

# News Of Record

## District Court

Mary Jane Phelps, judge  
Week of Jan. 9

### Traffic

Defective equipment — Taylor D. Denison, \$163.  
Driving with a suspended license — Joseph M. Dibenedetto, combined with reckless driving, \$443; Joshua A. Wilcox, \$393.

Driving with no or expired Kentucky registration receipt — David A. Dodson Jr., \$168.

Driving with no or expired registration plates — Jeffrey S. Bowman, \$168; Mark R. Hernandez, \$168.

Driving without a license — Bryson C. Holland, \$243.  
Driving without license in possession — Gaspar Ramirez, \$243.

Driving without tail lamps — Nahomi Martinez, combined with driving without a license, \$287.

DUI — Lori J. Alvey, Frankfort, \$743 and four days; Kevin M. Eagen II, Louisville, \$718; Kristen J. Fraser, \$718 and four days with credit; Jeremy E. Jenkins, 10636 Troy Pike, combined with careless driving and driving with a suspended license, \$793; Howard J. Tripp, Frankfort, \$743 and four days with credit.

Failure to file an accident report — Austin Pennie, 204 Blackhawk Circle, \$668.

Failure to give right of way to emergency stopped vehicle — Leana M. Cottone, \$143 and state traffic school; Pennell Whitaker, Louisville, \$203.

Failure to maintain insurance — Vivian M. Brooks, \$493; Robert B. Landrum, combined with driving without license in possession and failure to wear seat belts, \$418; Matthew C. Neace, \$343.

Reckless driving — Kuach P. Kual Kat, \$143 and state traffic school.

Speeding — Bryan K. Blankenship, \$143 and state traffic school; Martin E. Hancock, combined with failure to wear seat belts and driving without a license, \$323; Olga Parshenkova, combined with driving with no or expired registration plates, \$223; Mark D. Payne Jr., \$143 and state traffic school.

### Misdemeanors

Domestic assault — Albino F. Fuentes, 108 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, \$200.50 and 15 days with credit.

Public alcohol intoxication — Eugene McDaniel III, 103 Dale Avenue, \$200.50.

Shoplifting — Rodney A. Furman, 508 Oak Street, Apt. A, \$259.50 (includes restitution) and 30 days; Leslie N. Turner, 514 Sheffield Drive, \$175.50 and three days with credit; Debra Johnson, 925 Altamont Court, \$372.47 (includes restitution) and five days with credit.

Theft by deception (includes cold checks) — Angela F. Howard, 400 Quail Run, \$568.62.

Theft by unlawful taking — Richard J. Kyle, 3330 Fords Mill Road, \$400 (includes restitution).

## Police Reports

Police responded to 16 noninjury accidents.

Two people were injured in a two-car crash Jan. 6 on Frankfort Street at Frankfort Road. Trying to turn left, Mary C. Shawler, 59, of Wilmore, pulled out into the highway intersection into the path of the vehicle driven by Kasie L. Wilkin, 23, of 311 Millroad Place, Midway. Shawler was taken to Bluegrass Community Hospital, and later Wilkin also obtained medical treatment.

A rear-end collision Jan. 8 on I-64 injured one person, when driver Kong C. Tang, 38, of New York, N.Y., swerved and slowed, and the driver behind his vehicle, Katherine A. Lane, 28, of Lexington, struck his car from behind. Woodford County EMS gave treatment at the scene.

Someone vandalized a car on Stephens Street in Midway, reported Jan. 9.

On Shannon Run Road Jan. 10, motorcyclist Charles D. Murphy, 30, of Lexington, lost control of his bike at a curve. He struck the left side of a school bus in the opposite lane and was injured. Later he was taken to University of Kentucky Chandler Hospital for treatment.

About \$160 in cash was stolen from a Bellview Avenue restaurant, reported Jan. 11.

A Wildwood Drive man

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## About News of Record:

The Woodford Sun reports on this page all traffic and misdemeanor fines in District Court; police reports released from the local or state police departments and sheriff's office; civil suits in Circuit Court; fire reports released by the city and county fire departments, and property transfers recorded in the county clerk's office.

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told police Jan. 12 that someone had fraudulently used his credit card.

