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## Brandenburg City Council votes to lower property tax rate



Photo by Listing Broker

**Some Brandenburg Citizens will see lower tax rates.**

**Joe Hager**  
Messenger Staff

With the second reading of City Ordinance #653 and a vote to pass the ordinance, real property in the City of Brandenburg was lowered from a rate of .191cents per \$100 of value to .172 cents per \$100 of value, thereby giving property owners a reduction in tax rate. Motor vehicle and watercraft assessments continue to be set at .3280 cents per \$100 value.

The opening City Council action was the announcement by Councilwoman Rhonda Allen that the Yard of the Month Award would be presented to Amanda Thomas who resides at 916 Lawrence Street. This was followed by the first reading of Ordinance #655 which will permit Adkisson property rezoning from R-1 to R-3. This ordinance will require a second reading and favorable vote to be approved.

The treasurer's report was given by Amy Haynes, outlining expenditures made by the city for waterworks and other similar expenses. She went on to give the Council a report on repairs made to waterlines, sewer lines, streets, and sidewalks. She said there were 619 credit cards used to make payments to the city last month. Police Chief Brian Haag then reported 454 calls received by his department for service. He also reported that one more police officer is still needed to fill his department's needs. He had received three applications for the job, but one applicant was under 21 years of age and the other two withdrew their applications from consideration. He did say Tucker Day was coming

up soon and his people would be involved with that. In a humorous side note, the Chief reported he had been called to remove a groundhog from Flippin Run Park since it was acting funny, rolling on the ground, and getting close to people there.

Mayor Pace reported that the city would be seeking bids to drill a new water well to have a back-up ready in case the one near the riverbank would be damaged when the riverbank separated and fell into the river. If the bank does give way before it is repaired that would leave the city with only one operating well and that would not supply enough water. When asked about the planned new water storage tower, he stated that \$1.5 million had already been secured but another \$600,000 was still needed to pay for that project.

One of the Council members asked about getting a high-water marker installed down close to the river so various floods of the past and future could be marked on it and dated for reference. Mayor Pace said they could work on that project.

An exciting event for Buttermilk Falls Trail was announced for October 23-25. Brandenburg's First Annual Pumpkin Walk is designed to have folks decorate pumpkins on October 23 and then displayed for public viewing on October 24 and 25 along the trail. The pumpkins, paint, brushes, popcorn, and drinks will be provided on the 23rd. Folks would need to bring their own carving tools. Anyone can decorate their own pumpkin at home and bring it on the 23rd to be placed on display.

In final business for the meeting a new business license was approved by the Council for an in-city mobile food truck called Traveling Table's Daily Manna. Brandon Sarat is the owner.

## Four Meade County Veterans inducted into Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame



Photo submitted by Cletis Evans

**Retired Chief Warrant Officer 3 Cletis Evans.**

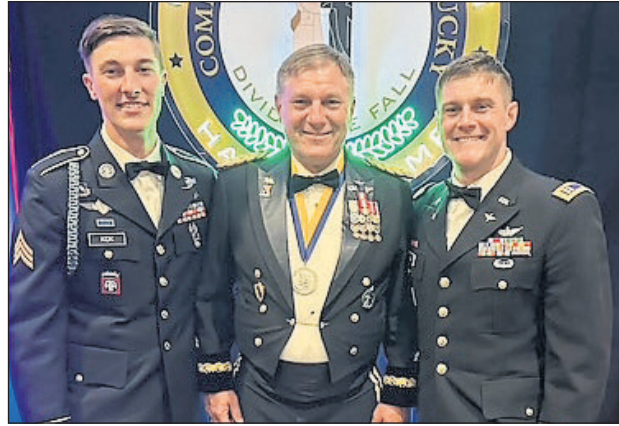


Photo submitted by Judge Executive Troy Kok | The Messenger  
**Retired Major General Troy Kok poses with his sons, Army Captain Ross Kok and Army SGT Ryan Kok during the ceremony that inducted the Judge Executive into the Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame on September 6, 2025.**



Photo submitted by Scott Scholl

**Retired SFC Scott Scholl**  
**Earlene Bohannon**  
Editor

The Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame (KVHOF) is a non-profit organization founded in 2010 to honor Kentucky military veterans. The KVHOF recognizes these individuals through an annual induction ceremony, gala dinner

and through displaying their names on regional monuments across the Commonwealth. H. B. Deatherage, who was a Vietnam War veteran, established the foundation to ensure that veterans sacrifices and ongoing community contributions are recognized. Veterans are selected for military careers of valor as well



Photo submitted by Alejandro Ramirez

**Retired Major Alejandro Ramirez.**

as their ongoing contributions to their communities after leaving active duty.

Four Meade Countians have the distinction of being inducted into the KVHOF.

In 2019, Cletis Evans, Jr became the first Meade Countian to be inducted. Evans served for 22 years and 8 months in the United

Marines. A 1985 graduate of Meade County High School, Evans retired from the Marines in 2008 after achieving the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 3. Evans and his wife, Sally, call Brandenburg home. Evans said, "I was completely shocked

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## Meade County Animal Shelter receives go ahead to move forward with construction



Photo submitted by Claire Brown from Meade County Animal Shelter

**A rendition that shows the shelter's future appearance.**

**Claire Brown**  
Messenger Staff

When Judge Troy Kok was sworn in as Meade County's Judge Executive in January of 2023, he brought with him plans of substantial change for the situation at the Meade County Animal Shelter. While campaigning, Kok says the thing he heard most often from many citizens was worried concern over the state of the animal shelter's functionality. Those voices of concern went straight to Kok's heart and became his center of focus. Now, just a little over two years later, the plans have been finalized

for a complete makeover of Meade County Animal Shelter. On September 10th, 2025, an announcement was shared regarding the status of plans that had been in the works for the shelter. Construction plans for a new Meade County Animal Shelter have been approved.

The new shelter will be upgraded to a 6,000 square foot facility to meet the growing needs of providing shelter for animals without a home. The improved facility will feature indoor and outdoor kennels for dogs

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