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Plane sold to support student build program at airport

Young aviators learn a new trade

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The Bardstown-Nelson County Airport establishes a greater connection with area youth after another successful year of the build and flight program.

On Saturday, Samuels Field hosted its monthly fly-in breakfast, and despite the rain, vintage cars, local pilots and community members communed. For the last four years, local students flock to the airport each day to gain

hands-on experience in the build and flight programs. During the weekend's fly-in the fourth plane built by the class was shown off as students spoke about their experience.

Airport Manager Tom Vernon said the program succeeds through its talented instructors. Bill Hammond started the build program with Rick Markle at helm currently. Gibson Hagan, a Bardstown High School graduate who wants to be a pilot, said he joined the program after hearing about it from older students. However, Hagan said he wasn't prepared for how much he'd learn and that the planes were truly

student-built.

"A lot of people get into it because they have the means to do so ..." Hagan said. "It's not really a career field that many people have access to, especially people from rural areas, people that come from less money. I think having this opportunity ... is just an experience that you can't get anywhere else in the country, for a lot of students that come from all different backgrounds."

J.T. Barnett, a BHS graduate, said when joining the program he didn't know what to expect. Being a part of the program not



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SEE PLANE/PAGE A5 Last weekend, the recent plane completed by local students in the build program was debuted during the monthly fly-in breakfast.



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On Thursday, the community celebrated Juneteenth, bringing the celebration to life through music and prayer.

Bardstown celebrates Juneteenth

'Lift every voice and sing'

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Members of the Bardstown community came together on Thursday to celebrate Juneteenth through history, music and prayer.

Each year, the local Juneteenth celebration continues to grow, finding new ways to celebrate and uplift. This year, dozens gathered at First Baptist Church for a presentation about discovering lineages through slavery. The

talk-back was followed by a packed house for an afternoon of music, voices and celebration of local graduates.

Juneteenth is a national holiday celebrated each year on June 19. In 1865, June 19 marked the day troops reached Galveston, Texas, bringing word of the Emancipation Proclamation to the area two years after it was signed into law. According to the National Museum of African American History and Culture more than 250,000 African Americans embraced freedom — the day being called Juneteenth or Freedom Day.

On Thursday, local Juneteenth celebrations kicked off with a presentation from Dan Gediman from Reckoning

Inc. He discussed his group's work of gathering records from Catholic churches to catalog the linages of enslaved people.

During his presentation, Gediman outlined two local families the organization was able to connect through church records including baptisms, marriages and burials. He'd acquired records from several churches in the area, like St. Joseph and St. Catherine, and from the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth.

He discussed common issues many families run into when diving into their ancestry including changing last names. Often people were given the last names of their enslavers despite being known

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Flaget awards first recipient of Lily Smith Scholarship

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Lily Smith's legacy lives on as a Thomas Nelson High School student becomes the first person awarded the memorial scholarship in her name.

On Tuesday, Flaget Memorial Hospital recognized nine students from across the county as they pursue their careers in the healthcare field. Kelsey Broyles, a rising TNHS junior, was announced as the first student to receive the Lily

Smith Memorial Scholarship.

Smith passed away in a car accident on Jan. 29, 2024. At the time of her passing, Smith was a junior at TNHS and participated in the district's healthcare pathway with aspirations to become a nurse.

Last May, Flaget announced the memorial scholarship, which offers \$5,000 to a Nelson County student who is a part of the healthcare collab or wants to work in the field. Broyles said her childhood interactions with the world

of medicine has pushed her into a career to serve others in that way.

Following the announcement the scholarship, Broyles said she feels honored to carry on the legacy of Lily. She said not only does she need to work hard to make herself proud, but to make the legacy of Smith proud.

During Tuesday's ceremony, Broyles read from her application essay, speaking to her need to work in healthcare and

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County approves \$730K for road paving

Nelson Co. Fiscal Court briefs

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Nelson County Road Department supervisor Brad Spalding presented a list of 16 upcoming paving jobs at Tuesday's Fiscal Court meeting, with a total of \$731,992 in flex funds from the state paying for the projects.

The largest two projects include paving Shady Lane in the Boston area from Keith Knob to Boston Road, 2.25 miles, for \$160,000, and Yates Cooney Neck Road for 2.3 miles leading up to its intersection with Ky. 55 near Bloomfield, at a cost of \$173,000.

Two other sections of Yates Cooney Neck Road — from mile point 0.0 to 0.536, and from 0.536 to 1.702 are also on the list. Other projects included sections of Bowling Pike, Deatsville Connector, Higdon Loop, Perman Clark, Pinkston, South Stilwell, Spalding Hollow Road, Summers Lane, T-Hahn Road, Whitesides Road and

Woodhill Road.

"We know there's more roads out there" that need work, Spalding said to those who didn't see their particular road on the list. "All these roads (on the list) are very much in need of paving."

