

PLEAS FROM THE POUND

STAR
Little Star’s huge, topaz eyes immediately, hopefully, searchingly connect with a visitor’s eyes. While Star’s background is mysterious, the spayed, sun-and-sand colored lady has the elegant, chiseled face of Oriental breeds. Star also shows those breeds’ legendary intuition. She has a mesmerizing way of seeming to see into someone’s soul.
The two-year-old spayed girl also tries to show potential friends that she appreciates and accepts everything that she senses. Star and her long-time companion, Tinkerbelle, trip over each other rushing to the door to welcome people entering the cat room.
Star is the beautifully moving definition of a companion animal. To Star, a human friend is the most sought-after thing in the world. That shows amazing faith, since Star was found abandoned and wandering.

TINKERBELL
Tinkerbelle, a long-haired tortoiseshell, wears a coat and tail that make designer dresses on the Emmy Awards’ red carpet look drab. One person looking at Tinkerbelle enviously said, “If I had a tail, I’d want it to look like that!” But Tinkerbelle isn’t trying to impress. She’s holding her tail straight up to say, “Hello. Come see me!”
This pretty, 11-month-old, spayed princess, following her slightly older friend, Star, rushes to meet people. The two young cats were found together, outdoors, looking for a friend. Unlike many stray cats, whose bad experiences have made them afraid, these ladies hurried, meowing pleadingly, toward people.
These gorgeous girls, representing two dazzling breeds, love people and love each other. Together, they’d make a home beautiful, welcoming and complete.

VAN
Sometimes the shelter staff advise someone to reconsider an adoption. Sometimes the person is older and the pup is young. Sometimes the person’s space and the pup’s energy level don’t match. Sometimes the staff can protect the person and the animal from disaster. However, there was no disaster predictable for Van and her person.
Yet Van, who’s lived every moment of her 18-month-long life in a perfect home, is now homeless. The spayed, vaccinated, microchipped pup’s owner died, even though she should have been too young for that to hap-



pen. No one could take over the care of the sweet, shy, well-adjusted, but devastated, yellow Labrador mix.
Van is grieving, but she remembers love. She’s loved people, dogs and cats. She’ll fit into any family.

SALEM
It’s hard to see much of Salem in his photo. The little, 12-week-old, neutered kitten huddles in a frightened ball whenever someone first approaches him. Salem came indoors, with his littermates, when he was very tiny. However, he learned to know one home, one person. Salem has been overwhelmed encountering the bigger world, leaving his first home.
Yet, he’s adjusting. Salem isn’t wild, just afraid and confused. Each morning the shelter staff is impressed that Salem’s perched a little higher on the cat room’s sofa. Today, Salem bravely made it onto the piece of furniture’s back.
Salem may never be an adventurous cat. Instead, he’ll be a Velcro cat, one who sticks close to his person and makes that person feel completely needed and adored.

IVOR
When a cat is a stray, he has



only moments to show people what kind of cat he is, what sort of treatment he wants. Eleven-month-old Ivor, who’s vaccinated and neutered, talked quickly with his tail. Luckily, the person he met understood the message. Ivor’s tail went straight up, cats’ universal message that they’re feeling affectionate and glad to see you.
If Ivor hadn’t “spoken,” his acquaintance might have misread Ivor. Ivor was thin and bedraggled. He’d been in the wild. Ivor



had to demonstrate that he hadn’t been there by choice.
Ivor is a companion cat who’s lost his companions, either by accident or because he made the mistake so many cats make: They cease to be that cuddly kitten taken home on impulse.

