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(L-R)-Ryan Stokes, Cameron Brown, Kevin Stokes, and Joe Scholl claimed first place honors. They are pictured with Preston's parents, Brian and Teresa Cope.

## Community Rallies at Preston Cope Memorial Golf Tournament

From Marshall County Daily

(CALVERT CITY, Ky.)-The 7th Annual Preston Cope Memorial Golf Tournament returned this past Sunday, April 26th, to the Calvert City

Country Club with ideal conditions and an outpouring of community spirit. With 24 teams taking to the course on a picture-perfect spring day, the annual event honored its namesake while bringing together players, sponsors,

and supporters from across the region. Clear skies and warm temperatures set the stage for a full day of competition at the Calvert City Country Club, and organizers described

See **GOLF** back page

## MSU announces Spring 2026 Outstanding Senior recipients

From Marshall County Daily

MURRAY, Ky. — Murray State University has named Eliza Heinrich, Silas Jackson and Abigail Santos as the spring 2026 Outstanding Seniors, an honor recognizing academic excellence, leadership and professionalism.

Eliza Heinrich, of Hixson, Tennessee, will earn a bachelor's degree in nursing. A 3.85 GPA student, she is a Presidential Fellow, Honors College ambassador, member of the Honors Student Council and co-founder of Young and Young at Heart, a club that connects students with older adults to promote wellness and intergenerational relationships. Heinrich has published research in the American Journal of Health Education and Educational Gerontology and



Murray State University has named (from left to right) Silas Jackson, Abigail Santos and Eliza Heinrich as the recipients of the spring 2026 Outstanding Senior recognition. Students recognized with this honor are known for their academic excellence and professionalism.

completed an internship in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. She has also worked as a technical support specialist. After graduation, she

plans to work as a nurse in the pediatric cardiac intensive care unit at Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital

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## KY Chamber of Commerce to Host Annual Candidate Forum

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From Marshall County Daily

(BENTON, Ky.) — The Kentucky Lake Chamber of Commerce will continue its long-standing tradition of civic engagement by hosting its annual Candidate Forum on Thursday, April 30, 2026, at the Marshall County Extension Office in Benton.

This event, held by the Chamber since the early 2000s, provides an opportunity for community members to hear directly from local candidates ahead of the upcoming election.

Doors will open at 11:00 AM, with

candidate speaking beginning at 11:30 AM. Lunch will be provided by Magic Valley Catering. Tickets are \$20 per person and may be purchased in advance at [kylakechamber.com](http://kylakechamber.com).

Each participating candidate will be allotted five minutes to address attendees. Candidates may use their time to speak on topics of their choosing or take questions from the audience. The time limit will be strictly enforced to ensure a timely and organized program.

"As a Chamber, we believe it's important to provide a platform

for open dialogue and informed decision-making," said Wendy Baxter, CEO/Executive Director of the Kentucky Lake Chamber of Commerce. "The Candidate Forum allows our community to connect with those seeking public office and better understand where they stand on key issues."

Community members are encouraged to attend, learn more about the candidates, and engage in the democratic process. For more information or to register, visit [www.kylakechamber.com](http://www.kylakechamber.com).

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# First Love Farms to Host Farm-to-Table Dinner Celebrating Local Agriculture

By **Laurna Todd**  
KPI Writer

Local agriculture and community connection will take center stage June 20 as First Love Farms partners with Wild Goose Catering for a special farm-to-table dining experience designed to showcase the region's agricultural roots.

The event will feature a high-end dinner prepared with locally sourced ingredients, tastings of local spirits, live music, and fellowship at the farm located at 3105 KY-125 in Hickman.

Owner Brooke Simmons said the event has been a longtime dream inspired by her appreciation for local agriculture and community support.

"This event has been on my vision board for years," Simmons said. "As someone who appreciates all things local, it just seemed like the perfect fit for us."

Simmons said some of the ingredients featured during the dinner will be grown directly on First Love Farms, adding a personal touch to the evening's menu.

"After meeting



**First Love Farm Owners Ginger, Jill and Brooke**

with chef Jamie and hearing about his experience with farm to table, we knew that

we could make this happen," she said. "Our community is rooted in agriculture,

and that has always felt very special to us."

Beyond the meal itself, Simmons hopes guests leave with a greater appreciation for the hard work behind locally produced food.

"Our hope is that guests will not only enjoy an incredible meal, but to gain an appreciation for where the meal begins," Simmons said. "From the pasture or garden, straight to your plate. No middlemen, long hauls, or extensive processing."

She added that

Western Kentucky's strong agricultural presence deserves recognition and celebration.

"Our region is a huge food supplier, and deserves to be celebrated in a big way," Simmons said.

Tickets for the June 20 event can be purchased online at [firstlovefarms.com](http://firstlovefarms.com).

From mid-June through October, First Love Farms is also open to the public from sunup to sundown unless special events are scheduled.

## AG UPDATE

for Ag and Natural Resources

**Tom Miller,**  
Ballard County Ext. Agent

## Hydrangeas are showy and surprisingly easy

Source: Rick Durham, extension professor, University of Kentucky Department of Horticulture

If you're looking for a head-turning effect in your garden, think about planting a hydrangea or two or three. Hydrangeas, with their diverse flower shapes and colors, are some of the most eye-catching plants in a garden. Many are particularly suitable for shade gardens, where a jolt of color is always appreciated.

You'll find many varieties at garden centers. The macrophylla, or French, hydrangeas come with two distinctly different bloom forms. The commonly seen mophead flower has a large rounded bloom made up of both

sterile and seed-producing flowers. Its colors range from blue to crimson, depending how acidic or alkaline the soil is, which changes the availability of soil aluminum levels. The more delicate lacecap form has a thick cluster of small, seed-producing flowers surrounded by a halo of showier, sterile flowers. Its colors are often softer, perhaps more refined, than the mopheads. Hydrangea paniculata has a conical flowerhead and blooms in mid-summer. If you've seen a showy, big-headed white hydrangea, that's often the popular Annabelle

variety, which is a H. arborescens or smooth hydrangea. Oakleaf hydrangea, or H. quercifolia, has conical blooms that start out white in late spring/early summer and fade to pink. They also provide great dried flowerheads for winter arrangements. Both the H. arborescens and the oakleaf hydrangea are natives.

Once established, hydrangeas require little care. Most don't appreciate sitting in wet soil, but on the whole, they are remarkably forgiving, so they're a good plant for the beginner gardener.

The older forms of

the French hydrangea only bloomed from old growth, so pruning at the wrong time of the year, or a bad winter that killed old stems could reduce or prohibit the plant from blooming the next year. However, breeders have now produced macrophylla hydrangeas that bloom on both new and old stalks, almost guaranteeing a good display of color every summer.

And speaking of pruning, everyone wants to know when to do it. The good news is, for most varieties, you can put those pruners back in the shed, except maybe

to trim back dead wood or old flower spikes. Pruning is not a requisite for producing good blooms, and in many cases, it can stymie blooming if done at the wrong time of year. Here are the proper pruning times for each type of hydrangea to insure the most blooms next

season.

Summer, after the bloom fades: oak-leaf hydrangeas, once-blooming mopheads or lacecaps

Late winter: Paniculata and smooth hydrangeas

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On February 26, 2026, **Ledbetter Water District** adjusted its rates by \$0.24 per 1,000 gallons to reflect the increase in its cost of purchased water due to the increase in the **Crittenden-Livingston County Water District's** rate for wholesale water service.

On February 27, 2026, **Ledbetter Water District** applied to the Public Service Commission for approval of the rates set forth below. The Public Service Commission approved these rates by order issued in Case No. 2026-00045 on March 25, 2026. Based upon an average monthly water usage of 3,790 gallons, an average customer's monthly bill will increase from \$34.80 to \$35.71, an increase of \$0.91 or 2.61 percent.

**Ledbetter Water District's** application is available for inspection Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at its offices at **1483 U S Highway 60E, Ledbetter, Kentucky 42058.**

Any person may also examine this application and all case documents at the Public Service Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the Public Service Commission's Web site at <https://psc.ky.gov/Case/ViewCaseFilings/2026-00045>

The Public Service Commission docketed **Ledbetter Water District's** application as Case No. 2026-0045

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## KCTCS Giving Day Raises Over \$340,000 to Support Students Across the Commonwealth

The Kentucky Community and Technical College System celebrated a successful Giving Day on April 22, 2026, raising a total of \$343,705 through 1,631 gifts to support students and programs across its 16 colleges.

Among the stand-out institutions, West Kentucky Community and Technical College led the system in total

dollars raised, securing \$66,798 through 123 gifts—an increase over last year’s Giving Day totals in both categories. As the top-performing college, WKCTC will receive an additional \$1,000 scholarship award from the KCTCS Foundation.

“We are thrilled by the incredible support shown by our students, faculty, staff,

alumni, and community on Giving Day, and these generous gifts will strengthen WKCTC while creating life-changing opportunities for our students through scholarships, emergency assistance, and program support,” said Andy Wilson, Vice President of Institutional Advancement at West Kentucky Community and Technical College.

Donors showed strong support for several featured funds at WKCTC, including the Student Emergency Fund, Challenger Learning Center, Community Scholarship Program, Regional Educators Scholarship Fund, and PJC Academic Scholarships. The Student Emergency Fund alone raised nearly \$8,000 through 65 gifts, demonstrating

a shared commitment to helping students overcome unexpected financial barriers.

In addition, the Paducah Junior College Foundation amplified donor impact by offering a dollar-for-dollar match on all Giving Day contributions, resulting in an additional \$25,000 in matching gifts.

KCTCS Giving Day continues to highlight

the generosity of donors and the lasting impact of community support on student success. Funds raised provide critical resources, scholarships, and emergency assistance that empower students to stay on track and achieve their educational goals.

## Paducah Chamber to host U.S. Senate Republican Candidate Forum and Luncheon



Nate Morris

U.S. Senate Republican Candidate Forum and Luncheon is scheduled for Friday, May 8 at the Paducah-McCracken Co. Convention Center in Paducah. The Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting the event as part of their 2026 Public Policy Spring Mini Series. Candidates who have committed to attend include Congressman Andy Barr, Daniel Cameron and Nate Morris.

This is an opportuni-

ty for area citizens to hear directly from the candidates about their plans for the Commonwealth. WPSD Local 6 is partnering with the Chamber to broadcast these forums live during their midday newscast. Todd Faulkner, WPSD evening news anchor, will serve as the moderator.

The event will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Paducah-McCracken Co. Convention Center, 415 Park Street,



Daniel Cameron

in Paducah. Tickets are \$60 and includes lunch. The U.S. Senate Democratic Candidate Forum was previously held on April 27th. Register online at paducahchamber.org or call 270-443-1746 by no later than May 5th for the Senate forum.

Congressman Andy Barr has served in the U.S. House of Representatives for Kentucky’s 6th Congressional District since 2013. Cong. Barr is a senior

member of the House Financial Services Committee where he serves as the Chairman of the Financial Institutions and Monetary Policy Subcommittee.

Daniel Cameron previously served the 51st Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, becoming the first Black American elected to a standalone statewide office in the state’s history. Cameron was also the Republican Nominee for



Congressman Andy Barr

governor of Kentucky in 2023. Most recently, he served as the CEO of 1792 Exchange.

