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## Omega High-Impact Print Solutions Grand Opening Event in Benton, Kentucky

By: **Ciro Astarita**  
KPI Writer

(BENTON, KY)- At 4:00PM on July 8th, a printing company hosted their grand opening event for their new facility in Benton, KY. Omega High-Impact Print Solutions is located at 1071 US Hwy 68 E, Benton, KY 42025 and began operations at their Kentucky location very recently in 2026.

At this event, there were many local businesses and companies showing support including Parcell's Deli, Hutchen's BBQ, Main Street Pizza, and The Marshall County Chamber of

Commerce just to name a few.

There was catering including prepared foods, drinks, and Hors d'oeuvres for guests.

They also were actively printing for one of their major clients during the event, giving demonstrations and explaining the process of their equipment and operations. They provided a warm and welcoming environment for people exchanging business contacts and those interested in the company and their products/services.

Omega High-Impact Print Solutions is a family business, beginning when

the current owner and former CEO Carl Blase Sr. started working as a pressman at Print Art. Blase Sr. would later come to own the company in 2001 and merged it with another business by 2014. This merger followed by a rebrand birthed the company in its current form.

Carl would later pass on the duties and responsibilities of his position to his daughter Paula Heffley in 2024.

Paula initially joined Omega in 2017 and later became COO before becoming CEO. Paula earned her degree in PR/Advertising at Stockton University in

Galloway Township, NJ. During her time at Omega, she established and helped create their district marketing department.

While Paula was on her journey, her brother Carl Blase Jr. was working as Production Manager and was eventually promoted to Vice President of Operations.

Omega High-Impact Print Solutions has 2 locations in New Jersey, 2 locations in Florida, and 1 in Kentucky. They offer a variety of high quality printing services, typically for

See *PRINT* back page

## Paducah Riverport Authority Awarded \$24 Million Federal Grant for Riverport West Expansion

Sourced from Marshall County Daily



(PADUCAH, Ky.)

— The Paducah-McCracken County Riverport Authority has been awarded a \$24 million BUILD grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation to expand the city's main public port, which sits at the confluence of the Ohio and Tennessee rivers and is currently operating at full capacity.

The grant will fund a new extension of the port, known as Riverport West, located adjacent to the Triple Rail Site — a property local economic development officials have promoted for years because of its access to three rail lines as well as water and highway transportation.

The riverport

serves as a major hub for companies that tow barges along the nation's inland waterway system.

The funding comes through USDOT's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) program, which awards competitive federal grants to transportation projects with significant local or regional impact. This year, the program distributed \$1.73 billion across 127 projects in 52 states, territories and the District of Columbia.

More information on the project is available through the Paducah-McCracken County Riverport Authority's Inland Port Facility page.

## Dorena-Hickman Ferry Reopens After Dredging Closure



Sourced from Marshall County Daily

(HICKMAN, Ky.)

— The Dorena-Hickman Ferry is back in service Wednesday, July 8, after operations were suspended for dredging work.

The ferry has resumed its summer schedule, with the last run from the Kentucky side departing at 6:15 p.m.

and the last run from the Missouri side at 6:30 p.m. Only cash is accepted for fare.

The ferry connects KY 1354 at Hickman with Missouri Route A and Route 77 near Dorena, Missouri.

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# U.S. 51 Cairo bridge to remain closed for repairs; officials urge motorists to plan ahead

By Laurna Todd  
KPI Writer

WICKLIFFE, Ky. — The U.S. 51 Ohio River “Cairo” Bridge connecting Wickliffe, Kentucky, and Cairo, Illinois, will remain closed until further notice after engineers identified an area on the Kentucky approach to the bridge requiring repairs.

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) closed the bridge Monday, July 6, after a citizen reported a noticeable change to the bridge deck. A special inspection was completed later that day, with engineers determining repairs are needed on the approach to the Kentucky side of the bridge.

According to KYTC, crews have identified the area requiring repair where a section of the bridge approach has begun to fail. Engineers are developing a repair plan and meeting with contractors to establish a timeline for the work.

At this time, motorists should expect the bridge to remain closed until repairs are completed, a process officials say could take several weeks. KYTC said the



closure is necessary to ensure the safety of the traveling public while repairs are being made.

As news of the closure spread, numerous rumors began circulating on social media suggesting the bridge was sinking or that significant structural damage had already been discovered.

KYTC spokesperson Carrie Dillard said those rumors are inaccurate.

“The advisory stated that a citizen reported a noticeable change to the bridge deck, which led to the special inspection for safety purposes,”

Dillard said.

While the inspection confirmed repairs are needed on the Kentucky approach to the bridge, KYTC has not indicated the bridge is sinking or described the issue as a widespread structural failure.

With the bridge expected to remain closed for an extended period, Ballard County Emergency Management Director Travis Holder is encouraging motorists and businesses to prepare now rather than wait for traffic conditions to worsen.

Holder said the most important thing travelers can do is plan ahead before leaving home.

“My biggest message is to plan ahead,” Holder said. “Know the route you’re going to take before you leave, because GPS applications can sometimes reroute you back toward the bridge closure or direct you to roads that aren’t the best option.”

He recommends allowing extra travel time, especially during peak travel hours, as detour routes will likely experience heavier traffic than normal.

“We understand this closure is an inconvenience, but taking a few extra minutes to plan your trip can help reduce frustration and improve safety,”

Holder said.

For motorists traveling between Kentucky and Illinois, Holder said there are two primary detour options. The first is to travel Interstate 24 to U.S. Highway 45 in Metropolis before taking Illinois Highway 37 south into Cairo.

A second option is the Dorena-Hickman Ferry once it resumes operations.

“If you choose the ferry route, I strongly encourage you to check its operating status before you leave, as weather, river conditions or maintenance can affect service,” Holder said. “No matter which route you choose, expect increased traffic and allow additional travel time.”

Motorists using the Interstate 24 detour should also be aware that the I-24 Ohio River Bridge between Paducah and Metropolis is

currently operating under temporary traffic restrictions as part of an Illinois Department of Transportation rehabilitation project. Traffic is reduced to one lane in each direction in a head-to-head pattern using the westbound bridge, and a 10-foot, 6-inch lane width restriction remains in effect.

Holder said the bridge closure will also be felt by local businesses that depend on the steady flow of travelers crossing the Ohio River each day.

“Businesses in Wickliffe, including establishments like Hillbilly BBQ and Indian Hills, rely heavily on travelers using U.S. 51,” Holder said. “I encourage everyone, especially our local residents, to support these businesses during the closure. Your continued patronage can make a real difference while traffic is reduced.”

If repairs continue for several weeks, Holder encourages commuters to begin developing a long-term travel plan.

“That may mean adjusting departure times, identifying the detour route that works best for your schedule and staying informed on bridge repair updates,” Holder said. “Planning ahead will help minimize disruptions until the bridge can safely reopen.”

KYTC said it will release additional updates as engineers finalize repair plans and establish a timeline for reopening the bridge.

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# AG UPDATE Wave Ag Day 2026

for Ag and Natural Resources

Tom Miller, Ballard County Ext. Agent

It's hard to believe it is already time for WAVE Ag Day again. This year's event will be at Columbus Belmont Park. The speaking part will be inside in the air-conditioned Event Center. The trade show will be scattered around the event center parking lot. Parking will be in the

main park parking area, and shuttles will be on hand to take you to the event center. This year's program will have the awards as usual, Farmer of the Year, Ag business of the Year, FFA and 4-H members of the year plus several others. The main speakers will be "Machinery Pete" from

RFD-TV and Farm Journal. He spoke at the Murray State University Soybean Day in January and will have much insight on Ag Equipment. Ky Commissioner of Agriculture Johnathan Shell will also be on hand along with several local speakers. The program will be July 30th at Columbus

Belmont State Park. Breakfast and networking are from 8:00 am until 9:30. The Program and Awards Ceremony will start at 9:30. Everyone is welcome to attend and there is no charge. One the next day, July 31 there will be another program sponsored by WAVE Ag, that I will have

more details for next week's newspaper. It is tentatively called Ag -Old and New and will have antique tractors up to driver-less tractors used right now. It will be at the Fair Grounds in La Center. I just wanted to get this on your radar and I will have more details as things get finalized hopefully

for next week. Programs of the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of race, age, sex, color, religion, disability or national origin. For additional information, contact the Ballard County Extension Office, 110 Broadway, La Center, 665-9118.

## Meade County announces historic transfer of Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area

### Staff Report

FRANKFORT — The Meade County Fiscal Court has announced the official transfer of the Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area to Meade County, marking a historic milestone in the restoration of one of the county's most treasured public spaces. This achievement is the result of a strong partnership between the Meade County Fiscal Court, the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, and the National Park Service. Through years of collaboration and a shared commitment to conservation and outdoor recreation, these partners have made it possible for Otter Creek to

enter an exciting new era under local stewardship. "This is a proud day for Meade County," said Meade County Judge Executive Troy Kok. "Otter Creek has always been more than just a park, it is part of our community's identity. Bringing it under local ownership gives us the opportunity to honor its history, and once again establish it as a premier outdoor recreation destination." The transfer returns more than 2,300 acres of forests, trails, campgrounds and many recreational amenities to local management, allowing the county to invest in improvements that enhance the visitor experience. Building on the

county's successful management of Otter Creek Campground, Meade County will continue expanding recreational opportunities, supporting tourism and creating new economic benefits for local businesses. The Fiscal Court is committed to preserving Otter Creek's legacy while ensuring it remains a place where families can camp, hike, hunt, fish, bike, paddle and enjoy the outdoors for generations to come. Founded by the National Park Service in 1934 as a recreational area for residents in Louisville and neighboring towns, Kentucky Fish and Wildlife took over operation of the property in 2011 to add much-needed

hunting and fishing access for more than a million residents of Jefferson and neighboring counties. Today, the property offers opportunities for hunting, fishing and numerous other outdoor recreational activities. "Meade County Fiscal Court has been a proven partner with its operation of the campground at Otter Creek for the last two years, and they will be great stewards of the entire property for years to come," said Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commissioner Rich Storm. "County leadership has demonstrated concerted interest in preserving this special property for future generations and we

are excited to continue our partnership as we maintain public hunting and fishing opportunities throughout Otter Creek." Kentucky Fish and Wildlife will continue to operate and maintain the property's shooting range for Meade County, giving hunters and shooting sports enthusiasts an opportunity for target practice or to site-in their firearms. A shooting range permit, free with any annual hunting or fishing license by checking the applicable box on the department's License Sales webpage, is required to use the range. "Today's announcement is

about more than the transfer of property," Kok added. "It is about reclaiming a piece of Meade County's heritage and creating a destination that our residents can take pride in. We are grateful to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife, the National Park Service and everyone who helped make this vision a reality." The Meade County Fiscal Court looks forward to working with residents, community organizations, and outdoor recreation partners as it begins the next chapter for Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area. For more information about Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area, visit meadeky.gov.