An incident of harassing communications was reported Jan. 12 on Paddock Drive.

A Dan Drive woman on Jan. 12 reported a harassing communications incident.

Burglars broke into a Fords Mill Road house Jan. 13, caused \$500 in damage and stole \$100.

A firearm worth \$1,100 was stolen by burglars of an Edgar Lane house on Jan. 13.

An ATV worth \$9,300 was reported stolen Jan. 14 from a Scotts Ferry Road house.

Someone stole a registration plate from a car on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, on Jan. 15.

Police investigated a Jan. 16 report of domestic assault on Dan Drive.

A Siberian husky dog was reported missing or stolen by a Steele Road woman on Jan. 16.

### Sheriff

A Mundy's Landing Road resident told the sheriff's department Jan. 12 that someone had stolen a welder, worth about \$1,000, from his farm shop.

## Fire Reports

### City

Firefighters assisted Woodford County EMS with patients on Queensway Drive and on Morgan Street Jan. 10.

Firefighters assisted with a vehicle lockout on Yellow Jacket Drive Jan. 10.

The Versailles Fire Department responded with the Bluegrass Emergency Response Team to a mercury spill in Winchester Jan. 11.

An alarm malfunctioned at Margaret Hall Manor Jan. 12.

No cause was found for a burning odor reported at Arbor Place Townhomes on Clifton Road Jan. 16.

### County

A clothes dryer caught fire at a McCracken Pike residence Jan. 10.

On Jan. 12, firefighters made "jaws of life" runs to two vehicle accidents in nearly the same place within three hours of each other on Lexington Road at the Blue Grass Parkway.

Fire destroyed a house on Lower Clifton Road Jan. 17.

## Public Records

### SUIT

Midland Funding LLC vs. Mike Martin for \$8,766.03 plus interest and costs claimed due on an account.

### DEEDS

Bobby Joe Owens and Jennifer Paige Owens to Joe States and Norma States, 722 Seth Drive, \$295,000.

Town & Country Bank and Trust Company to R. Scott Connell and Cassidy W. Connell, 2029 Apple Road, \$25,000.

Jessica Blankenship to Amanda Lynn Burke, 553 Debra Court, \$86,000.

Harold Marshall Jr. and Barbara Marshall to Kenneth Harold Marshall, an undivided 45.61 percent interest in 108 Ashmore Avenue, no deed tax noted.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

Robin Rebecca Bartness and John Richard Delaney; Amanda McIntyre Yates and Danny Christopher Cox; Betty Louise Hogue and James Morgan Staton.

# Year 2011 in review

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### Part 3

These events made the news in Woodford County during 2011:

**July 5** — Though changes may come next year, the Fourth of July festival at the Woodford County Park on Monday went well, city leaders said during the Versailles City Council Tuesday meeting. Thousands were there to enjoy picnicking, live music and the city-funded fireworks show that lit up the dark after dusk, said Mayor Fred Siegelman.

**July 7** — Three state inmates being lodged at the Woodford County Detention Center were busy tending to a vegetable garden being grown behind on the jail on Thursday afternoon. Some inmates at the detention center had never seen a garden before. But they and other inmates have learned how to cultivate a field of grass into a thriving garden this summer. Corn, green beans, tomatoes, green peppers, onions and a few cabbage plants are growing on approximately five acres of county-owned land. Jailer Johnny Jones, who has farmed most of his life, described gardening as being good for the mind and soul.

**July 12** — Since February this year, the Versailles city government has been pushed into the land-management business, and committee members on Tuesday reiterated that they want out of it as soon as possible. But one task prevents that: closing the old Grassy Springs landfill, originally operated there in the 1970s when the farm was still owned by Versailles Presbyterian Church. In past years the church had wanted to sell the land, but found it could not, with the landfill remaining. Thus the city had to buy the farm and take care of its issues itself.

