

PLEAS FROM THE POUND

**MURDOCK**

People who've never been loved by a tabby might say that they all look alike. However, anyone who's lived with a tabby knows that they're each unique, wearing patterns that are like snowflakes. No two are alike. For instance, eight-week-old Murdock wears matching black bracelets above his white toes and a lightning bolt above his nose.

And each tabby has a one-of-a-kind personality. Murdok's motivated by curiosity. That's a blessing for his human. Watching Murdock find wonder in simple things reminds his person to do the same.

Yet, curiosity killed the cat. Heartbreakingly, it's killed many of Murdock's relatives. Neighbors see kittens dead on their road regularly. One neighbor doesn't spay or neuter their cats. The inevitable kittens die, becoming unmourned spots on the road.

**ECHO**

An echo is something that follows. Little, eight-week-old, Russian Blue Echo is like that. She follows her brother Murdock. In fact, she followed him onto the road passing the place where they lived. Both kittens were too young to realize how many other kittens, kittens that they knew and played with, had been crushed by tires on that road.

But a neighbor, who regularly



Zeus wouldn't have sent those messages a month ago. Zeus's mama was wild. She had begun teaching him to fear people. His well-meaning mother was turning Zeus into a cat who'd be doomed to live on the fringes of human neighborhoods, always afraid.

But some humans wanted Zeus to have a more comfortable life. They worked to tame the tiny tiger. Now Zeus remembers only those kind lessons, not older, wilder ones. He deserves the reward of a home.



an early morning downpour. The bedraggled, dripping kittens looked as bad as they felt.

But one man pitied the unappealing pair. He took them inside and let them dry while he waited for the shelter to open. As they dried, he realized that they weren't feral. These kittens had loved and trusted people.

Bitters can't explain why those people didn't protect him. Yet, the way he adores people indicates that Bitters has forgiven them. He just remembers learning to love.

**RHEA**

Rhea, Zeus's sister, has been through all the same lessons as Zeus. She was born wild, and it took courage and an intuitive knowledge that cats and people could be friends for her to change. In some ways, because Rhea is shyer than Zeus, she had to more clearly choose. Rhea felt she was risking her life trusting people.

But the brave, pretty, speckled tabby did it. She decided to put her life in the hands of humans. Rhea learned to be a pet. Now, away from the people who gentled her, Rhea wonders and worries what that means.

Rhea's been through dizzying changes in her short life. She'll handle one more. Still, the next change would be easier if Zeus could come with her.

TURNING BACK THE CLOCK

**10 YEARS AGO ... OCT. 22, 2015**

- Almost 100 brave souls participated in the second annual "Explore the Mud Obstacle Course/5K" on Oct. 10 at the fairgrounds.
- The front entrance of Williamstown High School is undergoing renovation to improve student safety. Visitors will have to be buzzed into an interior vestibule and enter through the schools' respective offices.
- Williamstown Band of Spirit earned the Reserve Grand Champion title at the Grant County High School Festival of Bands. They placed second overall to Ryle High School.

**25 YEARS AGO ... OCT. 26, 2000**

- Births announced this week: Macy Elaine Tischler was born to Kent and Mindy Tischler on May 29; Ryan Jacob Donley was born to Shane Donley and Tracy Cannon on Sept. 1; and Corey Thomas Fryman was born to Jamey and Crystal Fryman on Sept. 26.
- Dry Ridge Mayor Bill Cull plans to move forward with plans to have an ambulance in service by early January. Currently Transcare, an ambulance service operated jointly by St. Luke and St. Elizabeth hospitals, provides one ambulance for Grant County 24/7 and one back up ambulance with on-call personnel.
- Grant County Marching

Band took third place honors in Class AAA at state competition in Bowling Green. Upon returning to Crittenden, the band received an escort home by the Crittenden and Dry Ridge fire departments.

The Grant County Cross Country team came home from the Harrison County Invitational with 16 individual medals, two first place team plaques (middle school boys and varsity boys) and a second place plaque (middle school girls).

**50 YEARS AGO ... OCT. 23, 1975**

- Births announced this week: Saen Ashley Bailey was born to Capt. and Mrs. Richard W. Bailey on Oct. 14; Shawndra Cree Fornash was born to Mr. amd Mrs. Roger Fornash on Oct. 7; Jana Janaye Ashcraft was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Ashcraft on Oct. 4; Melodie Hope Perkins was born to Mr. and Mrs. James E. Perkins on Oct. 12; Phillip Hampton Blain was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bradford Blaine on Oct. 7.
- Members of the Williamstown Demons basketball team are: Mickey Johnson, Ray Porter, Ricky Cummins, Randy Willoughby, Dick Schulte, Bobby Webb, Shawn Spears, Greg Walters, Terry Popham, Steve Sharkey, Rodney Edmondson, Roger Grammer, Dave Tillett, Tony Collins, Randy Cummins and Doug Lawrence.