## Driftwood invites visitors into the story of an artist who went off the grid on the river

PADUCAH, KY — Harlan Hubbard wanted a simpler life, so he built a shantyboat and went to the river. Driftwood, a visiting exhibit now open at the River Discovery Center, tells the story of Hubbard and his wife, Anna, who chose to live off the grid and let the Ohio River shape their days, their work, and the art Harlan created. Harlan built his shantyboat in 1944 near Brent, Kentucky. In 1946, he and Anna set off down the Ohio River, beginning a journey that would carry them along the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers toward New Orleans and the Louisiana bayous.

Through paintings, writing, and the story of that journey, visitors can see how life on the water inspired Hubbard's

art and the quiet, independent life the Hubbards built see **DRIFTWOOD**, page 4

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Inside, you'll find a large living room with vaulted ceilings, a spacious kitchen featuring an island, gas cook top, and abundant cabinetry, along with an enclosed porch overlooking the backyard through a patio door. The primary suite includes a private bath with convenient access to the laundry room.

Additional improvements include an attached two-car garage and a detached garage complete with a dedicated workshop area, offering excellent space for hobbies, projects, or storage. A welcoming wooden front deck completes this beautiful country property.

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# National Weather Service issues rare four-day flood watch ahead of weekend rain



**TOM LATEK**  
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – The possibility of heavy rain and severe thunderstorms has prompted the National Weather Service (NWS) to issue a rare four-day Flood Watch that will be in effect into Sunday morning.

“Multiple shortwave disturbances will work across the Ohio Valley for the end of the week through the weekend,” said Brian Neudorff with the NWS office in Louisville. “At the

same time, a surface boundary currently to our north across the Great Lakes, will slowly work southward and stall by the start of the weekend. This will setup a situation where we will have deep moisture over the region as the multiple waves of showers and storms work along this boundary.”

Soil that is already wet means susceptibility to flooding, especially with additional rounds of rainfall, Neudorff said. “Localized significant flooding may develop for areas that see several inches of rainfall.”

Neudorff advises Kentuckians to remain weather aware now and into the weekend, share updated weather information and remember “Turn Around, Don’t Drown” when encountering flooded roads or areas.

In addition to the flood potential, there is also a chance of severe weather from Thursday evening into Friday morning.

The storm Prediction Center says there is a marginal risk of severe weather, west of a line from Augusta to Albany, level one of five on their scale; while a slight risk, level two, is west of a line from

just west of Louisville to Paducah.

While all forms of severe weather are possible in the areas where there is a severe risk, the NWS says the greatest threat is for damaging winds. There is a much lesser chance of tornadoes and hail.

“By the end of the weekend, the last of the convective waves of heavy rainfall and thunderstorms, along with the stalled boundary will push southward and out of the area,” Nuedorff said. “This is expected to be followed by high pressure building in from the north to help dry us out.”

**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.

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**DRIFTWOOD,**  
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together.

The exhibit is on display inside the River Discovery Center’s historic Founders Room, overlooking the Ohio River. That setting gives visitors a chance to experience the artwork while standing just steps from the river that inspired it.

As part of the exhibit, the River Discovery Center is

also partnering with Yeiser Art Center to offer riverfront watercolor classes inspired by Driftwood and the Ohio River. Participants will create their own river-inspired watercolor pieces while surrounded by the exhibit.

Exhibit Dates: Now through August 6

Location: River Discovery Center, 117 South Water Street, Paducah, KY

Featured Space: Founders Room overlooking the Ohio

River Riverfront Watercolor Classes:

Tuesday, July 28 | 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Friday, July 31 | 4 - 6 p.m.

Location: River Discovery Center  
Registration: [www.riverdiscoverycenter.org/driftwood](http://www.riverdiscoverycenter.org/driftwood)

A new visiting exhibit at the River Discovery Center lets visitors step into the story of a Kentucky artist who wanted a simpler life – so he went off the grid and onto the Ohio River.

**CORYDON CITY COUNCIL**  
**ORDINANCE 2026-02**

WHEREAS the Corydon City Council is tasked with providing for the general safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Corydon; and

WHEREAS the General Assembly enacted House Bill 160 in 2025, effective July 1, 2026, which prohibits the City’s zoning ordinance from restricting the placement of qualified manufactured homes, as defined therein, in any zones where single-family residences are permitted; and

WHEREAS the Corydon City Council deems it in the best interest of the City of Corydon to make certain amendments to the City of Corydon Zoning Code to ensure compliance with the mandates of KRS 100.348 to ensure the zoning code of the City of Corydon remains enforceable and continues to protect property values within the confines of said statute; and

WHEREAS on April 15, 2026, the Corydon City Council, pursuant to KRS 100.211(3), adopted Resolution 2026-3, proposing certain textual amendments to the City of Corydon Zoning Code, which textual amendments are set forth on the attached Exhibits A through D with deletions in strikethrough and insertions in italics and underlined, and referring the proposed amendments to the Henderson City-County Planning Commission (“HCCPC”) for review and public hearing in accordance with KRS 100.211; and

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2026, the HCCPC, after public hearing, acted to recommend approval of the textual amendments proposed by the City; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Corydon City Council that the City of Corydon Zoning Code is hereby amended by incorporating the textual amendments to the Zoning Code set forth in Exhibit A through D, attached hereto, with deletions shown in strikethrough and insertions shown in italics and underlined, copies of which can be found in the office of the City Clerk, effective July 1, 2026.

On first reading of the foregoing Ordinance, it was moved by Councilmember Horton, seconded by Councilmember Hoge, that the above Ordinance be adopted on its first reading.

Upon roll, the vote stood:  
Councilmember Gish AYE                      Councilmember Rathmann ABSENT  
Councilmember McGill ABSENT              Councilmember Horton AYE  
Councilmember Hoge AYE                      Councilmember Phillips AYE

On second reading of the foregoing Ordinance, it was moved by Councilmember McGill, second by Councilmember Hoge, that the above Ordinance be adopted.

Upon roll, the vote stood:  
Councilmember Gish AYE                      Councilmember Rathmann AYE  
Councilmember McGill AYE                      Councilmember Horton AYE  
Councilmember Hoge AYE                      Councilmember Phillips AYE

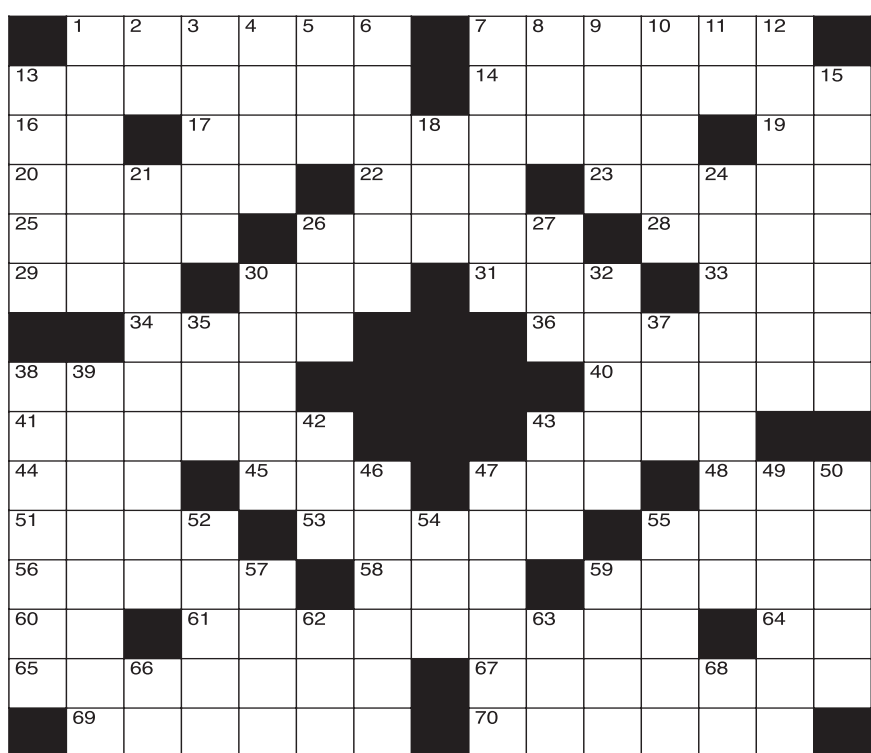
WHEREUPON Mayor Smith declared the ordinance adopted, affixed her signature and the date, and ordered it to be properly recorded. APPROVED by the Corydon City Council at its regular meeting on June 18, 2026.

ATTEST:  
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City Clerk    Mayor

Date 6-23-26

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## Crossword Puzzle



### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Mended
- 7. Hymns
- 13. Commercial transport of goods
- 14. Poked holes in the ground
- 16. They precede C
- 17. Branch of knowledge concerned with wealth
- 19. Larry and Curly's pal
- 20. Injured
- 22. Popular type of dance
- 23. Moon crater
- 25. American state
- 26. Places to lock valuables
- 28. Stalk that supports the capsule
- 29. Keyboard key
- 30. '\_\_\_ death do us part
- 31. A type of cage
- 33. A place to sleep
- 34. Annual music awards show
- 36. Made over
- 38. Hard, stony substance
- 40. Incantations
- 41. Long-legged, wading bird
- 43. Breathe noisily
- 44. Congressman
- 45. Rip off
- 47. Golf score
- 48. Popular pickup truck
- 51. Where infants sleep
- 53. Music term
- 55. Small opening in a surface
- 56. Musical term meaning "very"
- 58. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 59. Treats with powder
- 60. Email subject line feature
- 61. A British lawyer
- 64. Expression of laughter
- 65. Farmer's calendar
- 67. Seeds used as food
- 69. Eurasian shrubs
- 70. Periods of inactivity

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Hard things to kick
- 2. Collective of countries
- 3. Letter of Hebrew alphabet
- 4. One-time Alabama running back Eddie
- 5. One's sense of self-esteem
- 6. Of the teeth
- 7. Treat with care
- 8. Type of whale
- 9. Curved structure
- 10. Emits coherent radiation
- 11. One of the Gospels (abbr.)
- 12. Smallest interval in western music
- 13. Netherlands seat of government
- 15. Gives to charitably
- 18. Lout
- 21. Pastas
- 24. Release from restrictions
- 26. Female sibling
- 27. Title of respect
- 30. Silver coins
- 32. Region in India
- 35. Partner to cheese
- 37. Dark or dusky
- 38. Pacific Northwest tree
- 39. Exaggerate
- 42. Toddler
- 43. Touch lightly
- 46. Fundamentals
- 47. Jeopardies
- 49. Curved structures
- 50. Isolated, flat-topped hills
- 52. Forming the bottom layer
- 54. Reciprocal of sine
- 55. Genus of Old World birds
- 57. New York college
- 59. Cloak
- 62. Kawhi Leonard's team (abbr.)
- 63. Vietnamese offensive
- 66. "The Great Lakes State"
- 68. "\_\_\_, myself and I"

