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Blessing Boxes Offer Help Throughout Graves County

By: Laurna Todd
KPI Writer

Graves County residents needing a little extra help can find blessing boxes at more than 30 locations throughout the county.

Blessing boxes are community-supported pantries stocked with food, hygiene products and other essentials. Anyone in need may freely take items from the boxes, while those who are able are encouraged to donate.

The program operates under a simple principle: "Take what you need, leave what you can."

Residents should not feel embarrassed to use a blessing box during a difficult time. The boxes are there to help, and someone who receives assistance today may be able to give back later.

Continued community support is necessary to keep the boxes available. Even residents who do not need assistance can help by occasionally donating nonperishable food, personal-care products or household essentials. If the boxes are not regularly used and supported, they may not be available the next time a neighbor needs help.

Blessing box locations in Graves County include:

- the Graves County Health Department
- Graves County Central Elementary School
- Pilot Oak Baptist Church
- Christ United Methodist Church
- Sedalia Elementary School
- West Broadway Baptist Church
- Northside Baptist Church, Symsonia Elementary School
- Symsonia Baptist Church
- Symsonia Community Church
- Wingo Elementary School
- Clarks River Baptist Church, CFSB
- St. Jerome Church
- Farmington Elementary School
- Hello Baby Ultrasound Studio
- Simplicity Boutique & Salon
- Viola Fire Department
- West Kentucky Allied Services.

Additional boxes are located at Davis Apartments, Four Rivers Behavioral Health–Mayfield, Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, Northside Church of Christ, Primera Iglesia Bautista Hispana, Pryorsburg Independent Methodist Church, Second Christian Church, The Way–Community Center Graves County, Trinity United Methodist Church, Wade Farm Financial Services, Tricity Food Pantry, First United Methodist Church of Mayfield, Cuba Baptist Church, Central Elementary School, Rhodes Chapel Missionary Baptist Church and Mayfield Middle School. Locations and availability may change depending on usage.

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Drive sober campaign runs through Labor Day weekend

By: Tom Latek
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – The Kentucky Office of Highway Safety (KOHS) reminds travelers to plan ahead for a safe and sober ride home to help keep roads safe, as Kentuckians celebrate the unofficial end of summer during the upcoming Labor Day weekend. The "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign runs now through Sept. 7, as part of a broader effort the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is making along with law enforcement, to improve highway safety by discouraging impaired driving.

"This Labor Day, let's all do what's right and look out for our neighbors by making smart decisions that keep everyone safe on the roadway," said Gov. Andy Beshear. "Do not drink and drive, put the phone down, buckle up and

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Harrodsburg man indicted in fatal boat crash

By: Tom Latek
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – The Mercer County grand jury has indicted a Harrodsburg man on numerous charges, stemming from a boating collision on Herrington Lake on July 4, which left one person dead and seriously injured another.

Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources Game Wardens arrested Cody Casey, 34, of Harrodsburg, on an indictment warrant in connection with the boating incident.

Casey is accused of operating a wake boat that struck a pontoon boat, resulting in the death of Nazar Svintozelskiy, 25, of Nicholasville. The victim's father, Alex Svintozelskiy, 58, was hospitalized following the incident with serious injuries.

The 19-count indictment was returned by the Mercer County Grand Jury on Aug. 18. Casey faces charges of second-degree manslaughter, first-degree assault, third-degree fleeing or evading police, 11 counts of first-degree wanton endangerment, tampering with physical evidence, fourth-degree assault, failure to render aid, failure to report an accident involving more than $500 in property damage or involving injury or death, and leaving the scene of an accident involving death.

The indictment follows an investigation led by Kentucky game wardens in collaboration with the Mercer County Commonwealth's Attorney's Office.

Alex Svintozelskiy was seriously injured in the collision, and Nazar Svintozelskiy, a passenger on the

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Adults can take action to prevent bullying

Millions of children wake up very day in fear of harassment. Bullying is an epidemic that can result in humiliation, poor grades, low spirits, and even suicide. In years past, bullying may have ended after kids left the classroom or school grounds, but technology has enabled bullying to follow children home through their devices.

Studies indicate bullying is getting worse. The National Center of Safe Supportive Learning Environments says that, despite a number of school programs designed to decrease bullying, one in five students between the ages of 12 and 18 are bullied every year in the United States. According to 3rd Millennium Classrooms, which offers schools courses on topics like bullying, the most common type of bullying is verbal harassment, followed by social harassment. Cyberbullying now accounts for 25 percent of all bullying.

Bystander intervention, when someone steps in to help, can help to reduce bullying incidents. Intervening in bullying can be a multifaceted process that requires adults know what to do as they seek to safeguard youngsters.

• Be observant. Bullying generally happens in areas away from crowds, such as in the bathroom, school buses or via cell phones and computers. Adults need to be vigilant in recognizing that bullying may be taking place. Warning signs of bullying include being afraid to go to school; using excuses to stay home or return home from school; having nightmares; becoming withdrawn; or a decline in academic performance.

• Be an authoritative parent. According to Diana Divecha, a developmental psychologist who has counseled families on bullying, an authoritative style of parenting may help. This style offers a high degree of warmth, love and closeness, but also provides clear limits and high expectations with the support necessary to meet those expectations. Children raised in this environment have better mental health and stronger relationship skills.

• Create a zero-tolerance policy. Schools can implement strong policies against bullying where students should be able to speak to someone confidentially, and bullies will be investigated and dealt with promptly and effectively.

• Encourage participation in activities. Children should be encouraged to do what they enjoy and try out various activities in and out of school. These activities give kids a chance to have fun, let off steam and meet others with similar interests. A strong circle of friends can boost kids' confidence and serve as another defense against bullying.

• Keep lines of communication open. When children feel comfortable speaking with their parents, an older sibling or another trusted adult about their feelings, they can express their concerns and seek advice regarding how to address them. This can go a long way toward making children feel better.

• Cultivate a strong parent-school relationship. Children benefit the most when there is a strong partnership between schools and families. Schools should foster strong pathways of communication with parents.

Adults can do their part to prevent bullying by embracing various strategies designed to keep youngsters safe and happy.

School Safety Remains a Community Responsibility

As students, teachers and staff return to classrooms for a new school year, school safety remains a top priority for families and communities across Kentucky. Creating a safe learning environment requires preparation, communication and cooperation among schools, parents, students, law enforcement and emergency personnel.

Schools routinely review and update safety procedures before the start of each school year. These efforts can include emergency drills, visitor check-in procedures, building security measures, communication systems and plans for responding to severe weather, medical emergencies, fires and other threats.

While physical security is important, school safety also extends to the overall well-being of students. Teachers and school staff play an important role in recognizing changes in student behavior and identifying signs that a child may be struggling. Encouraging students to report concerning behavior, bullying or threats can help school officials address problems before they escalate.

Parents can also contribute to school safety by talking with their children about the importance of following school rules and reporting anything that makes them feel unsafe. Students should understand that reporting a concern is not about getting someone in trouble, but about helping protect classmates and staff.

Communication is particularly important during an emergency. Parents should make sure their contact information is current with their child's school and familiarize themselves with the school's procedures for emergency notifications, reunification and early dismissals. During an incident, families should rely on official information from the school district or emergency officials rather than spreading unverified information on social media.

Schools and law enforcement agencies also work together to prepare for potential emergencies. Officers may participate in training exercises, conduct school visits and coordinate with administrators to ensure emergency plans are understood and effective.

Students have a role as well. Simple actions such as reporting suspicious activity, treating classmates with respect, following safety instructions and taking drills seriously can make a difference.

School safety is not something that can be addressed by one person or one organization. It requires an ongoing commitment from the entire community. By staying alert, communicating concerns and supporting one another, schools can provide students with an environment where they feel secure and are able to focus on learning.

As another school year begins, making safety a shared responsibility can help ensure classrooms remain places where students can learn, grow and succeed.

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How families can prepare for fall sports season

Fall is an exciting time of year for student-athletes. After a summertime break from scholastic sports, athletes return to competition in the fall.

Whether athletes are playing football, soccer, cross country, tennis, or any of the myriad additional sports that start up again in the fall, preparation is vital to making the most of a season. As seasons get set to begin, families can keep the following tips in mind to ensure student-athletes start off on the right foot.

• Establish a routine early on. Parents know it's no small feat getting students back in the school year swing of things after summer vacation, and it can be just as challenging for student-athletes to get back on track on the playing fields. Families can start their school year routines over the final weeks of summer vacation to ensure student-athletes don't miss a beat once the season begins. Children who tend to stay up past their bedtimes over the summer can start going to bed earlier so their bodies are well-rested when classes resume and practices and games start. In addition to going to bed earlier, children can start waking up earlier, ultimately waking up at the same time they will during the school year over the last several days of summer vacation.

• Focus on conditioning as summer winds down. Parents and student-athletes can contact coaches as summer winds down for advice on how to improve their conditioning as fall sports season inches closer. Proper conditioning is a building block of athletic success that builds endurance and reduces injury risk. Conditioning also can help student-athletes fulfill their athletic potential. Conditioning need not be restricted to indoor activities, either. Summer-friendly activities like swimming, cycling and hiking can be great for conditioning and won't require student-athletes to spend the final days of summer indoors on a treadmill or exercise bike.

• Get back to basics. Student-athletes competing at the varsity level may have been playing their sports for years by the time the new school year begins, but a return to the basics in advance of a new season can help to acclimate their bodies and get their minds ready for the coming season. Light engagement in basic drills is a safe and slow method to getting bodies back in shape. Student-athletes can participate in local clinics over the summer, even serving as instructors if the opportunity arises. Participation in clinics provides a good way to sharpen skills as summer winds down and a new season is about to begin.

• Fine tune student-athletes' diets. Summer is not always synonymous with healthy eating, as backyard barbecues and visits to the local ice cream parlor can tempt anyone, including student-athletes, to eat less nutritious foods. Nemours® KidsHealth® notes that athletic children and teenagers need calcium-rich foods to build strong bones, iron to help deliver oxygen throughout their bodies, protein to facilitate the building and repairing of muscles, and carbohydrates to provide much-needed energy. As fall sports season approaches, parents can aim to meet each of these needs throughout the day and limit access to less healthy fare that tends to be readily available throughout the summer.

As fall sports season kicks off, student-athletes and their families can focus on preparing for competition and doing the little things that help youngsters fulfill their athletic potential.

Shae Hopkins, longtime KET leader, retiring at end of year

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

LEXINGTON, Ky. (KT) – After leading Kentucky's statewide public media network for almost 17 years, Kentucky Educational Television (KET) Executive Director and CEO Shae Hopkins has announced her intention to retire at the end of this year.

A 40-year veteran of KET, Hopkins has led a consistent expansion of local productions and services, including numerous series, documentaries and biographies, in addition to launching The Kentucky Channel and a wide range of educational resources. She has also overseen multiple technical and facilities milestones, creating production studios in the Kentucky Capitol, establishing the Louisville Production Center, and guiding recent Network Center and studio improvements.

Under her leadership, the use of KET's programs and services has doubled, steadily growing to more than two million viewers and users each week. During this time, KET has been recognized with 40 regional Emmy awards and 144 nominations, 83 national and state awards, and other accolades.

Shae Hopkins, a 40-year veteran of KET, will retire at the end of the year.

Hopkins said, "It was my good fortune to have been mentored by KET's founder Len Press and to have had the opportunity to engage in such meaningful service with such an extraordinary organization all these years. It has been an honor to work with and learn from dedicated professionals, and to engage with viewers, generous supporters, committed board members and passionate volunteers, all the while making dear friendships along the way. It has been an immense privilege to serve everyone who values and relies on KET every day."

She continued, "I want to extend my deepest gratitude and appreciation to everyone who has contributed to making KET what it is today and to ask for your continued support as KET finds more ways to serve our Commonwealth."

Kentucky Authority for Educational Television Chair Dan Griffith praised Hopkins, stating, "We are deeply grateful for Shae's exceptional leadership and unwavering commitment to KET's mission to serve Kentuckians across the commonwealth. Her dedication, knowledge and experience will be hard to replicate." He added, "Her profound impact on KET's programming and operations is a lasting legacy that is recognized and celebrated by us all."

Griffith added that the Authority greatly appreciates that Hopkins has agreed to stay through a transition as a search committee begins its work in the coming weeks to determine her successor. The committee is focused on finding the best person to lead the statewide network, beginning with a search for candidates who have extensive public broadcasting experience at KET.

Coleman issues statement as case against Meta begins

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – Kentucky Attorney General Russell Coleman issued a statement as a bipartisan coalition of attorneys general began presenting their case against Meta, formerly Facebook, on Tuesday.

The multi-week trial, in which Kentucky is joined by the attorneys general of 28 other states, hopes to prove the social media giant knowingly designed and deployed harmful features on Facebook and Instagram that drive compulsive use of the platforms by children and teens, while falsely assuring parents and the public that its platforms were safe for young users.

"This week, we're in court with the largest consumer protection lawsuit in American history. We'll show a jury that Meta concealed what it knew about the harm its products cause young people because looking away was more profitable," Coleman said. "AGs are in the perfect position to get this done. We did it with the Tobacco Settlement in the 1990s. We did it with the companies behind the opioid crisis. We'll do it again with Meta and kids will be safer as a result."

According to the lawsuit, Meta deliberately designed its platforms to exploit young users' vulnerabilities, foster compulsive use, and maximize the time young people spend on Facebook and Instagram. The attorneys general also assert Meta knew about harms to young users but deceived users, parents, and the public about the risks. The AGs also hope to prove Meta illegally collected personal information from children under 13 without their parents' consent, in violation of the federal Children's Online Privacy Protection Act.

Meta has tried to eep the case from reaching trial. In 2025, the court rejected Meta's attempt to dismiss key parts of the states' case, allowing claims related to allegedly addictive platform design and Meta's failure to warn young users and parents about known risks to move forward. After the court rejected Meta's motion to rule in their favor without a trial in June, the company asked the district court and the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to stay the trial. Both courts rejected that request.

In working to hold Meta accountable, the states will seek monetary penalties but also require the company to follow laws designed to protect children and consumers, forcing Meta change how its platforms protect kids.

The trial taking place at U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California and is expected to last six to eight weeks.

COMMISSIONER'S SALE

THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, LIVINGSTON CIRCUIT COURT
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Orchard Tax Lien, Services, LLC — PLAINTIFF

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County of Livingston, Kentucky — DEFENDANTS

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Pursuant to a Judgment and Order of Sale entered July 15, 2026, of the Livingston Circuit Court in the above styled Civil Action, the undersigned Master Commissioner shall proceed to offer for sale at the Courthouse door in the town of Smithland, Livingston County, Kentucky, to the highest and best bidder at public auction on Friday, August 28, 2026, at 3:00 o'clock p.m. or soon thereafter the following property located in Livingston County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Property Address: 164 Mountain Road, Grand Rivers, Kentucky 42045
Parcel #: 091-02-03-031.00

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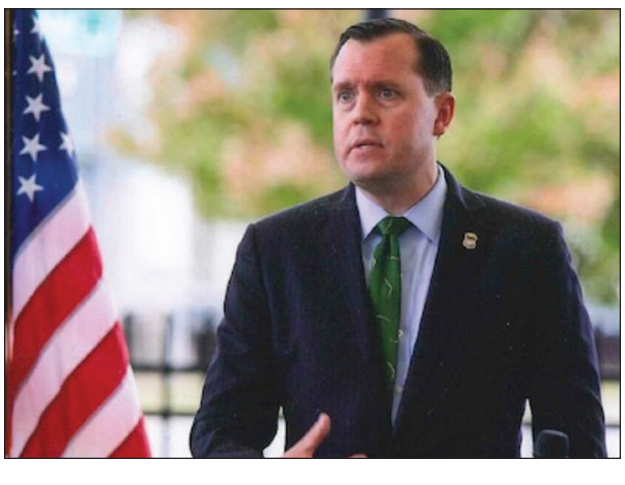
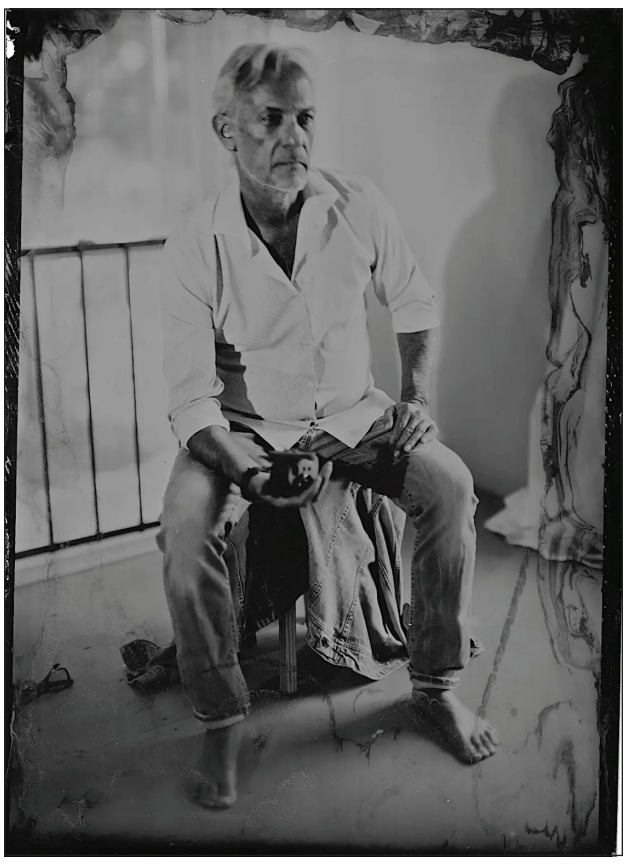


Four Exhibitions Open the Fall Season at PSAD



Palmira Miro Gutierrez

Donna Howson

Natalie Baldeón

Karlee Ramos

Paducah, KY, – Four exhibitions running concurrently will open at the Bill Ford Gallery, PJC Gallery, Gallery Q and the Hallway Gallery at the Paducah School of Art and Design, 9th and Harrison Street in Paducah's historic Downtown. Theses exhibits will be on display August 27-October 2, 2026, gallery hours Monday through Thursday, 10-4 with an opening reception on Thursday, August 27, from 5-6:30 pm. All events are free and open to the public.

In the Bill Ford Gallery, "What You Seek", is a solo exhibition by St. Louis artist Natalie Baldeón. Baldeón's says, "My work explores the relationships between bodies, ecologies, and systems of care. Drawing from mythology, permaculture, and lived experience, I create paintings in which human figures merge with botanical and mycological forms, seeking to illuminate the beauty and tension of often-overlooked aspects of societal roles, personal transformation, and the passage of time. I am interested in how identities are shaped through lineage, vulnerability, and our interconnectedness with the living world."

Throughout the exhibition, bodies intertwine with plants, fungi, forests, and celestial forms, dissolving boundaries between the human and other. Botanical cycles of growth, decay, and renewal become metaphors for grief, transformation, and resilience, while gardens and forests emerge as spaces of memory, reflection, and reciprocity.

Ultimately, this work proposes that the answers or guidance we search for elsewhere may already exist within everyday acts of care, ecological connection, and marvel of the mundane. The exhibition invites viewers to embrace uncertainty, cultivate wonder, and imagine more reciprocal ways of belonging to the world around them.

Natalie Baldeón is a Visual Artist and Educator living in Saint Louis, MO. She received her BFA from The University of Central Florida, and her MFA from Washington University in Saint Louis. She has exhibited her work locally, regionally, and nationally. She is currently a Visiting Assistant Professor of Art at Webster University.

In the PJC Gallery, local artist Donna Howson will be exhibiting her work in an exhibition titled, "Demons and Dolls", a collection of large-scale paintings and 3D work.

Howson says, "I create large-scale drawings and paintings that explore the complicated relationship between childhood and adulthood. Using personal experience alongside Catholic imagery, folklore, nursery rhymes, toys, and children's games, I investigate the stories we inherit before we are old enough to question them and the ways they continue to shape us throughout our lives. Working from a feminist perspective, I am drawn to the tension between innocence and experience by using familiar symbols of childhood as a way to examine memory, identity, vulnerability, and the cultural expectations placed on women and girls. These images shift between humor and tragedy, beauty and

discomfort, inviting viewers to reconsider what once seemed innocent or harmless. My compositions are intentionally dense, allowing multiple narratives to exist within a single work. What may first appear chaotic gradually reveals unexpected connections, small moments of humor, and quieter, more unsettling details. I want the experience of looking to mirror the process of remembering with fragmented, layered, and constantly unfolding imagery."

Born in New York in 1970, Donna Howson began drawing as a small child and never stopped. Her early fascination with images, storytelling, and the world of childhood became the foundation for a lifelong artistic practice. Howson received her MFA from the Tyler School of Art in Philadelphia and her BFA from Moore College of Art & Design. Over the course of her career, she has developed a practice centered on drawing and painting, creating large-scale works that reflect her interest in personal history, visual storytelling, and commonly shared experiences.

She lives and works in Paducah, Kentucky, with her husband and son.

In Gallery Q, PSAD alumni (2024) Karlee Ramos is displaying her work in her solo exhibit, "Art From the Edge". Karlee says, "In my artwork, I explore different ways to bring the images to life with experimentation in dynamic lines, vibrant colors and rich textures." Ramos's work takes viewers on a visual journey through her childlike imagination and joyful spirit to spark connection.

In the Hallway Gallery is artist Palmira Miro Gutierrez, a Tuscon photographer utilizing historic collodion photography also known as wet-plate photography. Gutierrez is a recent artist in residence hosted by the Paducah Arts Alliance (PAA). Gutierrez arrived in Paducah on June 21 this year for a month-long residency and transformed his temporary Paducah studio into a hub of creative activity–connecting with local artists and producing a series of wet-plate portraits.

