

COMMUNITY

Yesteryear

June 17, 1965

Havens Pictured in Magazine.

Deputy Sheriff Rawleigh Havens is the subject of a feature article, entitled "Case of the Suspicious Deputy," and appearing in the July issue of the magazine, Official Detective Stories. The story was written by Arcl G.F. Wagner, special investigator for the magazine, relates the incidents leading up to the arrest of Clyde Fanin who was accused of the double murder of Mrs. Florence Zornes and her mother Mrs. Mattie Green, on Pea Ridge Road, February 23. Several excellent pictures accompany the article.

Other News...

4 Men from West Africa Study RECC Organization.

Carlin Whaley Shows Grand Champion Lamb Saturday.

Bill Graham Leads His Ball Team to Victory.

Dairy Princess to be Crowned June 26.

Talk of the Town...

Jennie Lou Cooper and Billy Anderson Engaged.

Pattie Hendrix Married Robert F. Mai Saturday in Cincinnati.

Jeune Boone and Kenneth Wingate Wedding Told.

Stephanie Irene born June 2 to Mr. and Mrs. Don Kerns.

Ads of the Week...

2 Heads of Lettuce .35cents/Lakewood Food Town.

3 lb Bag Brown Sugar .49cents/Palmer's

Cake Mix .29cents/Jerry's Shopworth.

Men's Straw Hats \$2.98/Lermans.

June 26, 1975

James Buys Service Station.

J.L. "Bill" James is the new owner and manager of Flemingsburg Service Station located at 315 East Water Street. He bought the service station from Gerald Barton and has opened the station for business. He does general repairs, and has wrecker and road service. Mr. James is a mechanic and has several years of experience. He worked for the Fleming County School Board as a General Maintenance Man. Prior to that he loved in Lexington where he drove a cab, drove a tractor rig and worked for three years in a garage as a mechanic. He also spent 2 1/2 years in the Army with two of those years spent in Germany. He is married to the former Peggy Middleton, and they have two children, Donnie, at home, and Debbie James of Lexington.

Other News...

New Lions President Jimmy Berry.

Couple Found Dead in Mobile Homes.

RECC Annual Meeting Planned.

Talk of the Town...

Eloise Middleton and Newson Humphries Wedding Told.

Lisa Marie born June 18.

Stephanie Bradley born June 18.

Ads of the Week...

4 Loaves Bread for \$1.00/Lakewood Food Town.

Self Rising Flour 25lb bag \$2.99/IGA.

Whirlpool Washer \$500

June 16, 2005

Sarah Owens Received Doctorate from Vanderbilt University.

Sarah Elizabeth Owens, wife of S. Gregory Owens, son of Stuart and Joan Owens and grandson of Kirk and Frances Owens of Flemingsburg, received a Ph.D. from the Neuroscience program at Vanderbilt University on May 13. Her Theses research, published in the June 1, 2005, Vol, 14, No. 11 edition of "Human Molecular Genetics," identified five modifier genes that influence how often and how severely a child will develop a genetic disorder of the gastrointestinal tract called Hirsch-sprung disease. Owens is now serving as a post-doctoral research fellow at Vanderbilt. Her husband Greg serves as the youth pastor and business manager of Gateway Assembly of God Church in Ashland City, Tenn. The couple reside in Bellevue, a suburb of Nashville.

Other News...

Dog Proves to be Family's Best Friend.

City Council Board Honors Duff.

Flemingsburg Preparedness Evaluation by State Assessment Team.

Talk of the Town...

FCHS Names Etta Hay "Employee of the Month".

Organizers Ask for Relay of Life Support.

Logan Thomas born January 28 to Keith and Angie Price.

Ads of the Week...

Binoculars \$1.99/Radio Shack.

2005 Dodge Ram \$17,980/Mann Chrysler.

Stihl Trimmer \$129/Fleming Outdoor Power

Cub Cadet \$1599/Big Blue Outdoor

Traffic Advisory: Simon Kenton Bridge (US 62) is Now Open at Maysville

The inspection of the Simon Kenton Memorial Bridge (US 62) at Maysville is complete. The bridge is now open.