## PUZZLE SOLUTION



### SHOPPING AT THE FARM STAND



Add up the cost for this purchase:

2 baskets of blueberries + 1 basket of strawberries + 6 ears of corn

$$\$ \square + \$ \square + \$ \square = \$ \square$$

## Word Search

### RETAIL SUPPORT WORD SEARCH

A E U Q I N U B R W N E H C I N D S E  
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 A P O W M N M E V R U E K H O O Y S G V  
 T I Y O N R G B N L B T H Y N W E S Y N  
 K S L K U G A P O N S G R O R C B U G O N I P  
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 I T O P S H S T I V A D S H P Q L P T D  
 T R C K S E C U U M M O H L A C O L O S  
 Y A V U A P L A I A N L L G R U Q V R E  
 H V U Y P M W K D A A E C B G A G O E B  
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

ANSWERS IN B SECTION

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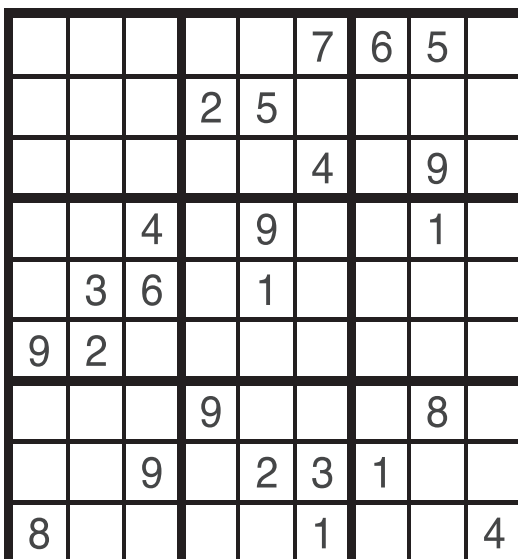
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- MARKET
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- PASSION
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- VARIETY

## Sudoku Puzzle

### How it Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle! Good Luck!

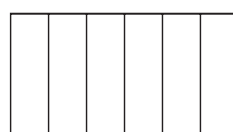
ANSWERS IN B SECTION



## Word Scramble

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to retailers.

TCIDRE



Answer: Credit

## Guess Who?

# GUESS WHO?

I am an actor born in New York on July 5, 1954. I have a strong background in dancing, martial arts and bodybuilding. I've had various roles, but I'm best known for playing a character on a show that takes place in the 1970s.

Answer: Don Stark

## Crypto Fun

ABCDEF GHIJKL MNOPQRST UVWXYZ

# CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to independent retailers. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 1 = P)

A. 13 22 19 1 1 6 17 24

Clue: Buying goods

B. 13 21 19 15 11

Clue: Retailer

C. 1 20 15 14 22 4 13 11

Clue: Acquire by paying for something

D. 1 15 19 9 6 21

Clue: Make money

Answers: A. shopping B. store C. purchase D. profit

## Coloring Fun



# WEST KY SPORTS



The 2026 West Senior All-Stars are pictured. The West Senior All-Stars competed in London in June. The East-West All-Stars Series capped off the 2026 high school softball season.

Photo courtesy of Kentucky Prep Softball



The 2026 West Junior All-Stars are pictured. The West Junior All-Stars competed in London in June.

Photo courtesy of Kentucky Prep Softball

## SUMMER COLLEGIATE BASEBALL

### Hoptown doubles up Madisonville

**Staff Report**

HOPKINSVILLE — Hoptown doubled up Madisonville 4-2 in an Ohio Valley League game at Hopkinsville High School on Friday, July 3.

A line out by Dom Hartman put Hoptown on the scoreboard in the bottom of the first inning.

But Isaiah Smith doubled down the right field line, which helped Madisonville tie the game 1-1 in the top of the third frame.

However, Hoptown regained the lead in the bottom of the fifth inning. Hartman tripled, scoring two runs, pushing Hoptown ahead 3-1.

Heath Henley earned the win on the mound for the Hoppers. The Hoptown starting pitcher gave up six hits and two runs over five and one-third innings, striking out nine and walking two.

Mason Wolf took

the loss on the mound for the Miners. The Madisonville starting pitcher went four and one-third innings, giving up three runs on three hits, striking out five and walking eight.

Evan Woodard earned the save for the Hoppers.

In addition to Woodard, Zach Hampton and Gage Montes pitched in relief for Hoptown during the Ohio Valley League matchup.

Hartman paced the middle of Hoptown's lineup, delivering a team-high three runs batted in. Hoptown's number three hitter, Hartman went one-for-three at the plate.

Evan Jacob paced Hoptown offensively, finishing two-for-two.

Smith and Trent Proserpi provided two hits apiece for the Miners. Both Smith and Jayden Hernandez drove in one run for visiting Madisonville.

### Railroaders beat Rhythm

**Staff Report**

FULTON — Fulton defeated Full Count 7-2 in an Ohio Valley League game at Lohaus Field on Saturday, July 4.

The Railroaders got on the scoreboard in the opening inning when Jacob Lott singled, scoring one run.

Ryder Planchard hit a sacrifice fly, which helped Full Count tie the game 1-1 in the top of the second inning. Fulton took the lead in the bottom of the third inning. Zaid Diaz hit a solo home run to right field to push Fulton ahead 2-1.

Countering, Full Count scored one run in the top of the sixth on a solo home run to right field by Barrett Brown.

Michael Dobbins earned the win on the mound for the Railroaders. Dobbins gave up four hits and two runs over six

innings, striking out six and walking three.

Gus Daniels took the loss on the mound for the Rhythm. Daniels pitched four innings, surrendering five runs on seven hits, striking out six and walking three. Brady Davis pitched one inning of zero-run ball in relief for the Railroaders.

Davis held Full Count hitless.

Fulton tallied 11 hits in the game. Thomas Kuhn set the tone at the top of Fulton's batting order, leading the Railroaders with four hits in five at bats.

Nick Causey drove in three runs for the Railroaders. Causey connected for one hit.

Number seven hitter Jackson Zeller showed the depth of Full Count's lineup, connecting for two hits in three at bats.

Aiding Full Count at the plate, Brown and Planchard each drove in one run.

### Flash defeat Chiefs

**Staff Report**

HENDERSON — Gunnar Waldrop collected three hits in four at bats as Henderson defeated visiting Paducah 9-2 in an Ohio Valley League game on Sunday, July 5.

Waldrop singled in the eighth inning, doubled in the third inning and doubled in the sixth inning.

Henderson scored five runs in the sixth inning on its way to the win. Noah Briggs singled, scoring one run; Dominic Davis singled, scoring one run; Jacob Tucker doubled, scoring two runs and an error scored one run.

A single by Davis put Henderson on the scoreboard in the bottom of the first inning.

Jack Robinson grounded out, which allowed Paducah to tie the game 1-1 in the top of the sixth inning.

However, three more Henderson runs crossed the plate in the eighth inning to extend the lead to 9-2. Jacob Froehlich hit a solo home run to left field and Waldrop singled, scoring two runs.

Bryce Humphrey earned the win on the mound for the Flash. The Henderson right-handed pitcher surrendered two hits and two runs over two and one-third innings, striking out two and walking two.

Avery Starks took the loss on the mound

see **FLASH**,  
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## Larger first base option allowed in high school baseball

**Staff Report**

LEXINGTON — Beginning next year, high school baseball teams will be given the option to use an 18-inch first base or the double first base. The larger base is presented as an alternative to the previously mandated double first base, which goes into effect in 2027.

The larger first base option was one of seven rules changes recommended by the NFHS Baseball Rules Committee at its meeting last month in Indianapolis and which were subsequently approved by the NFHS Rules Review Committee and NFHS Board of Directors.

In conjunction with the double first base, allowing a larger first base has proven to be effective in reducing player collisions and enhancing player safety.

"The NFHS Baseball Rules Committee believes that providing schools with the option of using either an 18-inch first base or a double first base gives administrators the flexibility to enhance player safety while recognizing the varying needs and resources of member schools," said Elliot Hopkins, director of sports and liaison to

the NFHS Baseball Rules Committee. "Both options are designed to reduce the potential for collisions at first base and support a reduced risk playing environment without changing the fundamental nature of the game."

One-way electronic communication will now be allowed from the coach to the pitcher and/or the catcher for the purposes of calling pitches. Prior, the catcher was the only defensive player allowed to receive communication from the coach. While the coach must still be located in the dugout/bench area, the committee believes this change responsibly integrates electronic communication that enhances game management.

Bat certification was addressed with USA Baseball assuming bat-testing standards. Effective in 2028, there will be an additional class of permitted non-wood bats. Bats that are not made of a single piece of wood shall meet either the USA Baseball Batted Ball Coefficient of Restitution (USA Baseball BBCOR) of .50 or the USA Baseball Bat Performance Standard (-4, -5, -6). Bats must be labeled with a silkscreen or

other permanent certification mark. "In addition, the NFHS remains committed to fostering the growth and development of high school baseball players," Hopkins said. "As the game continues to evolve with the adoption of the USA Baseball BBCOR standard, expanding the available drop-weight options provides younger and developing players with additional opportunities to build proper mechanics, confidence and skills while maintaining the safety and performance standards expected in education-based athletics."

**Additional rules changes include:**

- Eye shade must be a solid stroke and not include words, numbers, logos or other symbols within the eye shade.

- Use of electronic communication devices by players on the field is prohibited (except as outlined with one-way coach to player communication). This includes amplifying devices, wireless communication devices, headphones, etc., for the purposes of recording, streaming or transmitting audio or video. The prohibition does

not include medical devices.

- Coaches will be allowed to use a handheld electronic scoring device or other scoring material while in the coach's box.

- When using a tiebreaker to end a regulation game, an option is now available to start each half-inning with a runner on second base. The runner would be the last scheduled batter in that respective half-inning.

A complete listing of the baseball rules changes will be available on the NFHS website at [www.nfhs.org](http://www.nfhs.org). Click on "Sports" at the top of the home page and select "Baseball" and then "Rules." The print version of the 2027 Baseball Rules Book will be available for purchase in October at [www.NFHS.com](http://www.NFHS.com), and the digital version will be available in September via NFHS Digital at [www.NFHS.org](http://www.NFHS.org).

According to the 2024-25 NFHS High School Athletics Participation Survey, baseball is the fifth-most popular sport for boys with a total of 472,598 boys participating at 16,110 schools across the country. In addition, 1,381 girls played high school baseball.

