

Graves County gears up for historic America250 Celebration

Time Capsule, Fireworks, Parades and Family Traditions Highlight Patriotic Weekend

By: Laurna Todd
KPI Writer

MAYFIELD — The Mayfield Rotary Club welcomed fellow Rotarian Andrew Burgess, director of the Mayfield-Graves County YMCA, as guest speaker during its June 15 meeting. Burgess shared plans for a new community initiative aimed at teaching water safety and swimming skills to third-grade students throughout Graves County.

The program is expected to begin at Northside Baptist Christian School and is designed to equip children with essential water safety knowledge, including how to float, swim, and call 911 during an emergency. Organizers hope to reach approximately 100 students during the first year and expand participation to 250 students by 2027.

Burgess highlighted several alarming statistics regarding childhood drowning, noting that 88

percent of children who drown are under adult supervision at the time of the incident. Drowning remains the leading cause of death for children ages 1 to 4, and 60 percent of drowning victims are found within 10 feet of safety.

The YMCA's goal is not only to teach swimming skills but also to help children develop confidence and respect around water. Program leaders want students to understand that bodies of water can be enjoyed safely when proper precautions are taken.

Burgess also updated Rotarians on YMCA operations. The facility is the only year-round public swimming location in Graves County and currently serves more than 3,100 members. Recent improvements included approximately \$260,000 in pool repairs and upgrades. The YMCA offers aquatic classes for all ages, typically accommodating be-

tween 15 and 25 participants per session, and also provides lifeguard certification training.

Pictured at the meeting were Rotary Club President Chris Kemp, YMCA staff members Audrey Lamb, Jasmine Sampson and McKayla Bukoskey, Andrew and Grace Burgess, and Rotarian and YMCA board member Dale Usher.

Additional meeting activities included community singing led by Stacy Overby, while Sergeant-at-Arms Dale Usher conducted fines and happy dollars. President Kemp unveiled a new Rotary banner obtained through Club Secretary Kent Hayden and reminded members about the club's installation dinner scheduled for June 22 at the country club. The club also recognized Mayor Kathy Stewart O'Nan with a rendition of "Happy Birthday" in celebration of her upcoming birthday.

Lions Club inductees sworn in



Photo by Sedalia Lions Club

Members of the Sedalia Lions Club gather following the swearing-in ceremony for the club's 2026-27 officers and board members. Pictured are Board of Trustees Josh Gregory, Greg Smith and Mack Harris; Treasurer Jim Ravellette; Secretary Melissa Collins; Vice President Heather Gregory; and President Gordon Lewis.

GCPL offers full month of Summer fun for all ages



By: Laurna Todd
KPI Writer

As summer continues across Graves County, the Graves County Public Library is inviting residents of all ages to take advantage of a packed July calendar filled with creative workshops, book clubs, movies, games and family-friendly activities.

Located at 601 N. 17th Street in Mayfield, the library is offering a variety of free programs designed to encourage learning, creativity and community en-

gagement throughout the month.

One of the month's featured events is the DIY Cottagecore Binder Scrapbook Craft Night on July 7 at 5:30 p.m. Participants will transform ordinary binders into personalized scrapbook keepsakes using fabric, lace and other decorative materials. Due to the use of hot glue guns, the event is limited to adults and teens. Registration is required, and seating is limited to 20 participants.

Readers looking for a relaxed social gathering can attend

GCPL's Silent Book Club on July 14 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Held in the library's small community room, the nationally recognized book club format allows participants to bring their own books and enjoy quiet reading time without assigned reading or discussion pressure. Mocktails will be provided, and the event is open to adults and teens.

Residents seeking a break from the summer heat can enjoy the Cool-Off Coloring Hour on July 20 at 5:30 p.m. Guests will be able to unwind with coloring activities and relaxing lo-fi music in the library's air-conditioned community room. All supplies will be provided, and participants are encouraged to enjoy the peaceful atmosphere with minimal noise and distractions.

Classic film fans can step back in time during Classic Movie Night on July 23 at

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Drug trafficking investigations in the Mayfield Graves County

By: Jon Hayden
Graves County Sheriff

The Graves County Sheriff's Office continues identifying suspects selling Methamphetamine and other drugs in the area. We routinely work with other law enforcement agencies in ways that include sharing information, manpower, equipment, and other types of assistance when the need or a request is made. Drug enforcement is a very important part of keeping our communities safe, and the crime rates down. Crime statistics in any of our counties will show that the crime rates are

driven by illegal drug crimes.

Most recently, several individuals were identified as selling crystal methamphetamine in and around Mayfield and Graves County. It takes proactive steps by our detectives to investigate these tips, and to be able to substantiate allegations of drug trafficking. Over the past two months, a series of undercover and covert operations have led to the arrest of four (4), and another still being sought.

Dortch, Randy L.
age 56 of Dublin, KY

He was arrested at his residence on

Tuesday June 16, 2026, on Indictment Warrant charging him with Trafficking in Methamphetamine, Persistent Felony Offender 1st Degree, and other charges. This Indictment was the result of recent undercover crystal Methamphetamine purchases made from Dortch. He was out on bond from a Meth trafficking arrest from May 2025 by sheriff's deputies. Dortch was scheduled to be sentenced on that charge on 08/10/26. While out on bond for trafficking, he got arrested for trafficking

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Oldham County's only surviving dairy farm makes yogurt, cheeses in addition to milk

By Chris Aldridge
Kentucky Ag News

CRESTWOOD, Ky. — As Bob Klingenfus scanned the rolling hills surrounding his 450-acre Harvest Moon Farm, he declared that it is “one of the few pieces of farmland left in Oldham County.”

The farm is home to Harvest Home Dairy, the only dairy farm left in the county that boasted 126 dairies when Klingenfus, 78, started milking cows in 1964. The farm is among several in Kentucky that make artisan cheeses. It is also one of three farms listed on the Kentucky Proud website that sells yogurt. But, Klingenfus claims his is the only one in the Commonwealth that makes its own yogurt on the farm.

“I wanted to do something a little different,” Klingenfus said of being a yogurt maker. “I don’t want to get lost in the crowd.”

Harvest Moon Farm Whole Milk Yogurt is sold at 60 Kroger stores in the region and distributed to



Harvest Moon Farm's dairy cows, including the vocal Olympia, far right, are mainly cared for by Bob Klingenfus' wife, Angie, left. He estimates that she has raised about 4,500 calves in more than 30 years.

50-60 restaurants or other food service clients through What Chefs Want, formerly named Creation Gardens. The farm also sells its yogurt frozen on a stick in various fruit flavors. There are also caramel-flavored yogurt ice pops using another Harvest Moon product, caramelized milk.

Dr. Ronald Maldonado Gomez, a former professor at the University of Central

Venezuela before coming to the U.S., is the creative force behind the various products that add value to Klingenfus' milk.

“Dr. Ronald developed all these products,” Klingenfus said. “We’re lucky to have his skills.”

Gomez's Harvest Moon cheeses have won numerous awards at the Kentucky State Fair. His small batch, hand-stretched Mozzarella and sweet,

nutty-flavored Swiss cheese have both won gold medals. The cheese-making operation employs two other people: manager Joyce Abbott and assistant Barbara Chisholm.

Klingenfus milks 48 cows among his total herd of 240 cows, a mix of the Holstein and Jersey breeds.

“I’ve been farming since I was 10 years old, dairy farming since I was 14,” Klingenfus said. “Dairy

has been good to me.

“We don’t do it for profit; we do it for our passion. It’s frightening what will happen 20-30 years from now because we (dairy farmers) are all in our 60s and 70s. Dr. Ron is the only person here not on Social Security, and he’s 58.”

The cows are mainly cared for by Klingenfus' wife, Angie. He estimates that she has raised about 4,500 calves in more than

30 years, with only 17 deaths. She taught a workshop for the University of Kentucky Extension Service on dairy farming.

Klingenfus rents 1,000 acres of Oldham County farmland, which supplies a profitable hay business that keeps him busy mowing every summer.

“Right here, within a 10-mile radius, there are 5,000 horses,” he said. “They demand half a million bales every year.

“A horse eats 10 bales per month – that’s 100 bales per horse. We’re one of only three or four hay producers locally, so it’s a good market.”

Klingenfus praised the Kentucky Proud program, of which his farm is a member.

“Kentucky Proud really helps a lot,” he said. “When somebody buys Kentucky Proud, people think they’re just helping me. But I’m not the only one. It helps all the people I pay. For every \$100 I’m paid, \$90 (in expenses and salaries) goes to somebody else.”

Kentucky's Otega Oweh Headed to Thunder

Staff Report

LEXINGTON, Ky. (KT) — Former Kentucky standout Otega Oweh is headed to the reigning NBA champions after being selected in the second round of the NBA Draft on Wednesday night.

Oweh was chosen by the Miami Heat with the 41st overall pick before his draft rights

were traded to the Oklahoma City Thunder. He joins a Thunder organization that won its first NBA title in 2025 and features former Wildcats Shai Gilgeous-Alexander and Cason Wallace.

The selection makes Oweh the 147th player drafted in Kentucky basketball history and extends the Wildcats' streak to 19 consecu-

tive years with at least one NBA Draft pick. He also becomes the fourth player drafted under coach Mark Pope.

During his two seasons at Kentucky, Oweh scored 1,255 points, surpassing Bill Spivey for the most points by a Wildcat over a two-year span. He averaged 17.4 points, 4.7 rebounds

and 2.2 assists per game while reaching double figures in 68 of 72 contests.

The 2025 SEC Player of the Year delivered one of the season's signature performances with 35 points, eight

rebounds and seven assists in an NCAA Tournament victory over Santa Clara.

Meanwhile, Louisville guard Ryan Conwell was selected 37th overall by Oklahoma City before being trad-

ed to the Miami Heat. Conwell averaged 18.8 points per game for the Cardinals and earned Second Team All-ACC honors. He becomes Louisville's 79th all-time NBA Draft selection.

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Commonwealth Honors Academy at Murray State University welcomes 94 scholars representing seven states

Press Release

MURRAY, Ky. — This year's Commonwealth Honors Academy (CHA) at Murray State University has welcomed 94 scholars among nearly 300 applicants. Scholars represent a total of seven states: Kentucky, Tennessee, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Mississippi and Ohio.

The scholars represent nearly 60 different high schools from cities large and small. CHA students spend three weeks from June 6-27 taking challenging courses taught by award-winning faculty, engaging in personal growth seminars, learning from special guest speakers and enjoying fun extracurricular activities. The students get a real taste of what it is like to be a college student by living in J.H. Richmond Residence Hall and dining at Winslow Dining Hall.

The mission of the Commonwealth Honors Academy is to educate, inspire, challenge and support



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the next generation. The scholars who are invited to attend have demonstrated not only their intelligence and drive, but also responsibility, maturity and compassion. The faculty and staff encourage CHA scholars to grow—not only in academic pursuits, but also as engaged and contributing members of a community.

CHA welcomed nine faculty members

this year; four from Murray State in areas including engineering and physics, journalism and mass communication, biology and organizational communication, and five from other (K-12) school districts.

“CHA is a wonderful academic program that offers not only top-notch educational content, but also helps students learn how to navigate college life,” said Academic Dean

of Commonwealth Honors Academy and Associate Professor of biology at Murray State University, Dr. Laura Sullivan-Beckers. “They figure out what it's like to work with new people, live with roommates and are exposed to lots of new ideas. It is always a great joy to see how much students develop in such a short period of time. For our faculty and staff, it is a very rewarding

program that tends to invigorate our professional lives each year.”

The courses offered this year include a wide range of content: genetic engineering, argumentation and debate, dystopian literature, visual art, history of Puerto Rico and rise of Bad Bunny, global music, generative AI and media, Hamilton and the Revolutionary War, and cybersecurity.

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Curtis named Murray High School Athletic Director

Staff Report

MURRAY — Dior Curtis has joined the Murray High School team for the 2026-2027 school year.

Curtis has been named Murray High School Athletic Director. He will work alongside Ann Greenfield, District Athletic Director, to support student-athletes and athletic programs.

In addition, Curtis will serve as the Alternative Education Teacher at Murray High School, supporting students with behavior and academic interventions.

"I'm incredibly grateful for the opportunity to return to the Murray Independent School District in a new role," said Curtis. "I want to continue serving the students,



Dion Curtis has been named Murray High School Athletic Director.

(Photo courtesy of McCracken County High School)

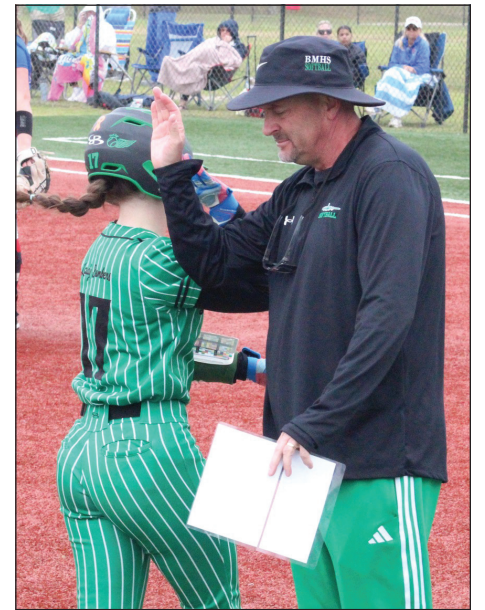
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creating opportunities for every student-athlete to succeed. Go Tigers!"

Alexander Awarded 1st Region Softball Coach Of Year



1st Region Coach Of The Year Scott Alexander.



