



Above: Grant County Braves seventh grader Evan McInnis, right, looks to avoid Royals' defense. Below: Eighth grade quarterback, #12 Urijah Saxton, runs the ball as he looks for a receiver downfield.



Suspended Little Leaguer's bat sells for nearly \$10K at auction

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHILADELPHIA — The bat tossed in the air by a New Jersey Little Leaguer to celebrate a home run that earned him a suspension later lifted by a judge sold Friday for nearly \$10,000 at auction.

All proceeds from the sale of 12-year-old Marco Rocco's signed bat will be donated to the program he plays for, Haddonfield Little League.

"Marco loves Little League and is happy that he is able to give back to an organization that he is very fond of," his father, Joe Rocco, said in a text. "Little League was such a big part of Marco's life for a long time."

The auction by Goldin Auctions drew 68 bids.

The winning bid was \$9,882; the name of the winning bidder was not announced.

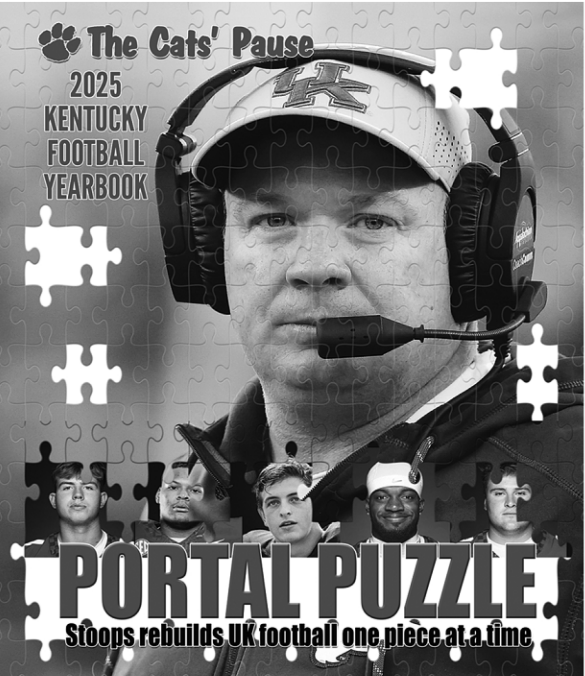
Marco's bat flip on July 16 in the final of the Little League sectional tournament resulted in an ejection, a one-game suspension and a legal fight.

The suspension would have kept him out of the first game of the state tournament. But Joe Rocco took Little League to court and won an emergency temporary restraining order that allowed Marco to play in the double-elimination tournament.

The incident was also commemorated with a pin available at the Little League World Series.

The bat flip drew attention from major leaguers, who sided with the boy.

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Grant County Middle School football season opens

The Grant County Middle School Braves seventh and eighth grade teams saw action on Saturday, Aug. 23, in a pair of away games against the Summitview Royals of Maysville. This was the first official game of the season for the middle school.

Though neither matchup went Grant County's way, both teams played hard. The seventh grade team went scoreless, falling to Summitview 14-0; the eighth grade team lost 22-14.

Seventh grader #26 Juan Esquivel runs the ball during the 7th grade game against Summitville on Aug. 23.

Photos by Amber Magee

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NOTICE

The Grant County Fiscal Court has approved and adopted the Second Reading on Ordinance No. 0008-2025-0291, Larry Fornash Jr. Zone Change.

A complete copy of Ordinance No. 0008-2025-0291 is available in the County/Judge Executives office, during the hours of 8AM to 4PM, Monday through Friday.

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE AUTHORIZATION AND REGULATING A ZONE CHANGE LOCATED ON SHERMAN MT. ZION ROAD IN GRANT COUNTY KENTUCKY.

Dated: August 25th, 2025

By: /s/ CHUCK DILLS
CHUCK DILLS
GRANT COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE

NOTICE

The Grant County Fiscal Court has approved and adopted the Second Reading on Ordinance No. 0009-2025-0292, Allen Phinney Jr, Bryon Phinney, and Mikel Snapp Zone Change.

A complete copy of Ordinance No. 0009-2025-0292 is available in the County/Judge Executives office, during the hours of 8AM to 4PM, Monday through Friday.

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE AUTHORIZATION AND REGULATING A ZONE CHANGE LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF ELLISTON-NAPOLEON ROAD AND ELLISTON MT. ZION ROAD IN GRANT COUNTY KENTUCKY.

Dated: August 25th, 2025

By: /s/ CHUCK DILLS
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GRANT COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE

On behalf of the Williamstown Independent School District, Construction Management Service providers are invited to submit a Letter of Interest for upcoming construction projects within the district.

Please send a letter of interest to:
John Slone, Superintendent
Williamstown Independent School District
300 Helton Rd
Williamstown, KY 41097
john.slone@williamstown.kyschools.us

Letters of interest must be received prior to 1:00 pm local time, September 5th, 2025.

CITY OF CRITTENDEN
ORDINANCE NO. 345-2025

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AND MAKING THE REAL PROPERTY, PERSONAL PROPERTY, MOTOR VEHICLE AND WATERCRAFT TAX LEVY FOR CITY PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026, INCLUSIVE.

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Crittenden, Kentucky, is required by KRS 92.280 to enact by ordinance each year, a tax levy on all real property, personal property, motor vehicles and watercraft;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF CRITTENDEN, KENTUCKY, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE

That the following tax levy is hereby made for City purposes for the City of Crittenden, Kentucky, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, inclusive, to wit:

There is hereby made a tax levy of point one seven four (\$0.174) on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed real property subject to ad valorem tax by the City of Crittenden and point four six seven (\$0.467) on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed personal property subject to ad valorem tax by the City of Crittenden of all personal property subject to ad valorem taxation by the City of Crittenden, the proceeds of which shall be designated to the General Fund for the general operation of City Government.

SECTION TWO

All matters relating to the payment of the taxes imposed on motor vehicles and watercraft hereunder shall be in accordance with KRS Chapter 134.800 et seq.

SECTION THREE

The taxes imposed hereby shall be due and payable before the 1st day of January 2026, at the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Crittenden, 117 South Main Street, Crittenden, Kentucky 41030, and shall be delinquent on January 1, 2026. If paid on or prior to November 15, 2025, there shall be a Two (2%) Percent discount. On and after January 1, 2026, there shall be added thereto an interest penalty of Ten (10%) per annum from January 1, 2026, until paid, plus the cost of collection including court costs and attorney's fees.

SECTION FOUR

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is held unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such infirmity shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

SECTION FIVE

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION SIX

This ordinance shall take effect after its passage and publication according to law.

PUBLICLY INTRODUCED AND READ FIRST TIME: 8/11/2025

PUBLICLY READ SECOND TIME ON 8/26/2025 AND PASS ED WITH THE FOLLOWING

COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTING AS FOLLOWS:

Councilmember Saylor: Absent

Councilmember Newman: Yes

Councilmember Dusing: Yes

Councilmember Morris: Yes

Councilmember Bohman: Yes

Councilmember Tanner: Yes

/s/ James Purcell
Mayor, City of Crittenden

ATTEST
/s/ Shawn McHolland
Clerk