Nate Morris is Chairman and CEO of Morris Industries and founder of Rubicon Technologies. Morris was the youngest inductee to the Kentucky Entrepreneur Hall of Fame and the first Kentuckian to be featured in Fortune’s 40 under 40.

The 2026 Public Policy Series is presented by Four Rivers Nuclear

Partnership and Swift & Staley. The Chamber’s Public Policy Series gives the business community access to legislative leaders, issues and information.

The final event in the Spring Series includes a McCracken Co. Judge Executive Candidate Forum on May 12. The deadline to register for the County Judge’s forum is May 8.

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# WEST KY SPORTS



## Bomber Baseball Heading In The Right Direction



(Photo by Tim Taylor)

**By Tim Taylor**  
KPI Sports Writer

Ballard Memorial baseball has won 3 of their last 4 games as the team looks toward the last half of their season. Following a 10-0 shutout loss to Murray, the team refocused with games against Livingston Central and Ft Campbell. They defeated the Cardinals 13-5 and the Falcons 12-7 to improve their record to 6-12. Getting valuable playing time for players and making sure they are play-

ing in positions that match their talent level has been a learning experience for the team. Sophomore Carson Farmer went 6-9 in the two wins and had 5 RBI. The Bombers outscored the Cardinals 12-1 in the final 4 innings and then 4-0 in the final 3 innings against the Falcon. Finding the strike zone by Ballard Memorial pitchers and putting the ball in play by the Bomber hitters are going to be vital as the team heads into the final month of the season. Getting faster

starts and not relying on late inning heroics will help take pressure off the coaching staff and put players in less stressful situations. "We have to stay the course and stay calm and composed," said Coach Scott Matlock. With 3rd District games against Mayfield and Graves upcoming will determine the playoff picture with the Eagles being heavy favorites. Gaining confidence to finish off the regular season is important for the Bomber baseball team.

## Lady Bombers Reset



Adalyn Hargrove, Trinity Williams, and Miley Nichols with their home run balls against Paducah Tilghman. Picture by Sherry Taylor.

**By Tim Taylor**  
KPI Sports Writer

The Lady Bomber softball team has turned their attention to the 3rd District Tournament and the 1st Region Tournament in May. Following a 7-5 loss to Graves County to leave them in 2nd place in the regular season district standings, now they know they will face Mayfield in the opening round of the 3rd District Tournament in the middle of May. They surrendered 5 runs in the 5th to the Lady Eagles to fall too far behind

to complete the late rally. The next day, they went to Paduch Tilghman as the Lady Tornado opened their new stadium. Ballard Memorial made themselves right at home at the Lady Tornado stadium, initiating the field with 3 home runs in an 8-4 win. Miley Nichols, Adalyn Hargrove, and Trinity Williams knocked the ball over the fence as 5 of their 8 runs came with the long shots. As the Lady Bombers now turn their attention to the final portion of their schedule, strong defensive plays, consistent pitching,

and timely hitting will be keys to a strong end of the season. "We have been leaving girls on base, but when we are hitting, it is infectious," said Coach Scott Alexander. Making solid contact at the plate and scoring runs will determine how far this team will advance in post season play. The team has games with Hickman, McCracken, Paducah Tilghman, and Caldwell on the horizon and may be keys indicators of how well prepared the Lady Bombers are heading down the stretch.

## And Then There Was One



(Photo by Tim Taylor)

**By Tim Taylor**  
KPI Sports Writer

The Ballard Memorial Track and Field team has one more event scheduled prior to May 9th's Class A Regional. The Lady Bombers have high expectations to challenge for a regional title and as the weather gets warmer, the team is heating up as well. Blakeley Shepherd looks to defend her regional title in the Discus and middle schooler Zoe McGlenon continues to shine in the Shot Put. The relay teams are being competitive, and the

team has been contending in the jumping events. Karley Veit has been a top 5 racer in the hurdles and is coming off a pair of wins and a pair of runner-up finishes in her last 4 competitions. Injuries and schedule conflicts have not allowed for full team competitions and juggling those obstacles may be the difference in how well the team finishes in regionals. The boys are not expected to contend for a team title but have several athletes looking to place high enough in regionals to qualify for state.

Freshman Brantley McDanel has been the most consistent high finisher in the Long and Triple Jumps. Gordon Mathews has done well in jumping events and looks to solidify his status in those events. Jacob Wilkins has had a couple of personal records in the Discus in his senior year, and Jackson Sutton has been throwing the Shot Put better in each event. They compete in the Area One Championships on Saturday, May 2nd in their final tuneup before regionals.

## Bombers Tennis Prepping For Post Season



(Photo by Tim Taylor)

**By Tim Taylor**  
KPI Sports Writer

As May has arrived, so has the end of the season for the Ballard Memorial Tennis teams. With only one home match remaining on May 7th, they quickly turn the page to the post season. On May 8th, the 1st Region Team Tournament begins and then on the 11th, the Individual Regionals start. Using the regular season competition

to prepare for the post season, the team has been competitive in their match play. Luke Fickes is coming off an 8-4 win against his Mayfield opponent and dropped a close 8-6 match against Marshall. He and Chipper Collins also fought in a close doubles match before losing 8-6 to Mayfield. Against Marshall County, Keaton Dowdy cruised to an 8-2 singles win, and he and Caden Fickes combined for an 8-3

doubles win. In girls' matches against Mayfield, the Lady Bombers finished 4-2 with single match wins by Madelyn Davis, Layla Hooper, and Zaya Chuntirapong, and the latter two combined for a doubles victory as well. Trying to build off the late season achievements, Coach Doug Kineman likes the team's effort and thinks his team can translate that over to post season success.

## LeBuhn honored as KAAA Female Athlete of the Year

### Staff Report

LOUISVILLE — Paducah Tilghman senior Lucy LeBuhn has been honored as the KAAA Bunny Daugherty Female Athlete of the Year.

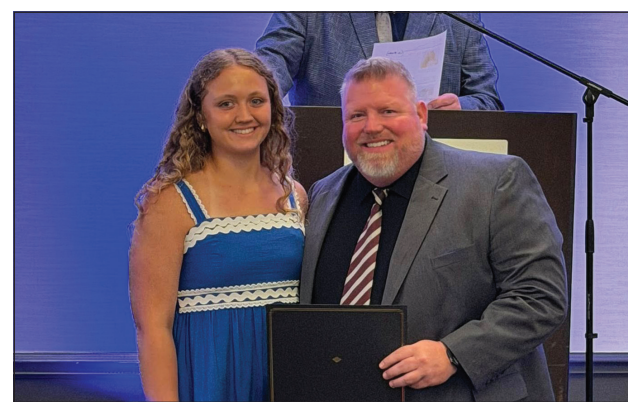
LeBuhn has played varsity girls' soccer, varsity girls' tennis, and is a pep dub leader,

member of the National Honor Society, student council, Beta Club, Rotary Interact Club, Concordia (women's a cappella group), and concert choir. Outside of school, LeBuhn enjoys saddlebred horseback riding, playing the piano and guitar, volunteering with local organizations, and is an

avid member of First Presbyterian Church of Paducah. She has been named a candidate for the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program, an AP Scholar, and a graduate from the Kentucky Governor's Scholar Program. She was named "Miss Tilghman" for the Paducah Tilghman Class of 2026,

the highest award

bestowed by vote of the schools' staff, teachers, and administration each year and is given to one female senior who most exemplifies the qualities of kindness, integrity, intellect, and service. She plans to attend the University of Virginia.





Moors Resort & Marina provided a meal for the Marshall County baseball team on Thursday, April 23. (Photo courtesy of Marshall County High School Baseball)



St. Mary Middle School soccer players Teddy Halverson, Tate Shoulta and Reagan Hermann have earned All-District honors. (Photo courtesy of St. Mary School)

## NFHS launches free course on risks of sports betting for high school students

### Staff Report

LEXINGTON — Since its founding almost 20 years ago, the NFHS Learning Center (www.NFHSLearn.com) has repeatedly created new online education courses to address the most important current issues in high school sports and other activities in our nation's schools.

Key issues such as Concussions, Mental Health, Sportsmanship, Emergency Action Plans, Name/Image/Likeness (NIL), Sudden Cardiac Arrest, Implicit Bias, Protecting Students from Abuse, Hazing Prevention, Heat Illness Prevention, Vaping — among many others — have been addressed and more than 29 million courses have been delivered.

Two weeks ago, another key issue was addressed with the launch of the Sports Betting course, which was started to help high school students understand the potential life-long risks associated with becoming involved with sports betting. A review of some recent studies would indicate the timing of this course could not have been better.

With the rise in the overall sports betting industry since the 2018 U.S. Supreme Court decision that legalized services for online and digital platforms, one of the effects has been an uptick in online sports betting among high school students.

In an article by David Purdum on ESPN.com, it was noted that a February survey by The Harris Poll

on behalf of the National Council on Problem Gambling, revealed that one in three adults under age 45 placed a sports bet before turning 21 years of age.

High school students are growing up in a sports culture where sports betting is highly visible, with commercials, sports odds and commentators picking teams to win. Our society, in fact, glorifies gambling and there's a double-standard, in some cases, at higher levels of sports.

The interscholastic sports scene is — and must remain — different. The tag line of the Sports Betting course is "It's Not Worth the Bet," and the NFHS highly encourages leaders in our nation's schools to take this course, and then arrange for all student-athletes in schools — middle schools and high schools — to also take this free course in which they will discover the potential dangers of making that first bet.

For starters, the legal consequences of sports betting by high school students must be emphasized. It is against the law, and breaking the law could mean loss of high school eligibility, and it could start high school students down a lifelong path that could adversely affect their career, finances and family.

Sports betting can take a toll on an individual's mental and emotional well-being, and if a person becomes too involved, it can become an obsession and lead to destructive behaviors. And for high

school students, becoming involved in sports betting could affect students' performances in the classroom and on the court or field.

Fortunately, education-based sports programs provide structure, supervision and trusted adult relationships that can help protect student-athletes from gambling-related behaviors. We encourage everyone in our nation's schools to take the free Sports Betting course and to remember, "It's Not Worth the Bet."



Marshall County senior Kannon Dunn signed with the Kentucky Wesleyan College baseball program during a ceremony held in April. Dunn is among the leaders for the Marshals. (Photo courtesy of Marshall County High School)

**Congratulations Lady Cardinals on a great season!**



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Former Mayfield head football coach Joe Morris was inducted into the KHSAA Hall of Fame Class of 2026 this weekend after a remarkable 25-year career that included a 300-56 record and seven state championships. Photo provided

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# Bombers Shine at Kentucky FBLA State Conference

By **Laurna Todd**  
*KPI Writer*

Ballard Memorial High School students made an unforgettable impression at the Kentucky FBLA State Conference, bringing home an impressive list of awards while earning opportunities that will impact their futures for years to come.

Competing against some of the top students across the state, BMHS students showcased excellence in leadership, technology, business, finance and communication skills. Their achievements not only brought recognition to the school, but also opened doors for valuable real-world experiences, scholarships, networking opportunities and national-level competition.

Students earning first-place honors included Ike Miller in Banking and Finance; Mikaila Apperson, Aubrey Alexander and Mady Bohde in Bulletin Board; Savara Cantrell and Hala Ouder Kirk in Digital Video Production; Jolan Gorostiza, Hadley Wray and Isabella Richards in Management Information Systems; and Chipper Collins in Network Design.

Second-place

winners were Kate O'Neill in Financial Statement Analysis and Patrick Johnson in Intro to Information Technology.