(Photos by Tim Taylor)

By TIM TAYLOR
KPI Writer

In what must be described as the Ballard Memorial softball programs most successful season, Lady Bomber Coach Scott Alexander was rewarded for the team's performance this season. Alexander was awarded the Kentucky Softball Coaches Association 1st Region Coach of the Year. He helped guide the Lady Bombers to a 24 win season, along with the softball team's first ever overall 1st Region Championship, and their first trip to the KHSAA Softball State Tournament. "It is a

great honor," said 5th year Lady Bomber softball head coach. He made sure his players realized the recognition he received was directly related to how well they performed this season. "I told the girls they are responsible for me receiving the award. When you have good talent, it makes you look good," said Alexander. He also made sure to acknowledge his assistant coaches Dustin Bohde and Robert Polivick on the job they did to contribute to the team's success. The trio of coaches helped prepare the team throughout the season. The Lady

Bombers responded winning 10 straight games heading into the state Sweet 16 Tournament as the team came together to have a strong ending to the 2026 campaign. That success is something he wants the Lady Bombers to build on and does not expect the team to be satisfied just making it to state one time. "We want to build a big enough program that we replace talent with more talent." With a solid group of returning players set to return in 2027, do not be surprised if they are contenders for next season's regional championship as well.



McCracken County reached the semifinals of the 2026 KHSAA Baseball State Tournament presented by UK HealthCare.

(Photo courtesy of McCracken County High School)

Miners edge Railroaders

Staff Report

FULTON — Madisonville outlasted Fulton 6-5 in an Ohio Valley League game on Saturday, June 20.

The game was tied 5-5 in the top of the seventh inning when Madisonville batter Jayden Hernandez singled, scoring one run.

An error put Madisonville on the board first in the top half of the initial inning.

However, Fulton thrived during the sixth inning, scoring five runs on four hits. The Railroaders moved ahead 5-4 but faltered. Jeremiah Bowman homered and drove in three runs

for Fulton during the sixth inning.

Madisonville took the lead, 6-5, in the top of the seventh inning thanks to singles from Hernandez and Caleb Braden.

Jonathan Fitzgibbons pitched three innings in relief for the Miners. The Madisonville reliever allowed zero hits and zero runs while striking out three and walking one.

Jaden Hensley started on the mound for the Miners. The Madisonville starter surrendered zero hits and zero runs over one inning, striking out two and walking none.

Michael Dobbins opened the game on

the mound for the Railroaders. The Fulton starter surrendered four hits and four runs (two earned) over five innings, striking out 10 and walking three.

Landen Volner drove in two runs for the Miners.

Trent Prosperi set the tone at the top of Madisonville's lineup, leading the Miners with three hits in five at bats.

Bowman delivered three runs batted in and one hit for the Railroaders.

Another Fulton batter, Owen Phillips, went two-for-two at the plate.

Hoptown upends Paducah

Staff Report

PADUCAH — Hoptown topped Paducah 7-3 in an Ohio Valley League game at Brooks Stadium on Monday, June 22.

Hoptown opened the scoring in the first inning after Evan Leonard singled, plating one run.

The Hoppers added another run in the third inning after Dom Hartman singled down the left field line.

Paducah tied the game in the bottom of the third inning thanks to a fielder's choice by Troy Doolley, and a double from

Austin Wilson.

Hoptown moved ahead 4-2 in the top of the fourth inning after Brennen Gibson singled to center field, and Zach Hampton singled to the left side of the infield, each manufacturing one run.

Landon Pund started on the mound for the Chiefs. The Paducah starting pitcher gave up seven hits and four runs (three earned) over four innings, striking out three and walking three.

Karsyn Knowles started on the mound for the Hoppers. The Hoptown starting

pitcher surrendered two hits and two runs over two and one-third innings, striking out three and walking two.

Wilson and Jack Robinson each collected two hits for the Chiefs. Dooley, Wilson and Brett Haas each drove in one run for homestanding Paducah.

Hoptown connected for 11 hits. Leonard led Hoptown offensively, driving in two runs.

The number three hitter for Hoptown, Leonard went three-for-four at the plate.

Easton Beatty aided Hoptown offensively providing two hits.

Fulton Railroaders knock off Chiefs

Staff Report

PADUCAH — Jacob Lott collected three hits in five at bats as Fulton defeated host Paducah 9-5 in an Ohio Valley League game at Brooks Stadium on Sunday, June 21.

Lott supplied three singles for the Rail-

roaders.

A single by Lott put Fulton on the scoreboard in the top of the second frame.

The Railroaders scored five runs on two hits in the top of the third inning. Ellis Hurt singled, scoring one run; Easton Sullivan singled, scoring

two runs; an error scored one run, and Sullivan scored after tagging up.

Luca Dickinson started on the mound for the Railroaders. The Fulton starting pitcher allowed five hits and one run over five innings, striking out three and walking

three.

Avery Starks stepped on the mound first for the Chiefs. The Paducah starting pitcher surrendered six hits and six runs (four earned) over two innings, striking out one and walking three.

Zander Smith tossed one scoreless inning

in relief for the Railroaders. The Fulton reliever allowed two hits, striking out one and walking one.

Fulton connected for 11 hits. Lott and Hurt each delivered three hits for the Railroaders.

Paducah also connected for 11 hits.

Brett Haas and Andrew Dixon each provided two hits for the Chiefs. Haas, Carson Reed, Troy Dooley and Kendrick Dunning each drove in one run for homestanding Paducah.

Murray State signs Hungarian midfielder Sara Szarvas

Staff Report

MURRAY — Murray State women's soccer program announces the official signing of midfielder Sara Szarvas of Kecskemet, Hungary.

Szarvas joins the Racers after playing for Puskás Akadémia in the Hungarian First Division. She helped the senior team finish second in the league standings in 2026 and

third in 2025. The club also finished as the runner-up in the Hungarian Cup.

Szarvas was named the league's Breakthrough Player of the Year in 2024.

During her youth career, she won the Hungarian U19 Championship with Puskás Akadémia U19 in 2023. She also won an international youth tournament in France

with Ferencvárosi TC U14 in 2019.

Born in Budapest, Szarvas graduated from Felcsuti Letenyés Lajos Gimnázium in 2025. She is the daughter of Gabriella Roza and has two siblings, Zsombor, 25, and Boroka, 13.

Szarvas will major in nutrition and dietetics on the nutrition and foods track at Murray State.

PUBLIC NOTICE

INGEVITY VIRGINIA CORP – WICKLIFFE CARBON PLANT
TENTATIVE DECISION TO GRANT A REGULATION VARIANCE
WICKLIFFE, BALLARD CO., KY
EPA I.D.: KYR-000-009-266

AI: 59

The Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet, Division of Waste Management (Division) has made a tentative decision to grant a regulation variance to Ingevity Virginia Corp – Wickliffe Carbon Plant (Ingevity) for an exception to a Kentucky Administrative Regulation (KAR) requirement to store hazardous wastes in containers or tanks. Additional details of the variance follow. Ingevity's carbon plant is located at 2025 Beech Grove Rd, Wickliffe, Ballard County, Kentucky 42087. The site contact person is Ms. Jenny Buckman, and she can be reached at (270) 936-6762.

Why does Ingevity need a variance from the Division?

Ingevity is requesting a site-specific variance to allow temporary accumulation (for 60 days or less) of a D002 hazardous waste in a curbed area on a concrete slab instead of in a tank or container. D002 is the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) code for wastes having the characteristic of corrosivity. The variance is sought to more easily manage large (approximately 2-foot diameter by 24 foot long) spent filter elements generated onsite. According to the submittal for the variance, the alternative will provide relief from the difficult logistics of moving the unwieldy filter elements described in and out of any container. Additionally, the variance will allow human interaction with the acidic liquids drained from the filter elements to be minimized.

The Division has tentatively determined that this change will likely pose an insignificant change in potential hazard to public health or the environment. This conclusion is further supported by positive results historically achieved through nearly identical variances previously issued to this same facility. On March 21, 2023, May 22, 2000, May 14, 2018, April 13, 2016, and December 15, 2006, current or previous owners of the facility (Ingevity, WestRock and MeadWestvaco) were granted variances. Those variances nullified requirements to temporarily accumulate (for 90 days or less) hazardous wastes in a tank or container. These variances are currently expired, but the Division is unaware of any additional human health or environment problems that resulted from the previous variances. Since Ingevity is basically seeking renewal of the above-described expired variances, history seems to support the Division's tentative determination. Please note that the proposed variance is from provisions of 40 CFR 262.232(a)(4) incorporated in 401 KAR 39:080 Section 1(1) and a requirement of 401 KAR 39:080 Section 1(7)(a) which are essentially the current equivalents (or superiors) for the requirements that were codified at 401 KAR 32:030 Section (5) prior to 2018.

How can I tell the Division what I think about this tentative decision?

The Cabinet encourages public involvement and welcomes comments. Anyone wishing to comment on our tentative approval of this variance should submit their written comments to the Division on or before July 27, 2026, the close of the public comment period. Comments should be submitted to April Webb, PE., Manager, Hazardous Waste Branch, Division of Waste Management, 300 Sower Boulevard, 2nd Floor, Frankfort, KY 40601, or by email at April.Webb@ky.gov.

Where can I review the documents used to make and otherwise associated with this tentative decision?

Ballard-Carlisle County Public Library Ms. Alita Rogers 257 North Fourth Street Wickliffe, KY 42087 Phone: (270) 335-5059 Hours of Operation: Friday 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM (except holidays) Division of Waste Management 300 Sower Boulevard Frankfort, KY 40601 Point of Contact: Tina Fisher Phone: (502) 782-6357 Email: tina.fisher@ky.gov Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Division of Waste Management Website:
<https://eec.ky.gov/Environmental-Protection/Waste/Pages/public-notices.aspx>
(Waste Management Public Notices – Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet)

What will the Division do with the comments they receive?

The Cabinet will consider all comments, received by the close of the public comment period on July 27, 2026, in making a final decision. Anyone submitting comments will be mailed a "response to public comments" document specifying any changes made or not made (with reasons why) as a result of the comment(s) submitted.

Any person who may be aggrieved by the Division's final decision may file a petition with the Cabinet which sets forth the grounds of the objection and demands a formal hearing pursuant to KRS 224.10-420(2). This type of hearing is held before a hearing officer, and all parties are advised to have legal counsel present.

The Division of Waste Management does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, disability, sex, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, ancestry, or veteran status. The division provides, on request, reasonable accommodations necessary to afford an individual with a disability an equal opportunity to participate in all services, programs and activities. To request materials in an alternate format contact John Moore at (502) 782-6419 or johnf.moore@ky.gov. Hearing and speech impaired persons may contact the agency by using the Kentucky Relay Service, a toll-free telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD). For voice to TDD, call 800-648-6057. For TDD to voice call 800-648-6056.

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Sightings of young black bears increase with summer roaming

Staff Report

FRANKFORT — Sightings of black bears have recently been occurring in neighborhoods, backyards, urban areas, and even on dash cams and doorbell cameras in areas of Kentucky not accustomed to seeing many of them. Biologists and game wardens with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources want the public to know that this is normal bear behavior and encourage the public to learn more about Kentucky bears to better understand and live safely with them.

In late spring and early summer, young male black bears get pushed out of areas where they were raised in eastern Kentucky by older and more dominant male bears for mating season. These juveniles may wander up to several weeks or more into unfamiliar territory in search of food, good habitat and prospective mates before instinctively returning to the mountains by the fall. Bears can travel 20 miles or more in a day if left undisturbed, and Kentucky bears have been suspected of traveling as far away as Missouri in recent years.

"This is the time of year when young male bears are usually spotted outside of their normal home range in

the mountain counties of eastern Kentucky," said John Hast, Bear Program coordinator for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "These young bears are just juveniles and are easily scared and confused causing them to wander into populated areas because they don't yet know any better. They may hide during the day and leave the area at night only to be reported being seen again a county or two away within a couple of days. Residents should keep their distance, remove all food sources and let the bear move on when he feels safe to do so."

Black bears have a natural fear of people and dogs, and adverse encounters are extremely rare. Never approach or feed a bear and keep a safe distance away. If a bear is posing an immediate danger, a person should yell and wave their arms to look more threatening to scare him off or call local law enforcement immediately.

Residents of an area where a bear has been spotted should secure their garbage in a garage or other building, not leave pet food outside, and clean and securely store barbecue grills. These are all best practices in general for people to prevent problems with wildlife. Also, people should not use bird feeders in bear

range or in areas where they have been recently observed. It is a violation of Kentucky law to feed bears or knowingly leave unsecured food available for them to consume.

The national website BearWise.org was established to help people live responsibly with bears. This easily-remembered website offers information and solutions to help individuals and communities coexist with bears, whether bears are just visiting or are permanent neighbors.

"Learning a little more about black bears will help keep any encounter in perspective and can ease any fears a community may have," Hast said.

In Kentucky, hunting bears is regulated and limited to defined seasons in the established bear zones in eastern Kentucky to ensure a sustainable and healthy population.

For more information about black bears, visit the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Black Bears webpage on its website at fw.ky.gov, or visit BearWise.org. Bear sightings may be reported to the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Information Center at info.center@ky.gov, or at 1-800-858-1549, Mondays-Fridays, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except holidays.

Bluegrass State Games Wrestling registration open

Staff Report

LEXINGTON — Registration is open for Bluegrass State Games Wrestling, which will be held at Lafayette High School in Lexington on Saturday, July 11.

Bluegrass State Games Wrestling will offer various weight classes and age divisions.

The registration fee is \$35 per wrestler.

The registration deadline is Friday, July 10.

Residents of Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee, Indiana, Illinois and West Virginia are eligible to compete in the Bluegrass State Games.

Registration for Bluegrass State Games Wrestling is available

online at <https://bit.ly/BGSGWrestling>.

Admission for the event will be as follows: adults - \$5, students - \$3, children under 12 - free.

For more information about Bluegrass State Games Wrestling, contact Jarvis Livingston via email (bgsgwrestlingchairman@gmail.com).

