

Digest

Daviess County Fiscal Court

During its meeting Friday at the Daviess County Courthouse, Daviess Fiscal Court took the following actions:

- Heard executive order 06-2025: Solid Waste Working Committee (7/15/2025)
- Heard executive order 07-2025: Parks and Recreation Working Committee (7/15/2025)
- Heard executive order 08-2025: Emergency Preparedness Working Committee (7/15/2025)
- Approved minutes of July 10, 2025, Daviess County Fiscal Court meeting
- Approved all claims for all departments
- Approved treasurer’s report for June 2025 and final settlement
- Approved amendment to the salary schedule for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 effective 7/20/2025
- Approved statement of affiliation for Daviess County Search and Rescue
- Approved awarding bid No. 2526-02: sidewalk & curb rehabilitation (Road)

- Approved awarding bid No. 2526-05: aluminum box culvert project (Road)
- Approved awarding RFQ No. 2526-11: Masonville Volunteer Fire Department No. 1 Roof Replacement Project
- Approved awarding RFQ No. 2526-12: Animal Control Unit upfittings (Sheriff)
- Approved dissolving the Daviess County Parks Board
- Approved dissolving the Daviess County Solid Waste Environment and Education Panel (DC-SWEEP)
- Approved promoting Quinton Pence to lieutenant effective 7/20/2025
- Approved promoting Ryan Trunnell to battalion chief in Training 7/20/2025
- Approved promoting Sam Henderson to lieutenant effective 8/3/2025
- Approved accepting the retirement resignation of Bryan Collins effective 7/31/2025
- Approved accepting the retirement resignation of Keith Hurm effective 8/29/2025

CIRCUIT COURT

Division I —

Judge Bryce Caldwell

• Randall L. Horton, 49, pleaded guilty to first-degree possession of a controlled substance, third or greater offense, methamphetamine, and possession of drug paraphernalia. The sentences will run concurrently for a total of one year in the custody of the Department of Corrections. The sentence has been probated for five years.

• Christopher S. Young, 52, pleaded guilty to first-degree possession of a controlled substance, first offense, methamphetamine, and possession of drug paraphernalia. The sentences will run concurrently for a total of one year in the penitentiary. The sentence has been probated for five years.

Division II —

Judge David Payne

• Tabitha M. Carter, 37, pleaded guilty to the amended charge of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The sentence for this charge is three years in the penitentiary which has been probated for five years. A charge of first-degree wanton endangerment was dismissed.

• Donnie J. Wooldridge, 61, pleaded guilty to the amended charge of first-degree trafficking in controlled substance, first offense, greater than two grams of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia and was sentenced to five years in prison which has been probated for five years. A second charge of possession of drug paraphernalia

was dismissed.

• Joseph A. Horn, 36, pleaded guilty to first-degree possession of a controlled substance, third of subsequent offense, methamphetamine, second-degree possession of a controlled substance, hallucinogen, and possession of drug paraphernalia and was sentenced to one year in prison. In a separate case, defendant pleaded guilty to first-degree possession of a controlled substance, first offense, Fentanyl and received a sentence of one year in prison. In a final case, the defendant pleaded guilty to first-degree possession of a controlled substance, third or greater offense, methamphetamine and was sentenced to one year in prison. The defendant was provided four years of probation across all three cases.

Pier luck



Photo by Alan Warren, Messenger-Inquirer | avarren@messenger-inquirer.com
A fisherman tries his luck as he casts around the bridge supports of the Glover Cary Bridge (Blue Bridge) on Friday on the Ohio River.

WEATHER

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It has faded to the lightest possible shade of blue before you have to surrender and call it white. I’ve carefully stitched up the cuffs and collar that have all but worn away. I’m afraid to wash it for fear that it will dissolve into a tangle

of thread and buttons. But as worn and thin as the material has become, it’s enough to keep my arms covered and me warm when I go into these iceboxes disguised as retail stores and restaurants, where the air conditioner temps are set on “Snowflake.” So if you see me out and about looking like my wardrobe came from some ragbag reject, don’t worry. It’s all cool.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Saturday, July 26, the 207th day of 2025. There are 158 days left in the year.

TODAY IN HISTORY:
On July 26, 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed the Americans with Disabilities Act, prohibiting discrimination based on mental or physical disabilities.

ALSO ON THIS DATE:
In 1775, the Continental Congress established a Post Office and appointed Benjamin Franklin its Postmaster-General.
In 1847, the western African country of Liberia, founded by freed American slaves, declared its independence.
In 1863, Sam Houston, former president of the Republic of Texas, died in Huntsville at age 70.
In 1945, Winston Churchill resigned as Britain’s prime minister after his Conservatives were soundly defeated by the Labour Party. Clement Attlee succeeded him.
In 1947, President Harry S. Truman signed the National Security Act, which reorganized America’s armed forces as the National Military Establishment and created the Central Intelligence Agency.
In 1948, President Truman issued Executive Order 9981, which desegregated the U.S. military.
In 1953, Fidel Castro began his revolt against Fulgencio Batista with an unsuccessful attack on an army barracks in eastern Cuba. (Castro ousted Batista in 1959.)
In 1971, Apollo 15 was launched from Cape Kennedy on America’s fourth successful manned mission to the moon.

