

Distillery From Front

liabilities after a new lawsuit claims more than \$26 million in unpaid loans. Another lawsuit had previously been filed by the construction company that worked on the facility, reported on in the Central Record two weeks ago, that alleged more than \$2 million in unpaid construction bills.

On April 11, 2025, Judge Hunter Daugherty of the Garrard Circuit Court signed an Agreed Order in civil case number 25-CI-00097, officially appointing Aurora Management Partners, Inc. as the receiver for the business operations and assets of All Nations Investors, LLC, GBRE, LLC, GBRE Holdings, LLC, and GBRE Intermediate,

LLC—entities tied to the All Nations brand and the distillery project located at 450 Southern Soul Way.

The appointment stems from the most recent lawsuit, filed by Truist Bank, which alleges the distillery defaulted on more than \$26 million in commercial loans. The court concluded that receivership was necessary to preserve the value of the business and its collateral assets, including real estate, equipment, personal property, rents, and intellectual property.

Under the terms of the order, Aurora Management Partners now has broad authority over the company’s affairs. The receiver is empowered to control financial accounts, collect revenues, oversee employment decisions, manage insurance policies, and execute or terminate contracts. Aurora may

also market and sell business assets with court approval and is expected to present a detailed operational budget and business plan by May 15, 2025.

The court emphasized that any party in possession of relevant business records or assets must transfer them to the receiver within five business days and that no interference with the receiver’s functions will be tolerated. Monthly financial reports are to be submitted to the court, and Truist Bank has been directed to cover the receiver’s costs unless operations generate sufficient revenue.

Garrard County Distilling Co. was announced in 2020 and opened in January 2024 as Kentucky’s largest all-new bourbon facility in decades. The 210-acre campus included

a 50,000-square-foot production plant featuring 18 fermenters, two column stills, and three rickhouses. The facility had capacity to produce 150,000 barrels annually and began operations using approximately 17,000 barrels sourced from Wilderness Trail Distillery.

The distillery was developed by Atlanta-based Staghorn, Inc., operating under the All Nations brand, which honors temperance advocate Carrie Nation, a Garrard County native. The project was led by Ray Franklin, who departed Staghorn in 2024 and is now employed at Spirits Capital.

Despite the scale of investment, the distillery’s operations reportedly ceased in late 2024, prompting concerns from lenders about asset deterioration. Truist Bank claims

that the company lacked the capital to sustain operations or maintain the facility, leading to the legal intervention and appointment of the receiver.

Adding to the turmoil, the project has become mired in litigation with construction and service providers. Doss & Horky, Inc., a Kentucky-based general contractor, filed a civil suit in Garrard Circuit Court (case number 24-CI-00269) alleging breach of contract, unjust enrichment, and fraud after claiming it was not paid for over \$2.17 million in construction work completed at the distillery. The company filed a mechanic’s lien against the property in July 2024 and is pursuing enforcement to recover the unpaid amount.

The lawsuit names multiple defendants, including GBRE, LLC, All Nations

Investors, LLC, Staghorn, Inc., Ray Franklin, Jr., Keystone Industrial, LLC, Cottongim Enterprises, Inc., and Steel Services of Ky., Inc. Doss & Horky alleges that despite setbacks caused by a crane collapse during construction—attributed to another contractor—it completed all required work but was never fully compensated. The contractor is also seeking interest, attorney’s fees, and a jury trial.

As the May deadline for the receiver’s strategic proposal approaches in the newest lawsuit, stakeholders, creditors, and local officials remain uncertain about the future of a facility that once symbolized economic resurgence for Garrard County and a bold new chapter in Kentucky’s bourbon legacy.

Grand Jury From Front

was indicted on charges of speeding 26 mph over limit; first-degree fleeing or evading police; and first-degree wanton endangerment.

Miller is accused of driving over 26 MPH above the posted speed limit on November 9, 2024, fleeing law enforcement in a vehicle, and jumping from the moving car while a passenger remained inside, thereby endangering her.

Trooper Cordova of the Kentucky State Police appeared as a witness.

- Gary Tuggle, 31, of Lancaster, was indicted on charges of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance.

On January 30, 2025, Tuggle allegedly possessed methamphetamine with the intent to traffic.

