

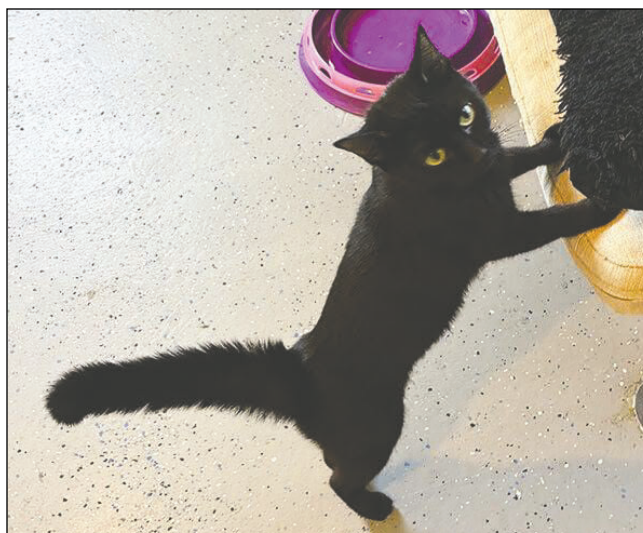
PLEAS FROM THE POUND



TWILIGHT
Twilight never felt what it's like to be cared for and protected. Yet, it never bothered her that she gave much more love to people than they gave back. One life-changing gift no one gave Twilight was the protection of being spayed. So, while she was still a kitten herself, ten-month-old Twilight had kittens.
She survived the early births, and Twilight was a wonderful mother, even though she had to raise her babies in a shelter cage. Twilight gave her kittens lots of love and set a great example, teaching them to adore people. She made her kittens perfect pets.
Now the kittens are adopted. Only Twilight, who's now spayed, is left. She's accustomed to loving. Twilight needs a person to receive all her love.



CHI CHI
Pups will follow their person anywhere. They'll jump out of helicopters, into gun fire, if their person asks. They'll sleep without shelter. They'll walk beside covered wagons. However, sometimes a pup's person realizes that he's asking too much of the pup, that the pup deserves a better life.
Chi-Chi, a ten-month-old Belgian Shepherd, was living with his person in a small home, in a densely populated neighborhood. While Chi-Chi never complained, his person realized that the little puppy he pampered and made happy would be miserable, cheated of the life he was meant to live, if they stayed together.
So, athletic, brilliant, energetic Chi-Chi is in the shelter waiting for a forever home that lets him be the dog Mother Nature intended him to be.



AIKO
Aiko is only 14 weeks old. She's at the age when someone should be smiling, watching her cute explorations and athletic feats. Someone should be enjoying touching her soft, once-in-a-lifetime kitten fur. Someone should be making Aiko feel that she's welcome and wanted in the world. Someone should let Aiko fall in love with her.
Instead, spayed, vaccinated Aiko spends her time gazing forlornly out the shelter's window. Aiko is young, but she senses that she's missing life. The kitten remembers the short time when she had a home. Aiko remembers that being held feels even better

than her window's rays of sunshine.
Aiko wants a life. She understands that can happen only if someone lifts her from her lonely windowsill and carries her home.
LEROY BROWN
They loved each other. LeRoy Brown was a fluffy ball of Husky fur. His best friend was an older gentleman. The relationship was perfect. The gentleman, in the December of his life, kept up with LeRoy as the puppy toddled around. The human carried LeRoy outside and taught him perfect house and leash manners. They played puppy-perfect games.
The games were perfect,



until LeRoy grew. While 18-month-old LeRoy, who was neutered, behaved impressively, obeying the commands that he'd been taught, his human best friend saw that LeRoy was different. He'd become a gorgeous, athletic Husky adult, a pup who, in a different life, could have run for hours across a tundra.
It broke the gentleman's heart, but he knew that LeRoy needed a younger owner.
ONYX
Onyx wants to be someone's Velcro cat. A Velcro cat is one that will stick to her person, no matter what.

Even if she's very sleepy, she'll get up and follow her beloved person to another room. She prefers chin rubs to food, a lap to a window, closeness to every other choice.
It's agonizing for a Velcro cat, like 11-month-old, spayed, vaccinated Onyx, to be in a shelter. She longs to be near a person. In fact, it was almost impossible to get a photo of Onyx. She wouldn't move away from the photographer.
That sort of loyalty and commitment can't be taught. It was in Onyx's heart when she was born. It was meant to be a gift for one deserving, fortunate person.

AROUND THE COUNTY

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9
• Grant County Board of Elections, 107 North Main Street, Williamstown at 9 a.m. For more information, contact Colton Simpson at (859) 824-3321.
• Williamstown Woman's Club at Williamstown Baptist Church, 214 North Main Street at 6:30 p.m. For more information contact ritasnow-storm2@gmail.com
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10
• Williamstown Senior Center, 400 North Main Street, Williamstown 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, contact Cindy Ray at (859) 824-6415.
MONDAY, OCTOBER 13
• Grant County Historical

Society Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Williamstown Baptist Church, 214 North Main Street. Contact Colton Simpson jcoltonsimpson@gmail.com for more information.
• Grant County Public Library Board Meeting, 7 p.m. at the GCPL, 201 Barnes Road Williamstown, Kentucky. For information, call (859) 824-2080.
• Williamstown Senior Center, 400 North Main Street, Williamstown 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, contact Cindy Ray at (859) 824-6415.
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14
• Williamstown Board of Education, 300 Helton Street, Williamstown at 6 p.m. For more information, contact the Office at (859) 824-7144.

