

# Recognitions

**From Front**  
Students of the Month  
The Garrard County Schools, in collaboration with Farmers National Bank, have honored five students from different schools for their exemplary performance and dedication:

- Farrah Lewis (Kindergarten, CDR): Recognized for her exceptional behavior, kindness, and strong work ethic. She consistently demonstrates a positive attitude and leadership qualities in the classroom.
- Greyson Gilliam (3rd Grade, LES): Praised for his dedication to academics, respectful demeanor, and eagerness to go beyond expectations by seeking additional learning opportunities.
- Olivia Stiles (2nd Grade, PLE): Acknowledged for her hard work, kindness, and willingness to assist teachers and classmates, excelling in subjects such as math, reading, and writing.
- Angelica Golomys (8th Grade, GMS): Recognized for her outstanding academic performance, commitment to excellence, and respectful nature, making her a model student.
- Riley Murphy (Senior, GCHS): Celebrated for her achievements both academi-

cally and athletically. She participates in the JumpStart program, working towards earning 21 hours of dual credit.

**Teacher of the Month**  
Whitaker Bank and Garrard County Schools named Ashley House, a 7th-grade English Language Arts teacher at Garrard Middle School, as the Teacher of the Month. Mrs. House is recognized for her reliability, leadership, and positive attitude. In addition to her teaching duties, she serves as the 7th-grade Yellow Team leader and recently celebrated becoming a grandmother.

**Staff Member of the Month**  
Megan Simpson, a Special Education Paraeducator at Garrard Middle School, has been named the Staff Member of the Month by Garrard County Schools and Danville Office Equipment. Mrs. Simpson joined GMS in December and has been instrumental in supporting students in their classes. She also took on the role of GMS Cross Country Coach, showcasing her dedication and versatility within the school community.

These awards highlight the commitment and hard work of Garrard County students, teachers, and staff in fostering a positive educational environment.



Congratulations to Ashley House, Garrard Middle School's Teacher of the Month for January 2025.



Congratulations to Megan Simpson, Garrard Middle School's Staff Member of the Month for January 2025.

# Construction

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fencing and trailers have been removed, indicating progress toward normal school operations. However, substantial completion has not yet been achieved, which means that warranties on the work have not yet been initiated. Once they do, they will remain in effect for 12 months.

There are still pending items to be addressed, including signage installation at the high school. Trace Creek Construction will continue to oversee progress remotely and return to the site if necessary. The board will receive

regular updates regarding the completion timeline and any outstanding matters.

In addition to construction updates, the discussion shifted to the district's bonding capacity, which is directly linked to student attendance rates. Finance representatives emphasized the importance of maintaining high attendance, as it influences the district's financial leverage for future projects. Current projections place the district's bonding capacity between \$12.3 million and \$15 million, based on a 20-year bond at prevailing interest rates.

The board also awaits final approval regarding state-allocated funds from the

previous year. An audit has been completed, and the district is expecting feedback that will determine whether these funds can be utilized to support potential projects, including the long-considered proposal for a new gymnasium at the high school. Further financial planning will take place once approval is granted.

Superintendent Kevin Stull addressed the possibility of a new gymnasium at the high school, stating, "All of that is still a possibility, but we don't have answers that allow us to move forward just yet."

During the meeting, personnel changes since December were briefly dis-

cussed, with minimal adjustments reported. Additionally, board members reviewed the monthly treasurer's report, confirming all financial statements were linked and accessible for review.

The school board reaffirmed its commitment to transparency by continuing to provide monthly updates on construction progress, financial standing, and potential future projects to ensure the community stays informed on developments impacting the district.

# Accountability

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given his role as an elected official representing District 2. These charges followed earlier accusations in 2020 when Butner was charged with theft and trespassing related to an incident on Poor House Road. While those charges were later dismissed and expunged, they were reported on at the time by this newspaper.

Our October 2024 article referenced these 2020 allegations to provide readers with a complete context of Butner's legal history. Shortly after publication, Butner's attorney, Ephraim Helton, demanded a retraction, claiming the mention of expunged charges violated Kentucky Revised Statute 431.076. Helton asserted that expungement statutes render such records legally nonexistent and should prohibit their inclusion in public discourse.

The Central Record respectfully declined this request. Kentucky's expungement laws apply to court and agency records, not to historical reporting by independent media outlets. Our stance is clear: expungement does not erase facts, nor does it negate the public's right to understand patterns of behavior by elected representatives.

Moreover, Butner is a public figure, and his conduct directly affects the citizens he serves. When a sitting magistrate faces repeated legal challenges involving alleged theft,

it becomes a matter of legitimate public concern. Voters have a right to evaluate their leaders with as much information as possible. Suppressing these facts would undermine the integrity of public discourse and deny the public the transparency they deserve.