GCHS Class of 1976 plans reunion

The Grant County High School Class of 1976 will be holding its 50th class reunion Saturday, Nov. 7, at the Meadowood Golf Course Clubhouse from 6–10 p.m.
Please bring an appetizer, snack or dessert to share. Drinks can be purchased at the clubhouse bar.
There is no cost to attend the reunion.
Mark your calendars and help spread the word to classmates and teachers!
No RSVP is needed; just come!!!!
Meadowood Golf Course Clubhouse is located at 1911 Golf Club Drive, Burlington KY 41005

AROUND THE COUNTY

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
• The Grant County Board of Education will hold a special meeting at 6 p.m. at the Board Office, 820 Arnie Risen Boulevard.
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
• Williamstown Senior Center, 400 North Main Street, Williamstown, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, contact Cindy Ray at (859) 824-6415.
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
• Grant County Planning Commission will meet at 7 p.m. at the Old Courthouse, 101 North Main Street, Williamstown. Call (859) 824-7770 for more information.
• Williamstown City Council will hold a public hearing on the tax rate ordinance at 5:30 p.m. at the City Building, 400 North Main Street, William-

stown. There will be a special meeting to conduct the first reading of the ordinance at 6 p.m.
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
• Williamstown City Council will hold a special meeting to conduct the second reading of the tax rate ordinance at 6 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
• Williamstown Senior Center, 400 North Main Street, Williamstown, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, contact Cindy Ray at (859) 824-6415.
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1
• Grant County Conservation District, USDA Service Center, 486 Helton St, Williamstown at 6:30 p.m. Contact (859) 823-2291 for more information.

TURNING BACK THE CLOCK

10 YEARS AGO ... SEPT. 22, 2016
- Birth announced this week: Hannah Hope Turner was born to Michael and Bethany Turner on July 28.
- The Braves soccer team finally suffered their first loss. Simon Kenton took a 4-1 victory over Grant County on Sept. 13, ending a season-long winning streak.
25 YEARS AGO ... SEPT. 27, 2001
- Births announced this week: Jonah Lewis Wayne Moore was born to John Moore and Lesley Gill on Aug. 9; Benjamin Robert Leming was born to Paul and Terry Leming on July 13; Josie Dale Browning was born to Dale and Jackie Browning on June 6.
- Students at MCE started a coin drive to raise relief funds for victims of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.
- Over 500 Grant County Middle School students gathered for See You at the Pole on Sept. 19.
- Grant County High School Band will host its first marching band competition this Saturday. Fifteen bands are scheduled to attend.
50 YEARS AGO ... SEPT. 23, 1976
- Members of the Williamstown Women’s Club celebrated their 50th anniversary with a special tea and reception at the home of Mrs. Thomas D. Webb.
- A new 100,000 gallon capacity water tower is rising above the Dry Ridge skyline. When finished it will top out at 120 feet about the ground.
- Featured in this edition was a picture of a tattered front page copy of The Corinth News dated Dec. 27, 1900. It was found pasted to the ceiling of a house being remodeled. The caption indicated no one has any knowledge of such a newspaper’s existence.

Put this one on your calendar for October!

Coming together as a community to fellowship, kick back in the cool of the evening and listen to great music is a wonderful way to mark the changing of the seasons. On Saturday, Oct.10, you’ll have a chance to do just that when Grant County Tourism sponsors the annual Grant County Bluegrass Fest in downtown Williamstown.
“Grant County Bluegrass Fest is a way to celebrate our roots and heritage and bring visitors to our community to celebrate those things with us,” said Jamie Baker, director of Grant County Tourism. “It’s also an opportunity for our locals to come out and enjoy a free day of music.”
Baker made a point of noting the music lineup features local and regional artists.
“Curnie Wilson [of Fenced In] works at the Grant County Clerk’s office and has been playing music since he could hold a guitar. Cecil Jackson has recently retired as one of the elephant handlers at the Cincinnati Zoo and comes from a long, long line of Bluegrass musicians,” she said.
The music kicks off at 4 p.m. with Cedar Valley Bluegrass.
Kinman Family takes the stage at 5 p.m. followed by Cecil Jackson and Dry Ridge at 6 p.m.
At 7:15 Fenced In concludes the lineup.
While you’re downtown, Baker encourages everyone to take the time to pop into our local businesses.
“It’s a good time to start your Christmas shopping early!”
There will be a limited number of food trucks and vendors, but the evening is really all about the music, Baker said.

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