

The Dog Days of Summer: David Taylor Chrysler Mayfield hosts ‘Kool Kars and Hot July Nights’



Lineup of classic and modern cars in the parking lot of the David Taylor dealership at Mayfield, KY. Photo credits for all photos: *Ciro Astarita*



By: *Ciro Astarita*
KPI Writer

(MAYFIELD,KY) — The heat of the summer is in full swing this July in Graves County. This was felt at the most recent car show in Mayfield. On Saturday July 18th, ‘Kool Kars and Hot July Nights’ was hosted at the David Taylor Chrysler Dealership location at 50 Kentex Dr. Mayfield, KY 42066. The event was intended to be from 11:00AM to 3PM, however cars started to leave after noon and many spectators and car owners felt the heat was too intense to bare. Thankfully for those

who wanted to stick around, the dealership welcomed guests to come inside and stay cool. They also offered free water and complimentary peanuts courtesy of Texas Roadhouse in Paducah, KY. Not only did they offer free peanuts, but David Taylor Chrysler gave out free subs and Longhorn Steakhouse(Paducah) even gave out icecream! The temperature reached 94° Degrees Farenheit, with the afternoon heat index reaching past 110° Degrees. Given the circumstances, its understandable why

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Stuff the Bus! Giving back to the community



Source for photos: *Graves Co. Schools Facebook Page*

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(MAYFIELD,KY) — We can all agree that helping your community is one of the most noble things a person or company can do. In Graves County, many children entering school this upcoming school year will need supplies, and some may not have the means to get it themselves.

17 years ago, **United Way of Western Kentucky of Paducah, KY(UWWKY)** wanted to help these kids. So, they started their annual Stuff the Bus school supply drive. The drive began assisting children in McCracken County and has since expanded to serve more regions including Graves County along with Ballard and Carlisle Counties. According to United Way’s website, they have helped more than 1,100 students annually in past years.

This event – lasting from 8:00AM-1:00PM on Saturday, July 18 – had shoppers from several Walmart locations loading up yellow school buses full of donations. These locations included both Paducah Walmarts(Hinkleville Road and Irvin Cobb Drive) along with the Mayfield Walmart Supercenter on Paris Road.

During this event, Walmart customers were handed out lists of supplies needed to help fill the bus including school

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Comer to Attend Ribbon Cutting of Murray Calloway Economic Development Center

MEDIA ADVISORY: WASHINGTON—On Thursday, July 30, 2026, Congressman James Comer (R-Ky.) will attend a ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating the opening of the Murray-Calloway Economic Development Corporation’s Training Center. Congressman Comer secured federal funding for the facility project through a Fiscal Year 2023 Community Project

Funding request. The new training center will support workforce development across the region by offering certification programs in high-demand industries, including plumbing, construction, electrical work, and HVAC.

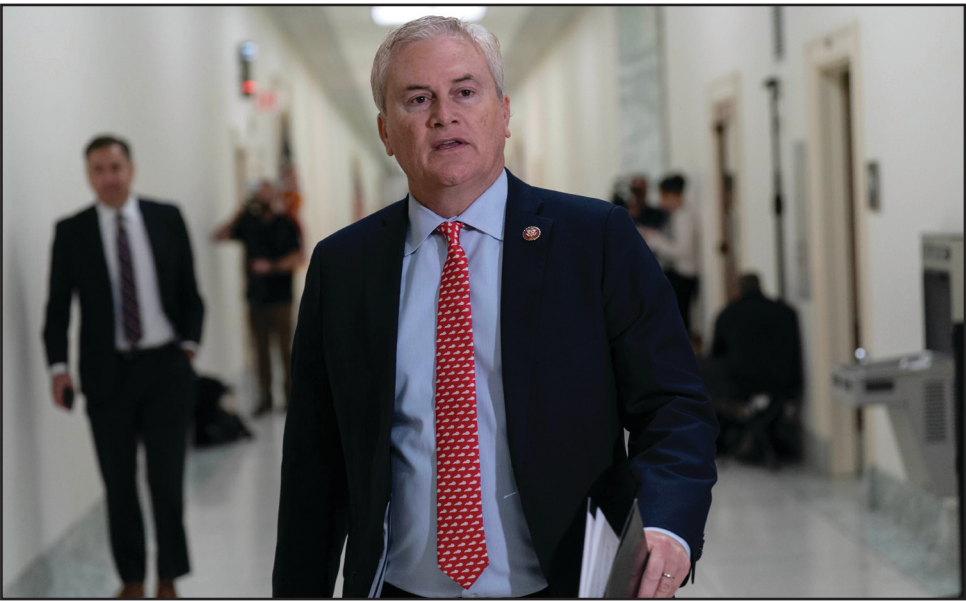
WHAT: Murray-Calloway Economic Development Training Center Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

WHERE: 109 Robert Young Boulevard Murray-West Industrial Park Murray, KY

DATE: Thursday, July 30th, 2026

TIME: 10:00 a.m. CT

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TVA gives dam tours for America’s 250th birthday



In honor of America’s 250th birthday, about 40 people from across the region toured the Tennessee Valley Authority’s Kentucky Dam Thursday.

Plant Manager KT Duffy showed them the plant’s five generating units that power approximately 220,000

homes and explained how the dam’s main purpose is flood control for residents along the Tennessee, Ohio and Mississippi rivers.

“I enjoy opportunities like this to allow the public to come in and to show them some behind the scenes of what we do here to maintain the

Kentucky Lake reservoir and to hold the water back that people enjoy for recreation, fishing, swimming and things like that with their families,” said Duffy. “So allowing them to come in here and see what the small crew that we have does on a daily basis does to keep this plant

running smoothly and looking as nice as it does, it really makes me feel good.”

Among those taking the tour was Ann Martin, who had previously visited the dam as a child.

“The people are still what makes this go,” she said. “There’s still a lot of human life

that’s touched here and going across the dam when I worked in Grand Rivers for 26 years, I saw them working in every element there was.”

The TVA is also offering a unique opportunity for the people it serves to document their own stories and memories for future

generations.

A time capsule has been created and between now and July 31, anyone can go to the Kentucky Dam visitor center or to TVA.com/next250 and write thoughts or memories that will be placed in the capsule to be reopened in 2076.

UK researchers join national effort to harness AI for scientific breakthroughs

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

LEXINGTON, Ky. (KT) – Six researchers from the University of Kentucky will play a leading role in the U.S. Department of Energy’s Genesis Mission.

The Genesis Mission is an effort led by the U.S. Department of

Energy (DOE), to use artificial intelligence (AI) to help scientists make discoveries faster. According to the DOE, it aims to connect powerful supercomputers, scientific instruments, research databases and AI tools into one large platform so researchers can

solve difficult problems more quickly.

The two principal investigators from UK are Sean Bailey with the College of Engineering and Chad Risko from the College of Arts and Sciences.

Four co-investigators were also named: Savio Poovathingal

with UK’s College of Engineering and Erin Peters, Renee Fatemi and Wolfgang Korsch, all three of whom are part of the College of Arts and Sciences.

“The selection of our researchers for this national mission demonstrates the University of Kentucky’s role

as a leader in solving the most pressing challenges facing our Commonwealth and our country,” said UK President Eli Capilouto. “By harnessing these new, powerful tools, we are advancing the boundaries of science and ensuring that Kentucky remains at

the forefront of what might be the most rapid period of innovation in human history.”

According to the DOE, the Genesis Mission will allow for large-scale model training and autonomous experimentation that was previously impossible.

Beshear announces funding for new EV charging stations

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – Gov. Andy Beshear has announced that \$2.5 million is being made available to expand the number of fast-charging electric vehicle stations across the state.

Funds for the program come from the \$20.3 million awarded to Kentucky under the Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust, which was part of \$100 million secured by then-Attorney General Beshear after

filing suit against the automaker for deceiving Kentucky consumers.

“Electric vehicles are no longer the technology of the future, they’re here now,” said Beshear. “These funds will help make sure families and businesses across our commonwealth never have to worry about where their next charge is coming from.”

Funding opportunities were first announced in April as part of the Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Rebate Program but were reserved only

for public commercial and general aviation airports. Now, public or private entities, such as businesses, parks, government organizations or other properties can apply as long as the charging stations that are installed are available to the public.

The fast-charging stations allow electric vehicles to recharge much faster than standard outlets. Most vehicles can get an 80 percent charge in about 30 minutes, making them better for road trips and busy locations.

The funding covers up to half of the eligible project costs, including equipment, installation and electrical work, site work directly related to charger installation, permitting and inspections, signage, striping, and protective bollards and other costs.

To apply, go to the Kentucky Office of Energy Policy website for program guidance and application materials, as well as a recorded webinar that explains how to apply for funding. All applications will be reviewed for eligibility, completeness

and available funding.

Any questions by potential applicants regarding the program

may be directed to Hailey Mullins by sending an email to Hailey.Mullins@ky.gov.

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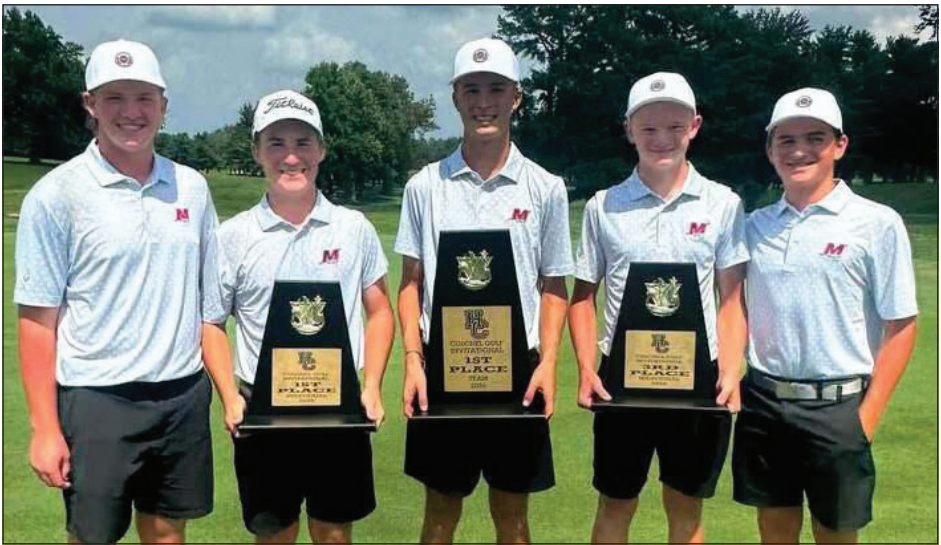
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McCracken County was among the girls' high school golf teams competing in the Bowling Green Invitational on Monday, July 20.
(Photo courtesy of McCracken County High School)



McCracken County placed first in the Henderson County Colonel Invitational at Henderson Country Club on Monday, July 20. The Mustangs delivered a score of 297. The tournament served as a 2026 boys' high school golf season opener.
(Photo courtesy of McCracken County High School)

Railroaders top Hoppers

Staff Report

FULTON — Caleb Warren drove in five runs on three hits as Fulton edged Hoptown 13-12 in a late-season Ohio Valley League game at Lohaus Field on Friday, July 17.

Warren hit a grand slam to right field in the eighth inning, scoring four runs.

Fulton collected 17 hits and Hoptown connected for 11 in the high-scoring matchup.

Hoptown got on the scoreboard in the first inning after Deklan Riggs homered to center field, scoring two runs.

Nick Causey singled to center field, which helped Fulton tie the game 2-2 in the bottom of the second inning.

Fulton captured the lead, 4-2, in the bottom of the third inning after Wade Sabo grounded out, and Evan McCarthy singled down the right field line, each scoring one run.