Judge-Executive Tim Hutchins noted that several others are requiring work but didn't make the cut. The roads on the list are the most urgent, rated on a 10-1 scale, with 10 being the worst. This year's rainy spring has contributed to the deterioration of some roads, especially those in low-lying areas, such as Shady Lane, or those that experienced rock slides, such as Spalding Hollow Road in Howardstown.

"If you've got an 8 or a 9, in a year it might be a 12," Hutchins said.

In other news from Tuesday's meeting:

- Fiscal Court heard the first reading of an ordinance permitting street-legal ATVs and side-by-sides on public roads. There are certain restrictions for vehicles to be allowed to travel on roads, such as approved tire sizes, lighting, licensing, safety features and other amenities. Several surrounding counties

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Mattingly says goodbye to Nelson Co. Schools

Facilities director reflects on 25 years

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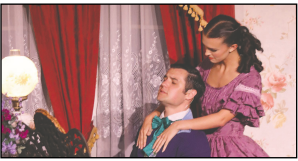
After 25 years of dedication to Nelson County Schools, Kevin Mattingly is retiring from his role as Director of Facility Services for the district.

In 2000, Mattingly said it was like fate to get hired on at Nelson County — connecting with the right person at the right time. He said they

were renovating the New Haven School at the time and ran into Johnny Hall. Since then, Mattingly has been a part of nearly every school in the district amid ever changing systems, but remaining a constant in the lives of many children and teens.

Earlier this year, Mattingly was celebrated during the district's Pride Awards and Retiree event. The entire facilities team compiled videos and photos of Mattingly's time with the district, including a clip of him running into a glass wall and the backing

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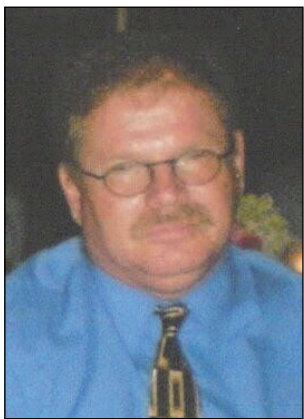
OBITUARIES

Timothy Wayne 'Tim' Nalley, 61

Timothy Wayne “Tim” Nalley, 61, of Bardstown, passed away peacefully at his home on Wednesday, June 18, 2025. Born in Marion County on Oct. 26, 1963, and raised in Loretto, Tim was known for his warm heart, love of family, and passion for classic cars. Tim spent part of his career working at South Central Bell, where he made many lasting friendships. He was an avid car enthusiast, delighting in collecting and displaying model cars. Tim also enjoyed gathering with friends and family for card games, cherishing every moment spent together. He will be remembered for his gentle spirit, his sense of humor, and the joy he brought to those around him. Tim’s legacy lives on in the memories shared by his loved ones and all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Tim was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph Truston and Mary Elsie Ruley Nalley; six siblings, Philip Nalley, Tommy Nalley, Joann Gootee, and infants, David, Mary Ann and John Herbert Nalley.

Survivors include two children, Caressa Bartley (Justin) of Loretto and Brandon Nalley (Shayna Maynard) of Hodgenville; four grandchildren, Nathan, Mikey, Anna and Jesse; four sisters, Mary Cecil (Bobby) of Bardstown, Linda Cecil (Louis)



of New Hope, Carolyn Gootee of Lexington, and Jenny Spannknebel of Louisville; three brothers, Leo Nalley (Frankie) and Joe “Tic” Nalley (Ellen) all of Loretto, and Charles Nalley (Judy) of Lebanon; one brother-in-law, Frank Gootee of Loretto; a good friend and neighbor, Keith Miles.

A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 21, at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 6785 Ky. 52 in Loretto. The Very Rev. Scott J. Wimsett will officiate. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

Memorials may go to American Diabetes Association, 161 St. Matthews Avenue, Suite 3, Louisville, KY 40207.

Pallbearers were Eddie Cecil, Chuck Nalley, Jamie Yates, Matthew Hamilton, Charlie Spannknebel, and David Nalley.

Mattingly Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

COMMUNITY NOTES

NEW Road closure in Cottage Grove Subdivision

The City of Bardstown Public Work’s department will be installing a new drainage culvert across Susannah Avenue in the Cottage Grove Subdivision starting Monday, June 23. A section of the road will be closed between Watts Court and Cottage Court until work is completed which is expected to take at least two days. A detour will be in place around Camptown Road and Wheeling Ave., for access to the North section of Susannah Ave. (addresses above 421), Foster Court, Guinness Court and Harrow Court. If you have any further questions you can call the City of Bardstown at (502) 348-5947.