Gutierrez specializes in grayscale images using collodion photography, also known as wet-plate process, a mid-19thcentury technique in which photographers coat glass or metal plates with a viscous chemical mixture, sensitize them in silver nitrate, and shoot and develop them while the plate is still wet. His interest in the medium began after sitting for his own wet-plate portrait. "I felt a deep sense of familiarity, like coming home to something I hadn't realized was missing," said Gutierrez. Since then, he has studied the process through the Western Photographic Historical Society and built an exhibition record that includes Galeria Mitotera, Snakebite Creation Space, and Communion on Convent in Tucson, and Museo de Arte de Nogales in Sonora, Mexico.

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/s/ Alyssa E. Peek /s/
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C - Confess Jesus is Lord
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‘The adventure continues’: Military families unite outdoors, recharge together

By Christopher Carney
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Military Teen Adventure Camp families rock climbing at the Red River Gorge in Campton, Kentucky.
(Photo by Kristopher Chappel)

At the University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, the Extension Military Families Program provides military families in Kentucky and beyond a unique experience to strengthen connections and forge new friendships with other families through outdoor activities and adventure.

Families from all branches of the military gather for extended weekends to engage in recreational activities including rock-climbing, white-water rafting, canopy excursions, zip lining, mountain biking and more.

Part of the Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) Extension, 4-H Youth Development and Extension Military Families Program, Military Teen Adventure Camps (MTAC) as well as Military Family camps offer valuable opportunities for military families “to make lasting memories, community and connections” according to Tyrone Atkinson, FCS military program coordinator, Extension specialist and UK alum.

“This is all about family time, enjoying a weekend outdoors and without distractions,” Atkinson said. “We take care of all the details so these families can just enjoy the moments with each other and other military families. We want these families to connect, and stay connected, for a long time.”

This year, one of the MTAC events included rock-climbing via ferrata, an Italian term meaning “iron path,” supervised by the Southeast Mountain Guides at the Red River Gorge in Campton, Kentucky.

For James Brown, a U.S. Army soldier stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and his daughter Jayla, who are first-time MTAC participants, coming to the Red River Gorge provided a unique opportunity for “one-on-one” time, right before Father’s Day.

“We’re an outdoor family,” the Brown family said. “We wanted to come out and experience real fun. MTAC is perfect for doing something fun together and having that daddy-daughter time.”

Toledo, Ohio, Angela Burke and her daughter Julia have participated in MTAC five times. For the Burke family, who were part of the Ohio Air National Guard for 22 years through Angela’s husband before he recently retired, investing in these experiences is all about breaking away, building friendships and creating memories.

“This is about stepping outside of your normal routine, getting off phones and getting to know other military families,” the Burke family said. “We don’t remember what we did last week, but we always remember what we did together every year at these camps — it’s something that you will remember forever. MTAC is fun, unique and an experience that more military families should know about.”

Sam Pier, an Air Force Individual Mobilization Augmentee, and his son Gideon, found out about MTAC through the Family Readiness Center at Hickam Air Force Base. For the Pier family, who have demanding schedules, coming to MTAC for the first time was all about taking the time to appreciate what the program offers.

“Everyone is busy, and schedules can fill up quick, but it’s all about intentionally setting that time aside to do something different,” the Pier family said. “Even though it’s unfamiliar and uncomfortable at first, we just trusted that it’s a great program and wanted to set that time aside to just do it. It was a blast.”

Operation: Family Recharge

New to the Extension Military Families Program event lineup this year was Operation Family Recharge, sponsored by the Kentucky 4-H Foundation, at the JM Feltner 4-H Camp in London, Kentucky.

Military families and youth of all ages were invited to participate in low-impact, accessible camp activities including archery, fishing, hiking, canoeing, arts and crafts, ropes course, rock wall, board games and more.

Kimberly Schrader, Extension specialist for 4-H Youth Development at Martin-Gatton CAFE, believes that Operation: Family Recharge offers something different for all families.

“Operation: Family Recharge provides families with a unique opportunity to learn and grow together,” Schrader said. “Through hands-on experiences and collaborative activities, parents and youth strengthened important life skills such as communication, resiliency, decision-making and problem-solving. The retreat was designed to help families build stronger relationships while developing the tools needed to successfully navigate challenges together.”

The adventure continues…

At MTAC programs, participating campers and families each get a t-shirt that says “The Adventure Continues” on the back.

Kerri Ashurst, senior FCS Extension specialist and Military Family Camping Program director at Martin-Gatton CAFE, said she wants such adventures to continue through additional funding and more year-round programming for military families in the future.

“Funding for military camps began from this incredible idea for service member parents and their families to come together for fun adventure,” Ashurst said. “Over the last 16 years, it has been truly magical to witness our Military Family Camping Program’s growing popularity and the number of families who have returned to experience our adventure camps and grow together. We see a big opportunity to expand our programs, hosting more camps throughout the year in more locations and reaching more military families.”

Visit MTAC or visit fcs.mgcafe.uky.edu/MTAC to learn more.

Murray-Calloway County Hospital welcomes Sarah Watson, APRN, to West Kentucky Surgical

Press Release

MURRAY, KY - Murray-Calloway County Hospital is pleased to welcome Sarah Watson, APRN, to West Kentucky Surgical.

Mrs. Watson earned her Associate of Applied Science in Nursing from West Kentucky Community and Technical College, her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Indiana Wesleyan University, and her Master of Science in Nursing from Carson-Newman University. With 13 years of nursing experience at Mercy Health-Lourdes Hospital, Mrs. Watson brings extensive experience in acute and critical care settings, including two years as a hospitalist.

Mrs. Watson and her husband have two sons and reside in Benton, Kentucky. Outside of work, she enjoys spending time with her family, especially outdoors and at the lake. She is excited to join West Kentucky Surgical and looks forward to providing care to patients throughout the West Kentucky and Northwest Tennessee region.

Sarah Watson, APRN

Dedicated to providing compassionate, high-quality care, Mrs. Watson will work alongside the providers at West Kentucky Surgical. To learn more or to schedule an appointment, call West Kentucky Surgical at 270-753-2444 or visit www.murrayhospital.org.

COMMISSIONER’S SALE

THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, LIVINGSTON CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO. 26-CI-00034

Kentucky Housing Corporation — PLAINTIFF

v.

Shannon L. Gregory, Bobbie J. Snow Gregory,
And Secretary of Housing and Urban Development — DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a Summary Judgment and Order of Sale entered July 15, 2026, of the Livingston Circuit Court in the above styled Civil Action, the undersigned Master Commissioner shall proceed to offer for sale at the Courthouse door in the town of Smithland, Livingston County, Kentucky, to the highest and best bidder at public auction on Friday, August 28, 2026, at 3:00 o’clock p.m. or soon thereafter the following property located in Livingston County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Property Address: 209 Cody Cooper Road, Ledbetter, Kentucky 42058
Parcel #: 021-01-03-007.00

Said property is to be sold as a whole for the purpose of satisfying the judgment in the amount of $207,498.49, together with accrued interest thereon at the statutory rate of 3.75% per annum from August 1, 2025, until fully paid, plus any other charges which have accrued, plus Plaintiff’s costs expended, plus Plaintiff’s attorney fees pursuant to KRS 411.195. Plus, additional fees, costs and expenses, including advances in payment of ad valorem taxes, insurance premiums, assessments, weatherization, and preservation of the Real Property. Said property shall be sold subject to all existing restrictions, easements, and covenants of record affecting the same. The property shall be sold for cash, or in the alternative, the Master Commissioner will take from the purchaser (10%) ten percent of the purchase price in cash together with a bond (for the remainder of the purchase price) with good and sufficient surety, bearing interest at the rate of 3.75% per annum until paid, from the day of the sale and payable to the Master Commissioner within 30 days of the date of sale.

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All delinquent taxes shall be paid from the sale proceeds. Purchaser shall pay 2026 and subsequent ad valorem taxes. Subject property shall be sold free and clear of all liens of the plaintiff and defendants in the action. Bidders shall be prepared to comply with these terms.

/s/ Alyssa E. Peek /s/
ALYSSA E. PEEK
MASTER COMMISSIONER,
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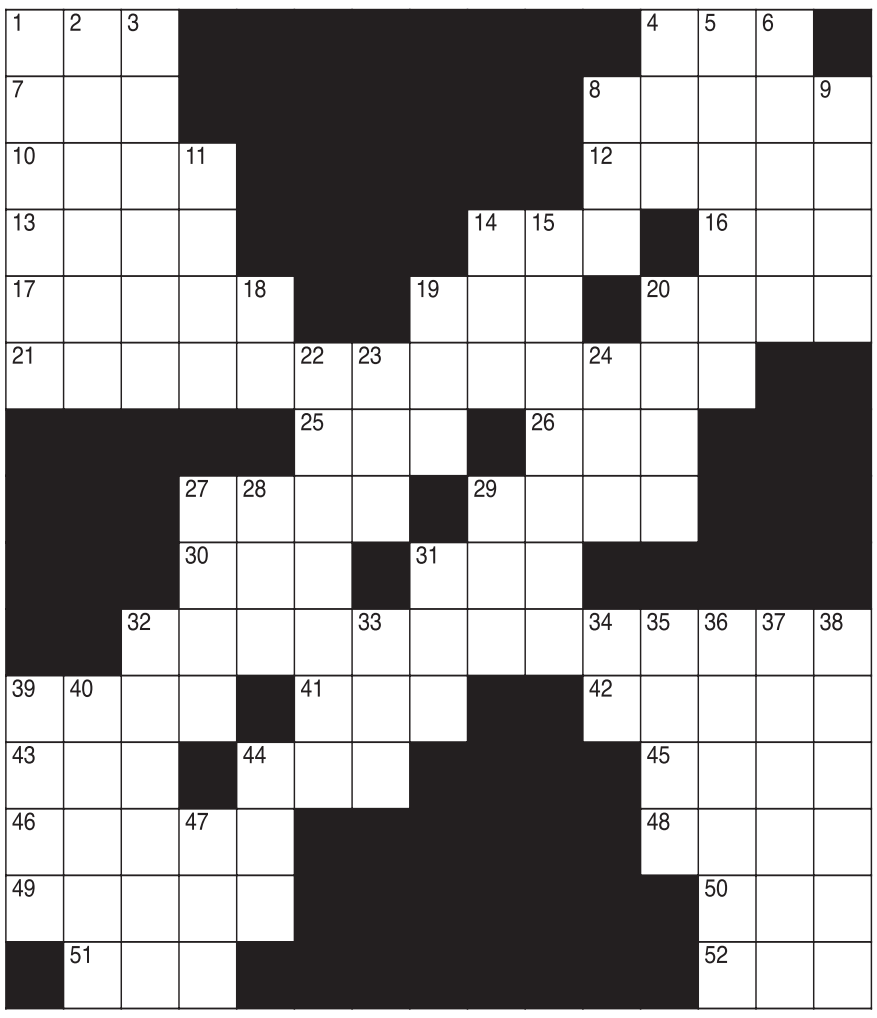
Crossword Puzzle



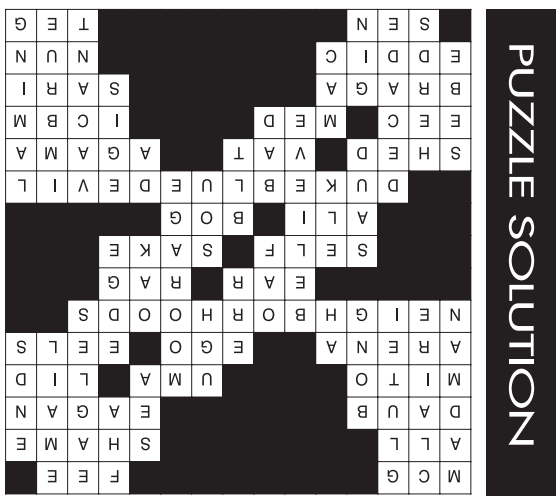
CLUES ACROSS

1. Microgram
4. Fixed charge
7. Each
8. Feeling of humiliation
10. Coat with sticky substance
12. Powerful "Severance" family
13. Japanese city
14. "Pulp Fiction" actress Thurman
16. Hat
17. Place where rockers work
19. Psyche
20. Snakelike fishes
21. Where people live
25. Body part
26. Old towel
27. One's essential being
29. Japanese alcoholic beverage
30. Boxing's GOAT
31. Wet muddy ground
32. Christian Laettner is one
39. A place to store lawn tools
41. Large tub for liquid
42. Old World lizard
43. One-time European member group
44. Healing student
45. Nuclear weapon
46. "Kiss of the Spider Woman" actress Sonia
48. Silk garment
49. About some Norse poems
50. Woman religious community member
51. Congressman (abbr.)
52. Two-year-old sheep

Puzzle Solutions on B7

CLUES DOWN

1. An insane person
2. "Homeland" actress Danes
3. Buttock muscles
4. US federal agency
5. Birds of prey
6. Electronic communication
8. Ocean
9. Terminates
11. Low-pitched sound from a bell
14. Exclamation: yuck!
15. A place to attach a boat
18. Exclamation of surprise
19. Make a mistake
20. Border line
22. Have religious faith
23. Klutz
24. Large tree
27. House of __ rulers
28. Red deer
29. Small coin (French)
31. Popular sandwich
32. 10-year period
33. Not good
34. Government lawyer
35. Egypt's intelligence agency
36. Without an occupant or incumbent
37. Stain with one's hands
38. Crippling
39. One point east of southeast
40. Large, united groups
44. __ and cheese
47. Alcoholic beverage



Maze Craze

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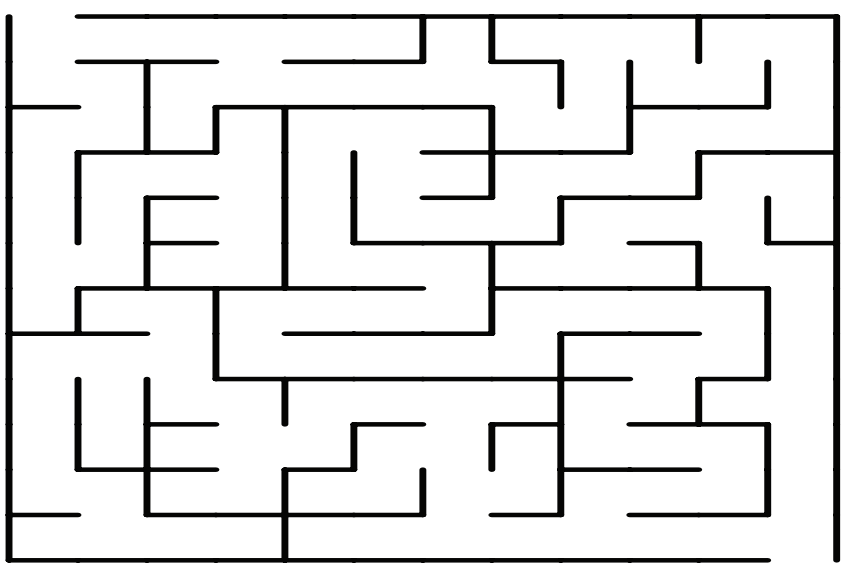

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Word Search

ON THE ROAD WORD SEARCH

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

ANSWERS IN THE B SECTION

WORDS

AMBULANCE
BOTTLENECK
BOULEVARD
COMMUTER
CONGESTION
CONSTRUCTION
CROSSWALK
GRIDLOCK
HIGHWAY
INTERSECTION
MOTORCYCLE
OVERPASS
PEDESTRIAN
POLICE
ROUNDABOUT
RUSH HOUR
SPEEDING
STOP SIGN
TAILGATING
TRAFFIC LIGHT
TURN
VEHICLES

Sudoku Puzzle

How it Works:

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

ANSWERS IN THE B SECTION

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Word Scramble

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to traffic.

P T S O

Answer: Stop

Guess Who?

GUESS WHO?

I am a singer born in England on August 22, 1995. I worked as a waitress while living in London. I started posting covers of songs on YouTube. I won Grammy Awards in 2019 for Best New Artist and Best Dance Record, and I've had many hits on the charts. I recently tied the knot.

Answer: Dua Lipa

IF IT MATTERS TO YOU, IT MATTERS TO US. THANKS FOR READING!

Crypto Fun

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to traffic.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 7 = O)

A. 16 21 8 22
Clue: Vehicles

B. 8 7 21 13 17 21 25
Clue: Place to drive

C. 11 26 8 18 26
Clue: Blend together

D. 16 7 12 18 26 22 6 4 7 12
Clue: Lots of vehicles

Answers: A. cars B. roadway C. merge D. congestion

Coloring Fun

TVA Awards $700,000 to 187 Schools and Nonprofits to Power Youth Robotics Programs

Press Release

Below are local schools who received grants and what the applicant said they will do with the funding and an email address if you want to contact them for more information.

$2,500 Gateway Academy To Innovation & Technology - Hopkinsville, Kentucky Benjamin Smith - Teacher, Robotics Coach benjamin.smith@christian.kyschools.us

Funding will support:

-Expanding the number of active robotics teams

-Purchasing additional VEX kits, parts, and field elements

-Enhancing programming and sensor capabilities

-Increasing student access to hands-on build opportunities

-Supporting competition readiness and performance

Our goal is to increase participation, improve competitive success, and deepen student learning in engineering design and robotics systems." "With additional funding, we plan to:

-Increase team capacity to include more students

-Expand access to underrepresented student groups

-Integrate robotics into more classroom instruction

-Enhance equipment to support advanced builds and innovation

$5,000 Calloway County High School Robotics Team - Murray, Bobby Potts - Engineering and Technology Teacher bobby.potts@calloway.kyschools.us

Our biggest expenses are travel and competition registration fees, as robotics is a costly program that receives limited funding from the school. Grant funds would primarily be used to cover these essential costs, ensuring students can attend and compete in events. Additional funds would support the purchase of Limelight vision cameras to enhance robot performance, as well as the refurbishment of control hubs and replacement of batteries to improve reliability. We would also invest in new parts and equipment from REV Robotics and goBILDA to ensure our teams have the resources needed to build competitive robots.

$5,000 Calloway County Middle School Murray Jessica Giles Math teacher, robotics coach - jessica.giles@calloway.kyschools.us

We would like to use the funds to increase the number of community partners with which we work. Some of the funds would certainly be used to fund travel for students to the state and regional RCX competitions, but other funds would be designated to fund field trips that allow students to actually see robotics in action in the real-world. We would like to take students to various local businesses, including farms, IWIS, Kentucky Dam, etc... in the effort to allow them to actually see robotics being applied in the real-world. We would specifically like to build partnerships with female engineers in our community in an effort to recruit more female members for the robotics team.

$5,000 Murray Independent School District, Mechelle Morgan, Director of Instructional Technology mechelle.morgan@murray.kyschools.us

With the award funding, we plan to expand student access to our robotics program by purchasing multiple RCX competition mats and supplies. These resources will enable us to accommodate more students in both our after-school and enrichment programs. If a robotics team can be established at the high school, we will also purchase materials, competition mats, and supplies to support the high school students in the program.

$5,000 Russellville High School - Logan County, Cameron Kisselbaugh District Robotics & STEM Instructor cameron.kisselbaugh@russellville.kyschools.us

The main project we plan to undertake in the upcoming school year is preparation for the release of the new VEX V5 Robotics Competition game, Overtake. While the full game details have not yet been released, they are scheduled to be announced in May during the VEX World Championship. As with every new competition season, this will begin a fresh cycle of analysis, design, prototyping, testing, programming, and strategic development for our students.

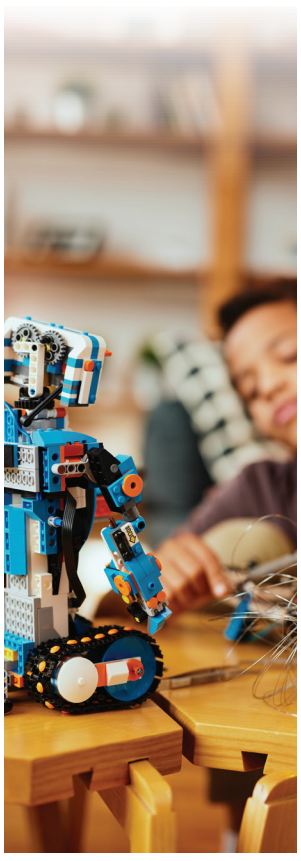
With award funding, we plan to support students through every stage of that process. This includes building and refining a competition robot, developing game strategy, improving driver control and teamwork, strengthening engineering notebook documentation, and creating more opportunities for repeated testing and revision. Our goal is to give students the tools and experiences needed to respond to a brand-new challenge with confidence, creativity, and discipline.

$5,000 Fulton County Middle School Hickman - Dianne Owen dianne.owen@fulton.kyschools.us

Goal 1- Students have a knowledge of robotics, coding, engineering, and other STEM-related concepts.

Goal 2-Students learn leadership skills through robotic competitions and presentations to community organizations.

Goal 3-Students learn about STEM-related careers for career awareness.