## SUMMER COLLEGIATE BASEBALL

### Flash roll past Miners

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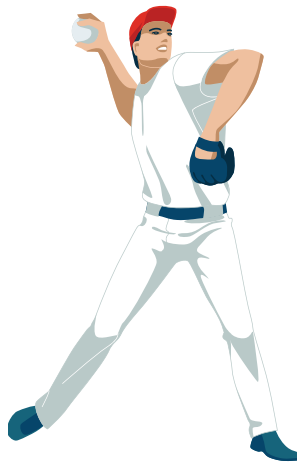
for the Chiefs. The Paducah right-handed pitcher went five and one-third innings, giving up four runs on five hits, striking out one and walking two.

Reed Rheinhardt stepped on the mound first for the Flash. The Henderson starter gave up two hits and zero runs over four and two-thirds innings, striking out eight and walking two.

Ashton Tindle pitched two scoreless innings in relief for the Flash. Tindle surrendered one hit, striking out one and walking none.

Henderson Flash tallied 12 hits in the game. Waldrop and Peyton Tatum each collected three hits and drove in two runs for the Flash. Aiding Henderson offensively, Davis collected two hits in five at bats.

Brett Haas went one-for-three at the plate and drove in one run for the Chiefs. Number nine hitter, Landon Gilbert, showed the depth of Paducah's lineup, connecting for two hits in four at bats.



#### Staff Report

HENDERSON — Henderson pulled away to defeat Madisonville 17-1 in an Ohio Valley League game on Saturday, July 4.

Henderson got on the scoreboard in the bottom of the first inning after Dominic Davis hit a grand slam to center field.

The Flash added to their early lead in the bottom of the second inning after Jacob Froehlich homered

to center field, and Madisonville Miners committed an error, each scoring one run.

Henderson scored seven runs on two hits in the bottom of the third inning.

Tyler Rinehart drew a walk, scoring one run; Jacob Tucker drew a walk, scoring one run; Drew Isenberg drew a walk, scoring one run; Alec Satterfield drew a walk, scoring one run; Gunnar Waldrop singled, scoring two runs and Brayden Mineo drew a walk,

scoring one run.

Henderson pushed across one run in the bottom of the sixth inning on a solo home run to center field by Waldrop.

Kiefer Parsons earned the win on the mound for the Flash. Parsons, a left-handed pitcher, allowed zero hits and zero runs over three innings, striking out three and walking none.

Taylor Coffman took the loss on the mound for the Miners. Coffman, pitching out

of a starting role, went one-third of an inning, surrendering five runs (four earned) on two hits, striking out one and walking three.

Payton Helmerich started on the mound for the Flash. Helmerich surrendered one hit and one run over two innings, striking out two and walking three.

Seth Galloway tossed two scoreless innings in relief for the Flash. Galloway gave up zero hits, striking out two and walking none.

Henderson connected for 10 hits in the game. Davis paced the middle of Henderson lineup, leading the Flash with four runs batted in. The catcher went two-for-five. Aiding the winning team offensively, Froehlich, Davis, Waldrop and Peyton Tatum each collected two hits for the Flash.

Offensively for Madisonville, Hawken Hedlund connected for one hit and drove in the Miners' lone run.

## NFHS introduces updated version for NFHS Digital Rules App

#### Staff Report

LEXINGTON — The NFHS, in partnership with RefReps, has announced the release of NFHS Digital 2.0, a major upgrade to the NFHS Digital platform designed to make rules publications, case books, guides and officials resources easier to access.

Built by RefReps, NFHS Digital 2.0 represents a significant step forward in the digital experience for officials, coaches, administrators and others who rely on NFHS publications. The updated platform was reimaged based on user feedback, focusing on faster navigation, better search, more flexible reading options, and a more connected experience across publications.

“NFHS Digital 2.0

reflects our continued commitment to the people who rely on NFHS rules and resources, and it builds on feedback we've heard from users across the country,” said Davis Whitfield, incoming NFHS Executive Director. “This update makes it easier for users to find what they need, understand rule references in context, and stay connected to the latest information.”

NFHS Digital 2.0 includes a refreshed sign-in experience, allowing users to sign in or create an account using email, Google, Apple or RefReps. Once inside the platform, users are welcomed with an overview of the new features and improvements included in the release.

A key addition in NFHS Digital 2.0 is the introduction of

‘Publication Home Pages’. These central hubs give users quick access to each publication’s table of contents, highlights, notes, search, share options and linked publications. Users can jump directly into specific sections, access related materials, and move through content more efficiently.

The reading experience has also been enhanced with continuous scrolling, adjustable text sizing and background options to help users customize the way they view content. These improvements are designed to make rules publications and related materials easier to read and navigate on mobile devices.

The search feature has been upgraded across the platform

as well. Users can now search books, keywords, highlights, notes, tags and rule references more efficiently. Global search allows users to find publications and content without first navigating into a specific book, while improved PDF search helps users locate relevant topics faster.

NFHS Digital 2.0 also introduces in-context rule references, allowing users to view related rules directly inside PDFs and case books when one rule references another. Users can quickly preview the referenced rule and then jump to the full rule when needed.

Additional new features include a Bulletins tab for NFHS Digital news and announcements, as well as publication feedback tools

that allow users to submit feedback on formatting or potential inaccuracies. Feedback submission statuses can be tracked through the user’s Profile.

“RefReps is honored to continue working alongside the NFHS to build tools that serve the officiating and education communities,” RefReps Chief Executive Officer Kyle Armstrong said. “NFHS Digital 2.0 was designed around the way users actually interact with rules content. The goal is simple: make the information easier to find, easier to read and easier to use.”

NFHS Digital 2.0 is now available in the NFHS Digital app and on the web at <https://store.nfhsdigital.org/>.

Users are encouraged to update the app and experience the upgraded platform.

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# Beshear presses for answers on McConnell's health

By TOM LATEK  
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – Gov. Andy Beshear has sent a letter to the office of U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Louisville, requesting an update on his health status amid growing concerns around the Senator's ability to serve.

“Over the last several weeks, Kentuckians have grown increasingly concerned about the health and well-being of Sen. McConnell,” Beshear said in the letter sent Wednesday.

“As Governor, and a fellow public official who understands the commitment we've made to the people we serve, I am requesting

the Senator provide an update on his current health status. Allowing speculation to continue in the media is not fair to the Senator or to Kentuckians, and my hope is that this provides him the opportunity to share the information in a transparent manner, direct from the source. I wish him a safe and speedy recovery.”

The request for information comes after Sen. McConnell was admitted to hospital on June 14 following a medical emergency at his home. Since then, limited information has been shared from the senator's office.

The governor's office said Beshear reached out directly



to McConnell's office because of increasing speculation about the senator's health.

On Tuesday, McConnell's office issued a news release pointing to social media posts from individuals who had recent con-

versations with the 83-year-old former Senate Majority Leader, including CNN political analyst and McConnell ally Scott Jennings.

“I spoke to my old friend Mitch McConnell this morning,

the senior Senator from Kentucky,” Jennings posted on “X.” He's still recovering in the hospital. We talked for just shy of 20 minutes ... about IRAN, UKRAINE, the unfolding situation in MAINE, my visit to the TR Presidential Library, and even a little bit of Senate history. I told him we want to see him back at work as soon as possible.”

The release also repeated a statement from Tuesday that, “Senator McConnell appreciates the outpouring of support he's receiving while he continues his recovery in the hospital. The Senator continues to improve and is working closely with his

staff on Kentucky and Senate matters while the Senate is out of session.”

Elaine Chao, McConnell's wife, said later Tuesday after returning to the U.S. from China in a statement that her ailing husband's health “did not warrant an immediate return.”

“The secretary was on a long-planned trip in China to support her family's philanthropic endeavors,” a statement attributed to a spokesperson said. “During the trip, she met with a number of people, including the US ambassador. The Senator's health did not warrant an immediate return to the U.S.”



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## Kentucky Time Capsule Project looking for submissions

By TOM LATEK  
*Kentucky Today*

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – Kentucky Secretary of State Michael Adams has announced the launch of the Kentucky Time Capsule Project, a statewide initiative commemorating America's 250th anniversary.

The time capsule and a copy of the Declaration of Independence from the Secretary of State's office.

As the nation marks this historic milestone,

Kentuckians have a unique opportunity to reflect on who we are as a commonwealth and what we want future generations to remember about this moment in our history.

The Kentucky Time Capsule Project invites Kentuckians from every corner of the state to contribute their voices, stories, photographs, artwork and hopes for the future. Those interested in submitting can do so through the Secretary of State's website at

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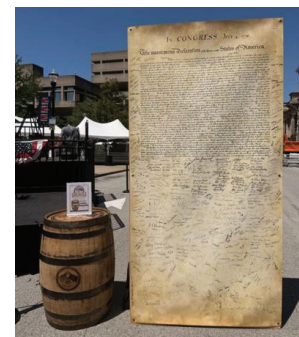
"Housed in a modified traditional Kentucky bourbon barrel, the time capsule symbolizes both our rich heritage and our shared commitment to the future," said Adams. "We hope this project inspires Kentuckians to reflect on their role in democracy and civic life."

When the time capsule is opened in 25 years, it will provide a snapshot of Kentucky and America during this pivotal chapter in our nation's sto-

ry. Kentuckians are encouraged to participate and help preserve the state's history for future generations.

The bourbon barrel time capsule will travel across Kentucky throughout the year and will ultimately house the winning entries from the Secretary of State's 2026 annual essay and slogan contests.

Prominent Kentuckians have been invited to offer their contributions to the barrels, including U.S. Sens. Mitch McConnell



and Rand Paul, and Lt. Gov. Jacqueline Coleman with others to be announced soon. The University of Kentucky Athletics department will participate in the project, as will other partners to be announced.

he first stop for the Time Capsule will be at Somerset Community College now through July 19 for their Master Musicians Festival. Kentuckians will also have the opportunity to view the barrel in person at this year's Kentucky State Fair, which runs August 20-30.

Following its statewide tour, the barrel will be permanently housed in the Office of the Secretary of State until it is opened in 2051.

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# July is Cut Flower Month in Kentucky

By TOM LATEK  
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – A bit of sunshine in the form of some fresh cut Kentucky-grown flowers was handed out to students and staff at Stewart Home and School in Frankfort Monday to celebrate July as Cut Flower Month in Kentucky.

“The beauty Kentucky’s cut-flower industry adds to our great state is measured in more than dollars,” Commissioner Shell said. “Flowers, especially those grown in Kentucky, can brighten up a day, celebrate milestones, and speak when words are inadequate. In July, we celebrate what Kentucky’s farmer-florists provide for consumers. Having the chance to provide that little bit of sunshine to some special people today, really emphasizes the power of flowers.”



**Agriculture Commissioner Jonathan Shell hands out flowers at Stewart Home and School in Frankfort on Monday. (Kentucky Department of Agriculture photo)**

Sunflowers, zinnias, peonies, and an assortment of greenery, were donated by three Kentucky cut-flower farms including Double H Farms and Chickapoo Farm, both of Shelby County, and Hippy Chick Roots, from Hart County.