Third-place honors went to Chipper Collins and Ethan Olmeda in Website Coding and Development.

Fourth-place finishers included Gaia Brumana in Accounting; Emma Morrow and Peyton Phelps in Business Plan; Isabella Richards in Computer Applications; Brady Slayden in Networking Infrastructure; Luke Fickes in Securities and Investments; and Mayson Crowley, Ayden Owens and Grace Murphy in Sports and Entertainment Management.

Fifth-place winners were Natasha Halyak and Sarah Wilkins in Event Planning; Lila Robinson in Intro to Public Speaking; Nolan Bell in Real Estate; and Ethan Olmeda in Technology Support Services.

Adding to the school's success, Grace Murphy represented Ballard Memorial High School as the Kentucky FBLA State Secretary this year, serving in a leadership role that reflects both dedication and professionalism.



School leaders praised the students for their hard work and determination, noting that 26 of the 37 students attending the conference walked across the stage to receive trophies — an accomplishment that speaks volumes about

the strength of the program.

The experience of competing at the state level gives students far more than awards. FBLA competitions help students build confidence, leadership abilities, teamwork, communication skills

and career readiness that will benefit them long after graduation. Several students will now continue their journey by representing Ballard Memorial and Kentucky at the FBLA National Leadership

Conference this summer in San Antonio, Texas.

With so many students excelling on such a large stage, one thing was made clear throughout the conference — it truly was a great day to be a Bomber.

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### State officials observe 'second-chance opportunities' in Lifeline tour

Lifeline Recovery Center showed off the second-chance opportunities for its clients during a tour Wednesday for officials from the Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet.

Secretary Keith Jackson, along with staff members Natalie Burikhanov and Ryan Walters, toured the center to learn more about Lifeline's work—particularly the workforce reentry and second-chance opportunities for clients in the recovery program.

Steve Powless, Lifeline board chair, said Lifeline is eager to cooperate with Kentucky's efforts to help their clients.

"We need to do our part," he said, "to support Frankfort's initiatives to help individuals transition from incarceration back into the workforce."

Powless also serves on the Governor's Council of Second Chance Employers, which works to promote second-chance hiring practices, improve reentry outcomes for individuals released from incarceration, and reduce recidivism rates across the state.

Lifeline partners with more than 30 employers, and 100 percent of its residents secure employment during the program's second phase of treatment.

The mandatory employment component of Lifeline's treatment plan is critical to residents' success in sobriety, according to Ashley Miller, executive director.

"Meaningful, long-term employment during recovery helps individuals maintain independence and build a foundation for a healthier future," Miller said.

Lifeline is a Christ-centered, long-term residential recovery program that serves approximately 200 adults each year, with more than 3,000 individuals supported since its founding in 2004. The organization is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities. Lifeline operates a 45-acre men's campus, acquired in 2022 in Ballard County, and is developing a new 45-acre women's campus near Barkley Regional Airport.

For more information, please go to <https://lifelinerecoverycenter.org/stories/state-officials-observe-second-chance-opportunities-in-lifeline-tour>

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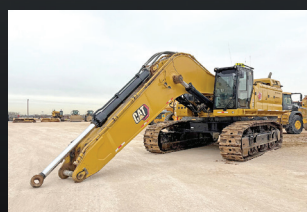
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# Four years, one voice: A University of Kentucky student's leadership journey to graduation

By Jacob Rudy  
University of Kentucky

LEXINGTON, Ky.— When Jackson Baird first arrived at the University of Kentucky in 2022, he wasn't thinking about serving in the UK Student Government Association (UKSGA) or representing thousands of students on campus.

Baird is graduating from the University of Kentucky, with a dual degree from the Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment (CAFE) and the College of Communication and Information, as the UKSGA Student Body vice president — a role that allows him to advocate for students across campus.

"I remember being a freshman and thinking the university was so big that nothing like that would ever be possible," Baird said. "As SGA vice president, we are giving students a voice who otherwise wouldn't think they would have one."

Baird grew up in Taylorsville, Kentucky, on a small dairy and beef farm where agriculture was simply a way of life. His father served as his FFA advisor at

Spencer County High School, and leadership opportunities came naturally through the organization.

"The UK College of Agriculture has always kind of been running in my blood," Baird said. "Both my parents are UK grads."

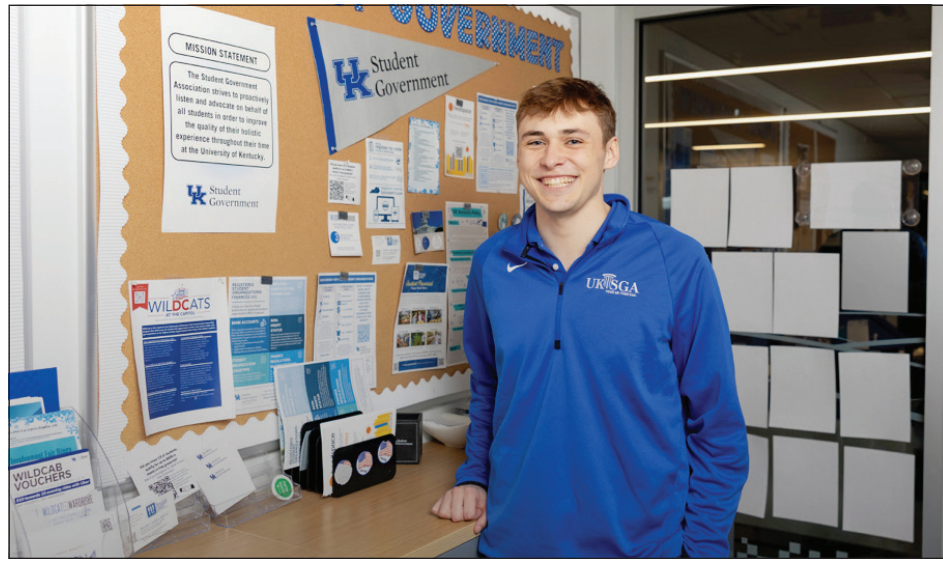
Baird's sister is also a UK alumnus. This connection to agriculture and UK made Martin-Gatton CAFE feel like home when Baird first arrived on campus.

"The college made it possible for me to find my footing," Baird said. "It really first helped me get comfortable in being a leader."

Baird chose to major in agricultural economics and communication, and also became a member of UK's Lewis Honors College. While his sister first encouraged him to pursue agricultural economics, it was the sense of community in the department that made him stay.

"I can go up to the Barnhart building right now and everyone's always there with a welcoming smile," Baird said.

Experiences outside the classroom also helped shape Baird's path. One moment that stands out came



during a trip with the Agriculture Economics Academic Team to Puerto Rico for the 2024 Food Distribution Research Society case study competition, where students were able to showcase their creativity and skills in areas such as farm-to-institution programs and university student farms.

"That experience really opened my eyes," Baird said.

Baird initially thought he would finish his four years at UK and begin his career; however, that quickly changed when he returned from Puerto Rico. Baird now plans to attend law school after graduating from UK in May.

Being the voice for students was Baird's leadership roles that

defined his time at UK.

As UKSGA vice president, Baird works between the executive and legislative branches of student government — meeting with university officials, helping guide legislation and ensuring students' concerns are heard.

"Whether I'm meeting with the director of transportation, trying to work on parking, or the director of well-being, or trying to work on different things for students' mental health — it's just such a wide variety," Baird said.

For Baird, it all comes back to making sure that "students' voices are represented." The most meaningful part of the role is helping students feel heard.

"Our big thing in

student government this year was if we can change one person's day for the better, if we can make one student's life just a little bit easier, then we were successful," Baird said.

As one of The Bill Gatton Foundation Scholars, Baird also experienced firsthand how scholarships can impact students' lives. Baird said the scholarship allowed him to devote more time to school and get involved on campus.

"The Bill Gatton Foundation Scholarship has just been so important," Baird said. Looking back on his four years at UK, Baird said the growth he has experienced is clear.

"When I first came in, I was very immature, I didn't really

know what I wanted to do," Baird said. "Now I really understand what my passions are, especially in agriculture. I feel stronger and more confident with myself and have had so many opportunities because of it."

A simple leadership philosophy

As he prepares to graduate and pursue law school, Baird hopes his story encourages other students to believe in themselves and that leadership is within their reach.

"I always saw people and was like, oh, I'm never going to be able to be in their spot," Baird said. "I now believe you really, at the end of the day, can do it."

And if his time at the UK is remembered for anything, Baird hopes it reflects a simple idea.

"I just hope that when I leave that somebody had a better day at least once because of me," Baird said.

The Spring 2026 University of Kentucky Commencement ceremony will be held on Friday, May 8, and Saturday, May 9, at Rupp Arena at the Central Bank Center.

## INSPECTION PERIOD FOR THE PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT ROLL

The Livingston County real property tax roll will be opened for inspection from May 4 through May 18, 2026. Under the supervision of the Property Valuation Administrator (PVA) or one of the deputies, any person may inspect the tax roll.

This is the January 1, 2026, assessment on which state, county, and school taxes for 2026 will be due beginning October 1st, 2026.

The tax roll is in the office of the property valuation administrator in the Livingston County Office Building and may be inspected on the dates indicated between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Saturdays during this period.

Any taxpayer desiring to appeal an assessment on real property made by the PVA must first request a conference with the PVA or a designated deputy. The conference may be held prior to or during the inspection period. Written documentation supporting your opinion of value will continue to be required; however, you will be instructed on the best method to submit your documentation after contacting our office regarding your request to have a conference. Scheduled conferences may be conducted in-person or via telephone.

Any taxpayer still aggrieved by an assessment on real property, after the conference with the PVA or designated deputy, may appeal to the county board of assessment appeals.

The appeal must be filed with the county clerk's office no later than one workday following the conclusion of the inspection period. Please contact the county clerk's office to receive instructions on the method the office is using to accept appeals this year and to obtain a form that can be used to file your appeal.

Any taxpayer failing to appeal to the county board of assessment appeals, or failing to appear before the board, either in person or by designated representative, will not be eligible to appeal directly to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals.

Appeals of personal property assessments shall not be made to the county board of assessment appeals. Personal property taxpayers shall be served notice under the provisions of KRS 132.450(4) and shall have the protest and appeal rights granted under the provisions of KRS 131.110.

The following steps should be taken when a taxpayer does not agree with the assessed value of personal property as determined by the property valuation administrator.

Taxpayer must list under protest (for certification) what they believe to be the fair cash value of the property.

Taxpayer must file a written protest directly with the Department of Revenue, Office of Property Valuation within 30 days from the date of the notice of the assessment.

This protest must be in accordance with KRS 131.110.

The final decision of the Department of Revenue may be appealed to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals.

Elisha A. Harp  
Property Valuation Administrator

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## Paul introduces Senate legislation for Trump's White House ballroom

By TOM LATEK  
Kentucky Today

WASHINGTON (KT) — U.S. Sen. Rand Paul, R-Bowling Green, is introducing legislation in the Senate that would authorize construction of President Donald Trump's proposed new White House ballroom.

Paul is sponsoring the measure in his capacity as Chairman of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee (HSGAC), and a member of the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC).

The NCPC thoroughly reviewed the project earlier this month, and Paul voted in favor of its approval. In the wake of the assassination attempt of Trump at this year's White House Correspondents' Dinner, the legislation will allow the ballroom to proceed without requiring additional

taxpayer funds and will also establish an expedited congressional review process for major White House projects going forward.