Crews have been working on and over the structure since April to inspect steel beams, cables

and other components to ensure the bridge's continued safety. Due to narrow lane widths, the bridge's length and complexity of inspection work, traffic restrictions were not feasible and the bridge had to be tempo-

rarily closed. Additionally, state highway crews were able to do concrete patching work while it was closed this week to provide a smoother drive without impacting traffic.

Agriculture committee hears about curtailing farmland loss

Kentucky is known for its rich and vital farmland, but members of the Interim Joint Committee on Agriculture heard testimony Thursday about how much is being lost and efforts to prevent the trend.

Eddie Melton, president of Kentucky Farm Bureau, and Aleta Botts, coordinator of the Kentucky Farmland Transition Initiative, testified that many organizations are working to stop farmland loss through the initiative. The KFTI network includes 28 members, connecting attorneys, certified public accountants, estate planners, business advisers and others. Members include businesses, organizations and universities.

"In 20 years, we've lost 1.4 million acres of farmland in the Commonwealth of Kentucky," Melton said.

But what really jumped out to stakeholders was that from 2017 to 2022, more than 500,000 acres of farmland were lost, he said.

"We also lost about 6,500 farmers in Kentucky in those five years. And if that continues on with the loss of the farmland and the loss of farmers, in 60 years, we'll lose over half of the farmers that we've got left in the Commonwealth of Kentucky," Melton said.

Melton said updating a tax credit program aimed at farmer retention has been good. He thanked Committee Co-Chair Myron Dossett, R-Pembroke, for introducing the legislation during the 2025 regular session. It was ultimately enacted as part of House Bill 775, he said.

The tax credit was increased to \$50,000 for land sold to a beginning farmer. Credits can be approved prior to a sale,

and all active farmers can benefit from the incentive to keep farmland in production, according to KFB.

Rep. David Hale, R-Wellington, said he's excited about the process and the effort behind the Kentucky Farmland Transition Initiative. He said he hopes it's successful because something needs to be done to retain farmland.

"I'm concerned. I'm very concerned as we move forward. Even in my rural district...we are seeing such a loss of farmland right there in the three counties that I represent - Menifee, Bath and Montgomery County," he said.

Sen. Robin L. Webb, R-Grayson, said she supports the initiative. She discussed a recent instance in which a family sold a portion of their hayfield for commercial purposes. The tax valuation increased to the point of a commercial site for the remaining land, she said.

"I think that's unconscionable. I think we've got to address that because it's going to negate the initiatives that we do, if that's the case," Webb said.

Rep. Anne Gay Donworth, D-Lexington, said the information she garnered was great, and asked about the tax credit for new farmers.

"It seems like a lot of it is having to do with transitioning from older generations to the next generation. Is there any aspect of it that is helping first-time farm owners, especially when you're talking about only 20% coming in - only 20% making it through the second generation," she said. "How are we supporting people who don't come from farming families but are interested in going into it?"

Botts said she thinks

they are getting more inquiries from those interested in becoming first-generation farmers. She mentioned it can be a challenging process, but options are possible.

"That selling farmer tax credit - a non-generational or a first-generational farmer would be eligible as this purchaser, as the buyer, for that selling farmer," she said.

Jessie Hancock, executive director of nonprofit Bluegrass Land Conservancy, and Ashley Greathouse, counsel and director of conservation for BLC, also testified.

"I think that it's really heartening to hear this conversation happening on a state level. I think that there's a lot of different angles to the conversation and people are really speaking about this a lot. So, it's wonderful that we've got different organizations that are working on the same effort," Hancock said.

"We use a tool called conservation easement to do that. We work with working farmers and working land to ensure that that land stays available for farming in the future," she said.

According to BLC, Kentucky has lost 17,000 farms during the last 20 years and loses 12 acres per day of forest land.

Dossett thanked Hancock and Greathouse for testifying and said it's tremendously beneficial to pass on important information to his constituents.

Except for a special session, the Kentucky General Assembly can't act on legislation until the regular session begins in January 2026. The next IJC on Agriculture meeting is scheduled for July 10 at 9 a.m.



Mountain Mystical Market @ Blue Licks Battlefield State Park

June 21st & 22nd from 11-4

Psychic readings, Crystals, Jewelry, wood & metal worked decor, Hand sewn & crocheted items and more.