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New UK program uses equine research to grow the next generation of scientists

By Jordan Strickler
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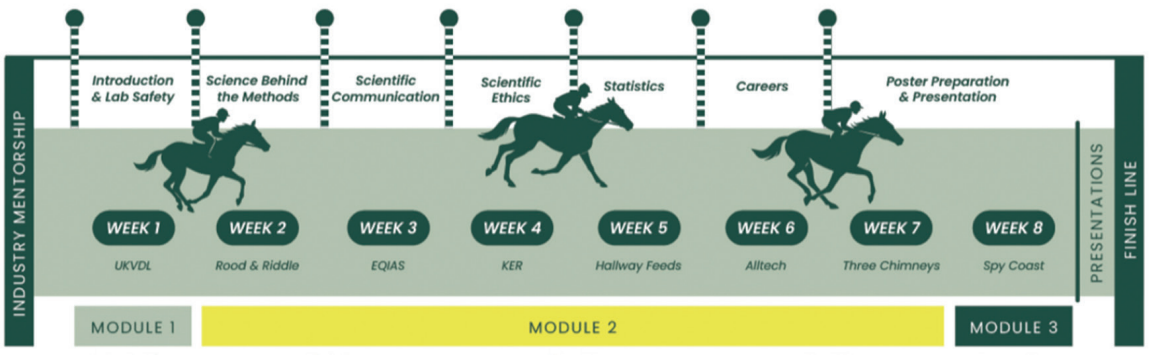
A new University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment (CAFE) program is betting that a beloved Kentucky animal can be the hook that pulls more students into science-based careers.

Backed by a five-year, $750,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Stable to STEM (S2S) will bring college undergraduate students to Lexington each summer for a nine-week, in-residence research and Extension experience built entirely around the horse.

Led by Director of Strategy for Equine Initiatives Meghan Wulster-Radcliffe, Ph.D, and Department of Animal and Food Science professor Kristine Urschel, Ph.D, the program leans on one of Kentucky's signature industries to introduce students to research, mentorship and Extension work in the animal sciences.

"Students come through, learn techniques and work as a group on horse-related research," Wulster-Radcliffe said. "Additionally, we have multiple industry partners throughout the Lexington area who help the students translate the scientific knowledge they acquire into practical use."

Stable to STEM will bring undergraduate students to Lexington each summer for a nine-week, in-residence research and Extension experience built around the horse. Photo by Chris Floyd.



S2S is funded through the USDA's Research and Extension Experiences for Undergraduates program, part of the agency's larger education and workforce development effort.

"The goal is to get students interested and grow the science-based career pipeline," Wulster-Radcliffe said. "Essentially, we are using horses to get students interested in science and research." The grant will support eight students per year for five cohorts, 40 students total, with recruitment beginning each September and the first residential session slated for the summer of 2027. At least half of each cohort will come from outside UK, drawn nationally through institutional partners including Lincoln Memorial University and Kentucky State University.

While the program is open to students across majors, Wulster-Radcliffe and Urschel expect many participants to arrive tied to the equine world and to leave thinking about it differently.

"I believe most of the students are probably coming in with an interest in horses and the equine industry," Urschel said. "Hopefully, this puts them more on the science side or emphasizes the use of science in their business-based decisions."

S2S builds on a related UK effort, Saddle to STEM, an earlier program that applies the same animals-as-an-entry-point philosophy to middle and high school students. That program has already produced two scientific publications, with a third currently in review and expected to appear later this summer. By the end of June, more than 100 students will have moved through the Saddle to STEM program.

"Together, the two programs reflect a single wager being made in the heart of horse country," Wulster-Radcliffe said. "These animals are already woven into Kentucky's identity and might also be the ones that draw its next scientists, researchers and Extension professionals."

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Kentucky senator plans legislation to study streamlining, unifying children's programs

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – State Sen. Danny Carroll, R-Paducah, says he intends to file legislation during the 2027 General Assembly to begin studying whether Kentucky should streamline and unite children's programs currently spread across state government.

Carroll, who chairs the Senate Families and Children Committee, said his proposal would establish a working group to identify which programs could be better aligned, examine funding and administrative questions and develop a framework for possible future action. The proposal would not immediately create a new cabinet or department.

"The group my proposal would establish, much like what we did with the Nuclear Energy Development Working Group, would make decisions on what change would look like," Carroll said. "It is a long, tenuous process, and it's not something that will be accomplished overnight, but I think it's worth it."

Sen. Danny Carroll, R-Paducah, sponsored the kindergarten readiness portion of the bill that establishes a pilot program to determine if performance-based financial incentives improve kindergarten readiness. (LRC photo)

The state of Ohio created the Department of Children and Youth in 2023 after finding that a cabinet-level coordination model could not consistently align programs, funding and staffing across six agencies.

Ohio ultimately moved nearly 60 programs and approximately 600 employees into the department, adding no new positions or administrative funding and leaving more than 40 positions unfilled as part of the reorganization.

The state also connected previously separated data and referral systems and established measurable goals involving infant mortality, kindergarten readiness and entry into foster care. Wente reported that the state's preliminary infant mortality rate declined from 7.1 to 6.4 and kindergarten readiness increased from 35.4 percent to 44.8 percent.

Carroll said Kentucky's study would examine its own programs, needs and governance structure. Ohio's approach can serve as a model, but any reforms would need to take into account Kentucky's existing agencies and programs.

He noted that the work could also complement House Concurrent Resolution 108 from the 2026 Legislative Session, which proposed a study of early childhood governance.

"My hope is we can work together on this, as we were before," Carroll added.

Kentucky's 2027 legislative session is scheduled to start on Jan. 5 and ends March 30.

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‘Get their hands dirty’: Kentucky Forest Leadership Program educates youth about the great outdoors

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Each year, the Robinson Forest hosts a group of high school students participating in the Kentucky Forest Leadership Program (KFLP). Photo by Sabrina Hounshell.

Student exploring the waterways at the Robinson Forest. Photo by Sabrina Hounshell.

CLAYHOLE, Ky.— University of Kentucky’s Robinson Forest, a 14,800-acre forest located inside the Cumberland Plateau, is home to one of the most diverse forest regions in the world, offering valuable knowledge and discoveries about forestry, hydrology, soils, wildlife and ecology.

Robinson Forest, part of the Robinson Center and administered by the Department of Forestry and Natural Resources (FNR) at the UK Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, annually hosts a group of high school students participating in the Kentucky Forest Leadership Program (KFLP).

During a week-long experience in June, KFLP students from Kentucky and beyond learned about forests, trees, insects, water, wildlife and more. The interactive programming, facilitated outdoors in the Robinson Forest, was led by industry professionals and researchers at the UK Cooperative Extension Service, Kentucky Division of Forestry, Kentucky Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Kentucky Division of Conservation.

Laurie Thomas, Extension forester and associate for outreach education at Martin-Gatton CAFE, said KFLP offers a unique opportunity for high school students to roll up their sleeves and get more immersed in Kentucky’s natural resources.

“Robinson Forest offers the perfect ecosystem, and all the resources are here for the students,” Thomas said. “Students get to learn all about trees and forestry, wildlife in our Eastern Kentucky forest and insects, along with different career tracks. Everything is right here for them to get outside and get their hands dirty.”

Students selected from one of three educational tracks: forestry, entomology or wildlife.

In the forestry track, students learn about tree identification, land surveying, soil science, fire management, Kentucky wildlife, water quality evaluation and computer mapping. Wildlife track students complete a Wildlife Habitat Assessment by conducting surveys for reptiles and amphibians; for signs of mammals such as tracks, scat and damage; and for birds and bats using new acoustics technology. The entomology track offers curriculum for students who want to learn more about Kentucky’s insects and their impact on the states’ forests.

Lucy Duebber, Campbell County resident and returning KFLP participant, said she enjoys learning by doing with other students her age, along with the unique opportunity for self-discovery.

“I really like learning with my hands and with other people that are interested in the same things that I am,” Lucy said. “There’s so much to learn — you get a taste of everything, like the tree identification, the wildlife and the water and soil testing, and all in the same place. KFLP lets you go to work and figure it out, which I really like. You just don’t get this anywhere else.”

Howard, FNR alum, director of the Kentucky Division of Forestry and Kentucky’s State Forester, believes that “knowing trees is wisdom” for the KFLP students.

We have a forest here that is beautiful and highly productive — it’s an outdoor classroom for students to understand the history and what can become of good forest management practices,” Howard said. “We have a critical partnership with the University of Kentucky, and they have done an amazing job in making sure that this outdoor classroom offers a wide variety of resources related to forestry here in Kentucky.”

Thomas said it’s important that, after completing the KFLP program, students have not only gained more knowledge but have also become future ambassadors.

“We want them to become a voice for natural resources and the environment,” Thomas said. “By having that knowledge and understanding, we are setting them up to make good decisions about our natural resources and environment. They are going out into the world and becoming our future leaders.”

KFLP is funded by the UK Forestry and Natural Resources Department with in-kind support from the Kentucky Division of Forestry and the UK Department of Entomology. Scholarships are provided by the Kentucky Division of Conservation, UK Cooperative Extension Service and Kentucky Woodland Owners Foundation. The KFLP’s student tuition covers meals and lodging.

Learn more about the Kentucky Forest Leadership Program at kflp.mgcafe.uky.edu and the UK Department of Forestry and Natural Resources at forestry.mgcafe.uky.edu.

Two students capturing and studying insects at the Robinson Forest. Photo by Sabrina Hounshell.

Students measuring and identifying trees at the Robinson Forest. Photo by Sabrina Hounshell.

UK researchers explore new way to protect trees from invasive diseases

By Jordan Strickler
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Laurel wilt can kill a sassafras tree in just a few weeks. UK researchers are hoping to change that. Photo by Ellen Crocker.

Lexington, Ky.—

A fungus that causes laurel wilt can kill a sassafras tree in just a few weeks, and it's a disease threatening sassafras in Kentucky and other members of the laurel family across the nation. Researchers at the University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment (CAFE) are studying whether the fungus' own natural defenses could be used to stop it.

The research focuses on RNA interference (RNAi), a process that uses specially designed pieces of double-stranded RNA to silence genes essential for a pest or pathogen's survival. Unlike traditional treatments that may affect many organisms, RNAi can be tailored to target a single invasive species.

"It's like attacking a computer hacker with their own antivirus software," said Ellen Crocker, Ph.D., associate professor of forest health Extension in the UK Department of Forestry and Natural Resources. "You're turning that system against itself."

Many organisms—including plants, animals, insects and fungi—naturally recognize double-stranded RNA as a sign of viral infection. When detected, the organisms break the pathogens into smaller pieces and search for matching genetic instructions within their cells.

Experts in Martin-Gatton CAFE aim to harness this response by introducing RNA that matches a pathogen's own genes. The fungus would begin destroying the genetic instructions it needs for basic functions such as growth, nutrient processing and reproduction.

"The idea is to choose gene sequences that are only in the fungus we want to target," said Josh Konkol, Ph.D., a UK postdoctoral researcher on the project. "Ideally, you could apply it around other fungi and organisms, and the only one affected would be the pathogen carrying that matching sequence."

This level of precision could offer a major advantage over conventional fungicides, which often hurt beneficial fungi along with harmful ones. RNAi treatments can also be developed using the genome of a target organism and applied externally, meaning they do not require genetically modified trees.

Once a tree is infected, treatment options are limited. Some fungicides may offer temporary protection for individual trees, but they are costly, requiring repeated applications that are not practical for widespread forest use.

"For sassafras, the future situation is pretty bleak if we don't have better tools," Crocker said. "The exciting part of RNAi is the possibility of making something extremely targeted to the fungus we want to stop without harming everything else around it."

Laurel wilt is one of several threats included in the broader research effort. The team is also exploring RNAi approaches for chestnut blight, Dutch elm disease, butternut canker, emerald ash borer and invasive adelgids.

The project is supported by a $411,000 cooperative agreement with the US. Department of Agriculture Forest Service. Crocker and Konkol are collaborating with Tyler Dreaden, Ph.D., a research plant pathologist with the Forest Service Southern Research Station and a member of UK's Forest Health Research and Education Center.

Crocker said the partnership brings together university research, forest service expertise and ongoing work on invasive species.

"These are difficult invasive species, and we need more options," she said. "RNAi could become another tool in the toolbox, but first we have to understand what works, what doesn't and how to deliver it in a way that can actually protect a tree."

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Although impaired driving enforcement is a year-round effort, crashes tend to increase over holiday weekends. The Kentucky Office of Highway Safety (KOHS) is joining the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and law enforcement agencies across the country in the "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" awareness and law enforcement safety campaign, reminding drivers to make a plan before drinking or using impairing substances and to always choose a safe and sober ride home.

During the 2025 Labor Day holiday weekend in Kentucky, there were 69 crashes involving an impaired driver, resulting in 49 injuries and three deaths.

Drivers are reminded to:

--Before the festivities begin, plan a way to get home safely at the end of the night;

--If you're impaired, use a ride-booking company or taxi, call a sober friend or family member or use public transportation to get home safely;

--If you see an impaired driver, safely pull over and contact law enforcement. You may dial the Kentucky State Police toll-free line directly at 1-800-222-5555 or call 911. Provide a vehicle description, license number, location and, if possible, direction of travel;

--If you know people who are about to drive or ride while impaired, take their keys and help them make other arrangements to get to their destination safely;

--Wear a seat belt. It is not only the law, but it is also the best defense against an impaired driver. Buckling up helps prevent injury and death if you are involved in a crash.

***CRASH** from Front Page*

pontoon boat, was ejected into the water. His body was recovered from Herrington Lake on Monday, July 6.

Game wardens have continued to gather and evaluate evidence since the collision. Thirteen search warrants have been sought and executed, witnesses have been interviewed, and multiple items of evidence have been submitted for forensic and evidentiary testing.

"The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources appreciates the public's patience as this investigation has progressed. With the magnitude of this case, we have continued to prioritize accuracy and completeness over speed," said Col. Jeremy McQueary, head of Law Enforcement for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife.

Anyone with information about the July 4 boating collision who has not yet spoken with investigators is asked to contact Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement through Kentucky State Police Post 7 at 859-623-2404.

Because the case is now pending before the court, investigators and prosecutors will not release additional details that could affect the integrity of the legal proceedings or the presentation of evidence in court.

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

Item #1-120

Rebuild Mayfield Project in Graves County

Tuesday, September 15, 2026,
5:30 - 7:30 p.m., CDT (6:30 - 8:30 p.m., EDT)
Graves County Public Library, Large Community Room
601 N. 17th Street, Mayfield, KY 42066

TEAM KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) will hold a public information meeting to provide an update on the planned improvements for the Rebuild Mayfield project. The meeting will follow an open house format, where attendees can view various exhibits, talk to KYTC staff and project team members, and ask questions about the project.

Written comment forms will be available at the meeting to help the public share feedback directly with the project team. Comments can also be submitted by mail before Wednesday, September 30, 2026, to Austin Hart, Project Manager, KYTC District 1 Office, 5501 Kentucky Dam Road, Paducah, KY 42003.

Following the public meeting, displays and materials will be available for review at the KYTC District 1 Office in Paducah. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., CDT (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., EDT). Information will also be available online after the meeting at RebuildMayfield.com.

All written comments will become part of the official meeting record. Once compiled, the meeting record and other supporting documentation will be available for review and copying only after an Open Records Request has been received and approved. All Open Records Requests must be submitted to the KYTC Office of Legal Services, Transportation Office Building, 200 Mero St., Frankfort, Kentucky 40622, or email kytc.openrecords@ky.gov.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), if anyone has a disability and will require assistance, please notify Carrie Dillard, Public Information Officer, no later than Thursday, September 10, 2026. This request does not have to be in writing. Please call 270-898-2431 or mail request to KYTC District 1 Office, 5501 Kentucky Dam Road, Paducah, Kentucky 42003.

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Marshall County jail inmate dies

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

BENTON, Ky. (KT) – The Kentucky State Police (KSP) Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT) is continuing the investigation into last week's in-custody incident at the Marshall County Detention Center, now that the inmate has died.

KSP Post 1 in Mayfield requested CIRT to investigate an interaction involving an in-custody Marshall County man. The Marshall County Sheriff's Office arrested Kendrick Owens on the morning of Thursday, August 13, charging him with Public Intoxication, Disorderly Conduct, Assault 3rd Degree, and Resisting Arrest.

Following his arrest and while at the Marshall County Detention Center, Owens became unresponsive and deputies requested medical personnel assistance. Owens was initially taken to a local hospital before being transported to a Louisville hospital, where he was reported to be in critical condition.

The KSP says they were informed Owens died on Saturday, August 15 at the medical facility and the investigation remains ongoing.

Kentucky State Police have statewide jurisdiction and investigates critical incidents throughout the state as requested by local, state and federal law enforcement agencies. KSP says they are committed to being transparent, while ensuring the integrity of the investigation.

To protect the integrity of an ongoing investigation, it is KSP's standard operating procedure not to release specific details until all vital witnesses have been interviewed and pertinent facts gathered. Timelines for completing investigations vary depending on the complexity of the case.

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Waterfowl hunting blind drawing dates set for four wildlife management areas

FRANKFORT, Ky. - The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources has scheduled dates for public drawings to select season-long waterfowl hunting blind sites at four wildlife management areas (WMAs) this fall.

Available sites include locations at Doug Travis, Lake Barkley, Green River Lake and Barren River Lake WMAs. Each area has numerous sites available, and multiple hunters can be selected for each location.

Seasonally drawn blind sites ensure that selected waterfowl hunters will have a place to hunt during the entire waterfowl season. The drawings for these blinds take place well before the season to allow hunters time to build blinds and make all necessary plans for the season.

Upcoming season-long blind drawings include:

Doug Travis WMA, Carlisle and Hickman counties: 10 a.m. (CT), Saturday, Aug. 29. The drawing will be at the WMA office, 1/2-mile south of Berkley on KY 123. Registration starts at 9 a.m.

Lake Barkley WMA, Trigg and Lyon counties: 8 a.m. (CT), Monday, Sept. 21. The drawing will be at the shelter on the east side of the Cumberland River at Lake Barkley Dam, off U.S. 62 near Lake City. Participants should use the powerhouse entrance and then turn right toward the drawing location. Registration starts at 7 a.m.

Green River Lake WMA, Taylor and Adair counties: 10 a.m. (ET), Saturday, Sept. 26. The drawing will be at the Green River Lake U.S. Army Corps of Engineers office off KY 55, approximately 7 miles south of Campbellsville. Registration starts at 9 a.m.

Barren River Lake WMA, Allen and Barren counties: 9 a.m. (CT), Saturday, Oct. 3. The drawing will be at the Barren River Lake Corps of Engineers office, at the Barren River Lake dam off KY 252. Registration starts at 7 a.m.

Hunters interested in participating in a waterfowl blind drawing must be at least 18 years old and possess a valid Kentucky hunting license, a Kentucky Migratory Bird/Waterfowl Hunting Permit and a federal migratory bird permit (also known as a duck stamp) at the time of the drawing. Proof of hunter education certification is also required of any participant born after 1974.

Hunters must also have their Harvest Information Program (HIP) confirmation number before the drawing. To get a confirmation number, hunters must visit the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife website at fw.ky.gov, click the "My Profile" tab and answer a brief survey about their migratory bird hunting activities. This confirmation number provided at the completion of the survey must be written on the hunting license or Kentucky Migratory Bird/Waterfowl Hunting permit. Hunters may also reprint their license free of charge after completing the survey, as the HIP confirmation number will then be displayed on it.

Hunters drawn for blinds on Doug Travis, Lake Barkley, Green River Lake or Barren River Lake WMAs must locate, prepare and maintain the blind site for the duration of the 2026-2027 waterfowl seasons. Each drawn hunter may select a co-owner of the blind site for the duration of the season to use the blind in the absence of the hunter drawn. The co-owner must be present at the drawing.

Hunters may construct a permanent blind or use a boat or portable blind, but each blind site must be pinned with a permanent marker identifying permit holders for the site. Those hunters selected hold first rights for use of the blind site, but these blind sites are open to public use if the drawn hunters or co-owners are not in the blinds by 30 minutes before shooting time.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife provides a variety of waterfowl hunting opportunities on WMAs. These opportunities include quota hunts, daily drawings, walk-in areas and seasonally drawn blinds. Learn more by visiting the Waterfowl Hunting webpage on the department's website (fw.ky.gov). The website also provides more information on the Wildlife Management Area & Public Lands Search webpage and the Kentucky WMA webpage.

Questions about waterfowl hunting or hunting blinds may be directed to the agency's information center at 800-858-1549, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (ET) weekdays, excluding state holidays, or at info.center@ky.gov.

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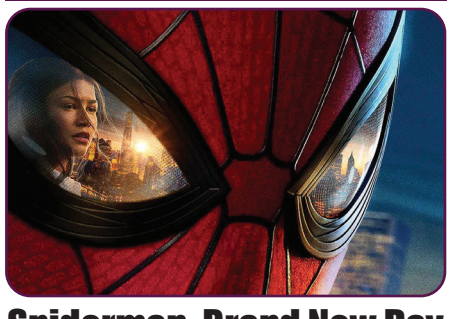

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Faith in Action: Collegiate Changers mobilize to serve Muhlenberg County

By CHARITY TAYLOR
Kentucky Today

A group of 21 participants — including college students and adult leaders — converged on Muhlenberg County earlier this year for the annual Collegiate Changers mission trip. The team spent five days transforming local properties and embodying their faith through community ministry.

Transforming Homes and Hearts

The volunteers tackled five construction and renovation projects for local homeowners. Their efforts focused heavily on accessibility and home revitalization, resulting in the completion of:

Three wheelchair ramps

Two sets of steps

A complete deck with steps

Pressure washing and painting for two porches

These projects provided essential safety upgrades for residents while offering the participants a unique environment for spiritual growth and fellowship.

A Generation Rising Up

For the adult leaders and coordinators on-site, the week offered a glimpse into the future of ministry. The passion and work ethic of the collegiate volunteers left a lasting impression on the leadership team.

Abigayle Allen, from Salem Baptist Church in Shelbyville, is a student at Eastern Kentucky University.