Hoptown took the lead, 5-4, in the top of the fourth frame thanks to singles by Alex Maguire and Gabe Eddington.

Chase Cameron homered to right field,

which helped Fulton tie the game 5-5 in the bottom of the fourth innings.

In the bottom of the fifth inning, Fulton broke up the tie when Warren singled, scoring one run. Then a single by Causey followed to extend the lead to 8-5.

Fulton batter Ben Kauffman hit a solo home run to right field in the bottom of the sixth inning.

However, Hoptown erupted for five runs on two hits to take the lead, 12-9. The biggest hit for Hoptown in five-run outburst was a home run to right field by Easton Beaty that drove in three runs.

A grand slam to right field by Warren in the bottom of the eighth inning gave Fulton the lead, 13-12.

Sabo earned the win on the mound for the Railroaders. He held Hoptown scoreless over one inning, striking out two and walking one.

Jayden Gaylor took the loss on the mound for the Hoppers. The Hoptown pitcher hurled one inning, surrendering four

runs on three hits, striking out two and walking one.

Troy Joslin started on the mound for the Railroaders. The Fulton starting pitcher surrendered three hits and two runs over two innings, striking out three and walking none.

Eddington started on the mound for the Hoppers. The Hoptown starter allowed seven hits and four runs over three innings, striking out five and walking two.

Lucas Graniero, Yahir Cordero, Dain Lynn and Grant Baskin each appeared in relief for the Railroaders.

Warren, Kauffman and McCarthy each collected three hits for the Railroaders. Cameron and Easton Sullivan each collected two hits for Fulton in its winning effort.

Maguire, Karsyn Knowles and Kade Wall each collected two hits for the Hoppers. Beaty paced Hoptown at the plate, supplying three runs batted in. A right-handed batter, Beaty went one-for-three at the plate.



McCracken County boys' golfer Peyton Courtney shot a 71 and tied for second in the Henderson County Colonel Invitational on Monday, July 20.
(Photo courtesy of McCracken County High School)

Madisonville knocks off Paducah

PADUCAH — Madisonville pulled away to defeat Paducah 13-6 in the opening round of the Ohio Valley League Playoffs at Brooks Stadium on Monday, July 20.

The Miners jumped ahead during the top of the first inning after an error scored two runs, Landen Volner singled to score one run, an error scored one run, and Levi Watts singled, scoring one run.

Then, Madisonville added to its early lead in the top of the second inning after Ryan Mesa walked, and

Paducah committed an error, each scoring one run.

Mason Wolf earned the win on the mound for the Miners. The Madisonville starting pitcher allowed five hits and two runs (one earned) over five and two-thirds innings, striking out nine and walking two.

Johnny Bingham opened the game on the mound for the Chiefs. The Paducah right-handed pitcher surrendered three hits and five runs (two earned) over one inning, striking out two and walking two.

Madisonville connected for 11 hits in the game. Volner, Watts, Trent Prosperi and Elijah Jordan each collected two hits for the Miners. Watts led Madisonville with three runs batted in. The right fielder went two-for-four at the plate.

Jack Robinson went one-for-three at the plate for Paducah and drove in one run. Austin Wilson, Paducah's number eight hitter, connected for two hits in three at-bats.

Flash roll past Railroaders

Staff Report

HENDERSON — Gunnar Waldrop hit three home runs and drove in 10 runs as Henderson defeated Fulton 16-6 in a late-season Ohio Valley League game on Saturday, July 18.

Waldrop homered in the fourth, sixth and fifth innings.

Henderson got on the scoreboard in the first inning after Clark Gries drew a walk to score one run.

However, Fulton took the lead in the top of the third inning. Chase Cameron homered to right field, scoring two runs, to give Fulton the edge, 2-1.

But Henderson regained the lead in the bottom of the third inning. Gries doubled, scoring two runs. After Gries' double, Henderson led 3-2.

Henderson scored five runs on four hits in the bottom of the fourth inning. During the fourth frame,

Waldrop hit a grand slam to right field, and Gries hit a sacrifice fly, scoring one run.

Offensive-heavy Henderson added three more runs on four hits in the bottom of the fifth inning. Waldrop homered to left field, scoring two runs, and Brayden Mineo singled, plating one run.

Henderson scored four runs in the bottom of the sixth inning on a grand slam to center field by Waldrop.

Drew Isenberg earned the win on the mound for the Flash. The Henderson left-handed pitcher gave up two hits and one run over three innings, striking out two and walking none.

Ben Bryant took the loss on the mound for the Railroaders. Bryant, who started, pitched three innings, allowing three runs (two earned) on two hits, striking out six and walking four.

Luke Parr started the game on the mound for the Flash. A right-handed pitcher for Henderson, Parr surrendered four hits and two runs over two and one-third innings, striking out five and walking none.

Another pitcher, Ashton Tindle, appeared in relief for the Flash.

Henderson tallied 16 hits in the game. Waldrop, Mineo and Jacob Tucker each collected three hits for the Flash. Aiding Henderson offensively, Jacob Froehlich and Noah Briggs added two hits apiece.

Fulton connected for 10 hits in the game. Ben Kauffman led Fulton at the plate, supplying three hits in four at bats. Cameron and Jacob Lott each drove in two runs for the Railroaders. Easton Sullivan supplied two hits in four at bats for Fulton in its win.



McCracken County boys' golfer Evan Hack shot a 70 and won the Henderson County Colonel Invitational individual title on Monday, July 20.
(Photo courtesy of McCracken County High School)

Yantko named Murray-Calloway County Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year

Staff Report

MURRAY — Nico Yantko, whose bold vision and relentless optimism has transformed Murray State Athletics and elevated the community as a whole, was named the Murray-Calloway County Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year during the organization’s 99th Annual Business Celebration.

Yantko is the youngest recipient to ever win the prestigious award and is the first representative of Murray State Athletics to receive the honor since 2011.

“Nico’s selection as the Murray-Calloway County Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year is an incredible honor and a reflection of the lasting impact he has made both on our campus and throughout our community,” Murray State University President Dr. Ron Patterson said. “Since arriving at Murray State, Nico has demonstrated visionary leadership, a servant’s heart and an unwavering commitment to strengthening the connection between our university and the people we serve. We are incredibly proud to see him recognized with this well-deserved honor, and we congratulate Nico on an achievement that truly embodies the Racer spirit.”

“Nico has quickly become one of those rare leaders who

makes people believe in what’s possible,” President/CEO of the Murray-Calloway County Chamber of Commerce Michelle Bundren said. “While his vision has elevated Murray State Athletics to new heights, his willingness to invest in our community, build partnerships, and lead with authenticity has made an equally lasting impact off the field. We are honored to recognize him as our 2026 Citizen of the Year.”

Yantko led the charge to launch the \$100 million Leading the Pack campaign, securing the university’s largest-ever gift of \$10 million and achieving consecutive record fundraising years of \$21.5 million in 2024-25 and \$31 million in 2025-26.

His ability to unite a community has not only led the unprecedented community growth, but is seeing him drive the future creation of Racer Entertainment Village — a mixed-use district featuring retail, hospitality, and upgraded facilities to support long-term growth.

“This recognition is not about just one person, but about all of the remarkable people I have the privilege of working alongside every day at Murray State Athletics and throughout our community,” Vice President & Director of Athletics Nico Yantko said. “Murray and Calloway County have embraced my family

from the moment we returned home, and it has been a privilege to serve a community that is so passionate about making a difference and committed to long-term growth and success. Together, we have accomplished incredible things, and I believe the best is still ahead for Murray State and our entire community. I am truly thankful for this honor and proud to call Murray home.”

These investments have fueled sustained championship-level performance with NCAA postseason success in basketball and a College World Series appearance in baseball, while also overseeing Murray State’s elevation to the Missouri Valley Conference and achieving the program’s top finish in school history in the MVC All-Sports Trophy.

He was also responsible for the launch of the Dennis Jackson Leadership Program, a comprehensive initiative focused on developing student-athletes beyond competition. The program has contributed to record-setting academic performance, including the highest GPAs and Graduation Success Rates (GSR) in school history, while helping set the school record for community service engagement and financial literacy education to prepare student-athletes for long-term success.



Marshall County placed third in the Spartan Clash at Park Mammoth Golf Club on Monday, July 20, the opening day of the 2026 boys’ high school golf season. (Photo courtesy of Marshall County High School)



Marshall County golfer Paxton Carter tied for first place but lost in a playoff during the Spartan Clash at Park Mammoth Golf Club on Monday, July 20. (Photo courtesy of Marshall County High School)



Paducah Tilghman won the Nick Hill 7 on 7 Tournament Championship at Southern Illinois University on Saturday, July 18. The Tornado finished 6-0 in the high school football passing tournament. (Photo courtesy of Paducah Tilghman High School Football)



Host Marshall County placed third in the Marshall County Invitational at Calvert City Country Club on Tuesday, July 21. The Marshals delivered a team score of 323. (Photo courtesy of Marshall County High School)

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER’S SALE

ADS TAX LIEN COMPANY, LLC, PLAINTIFF VS. TROY SHAWN DUKES; BEVERLY ANN DUKES; GREGORY PARIS; NICKEY WINSETT; DEBRA WINSETT;- NANCY LENTS; JUDY DUNN; MICHAEL WURTH; BRANDI M. WURTH; JONATHAN MWURTH; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CECIL PARIS; UNKNOWN SPOUSES OF UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CECIL PARIS: AND COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON, KENTUCKY, DEFENDANTS. CIVIL ACTION NO. 24-CI-00019

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale and Summary Judgment entered in the Livingston Circuit Court on May 15, 2026, in the above action, and due to a scheduling conflict, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the courthouse door, in the City of Smithland, Livingston County, Kentucky, to the highest bidder at PUBLIC AUCTION on Friday, July 31, 2026 at 10:00 a.m., cash or upon a credit for 30 days, a tract of real estate located at 720 Armstrong Rd., Smithland, Kentucky 42081, Parcel PIDN:045-01-00-020.00, described more particularly in Deed Book 270, Page 5, Livingston County Clerk’s Office.

The judgments in this case are for approximately \$9,018.02 plus 6.0% per annum interest, late fees, taxes, insurance premiums, maintenance costs, Court costs, assessments, advances and attorney fees. The Master Commissioner will take from the purchaser or purchasers cash payment in full, or for the balance of the purchase price, the purchaser must execute a bond with approved surety, which shall bear interest at the rate of 6.0% per diem until paid in full, which the judgment bears from date of sale with the balance on credit due and payable to the Commissioner within 30 days. If bond is given, the Commissioner shall require the purchaser to make a cash deposit of 10% of the bid amount. This sale is subject to all ad valorem taxes for prior years. Current year ad valorem taxes not yet due and payable and thereafter shall be paid by the purchaser.

Please note the following: the “approved surety” mentioned above may be a person, bank, or other entity who agrees unconditionally to pay the balance due should the purchaser fail to pay in full within thirty (30) days. If your “approved surety” is a bank Letter of Credit it must be provided to the Commissioner on the day of the sale and state the specific dollar amount they are guaranteeing you without stipulation. A loan commitment is not sufficient. If you are providing a personal surety, said person must be a resident of Livingston County, present at the time of sale, and must furnish proof that he/she owns property (real or personal) worth at least the amount of the sales price. You must have your down payment and your Letter of Credit or Surety at the time you bid.