Nathan Chester and the Old Soul Motown Revival kick off Live at the Park Concert Series in Bardstown

The sound of classic Motown and soul music will soar at My Old Kentucky Home State Park in Bardstown as Nathan Chester and the Old Soul

Motown Revival perform at 8 p.m. Monday, June 23. The show kicks off the 2025 Budweiser Live at the Park Concert Series, an annual series hosted by The Stephen Foster Drama Association (SFDA). Fresh from NBC’S “The Voice,” Nathan Chester brings a youthful vibe to classic Motown hits. His show is a tribute to the golden age of soul, with his own modern twist. Nathan is a 2014-16 alumni of the cast of The Stephen Foster Story and the SFDA productions of “Charlie Brown” and “The Wizard of Oz.” To learn more about Nathan Chester and the Old Soul Motown Revival, visit www.nathanchestermusic.com. To purchase tickets, visit stephenfoster.com/tickets.

JUNE Sheckles family reunion

The Sheckles family reunion will be 1 p.m. Saturday, June 21, at Bardstown Community Park, 407 E. Halstead Ave. Everyone should bring a dish. For more information, call Bonnie Stone at (502) 460-2571.

Bridge Closure - 4936 Woodlawn Road

Beginning on June 23, the Woodlawn Road Bridge crossing Riddle Branch near 4936 Woodlawn Road will be closed for replacement of the bridge. The time frame for the closure shall be approximately 6-8 weeks pending weather.

Planning Commission

Pursuant to KRS Chapter 100, the Joint City-County Planning Commission of Nelson County will hold a public hearing and meeting (Agenda #586) on Tuesday, June 24, at 5:30 p.m. in the Fiscal Court Room, second floor in the Old Courthouse, 1 Court Square, Bardstown to consider the following:

Application #2776 – Todd and Angela Greenwell have filed an application to rezone 1.13 acres located on the southwest side of Icetown Road and approximately 150 northwest of New Haven Road and approximately 2.3 miles southeast of Patton Road, from B-3 (Regional Retail Business District) to R-1A (Single-Family

Residential District).

Application #2777 – Paul and Lori Price have filed an application to rezone 12.34 acres located on the south side of New Shepherdsville Road, across from the west entrance of Deatsville Loop and approximately .68 miles northwest of Wilson Creek Road A-1 (Agriculture District) to R-1A (Single-Family Residential District).

Application #2778 – James Stanley and Ellen Clayton (applicant/owner) and Four Roses Distillery (co-applicant) have filed an application for an A-1 (Agriculture District) Planned Unit Development for Distilled Spirits Storage Facilities located at 1955 Samuels Road and the adjoining +/-85 acre tract.

Fee Schedule – to receive public comment on proposed changes to the Fee Schedule.

A copy of the application(s) and proposed fee schedule may be reviewed in the Planning Commission office at 989 Chambers Boulevard, Bardstown.

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drive to help others. She said Smith’s legacy is “one of selfless service” and she wants to carry on the same spirit. Her entrance into the world of healthcare will be with a heart committed to service and faith.

“My experiences have taught me that healing is more than just medicine,” she said. “It is the willingness to walk beside others in their struggle.”

Broyles said while the

financial support will allow her to pursue her education without boundaries, it will also be about carrying Smith’s legacy. She said that Lily left an impact on those she met during her life, something Broyles wants to do through her work in the healthcare field.

Lily’s parents, Becky and Bruce Smith, said it was very humbling to be able to see Broyles awarded the scholarship. Becky said she’s grateful Flaget is able to continue Lily’s legacy and continue her dream of being a nurse. She said while it is difficult to live without their

daughter, seeing her legacy live on through others gives them comfort.

“We’re so happy she (Broyles) gets to do that,” she said. “It really gives us comfort and happiness. ... We’re so looking forward to watching her go through her career and being able to support her and love her as she goes through that. We will certainly be her biggest fans.”

Flaget Memorial Hospital awarded three other scholarships during Tuesday’s ceremony: Bruce Klockars Scholarship, Flaget Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Scholarship

and the Sherri and Russell Craig Scholarship. Lori Abell was the recipient of the Klockars scholarship and is pursuing a bachelor of science in health and human services.

Brothers Justis Loftis and Michael Loftis were awarded the Craig scholarship. Both brothers intend to earn their bachelor of science in nursing.

Five students were awarded the auxiliary scholarship including students from Bardstown, Nelson County and Bethlehem High School. The five awardees are: Nora Riley, Anna Yoshioka, Aubrey Mattingly, Yasmine Norvang and Finley Stone.

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as a different surname.

Additionally, he outlined other resources and records to dive into when hitting a wall while searching. The organization’s website, reckoningradio.org, also has resources and databases to search through based on county, name or church.

Amanda Ogilvie, a local business owner, dives into her own family history frequently — however she said the family has always hit a wall around the 1850s and 1860s. Ogilvie said within the last year she has discovered many new resources including Reckoning Inc’s.

