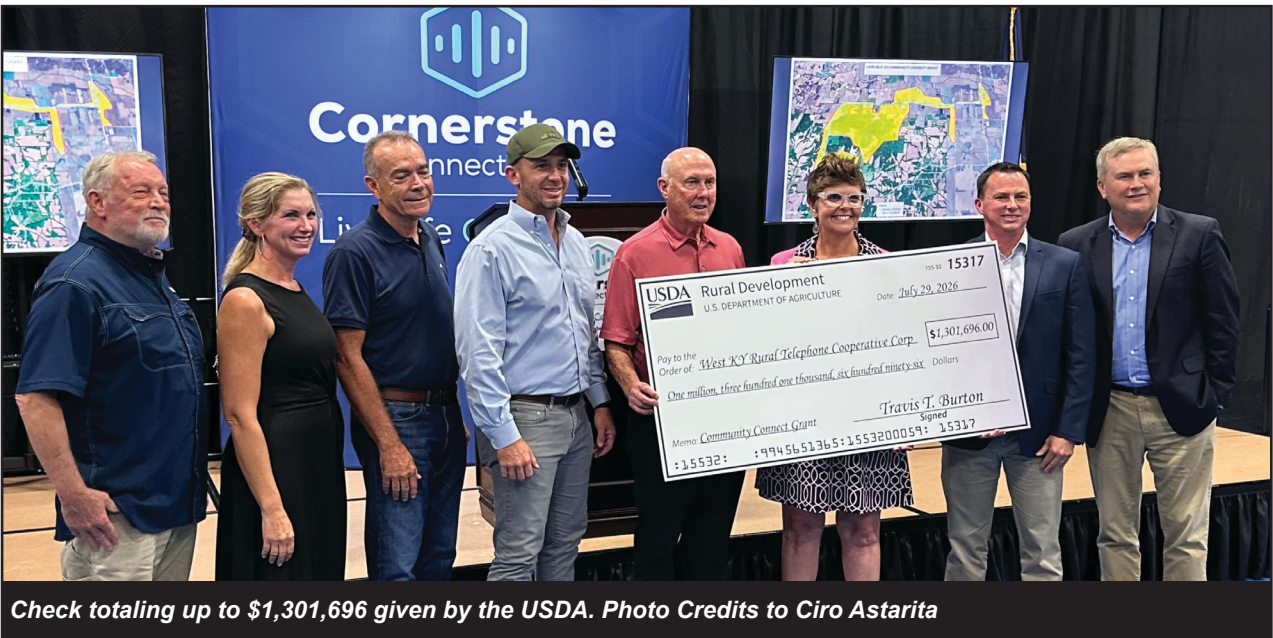




Check totaling up to \$1,301,696 given by the USDA. Photo Credits to *Ciro Astarita*

Cornerstone Connectivity Receives \$1.3+ Million during visit from James Comer

By: **Ciro Astarita**
KPI Writer

(MAYFIELD, Ky.)— Ahead of James Comer’s visit to Fancy Farm, he stopped at several locations across the Jackson Purchase region, where he announced multiple government initiatives aimed at enhancing economic development.

Following his formal announcement of a **\$1 million USDA grant** to the Marion-Crittenden County Airport for the Airport Parallel Taxiway Project, Comer traveled to Graves County to deliver another significant announcement.

At 100 WK&T Technology Drive in Mayfield at 1:30 p.m., Comer announced that **Cornerstone Connectivity**—the rebranded name for WK&T Telecommunications—would receive a **\$1.3 million federal grant** to expand internet access across Carlisle County. The announcement comes shortly after news of a data center planned for Paducah, a project expected to create nearly **8,000 construction jobs** and **600 permanent jobs**, according to the Department of Energy (DOE).

Comer, along with Kentucky Agricul-



Map of future fiber optics network project in Carlisle County on display for attendees

ture Commissioner Jonathan Shell and USDA Rural Development State Director Travis Burton, made the announcement. Each spoke about the region’s significant economic potential.

Comer remarked that western Kentucky could become a breeding ground for future entrepreneurs and investors. He said the region can attract young talent that major cities struggle to retain because of the rising cost of living in urban areas.

He added that the cost-of-living crisis is affecting not only residents of major cities but people across the country and around the world.

Comer stated that “This place is significantly poised to grow” and that “The most basic thing we need to have is connectivity.”

The rural broadband

project will bring high-speed internet to **66 locations**, including homes, farms, and businesses throughout Carlisle County.

See **COMER**
back of A Section



Travis Burton, USDA Rural Development State Director(Left) and James Comer, U.S. Representative for KY’s 1st congressional district(Right). Photo Credits to *Ciro Astarita*



Karen Jackson-Furman, Cornerstone Connectivity CEO(Right) and Kevin Wiggins, Cornerstone Connectivity COO(Left). Photo credits to *Ciro Astarita*

Golf Tournament Flight Winners



Congratulations to the Flight winners:

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Trey Wall | Jones Flight - Blake
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Arnett / Chip
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| Hogan Flight -
Chris Dodson /
Patrick Spangler | Snead Flight -
Tyler Goodman /
Daniel Heath |

And a big congratulations to the 2026 overall winner, winning on the 5th hole of the shootout, Landon Arnett and Trey Wall!

Dobson Cemetery Annual Meeting/ Decoration Day

The annual Dobson Cemetery meeting and Decoration Day will be held the second Saturday in August which is Saturday, August 8, 2026 at 2 p.m. The cemetery is located on the Cuba/Water Valley Road, Highway 2422, in Graves County. The cemetery is just directly west of this address...

1815 State Rte 2422, Wingo, KY. 42088 . Donations may be mailed to Gail Dobson, 918 State Hwy 1390, Mayfield, KY 42066. If you have any questions, call 270-832-6651 or 270-823-3896.

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Expanded Classes Offer Graves Inmates Tools for a Better Future

By: **Laurna Todd**
KPI Writer

Incarceration is not only about holding individuals accountable for their crimes. Educational opportunities and rehabilitation programs can also provide eligible inmates with the tools needed to make better decisions and build more stable lives for themselves and their families.

Class D Coordinator Caitlin Garner has

earned certification to facilitate additional courses for the facility’s state inmate population, expanding the programs previously available.

Eligible inmates may now participate in Moral Reconation Therapy, anger management, Thinking for Good, Untangling Relationships, parenting classes, Breaking the Chains of Trauma, Battling Shadows for veterans experiencing PTSD and trauma, MRT-Domestic Vio-

lence: Bringing Peace to Relationships, and Portals-New Directions.

The courses address areas including decision-making, personal responsibility, family relationships, trauma, anger and behavior. By developing practical skills and healthier ways of thinking, participants are given an opportunity to prepare for a more successful return to their families and communities.

Inmates who did not graduate from high

school may also enroll in GED preparation classes and take the GED examination. Earning a high school equivalency credential can help expand employment and educational opportunities following release.

The expanded programming reflects an effort to reduce repeat offenses by helping qualified inmates address challenges, continue their education and develop skills that can support a more productive future.



Jailer Kelli Elliott, Class D Coordinator Caitlin Garner, Chief Deputy Michael Espeland.

Update from Senator Mitch McConnell and the Office of the Attending Physician

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell (R-KY) and the Office of the Attending Physician released the following today:

“I’m still working hard to get back to my full schedule of work in the Senate and in Kentucky, keeping up with intense physical therapy per my doctors’ orders. Unfortunately, that means I won’t be able to make it to Fancy Farm, Kentucky this Saturday.

“There’s no place

I’d rather be on the first Saturday in August than with the good people of western Kentucky, feasting on pork and mutton. When I first attended forty-two years ago, Fancy Farm was a pretty lonely place to be a Republican. But, my, how times have changed. Today, western Kentucky is a conservative Republican sea of red. So I hate that I’ll miss the fun this year, but I’m sending my best wishes to the St. Je-

rome community for a successful picnic.

“As always, I appreciate all of your continued well wishes, and I’m looking forward to getting back to the Senate and to Kentucky soon.”

From the Office of the Attending Physician (OAP):

“Senator McConnell continues his recovery from a fall at home in June. OAP physicians visit with the Senator every day, discussing all aspects of his rehabilitation care. Since

his discharge from hospital care, he has maintained a strenuous course of physical therapy and rehabilitation, including multiple sessions a day designed to rebuild strength and reduce the risk of future falls. His bout with childhood polio continues to be a significant factor in his mobility. He is not yet medically cleared to leave the rehab facility and return to the office.”

Murray-Calloway County Hospital Names Amy Ferguson, RD, as the June Employee of the Month

MURRAY, KY – Murray-Calloway County Hospital (MCCH) is proud to recognize Amy Ferguson, RD, as its June Employee of the Month in recognition of her outstanding commitment to patient care, employee wellness, and serving others.

Amy serves as the Outpatient and Acute Care Dietitian, where she is passionate about helping patients improve their health through proper nutrition and healthy lifestyle choices. Colleagues say her dedication extends far beyond her clinical responsibilities, making a positive impact on patients, coworkers, and the community each day.

According to those who nominated her, Amy is always willing to lend a helping hand, regardless of the department or project. She is a strong advocate for both employees and the community, regularly volunteering to support Wellness Works initiatives, hospital events, and community programs.

“Amy truly lives out what we promote,” one coworker shared. “She works out regu-

larly at the Center for Health and Wellness, connects with mem-

bers in a genuine way, and is always willing to encourage others to

live healthier lives.”

Amy has also served as the instructor for the Center for Health & Wellness 6 a.m. BodyPump class for more than 20 years, inspiring countless participants through her dedication, encouragement, and passion for fitness. Coworkers describe Amy as someone with an open door, a servant’s heart, and a positive attitude who consistently makes a difference in the lives of those around her.

“Amy is one of those coworkers who consistently goes above and beyond,” another nomination read. “She

brings positivity to everything she does, supports her teammates without hesitation, and truly deserves this recognition.”

Murray-Calloway County Hospital congratulates Amy Ferguson on being named June Employee of the Month and thanks her for her exceptional dedication to our patients, employees, and the communities we serve.

For more information, contact the Marketing Department at 270.762.1382, or visit our website at www.murrayhospital.org.

Elle Hendrix, Wellness Works Coordinator and Health Educator; Reba Celsor, CEO; Amy Ferguson, RD, Outpatient and Acute Care Dietitian; Alissa Bryan, Director of Nutrition and Environmental Services; and Sarah Bublavy, Center for Health & Wellness Fitness Supervisor

Library Notes for July 30, 2026

“When I step into this library, I cannot understand why I ever step out of it.” ~ Marie de Sevigne

What’s happening at the library:

Check out Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, and our website: www.jlslibrary.org for upcoming programs

E-Books, E-Audios, E-Comics, Movies and more can be checked out on Hoopla & Libby

All our Cadiz Records and Trigg County High School Yearbooks are available on our website

Craft Station the entire month with different crafts & activities each week

America 250 Geocache the library in July: download the Geocache app on your smart phone

Pop-up Book Sales: August 7th

Pam’s Pick this week is: “A Pair of Aces” by Marie Benedict, this story is set in the 1930s New York

times.”

New TV Season: “The Rookie” season 1.

Happy Summer Reading!

Pam Metts, Director

series.

New Non-Fiction: “Your Desired Future” by Henry Cloud, “Mayo Clinic Guide to Gut Health” by Sahil

Khanna, “Laughter is the Best Medicine, 2026” by Reader’s Digest, and “Southern California” by Fodor’s Travel.

New Audio Book: “Whistler” by Ann Patchett.

New Movies: “The Mastermind,” and “The Land of Some-

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West KY Sports

Mustangs win Christian County Invitational



McCracken County won the Christian County Invitational at Western Hills Golf Course on Friday, July 24.
(Photo courtesy of McCracken County High School)

Staff Report

HOPKINSVILLE — McCracken County won the Christian County Invitational at Western Hills Golf Course on Friday, July 24.

The Mustangs shot a 295 in their first-place

finish.

Jack Farmery, Evan Hack, Brently Gregory, Peyton Courtney and Cooper Webb competed for the Mustangs.

Farmery shot a 71 and tied for second individually.

Following Farmery,

Hack shot a 72 and finished in the top five.

Courtney and Webb each finished with a 76 while Gregory delivered a 79.

McCracken County is a perennial title contender.

Godwin named Calloway County baseball head coach



Grant Godwin has been named the Calloway County High School baseball head coach.
(Photo courtesy of Calloway County High School)

Staff Report

MURRAY — Calloway County High School has announced the hiring of Grant Godwin as its new baseball head coach.

Godwin is a former collegiate baseball player with experience as both a pitcher and a position player. He began his career at McCracken County High School, where he was a two-year varsity starter and competed

in two state championship appearances.

Godwin continued his playing career at Eastern Kentucky University as a two-way player before going on to play two seasons at Motlow State Community College. He finished his playing career at Kentucky Wesleyan College.

In addition to his playing experience, Godwin spent two

summers working with Prep Baseball Report Kentucky (PBR), evaluating talent and gaining valuable insight into player development at multiple levels of the game.

Godwin was an assistant coach for Calloway County in the 2026 high school baseball season. He is excited for the opportunity to lead the Calloway County baseball program.