In 2002, the Republican-led House voted to create an enormous Homeland Security Department in the biggest government reorganization in decades.

In 2016, Hillary Clinton became the first woman to be nominated for president by a major political party at the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia.

In 2018, the last six members of a Japanese doomsday cult who remained on death row were executed for a series of crimes in the 1990s, including a gas attack on Tokyo subways that killed 13 people. Previously, seven other cult members were executed on July 6 of that year.

In 2020, a procession with the casket of the late U.S. Rep. John Lewis crossed the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Alabama, where Lewis and other civil rights marchers were beaten 55 years earlier.

TODAY’S BIRTHDAYS: Former Australian Prime Minister John Howard is 86. Football Hall of Famer Bob Lilly is 86. Rock and Roll Hall of Famer Darlene Love is 84. The Rolling Stones’ Mick Jagger is 82. Actor Helen Mirren is 80. Rock musician Roger Taylor (Queen) is 76. Olympic gold medal figure skater Dorothy Hamill is 69. Actor Kevin Spacey is 66. Actor Sandra Bullock is 61. Actor Jeremy Piven is 60. Actor Jason Statham is 58. Actor Olivia Williams is 57. Actor Kate Beckinsale is 52. Former New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern is 45. Actor Juliet Rylance is 45. Actor Monica Raymund is 39. Actor Francia Raisa is 37. Actor-singer Taylor Momsen is 32. Actor Elizabeth Gillies is 32. Actor Thomasin McKenzie is 25.

BOOK

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who has been raised Christian and his childhood best friend who is Jewish.” Through her books, Armstrong is hoping to spark some of that for others.

“The real inspiration for my first book came with ‘Boom Boom Ted,’ ” she said. “I was working with a local engineer, Ted Lolley and he and his sister, Judy, would tell me these wild, funny stories from their childhood.”

Through most of those stories, Lolley was “always wiring something to blow up” and his sister was his “undercover assistant,” according to Armstrong.

“Their energy and mischief was so vivid and entertaining that I couldn’t resist turning it into a book,” she said. “That’s when I really committed to writing and Ted encouraged me to do it. I’ve found a new love and

it just shows it’s never too late to follow your heart and dreams.”

Armstrong said that the “Boom Boom Ted” series is being looked at by a children’s network in New York City to be picked up as a television series, though nothing has been confirmed yet.

“I’m just so thankful to know a TV network is even considering my series and it’s beyond anything I could have imagined,” she said. “It just shows that it’s never too late to start something new and to dream big.”

Having her characters brought to life on television would be a dream come true, Armstrong said.

“I have so many more adventures planned for Boom Boom Ted and his secret agent, Sis Judy,” she said. “I just finished ‘Boom Boom Ted Saves Christmas,’ which will be published in a few weeks.”

Her latest release, “The Olive Tree and Amal,” follows a Palestinian girl

named Amal and the dreams she has under an olive tree.

Now, Armstrong is working on a fantasy novel inspired by a man that has been living in his car in Del Mar, California since 2002.

“I got up the nerve to talk to him about his life,” she said. “He was so nice and as you can imagine, very interesting. I knew there had to be a story there and there was.”

The book will be titled “Captain Whipple,” which Armstrong said is “somewhat” based on him and a “couple of nosy kids” that get inside of his car when he is not there and read his journals.

“It will kind of be a cross between ‘Harry Potter’ and ‘Jumanji,’” Armstrong said.

Armstrong will host a book signing on Aug. 23 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Peachtree Antiques, 108 W. 2nd Street. Books will be available for purchase with all of the proceeds benefiting Wendell Foster and St. Stephen Cathedral.



DAVIESS COUNTY FARM BUREAU

“Voice of Kentucky Agriculture”

DAVIESS COUNTY FARM BUREAU MEMBERS
You’re invited to our

103rd ANNUAL PICNIC/ MEETING
Thursday, August 7, 2025
Rain or Shine

Reid’s Orchard
(4818 Hwy. 144, Owensboro)

5:00 p.m. – Join us to catch up with friends and fellow members while enjoying an exclusive 10% discount at Reid’s Orchard Store during the event. Bring the kids along for some fun in Reidland, featuring the Apple Express, Apple Slider, Barnyard and BerryBouncer!

5:30 p.m. – **FREE** Dinner followed by a short business meeting with a proposed by-law change.

Bring your family out for some fellowship, food, and DOOR PRIZES!

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