City of Winchester identifies source of odor

By Press Release City of Winchester

WINCHESTER, KY -After a thorough investigation, the City of Winchester has identified the cause of an odor reported throughout the community earlier today. departments City received multiple reports

of an unusual smell,

particularly in the Hill Street area. In response, several departments were dispatched to conduct assessments and ensure there was no immediate safety concern. A spot check by the

Winchester Fire Marshal at a nearby fertilizer plant determined that a new product being used at the facility was the source of

the odor. According to Winchester Fire, the product is an organic substance similar to tree sap that produced the reported smell. Officials confirm the product was not burned at any time. The company has since discontinued use of the product, and conditions are expected to improve. Before the Fire Mar-

gas monitoring equipment, which detected no leaks. Columbia Gas was also contacted and performed pressure testing at its transfer station, including all connected valves. All readings were within normal operating

shal's inspection, the

Winchester Fire Depart-

ment conducted a walk-

through of the area using

As an additional precaution, Winchester Police officers responded to the area with cadaver dogs as part of the investigation. No findings were detected.

The City of Winchester remains committed to safeguarding the community. All relevant departments will continue to monitor the situation and respond as needed.

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Sixth, seventh, eighth graders, 2026 National Civics Bee is calling you

By Robert Blanton Special to the

Winchester Sun Middle School students, do you have what it takes to make a difference in

Winchester/ Clark County? Are you willing to write an essay that identifies a community problem or opportunity? One that recognizes a solution to the problem and addresses the opportunity. Does the resolution include the basic premise and principles of civic virtues? Would you like to win up

\$100,000? Participate in the 2026 National Civics Bee competition.

The National Civics Bee is a non-partisan event to empower middle school students, encourage civics knowledge, engage in their communities, contribute, and build trust. Students will improve their writing skills, public speaking abilities and become more concerned and involved citizens. All the information you need available www.Nationalcivicsbee. org. Included there, you

find links to a student essay guide, an educator and parent guide, a student flyer, and a link for digital submission. The National Chamber

of Commerce Foundation, in cooperation with Civic Trust, the Daniels Fund, the Kentucky Chamber, the Winchester Chamber, and others, is encouraging middle schoolers (public, private, homeschool, charter) to submit a 500 -750-word essay before February 3rd , 2026. There are six local districts in Kentucky. Each of the local district winners will receive \$500, second place \$250, and third place \$125. District winners will advance to the Kentucky state finals in August at the Kentucky State Fair. There, the

National Civics Bee Vational Championship

Ava Bogard, Kentucky's 2025 National Civics Bee winner.

winner will receive \$1,000, the second \$500, and the third \$250. All state winners will participate in next year's fall finals, where first place is a \$100,000 529 plan. Round one is the essay. Round two, the local district, will be held in Mason County; it consists of two rounds of civics questions and a Q&A round. The State finals are a live event of three rounds of civics questions.

The Kentucky 2025 National Civics Bee winner, Ava Bogard, a Calloway County High School freshman, finished fifth in the National Civics Bee National Championship held in Washington, D.C., on November 11th. Bogard represented Kentucky in the national bee after winning the state championship as an eighth grader in the spring. During her speech at the National Civics Bee finals,

Bogard addressed criminal disenfranchisement, arguing that restoring voting rights to former felons strengthens both democracy and society.

This year's National champion, out of more than 7,000 entries, was an Ohio middle schooler. Aarit Koul. You can view a replay of this amazing competition on the National Chamber's YouTube channel.

Robert D. Campbell Junior High School Principal, Tiffany Smith, said "In a world that constantly demands engagement. the Civics Bee challenges our young people to understand the foundational principles that shape our government and community. It asks them to think critically about local issues and propose creative, actionable solutions, directly connecting classroom learning to real-world impact. We are calling on all students to

embrace this chance to deepen their civic knowledge, hone their public speaking skills, and truly discover the power of their own voice. While this is Winchester/Clark Counties' second effort to foster this exciting educational event

we hope it is a huge success."

To encourage local essays, the Chamber of Commerce put together a Clark County award. Clark County essays will be entered into a random drawing for a local cash prize. Any local student who enters the national contest should send the local Chamber a copy of the essay to be entered.

The Winchester Clark County Chamber of Commerce is proud to support this initiative as another community activity that benefits everyone and involves Chamber members.

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF CLAY CITY, KENTUCKY **ORDINANCE NO. 25-10-20**

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF A PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR THE CITY OF CLAY CITY, KENTUCKY

WHEREAS it is legally required for the City of Clay City, Kentucky to establish its real property tax rate and personal property tax rate by ordinance;

NOW BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF CLAY CITY, KENTUCKY AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the real property in Clay City, Kentucky shall be taxed by the City of Clay City at a rate of .081 cents per hundred dollars of assessed value and personal property in Clay City at a rate of .081 cents per hundred dollars of assessed value for the year 2025.

2. This ordinance shall become effective upon publication.

Enacted this the 25th day of October, 2025.

LET THE PROS

HANDLE IT!

/s/Robert Carmichael, Mayor City of Clay City

Attest: /s/Stacey Patton, City Clerk City of Clay City

First Reading: <u>10/20/2025</u> Second Reading: <u>11/17/2025</u> Signed by Mayor: <u>11/17/2025</u> Publication: 11/29/2025

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The Winchester/Clark County Planning Commission will

hold a meeting on Tuesday, December 9th, 2025 at 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary of Central Baptist Church located at 101 W. Lexington Ave, Winchester, KY. The following public hearings will be heard: Review proposed text amendment to Article 6.12 of the Winchester/ Clark County Zoning Ordinance regarding first floor residential units within the B-2 Downtown Business District/Historical Overlay District; Review zoning map amendment proposing to rezone Parcels 3A, 4A, and 5A located behind the property addressed at 2417 Old Boonesboro Rd from A-1 Agricultural to R-1C Single Family Resi-dential and the consolidation of the three parcels; Review zone map amendment proposing to rezone 29.67 acres located at 722 Colby Rd and 2020 Bypass Rd from P-1 Professional Office to B-4 General Business.

Winchester Sun: Nov. 29, 2025 **MEETING 12.9.25**

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