Taylor named Graves County softball head coach



TJ Taylor has been named the new head coach of the Graves County High School softball program.
(Photo courtesy of Graves County High School)

Staff Report

MAYFIELD — TJ Taylor has been named the new head coach of the Graves County High School softball program.

For the past four years, Taylor has been an assistant coach on the Graves County High School softball team's coaching staff. In addition, Taylor has served as the softball head coach for Graves County Middle School for four years.

"Through the years, I've had the privilege of coaching several great athletes," said Taylor. "It has been a joy to watch them develop into great middle, high, and college softball players."

"Our goal this year and every year will be to win district and regional championships! That starts with building a strong program from middle school up through high school. Whatever the skill

level of the player, it's about getting the girl as many reps as possible.

"Being a GC alum, I take pride in all our sports programs being successful. I'm thankful for the support of my family, my extended softball family, and the community as a whole."

The Graves County High School softball team will open pre-season practice in mid-February 2027.

Murray State Athletics selects development partner Campbell Coyle for capitalization plan of Racer Entertainment Village

Staff Report

MURRAY — Murray State Athletics, through an extensive request for proposal (RFP) process, has selected Campbell Coyle to manage the feasibility study and implementation of the team for the future Racer Entertainment Village (REV), which was previously approved by the Murray State University Board of Regents at their meeting on June 12.

This cutting-edge, mixed-use entertainment district that will be located on 32 acres within the footprint of the athletics sports park and will be brought to life with input from city and state leadership, along with members of the Murray-Calloway County and campus community.

"This new project represents a transformational investment in the future of our university and our community," Murray State University President Dr. Ron Patterson said. "In a small college town, projects like the Racer Entertainment Village create energy, opportunity and connection for our students and community members."

"Our vision for Racer Entertainment Village is that it will be more than just restaurants, retail and attractions. It will become the heartbeat of Murray," Vice President & Director of Athletics Nico Yantko said. "We are building an enterprise that creates memorable experiences, generates sustainable revenue and positions Murray State Athletics for long-term success. Campbell Coyle brings the experience, creativity and strategic mindset to help transform this vision into an action-

able roadmap. Racer Entertainment Village has the opportunity to become one of the most innovative campus entertainment districts in collegiate athletics while remaining true to who we are as Racers."

Racer Entertainment Village is designed to establish a long-term vision for a vibrant campus district that strengthens the University's identity through a live-work-play-cheer mixed-used experience.

The visionary development reflects Murray State's ongoing commitment to implementing a sustainable model of athletics to impact the community and region through innovative and transformative experiences that will serve Racer Nation for generations to come.

"Strong communities are built through thoughtful investments that bring people together," President/CEO of the Murray-Calloway County Chamber of Commerce Michelle Bundren said. "We're excited to see Murray State Athletics exploring opportunities like Racer Entertainment Village that can enhance quality of life, support economic growth, and further strengthen the partnership between the university and our business community."

Athletics will serve as the cornerstone of REV, creating opportunities to elevate the game-day experience, strengthen the Racer brand and establish an active, mixed-use environment that extends the energy of campus beyond competition.

By thoughtfully integrating new development with existing

university assets, Murray State aims to create a destination that supports enrollment growth, enhances economic development and reinforces the University's role as a regional leader through new commercial activity.

Racer Entertainment Village will be able to evolve over time through thoughtful integration of athletics, housing, hospitality, commercial opportunities and other complementary developments that strengthen campus life while supporting the University's strategic priorities and positioning the department with a sustainable ecosystem with access to future NIL opportunities and other competitive resources.

Unlike a traditional campus planning exercise, the project will utilize a development-led approach, bringing together planning, design, infrastructure, financial analysis, market demand and capital strategies from the beginning of the process.

This integrated model ensures that every concept is evaluated not only for its vision, but also for its longterm feasibility and ability to be successfully implemented.

Throughout the planning process, proposed development opportunities will be assessed using key criteria including market demand, financial sustainability, institutional priorities and infrastructure requirements. This disciplined approach will create a realistic framework that balances innovation with responsible implementation while positioning Murray State for future growth.



Marshall County placed fourth in its first tournament in the 2026 girls' high school golf season at Western Hills Golf Course on Friday, July 24. The individual scores for Marshall County were Cecelia Ray, 78; Kelli Roberts, 82; Charlee Murphy, 86; Reese Duncan, 111; Millie Wiseman, 144.
(Photo courtesy of Marshall County High School Athletics)

Dillard named Mayfield girls' basketball head coach



Howard Dillard, Jr. has been named new head coach of the Mayfield High School girls' basketball program. (Photo courtesy of Mayfield High School)

Staff Report

MAYFIELD — Howard Dillard, Jr. has been named the new head coach of the Mayfield High School girls' basketball program. Dillard brings 26 years of high school and college coaching experience to the Mayfield hoops program. Prior to coming to Mayfield, Dillard served as the girls' basketball head coach at Paducah Tilghman High School. Dillard has also spent time on the collegiate level as the head coach of the men's basketball team at Dyersburg State Community College, assistant men's basketball coach at Mid-Continent University, and as the women's basketball head coach at Shawnee Community College.

He has also been an assistant coach at Graves County High School, Murray High School, Hickman County High School and Fulton City High School. Dillard holds a bachelor's degree from Murray State University and is currently working on his master's degree in Post Secondary Education Administration.



The Marshall County High School girls' basketball program hosted its annual camp earlier in the month. (Photo courtesy of Marshall County High School Athletics)



The Marshall County boys' golf team placed second in the Christian County Invitational on Friday, July 24. Marshall County golfer Paxton Carter shot a 71 and placed second individually. (Photo courtesy of Marshall County High School Athletics)

KHSAA Board of Control conducts first meeting of 2026-27 academic year

Staff Report

NEWPORT — The KHSAA Board of Control held its first regularly scheduled meeting of the 2026-27 academic year on Thursday, July 23 and Friday, July 24, with much of the focus on carryover items from the prior year. A two-day series of meetings began with an orientation for new and returning Board members, then launched into the full Board work session on Thursday afternoon, followed by the full Board Meeting on Friday. The Board and staff welcomed new Board members, Troy Johnson of Fern Creek High School and Randy Borchers of the Kenton County schools. "The first meeting each year offers a great opportunity for our new board members to become familiar with the process of these meetings and with our staff members," said KHSAA Commissioner Julian Tackett. "The first meeting is always one of our longer ones as we try to set the tone for the coming year, get ready for proposals to be presented to our member schools in the annual meeting, revisions to other regulations that guide operations, and review the focus points on the meetings for the rest of the year." The Board continued its relentless review of the existing bylaws, focusing on transfer rules and recruiting restrictions. Recruiting and undue influence are major problems across many state associations nationwide. This is especially a concern right now in many states, where legislative or membership pressures to liberalize transfer rules must be coupled with tightening restrictions on recruiting and undue influence. The KHSAA continues researching trends to provide the board with more information on potential changes to the bylaws. Another step in this review directed staff to finalize drafting several proposals to address membership concerns regarding Bylaw 6 and Bylaw 16. The proposals will be considered at the virtual meeting in August before being submitted to the membership for consideration at the KHSAA Annual Meeting on Thursday, Sept. 17 in Lexington. The Board approved a recommendation to discontinue the sponsorship of a state field hockey championship after the 2026-27 tournament by a vote of 10-6, with one abstention and one member absent. Any championship must meet a 10 percent minimum membership requirement to be considered sanctioned, and despite everyone's best efforts, participation remains at 19 schools, or slightly less than 7 percent. The track and field alignment has two adjustments from the distributed draft: Grayson County's requested move to Region 2 in Class 3A, and Fern Creek's move to Region 3 in Class 3A. The alignment, as amended, was then approved for the 2026 cross country and track and field seasons. In addition to these items: - The Board was given an update on the future of the KHSAA scoreboard with its partnership with ArbiterSports. The new website (www.khsaascoreboard.org) will be mobile-friendly and will be publicly displayed in the near future. - As required by 702 KAR 7:065, the board conducted its required annual evaluation of the Commissioner. The Board's evaluation was extremely favorable, and the Executive Committee is to finalize a continued employment agreement. - Approved a four-year contract for its General Counsel, Chad Collins, to be executive by the Executive Committee. - Reviewed and approved draft policy revisions on Sports Sponsorship Requirements, New member school candidacy provisions, alignment and realignment policies. - Approved prior considered proposed amendments to Bylaw 11 and Bylaw 22 to be submitted to the membership.

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UK football coach Will Stein elevates Nochta to GM

By KEITH TAYLOR
Kentucky Today

LEXINGTON, Ky. (KT) — It didn't take long for Kentucky football coach Will Stein to find a replacement for Pat Biondo. Pete Nochta was promoted to general manager on Tuesday after serving as an assistant general manager under Biondo. Stein said Nochta "has earned this opportunity through the work he's done since arriving at Kentucky in January." "He's been an invaluable part of building our roster and establishing the foundation of our personnel operation and I have complete confidence in his ability to lead that area moving forward," Stein said in a university release. "Pete has outstanding relationships throughout college football, a great eye for talent and a deep understanding of what we're building here. I'm excited to see him step into this role and continue helping us build a championship-caliber program." Champions CEO and UK Athletics Director J. Batt praised the move and said Nochta "has been a key contributor to the strong start our football program has made" since Stein's arrival. "He has helped build a strong foundation in recruiting, roster management and player evaluation, and we're excited for him to take on this role," Batt said. "As college athletics continues to evolve, supporting our coaches with the resources and infrastructure necessary to attract, develop and retain talented student-athletes remains a priority. Pete's experience, relationships and vision will be valuable as we continue building momentum for Kentucky Football."



Pete Nochta is the new general manager for UK football.

mentum for Kentucky Football." Nochta joined Stein's staff as assistant GM after spending 10 seasons at Louisville, including four as director of recruiting. He also served as a graduate assistant at Purdue and Western Kentucky. Notchta was a tight end at Louisville from 2006-10 and played at Bates Creek High School. His father, John Notchta, played at Kentucky (1973-76) and was a student assistant in 1977. John Nochta later coached at Bates Creek and was a principal at Henry Clay.

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FBS Oversight Committee recommends changes to the off-campus recruiting model

Staff Report

INDIANAPOLIS — The Football Bowl Subdivision Oversight Committee recommended adjustments to the FBS recruiting model as part of its holistic FBS Calendar review on Thursday, July 23.

The recommendation would establish a recruiting person days model and would increase the maximum number of off-campus recruiters. The committee’s recommendations would provide schools greater autonomy to determine recruiting philosophies and practices.

The recommendation would permit each FBS school up to 300 off-campus recruiting person days during the winter and spring off-campus recruiting periods and up to 50 off-campus evaluation days during the fall evaluation period.

In addition, the recommendation would permit up to 16 program staff members and the head coach to recruit off campus (a maximum of 17 off-campus recruiters). Further, the recommendation provides FBS schools with flexibility to designate off-campus recruiters before each off-campus recruiting period.

The oversight committee is requesting an expedited review of its recommendation by the NCAA Division I Cabinet for an effective date of Jan. 1, 2027. That timing allows these changes to go into effect at the same time as the new FBS out-of-season practice model.

The committee will continue to engage with the American Football Coaches Association on potential changes to the recruiting calendar and head football coach off-campus recruiting activities.

La Familia Advances to TBT Championship Game With Convincing Victory

LEXINGTON, Ky. (KT) — La Familia is one win away from claiming The Basketball Tournament’s \$2 million prize after defeating JHX Sports 78-65 on Wednesday night at Memorial Coliseum.

The Kentucky alumni squad improved to 5-1 in the event and will face either Davis Steel or The Mecca in Sunday’s championship game at 1 p.m.

Archie Goodwin continued his impressive run, leading La Familia with 28 points while connecting on five 3-pointers. Since joining the team, Goodwin has scored 80 points in three games and sealed Wednesday’s victory with the game-winning basket under the Elam Ending format.

La Familia led 37-30 at halftime before taking control with a dominant 21-7 third quarter. Coach Jon Hood credited his team’s defensive pressure and transition offense for breaking the game open.

“We did a great job of converting those stops into easy buckets,” Hood said.

Willie Cauley-Stein and Darryl Morsell each added 10 points for La Familia.

JHX Sports was led by Billy Preston with 15 points, while Frank Mason III scored 13 and Zeke Mayo added 12.

La Familia has now won three straight games and sits one victory away from capturing the TBT championship and its \$2 million grand prize.

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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, 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 24, 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-OO-020.OO, 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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KHSAA releases final approved track and field alignment

Staff Report

LEXINGTON — The KHSAA has released its finalized track and field alignment for the 2026-27 academic year.

Teams from across the state will compete in the 2026-27 high school track and field season.

The finalized KHSAA track and field alignment follows.

2026-27 KHSAA TRACK AND FIELD ALIGNMENT

CLASS 1A

REGION 1 – Ballard Memorial, Caldwell County, Carlisle County, Christian Fellowship, Community Christian (Paducah) Crittenden County, Dawson Springs, Fort Campbell, Fulton City, Fulton County, Heritage Christian Academy (Hopkinsville), Hickman County, Livingston Central, Lyon County, Mayfield, Murray, St. Mary, Trigg County, University Heights.