**July 12** — Tasked with surveying Woodford County Fiscal Court's magisterial districts, a three-member committee is likely leaning toward recommending the county downsize to six districts instead of the present eight, according to Magistrate Bruce Gill (Dist. 7), who mentioned the committee's progress during fiscal court's Tuesday meeting. However, Gill broached the topic by saying the committee members first wanted to get county leaders' word on what reaction they would have to the committee's proposal. Otherwise, Gill said, the members would feel like the time wasn't well spent. However, the committee is required by law to come up with its own report, even if that includes a recommendation to redraw or downsize county districts, answered County Attorney Alan George. In response, the county can approve or amend the committee's proposal, and isn't obligated to approve what the members recommend.

**July 13** — Woodford County Fiscal Court should keep eight magistrates, according to a county reapportionment commission whose members voted 2 to 1 against recommending the county switch from eight magistrates to six. Member Brian Traugott was the most vocal supporter of downsizing to six districts. But other members, Donald Mitchell and John Kittinger, said they couldn't favor it. "Based on the feedback that I got ... I have to vote against it," Mitchell said.

**July 14** — A Woodford County resident asked if the Planning and Zoning Commission's Comprehensive Plan committee could provide the public with "a marked-up version" of the land-use plan

as work continues on updating the Comp Plan. Tom Brown said such a document has been requested before and would be helpful to those in the public interested in following the progress being made by the Comp Plan committee. "It's difficult to follow externally," he told P&Z members.

**July 18** — On Monday morning a single car slid off the wet surface of Tyrone Pike, and moments later three of the occupants had been injured, and a single nine-year-old girl was killed. The Woodford County Coroner's office pronounced Hailey White, 9, dead at the scene of the wreck, said Lt. Daniel Clark with the Versailles Police Department. Hailey's mother, Leslie White, of Versailles, was the car's driver, Clark said. She had been heading west on Tyrone Pike, just before the bridge, where her car dropped off the right side of the road.

**July 18** — An amended development plan for a senior living community proposed at 341 Lexington Street was sent to the Versailles-Midway-Woodford County Planning and Zoning Commission after being reviewed by the Technical Reviewing Committee (TRC). Gary Keckley, CEO of Goodworks Unlimited, had originally hoped to start construction this spring.

**July 19** — Tuesday afternoon's meeting of the Versailles City Council didn't last long, but it was enough time for Public Works Director Bruce Southworth to recommend the city rent a hoe ram. Council members approved renting the tool, which Southworth said the city can use to tear out paved driveways and even porches of houses on Dan Court. In that flood-prone area a project, aided by grant funds, is underway to buy out residents and demolish houses.

**July 22** — The Woodford County Farm Bureau office has moved from its former location behind Wendy's in the Woodford Plaza shopping center to its newly constructed building on Lexington Road.

**July 26** — If fiscal court magistrates approve an ordinance to which they gave first reading Tuesday, county real property taxes will not be going up from the current rate of 7 cents per \$100 of assessed value. However, by state law, the court could set the rate to increase revenue by 4 percent, to 7.3 cents per \$100. Or magistrates could adopt a compensating rate of 7.1 cents — a slightly higher rate, to yield about the same amount of revenues.

**July 28** — Scott Hawkins had a vision when he was hired as superintendent in 2008. He wanted Woodford County Public Schools to be a top-five school district in Kentucky. To reach its potential and become one of the state's best school districts, change was necessary, Hawkins said. "We were a very good school district with the potential to be great," explained Hawkins. "And you can't keep doing what you've done and expect to go from good to great. You've got to do so some things differently."

**July 28** — Marvo Entertainment Group, an award-winning Kentucky film production company, continues to build momentum and support for "My Kentucky Home: Woodford County" with Joe and Debbie Graviss, of Graviss McDonald's Restaurants, becoming the project's first underwriters. "I'm supporting this project," said Joe Graviss, "because I believe we all have a responsibility to help each other and our communities in which we live."

**July 29** — If area governments approve, the Woodford County Economic Development Authority will likely soon be getting consultations from the Bluegrass Area Development District. During a meeting on Friday, members of the EDA voted unanimously to move forward with the

contract by approaching local city councils, and the county government, to request support for funding and signing the arrangement. "It is a month-to-month contract with the ability for either party to get out at any time," explained EDA chair Brad McLean. "We did that because we think it's the most viable. We have the intention of holding the contract for at least a year." That would help EDA with its goals to promote economic development, because at present the board isn't financially able to hire a full-time director or staffer for that, he said.