Admission \$5, under 12 free

In the Daniel Boone Room of the Worthington Lodge

FLEMING COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 25-1426 AN ORDINANCE OF THE FLEMING COUNTY FISCAL COURT TO ALLOW MERCHANT ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITIES AS A VIABLE ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCE WHILE PRESERVING AGRICULTURAL LAND USES

WHEREAS, the Fleming County Fiscal Court recognizes the growing importance of alternative and renewable energy sources, including Merchant Electric Generating Facilities (MEGFs), as part of a sustainable energy future; WHEREAS, the Court also acknowledges the historic and ongoing importance of agriculture as a vital part of the County's economy, heritage, and land use; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FLEMING COUNTY FISCAL COURT as follows:

SECTION 1. PURPOSE AND INTENT: The purpose of this ordinance is to: Encourage diversification of energy sources while maintaining the integrity of rural and agricultural land uses; Establish reasonable land use regulations to balance economic development with the long-term preservation of agricultural lands. SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS: Merchant Electric Generating Facility (MEGF): Any facility engaged in the generation of electricity for sale to wholesale or retail markets that is not primarily for personal, residential, or on-site use. Agricultural Land: Land used for farming, including but not limited to the cultivation of crops, livestock production, and other agricultural practices recognized under Kentucky law. SECTION 3. ZONING AND PERMITTED USE: MEGFs must comply with all local, state, and federal regulations, including Kentucky Public Service Commission oversight. SECTION 4. MAXIMUM COVERAGE LIMIT: The total cumulative land area of Fleming County, Kentucky that may be occupied by MEGFs shall not exceed 5,000 acres. This acreage limit applies to both existing and proposed MEGF developments within Fleming County, Kentucky. Acreage shall be calculated based on all land physically utilized for MEGF infrastructure, including solar panels, inverters, substations, access roads, and any associated facilities. SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage and publication as required by law. First Reading held May 13, 2025. PASSED AND APPROVED by the Fleming County Fiscal Court this 10th day of June, 2025.

Signed: John Sims Jr., Fleming County Judge/Executive

ORDINANCE 25-1427; AN ORDINANCE OF THE FLEMING COUNTY FISCAL COURT RELATING TO STREET-LEGAL SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES

WHEREAS, 2025 Ky. Acts ch. 89 (hereinafter "the Act") became law on March 26, 2025 and allows for the operation of street-legal special purpose vehicles on certain highways within the Commonwealth of Kentucky if allowed by ordinance of the local government within whose jurisdictional boundaries the highway is located; and

WHEREAS, the Act becomes effective on Friday, June 27, 2025; and WHEREAS, the Fleming County Fiscal Court has determined that it is appropriate to allow the operation of street-legal special purpose vehicles on specified highways within the jurisdictional boundaries of Fleming County in accordance with the Act and this ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED by the fiscal court of county of Fleming, Commonwealth of Kentucky: SECTION 1. Definitions: The definitions set forth in Section 1(1) of the 2025 Ky. Acts ch. 89 (hereinafter "the Act"), and as may be amended in the future by the Kentucky General Assembly, are adopted and incorporated by reference as if set forth fully herein. SECTION 2. Designated Highways: Street-legal special purpose vehicles shall be allowed to the extent permitted by the Act on all highways that are located within the jurisdictional limits of Fleming County. SECTION 3. Exceptions: Street-legal special purpose vehicles shall not be allowed to operate: (a) On any highway, or portion thereof, that is a controlled access system, including but not limited to an interstate or parkway; or (b) On any highway, or portion thereof, where the United States Department of Agriculture prohibits special purpose vehicles. SECTION 4. Prohibitions: (a) Street-legal special purpose vehicles are prohibited from traveling a distance greater than twenty (20) miles on a highway displaying centerline pavement markings. (b) Minitrucks shall not be operated as street-legal special purpose vehicles on a highway that has been constructed pursuant to a federal highway program. SECTION 4. Effective Date: This ordinance shall be effective on June 27, 2025. The forgoing ordinance having received its first reading on the 13th day of May, 2025 was given its second reading and passed by the fiscal court of Fleming County on this the 10th day of June, 2025.

Signed: John Sims Jr., Fleming County Judge/Executive ATTEST: Tammy L. Gray, Fleming County Fiscal Court Clerk