"Following the security scare at the Correspondents' Dinner, it is clear we need efficient, responsible processes to address White House infrastructure needs," Paul said. "As HSGAC Chairman and an NCPC Commissioner, I have personally reviewed and supported this project. My bill cuts through the unnecessary legal delays getting in the way of the East Wing Modernization project. This bill ensures the ballroom can move forward using private funding, protects taxpayers, and creates a faster approval pathway for critical improvements while maintaining congressional oversight."

According to The Hill, a publication that

tracks political news in Washington, Senate Republicans aren't in the mood to vote on legislation to greenlight the President's controversial plan to build a 90,000-square-foot White House ballroom, as some GOP lawmakers see it as a bad political move in the current political climate, especially if it would require taxpayer funding.

Republican senators generally support Trump's call for the construction of a ballroom where the historic East Wing once stood, but some of them are warning that spending any taxpayer money on the project would be politically "tone-deaf."

Although Paul has said he would the measure approved by unanimous consent in the Senate, there is no word on when his proposal will be addressed.

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Rounding out the top three was the team of (L-R)-Tyler Powell, Lucas Powell, Austin Harris, and Rick Fountain. They are pictured with Preston's parents, Brian and Teresa Cope.

**GOLF from Front Page**

the turnout as one of the most memorable yet. The remarkable backing from local businesses and families was a standout feature of the day, with generous premier and hole sponsorships filling out the course from start to finish.

"It was an absolutely beautiful day," Preston's father Brian Cope noted, pointing to the community's continued dedication to keeping Preston Cope's memory alive through the sport he loved. The amazing support shown by

area businesses and individuals made the event a true reflection of what this community is all about.

The tournament was made possible through the generous support of its premier sponsors: Evonik, Monti and Denise Collins, Larry and Bonnie Cope, Dairy Queen of Benton, Bailey's Wrecker Service, Reliable Electric, the Family of Glenda Farmer, Benton Ford, and D&K Construction.

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The Cope family extended their heartfelt gratitude to every participant, volunteer, and sponsor who helped make the 2025 Preston Cope Memorial Golf Tournament at Calvert City Country Club a day to remember.

**MSU from Front Page**

at Vanderbilt. Silas Jackson, of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, will graduate with a degree in finance and a minor in accounting, holding a 3.97 GPA. He is a member of Beta Gamma Sigma and the Racer Leadership Institute and served as director of government relations for the Student Government Association, where he advocated for a veterinary medicine program. A leader in Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, he guided the chapter to national recognition and led philanthropic efforts raising

more than \$15,000. Jackson has studied abroad in Germany, Turkey and Ireland and completed an internship with the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. He plans to pursue a career in banking.

Abigail Santos, of Versailles, Kentucky, will earn a degree in biology/pre-medicine with minors in chemistry and psychology. A 3.85 GPA student, she is a Presidential Fellow, Honors College ambassador and award-winning undergraduate researcher. She has held leadership roles in several campus organizations, including the Pre-Health Professionals group, Running Club and Honors Student

Council. Santos has volunteered extensively, including a service-learning trip to Cusco, Peru, and gained clinical experience through multiple rural health programs. She plans to attend the University of Louisville School of Medicine and focus on serving underserved communities.

Spring 2026 commencement ceremonies will take place May 8-9 in Racer Arena, with multiple ceremonies scheduled for undergraduate and graduate students. Tickets are required, and additional information is available at [murraystate.edu/commencement](http://murraystate.edu/commencement).

**Deadly Crash in Marshall County Under Investigation**

By Mike Mohundro  
WSIL

Marshall County High School is proud to announce that eight MCHS juniors have been selected to attend or as a finalist for this year's Governor's Scholars Program.

Congratulations are in order for the following students: Ayen Arceo, Lyla Loven, Lillian Perry, Sarah Reynolds, Bailey Willis, Drake Fooshee, Eli Holaday, and Lilly Wathen.

The Governor's Scholars Program is a five-week summer residential program for outstanding high school students in Kentucky who are rising seniors. The program will be held across three college campuses, Centre College, Morehead State University, and Murray State University. The Program originated in 1983 as a result of Kentucky leaders' concern that the state's "best and brightest" were leaving the Commonwealth to pursue educational and career opportunities elsewhere without fully understanding the potential of their



talents at home. The Program's mission is to enhance Kentucky's next generation of civic and economic leaders. Students who are selected attend the Program without charge.

Over 2,000 applications are received at the state level each year, with approximately 1,000 students selected to attend. In order to participate in the Program, students must be nominated by their districts to enter at the state level.

Selection for the Program is highly competitive and is a lengthy process that consists of a school round and the state selection. In addition to an academic profile that includes difficulty of course load, GPA, and at least one standardized test score, the application requires an outline of all extracurricular activities, volunteer

service, and employment history. A teacher recommendation, which includes both a quantitative evaluation and qualitative descriptions of the student's performance and potential, is an additional component, along with a community recommendation, which shows how a student performs in a community setting beyond the high school. The final component of the application is an original writing entry.

The Marshall County School District is thrilled to send a new class of participants to the Governor's Scholars Program, and is proud of the effort and commitment that these students have displayed to earn this opportunity. We wish them all the best in all that they do!

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## Ballard County experiencing steady growth according to Chamber director

Compiled by **Laurna Todd**  
KPI Writer

- Ballard County is experiencing steady, gradual economic growth, with multiple projects supporting long-term expansion.
- Key initiatives include housing development, the new Cairo bridge, transportation studies on U.S. 60 and KY 286, and advocacy for a riverport in Wickliffe.
- Despite rising costs for materials and services, progress continues through ongoing planning and investment.
- Road improvements to U.S. 60 and KY 286 are expected to boost traffic flow and make the area more attractive to businesses.
- The county's access to rail, river, and road

systems strengthens its appeal for industry and investment.

- Housing development is a top priority, especially with expected growth tied to expansion at the Department of Energy site in West Paducah.
- Increased population will require expanded infrastructure, including roads, water, and sewer systems.
- Lower tax rates may attract new residents, benefiting local schools and businesses.
- A proposed Wickliffe riverport could significantly enhance regional economic opportunities.
- Overall outlook remains positive, driven by strategic location, infrastructure improvements, and long-term planning.

## KYTC secures over \$67M for Ballard County

Compiled by **Laurna Todd**  
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- Ballard County will receive over \$67 million in funding from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) for seven road and infrastructure projects over the next two years.
- Funding was supported by state legislators and coordinated planning with KYTC officials.

- More than \$53 million is allocated for right-of-way, utilities, and construction along major routes including KY 286, U.S. 60, and U.S. 51.
- County leadership noted some projects were not funded but overall considers the outcome a major success.
- Additional benefits include bridge program funding and riverport investments, strengthening the

county's infrastructure.

**Major Projects:**

- \$10M – U.S. 60 improvements (Humphrey Creek Bridge area)
- \$30.8M – New Ohio River bridge at Cairo, Illinois
- \$14.6M – Approach roads to Cairo bridge
- \$2.75M – U.S. 60 upgrades in LaCenter
- \$1.56M – U.S. 51 improvements to Wickliffe

- \$300K – Riverport infrastructure south of Wickliffe
- \$1.5M – KY 286 safety and mobility upgrades

**Overall Impact:**

- Projects are part of the 2026–2028 Biennial Highway Construction Plan
- Focus on improving safety, boosting freight movement, and supporting economic growth in Ballard County

## Judge Executive Cooper focuses on Ballard's growth

Compiled by **Laurna Todd**  
KPI Writer

- Ballard County is making steady progress in housing, infrastructure, and community partnerships, according to Judge Executive Todd Cooper.
- Infrastructure upgrades include multiple completed

bridge projects, improving safety and accessibility.

- Housing development is expanding, with 13 new residential sites created at Barlow Estates through new water and sewer infrastructure.
- A local grant program offering up to \$5,000 for home

construction or renovations was fully utilized, indicating strong demand.

- Additional funding (\$100,000 grant) will support development in Barlow Estates, WestHaven Subdivision, and a planned 40-acre subdivision in Kevil.
- Rebuilding the county's population is

a top priority after a decline of more than 400 residents from 2010 to 2020.

- Efforts include increasing housing supply and encouraging the use of vacant homes.
- Progress is driven by collaboration among local leaders, organizations, and community partners.

## City of Kevil continues to make steady progress

Compiled by **Laurna Todd**  
KPI Writer

- The City of Kevil is making steady progress on community improvements

and future development.

- A new fire station is nearly complete and will enhance emergency services; an open house is planned.

- The city's ISO fire rating improved from 7 to 4, likely lowering homeowners' insurance costs and reflecting better fire protection.

- Road infrastructure projects have faced challenges but are contributing to long-term growth.
- City leaders thank

residents for their patience during ongoing improvements.

- Future priorities include finishing the fire station and continuing

investments in quality of life.

- Overall focus remains on growth, infrastructure, and community well-being.

# Gratitude Goes a Long Way at Life Care Center of La Center



Tana Cooper, Danielle O'neil, Ginger Atkinson and Michelle Hall



Life Care Volunteers

**By Laurna Todd**  
KPI Writer

In a world where people often move too fast to stop and say “thank you,” one thing is certain — gratitude still matters, and some local businesses are proving just how powerful kindness can be.

One shining example in Ballard County is Life Care Center of La Center, a nursing home and rehabilitation facility known not only for its quality care, but also for the appreciation it shows to both employees and volunteers.

The facility recently hosted its Years of Service Dinner honoring employees who have dedicated five years or more to the center. In total, 42 employees were invited to celebrate their commitment and hard work.

Among those honored was Linda Tomlinson, dietary manager, who recently celebrated an incredible 48 years of service.

Staff members enjoyed a night filled with food, fellowship, and gifts as the facility took time to recognize the people

who help make a difference in residents’ lives every day.

“We truly have the best of the best employees,” the facility shared in a recent social media post thanking associates for their dedication, compassion, and care.

The appreciation does not stop there.

Life Care Center of La Center also recently hosted a volunteer appreciation lunch to thank the many volunteers who spend time enriching the lives of residents.

Facility leaders said residents look forward to visits from volunteers and appreciate the kindness and companionship they bring. They also encouraged community members interested in volunteering to reach out and get involved.

Life Care Center of La Center focuses on inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation along with 24-hour skilled nursing care. The facility prides itself on creating a homelike atmosphere where nurses and therapists work closely with residents to provide individualized care based on person-

al goals and needs.

And perhaps that caring environment starts with something simple — gratitude.

When employees feel appreciated, that kindness spreads throughout the building. It reaches residents, families, co-workers, and visitors alike, creating a domino effect of compassion and positivity.

In today’s busy world, maybe we could all learn something from that example.

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**Bobby Soltys** of Wickliffe, Kentucky, passed away on April 23, 2026, at the age of 61. No memorial services are planned at this time. Milner and Orr Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Wickliffe are in charge of the arrangements.

**Kimberly Provow Radford**, 65, of Barlow, Kentucky, passed away on April 22, 2026, at her residence. Kimberly was born on May 23, 1960, to Bro. Ray and Shirley Provow. A funeral service was held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 25, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah with Bro. Daniel Fraser and Kody Hopwood officiating. Burial will follow at Roselawn Cemetery in Bardwell, Kentucky.

