

## COMMUNITY

## Rowan County Schools Cultivates Tomorrow's Leaders

## Through Profile of a Learner

## DISTRICT'S PROFILE OF A LEARNER SHAPES EDUCATIONAL APPROACH

## FOCUSED ON REAL-WORLD SKILLS AND STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

By Rowan County Schools

Rowan County Schools is transforming education by prioritizing vibrant learning experiences that prepare students for success in school and beyond.

At the heart of this transformation is the district's Profile of a Learner, a comprehensive framework that defines the skills and dispositions every student should develop throughout their educational journey. Aligned with the Kentucky United We Learn Council, this approach reimagines education as authentic, joyful, and connected to the real world.

"Vibrant learning is learning that matters to students," says Brandy Carver, assistant superintendent for Rowan

County Schools. Rather than passive recipients of information, students in Rowan County are active participants in their own education, exploring topics that resonate with their interests and applying knowledge to solve real-world problems.

Five Pillars of Student Development

The Profile of a Learner centers on five interconnected areas that prepare students for success beyond graduation:

Lifelong Learners develop both academic mastery and resilience. Students learn to persist through challenges, plan for continuous growth, and understand that education extends far beyond the classroom walls.

Active Collaborators build essential team



## The Valiant Viking



## Lifelong Learner

- Persists through difficulties and plans for self-improvement
- Sets goals for personal and academic growth
- Connects and applies knowledge/skills across contexts
- Identifies and pursues personal interests



## Active Collaborator

- Values individual contributions through empathy and respect
- Works together to accomplish a goal
- Uses meaningful feedback to encourage forward thinking



## Critical Thinker

- Eagerly explores the world through questions and observations
- Uses observations and information to construct explanations for problems
- Develops and implements ideas to overcome obstacles and solve problems



## Global Citizen

- Participates in opportunities to impact a community
- Embraces cultural backgrounds and differences with empathy and respect
- Makes safe, legal, and ethical choices



## Effective Communicator

- Conveys messages clearly
- Listens actively for a purpose
- Resolves conflict
- Adapts to the need of the audience
- Engages with print and digital media responsibly



## OPINION

The opinion page does not reflect to the views of the KyNewsGroup.

## Letter to the Editor

By Gail Lincoln

Columbia Gulf Transmission, LLC, filed an application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) on November 17, 2025, to construct 42 miles of a 30 inch "natural" gas pipeline through Rowan, Fleming and Mason counties. Columbia Gulf, owned by TC Energy, calls this proposed pipeline "The Maysville Project" (Docket No. CP26-25-000)." It is projected to be in-service at the Spurlock Power Plant in Mason County by 2029, about the same time that a 5,000-8,000 acre highly contested data center nearby would be completed (if citizens don't manage to stop it).

This proposed pipeline would be built on the property of at least 270 landowners, by eminent domain "if necessary." The Fiscal Courts of both Rowan and Fleming counties have unanimously passed Resolutions opposing the pipeline. They are committed to supporting the "health, safety, welfare, and property rights" of their residents.

A good example of the potential danger of the pipeline involves Maxey

Flats in Fleming County. Maxey Flats is possibly the largest nuclear Superfund site in the nation and the "Maysville Project" pipeline would pass about a mile (or less) from it. A gas line explosion could conceivably combine with this "forever" nuclear waste causing a far greater disaster than the unrelated gas line explosions in nearby Hillsboro in February and May of 2020. And let's remember that Kentucky sits on fault lines, limestone, karst and caves—all of which can lead to pipeline disruptions.

Although not as dirty as coal, "natural" gas is still a fossil fuel which contributes to the greenhouse gases that are warming the earth. This rapid warming is causing increasing environmental disasters (floods, tornadoes, wildfires, etc.) which we all pay for, sometimes with our lives. Renewable resources are now far cheaper, flexible, and job producing than using fossil fuels. The energy from renewables (hydro, geo, solar, wind, etc.) can now be stored using utility-scale batteries made right here in Kentucky. Renewable energy is now reliable en-

ergy.

We need to stop sinking money into outmoded fossil fuel infrastructure (the pipeline alone would cost \$402 million or more) and make the transition NOW to renewable sources of energy. As noted in the excellent booklet "Kentucky's Energy Transition: Setting the Right Path," we will all pay less and enjoy cleaner air, water and better health if we refuse to be saddled with potentially dangerous and polluting projects like this proposed Columbia Gas pipeline.

PLEASE express your concerns to FERC at one of their public comment sessions below:

Wednesday, January 28th from 5-7:00 p.m. at the YMCA The Center for Kids, 420 Chenault Drive, Maysville, KY 41056; 1/606/584-6462 or

Thursday, January 29th from 5-7:00 p.m. at Simons Middle School, 242 W. Water Street, Flemingsburg, KY 41041; 1/606/782-0139.