*If the successful bid is less than two-thirds (2/3) of the appraised value, the defendant shall retain a right of redemption for six (6) months from date of sale. *Bidders are advised to obtain a title examination in advance of the sale. *Possession of the premises shall pass to the purchaser upon payment of the full purchase price and delivery of deed. In the event the Plaintiff is the successful purchaser, Plaintiff shall be entitled to a credit of its judgment against the purchase price and shall only be obliged to pay the Court costs, fees and costs of the Special Master Commissioner and any delinquent real estate taxes payable pursuant to the Order of Sale. Bidders should be prepared to comply promptly with these terms. This Master Commissioner has no knowledge of the property other than what is in the Order and Judgment of Sale. Any announcements made on day of sale shall take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

Hon. Barclay W. Banister, Livingston Special Master Commissioner
Hon. Katy Lawrence, Plaintiff’s attorney
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Crossword Puzzle

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Listen to
5. Presents
10. A type of guitar
14. Actor Idris
15. A citizen of Iran
16. Pretentiously artistic
17. Harness
18. Diamond weight measurement
19. “Better Call __”
20. Fervent support
22. Male cat
23. Jewish spiritual leader
24. Disposed to venture or take risks
27. A way to nail
30. Cool!
31. Women’s __ movement
32. “Losing My Religion” rockers
35. Step-shaped recess
37. A princess can detect it
38. Tractor-trailer
39. Leslie and Leon are two
40. Color at the end of the spectrum

41. Lines where fabrics are sewn
42. Dodgers great Hershiser
43. Floor covering
44. Traveled aimlessly
45. Rocker Stewart
46. Body art
47. Congressman (abbr.)
48. No seats available
49. Breaks apart
52. Hand gesture
55. Ballplayer’s tool
56. Sword
60. Baseball team
61. Upper bract of floret of grass
63. Italian Seaport
64. Mars crater
65. Tube on a shoelace
66. U. of Miami mascot
67. South American nation
68. Video game series “Max __”
69. Upper body part

CLUES DOWN

1. German courtesy title
2. Ancient Greek personification of mercy
3. Jewish calendar month
4. Family of long-legged frogs
5. Photo
6. Delivered a speech
7. Lute used in Indian music
8. Decorated
9. Cease to stand
10. The bottom layer
11. Member of a Semitic people
12. Part of a ticket
13. Defunct monetary unit
21. Challenges
23. Body part
25. Tell on
26. By way of
27. Shady green alcove
28. Egyptian city
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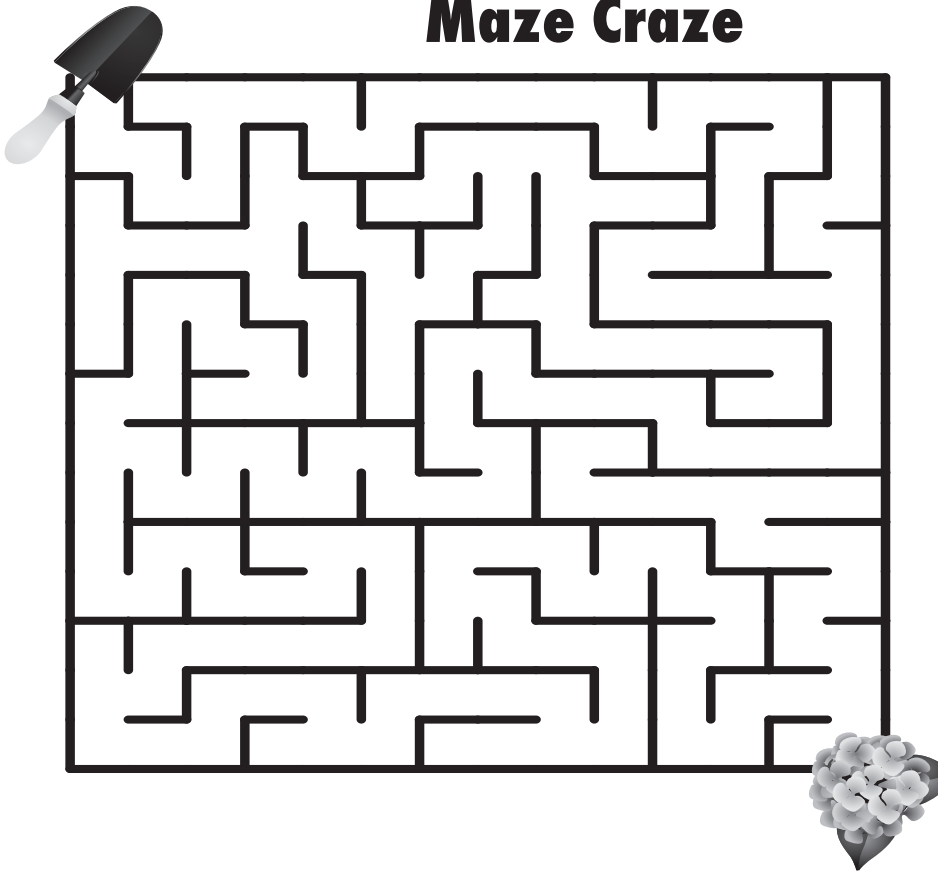
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34. Act incorrectly
36. “Be back later”
37. Al Bundy’s wife
38. Ocean
40. Large root eaten as a vegetable
41. Units of subjective loudness
43. Music genre
44. A way to drench
46. Popular hot beverage
47. Silk-like cotton fabric
49. Rumanian city
50. Come back
51. Vaccine developer
52. Canadian law enforcers
53. Wings
54. Observational comedian Bill
57. Small fry
58. __ Clapton, musician
59. Take a chance
61. Semi-liquid food for babies
62. Consumed food

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

ANSWERS IN B SECTION WORDS

BACKSTROKE
BEACH
BREASTSTROKE
BREATH
BUTTERFLY
CHLORINE
DEPTH
DIVING
ENDURANCE
FLOATING
FREESTYLE
GOGGLES
LANES
LAPS
LIFEGUARD
OCEAN
POOL
SPLASH
STROKES
SUNSCREEN
SWIMSUIT
TOWEL
TRAINING
WATER

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

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Word Scramble

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to swimming.

TEKSOR

Answer: Stroke

Guess Who?

GUESS WHO ?

I am a singer/dancer/actress born on July 24, 1969 in New York. I danced before I took up acting, and my breakout performance was playing the lead character in a biopic about a slain singer. I have sold more than 80 million records worldwide, and I've starred in many hit films.

Answer: Jennifer Lopez

Crypto Fun

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to swimming. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 23 = E)

A. 3 11 11 18

Clue: A place to take a dip

B. 11 6 23 22 17

Clue: Salty sea

C. 18 22 1 23

Clue: Freshwater body

D. 24 25 2 23 24

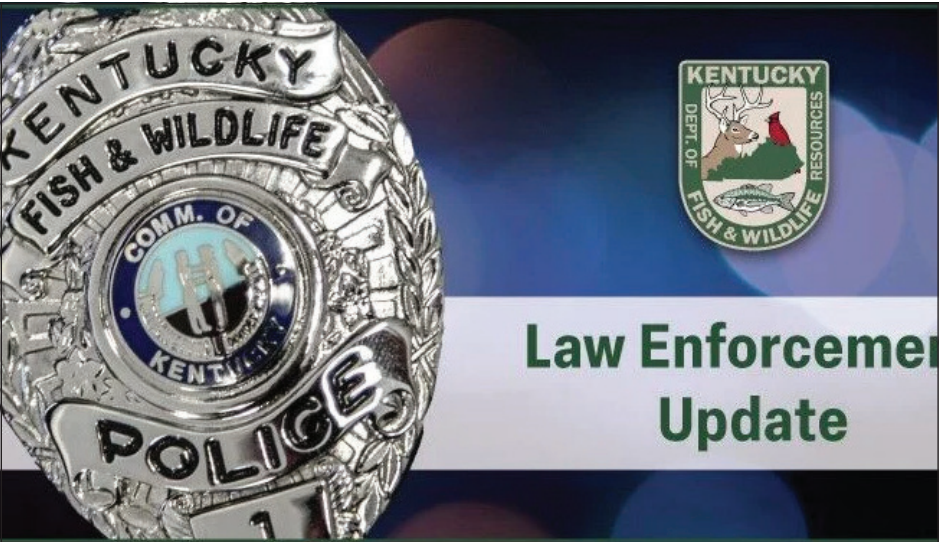
Clue: Can have rapids

Answers: A. pool B. ocean C. lake D. river

Coloring Fun



Probe continues into deadly boating accident



(Photo courtesy of Rachel Cummings)

By **TOM LATEK**
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – Game wardens with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources and the Mercer County Commonwealth Attorney’s Office continue to investigate a boating incident that occurred on Herrington Lake on Saturday, July 4. A collision between two boats left one man dead, another man critically injured, while several other people were also injured. The preliminary investigation found

that two boats ran into each other, a wake boat being operated by Cody Casey, 34, of Harrodsburg, and a pontoon boat with Alex Svintozelskiy, 58, of Nicholasville at the helm. A passenger on the pontoon boat, Nazar Svintozelskiy, 25, of Nicholasville, was ejected into the water. His body was not recovered from the lake until two days later. Investigators are continuing to gather and evaluate evidence to determine the circumstances surrounding the incident. As part of the inves-

tigation, search warrants have been and are continuing to be sought and executed, witnesses interviewed and multiple items of evidence have been submitted for testing. Those results are pending. Because the investigation continues, authorities said they do not plan to release more details for now. Anyone with information about the incident is asked to contact Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement via Kentucky State Police Post 7 in Richmond at 859-623-2404.

Tips for Staying Safe During Kentucky’s Summer Heat Wave

As temperatures climb into the upper 90s and heat index values soar above 100 degrees across Kentucky, residents are urged to take extra precautions to protect themselves from heat-related illnesses. One of the most important ways to stay safe is to remain hydrated. Drink plenty of water throughout the day, even if you don’t feel thirsty. Avoid excessive amounts of alcohol, sugary drinks, and caffeine, which can contribute to dehydration. Limit outdoor activities during the hottest part of the day, typically between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. If you must work or exercise outside, take frequent breaks in the shade or an air-conditioned location and wear lightweight, loose-fit-

ting, light-colored clothing. Never leave children, older adults, or pets inside a parked vehicle, even for a few minutes. Interior temperatures can rise to deadly levels in a short amount of time, even with the windows cracked. Older adults, young children, and people with chronic health conditions are especially vulnerable during extreme heat. Family members and neighbors should check on those who may need assistance, ensuring they have access to air conditioning, water, and necessary medications. Pets also need extra care during hot weather. Provide plenty of fresh water, keep them in shaded or air-conditioned areas, and avoid walking

dogs on hot pavement, which can burn their paws. Know the warning signs of heat-related illness. Heat exhaustion may cause heavy sweating, dizziness, weakness, nausea, and headaches. If symptoms worsen or include confusion, loss of consciousness, or a body temperature above 103 degrees, seek emergency medical attention immediately, as these may be signs of heat stroke. Kentucky’s summer heat can be dangerous, but with proper preparation and common-sense precautions, residents can safely enjoy the season. Staying cool, hydrated, and aware of changing weather conditions can make all the difference during periods of extreme heat.