**Janet Hunt**, 82, of Wickliffe, Kentucky, passed away on April 22, 2026, at Life Care Center of La Center. A funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 3, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Wickliffe. Burial will follow at Wickliffe City Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 12:00 p.m. until the service time of 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 3, 2026 at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Wickliffe.

**John “Wayne” Meunier** was welcomed home by the angels in the early morning hours of Sunday, April 26, at Mercy Health Hospice, surrounded by his loving family and dear friends. The family kindly requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Cassidy’s Cause in Wayne’s honor.

**John Vanleer**, age 65, passed away on Friday, April 24, 2026, at Baptist Health in Paducah, KY. John’s presence will be deeply missed by Debbie, his loyal dogs, and all who knew and loved him. His family is beyond thankful and Blessed for all the people that helped care for him these past years. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

**Anthony “Tony” Turner**, age 56, of Kevil passed away on Friday, April 24, 2026, at TriStar Skyline Medical Center in Pleasant View, TN. There will be a Celebration of Life at a later date.

## CALDWELL

**William Scott Saxon**, known to many as Scotty, was born on July 4, 1970, in Caldwell County, Kentucky, and he passed away on April 23, 2026, at Baptist Health in Paducah. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, April 29, 2026 at 3:00 PM at Lakeland Funeral Home with Clay Blankenbaker officiating.

## CALLOWAY

**Wilda Fay Jetton**, 85, of Hardin, KY, passed away on April 24, 2026 at her home. A private family celebration of life will be held at a later date.

**Frankie Ann Stubblefield**, daughter of the late Frank Albert and Odessa Boaz Stubblefield, passed away peacefully on October 25, 2025 at the age of 83. A graveside service was held at 1p.m., Monday, April 27, 2026, at Murray City Cemetery - Stubblefield Plot (Beale & Adams Street) with Dr. Chris Owens officiating.

**Robert F. Bourque**, 88, of Murray, died on Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at his home. Private family services will be held.

**Yolonda Ann Glisson**, age 89, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away on Monday, April 27, 2026, at Spring Creek Healthcare in Murray. A public graveside service was held at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, April 30, 2026, at the South Pleasant Grove Cemetery with Rev. Shani Campbell officiating.

**Mark Albert Wilson**, age 67, of Murray, Kentucky passed away on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at the Anna Mae Owen Residential Hospice House in Murray, Kentucky. A public graveside service was held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, April 30, 2026, at the New Concord Cemetery with Bro. Phillip Bazzell officiating.

**Tina Lynn Goldston**, 66 of Murray, KY, passed away, Saturday, April 25, 2026, at her home. Arrangements are forthcoming at the Blalock-Coleman Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Murray, KY.

**Ann Rose**, just weeks before her 100th birthday, went to be with her Lord on April 23, 2026. A graveside service was conducted at 2pm on Monday, April 27, 2026 at the Elm Grove Cemetery.

## CARLISLE

**John Carter**, 73, of Arlington, Kentucky, passed away, on April 22, 2026, leaving behind a life defined by hard work, dedication, and time spent doing what he enjoyed most. A funeral service was held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 25, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Arlington, with Dustin Dillon and Bro. Rick Burton officiating. Burial followed at Arlington City Cemetery.

## CHRISTIAN

**Walter C. Walls**, age 54, of Hopkinsville, KY, passed away on Sunday, April 26, 2026, at his home of natural causes. The family has chosen cremation with a Celebration of Life Service to be held at 1:00 PM at Maddux Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home on Friday, May 1, 2026, with Bro. Jimmy Stewart officiating. Visitation will be at the funeral home that morning from 11:00 AM until the service hour at 1:00 PM. Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home has been entrusted by the family to handle the arrangements.

**Rowan Josiah James Ray Tillman** - 10-week-old, Rowan Josiah James Ray Tillman, of Hopkinsville, KY, passed away on Friday, April 24, 2026, at Jennie Stuart Health. Graveside Services will be at 3:00 PM on Friday, May 1, 2026, at Caldwell Blue Springs Cemetery in Cadiz with Bro. Dean Ray officiating and burial to follow. Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home has been entrusted by the family to handle the arrangements.

**Delbert Ray Moore**, age 82, of Crofton, passed away Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at Lake Barkley Health and Rehab in Kuttawa, KY of natural causes. Funeral services were held at 2:00 PM Sunday, April 26, 2026, at Maddux- Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home and burial to follow in Ancestral Haven Memorial Gardens.

**Patricia (Patty) Louise Valente**, 82, of Hopkinsville, KY passed away on Thursday, April 23, 2026, at Jennie Stuart Medical Center. A funeral service was held at 1:00 p.m. Monday, April 27, 2026, at Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home with Dr. Joe Bufford officiating. Burial followed the service at Riverside Cemetery.

**Bobby Houchens**, 77, Butler Road, Hopkinsville, KY passed away Sunday April 26, 2026 at Jennie Stuart Medical Center, Hopkinsville, KY of natural causes. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, May 2, 2026 at Lamb Funeral Home with Billie Edwards officiating. Burial will follow in Peaceful Meadows Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11:00 a.m. until the service hour on Saturday, May 2, 2026 at the funeral home.

**Barbara A. Lamkin**, 68, Dell Drive, Hopkinsville, KY passed away Sunday, April 26, 2026 at Vanderbilt Clarksville Hospital, Clarksville, TN of natural causes. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Friday, May 1, 2026 at Lamb Funeral Home with Cindy Pitts officiating. Burial will follow in Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West. Visitation will be from 11:00 a.m. until the service hour on Friday, May 1, 2026 at the funeral home.

## CRITTENDEN

**Carol Sue (Phillips) Darnell**, age 83, of Crittenden County, passed away peacefully on April 27, 2026, at her daughter’s home. Public graveside

services were held on Thursday, April 30, 2026, at 1:00 PM at Phillips Cemetery in Crittenden County. Officiating will be her nephew, Bro. Heath Martin.

**Hershel Wayne McDowell, Jr.**, age 61 of Marion, passed away Friday, April 24, 2026, at Livingston Hospital in Salem, KY. Wayne was a Laborer with Local 561. He loved fishing and spending time with his family and friends. Wayne’s wishes were to be cremated. Memorial services were held at 7:00 pm at the funeral home on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, with Bro. Eugene Walters and Bro. Bryan West officiating.

**Thomas “Tommy” Earl Meeks Sr.** age 77 of Marion, KY passed away April 25, 2026 at Crittenden Community Hospital. Funeral services were held Wednesday April 29, 2026 at 2 PM at Myers Funeral Home with burial in Mexico Cemetery.

**George Bevan Sutton, Jr.** age 81, of Marion, Kentucky passed away Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at approximately 12:17 AM at his home in Marion, Kentucky surrounded by his family. Family and friends were invited to gather for a time of visitation and remembrance on Saturday April 25th, 2026 from 12 PM - 1 PM at St. William Catholic Church, 860 S. Main Street Marion, KY 42064 followed by a Funeral Mass at 1 PM with Military Honors following the service.

## FULTON

**Joe L. Duke** of the Crutchfield Community passed away Tuesday morning at the Countryside Nursing and Rehab in Bardwell. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time.

**Margaret Louise Merryman Whitesell Chaney** (Patsy), beloved mother, grandmother, great grandmother, friend, neighbor, teacher, principal, leader, volunteer and faithful congregant passed away on April 26th, 2026. A celebratory memorial service will be held on May 1, 2026, at 11am at Second Presbyterian Church, 214 Mountain Ave SW, 24014 in Roanoke, VA.

**Richard Allen Pursell**, 69, of Fulton, Kentucky, passed away on Thursday, April 23, 2026, at Jackson Purchase Medical Center in Mayfield, Kentucky. There will be no services held at the funeral home.

**Billy Lloyd Wilkerson**, age 93, of Hickman, Kentucky, passed away on Thursday, April 23, 2026, at Baptist Health Paducah. Funeral services for Mr. Wilkerson were held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at West Hickman Baptist Church with burial to follow at Rush Creek Cemetery.

**Betty Vowell**, age 84, of South Fulton, Tennessee, passed away on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at Brookdale Memory Care in Jackson, Tennessee. Funeral services for Mrs. Vowell were held at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 25, 2026, at Hornbeak Funeral Chapel in Fulton, with burial to follow in Eastside Cemetery.

## GRAVES

**Deborah McBee Cates**, age 67, of Lynnville, KY passed away Saturday, April 18, 2026 at her residence. A funeral service for Deborah McBee Cates was held at 12:00 PM Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at the Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY. Bro. Gary Cruse will officiate. Interment followed in the Rhodes Cemetery.

**Lucila Buena Lord**, 78, of Mayfield, Kentucky, passed away at her home on Monday morning, April 27, 2026. Funeral services will be held at 3:00 PM on Saturday, May 2, 2026, at Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield, with Fr. Eric Riley officiating. Visitation will take place from 1:00 PM until the time of service on Saturday at the funeral home. Burial will follow at a later date in Manila, Philippines.

**FUNERAL NOTICES** continued

**Rozella Spalding**, age 92, of the Fancy Farm Community, passed away at 11:15 AM Sunday, April 26, 2026 at her residence. Funeral services for Rozella were held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, April 30, 2026 at the St. Jerome Catholic Church in Fancy Farm. Father Darrell Venters will officiate with burial to follow in the St. Jerome Cemetery.

**John E. “Jack” Purcell**, age 95, of Fancy Farm, KY passed away at 7:14 PM Saturday, April 25, 2026 at his residence. A Funeral Mass for Jack was held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, April 29, 2026 with Father Darrell Venters officiating. Burial followed in the St. Jerome Cemetery.

**Danny Lynn Young** age 68 of Paducah, Ky. passed away on Saturday April 25, 2026 at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday May 1, 2026 in the chapel of The Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield with Pastor Chad Lamb officiating. Visitation will be held on Friday May 1, 2026 from 11:00 a.m. until the funeral hour.

**HENDERSON**

**Waverly Carter**, age 79, of Henderson, KY, passed away at 12:04 p.m., Saturday, April 25, 2026, at Redbanks Colonial Terrace in Sebree, KY. Relatives and friends were invited to Waverly’s Life Celebration from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 29, 2026, at Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home. Immediately following, the funeral procession departed for the Carter Family Cemetery in Hebbardsville, KY for Waverly’s graveside service.

**Bobby Joe Haire**, age 81, of Henderson, KY, passed away on Thursday, April 23, 2026, at Deaconess Gateway Hospital in Newburgh, IN. A graveside service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, May 1, 2026, at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Henderson, KY. Military honors will be rendered by the American Legion Worsham Post #40.

**Barbara Jean Nugent Billings**, lovingly known as “Mawmaw,” went home to be with her Savior on April 22, 2026. Relatives and friends were invited to Barbara’s Life Celebration from 12:00 p.m. until service time on Monday, April 27, 2026, at Benton-Glunt and Tapp Funeral Home in Henderson, KY. The funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. Monday at the funeral home with Reverend Ernie Lingerfeldt officiating. Burial followed at Fairmont Cemetery in Henderson, KY.

**Beverly Burris**, 77, of Corydon, passed away at her home, surrounded by her loving family and under the care of St. Anthony’s Hospice. Visitation will be held from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Friday, May 1, 2026, at Tomblinson Funeral Home in Henderson.