"Serving with Collegiate Changers was such a blessing," said Jon Caranna. "I love watching young adults use their gifts and abilities to serve the Kingdom. We are all called to serve, and getting to serve alongside those college students was amazing. God is moving and doing big things among today's young adults."

Chad Rafferty, pastor of Island Baptist Church and project manager for the trip, echoed this enthusiasm, noting the deep spiritual drive behind the physical labor: "I love watching the young adults serve others through missions and worship with a burning passion in their hearts. I am so excited to see this group rising up as our next leaders."

Caleb Revel, from Harrodsburg, is a member at Salvisa Baptist Church and a student at Midway College.

The deep bond formed during the trip created a tight-knit community among the workers, a dynamic that site coordinator, Josh Owens, described as unique to the Changers experience. "When I think of Changers, one word comes to mind: family. To be able to take part in the process of seeing these young leaders taking the steps to go and serve others is truly a pleasure. This generation of students truly has adopted a John 3:30 attitude when it comes to serving."

The Student Perspective: Worship Through Labor

For the students involved, Collegiate Changers serves as both a continuation of their faith journeys and an uncomfortable but rewarding step outside their daily routines. Many participants are Student Changers alumni who wanted to keep the momentum going into their college years.

"I had participated in Student Changers and enjoyed it so much," Makenzie Black explained. "I wanted to continue this mission as a college-aged individual."

Rachel Howard highlighted the dual impact of community service and spiritual fellowship: "I come to Collegiate Changers because it allows me to serve the Lord while strengthening my faith and worshiping Him alongside others. It also gives me the opportunity to help people in need within the communities we serve. Most importantly, it is a meaningful way to spread the word of Jesus Christ and make a positive impact wherever we go."

Even those who hold leadership roles within the ministry found a renewed sense of purpose by getting their hands dirty on the construction crews.

Lexi Moore, student and ministry team leader, summarized the profound connection between hard work and worship: "As a member of the ministry team, I often miss the opportunity to serve on a crew throughout the summer. Being on a crew is such a unique and humbling experience. Collegiate Changers gives me the opportunity to serve the local community and the Lord in a way that pushes me beyond my comfort zone. Sweating and laboring for the Lord is one of my favorite ways to worship."

By the end of the week, the five completed project sites stood as a physical testament to what can happen when young adults step out of their comfort zones to serve a greater purpose, leaving Muhlenberg County forever changed.

Collegiate Changers is a part of the Kentucky Changers family. The Kentucky Changers family provides hands-on mission experiences for believers of all ages, fostering a lifelong commitment to serving others and putting faith into action. Changer Kids offers an introductory mission trip experience for kids who have completed 4th-6th grade. Student Changers is an equipping/training weeklong mission trip for students who have completed 6th-12th grade. Collegiate Changers offers ages 18-29 hands-on missions experience. Adult Changers is a hands-on missions experience for 18+ adults to put their faith into action.

Collegiate Changers for 2027 is May 23-27 at Central Baptist Church, Paris, Ky.

For more information about Collegiate Changers, reach out to Joe Ball (joe.ball@kybaptist.org) or visit kywmu.org/collegiatechangers.

Abigayle Allen, from Salem Baptist Church in Shelbyville, is a student at Eastern Kentucky University.

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BALLARD

Cynthia "Cindy" Jo Rollins, age 69, of Wickliffe, Kentucky, passed away peacefully on August 17, 2026, in her home. A funeral service to honor Cindy's life was held at 11:00 am on Thursday, August 20, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Wickliffe, with Bro. Daniel Fraser officiating. Burial followed at Wickliffe City Cemetery.

Funeral Notice

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Ruth R. Kelly

In Loving Memory of Ruth R Kelly

Ruth R Kelly, born October 9, 1935 in Wickliffe, Ky. to the late Martin Edward and Ona Ora Brack Robertson, entered into the presence of Jesus on August 8, 2026 at 5 a.m.

She passed away peacefully at her home surrounded by family. She leaves behind a beautiful legacy of love, faith, compassion, and service. She was a devoted Christian whose faith in Jesus Christ was at the very center of her life. She was a member of the First Assembly of God in Clinton, Ky.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers, Josh Robert Robertson and Martin Jr. Robertson; sisters, Zelma Lee Wiggins and Joan Willoughby, and her infant sons, Roger Frank Poole, and David Poole.

She was also preceded in death by her beloved husband, Gene Kelly. While those loses brought great heartache Ruth knew that they would all be reunited again in Heaven.

She leaves behind her son, Michael Poole and wife Lea Ann, of Spring City, Tenn.; her daughter, Ruth Ann Poole of Spring City, Tenn.; 4 granddaughters, Ashley Whisneant, Sarah Hall, Caitlin Moore, and Rachel Lampley; 11 great-grandchildren, Jaden, Grace, Michael, Elisabeth, Julia, Parker, Reagan, Gavin, Alexander, Abigail, and Andrew.

4 nieces, Patty Carter, Sharon Kay Bone, Ava Duffy, and Michelle Nelson; 2 nephews, Martin Robertson, and Josh Loney.

She graduated from Western Baptist School of Practical Nursing in 1969. Her nursing career was a natural expression of the compassion and caring heart she possessed.

After 90 years of life, Ruth has completed her earthly journey.

Although she will be deeply missed by those who loved her, there is comfort in knowing that she is now reunited with her loved ones that went before her and most importantly she is in the presence of her Savior, she loved so dearly.

We can imagine that after a lifetime of loving, serving, and faithful walking with Jesus, Ruth is now hearing those precious words: "Well done, good and faithful servant."

A graveside funeral service for Ruth was held at Rhea Memory Gardens in Dayton, Tenn., on Saturday, August 15, 2026 at 11:00am with Rev. Kelly Goins officiating.

CALDWELL

Hilda Jo Gray of Princeton, KY passed away at Ray and Kay Eckstein Care Center in Paducah, KY, on August 13, 2026, at the age of 78. She was born on May 7, 1948. Visitation will be held from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm Friday, August 21, 2026, at Morgan's Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 pm on Friday, August 21, 2026, at Morgan's Funeral Home, with Rev. Byron Copeland and Bro. Troy Jent officiating. Burial will follow at Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Dennis Edward Stallins, 66, of Princeton, passed away on Tuesday, August 11, 2026, at his home. Graveside services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 18, 2026, in Sugar Creek Cemetery in Caldwell County with Bro. Lynn Williams officiating.

Roselyn Gael Robertson, beloved daughter, sister, and cherished light, passed away peacefully on August 12, 2026, at Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt in Nashville, TN, surrounded by her devoted family. The family welcomes friends and loved ones to a visitation to honor Roselyn's memory on August 21, 2026, from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Goodman Funeral Home, 1032 West Main St, Princeton, KY 42445. A Celebration of Life service will follow at the same location at 6:00 pm, providing an opportunity for all whose lives were touched by Roselyn to gather, remember, and share in her legacy of love.

Wanda Camille McNeill, known to family and friends as Wendy Gail, 79, of Princeton, passed away on Saturday, August 15, 2026, at Princeton Health & Rehab in Princeton. There will be no service or visitation at this time. Expressions of sympathy may take the form of donations made to Bikers Toy Run, 10434 Scale Road, Benton, KY 42025.

CALLOWAY

Kimberly Ricketts passed away Friday, August 14, 2026, at Baptist Health in Paducah, KY. Services are being planned and will be announced at a later date. Imes Funeral Home and Crematory is entrusted with caring for her family.

Millie Jean Stevens, 76, of Murray, passed away on Tuesday, August 11, 2026 at the Anna Mae Owen Residential Hospice House. Per her wishes, no services will be held at this time. Imes Funeral Home is entrusted with caring for her family.

James A. Fielder, age 99, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away on Friday, August 14, 2026, at Spring Creek Healthcare in Murray, Kentucky. A graveside service was held at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, August 19, 2026, at the Green Plain Cemetery.

Diane McKendree, age 77, of Dexter, Kentucky, passed away Thursday, August 13, 2026, at Baptist Health in Paducah, Kentucky. A funeral service will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, August 21, 2026, at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Rev. Richard Burkeen will officiate, and burial will follow in the Stewart Cemetery. A visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. on Friday, August 21, 2026, at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

Mary Linda Cox was born on Palm Sunday morning, March 29, 1953, to Mary Frances McElrath Cox and Carman Leroy Cox in Columbia, MO. PLEASE NOTICE THE DEATH DATE ON MS.COX IS NOT HER ACTUAL DEATH DATE. THIS DATE WAS USED FOR ARCHIVE RECORDS FOR OUR WEBSITE. HER ACTUALLY DEATH DATE IS MARCH 23, 2026. Memorial Service - Saturday, September 5, 2026 from 2:00 - 3:00 pm (Central time) at the J. H. Churchill Funeral Home, 201 S 3rd St, Murray, KY 42071.

Billy Joe Crass, age 96, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away Monday, August 17, 2026, at his home. J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

Anthony Don "Tony" Hendon, Age 62, of Paducah, Kentucky passed away on Monday, August 17, 2026, at his home. Arrangements are currently incomplete at The J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

Patricia A. "Pat" Britt, age 88, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away on Thursday, August 13, 2026, at Spring Creek Healthcare in Murray, Kentucky. A funeral service was held at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services. John Dale will officiate and burial followed in the Murray City Cemetery.

Brenda Gail (Williams) Fox, 67, of Murray, passed away Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at Baptist Health in Paducah, KY. A service celebrating Brenda's life was held on Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. in the chapel of the Blalock-Coleman Funeral Home, with Pastor Austin Johnson officiating. Burial followed the service in the Murray Memorial Gardens, Murray, KY.

CARLISLE

Joseph Elmo Gunn, 91, of Blandville, KY, died Wednesday night, August 12, 2026 at Life Care Center in La Center, KY, with his daughter and son-in-law at his side. Visitation was held Monday, August 17, 2026 at Morrow Funeral Chapel in LaCenter, KY at 11:00 a.m. Funeral was held Monday, August 17, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. at Morrow Funeral Chapel in LaCenter, KY. Interment followed at Zoar Cemetery in Cunningham, KY.

Hilda Ann McGee Cannon, 89, of Arlington, Kentucky, passed away on Friday, August 14, 2026, at her home, surrounded by the love of her family. A funeral Service was held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, August 17, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Arlington, with Bro. Ricky Burton and Glen Stewart officiating. Burial followed at Arlington City Cemetery.

CHRISTIAN

Rev. James Henry Jones Jr., age 92, of Hopkinsville formerly of Nashville, TN, passed away on Thursday, August 13, 2026, at Christian Health Center of natural causes. The family has chosen cremation with a Celebration of Life Service to be held at 2:00 PM on Sunday September 6, 2026, at Trenton United Methodist Church in Trenton, KY. Burial of his cremains will take place at a later date in Edgewood Cemetery in Trenton.

At 27 days old, **Tatum Zachary Dean Evans,** of Hopkinsville, passed away last Thursday at home in his mother's arms of natural causes. Celebration of Life Services will be at 2:00 PM on Friday, August 21, 2026, at Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home. Visitation will be that day from 1:30 PM until the service hour at 2:00 PM. Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home has been entrusted by the family to handle the arrangements.

Bobby Joe Ethridge, age 83, of Hopkinsville, KY, passed away on Tuesday, August 11, 2026, at Jennie Stuart Health of natural causes. Funeral Services were held at 1:00 PM on Tuesday August 18, 2026, at Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home with Bro. Jeffrey Cunningham officiating and burial followed in Riverside Cemetery with military honors.

Joseph L. Ritzheimer, 78, of Hopkinsville, KY died at 6:55 a.m. Friday, August 14, 2026, at his residence. Funeral mass was at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church. Burial followed in Riverside Cemetery. Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Elizabeth Purcell Kumaravelu, of Clarksville, Tennessee, passed away peacefully on August 14, 2026, at the age of 57. Funeral services were held at the Gamble Funeral Home, 1311 S. Liberty St., Hopkinsville, KY 42240.

James Robert Long, Jr., beloved husband, brother, and friend, passed away peacefully on August 12, 2026, at the age of 89. Friends and family were invited to celebrate James's life on August 17, 2026, at Cedar Grove Baptist Church, 375 Cedar Grove Rd, Olmstead, KY 42265.

Debbrey Ann Stevenson (Whitlock), passed away on August 11, 2026, leaving behind a legacy of service, devotion, and kindness that touched her family, friends, and community. Family, friends, and all whose lives she touched were invited to pay their respects at a visitation on August 18, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. at St. Bethlehem Baptist Church, 198 North Main Street, Pembroke, KY. The funeral service followed at 1:00 p.m. at the same location.

Mearl "Butch" Anderson, 73, of Hopkinsville, KY died at 1:26 a.m. Sunday, August 16, 2026 at his residence. No services will be held at this time. Dogwood Funerals & Cremations of Hopkinsville is assisting with the arrangements.

Joy Lyn Hopper Bullock, 60, of Crofton, Kentucky, went to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on August 16, 2026 at her home in Crofton, Kentucky. Graveside services were held at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 19, 2026 at Ridgetop Cemetery in Crofton with Thad Hopper and Luke Hopper officiating. Burial followed in Ridgetop

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Cemetery. Dogwood Funerals & Cremations of Crofton is in charge of arrangements.

Arlanda Enorris Brim was born January 7, 1962, in Christian County, Hopkinsville, Kentucky, to Velor Brim Major and James Massie Major Sr. He peacefully departed this life on August 13, 2026, in Louisville, Kentucky. Funeral Service was held at Adams & Sons Mortuary, Thursday, August 20, 2026 from 12 pm - 1:30 pm on 306 Mechanic, Hopkinsville, KY. Immediately following the service burial was held at Cave Springs Cemetery, 2120 Greenville Rd., Hopkinsville, KY.

CRITTENDEN

James Clinton Riley, 88, of Marion, KY passed away August 18, 2026 at his home. Services were held at 2 PM Thursday, August 20, 2026 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion, KY with interment in Frances Cemetery.

Jeanette Margaret Phillips, 77, of Marion, KY passed away August 17, 2026 at Livingston Hospital. Services are scheduled for 11 AM Saturday August 22, 2026 at St. Williams Catholic Church in Marion, KY with interment in St. William's Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from 5-8 PM Friday August 21, 2026 at St. William's Church.

Mary Belle Lanham, age 90, of Marion, KY, passed away on Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at Princeton Health and Rehabilitation in Princeton, KY. Graveside services were held on Saturday, August 15, 2026, at 2:30 PM at Mapleview Cemetery.

FULTON

Bobby Gene Glisson, age 93, of South Fulton, Tennessee, passed away Friday, August 14, 2026, at The Arbors at Etheridge House in Union City, Tennessee. Funeral services for Mr. Bobby Gene Glisson were held at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, August 20, 2026, in the funeral chapel with Bro. Cody Barner and Alex Gallien officiating. Burial followed at Pilot Oak Baptist Church Cemetery.

GRAVES

Christine "Peggy" Harned, aged 96, of Mayfield, KY, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, August 19, 2026, at Jackson Purchase Medical Center. A member of the First Christian Church in Mayfield, Peggy worked at Stones Drug Store before her retirement. A private graveside service will be held at Maplewood Cemetery in Mayfield. Byrn Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Jackie Dale Gills, age 69, of Palmersville, TN passed away on Wednesday, August 12, 2026 at West Tennessee Healthcare Volunteer Hospital in Martin, TN. Graveside services for Mr. Jackie Dale Gills was at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 16, 2026 at Old Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery in Palmersville, TN. Danny Tidwell will officiate. Interment will follow.

Shirley Maxine Heath passed peacefully at home at 1:26 a.m. on Wednesday, August 19, 2026. Per Maxine's wishes, no services are being planned. The Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield is in charge of arrangements.

Clifford Alan Clark, age 61 of Wingo, KY passed away Tuesday, August 18, 2026 at his residence. Funeral Services will be held 11 AM Saturday, August 22, 2026 at the Jackson Chapel Church with Rev Bobby Barnett officiating. Burial will follow in the Clark Cemetery. Visitation will be held after 10 AM on Saturday at the Church.

Sharon Vaughn, age 74 of Mayfield, KY passed away at 3:55PM Monday, August 17, 2026 at her residence. Funeral Services will be held at 1:00PM Friday, August 21st, 2026 at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY with Rev. John Taylor and Rev. Gary Heath officiating. Burial will follow in the Wingo Cemetery. Friends are invited to call from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM on the day of the service at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY.

Mary Helen Courtney, age 81 and a resident of Mayfield, passed away at 10:06 A.M. Saturday, August 15, 2026 at the Anna Mae Owen Hospice House in Murray, KY. Graveside funeral services for Mary Helen Courtney were held on Tuesday, August 18, 2026 at 11:00 A.M. at Lynnville Pentecostal Cemetery with Dennis Zimmer officiating.

Patsy June Greenfield Edwards, age 91, a resident of Mayfield, Kentucky, passed away at 4:04 PM Wednesday, August 12, 2026. Funeral services for Pat Edwards were at 10:30 AM Saturday, August 15, 2026, at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield, with burial to follow in Murray Memorial Gardens. Bro. Jakob Coleman officiated the service, with Seth Thompson and Benny Wilson assisting.

Ross Lynn Mills age 56 of Mayfield, Ky. passed away on August 12, 2026. In Oklahoma City, Ok. To Honor Mr. Mill's wishes there will be a Celebration of Life Service at a later date. The Brown Funeral Home of Mayfield in charge of arrangements.

HICKMAN

Reginald "Regi" Owen Harper, age 88 of Clinton, passed away Wednesday, August 12, 2026 at the Clinton-Hickman Co. ICF. A memorial service for Regi was held Sunday, August 16, 2026 at 2:00 PM at the Clinton First United Methodist Church with Rev. Ray Klages and Rev. Aaron Dowdy officiating.

Bruce Bone, age 60, of the Beulah Community, passed away at 2:30 a.m. Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at the Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah, Kentucky. No services are planned at this time. Final Resting Place - S & S Cremation Services, 2638 Knobb Creek Road, Fulton, KY 42041.

LIVINGSTON

Charles Glenn Fulks, 83, of Grand Rivers was joyfully welcomed into Heaven on the evening of Tuesday, August 18, 2026, while surrounded by his family on the grounds of his "Happy Place"- Maggie's Jungle Golf. A graveside service will be held at 2:00 PM on Friday, August 21, 2026 at Dixon Cemetery with Bro. Mark Gill officiating.

Floyd Scott, 83, of Grand Rivers, KY passed away August 13, 2026 at Baptist Health Paducah. Visitation for Floyd Scott was held from 1-5 PM Monday August 17, 2026 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion, KY with interment in Pleasant Hill Cemetery on Tuesday morning.

Jerry Allen Davenport, 77, of Hampton, passed away Wednesday, August 12, 2026 at Southgate Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Funeral services were Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at 1 PM, in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services, with Rev. John East officiating. Burial followed in Lola Cemetery.

MARSHALL

Philip "Phil" Spottswood, 77, known affectionately to many as "Big Phil," passed away on Sunday, August 16, 2026. Visitation will be held from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Friday, August 21, 2026, at the Life Celebration Center of Filbeck-Cann, 1003 Poplar Street, Benton, KY 42025. A memorial service will be held at 1:00 PM on Friday, August 21, 2026, at the Life Celebration Center of Filbeck-Cann with Bro. Kurt Wallace officiating.

Anna "Louise" McCoy, 82, of Benton, Kentucky, passed away on Sunday, August 16, 2026, at Mercy Health Lourdes Hospital in Paducah, Kentucky. Visitation will be held on Monday, August 24, 2026, from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM at the Life Celebration Center of Filbeck-Cann, 1003 Poplar Street, Benton, KY 42025. A funeral service will be held at 1:00 PM on Monday, August 24, 2026, at 1:00 PM with Bro. James Oates officiating. Burial will follow at Lakeview Baptist Church Cemetery.

Michael Ray Lyles, 70, of Calvert City, Kentucky, passed away on August 16, 2026, at the Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah, surrounded by family. Funeral services were held at 12:00 PM on Thursday, August 20, 2026, at the Life Celebration Center of Filbeck-Cann, with Bro. Wes Morehead officiating. Burial followed at Symsonia Cemetery.

LaDonna Cochrum Boaz, 77, of Benton, Kentucky, passed away on Friday, August 14, 2026. Funeral services were held at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, August 19, 2026, at the Life Celebration Center of Filbeck-Cann with Bro. Jimmy Boaz officiating.

Rosemary Ann Wendel - * Due to archiving, the above published date of death is inaccurate. The correct date of death is December 27, 2025.* Rosemary's family will welcome visitors from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 22, 2026, at the Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park, Henry Ward Lodge, 116 Upper Village Drive, Gilbertsville, KY 42044.

Robert Earl Phillips, 66, of Hardin, Kentucky passed away on Monday, August 17, 2026 at Baptist Health in Paducah, Kentucky. A funeral service will be held on Friday, August 21, 2026 at 11:00 AM. Burial will follow at the Marshall Co. Memory Gardens. Collier Funeral Home and Cremation Services is handling arrangements.

Kristi Lee Price, 44 of Hardin, Kentucky passed away on Thursday, August 13, 2026. A celebration of life was held on Thursday, August 20, 2026 from 6 PM to 8 PM at Pleasant Valley Baptist Church located at 875 Pleasant Valley Road, Benton, KY 42025.

McCRACKEN

Ethel Mae Yarbrough, age 83, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away on Monday, August 17, 2026, at Parkview Nursing & Rehabilitation in Paducah, Kentucky. Funeral services will be at 1:00 PM Monday, August 24, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah, with Danny Orazine officiating. Burial will follow at Maplelawn Park Cemetery. Visitation will be after 12:00 PM on Monday, August 24, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah.