Horse owners should begin stocking up on hay now before it’s too late



By **Jordan Strickler**
University of Kentucky

Lexington, Ky.— Horse owners are encouraged to pay close attention to hay this summer. Experts and producers across the region are sounding the alarm: This year’s first hay cutting came up much shorter than normal, and horse owners who don’t plan ahead could find themselves in a tough spot this fall and winter. “We’re in a time with limited water resources,” said Bob Coleman, equine Extension associate professor in the Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. “In one case, a farm that normally brings in around 1,800 bales only got around 800. That’s less than half of what they typically expect. The main reason? Not enough rain. We had a reduced first cut, and who knows what second cuts are

going to look like.” Drought-like conditions have been scattered across the state, hitting some areas harder than others. So, what does this mean for horse owners? Coleman is urging horse owners to take these steps right away:

Calculate exactly how much hay is needed — Don’t just count bales; figure out the total weight in pounds as well since some sellers sell bales of different weights. Buy now — It’s important to stock up before prices climb higher and supplies dry up. Figure out storage solutions — Keep hay dry, whether via a tarp, new storage structure or making an arrangement with a local hay producer to store it on their property until needed. Consider getting

hay tested — Owners can know the hay’s nutritional value and feed smarter. This reduces waste and makes supplies last longer. Plan to start feeding hay earlier than usual — Low rainfall also means pastures may not grow as well as normal, leading owners to feed hay earlier than a normal year. Experts also point out that hay is a commodity that travels. Producers will sell to whoever pays the best price, even if that means shipping out of state. That suggests local supplies could disappear fast. “The sky is not falling, but plan now,” Coleman said. “It’s really just a best management practice anyway. The bottom line is don’t wait until you’re completely out of hay to start thinking about this. A little planning now could save horse owners a whole lot of stress and money.”

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COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON, KENTUCKY

DEFENDANTS

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LIVINGSTON CIRCUIT COURT

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Feeding America Kentucky’s Heartland Receives Grant to Expand Senior Hunger Program

ELIZABETHTOWN, Ky. — Feeding America, Kentucky’s Heartland (FAKH) has received a new grant from Feeding America through Enterprise Mobility’s Fill Your Tank program, providing additional resources to expand food assistance for older adults across the region.

The funding will strengthen FAKH’s Senior Hunger Initiative, increasing access to nutritious food for seniors throughout the organization’s 42-county service area. The investment comes as food insecurity continues to affect thousands of older Kentuckians.

According to Feeding America’s 2025 Map the Meal Gap study, more than 131,000 seniors in Kentucky experience food insecurity, representing about 12% of the state’s senior population. Many older adults face difficult financial decisions as they balance the costs of groceries, medications, housing, and other basic necessities.

“Too many Kentucky seniors face impossible choices between paying for groceries, medication, housing and other essentials,” said FAKH Executive Director Charles Dennis. “Thanks to Enterprise Mobility’s commitment to strengthening communities, we’re able to help ensure older adults have reliable access to healthy food and the support they need to live healthier, more independent lives.”

The Senior Hunger Initiative helps provide nutritious

food to older adults through a network of food pantries, mobile food distributions, and other community partnerships. The program is designed to improve food access while helping seniors maintain their health and independence.

Enterprise Mobility’s Fill Your Tank program supports efforts to combat hunger across North America and Europe through its partnership with Feeding America. According to the organization, Enterprise Mobility’s support has helped Feeding America double the number of seniors served annually.

Earlier this year, Enterprise Mobility announced an extension of the Fill Your Tank program, committing an additional \$30 million through the Enterprise Mobility Foundation to Feeding America through 2030.

FAKH officials said the latest grant will help meet growing demand for food assistance and ensure more Kentucky seniors have dependable access to healthy meals in the years ahead.

Kentucky Agricultural Development Board approves more than \$1.7 million for projects across the Commonwealth

Staff Report

FRANKFORT – The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board approved \$1,740,515 for agricultural diversification and rural development projects across the Commonwealth Friday at its monthly board meeting.

“Diversification is at the heart of today’s agriculture success,” Commissioner of Agriculture and Board Chair Jonathan Shell said. “The projects awarded today by the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board accomplish that goal of diversification and, in turn, provide greater strength to our farming communities and our state.”

County and State Funded Projects

Eagle Mill Farms, LLC dba Pepper’s Hardin County Milling was approved for multi-county funds matched by state funds to upgrade a modern feed facility. The board also referred the applicant to the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation. For more information, contact Matthew Morgan at mmorgan.hcmc@comcast.net.

Genuine Fertilizer Solutions LLC was approved for multi-county funds matched by state funds to expand production equipment and storage capacity. The board also referred the applicant to the

Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation. For more information, contact Tom Daniel at tdaniel@genfertsol.net.

Kentucky Department of Agriculture was approved up to \$62,000 in state funds to establish a state-wide monitoring and education program targeting the invasive yellow-legged hornet. For more information, contact Amanda Skidmore at amanda.skidmore@ky.gov.

County Programs

County Agricultural Incentives Program (CAIP)

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

Twelve CAIPs, totaling \$1,579,515, were approved in the following counties:

Anderson (\$107,231)
Barren (\$297,490)
Bell (\$119,294)
Fulton (\$38,000)

Garrard (\$8,000)*
Grant (\$200,000)
Grayson (\$175,000)
Greenup (\$202,714)
Hickman (\$55,500)
Nicholas (\$215,890)
Warren (\$133,814)
Whitley (\$26,582)

Deceased Farm Animal Removal (DAR)

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

One DAR, totaling \$10,000, was approved in Bourbon County.

Youth Agricultural Incentives Program (YAIP)

YAIP encourages youth to engage in and explore agricultural opportunities.

Four YAIPs, totaling \$89,000, were approved in the following counties:

Barren (\$10,000)
Grant (\$14,000)
Grayson (\$30,000)
Warren (\$35,000)

All application periods and deadlines for CAIP and YAIP will be advertised locally.

For more information on KADB projects, contact Bill McCloskey at Kentucky Office of Agricultural Policy at (502) 382-6093 or email kafo@ky.gov.

* Existing programs receiving additional funding



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Barr pushes bill to regulate hemp industry

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

WASHINGTON (KT) – Sixth District Congressman Andy Barr, R-Lexington, has introduced the bi-partisan Lawful Hemp Protection Act, to establish the first comprehensive federal regulatory framework for hemp-derived consumer products while protecting Kentucky farmers, enhancing

consumer and child safety, and preserving the long-term viability of the domestic hemp industry.

It would set consistent standards for cultivation, manufacturing, testing and labeling, while prohibiting synthetic cannabinoids in finished hemp-derived products. It also supports American farmers by only allowing hemp grown, cultivated and

packaged in the United States.

The bill also limits its retail sales of hemp-derived consumer products to individuals 21 years of age and older and prohibits the marketing or advertisement of any hemp products towards children.

“Kentucky farmers helped build America’s hemp industry and they deserve certainty,” Barr said.

“The Lawful Hemp Protection Act protects Kentucky agriculture, safeguards consumers, and establishes a commonsense regulatory framework that allows this important industry to continue to grow while ensuring products are safe and kept out of the hands of children. Kentucky has demonstrated that hemp can be successfully regulated while supporting farmers

and protecting consumers. This legislation builds on that success by creating a national framework that rewards responsible producers, eliminates bad actors, and ensures consumers have confidence in the products they purchase.”

“Minnesota became the model for responsible hemp regulation when it established a regulatory framework

that complied with federal law and enabled local farmers and businesses to thrive,” said Rep. Angie Craig (D-MN), the lead Democrat on the House Agriculture Committee. “I am proud to have worked with Rep. Barr on a solution that protects our farmers and small businesses while also keeping our kids and communities safe.”

Beshear Restores Medicaid Funding Using \$255 Million in Unexpected State Revenue

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) — Gov. Andy Beshear announced Wednesday that his administration will use \$255 million in unexpected state revenue to restore Medicaid funding that he said had been reduced in the state budget approved by the General Assembly.

Beshear said the move will prevent a 4% reduction in Medicaid payments, ensuring providers and services relied upon by Kentucky families remain fully funded this fiscal year. While the money would typically be deposited into the state’s Budget Reserve

Trust Fund, commonly known as the Rainy Day Fund, Beshear said more than \$400 million will still be added this year, with total deposits expected to exceed \$1 billion by June 30, 2027.

Cabinet for Health and Family Services Secretary Dr. Steven Stack said the budget approved by lawmakers did not include additional funding to cover Medicaid inflationary costs over the next two years, creating significant financial challenges for the agency.

Beshear also said he will ask lawmakers to reopen the second year of the state’s two-year budget when the Gener-

al Assembly reconvenes in January.

House Speaker David Osborne, R-Prospect, disputed the governor’s claims, saying lawmakers approved more Medicaid funding than Beshear originally requested. Osborne criticized the administration for, in his view, failing to provide evidence that additional funding is needed and accused the governor of unnecessarily alarming Kentuckians about potential cuts. He called for greater transparency and accountability in managing the Medicaid program.

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for Ag and Natural Resources

Tom Miller,
Ballard County Ext. Agent

Protect livestock and pets
from ticks this season

Source: Hannah Tiffin, assistant professor of veterinary entomology

As Kentucky heads into another warm season, producers, pet owners and families will be spending more time outdoors — and so will ticks. Our state’s mix of humid weather, abundant pasture and forest edges, and thriving wildlife populations creates ideal habitat for several tick species. These include the lone star tick, American dog tick, blacklegged (deer) tick, and the invasive Asian longhorned tick, which has now been detected in at least 16 Kentucky counties.

Why tick awareness matters

Ticks can transmit pathogens that affect humans, pets, livestock and wildlife. For people, the lone star tick is linked to alpha-gal syndrome — “the red-meat allergy” — while the blacklegged tick can transmit bacteria-causing Lyme disease. The American dog tick can spread the bacteria that cause Rocky Mountain spotted fever.

Livestock and equines face additional risks. The Asian longhorned tick (ALHT) is especially concerning because it reproduces asexually, allowing populations to explode quickly on animals and in the environment. ALHT also transmits a parasite that causes bovine theileriosis. The Kentucky Office of the State Veterinarian has already documented cattle deaths from both theileriosis and severe tick burden.

Horses are also vulnerable. Tick bites may lead to skin irritation and allergic reactions, while the most common tick-borne diseases affecting horses in Kentucky are equine granulocytic anaplasmosis and Lyme disease. Severe ALHT infestations can also cause skin irritation and heightened immune responses, though information on ALHT effects on equines is still limited.

Protecting livestock and horses

Daily or routine tick checks are essential, especially for animals in brushy or wooded areas. Watch for signs of heavy infestation such as rough or “disheveled” hair coats.

Focusing on areas where animals spend the most amount of time, recommended practices include:

- Maintaining short, well-mowed pastures.
- Removing brush, leaf litter and log piles.
- Creating buffer zones between wooded areas and paddocks/

pastures.

- Using approved on-animal acaricides; always follow label instructions.
- Quarantining and inspecting new animals before turnout.
- Inspecting livestock and horses for ticks in thin-skinned, high-risk areas such as the ears, eyelids, jawline, chest, axilla (armpits), groin, under the tail and, in horses, at the base of the mane.

Protecting pets and working animals

Dogs and outdoor cats can bring ticks into the home. Keep them on veterinarian-recommended tick, flea and mosquito preventatives year-round. Check pets after time outdoors, especially around the ears, neck, belly and between toes.

UK and your county Extension office can help

Tick prevention is especially important during warmer months, and your local Extension agents can help you identify ticks, manage habitat, select repellents or livestock treatments, and understand disease risks in your area.

Contact the Ballard Extension Office for guidance tailored to your farm, animals and family.

More information on tick bite prevention and tick identification, as well as tick management resources, is available through the UK Department of Entomology Extension BITE Lab - <https://bitelabky.mgcafe.uky.edu/pest-vector-management/ticks>. If you suspect ALHT, please bring a specimen(s) to the Extension office. We will work with the BITE lab on reporting new county or animal host records.

The Department of Entomology also offers select tick pathogen screening through the Kentucky Human Health Tick Surveillance Project - <https://entomology.mgcafe.uky.edu/ticksurveillance2022>. A list of submission guidelines is available on the website.