Approximately 80 percent of cut flowers are imported for U.S.

markets, yet Kentucky farm conditions are well-suited for high-quality commercial production. Cut flower farms have become one of the state’s fastest-growing specialty crops, with the number of farms growing cut flowers more than doubling between 2017 and 2022.

Today, Kentucky is

home to 233 commercial cut-flower farms working 220 acres and producing \$2.2 million in flowers each year. Most of these farms are small, family-run operations that sell directly to their neighbors through farmers’ markets, roadside stands, florists, and online platforms.

Kentucky flower

farmers have built two marketing collectives, the Kentucky Flower Market and the Southern Kentucky Floral Exchange, that together connect more than 50 farms with florists and consumers across the state. Since 2023, the Southern Kentucky Floral Exchange has sold more than 182,000 Ken-

tucky-grown stems. At Kentucky Flower Market, we believe flower farmers should spend more time in the field than behind the wheel,” said Kayla Carey with Kentucky Flower Market. “This Kentucky Cut Flower Month, we’re proud to celebrate the more than 30 Kentucky flower farms we support by connecting them with florists and flower lovers through one marketplace, helping growers spend less time selling and more time growing.”

To help customers find Kentucky operations, the University of Kentucky Center for Crop Diversification (CCD) has produced an interactive, online map at <https://uk-horticulture.github.io/KY-Cut-Flowers/>. New farms are being added frequently and there may even be a flower farm close to you that doesn’t yet appear on the map.

# Highway speed limits being strictly enforced

By TOM LATEK  
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – During the summer travel season, Kentucky highway safety officials are encouraging drivers to slow down and obey posted speed limits to help keep everyone on the road safe.

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, along with law enforcement statewide, are teaming up to promote safer roads through education and speed enforcement.

“Slowing down could save a life,” said Gov. Andy Beshear. “This summer, let’s all do our part to keep each other safe by abiding by speed limits and looking out for one another on the road.”

Higher speeds increase crash severity and reduce the time drivers have to react to hazards such as stopped traffic, road debris, highway workers, pedestrians, bicyclists and motorcyclists. Even five miles over the speed limit

can make a difference between avoiding a hazard and a life-altering crash.

Speeding and aggressive driving are major contributors to roadway fatalities. In 2025, around one-third of all traffic fatalities in Kentucky involved a speeding or aggressive driver. In response, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet’s Office of Highway Safety (KOHS) is partnering with law enforcement agencies statewide to implement the “Not So Fast, Kentucky” speed

awareness campaign now through July 31. With funding from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, KOHS distributes full-year grants to law enforcement agencies that applied.

To support year-round enforcement efforts and safety campaigns, KOHS has distributed more than 50 handheld radar units and more than 150 dash-mounted radar units to grantees over the past three years to enhance safety.

“Speed limits are in place to protect everyone on the road,” said Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Secretary Rebecca Goodman. “We’re asking drivers to slow down and stay alert, especially as more workers are out in construction work zones improving roads and bridges for travelers.”

To further increase safety in work zones for Kentucky drivers and construction crews, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) began

using automated speed enforcement devices in select active highway work zones in late fall of 2025.

As construction season continues, drivers need to stay alert and use extra caution in work zones. A work zone is any part of the highway where government crews, contractors or utility companies are doing construction, repairs, resurfacing, inspections or maintenance. To keep everyone safe, slow down, watch for signs and stay alert.

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## BALLARD

**William A. Veit** age, 77 passed away at his home on Wednesday, July 1, 2026. There are no services scheduled at this time. Morrow Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

## CALDWELL

**Ann “Mimi” Tosh**, 74, of Princeton, passed away Tuesday, July 7, 2026, at Rivers Bend Retirement Community in Kuttawa. Visitation for Ann Tosh will be held Friday, July 10, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Morgans Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held Friday, July 10, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at Morgans Funeral Home with Bro. Mike Boyd officiating. Burial will follow at Dooms Chapel Cemetery in Kuttawa.

**Dion Wayne Hale**, born on May 30, 1968, in Princeton, KY, passed away peacefully on July 1, 2026, at Caldwell Medical Center. Family and friends are invited to gather for visitation on Friday, July 10, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Goodman Funeral Home, 1032 W. Main Street, Princeton, KY 42445. A memorial service celebrating his life will follow at 3:00 p.m.

**Phillip Walter Campbell**, 82 of Princeton, beloved father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, and friend, passed away peacefully on June 30, 2026, at Salem Springs Lake Health & Rehabilitation. Family and friends were invited to pay their respects at Goodman Funeral Home, 1032 West Main St, Princeton, KY. Visitation was held on Monday, July 6, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and again on Tuesday, July 7, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. A funeral service, honoring the life and legacy of Phillip Walter Campbell, followed at 11:00 a.m. on July 7 at Goodman Funeral Home with Bro. Mike Franklin officiating. Burial took place at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, KY Hwy 902 E, Fredonia, KY.

## CALLOWAY

**Kimberly Michelle Davis**, 69, of Hardin, KY, received her eternal reward on Monday, July 6, 2026. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Imes Funeral Home is entrusted with caring for her family.

**James Neal Stokley**, 78, of Murray, KY, passed away on Sunday, July 5, 2026 at his home. A graveside service is set for 10 AM on Friday, July 10, 2026 on the Stokley family farm, 616 Deer Path Trail, Murray, KY 42071. Imes Funeral Home is entrusted with caring for his family.

**Charles Vaughn**, 78, of Murray, KY, passed away on Saturday, July 4, 2026 at Anna Mae Owen Residential Hospice House. Arrangements are currently incomplete at Imes Funeral Home & Crematory.

**Donald Elliott**, 76, of Dexter, KY, passed away on Wednesday, July 1, 2026 at Murray Calloway County Hospital. No services will be held. Imes Funeral Home & Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

**KSP Sgt. Brett Stuart Miller**, age 51, of Almo, Kentucky, passed away on Wednesday, July 1, 2026, at his home. A funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, July 9, 2026, at the Lovett Auditorium on the Campus of Murray State University. Eddie Clyde Hale and Mike Daniels officiated, and burial followed in the Murray City Cemetery.

**Jason Boren**, age 51, of Hazel, Kentucky, passed away Thursday, July 2, 2026, at TriStar Skyline Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee. A funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, July 10, 2026, at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services, with Bro. Jordan Roach officiating. Burial will follow in the Murray Memorial Gardens. A visitation will be held from 10:00 to 1:00 on Friday, July 10, 2026, at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

**Priscilla Rae Schanbacher** passed away Saturday June 20, 2026, at the Anna Mae Owen Hospice House at age 90, after a brief illness. An informal celebration of the life of Priscilla Schanbacher is planned for July 11, 2026, at 2:30 with visitation hours at 1:00 - 2:30 pm prior to the celebration at the First United Methodist Church, 503 Maple Streets in Murray, KY.

**Keith Chadwick**, age 57, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away Tuesday, July 7, 2026, at Patriot Health and Rehab in Paris, Tennessee. J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

**Harold Gene Bynum**, age 81, of Murray, Kentucky passed away on Thursday, July 2, 2026, at the Anna Mae Owen Residential Hospice House in Murray, Kentucky.

**Betty “June” (Copeland) Higgins**, 87, of Almo, Kentucky, passed away Friday, July 3, 2026, at Lake Way Rehabilitation and Healthcare in Benton, Kentucky. A funeral service was held Wednesday, July 8, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. in the chapel of Blalock-Coleman Funeral Home, with Bro. Sammy Cunningham officiating.

## CARLISLE

**Laura Mae Titus**, 93, of Cunningham, KY, passed away on Monday, July 6, 2026, at Clinton Place in Clinton, Kentucky. Funeral services will be at 6:00 PM Friday, July 10, 2026, at the Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah with Pastor Darryl Titus and Pastor Wesley Titus officiating. Visitation will be from 4:00-6:00 PM Friday, July 10, 2026, at the Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah. Burial will be at a later date at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Westland, MI.

**Leila Fay Wade**, 88, of Arlington, Kentucky, passed away on July 5, 2026, at Baptist Health Paducah. A funeral service was held at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 8, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Arlington with Bro. Glen Stewart officiating. Burial followed at Arlington City Cemetery.

## CHRISTIAN

**Karen Litchfield Wheeler**, 77, of Hopkinsville, Kentucky died at 8:55 p.m., Friday, July 3, 2026 at Bradford Heights Nursing and Rehab in Hopkinsville, Kentucky. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 8, 2026 at Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home with Rev. Jacob Workman officiating. Burial followed in Riverside Cemetery.

**Marilyn J. West**, 71, Greenville Road, Hopkinsville, KY passed away on Monday, July 6, 2026 at Jennie Stuart Medical Center of natural causes. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Friday, July 10, 2026 at Lamb Funeral Home with Rev. Eddie Mitchell officiating. Burial will follow in Henderson Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11:00 a.m. until the service hour on Friday, July 10, 2026 at the funeral home.

**Joe Farris**, 77, Old Madisonville Road, Hopkinsville, KY passed away Friday, July 3, 2026 at his home of natural causes. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, July 6, 2026 at Lamb Funeral Home with Rev. Mike Humphries officiating. Burial followed in Rogers Cemetery.

**Bob Liles**, 83, Martin Place Drive, Hopkinsville, KY passed away Tuesday, June 30, 2026 at Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville, Madisonville, KY of natural causes. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at First United Methodist Church with Rev. Daniel Huck officiating. Lamb Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements. Visitation will be from 1:00 p.m. until the service hour on Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at the church.

On Tuesday, June 30, 2026, at the age of 87, **Deacon Mose Bell** departed from this life. Funeral Service was held on July 8th at the West Union Baptist Church, 241 Quisenberry Lane, Hopkinsville, KY 42240. It started at 12:00 pm (Central time). Burial was held at West Union Church Cemetery.

**Edward Cornelius Young, Jr.** passed away on June 30th, 2026, surrounded by family. Funeral Service was held on July 6th at the Freeman Chapel CME Church, 137 S. Virginia St., Hopkinsville, KY. It started at 12:30 pm. Burial was at the Kentucky Veterans West Cemetery.

**Jay F. West**, 86, of Crofton, KY died at 1:20 a.m. Thursday, July 2, 2026 at Redbanks Colonial Terrace in Sebree, KY. Memorial service will be 2:00 p.m. Monday, July 13, 2026 at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West with Bro. Gaige Osborne officiating. Dogwood Funerals & Cremations of Crofton is in charge of the

arrangements.