Detective Evan Preston of the Kentucky State Police testified for the Commonwealth.

- Terry Potter, 53, of Paint Lick, was indicted on charges of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (three counts).

Potter was indicted for three separate alleged sales of Fentanyl pills to a confidential police source: 28 pills on April 4, 2024, 30 pills on April 30, 2024, and 26 pills on May 1, 2024.

Detective Evan Preston of the Kentucky State Police served as witness.

- Gwendolyn Fowler, 35, of Berea, was indicted on charges of first-degree possession of a controlled substance, (two counts); and possession of drug paraphernalia.

On January 30, 2025, Fowler was allegedly found in possession of methamphetamine and heroin. On February 17, 2025, she was additionally found with multiple syringes, both used and unused, for drug use.

Deputy Bryan Wilmot of the Garrard County Sheriff’s Office testified in the case.

- Aaron Rodney Gould,

41, of Berea, was indicted on charges of driving on a DUI suspended license; first-degree possession of a controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; and possession of marijuana.

On November 18 and 30, 2024, Gould allegedly operated a motor vehicle while his license was suspended due to a DUI. He was also found in possession of methamphetamine, a glass smoking device, a blue spoon, and marijuana.

Deputy Wilmot of the Garrard County Sheriff’s Office provided testimony.

- Danny Winburn, 59, of Irvine, was indicted on charges of first-degree possession of a controlled substance.

Winburn is accused of unlawfully possessing heroin on January 29, 2025.

Deputy Wilmot of the Garrard County Sheriff’s Office testified before the Grand Jury.

- Jonathan Colegrove, 38, of Lancaster, was indicted on charges of third-degree rape; first-degree sexual abuse; distribution of obscene material to a minor; and second-degree persistent felony offender.

On March 9, 2025, Colegrove allegedly engaged in sexual intercourse with a girl under 16 years old, had sexual contact with her, and showed her obscene materials. He is also charged as a persistent felony offender due to a prior felony conviction.

Officer Derrick Glover of the Lancaster Police Department appeared as a witness.

- Monica Lilly, 44, of Lancaster, was indicted on charges of falsely reporting an incident; and third-degree terroristic threatening.

On February 12, 2025, Lilly allegedly filed a false report that triggered an emergency response and threatened serious physical injury to another individual.

Deputy Troy Willard of the Garrard County Sheriff’s Office testified in the matter.

- Michael Drury, 54, of

Lancaster, was indicted on charges of first-degree wanton endangerment (two counts); felon in possession of a firearm; and first-degree persistent felony offender.

On July 13, 2024, Drury allegedly discharged a firearm at one individual, striking him, and pointed it at another, creating substantial danger. He was also found to be a convicted felon in possession of a firearm and is classified as a persistent felony offender.

Deputy Troy Willard of the Garrard County Sheriff’s Office served as witness.

- Dennis Kincer, 49, of Jenkins; Jeffrey Polly, 64, of Linefork; Tabitha Klop, 41, of Stanford; Jeffrey Denson, 49, of Hustonville, were indicted on charges of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance. Polly also faces a charge of operating on a suspended license.

On January 13, 2023, the four defendants allegedly acted together to traffic more than 2 grams of methamphetamine. Polly was also operating a motor vehicle on a suspended

license at the time.

Officer John Grevious of the Wilmore Police Department testified on behalf of the Commonwealth.

- Glalyn Harrison, 22, of Crab Orchard, was indicted on charges of first-degree rape; and incest.

Harrison is accused of raping a close family member by forcible compulsion on January 13, 2021.

Trooper Justin Kearney of the Kentucky State Police provided testimony.

- Jacob Wilson, 73, of Lancaster, was indicted on charges of first-degree rape; second-degree rape; first-degree sexual abuse (three counts); and use of a minor in a sexual performance.

Wilson is alleged to have engaged in sexual acts with two minors between February 20, 2020, and January 22, 2025, including first- and second-degree rape, multiple instances of sexual abuse, and employing a minor in a sexual performance.

Officer Jeremy Smith of the Lancaster Police Department

appeared as a witness.

- A case against Ronald Davis, charged with second-degree cruelty to animals, was remanded to District Court for further proceedings due to the Circuit Court’s lack of juris-

diction.

