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AND FIELD SHINES WITH
RECORD-BREAKING NIGHT
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Williamstown Council OKs bid for marina fuel lines

BY BETSY SMITH
EDITOR

Nearly 11 months after fire claimed the fuel dock at Williamstown Marina, the Williamstown Council approved a bid for replacement of the fuel lines at the May 5 regu-

lar meeting. Kim Crupper served as mayor pro tempore in Mayor Dave Henson’s absence.

• Two sealed bids for the fuel lines were received. The first was for \$168,853.28 from M&M Mid-Valley Services

and Supply, whose earlier bid of \$202,844.57 was rejected in April.

The second bid was from Harry Grau & Sons for \$76,000. That bid was higher than originally estimated by Grau, but marina lessee Mark

Cummins guessed it was because Grau did not anticipate doing the electric work.

Cummins added that Grau has been servicing the marina’s pumps for a long time.

He noted the bid contained an addendum for \$654 still

owed Grau for previous work.

Councilmember Jayson Payne questioned the city’s finances and the ability to cover the cost of replacing the fuel lines.

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Williamstown Band of Spirit performs in Nuxhall parade

BY FRAY MULLINS
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Select members of the Williamstown High School Band of Spirit walked and performed in the Joe Nuxhall Miracle League Field’s opening day parade on Saturday, April 26.

“The Joe Nuxhall Miracle League Fields at Hatton Park are the realization of one of several charitable works envisioned by the late major league pitcher and Reds’ broadcaster Joe Nuxhall,” according to nuxhallmiracleleague.org.

“Encounters with service organizations dedicated to helping children and adults with disabilities, as well as his association with amateur sports organizations of all kinds, led Joe to the realization that no baseball diamonds existed to facilitate unrestricted play for people

with physical and mental challenges.”

The band performed “Take Me Out to the Ball Game” in the parade.

The students performed in a band of consisting of 225 members, including students from Walton-Verona, Simon Kenton, Dixie, Scott, Lloyd, Highlands, and Conner, band director Chris Hedges said.

“I hope [the students] saw how a large community can come together to provide joy for others,” he said.

“Eight different schools who are usually competing with each other [came together]. Music can bring people together and on this day, it did.”

Along with the parade, Hedges was granted the opportunity to play the National Anthem for their opening ceremony.

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Members of the Williamstown High School Band of Spirit performed as part of a “super band” in the Joe Nuxhall Miracle League Field’s opening day parade on Saturday, April 26.

Williamstown Alumni Open House is this weekend

Williamstown alumni are invited to return to their alma mater this Saturday, May 17. The Williamstown Alumni Open House will be from 2-4 p.m. with a recognition ceremony at 3 p.m.

Classes being recognized are 1940, 1945, 1950, 1955, 1960, 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000, 2005, 2010, 2015 and 2020.

There will be a recognition for the All “A” regional 1990 boys championship team, coached by David Miller and assisted by Ed Gabbert; the 1994 boys team, coached by Kirk Hamsley and assistant coaches Scott Chalk, Tim Mefford and Matt O’Neill; and the 1996 girls team, coached by Ed Gabbert and assistant coaches Darryl Cummins and Shawn West.

There will also be a recognition of cheerleaders and coaches, with an exhibition of skills to follow the program.

Entertainment will be provided by the Williamstown Alumni Band under the direction of David Poer and Chris Hedges.

Grant County Board of Education approves 2025-2026 salary scale

BY GRANT COUNTY SCHOOLS

The Grant County School Board of Education approved the salary scales for the 2025-2026 school year, raising the starting salary for teachers from \$38,194 to \$41,963.

This restructuring

comes on the heels of the district’s Strategic Plan approval. Board Chairperson, Lisa Smith, States: “We, the board, are extremely hopeful that the restructured salary tables for the 25-26 school year

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Grant County grand jury hands down indictment

On Wednesday, May 7, the Grant County Grand Jury handed down seven indictments:

• Cruz Micah Conley, 34, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance (first degree, first offense, Methamphetamine), possession of drug paraphernalia, operating a motor vehicle under the influence (first offense within a ten year period) and leaving the scene of an accident. The alleged incidents occurred Feb. 18.

• Nickalos A. Jeremiah 34, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance (first degree, second offense, Methamphetamine), possession of drug paraphernalia and public intoxication. The alleged offenses took place April 16.

• Jeffrey L. Scott, Jr., 35, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance (first degree, first offense, Metham-

phetamine) and possession of drug paraphernalia. The alleged offenses occurred April 17.

• Bobby Ray Coghill, Jr., 47, was indicted for flagrant nonsupport alleged to have occurred between Sept. 18, 2016, and April 30, 2025.

• Charlotte A. Morris, 29, was indicted for flagrant nonsupport alleged to have occurred between May 25, 2018, and March 30, 2025.

• Brett L. Widen-er, 32, was indicted for flagrant nonsupport alleged to have occurred between Aug. 14, 2020, and March 31, 2025.

• Ashley J. Woods, 39, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance (first degree, first offense, Methamphetamine) and possession of drug paraphernalia. The alleged offenses occurred March 20.



Carson Webster

Lincoln Herald placed fifth at the Kentucky Dream Mile on May 3. He set a PR and broke his previously set school record with a time of 4:12.15.

Herald finishes fifth in Kentucky Dream Mile, sets PR

Grant County senior Lincoln Herald placed fifth at the Kentucky Dream Mile on Saturday night, May 3 at St. Xavier in Louisville. The race is for Kentucky’s top 16 high school distance runners based on their times during the current track & field season.

Herald finished just shy of five seconds behind the winner, Will Sheets of Covington Catholic, who complet-

ed the race in a blistering 4:07.23, the fourth-fastest time in race history.

This was Herald’s third appearance in the elite race. In 2023, as a sophomore, he finished ninth; in 2024, he placed fourth.

Herald’s time of 4:12.15 knocked over two seconds off his time in last year’s Dream Mile and was a personal record. It also broke his previously established school record.

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