

ISLAND NEWS

BY VICKI VENTURA
FOR THE MCLEAN COUNTY NEWS

Those celebrating a birthday this week are Collin Eaton, Shirley Cabbage, Dan Taylor, Kim Donohoo, Kay Crowe and Joann Everly. Celebrating an anniversary are Bob and Gerry Bragg and Roger and Carol Eaton. This year, Roger and Carol are celebrating 40 years of marriage. Congratulations to both couples, and I wish you all a very special day!

Well, another Island Wooden Bridge Festival is in the bag! It was a hot day, but we had a great turnout, and I was happy to see people visiting all around the park and at the Cruise-In. That's what it's all about — seeing and visiting with old friends, and making some new ones. We had 27 vendors, so you had to decide what you wanted to eat, or, like a few people, you went ahead and ate several different things. And some people took more food home to have for supper. With that many vendors, there was a little bit of everything for sale. I was able to hit some of the vendors, but afterwards realized I had missed getting to some of the booths!

Paradise Nutrition had a steady string of customers, and was running out of ice about the time a friend called Brooke Wilkerson at her booth, and that friend bought and delivered six bags of ice to her booth in the nick of time! Many people asked about where the booth was with the homemade ice cream. That was Trackside Treats, which had four kinds of ice cream for sale, in addition to their walking tacos. I missed out on the ice cream, but had a walking taco, which I enjoyed, and I bought peanut butter fudge from Denise Bishop, which I always love. There were so many dessert options at the festival that it was difficult to make a choice!

State Rep. Jim Gooch has ties to Island, as his late mother, Dorothy (Case) Gooch was born here, and he always likes to come to the Wooden Bridge Festival. I saw him, but wasn't able to catch him to talk this year, but I think it's great that he wants to come back to his mother's roots to visit every year! There were so many people at the fest that you couldn't visit with everyone, but could at least say hi in passing or wave from a distance.

The Cruise-In winners were as follows: Best Car went to Paula Powell for her 1964 Pontiac GTO, Best Truck was Ricky Deitz' 1953 Ford F-100, Mayor's Choice went to Paul Woosley for his 1939 Chevy Pick-Up and People's Choice was David Shutt's 1955 Chevy. Congratulations to all of the winners!

There were lots of kids in the bouncies, jumping all day, and I'll bet they were ready for bed early. There were also basketball hoops and the fishing pond had kids winning different prizes. Several big winners won some nice fishing poles. Adrian and Marilyn Cessna's daughters, Vicki Murphy and Carol Boarman and Carol's daughter, Cassie Brown, were helping in the ICDA T-shirt booth, and it was nice to visit with them.

Cassie's oldest son, Eli, was running around helping us, while her youngest, Silas, was in and out of the bouncy, and he ran up to the ICDA T-shirt booth and said, "This Bridge Festival is the best one in the world!" We got a kick out of that. And then he ran

off to ask Tim (Sheppard) if we could do the festival again next weekend!

The Zach Ashby Band always has some good toe-tapping music going, and I had to sneak over and listen to them for a short while. I saw a video where Carol Boarman and hubby Bill were dancing in front of the band, and I'm glad someone was able to get out in the heat and dance to a few songs.

The McLean County History Museum's booth, besides having info on Island's history, also had on display the Drake School quilt from 1935, with names of all the children who attended the one-room school in Buttonsberry at that time. Sue Berry, who bought the quilt at an antiques store in Owensboro and researched all of the students' names that attended that year, was at the booth helping to answer questions and write down more info on those students.

I was happy to hear that so many descendants of those students came by and talked with Sue, as well as museum curator Anita Austill. Sue Berry donated the quilt to the museum. Carol Boarman also donated to the museum a photo that her mom had of students standing in front of the Drake School.

Euleen Rector Rickard was one of the students in that photo, and she was born in Buttonsberry in 1922. For anyone who missed seeing the quilt at the festival, you can go and see it at the museum, which is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. It's located at 540 Main St. in Calhoun. The museum also has info on all of the schools in the county, past and present, and that includes all of the one-room schools.

After a lot of planning and a lot of hard work, the festival is now behind us, and the Island Community Development Association will start planning the next event. But we'd like to thank all of the vendors that signed up and spent the day with us. We hope you did well! We'd also like to thank all of the volunteers who jumped in to help our small non-profit organization in setting up, working the festival and breaking down afterwards.

Thanks to anyone who helped us in any way. Believe me, if not for all of you, there would be no festival! Also, we'd like to thank everyone who came out to attend the Island Wooden Bridge Festival, and we hope you enjoyed yourselves. We hope to see everyone again next year!