**Clarence “Bud” Crafton**, 84, of Henderson, Kentucky, passed away on April 26, 2026, at St. Anthony’s Hospice, surrounded by his loving family. A celebration of Bud’s life will be held at Zion Baptist Church. The service will be at 11:00 a.m. on May 2, 2026. Visitation will be held at the church on May 1 from 4:30-7:00 p.m., and again on May 2 from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service.

**Thomas “Tom” Gregory Wedding**, 66 of Henderson passed away April 23, 2026, at his home. Funeral services were held at 2:00 PM, Wednesday, April 29 at Tomblinson Funeral Home Henderson Chapel. Burial was in Roselawn Memorial Gardens following the service.

**Wendy Marie Dixon**, 66, of Corydon, passed away on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at her home. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, April 29, 2026, at Tomblinson Funeral Home in Henderson with Brother Vernon Timberlake officiating. Burial will follow at Shady Grove Cemetery.

**HICKMAN**

**Barry Knox**, age 63 of Clinton passed away Friday, April 24, 2026 at Alive Hospice in Nashville, TN. Funeral arrangements are in complete at the Brown Funeral Home in Clinton, KY.

**Randall Randy “ZZ Top” Townsend**, 59, of Sedalia, Kentucky, passed away at his home on Wednesday evening, April 22, 2026. Visitation was held from 4:00 to 6:00 PM on Monday, April 27, 2026, at Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield.

**HOPKINS**

**Ronie Herrell Berry**, passed away on April 24, 2026, at Baptist Health Deaconess of Madisonville. Memorial services were held Monday, April 27, 2026 at 1:00 PM at Morgan’s Funeral Home with James “Bridgie” Miller officiating.

**Raymond Howton** age 90 passed away peacefully on April 27, 2026 at the Veterans Victory House in Walterboro, SC. A memorial service will be held at Barnett Strother funeral home at 2:00PM. on May 5 2026. The family extends their gratitude to the caregivers at the Veterans Victory House in Walterboro, SC.

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of **Steven Merle Mathias**, 72, of Providence, KY, who passed on Sunday, April 26, 2026, at Deaconess Midtown Hospital in Evansville, IN. A Funeral Mass was held at 1:00 P.M. Thursday April 30, 2026, at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Providence, KY with Father David Kennedy officiating. Burial followed at Dalton Cemetery in Dalton, KY.

**Eula Mae Osborn Lantrip**, 88, of Nebo, KY, passed away on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at her home. A graveside service was held at 12 p.m. on Thursday, April 30, 2026, at Oakley Home Cemetery in Manitou, KY, with Pastor Robert White officiating. Harris Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

**Shannon Allen Virge**, 46, of Madisonville, KY passed away on Saturday, April 25, 2026, at her home. A private graveside service will be held at Rosedale Cemetery in Dawson Springs, KY. Harris Funeral Home in Madisonville was entrusted with care.

**Claudia Renae Scott Huck**, 62, of Madisonville, KY, passed away on Friday, April 24, 2026, at her home. A funeral service was held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 30, 2026, in the chapel of Harris Funeral Home with Bro. Roger Jones officiating. Burial to follow at Onton Cemetery in Onton, KY.

**Grover Cleveland Travis**, 91, of Madisonville, KY, passed away on Thursday, April 23, 2026, at Deaconess Midtown Hospital in Evansville, IN. A funeral service was held at 1 p.m. on Monday, April 27, 2026, in the chapel of Harris Funeral Home with Bro. Eddie Fleming officiating. Burial followed at Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens in Madisonville.

**MARSHALL**

**Esther Marie (Olson) Hester Donoho**, age 73, of Benton, Kentucky, passed away Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at the Murray-Calloway County Hospital. A memorial visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Saturday, May 2, 2026, at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services. There will be no formal service following the visitation.

**Boyce Edward Hart, Sr.**, 74, of Calvert City, Kentucky, passed away on Monday, April 27, 2026, at Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville. The family will be holding a memorial service at a later date.

**Doug Cox**, 70, of Benton, passed away Monday, April 27, 2026 at his home. Per Doug’s wishes, there will be no public service.

**John Carson Scott**, age 66, of Benton, KY, passed away at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, TN. Funeral service was held at Collier Funeral Chapel at 1:00 PM, Wednesday, April 29, 2026, with Gary Watkins officiating. Interment will be at Marshall Co. Memory Gardens, Benton, KY.

**Ronnie Humphrey**, 78 of Benton, Kentucky passed away on Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at Mercy Health - Lourdes Hospital in Paducah, Kentucky. A graveside service was held at 2:30 PM on Sunday, April at Marshall Co. Memory Gardens located at Hwy U.S. 641 North Benton, Kentucky 42025.

**McCRACKEN**

**Frances Hartman**, age 102, passed away on Monday, April 27, 2026, at Mercy Health Lourdes. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah with Rev. Bob Martin officiating. Burial will follow the service at Mt. Kenton Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

**Brenda Wright**, 78, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away on Sunday, April 26, 2026, at her home. Funeral Services were held at 1:00 pm on Thursday, April 30, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah with Rev. Carl Hawkins officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Kenton Cemetery.

**Shirley Turner Purvis**, age 88, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away Sunday, April 26, 2026, at Baptist Health Paducah. Services were held at the Lone Oak Chapel of Milner & Orr Funeral Home, Thursday, April 30, 2026, at 1:00 p.m., with classmate Retta Folsom officiating. Burial followed at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens.

**Gregory L. Franklin**, 72, passed away Sunday, April 26, 2026, at his home. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, May 1, 2026, at the Lone Oak Chapel of Milner & Orr Funeral Home, with burial to follow at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be held from 10:30 a.m. until the service hour of 1:00 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home.

**Austin Saint Clair Leavell** passed away on April 26, 2026, at the age of 95, leaving behind a life marked by service to country and love for his family. A funeral service will be held on Friday, May 1, 2026, at 12 P.M. at the Milner and Orr Funeral Home of Paducah with Dr. Brad White officiating. Burial will follow at the Edgewood Cemetery in Trenton, Kentucky. Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 11 A.M. until the funeral begins at noon.

**Velva Jean Ray Bristow**, age 88, of Possum Trot, Kentucky, passed away on April 24, 2026. She was born on December 30, 1937, in Paducah, Kentucky, and lived a life devoted to family with a gentle spirit that touched all who knew her. Her funeral service will be held at 1:00 PM on Friday, May 1, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah with Bro. Jimmy Joe “JJ” Roberts of Street Soldier Ministry officiating. Burial will follow at Fooks Cemetery in Possum Trot, Kentucky. Visitation will be held from 11:00 AM until the service hour of 1:00 PM on Friday, May 1, 2026, at the funeral home.

**Esther Rose Freels**, 82, of Paducah, passed away on Friday, April 24, 2026, at Charter Senior Living of Paducah. There will be no services. Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah is in charge of all arrangements.

**Mary Lynn Hillmann**, 85, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away on Friday, April 24, 2026, at the Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice Center. A memorial service for Mary Lynn and Hank will be held at 1:00 p.m. on June 6, 2026, at the Reidland United Methodist Church, with Pastor Katie Minnis and brother-in-law Nick Cloyes officiating. Burial will follow on Sunday, at Antioch Christian Church cemetery in Big Clifty, Kentucky.

**FUNERAL NOTICES** continued

**Glenda Sue Dean**, 75, of Hickory passed away on Monday, April 27, 2026 at her residence with her family by her side. Funeral services will be at 6:00pm on Friday, May 1, 2026, at Lindsey Funeral Home with the Rev. Bobby Strong officiating. Friends may visit the family from 4:00pm to service hour on Friday at the funeral home.

**Gerline Goodman**, 93 of Paducah, Passed away Sunday April 26, 2026 at Ray and Kay Hospice Care Center of Paducah. There will be no service at her request. Donations in her memory may be made to Broadway Baptist Church, the Humane Society, or the Alzheimer's Association.

**Timothy Neihoff**, 68 of Paducah passed away Saturday April 18, 2026 at Mercy Health Lourdes in Paducah. Family memorial services are planned at a later date. Lindsey Funeral Home is honored to take care of the Neihoff family.

**Symphony Ann Lamoureux**, infant daughter of Larry Lamoureux and Madalyn Knop, passed away on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at Baptist Health Paducah. A memorial service was held at 12:00 pm on Saturday, April 25, 2026, at Hughes Funeral Home in Paducah with Pastor Adam Bretz officiating.

**TRIGG**

**Judy Marie Doom** passed away peacefully surrounded by loved ones on Monday, April 27, 2026 at her son's home in Princeton, KY. Memorial Services for 72 year old Judy Marie Doom of Marion, KY will be Saturday, May 16, 2026 at

3:00 p.m. at King's Funeral Home with Rev. Kyle Noffsinger officiating. Visitation will be from 1:00-3:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 16, 2026 at King's Funeral Home. In honor of Judy, on the day of the service the family ask that you wear something purple or UK blue.

**Allen R. Collins**, age 78, of Cadiz, Kentucky, passed away peacefully on Saturday, April 25, 2026, at his home. Cremation rites have been accorded. A Celebration of Life with military honors will be held at a later date. Goodwin Funeral Home, 138 Main Street in Cadiz, is in care of the arrangements.

**UNION**

**Virgina Waller Clements**, 79, passed away peacefully on Sunday, April 26, 2026 at Deaconess Henderson Hospital. Visitation will be held on Friday, May 1, 2026 from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM with Funeral Service to follow at 1:00 pm at St. Ann Catholic Church, 304 S. Church St., Morganfield, KY 42437.

**Alvin Leslie "Bub" Robinson**, age 84 of Morganfield, KY passed away Sunday April 26, 2026 at Morganfield Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Morganfield, KY. Funeral service was held at 11:00 AM Thursday, April 30, 2026 at Whitsell Funeral home in Morganfield, KY. Rev Royce Pyle will officiate. Burial took place in Odd Fellows Cemetery in Morganfield, KY.

**Sally Downing**, age 73 of Morganfield, KY passed away Saturday, April 25, 2026 at Morganfield Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Morganfield. Funeral service was held at 10 AM Thursday April

30, 2026 at St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church in Sturgis, KY. Father Jojo Olakai will officiate. Burial was held in Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West in Hopkinsville, KY.

**Wanda Moore**, age 72 of Morganfield, KY passed away Friday, April 24, 2026 at Deaconess Hospital Midtown in Evansville, IN. The visitation was held from 1-2 PM Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at Whitsell Funeral Home in Morganfield. There will be no funeral service or burial at this time.

**Linda Luceal Carter** age 78 of Waverly, KY formerly of DeKoven, KY passed away April 23rd, 2026 at Select Specialty Hospital in Evansville, IN. A graveside service was held at 11 AM on Monday, April 27th at Caseyville Cemetery in Caseyville, KY. Brother Jeff Paris will officiate.

**William Earl Collins**, age 67 of Morganfield, KY passed away Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at his home. A private burial will be held at a later date at Old Bethel Cemetery.

**WEBSTER**

**Minnie Pearl Taylor** 82, of Henderson, KY formerly of Webster County, KY passed away on Monday April 27th, 2026 at Redbanks Colonial Terrace Nursing Home in Sebree, KY. Memorial services will be held at a later date. Townsend Funeral Home in Dixon, KY is handling the arrangements.

To place a full obituary, including a photo, call 270-442-7389 for details and pricing. Obituaries and funeral notices should be received by 9 a.m. Wednesday for inclusion in that week's paper.