Peggy Sue Walker, age 87, passed away at Cypress Run Rehabilitation Center in Morristown, Indiana, on Saturday, August 15, 2026. Services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, August 21, 2026, at the Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah, with Rev. David Myers officiating. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m. until the service time of 1:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Charles "Charlie" Lynn Doublin, 61, of West Paducah, Kentucky, passed away on August 15, 2026, following a courageous battle with cancer. For those wishing to honor Charlie, the family asks that, in lieu of traditional cut-flower arrangements, living flowers, rose bushes, shrubs, or trees be considered so they may continue growing at the family gravesite that Charlie worked so hard to make beautiful.

Jeanette Wallace, 85, of Symsonia, Kentucky, gained her Heavenly reward on August 15, 2026. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am on Friday, August 21, 2026 at the Lone Oak Chapel of Milner & Orr Funeral Homes with Rev. Micah Spicer officiating. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be held from 9:00 am until the 11:00 am service time on Friday, August 21, 2026 at the Lone Oak Chapel of Milner & Orr Funeral Homes.

Jo Hall, 69, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away on Friday, August 14, 2026. A celebration of Jo's life will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 22, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah. Visitation will be held from 3:00 p.m. until the service at 5:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Carol Ann Penrod, known lovingly as Carol, age 80, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away on August 14, 2026, in Nashville, Tennessee. Memorial services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 25, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah, with Rev. Jim Wright officiating. Burial will follow at Friendship Baptist Church Cemetery in Dongola, Illinois. Visitation will begin at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Davida Lou Reed-Hill, age 90, of Sharpe, passed away Friday, August 14, 2026, at Baptist Health Paducah. She passed peacefully into the arms of her Heavenly Father with her family by her side. Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah with Pastor Richard Dodds officiating. Burial followed at Oakland Cemetery in Sharpe, KY.

It is with saddened hearts that we announce the passing of **Carol Elizabeth Guill**, age 78, of Paducah, KY, who passed away peacefully, leaving behind a legacy of love, faith, kindness, and devotion to her family. Funeral Services were held on Wednesday, August 19, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah, with Rev. Clay Hall officiating. Burial followed the service at Maplelawn Park Cemetery.

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Ronald Alexander Lane, a lifelong resident of Lone Oak, passed away Thursday evening, August 13, 2026 at Parkview Nursing & Convalescent Center. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 19, 2026 at the Lone Oak Chapel of Milner & Orr Funeral Home.

Phyllis Dailey, 89, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away peacefully at her residence on August 15, 2026. Funeral services were at 12:00 pm on Thursday, August 20, 2026, at Lindsey Funeral Home with the Rev Joel Harper officiating. Burial followed at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens.

Ryan Wayne Adams, age 38, passed away on Saturday 15,2026, at Vanderbilt Medical Center in Nashville, TN. Graveside service will be held on Friday August 21, 2026, at 11:00 am at Pell Cemetery in Brookport, IL. Officiating the service is Scott Darnell, and family asks that you dress casually and come as you are.

David Anthony Trail, 66, of Ledbetter, Ky passed away on Saturday August 15, 2026, at Baptist Health in Paducah. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, August 19, 2026, at 1:30 PM, at Lindsey Funeral Home with Bro. Bill Baker officiating. Burial will follow at Smithland Cemetery in Smithland, KY.

Anthony Charles Hansley, 68, of Paducah, passed away on Friday, August 14, 2026, at Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah. There will be no service or visitation. Hughes Funeral Home in Paducah is in charge of arrangements.

Charles Robert Knight, 74, of Paducah, passed away on Friday, August 14, 2026, at Providence Pointe Healthcare in Paducah. Funeral services were held at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, August 19, 2026, at Hughes Funeral Home in Paducah with Pastor Mark Delaney officiating. Entombment followed at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens in Paducah with military honors.

TRIGG

Scotty Drew Ruttman - August 17, 2026 - August 17, 2026 - Private Celebration of Life for stillborn Scotty Drew Ruttman will be held at a later date. King's Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Martha Lynn Goodwin - June 10, 1963 - August 11, 2026 - A Celebration of Life for 63 year old Martha Lynn Goodwin of Adairville, KY will be held at a later date. King's Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Gary Lynn Hopper - October 7, 1956 - August 11, 2026 - A Celebration of Life for 69 year old Gary Lynn Hopper of Cadiz formerly of Winchester, KY will be held at a later date. King's Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Rosemary Dunn Freeman, a beloved wife, mother, Grandmommy, great-grandmommy, sister, and woman deeply cherished by her family, went home to be with the Lord on the morning of August 17, 2026, peacefully surrounded by love. Arrangements are being handled by Goodwin Funeral Home, 138 Main Street in Cadiz, Kentucky, where the family will receive friends from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM on Saturday, August 22, 2026. Funeral services will follow at 1:00 PM with Bro. Dean Ray officiating. Burial will follow in Freeman Cemetery where she will be laid to rest with Walter.

Martha Nell Kenady, age 88, of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, passed away on Monday, August 17, 2026, at Christian Health Center in Hopkinsville. Funeral services will be at Goodwin Funeral Home, 138 Main Street in Cadiz, at 1:00 PM, Friday, August 21, 2026, with Bro. Wayne Pope officiating. Burial will follow in Millwood Cemetery in Caldwell County. Visitation will precede the service from 11:00 AM until the funeral hour of 1:00 PM.

Texas puts 4 players on preseason AP All-America team; 14 of the 27 first-team picks are from SEC

By ERIC OLSON
AP College Football Writer

The Big Ten has eight players on the first team, led by Oregon quarterback Dante Moore and two of his teammates.

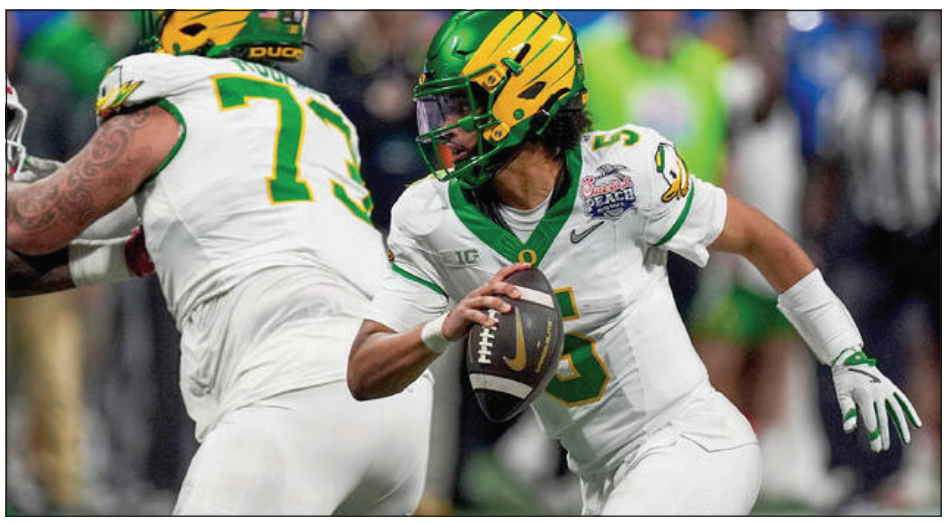
Defending national champion Indiana, Georgia and Oklahoma each has two players on the first team, as determined by media members on the AP Top 25 voting panel.

The Texas players on the team are offensive lineman Trevor Goosby, wide receiver Cam Coleman, defensive lineman Colin Simmons and linebacker Rasheem Biles.

Defensive lineman A'Mauri Washington and safety Koi Perich are the Oregon players joining Moore, who edged out Mississippi's Trinidad Chambliss for first-team honors.

Wide receiver Jeremiah Smith, the Big Ten preseason offensive player of the year, is the only selection from Ohio State, the No. 1 team in the preseason AP Top 25 poll.

Smith, Missouri running back Ahmad Hardy and Notre Dame cornerback Leonard



Oregon quarterback Dante Moore (5) works against Indiana during the second half of the Peach Bowl NCAA college football playoff semifinal, Jan. 9, 2026, in Atlanta. (AP Photo/Mike Stewart, File)
Mike Stewart

Moore are returning AP first-team All-America picks who are on the preseason team.

Iowa's Kade Pieper was voted first-team center by a wide margin even though this will be his first season playing the position. He moved from right guard to replace 2025 consensus All-American Logan Jones.

The AP All-America team for this season will be released in December.

First team offense

Quarterback — Dante Moore, fourth year, Oregon.

Running backs — Kewan Lacy, third year, Mississippi; Ahmad Hardy, third year, Missouri.

Tackles — Carter Smith, fifth year, Indiana; Trevor Goosby, fourth year, Texas.

Guards — Evan Tengesdahl, fourth year, Cincinnati; Shadre Hurst, fifth year, Houston.

Center — Kade Pieper, fourth year, Iowa.

Tight end — Trey'Dez Green, third year, LSU.

Wide receivers — Jeremiah Smith, third year, Ohio State; Malachi Toney, second year, Miami; Cam Coleman, third year, Texas.

All-purpose player — Wayne Knight, fifth year, UCLA.

Kicker — Tate Sandell, fifth year, Oklahoma.

First team defense

Edge — Colin Simmons, third year, Texas; Dylan Stewart, third year, South Carolina.

Tackles — A'Mauri Washington, fourth year, Oregon; David Stone, third year, Oklahoma.

Linebackers — Rasheem Biles, fourth year, Texas; Xavier Atkins, third year, Auburn; Rolijah Hardy, third year, Indiana.

Cornerbacks — Leonard Moore, third year, Notre Dame; Ellis Robinson IV, third year, Georgia.

Safeties — KJ Bolden, third year, Georgia; Koi Perich, third year, Oregon.

Defensive back — Bray Hubbard, fourth year, Alabama.

Punter — Evan Crenshaw, fifth year, Troy.

Second team offense

Quarterback — Trinidad Chambliss, fifth year, Mississippi.

Running backs — Mark Fletcher Jr., fourth year, Miami; LJ Martin, fourth year, BYU.

Tackles — Cayden Green, fourth year, Missouri; Jordan Seaton, third year, LSU.

Guards — Greg Johnson, fourth year, Minnesota; Luke Montgomery, fourth year, Ohio State.

Center — Drew Bobo, fifth season, Georgia.

Tight end — Terrance Carter Jr., fifth year, Texas Tech.

Wide receivers — Duce Robinson, fourth year, Florida State; Charlie Becker, third year, Indiana; KJ Duff, third year, Rutgers.

All-purpose player — Cam Cook, fourth year, West Virginia.

Kicker — Lucas Carneiro, fifth year, Mississippi.

Second team defense

Edge — Anthony Smith, fifth season, Minnesota; John Henry Daley, fourth year, Michigan.

Tackles — Tyrique Tucker, fifth year, Indiana; Will Echoles, third year, Mississippi.

Linebackers — Sammy Brown, third year Clemson; Raylen Wilson, fourth year, Georgia; Kyngstonn Viliamu-Asa, third year, Notre Dame.

Cornerbacks — Brandon Finney Jr., second year, Oregon; Zabien Brown, third year, Alabama.

Safeties — Brauntae Johnson, third year, Notre Dame; Ty Benefield, fourth year, LSU.

Defensive back — Kelley Jones, fourth year, Mississippi State.

Punter — Palmer Williams, fourth year, Baylor.

WEST KY SPORTS

NFHS renews exclusive partnership with Varsity Spirit as Corporate Champion

Staff Report

LEXINGTON — The NFHS has announced the renewal of its longstanding partnership with Varsity Spirit, reaffirming a shared commitment to supporting education-based activities and the millions of students who participate in high school spirit and performing arts programs nationwide.

As part of the renewed partnership, Varsity Spirit — a division of Varsity Brands and a global leader in cheerleading, dance team and band apparel, camps and competitions, and yearbook — will continue to serve as a corporate champion of the NFHS and receive the following designations:

Official and Exclusive Cheerleading and Dance Apparel Partner of the NFHS;

Official and Exclusive Cheerleading and Dance Training and Education Partner of the NFHS;

Official and Exclusive Spirit Band Events Partner of the NFHS;

Official and Exclusive Spirit Events Partner of the NFHS;

Official and Exclusive School Band and Color Guard Apparel Partner of the NFHS.

Through this renewed collaboration, the NFHS endorses and supports Varsity Spirit's school-based national championship events, including the National School Spirit Championships: the National High School Cheerleading Championship (NHSCC), the National Dance Team Championship (NDTC) and the National School Band Championship (NSBC), as well as the NCA and NDA High School Nationals and USA Spirit Nationals.

"Varsity has been an incredible partner and advocate for education-based spirit and performing arts programs," said NFHS Executive Director Davis Whitfield. "Its commitment to safety, training, performance excellence and student leadership aligns seamlessly with the NFHS mission. We are excited to continue working together to elevate opportunities for high school students across the country."

Varsity Spirit has long supported NFHS initiatives through apparel, training, resources and championship experiences that celebrate student achievement and strengthen positive school culture. Through Varsity Spirit and Varsity Performing Arts, the organization provides industry-leading educational programming, safety standards and national event platforms that elevate and showcase the dedication and talent of high school participants.

"Varsity Spirit is proud to continue our longstanding partnership with the NFHS and support its mission to advance education-based activities," said Bill Seely, President of Varsity Spirit. "Together, we are committed to providing high-quality training, resources and championship experiences that create memorable moments for students and strengthen school spirit and culture across the country."

As part of the partnership, Varsity Spirit will continue to collaborate closely with the NFHS and its member state associations, administrators, coaches and activity leaders to support best practices, professional development and championship experiences that reflect the values of interscholastic education.

The renewal underscores a shared vision between the NFHS and Varsity Spirit to foster leadership, teamwork and school pride while ensuring that spirit and performing arts programs remain an integral and thriving part of the high school experience

The Marshall County volleyball team placed first in its bracket at the Bluegrass Games in Lexington earlier in the month. *(Marshall County High School)*

Some members of the Mayfield boys' soccer team attended the Union University Residential Soccer Camp in Jackson, Tenn., in July. *(Mayfield High School)*

The Marshall County boys' and girls' cross country teams competed in the Kentucky/Indiana Bordr Clash at Yellow Creek Park in Owensboro on Tuesday, Aug. 18. *(Marshall County High School)*

The Paducah Tilghman volleyball team hosted its first minicamp earlier in the month. *(Paducah Tilghman High School)*

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission proposes regulation changes at quarterly meeting

Staff Report

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission voted to recommend amendments to several fishing, hunting and wildlife regulations and conducted other business in a regular meeting held on Friday, June 12.

The commission members met in person and via live-video teleconference.

District commission members were provided with informational updates on the quarterly financial statements and the biennium budget passed by the Kentucky General Assembly in its 2026 annual session. The commission members also heard an update on Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) presence in Kentucky and approved the department's request for disease monitoring recommendations for the 2026 hunting season.

In addition to approving the commission meeting minutes from May 18, the commission members considered the following action items. If approved by the commission, proposed regulatory changes are filed with the Kentucky legislature to be reviewed and considered for approval. Following filing, administrative regulation changes are generally subject to a process that may extend over six to nine months. The public can follow legislative developments on these regulations at Title 301 • Kentucky Administrative Regulations • Legislative Research Commission.

The commission approved the following action items, which require legislative approval before they can take effect:

- To comply with 2026-HB142E, amend 301 KAR 2:172 – Deer hunting seasons, zones, and requirements.

Add a 4-day antlerless-only firearms season on the last Friday in September in deer Zone 1 counties;

Add a 3-day antlerless-only firearms season on the last three days of Kentucky's deer season in deer zones 1-3;

Define "over-populated areas" as any county that has a deer Zone 1 designation;

Clean up any other regulations as necessary for conformity.

- Amend 301 KAR 2:172 – Deer hunting seasons, zones, and requirements.

Create a new, antlerless-only firearms hunt the last three days of Kentucky's deer season in deer zones 2 and 3;

Remove references to disposal permits to conform with 301 KAR 2:176 – Wildlife causing damage and landowner designee process (previously titled "Deer control tags, deer destruction permits, and landowner designees");

Clean up any other regulations as necessary for conformity.

- Amend 301 KAR 2:178 – Deer hunting on public properties to modify public lands deer hunting seasons on deer Zone 1 Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs).

Open the following WMAs for the 4-day antlerless deer firearm season that starts on the last weekend of September and for the 3-day antlerless-only firearms season on the last three days of Kentucky's deer season: Yatesville, Grayson, L.B. Davidson, Harris Dickerson, Clear Creek, Yellowbank, Blackford Oaks, Lee Nelson, Gabbard Branch, Rough River, Marrowbone, Green River State Forest, Nolin River, Rolling Fork, Stephens Creek, Big Rivers, Obion Creek, Kentucky Lake, Ferguson Creek, Kaler Bottoms, Beechy Creek, Jones-Keeney, Higginson-Henry, Peabody and Sloughs;

Open the following WMAs for the 4-day antlerless deer firearm season that starts on the last weekend of September, as allowed by WMA site restrictions: Lake Barkley, Doug Travis and Ohio River Islands;

Clean up any other regulations as necessary for conformity.

- To comply with 2026-SB39E, amend 301 KAR 2:251 – Hunting and trapping seasons and limits for furbearers, based on amendments to KRS 360.

Allow the take of beavers at night from Dec. 1 through the last day of February;

Prohibit in a county or area when a deer or elk firearm season is open in that county or area;

Allow the use of any artificial light or other means (night vision, thermal and infrared technologies) designed to make wildlife visible at night during this period;

Any artificial light or other means designed to make wildlife visible at night shall not be connected to or cast from a mechanized vehicle;

Prohibit the use of firearms except for any rimfire caliber or shotguns using shot shells, and a 35 caliber or smaller centerfire firearm with a straight wall cartridge with a case length no longer than 2.75-inches;

Prohibit night hunting of beavers on public land;

Amend 301 KAR 2:049 – Small game and furbearer hunting and trapping on public areas to clarify that hunting of beavers at night will be prohibited to align with the prohibition of night hunting of coyotes on the Daniel Boone National Forest, George Washington and Jefferson National Forests, Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area, Clarks River National Wildlife Refuge, Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge, Green River National Wildlife Refuge and Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area;

Clean up any other regulations as necessary for conformity.

- To comply with 2026-SB39E, amend 301 KAR 2:251 – Hunting and trapping seasons and limits for furbearers, based on amendments to KRS 360.

Allow the take of bobcats at night from December 1 through the last day of February;

Set a bag limit of one bobcat to be taken at night (three are allowed to be harvested with a firearm);

Prohibit in a county or area when a deer or elk firearm season is open in that county or area;

Allow the use of any artificial light or other means (night vision, thermal and infrared technologies) designed to make wildlife visible at night during this period;

Any artificial light or other means designed to make wildlife visible at night shall not be connected to or cast from a mechanized vehicle;

On public land, a person shall not use any equipment other than a bow, crossbow, or shotgun of 12 gauge or less and shall not use a shotgun shell with a single projectile;

On private land, a person shall not use any equipment other than a bow, crossbow, or shotgun of 12 gauge or less, muzzleloader of .54 caliber or less, or any modern centerfire firearm;

Remove bag limit incentive from regulation and allow Wildlife Division to develop a new incentive program aimed at increasing jaw submission without a mandatory submission requirement;

Harvested bobcats must still be telechecked;

Add bobcat and river otter to telecheck lookup review;

Amend 301 KAR 2:049 – Small game and furbearer hunting and trapping on public areas to clarify that hunting of bobcats at night will be prohibited to align with the prohibition of night hunting of coyotes on the Daniel Boone National Forest, George Washington and Jefferson National Forests, Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area, Clarks River National Wildlife Refuge, Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge, Green River National Wildlife Refuge and Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area;

Clean up any other regulations as necessary for conformity.

- Amend 301 KAR 5:022 – License, tag, registration, and permit fees to bundle the Non-Resident Hunting License to also include a Non-Resident Fishing License.

Increase the cost of a Non-Resident Hunting License by $35 (based on current rates, from $169.12 to $204.12);

Clean up any other regulations as necessary for conformity.

Finally, commission members voted to move forward with the purchase of three unnamed properties following discussion in closed session. The commission also heard discussion items that will be considered further at its next quarterly meeting in September.

The meeting was livestreamed on the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources' YouTube channel, where a replay of the meeting is available for viewing.

Business items on the commission's meeting agenda that include proposed changes to regulations typically follow a three-step process at successive quarterly meetings, with items introduced first as new business, then proceeding for further discussion, and finally appearing as action items (at the commission's discretion). This general stepwise process allows for adequate time for public awareness and comment on proposed regulatory changes. Agendas for commission meetings are posted at fw.ky.gov in advance of the meeting dates, and details about meeting logistics and submitting public comments are included therein.

Individuals or organizations may contact their district representative on the commission about any pertinent topic of concern. Contact information is available on Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's district commission members webpage. Procedures for submitting public comments about current business items via email or in person are outlined in the agenda for each meeting, which is generally posted on the agency's website one to two weeks before the meeting date.

The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission, a nine-member board comprised of volunteers who serve four-year terms, recommends hunting, fishing and boating regulations on behalf of the anglers, hunters and other wildlife-related stakeholders in the commonwealth. Any recommendation by the commission to amend or create a state administrative regulation must receive legislative approval before becoming law. Both proposed and recently enacted amendments are posted on the department's Administrative Regulations webpage.

The next quarterly commission meeting date is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 4 in Frankfort. An agenda and meeting location will be posted on the Commission Meeting Dates webpage on the department's website at fw.ky.gov when available.