AROUND THE COUNTY

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24**

- 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.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25**

- Grant County Solid Waste (109) Board at 101 North Main Street, Williamstown at 7:30 a.m. For more information, contact Bryan Miles at (859) 824-3050.
- Halloween at the Fair, 5 p.m. Movie, Hayride, Trunk or treat, Music, Food, Costume Contest AND a Cake Walk

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 27**

- Grant County Planning Commission will meet at 7 p.m. at the Old Courthouse, 101 North Main Street, Williamstown. Call (859) 824-7770 for more information.
- Corinth Water District, at the Corinth City Building, 117 Thomas Lane at 7 p.m. Contact Tara Wright at (859) 824-7110 for information.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28**

- Grant County Democrats meet at 7 p.m. at the Williamstown Senior Center,

400 North Main Street, Williamstown. Call (859) 803-7587 for more information.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29**

- Williamstown Kiwanis, LaRosa's, 96 Blackburn Lane, Dry Ridge at noon. For more information, contact WilliamstownKyKiwanisClub@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

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**DEVELOPMENT OF 208 NORTH MAIN STREET PROPOSED**

Commercial Senior Director of KW Commercial Derrick Plunkett addressed the Council concerning a possible proposal for the "208 North Main Street Property" belonging to the City. Plunkett said he "drives past Crittenden every day" on his way to work and would "like to see" development in Grant County.

As a commercial real estate broker, he said he has worked on developments across the Northern Kentucky area and has contacts with "hotels, Kroger, Publix, etc." He also worked on the "Union Promenade" development, billed as a

"high end entertainment district ... with 62 acres of office space, housing, retail and restaurant spaces."

Plunkett said he would like to work on something similar for 208 North Main Street. He said he could help with "listing on properties" and marketing to "get users to the table" as well as "get developers" into the area and help with zoning changes.

**FINANCIAL**

- City approved sale of an old zero turn "Scag mower" to Danny Martin for \$100. Martin's was the only bid received.
- Purcell asked for approval of the Council for the City to look at a piece of property in downtown that would help ease some of the lack of parking in City Limits. Council approved up to \$60,000 for the purchase. The property is adjacent

to the old Market, which is currently being upgraded into a bakery.

**CITIZEN ADDRESS**

Devin Arnold addressed the Council, saying STRs in the area are taking away options for young people wanting to buy homes to live in within Grant County. He also questioned the raise in trash rates, noting it was "cheaper when Bullock Pen" handled the waste.

Purcell explained Bullock Pen had requested to no longer handle billing for trash removal and said the raise in rates was due to Republic Services increasing rates county wide.

The next Crittenden City Council meeting will be Tuesday, Nov. 11, at 7 p.m. at the City Building; 117 South Main Street, Crittenden. For more information, call (859) 428-2597.

INSTALL

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city with a feasibility study, any type of preliminary engineering report, cost estimate, the planning design, the construction administration, inspection and other required engineering and administrative services."

The committee, made up of Water Superintendent Tim Beach, Wastewater Superintendent Mark Miller, Mayor David Henson, Councilmember Kim Crupper and McClanahan reviewed and scored five engineering firms. The committee recommended Kenvirons Civil and Environmental Engineers, which scored 100 on their scoring scale. The firm is located in Frankfort.

Henson weighed in, saying he'd spoken to Dry Ridge Mayor Greg Brockman about work Kenvirons has done work for Dry Ridge in the past. He reported Brockman's assessment was "very positive."

Council approved the recommendation to consult with Kenvirons.

Henson then broached the subject of purchasing a wireless speaker system from Vox Audio Visual, Inc. that would be run "from the church down to the courthouse." He brought it up at the special meeting rather than waiting until the next regular meeting in hopes of having it in place in time for Country Christmas.

He said the system should cost about \$30,000 and therefore not have to be put out for bid. It can be paid for out of \$41,000 in CD's from

1989 and 1991. He confirmed with City Clerk Crystal Fryman that the city's "funds are fine; we certainly can afford it."

Cable Department Superintendent Roy Osborne was present to field questions. He said the system would consist of five "clusters" to cover Mill Street to Paris Street. Each lamp post with a such a unit on it would have two speakers.

Councilmember Bob Perry wondered if individual speakers could be turned off. He said a DJ plays early rock and announcements are made during classic car shows at the church.

Osborne was not certain but said the speakers could be set to play that type of music.

Councilmember Rick Skinner proposed expanding the system to run from Elliston-Stanley Funeral Home to the William Arnold Log Cabin.

Henson said the system could be easily expanded and Osborne confirmed, saying all that is needed is a "line of sight and a 110 volt outlet." Thus, it could be expanded to Johnson Street to include the amphitheater.

Council approved a motion to purchase the system from Vox Audio Visual.



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**NOTICE OF HEARING**

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 natural gas 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](http://psc.ky.gov). This hearing will be streamed live and may be viewed on the PSC website, [www.psc.ky.gov](http://www.psc.ky.gov).

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