All individuals indicted are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. The arraignments are scheduled to proceed at the Garrard Circuit Court on May 16, 2025.



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Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

The following rules and procedures shall be complied with relative to disclosure of student records:

1. The District shall annually notify parents of students currently in attendance, or eligible students currently in attendance, of their rights under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

The notification also shall be furnished to parents of all new students and to all new eligible students by the Principal at the time of enrollment.

2. Unless the parent or student who has reached age 18 requests in writing that the District not release information, the student’s name, address, and telephone number (if listed) shall be released to Armed Forces recruiters and institutions of higher education upon their request.

Subject to federal opt-out rights, directory information shall be made available to Armed Forces recruiters and institutions of higher education on the same basis as it is provided to the public.

3. Parents or eligible students who wish to review educational records may make a request on the appropriate form. Forms are available at the school and in the Central Office. Access shall be provided within a reasonable time frame, not to exceed forty-five (45) calendar days of District receipt of the request. Because, a shorter timeline is required in certain situations involving IDEA students, staff shall adhere to the District’s special education procedures for responding to such requests.

If circumstances effectively prevent a parent or eligible student from exercising inspection rights, copies of the requested records shall be provided within the above stated time frame.

Until any questions are resolved, no student record held by the District shall be discarded when the record is under an outstanding request to inspect or review.

4. School authorities shall make a documented effort to notify the parent or eligible student prior to complying with a court order or subpoena that directs the disclosure of information concerning the student. In compliance with FERPA, notice to the parent is not required when a court order directs that the parent/eligible student is not to be notified, or when the order is issued in the context of a dependency, neglect, or abuse proceeding in which the parent is a party.

As noted in the District’s annual FERPA notice, parent consent/notification is not required to release student records to another school district or post-secondary institution in which a student seeks or intends to enroll or is already enrolled.

5. The District shall disclose personally identifiable student information to an organization designated to conduct a study for or on behalf of the District only when a written agreement has been established with the organization. Such disclosure does not require parent/eligible student consent.

6. The parent or eligible student must sign a request and consent form before a student’s records are to be transferred to an agency or individual not authorized under law to receive them.

7. A log shall be maintained of student records requests and disclosures, including emergency disclosures in response to an actual, impending, or imminent articulable and significant health/safety threat. The log requirement does not apply to the following:

- a. Disclosures made to parents or eligible students,
- b. Records released pursuant to written consent,
- c. Access by school officials and others having a legitimate educational interest under FERPA,
- d. Disclosure to a party with written consent from a parent or eligible student,
- e. Disclosures of directory information, or
- f. Disclosures of records made pursuant to a subpoena or court order where a court order or other law provides that the parent or student are not to be notified.

8. A challenge to the records may take the form of an informal discussion among the parents, student, and school officials. Any agreement between these parties shall be reduced in writing, signed by all parties, and placed in the student’s records.

9. Upon request, the Superintendent/designee shall, arrange for a record amendment hearing in compliance with 702 KAR 001:140.

GARRARD COUNTY SCHOOLS RECORD RETENTION/DESTRUCTION EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION 2025/2026

Please be informed that the Records Retention/Destruction Policy adopted by the Kentucky Department of Education and implemented by the Garrard County Board of Education provides for the appropriate destruction of records within specific timelines with notification to those individuals whose records may be within those to be destroyed. This **Notice** specifically pertains to those individuals who may have graduated or left the Garrard County school system prior to the current school year FY **2025/2026**.

Kentucky Administrative Regulations for operating Exceptional Education programs provides for the destruction of Due Process records after a period of five years following the student’s 21st birthday. This **Notice** serves to inform you that Due Process files of individuals having a birth year of 1999 or prior will be destroyed (by shredding) after **July 31, 2026**.

If you think you may be one of those individuals whose Exceptional Education Due Process records will be destroyed, you may contact the Director of Special Programs at the Garrard County Board of Education to request a copy of your records. If, indeed, you have records that may be returned to you, you may make an appointment to pick up those records after we have had time (two weeks) to determine if those records do exist and are filed at the Board of Education office.

To request your records or to make an appointment to pick them up, you may call the Special Education Administrator between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 p.m. daily.

Special Education Administrator
Garrard County Schools
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