

SEBREE BANNER



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SEBREE, WEBSTER COUNTY, KENTUCKY, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2025

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AT THE CONCLUSION of the annual Christmas parade last Friday night in Clay, Santa Claus visited with dozens of children in the downtown gazebo. The events in Clay were just the beginning of a full weekend of holiday activities throughout Webster County. Pictures of participants and visitors to those events can be found on the pages of this week's paper.

Webster Fiscal Court Meets In Brief Session

Webster County Fiscal Court met in a 19 minute session Monday with magistrates Bob Hardison and Tony Felker in attendance along with Judge/Executive Steve Henry.

Two guests, Alex Caudill from the Department of Local Government and Bart Boles representing Henderson Water District were on hand for the meeting that included approval of transfers, purchase orders and claims.

The court also approved the hiring of David Thorpe as a part-time employee at the jail.

Other business to come before the court included approval of an agreement and resolution related to drainage work on four county roads. The agreement between the county and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet will include funding up to \$9610 for drainage work on Andy Sisk

Road, Ashland Church Road, Waggoner-Chalybeate Road and three areas of Oscar Todd Road. The resolution passed by the court assures that all road listed are part of the county's road list.

Magistrates also approved a request from Henry to extend the holiday closing schedule for the court house and county employees to include December 24, 25 and 26. Henry noted that several county employees will use a vacation day to create a longer time off. The county was already set to close December 24 and 25, but the state holiday closings are December 25 and 26. The county's New Year's closures are New Years Eve and New Years Day with employees returning to work January 2.

The next Webster County Fiscal Court meeting is set for December 22, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Dixon City Commission Approves Ordinance Supplement

The Dixon City Commission met in regular session on Monday night with Mayor Terry Webb presiding and all commission members in attendance. City Attorney Lindsey Durbin and City Clerk Barbara Goff were also present.

Following approval of the minutes from the November meeting and the bill and claims, the commission dealt with a short agenda in a session that lasted only 12 minutes.

Commissioner Randy Norman reported the wa-

ter loss for November was 19.9%. Mayor Webb told the commissioners the search is ongoing for additional water leaks. A leak near the Webster County Health Department is scheduled for repair in the next few days.

Commissioner Robert Brown noted that grinding work is continuing on sidewalks in the community, and Commissioner Mande O'Leary reported the park board sponsored a successful Veterans Day parade.

Members of the Dixon Volunteer Fire Department

responded to 25 calls in November.

Commissioners passed the second reading of an supplement to the city's code of ordinances. That supplement was approved on a 4-0 vote.

The commission also approved opening a separate account for the city's Land and Water Grant funds. According to the city clerk, a separate account will make it easier to review expenses and provide information to auditors.

Ms. Durbin announced

her resignation as city attorney. According to Mayor Webb, attorney Bobby Murray, who services as the attorney for the Providence City Council and the Slaughterers Town Board, has been contacted about interest in the position for the Dixon Commission.

Code Enforcement Officer Chris O'Leary told commissioners one citation has been issued for code violations in November; one letter has been sent concerning a

violation; and one case has been closed. Additionally, follow-up letters are being sent to violators who have not responded to citations.

Mayor Webb reminded the commissioners of the Dixon Christmas parade on Saturday, December 13, 1:00 P.M.

No further business came before the commission, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:12 P.M.

The next regular meeting for the Dixon City Commission will be Monday, January 12, 2026, 6:00 P.M.

Local Man

Found Not Guilty

A local man was found not guilty on sex related charges following a two-day jury trial in Webster County Circuit Court December 1 and 2.

According to court documents Michael Dewayne Denton was initially charged with four counts including rape first degree; lesser involved rape third degree; incest-forcible compulsion/incapable of or without consent; and strangulation second degree non-domestic violence.

At the conclusion of Tuesday's session of the trial, the jury returned a not guilty verdict on all four counts and the court ordered Denton be released. Jail records show Denton, 56, had been held in the Webster County Jail on \$500,000 cash bond since February 27, 2025.