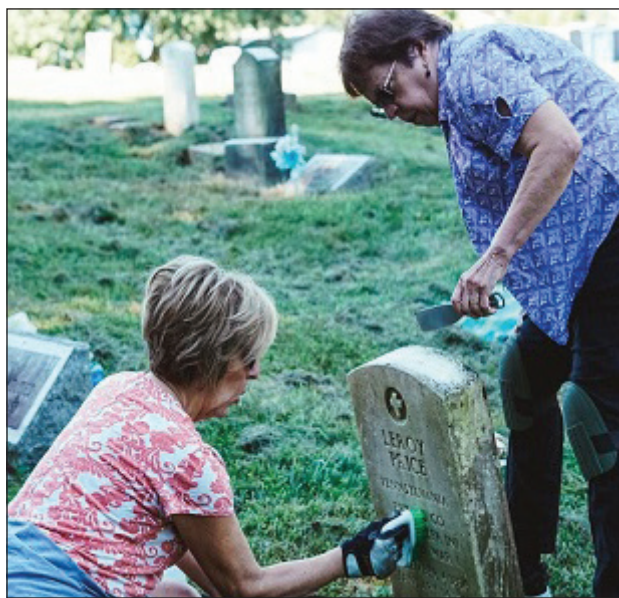
# Ballard County Cemetery Restoration

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By **Betty L. Johnson**  
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lard County regional history, and making a difference by community volunteering. Hopefully, others

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6	5	7	3	1	4	8	2	9
8	4	3	2	6	9	1	7	5
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# OUTDOOR Truths

By Gary Miller  
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That morning I had located what turned out to be four toms and some hens. They were still on the roost. And even though they had not been pressured, I made sure to do minimal and only light calling. A soft yelp on my slate call was enough for all the ears within 100 yards to hear me. So, I laid down the call, got my gun ready, and began scanning the top of the hill in front of me. I knew pretty much what any older tom would do. He would not come directly in

line with my call. He would show up to one side or another. These birds know not to trust their ears as much as their eyes. I also knew that any other tom that might be with him would follow. Sure enough, in just a few minutes, two hens and four gobblers showed up about 100 yards to my right – which is a terrible place if one is right-handed like myself. Two of the toms began to perform in full strut. The other two shortly followed suit. The hens were not impressed. I thought

about how I might go about getting a shot without being seen. Nothing came to mind other than “be patient.” Soon the hens moved within 35 yards of me, and two big toms were following. The problem, however, remained. They stayed to my right. How would I rearrange my seating, raise my gun and aim without them seeing me and flying away. I couldn’t. So, I decided once again to just be patient. Before too long, all those toms began coming my way and moving perfectly

in front of me. The biggest one came to about 40 yards. When he moved behind a tree, I raised my gun, got ready, and waited (patiently again) for him to clear the tree. When he did, I aimed carefully and pulled the trigger. I ate smoked turkey breast for lunch the next day. He was a big bird. Eleven inches of beard. One and a half inch spurs. It was a fun hunt.

When you look at the subject of patience in the Bible, you will quickly notice that God thinks it is important. There are several reasons and many of them have to do with our everyday circumstances

and situations. But I think when it comes to relationships, I see three things. First, God is patient with us. A synonym of patience that describes His dealings with us is the word long-suffering. God is longsuffering with us. I sure am glad He is. Secondly, since He is patient with us, He wants us to be patient with other people. Or be long-suffering with others. Yes, this is the hard part. But here’s the third piece. It’s the job of the Holy Spirit to produce in us the patience we need to deal with others. And in this I think is where people see Jesus in us. It’s when our patience

with others is seen as coming from a place beyond us. So, the next time you’re struggling with patience with others, ask God to remind you how many times He has waited for you to get it right. For me, I think He’s still waiting.

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## Comforting those who need an encouraging word

By William F Holland Jr.  
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For those who have visited a nursing home or a medical care facility, you know what I mean when I refer to these places as difficult and uncomfortable. The sights and sounds are difficult for our emotions to process, which explains why many would rather avoid them altogether. I’ve heard people say they dislike hospitals, nursing homes, or funerals, and this is usually because they prompt us to think more deeply about our own future. When we look around and witness how individuals are coping with aging and health problems, it’s a normal response to live in denial as the old saying reminds us, “Out of sight – out of mind” however, let us not avoid those who suffer, or live in fear about our own future because God reminds

us for example in Psalm 27 that He will always be with us and help us. The Lord is filled with compassion and desires for us to have empathy toward others and to see the world as He sees it. “Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort where-with we ourselves are comforted of God” II Corinthians 1:3-4.

We are not here to just selfishly enjoy our blessings, but, as Matthew chapter seven mentions, we are to do unto others as we would like others to do unto us. Helen Keller is quoted as saying, “Once I knew only darkness and stillness... my life was without past or future, but a little

word from the fingers of another fell into my hand that clutched at emptiness, and my heart leaped to the rapture of living.” My friend Ian White, who is a highly intelligent and humorous newspaper editor, shared a story with me about his experiences with nursing homes. He said that many years ago, when he was still living in England, he was the chairman of his hometown’s carnival association, which included an elaborate parade featuring the annual carnival queen and her court of two princesses. These beautiful young women, who had won beauty pageants the previous fall, were now ready to embark on a celebrity tour.

As a part of the carnival promotion, the association would take these girls to surrounding cities and have them participate in parades and public

appearances. On each official outing, the girls wore stunning ballgown gowns and crystal crowns that projected the magic of fairy tale royalty. However, with all of the attention and star status, there was one stop on the tour that was not considered glamorous. They were required to visit a cancer hospital for children. Ian found himself trying to persuade these “rock stars” to spend some time on Christmas Day with these kids. It was Ian’s duty to collect the girls and chauffeur them to the facility and, with absolutely no hint of his inner apprehension, convince them that this visit would forever change their perspective on life.

Each year, a new group of celebrities would enter the faculty with trepidation, obviously intent on getting the ordeal over

and done with. However, surprisingly, these young ladies remained at the children’s bedsides far longer than anyone would have expected, hugging and chatting with the youth who could hardly speak. The mask of pride and pomp quickly melted into a sobering realization that many innocent individuals live each day with misery and suffering that very few are aware of. As the young women hugged and listened to each child, Ian could sense the power of compassion that was creating waves of gratitude and humility in everyone present. The girls were sincerely grateful to everyone for allowing them the opportunity to meet these special individuals and to understand more clearly how important it is to sincerely share the feelings, thoughts, and experiences of others.

We do not need to be ordained clergy or a popular hero to brighten someone’s day. We all have the capacity to listen and obey God and help those who desperately need to know that someone cares. “Then they also will answer him, saying, Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you? Then he will answer them, saying, Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.”

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# VICTORIOUS *Living* ...in a troubled world

## Why “built a tower” should bring you comfort

By Teresa LeNeave  
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Peter, Jesus' loud and energetic disciple, once said, “He (God) has given us everything that pertains to life and godliness” (2 Peter 1:3). That's a powerful statement because “everything” means “everything” ... not just some of what we need to live in this world. When you're going through a battle, it may not feel like He's given you everything but even though we can't see it, it's still true.

There's a parable in the Bible, told by Jesus, in Matthew 21:33 where He describes God's investment into humanity. In the parable, after planting a vineyard, the Landowner (God), builds a hedge, digs a winepress, then builds a tower. When the vineyard is carefully set up with provision and protection, He rents it out to tenants then goes away.

The people understood the parable because vineyards were valuable and, in



those days, they were vulnerable to thieves and wild animals.

The Landowner (God) knew there would be dangerous things coming to try to destroy the vineyard, but I believe the focus here is not the danger, but that before leaving, He

provided all they needed. “Nothing was missing. Everything needed for success was already given”.

Then, there comes a twist in the story. When harvest time comes, He sends servants to collect his share. The tenants beat, stone, or

kill them. He sends more servants, but with the same result. Finally, he sends his Son, thinking they'll respect him. Instead, they kill the Son to try to seize the inheritance.

The landowner is God and the parable assures us He is

watching, but He's also returning. The vineyard is God's people. The hedge, the winepress, and the tower is everything God provided for success: protection (hedge); purpose/productivity (winepress); added protection, a place to watch over

and protect the vineyard from predators and thieves (the tower). That's why “built a tower” should bring us comfort. He refused to leave us defenseless against evil.

In short: nothing was lacking. The setup was complete. God gave leaders responsibility over His people. Those leaders failed and abused that responsibility. They rejected God's messengers again and again and finally, they rejected (and killed) His Son. The Good News is that even after killing his Son, God made provision: His Son rose from the grave and currently is in heaven making intercession for us.

That's a good God. A good Landowner. And, no matter what anyone believes, God is the Landowner. He created it all. He created you and He cares about you. Trusting God's love and provision is the best arsenal we have against evil.

## CONFORMITY TO CHRIST

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It is an enormous celebration, but many people have never heard about it. “Hemingway Days,” as it is known, is a week-long celebration in Key West, Florida, in which writers, fisherman, and fans of the famous Ernest Hemingway gather to honor his legacy. And one of the highlights of the festival is the Hemingway lookalike contest, in which dozens of older men with frosted beards compete against one another

for the prize of resembling the great American writer. The contest is held at Slop Joe's Bar, and it is so momentous that it occupies three whole days of the festival! And according to the Associated Press, a winner is chosen on the anniversary of Hemingway's birthday, which is July 21st.

It must be a great honor to look like the renowned Hemingway, but it is a far greater honor to look like the Author of Salvation, the Lord Jesus Christ. And while it

is not a contest between believers to see who looks the most like Jesus, looking like Christ is every believer's ultimate conquest. God's plan for His people is that they be “conformed to the image of his Son” (Romans 8:29b). Moreover, the Holy Spirit is always shaping and molding all true believers, with the goal of helping them resemble Jesus. As Paul said, “And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one

degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit” (2 Cor. 3:18).

It is through this transformation process that believers may be fully assured that they have been saved by God's grace. Everyone who truly knows Christ will look like Him: “But whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he

walked” (1 John 2:5-6). Such Christlikeness primarily entails following the example of Jesus in our thoughts, words, attitudes, and actions (John 13:15). Simultaneously, looking like Christ also means looking less like our old selves and less like the world around us. That is why Paul commanded, “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind” (Romans 12:2a).

And the process of becoming like Christ will be completed one glorious day (Phil.

1:6). But it won't happen in this life; it will happen on the Last Day when Christ comes again. As John assured, “Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is” (1 John 3:2). Until then, all believers must resolve to follow in the footsteps of the Lord Jesus until all the world bows before His feet (Phil. 2:9-11).

# Four tornadoes confirmed from recent storms

By TOM LATEK  
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – Four tornadoes have been confirmed to have struck Kentucky on Monday night and Tuesday morning, according to the National Weather Service (NWS) offices in Paducah and Louisville.

NWS Paducah says the first occurred in Hopkins County, outside Jewel City, shortly before midnight (CT), Monday night. It was an EF-0 tornado with peak winds of 85 mph. Its path was 50 yards wide and just over three miles long.

Trees were snapped and rooted and numerous large limbs were downed. Two electrical transmission line cross members were broken.

Less than ten minutes later, a second tornado touched down, not far from the end of the first one. An NWS damage survey team found an EF-1 tornado with peak winds of 95 mph occurred near Livermore in McLean County. Its path was 6.3 miles long and 125 yards wide. Extensive tree damage along the path of the tornado, including snapped tree trunks and uprooted trees.