REGION 2 – Bethlehem, Campbellsville, Caverna, Clinton County, Cloverport, Cumberland County, Edmonson County, Fort Knox, Foundation Christian Academy, Green County, Hancock County, McLean County, Metcalfe County, Monroe County, Owensboro Catholic, Russellville, Todd County Central, Trinity (Whitesville), Washington County.

REGION 3 – Beth Haven, Brown, Evangel Christian, Francis Parker, Grace James, Highlands Latin, Holy Cross (Louisville), Kentucky Country Day, Kentucky School for the Blind, Louisville Collegiate, MHG Preparatory Academy, Newcomer Academy, Portland Christian, Presentation, WEB DuBois, Walden, Western, Whitfield Academy.

REGION 4 – Beechwood, Bellevue, Bishop Brossart, Calvary Christian, Community Christian (Independence), Covington Latin, Dayton, Heritage (Florence), Holy Cross (Covington), Ludlow, Newport Central Catholic, Newport, Villa Madonna, Walton-Verona, Williamstown.

REGION 5 – Augusta, Berea, Bracken County, Burgin, Cornerstone Christian (Shelbyville), Danville Christian, Danville, Eminence, Frankfort Christian, Frankfort, Gallatin County, Kentucky School for the Deaf, Model, Nicholas County, Owen County, Paris, Robertson County, Sayre, St. Patrick, Trimble County, Trinity Christian.

REGION 6 – Barbourville, Breathitt County, Buckhorn, Cordia, Harlan, Hazard, Jackson City, Jackson County, Jenkins, June Buchanan, Knott County Central, Lee County, Leslie County, Lynn Camp, Middlesboro, Oneida Baptist Institute, Owensley County, Pineville, Powell County, Red Bird Christian, Riverside Christian, Somerset Christian, Somerset, Williamsburg, Wolfe County.

REGION 7 – Belfry, Betsy Layne, David School, East Ridge, Elliott County, Fairview, Floyd Central, Holy Family, Lewis County, Magoffin County, Martin County, Menifee County, Morgan County, Paintsville, Phelps, Piarist, Pike County Central, Pikeville, Prestonsburg, Raceland, Rose Hill Christian, Shelby Valley, West Carter.

CLASS 2A

REGION 1 – Breckinridge County, Butler County, Calloway County, Hopkins County Central, Logan County, Madisonville-North Hopkins, Ohio County, Paducah Tilghman, Union County, Webster County.

REGION 2 – Adair County, Allen County-Scottsville, Bardstown, Elizabethtown, Franklin-Simpson, Glasgow, Hart County, John Hardin, LaRue County, Marion County, Nelson County, Taylor County, Thomas Nelson, Warren East.

REGION 3 – Carroll County, Christian Academy-Louisville, DeSales, Henry County, North Oldham, Shawnee, Shelby County, Spencer County, Valley, Waggener.

REGION 4 – Bourbon County, Franklin County, Grant County, Harrison County, Highlands, Holmes, Lexington Catholic, Lexington Christian, Lloyd Memorial, Pendleton County, St.

Henry, Western Hills.

REGION 5 – Boyle County, Casey County, Garrard County, Lincoln County, McCreary Central, Mercer County, Rockcastle County, Russell County, Wayne County, Whitley County.

REGION 6 – Ashland Blazer, Bath County, Boyd County, East Carter, Fleming County, Greenup County, Mason County, Rowan County, Russell.

REGION 7 – Bell County, Clay County, Corbin, Estill County, Harlan County, Johnson Central, Knox Central, Lawrence County, Letcher County Central, Perry County Central.

CLASS 3A

REGION 1 – Apollo, Christian County, Daviess County, Graves County, Henderson County, Marshall County, McCracken County, Muhlenberg County, Owensboro.

REGION 2 – Barren County, Bowling Green, Central Hardin, Grayson County, Greenwood, Meade County, North Hardin, South Warren, Warren Central.

REGION 3 – Bullitt Central, Bullitt East, Butler, Doss, Fairdale, Fern Creek, Iroquois, Jeffersontown, Mercy Academy, Moore, North Bullitt, Pleasure Ridge Park, Southern.

REGION 4 – Assumption, Atherton, Ballard, Central, Dupont Manual, Eastern, Male, Sacred Heart, St. Xavier, Seneca, Trinity (Louisville).

REGION 5 – Boone County, Campbell County, Conner, Cooper, Covington Catholic, Dixie Heights, Larry A Ryle, Notre Dame, Scott, Simon Kenton.

REGION 6 – Anderson County, Bryan Station, Collins, Frederick Douglass, Great Crossing, Henry Clay, Lafayette, Oldham County, Paul Laurence Dunbar, Scott County, South Oldham, Tate Creek, Woodford County.

REGION 7 – East Jessamine, George Rogers Clark, Madison Central, Madison Southern, Montgomery County, North Laurel, Pulaski County, South Laurel, Southwestern, West Jessamine.

PUBLIC NOTICE

“Pursuant to TC 96-159M and KRS 376.280, this is an advertisement of the motor vehicle sale. The vehicle in question is a 2018 Chevy Camaro, VN 1G1FC3DS0J0107204, owner is Donovan Bryant and lienholders are Regional Acceptance. This sale will take place at Parkest Body Shop, 1885 Brown Badgett Loop, Madisonville, (270) 871-2698 and this sale will conclude on 08/14/2026.”

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Districtwide Traffic Paint Striping Begins the Week of August 3rd

Use Caution Near Mobile Operations



Staff Report

PADUCAH, Ky. – A contractor for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) will begin districtwide roadway traffic paint striping the week of Aug. 3, weather permitting.

Weather conditions and high traffic volumes can cause pavement striping to fade over time. This project aims to refresh faded markings and improve safety for motorists in all 12 counties in District 1: Ballard, Calloway, Carlisle, Crittenden, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Livingston, Lyon, Marshall, McCracken, and Trigg.

Work is expected to begin mid-week in Fulton, Hickman and Graves counties, before moving to other counties across the district over the next four to six weeks.

The mobile paint caravans will be active during daylight hours as weather

allows.

While much of the striping will be along rural secondary highways, some work will also take place along Interstate 24 in McCracken, Marshall, Livingston, Lyon, Caldwell and Trigg counties and on other four-lane highways.

There will be no lane closures or flaggers, as the mobile crews will be continuously moving along the roadways.

Each mobile caravan will consist of a lead vehicle with sweeping capabilities, a striping truck, and support vehicles to warn motorists of the mobile work zone and possible wet paint ahead.

Use caution when approaching or passing these slow-moving caravans. Although traffic paint is designed to dry quickly, motorists should avoid driving over freshly painted lines. Drying time depends on humidity and wind

conditions but typically takes about four minutes.

The project was awarded to Reynolds-Central Seal, a Joint Venture, under a \$1,385,000 low-bid KYTC contract.

To get traffic advisories and alerts for KYTC District 1 counties via email, please go to <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/KYTC/signup/13651>. Click on the District 1 counties you regularly drive through, or on any of the specialty corridors you travel. Check your SPAM filtering to ensure Gov Delivery is on your approved list.

Timely traffic advisories for the 12 counties of KYTC Highway District 1 are available by going to www.facebook.com/kytcdistrict1. Please LIKE or FOLLOW District 1. You do not have to be a Facebook member to access this page.

USW & FRNP Offering Radiological Control Technician (RCT) Training this Fall

Press Release

The United Steelworkers Union (USW) Local 8-550, Four Rivers Nuclear Partnership (FRNP), the Tony Mazzocchi Center, and West Kentucky Community and Technical College Workforce Solutions are partnering to offer a Radiological Control Technician training program.

This training opportunity is made possible through a grant awarded to the United Steelworkers by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age before the start of the program, which is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, October 13,

2026. Space is limited, and all interested individuals must complete the application process to be considered for admission.

Application Requirements:

- As part of the application process, applicants must complete the 3 required ACT WorkKeys assessments:
- Graphic Literacy (\$30) – Minimum score of 5
- Workplace Documents (\$30) – Minimum score of 5
- Applied Mathematics (\$30) – Minimum score of 5

Applicants may retake any WorkKeys as many times as needed to achieve the required score. Each WorkKeys assessment has a testing fee of \$30

per test.

If selected, applicants are also responsible for the cost of the required drug screening and background check.

The estimated total cost for the required ACT WorkKeys assessments, drug screening, and background check is approximately \$155.

Completion of the application requirements does not guarantee acceptance into the program. Applicants must successfully complete all required screenings, achieve the minimum qualifying ACT WorkKeys scores, and be selected through the application process to be admitted into the program.

Fish and Wildlife offering classes to help hunters prepare for season



Ky. Fish and Wildlife to offer hunter education classes

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – To help prepare new hunters for a safe and successful experience in the field this fall, the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources is hosting a special statewide Hunter Education Day on Saturday.

The department will offer more than 30 in-person hunter education classes and live-fire range days at locations across Kentucky.

This annual educational opportunity is held in conjunction with National Shooting Sports Month, when additional attention is brought to shooting sports to grow the pastime in communities across the nation.

“With Kentucky’s hunting seasons starting in mid-August, our Hunter Education Day is a special opportunity to help new hunters complete their required hunter education in time for the many fall hunting

seasons,” said Megan Bagby, hunter education supervisor for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. “No matter their age, this is a convenient and free way to learn about firearms basics, whether they plan to hunt or to simply participate in shooting sports.”

The department’s Hunter Education training class covers hunter ethics, wildlife conservation and identification, field care of game, first aid, firearm safety, archery and muzzleloading. In the in-person course, the last session includes a written test and a live-fire exercise.

After an online course is completed, the live-fire exercise will be available at a department-provided range day.

In addition to Hunter Education Day, Kentucky Fish and Wildlife offers hunter education opportunities throughout the year. Both in-person and online education options, as well as in-person range days, can be taken at loca-

tions across Kentucky. To learn more about and register for these opportunities, visit the department’s Hunter Education webpage.

All in-person courses and range days are open to participants who are at least 9 years old and are offered for free, but registration is required for each session. Registered participants are provided with necessary equipment at no charge for use during testing at the ranges. Online hunter education courses are offered by partnering organizations, and some require a fee.

For more information about Kentucky Fish and Wildlife, as well as hunting dates and regulations, visit fw.ky.gov. For questions, please contact the department’s Information Center at 800-858-1549, or at info.center@ky.gov, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (ET), excluding state holidays.

Learn more about the event by going to www.app.fw.ky.gov/edcourse.

Traffic Will Be Shifted onto New U.S. 60 Alignment Near McCracken & Ballard County Line on August 3

Staff Report

PADUCAH, Ky. (July 28, 2026) – A contractor for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) plans to open a portion of the new U.S. 60 alignment to traffic near the McCracken-Ballard County Line starting Monday, Aug. 3.

Motorists should be prepared for various traffic shifts as crews move vehicles onto the new U.S. 60.

Drivers are urged to slow down, watch for flaggers, and use caution while traveling through the work zone.

Flaggers and temporary signage will also be in place along old U.S. 60 in Kevil on Monday to direct through traffic onto the new alignment.

Motorists should follow directions from flaggers and expect brief delays. The temporary traffic control signs will be removed by the end of the day.

Construction will continue on and near the new U.S. 60 alignment over the coming months.

Old U.S. 60 will be blocked just west of E. Clarkline Road starting Monday until project completion, which is expected in November.

The project includes reconstructing approximately four miles of U.S. 60 from the existing four-lane highway in McCracken County to just west of Kevil, connecting with existing U.S. 60 at the “S” curve.

When completed, the new U.S. 60 corridor in this area will

be a continuous four-lane highway.

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Lt. Gov. Coleman presented with STEM Spark Award

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – Lt. Gov. Jacqueline Coleman has been recognized as the 2026 winner of the STEM Spark Award, presented by the National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA). The award, made in partnership with Sapphire Gas Solutions, is presented annually to a lieutenant governor or second-in-command in state government who demonstrates a commitment to support, promote and/or advance opportunities for learning or engaging in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

in education, skill training and/or the workforce. “I am honored to receive the STEM Spark Award,” Coleman said. “I know from my time in the classroom that education is the key to providing transformational change for our families. Kentucky is a world leader in the manufacturing and aerospace sectors. STEM education prepares Kentucky students for these jobs of the future. Thank you to NLGA and Sapphire Gas Solutions for your commitment to our students.” As a former educator and coach, Coleman has been a staunch



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advocate for educational opportunities and support for students, including efforts to improve student mental health access and expanded access to tools to earn a GED. The Lieutenant Governor created the state’s first “Ag Education Week” in Kentucky, a bipartisan partnership with the Commissioners of Agriculture and Education to provide hands-on learning opportunities that bring

agriculture, food, and learning into curriculum. She has also led on statewide efforts to increase student mental health resources, expand access to broadband, expand skills and workforce training, and strengthen the environment for STEM innovation and opportunity through economic growth and development. “Lt. Gov. Jacqueline Coleman understands that the future of energy depends not only on technology, but on developing the workforce that will power it,” said Scott Johns, chief commercial officer at Sapphire Gas Solutions. “At Sapphire Gas Solutions, we work every day at the intersection of energy, infrastructure and economic development. We understand that the future of American energy depends not only on technology and resources, but on investing in people and preparing the next generation. Through Lt. Gov. Coleman’s support of STEM education and renewable energy initiatives, she has demonstrated a clear understanding of the importance of that connection.” The NLGA STEM Spark Award was presented to Coleman at the annual meeting of the NLGA in Denver.