Gail Lincoln owns about 100 acres in Fleming County, most of which is a certified American Tree Farm. She tries to be a good steward of the earth.

work skills by working toward common goals, practicing active listening, and demonstrating empathy. These experiences mirror real workplace and community environments where individual contributions strengthen collective outcomes.

Critical Thinkers engage in deep analysis and evidence-based decision-making. Through problem-solving and inquiry-based learning, students gain confidence to tackle complex challenges using relevant and reliable information.

Global Citizens learn to respect differences, embrace diverse perspectives, and seek cultural understanding. Students are encouraged to participate in democratic processes, question assumptions, and make positive contributions to their communities and the world.

Effective Communicators practice conveying ideas clearly across multiple formats and

audiences. From conflict resolution to responsible digital media engagement, students build communication skills essential for navigating an interconnected world.

Beyond the Classroom

Learning experiences in Rowan County Schools extend far beyond traditional instruction. Community partnerships, service learning projects, and authentic applications allow students to connect academic concepts to real-life situations. Families and community members play vital roles in supporting and enriching these opportunities.

The district's approach also honors students' cultural wealth, individual gifts, and personal interests. Learning experiences are designed to allow students to demonstrate understanding through personalized products and presentations that reflect their unique strengths.

"By focusing on vibrant learning experi-

ences and the whole child, we're preparing students to graduate as capable, compassionate, and confident individuals ready for whatever the future holds," Carver adds.

As education continues to evolve, Rowan County Schools remains committed to ensuring every student experiences learning that is both meaningful and empowering, preparing a new generation of engaged citizens and innovative problem-solvers.

For more information about Rowan County Schools' Profile of a Learner and vibrant learning initiatives, visit the district website at <https://www.rowan.k12.ky.us/o/rcs/page/profile-of-a-learner>



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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
21st JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
ROWAN CIRCUIT COURT  
DIVISION I

File No. 25-CI-90373

VS: NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

KENNETH L. GUNN, ET AL

PLAINTIFF

DEFENDANT

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By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Rowan Circuit Court on January 16, 2026, to raise the sum of \$162,738.77, plus interest, fees and costs, I will expose for sale to the highest and best bidder, at the Rowan County Judicial Center, 700 West Main Street, Morehead, Kentucky, 40351, on Wednesday, February 4, 2026, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the following property:

Lots 24 and 25 of the Proctor Heights subdivision located at 151 Stern Lane, bearing PVA ID No. 063-40 00 022.00, and being the same land conveyed to Kenneth L. Gunn, et ux, by deed dated January 6, 2023, and recorded in Deed Book 286, Page 58, of the Rowan County Records.

Terms of the sale are as follows: (A) At the time of sale, the successful bidder shall either pay cash or make a deposit of 10% of the purchase price with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days. In the event the successful bidder elects to credit the balance, he shall post bond with acceptable surety for the unpaid purchase price bearing interest at the judgment rate from the date of the sale. The surety may be an individual who owns real estate in Kentucky who must be present at the sale, or an alternative type of surety. Alternative types of acceptable surety may be obtained by an email request to [budsalyer4@gmail.com](mailto:budsalyer4@gmail.com). A lien shall be retained by the Commissioner as security for the purchase price; (B) The purchaser shall assume and pay all taxes and assessments for the current fiscal year. (C) All other delinquent taxes and assessments for previous years shall be paid from the sale proceeds if properly claimed in writing and filed of record by the purchaser within ten (10) days from the date of sale; (D) If a successful bid is less than two-thirds of the appraised value, the defendant shall retain a right of redemption for six months from the date of sale; the purchaser shall receive an immediate writ of possession and a deed containing a lien in favor of the defendant reflecting the defendant's right of redemption. KRS 426.530; (E) The property shall otherwise be sold free and clear of any right, title and interest of all parties to the action and of their liens and encumbrances thereon, excepting easements and restrictions of record in the Rowan County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America or the Defendant(s); (F) For more particulars, reference is made to the records of the Rowan Circuit Clerk; (G) Bidders are advised to obtain a title examination; (H) Exceptions must be filed not later than ten (10) days following the filing of the Commissioner's Report of Sale; (I) Risk of loss for the subject property shall pass to the purchaser on the date of sale, and possession of the premises shall pass to the purchaser upon payment of the purchase price and delivery of deed; (J) Purchaser is responsible for Announcements made at the time of sale take precedence over any statement contained herein; (K) Purchaser is responsible for the current year's taxes.

Anyone wishing to be added to a mailing list of future sales should send a request to [budsalyer4@gmail.com](mailto:budsalyer4@gmail.com).

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