Two homes suffered significant damage when trees fell onto them. Other homes suffered shingle and fascia damage. A few

power poles were damaged.

Another EF-0 was reported at Millerstown in Hart County, by a damage

survey team from NWS Louisville. This one touched down at 1:24 a.m. and lifted back up a minute later. Peak winds were 80 mph and the path was a mile long and 150 yards wide.

A second EF-1 was reported in Ohio County with peak winds of 105 mph. Its path was 1.8 miles long and 110 yards wide. It was on the ground for four minutes, starting at 12:30 a.m. It touched down briefly near the Rough River. It intensified as it crossed Highway 69, doing significant tree damage and some minor structural dam-

age to homes along Highway 69. The tornado continued to the southeast where it ripped much of the roof of a home along Mill Run Lane, before lifting just before the Hartford, KY Airport.

Fortunately, no injuries have been reported due to the tornadoes.

The NWS Louisville survey crews also found straight line wind damage. 80 mph winds were reported in Green County, while 90 mph straight line winds were confirmed in both Harrison and Oldham counties, from the storm system.

## ABSOLUTE REAL ESTATE AUCTION THURSDAY, MAY 14TH, 2026 @ 10:00 AM LOCATION: 813 Poplar Street, Benton, KY 42025



PUBLIC PREVIEW: MONDAY, MAY 4TH 12-1PM

### PRIME COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITY!

Prime commercial opportunity located on a high-visibility corner lot in Benton! This solid brick building offers 2,844± square feet and sits on a 0.35± acre lot. Formerly utilized as a doctor's office, the property is ideally suited for continued medical, dental, or professional use. With paved parking, excellent accessibility, and a functional layout, this property is ready for immediate occupancy or redevelopment.

#### IMPROVEMENTS & LAYOUT

Designed for efficiency and workflow, the building offers a practical and adaptable layout:

- Welcoming reception and waiting area
- Multiple exam rooms/offices
- Private offices and consultation spaces
- Breakroom/kitchen area with cabinetry
- Storage rooms and built-ins throughout
- Restroom facilities
- Dedicated work/prep areas

Interior features a mix of carpet, tile, and wood finishes, providing a solid foundation for updates or immediate use.



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#### PROPERTY HIGHLIGHTS

- 2,844± Sq Ft Brick Building
- 0.35± Acre Corner Lot
- Former Doctor's Office
- High Visibility Location
- Large Asphalt Parking Area
- Covered Front Entrance with Columns
- Detached Storage Building
- Multiple Entry Points
- City Utilities Available

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Micah and Sarah grew up in Graves County are graduates of Graves County High School. A graduate of the University of Louisville, Sarah has worked in the field of organ procurement for the past 14 years. She currently serves as Donation Support Services Educator at Network for Hope.

Dr. Spicer received his bachelor's degree in Pastoral Ministries from Campbellsville University and his Master of Divinity from Baptist Seminary of Kentucky. He has a PhD in Business Management from Campbellsville University.

While serving as Lead Business Instructor at Shawnee Community College, he pastored First Christian Church in Metropolis, IL. until taking his current position. He previously served as Senior Pastor at Third Baptist Church in Owensboro and First Baptist Church in Fort Thomas, Ky.

Micah, who calls himself "your friendly neighborhood pastor," is a spirit-filled minister, full of love, enthusiasm, and dedication to serving God and Jesus and this community. Come meet him and Sarah and hear Micah preach the gospel.

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# Coleman defends church shrine proposal in religious liberty case

By TOM LATEK  
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – Kentucky Attorney General Russell Coleman announced Tuesday he is leading a 20-state coalition to ask the U.S. Supreme Court to clear the way for a northern Kentucky church to build an outdoor shrine on its property.

In a brief, Coleman and the states urge the nation's highest court to take up the case and underscore the fundamental protections of religious practice under the Religious Land Use and Institu-

tionalized Persons Act (RLUIPA).

The Missionaries of Saint John the Baptist is a Roman Catholic religious order that operates Our Lady of Lourdes parish in Park Hills, Ky. The order received zoning approval from the City in 2021 to build a modest shrine offering a quiet place for meditation and worship before and after Mass. Neighbors who opposed the shrine brought a lawsuit, and the Kentucky Supreme Court eventually blocked the construction over Coleman's strong objections.



"In this country, we cannot allow a heckler's veto to trump religious liberty," Coleman said. "It's not up to the courts to decide how we practice our faith. We're asking the U.S. Supreme Court to provide nationwide clarity and stand with people of faith who

simply want to worship without unlawful government interference."

Congress unanimously passed the RLUIPA in 2000, and President Bill Clinton signed it into law. The law was meant to ensure governments do not impose substantial

burdens on religious organizations through zoning laws. According to Coleman's office, unfortunately, many courts, and now the Kentucky Supreme Court, have misinterpreted the law and infringed on Americans' religious liberty.

Coleman and the other attorneys general in the coalition are asking the U.S. Supreme Court to take up this case and provide clarity to people of faith and religious organizations across the country about their rights under RLUIPA.

The 20-state coalition, led by Coleman, is joined by attorneys general from Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah and West Virginia.

Kentucky Solicitor General Matt Kuhn, Principal Deputy Solicitor General Jack Heyburn and Deputy Solicitor General Jacob Abrahamson filed the brief on behalf of the states.

**ABSOLUTE LAND AUCTION**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 5TH, 2026 @ 6:00 PM**  
Property Location: Trace Creek Road & Highway 301, Mayfield, KY 42066

**76<sup>±</sup> ACRES**  
**IN 4 TRACTS & COMBINATIONS**

**Auction Held At:**  
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**ABSOLUTE REAL ESTATE AUCTION**  
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**TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2026**  
10:00 AM

**3 BEDROOM HOME**  
**81<sup>±</sup> ACRES**  
3 Tracts & Combinations

- Mini Farm
- Recreation
- Hunting
- Investment
- Cumberland River Frontage

**CUMBERLAND RIVER FRONTAGE**

**Tract 1 Details: 10.84 Acres**  
This well-maintained 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home offers a functional layout designed for comfortable everyday living. The spacious kitchen flows into the dining area, creating a great setup for family meals and gatherings. A sliding door opens to a rear wooden deck, perfect for relaxing or entertaining. The primary suite includes a private bathroom, while the home also features a 2-car attached garage with workspace, sink, and man door access. Just inside the garage entry, you'll find a laundry room combined with a half bath for added convenience. Outside, the property is improved with a 64' x 40' shop building, ideal for equipment storage, hobbies, or workshop use.

**PREVIEW: Monday, May 4th • 5:00-6:00 pm**

**This is an excellent opportunity to purchase quality Graves County land** offered in multiple tracts and combinations—giving buyers the flexibility to purchase individual tracts, multiple tracts, or the entire farm.

This property features a great mix of open farmland and mature timber, making it ideal for farming, building, recreation, or investment. The rolling terrain offers beautiful home sites, privacy, and strong wildlife habitat, while the open acreage provides productive ground with multiple uses.

Conveniently located just minutes from Mayfield, this tract offers country living with accessibility, making it a rare find in today's market.

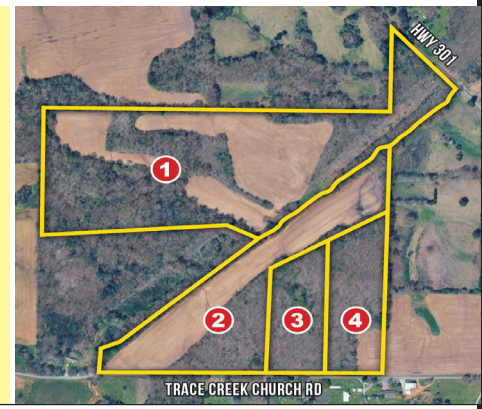
**REAL ESTATE TRACTS**

**TRACT 1: 41.25 ACRES** - Largest tract with a strong mix of open ground and woods Ideal for farming, hunting, or a private estate

**TRACT 2: 19.55 ACRES** - Excellent combination of tillable land and wooded cover Great building site potential

**TRACT 3: 7.03 ACRES** - Smaller tract with privacy – perfect for a home or weekend getaway

**TRACT 4: 8.65 ACRES** - Road frontage with open/timber mix - Ideal mini-farm or homesite



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**Tractors** - John Deere 4020 Tractor 2X4 with Loader, Hours: 2745.4, Loader: Model E0148, SN 003871W, Tractor: Model T213R, SN 268928R, Ford 2X4 Tractor, Hours: 3020.3, 4 Speed, 3PT Hitch, Updated Starter, Alternator, Belt, Plugs & Muffler.

**Trailers & Boats** - Rich Line 13 FT Boat SN:55028, 54" X 97" Utility Trailer, Single Axle 9 FT Trailer, Double Axle 8 FT Trailer

**Farm Implements & Attachments** - IH 470 14 FT Disc SN: 047000U013539, Pittsburg Field Cultivator, Rhino 3PT Hitch w/ Hydraulic Swivel Blade 7FT 10IN, S0720 Bushhog Rotary Cutter 6 FT, 3 PT Hitch Seed Sower, 5 FT Countyliner Tiller, John Deere 5 Shank Plow, Ford One Row Corn Cutter 3 PT Hitch, Bush Hog 10 Shank 3 PT Hitch Model 23D SN: 11-00400, Ford 3PT Hitch 2 Row Planter, Allis-Chalmers 3 PT Plow, Ford 3 PT Plow Model: IO-152 SN:37670, 1 Row 3PT Hitch Ripper, The Dunham Co. Culti-Packer 88", Leland McGee MFG. 5.5' Box Blade, Spring Tooth 7 Shank Harrow, 6 FT 3 PT Disc, 4 PT Ford Plow SN: 1177, Campbell MFG Pull Behind Sprayer SN: 4487, Woods Batwing 9318 15 FT SN: 784298 Mower, Huskee 42" Sweeper Model: 45-0260-131 7119, Dearborn Row Crop Cultivator Model: 13-2, Vintage Drag Harrow, Vintage Disc, 3 Row Plow, Horse Drawn Antique Cultivator, Spike Tooth Drag, Mower - 2020 Cub Cadet ZT1 50" Zero Turn Mower, Model: 17RIEAC2010 Serial: 1H180H50247 Hours: 70.7, Motor: Kawasaki FR691V, 23HP, LED Lights

**Shop & Tools** - 30 Gallon Fuel Tank w/ Fuel Pump, Yard Wagon, 100 Gallon Fuel Tank Gravity Flow, Scrap Metal, Swing Frame, Lake Bouy, Wooden Sation, 55 Gallon Drums, Kitchen Sink, Cables, 4IN Drain Pipe, 10" Sears Radial Saw, Chains, Yard Hand Tools, Post Hole Digger, Horse Saddle, Sawhorses, Shooting Target, ATV Sprayer Tank, Pump Sprayers, Backpack Sprayer, Propane Grill, Tarps, Shop Light, Extension Cords, Battery Charger, Hoses, Ladders, Traps, Metal Tool Chest, Lincoln Arc Welder, Hoses, Air Compressor, Bench Grinder, Miter Saw, Gas Cans, Cen-Tech Battery Charger, Drill Press, Hand Saws, Craftsman Wrenches, Multiple Floor Jacks, Shop Stools, Hand Tools, Shop Fan, Hydraulic Shop Press, Coolers, Lawn Chairs, Tires, Truck Bed Tool Box, Push Mower.

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