She said discovering all these resources has allowed her to connect her family back to 1790s.

For Ogilvie, Juneteenth is a time



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The music of Juneteenth brought many to their feet and to clap their hands as they celebrated at First Baptist Church on Thursday.

for celebration, but also information. She said it was the dissemination of information that brought the

enslaved people of Galveston news of the Emancipation Proclamation. Each year, she said she dedicates

herself to learning something new around Juneteenth to continue the spirit of knowledge.

“I try to celebrate each year by learning something new about American history that I don’t know, specifically Black American history that I don’t know,” she said. “To me, it just means that there’s still improvements, there’s still progress to be made and that’s inherent to who we are as people. As Americans, we have to continue to grow. I think Juneteenth is a great holiday to not only take a step back and learn things that we don’t know. Then how can we use that to make a better future for us.”

Following the afternoon’s presentation, local church and choir groups led a packed First Baptist in music and prayer. The Black national anthem, “Lift Every Voice a Sing,” started off the event as many rose to their feet. Recent Bardstown High School graduate

Kaden Stone gave a performance of his written work about police brutality against Black people.

One of the many people in the crowd on Thursday was Mikiah Livers-Bryant. She is the first Black person from Bardstown to graduate from Princeton. Livers-Bryant graduated this May from the prestigious university with a bachelor of arts in neuroscience.

She said being back home and celebrating on Juneteenth reminds her how much her community lifted her up through her collegiate journey.

“It really means what it is, freedom,” she said of Juneteenth. “Without the strides of like Harriet Tubman, even before her Frederick Douglas, all those people, I wouldn’t have even been able to go to Princeton and graduate from there. ... The fact that those opportunities are available for black people now is what’s amazing.”

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have already approved the measure, following legislation passed by the General Assembly earlier in the year. There is a state training conference on the issue coming up, and the county plans to hold the second reading of that ordinance July 15, after the conference, to see if any additional changes need to be made to the ordinance.

• Spalding requested that Fiscal Court accept two private roads into the county system. One is for Hollow Springs Drive for the Meadowbrook Subdivision, for which the development is 100% complete. The other is for the Lakeview Development on Natalie’s Way; that subdivision has crossed the 50% threshold for completion, making it eligible for inclusion into the county road system.

• Spalding said the new regional drivers license office and the Commonwealth Attorney’s Office on the property for the Senior Citizens Center is complete, outside

of the delivery of automatic doors, and moving in furniture.

“We are ready for them to begin up there,” he said.

Spalding said he expected it to be mid- to late-July before the drivers license office is ready for operation.

Tuesday’s meeting was the last to be in the Old Courthouse for the near future as heavy renovations to the historic building begin in July through potentially the end of 2025 and beyond. In the meantime, office personnel usually located in the Old Courthouse — county officials, Tourism, Main Street, NCEDA and others — will be distributed out to other locations in the interim.

“It’s going to be kind of aggravating for everybody,” Hutchins said. “... We’re just going to have to work through it.”

• County Engineer John Greenwell said that new water line construction in the Hurricane Hills and Thornsby Lane areas are nearly done, Janes Lane is complete, and the work on Robert Taylor Lane and Bennett’s Lane will begin shortly.

Greenwell also noted

that county garbage pickup for Friday, July 4, will be delayed one day.

• County Emergency Management Director Brad Metcalf noted that the FEMA Disaster Recovery Center at the Boston Community Center had closed, but noted that anyone still needing help in those areas could apply online, or travel to a nearby DRC, such as in LaRue County.

“Traffic (at the Boston Community Center) had trickled down to pretty much nothing the past few days,” Metcalf said. “They can still go online; they can call or go” to another location.

He noted that the county was still waiting for some public assistance funds from the federal government for damaged public roads and infrastructure — more than \$2 million — in response to this spring’s storms and flooding. The heavy rains of recent weeks has also been a problem, with many residents contacting Hutchins or their magistrates about flooding issues in their areas.

“We’re listening, and we’re trying to help,” Hutchins said, noting that the infrastructure

was not designed to hold up to extreme weather events. Hutchins and the magistrates credited Spalding and the Road Department for their work monitoring the flooding on the roads.

• Metcalf also reported on a missing persons search conducted last weekend that included 53 people from 11 different agencies; that missing persons search turned into a Golden Alert when it was discovered that an elderly woman was missing.

“We did not find her that evening — she was found the next day,” he said.

He also noted that, while searching for the elderly woman, there was also a rescue call at a bridge on Murray’s Run Road for a vehicle caught in floodwaters.

• The county held the second reading of an ordinance adjusting certain zoning regulations for the county, approving a measure allowing the conveyance of a one-acre tract of farmland with ag zones to immediate family members for building a home on family property. Under the old regulations, those parcels would have to be a minimum five-

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