## CRITTENDEN

**Barbara F. Vaughn**, 83, of Marion, KY passed away July 7, 2026 at Crittenden County Health and Rehab. Graveside services are scheduled for 2:30 PM Saturday July 11, 2026 at Mapleview Cemetery in Marion, KY with interment to follow. The family will receive visitors from Noon Saturday until 2 PM at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion, KY.

## FULTON

**Cathey Mulcahy**, age 68, of South Fulton, Tennessee, passed away at her residence on Sunday, July 5, 2026. Funeral services for Mrs. Cathey Mulcahy will be held at 11 AM Friday, July 10, 2026 in our funeral chapel with burial to follow in the Pleasant View Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 4-7 PM Thursday and after 9 AM Friday until the hour of service.

**Joyce Faye Jones**, age 83, of South Fulton, Tennessee, passed away at her residence on Friday, July 3, 2026. Funeral services for Ms. Joyce Jones were held at 12Noon Tuesday, July 7, 2026 in our funeral chapel with burial followed in the Freeman Cemetery.

## GRAVES

**Michael Kent Goodwin**, age 78, of the Pilot Oak community passed away Wednesday, July 1, 2026 at the Jackson Purchase Medical Center in Mayfield, KY. A memorial graveside service will be held 12:30PM Saturday, July 11, 2026 at the Pilot Oak Baptist Church Cemetery. Friends and family are asked to meet at the cemetery. He will also have a private Masonic service held in his honor.

**Donald Lee Johnson**, age 91, of Bowling Green, formerly of Mayfield, passed away on Monday, July 6, 2026 at Cardinal Landing Memory Care in Bowling Green, KY. Funeral services for Mr. Donald “Don” Lee Johnson will be 2:00 p.m. on Friday, July 10, 2026 at Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY. Rev. Ben Stratton will officiate. Interment will follow at Highland Park Cemetery. Visitation will be 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home.

**Jo Ann Grooms Anderson**, age 80, of Mayfield, KY passed away Saturday, July 4, 2026 at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care in Paducah, KY. A graveside funeral service is scheduled for 2:00PM Monday, July 13, 2026 at the Highland Park Cemetery in Mayfield, KY. Pastor Greg Winn will officiate. Visitation is scheduled from 12:00 PM until 1:30 PM Monday, July 13, 2026 at Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY.

**Jennifer Elizabeth Lee**, Mayfield, passed away at her home Friday, July 3rd. Visitation was held on Tuesday July 7th, 5-8 pm with her funeral Wednesday, 11 am at Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield.

**Mark Kent Glover**, age 65, of Mayfield, KY passed away Friday, July 3, 2026 at Jackson Purchase Medical Center. A funeral service was held at 1:00PM Tuesday, July 7, 2026 at Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY. Rev. Andrew Clapp officiated.

**Jayden Cash Carrillo**, age 17, of Paducah Kentucky passed away on Wednesday July 1 2026 after being involved in a tragic motorcycle accident. Visitation and celebration of life was held at the Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, Thursday July 9 (10am-1pm).

**Kathryn “Kathy” Teer** age 65 of Cuba passed away at 10:17 AM Monday July 6, 2026 at her daughters residence in Cuba. Private family services will be held at a later date. Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield incharge of arrangements.

**Margery Gayle Vermillion**, 90 , a resident of Crestview Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center in Shelbyville, Kentucky passed away at 4:50 A.M. Saturday, July 4, 2026 at Crestview Healthcare and Rehabilittation Center in Shelbyville, KY. A funeral

**FUNERAL NOTICES** continued

mass will be held on Friday, July 10, 2026 at the Saint Jerome Catholic Church in Fancy Farm at 11:00 A.M. with Father Paul Pynadath officiating. Interment will follow in the Saint Jerome Cemetery. Her grandsons will serve as pallbearers. Friends may call from 9:00 A.M. until the Funeral Hour on Friday at the Saint Jerome Catholic Church in Fancy Farm. The Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield is in charge of arrangements.

**Darrell Joe Wilson**, age 63, of the Burkeley Community in Carlisle County passed away at 4:51 PM Saturday July 4, 2026 at the Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah, KY. A Memorial Visitation will be held from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM in the Tea Room at Trace Creek Baptist on Friday July 17, 2026. The Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY is in charge of the arrangements.

**Patricia A. Hall**, age 88 and a resident of Mayfield, passed away on Thursday, July 1, 2026 at the Sevierville Health & Rehab Facility in Sevierville, TN. Funeral services for Patricia were held on Sunday, July 5, 2026 at 2:00 P.M. at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield with Rev. Ronnie Stinson, Sr. officiating. Interment followed in the Mt. Olive Church of Christ Cemetery in Golo.

**David Keith Guthrie** age 66 of the Dublin Community passed away at 5:34 PM Wednesday July 1, 2026 at Baptist Health Paducah. Funeral service was held at 1:00 PM Monday July 6, 2026 at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield with Rev. Mike Miller and Rev. Chris Clark officiating, burial followed in the Pryorsburg Community Fellowship Church Cemetery.

**Randal L. “Randy” Moffitt**, age 68 of Wingo, Ky passed away on Wednesday, July 1, 2026 at 9:02 PM at his residence. Graveside Services were held on Monday, July 6, 2026 at 11:00 AM at the Unity Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Ronnie Stinson, Jr officiating.

**HICKMAN**

Connie Dianne Elliott Wilson, age 69 of Clinton, passed away Friday, July 3, 2026 at the Clinton Place in Clinton. Funeral services for Connie will be held Wednesday, July 8, 2026 at 1:00 PM at the Brown Funeral Home in Clinton with Rev. Chris Clark and Rev. David Crowder officiating. Burial will follow in the SpringHill Cemetery.

**LIVINGSTON**

**Vickie Gail Long**, 69, of Salem, passed away Tuesday, June 30, 2026 at Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah. Funeral services were held on Friday, July 3, 2026 at 1PM at Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services.

**LYON**

**Cheryl Kaye Cavanah**, age 75, of Princeton, KY, passed away on Tuesday, July 7, 2026 at Princeton Health & Rehab. Visitation will be held from 4:00 pm until 8:00 pm Friday, July 10, 2026 at Morgan’s Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, July 11, 2026 at 1:00 pm at Morgan’s Funeral Home with Rev. Chris Mckenzie officiating. Burial to follow the service at Creekmur Cemetery, 1034 White School Rd, Dawson Springs, KY 42408.

**MARSHALL**

**Clara Anne Creason**, 83, of Benton, Kentucky, passed away on Monday, July 6, 2026. Visitation will be held from 12:00 PM until 2:00 PM on Friday, July 10, 2026, at Filbeck-Cann Funeral Home of Milner & Orr, 1117 Poplar Street, Benton, KY 42025. A funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM on Friday, July 10, 2026, at Filbeck-Cann Funeral Home of Milner & Orr. Burial following at Cole Cemetery.

**Dakota “Ogre” Lane**, 34, of Benton, Kentucky, passed away on Tuesday, June 30, 2026. A funeral service was held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, July 8, 2026, at the Life Celebration Center of Filbeck-Cann. Burial followed at Lyles Cemetery in Brewers.

**Dorothy Jean Eizenga**, 83 of Benton, Kentucky passed away on Tuesday, July 7, 2026, at Spring Creek Health Care in Murray, Kentucky. A memorial service

will be held on Saturday, July 11, 2026 at 1:00 PM at the Collier Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Sammy Cunningham officiating. Burial to follow at Marshall County Memory Gardens. Visitation will be Saturday, July 11, 2026 from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM at Collier Funeral Home, located at 211 West 5th Street Benton, KY 42025.

**Kenneth Norwood**, 74 of Benton, Kentucky passed away on Friday, July 3, 2026, at Mercy Health - Lourdes Hospital in Paducah, Kentucky. A memorial service was held on Thursday, July 9, 2026 at 6 PM at the Collier Funeral Home Chapel with Gary Knuckles officiating.

**Jamie Lynn Conner**, 47, of Benton, Kentucky, passed away peacefully on July 3, 2026, surrounded by the love of his family after a courageous battle with stage IV Metastatic Melanoma. Visitation was held on Wednesday, July 8, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Collier Funeral Home. Funeral services immediately followed at 2:00 p.m., with burial at Horn Cemetery.

**Teddy S. Kinsey**, 80 of Benton, Kentucky passed away on Thursday, July 2, 2026, at Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah, Kentucky. Funeral Service was held Tuesday, July 7, 2026 at 2:00 PM at the First Baptist Church in Benton with Bro. Don Wilson officiating. Burial followed at Benton Cemetery.

**James H. King**, 81, of Benton, Kentucky passed away on Thursday, July 2, 2026 at his residence. A graveside service will be held on Tuesday, July 28, 2026, at 1:00 PM at Soldier Creek Cemetery.

**Judith Delores Pritchard**, 81, of Benton, passed away on Wednesday, July 1, 2026, at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. A graveside service was held on Sunday, July 5, 2026, at 2:30 PM at Marshall County Memory Gardens with Mark Ray officiating.

**McCRACKEN**

**David Allen Carrico**, 70, of Paducah passed away Monday, July 6, 2026, at Baptist Health Paducah. Funeral Mass will be at 11:00am on Friday July 10, 2026 at St. Thomas Moore Catholic Church with Fr. Mike Clark officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Carmel Cemetery. Friends may visit the family from 10:00am to Mass hour on Friday at the church.

**Jennifer Lyn Courtney**, 51, of Paducah passed away on Sunday, July 5, 2026, at her residence. She will be cremated per her wishes and private family services will be held. Lindsey Funeral Home is honored to serve the Courtney family.

**Keith Cannon**, 71, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away on Sunday, July 5, 2026, at his residence. There will be no services. Milner & Orr Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Paducah is in charge of arrangements.

**Gregory Enoslee Gessel**, 41, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on July 5th at Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice Center in Paducah, KY. Celebration of Life Memorial Visitation will be held Friday, July 10, 2026, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Lone Oak Lions Club Building located at 650 Denver Avenue, Paducah, Kentucky 42001

**Charles Krause**, age 85, passed away on July 4, 2026. He was born on October 24, 1940, in Baltimore, Maryland, and lived a life marked by steady service, quiet creativity, and deep devotion to the people he loved. There are no services scheduled at this time. Milner & Orr Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Paducah are in charge of arrangements.

**Jerry W. Hayden**, 68, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away on Friday, July 3, 2026, at Mercy Health Lourdes. A Funeral Service will be held at 1:00 pm on Friday, July 10, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home with Rev. Garrett Hunt and Jeremiah Smitley officiating. Visitation will be held from 11:00 am until the service hour of 1:00 pm on Friday, July 10, 2026 at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah.

**Michael Anthony Craine**, 64, known to family and friends simply as Mike, passed away on July 2, 2026, in Paducah, Kentucky, at the age of 64. Memorial services will be held at a later date. Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah is in charge of arrangements.