We stand by our decision to report the facts, including details of Butner's 2020 charges. This is not an act of defiance but a reaffirmation of journalistic principles. Public accountability is the cornerstone of democracy, and as a newspaper with a 135-year history in this community, it is our duty to uphold it.

Attempts to silence truthful reporting through legal threats are troubling.

Kentucky's anti-SLAPP law protects journalists from such tactics, ensuring that discussions of public interest remain uninhibited. While we understand the sensitivities surrounding expunged records, these cannot override the critical need for transparency in matters involving elected officials.

The Central Record remains committed to its role as a watchdog for the people of Garrard County. Our readers deserve the truth, and we will continue to provide it, undeterred by intimidation or legal maneuvering. Transparency is not just our duty—it is our promise.

# Snow Day

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make-up day options available later in the school year if necessary.

The revised 2024-2025 school calendar now reflects February 17 as the designated make-up day for January 10, while a previous weather-related closure on September 27 will be made up on May 20.

Additional contingency days remain available on March 14 and May 23 should further weather disruptions occur.



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If you're planning on flying in the U.S. or visiting a military base starting May 7th, 2025, you'll need a Kentucky REAL ID driver's license or an ID that is REAL ID compliant. Make a plan to get your Kentucky REAL ID today. Learn more at REALIDKY.com.

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**INDOOR ESTATE SALE/MOVING SALE**  
535 Twin Lake Drive (Off Perry Rogers Road). Thursday - Saturday, January 23rd - 25th, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily. Household items, collectibles, furniture, tools, lawn equipment, etc. Something for everyone.

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### LEGAL NOTICE

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY GARRARD DISTRICT COURT**  
**PROBATE NO. 25-P-0005**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**IN RE: ESTATE OF MILDRED SHARP, DECEASED**

Notice is hereby given that by order of the Garrard District Court, Lancaster, Kentucky in probate number 25-P-0005 dated January 16, 2025, Justin Sivilis was appointed Executor of the estate of Mildred Sharp.

All claims against the estate of Mildred Sharp, deceased, must be presented to Justin Sivilis, 3535 Perryville Road, Danville, KY 40422, Executor of the Estate of Mildred Sharp or the Attorney Ephraim Helton, P.O. Box 137, Danville, KY 40422 within 6 months after January 16, 2025.

/s/Dana Hensley, Circuit Clerk  
Garrard District Court  
Garrard Justice Center  
54 Stanford Street  
Lancaster, KY 40444 (1-23-11tc)

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We positively will not permit fixed hunting of any character, fishing, dogs or trespassing on our farms. Any violations will be prosecuted. \$2.00 per week or \$51 per year for posted list.	
• Danny & Judy Browning's property at end of Conn's Lane.....	10-25
• Carolyn Sparks property at 5252 Lexington Road.....	7-25
• Paul Black Farms, Hwy. 1355 (Sugar Creek Road).....	10-25
• Paul And Suzanne Wells at 4129 White Lick Road, Paint Lick.....	10-25
• Ronald Parson, 2 Farms - 1678 Copper Creek Road & 3164 Copper Creek Road.....	11-24
• Tammy Fowler, 749 Nina Ridge Road.....	10-25
• Dale Marie Hellard - Barbara French & William Randall Causey Farms at 2178 Hamilton Valley Road, 2636 Hamilton Valley Road And 1454 Hamilton Valley Road.....	5-24
• Mike and Pam Fathergill, 111 Lynnwood Drive.....	6-25
• Chris and Joy Fathergill, 317 Richmond Street.....	6-25
• Mary Alice (Paul) Drew, 810 Carry Nation Road Property.....	6-25
• Kathy Tuggle & Paula Tudor - Jim Clark Road.....	11-25
• Deborah Kelly property at 472 Hobert Estes Road.....	5-24
• David M. and Rose Walker, 1163 Wolf Trail Road.....	2-25
• Alan and Brenda Blakeman, 2 farms on Pollys Bend Road.....	2-24
• Gary Tackett property on Backcreek Road.....	6-24
• Frank and Altheia Rice property located at 390 Leavell Ridge Road, 372 Leavell Ridge Road and the Rice Farm on Three Forks.....	9-24
• Grover Drew Farm, Carry Nation Road.....	10-24
• Janis Young Farm 330 acres in 2 adjoining tracts west of Montgomery Branch and north of Scotts Fork.....	11-24
• The Barrel Farm (Across The Road LLC), 1685 Lexington Road.....	2-25
• The Brenda Farms, 4870 Harmons Lick Road & Hamilton Valley Road.....	10-25
• Vockery property on Polly's Bend Road.....	10-25
• Noah Wagoner and Kelsey Perkins, 10997 Buckeye Road.....	11-25
• Mary and George Watkins Property at 2961 Gabbard Road.....	11-25
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