**Aug. 1** — While Midway's taxes on cars and boats may not change, if council members approve, residents may see their property tax rates increase from 10.1 cents to 10.2 cents. Council members gave first reading to the rates during their Monday meeting. That included the proposed rate of 14.5 cents per \$100 worth of personal property's — a car's or boat's — assessed value, unchanged from last year.

**Aug. 1** — A member of the committee working on an update of Woodford County's Comprehensive Plan voiced strong support for making the land-use plan more flexible so commercial businesses and retailers have options on where to locate in Versailles.

**Aug. 2** — No ordinance has yet been given a reading, but if Versailles City Council pursues a policy members vocally supported on Tuesday, property tax rates will not go up. That suggestion came after City Attorney Bill Moore presented his calculations for city leaders' discussion. Those showed that the city could raise its rate from 5.4 cents per \$100 worth of real property, to 5.7 cents, or even 5.9 cents after a public hearing. That highest rate, though, would be subject to recall, Moore said.

**Aug. 4** — During a special meeting, the Woodford County Board of Education voted unanimously to un-restrict \$2.876 million so those carry-forward dollars from last fiscal year's budget are available for construction projects and other purchases this school year.

**Aug. 6** — Most days at the Falling Springs Recreation Center's outdoor pool, little happens to lifeguards beyond the usual rule-enforcement — here a blown whistle to stop children from roughhousing, there another warning not to run. That routine ended Saturday when guard Jonathan Kattus saw the little blond girl in a blue swimsuit near the kids' play area floating face up and unconscious. "Her head was below the water, and it was entirely blue," he said. Immediately the entire lifeguard staff, joined by two men with rescue experience, went to work. Moments later they averted what could have been a disaster and saved the girl.

**Aug. 9** — The vote was 6 to 3 on Tuesday in the Woodford County Fiscal Court meeting,

with County Judge-executive John Coyle joining five magistrates in voting to approve a map that keeps eight magisterial districts. That map had been recommended by a three-member commission appointed to reapportion county districts, following the results of last year's federal census. Yet many — including one commission member — had used the reapportionment to question whether Woodford County's total of eight magistrates was in keeping with other state counties' averages, and whether the county could save costs with six.

**Aug. 11** — About a month after 9-year-old Hailey White of Versailles was killed in a severe wreck on Tyrone Pike, motorcyclists plan to travel on the Blue Grass Parkway to raise funds in her memory. Dean Smith, a Versailles resident and truck driver, is organizing the effort that is planned for Saturday, Aug. 27. "We do a lot of benefit rides for people who need help, and they definitely need help," he said.

**Aug. 11** — An amended development plan for a 44-unit senior living facility on Lexington Street was unanimously approved by the Versailles-Midway-Woodford County Planning and Zoning Commission. Goodworks Unlimited CEO Gary Keckley told commission members that construction on his company's "Daisy Hill" project will hopefully begin in early September.

**Aug. 15** — After months of discussion, the Midway City Council voted 3 to 2 Monday to approve an ordinance giving financial incentive to Midway's city leaders and others in exchange for training. Council members Becky Moore and Daniel Roller voted against the ordinance. Members Sharon Turner, Doris Leigh and Aaron Hamilton voted yes. Joy Arnold, who has expressed opposition to the ordinance, was absent from the meeting.

**Aug. 16** — This year's Cops for Kids haunted-house fundraiser suffered a severe setback last week after at least two thieves chose to haunt for real the old middle school at Maple and Lexington streets. And though one man was caught last week, with a second man on the run, Versailles police said the building's insides were torn apart. That leaves no way for officers, along with sheriff's deputies and other local agencies, to re-use the building for a fourth Cops for Kids haunted house fundraiser.

**Aug. 16** — Though Woodford County Fiscal Court will still have its say, the Versailles City Council on Tuesday gave its go-ahead for its portion of a contract between the Bluegrass Area Development District and the county Economic Development Authority.

**Aug. 17** — A committee working on an update of the county's Comprehensive Plan voted 3-1 on Aug. 17 to recommend the removal of a

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