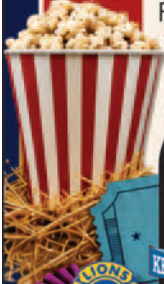


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Recent rainfall eases drought in Kentucky

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – One week of rain has led to a further lessening of drought conditions in Kentucky, according to the latest U.S. Drought Monitor report issued on Thursday.

There is no drought in 80.09 percent of the state, which is a slight

increase from 78.30 percent in the previous report.

Abnormally dry conditions were observed in 14.21 percent of Kentucky’s land area. That is up from last week’s 10.17 percent, but represents a positive development, as it marks an improvement from higher categories.

Severe drought has remained steady at 2.75 percent of the state.

There are no areas of extreme drought anywhere in the state. See the map that accompanies this story for the conditions in your county.

David Simeral with the Western Regional Climate Center noted,

“Conditions continued to improve in Kentucky where precipitation has been well above normal during the past month. Looking at climatological rankings for the past 30-day period, numerous locations ranked among their wettest or near-wettest on record, including Paducah

(wettest on record, a +7.09 inch departure); Louisville Intl. Airport (wettest on record; +7.08 inches above normal.); and Evansville, IN/Henderson, KY (5th wettest; +4.37 inches).

Looking ahead, the National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center six-to-ten-day outlook forecasts

temperatures to be slightly above normal across the state with near normal precipitation, except in the far west, where it will be slightly below normal.

The observations are taken every Tuesday morning, with the results released two days later.

Questions & Answers with Joe Langston of Royal Oaks Chevrolet

What exactly do you do?
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es, It’s been a wonderful career. I wouldn’t change a thing.

Tell me about your history.
I started at Tommy Blair dealership selling Lincoln, Mazda cars and GMC trucks. I was the number 1 in sales in 1998.

What do you enjoy most about this type of business?
Leading my staff, helping them reach their goals and expectations.

Are there any connections with employees, family, friends?
No friends or family but I have built many connections in 29 years.

How about employees that you could name, their position and where they come from.
My employees come from all over.

Has the business or employees received any special awards or honors?
Royal Oaks supports many community efforts. We received the KADA dealership award several times.

Are there any upcoming events for Royal Oaks?
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Joe Langston can be reached at joelangston@royaloaks.com



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essentials like pencils, pens, folders, and more to help fill up the bus.

At 1:00 PM, the remaining volunteers followed the school buses to a school gym to help unload and sort the supplies.

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sor of the event – **Signet Federal Credit Union** – for making this gift to Graves County possible.

This event also would not have been made possible without the help from members and coordinators of **The Family Resource and Youth Services Coalition of Kentucky (FRYSCKy)**.

The event has since ended, however if you would still like to contribute, you can scan the QR Code below or you can make a donation at this website... **unitedwaypaducah.harnessgiving.org/donate**



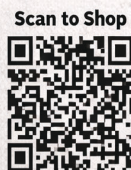
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Teacher, student reps added to State Board of Education

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – The Kentucky Department of Education has announced two new, non-voting members of the State Board of Education, the teacher and student representatives.

Stephanie Phillips, a family consumer sciences teacher at Paul Blazer High School in the Ashland Independent School District, said she grew up believing she was going to be a teacher.

“From the time I was little, I taught my teddy bears and those kinds of things,” she said.

Her career started

in early childhood education but eventually, she moved to the high school level to teach family consumer sciences as part of Ashland Independent’s career and technical education (CTE) program. She has been in her current role with the district for 14 years.

Living in Greenup County and growing up in Ashland, where she works now, Phillips said she has seen many challenges associated with the career opportunities that are available to young students once they graduate. She said the challenges often get overlooked, though, and she’s eager to be an advocate



Stephanie Phillips, last on the right, poses with students from her Child Development Services 2 course during the 2025-2026 school year as they celebrated graduation. Photo courtesy Stephanie Phillips

for the region.

Trace Brooking, a junior at Glasgow High School in the Glasgow Independent School District, said he’s excited for the opportunity to serve on the board and be-

lieves it’s important to give students more of a voice in state-level discussions.

“I’m big on civil representation, especially in legislation and policies that affect us,” he stated.

While serving on the KBE, Brooking

plans to connect with principals, superintendents, teachers and students around Kentucky to find out what issues are important to them.

Brooking became interested in government in 8th grade when he started following news about the national government and the United Nations, which has now inspired him to help students better understand and increase student representation in government.

Both Phillips and Brooking will serve in their respective roles on the state school board through June 30, 2027.



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spending her free time playing outside. Cocoa is spayed, up-to-date on vaccines, microchipped, and heartworm negative.

Her adoption fee is \$150.

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Texting thumb pain is real and here's how to ease the ache

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

LEXINGTON, Ky. (KT) – Our lives are practically inseparable from smart phones nowadays, but our phones do not seem to have been designed with ergonomics in mind, so you may suffer from what is commonly called “texting thumb.”

Dr. Maureen O'Shaughnessy, a hand surgeon for UK HealthCare Orthopaedic Surgery and Sports Medicine, says, “As hand surgeons, we have noticed a higher incidence of thumb

aches and pains that coincides with the use of portable smart devices. Texting thumb is believed to be related to the abnormal use of the thumb caused by fine, repetitive motions in an irregular posture while using a device close to the body.”

She explains some of the symptoms and results.

“If you have texting thumb, you may feel pain throughout your thumb and wrist. Symptoms can range from a dull, throbbing ache to a more severe stabbing pain. Nerve

irritation from either underlying carpal tunnel or the abnormal posture compressing the nerves to the thumb and hand can lead to numbness and tingling. Flexor tendinitis can develop in the thumb flexor and may eventually result

in a trigger thumb.” O'Shaughnessy notes that pain which persists or that lasts longer than a few weeks warrants medical evaluation to ensure that nothing more serious is going on.

She describes some

of the treatment options. “If symptoms persist, a brace can support your joints and tendons when not in use. Stretching exercises can also keep your hand and fingers loose to help prevent injury. Topical and oral anti-inflammatories might be useful. Topical diclofenac gel is now available over the counter and is a safe medication for pain relief without systemic side effects.”

O'Shaughnessy adds there here are several things you can do to reduce your risk for texting thumb:

- Change the way you use your phone. Rings, buttons or collapsible tabs placed on the back of your phone can help incorporate your other digits and palm for more support.
- Try using both thumbs or several digits to type or scroll, rather than only using your dominant thumb. This can help disperse the forces.
- Break up your screen time into smaller chunks.
- Use a larger phone or a pen stylus.
- Use the dictation option on your phone.

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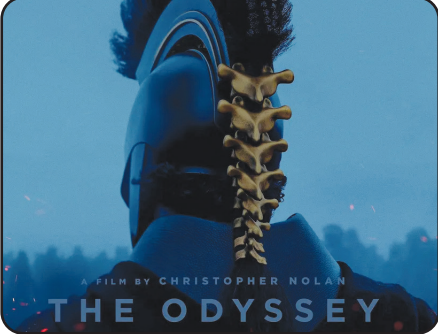
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Book award and TV show celebrates Christian authors

By CATHY SHOUSE

Valerie Juillerat is proof a person can take deep heart-ache and turn it into encouragement for others. After writing of her personal tragedy as an author, she founded a television show, “Faith Written Forward,” which launched its first show in June.

Juillerat , who resides in Fort Wayne, Indiana, is Founder and CEO of the International Christian Book Awards and Faith Written Forward TV show. The show comes out weekly on VisionTVNetwork and also on digital streaming platforms like Roku, AppleTV, FireTV, Samsung and YouTube.

“After publishing my memoir, Finding Hope When Storms Don’t Cease, I won the International Impact Book Award,” Juillerat said. “Going through that experience as an award-winning author, I felt led to start a book award program specifically for Christian authors to honor and elevate them. To not just give



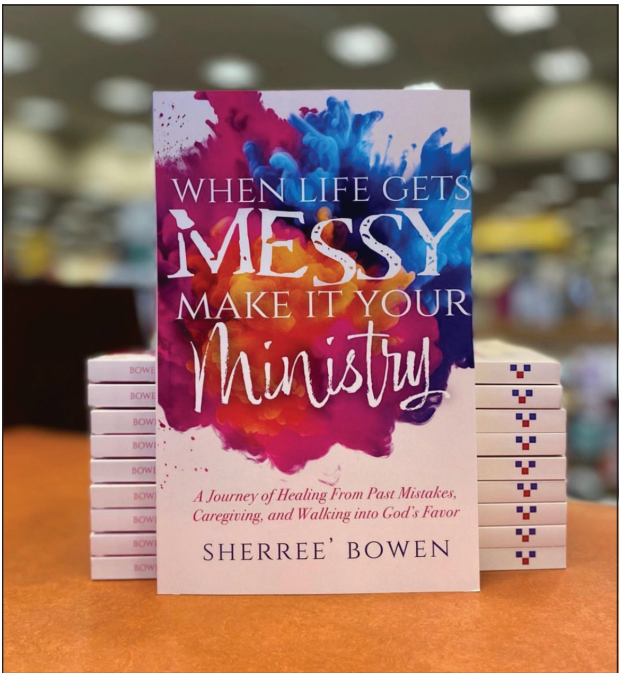
Sheree’ Bowen reviews notes on the set of Faith Written Forward TV show

out an award, but to walk with them in their journey after publishing.”

One of the many influences on Juillerat’s journey has been attending the Taylor University Professional Writers Conference (TUPWC). She is a tax expert and eventually was invited to be on faculty at TUPWC (held this year July 24 and 25 in Upland, Indiana). It

was at TUPWC that Juillerat connected with the first person she interviewed on the show, Janet Hart Leonard. Leonard won an International Christian Book Award for her second book, From the Hart: Two Decades of Columns, Kindness, and Kitchen Table Wisdom.

Juillerat’s faith has carried her through her struggles, and her show carries through on that theme. “Without my faith, I don’t know how I could have gotten through the season of life that I did when I lost my dream home, my dream business and both of my, then, teen sons got into the world of drugs and alcohol,” she said. “My book shares how He got me through some of the unimaginable. “He promises us in Jeremiah 29:11 ‘For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the LORD, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.’ (NIV). That was the verse that I



The International Christian Book Award went to this book by Sheree’ Bowe

held on to.”

Sherree’ Bowen won an International Christian Book Award for When Life Gets Messy, Make it Your Ministry. A speaker, ministry leader, and founder of SB Ministries, Inc., Bowen has a Ph.D in Philosophy in Christian Education. From Nashville, Tennessee, she and husband John “JB” Bowen, attend World Outreach Church in Murfreesboro, and

have two adult children and two grandchildren. She was recently named Chief Impact Officer for the International Christian Book Awards and serves as a guest host with Juillerat on the TV show.

Bowen’s branching out even more with a Bible study that will debut October 1, “Don’t Trip Over Your Toes--Relationships and Marriage God’s Way: A Proven

Path to God-Centered Love.” Her vision is to help people develop healthy relationships, which potentially will help future generations as well. She’s learned to trust God’s leading, without knowing the end result.

“I’ve discovered that God doesn’t usually hand us the entire blueprint. More often, He simply asks us to trust Him with the next step,” she said.

“Take the chance. Pray over your next move.

Walk into the room you never thought you’d belong in.

Because if God opened the door, don’t let fear convince you that you don’t belong there. You don’t have to know everything. You simply have to trust the One who does.

That’s why I often encourage others: Don’t play small when God is calling you to something bigger.

I’ve never chased platforms. I’ve simply tried to follow God’s direction. Every opportunity in my life has begun with one simple step of obedience... and one heartfelt, ‘yes.’”