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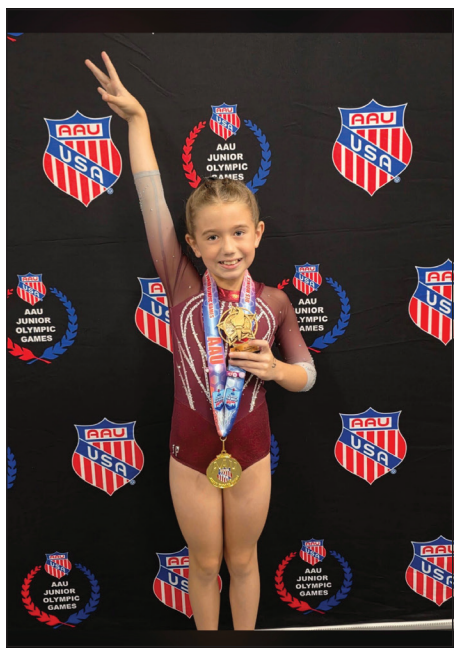
Curlin Defies Odds Wins AAU Junior Olympics



(Photos provided by Danielle Curlin)

By TIM TAYLOR
KPI Sports Writer

Eight-year old Braxley Curlin overcame several obstacles, capturing the AAU Junior Olympics Level 2 Floor championship in her first year of competition. She also recorded the 3rd highest score for all ages in the Level 2 All-Around competition. The Lone Oak youngster broke her left arm in a practice accident during her bar routine back in November of last year. Despite the nearly 2 month setback, she was determined not to be denied. She constantly improved and scored high enough in the AAU National Championships in Knoxville, TN in June to qualify for the Junior Olympics. Competing for the PGA Gymnastic team out of Mayfield, she fine tuned her skills and came in with high expectations entering the Junior Olympics. In her age group and level 2 group, she finished with the 2nd best overall score losing out on the top spot by .05 points. She was 2nd in the vault and floor routines, 3rd on bars, and 4th on the beam. Then the 4 highest scorers in each event for all age groups in Level 2 advanced to finals. Her score of 9.85 on the floor routine placed her high enough for all age groups on Level 2 to advance to the Junior Olympic Floor Championships. In the finals, her 9.9 score out of 10 was the best performance allowing her to claim the title Junior Olympic Level 2 Floor Champion. The experience and confidence gained this season will only fuel Curlin's passion to continue her gymnastics career.

KHSAA HYPE Student Leadership Conferences set, registration open

Staff Report

LEXINGTON — For the 26th year, the KHSAA will host its HYPE Student Leadership Conferences.

The two events are scheduled for Monday, Aug. 31 and Tuesday, Sept. 1. Both events will be held at the Central Bank Center in Lexington

HYPE is a one-day student leadership conference where students engage in educational interactions to discuss issues and gather information to take back and share/implement with their teams and the student body. The event is staged and presented by the KHSAA Student-Athlete Group.

There is no charge to attend. However, schools are responsible for transportation and any meals.

Registration is available online at http://www.khsaa.org. The registration deadline is Tuesday, Aug. 25.

A school is limited to a maximum of 18 students. Conferences are first-come, first-served, and registration has previously closed before the deadline due to capacity limitations (350).

The 2026-2027 KHSAA Student-Athlete Group is as follows: Marcellus Ashford (Bryan Station), Landon Atcher (Elizabethtown), Corran Blair (Beechwood), Madelyn Boling (Paducah Tilghman), Kate Borders (Tates Creek), Mason Clements (McCracken County), Kinly Cooper (Pendleton County), Cam Drake (Bethlehem), Ella Dulaney (Frederick Douglass), Izzy Fisk (Scott), Colleen Harley (Mercy), Jackson Kincaid (George Rogers Clark), Sawyer Maggard (West Carter), Mya Moore (Elizabethtown), Trin Steed (Sacred Heart), Reagan Workman (Mason County).

Hickman County 20-20 Club open

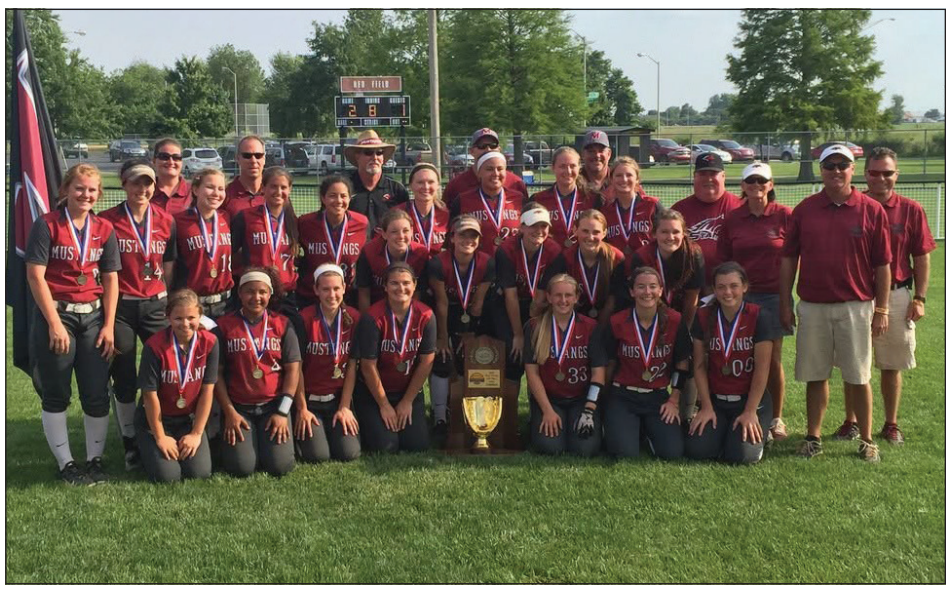
The Hickman County baseball program has opened its 20-20 Club.
(Hickman County High School)

Staff Report

CLINTON — The Hickman County baseball program has opened its 20-20 Club and invites new members to join.

Anyone who would like to support the Hickman County baseball program is asked to see any current player. Each player is looking for 20 people to sponsor them for $20 each. Donations help the Hickman County baseball program with travel expenses, equipment, field upgrades and more.

The Hickman County High School and Hickman County Middle School baseball teams excel annually.



The 2015 McCracken County softball team is set to be inducted into the McCracken County High School Hall of Fame and Hall of Heritage. The history-making softball team captured the District 1, Region 1 and KHSAA State Championships while finishing the season with an outstanding 37-3 record and a remarkable 27-game winning streak. An induction ceremony is scheduled to be held in the C-Plant Auditorium at McCracken County High School from 5:40 p.m.-6 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 18.
(McCracken County High School)

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Comet Classic set for Aug. 22

Staff Report

BARDWELL — Carlisle County is set to host the Comet Classic on Saturday, Aug. 22.

B&R Tire, which is located in Cunningham, is serving as the sponsor for the Comet Classic, which will feature several area high school volleyball teams.

The Comet Classic will be held in the Carlisle County Elementary and Middle School Gyms.

Pool play will start at 9 a.m.

Pool one matches will be played at the elementary school gym. The schedule for pool one will be as follows: 9 a.m. - Mayfield vs. Carlisle County, 10 a.m. - Murray vs. Mayfield, 11 a.m. - Carlisle County vs. Murray.

Pool two matches will be played at the middle school gym. The schedule for pool two will be as follows: 9 a.m. - Hickman County vs. Ballard County, 10 a.m. - St. Mary vs. Hickman County, 11 a.m. - Ballard Memorial vs. St. Mary.

The 2026 high school volleyball season opened on Monday, Aug. 17.

VICTORIOUS Living ...in a troubled world

When God's Timing Doesn't Make Sense

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BETHANY — Lazarus was sick. It was clear he was not going to live. His sisters, Martha and Mary, knew exactly what to do. They sent word to Jesus, their close friend, with a simple message: "Lord, the one you love is sick."

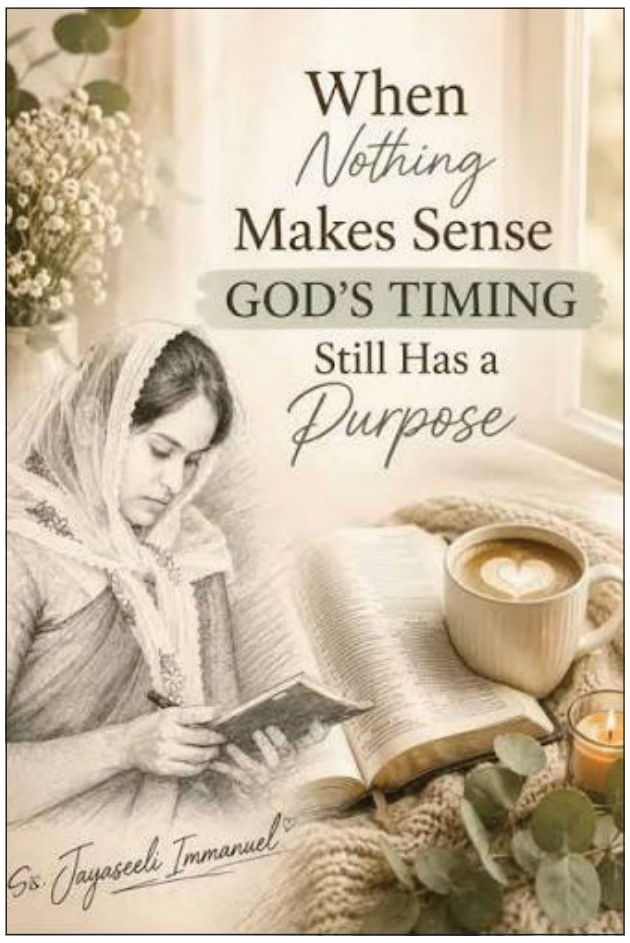
I'm sure, his sisters thought Jesus would respond quickly to their request for his presence. Afterall, this was a good friend "the one he loved". They were certain since Jesus loved Lazarus, so surely He would come quickly. In their minds, Jesus could move mountains so healing their brother was no problem for Him.

Obviously, their thinking made sense: Jesus loved him. Jesus would come. Lazarus would be healed and they would be the happy family they'd always been. But, that's not what happened.

Here came the part that was difficult to understand. They didn't hear a word from Jesus until it was too late. Days later, Lazarus was already dead and buried before Jesus arrived. The Gospel of John says that Jesus loved Martha, Mary and Lazarus. Yet when He heard that Lazarus was sick, He stayed where He was for two more days. I'm sure as they placed their brother in the tomb, they were confused and disappointed.

For Lazarus' sisters that was a difficult truth to process. How could Jesus love them and still delay? Why didn't He show up? Why didn't He at least send word that He would be there as soon as possible. Or, at least, tell them He would pray for Lazarus. Silence: that is all they got as their brother lay dying.

I think most of us can relate to how they felt. For many people, that is exactly where life becomes confusing. We connect God's love to the circumstances surrounding us and when we don't see it happening, it can be confusing. If things are going well, we assume God loves us. If things are falling apart, we may wonder whether He has forgotten us.



But, the truth is, circumstances are not the measure of God's love. If we look only at our circumstances for proof that God loves us, we are sure to be disappointed. But if we look to God's word and the promises of his unfailing love, we are better equipped to trust Him in hard times.

Jesus always knows something we don't know. He sees what we can't see. Even the disciples must have been confused when Jesus told them, "This sickness will not end in death, but is for the glory of God." But Lazarus did die. Jesus knew something His friends did not know.

Jesus had a plan. His friends simply did not understand His strategy. That's were we find ourselves sometimes. Confused and wondering why. In times of struggle and questions, that is an important lesson when we walk through a season that does not make sense: God can be working even when His timing is difficult to understand.

When Jesus gives His word, His word is certain. The delay did not mean the promise had changed. The silence did not mean Jesus had stopped caring. The circumstances did not mean Jesus didn't care. After Lazarus was already in the grave (and stinking), Jesus arrives. He goes to the tomb and cries out, "Lazarus come forth!" And, he did. Still wrapped in graves clothes, Lazarus walked right out of that tomb to greet Jesus and his sisters! This is proof that God sees from a perspective far greater than ours. Isaiah reminds us that God says, "My ways are higher than your ways." The story of Lazarus reminds us that God's love does not disappear when His timing is different from ours.

Sometimes faith means trusting Him in the very place where we do not understand. And sometimes the thing that makes no sense at the moment will make perfect sense when God's plan is finally revealed.

Outdoor Truths

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As a young teenager, many of my summer days were spent fishing at the local canal. I remember the unique art of catching carp using whole kernel corn as bait. I also remember the little country store where I bought that corn. What I remember most about that place, however, was not my corn purchases but my candy ones. Edna owned the store and she had a candy counter that was strategically placed just to one's left as soon as you walked in. The glass front was positioned low enough for the smallest young'un' to press his nose against and carefully decide just what sugary morsel he would purchase on that day. The patience of Edna had to be God-like. After all, there were a whole bunch of us youngsters that stood in line to make life-altering selections. And while those memories are special, there is still one more that exceeds the selection stage. It was post-purchase loitering. I can remember sitting on the front porch of Edna's store with my Coke and candy. And I can still remember the wonderful cool sensation that I felt down my back when I would lay down on that smooth concrete during the summer. The Coke, candy, and concrete made for the best recovery after a morning of fishing or baseball. I'm glad she never ran us off. Her hospitality and patience were always taken for granted until we were old enough to realize how special it really was.

That's the way most of life is. Rarely do we see the value in people or their actions until time has passed. This is especially true for the virtues that lack fanfare. Kindness, hospitality, and patience are naturally provided without pomp. They are abstract and bodiless and thus are lost most of the time in the shadow of more tangible acts. It is only as we pause and look back do we recall these quiet gestures that now stand out as monuments. If you can recall these moments maybe it is important that you make some of your own – to those who may not appreciate them until later. Kindness, hospitality, and patience are like the pocket change I once handed to Edna. It not only buys me initial satisfaction, but it also builds a porch for those who need a cool place to rest and recover. And everyone needs that.

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

Are you filled with God's joy and peace today?

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Do you remember that old song in Vacation Bible School that said, "I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy, down in my heart? Do you still have it today? I hope you do, because as God's children we have lots to be joyful about. Be edified as you read I Thessalonians 5:16-18, and Romans 12:12. Humanity has always sought contentment within their souls, but rebellion and a lack of understanding are huge joy crashers. In Hosea 4:6, God's word declares, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge," and He continues to talk about how the masses reject His truth. What knowledge and what truth? He's simply talking about knowing who He is and following Him. We notice God uses the word "destroyed" because without knowing about the divine realities of absolute truth, we will not comprehend the danger of living without being born again. Oh sure, people can be moral and even somewhat religious, but many have never experienced a life-changing encounter with the one who created them. On the outside, they might seem content, but within their spirit, they are not developing into the person God wants them to become.

We seldom consider that there is a spiritual war being waged within every individual. It's the struggle to do what God is saying versus what we want. Basically, when we follow God's voice, we are filled with jubilation and joy, but when we ignore Him, our conscience becomes distant, dirty, and miserable. Many do not realize how happy they would be if they would surrender their independence and allow God to lead the way. Our passage reveals just how much He loves all people and wants them to understand what the meaning of life really is. He is waiting for someone to ask Him for this knowledge, and He will graciously give it to them as He did with Solomon. There is no limit to how far we can go with God or how close we can

be to Him. When we accept a vision of this revelation, we will then decide just how serious we are about personal transformation. Would you rather be your own master and remain depressed and discouraged, or have a heart and mind filled with His joy and hope? Romans 6:16 says, we are servants to whom we obey. Hmmm...

Let's observe some important steps toward enjoying a life of contentment and well-being. Joy is spiritual strength, is accessible, and is the Christian's responsibility to maintain. In Nehemiah 8:10 we read, "Then he said unto them, go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our Lord: neither be sorry; for the joy of the Lord is your strength." Nehemiah is telling the people to enjoy themselves on this day and be happy as they celebrate being obedient to God. He reminds them that sharing and blessing others is the nature and character of God's love, and the last part of this verse refers to joy being associated with our ability to stand strong in our faith. These mindsets are to become a vital part of a renewed mind in Christ, and we must fight to maintain them. Several commentaries reveal the original language to be "Delight in Jehovah as a strong refuge or stronghold," and this brings us peace that passes all understanding.

But how does joy transform into strength, well-being, confidence, and contentment? I think we could sum it up by saying that we cannot be saturated with joy and sin at the same time. We cannot have two masters. Joy and purity go hand in hand, and it goes back to when we were innocent children. Remember feeling secure and how happy we were? Good news! We can have a clear conscience again as adults if walking with God is at the top of our priority list. Read Matthew 18:3. Where do we begin? If becoming pleasing to God is most important, then we must take the reverential fear of God seriously, discipline our mind, become sensitive to His voice, establish an awareness of His presence, and have a passionate determination to place His will above ours. Until the desire to become totally committed to Christ in all things becomes our highest priority, we will continue to live a mediocre life of sadness and dissatisfaction. Yes, it's possible to live with a clear conscience! Wouldn't it be exciting to sing, "I've got the joy down in my heart today?"

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FINDING FAITHFUL FRIENDS

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Straight lines look crooked with enough pressure from a crowd. Psychologist Solomon Asch demonstrated this during a landmark experiment in the 1950s. He seated one unsuspecting test subject in a room with numerous actors, and displayed two cards to everyone—one featuring a solitary straight line, the other displaying three lines of obviously varying lengths with only one matching the line on the first card. The assignment was straightforward: match the lines. So easy, a monkey could do it blindfolded.

Shockingly, over 75% of participants got the answer wrong. Why did they fudge such a simple task? Because the actors were instructed to lie and swear that the two shorter lines matched the one on the first card even though anyone with eyes could see that they absolutely didn't. Many of the respondents initially matched the lines correctly, but changed their minds due to peer pressure. Dr. Solomon concluded that human beings will do what is wrong even though they know what is right—all it takes is enough influence from others.

Solomon the Preacher reached a similar conclusion from the experiment of life: spend enough time walking with someone and you will eventually start walking like them—for better or worse. "He that walketh with wise men shall be wise," he wrote, "but a companion of fools shall be destroyed" (Prov. 13:20, KJV). Who you befriend influences what you believe and how you behave. Friendship is formative, which is why you must stick close with companions of character and commitment who draw you closer to Christ and avoid "friends" who lead you astray by making sin easier and obedience harder. You cannot live righteously while walking with the wicked, nor can you live righteously without walking with the righteous.

When you hang around a fire for a while, smoke will cling to your clothes—when you hang around people who are playing with fire by living disobediently, their sin will cling to your life (Prov. 22:24-25). But when you fellowship with believers who are "on fire" for the Lord with white-hot zeal for His glory, the flame of your own zeal will burn hotter. The best kind of friend is one who improves your sanctification and holiness, not one who hinders it: "Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another" (Prov. 27:17).

Faithful friends also tell you what you need to hear rather than what you want to hear: "Faithful are the wounds of a friend; profuse are the kisses of an enemy" (Prov. 27:6; cf. 27:9-10). Christlike companions, furthermore, love you at your worst—not at your best (Prov. 17:17; 19:4, 6-7). Still, even the best of earthly friends will fail and disappoint—there is only One who will never leave you nor forsake you—the Friend of sinners: "A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother" (Prov. 18:24). Choose your friends carefully and cling to Christ eternally.

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

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

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2 Cemetery Lots (side by side) Located at Woodlawn Memorial Cemetery (in The Garden of the Good Shepard). 6965 Old Hwy 45, Paducah, KY. $5,000 for both lots 2702-519-5449 or 270-841-5001.

For Sale 1 Vault in Brookhaven Memorial Park, last one in the chapel. Holds 2 caskets. $7,000.00. Call 270-556-0524

3 possibly 4 Grave Plots Woodlawn Memorial Gardens Paducah Ky. Trinity Garden section. Normally $3700.00 each. Will sell for $2500.00 each Call 270-970-0678

STORAGE UNIT SALE

Storage Unit Sale. 3919 Cairo Rd., Paducah. May 8th 9-3:00 pm. Closed Noon-1:00. Tools, TV, Kewpie Dolls, Prom dresses, Karaoke Items. Rain Cancels. (5/8/26)

PETS FOR SALE

BORDER COLLIE PUPPIES, "working Parents" Best farm dogs, great pets, excellent service dogs. Negotiable price & deliverable. Shots, De wormed. Also MInis and 2 Chichuauha's. Call 573-414-4601 or 573-979-5373

For Sale, Sleep Number Plus, Twin Long ILE 360 smart bed frame flex fit, 360 remote, Call 270-556-0524 TFN mattress pad, 2 fitted sheet sets $5,000.00

Two CKC Schnauzer (parti pups). Vet checked and had their shots. Paper trained. for more information call 270-853-5387

NOW HIRING

Elderly man needs House cleaner. And Physical Therapy Part Time. 270-994-3230

FOR HIRE

Housekeeper, 9-3 on Thursday. $110.00 Jennifer Gay 270-994-7939

MEDICAL

Are you looking for a private sitter, home health care, hospice, and elderly care services. Please contact Tina at 270-559-9181 nights, days and weekends available.

MEDICAL SUPPLIES

Fully electric hospital bed $1300, Hoyer patient lift $350, older wheelchair $50, rollator walker $30, oxygen tank holder for wheelchair $20. Call 270-836-1002.