Once more, we'd like to thank our wonderful sponsors for this year's festival. They kept the Kid's Zone free for the children, and their sponsorship helped with other events at the festival, as well. Our sponsors are Independence Bank, Farmers Bank & Trust, Adams Services, A & S Fabricating Co., Strong Roofing, Thacker Riverside Dental, Judge/Exec Curtis Dame, Lamb's Auto Sales & Towing, Venea Hounton, Island Cycle Workz, Island Dairy Freeze and some anonymous donors. Thank you all so much!

"And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ. 1 Corinthians 10:4.

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"Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price. So, you must honor God with your body." – 1 Corinthians 6:19–20 (NLT)

Have you ever treated your body like a disposable cup—something to use up and toss aside? It's tempting to think our physical bodies don't matter if our hearts are right with God. After all, 1 Corinthians 15:42 reminds us that one day these earthly, corruptible bodies will be exchanged for glorious, incorruptible ones in Heaven.

But scripture also makes it clear that how we treat our bodies right now matters deeply to God. He calls us to honor Him not just with our heart, but with our whole self—spirit, mind, and body.

"May the God of peace make you holy in every way and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again." – 1 Thessalonians 5:23 (NLT)

Back in the 1980s, when aerobics was all the rage, I was leading fitness classes packed with women eager to get in shape. Outwardly, it looked successful: music pumping, bodies moving, pounds dropping. But if you had listened closely, the anthem of those

classes was, "Look at me! See what I can do!"

I was teaching women how to sculpt their bodies, but I wasn't pointing any one—including myself—toward the God who created those bodies. It was all self-glorification.

Then God literally came knocking at my door. When I surrendered my life to Christ, every-

thing changed. Suddenly, fitness wasn't about me—it became a way to worship. In time, my classes shifted from self-focused workouts to gatherings where women lifted not only weights, but also their voices and hearts to honor God. The atmosphere turned from performance to praise.

Years later, after building a faith-based fitness ministry, I faced two open-heart surgeries—one before I knew Jesus and one after. The difference was night and day.

The first time, I felt alone, fearful and weak. But the second time, I clung to God's Word and His promises. Recovery was still grueling, but every walk down the hospital hall, every stretch, every slow return to exercise became an act of worship. My body bore the scars of surgery, but my spirit was renewed with strength that only Christ could give.



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"Each time he said, 'My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness.' So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me." – 2 Corinthians 12:9 (NLT)

Those experiences deepened my conviction: our bodies matter to God, and discipline is part of discipleship. Even when we're weak, we can choose to honor Him by how we care for the temple He's entrusted to us.

Let's be honest: it's easy not to exercise. It's easy to hit snooze, stay up too late, eat whatever we crave and call it a day. That path requires no discipline, but it robs us of energy, health and purpose.

God hasn't called us to EASY. He has called us to HOLINESS, which means living set apart—even in how we treat our bodies.

Paul urged believers: **"And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice, the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think." – Romans 12:1–2 (NLT)**

Our thoughts shape our habits, and our habits shape our lives. That's why Paul also told us: **"Fix your thoughts on what is true, honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about**

things that are excellent and worthy of praise." – Philippians 4:8 (NLT)

We cannot separate our spiritual lives from our physical ones. Spirit, mind, and body are woven together by God's design. Neglecting one affects the others. When we strengthen our bodies, discipline our thoughts, and nourish our souls, we become more effective vessels for His work.

So ask yourself, Am I treating my body like a temple or like a trash can? • Am I living with discipline or drifting in indulgence? • Am I honoring God in my habits, my health and my heart?

The good news is you don't have to do it alone. **"And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns." – Philippians 1:6 (NLT)**

Look, God is not going to love you any less like you are, but deciding to dedicate yourself to discipline, may create a WHOLE new way to love Him!

Lord, thank You for creating me as a whole person—spirit, mind and body. Forgive me for the times I've neglected or dishonored the body You gave me. Help me to see my body as a temple of Your Spirit and to live with discipline, gratitude and purpose. Strengthen me to honor You in my daily choices so that I may glorify You in all I do. Amen.

Woman charged with synthetic drug trafficking

BY JAMES MAYSE
FOR THE MCLEAN COUNTY NEWS

An Owensboro woman was charged with felony drug trafficking, after investigators discovered several pounds of synthetic marijuana in her home, along with chemicals associated with making the synthetic drug.