**Morgan Sue Hobbs**, 32, passed away on Wednesday, July 1, 2026, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri. Funeral services were held at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, July 6, 2026, at the Lone Oak Chapel of Milner & Orr Funeral Home with Dr. Scott Thomas and Dr. Dan Summerlin officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Kenton Cemetery.

**Wyman N. Freeman**, 85, of Symsonia, Kentucky, passed away at 13:37 hrs. Tuesday, June 30, 2026, at his residence, surrounded by his children. Wyman retired from the United States Postal Service. He was a proud veteran of the United States Army, where he served in the 320th Field Artillery Regiment of the 101st Airborne Division. Private services with Military Honors will be held at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens. Lone Oak Chapel of Milner & Orr Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**Sarah Lynretta “Lynn” Almon**, 87, of Paducah, passed away on June 30, 2026, at her home in Paducah, surrounded by her children and other family members. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Monday, July 6, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah with Derek Warford officiating. Burial followed at Palestine Cemetery in West Paducah.

**Don Edward Nance**, 61, of Paducah, passed away on Monday, July 6, 2026, at his residence. A memorial graveside service will be held at 12:00 noon on Friday, July 10, 2026, at Clarks River Cemetery in Symsonia.

**Janice Ann Boissonneault**, 64, of Gilbertsville, passed away on Sunday, July 5, 2026, at Countryside Nursing and Rehab in Bardwell. Hughes Funeral Home in Paducah is in charge of arrangements.

**Phyllis Kay Zuidema**, 86, of Paducah, passed away on Thursday, July 2, 2026, at Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 pm on Monday, July 13, 2026, at Hughes Funeral Home in Paducah with Bro. Keith Tilford officiating. Burial will follow at Bethel Christian Church Cemetery in Kevil. Visitation will be held from 11:00 am to service time Monday at the funeral home.

**Andrew A. Bowser Jr.**, 87, of West Paducah, KY, formerly of Sparta, MI, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, June 30, 2026. Graveside services were held on Tuesday, July 7, 2026, at 2:00pm at Hopewell Cemetery in Downs, IL, with John Lehman officiating.

**TRIGG**

**Youletta Hopson** - July 8, 2026 - Funeral arrangements are incomplete for 85 year old Youletta Hopson of Cadiz. She passed away Wednesday morning, July 8, 2026 at her home. Please check back later for complete service details.

**Ginger Diane Barnett** - May 2, 1976 - July 7, 2026 - A Celebration of Life for 50 year old Ginger Diane Barnett of Oak Grove will be held at a later date. King’s Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

**Dennis Wayne Brown** - September 20, 1950 – July 2, 2026 - Dennis Wayne Brown, age 75, passed away in Lexington, Kentucky after a courageous battle with cancer. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. King’s Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

**Jo Ann Campbell Wilson**, age 90, of Cadiz, Kentucky, passed away on Monday, July 6, 2026, at Trigg County Hospital in Cadiz. Funeral services will be at Goodwin Funeral Home, 138 Main Street in Cadiz, at 1:00 PM, Saturday, July 11, 2026, with Bro. Russ Thomas officiating. Burial will follow in Cerulean Cemetery. Visitation will precede the service at the funeral home from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM.

**Susan Ann “Susie” Ramey Creekmur**, age 80, of Cadiz, Kentucky, passed away on Friday, July 3, 2026, at her home in Cadiz. Funeral services were held at Goodwin Funeral Home, 138 Main Street in Cadiz, at 4:00 PM, Wednesday, July 8, 2026, with Bro. Greg Creekmur officiating. Burial followed in Trigg Memory Acres.

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

## The road to peace: Practice managing the moments

By Teresa LeNeave  
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This world seems to create an atmosphere of anxiety. I'm convinced, a lot of things that people feel are brought on by things we hear. We hear speakers, both religious and political, saying things that are meant to get under our skin. And we let it! People feel overwhelmed. I feel it too, but I think I bring some of it on myself.

What we focus on can overwhelm us. I'm reminded of how Apostle Paul warned us about this topic when he said we should think on whatever is true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and of good report. He said to look for things of virtue (good moral qualities) and of ways to praise (Philippians 4:8). That tells me I have some control over my mind and what I allow to dwell

on. The point is, not everything we hear is beneficial. In fact, some of it is downright detrimental. I saw something someone shared on Facebook that said, "Sometimes, I just have to turn off the news and put on a true crime documentary so I can relax". That's a little drastic, but it does say we have a responsibility to protect our own minds.

We say we want good things in our lives but science and the Bible, both, say our thoughts influence and support how we live our lives. The question is, "what are we thinking about?" Where do our thoughts lead us? Are they directing us toward good things or harmful things? Proverbs 4:23 says, "Above all else, keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues



of life".

How do we "keep our heart with all diligence"? For starters, diligence is not giving up. Diligence is to keep on keeping on. It's impossible to stop "hearing" things that are harmful to our hearts, but we can be diligent about NOT dwelling on it. I've had people who have deeply hurt my feelings, but if I let

myself dwell on it, I would definitely end up with emotional pain that wouldn't go away. I think managing the moments really matter.

I'm continuing to learn how to manage the moments ... the moments that bring me excess stress and even anger. I think that's what Solomon meant when he said "keep your heart

with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life". Solomon wants us to practice managing the stress moments ... the unhealthy mind moments.

These days, we hear a lot about 'toxic people', but there are toxic conversations, too. The Bible speaks often about guarding both the heart (our inner thoughts) and

the mind (how we think, discern and focus). God's message for "managing the moments" is not just to avoid harmful influences, but to actively cultivate a life centered on God.

2 Cor. 10:5 says, "... we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ." This suggests actively evaluating thoughts and opinions rather than automatically accepting them. Just because the world creates an atmosphere of anxiety, we don't have to be caught in its trap. We can actively, and intentionally, practice managing the moments of our lives by renewing our minds through God's truth. His words have more power than we realize and it can help us manage the moments.

## God's mercy endures forever, but He cannot compromise

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For the last two weeks, we have been discussing the afterlife and who will receive it. Most religions are dogmatic about their salvation ideas, and Christianity may be the most narrow theological view of them all. The exclusive view that following Jesus Christ is the only way to heaven has always been under scrutiny, and I'm facing this hostility today more than ever. I hear arguments such as: how could a loving and merciful God send anyone to an eternal hell just because they chose the wrong religion? Consider the billions of individuals who have embraced the religious path of their families simply because they trust what they have been taught. We read stories of God's strictness and how His

truth cannot compromise, but human nature still hopes He is lenient and forgiving.

This subject has been on my heart lately, and I even had a dream the other night where I saw an endless multitude crying and agonizing, which was disturbing. I woke up, and my first thought was that I was seeing what it would be like at the judgment – they knew it was too late. This brings me to some important questions of my own: Since most Christians accept there is only one Savior who declared, "I am the way, the truth, and the life," why aren't we more broken-hearted about those who do not know Him? If we really believed the majority of the world would suffer eternal punishment because they are not born again, then why do we ignore it? Why aren't we praying, and

witnessing more, or standing on the street corner preaching the gospel? Or are we just happy for ourselves and not concerned about others? Grieving for the lost is not the same as having pity for those who are not blessed like us. We are called to demonstrate our faith by our works, or our love is nothing more than an emotional whim.

A popular idea about salvation is that everyone has the free will to choose whatever they want to believe. This, in turn, makes each individual responsible for where they will spend eternity. The call of Christians to evangelize the world is more focused on those who have never heard about Christ, rather than trying to convince someone to abandon their religion and become a Christian. However, we are reminded of the analogy of having

a cure for a deadly plague and hiding it. Is the gospel the power unto salvation or is it not? Maybe this is a subconscious excuse to not meddle in other people's business and just be glad you have the antidote. There is also a view that is opposite to the free-will philosophy, called predestination. Some Christians believe that before the world was created, God selected certain ones to be saved, which causes a lot of hostility from those who argue this is not fair. The response is that God has sovereign authority and can do whatever He wants.

If the doctrine of election is true, this would explain the lack of missionary support, personal evangelism, and weeping over the lost, since eternal salvation has already been decided. I personally have a hard time with this view, as the

Bible discusses the importance of faith and personal choice. This brings up another simple question, which is whether a person believes what the Bible says. Some believe that when God leaves the ninety-nine and rescues the one, it means reconciling all humans to spend eternity with Him, but others say this is not the correct context. Between the tsunamis of religious interpretations and the critics that declare the Bible is not divinely inspired and does not really mean what it says, it's easy to see how religious pluralism, universalism, and even annihilationism is growing.

If all the passages about spiritual discipline and sacrifice, along with the small gate and a narrow road that leads to life, and only a few will find it, are discarded as an exaggeration, then it's

easy to see how the rebellious human nature has created its own non-threatening version of salvation. It's true, everyone wants to go to heaven, but just how strict is God when it comes to sending invitations? Do you see Him as lenient, sneaking a few favorites through the back door? His truth cannot bend or make deals. According to the Bible, the overwhelming majority of every person who has ever lived will suffer forever. Not only all unbelievers, but every person of every other religion that has ever existed.

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# OUTDOOR Truths

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I am a sports fan. I don't watch much television, but when I do, it's normally around some sporting event. During the past few weeks, it's been golf majors and some WNBA. And then there's also the largest sporting event in the world. The FIFA World Cup. International football. Or what Americans call soccer. And while I'm not a big soccer fan, I have found myself following this tournament, mainly because this year's event is in the United States. This tournament only happens every four years, and this year's event will include 48 teams from all over the world. Over one billion people will

be watching, worldwide. At this writing, America has made it to the round of 16. Go USA! What has gripped me more than anything else, however, is how all our foreign guests keep going on with the hospitality of our people. Whether they are talking about the people in Dallas, Atlanta, Pittsburgh, Kansas City, or the 12 other host cities, the common theme is that they could not believe how friendly, accommodating, and helpful Americans have been. They almost always follow those glowing comments by saying, "That's not what our leaders and media led us to believe." And many of these people described

the U.S. as a more friendly and welcoming place than their own country. They felt what I believe most Americans do very naturally. Love other people. Now we may not call it love. But that is how our actions were interpreted. And because we did what comes naturally, our neighbors were drawn to us. Even the players from Iran, despite the tensions between our nations, left a handwritten note to the people of Los Angeles thanking the city for its hospitality and expressing a desire for peace and respect among nations. All of this has not only been amazing to me but has given me so much to think about.

One thing I think about is that most of the common people in every country want to live in harmony with others. I think this is inherent because we are all made in the Image of God. Another thing worth remembering is that nearly all media are in the business for profit. And there is nothing wrong with profiting. But we all have to realize that our major news sources tend to report on what has the greatest potential to make them a profit. And then there are the governments - each one made up of people who are often driven by power and personal prosperity, unlike the Jills and Joes who live under

their reign. But of all the images that came to mind, the most compelling was the one that led me to the words of Jesus. "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." I can't correct every false view of my faith that someone here or even in another country might promote. I can't always explain my beliefs so that others can understand. I can't always defend against those who use Christianity as a tool for power or prosperity. But I can, by my actions, love the people God

chooses to bring into my life, whether they are with me for a lifetime or just a moment. And if I do that, perhaps they'll leave saying that the ways of Jesus and His followers were not what they thought them to be. They're better. Go USA!