Eddyville prison employee arrested

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

EDDYVILLE, Ky. (KT) – Kentucky State Police (KSP) Post 1 in Mayfield has announced the arrest of a Kentucky State Penitentiary employee for alleged sexual offenses at the Lyon County prison. According to the KSP, upon the Kentucky Department of Corrections conducting an internal investigation, the Kentucky State Penitentiary contacted the Kentucky State Police Post 1 on July 28 advising they had become aware of

an employee having a sexual relationship with an inmate. Troopers responded to the scene and opened an investigation. The employee has been identified as Raven West, 23, of Paducah. Based upon the preliminary investigation, including interviews with West and the alleged victim, the employee has been arrested and charged with two counts of Rape 3rd Degree, a Class D felony with a one- to five-year prison term, if convicted; one count of Sodomy 3rd



Raven West, 23, of Paducah was arrested for alleged sexual offenses in the state prison at Eddyville. She was an employee at the Lyon County prison.

Degree, also a Class D felony; and one count of Official Misconduct 1st Degree, a Class A misdemeanor, punishable by up to a year in

jail. She was transported to the Crittenden County Jail, where she was being held without bond, Thursday morning. The investigation remains ongoing by TKSP Trooper Derek Scott. The Kentucky Department of Corrections issued a statement following the arrest, which states: “The Kentucky Department of Corrections does not tolerate any behaviors that undermine the security of a prison, the successful supervision of probation and parole clients, or public safety. For those employees who choose to violate the law or Department policy, the Department will respond accordingly. “Raven West was employed by the Department as a Corrections Recreation Leader at the Kentucky State Penitentiary. West submitted her resignation on July 29, which has been accepted with prejudice, and she will not be permitted to work for the Department or any other agency within the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet.”

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AG UPDATE

for Ag and Natural Resources



Tom Miller,
Ballard County Ext. Agent

Summer maintenance tips for a thriving vegetable garden

Source: Cindy Finneseth, Extension specialist for community horticulture; ID-128 – Home Vegetable Gardening in Kentucky

Summer is the season when Kentucky vegetable gardens shift into high gear. Warm days and long sunlight hours push plants to grow quickly, but they also bring the challenges of heat, dry spells, weeds, insects and disease. A little steady attention now can make the difference between a struggling garden and one that produces a steady supply of fresh vegetables well into fall.

Watering is the most important task during hot weather. Vegetables grow best when the upper 6 to 8 inches of soil are thoroughly moistened, because this encourages deeper, stronger roots. Shallow watering leads to shallow roots, resulting in poor growth and an increased risk of injury during severe weather. Instead of sprinkling lightly every day, give your garden a slow, deep soaking once or twice a week, depending on rainfall. Early morning is the best time to water so leaves can dry quickly, reducing the chance of disease.



Mulching is another powerful tool for summer success. A layer of straw, shredded leaves or other organic mulch helps keep soil moisture steady, reduces temperature swings, and prevents the hard crust that can form on bare soil. Mulch also suppresses weeds, which compete with vegetables for water and nutrients. Keeping weeds under control is essential in midsummer, when they grow just as fast as your crops. Pulling or hoeing them while they are small is far easier than waiting until they take hold.

Healthy foliage is essential to a productive garden, so take time to look closely at your plants each time you visit the garden. Leaves that yellow, curl or develop spots may be signaling stress, nutrient issues,

insect feeding or disease. Many summer diseases spread quickly when leaves stay wet for long periods, so avoid overhead watering when possible and try not to handle plants when they are wet. Good air circulation also helps leaves dry faster, so give plants enough space and remove any dense weeds growing around them.

Summer is also

Early detection allows gardeners to remove pests by hand or use targeted treatments before problems spread. Beneficial insects such as lady beetles and lacewings can also help keep pest populations in check, so avoid broad, unnecessary pesticide use that might harm them.

Finally, remember that summer care is about consistency rather than intensity. A few minutes every couple of days checking soil moisture, pulling a handful of weeds, looking under leaves and removing and disposing of damaged plant parts goes a long way. Gardens that receive steady attention are far less likely to experience major outbreaks of pests or disease, and they bounce back more quickly from heat stress or dry weather. A little care now leads to baskets of fresh produce later.

For help with summer garden care and other home horticulture questions, reach out to your Ballard County Extension office.

Seven Springs Farms’ Pivot Irrigation Division Delivers Expertise and Service to Area Farmers

CADIZ, Ky. — For farmers, a dependable irrigation system can make the difference between a successful growing season and disappointing yields. At Seven Springs Farms’ Pivot Irrigation Systems division in Cadiz, Jason Gault has built a reputation for helping customers keep their irrigation systems operating efficiently through expert troubleshooting, system design, and dependable service.

Located at 134 Thomas Road, Cadiz, KY 42211, Seven Springs Farms’ Pivot Irrigation Systems serves agricultural producers throughout the region with irrigation system sales, parts, and service. Customers can reach the business by calling 270-789-5986.

Gault has been with the company since 2012, bringing more than a decade of experience to the business. His primary responsibilities include designing and selling irrigation systems while also providing parts, service, and technical support for customers.

One of Gault’s

specialties is troubleshooting irrigation problems.

“I enjoy helping customers solve issues and getting their systems back up and running,” he said.

His path to Seven Springs Farms came through a personal connection. After a friend purchased an irrigation system from the company, Gault had an opportunity to learn more about the business.

“I became interested after seeing what they did,” he said. “It looked like something I wanted to be a part of.”

Since joining the company, Gault said the business has grown beyond what he initially expected.

“It has exceeded my expectations,” he said, noting the continued demand for quality irrigation equipment and knowledgeable customer service.

While Seven Springs Farms employs approximately 50 people across its various operations, the Pivot Irrigation division is a close-knit team consisting of just two employees—Gault and

fellow team member Lloyd. Despite its small size, the division provides comprehensive irrigation services, helping farmers maximize efficiency and productivity throughout the growing season.

Looking ahead, Gault said the company’s next major event will be the National Farm Machinery Show in Louisville, Kentucky, scheduled for the spring. The annual event is one of the nation’s premier agricultural exhibitions, bringing together farmers, manufacturers, and agricultural professionals to showcase the latest innovations in farm equipment and technology.

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Legionnaires’ disease cases probed in KY

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky, (KT) – The Franklin County Health Department (FCHD) reports they are currently investigating several confirmed cases of Legionnaires’ disease in Franklin County.

Although the number of cases remains low, FCHD’s Environmental and Epidemiology teams are working closely with the Kentucky Department for Public Health and community partners to determine whether there are any common

exposures or sources.

The risk of Legionnaires’ disease to the public is low. Legionnaires’ disease is not contagious and is not known to spread from person to person. This illness is caused by exposure to Legionella bacteria. Most people who are exposed to Legionella bacteria do not get sick. Those who develop Legionnaires’ disease usually recover after taking antibiotics as prescribed.

Legionella bacteria occur naturally in water and can be found in both natural

water sources, such as streams and ground-water, and man-made water systems. Any system or device containing nonsterile water has the potential to support Legionella growth. The bacteria thrive in large, complex water systems, particularly those with extensive plumbing networks, water heaters, storage tanks, stagnant water or inconsistent maintenance. These conditions are more commonly found in large buildings with complex plumbing systems.

People can develop Legionnaires’ disease, a serious form of pneumonia, or Pontiac Fever, a milder respiratory illness, after breathing in small water droplets (mist) containing Legionella bacteria.

Those at increased risk for Legionnaires’ disease are adults age 50 and older, current and former smokers, people with chronic lung disease, those with weakened immune systems due to conditions such as diabetes, cancer, or cancer treatment, people with certain

underlying medical conditions, including kidney or liver disease.

Symptoms of Legionnaires’ disease include fever, cough, shortness of breath, muscle aches, headaches and pneumonia, which requires hospitalization.

Anyone experiencing these symptoms should contact their healthcare provider for evaluation and possible testing.

To reduce your risk, regularly clean and disinfect household devices that produce water mist, such as showerheads, misters, humidifiers and hot

tubs; flush faucets and showerheads that have not been used for a week or longer, or after noticing a significant drop in water pressure, before using them again; set your water heater to 140°F and regularly flush it according to manufacturer’s recommendations; clean and maintain devices that use water, including CPAP equipment, tubing, neti pots and nasal rinse devices, according to manufacturer’s instructions.

Col. Sanders’ auction brings in \$300,000

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

SHELBYVILLE, Ky. (KT) – The historic auction of Colonel Harland Sanders’ personal collection generated just shy of \$300,000 in sales, with more than 100 artifacts sold across 74 lots to collectors, historians, entrepreneurs, and fans around the world.

Held July 28 at the Claudia Sanders Dinner House in Shelbyville, the auction attracted more than 500

bidders, both in person and online. The collection, preserved by the Settle family since their 1974 purchase of Blackwood Hall and the Claudia Sanders Dinner House directly from Colonel and Claudia Sanders, offered rare personal artifacts spanning Sanders’ life, business career, and legacy.

The top-selling item was Col. Sanders’ Personal Handwritten Datebook and Working Planner, which sold for \$30,000. Far more than a simple

appointment book, the planner served as Sanders’ personal working notebook in 1964, documenting observations, expenses, travel details, meals, business notes, and other aspects of his daily activities.

A handwritten page in the planner, listing eleven ingredients and their associated measurements, later attracted significant public attention, becoming the subject of widespread media coverage and legal review. Regardless

of interpretation, the page contributed to the planner’s notoriety and historical significance within the broader story of Colonel Sanders and Kentucky Fried Chicken.

Other top-selling items of Sanders included:

His Kentucky Colonel Commission Certificate (1955), \$23,000.

His Personal Mondia Stellaris Automatic Wristwatch, \$20,000.

His Personal Mirror-Matic Pressure Cooker, \$11,500.

A U.S. Patent Office Publication “Process of Producing Fried Chicken Under Pressure,” \$10,000.

His Personal Bow Tie and Suspenders, \$8,000.

His Personal Masonic Ring with Inscription, 10k Gold, \$8,000.

“The response exceeded our expectations,” said Bill Menish, lead auctioneer for the sale.

“Collectors, historians, franchise operators, and Colonel Sanders enthusiasts recognized that this

wasn’t simply a memorabilia auction—it was an opportunity to acquire artifacts that remained together through an extraordinary chain of ownership.

While the memorabilia has been sold, sealed bids are still being accepted for the purchase of the historic Claudia Sanders Restaurant, Blackwood Hall, and associated business assets. Bids will be accepted through midnight on July 31, 2026.

AG asks for courts to uphold convictions in Crystal Rogers case

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – Attorney General Russell Coleman is asking Kentucky’s appellate courts to uphold the convictions of two men sentenced for their involvement in the disappearance and death of Crystal Rogers, who was last seen alive on July 3, 2015.

Last year, Steve

Lawson, 55, was sentenced to 17 years in prison, while Joey Lawson, 35, received a 25-year sentence. Separate juries convicted the two men on charges of conspiracy to commit murder and tampering with physical evidence,

In April, Joey Lawson filed an appeal with the Kentucky Supreme Court to have his conviction overturned. Steve

Lawson appealed to the Kentucky Court of Appeals in May.

In response, Coleman filed briefs arguing in support of the substantial proof presented against both men at their trials last year in Warren County. The brief in the Steve Lawson case details the key role Lawson played in facilitating her murder: “Steve didn’t just agree to help, he

delivered.”

Joey Lawson, the brief reads was, “...a conspirator in Crystal’s death and disappearance, his guilt is Houck’s guilt.”

“The convictions of these men brought long-awaited accountability and justice to the Rogers and Ballard families, after nearly a decade of waiting,” Coleman said. “The defendants can no longer evade

justice.”

Hardin County Commonwealth’s Attorney Shane Young served as the special prosecutor in the trials. Kentucky Solicitor General Matt Kuhn, Principal Deputy Solicitor General Jack Heyburn, and Deputy Solicitor General Shawn Chapman filed the appellate briefs on behalf of the Commonwealth.

Brooks Houck, who

was dating Rogers at the time of her disappearance, was convicted of murder. In January, he filed an appeal with the Kentucky Supreme Court to have his conviction overturned. Earlier this year, the Attorney General’s office filed a brief urging the courts to uphold his life sentence.



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Karen Jackson-Furman, Cornerstone Connectivity CEO at the podium speaking. Directly in front of her are Jonathan Shell, Agriculture Commissioner of Kentucky(Left), Travis Burton(Middle), and James Comer(Right). Photo credits to *Ciro Astarita*.