Bowen summarized her message: If there’s one thing I hope people take away from my books, my speaking, or really anything God allows me to do, it’s this... never underestimate what God can do with a life that’s fully surrendered to Him.

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BALLARD

Dianne Ray, 86, of Kevil, Kentucky, passed away peacefully in her home on July 14, 2026. Visitation was held on Friday, July 17, 2026, at Morrow Funeral Chapel in LaCenter, KY, beginning at 11:00 a.m. The funeral service followed at 2:00 p.m., officiated by Bro. Bob Cain. Interment was at Highland Park Cemetery in Mayfield, KY.

CALDWELL

James Warfield, age 79, of Princeton, KY, passed away Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at Baptist Health in Paducah, KY. Funeral services were held at 1:00 pm Thursday, July 23, 2026, at Morgan’s Funeral Home. Burial followed in Blue Springs Cemetery with military honors, with Bro. John Hagan officiating.

Tony Allen Sewell, born on May 9, 1957, in Princeton, Kentucky, passed away peacefully on July 14, 2026, at Baptist Health Deaconess in Madisonville. Visitation was held at Goodman Funeral Home on Monday, July 20, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. A graveside service followed at 1:00 p.m. at Cedar Hill Cemetery.

CALLOWAY

Christopher Ryan Davis, 44, of Murray, passed away on Sunday, July 19, 2026 at his home. No services are planned at this time. Expressions of sympathy may take the form of donations to help his family with final expenses: Imes Funeral Home, 311 North 4th Street, Murray, KY 42071 or call 270.753.7000.

Gene Dale Bray, 83, of Murray, passed away on Sunday, July 19, 2026 at his home. A graveside service is set for 2 PM on Tuesday, July 28, 2026 at Sinking Springs Cemetery.

Bobby Lee Crouse, 72, of Murray, passed away on Wednesday, July 15, 2026 at his home. Mr. Crouse will be laid to rest at Murray Memorial Gardens. Imes Funeral Home is entrusted with caring for his family.

Keith Owen Chadwick, age 57, of Murray, Kentucky, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, July 7, 2026, at Patriot Health and Rehab in Paris, Tennessee. A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, July 25, 2026, at the Northside Baptist Church, 884 Radio Road, Almo Kentucky 42020. Bro. Brett Miles and Bro. Sammy Cunningham will officiate. Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. till 1 p.m., Saturday, July 25, 2026, at the Northside Baptist Church.

Mark J. Outland, age 65, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at The Farms at Puryear Senior Living and Care in Puryear, Tennessee. Arrangements are currently incomplete at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

Dortha Wilson Rickman, age 91, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away on Sunday, July 19, 2026, at her home. J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

Eldridge “Harold” Swift, age 85, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away, Friday, July 17, 2026, at his daughter’s home in Magnolia, Texas. Arrangements are currently incomplete at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

Edna Ruth (Futrell) Butler, 85 of Murray, went home to be with her Lord on Wednesday, July 15, 2026, at Spring Creek Health Care in Murray. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 18, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. in the chapel of the Blalock-Coleman Funeral Home, with Bro. James Stom and Bro. Doug Sanders officiating. Interment followed the service at the Spring Creek Cemetery, 995 Spring Road, Almo, KY

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CHRISTIAN

Kathy Darlene Pennington, age 74, of Hopkinsville, KY, passed away on Saturday, July 18, 2026, at Jennie Stuart Health of natural causes. Graveside Services will be at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, July 22, 2026, at Hale Cemetery with Rev. Robert Webb officiating and burial to follow. Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home has been entrusted by the family to handle the arrangements.

David Arthur “Pat” Grace, 84, of Gracey, KY died at 3:57 a.m. Thursday, July 16, 2026, at his residence. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, July 18, 2026, at Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home. Burial follow edin Johnsons Chapel Cemetery.

Agnes “Recie” Richey Courtney, 88, Sivley Road, Hopkinsville, KY passed away Friday, July 17, 2026 at her home of natural causes. Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 22, 2026 at Lamb Funeral Home with Rev. Larry Dale Combs officiating.

Bernadine Stites, 67, South Virginia Street, Hopkinsville, KY passed away Thursday, July 16, 2026 at her home of natural causes. Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 21, 2026 at Lamb Funeral Home with Rev. Ron Hicks officiating. Burial followed in Ancestral Haven Memorial Gardens.

With hearts touched by both sorrow and gratitude, we reflect upon the remarkable life of **Min. Rosetta Bacon**, who departed this world on July 18, 2026. Those wishing to pay their respects and honor her memory are invited to a visitation on July 24, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Gamble Funeral Home, 1311 S Liberty St., Hopkinsville, KY. The funeral service will follow at 11:00 a.m. at the same location. Interment with all due honors will take place at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West, 5817 Fort Campbell Blvd, Hopkinsville, KY, at 1:00 p.m.

Charles K. “Happy” Manasco, 84, of Hopkinsville, KY passed away on Sunday, July 19, 2026, at Jennie Stuart Medical Center with his wife by his side. A funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 28, 2026, at Westview Assembly of God in Hopkinsville with Pastor Don Marsh to officiate. Burial will follow at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West.

CRITTENDEN

Ronald Garrett Shinall, age 79, passed away in the early morning hours on Wednesday, July 15, 2026, at home in Crittenden County. No services are scheduled at this time. Gilbert Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

FULTON

Tony Alan Taylor, 79, of South Fulton, Tennessee, passed away on Saturday, July 18, 2026, at Jackson-Madison County General Hospital in Jackson, Tennessee. Funeral services for Mr. Tony Alan Taylor were held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 23, 2026, in our funeral chapel, with burial to follow in Obion County Memorial Gardens.

GRAVES

Forrest Byrn Martin, 87, of Wingo, KY, passed away on Friday, July 17, 2026 at Clinton Place in Clinton, KY. Forrest was born on Christmas Day of 1938 in Kinston, NC to the late Edwin and Rosa (Byrd) Martin. Per his wishes, no services will be held. Imes Funeral Home is entrusted with caring for Mr. Martin.

Timothy Scott Mathis, age 65, of Mayfield, KY passed away Sunday, July 19, 2026 at his residence. A memorial visitation will be held from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM Saturday, July 25, 2026 at the Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY.

Elaine Richard Buckingham, age 55, of Mayfield passed away on Thursday, July 16, 2026 at Jackson Purchase Medical Center in Mayfield, KY. Funeral services for Mrs. Elaine Richard Buckingham were held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 21, 2026 at Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY. Rev. G. E. Hussey and Rev. Tim Warren will officiate.

Cindy Carter Rogers, age 64, of Paducah passed away on Wednesday, July 15, 2026 at Mercy Health Lourdes in Paducah, KY. Funeral services for Mrs. Cindy Carter Rogers were held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, July 20, 2026 at Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY. Rev. Ross Buchanan will officiate. Interment followed at Mayfield Memory Gardens.

Jackie Lynn Cope, 82, of Mayfield, Kentucky, passed away peacefully at his home on July 20, 2026, surrounded by the love of his family. Graveside services were held at 2:00 PM Thrusday, July 23, 2026 at the New Home Baptist Cemetery with Bro. Jason Flowers officiating.

Jimmy Lee Reynolds, age 85, a resident of Mayfield, passed away at 4:30 A.M. Sunday, July 19, 2026 at the Countryside Healthcare Center in Bardwell. Graveside services were held at 3:30 P.M. Wednesday, July 22, 2026 at the Hopewell Cemetery. Rev. Donald Dixon will officiate.

Doris M. Hall, age 90 of Wingo, Ky passed away on Saturday, July 18, 2026 at 4:45 AM at the Mills Health & Rehab Facility. Funeral Services will be held on Friday, July 24, 2026 at 1:00 PM at the Brown Funeral Home in Wingo, Ky with Bro. Bobby Crittendon officiating. Burial will follow in the Pinson Cemetery. Friends may call after 11:00 AM on Friday, July 24, 2026 at the Brown Funeral Home in Wingo, Ky.

Darius Q. Swatzell, 68, of Mayfield, Kentucky, passed away peacefully at 11:34 a.m. on Saturday, July 18, 2026, at his home with his loving wife of 17 years by his side. In accordance with Darius’ wishes, no public services are planned. Final arrangements have been entrusted to Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield, Kentucky.

Gina Ann Fulcher, 68, of Mayfield, Kentucky, passed away at 1:23 a.m. on Friday, July 17, 2026, at TriStar Skyline Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee. Graveside services for Gina Ann Fulcher were held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 23, 2026, at Maplewood Cemetery in Mayfield with Mr. Dennis Zimmer officiating.

LIVINGSTON

Shirley Jean (Yates) Hardin, 86, of Salem, KY, passed away Sunday, July 19, 2026 at Calvert City Convalescent Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 22, 2026, at 12 Noon, in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services, with Rev. Jerrod Quertermous officiating. Burial followed in Salem Cemetery. There will be no visitation.

David (DD) Lee Denfip, 60 of Smithland, Ky passed away Sunday, July 19th at Vanderbilt Hospital surrounded by his children and wife. David will be cremated per his wishes, and a visitation is being arranged for friends and family. Online condolences may be left at www.lindseyfuneral.com.

FUNERAL NOTICES continued

LYON

Michael Lee Chandler, age 79, of Kuttawa, Kentucky, passed away on July 14, 2026. Funeral services were held at 1:00 pm Saturday, July 18, 2026 at Lakeland Funeral Home with Bro. Sam Haulk officiating. The rendering of military honors follow edthe service.

MARSHALL

Bettie Sue Barrett, 87, of Calvert City, Kentucky, passed away on Saturday, July 18, 2026. A funeral service was held at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at the Life Celebration Center of Filbeck-Cann with Bro. Adam Webb and Bro. Charles Sturgell officiating. Burial followed at Fooks Cemetery.

Randle Griggs, 79, of Benton, Kentucky, passed away on Thursday, July 16, 2026, at Henry County Health and Rehabilitation in Paris, Tennessee. A memorial service will was held at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, July 22, 2026, at the Life Celebration Center of Filbeck-Cann. Bro. Gary Knuckles officiated.

Judith “Judy” Carol Starks Slaughter, 83, of Hardin, passed away Monday, July 20, 2026, at Marshall County Hospital in Benton, Kentucky. A funeral service will be held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, July 25, 2026, at Collier Funeral Home with John Sales and David Smith officiating. Burial will follow at Union Hill Cemetery. The visitation will be from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM on Friday, July 24, 2026, at Collier Funeral Home.

Mary Beth Krause, 61, of Benton, passed away peacefully on Saturday, July 18, 2026, at her home. A funeral service was held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, July 23, 2026, at Collier Funeral Home. The burial will be private, for family only, at Kentucky Veteran’s Cemetery West.

Albert “Jack” Jackson Burton, 88, of Calvert City, Kentucky passed away on Friday, July 17, 2026, at Mercy Health - Lourdes Hospital in Paducah, Kentucky. A funeral service was held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 22, 2026 at Collier Funeral Home. Burial follow edat Calvert City Cemetery.

Nicholas Todd Weathers, 61, of Calvert City, Kentucky passed away on Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at his residence. memorial service will be held at Sunset Funeral Home and Cremation Center in Danville, IL at a later date. Collier Funeral Home and Cremation Services is handling local arrangements.

Gayle Lee Pearson, 88, of Gilbertsville, formerly of Reidland, passed away at 1 a.m. Sunday, July 19, 2026, at his lakeside home. Lindsey Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

McCRACKEN

Roger Gail Mallory, 80, of West Paducah, Kentucky, passed away at his residence at 7:02 a.m. on Wednesday, July 22, 2026. Milner & Orr Funeral Home and Cremation Services are in charge of arrangements.