Special Called Meeting City of Salem KY Commission 111 Court Street, Salem, KY Tuesday, June 30, 2026 8:00AM

Agenda:

- 1 Call the meeting to order
- 2 Pledge to the American Flag Prayer
- 3 2nd and Final Reading of Ordinance #26-05 Adopting an Occupational Fee in the City of Salem
- 4 Open a bank account for Occupational Fee
- 5 Adjourn

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife reopens boat ramp on Green River in Warren County



Staff Report

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources has reopened the Lock and Dam 5 boat ramp on Green River. With support from Warren County, the restored ramp will provide access for watercraft following the removal of Lock and Dam 5 in 2021.

Access to three ramps in the area was cut off after water levels dropped follow-

ing the dam's removal. The topography below the Lock and Dam 5 boat ramp allowed the original single-lane concrete ramp to be extended to meet the river at its lower level. The project includes parking lot and roadway improvements.

The ramp restores motorized watercraft and paddlecraft access to 12 miles of river from Brownsville to this ramp. Paddlecraft access is also possible at the Alexander Cir-

cle, seven miles above the ramp, but the area consists of rough terrain to launch or take out. Access restoration allows anglers better chances to enjoy a productive stretch of river for catfish, bass and panfish.

For questions, the public may contact the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Information Center at 800-858-1549 or atinfo.center@ky.gov, weekdays 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (EDT), except holidays.

NAIA approves women's flag football as 30th championship sport

Staff Report

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The National Administrative Council (NAC) of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) has approved women's flag football as the NAIA's 30th championship sport, elevating the sport from invitational to championship status beginning with the 2026-27 academic year and culminating in the inaugural NAIA Women's Flag Football National Championship in spring 2027.

The move marks a significant milestone in the continued growth of one of the fastest-expanding sports in the country. In partnership with the NFL, the NAIA became the first collegiate athletics association to recognize women's flag football on a national level. What began as an emerging sport in 2021 grew to invitational status in 2026 and now championship status in 2027.

The NAC's approval on Wednesday

officially establishes women's flag football as the association's newest championship sport and further reinforces the NAIA's longstanding commitment to expanding opportunities for student-athletes.

"Making women's flag football an NAIA championship sport is a major milestone," said NAIA President & CEO Jim Carr. "It expands opportunity, elevates the game, and reflects the momentum behind one of the fastest-growing women's sports in the country."

The association has worked alongside member institutions, conferences, and national partners to establish the infrastructure necessary for long-term success and sustainability. A total of 60 NAIA institutions are expected to sponsor women's flag football during the 2026-27 academic year, demonstrating the sport's continued growth and broad-based support across

the association.

"The growth of women's flag football over the last five years has been remarkable," said Austin Bennett, NAIA Vice President for Championships. "The NAIA has been proud to serve as a pioneer in the sport's collegiate development since launching it in 2021. What began as an opportunity to create new pathways for student-athletes has quickly evolved into a thriving national sport with strong institutional support, growing competitive depth, and tremendous momentum."

The inaugural NAIA Women's Flag Football National Championship is scheduled to be contested during the spring of 2027. Additional details regarding championship qualification, format, and site information will be announced at a later date.

For more information about NAIA Women's Flag Football, visit www.naia.org/flagfootball.

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 678
2026 - 2027 City Budget**

Be it ordained by the City of Wickliffe, Kentucky:
The following budget is adopted and to be effective July 1, 2026 for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 and the amounts stated are appropriated for the purposes intended:

ESTIMATED REVENUES:

FD State Aid	15,000.00
Municipal Road Aid	9,500.00
Franchise Tax	43,000.00
Insurance Premiums Revenue	120,000.00
Interest Income	110,000.00
Sanitation	100,000.00
Property, Vehicle & Telecomm. Taxes	160,000.00
Rental Income	273,000.00
Grant Revenue	4,400.00
Business Licenses	1,000.00
Donations	3,000.00
Misc. Revenue	16,000.00
Gas Company Revenues	360,000.00
Utilities: Water	400,000.00
Waste Treatment	94,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$1,708,900.00

PROPOSED EXPENDITURES:

Employee Salaries, Taxes, Benefits	235,000.00
Mayor/Council Wages	16,700.00
Professional Fees	75,000.00
Advertising & Printing	2,000.00
Utilities	53,000.00
Dues & Subscriptions	4,000.00
Other Contractual	80,000.00
Construction Materials	8,000.00
Materials & Supplies	20,000.00
Street Paving	70,000.00
Equipment	15,000.00
Donations	600.00
Insurance	65,000.00
Office Supplies & Other Mat.	17,000.00
Street Expenses	10,000.00
Misc. Expenses	10,600.00
Ft. Jefferson Visitor's Center	4,000.00
Gas Company Expense	260,000.00
	945,900.00

Safety & Services:

Police	10,200.00
Fire Dept: Utilities	7,800.00
Fire Truck Payment	15,000.00
Equipment	5,000.00
Other Expenses	10,000.00
	37,800.00

Recreation	12,000.00
Sanitation	65,000.00
	77,000.00

Warehouse: Operations	10,000.00
Salaries, PR Taxes & Benefits	97,000.00
	107,000.00

Waste Operations	74,000.00
Treatment: Salaries, PR Taxes & Benefits	70,000.00
	144,000.00

Water: Operations	220,000.00
Salaries, PR Taxes & Benefits	167,000.00
	387,000.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,708,900.00
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APPROVED:/s/ Lynn W. Lane, Mayor ATTEST:/s/ Bethany Cain, City Clerk
Passed on 1st reading the 16th day of June 2026.
Approved on the 2nd reading the 23rd day of June 2026.
Published in the *Advance Yeoman* on June 26, 2026.

**ORDINANCE NO. 677
PERSONNEL AND PAY CLASSIFICATION PLAN**

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE PAY CLASSIFICATION FOR THE EMPLOYEES AND NON-ELECTED CITY OFFICERS OF THE CITY OF WICKLIFFE, KENTUCKY.

WHEREAS, KRS 83A.070(2) requires the legislative body of each city to fix the compensation of city employees and non-elected city officers in accordance with personnel and pay classification plan which shall be adopted by ordinance;

WHEREAS, the City of Wickliffe, Kentucky reviewed the Wage & Salary Survey for Kentucky cities as prepared by the Kentucky League of Cities during the preparation of a personnel and pay classification plan;

WHEREAS, the compensation ranges identified by the City of Wickliffe, Kentucky fall within the current budget ordinance; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF WICKLIFFE, COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTIONS:

- I. Personnel and Pay Classifications
- II. Additional Compensation for Services Rendered
- III. Severability
- IV. Effective Date

I. PERSONNEL AND PAY CLASSIFICATIONS

The following personnel and pay classifications are hereby established:

POSITION	COMPENSATION RANGE
Assistant City Clerk (part-time)	[\$12.00/hr] \$14.00/hr. to [\$20.00/hr.] \$22.00/hr.
City Clerk/Treasurer	[\$17.00/hr.] \$18.00 to [\$38.00/hr.] \$43.00/hr.
Public Works/Utilities Director	[\$22.00/hr.] \$25.00 to [\$46.00/hr.] \$48.00/hr.
Warehouse / Employee Manager	\$25.00/hr. to [\$44.00/hr.] \$50.00/hr.
Public Works Apprentice	[\$20.00/hr.] \$22.00/hr. [\$28.00/hr.] \$32.00/hr.
Maintenance Worker	\$18.00/hr. to [\$25.00/hr.] \$28.00/hr.
Maintenance Worker (part-time)	[\$12.00/hr.] \$17.00/hr. to [\$20.00/hr.] \$25.00/hr.

II. ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED

The mayor shall have discretion to pay employees and non-elected city officers' additional compensation for services rendered, but such additional compensation shall be subject to the appropriations set forth in the budget ordinance.

III. SEVERABILITY

Each section and each provision of each section of this ordinance are severable, and if any provision, section, paragraph, sentence, or part thereof, or the application thereof to any person, licensee, class, or group is held by a court of law to be unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such holding shall not affect or impair the remainder of this ordinance, it being the legislative intent to ordain and enact each provision, section, paragraph, sentence, and part thereof separately and independently of the rest.

IV. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its publication.

APPROVED:/s/ Lynn W. Lane, Mayor
ATTEST:/s/ Bethany Cain, City Clerk
Passed on 1st reading the 16th day of June 2026.
Approved on the 2nd reading the 23rd day of June 2026.
Published in the *Advance Yeoman* on June 26, 2026.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 676

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING BIDS FOR THE FRANCHISE FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL TRASH AND REFUSE OF THE RESIDENTS OF WICKLIFFE, KENTUCKY

WHEREAS, the City of Wickliffe, Kentucky passed Ordinance No. 624 on or about October 6, 2015 creating an exclusive franchise for the collection and disposal of municipal solid waste;

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 624 included a request for proposal (RFP) that was published for bids in accordance with Section 164 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Kentucky;

WHEREAS, the most recent award of said franchise has expired, but the need for the service remains; and

WHEREAS, for the reasons set forth above, the City Council of the City of Wickliffe, Kentucky finds that it is in the City's best interest that this Ordinance be and hereby is adopted.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF WICKLIFFE, KENTUCKY as follows:

Section 1. The Request for Proposal (RFP) that was attached and referenced in Section 1 of Ordinance 624 is replaced and substituted with the attached RFP.

Section 2. The Mayor is authorized, after informing the counsel in a public meeting, by executive order to publish subsequent RFPs at the conclusion or termination of any award of the franchise established by Ordinance 624. Any award from any bids/proposals shall be made only upon action by the Council.

APPROVED:/s/ Lynn W. Lane, Mayor
ATTEST:/s/ Bethany Cain, City Clerk

Passed on 1st reading the 14th day of April 2026.
Approved on the 2nd reading the 12th day of May 2026.
Approved on the 3rd reading the 16th day of June 2026.
Published in the Advance Yeoman on June 26, 2026.

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) MUNICIPAL TRASH AND REFUSE COLLECTION
CITY OF WICKLIFFE, KENTUCKY****SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION**

The City of Wickliffe (hereinafter "City") is soliciting proposals from qualified contractors for the provision of trash/refuse collection services for single-family residential and commercial clients. Proposals will be accepted for franchise with a five (5) year term. The scope of service shall be for 471 city and county residents. Proposals shall include a flat monthly rate for the contract including all fees, disposal taxes or surcharges. The City will bill all residential and commercial clients on their monthly water bill, which will include the City's fee. All collections shall be made at the curb or street front of residential clients and at the designated dumpster location of all commercial clients, once per week on a regularly scheduled basis. Any person determined by a primary care provider to be disabled or incapacitated shall receive special services with no extra charge, and the City will provide a list of such addresses. Residential clients will receive one 90-gallon container and may receive an additional 90-gallon container at no charge. Containers and dumpsters shall be delivered at no additional charge. Included as a term and condition of the franchise shall be the provision of four 30-yard dumpsters for spring clean-up and one 30-yard dumpster for the Harvest Festival each year. Dumpster and trash service at all City locations should be at no cost.

SECTION 2: RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

This RFP is a solicitation and not an offer to contract. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bid proposals. The City further reserves the right to issue clarifications and other directives concerning this RFP to require clarification or further information with respect to any proposal, and to determine the final terms of any contract. Acceptance of any proposal will be based upon factors including, but not limited to, the following: cost for service; completeness of proposal; thoroughness of information provided; customer service standards; value of added services; and successful contractor performance with waste collection systems similar to a scale described herein.

SECTION 3: BASIS OF PROPOSAL

Proposals submitted must include, by paragraphs numbered, basic information addressing the following:

- 3.1 *Pricing.* The contractor shall provide pricing and charges for weekly trash removal for one residential 90-gallon container (included in this rate is an additional residential 90-gallon container at no cost). Further, the contractor shall provide a list of commercial dumpsters itemizing their pricing and pickup schedule.
- 3.2 *Additional Services.* The Contractor may provide a list of additional services that may be provided, together with a pricing list for such services.
- 3.3 *Holiday Schedules.* Holidays shall be New Year's Day, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day; additional holidays may be submitted for additional consideration. The bid proposal must provide for authorized catch-up collection day if the regular collection date falls on a holiday. If not otherwise specified, then the following weekday that is not a holiday is the authorized catch-up collection day.
- 3.4 *Truck and Equipment.* The contractor shall provide information about the size and types of trucks and automation that it proposes to use, as well as other equipment necessary for the job such as communication devices, GPS systems, etc. The City reserves the right to visit the facilities of all interested contractors and observe the equipment used and the operational methods. These site visits will be coordinated with the appropriate representative(s) from each of the interested contractors. Any contract entered into by the City may contain provisions regarding equipment weight, leak proofing, and similar performance standards.
- 3.5 *Use of Subcontractors.* Contractor shall indicate in the proposal whether or not it intends to use subcontractors for any part of the service being provided, together with a list of all said subcontractors.
- 3.6 *Customer Service.* The contractor shall be responsible for providing all customer service functions including informing customers of current services, handling customer requests, and resolving customer complaints. The proposal shall include information addressing the contractor's proposals for methods and a time frame for communicating with the customers and responding to their questions and complaints. The contractor shall also include, with the proposal, a copy of their customer service standards.
- 3.7 *Proposed Term of Contract.* The contractor shall provide proposals for one (1) five (5) year term contract. Alternative proposals for longer terms may be presented for consideration.

SECTION 4: QUALIFICATIONS

The City requires the submission of the following supporting data regarding the qualifications of the contractor in order to determine whether it is qualified and responsible:

1. Satisfactory evidence that the contractor possesses not less than five (5) years of experience providing trash and/or recycling collection services.
2. Evidence that the contractor is in good standing with the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
3. A copy of the latest available financial statements of the contractor (or, if the contractor is a subsidiary or division, then a financial statement of the parent corporation).
4. An itemized list of the contractor's equipment proposed for use on the bid including trucks and containers. The disposal location along with any prior notice of violations issued to the disposal facility by the state or federal inspectors. A list of driver qualifications (hiring process, company drug policy, and training) and other staff, including the process of customer service and method of call handling.
5. Such additional information as will satisfy the City that the contractor is adequately prepared to fulfill all of the terms of the contract.