COMER from Front Page

With the efforts of Comer, Shell, and Burton advocating on behalf of western Kentuckians, the project is becoming a reality. The grant was awarded to Cornerstone Connectivity through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), meaning federal taxpayer dollars are being invested in improving regional infrastructure while expanding reliable internet access in rural communities that need it most. The expanded broadband coverage will span approximately five square miles of Carlisle County, as shown in the accompanying image. The project is also supported by Cornerstone Connectivity CEO Karen Jackson-Furman and COO Kevin Wiggins, who have worked to advance the company’s efforts to expand broadband access and strengthen the regional economy. The announcement also follows WK&T Communications’ recent branding change. **West Kentucky and Tennessee Telecommunications Cooperative (WK&T)** and **Ardmore Telephone**



James Comer speaking on how the funds distributed to Cornerstone Connection will facilitate this project for Carlisle County receive high speed internet. Photo Credits to *Ciro Astarita*.

Company (ATC)*have unified their branding under the name **Cornerstone Connectivity** and will operate under that name going forward. For more announcements and updates on Comer’s visit to Fancy Farm, stay tuned for the next issue of **The Mayfield-Graves Guardian**.

Hatchell Shares Vision for Mayfield Football with Rotary Club

By: Laurna Todd
KPI Writer

New Mayfield High School head football coach Stephen Hatchell shared his vision for the program during the Mayfield Rotary Club’s meeting Monday, July 27.

Hatchell told club members that he has been part of Mayfield football for 20 years. When the head coaching position became available two years ago, Hatchell said he was not ready to pursue it. This year, however, he knew the time was right. Hatchell said he is not intimidated by the position or its expectations, and he will not allow the job to define him. Mayfield is about much more than football, Hatchell said. He described the

school as a special place filled with history and said he is grateful for the opportunity to walk its hallways and be reminded of that tradition. The Cardinals will return 13 seniors this season. Hatchell pledged that his players will not be outworked when they take the field. While he understands that winning a state championship remains an expectation for Mayfield football, Hatchell said his larger goal is to help players become the best versions of themselves. He wants to develop successful student-athletes who leave the program as better young men. Hatchell also shared what he described as a “wow moment” in his coaching career: Three members of his current assistant coaching staff are former Mayfield players whom he once coached. During other club business, Stacy Overby led members in singing “America,” while Sergeant-at-Arms Dale Usher levied fines and accepted happy dollars. Members also enjoyed a lighthearted moment after someone anonymously reserved Usher’s usual table for four other Rotarians—without saving him a seat. Usher maintained that the club bylaws guaranteed him a permanent seat at the table, but he was unable to produce the bylaws because they were in his truck. Club President Lindsay Holmes-Shankle announced a board meeting for Aug. 30 at 11 a.m. Andy Elliott provided information about the club’s sports

package raffle, its main fundraiser of the year. Members will be invoiced for \$100 worth of raffle tickets, which are expected to be available by mid-August. Fred Biggs announced that the Sept. 30 meeting will be held at Talon Falls as part of the club’s “Rotary on the Road” program. Members were encouraged to attend and learn more about what Talon Falls offers. John Carrico invited members to the 146th St. Jerome Fancy Farm Picnic. Races and a fish fry will be held Friday evening, followed by the picnic Saturday, Aug. 1. Chris Kemp announced that \$250 T-shirt sponsorships are available for the Rotary Tombstone Ride scheduled for Oct. 17.



Pictured from left are Mayfield Independent Schools Superintendent and Rotarian Billy Edwards, Mayfield Rotary Club President Lindsay Holmes-Shankle, Mayfield High School head football coach Stephen Hatchell and Rotarian Mike Crider.

Tractor Drive Carries Forward Legacy of Giving

By: Laurna Todd
KPI Writer

The eighth annual Tractor Drive, sponsored by Independence Bank in Mayfield, rolled through Graves County on Saturday, July 25, bringing together a love of agriculture and a commitment to helping others. The drive began and ended at H&R Agri-Power on East Broadway. Tractors traveled along several county and state roads, giving families and residents an opportunity to watch the procession pass through the countryside. Participants came from outside the immediate area, including Henderson, Kentucky, and Millington, Tennessee. Many arrived with antique tractors representing different eras of farm life and offering

spectators a look at how agricultural machinery has developed through the years. The event raises money for the Graves County Sheriff’s Office’s Christmas Shop with a Deputy program. Through the program, local deputies help provide Christmas gifts and a memorable holiday experience for children in need. Independence Bank has participated in the tractor drive since 2018. The annual drive honors Danny Flood, a longtime local farm equipment dealer whose generosity and service left a lasting impact on the community. Flood was part of Ford-Richardson, a family farm equipment

business whose history dates back to 1939. The event continues his tradition of giving back while keeping his memory alive. A live auction held in connection with the drive benefited the Flood Family Scholarship. Organizers have estimated that the event has raised between \$40,000 and \$50,000 for community causes over the years. Contributions to the scholarship fund may be made by check to the Independence Bank Foundation. Donors should write “Flood Family Scholarship” on the memo line and mail the check to 100 East College Street in Mayfield.



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Paducah lands \$100B AI data center project

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

PADUCAH, Ky. (KT) – The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announced on Wednesday a landmark partnership to redevelop portions of DOE’s Paducah Site into an artificial intelligence (AI) data center campus accompanied by new affordable energy infrastructure.

The more than \$100 billion privately funded investment, one of the largest in Kentucky’s history, includes Brookfield, NextEra Energy, Big Rivers Electric Power Corporation, Jackson Purchase Energy Cooperative, and Paducah Power System;

and is expected to create approximately 8,000 construction jobs and 600 permanent jobs.

Consistent with President Trump’s Ratepayer Protection Pledge, officials say the project’s generation and storage capacity would exceed the energy needs of the data center campus, allowing excess electricity to be delivered to the regional grid, helping reduce energy costs for American families and businesses.

At or near the Paducah campus, NextEra Energy plans to develop 2 gigawatts (GW) of new grid-connected natural gas-fired genera-



tion, upgrade existing transmission infrastructure, and deploy up to 2.6 GW of battery energy storage to support a new 1.8 GW artificial intelligence and high-performance computing (HPC) innovation campus.

“Thanks to President Trump, the U.S. government is leveraging its assets like our federal lands to

add power generation, create jobs, and ensure the United States wins the AI race,” said U.S. Secretary of Energy Chris Wright. “The President’s Ratepayer Protection Pledge ensures America can build the energy infrastructure needed to power the AI revolution while lowering electricity costs for American

families and businesses. By transforming former DOE sites into engines of innovation and economic growth, we can revitalize communities with increased tax revenue and thousands of jobs, while also strengthening America’s energy security.”

The project advances DOE’s American Energy Hubs initiative, which is transforming former DOE sites into engines of affordable energy production, advanced manufacturing, technological innovation, and economic growth. Building on the partnership model announced at the Portsmouth Site, the Paducah partnership demonstrates how

federal, state, local, and private-sector collaboration can accelerate investment while delivering lasting benefits to surrounding communities.

With existing transmission capacity, water infrastructure, fiber connectivity, and available land, the Paducah Site is uniquely positioned to support large-scale AI infrastructure and attract major private investment while continuing environmental clean-up and advancing the site’s long-term redevelopment.

Construction is expected to be completed in 2031.



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Technical graduates not staying in Kentucky, report shows

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – Kentucky is successfully producing graduates for its workforce, but many highly skilled technical graduates are leaving for better-paying jobs elsewhere, according to a new report from the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE).

It recommends that Kentucky focus graduate-retention efforts on high-demand fields such as computer science, information systems and engineering by expanding competitive jobs, connecting students with employers before

graduation and adapting service-linked scholarship programs to encourage graduates to work in the state.

Computer science graduates who leave Kentucky earn median wages of \$74,222 one year after completing their degrees, compared with \$52,187 for those employed in the state, a difference of more than \$22,000. Information systems graduates working outside Kentucky earn approximately \$11,000 more.

“Kentucky has made significant progress in producing the educated and skilled workforce our economy needs,” said



CPE President Aaron Thompson. “Now we must ensure more graduates can find competitive, rewarding careers here. Retaining talent requires strong partnerships among colleges, employers, policymakers and communities to create clear pathways from the classroom to Kentucky workplaces.”

The report found that Kentucky retains

approximately 92% to 93% of certificate, diploma and associate-degree graduates one year after completion. Retention falls to about 82% for bachelor's- and master's-degree graduates and 75% for doctoral graduates.

“Kentucky retains graduates particularly well in education, health care, manufacturing-related programs and the

skilled trades,” said Chris Ledford, CPE’s Director of Data and Advanced Analytics, and the lead research on the policy brief. “Computing and analytics remain the most significant concern among Kentucky’s priority workforce sectors.”

The analysis also recommends considering the total number of graduates leaving, not only each program’s retention rate. Business and commerce programs account for approximately 2,070 graduates working outside Kentucky one year after completion, followed by business administration with about

1,630. Even programs with strong retention rates can lose substantial numbers because they produce large graduating classes.

Additional recommendations include expanding internships, co-ops and apprenticeships; tying financial support to several years of Kentucky employment; protecting program capacity in fields with strong retention; and regularly reporting graduate outcomes by academic program.

The report can be accessed on the Council’s website: <https://cpe.ky.gov/data/reports/2026kygraduatemigrationreport.pdf>.

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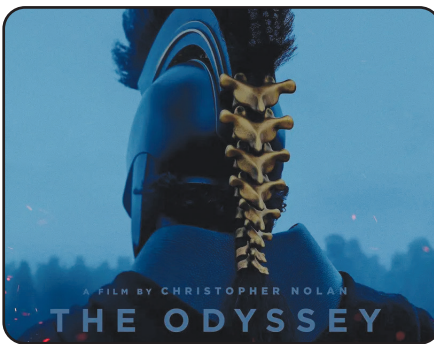
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Kentucky Congress members request quick disaster declaration

By **TOM LATEK**
Kentucky Today

WASHINGTON (KT) – Sixth District Congressman Andy Barr, R-Lexington, led the Kentucky Congressional Delegation in urging President Trump to swiftly approve Kentucky’s request for a Major Disaster Declaration.

The request follows the devastating storms, flooding, tornadoes, and severe weather that struck communities across the state between June 17-30.

The delegation’s letter expresses strong support for the commonwealth’s request and asks for immediate federal assistance to help Kentucky families and communities recover.

The prolonged weather event caused widespread damage across Kentucky, claiming the lives of six Kentuckians,



Flooding was extreme in Madison County

including three residents of Madison County, while destroying homes, damaging businesses, washing out roads and bridges, and leaving thousands without power.

Nineteen counties and 13 cities declared states of emergency as multiple rounds

of severe weather compounded the damage over nearly two weeks. Gov. Andy Beshear formally requested a Major Disaster Declaration on July 23.

“Kentucky families have endured an extraordinary stretch of severe weather, and

many communities are facing a long road to recovery,” Barr said. “The damage across Central Kentucky, especially in Madison County where lives were tragically lost and neighborhoods were devastated, underscores the urgent need for federal assistance. I’m

(Photo by Marc Whitt)

joining together with the Kentucky Congressional Delegation to urge a swift approval of Kentucky’s disaster declaration request so that our communities have the resources they need to rebuild.”

The letter states in part, “A total of 42

homes were destroyed or rendered uninhabitable, and over 100 businesses have been affected. Many roads, bridges, and electric infrastructure are severely damaged, causing a considerable economic impact across the state. Volunteers along with state and local emergency response organizations have been working tirelessly to clear debris and muck out flooded homes. However, with the recent string of disasters that Kentucky has faced, many disaster response teams in the state are fatigued and overwhelmed. Given the substantial damage and the challenges faced by state and local resources, we believe Federal assistance is necessary.”

The governor’s request seeks federal Public Assistance, Individual Assistance, and Hazard Mitigation funding for affected Kentucky communities.

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BALLARD

Alton “Sonny” Youngblood, 91, passed away on July 26, 2026, at Fulton Nursing and Rehabilitation in Fulton, KY. Visitation took place on Thursday, July 30, 2026, from 5-8 p.m. at Morrow Funeral Chapel in LaCenter, KY. Funeral services will follow on Friday, July 31, 2026, at 11:00 a.m., with Pastor Letoun Bledsoe officiating. Interment will follow at Palestine Cemetery in West Paducah.

CALDWELL

Helen Irene Kissinger, passed away on July 26, 2026, at the home of her daughter. Funeral services will be held on Friday, July 31, 2026, at 11:00 AM at Morgan's Funeral Home, with Rev. Kyle Noffsinger officiating. Burial will follow at Sugar Creek Cemetery.

Claude Earl Boyd, age 83, of Princeton, passed away July 25, 2026 at Mercy Health Lourdes. Visitation will be held from 12:00 pm until 2:00 pm Saturday, August 1, 2026 at Northside Baptist Church. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 pm Saturday, August 1, 2026 at Northside Baptist Church. Burial will follow in Cedar Hill Cemetery. Morgan's Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Dale Stephen “Steve” West, age 72, of Princeton, passed away July 24, 2026 at his home. Visitation will be held from 12:00 pm until 2:30 pm Sunday, August 2, 2026 at Morgan’s Funeral Home. A celebration of life service will be held at 2:30 pm Sunday, August 2, 2026 at Morgan’s Funeral Home. Burial will follow with military honors at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Caldwell County.