FOR RENT

$1,299 per month SINGLE FAMILY 3 BR, 1 Bath, Living Room, Kitchen, Utility Room. Central Heat & Air. Storage Shed. Located in CALVERT CITY. 1 month security deposit. 1 year lease. 270-709-0955

20 by 40 3 room office with bath. 13th and Jefferson st. Paducah Ky. $1200.00 per month call 270-210-4666

Remodeled building for lease for business. Great location, excellent condition. 2607 Jackson St. Paducah. Two offices. $1,100 monthly. Jim Lewis Remax Realty Group 270-519-0309

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

Awesome beautiful 2 Large lots! Brand New Home built just across the street. Great area on Barkley Lake. Over 1 acre, year round view of Barkley Lake! 1 mile to BRR Marina ! $64,000.00 MLS # 121914. CALL Jennifer Palmer Realty at 270-519-9000. (tfn)

135 Allegheny Road • Gilbertsville, Kentucky • $1,399,900 - MLS # 130868. This Incredible Customer Built 2015 property is amazing! Across the road 1,000 yards from KY Dam Village State Park, Dam, Marina, Restaurant/ Lodge. 2,000 yards from the Golf course! Less than 2 miles to Aviation Airfield, & I-24/69. 5 total bedrooms, 4 full baths, 2 half baths, 2 laundry areas & 3 gas log fireplaces! Vaulted & Cathedral ceilings. Detailed woodwork & moldings, polished marble, w/unique characteristics! Expansive Living room open to kitchen/breakfast area. Primary suite offers a custom tiled bath, heated floor & walk-in closet! Covered patio w/ wood burning FP. In-ground pool, privacy fence & gated concrete drive w/ ample parking, 2 1/2 car garage has apartment, extra lot & huge PRIVACY FENCE! CALL Jennifer Palmer Realty at 270-519-9000

27 Paradise Point Road • Gilbertsville, Kentucky • $369,000 – MLS # 122709. 3 beautiful lots, over 1/2 acre sitting up HIGH on a hill with a SPECTACULAR BREATHTAKING VIEW OF KY LAKE in Cambridge Shores Subdivision! Build your Dream Home! Magnificent Stunning view of KY Lake! Enjoy all the amenities that Cambridge Shores has to offer. This quiet KY Lake neighborhood is the perfect place to call home! CALL Jennifer Palmer Realty at 270-519-9000

718 Marina Village Dr., Grand Rivers, Kentucky • $610,000 – MLS # 130701. Beautiful Custom Built 3 bed 3 & 1/2 bath 2006, looks like a new Home sitting on 2 private lots in Prestigious Gated Marina Village Subdivision! Hardwood Floors,9 ft ceilings , many updates, large family room open to Kitchen! 2 Bedrooms on main level & one HUGE bedroom up. All bedrooms have a full bath. Kitchen has custom cabinetry! NEW HEAT/AIR UNITS IN 2023. Upstairs-2019. NEW DECK, 4 car garage heated & cooled, Storm Shelter, ALL FURNITURE, DECOR, TABLEWARE, BEDDING, LIGHTHOUSE PICTURES, Towels STAY PLUS NEW flooring that has not been installed. Take a golf cart ride to Grand Rivers, World Famous Patties Restaurant, antique shops & more! CALL Jennifer Palmer Realty at 270-519-9000

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

643 Whitney Dr., Paducah, Kentucky • $435,000.00 - MLS # 137569. Unique 3 bedroom 3 full bath West End home located in the desirable Pines Subdivision loaded with captivating character! Impressive living room features gas log fireplace , very tall valuted ceiling & large stylish windows for plenty of light. Kitchen has plenty of cabinets, island, breakfast area, and pantry. Excellent primary bedroom with spacious bath, jacuzzi tub, double vanity, walk-in closet, surround sound, balcony overlooking deck & backyard. Ample storage space throughout the home. New refrigerator & microwave in 2026. Massive deck perfect for entertaining! Beautiful yard, trees and landscaping. Well insulated home so utility bills are low. Convenient to the mall area, I-24 and downtown Paducah. Underground Dog fence. CALL Jennifer Palmer Realty 270-519-9000

1875 St Rt 384 Mayfield, Ky $315,500.00. MLS#: 26019260. Beautiful Absolutely Private home on 2.5 impressive acres with 4 bedrooms and 3 full baths! Extremely well built ! Only 5 miles to I-69 and Mayfield. Large updated kitchen with gorgeous tile, corian countertops and abundant cabinetry. Quality bar stools stay plus all appliances. All 3 full baths are updated with extra nice tile and countertops. There are 2 large living areas. Kitchen open to Living room. Utility room. Primary bedroom and bath separate from other bedrooms ! NEW paint , blinds and appliances since 2019. NEW roof in 2020. 2 car attached carport and 2 car detached garage. Large metal barn 80 x 32 great for any animals, hay, equipment storage, RV and more! It does have a few stalls in it. Door is 11 FT 7 in tall. Land is rolling and lays pretty. Plenty of road frontage. Paved driveway. Geothermal HVAC. Appraisal done in March of 2026 available upon request. Seller is providing a one year home warranty at closing ~~ APHW.com Utility room or Guest bath would make great storm shelter! CALL Jennifer Palmer Realty 270-519-9000

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

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

500 S 17th • Paducah, KY 42003 Commercial/Industrial - $1,399,000 MLS Number • 125918 • 18,900 sq. ft. Outstanding professional office building in the heart of Paducah featuring approximately 15,600 sq. ft. of office space with 26 private offices, 4 bullpens, 2 conference rooms, kitchen/breakroom, 2 IT rooms, 3 laboratory rooms, multiple work areas, and storage closets along with 2300 sq. ft. warehouse area. Also has an approximately 1000 sq. ft. detached storage building. Contact Carla Bridges @ REMAX at 270-559-8425

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

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

100 Acres sold all together. Livingston County, near Elementary school. store, fire department. Can be used for residential or commercial. 10 miles from Ky Lake 270-210-6697 (tfn)

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

Large Ky Lake lot Mature trees, utilities, restricted to new construction or double wide. $24,900. 270-970-8000 (tfn)

Beautifully and totally renovated condo in exciting Lower Town, Paducah, KY. Stainless steel and granite kitchen, original wood floors, two master suites with attached baths. Carport with storage. 2/3 -2,140 sq. ft. $247,500. (972) 816-8766 (tfn)

401 E 12th St., Benton Charming and spacious 2,240 sq. ft. home. Immaculate property centrally located in Benton on a well landscaped corner lot. 3 Bedroom / 2 Bath. Expansive basement includes interior and exterior entrances. Workshop with additional outbuilding with concrete flooring for mower etc. $269,900 Call Carla Bridges REMAX Realty Group at 270-559-8425

1.6 acres with hookups septic and well. 2357 State Rt 384 Mayfield Ky. $20k FIRM 270-564-6774(TFN)

5.75 Acres, Paradise Haven. I-77 & Hwy 52. Bland County VA. Hunting and surveyed, septic tank and well permits. Wooded and cleared building sites with roads. Taxes under $200.00 per year. $69,000.00 Ph. 270-226-2908 (tfn)

FARM FOR RENT

For rent pasture grazing for cattle in McCracken County, available now. 270-519-3567

CAMPERS FOR SALE

2021 JAYCO JayFlight SLX, 195 RB Travel Trailer (21-foot) Never been lived in. Bath tub - Shower combo. Closet, Queen size bed, Refrigerator, Microwave, 2-Burner Stove, Electric Awning, Radio & TV Hookup, Fold-Out stairs, Storage, 2-Water Tanks. KEVIL AREA. Asking $18,000 Call 270-349-4962

For sale Pop camper 2001 Coleman Grand Tour Utah; $3,000. 270-519-7849 TFN

BOATS FOR SALE

REDUCED 2008 20 ft. Crestliner 1950 SF series, easy load trailer, 175 HP Mercury motor, canopy, travel cover, 2 fish finders, radio FM/AM, much more, garage stored, valued at $15K, sell for $12,000. 270-665-0010 / leave a message.

14' Polar Craft Boat,Like new motor, electric start, trailer 1 fuel can, Minkota trolling motor, canopy, fish finder, battery. Benton Ky $5,500.00. OBO 815-236-9455 (TFN)

AUTOS FOR SALE

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

2015 Mercedes E-350 104,000 miles, Light grey Real nice vehicle, drives real nice. $13,000 OBO call 270-493-2176

2007 Red Chevy Avalanche Truck, needs transmission and frame rusted.Selling truck for parts. $3000. Please call 270-217-4980

2017 GMC Sierra Denali Crew Cab pickup, 99,000 miles, loaded, Beautiful truck, $23,500. Please call... 270-519-3674 or 270-519-1254

1986 Chevrolet 4 x 4 Pickup, wrecked but a/c works $2,000 cash or OBO. 327 Motor and 3 speed transmission out of 1980 Impala $1,000 cash or OBO. Call 270-804-5399.

REDUCED 2010 Black Honda Fit Sport 4 door hatchback. Excellent mechanical condition minor cosmetic damage clear title $4,500.00 OBO Cal 812-631-3921

GMC Yukon, 2 Wheel drive, 2010 ,has third row seating, 120,xxx miles, perfect condition, good tire tread. $9,800. TEXT with serious inquiries only 270-519-3962 Text ONLY

1991 Chevyrolet Silverado 350 V8, 4 speed transmission, long wheel base, 2 door, garage kept, excellent shape, 206,000 miles. $11,000.00 OBO call Margaret A. Moore 270-875-3126

AUTO MISC.

27 ft Car Hauler Cargo Trailer. Used once, 2-7,000 lb axels, 4,000 lb rear door ramp, Call for extras 303-775-0310, $11,300 (tfn)

For Sale: 2025 Diamond Trailer - 7' x 14', Enclosed, Fold Down Back Door, Side Walk-In Door, Tandom Axle, Electric Brakes, $4,500. Call Don: 386-559-7004

FARM & LAWN EQUPMENT

1996 8570 MF Combine Big motor, 30' GH, SCH Knife & drive, Maurer bin ext, flotation rears, second owner. C-Tech maintained. Approx. 3,000 hrs $50,000 OBO. 419-615-0950

REDUCED 1987 John Deere Combine 7720 Titan 2, 4 wd, long auger, 30.5 x 32 tires, always kept inside shed. $11,000 OBO 270-254-0318 3.2 Prong Hay Fork $150; B275 Diesel International project tractor $1,250. Call 731-487-7062.

1953 Farmall Cub Woods Belly Mower. to ad for 1950 8n Ford Tractor $1250.00. 270-832-1281

1950 8N Ford tractor $1,250.00, Call 270-832-1281. W0.5x32

King Kutter Bushhog 48" w/ PTO Connector, Like New. $900 OBO. Benton, KY. 815-236-9455 (TFN)

MISC. FOR SALE

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

Goodman 4 ton central heat & air split unit, hardly used. Call thomas 270-247-7589. (tfn)

Roofing supplies left over a job. GAF shingles, under lay, edging, nails. Retail value $700. Your cost for lot $250 cash and carry. 270-559-8467

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

Glass Top Coffee Table, 2 matching end tables, and sofa table, great condition. Trimmed with brass. $150 Call 270 519-7604

Sudoku Answers

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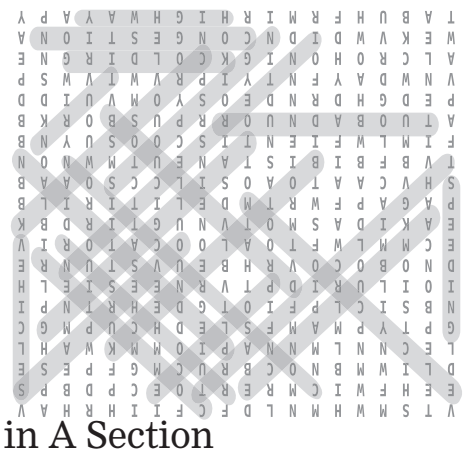

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DAV hosting National Virtual Veterans Career Fair next week

By Tom Latek
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ERLANGER, Ky. (KT) – Disabled American Veterans (DAV) along with RecruitMilitary will co-host the National Virtual Veterans Career Fair on Aug. 25 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Central Time.

The event is free to veterans, their spouses, active-duty military personnel and members of the National Guard and Reserve.

More than 70 employers actively seeking the unique talents of America's veterans will be on-site representing a range of industries, from construction to medical to administrative and logistics, with career opportunities from entry level to senior management. In addition to employment assistance, the veterans expected to attend can utilize career counseling and resume assistance, network with fellow veterans and military personnel, and get support with their Department of Veterans Affairs benefits and claims assistance—all at no cost.

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

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

DAV says their goal is to empower veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity. It is dedicated to a single purpose: keeping our promise to America's veterans. DAV does this by ensuring that veterans and their families can access the full range of benefits available to them, fighting for the interests of America's injured heroes on Capitol Hill, providing employment resources to veterans and their families, and educating the public about the great sacrifices and needs of veterans transitioning back to civilian life.

Disabled American Veterans, a nonprofit organization with nearly 1 million members, was founded in 1920 and chartered by the U.S. Congress in 1932. Learn more at DAV.org.

ABSOLUTE REAL ESTATE AUCTION
486 State Route 348 East • Symsonia, KY 42082
TUESDAY, AUGUST 25TH, 2026 at 10:00 AM

PREVIEW: Tuesday, August 18th | 5:00 – 6:00 PM

MOVE-IN READY 3 Bedroom Home on 1± Acre in Symsonia, KY

Don't miss this outstanding opportunity to purchase a well-maintained, move-in ready home in one of the most desirable locations in Symsonia! Conveniently located just 15 minutes from Paducah, Mayfield, and Benton, this attractive property offers the perfect combination of country living and easy access to nearby communities.

Situated on a beautiful 1± acre lot, the property is surrounded by mature shade trees, colorful landscaping, and established flower beds that create exceptional curb appeal. An immaculate concrete driveway welcomes you home and adds to the property's overall quality and appeal.

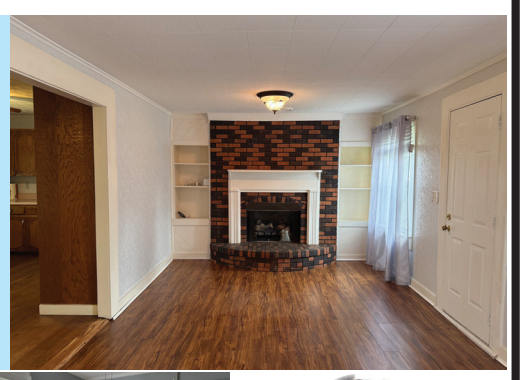
Inside, you'll find approximately 1,600± square feet of comfortable living space featuring 3 bedrooms and 1 full bath. The spacious kitchen and dining area provide an inviting place for family meals and entertaining. The home also features attractive laminate and wood flooring, vinyl replacement windows, a gas log fireplace, walk-in closet, paneling accents, wall furnace heating, central cooling, and a sump pump for added peace of mind.

The sale includes numerous appliances, making this home truly move-in ready, including the refrigerator, stove, dishwasher, microwave, washer, dryer, and electric water heater.

Outside, the detached shop building offers endless possibilities. Whether you're looking for the perfect workshop, hobby area, man cave, or she shed, this versatile building provides the extra space you've been looking for.

Whether you're searching for your first home, a place to raise a family, or the ideal retirement property, this well-cared-for home is ready for its next owner.

PROPERTY HIGHLIGHTS
- *Situated on 1± Acre - Approx.1,600± sq.ft.*
- *3 Bedrooms, 1 Full Bath, Walk-in Closet*
- *Situated on 1± Acre*
- *Excellent Symsonia Location - approx.15 min. to Paducah, Mayfield & Benton*
- *Spacious Kitchen/Dining Combination*
- *Gas Log Fireplace - Wall Furnace Heat & Central Cooling*
- *Laminate & wood flooring*
- *Vinyl Replacement Windows*
- *Detached shop ideal for workshop*
- *Beautiful Mature Trees*



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REAL ESTATE TERMS: A 10% Buyer's Premium will be added to the final bid and included in the deed transaction sale price. 15% as down payment on the day of the auction with balance in cash at closing on or before 30 days. The down payment may be in the form of cashier's check, personal check, or corporate check. YOUR BIDDING IS NOT CONDITIONAL UPON FINANCING, SO BE SURE YOU HAVE ARRANGED FINANCING, IF NEEDED, AND ARE CAPABLE OF PAYING CASH AT CLOSING. Buyer Will Be Required To Sign A Lead Based Paint Disclosure Waiving The Opportunity To A 10 Day Post Sale Inspection. Make Inspections Prior To Date Of Sale. Closing shall take place on or before 30 days from auction date. All 2026 ad valorem taxes will be prorated at closing. The property will be sold by the deed.

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ABSOLUTE LAND AUCTION
Hwy 303, Hwy 83 & Luther Road • Mayfield, KY 42066
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2026 at 6:00 PM

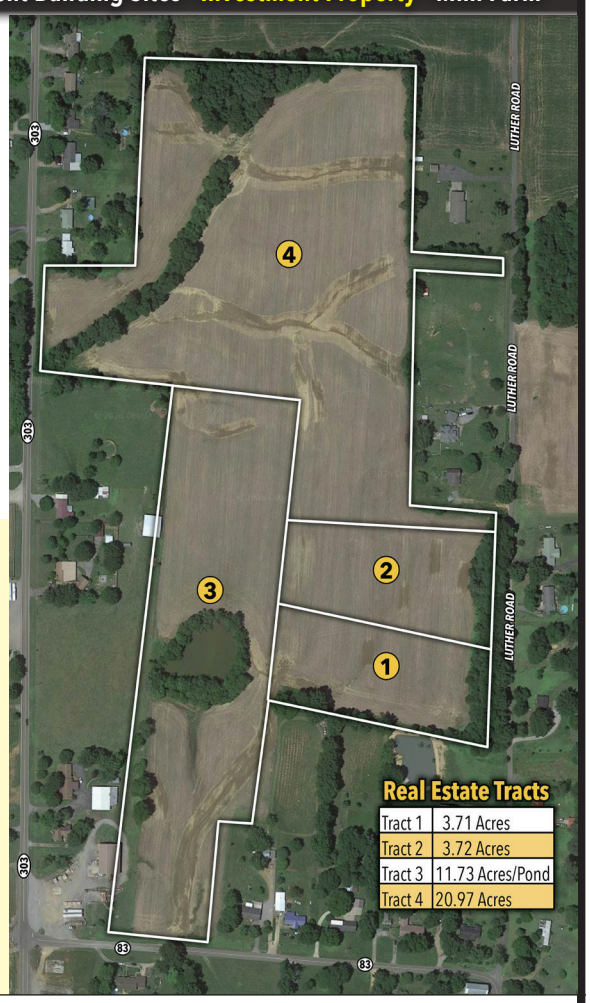
Productive Farmland - Excellent Building Sites - Investment Property - Mini Farm

Don't miss this outstanding opportunity to purchase approximately 40± acres of highly productive Graves County farmland offered in 4 individual tracts in the desirable Cuba Community. Whether you're looking to expand your farming operation, build your dream home, invest in land, or create a small hobby farm, this auction offers a variety of attractive options.

With over 90% tillable acreage, these tracts provide excellent agricultural potential while also offering outstanding rural homesites. The property features quality road frontage on Highway 303, Highway 83, and Luther Road, giving buyers multiple access points and flexibility for future use.

The property will be offered in 4 individual tracts, allowing buyers the opportunity to purchase one tract, multiple tracts, or the entire property, whichever best fits their needs.

PROPERTY HIGHLIGHTS
- *Approximately 40± Acres Offered in 4 Tracts*
- *Absolute Auction – Selling to the Highest Bidder*
- *Located in the Desirable Cuba Community*
- *Over 90% Tillable Acreage*
- *Highly Productive Farmland*
- *Excellent Building Sites*
- *Ideal Mini Farm Opportunities*
- *Road Frontage on Highway 303, Highway 83 & Luther Road*
- *Buy One Tract, Multiple Tracts, or the Entire Property*
- *Convenient Location Just Minutes from Mayfield*



REAL ESTATE TERMS: The property will be offered in 4 individual tracts, or as a whole property. The property will be sold in the manner resulting in the highest total sale price. A 10% Buyer's Premium will be added to the final bid and included in the deed transaction sale price. 15% as down payment on the day of the auction with balance in cash at closing on or before 30 days. The down payment may be in the form of cashier's check, personal check, or corporate check. YOUR BIDDING IS NOT CONDITIONAL UPON FINANCING, SO BE SURE YOU HAVE ARRANGED FINANCING, IF NEEDED, AND ARE CAPABLE OF PAYING CASH AT CLOSING Make Inspections Prior To Date Of Sale. Closing shall take place on or before 30 days from auction date. All 2026 ad valorem taxes will be prorated at closing. The property will be sold by a new survey, buyer will be responsible for 50% of the survey cost.

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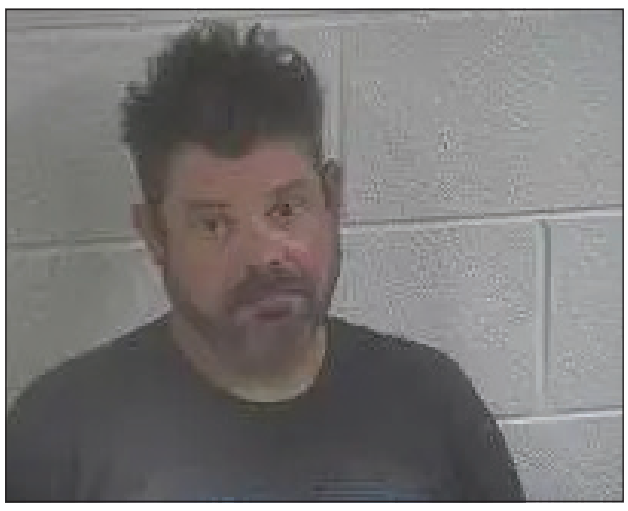
Murray Woman Injured in Shooting; Man Charged With Attempted Murder

Staff Report

MURRAY, Ky. — The Murray Police Department is investigating a shooting that left an adult woman injured and a Murray man facing an attempted murder charge.