SECTION 5: GENERAL TERMS

The contract with the City shall include, but not be limited to, the general terms that are provided as follows:

5.1 *Maintenance of Records and Reporting.* The contractor shall maintain in its local office full and complete operation and customer service records that shall at all reasonable times be open for inspection and copying for any reasonable purpose by the City. Reports shall be submitted, by an agreed upon date, to the City, documenting the following information:

1. The customers for whom service was provided;
2. A log of complaints and resolutions for trash and refuse collection services;
3. A log of missed collections and responses;
4. A description of any vehicle accidents or infractions;
5. A listing of all accounts having a charge of service during the month; and
6. Weights in tons of garbage and refuse collected by commodity and the location where these items were transported.

5.2 *Compensation Payment Schedule.* The contractor shall bill the City monthly on a per account basis for services provided. Within 30 days of the start of this Contract, the contractor shall coordinate with the City's Clerk to establish a mutually acceptable billing form. The City will retain full auditing rights of contractor's accounting records as they pertain to the City's contract.

5.3 *Surety.* The contractor must provide reputable surety on a 100% performance bond or Irrevocable Letter of Credit to the City conditioned upon the true and faithful performance of the Contract.

5.4 *Indemnification and Insurance.* The contractor shall be required to indemnify and hold harmless the City, its officers and its employees, from and against all liability, claims, and demands, on account of any injury, loss, or damage, which arise out of or are connected with the contractor's performance of the contract, if such injury, loss, or damage, or any portion thereof, is caused by, or claimed to be caused by, the act, the omission, or other fault of the contractor or any subcontractor of the contractor, or any officer, employee, or agent of the contractor or subcontractor, or any other person for whom the contractor is responsible. The contract shall include provisions for the contractor to defend against such claims.

The contractor and any subcontractor of the contractor shall be required to carry at their own expense workers' compensation insurance and comprehensive general liability used in the performance of the contract and shall include insurance on equipment and motor vehicles. The worker's liability insurance shall have limits of not less than \$2,000,000.00 each occurrence and \$4,000,000.00 aggregate. The motor vehicle and equipment liability insurance shall have limits of not less than \$1,000,000.00 each occurrence and \$3,000,000.00 aggregate. The City, its officers and employees, shall be named additional insureds with respect to required coverage for particular operations, subrogation, production of certificates, cancellation, and insurer ratings. Lesser per occurrence and aggregate limits may be submitted for consideration.

5.5 *Compliance with Laws and Miscellaneous.* The contractor shall be responsible at its expense for obtaining and complying with all necessary permits, ordinances, and laws. Further, the contractor shall also comply with all solid waste disposal laws and regulations as well as any DOT and OSHA regulations.

SECTION 6: FORM OF BID

All proposals must be submitted in writing along with any requested documents. The bid must be signed by an authorized representative of the contractor and eight copies must be submitted with the bid proposal package.

SEALED BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL 4:00 P.M. CT ON MONDAY, JULY 13, 2026, AND PUBLICLY OPENED AND READ AT THE ADDRESS BELOW ON TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2026 at 5:30 P.M. CT.

Bids are to be delivered to:
Bethany Cain, City Clerk Wickliffe City Hall
321 Court Street, Wickliffe, KY 42087

AG UPDATE

for Ag and Natural Resources



Tom Miller,
Ballard County Ext. Agent

Beneficial insects: Your garden's hidden helpers

Source: Jonathan L. Larson, Extension Entomologist

Insects often have a bad reputation. The damage caused by pest species often shapes how people view other insects. The truth, however, is that most insects are innocuous, mostly having no impact on our activities one way or the other. That said, we should recognize some for the benefits they bring to our landscapes, gardens, and fields. Most beneficial insects fall into one of three categories:

1. **Natural Enemies:** Predators and parasitoids that help suppress pest insect populations. They truly work for just room and board. As long as there is somewhere for them to live and something to eat, they will provide their services.

2. **Pollinators:**

Insects that will fly from flower to flower, helping to spread pollen and fertilize plants to help with fruit and seed production. This is likely the most famous group of beneficial insects; people appreciate the crisp apples, crunchy cucumbers, and plump pumpkins we can harvest from their efforts.

3. **Decomposers:** An underappreciated group of insects that help to break down decaying organic matter and help return nutrients to the soil. While they may not always smell the best and can gorge on some questionable foodstuffs, the world would be much less pleasant without their help.

If you are willing to do an insect safari in the greenspaces



around you, you can likely find several examples of each of these categories. Some possible examples of natural enemies in the early part of the summer include immature lady beetles, immature lacewings (also known as aphid lions) and ground beetles. Later, you can find hover fly maggots,

praying mantises and adult lady beetles and lacewings. If you are lucky, you might even notice dragonflies performing aerial predation and small parasitoid wasps stinging aphids and injecting their eggs into them.

The best-known pollinators are bees, and they come in several kinds. Early in the growing season,

honey bees, bumble bees, mining bees and mason bees can be seen making visits to blooms. Flies, wasps and beetles may also visit blooms.

As for decomposers, fly larvae, dung beetles, termites and ants all help to rid the landscape of rotting materials.

How can you recruit and preserve these

beneficial organisms in your backyard? There can be a lack of food and a lack of resting and nesting spaces for these many-legged heroes.

Converting part of your landscape from turf or mulch into greenspace that grows a mix of annual and perennial plants can help feed pollinators, predators and parasitoids. Consider plants from the carrot, mustard, aster and verberna families. Finally, using more biorational insecticides, such as neem, insecticidal soaps and spinosad, can help preserve the beneficials while managing pests. You could also skip the sprays and manage pests by handpicking them and dropping them into soapy water, or by using traps to corral them.

Kentucky Agricultural Development Board approves nearly \$3.7 million for projects across the Commonwealth

Staff Report

FRANKFORT – The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board approved \$3,694,091.50 for agricultural diversification and rural development projects across the Commonwealth Friday at its monthly board meeting.

“The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board is committed to supporting a wide variety of farming and agricultural projects across Kentucky,” Commissioner of Agriculture and Board Chair Jonathan Shell said. “The projects funded today show our goal of strengthening agriculture in many different ways to benefit the Commonwealth and the people who live and work here.”

County and State Funded Projects
Bull & Honey Farm to Table Market LLC was approved up to \$12,295 in Woodford County funds to purchase materials and equipment to construct an on-farm market. For more information, contact William Lochmann at bullandhoneyfarmmarket@gmail.com.

Central Kentucky Feed LLC was approved up to \$65,000 in multi-county funds for constructing a commodity shed with stationary mixer and storage bays. For more information, contact Joshua Hazelwood at mcrayfeedllc@gmail.com.

Central Kentucky Custom Meats, Inc was approved up to \$5,000 in Casey County funds and up to \$73,553 in state funds to upgrade meat processing equipment. For more information, contact Jerome Isaacs at ckcm@windstream.net.

City of Middlesboro was approved up to

\$2,903 in Bell County funds and up to \$230,000 in state funds to construct a new farmers' market open-air pavilion. For more information, contact Boone Bowling at mayorbowlng@gmail.com.

Hopkins County Board of Education was approved up to \$7,532.50 in Hopkins County funds to construct an 8-foot-tall fence around the perimeter of the school garden. For more information, contact Benjamin Prevette at ben.prevette@hopkins.kyschools.us.

Martin County Beekeepers Association was approved up to \$3,000 in Martin County funds for a honeybee apiary. For more information, contact Michel Aldridge at chwest1@icould.com.

Need More Acres Farm, LLC was approved up to \$62,500 in multi-county funds and up to \$212,671 in state funds to establish a year-round food hub. For more information, contact Michelle Howell at michelle.lifeisgood@gmail.com.

Rock Vet Animal Hospital was approved up to \$16,667 in Rockcastle County funds and up to \$83,333 in state fund to construct a new facility with upgrades as part of the Large and Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Program. For more information, contact Kevin Joenborg at rockvetanimalhospital@gmail.com.

State Programs

Pilot Horticulture Incentives Loan Program

Pilot Horticulture Incentives Loan Program provides working capital to specialty crop growers during

produce season. Applicants may receive up to \$250,000 as a direct loan to be paid back by the end of the year.

Two Pilot Horticulture Incentives Loan Programs, totaling \$500,000, were approved in the following counties:

Graves (\$250,000)
Laurel (\$250,000)

County Programs

County Agricultural Incentives Program (CAIP)

CAIP provides Kentucky agricultural producers with cost-share assistance on practices to allow them to improve and diversify their current farm operations. CAIP covers a wide variety of agricultural enterprises in its 11 incentive areas, including, but not limited to, beef and dairy cattle; farm infrastructure, fencing, and water enhancement; equine; forage; goats and sheep; horticulture; poultry; swine; bees and honey; timber and technology, as well as energy efficiency

and production; marketing; and value-added production.

Fifteen CAIPs, totaling \$2,106,757, were approved in the following counties:

Allen (\$120,000)
Bourbon (\$185,461)
Boyd (\$56,097)
Calloway (\$104,538)
Franklin (\$131,555)
Gallatin (\$85,000)
Green (\$219,800)*
Harrison (\$280,315)
Hart (\$230,000)
Henry (\$250,000)*
Knott (\$65,000)
Metcalfe (\$193,293)
Nelson (\$89,554)
Oldham (\$56,082)
Powell (\$40,062)

Deceased Farm Animal Removal (DAR)

The Deceased Farm Animal Removal Program serves as a measure to facilitate the coordination of environmentally sound and cost-effective disposal of deceased livestock for Kentucky producers.

Six DARs, totaling \$63,750, were approved in the following counties:
Franklin (\$8,750)

Gallatin (\$2,500)
Harrison (\$7,500)
Lincoln (\$15,000)
Nelson (\$15,000)
Shelby (\$15,000)

Next Generation Farmer Program (NextGen)

NextGen addresses the growing need for a specialized program that would benefit producers ages 18 to 40 that have been engaged in an agricultural operation for a minimum of three years.

Three NextGens, totaling \$157,000, were approved in the following counties:

Bourbon (\$80,000)
Henry (\$52,000)
Nelson (\$25,000)

Shared-Use Equipment Program

The Shared-Use Equipment Program assists broad-based community organizations with the purchase of farm equipment. The equipment

purchased is made available for producer use in a specific county on a leased basis.

Two Shared-Use Equipment Programs, totaling \$41,180, were approved by the board in the following counties:

Metcalfe (\$27,188)
Rockcastle (\$13,992)

Youth Agricultural Incentives Program (YAIP)

YAIP encourages youth to engage in and explore agricultural opportunities.

Five YAIPs, totaling \$55,950, were approved in the following counties:

Bourbon (\$31,950)
Metcalfe (\$6,000)
Nelson (\$5,000)
Oldham (\$12,000)
Powell (\$1,000)

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KSP accepting applications for new trooper class

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

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DAV hosting career fair for veterans

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

ERLANGER, Ky. (KT) – Disabled American Veterans (DAV) and RecruitMilitary® will co-host the National Virtual Veterans Career Fair on Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., (ET).

The event is free to veterans, their spouses, active-duty military personnel and members of the National Guard and Reserve. DAV says more than 47 employers, who are actively seeking the unique talents of America’s veterans, will be on-site representing a range of industries; from construction to medical to administrative and logistics, with career opportunities from entry level to senior management.

In addition to employment assistance, the veterans who participate in the online event can utilize career counseling and resume assistance, network with fellow veterans and military personnel, and get support with their Department of Veterans Affairs benefits and

claims assistance—all at no cost.

This year, DAV will sponsor more than 90 in-person and virtual job fairs. Since the inception of its employment initiative in 2014, there have been nearly 274,000 attendees and more than 167,000 job offers. Last year, to support employers, dispel myths and demonstrate the business case for employing America’s nearly 4 million veterans with a service-connected disability, DAV developed The Veteran Advantage: DAV Guide to Hiring and Retaining Veterans with Disabilities. This guide offers best practices and helpful tools for employers and strives to inspire more organizations to consider the veteran talent pool.

DAV’s National Employment Director Jeremy Yost, a service-disabled Marine veteran is available to discuss trends in veteran and military spouse hiring, valuable employment-related resources, and job opportunities in the Eastern region and nationwide. To

arrange an interview, contact Jeremy Yost at 859-442-2061.

To register for the Virtual Veterans Career Fair and access additional no-cost resources for veterans and their families, go to jobs.dav.org.

According to DAV’s mission statement, they empower veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity. It is dedicated to a single purpose: keeping the promise to America’s veterans. DAV does this by ensuring that veterans and their families can access the full range of benefits available to them, fighting for the interests of America’s injured heroes on Capitol Hill, providing employment resources to veterans and their families, and educating the public about the great sacrifices and needs of veterans transitioning back to civilian life. DAV, a nonprofit organization with nearly 1 million members, was founded in 1920 and chartered by the U.S. Congress in 1932. Learn more at DAV.org.



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Lifeline celebrates successful \$15 million comprehensive campaign

New women's campus, expanded staff and \$3 million endowment funded

Press Release

At Thursday's annual banquet with 450 people on hand to celebrate the news, Lifeline Recovery Center announced that more than \$15 million has been raised in a comprehensive campaign.

Board chair Steve Powless said the \$14.5 million goal had felt "unimaginable, unattainable even."

Filled with emotion as the larger total was revealed, Powless thanked supporters: "This community chose to invest in people searching for a second chance, and each person who contributed is now part of the second chance afforded to each Lifeline client. Only God could have written this story."

More than 450 households, 120 businesses and 50 churches contributed.

Executive director Ashley Miller, herself a 2014 graduate of the



recovery program, said the celebration was not just about buildings and fundraising. "Tonight is about lives being changed," she said, "families being restored and hope being renewed."