• Grant County Republican Party, Williamstown City Building, 400 North Main Street, Williamstown at 7 p.m. For more information contact Eldon Maddox at (859) 946-5029
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15
• Williamstown Kiwanis, LaRosa's, 96 C Blackburn Lane, Dry Ridge at noon. For more information, contact WilliamstownKyKiwanis-Club@Gmail.com
• Williamstown Senior Center, 400 North Main Street, Williamstown, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, contact Cindy Ray at (859) 824-6415.
• Grant County Resource Team NKU Grant Campus, 390 North Main Street, Williams-

town; 10 a.m. For more information (859) 824-3600.
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16
• Fitness For Life Around Grant County, Google Meets Meetings at 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. For more information and to get the link, contact jodi.cesene@nkyhealth.org.
• Bullock Pen Water District (Grant County Sewer District) will meet at 1 p.m. at 1 Farrell Drive, Crittenden. For more information call (859) 428-2112.
• Grant County Board of Education, regular meeting, 6 p.m., 820 Arnie Risen Blvd, Williamstown. For more information contact the Office at (859) 824-3323.

KENTUCKY DREAM STORYTELLING

The Kentucky Dream Storytelling Festival returns to Williamstown on Saturday, Oct. 18., at the Williamstown Performing Arts Center at Williamstown Independent Schools. The all-day festival runs from 9:30 a.m. til 8:30 p.m. and features nationally known storytellers Andy Offutt Irwin, Kevin Kling, Kim Weitkamp and Rachel Pollock.
The festival will spotlight some young local talent. Stage Right Theater's Rising Stars will be performing at 6:30 p.m. There will also be an open mic session during the lunch break.
Ticket prices vary, depending on age and whether you attend the full day or one session.
Brothers Barbeque and Trappy's Kaffee will have food trucks on site during the lunch break.
The event is sponsored in part by DREAM Grant County, Stage Right Musical Theatre Company, the Kentucky Storytelling Association and interact for Health.
ASL interpretation is available.
The Williamstown Performing Arts Center is located at 300 Helton Road, Williamstown.
For more information and to buy tickets to the festival, visit www.dreamgrantco.org.

Tree surface roots: Why they happen and what to do

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Big shade trees are a gift—until their roots start showing in the lawn. Surface roots make mowing tough, trip people up and can heave sidewalks. They aren't a sign your tree is failing, though. In most cases, they're a normal response to how roots grow and how soil behaves.
Most tree roots spread outward in the top 4–15 inches of soil because that's where oxygen is available. In heavy, compacted, or poorly drained soil, oxygen is scarce, so roots creep even closer to the surface.

Each year those roots thicken, the way a trunk does, and they can push through the turf. Erosion from rain and foot traffic exposes them more. Nearly any mature tree can develop surface roots, though poplars, willows, maples (Norway, red, silver), sycamores, aspens, beeches and some ash and pin oaks are frequent culprits.
The worst thing you can do is cut or grind off visible roots. That invites decay and insects, removes thousands of feeder roots that absorb water and nutrients, and can weaken the tree's stability. Piling on lots of soil is risky too; deep fill over

the root zone can suffocate roots. First, consider adding a mulch layer over exposed roots. A two- to three-inch layer of shredded wood or chips cushions the roots, reduces mowing around the tree and holds moisture. Extend the mulch ring as far as you can—ideally to the dripline—and keep it pulled back a few inches from the trunk. Skip “volcano” mulching—don't pile mulch around the trunk.
If you want plants under the canopy, hand-dig small pockets

within the mulched area for shade-loving perennials or ground covers between roots; avoid rototillers and do not add thick layers of soil first. Make sure plant roots extend down into the soil and not just into the mulch.
Growing grass under trees is also an option but has its own challenges. Even shade-tolerant species may not provide a thick enough cover to be attractive. The grass and tree roots will constantly compete for moisture and nutrients, and you may find

yourself watering the grass under the tree more often than in other parts of the yard.

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Pursuant to KRS 424.300 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 9(2)(b), NOTICE is hereby given that the Kentucky Public Service Commission has scheduled a public hearing in a case styled "In the Matter of the Electronic Application of Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. for: 1) An Adjustment of the Natural Gas Rates; 2) Approval of New Tariffs; and 3) All Other Required Approvals, Waivers, and Relief," Case No. 2025-00125, beginning Tuesday, October 28, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, at the offices of the Public Service Commission at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky. The purpose of the hearing will be to take evidence on Duke Energy Kentucky's electric rate request. Public comments may be made at the beginning of the hearing. Those wishing to make oral public comments may do so by following the instructions listed on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov. This hearing will be streamed live and may be viewed on the PSC website, www.psc.ky.gov.

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