

# CSX, RJ Corman to Transport Historic Locomotive through Central Kentucky

A giant piece of Kentucky's past will be rumbling through the bluegrass this summer. Chesapeake and Ohio 2716, a massive 75-year old steam locomotive, will be making a triumphant journey from the Bardstown area to Ravenna, Kentucky, July 26 through 28. The 400-ton engine is slated to be restored to operation, taking center stage at the Kentucky Rail Heritage Center, a blossoming Eastern Kentucky economic development project based in Estill County.

The Kentucky Steam Heritage Corporation, a 501(c)(3) public charity, is spearheading efforts to help revitalize the regional economy in Appalachian Kentucky with a multi-faceted rail-based initiative. The locomotive's move will be a mobile kick-off for the project, allowing the public to get an up-close view of a piece of the region's past, and what may be a key part of its future.

Thanks to collaboration from both CSX Transportation and Nicholasville, Ky.-based RJ Corman Railroad Group, the locomotive will be transported over a three-day period from the Kentucky Railway Museum, in New Haven, to Estill County. The unprecedented event will also include several stops and a public excursion, the proceeds from which will be shared by Kentucky Steam Heritage and the Kentucky Railway Museum, both non-profit entities.

Chris Campbell, Kentucky Steam Heritage president, says the weekend-spanning odyssey will be a culmination of months of planning and shows extraordinary generosity and buy-in from two large rail companies.

"This project is about much more than just trains, and our corporate partners really understand the vision," he said. "Kentucky Steam's focus is to spur economic development and job creation through tourism, utilizing the region's rich rail history as a springboard. Over a half century ago, this engine helped build and sustain the economy of the eastern part of our state, and all of Appalachia. We want to tell that story as well as to help write the next chapter for the region."

Last May, Kentucky Steam announced that a deal

had been struck with CSX Transportation to purchase a 40-acre tract of decommissioned railyard in Estill County. Ambitious development plans for the Kentucky Rail Heritage Center include a diverse set of attractions based around trains — a restaurant, brewery and event center, concert venue, walking trails and a railroad restoration shop which will include a partnership with Estill and Lee County schools. Area vo-tech students will be able to participate in the rehab of historic train equipment while gaining valuable technical skills training and program credit hours.

The property was acquired from CSX in late-2018 and work began over the winter by a growing number of volunteers from the area and surrounding states. Many of the volunteers are drawn in by the chance to help rebuild the locomotive, one of the few remaining examples of what helped define the industry and economy of Appalachia.

Steam Locomotive 2716 was built in 1943 and operated pulling freight and passenger trains for thirteen years — mostly in Appalachia — before being retired in 1957. It was donated to the Kentucky Railway Museum — then located in Louisville — by the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway in May of 1959. Over the past sixty years, the engine has only operated for a few short months before being put on static display in 2001 at the museum's new home in New Haven, south of Bardstown.

Kentucky Steam leased the engine from the Kentucky Railway Museum in 2016, with the intent of restoring it to operation. Once rehabbed, it will be one of the largest operating steam engines in the nation. The process of restoration is costly, however, mainly because replacement parts have to be custom manufactured and fitted by hand. The group hopes to offset some of the costs of the restoration through donations and revenues generated by the upcoming public send-off excursion.

The move of the locomotive will be spearheaded by CSX Transportation and RJ Corman, a joint-effort that will result in photo opportunities, public tours and dis-



Locomotive 2716 was built in 1943 and is planned to be restored to operation 75 years later.

plays in several cities along the 200-plus-mile-long journey. Details for the schedule will be solidified early this summer, but the tentative route should bring the locomotive through Louisville, Frankfort, Midway, Lexington and Winchester before it arrives in Ravenna. The public will be able to access and tour the engine, as well as other pieces of historic equipment, at several pre-designated stops along the route. Campbell stresses that while the series of events is intended to engage the public, safety is of the utmost importance.

"We think this will be a great way to let people interact with our project and to get them excited about what we are doing," he said. "But, the best way that the public can say 'thanks' to the companies that are helping move this amazing artifact is to be safe, smart and respectful around railroad tracks and property."