This year, Lifeline celebrated its largest ever graduating class in 22 years with 60 men and women completing the residential recovery program. "Every single one of them is a miracle," she said, noting that

100 percent had left the program with a job.

Former executive director Terrye Peeler, Miller's mentor and predecessor, has been involved with Lifeline more than 20 years, including time as a board member and on the campaign committee. "In the early years, we were a lean operation and could never have dreamed what Lifeline would become," she said, "but people keep answering the call."

Lifeline has grown from original campuses on Morgan Lane for men and Bloom Avenue for women to a 45-acre campus in Ballard County for men, purchased four years ago, and a 45-acre women's campus scheduled for a fall opening near the airport.

The comprehensive campaign made both campuses possible without debt, as well as additional staff and a \$3 million endowment for long-term

sustainability.

"When I came on as executive director in 2020," Miller said, "we were serving 65 people with a staff of 12. Today we serve 130 people with 55 dedicated staff. When our new campus opens this fall, that number will climb to 190 people served daily."

In addition, Lifeline plans to develop the original Morgan Lane campus into long-term sober living and offer family counseling and other outpa-

tient services. "The point is Lifeline will continue to innovate in the next quarter century the way we have in the last," she said.

Powless said the growth was made possible by a caring community. "This community did not simply fund construction projects," he said. "This community built hope. This campaign was never really about dollars. It has always been about lives."

Tonight's event, themed "Celebrate Great Things," raised more than \$100,000 to provide affordable treatment options. Donations can still be made at LifelineRecoveryCenter.org.

Lifeline provides an accredited long-term residential recovery program, including clinical care and workforce development, for people suffering from addiction.

Gov. Beshear: Kentucky State Police Offering \$71,000 Starting Salary for Applicants Accepted into Cadet Class 108

Press Release

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Candidates selected for final hiring from posts 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 14 will receive guaranteed assignments at their home post location. All other applicants will be assigned to their home or a bordering post based on positions and agency need. To see a list

of post locations, click here.

In addition to professional development opportunities, the KSP Academy allows cadets to earn an associate of applied science degree while completing training. Since this initiative began in 2017, 150 cadets have successfully earned their degree.

In January, 32 troopers graduated from Cadet Class 106 and are now serving the commonwealth. Cadet Class 107 arrived at the KSP Academy in May and is expected to graduate in November.

The Beshear-Coleman administration's top priority is the safety of all Kentuckians. The Governor's public safety actions are creating safer communities and a better Kentucky.

Since Gov. Beshear took office, more than 2,700 officers have graduated from one of Kentucky's law enforcement training academies. As of the beginning of this month, 1,837 officers have graduated from the Department of Criminal Justice Training Basic Training Course and 307 have graduated from

the Kentucky State Police Training Academy.

To continue increasing the amount of law enforcement officers protecting the commonwealth and to support the work of KSP, the Governor recently signed Senate Bill 102 to make it possible for retired KSP troopers appointed to Trooper R Class or commercial vehicle enforcement to return and serve the agency within specific timeframes.

In December, the Governor joined KSP and first responders in Mayfield to bring local agencies onto the new Kentucky State Police radio system. In his 2026-2028 executive budget proposal, Gov. Beshear requested funding to finish the project and ensure statewide coverage. The budget recently passed by the General Assembly did not provide the funding needed.

Last September, Lt. Gov. Jacqueline Coleman joined KSP to break ground on a new, state-of-the-art Drivers' Skills Pad at the agency's training academy in Frankfort. The \$2.7 million project will provide

troopers, officers and cadets with a facility dedicated to safely practice and refine advanced driving techniques.

As the Governor recommended in January 2022, \$12.2 million was included in the state budget for KSP to purchase body cameras, which is the first time in the commonwealth's history that funding has been allocated for this much-needed expense.

For four straight years, overdose deaths have decreased in Kentucky. In 2025, the commonwealth saw 22.9% fewer overdose deaths than the year prior.

Since Gov. Beshear took office, fewer Kentuckians have returned to prison after their release. For two years in a row, recidivism rates in the commonwealth have decreased, meaning that nearly 70% of those released from state custody have not returned.

The 2024 Crime in Kentucky report, released in July 2025, shows that, from 2023 to 2024, reports of serious crime decreased by 7.66%. The 2025 report will be released this summer.

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O'Reilly, Dean L. age 43 of the Golo area of Graves County

O'Reilly was arrested on June 12, 2026, at around 11:04 AM at his Byrd Road residence on an Indictment warrant charging him with two counts of Trafficking in Methamphetamine, Persistent Felony Offender and other charges. A preceding undercover investigation resulted in multiple crystal Meth purchases being made from him.

Multiple prior felony convictions include Wanton Endangerment, Burglary, Fleeing from Police, Possession of Meth, Receiving Stolen Property, and others.

Hayes, Paul H. age 56 of Mayfield, KY

Hayes was arrested on June 16, 2026, in Mayfield by sheriff's detectives on a warrant, and after selling methamphetamine

during a preceding investigation. Hayes has previous felony convictions for selling Meth in 2025, Possessing Meth in 2023 twice, Possessing Meth in 2019 twice, Wanton Endangerment in 2008, and others.

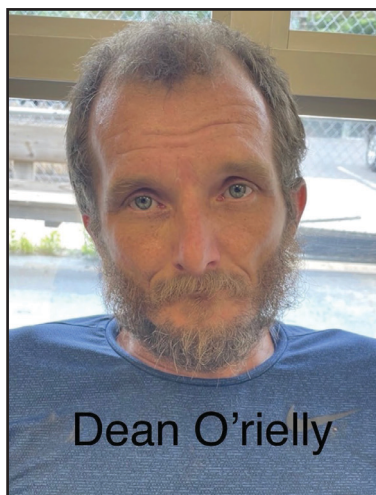
Dillon, Shaina A. age 33 of Mayfield, KY

Dillion was arrested on a traffic stop while

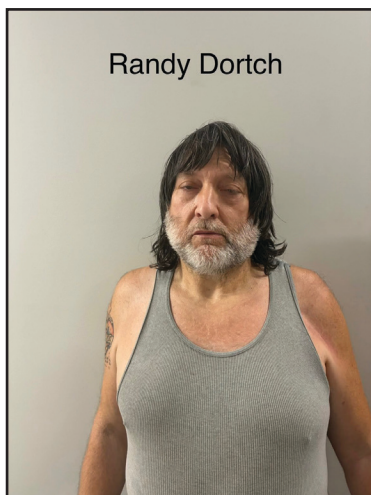
under surveillance on June 12, 2026. She claimed at the time of the stop that she swallowed illegal drugs. She was taken to the hospital for medical treatment and later to a detention center. She was also served with an Indictment warrant charging her with Trafficking in Methamphetamine, Persistent Felony Offender 1st Degree, and other.

She has previous felony convictions for Tampering with a Prisoner Monitoring Device, Possession of Meth twice in 2024, Theft, Theft of one's Identity, Tampering with Physical Evidence, and another Meth possession in 2021. Crystal Methamphetamine purchases had been made from Dillion during the preceding investigation.

Graves Sheriff's detectives continue searching for 58-year-old Melody K. Howard for Methamphetamine trafficking in Graves County. An arrest warrant was issued for her earlier this month. If you have information about drug crimes in our area, you are asked to contact the Graves County Sheriff's Office at (270) 247-4501.



Dean O'Reilly



Randy Dortch



Paul Hayes



Shaina Dillon

First KY Bank Warns customers about sophisticated phone scam

By Laurna Todd, KPI Writer

The Carlisle County Fiscal Court met in regular session on June 9 with Judge/Executive Greg Terry presiding.

Following approval of the previous meeting's minutes, department heads provided updates on ongoing county operations and projects.

Ambulance and EMS Director Josh Glover reported strong financial performance for the department. Ambulance service collections totaled \$32,990.46 during May, bringing year-to-date revenue to \$363,043.05, an increase of approximately \$46,000 over the same period last year. Glover also informed the court that the department plans to switch to a more affordable medical supply vendor to help reduce costs. He noted that several grant applications have been submitted and decisions are expected by July. Glover also reported upcoming meetings related to emergency management and grant close-out activities.

911 and Solid Waste

Director Larry Fraser updated magistrates on the ongoing consolidation of Carlisle and Ballard County 911 operations, which is expected to be substantially complete by June 16-17. Fraser also reported that nuisance property enforcement efforts are continuing, with warning letters being sent to property owners.

Road Foreman Timmy Pearson told the court that county road crews have been repairing washouts caused by recent heavy rains while continuing routine mowing operations throughout the county.

Sheriff Eric Perry presented his monthly report, which was approved by the court. Perry and Deputy Ben Green also requested approval to purchase a new tax collection software system, explaining that the county's current system has become obsolete. Magistrates approved the purchase of the updated GUTS software system, which includes technical support and will ensure continued tax collection services.

During new business, the court

conducted a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2027 budget before approving the second reading and adoption of the budget ordinance.

Treasurer reports, payroll salaries, transfers, appropriations, and monthly claims were approved during the meeting.

The court also awarded the bid for the county's new water tower project to Caldwell Tanks. Representatives reported the project is expected to take approximately 18 months to complete.

Additional financial actions included approval to transfer \$15,000 from the General Fund to DES and \$15,000 from the General Fund to the Jail budget. Magistrates also approved routine account adjustments involving sheriff, clerk, and payroll accounts.

Following a brief closed session, the court returned to open session and adjourned after completing all business on the agenda.

Minutes were prepared by Carlisle County Clerk Becky Martin.

LIBRARY from Front Page

5:30 p.m. featuring the 1959 surfing favorite Gidget. The family-friendly movie follows a California teenager who discovers a passion for surfing and helped launch a popular franchise that included sequels and television adaptations. Snacks and drinks will be provided, and the film is rated G.

The month concludes with a Bingo Night for All Ages on July 28 at 5 p.m., offering families and community members an opportunity to enjoy a fun evening together.

Throughout July,

the library is also showcasing local creativity through its Art Submission Display Board. Community members are encouraged to bring paintings, drawings, collages and other displayable artwork to be featured near the circulation desk for the entire month. Artists may choose to have their names displayed alongside their creations.

In addition to special events, the library continues to host several recurring programs:

- Infant Hour – Every Friday at 10 a.m.
- Kevil Story Club – July 1 and July 22 at 9:30 a.m.

- LEGO Afternoon – Every Wednesday at 3 p.m.
- Trading Card Games – Every Friday at 4 p.m.
- Story Time – Every Thursday at 10 a.m.

Library officials also remind patrons that the library will be closed July 3 and 4 in observance of Independence Day.

Families interested in additional youth activities are encouraged to check the library's Summer Reading Program information for more children's events throughout the season.

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Sharpshooter Momcilovic making early impression on teammates

By KEITH TAYLOR
Kentucky Today

LEXINGTON, Ky. (KT) — Milan Momcilovic is already making an impact on his new teammates at Kentucky.

The Iowa State transfer was the most coveted player in the transfer portal, and he's already shown the Wildcats the value of his shooting, especially from behind the arc.

"I would love to be on his team every day in practice, because you know he makes my job very easy," Kentucky forward Reece Potter said. "(Last Thursday) he was on my team, and he made

my job very easy. I just threw the ball (to him) and it went in. He's gonna be great for us."

In addition to Momcilovic, Potter said the Wildcats will have more than one offensive weapon when it comes to long-range shooting.

"We've got a lot of snipers on this team and I feel like that's gonna be very important," he said. "We've got great guards. I can get downhill, we got biggs that can pass, and so we're gonna be able to get a lot of threes and the fans will be happy with that."

Potter added Momcilovic's ability to impact the game beyond



making 3-pointers is also going to make a difference.

"Just him being out there is gonna be able to help a lot of us just get a lot more relaxed coverages and stuff like that, because everybody's gonna be

so focused on him," he said.

Potter recalled Momcilovic's performance against the Wildcats last year. Momcilovic connected on four treys and scored 20 points in the Cyclones' 82-63 win

over Kentucky in the second round of the NCAA Tournament in Saint Louis.

"I remember last year, we're all sitting in the room, we were like, 'How do we guard that man?'" Potter recalled. "He shoots with 50 percent (behind the arc) and we were like, nobody's done it great. So, you know, I feel like that's the way everybody else is gonna be — in the room scrambling, trying to figure out how to guard him."

"I feel like that's gonna be very impactful for the rest of us to get open shots. He's gonna be able to impact us in a lot of ways."

Potter, one of the returnees from last season, said the Wildcats are already bonding quicker than last year's squad.

"Getting to know your teammates is very important, because it's a long season and you want to know more than just basketball, because they become your brothers for life," he said. "Being able to know each other more off the court, it helps you build confidence and stuff like that. We've been able to like, know each other's stories and stuff like that, so it's been very interesting."



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Calloway Judge Grants Shock Probation to Leslie Lockhart After Restitution Payment

Staff Report

MURRAY, Ky. — Leslie Lockhart was released from custody Monday after Calloway Circuit Judge Andrea Moore granted her motion for shock probation, just 63 days into an eight-year prison sentence imposed in April. Lockhart had been sentenced after failing to meet the payment schedule outlined in a plea agreement requiring her to pay \$300,000 in restitution. Under the agreement, Lockhart

was required to pay \$100,000 within 30 days and either pay another \$100,000 within 60 days or place her home on the market. If the home sold, the net proceeds would be applied toward restitution, with any remaining balance paid through monthly installments of \$3,000. In exchange, the Commonwealth agreed not to oppose probation if she complied with the terms. However, at her April 20 sentencing hearing, Lockhart had listed her home



for sale but had paid only about \$42,000 toward the initial \$100,000 payment. Judge Moore imposed the eight-year sentence and stated she would not consider shock probation until the first payment was

made in full. "So, I'll be looking for that, and I want that done when a shock motion is filed," Moore said at the time. Lockhart paid the remaining \$58,000 on June 8. The following

day, her attorney, Jason Holland, filed a motion requesting shock probation. Appearing by Zoom during Monday's hearing, Holland argued that Lockhart had satisfied the plea agreement's requirements regarding the lump-sum payments. He also noted that she remained employed and would be able to resume making monthly restitution payments upon release. Assistant Attorney General Richie Kemp, who was appointed

to prosecute the case, said the Commonwealth did not oppose probation but requested that the \$3,000 monthly payments resume beginning Aug. 1. Judge Moore granted the motion and included the payment schedule in her order, while encouraging Lockhart to continue efforts to sell her home. "Ms. Lockhart, I want you to focus in on trying to get that home sold, OK?" Moore said.