Carl Page, Jr., age 85, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away on July 21, 2026, at Parkview Nursing Home surrounded by family and friends. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 pm on Saturday, July 25, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah with Rev. Rob Ison and Rev. Brad White officiating. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be held from 11:00 am until the service time of 1:00 pm on Saturday, July 25, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah.

Susan Lori Jenkins Carroll, age 59, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away on Friday, July 17, 2026, at her home. Milner & Orr Funeral Home and Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

Steve Parrish, 65, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away on Thursday, July 16, 2026, at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee. A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, July 24, 2026, at the Lone Oak Chapel of Milner & Orr Funeral Home with Rev. Connor Williams officiating. Visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m. until the service hour of 1:00 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home.

Gene Rogers, age 74, of Melber, Kentucky, passed away on July 16th, 2026 at Mercy Health-Lourdes Hospital. Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 22, 2026, at Grace Life Church in Mayfield, with Pastor Chad Lamb, Pastor Brent Reid, and Pastor Tim Allred officiating.

Tony Leshon, age 91, passed away Thursday, July 16, 2026, at Centennial Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee. Services were held Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at 12:30 p.m. at the Lone Oak Chapel of Milner & Orr Funeral Home with Revs. Bob Martin and Jamie Coomer officiating. Entombment followed at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens.

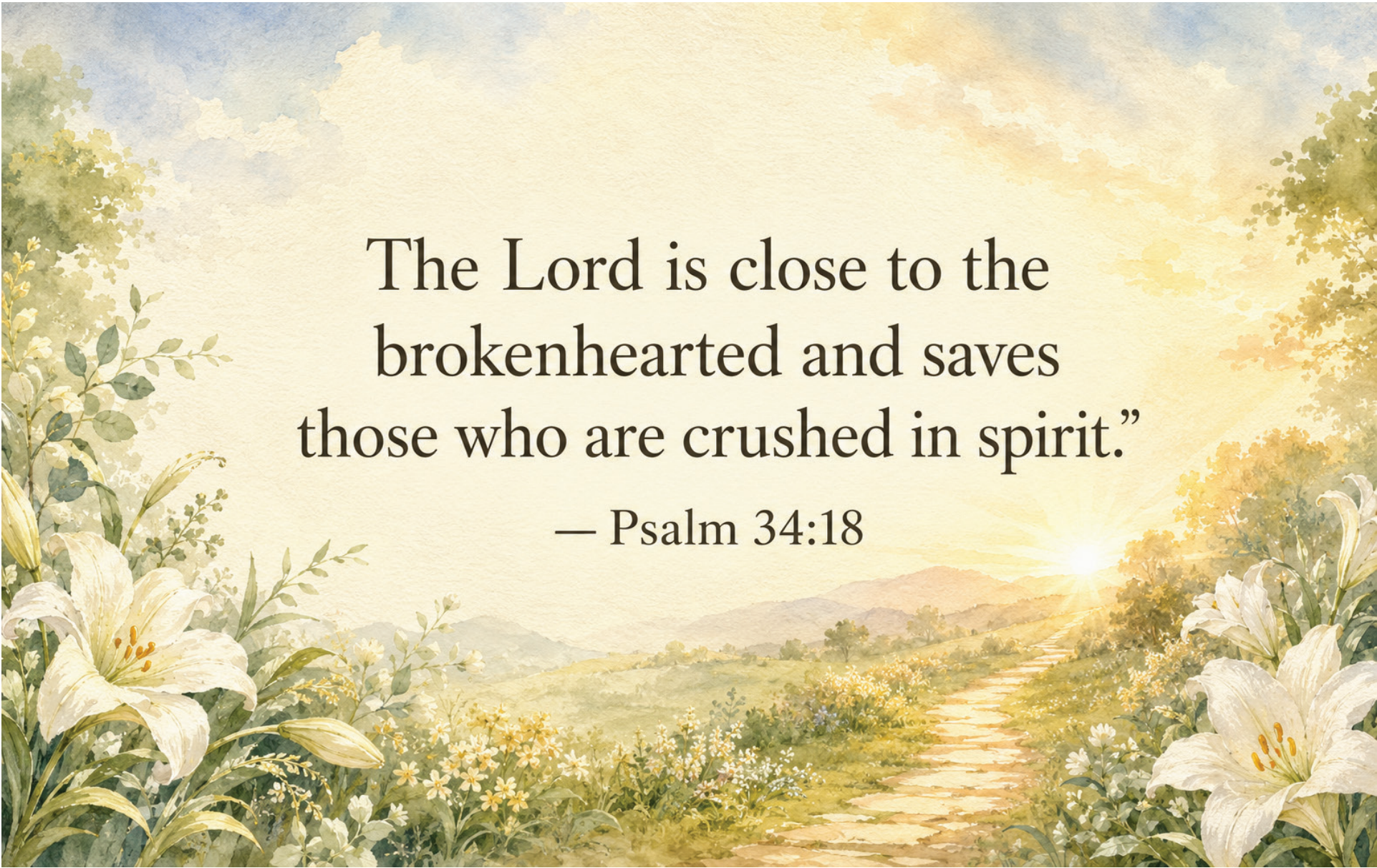
Julia Ann VanLandingham, age 92, of Paducah, Kentucky passed away peacefully on the morning of July 16th, 2026, at Charter Senior Living in Paducah, Kentucky. In accordance with her wishes there will be no ceremony. Online condolence may be left at www.lindseyfuneral.com.

John Howard Harned 76 of Paducah passed away Thursday July 16, 2026 at his home. Friends visited with the family from 10 a.m. to 12 noon Wednesday July 22, 2026 at Lindsey Funeral Home. With funeral services to follow at 12 noon. The Rev. Gary DeRossett officiating. Interment followed at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens.

William “Butch” Walden, Jr., 82, of Paducah, passed away on Thursday, July 16, 2026, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Friends and family were invited to gather for a memorial visitation on Thursday, July 23, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at West End Baptist Church in Paducah, KY. A memorial service followed at 2:00 p.m. with Bro. Monte Hodges officiating.

TRIGG

Wallis Hayden Butts - September 8, 1944 - July 18, 2026 - Funeral Services for 81 year old Wallis Hayden Butts of Cadiz were held on Thursday, July 23, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. at King’s Funeral Home with Bro. Scotty Hampton officiating. Burial follow edin the Siloam Cemetery. Visitation will be on Thursday, July 23, 2026 from 12:00-2:00 p.m. at King’s Funeral Home.



VICTORIOUS

Living...in a troubled world

Two opposing missions / Two very different outcomes

By Teresa LeNeave
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Images speak for themselves. When you see a lion or a mouse it triggers an emotional response. God drew on this ability of our mind when he describes Satan. Throughout scripture, Satan is portrayed through a variety of animal images that illustrate his deceptive and destructive nature. From the opening chapters of Scripture to the final book of Revelation, these symbolic descriptions present a consistent warning about the spiritual dangers believers face.

In Genesis 3, Satan appears as a serpent, deceiving humanity into disobeying God. In Matthew 13, Jesus likens him to a bird that snatches away the seed of God's Word before it can take root in people's hearts. Later, in John 10, Jesus describes the threat of a wolf, rep-

resenting the enemy's desire to attack and scatter God's flock. In 1 Peter 5, Satan is compared to a roaring lion, prowling about in search of those he can devour. Finally, Revelation 12 pictures him as a great dragon, fiercely opposing Christ and seeking to destroy God's purposes.

Although these five images differ, they all point to the same reality. Scripture consistently teaches that Satan's mission is to kill, steal, and destroy. Jesus summarized this truth in John 10:10, declaring that "the thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy."

Yet the Bible does not leave readers without hope. The same verse continues with one of the most encouraging promises in Scripture: "I have come that they may have life, and have it more abundantly." While Satan seeks de-



struction, Jesus offers abundant life, peace, and eternal hope. Their purposes stand in complete opposition to one another.

For Christians, this contrast serves as both a warning and a source of confi-

dence. Believers are reminded to remain spiritually alert while also resting in God's unfailing care. The Lord is greater than the enemy, and His power far exceeds Satan's schemes.

Those of us who

place our trust in God can find assurance in His promises. As believers walk with Him, we can rest in the knowledge that He holds us securely in the palm of His hand (Isaiah 49:16) and faithfully works

all things together for our good (Romans 8:28).

In Isaiah 49 God said, "Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me." That, to me, is a reminder of God's permanent, close, and unconditional love. Like a tattoo, we are permanently engraved in the palm of his hands and he's not going to forget us. In thinking of the images of Satan in comparison to God, we can rest assured, there are two distinct missions and two very distinctly different outcomes. Choose life with Christ.

In a world filled with spiritual conflict, God's love, protection, and purpose remain steadfast. It offers lasting hope to all who trust in Him. And, hope, Hebrews 6:19 says, is the anchor of our souls. Hope in Jesus is a firm and secure anchor.

Why didn't we bring an umbrella?

By William F Holland Jr.
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We've heard the old saying that "Life is not a bed of roses" as life has its ups and downs, and unfortunately, most of us will experience our share of hard times. Whether it's financial anxiety, a medical situation, family problems, frustrations, sadness, or maybe blaming yourself for whatever, sometimes life can be tough. However, in the midst of all that is going on, we can always turn to God, who is filled with an endless source of strength, hope, and love. We can choose to embrace the encouraging truth that God really cares about our concerns and worries. He has the power and the solutions to give us the victory, no matter the size of our obstacles or how hopeless the situation.

"And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work" II Corinthians 9:8. Carlos A. Rodriguez is quoted as saying, "If there's a Goliath in front of you, remember there's a David inside of you!"

Yes, there are bumps in the road that can help us learn about faith and patience, but whatever the crisis, it was not God's intention for us to dwell in a state of defeat. Despite being surrounded by negative forces, we have been given the opportunity through Jesus Christ to abide in His presence and enjoy an abundance of joy, security, hope, and peace. In John chapter 10, we find the words of Christ: "The thief comes not but for to steal, and

to kill, and to destroy: but I (Jesus) have come that you might have life and that you might have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd gives his life for the sheep." Whatever the situation, Jesus has promised to deliver you as you continue growing stronger and more confident in Him.

The concept of God supplying our needs is a wonderful and true spiritual reality, but there is also a crucial component to receive His abundant blessings: our responsibility to believe. Without faith, it's not only impossible to please Him, but highly unlikely that His miracles can be activated in our lives. Faith can move mountains, but we seldom consider that our doubt and fear allow them to remain. In Jeremiah chapter 29, God has

a fantastic plan for us. "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope." He will do His part when we understand that our part is doing it His way. "Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart."

I recall a story about a small farming community that had been experiencing a terrible drought. The crops were dying in the fields, and everyone was very worried because this was how they made their living. The pastor of the local church called a special prayer service for all the people of the town to gather in front of the church and spend some time

agreeing in faith that God would send some rain. Many people arrived, and you could sense the seriousness among the crowd. As the pastor was getting ready to begin the meeting, he scanned the crowd and noticed many troubled faces. As his attention was directed to the front row, he saw a young girl standing quietly. Her face was beaming with excitement, and then he noticed she was holding a large, colorful umbrella.

As he focused on the umbrella, he was ashamed that he had not brought one himself, and now felt a sudden surge of hope and confidence. The little girl's childlike innocence warmed his heart as he realized how much genuine faith she possessed. Though the town had come together in spiritual unity to pray for rain, it seemed

that no one anticipated getting wet. When we pray, do we really believe we are going to receive what we ask for? Sir William Robertson is quoted as saying, "There isn't enough room in our mind for both doubt and faith. We must decide which one will control our destiny." The world and even our own human nature will constantly remind us it's impossible, it's risky, and it's hopeless, but true faith will prove that nothing is too difficult for God.