Wayne McIntosh, 63, of Dawson Springs, passed away on Friday, July 24, 2026, at his home. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 1, 2026, at Morgan's Funeral Home with Bro. Dean Ray officiating. Burial will follow in Crossroads Cemetery in Caldwell County. Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Friday, July 31, 2026, at Morgan's Funeral Home.

RheaVyn Nichol Lunsford, infant child, passed away, July 23, 2026. Visitation will be held from 12:00 pm until 2:00 pm at Northside Baptist Church, Saturday, August 1, 2026. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 pm, Saturday, August 1, 2026 at Northside Baptist Church. Burial will follow in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Lori Michelle Bannister, born March 30, 1968, in Caldwell, passed away peacefully at her residence on July 28, 2026. The family invited friends and loved ones to honor Lori's life during visitation on Thursday, July 30, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Goodman Funeral Home, 1032 West Main St., Princeton, KY 42445. A funeral service celebrating Lori's life followed at 2:00 p.m. at the funeral home, with Bro. Jason Forby officiating. Interment followed at Rowland Cemetery, 1052 Rowland Cemetery Rd., Fredonia, KY 42445.

Dorothy J. Creekmur, age 70 of Princeton, passed away on July 25, 2026, at Caldwell County Hospital. Friends and family are invited to honor Dorothy's life at the following services. The funeral service will be held at Goodman Funeral Home, 1032 West Main St, Princeton, KY 42445, on July 31, 2026, at 1:00 p.m., with Bro. Bobby Noel officiating. A visitation will take place at Goodman Funeral Home on July 31, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The graveside service will follow at Hebron Church Cemetery, 4956 St Rt. 1943 W, Eddyville, KY 42038, also officiated by Bro. Bobby Noel.

CALLOWAY

Jaymie Loretta Falkenhan, 60, of Murray, passed away on Monday, July 27, 2026. Per her wishes, no services will be held. Imes Funeral Home is entrusted with caring for her family.

Nell Wiggins, 98, of Murray, KY, went home to be with the Lord on July 27, 2026. The funeral service honoring Mrs. Nell Wiggins is set for 2 PM on Sunday, August 2, 2026 at the Heritage Chapel of Imes Funeral Home, 1804 Highway 121 Bypass North, Murray. Ricky Miller and Glen Cope will officiate and burial will follow at Murray Memorial Gardens. Her family welcomes visitors from 4 PM until 7 PM on Saturday, August 1, 2026 and on Sunday, August 2, 2026 from 12 PM until 2 PM, both at the Heritage Chapel.

Jacqueline Ann Wall, 68, of Murray, passed away on Tuesday, July 22, 2026 at the Anna Mae Owen Residential Hospice House. Per her wishes, no services will be held. Imes Funeral Home is entrusted with caring for her family.

Tonia Sue Williams, 61, of Murray, passed away on Tuesday, July 21, 2026 at her home. Her family welcomes visitors from 10 AM until 12 PM on Saturday, July 25, 2026 at the Heritage Chapel of Imes Funeral Home, 1804 Highway 121 Bypass North, Murray.

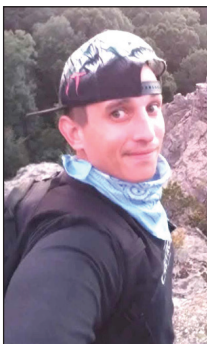
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Joshua Spencer Finnearty

Joshua Spencer Finnearty went to be with the Lord on July 13th 2026. He was living in Oceanside California. He was 32 yrs old born on January 1st 1994 to Deborah Elliott and Gary Finnearty in Murray Kentucky.

He is survived by his Mother Deborah (Will) Elliott from Fancy Farm and his Father Gary (Lisa) Finnearty from La-Center, KY. One Daughter Alexis Finnearty from Fancy Farm, one son Bryson Spencer Finnearty from Murray. Maternal Grandparents Patricia and David McCulloch, one sister Amber Sullivan (Chad) from Mayfield. Two brothers



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He is preceded in death by Papa Juan Rivera, Paternal grandparents Janie and Bob Dotlich and Glen Finnearty

Joyce Eileen Sliger, age 74, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away on Sunday, July 26, 2026, at the Anna Mae Owen Residential Hospice House in Murray, Kentucky. A funeral service was held at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, July 30, 2026, at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services with Rev. Richard Burkeen officiating. Burial followed in the Ferguson Springs Cemetery in Aurora, Kentucky.

Kerry D. Schroader, age 68, of Benton, Kentucky, passed away on Sunday, July 26, 2026, at his home. A graveside service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Friday, July 31, 2026, at the Murray Memorial Gardens with Steven Hunter officiating.

There will be no public visitation held prior to the graveside service.

Shirley Joyce Kelso, age 76, of Calvert City, Kentucky, formerly of Murray, Kentucky, passed away on Tuesday, July 28, 2026, at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center at Mercy Health. A graveside service will be held at 1:00 p.m., Friday, July 31, 2026, at the Beech Grove Cemetery with Rev. Tim Palmer officiating. There will be no public visitation held prior to the graveside service.

Edward Wingender, age 62, of Murray, Kentucky passed away on Tuesday, July 28, 2026, at the Spring Creek Healthcare in Murray, Kentucky. Arrangements are currently incomplete at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

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.

CHRISTIAN

Pok Sun Min Brown, age 79, of Hopkinsville, KY, passed away surrounded by her family on Monday, July 27, 2026, at Western State Nursing Facility of natural causes. Funeral Services will be at 12:00 PM on Friday July 31, 2026, at Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home with Pastor Bandon Boone officiating and burial to follow in Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West. Visitation will be at the funeral home that morning from 10:00 AM until the service hour at 12:00 Noon. Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home has been entrusted by the family to handle the arrangements.

Thomas Henry Yates, age 88, of Hopkinsville, KY, passed away Wednesday, July 22, 2026, at his residence of natural causes. Private Family Graveside Services will be at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West at a later date. Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home has been entrusted by the family to handle the arrangements.

Glynn Bagby Ward, 93, of Hopkinsville, KY died 3:14 a.m. Thursday, July 23, 2026, at Jennie Stuart Medical Center. Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, July 25, 2026, at Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home with Jeffrey Burnett officiating. Burial followed in Ancestral Haven Memorial Gardens.

Jerry E. Bell, 75, of Hopkinsville, KY died at 12:43 a.m. Thursday, July 23, 2026 at his residence. Funeral service was held at 12:00 p.m. Thursday, July 30, 2026 at Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home with Bro. Jim Gifford officiating. Burial followed in Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West.

Hattie Mearl Wallace, 80, of Hopkinsville, KY died at 6:48 a.m. Wednesday, July 22, 2026 at her residence. Funeral service was held on Wednesday, July 29, 2026 - 12:00 PM - Dogwood Funerals & Cremations of Hopkinsville, 709 Country Club Lane, Hopkinsville, KY 42240.

CRITTENDEN

Jerry Lee Marshall, Sr. , 74, of Marion.
 Kenneth passed away July 28, 2026 at Baptist
 Health Paducah. He was a member of Marion
 Second Baptist Church. Services are scheduled for
 1 PM Friday July 31, 2026 at Gilbert Funeral Home
 in Marion, KY with interment in Whites Chapel
 Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from
 5-8 PM Thursday and from 9 AM until service time
 Friday at the funeral home.

FUNERAL NOTICES continued

Steve Jones, 75, of Marion, KY passed away July 26, 2026 at Livingston County Hospital. ervices are scheduled for 1 PM Saturday August 1, 2026 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion, KY with interment in Maplevew Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from 11 AM until service time at the funeral home.

Deborah Kay Melton, age 65, of Marion, KY passed away at her home on Friday, July 24, 2026. She was the owner of Pilot Car Service and was of the Church of Christ faith. Visitation was held on Wednesday, July 29, 2026, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion, KY. Funeral services followed at 1:00 pm at the funeral home on Wednesday, July 29, 2026. Burial followed in Crowell Cemetery in Crittenden County.

GRAVES

Charles “Charlie” Bobbett, age 62, of Mayfield passed away on Monday, July 27, 2026 at his residence. Funeral services for Mr. Charles “Charlie” Bobbett will be 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 1, 2026 at Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY. Deacon Michael Clapp will officiate.

Della “Anita” Cavender, 101, passed away peacefully on July 14, 2026, at Munson Hospice House in Traverse City, Michigan. A visitation was held on Saturday, July 25, at the Seventh-day Adventist Church from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., followed by a Celebration of Life service at 2:30 p.m. A chocolate dessert reception—honoring Anita’s love of chocolate—followed.

Sammy Lynn Seavers, age 74, of Union City, TN, formerly of Mayfield, KY, passed away on Sunday, July 26, 2026 at the home of his daughter. Graveside services for Mr. Sammy Lynn Seavers were held at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 29, 2026 at Maplewood Cemetery. Interment will follow.

Linda M. Mohler, age 77 and a resident of Mayfield, passed away on Monday, July 27, 2026 at her son’s residence. She was of the Baptist Faith and a retired seamstress. Graveside memorial services were held on Thursday, July 30, 2026 at 10:00 A.M. at the Mayfield Memory Gardens with Rev. Frankie McKinney officiating.

Jerry “Curly” Hayden, age 79, of Fancy Farm, KY passed away Monday, July 27, 2026 near the St. Denis area while doing one of his favorite things fishing. A Funeral Mass for Jerry was held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, July 30, 2026 at the St. Denis Catholic Church with Father Sinoj Pynadath, HGN officiating. Burial followed in the St. Denis Cemetery.

Eddie Dell Smith, age 82 of Mayfield, Ky passed away on Sunday, July 26, 2026 at 5:36 PM at Clinton Place Nursing Facility. Funeral Services were held on Thursday, July 30, 2026 at 2:00 PM at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield, Ky with Rev. Glen Stewart officiating. Burial followed in the Calvary Cemetery.

Brenda Sadler Wilkerson, 80, of Germantown, Tennessee, passed away peacefully on the morning of Sunday, July 26, 2026, at Methodist Olive Branch Hospital. Funeral services for Mrs. Brenda Sadler Wilkerson were held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 29, 2026, at Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield with Bro. Shannon Seaton officiating. Burial followed at Oak Grove Baptist Church Cemetery in Puryear, Tennessee.

James Daniel “Danny” Carrico age 82 of Mayfield passed away at 5:32 AM Saturday July 25, 2026 at his residence. Memorial Mass was held at 11:00 AM Wednesday July 29, 2026 at the St. Jerome Catholic Church in Fancy Farm with Father Darrell Venters officiating, burial followed in the St. Jerome Cemetery, Military Rites conducted by American Legion Post #26 in Mayfield.

Joe Burkhart Wall, age 66, of Mayfield, KY passed away at 7:50 AM Wednesday, July 22, 2026 at the Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah, KY. Visitation will be held on Sunday, August 2nd, 2026 at 2:00 PM at the Brown Funeral

Home in Mayfield. A Funeral Service will follow at 4:00 PM at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield with Bro. AL Chandler and Bro. Markus McClure officiating. Prior to the funeral service a tribute by the Western Kentucky Nurses Honor Guard will be held at Brown Funeral Home. Burial will follow in the Cayce Global Methodist Church Cemetery.

HICKMAN

Robert Woods, 80, of Hickman, Kentucky, passed away on Friday, July 24, 2026, at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Union City, Tennessee. In accordance with his wishes, no services will be held at the funeral home.

LIVINGSTON

David Allen Hopkins, 80, of Ledbetter passed away on Monday, July 27, 2026, at Baptist Health Paducah. Graveside services were held at 3:00pm on Thursday, July 30, 2026 at Oak Grove Cemetery in Ledbetter with the Rev. Rodney Cude officiating. Burial will follow.

Louie Gene Barrett, 83, of Smithland, passed away Monday, July 27, 2026 at Baptist Health Paducah. Funeral services will be Friday, July 31, 2026 at 1PM, in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial will follow at Smithland Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family from 12 noon until the funeral hour, in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services.

Betty Sue Welsh, 87, of Salem, KY, passed away Wednesday, July 22, 2026 at Lake Barkley Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Kuttawa. Funeral services were held on Saturday, July 25, 2026, at 1 PM, in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial will follow in Tyner’s Chapel Cemetery.

MARSHALL

Carnetta “Tookie” Combs, 88, of Gilbertsville, Kentucky, passed away on Monday, July 27, 2026, at Marshall County Hospital in Benton, Kentucky. A funeral service will be held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, August 1, 2026, at the Life Celebration Center of Filbeck-Cann. Burial will follow at Marshall County Memory Gardens. A luncheon will follow the burial at the Life Celebration Center of Filbeck-Cann Banquet Hall.

Rodney Collins, 87, of Draffenville, passed away on Friday, July 24, 2026, at Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center of Mercy Health in Paducah. There are no services scheduled at this time. Filbeck-Cann Funeral Home of Milner & Orr is in charge of arrangements.

Steve D. Hawkins, 73, of Calvert City, passed away on Friday, July 24, 2026, at Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center at Mercy Health in Paducah. Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 29, 2026, at the Life Celebration Center of Filbeck-Cann Funeral Home, 1003 Poplar Street, Benton, Kentucky, with Bro. Kenneth Puckett officiating. Burial followed in Bethlehem Cemetery in Marshall County, with Bro. Todd Hawkins officiating.