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KDFW officials say black bear sightings not unusual

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – Sightings of black bears have recently been occurring in neighborhoods, backyards, urban areas and even on dash cams and doorbell cameras in areas of Kentucky not accustomed to seeing them.

Biologists and game wardens with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources want the public to know that this is normal bear behavior and encourage the public to learn more about bears to better understand and live safely with them.

In late spring and early summer, young male black bears get pushed out of areas where they were



raised in eastern Kentucky by older and more dominant male bears for mating season. These juveniles may wander up to several weeks or more into unfamiliar

territory in search of food, good habitat and prospective mates before instinctively returning to the mountains by the fall. Bears can travel 20 miles or more a day if

left undisturbed. “This is the time of year when young male bears are usually spotted outside of their normal home range in the mountain counties of eastern Kentucky,”

said John Hast, Bear Program coordinator for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. “These young bears are just juveniles and are easily scared and confused causing them to wander into populated areas because they don’t yet know any better. They may hide during the day and leave the area at night only to be reported being seen again a county or two away within a couple of days. Residents should keep their distance, remove all food sources and let the bear move on when he feels safe to do so.”

Black bears have a natural fear of people and dogs, and adverse encounters are extremely rare. Never approach or feed a bear and keep a safe distance away.

If a bear is posing an immediate danger, a person should yell and wave their arms to look more threatening to scare him off or call local law enforcement immediately.

Residents of an area where a bear has been spotted should secure their garbage in a garage or other building, not leave pet food outside, and clean and securely store barbecue grills. It is a violation of Kentucky law to feed bears or knowingly leave unsecured food available for them to consume.

The website Bear-Wise.org offers information and solutions to help individuals and communities coexist with bears, whether bears are just visiting or are permanent neighbors.

3 arrested for prostitution in Oak Grove

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

MADISONVILLE, Ky. (KT) – Kentucky State Police (KSP) at Post 2 in Madisonville have been investigating a massage parlor in Christian County for prostitution-related crimes and have arrested three people.

According to the KSP, Post 2 Dispatch received an online crime tip on April 11, alleging that the Golden Phoenix Spa, located in Oak Grove, was offering sexual services in exchange for money.

Following an investigation, KSP detectives executed a search warrant at the business on June 19. During the search, detectives located items commonly associated with sexual activity inside the establishment.

Two female employees were arrested and charged with Prostitution (a Class B misde-

meanor, punishable by up to 90 days in jail and a \$250 fine) and Engaging in Organized Crime (a Class B felony, which carries a 10–20-year prison sentence, if convicted).

During the operation, one of the employees attempted to flee on foot from law enforcement and was subsequently apprehended. She was additionally charged with Fleeing or Evading Police, 2nd Degree (a Class D felony, with a possible one-to-five-year prison term).

A male customer was also located inside a room within the business. The individual was found nude and told investigators he had previously paid for a sexual act at the establishment. Detectives also located items associated with sexual activity on his person, so this customer was also arrested and charged.

Neither the names of the female employees nor the male customer have been released by the KSP, nor the charge the male customer faces.

The investigation remains active and ongoing. Anyone with information related to this investigation is encouraged to contact Kentucky State Police

Post 2 at 270-676-3313 or submit a tip anonymously through the KSP website found here: <https://www.kentuckystatepolice.ky.gov/tip>. You can

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BALLARD

Evelyn Joyce Beasley, age 92, of LaCenter, KY, passed away peacefully on June 19, 2026 at Baptist Health Paducah surrounded by her loved ones. Evelyn's wishes were to be cremated with a memorial gathering to be held at a later date. Lindsey Funeral Home is honored to service the Beasley family.

Arthur Vernon Benton, 74, passed away on Sunday, June 21, 2026, at Baptist Health in Paducah, KY. Visitation was held on Thursday, June 25, 2026, at Morrow Funeral Chapel in LaCenter, KY starting at 10:00 a.m., followed by the funeral service at 2:00 p.m. Interment followed at Newton Creek Baptist Church Cemetery.

Billy Dean Draper, age 91, a faithful servant of the Lord and respected community member, passed away peacefully on June 16, 2026, at Southgate Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Funeral Service was held on June 23, 2026 at Morrow Funeral Chapel in LaCenter, KY beginning at 1:00 p.m. with Rev. Joey Donelson officiating. Interment followed at Barlow Cemetery.

CALDWELL

Donna Lois McGregor, age 82, of Princeton, passed away Sunday, June 21, 2026 at Lucy Smith King Care Center in Henderson. Funeral services were held at 11:00 am Thursday, June 25, 2026, at Morgan's Funeral Home with Bro. Lynn Williams officiating. Burial followed in Sugar Creek Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery.

Col. Charles "Tom" McManamay, U.S. Army (retired), of Princeton, Kentucky, died peacefully surrounded by his family on June 19, 2026, following a short battle with mesothelioma. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at Lakeland Funeral Home in Eddyville with Rev. Steve McVay officiating. Burial followed in Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West in Hopkinsville with military honors.

LaVerne Couch, age 92, of Princeton, Kentucky, passed away on June 18, 2026, at Baptist Health of Paducah. Visitation will be from 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM Saturday, June 27, 2026 at Morgan's Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held Saturday, June 27, 2026 at 2:30 at Morgan's Funeral Home with Rev. Danny Sherrill officiating. Burial will follow in Blue Spring Cemetery.

CALLOWAY

Robert "Bob" Bruce LaMore, 81, of Murray, passed away on Monday, June 22, 2026 at Passion and Purpose Assisted Living. A public graveside service with military honors is set for 11 AM on Monday, July 13, 2026 at Murray City Cemetery. Kim Reeder will officiate.

Mary Alice Humphries, age 94, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away Friday, June 19, 2026, at her home. A funeral service was held at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Rev. April Arnold will officiate, and burial followed in the Murray Memorial Gardens.

Charles Ray Bazzell, age 97, passed away peacefully at his home on Saturday, June 20, 2026. The funeral for Charles Ray Bazzell was held on Thursday, June 25, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. in the chapel of J.H. Churchill Funeral Home. Bob Haley and John Dale will officiate. Burial followed in the Coldwater Church of Christ Cemetery.

Joyce (Spann) Hurt, age 83, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away on Monday, June 22, 2026, at her home surrounded by her family. A graveside service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, June 26, 2026, at the Scotts Grove Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Kerry Lambert officiating. There will be no public visitation held prior to the graveside service.

Tommy Vance, age 79, of Murray, Kentucky passed away on Monday, June 22, 2026, at the Murray-Calloway County Hospital in Murray, Kentucky. A funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, June 26, 2026, at the Hazel Baptist Church with Bro. Jordan Roach officiating. Burial will follow in the Murray City Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., Friday, June 26, 2026, at the Hazel Baptist Church.

Roger Carl Schoenfeldt, age 90, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away on June 18th, 2026, at the Murray-Calloway County Hospital. A funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, June 27, 2026, at the J.H.

Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services with John Dale officiating. Burial will follow in the Murray City Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Saturday, June 27, 2026, at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

Linda Lee Van Rooy, age 78, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away Sunday, June 21, 2026, at the Murray-Calloway County Hospital. Arrangements are currently incomplete at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

Priscilla Rae Schanbacher, age 90, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away Saturday, June 20, 2026, at the Anna Mae Owen Residential Hospice House. Arrangements are currently incomplete at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

Vivian Beverly (Bruce) Aldridge, 85 of Murray, passed away Monday, June 22, 2026, at The Farms at Puryear in Puryear, TN. The family will gather for a private service, with Wayne Hopkins officiating. No public visitation or service will be held. Vivian will be laid to rest beside her beloved husband Charles, at Murray Memorial Gardens.

Lavonia (Nanney) Gossom Rowland, 99, of Almo, KY, passed away Monday, June 22, 2026, at Passion and Purpose Homecare in Almo, KY. A funeral service will be held on Friday, June 26, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. in the chapel of the Blalock-Coleman Funeral Home, with Bro. Danny Pruitt officiating. Interment will follow the service in the Bethel Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family after 1:00 p.m. on Friday, June 26, 2026, until the service hour of 2:00 p.m. at the Blalock-Coleman Funeral Home, 713 South 4th St., Murray, KY.

CARLISLE

Remembering **Steven Russell Rowland**, age 72, of Arlington, Kentucky, born to parents Edwin and Martha Jean Rowland on December 18, 1953, and back home to his Lord and Savior on June 22, 2026. In 1992, Steve wrote some words in anticipation of his eventual departure from Earth, expressing a wish for cremation with his ashes scattered among the cedars. "If you must bury something, let it be my faults, my weaknesses, and all prejudice against my fellow man...I will have found happiness, and therefore I will live forever, so remember me." Milner & Orr Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Bardwell is in charge of arrangements.

Rodney A. Byassee passed away on June 22, 2026, at Mercy Health Lourdes in Paducah, Kentucky. A funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, June 29, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Bardwell with Bro. Rick Burton officiating. Visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m. until the service time of 1:00 p.m. on Monday, June 29, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Bardwell.

CHRISTIAN

William Richard "Dickie" Harper Jr., age 79, of Scottsville, KY, passed away Friday, June 19, 2026, at his residence of natural causes. Funeral services were at 9:00 AM on Thursday, June 25, 2026, at Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home with Bro. Jeff Graves officiating and burial followed in Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West with Military Honors.

Anna "Gwen" Deason Waldrop, age 103, of Christian County, KY, passed away on Thursday, June 18, 2026, at her home surrounded by her family of natural causes. Funeral Services were at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home with Bro. Eddie Mitchell officiating and burial to follow in New Ebenezer Cemetery.

Leon Roberts, 91, of Cerulean, KY died at 4:12 p.m. Thursday, June 18, 2026, at Dawson Springs Health & Rehab Center. Funeral services were at 1:00 p.m. Monday, June 22, 2026, at Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home with Rev. David Banister officiating. Burial followed in Cerulean Cemetery.

Denyse Ann Miller, 72, Berne Drive, Oak Grove, KY passed away on Friday, June 19, 2026 at Vanderbilt Clarksville Hospital, Clarksville, TN of natural causes. Funeral services were held at 12:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 24, 2026 at Lamb Funeral Home with Rev. Ken Hendrix officiating and Pamela Napier assisting. Burial follow edin Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West.

Adrian Dewayne Wilson Smith, 68, Hopkinsville, passed away on Thursday, June 18, 2026, in Hopkinsville, Kentucky. Funeral Service was held on Thurs-

day, June 25, 2026 At 12:00 PM. Cedar Grove Baptist Church - 1106 East 2nd Street, Hopkinsville, KY 42240 .-Burial at Cave Springs Cemetery.

Mary Ann Yoder, 92, of Crofton, KY died Friday, June 19, 2026 at her home on Flowers Road in Crofton, KY. Funeral service was held at 9:30 a.m. Monday, June 22, 2026 at Crofton Amish Community Center, 1304 Crofton-Dawson Rd. Crofton, KY.

Glenda Vanmatre, 81, of Madisonville, KY passed away on June 18, 2026, in Hopkins County, KY with her daughter by her side. memorial service will be held by the family. Memorial service was held on Monday, June 22, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. at Life Christian Center in Madisonville, KY. with Pastor John Kinkade officiating.

CRITTENDEN

Kathy L. Williams, 76, of Marion, KY, passed away on June 19, 2026, at her home in Marion, KY. She was a member of Freedom General Baptist Church and was a retired coal miner. Services were held at 1:00 PM Tuesday, June 23, 2026, at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion, KY, with interment in Freedom Cemetery.

Francis Lou (Sisk) Crockett age 88 of Marion, KY born June 19, 1938 passed away June 20, 2026 at Salem Springlake Health & Rehabilitation Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 24, 2026 at 12 o'clock noon at Myers Funeral Home with visitation beginning at 11 AM. Burial followed at the IOOF Cemetery located at 805 Center Street, Madisonville, KY.

FULTON

Franklin Otts, age 76, of Fulton, Kentucky, passed away on Sunday, June 21, 2026, at Baptist Health Paducah in Paducah, Kentucky. Funeral services for Mr. Franklin Otts were held at 12noon Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at the Hornbeak Funeral Chapel with burial to follow in the Clark Cemetery.

GRAVES

James "Jimbo" Robert Seay, age 79, of Mayfield passed away on Monday, June 22, 2026 at his residence. Funeral services for Mr. James "Jimbo" Robert Seay will be 12 noon on Friday, June 26, 2026 at Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY. Rev. Brad Morris will officiate. Interment will follow at Highland Park Cemetery. Visitation will be 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon on Friday at the funeral home.

Vicki Seavers King, age 71, of Dukedom, KY passed away Friday, June 19, 2026 at her residence. Graveside services for Vicki Seavers King were held at 2:00 PM Monday, June 22, 2026 at Pleasant Valley Cemetery in Wingo, KY. Bro. David Hardy will officiate.

Kay Dillon Riley, age 88, of Mayfield passed away on June 18, 2026 at her residence. Funeral services for Mrs. Kay Dillon Riley were held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 24, 2026 at Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY. Rev. Chad Lamb officiated. Interment followed at Mayfield Memory Gardens.

Joe Lynn Hargan, 93, passed away on Monday, June 22, 2026, at his residence in Mayfield. Visitation was held on Wednesday, June 24 from 11:00 am until 12:30 pm. at Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield. Graveside service followed at 1:00pm at Calvary Cemetery. Bro. David Gargus officiated.