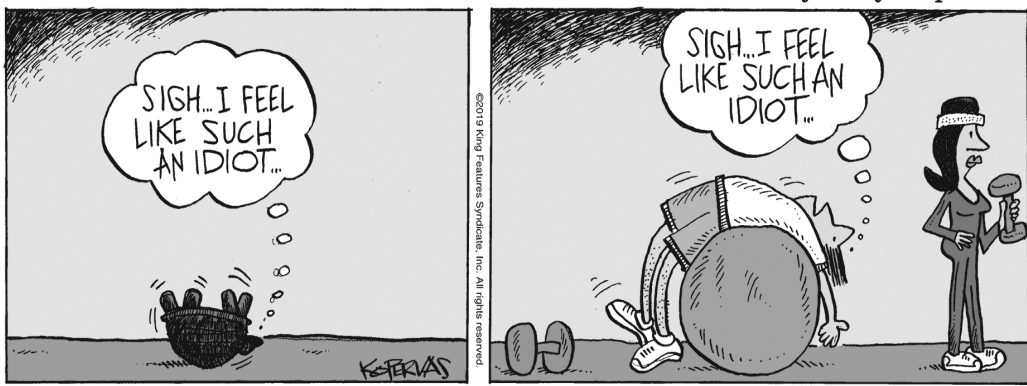
Tickets to ride the special July 26 excursion at the Kentucky Railway Museum featuring steam locomotive 2716 and other historic trains will go on sale on Thursday, April 18 at 9 a.m. EST. A limited number of seats are available.

For more details and updates, information on membership, donations and for ordering tickets, visit [www.kentuckysteam.org](http://www.kentuckysteam.org)

For more info about the Kentucky Railway Museum, visit [www.kyrail.org](http://www.kyrail.org)

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## Estill County Courthouse News

### Property Transfers

Delmus G. and Emily Gross to WJB Properties, LLC, \$450,000, tract containing .942 acre, more or less, in Estill County.

Tony Wayne and Andy Garrett, and James Richard Garrett, to Timothy Keith and Brooke Elizabeth Albright, \$107,500, about one half acre, more or less, in Estill County.

Wilma J. Duff to James E. Kiser Jr., \$100,000, lot # 4 in Edgewood Estates.

David A. and Sheila K. Blackwell to Kyle Bell, \$117,900, lots 16 and 17 in Estill Acres Subdivision.

Jack Moore to Sheri Moore, by decree of dissolution of marriage, tract B containing 8.91 acres, more or less, in Estill County.

Jeff Crouch, Pam and Donald Keith Bradley to Jeffrey Crouch Jr., love and affection, one-fourth acre, more or less, in Estill County.

Edward and Rita Chaney to Jeff Gilbert, \$23,000, 11.98 acres by survey, in Estill County.

Jewell Fike to Kathy Denise Walters, love and affection, one acre, more or less, on the old Irvine-Cobb Hill Road.

Christopher S. Rader to Linda Williams, \$16,500, three to five acres, more or less, starting at Highway 82.

Phyllis J. Horn to Donna Roberts, love and affection, 1.25 acres, more or less, Kenneth Abshear Jr. and Jamie Newton to Kenneth Abshear Jr., dividing tracts by survey, parcel #1 (32.48 acres) and parcel #2 of 4.74 acres, of Plat for survey for Kenny Abshear.

Kenneth Abshear Jr. and Jamie Newton to Jamie Newton, dividing tracts by survey, tract of 105 acres, more or less, in Estill County.

Bruce G. and Janice Cox to James E. and Margaret S. Gross, \$75,000, lot #4 in Lilly Addition to Irvine.

Karin A. Russell to Kevin Hubbell, love and affection, six acres, more or less, on Doe Creek.

Linda S. Hatfield Thacker and Ruth Fike Thacker to Nickolas N Zoeller, \$109,000, property in Estill County.

Richard K. Holbrook to Luke and Courtney Danielle Isaacs, \$137,000, house and lot #63 in Collins Addition to Irvine.

Lena and Jerry Samples, Shelby and Patricia Henry, Arthur and Donna Henry to Sharon Murphy, love and affection, lot on N. Madison Ave. in Irvine.

### Marriages

Emily Anne Berryman, 25, factory of Mt. Crest Drive, Irvine, and Colton Keith Goodrich, 30, factory of Mt. Crest Drive, married April 6, 2019.