Marilyn (Marly) Brasel, age 81 of Gilbertsville, KY passed away on Sunday, June 7, 2026 surrounded by loved ones at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah, KY. A celebration of life event will be held on 8/8/26 at 3pm at the following address please join us in remembering the life of Marilyn “Marly” Brasel. The Beer Garden, 3540 US-641 Nth, Benton, KY 42025 - (270) 252-9137.

Florence Emily Richardson, 90, of Hardin, Kentucky passed away on Tuesday, July 28, 2026, at Lake Way Nursing & Rehabilitation in Benton, Kentucky. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

John W. Sheridan, 82 of Calvert City, Kentucky passed away on Sunday, July 26, 2026, at his home. A funeral service was held on Wednesday, July 29, 2026 at 1:00 PM at the Collier Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Roger Rice and Bro. Charles Frazier

officiating. Burial followed with a brief graveside service with Military Rites on Thursday, July 30, 2026 at 11:00 AM at Oak Grove Cemetery in Clay, KY.

Sylvia Doom, 73 of Calvert City, Kentucky passed away on Sunday, July 26, 2026, at Mercy Health - Lourdes Hospital in Paducah, Kentucky. A funeral service was held on Thursday, July 30, 2026 at 1:00 PM at the Collier Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Kenny Downs officiating. Burial followed in Wallace Cemetery.

Christy Lee Riley, 55 of Benton, passed away July 26,2026 at the home of her mother. Services for Christy Riley will be Saturday August 1,2026 at 12:30pm at Oak Level Methodist Church in Oak Level Kentucky. The family will receive visitors from 11:00am until the service time.

Terry Dale Lindsey, 57 of Benton, Kentucky passed away on Saturday, July 25, 2026, at Oakview Nursing & Rehab Center in Calvert City, Kentucky. A graveside service was held on Wednesday, July 29, 2026 at 11:00 AM at Vanzora Cemetery, with Bro. Jeremy Short officiating. Burial at Vanzora Cemetery.

Kimberly “Kim” A. Lansford, 60 of Benton, Kentucky passed away on Thursday, July 23, 2026, at Murray-Calloway Co. Hospital in Murray, Kentucky. A funeral service will be held on Sunday, August 2, 2026 at 3 PM at the Collier Funeral Home Chapel. Burial to follow at the Benton Cemetery. Visitation will be Saturday, August 1, 2026 from 3 PM until 6 PM at Collier Funeral Home, located at 211 West 5th Street Benton, KY 42025. 270-527-3141.

Sue Watkins, 94, of Benton, Kentucky passed away on Wednesday, July 22, 2026 at Marshall County Hospital. A funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 26, 2026. Rev. Glenn Cope will be officiating. Burial followed at Hamlet Cemetery.

McCRACKEN

Debra Lynn Martin, 71, lovingly known as Debbie, passed away on Monday, July 27, 2026, in Paducah, Kentucky, in her husband’s and daughters’ arms. A Funeral service will be held at 1:00 PM on Friday, July 31, 2026, at Milner and Orr Funeral Home of Paducah with Bro. Dennis Lawrence officiating. Burial will follow at Bethlehem Baptist Church Cemetery in Benton, Kentucky.

Charles E. Marshall, 85, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away on Saturday, July 25, 2026. There will be no services. Milner & Orr Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Paducah is in charge of arrangements.

TRIGG

David H. Pelletier Sr., age 63, of Cadiz, KY, passed away on Monday, July 27, 2026, at his home of natural causes. Celebration of Life Services will be at 6:00 PM at Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home on Monday, August 3, 2026, with Pastor Dan Swartz officiating. Burial will be on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, at 11:00 AM in Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West with full military honors. Visitation will be at the funeral home on Monday, August 3, 2026, from 4:00 PM until the service hour at 6:00 PM. Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home has been entrusted by the family to handle the arrangements.

Lincoln Napoleon Jones, age 84, of Louisville, Kentucky, passed away on Thursday, July 23, 2026. Funeral service was held at Gamble Funeral Home, 1311 S. Liberty St., Hopkinsville from 12:00 - 1:00 pm (Central time) on July 29th. Burial followed at Green Hill Memorial Gardens (Ancestral Haven) in Hopkinsville.

Katherine Sabatino, 46, of Cadiz, KY died Thursday, July 23, 2026, at her residence. A celebration of life will be held from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Thursday, July 30, 2026, at Goodwin Funeral Home. Dogwood Funerals & Cremations of Hopkinsville is assisting in the arrangements.

VICTORIOUS

Living...in a troubled world

The Good Shepherd offers a place where you belong

By Teresa LeNeave
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In a world marked by uncertainty, the message of the Gospel of Christ continues to offer what we all look for: hope, purpose, and lasting assurance. Scripture teaches when God’s Word is faithfully proclaimed, it will never return without accomplishing its purpose. (Isaiah 55:11). The promise is clear: lives are changed, hearts are strengthened, and faith will bear fruit.

In Psalm 23, David boldly proclaimed, “The Lord is MY Shepherd, I shall not want”. Then he goes on to explain the things he wanted. Peace (green pastures) Leadership (still waters). Hope (restoration of soul). The image of the Good Shepherd



provides a powerful picture of God’s care for His people. Unlike human resources that can run dry, the Shepherd’s storehouse is never empty. There is abundant spiritual nourishment for everyone who comes seeking truth. His pasture offers not only wholesome food but also shelter from life’s storms, refresh-

ing water for weary souls, and shade during seasons of hardship.

Those burdened by sickness, weakness, or discouragement are not turned away. Psalm 23 says the Good Shepherd provides healing, restores strength, and gently cares for those who are hurting. Like a shepherd

tending every need of the flock, He removes what hinders growth, restores health, and renews lives until joy and vitality return.

Under His faithful care, the flock flourishes. An atmosphere of peace and security replaces fear and doubt, allowing believers to grow in confidence and faith. Jesus told a para-

ble about one little lost lamb where the Shepherd left the herd to find the lost lamb and bring it home to safety. (Luke 15:3-7). In the parable every sheep is known personally, and none are forgotten. When one wanders from the safety of the flock, the Shepherd immediately notices and lovingly goes in search of

the lost until they are found.

The Good News is that the invitation remains open to all of us. Those who choose to follow the Good Shepherd discover more than protection—they find a place where they belong. His care creates willing hearts rather than reluctant followers. Drawn by His love and sustained by His provision, His flock receives the nourishment that only God can provide, finding lasting security in His faithful care. David concludes Psalm 23 with “Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life (God’s commitment to David): and I WILL (David’s commitment to God) dwell in the house of the Lord forever.”

Nothing can keep us from the love of God

By William F Holland Jr.
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Memories can be wonderful places to visit when they are pleasant and filled with peace and joy. On the other hand, not all of our experiences have been pleasant. Negative thoughts can be more like a haunted house on a dark and stormy night. We all have our own unique collections of thoughts and emotions, which leave us with the task of figuring out a way to deal with them. As most of us know, there are positive ways and negative ways to handle our past experiences, and we can look around and see that some have learned to control their feelings while others allow their thoughts to control them. Who can help? Jesus desires that we give Him our hearts and minds, allowing Him to guide

and heal us.

Some will say, “You have not walked in my shoes,” and this is true, but with every person being a unique individual, God’s love is universal and can bring contentment, peace, and happiness, whatever the situation might be. His promises are true and cannot fail, no matter what we have been through. He can transform our disappointments and stumbling blocks into victorious stepping stones if we listen and obey his voice. In Psalm 57, we read a story about David, who is in great danger and is hiding in a cave to escape the wrath of Saul. However, even in this dark hour of fear and anxiety, we notice in verse one that he is singing God’s praises: “Have mercy on me, my God, have mercy on me, for in you I take refuge. I will take refuge in the shadow of your wings

until this difficulty and burden have passed.” We may face different types of trials and sorrows that are filled with doubt and discouragement, but it comes down to us trusting him, adjusting our attitude, and then intentionally taking shelter in the safety and security of his love.

Maybe you were the one who was always selected last for games in gym class, or teased in the neighborhood, or someone spread a hurtful rumor about you that brought shame and anger. Many individuals have a distant relationship with their parents or their children, which is very painful. Others have been betrayed by the one they loved and trusted and are deeply wounded to the core of their soul. Have you ever felt forgotten, rejected, alone, and unwanted?

Emotional suffering can make us feel worthless and hopeless. Maybe you were the one who made mistakes and hurt others, and you feel condemned: the list goes on. Whatever is attacking your conscience and trying to steal your joy, God wants you to know today that he’s here for you, he can transform, restore, protect, forgive, and lead you into the beautiful life he intended you to live.

God cares about you more than you can imagine. Even before you were in the womb, the Lord knew you and has never taken his eyes away from you. He knows every thought, sees every tear, and wants a personal relationship with you more than anything. The accuser of the brethren will try to remind us how the damage and consequences cannot be

changed, but we can boldly remind the devil that our resentment and negative attitudes have been washed away. Micah 7:19, Isaiah 43:25, and Psalm 103:12 establish that through repentance our sins are gone forever. He now sees us as a new forgiven creation in Christ that can walk confidently in the power and divine truth of his grace and righteousness.

Take the time to make a list of everyone who has hurt and offended you in any way. If you are not able to speak to these individuals in person, lay your hand on their name and ask the Lord to help you sincerely forgive them. Harboring bitterness toward anyone is the iniquity of omission. Since giving is associated with receiving, we can be assured that forgiving others allows us to be pardoned. Read the entire

chapter of Romans 8, but listen carefully to these verses 35, 37-38. “Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

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I just returned from one of my Circle Events. You can check them out on my website. But this most recent event was trout fishing in Arkansas. Twelve guys, all trying to catch our limit. We caught a lot of fish and commemorated our accomplishments with a fish-fry on Saturday night. These fish were not only caught by different people, but they were caught using different bait. These guys caught trout using crankbaits, top water, Rooster Tails, corn, shrimp, and worms. And the reason we all used different bait was because each one of us had both conviction and confidence

in one particular lure. But while we may have believed our bait was the best, we never shunned, criticized, or disassociated ourselves with those who may have done it differently. In fact, we all celebrated together during that Saturday night fish-fry.

I think followers of Christ can learn from this as we think about those who may not always believe like we do. Did you know (I know you do) that there are numerous denominations just in our country. And not only are there numerous denominations, but there are also different factions in each of those. For instance, there are 30 different

Methodist churches, 20 Presbyterian, 30 Baptist, and 100 Pentecostal churches. Not to mention Lutheran, Christian Disciples of Christ, Charismatic, Catholic, Episcopal, Independent, Mennonite, and the Amish. And I'm sure I've missed a few. The reason is, each one thinks their bait is better than the other. But that is not the problem. The problem, many times, is how we treat those who are using different bait. The problem is how we treat our own family who may disagree with us on secondary matters. And most things are secondary. Let me give you some examples

of what we Christians disagree on... Christmas, Halloween, Make-up, Cards, Lottery, Raffle Tickets, Alcohol, Work on Sunday, Clothes, Tattoos, Movie Theatre, Marijuana, Dancing, Music, Version of the Bible, Tobacco, Material Wealth, Day of worship. And yet in all of this, Jesus' last prayer to the Father was, "I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message... So they may be one as we are one... May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as

you love me."

Here is what He didn't pray. "God give them exactly what they need to know and do so that each one will walk in lockstep with each other all the time." No, His prayer was that the world would see unity in our diversity so that the world would know that God loves them. And how are we doing? Not. So. Good. But we can change if we will learn that each one of us has different convictions that are based on a host of things from our environment, experiences, parents, DNA, the faith culture we were raised in, and other factors. These have formed what we carry

in our tackle box. And while our convictions may be real, let's not let them keep us from having a fish-fry with others who are doing it another way.

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READY AND WILLING

Bro. Brandon G. Bramlett
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I resent rummaging through a cluttered kitchen drawer to find a spatula or spoon. That's why we keep our most frequently used cooking utensils in a bamboo bin next to the stove, where they are easy to reach when needed. I am less inclined to use a knife that is hiding deep within the drawer. If the whisk isn't clean, I won't use it either. I will always use the kitchen tools that are ready for the job and easily accessible.

The Scripture is clear that God delights in using His people when they are readily available for His consecrated use (cf. Exodus 35:5; 1 Chron. 29:9). God wills to use

those marked by willingness to do His will. He reaches for those who are "out in the open" and ready to be used by Him, not those who are "hiding out" from their spiritual obligations. Moreover, those sitting around in the sink of sin will not be used for sacred service until they are washed (cf. 2 Timothy 2:20-21). The servants God uses the most are those who have made themselves the most usable.

Ananias was a servant in the Bible who embodied such willingness and availability. St. Luke wrote of him, "Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord"" (Acts

9:10). He was ready to serve Jesus with eager hands and a willing heart the moment he heard his name called. Even before he was told the details of his divine assignment, he was prepared to do whatever the Lord required! Without hesitation, inquiry, or complaint, Ananias dropped everything he was doing to serve the Master.