Marion Alice Davis Stratton passed away peacefully on Friday, June 19, 2026, at 5:05 a.m. EST in Louisville, Kentucky. Visitation will be held on Saturday, June 27, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Brown Funeral Home, followed by a graveside service at 2:00 pm at the Highland Park Cemetery. A celebration of life will follow later this summer in Mayfield, Kentucky.

Docia "Faye" Wilson, age 78, a resident of Mayfield, passed away at 10:14 P.M. Thursday, June 18, 2026 at her residence. Funeral services for Faye were held on Monday, June 22, 2026 at 2:00 P.M. at the Beulah Baptist Church with Rev. Kody Hopwood officiating. Interment followed in the Beulah Cemetery.

FUNERAL NOTICES continued

HENDERSON

Beth York, age 64, of Henderson, KY, passed away, June 19, 2026, at Redbanks Skilled Nursing Facility in Henderson, Kentucky. The memorial service was held at 1:00 P.M. on Thursday, June 25, 2026, at the funeral home. Arrangements entrusted to Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home.

James Mike Greenwell, age 74, passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by his wife, children, and grandchildren on June 18, 2026, at 10:30 P.M. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 12:00 P.M. on Tuesday, June 23, 2026 at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church with Father Richard Meredith officiating. Burial followed at St. Louis Cemetery in Henderson, KY.

Robert Kavanaugh “Bob” Crafton, 88, of Henderson, Kentucky, passed away peacefully on Saturday, June 20, 2026, at St. Anthony’s Hospice Lucy Smith King Care Center. Services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at Rudy-Rowland Funeral Home. Reverend Rick O’Daniel will officiate. Entombment followed in Fernwood Cemetery Mausoleum with full military rites performed by American Legion Worsham Post No. 40.

HICKMAN

Hickman County historian **John Kelly Ross, Jr.**, passed away Saturday, June 20, at the Hickman County Nursing Facility (ICF) in Clinton, Ky., after a long illness. A memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, July 11, at Brown Funeral Home in Clinton. Visitation will begin at 1:30 with remarks and tributes from friends at 2 pm.

HOPKINS

Adelia L. Guy, 66, of Madisonville, KY passed away Sunday, June 21, 2026, at Baptist Health Deaconess in Madisonville. Funeral services will be 2:00 P.M. Friday June 26, 2026, at Barnett-Strother Funeral Home. Visitation will be 12:00 P.M. until service time on Friday at the funeral home.

Jayendrakumar N. Modi, 74, of Madisonville, KY, passed away on Sunday June 21, 2026 at Baptist Health in Madisonville. A visitation was held from 9:00 A.M. until 11:00 A.M. Thursday June 25, 2026, at Barnett-Strother Funeral Home – Madisonville Chapel. Cremation will take place following the visitation.

Ella June Patterson, 86, of Madisonville, KY, passed away on Friday June 19, 2026, at her residence surrounded by her family. A funeral service will be held privately for the family.

Linda Gilbert, 76, of Madisonville, KY passed away Friday, June 19, 2026, at her home in Madisonville. Funeral services were held at 6:00 P.M. Tuesday June 23, 2026, at Park Avenue Baptist Church with Bro. Len Young and Bro. Carl Nelson officiating. A private family burial took place at Evergreen Cemetery in Louisville, KY.

With grateful hearts for a life well lived and unwavering faith in God’s promises, we celebrate the life of **Eva Joe Cabell-Butler-Allison**, who peacefully transitioned from earth to eternity on June 19, 2026, at the age of 94. Visitation is Saturday, June 27 from 9-11 am with Funeral service to follow at the Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 1800 South Governor St. Evansville, IN. Burial will be in Oak Hill Cemetery, 1400 East Virginia St., Evansville, IN.

John M. Bowling Sr., 85, of Providence, KY, formerly of Drakesboro, KY, passed away peacefully at 11 PM on Friday June 19, 2026, at Lucy Smith King Care Center in Henderson, KY with his wife and daughter by his bedside. Visitation and Funeral Service will be on Saturday, June 27, 2026 at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, 821 Westerfield Dr., Providence, KY. Burial will be Monday, June 29th at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery-West, Hopkinsville, KY.

LIVINGSTON

Michele Marie Ramer, 59, passed away, Tuesday June 23, 2026 at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services. Memorial services may follow at a later date. Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services are in charge of the arrangements.

LYON

Cindy Martin Tippet, 76, of Eddyville, passed away on Monday, June 22, 2026, at Caldwell Medical Center in Princeton. Memorial graveside services were held at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 24, 2026, in Morse Cemetery in Caldwell County.

Karen Lee Watson Wynn, age 63, of Lyon County, passed away Sunday, June 21, 2026 at Baptist Health of Paducah. Funeral services were held at 2:00 pm Wednesday, June 24, 2026 at Morgan’s Funeral Home with Bro. Ronnie Sivells and Bro. Dean Ray officiating. Burial followed in Friendship Cemetery in Lyon County.

Melvin “Keith” Atkins, 55, of Princeton, passed away on June 22, 2026, at the Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah, KY. Graveside services will be held on Saturday, June 27, 2026, at 3:00 pm, at Green Grove Cemetery, 258 Hillview Road, Providence, Kentucky. There will be no visitation. Immediately following the burial, family and friends are invited to join us by celebrating Keith’s life at The Turn Family Restaurant, 2300 Westerfield Drive, Providence, Kentucky (Providence Golf & Country Club). Arrangements are being handled by Dunn’s Funeral Home in Eddyville, Kentucky.

Gary Don Odom, age 71 of Eddyville Ky, passed away on Friday, June 19, 2026 at his home in Eddyville, Ky. Visitation was held on Thursday June 25, 2026 from 11:00 a.m. till 1:30 p.m. at Dunn’s Funeral Home in Eddyville. Burial followed graveside at Kuttawa Cemetery in Kuttawa at 2:00 p.m..

MARSHALL

Linda “Jeane” Smith, 74 of Benton, Kentucky passed away on Monday, June 22, 2026, at Baptist Health in Paducah, Kentucky. There are no services scheduled at this time. All arrangements are being handled by Collier Funeral Home and Cremation Services located at 211 West 5th Street Benton, KY 42025. 270-527-3141.

Kenneth Thomas Mayzik, 67, of Benton, died Dec. 15, 2025, on the Rusty Zeller tug boat owned by Florida Marine in Louisiana. A Celebration of Life service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 27, 2026, at the Marshall County Elks Lodge No. 2707, at 97 Kashway Lane, Benton. Collier Funeral Home and Cremation Services assisted with arrangements.

McCRACKEN

James W. (Jim) Winn of Paducah passed away peacefully into the arms of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Thursday, June 18, 2026, at the Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice Center in Paducah. Funeral services were held at 3:00 PM Saturday, June 20, 2026, at the Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Lone Oak with Paul Wingfield officiating.

Mark Anthony “Tony” Cissell, 70, passed away on June 17, 2026, at the Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center. Visitation was held on Tuesday, June 23, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah. Burial will be held at a later date.

Maggie Calhoun, born September 26, 1932, finished her earthly pilgrimage and went to her heavenly home on June 22, 2026, at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Center of Paducah, KY. Visitation will be held on Monday June 29, 2026, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at Lindsey Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held on Monday June 29, 2026, at 1:00 pm at Lindsey Funeral Home with Bro. Charles Tate officiating the service burial will follow in the Maple lawn Cemetery in Paducah, KY.

Richard Eugene Nanney Sr., 62, of Paducah passed away on Monday, June 22, 2026, at the Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah. He will be cremated per his wishes and no services are scheduled at this time. Lindsey Funeral Home is honored to serve the Nanney family.

Lazeric Dion Shumpert, age 29, passed away on June 8, 2026, leaving behind a family and circle of friends who loved him deeply. A Celebration of Life for Lazeric will be held on Saturday, June 27, 2026, 12 Noon at Pettus Rowland Funeral Home.

Ritchie N. Freeman, beloved son, brother, and friend, passed away on June 19, 2026, at Baptist Health Paducah, closing a vibrant 60-year journey spent spreading kindness, friendship, and joy. Friends and

family are invited to honor Ritchie’s memory. Visitation was held on Tuesday, June 23, 2026, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Keeling & Goodman Funeral Home, 2410 Jackson Street, Paducah, KY 42003. A second visitation took place on Wednesday, June 24, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM at the same location, followed by the funeral service at 11:00 AM with Bro. Glenn Stewart officiating. Graveside services followed at Dooms Chapel Cemetery, 2738 Dooms Chapel Road, Symsonia, KY 42082.

Peggy Joyce Nelson, 95, of Paducah, passed away peacefully on Thursday, June 18, 2026, at Parkview Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Paducah, KY. A Celebration of Life service will be held at a later date. Keeling & Goodman Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Nelson family.

TRIGG

Morris Marty Crenshaw - September 10, 1969 - June 23, 2026 - Funeral arrangements are incomplete for 56 year old Morris Marty Crenshaw of Cadiz. He passed away Tuesday, June 23, 2026 at Trigg County Hospital. Please check back later for complete service details.

Lavon Alexander McGriff - June 20, 1988 - June 20, 2026 - There will be no services for 38 year old Lavon Alexander McGriff of Hopkinsville. King’s Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. He passed away Saturday, June 20, 2026 at his home

Barbara “Barb” Tucker - January 3, 1947 - June 19, 2026 - A Celebration of Life for 79 year old Barbara “Barb” Tucker will be held Sunday, June 28, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. at King’s Funeral Home with Rev. Kenny Rogers officiating. Visitation will be from 1:00-2:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 28, 2026 at King’s Funeral Home.

UNION

Julia Robertson, 79, of Morganfield, Kentucky, passed away on Monday, June 22, 2026, at Deaconess Union County Hospital. Funeral service was held at 3 PM Thursday June 25, 2026 at Whitsell Funeral Home in Morganfield, KY.

Rev. Don House will officiate. Burial will be in Odd Fellows Cemetery in Morganfield, KY.

George Everett Wilson, age 90, of Waverly, Kentucky, passed away peacefully at his home on Sunday, June 21, 2026. Funeral service will be 1 PM Thursday June 25, 2026 at Whitsell Funeral Home in Morganfield, KY. Bro Joey Chaney and Bro Terry Yancey will officiate. Visitation was held at 5-8 PM Wednesday and Thursday at 8 AM until service time Thursday at the funeral home. Burial was in Odd Fellows Cemetery in Morganfield, KY.

On June 20th, 2026 at 4:15PM, **Robert Timothy Eley** departed from his earthly life for his heavenly home. The service will be 2PM Friday, June 26, 2026 at Whitsell Funeral Home in Sturgis, KY. Rev. Jason Scott will officiate. The visitation will be 5-8PM Thursday and 11AM until service time on Friday at the funeral home.

Kenneth “Kenny” Lovell, age 80, of Sturgis, Kentucky, passed away at his home on Saturday, June 20, 2026. Funeral was held at 3 PM Wednesday June 24th at Whitsell Funeral Home in Morganfield, KY. Brad Tucker will officiate. Burial in Pythian Ridge Cemetery in Sturgis, KY.

WEBSTER

Kimberly Diann Snider, 49, of Clay, KY passed away peacefully surrounded by loved ones, at Midtown Deaconess in Evansville, IN on Saturday June 20, 2026. Funeral services were held Thursday, June 25, 2026 at 1:00 PM at Vanover Funeral Home in Clay with Bro. Corey Rash officiating.

Rosa Ellen Foster, 58 of Providence, KY passed away Thursday June 18, 2026. Townsend Funeral Home in Dixon, KY is handling the arrangements. A memorial service will be held at a later time.

Barbara Delane Birdlebough 76, of Slaughters, KY passed away on Tuesday June 17, 2026 at Deaconess Gateway ER in Newburgh, IN. Funeral service was held at 2 PM Sunday June 21, 2026 at Townsend Funeral Home in Dixon, KY. Bro. Jackie Dale Townsend will officiate the service with burial at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in Slaughters, KY.

VICTORIOUS *Living* ...in a troubled world

Open Arms, Closed Arms: Two Ways of Meeting Life

By Teresa LeNeave
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Sarah Jakes Roberts is a New York Times bestselling author. You also know her as a pastor and speaker. She got pregnant at 13, married at 19, divorced at 22, and all while under the intense public scrutiny as the daughter of a very famous pastor. Reading about her life; it's ups and downs and how she was finally able to embrace who she was, is such an inspiration. In her book, *Power Moves: Ignite Your Confidence and Become a Force*, she shares her struggles and what it takes to get back up.

She reminded me of the two ways we meet life. There seem to be two kinds of people in the world. Not by wealth, intelligence, background, or success, but by the way they meet life itself. Some people move through the world with open arms. Others move through it with closed arms, but can you pass from one side to the other? Can you gain confidence if you have none? She says

yes you can.

The open-arms people are not necessarily happier, luckier, or more privileged. They have suffered losses, disappointments, and heartbreaks just like everyone else. Yet they possess a willingness to embrace what comes. Somehow they find ways to make peace with circumstances they never would have chosen.

Closed-arms people, on the other hand, often struggle to accept the life they have been given. They may carry a quiet resistance to reality. The job they didn't want, the relationship that ended, the dream that never materialized, the family they were born into, the challenges they never asked for. These become sources of ongoing conflict. Their energy is spent wishing things were different.

When disappointment arrives repeatedly, closing one's arms can feel like protection. If you expect life to hurt you, embracing it may seem foolish, but Sarah says that's where you find freedom. On a



Mel Robbin's podcast, "How to become the most confident version of yourself and step into your power", I heard Sarah say: You cannot heal while you are still punishing yourself.

It seems there is a hidden cost to living with closed arms. Resistance does not stop pain; it often prolongs it. The more tightly we cling to the belief that life should have been different, the harder it becomes to appreciate what is actually before us. Opportunities go unnoticed. Relation-

ships remain distant. Joy arrives at the door but finds no invitation to enter.