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## PHONY PEACE

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"Do you know how to blow up balloons, Brandon?" the surgical staff asked. Of course I knew how—I

wasn't a sissy. In fact, one of my proudest moments as a kid was inflating a balloon by myself. But, instead of handing me a bright balloon to enjoy, the medical team strapped a mask on my face and instructed me to blow into it like I was inflating a balloon.

They were administering anesthetics through it to knock me out during my tonsillectomy, and after two breaths, I was in Snoozeville.

Anesthesia is a godsend in modern medical advancement.

It is better than chomping down on a hunk of wood or chugging a bottle of whiskey to make painful procedures bearable. But the sedation-induced sleep doesn't last forever, and it doesn't compare to hitting the hay after a long day. The pain-free sleep that anesthesia provides lasts only a few hours until its effects wear off. At best, it offers temporary tranquility and peace that isn't permanent.

The world also offers a perishable peace and spurious serenity that wears off faster than anesthesia. It lasts for only a little while, and then you wake up in distress all over again. The world may tell you that peace comes to those who follow their heart

and fulfill their selfish ambitions, but the end result is always dissatisfaction and chaos. The world's prescription for peace is found in pill and beer bottles, but such external things can never produce internal peace in the soul. And the reason the world's peace is fleeting is because it is false.

James warned that pursuing selfish ambitions produces disorder, not peace (James 3:17). Living life for yourself results in death, not a happy and harmonious life: "For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace" (Rom.

8:6; cf. Isaiah 48:22). And peace cannot be found in drugs or alcohol, as they are simply

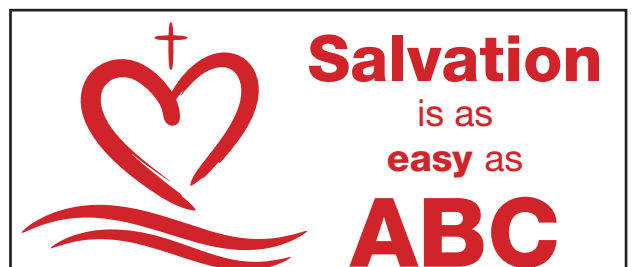
"broken cisterns that can hold no water" (Jer. 2:13). True and lasting peace can only come from Jesus: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid" (John 14:27).

The best the world can offer is anesthesia for your soul. But the "God of peace" will grant you a "peace that surpasses all understanding" if you will trust in Him and believe on His Son, Jesus (2 Thess. 3:6; Phil. 4:7). And Jesus invites you to seek true peace

from Him: "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest"

(Matt. 11:28-29). What kind of peace do you have: phony or permanent? Do you have

"anesthesia" for your soul, or have you come to Jesus for the real thing?



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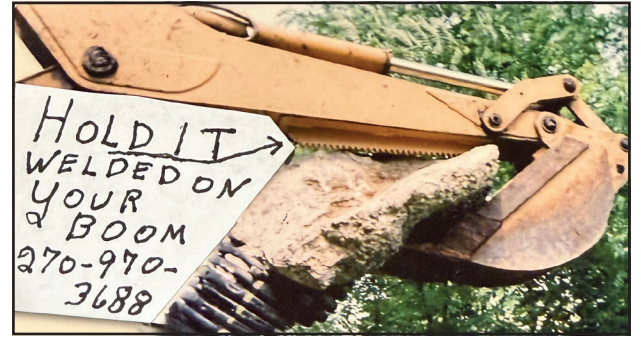
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# Coleman joins lawsuit on livestock emissions

By TOM LATEK  
 Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – Attorney General Russell Coleman announced Monday that the state has joined a 25-state coalition and the Trump Administration to protect Kentucky’s farmers from additional bureaucratic paperwork.

The group of attorneys general support the dismissal of what they term a lawsuit filed by extreme activists trying to force farmers to track and report the natural emissions of livestock. A federal court previously upheld the EPA’s common-sense exemption for routine agricultural operations.

According to the brief filed in The D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals, farming, ranching, and related industries contribute more than \$1 trillion to the U.S. economy each year. The D.C. Circuit Court is often called the second-most important



court in the country, just below the U.S. Supreme Court.

Coleman and the other AGs argue agriculture is a cornerstone of states, and that individual states are best positioned to protect their own farmers. In Kentucky, agriculture contributes over \$46 billion to the state economy every year. Kentucky is also the top beef producing state east of the Mississippi River.

“Washington climate activists keep trying to shovel on regulation after regulation onto Kentucky Farmers. Working with Commissioner Jonathan Shell, we have fought back each and every time,” Coleman said. “The people who grow

America’s food need less interference from Washington and more freedom to do what they do best.”

“Burdensome regulations have left too many farmers buried in paperwork instead of feeding and fueling our country,” added Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner Jonathan Shell. “I appreciate Attorney General Coleman for defending Kentucky agriculture, and I’m proud to work alongside him to remove unnecessary barriers so our farmers can get back to what they do best.”

Kentucky joined the Utah-led brief along with AGs from Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, West Virginia and Wyoming.

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# KSP in national best cruiser competition



By TOM LATEK  
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – Gov. Andy Beshear and the Kentucky State Police are calling on Kentuckians to help power a statewide push in a national competition that celebrates the most eye-catching police cruisers in the country.

KSP has entered the 2026 Best Looking Cruiser Contest, held annually by the American Association of State Troopers (AAST). The contest consists of the public voting on their favorite cruiser photo, with the winning image earning the cover of the association’s 2027 calendar.

“The men and women of the Kentucky State Police represent the very best of public service,” Beshear said. “I encourage every Kentuckian to show their support by voting in this national contest.”

This year, KSP is highlighting the dedication and training required to be a trooper by featuring a 2024 Mustang GT cruiser outside of the KSP Academy in Frankfort, Ky. Beyond its striking design, the image also serves as a tribute to fallen heroes who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

The Kentucky State Police have 39 troopers, officers and patrolmen who

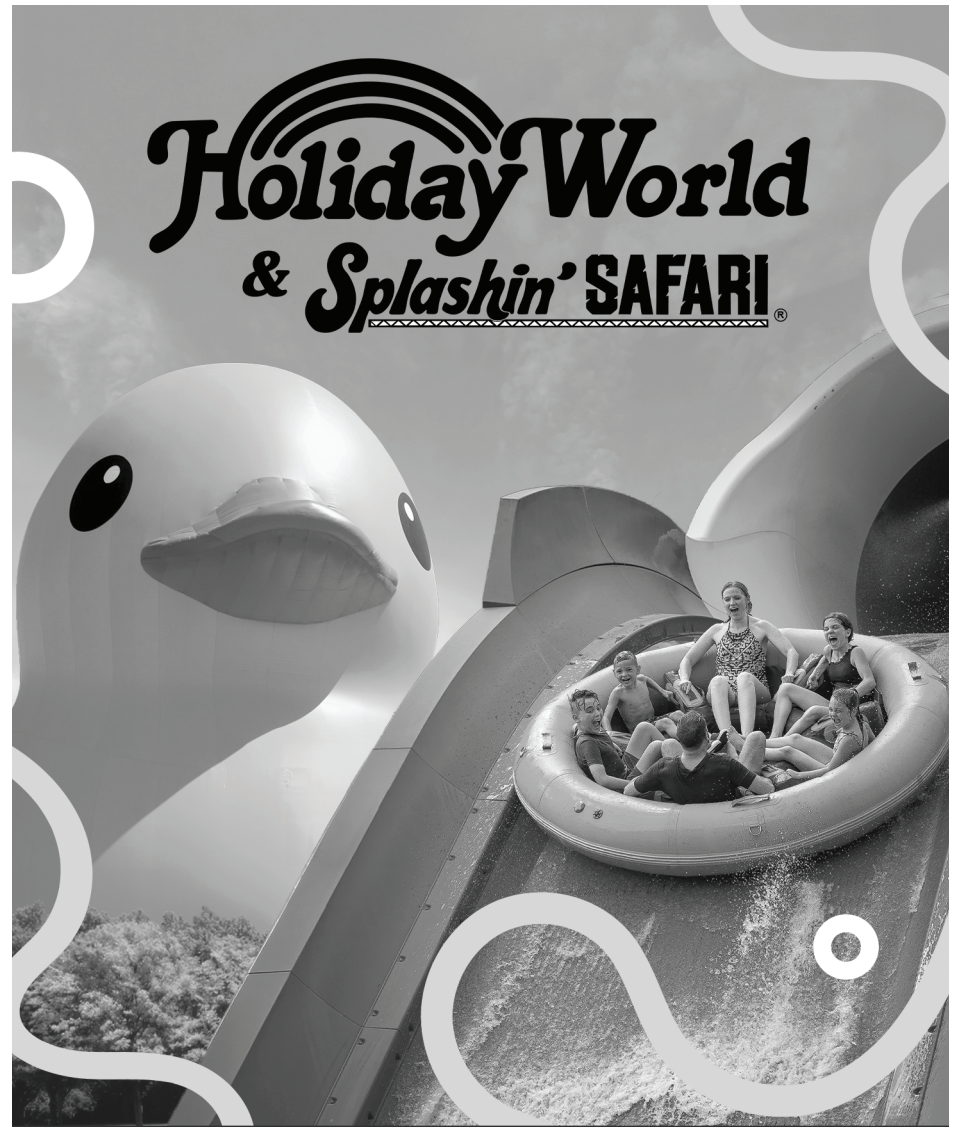
lost their lives in the line of duty. Among them was Trooper James W. McNeely who drowned during a rescue mission on the Kentucky River in 1972 and his body was never recovered.

In 2015, the KSP unveiled a nearly 10-foot-tall bronze statue, titled ‘The Trooper’, which is in front of the Academy Building. This statue was created in Trooper McNeely’s likeness and depicts a trooper walking towards the future to serve the citizens of Kentucky.

“This year’s contest photo symbolizes what it means to be a Kentucky State Police trooper, by showcasing the devotion, hard work, commitment and sacrifice that our troopers give to their local communities daily,” stated KSP Commissioner Phillip Burnett, Jr. “We would be humbled and honored to have your vote and support on social media.”

KSP has placed in the top five in the past eight years, taking home back-to-back wins in 2021 and 2022. While the Florida Highway Patrol won the competition last year, Kentucky is ready to take the top spot and needs your help to win it all.

Kentuckians are encouraged to vote for KSP’s entry now through Friday, July 10, at 12:00 p.m. EDT.



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