025
CREDITORS MUST FILE CLAIMS BY: JUNE 16, 2026

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