Open-arms people understand something important: acceptance is not the same as approval. Embracing life does not mean liking every part of it. It does not mean pretending suffering is good or that injustice should be tolerated. Rather, it means acknowledging reality before deciding how to respond. They recognize that fighting against what has already happened is a battle that cannot be

won.

The paradox is that acceptance often creates the possibility for change. Once we stop denying reality, we can work with it.

Most of us are not entirely open-armed or closed-armed. We move between the two states throughout our lives. We embrace some experiences and resist others. We welcome success but reject failure. We celebrate beginnings but mourn endings.

Life doesn't ask for our permission before slapping life changing

circumstances on us. It presents us with circumstances, opportunities, setbacks, and surprises without consulting our preferences. In the end, the quality of our lives may depend less on what happens to us and more on how we hold onto what happens.

The people with open arms are the ones who have learned that life, however imperfect, is still worth embracing. My sister who was diagnosed with stage four lung cancer, didn't choose it. But she is walking through it with such grace that she inspires others. Perhaps the greatest freedom we can find is not in controlling our circumstances, but in gradually opening our arms to the life that is already here and knowing God will make the best of it. He will turn what the devil meant for evil into something good. (Gen. 50:20).

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28).

GOD SEES A VENICE

Bro. Brandon G. Bramlett
Bandana Baptist Church

Mosquitos, mud, and not much else. A landscape littered with lugubrious and lonesome lagoons. Marshy banks at every turn, frequently submerged beneath murky seawater during high tide. A wasteland so barren that its eels and seabass envied the swamps of Louisiana. The most undesirable place on earth—and the least likely land to be transformed into a globally-known paradise: Venice, Italy.

This eyesore became a sight to behold thanks to a handful of retreating Romans who believed that ruins could be redeemed. When barbarians pillaged the

Roman Empire, many fled with only their lives, but they carried Rome with them—and more importantly, a vision for what could be. They essentially rebuilt Rome upon these deserted islands, building a floating masterpiece embellished with marble palaces, monumental towers, winding canals, and a romantic allure that has enchanted tourists for generations. Looking at Venice now, it is hard to fathom that one of the world's greatest wonders arose from a desolate no-man's-land. But it did because, while everyone else saw a barren wilderness, the builders saw Venice.

According to the Scripture, the Lord is

an all-wise and able architect who specializes in the same thing—He can see a Venice where there are valleys and vexations. Sometimes, life looks like a lonely lagoon when the tides of tribulation wash away your hopes and dreams, leaving you standing knee-deep in a marsh of misery. A troubled marriage, prodigal child, terminal diagnosis, or loss of a loved one can leave you staring at a wrecked landscape, tempting you to conclude, "Nothing good could ever come from this." But God is so good that He can take what is not good and use it for the good of those whom He loves. This is why Paul promised, "And we know that all things


work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Rom. 8:28, KJV).

The Bible is replete with "Venices." Joseph's brothers saw him as a slave, but God saw the ruler of Egypt (Gen. 50:20). The women of Bethlehem saw a beleaguered Ruth, but God saw a woman whom He was writing into the ancestry of Christ (Ruth 4:18-21). The disciples saw a bloodied cross and a borrowed grave, but God saw an empty tomb and salvation for the world (Acts 2:23). The Lord sees things differently, and builds masterpieces from miseries (cf. Hab. 1:5).

Therefore, believers must wait upon the

Lord and trust in His powerful providence (cf. Psalm 27:13-14; cf. Eccl. 3:11). Rome wasn't built in a day, nor was it rebuilt overnight in Venice.

And God's providential plan progresses at His perfect pace as He lays one stone at a time. Remember: where you see ruins, God sees redemption.



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For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. - Romans 3:23 Repent, turn away from your sin. - Acts 3:19; 1 John 1:9

B - Believe Jesus Died for Your Sins
For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only son, that WHOEVER believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. - John 3:16

C - Confess Jesus is Lord
If you confess with your mouth "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead you will be saved. - Romans 10:9

OUTDOOR Truths

By Gary Miller
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If you want deer on your trail camera as this time of year, then make sure you have a salt or trace mineral block out if your game laws allow. Because sodium is often lacking in spring and summer vegetation, the deer will seek these spots to fill that lack. And if you notice, most of the time they are more interested in the ground around the block than the block itself. As the sodium melts into the soil, the soil becomes a bowl of mineral

cereal that deer love. Bucks need it to help build antler growth and does need it to help provide minerals to their recently birthed fawn. But just as salt creates thirst for us, it also does that for the deer. So, water is crucial this time of year as well. It's all about balance. Food, supplements, and water. And just enough of each.

I'm reminded of a man who bought a parrot from a pet store. After several days, the bird still hadn't said a word.

Concerned, the man returned to the store. "Maybe he's lonely," the owner suggested. "Buy him a mirror." The man did, but the parrot remained silent. A few days later, he returned. "Maybe he needs something to do," said the owner. "Try a ladder and a swing." The man bought both. Still no words. Finally, the pet store owner suggested a larger cage. The man purchased it and went home. Several weeks later, the owner ran into the man at the

grocery store. "How's that parrot doing?" he asked.

The man lowered his head. "Unfortunately, he died." "He died? Did he ever say anything?"

"Yes," the man replied. "Right before he died, he said, 'Didn't that pet store sell any food?'"

If I could teach Christians one thing about living around unbelievers, it would be the lesson of balance. It would be that influence is more important than instruction, and expe-

rience is more impactful than theology. Jesus said we are to be salt and light. Salt adds flavor. But too much salt is bitter. Light adds clarity and illumination, but too much light blinds. The impact of Jesus on our lives came as someone brought the right amount of flavor and clarity on the person of Jesus. And this balance is still the way. Any other approach is like providing a restaurant, when the real need is just a sandwich.

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Gary Miller has written Outdoor Truths articles for 23 years. He has also written five books which include compilations of his articles and a father/son devotional. He also speaks at wild-game dinners and men's events for churches and associations. Stay updated on Outdoor Truths each week by subscribing at Outdoortruths.org



Balanced Believers

Can we explain what we believe?

By William F Holland Jr.
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The foundation of the Christian faith, along with the hope of eternal salvation in the next life, is based on the torturous death and glorified resurrection of the only perfect individual we know as Jesus Christ. When we trust that His sacrificial blood is the only payment for our forgiveness and our hope for redemption, we become reborn, a new spiritual creation within His family and kingdom. Do you believe that trusting in this God-man is the greatest demonstration of love the world has ever known? Since this miraculous event happened over 2000 years ago, do you know why you believe these promises are true?

Let's go a little further, have you ever had a life-changing encounter with this

person who is called the Son of God? Did you know that just believing there is a God, or that Jesus is real is NOT the same thing as giving all of your heart, mind, and soul to Him? Pastors are not the only ones who are called to explain and teach God's word, every person who has invited Christ to be their Lord and Savior should spend every available moment focusing on Him and getting to know Him more intimately through prayer and study. This is how His children become His fearless, wise, mighty, and overcoming warriors.

In the last 100 years, there has been an increasing amount of people who have been interested in researching the Bible. I'm not referring to those who want to draw closer to God, but rather the progressive intellectuals who try to

refute and disprove what is written. These are not your casual readers that accept what someone says on the surface and are satisfied with the idea of just believing by faith. Similar to how those who must prove everything according to science, these individuals are intense and seek more difficult answers than are discussed in church classes. In fact, if one of these agnostics were to present their views in church, most would be considered a heretic or worse.

I have several friends around the country, and we have interesting discussions about God and the Bible. Like I mentioned, we have many questions about Christianity that often are left to speculation. I've read some of the textual critics who take pride in being able to pin a preacher against the wall who

has been in Christian leadership most of his life. I'm writing this small article not to discourage you who are followers of Christ, but to blow the trumpet of warning about how important it is to know what we believe. Especially in the last 60 years, while the nominal Christians have been spiritually asleep, these scholars have been hard at work trying to see if what the text says is actually correct. I know that many will say, that's a huge waste of time and is offensive to those who trust God, but how can we condemn those who have sincerely given their lives to researching every jot and tittle of the Bible?

It's one thing to know what something says, and it's another thing to explain what it means. This is true with the Bible, as there are individuals who have memorized

what is written, but do they know how to translate the original languages into our modern English? For example, I'm not saying that I agree with what Bart Ehrman teaches, but he is recognized as a highly respected Biblical scholar who focuses on the textual criticism of the New Testament, the historical Jesus, and the origins and development of early Christianity. For anyone to debate him on Biblical topics, they would need to bring their A-game of theological research, and not just answers like, "I believe this because that's what my grandmother said."

My point is that all Christians should not only stand for their convictions, but to be able to prove why they accept and trust them. The reason why all Christians are not dedicated theologians is because it's much

easier to accept a meal than to cook one. Most people say I do not have time to study the Bible, while spending several hours a day watching TV and playing on their phones. I encourage every follower to take a scholarly approach to understanding religious texts included with their faith-based views so they can be instant in season and out of season to give an answer. II Timothy 2:15 is not only about gaining knowledge, it's taking the time to rightly divide His word and be enlightened by God's divine revelation.

Dr. Holland is a Christian minister, author, and community outreach chaplain. Ask for a free download of his song, "Intentions of the Heart" at psalmz103@gmail.com

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AUTOS FOR SALE

For Sale. 2009 Mercury Milan 82000 miles. Bought August 2024 for commuting to work. No longer needed. Last Service June 2025 78,500 miles New Tires June 2025 78,800 miles. Price \$7500.00. Call 615-430-7544.

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MISC. FOR SALE

For Sale: New and Used Christmas Toys and Tools. Rosanna's Place Salem Ky. Thurs -Fri. 8-4. Sat. 8-1

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Hunting equipment, trophy deer heads, tools, household horse and Indian items, thousands of like new items priced to sell. Traders Mall Flee Market June 13th

Sudoku Answers

6	9	8	1	2	5	4	3	7
7	2	5	6	3	4	8	9	1
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3	1	4	2	5	6	7	8	9
8	5	6	7	4	9	1	2	3
9	7	2	3	1	8	6	4	5

Word Search Answers



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Ky. DOR pausing operations Aug. 5-13 for upgrade

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – The Kentucky Department of Revenue (DOR) announced Tuesday that as part of a multi-year upgrade to their tax system, it will temporarily pause operations starting Aug. 5 for individuals and businesses alike.

The update is designed to improve data security and provide faster and more efficient customer service. During the time of the shutdown, DOR systems and online tax portals will be unavailable during the upgrade from Aug. 5–13. DOR says it intends to resume normal operations on Aug. 14.

During the opera-

tions pause, KY DOR staff will only be able to provide limited assistance, as they will not have access to view taxpayer information.

Most individual income taxpayers will not be impacted by this pause, but if you have any pending tax-related tasks, they encourage you to complete those before the

Aug. 5 pause.

As part of the pause, the MyTaxes portal will undergo system improvements that will affect business taxpayers who remit any of the following tax types:

- Rental Rideshare
- Sports Wagering
- Electric Vehicle Power (EVP)
- Insurance
- Health Care Provider

and Ground Ambulance Provider

Business taxpayers who remit these tax types will access these tax accounts via MyTaxes after the upgrade. Detailed information and next steps will be sent via email late June.

Business taxpayers who do not remit the tax types listed above will not be affected

by the system update. Once operations resume on Aug. 14, you will access your tax accounts as normal.

Morre information on the temporary pause is available by going to the Department of Revenue's website, at <https://revenue.ky.gov/Pages/index.aspx>.

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Ballard County Cemetery Restoration Why Does It Matter?

By Betty L. Johnson
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It matters to most citizens and they agree that cemetery preservation should be a community effort. Although, regular maintenance of historic community roadside and neighborhood cemeteries to most is a matter of opinion. Sad when many family and neighborhood cemeteries are completely forgotten or hidden away from sight. The gravesites are forgotten of ones that cleared our land, paved our roads, built our schools and businesses. Unfortunately, their descendants moved away or not able to take care of them anymore. Then remembering, descendants return, looking to honor their neglected past loved ones resting places. Now finding gravesites covered with unbelievable debris and massive undergrowth.

Our Ballard County Cemetery Restoration goal under nonprofit MOUNT, Inc. is to find, cleanup, and restore these historic family and community cemeteries. We have listed known cemeteries below by areas. LA CENTER TO BANDANA CEMETERIES: Miles, Salem, Miller, Robison-Robertson, and Little Union. KEVIL TO LA CENTER CEMETERIES: Moore, Shelby, Bondurant, Wayside Inn Thomas Terrell Cemeteries. BARLOW CEMETERIES: John Pace Pioneer, Tharp and Owsley. HAZELWOOD TO OSCAR CEMETERIES: Old Hazelwood, Grace, Hendrick, Crice 2, and Crice 1 Cemeteries. NEEDMORE CEMETERIES: Holman Holman Duncan and Ogden. LA CENTER TO WICKLIFFE (Slater area) Terrell Penn, Watwood Roach, Cane Creek Cemeteries. GAGE CEMETERIES:

O'Donnelly, Newton, Hall, and Stovall. OLD BLANDVILLE CEMETERIES: Old Blandville, Jacob Corbett, Hendricks, Robison, Unsell, and Harkless. A few maybe forgotten and some still unknown, since I am still told there are 200 cemeteries in Ballard County.

Our MOUNT, Inc., nonprofit group continues to hear that cemetery preservation is important to many Ballard Countians. We are told that we are doing a good job striving to reach 31 cemeteries each 6-month year for cleanups. That is quite a goal as weather is a factor and a limited number of workers is quite a task; even though dedicated and hard-working. Plus, very limited time left to restore beautiful old monuments.

As Benjamin Franklin said "Show me your cemeteries, and I will tell you what kind of people you have."

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