Ruth Etta Conrad, 34, photography of Church Street, Irvine and Ray Gilbert, 38, retired military of Church Street, Irvine, married April 2, 2019.

### District civil suits filed

Cavalry SPV I, LLC vs. Anthony Reed, seeking judgment for \$1,940.66 plus interest and court costs.

Irvine Family Dentistry vs. Danny Williams, seeking judgment for \$302.50 plus interest and court costs.

World Finance Corp. vs. Terry Dusky, seeking judgment for \$1,446.20 plus interest and court costs.

Synchrony Bank vs. Se A. Watkins, seeking judgment for \$1,947.11 plus interest and court costs.

Crown Asset Management, LLC vs. Retha L. Young, seeking judgment for \$1,764.51 plus interest and court costs.

First Financial Credit, Inc. vs. Randall F. Johnson, seeking judgment for 1,098.78, plus interest and court costs.

Midland Funding LLC vs. Ticker Waugh, seeking judgment for \$2,902.50 plus interest and court costs.

Midland Funding LLC s. Breanna Chasteen, seeking judgment for \$500.68 plus interest and court costs.

Eagle Financial Services, Inc. vs. Samantha Bradley and Timothy Bradley, seeking judgment for \$1,919.82 plus interest and court costs.

Midland Funding LLC vs. Staci Waldroup, seeking judgment for \$ 687.98 plus interest and court costs.

LVNV Funding LLC vs. Shawn Singer, seeking judgment for \$870.21, plus interest and court costs.

### Circuit civil suits filed

Garry D. Berryman vs. Lorrie Wiseman, petition for dissolution of marriage.

A minor, lawsuit filed by his natural father and next friend, vs. Bert Hensley, former superintendent of Estill County Schools, Loretta Cruse, former principal of West Irvine Elementary School, Valerie Kirby, Stacey Kindred, Joe Doe, in their official capacities and individually, and Griggs Enterprises, Inc., seeking fair and reasonable judgment to compensate plaintiff (child) for his injuries, for costs expended, including reasonable attorney fees, a trial by jury, and any and other relief to which plaintiff may be entitled. Filed April 11. Plaintiff's attorneys are Tad Thomas and Lindsay Lopez of Thomas Law Offices, PLLC and A. Nicholas Naiser of Naiser Law Office, all of Louisville.

### Intermediate licenses

Victoria Elam, Bailey Bicknell, Haley Dooley, Wyatt Owens, and Elijah Prather.

### Operator permit

#### Sierra Mattingly

### Road Test

If you would like to schedule an appointment for a road test to get a Drivers License, please call the Estill County Circuit Clerk's Office (606) 723-3970.

### Births -- Baptist Health of Richmond

County	DOB	Parents	Town	Gender
Madison	Mar. 29, '19	Ana Octavo and Ayala Murillo	Berea	Boy
Rockcastle	Mar. 30, '19	Cassandra and Adam Fortner	Mt. Vernon	Girl
Fayette	Mar. 31, '19	Lora and Gary Nicholson	Lexington	Girl
Madison	Apr. 1, '19	Kristin Congleton	Richmond	Girl
Madison	Apr. 2, '19	Jenalee Zometa & Zackery Hamilton	Richmond	Girl
Madison	Apr. 3, '19	Brittany and Brandon Napier	Richmond	Boy
Madison	Apr. 4, '19	Herlinda Cano & Jaime Altamirano	Richmond	Girl
Madison	Apr. 7, '19	Catelyne Parke and Andy Lowery	Richmond	Boy
Madison	Apr. 9, '19	Harley Fryer and Chad Long	Richmond	Boy
Jackson	Apr. 9, '19	Meagan Sharpe and Derek Lunsford	McKee	Boy
Madison	Apr. 9, '19	Mariah Garcia & Hector Garcia Avina	Richmond	Girl
Fayette	Apr. 10, '19	Glenna Miller and Alfredo Laureano	Lexington	Girl
Estill	Apr. 11, '19	Brittney Hoover and Troy Moore	Irvine	Boy
Madison	Apr. 11, '19	Verena King and Jared Alexander	Berea	Boy