The Daviess County Sheriff's Office arrested Cynthia Y Wilson, 62, of the 200 block of Frayser Avenue, after investigators served a search warrant at Wilson's home.

A sheriff's office press release says detectives conducting the search found 10 pounds of synthetic marijuana, along with chemicals sometimes used to make synthetic marijuana, including formaldehyde and actone.

"It's absolute poison for the body," Daviess County Sheriff Brad Youngman said. "It can cause death (and) blindness."

Although it wasn't present in this case, one of the most common ingredients found in synthetic marijuana is rat poison, Youngman said.

The press release says investigators also found mushrooms, a handgun and items used in a drug trafficking operations. Children were living in the home.

Wilson was charged with trafficking in synthetic drugs while armed, possession of a handgun by a convicted felon, possession of drug paraphernalia while armed and first-degree wanton endangerment.

Youngman said the wanton endangerment charge stems from children being in the home and around the chemicals.

Youngman said investigators have seen a recent increase in synthetic marijuana.

"We are seeing a lot of (drugs), but synthetic marijuana has been present at lot of our scenes,"

Youngman said.

The sheriff's office press release says multiple negative impacts are associated with using synthetic marijuana, including seizures, hallucinations, agitation and anxiety, sickness, elevated

heart rate and blood pressure, brain damage and death. The negative effects can be long-term, even after discontinuing use, the release says.

"We are in a climate right now where we are seeing a little bit of everything," Youngman said.

Although drug overdoses are trending downward,



Cynthia Y. Wilson

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PUBLIC NOTICE
ORDINANCE # 7, SERIES 2025
AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE TAX LEVY
FOR THE CITY OF CALHOUN FOR THE TAX
YEAR 2025

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF CALHOUN AS FOLLOWS:
Section One. There is levied for the tax year 2025, the ad valorem tax rate per \$100 assessed valuation on all taxable property with the jurisdiction of the City of Calhoun for General Fund expenses as follows:

(a) General 10.6 cents on Real Estate \$35,968
(b) General 16.72 cents on Personal Property \$ 5,330
other than motor vehicles and watercraft

Section Two. That all of the tax levies herein shall be collected, accounted for and disbursed as provided by law.
Section Three. The taxpayer shall receive a discount of 2% if the tax bill is paid within thirty (30) days of mailing. Thereafter, the face amount of said bill shall be due if paid prior to January 1, 2026. If paid after January 1, 2025, a penalty of 10%, plus interest of 1% per month effective on the first day of each month, shall be added to the original tax.
Section Four. This ordinance shall be published in the McLean County News newspaper by title and summary within thirty (30) days after adoption.
Section Five. This ordinance becomes effective immediately upon passage and publication. Adopted this the 9th day of September, 2025.

/s/
Bruce Cabbage, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/
Tara Woodburn, City Clerk

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Second Reading: 09/09/2025
Publication: 09/18/2025

LEGAL NOTICE

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING
PROPERTY AND
FRANCHISE TAXES
FOR THE CITY OF ISLAND
KENTUCKY
ORDINANCE NO. 25-03
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE
CITY OF ISLAND AS
FOLLOWS:
Section One. There is levied for the tax year 2025, the ad valorem tax rate per \$100 assessed valuation on all taxable property with the jurisdiction of the City of Island for General Fund expenses as follows:
(a) General 15.4 cents on Real Estate
(b) General 15.40 cents on Personal Property other than motor vehicles and watercraft
Section Two. That all of the tax levies herein shall be collected, accounted for and disbursed as provided by law.
Section Three. The property taxes levied herein for said City shall be due and payable January 1, 2026 and all taxes shall become delinquent on the 1st day of March, 2026 following their due date and shall be subject to a penalty of 10% on the tax due and unpaid, and in addition, the tax due shall draw interest at the rate of 10% per annum from due date until paid. The City has a lien on any unpaid tax, penalty, and interest on all real and personal property within the City limits to enforce the payment of sums owed herein.
Section Four. Any fees, costs, or expenses, including attorney fees, incurred in the collection of any tax herein shall also be recoverable by the City in addition to the tax and any interest or penalty set out herein. The duly appointed tax collector for said City shall have the same power to collect said taxes, together with penalties, interest, fees, costs and expenses of collection.
Section Five. This ordinance shall be published in the McLean County News newspaper by title and summary within thirty (30) days after adoption.
This ordinance becomes effective immediately upon passage and publication. Adopted this the 10th day of September, 2025.

/s/
Joseph Hamilton, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/
Sarah Brown, City Clerk
First Reading: 9/3/2025
Second Reading: 9/10/2025