Like Ananias, all of us who know Christ ought to be "all systems go," eager to do the Lord's work. We should jump to our feet when serving God, not drag our feet. Instead of putting off sacred service, we ought to prioritize it above everything else. Instead of burying ourselves in the drawer of our own bur-

dens, we should place ourselves within God's reach. When God calls us to do something, our knee-jerk reaction should be, "Yes, Lord? What do You want me to do? Where do You want me to go?"

The Lord is asking you the same question he posed to Isaiah: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And the only right answer to that inquiry is Isaiah's answer: "Here I am! Send me" (Isaiah 6:8). Every believer's heart should beat to the tune of Fanny Crosby's relatable hymn, Lord, Here Am I, which opens like this:

"Master, Thou callest, I gladly obey;

only direct me, and I'll find Thy way.

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what is my labor, and where it shall be.

"Ready and willing, Lord, here am I."



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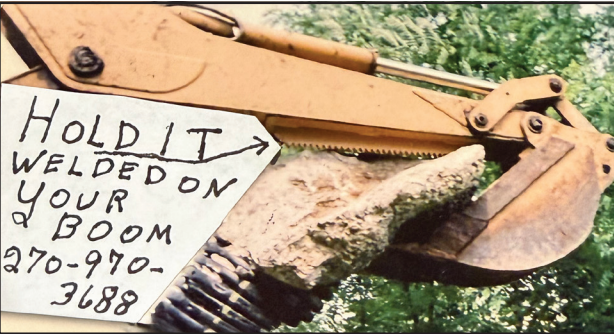
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UK to host Summer Forage Tour at Springfield cattle farm Aug. 11

By Jennifer Elwell
University of Kentucky

LEXINGTON, Ky.— University of Kentucky Forages Extension and the Kentucky Master Grazer Educational Program will host the Summer Forage Tour Aug. 11 at Josett Farm in Springfield, Kentucky. The tour begins at 3 p.m. EDT and will feature practical grazing strategies for improving beef cattle pastures.

“This Summer Forage Tour will highlight how a

dairy-turned-beef farm is addressing toxic tall fescue with novel endophyte stands, putting native warm-season grasses like Eastern gamma grass and switch-grass into productive use, and rotationally grazing 350 acres with intention,” said Chris Teutsch, Ph.D., Extension forage specialist at the UK Research and Education Center. “Producers will be able to see these strategies first-hand and ask questions about implementation.”



Kentucky cattle producers will learn summer forage feeding strategies at the tour. Photo provided by UK Master Grazer.

John and Jill Settles, who are hosting the tour, have been part of the cattle industry

for more than 30 years. After leaving the dairy industry in 2000, they transitioned to beef cattle and have continued building their operation at Josett Farm.

“Hoping to improve their pastures and the land that supports them, the Settles are consistent and patient in their practices, and this shows on their farm,” Teutsch said. “Come for a visit and see for yourself.”

Admission is \$10 per person, payable upon arrival. Participants are asked to bring portable seating. Dinner is included, and children eat free. Pre-registration is requested at <https://26summerforagetour.eventbrite.com/>.

The Summer Forage Tour is sponsored by the Kentucky Beef Network and the Kentucky Forage and Grassland Council.

For additional information, please contact Katy Trimble at 270-625-5366 or katy.trimble@uky.edu.

Jill Stowe named UK Ag Equine Programs director

By Holly Wiemers and Derrick Meads
University of Kentucky

LEXINGTON, Ky.— Jill Stowe has been named director of University of Kentucky Ag Equine Programs and Dickson Professor of Equine Science and Management beginning Aug. 1.

Stowe returns to the role a decade after leading the program from 2013 to 2016. Since that time, she has continued to help guide the growth and development of the multidisciplinary program through leadership, instruction and research.

college’s largest undergraduate majors and connects the equine work being done across UK’s land-grant pillars of teaching, research and Extension.

Stowe recently served as director of undergraduate studies for both the equine science and management and the agricultural economics undergraduate degree programs, a role that enabled her to help shape the curriculum for both programs. Additionally, she teaches undergraduate and graduate students and conducts research.

Stowe led the 2012 and 2022 Kentucky Equine Surveys, the 2012 survey being the first comprehensive equine industry study done in Kentucky since 1977. Other recent and notable research Stowe has conducted includes demand considerations for equine veterinary services, including estimating how sensitive horse owners are



Dr. Jill Stowe (Photo by Sabrina Hounshell)

to changes in prices for equine veterinary services. She has also studied demand for wild horses, demand for equine insurance policies, the profitability of producing Thoroughbred yearlings, and the non-market value of horse farms in Central Kentucky.

“UK Ag Equine Programs is a hallmark of our college’s land-grant mission, bringing together teaching, research and Extension to serve Kentucky’s signature industry,” said Laura Stephenson, vice president for land-grant engagement and dean of Martin-Gatton CAFE. “Dr. Stowe has been an integral part of the program for many years, and her collaborative approach, academic leadership and deep knowledge of the equine industry make her the ideal person to lead its next chapter.”

Prior to joining UK, Stowe was an assistant professor in The Fuqua School of Business at Duke University. She earned her bachelor’s degree in mathematics, summa cum laude, from

Texas Tech University and her doctorate in economics from Texas A&M University. Her research areas of interest include equine markets, incentives in individual decision making, decision making under risk and ambiguity, and sports economics.

“Because of the breadth and depth of equine-related expertise at the University of Kentucky, I feel that UK Ag Equine Programs is uniquely positioned to be a leader in the opportunities and challenges facing the future of equine agriculture,” Stowe said. “My primary objective is to actively facilitate teaching, Extension and research activities that will contribute to the future sustainability and growth of equine agriculture locally, nationally and globally.”

Stowe succeeds Jamie Macleod, who has served as director since October 2019.

Visit the UK Ag Equine Programs at equine.mgcafe.uky.edu to learn more.

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Beshear demands that McConnell prove he is fit to serve or resign

By **JOEY CAPPELLETTI**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear, a rising national figure in the Democratic Party, is calling on the state’s Republican Sen. Mitch McConnell to either prove that he is fit to continue serving after his lengthy hospital stay or resign from office.

Beshear made the demand in a letter

after McConnell’s office said Monday that the 84-year-old senator had not yet been medically cleared to leave the rehabilitation facility where he has been undergoing physical therapy. The office said he would miss a major Kentucky political event and upcoming Senate votes. McConnell was hospitalized June 14 and disclosed weeks later that it was the

result of a fall.

Beshear, who is widely viewed as a potential presidential candidate in 2028, first urged McConnell in early July to release more information about his condition after weeks of public silence. His letter Tuesday marked a significant escalation.

“I am calling on you to directly and verbally address the people of Kentucky and

provide proof of your capacity to serve, or resign,” Beshear wrote to McConnell.

Beshear also sent a letter to Senate Majority Leader John Thune, urging him to investigate McConnell’s condition if the senator does not demonstrate that he is capable of continuing to serve.

McConnell and Thune’s offices did not provide comment on the letter.

McConnell, who led Senate Republicans for nearly two decades, has long guarded his personal

life. Since he was hospitalized last month, his office has issued major updates on July 12 and July 27, each accompanied by a single photograph.

But public scrutiny of aging elected officials has intensified after several recent health episodes and deaths in office, including the deaths of California Sen. Dianne Feinstein in 2023 and South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham earlier this month, as well as President Joe Biden’s decision not to seek reelection after concerns about

his age and health became a dominant political issue.

In the absence of regular public updates from McConnell himself, speculation about his condition has grown online.

“All of this speculation and even this letter could have been avoided with a minimal amount of transparency,” Beshear wrote to Thune.

Associated Press reporter Mary Clare Jalonick contributed to this report from Washington.

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Matt Ihnen	2012
Greg Beale	2013
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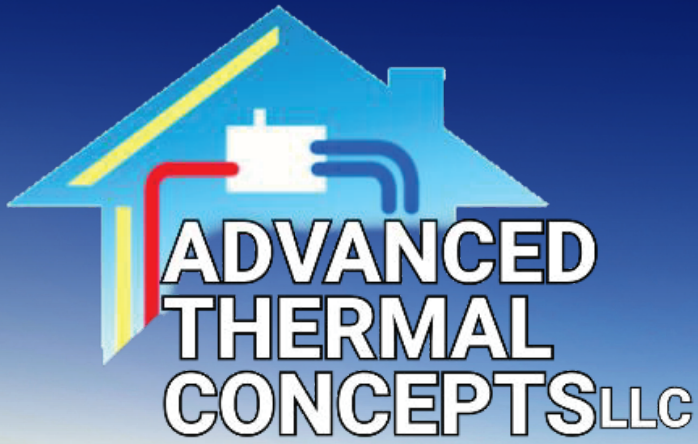
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In 1897, Hank's Hardware began serving the Paducah area with a wide variety of hardware and home improvement needs. The Lone Oak store opened in 1986 on N. Friendship Road and relocated in 1991 to their current location. They serve the area with three locations. Chuck Hank is the owner.

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Josh Rhodes wins 6th RHCC Invitational title



Josh Rhodes added another chapter to his impressive history at Rolling Hills Country Club, capturing his sixth Rolling Hills Invitational championship. He defeated Dallas Vinson in a playoff Sunday. This marked the 70th Annual Rolling Hills Men's Invitational. Only Kentucky Hall of Fame Golfer, Jimmy Brown, has won more titles (8) at RHCC.



Kim Denton, Rolling Hills Country Club Ladies Club Champion. Aug 25, 2024



Rolling Hills present day leadership (from left to right): A.J. Johnson - Asst. Pro., Johnny Fults, Kevin Rhinehart - Head Pro, Ryan Lichtenberg - General Manager

Rolling Hill Country Club Scenes from the Past



Rolling Hills Invitational photos from years past. (from left to right) **Jeff and Steve Golliher. Jimmy Brown 8-time champion** blasting out of a sand trap.
photos courtesy of RHCC archives

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UK Basketball star, **Kyle Macy** cruising the fairways at RHCC. *photo courtesy of RHCC archives*



Bob Morris and Bea Tapp
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Dick Brown reading a putt for a playing partner. *photo courtesy of RHCC archives*





Love family celebrates grand opening of Mustang Village

The brand-new, state-of-the-art McDonald's restaurant will enhance the guest experience with modern amenities while improving safety and operational efficiency. During the

grand opening ceremony, Mayor George Bray presented Conrad Love, owner/operator with the Duke of Paducah award.

As part of the celebration, Conrad Love

presented a donation of \$2,000 to the Silent Struggle Foundation, which goes to help families who have recently lost loved ones.

The science of the swing: *Data now drives golf club selection*

Millions of people love to play golf. Practice is essential to breaking 90, but avid golfers also recognize the importance of having the right equipment.

The right golf club can help any golfer improve their game. Club selection is no longer a matter of brand loyalty or choosing clubs that call to you on the store shelf. Finding

quality equipment is paramount whether one is a beginner or an advanced player. According to Essential Golf, finding the right fit for clubs requires balancing personal feel with physics. Here are some tips.

Get a professional fitting

Modern golfers are moving away from buying clubs off the rack

in favor of professional fittings. According to data from Club Champion, AI-enhanced fitting systems can use 50 million data points to match a golfer's swing to thousands of club combinations. Plugged-In Golf says statistics point out nearly 80 percent of AI-driven recommendations are accurate, but it is helpful to get a live fitting to

confirm that the clubs really are the right fit.

Shaft flex

The speed of the swing will help drive the ball and determine one's game. Callaway Golf says that

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Established in the 1940's, Little Castle was originally located on Jefferson Street owned and operated by Roy and Kathy Trimble. In 1999, they moved to the Lone Oak location and continued serving delicious, fresh meals to their loyal customers. Today the restaurant is owned by Andy and Dee Patel.

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selecting the wrong flex in a club can lead to a “ballooning” ball flight or a loss in distance. Ballooning refers to a very high, spinning shot that starts low and climbs rapidly before stalling in the air and dropping straight down. Matching swing speed with the right flex will improve performance. Experts say a regular flex is ideal for speeds between 70 and 80 miles per hour; stiff flex for speeds of 80 to 90 miles per hour; and extra stiff (X-stiff) for swings above 90 miles per hour.

Gapping

Gapping is a technique to create the right distance intervals

between the clubs. Golf Galaxy experts say the goal is to try to get 15- to 20-yard distance gaps between clubs for the long game. This involves a systematic arrangement of the 14 clubs so that each will hit the ball a distinct and predictable distance. A professional fitter can help a golfer determine the distance between their clubs.

Clubhead design

Golfers also want to pay attention to the design of their clubs to reduce the number of misses during a game. Cavity back irons will redistribute weight to the perimeter, creating a larger sweet spot, says Callaway Golf. This is good for mid- to high-handicappers who want

to minimize off-center hits, as these irons offer greater forgiveness and are designed for easier play.

Muscle back clubs (blades) have a solid, one-piece back that lacks a cavity. This helps to concentrate mass directly behind the hitting area, says Titleist. These allow low-handicap players to hit shots that are unforgiving, as they offer superior workability and precise distance control.

Before investing in golf clubs, players should be honest about their handicaps, swing speeds and experience, and speak with a professional golf club fitter to get a set that will enhance their game.



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