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As a young adult, I remember fishing the riverbank at Mr. MacDonald’s farm. (Yes, Old McDonald had a farm. Lol) He was an older man whose property ran along the river. I don’t remember how we first discovered this place, but it seemed to not upset him when we set up camp at his place. Many of those days he would come by and check on us and tell us a few stories about days gone by. One of his tobacco barns stood only a few yards from where we fished, and

it seemed no matter what time of year it was, he always had a few tobacco plants hanging inside. On occasion he would give us some leaves to take home and twist for a good homemade chew. His recipe was either to cut up a fresh apple and let it marinate the leaves for a few days, or to ease that twist of tobacco down into a jar of honey or molasses. This was my favorite. Alongside that same bank was his boat. It was one like I had never seen before, or since. I can only

describe it as a flat bottom canoe, made of wood. It was long and not very wide or deep. And I can only remember a couple of places to sit down. Now I’m sure he had landed a few fish from this boat in times past, but now the boat was used for occasional transportation. When the weather was good and the river was calm, each Sunday, Mr. MacDonald would gather his long homemade oar, get in his homemade boat, and traverse the small river to the church he attended

downstream. I’m sure he had other ways of getting there, but the boat was his preferred means. Now, as a younger fellow, I never asked him why he did that. I wished I had. As an older man, I can imagine the reasons. There’s no doubt the short journey prepared his mind for that morning’s gathering. The trip itself, for someone like you and me, and him, would be its own worship experience. I can imagine the sights he must have enjoyed as he prepared to meet

with fellow believers. I can imagine how he must have been awestruck by the picture of God as painted by creation. I can imagine how the voices of each animal became God’s unique choir as they were sung in unison. The Biblical David must have taken that same trip, when he sung the words, “The heavens declare the glory of God!” It’s true. And even though that boat is perhaps rotted and ruined, the sights and sounds that declare the glory of God are still there for us, if we’ll

put ourselves in the place to see and hear them.

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LITTLE PROVIDENCES

Bro. Brandon G. Bramlett
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One might say it was a lucky shot when an archer randomly fired his bow into the air and somehow struck and severely injured the armor-covered King Ahab precisely where he was exposed (1 Kings 22:34). Some would conclude that the stars aligned when the midnight insomnia of King Ahasuerus could only be cured from reading an old book—one that just so happened to record the forgotten loyalty of Mordecai, compelling the king to honor him rather than hang him (Esther 6:1-11). Some would suppose that the widow Ruth carried around a rabbit’s foot and a four-leaf

clover when she went to work in a field that serendipitously belonged to Boaz, her future husband and redeemer (Ruth 2:3). Some might believe it was a fluke of good fortune when the little boy with a sack lunch “coincidentally” stood near Jesus exactly when the multitudes needed to eat (John 6:9). Some may argue that fate smiled upon the apostle Paul, whose life was repeatedly spared simply because he was a Roman citizen (Acts 16:35-40; 22:22-29). But according to Scripture, nothing is random—everything is ruled by the Lord (Prov. 16:33). Nothing is a happy accident—everything is a divine appointment (Psalm 139:16). Nothing is a coincidence—every-

thing is a providence. “[God] works all things,” wrote Paul, “according to the counsel of his will” (Eph. 1:11b). And small things are part of all things. They say that the biggest doors still swing on the smallest hinges and that every avalanche begins with a single snowflake. And the Bible teaches something even greater: the Lord often accomplishes His grandest purposes through the smallest details of everyday life. He doesn’t merely move mountains—He moves molecules. The God who governs the galaxies also intricately directs detours, delays, disappointments, and even daily decisions. As the Puritans used to say, the Lord’s greatest

works are often His quietest works. It is tempting to associate the Lord’s power with mighty miracles only, but miracles are frequently hiding in plain sight. Perhaps this is why Scripture says not to despise the day of “small things” (Zech. 4:10). He may use a minor inconvenience to completely redirect the course of your life or place you beside the right person at the right time to hear the right words to counsel or encourage you. He may use one sentence from one sermon to change your mind, one verse in Scripture to comfort your soul, one unexpected phone call that answers a prayer, or even one different route home to spare you from unforeseen harm. God tends

to the little things like counting hairs (Matt. 10:30), ensuring that every star has a name (Ps. 147:4), feeding the sparrows (Matt. 6:26), giving the

lions their prey (Ps. 104:21), and making the grass grow (Ps. 104:14). And He will never fail to superintend the little things in the lives of His people.



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718 Marina Village Dr., Grand Rivers, Kentucky • \$610,000 – MLS # 130701. Beautiful Custom Built 3 bed 3 & 1/2 bath 2006, looks like a new Home

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738 Marina Village Dr., Grand Rivers, Kentucky • \$799,000.00 MLS#136804. Quality Custom built 3 bedroom 3 full baths ,1/2 bath and 9 ft ceilings throughout. Built in 2006 in Prestigious Gated Marina Village Subdivision! Stunning Great room features wonderful brick fireplace, 25 ft high ceiling with beams, porch with stone gas stove, wood flooring, unique character open to kitchen for perfect entertaining! Large Kitchen plenty of cabinetry, pantry, bar stools & dining area. Primary bedroom suite on main level! Beautiful tray ceilings, walkout deck, bath has huge walk-in shower, walk-in closet, Jacuzzi tub, and double vanity. Half bath & utility room on main level. Guest bedrooms up, full bath, walk-in closet plus massive attic storage. Family room down, full bath, wine cellar, walkout patio, outdoor Kitchen, Pellet grill and BIG GREEN EGG grill built-in. Garage and workshop. APHW home warranty. Everything stays with full price offer!

643 Whitney Dr., Paducah, Kentucky • \$450,000.00 - MLS # 137569. Unique 3 bedroom 3 full bath West End home located in the desirable Pines Subdivision loaded with captivating character! Impressive living room features gas log fireplace , very tall vaulted ceiling & large stylish windows for plenty of light. Kitchen has plenty of

cabinets, island, breakfast area, and pantry. Excellent primary bedroom with spacious bath, jacuzzi tub, double vanity, walk-in closet, surround sound, balcony overlooking deck & backyard. Ample storage space throughout the home. New refrigerator & microwave in 2026. Massive deck perfect for entertaining! Beautiful yard, trees and landscaping. Well insulated home so utility bills are low. Convenient to the mall area, I-24 and downtown Paducah. Underground Dog fence. CALL Jennifer Palmer Realty 270-519-9000

2836 James Sanders Blvd., Paducah, KY. MLS #134672. High traffic location, Approximately 3+ acres off exit #4 I-24 on James Sander's BLVD between Texas Road House and Academy Sports. Great location for commercial development. Approximately 450 feet of road frontage, level, with all utilities. \$2,450,000, Carla Bridges @ REMAX at 270-559-8425

6330 Burchell, Paducah, KY. MLS #136950. Premier custom home in one of Paducah's most prestigious neighborhoods, The Grove, privately set on a cul-de-sac. Grand entry, open kitchen with butler's pantry, spacious living room with fireplace, office, craft room, and luxurious primary suite with his and hers baths and sitting area. Enjoy a large, covered porch with outdoor kitchen, screened porch and 3 car garage. Upstairs offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, playroom/bedroom and bonus room. The walkout basement includes 2 bedrooms, full kitchen, family room, patio, storage, mechanical room and concrete safe room. Elevator serves all floors. French country exterior, stone/brick/extensive landscaping and circle drive. \$1,595,000. Contact Carla Bridges @ REMAX at 270-559-8425

500 S 17th • Paducah, KY 42003 Commercial/Industrial - \$1,399,000 MLS Number • 125918 • 18,900 sq. ft. Outstanding professional office building in the heart of Paducah featuring approximately 15,600 sq. ft. of office space with 26 pri-

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1114 Broadway, Paducah, KY. MLS #132732. Excellent opportunity for a client in need of a nice office building in midtown Paducah, centrally located in the heart of Paducah's business district with high traffic location. Dual access from Broadway and Kentucky Avenue. Current tenants are expected to move by late fall. \$459,900. Contact Carla Bridges @ REMAX at 270-559-8425

House For Sale Ranch style, 3 bedroom, 2 full baths, Cedar siding. Sits on 6 acres. 116 Darnell Rd. Benton 42025. Call 270-404-6972 for appointment.

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37 Acres, Beautiful Building Site. 5050 Metropolis Lake Rd, W. Paducah. \$10,000 per acre. Call 270-210-4666 tfn

4 Adjacent 1 acres lots in Peninsula Subdivision on Lake of Egypt. Great year round fishing with no carp, barges, or big boats. 50 minutes from Paducah. \$29,995 for all four. Might divide into 2 parcels. Call owner 314-239-6676.

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

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

Word Search Answers

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ACROSS

Growing seed and opportunity: UK launches Appalachian seed entrepreneurship project with \$1.7M ARC grant

By Jennifer Elwell
University of Kentucky

LEXINGTON, Ky.— The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) has awarded the University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment (CAFE) a \$1.7 million grant to strengthen local food systems and expand seed-based entrepreneurship across Eastern Kentucky. The three-year project, “Strengthening Local Food Systems Through Production of Appalachian Seed Crops,” launched in early May and will run through April 2029. The project, administered through the Department of Horticulture at Martin-Gat-

ton CAFE, supports prospective or existing commercial seed producers. The goal is to help them improve production practices, increase profitability, enter new markets and preserve culturally significant Appalachian seed stocks, such as “grandma’s greasy beans,” which reflect generations of family seed saving and community exchange in Appalachia. “Production of heritage seed crops is more than an agricultural practice – it’s a living link to the history, identity and resilience of Appalachian communities,” said Cindy Finneseth, Extension specialist for community horticulture and proj-



Grow Appalachia’s Steph Hamborsky, right, shows a Seed Farming and Entrepreneurship Workshop participant how a tabletop seed cleaner works at the University of Kentucky Robinson Center. Photo by Rhonda Linkous.

ect lead. “Many families have lost irreplaceable heirloom seeds, such as during recent Eastern Kentucky floods. This project helps restore

that heritage while creating new entrepreneurial opportunities.” In addition to helping seed producers start or grow their businesses, the project aims to generate and retain jobs across the Appalachian region and support outreach activities — increasing awareness and demand for locally produced seed. Project partners include Grow Appalachia

at Berea College, Community Farm Alliance, Kentucky Horticulture Council, Kentucky Center for Agriculture and Rural Development, and Organic Association of Kentucky. Practical, commercial seed training As part of the project’s launch, the UK Cooperative Extension Service and Berea’s Grow Appalachia hosted the Seed Farming and Entrepreneurship Workshop on July 9 at the UK Robinson Center in Jackson, Kentucky. The free, interactive workshop was designed for farmers, growers and technical service providers interested in exploring seed farming as an additional enterprise. Finneseth led sessions on the basics of seed entrepreneurship, including regulations, business considerations and required equipment. Participants then rotated through

skill-building stations focused on seed processing and cleaning, seedborne disease prevention and field production. “Thursday’s workshop was a perfect blend of lecture and hands-on demonstrations, with lots of questions and engagement from participants,” said Steph Hamborsky of Grow Appalachia. “We hope this opportunity and others in the future will inspire more farmers and technical service providers to consider seed farming as a viable operation to add to their enterprise. With all of the disease and pest pressures facing our region, it’s so important for us to increase the availability of regionally adapted seeds while also creating other potential revenue streams for our farmers.” This program is supported by ARC as part of an award totaling \$1,715,526, with 0% financed with non-governmental sources.

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