Holiday Events Continuing Throughout County

Christmas celebrations are in full swing throughout Webster County as pictured in this week's Sebree Banner. Celebrations continue the next two weeks with additional parades and two nativity drive-through event. The public is encouraged to support the events planned and held in all Webster County communities.

PROVIDENCE

Providence will also host the 12 Nights of Christmas hosted by Ronnie Hill again this year beginning December 12

DIXON

Dixon will host their Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 13. The parade begins at 1:00 p.m. with line up

at Baker Park starting at noon. Following the parade, children can enjoy cookies with Santa and the Dixon Commission at the City Hall until 3:30 p.m.

MT. GILEAD DRIVE-THROUGH NATIVITY

Mt. Gilead Church will host Follow the Star on both Saturday, December 13 and Sunday, December 14. The drive-through event tells the story of Jesus' birth with church members depicting the Christmas story. The drive through will be open from 6:00 to 8:00 both nights.

ONTON METHODIST DRIVE THROUGH NATIVITY

Follow the Star, the annual Onton Methodist Church drive-through na-

tivity will be held December 20 and 21 starting at 5:00 p.m. each night. Visitors can make their way along the three-mile nativity until 7:00 p.m. both nights. Church members will depict scenes from the Christmas story and share the events of the birth of Jesus. The public is welcome to enjoy this event which begins at US 41 and KY 147 and goes to Onton with displays and scenes on each side of the highway.

Though there are probably many other church and community events scheduled, these are the ones The Sebree Banner has received information about. Check with each community to determine if there are other events you would like to attend.

Cases Heard In Webster County Circuit Court

Webster County Circuit Court convened in several cases. In the case of Joseph L. Kellems, the defendant withdrew his not guilty plea and entered a plea of guilty

to charges of first-degree possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia buy/possess. Kellems was adjudged guilty of the charges and sentenced to three years imprisonment on count one of the indictment and 12 months on count two with the sentences to run consecutively. His court cost was waived per KRS 453.190(2).

In a second case Kellems withdrew his not guilty plea and entered a plea of guilty to procure or promote use of minor by electronic means, two counts. He was adjudged guilty and five years on each count with the sentences to run concurrently but consecutively to a three-year sentence in

the previous case.

Clayton T. Eaton appeared before Judge Heady withdrawing a not guilty plea and entering a plea of guilty to theft by unlawful taking #10,000 but less than \$1,000,000 and third-degree burglary. He was ordered to pay court costs of \$165 and restitution in an amount to be determined in a restitution hearing. Eaton was sentenced to five years' incarceration on count one and five years on count two with the sentences to run concurrent but consecutive to all other sentences.

Brent F. Gibson, who initially entered a not guilty plea, withdrew that plea and entered a plea of guilty to first degree possession of a

controlled substance, first offense methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia-buy/possess. He was ordered to pay court costs of \$165 and sentenced to three years' incarceration on count one and 12 months on count two with the sentences to run concurrently but consecutive with another case where he is facing a five-year sentence.

In a second case, Gibson is charged and entered a guilty plea to theft by unlawful taking \$10,000 but less than \$1,000,000 and third-degree burglary. He was ordered to pay court costs and sentenced to five years on each charge with the sentences to run concurrently but consec-

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Kentucky State Police Searching For County Man

Kentucky State Police are continuing their hunt for a man wanted in connection with making a false report to Webster County central dispatch on November 19. KSP is requesting the public's assistance in locating Bobby Wayne Sample, 32, who is believed to have involvement in a 9-1-1 incident regarding a report that someone was involved in a UTV accident and was pinned underneath the vehicle.

The report resulted in over 20 agencies from Webster and surrounding counties responding to the scene near Diamond, utilizing hundreds

of man hours and emergency equipment in the search.

Sample is wanted for alleged false reporting that generated an emergency response from agencies in Webster, Hopkins, McLean, Crittenden, Caldwell and Henderson counties responding.

Sample is a white male with brown hair, blue eyes and is 5'10" tall. He weighs about 175 pounds.

Kentucky State Police encourage anyone with information regarding Sample's whereabouts to contact Post 1 at 270-676-3313. All tips and information may remain confidential.