

FIRE

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“We’ve called them on a gas leak,” Curtsinger said, referencing his department calling the county department. He then added, “They don’t call us”

Mayor Young, speaking to The Anderson News, pointed to the resignation earlier this year of former Lawrenceburg Fire Chief John Durr as the underlying cause of tension

between city and county fire personnel. John Durr’s resignation is what led to Curtsinger’s appointment as chief.

In a May 8 Facebook post, John Durr pointed to a lack of automatic mutual aid between the city and county fire departments as the driving force behind his resignation.

“I can no longer perform as Chief when my hands are tied from operating the department as chief,” he wrote. “I have had numerous request(s) to the city for automatic assistance from the county fire department on working structure fires to aid in the safety of

our citizens of Lawrenceburg and our firefighters. This has continuously been rejected.

“... To put pride aside and call for help before you think you need (it) is the best option for the public and our firefighters,” John Durr continued. “To wait and see until you get on scene and then determine how many personnel is (sic) going to show up and then call for help is a waste of time.”

In all, 11 firefighters, including John Durr, resigned. Curtsinger was one of five who did not resign.

Against that backdrop, Young told

The Anderson News that the city and county departments need to “try to get back on the same page and make sure that everybody plays fair.”

Votaw shared a similar sentiment. “I know there’s been hard feelings on both sides,” Votaw said during the meeting. But, pointing to city firefighters seated in the audience, he added, “It’s not about you all anyway. It’s about our citizens. They come first.

“I don’t hold any grudges against the county or the city — love them both — but if my house is on fire and y’all are fighting it and need help, I don’t

care who you call, and people here don’t, either” Votaw continued. “If there’s hard feelings, we need to bury the hatchet.”

For his part, Curtsinger told The Anderson News, “It’s in their (the county’s) ballpark. We’ve done everything we can do to work with them. I don’t have anything against them.”

No date was given for when the resolutions will come before the council again, although Young said the council would not vote until both Anderson and Woodford counties are in agreement with the terms.



JD Shelburne holds a commemorative plaque following his inaugural appearance on the Grand Old Opry stage.

JD

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Whisperin' Bill Anderson, Crystal Gayle, Gary Mule Deer, Kylie Frey, and The Malpass Brothers.

Shelburne has performed multiple times in Lawrenceburg.

WILSON

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in the area.

Wilson’s interest in agriculture began in 1969, when he started farming alongside his father, raising and milking dairy cattle.

“This early immersion in the daily rhythms and responsibilities of dairy farming laid the foundation for my lifelong connection to the land and livestock,” he said.

He pursued opportunities outside of agriculture after graduating high school in 1976 but returned home in 1999 to purchase his family farm and embark on building his own beef cattle operation.

Specializing in high-quality

commercial breeding stock, Wilson primarily markets both open and bred female heifers through private treaty sales.

“This personalized approach allows me to directly connect with buyers, understand their specific needs and showcase the superior genetics and potential of my heifers,” he said.

Wilson participates in University of Kentucky field trials focused on herbicide application and the establishment of diverse grass species to enhance biodiversity within his hay fields.

“This proactive engagement is crucial to my pursuit of optimal hay quality, as a diverse mix of grasses contributes to a more nutritious and resilient forage,” he said.

Wilson has been recognized through numerous prestigious

awards, culminating in the esteemed 2024 Leopold Conservation Award, which honors landowners who demonstrate exceptional dedication to land health, natural resource management and biodiversity on their working farms. He was also named the 2025 National Cattlemen's Beef Association Environmental Stewardship Award Program regional winner.

Wilson and his wife, Tamela, have four children, whom he

is teaching the intricacies of the farming operation, with the intention to provide them with the skills to potentially take over the farm in the future, according to a news release.

Other finalists for the award are Mark Metcalfe of Hopkins County and Scott Porter of Mason County.

The winner will be announced on Oct. 2 and then recognized during the organization’s annual meeting in December.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. 50 percent

5. Records electric currents

8. Charlize Theron flick “___ Flux”

12. More frosty

14. Disfigure

15. Sky color

16. A thoroughfare in a town or city

18. Actress de Armas

19. Spend time in a relaxed way

20. California peak

21. Lodging option

22. Small amount of a thing

23. Expresses sorrow

26. Keeps an ear warm

30. Babies (Spanish)

31. A conceited and self-centered person

32. No seats available

33. Pouches

34. Hip joints

39. A place to bathe

42. Evading

44. Minute, one-celled unit

46. Losing one’s hair

47. A country in W Africa

49. One point north of northeast

51. Pointed end of a pen

51. Extreme

56. Norse personification of old age

57. Doctors’ group

58. Member of U.S. Navy

59. Mens’ fashion accessories

60. A way to allow

61. Gloomy

62. Grads wear one

63. Between south and southeast

64. Jaguarundi cat

CLUES DOWN

1. Snakes do it

2. Hormone

3. The standard monetary unit of Turkey

4. Fixed charges

5. Electronic communication

6. Artilleries

7. “Strangers on a Train” actor

8. Burning

9. Makes ecstatically happy

10. Greek liqueurs

11. Tropical Old World tree

13. Someone who takes vengeance

17. Style of cuisine

24. Select

25. Immunized against disease

26. Old world, new

27. Honorable title (Turkish)

28. Court case: ___ v. Wade

29. Supervises interstate commerce

35. Not divisible by two

36. Twelve

37. Commentator Coulter

38. Encourage

40. Plumbing fixtures

41. Early

42. One point north of due east

43. King of Thebes

44. Short-tailed martens

45. Impose a penalty on

47. Consort of Poseidon

48. A way to lessen

49. Brooklyn hoops team

52. Female of a horse

53. Do as one is told

54. A way to prepare meat

55. Unit of measurement

KIDS’ CORNER

This is believed to be the first ice cream flavor.

Answer: Nectar/honey

a dessert made with cream and egg

English: Freezer
Spanish: Congelador
Italian: Congelatore
French: Congélateur
German: Gefriertruhe

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Ice cream cones

The countries that consume the most ice cream are the United States, Australia and Norway.

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