Officers were dispatched to a residence on Sunset Drive on Aug. 17, 2026, following a report of a shooting. Upon arriving at the scene, officers located an adult female victim who appeared to have suffered a



gunshot wound.

The victim was treated at the scene before being transported by emergency medical services to Murray-Calloway County Hospital for further treatment. Authorities have not released additional information about the extent of her injuries.

Police identified 45-year-old Russell Cleaver of Murray as a suspect in the shooting. Cleaver was located at the residence and detained by officers following their arrival.

After further investigation, Cleaver was arrested and charged with attempted murder. He was booked into the Calloway County Jail.

The Murray Police Department said the investigation remains ongoing. Officials have not released additional details about what led to the shooting or identified a possible relationship between Cleaver and the victim.

Investigators are continuing to gather information and evidence as they work to determine the circumstances surrounding the incident. Additional charges or information could be released as the investigation progresses.

The department reminded the public that an arrest or criminal charge is not evidence of guilt. Anyone charged with a criminal offense is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

Police have not indicated whether there is any ongoing threat to the public related to the shooting. Further information is expected to be released as it becomes available.

Two Arrested in McCracken County Methamphetamine Investigation

Staff Report

PADUCAH, Ky. — The McCracken County Sheriff's Office has arrested two additional people as part of an ongoing investigation into a parcel containing more than two pounds of suspected methamphetamine.

According to the Sheriff's Office, detectives determined the parcel had been sent to the residence of 57-year-old Tracy Moore in the 1400 block of Monroe Street in Paducah. On Aug. 5, detectives obtained and executed a search warrant at Moore's apartment.

During the search, investigators reportedly found methamphetamine, drug paraphernalia and other evidence they said linked Moore to the previously seized parcel.

As the investigation continued, detectives determined that 34-year-old Crystal Ingram of Metropolis, Illinois, had allegedly arranged for the drug parcel to be delivered to Moore's residence. Investigators said Ingram acted on behalf of 32-year-old James Knight of California.

Based on information gathered during the investigation, detectives obtained arrest warrants for Moore and Ingram.

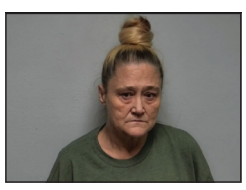
Moore was arrested Aug. 13 and lodged in the McCracken County Regional Jail. Ingram turned herself in to the McCracken County Sheriff's Office on Aug. 19 and was also lodged in the county jail.

The investigation remains active, and authorities said additional arrests and criminal charges are possible as detectives continue working to determine the circumstances surrounding the shipment and identify others who may have been involved.

The investigation involved cooperation among several law enforcement agencies. The McCracken County Sheriff's Office said the Paducah Police Department, U.S. Postal Inspection Service and Drug Enforcement Administration assisted detectives.

Officials have not released additional information about the suspected methamphetamine shipment or the specific charges filed against Moore and Ingram.

As with all criminal cases, the charges and allegations are matters to be decided in court. Individuals accused of crimes are presumed innocent unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.



Tracy Moore, 57, of Paducah

Complicity to trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree (methamphetamine)

Crystal Ingram, 34, of Metropolis, Illinois

Complicity to trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree (methamphetamine)

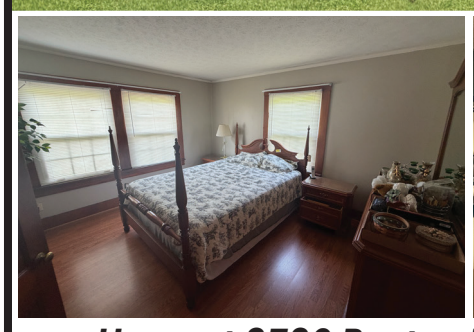
ONLINE ONLY REAL ESTATE & PERSONAL PROPERTY AUCTION

BIDDING CLOSES: Friday, August 28th, 2026, at 10:00 AM (CST)

LOCATION: 3730 BENTON RD, PADUCAH, KY 42003

PUBLIC PREVEW: MONDAY, AUGUST 24TH, AT 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

PICK-UP DATE: Monday, August 31st at 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM



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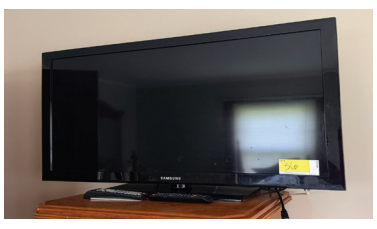

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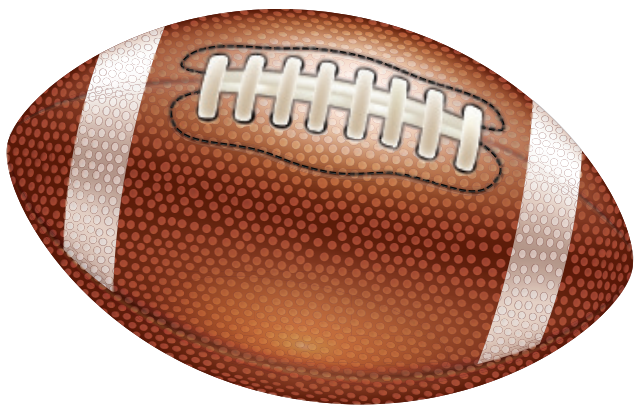
BALLARD MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

2025 Final Record:
0 wins, 10 losses

Class: 1A



Coaches Corner Q & A with Jon Hedges

Ballard Memorial Football head coach

Years coaching: 18 Years Coaching

What are your expectations for the team this season?
To be highly competitive in every game.

Who are your returning starters or team leaders?
Jackson Sutton JR, Jaxon Shackelford SR, Cayden Opel JR, Gavin Brown SR.

Which newcomers or younger players are expected to make an impact?
ZT Sawvel JR, Brody Story Soph, Melvin Jackson Soph, Latrell Jackson FR.

What will be your team's greatest strength?
Staying together through the season. Great bunch of young men.

What games or matchups are you most looking forward to?
All of them. Looking forward to the first game.

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BALLARD BOMBERS

Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
8/21	@ Todd County	7 PM	A
8/28	@ Jo Bryns	7 PM	A
9/11	Calloway County	7 PM	H
9/18	Vienna/Goreville	7 PM	H
9/25	@ South Fulton	7 PM	A
10/2	@ Russellville	7 PM	A
10/16	@ Fulton County	7 PM	A
10/23	Caverna	7 PM	H

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CALLOWAY CO. HIGH SCHOOL

2025 Final Record: 6 wins, 5 losses

Class: 4A

Coaches Corner Q & A with Coby Lewis

Calloway Co. Football head coach

Years coaching: at Calloway 2 / Head Coach 11 / starting 27th total

What are your expectations for the team this season?
We made a big move last season, posting a winning season, making the playoffs, This year our questions has been what is next??? We have a large senior class and are looking to to take the next step.

Who are your returning starters or team leaders?
QB Matthes Bridewell , WR Hunter Haugh WR Walker Bell OL Keller Aycock OL Carter Smith DL Brayden Winchester DL Brayden Tupper DL Marcus Hamilton LB Tate Ryan LB Josh Frost DB Christian Tharpe S Jackson Wyatt LB Caleb Collins (all returning starters)

Which newcomers or younger players are expected to make an impact?
WR Jack Douglass LB Brendan Cavitt WR Keige Riddle DE Kenny Lira, WR Timmy Williams

What will be your team's greatest strength?
Defensive Line and QB

What games or matchups are you most looking forward to?
Each Week

Do any players currently have college opportunities or interest?
Brayden Winchester has 2 offers (murray state) Timmy Williams (Murray State) Matthew Briedwell has 1 offer but will receive more

HENDERSON COUNTY COLONELS

Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
8/21	@ Pulaski County	8 PM	A
8/28	Madisonville-N Hopkins	7 PM	H
9/4	@ Henry Clay	8 PM	A
9/11	Gibson Southern (IN)	7 PM	H
9/18	@ Daviess County	7 PM	A
9/25	Central Hardin	7 PM	H
10/2	George Rogers Clark	7 PM	H
10/9	@ Christian County	7 PM	A
10/23	@ McCracken County	7 PM	A
10/30	Owensboro	7 PM	H

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CRITTENDEN COUNTY ROCKETS

Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
8/21	Marshall County	7 PM	H
8/28	@ Union County	7 PM	A
9/4	@ Webster County	7 PM	A
9/18	Mayfield	7 PM	H
9/25	Trigg County	7 PM	H
10/2	@ Todd County Central	7 PM	A
10/16	Fort Campbell	7 PM	H
10/23	@ Caldwell County	7 PM	A
10/30	Hopkins County	7 PM	H

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FULTON CO. HIGH SCHOOL

2025 Final Record: 2 wins, 8 losses

Class: 1A

Coaches Corner Q & A with Will Greer

Fulton Co. Football head coach

Years coaching: 10 Years as an Assistant, First Year as Head Coach

What are your expectations for the team this season?
We have high expectations for our guys this year, we are returning most of all our players. Our goal is to win the district and go as far as we can into the playoffs.

Who are your returning starters or team leaders?
Most all of our skill guys are returning starters, we only graduated 2 seniors last year. We have several leaders on the team but Davarius Freeman, Rashaud Houston, Chrissteane Gordon, and Zyian Frame are our vocal leaders. They hold everyone accountable if they make a mistake.

Which newcomers or younger players are expected to make an impact?
JJ Montgomery is a sophomore who started both sides of the ball last year at OL/DL. He spent the entire offseason training in the weight room and will make a huge impact on the defensive side of the ball at tackle. Also DK Kinney is another sophomore with a lot of playing time. He is becoming a favorite target at the WR position and he also plays corner. He is smart and has a nose for the ball

What will be your team's greatest strength?
Our experience on both offense and defense will be our biggest strength. We have most of our offense back from last year and all of our defense. This is be big for us this year.

What games or matchups are you most looking forward to?
Our district is what we are looking most forward to. Its important to us as a team to be successful all year but our guys really want the district championship. It wont be easy and we know that we will have to execute on both sides of the ball and with all of our players stepping up to accomplish that. I know that our cross county/ state line rival is South Fulton and that will be a big game as well,

Do any players currently have college opportunities or interest?
We have several who are interested in the next level and all of them are very capable of competing at the college level. We hope that they will be recruited this year and see where the future takes them.

FULTON COUNTY **PILOTS**

Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
8/21	@ Gleason	7 PM	A
8/28	South Fulton	7 PM	H
9/4	@ Calloway County	7 PM	A
9/12	@ Fulton City / Valley	7 PM	A
9/18	Greenfield	7 PM	H
9/25	Lake County	7 PM	H
10/2	@ Caverna	7 PM	A
10/9	BYE	N/A	N/A
10/16	Ballard Memorial	7 PM	H
10/23	Russellville	7 PM	H
10/30	@ Trigg County	7 PM	A

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Class 1A

Ballard Memorial (Class 1A, District 1): The Bombers will be looking to return to the win column in the 2026 high school football season. Ballard Memorial was held winless one season ago. Limited throughout the 2025 high school football season, Ballard Memorial finished 0-10. The Bombers have not won since defeating Fulton County 42-34 in a Class 1A, District 1 game on Oct. 18, 2024. Ballard Memorial missed out on advancing to the 2025 KHSAA Class 1A Football State Playoffs.

Junior quarterback Jackson Sutton led Ballard Memorial in both passing and rushing as a sophomore in 2025. In addition, Sutton ranked as Ballard Memorial's second-leading tackler.

Junior athletes Cooper Clark and Cayden Opel are additional experienced playmakers for the Bombers.

Fulton County (Class 1A, District 1): Showing improvement in the 2025 high school football season, Fulton County returned to the KHSAA Class 1A Football State Playoffs. The Pilots notched back-to-back Class 1A, District 1 wins over Caverna and Ballard Memorial during the 2025 high school football season.

Last season, Fulton County scored 278 points while allowing 436 points.

After making an appearance in the KHSAA Class 1A Football State Playoffs, Fulton City exited the 2026 season with a 2-8 record.

Senior quarterback Preston Smith excelled for Fulton County as a junior in 2025, completing 116 passes for 1,891 yards and 21 touchdowns.

Juniors Davarius Freeman, Charles Keys and Wesley Goodman ranked as Fulton County's top three rushers as sophomores and are also among the returning players for the Pilots.

Class 2A

Caldwell County (Class 2A, District 1): Finishing above the .500 mark, Caldwell County compiled a 6-5 record in the 2025 high school football season.

The Tigers scored 336 points while allowing 318 in 2025.

Caldwell County won six of its first eight games in the 2025 high school football season. During the second half of the 2025 high school gridiron season, Caldwell County made an appearance in the KHSAA Class 2A Football State Playoffs.

Quarterback Daelyn Lander, now a senior, led Caldwell County through the air in 2025. During his junior year, Lander completed 96 passes for 1,349 yards and 14 touchdowns.

Kameron Wilson, another junior turned senior, ranked as Caldwell County's leading rusher and receiver in the 2025 season.

Defensively, Caldwell County lost its top two tacklers to graduation.

Crittenden County (Class 2A, District 1): The Rockets reached the second round of the 2025 KHSAA Class 2A Football State Playoffs.

Crittenden County put together an 8-4 record in 2025. The Rockets overcame a slow start after opening 0-2.

Crittenden County lost talented quarterback Quinn Summers to graduation. As a senior in 2025, Summers ranked as Crittenden County's leading passer and top rusher. Summers thrived as a senior in the 2025 high school football season, completing 152 passes for 2,124 yards and 31 touchdowns. On the ground as a senior, Summers rushed 70 times for 515 yards and six touchdowns.

Crittenden County must also replace leading

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PADUCAH TILGHMAN

BLUE TORNADO

Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
8/14	@ Owensboro Catholic	7 PM	A
8/28	Graves County	7 PM	H
9/4	@ Mayfield	7 PM	A
9/11	MNHHS	7 PM	H
9/18	@ Franklin Simpson	7 PM	A
9/25	@ Allen County -Scottsville	7 PM	A
10/2	@ Logan County	7 PM	A
10/16	Warren East	7 PM	H
10/23	Calloway County	7 PM	H

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TIGERS CHRISTIAN COUNTY

Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
8/21	Cooper	7 PM	H
8/28	@ Mayfield	7 PM	A
9/4	@ McKenzie, TN	7 PM	A
9/11	@ Daviess County	7 PM	A
9/18	@ South Warren	7 PM	A
9/25	Frederick Douglass	7 PM	H
10/2	@ Harlan County	7 PM	A
10/9	Henderson County	7 PM	H
10/16	McCracken County	7 PM	H
10/23	Somerset	7 PM	H
10/30	Paducah Tilghman	7 PM	H

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receiver Caden Howard, who hauled in 58 receptions for 1,065 yards and 19 touchdowns last season.

Junior wide receiver Eli Lovell is back for Crittenden County after hauling in 24 receptions for 298 yards and one touchdown as a sophomore.

Defensively, second-leading tackler Joel Bumpus (70 tackles) is among the returning players for the Rockets.

Fort Campbell (Class 2A, District 1): The Falcons will be looking to continue to show improvement early in the 2026 high school football season. Fort Campbell put together a 4-7 record in its previous season, which included a three-game winning streak. The Falcons have won 14 games over the last three seasons.

Junior quarterback Tannar Walters completed 66 passes for 869 yards and 14 touchdowns in 2025, leading Fort Campbell through the air.

Second-leading receiver Levi Kruse hauled in 14 receptions for 211 yards and six touchdowns as a junior for the Falcons. Kruse is among Fort Campbell's talented seniors.

Fort Campbell lost leading rusher Keshawn Dixon to graduation. Leading Fort Campbell on the ground as a senior in 2025, Dixon rushed 187 times for 1,539 yards and 16 touchdowns.

Defensively. Fort Campbell's top two tacklers graduated. However, Kruse ranked third in tackles for the Falcons last season.

Mayfield (Class 2A, District 1): Perennial title contender Mayfield lost to eventual champion Lexington Christian in the second round of the 2025 KHSAA Class 2A State Football Playoffs. Lexington Christian, playing on its home field, defeated Mayfield 35-16.

Tradition-rich Mayfield exited the 2025 high school season with a 10-2 record.

Mayfield benefitted from a diverse offensive attack throughout the 2025 high school football season. Through the air, Mayfield completed 144 passes for 2,313 yards and 29 touchdowns. On the ground, Mayfield rushed 232 times for 1,444 yards and 36 touchdowns.

Senior quarterback Gray Robbins completed 122 passes for 1,842 yards and 22 touchdowns as a junior in 2025.

Leading Mayfield on the ground as a junior in 2025, Josiah England rushed 62 times for 486 yards and seven touchdowns. England is also carrying momentum into his senior campaign.

Defensively, junior Briar Overstreet is the top tackler back for the Cardinals.

Class 3A

Hopkins County Central (Class 3A, District 1): The Storm finished 2-9 in the 2025 high school football season.

Hopkins County Central suffered a loss in the opening round of the 2025 KHSAA Class 3A Football State Playoffs.

Several key players for Hopkins County Central graduated.

Second-leading receiver Kaijain Hayes (Jr.) is the top offensive player back for the Storm. Hayes hauled in 15 receptions for 251 yards and three touchdowns as a sophomore in the 2025 high school football season.

Defensively, seniors Issac McKnight, Mattox Allen, Glenis McKnight and Connor Miles are the top four returning tacklers for the Storm.

Murray (Class 3A, District 1): The Tigers are fresh off a state runner-up finish.

Murray compiled a 14-1 record in the 2025 high school football season. The Tigers opened the 2025 high school football season with 14 straight wins. However, Christian Academy-Louisville pulled away to defeat Murray 42-7 in the 2025 KHSAA Class 4A state championship game.

Murray lost its leading passer, receiver and rusher to graduation. Among the players Murray lost to graduation was quarterback Wyatt Robbins, who completed 187 passes for 3,199 yards and 35 touchdowns in 2025.

Senior running back Gage Chapman is back for Murray after rushing 58 times for 529 yards and nine touchdowns during his junior year.

Sophomore Kenyon Cunningham is poised to take on an even larger role for the Tigers., As a freshman, Cunningham made an impact offensively both through the air and on the ground.

Chapman (149 tackles), Asa Munsey (130 tackles), Zaye Richardson (130 tackles) and Jesse Clark (115) are the top four returning tacklers for the Tigers.

Union County (Class 3A, District 1): Eventual state champion Christian Academy-Louisville eliminated Union County from the 2025 KHSAA Class 3A Football State Playoffs, defeating the Braves in a third round game.

Union County exited the 2025 high school football season with a 7-6 record.

Senior quarterback Max Noble is among the players back for the Braves. As a junior in the 2025 high school football season, Noble completed 25 passes for 456 yards and six touchdowns.

As a team, Union County rushed 464 times for 2,517 yards and 33 touchdowns in the 2025 high school football season. However, Union County lost its top two rushers to graduation.

Union County sophomore running back Chris Grissom rushed 40 times for 268 yards and five touchdowns as a freshman last season.

Defensively, senior Brock Meadows is the top tackler for the Braves. Meadows logged 62 tackles for Union County in 2025.

Class 4A

Calloway County (Class 4A, District 1): The Lakers finished above the .500 mark in 2025, compiling a 6-5 record.

Calloway County senior quarterback Matthew Briedwell is productive through the air. As a junior in the 2025 high school football season, Briedwell completed 137 passes for 1,857 yards and 21 touchdowns.

Calloway County lost its leading rusher and top receiver to graduation.

As a team, Calloway County rushed 268 times for 2,054 yards and 28 touchdowns in the 2025 high school football season.

Sophomore athlete Walker Bell is a versatile player for the Lakers. As a freshman, Bell rushed 15 times for 148 yards and two touchdowns. Through the air during his freshman campaign, Bell reeled in 10 receptions for 167 yards and two touchdowns.

Senior Tate Ryan is the leading tackler for the Lakers. As a junior, Tate tallied 62 tackles.

Paducah Tilghman (Class 4A, District 1); The Blue Tornado have reloaded for the 2026 high school football season.

Paducah Tilghman reached the semifinals of the 2025 KHSAA Class 4A Football State Playoffs. The Tornado compiled a 12-2 record in the 2025 high school football season.

Paducah Tilghman lost its starting quarterback and leading rusher to graduation. As a senior in 2025, Paducah Tilghman quarterback Stone Crowe completed 218 passes for 3,138 yards and 37 touchdowns.

Leading receiver Avery Thompson (Jr.) is the top offensive player back for the Tornado. Thompson hauled in 70 receptions for 1,062 yards and 10 touchdowns in the 2025 high school football season.

In addition to Thompson, Chance McPike (Sr.) is back for the Tornado. McPike reeled in 33 receptions for 540 yards and five touchdowns one season ago.

As a team in 2025, Paducah Tilghman rushed 368 times for 2,149 yards and 29 touchdowns.

In 14 games last season, Paducah Tilghman outscored opponents 593-233.

Defensively, Paducah Tilghman has its top two tacklers, juniors Wyatt Gower (105 tackles) and Isaac James (96 tackles), back on the field.

Class 5A

Graves County (Class 5A, District 1): With most of its key players back, Graves County is expected to be a high school football team on the rise.

Quarterback Jace Houston is headed into his senior season for the Eagles. As a junior in the 2025 high school football season, Houston completed 112 passes for 1,180 yards and nine touchdowns.

Senior running back Brady Rozzell paces Graves County on the ground. Rozzell rushed 163 times for 539 yards and five touchdowns last season.

Senor Ty Cavette is the top receiver for the Eagles. Cavette reeled in 54 receptions for 574

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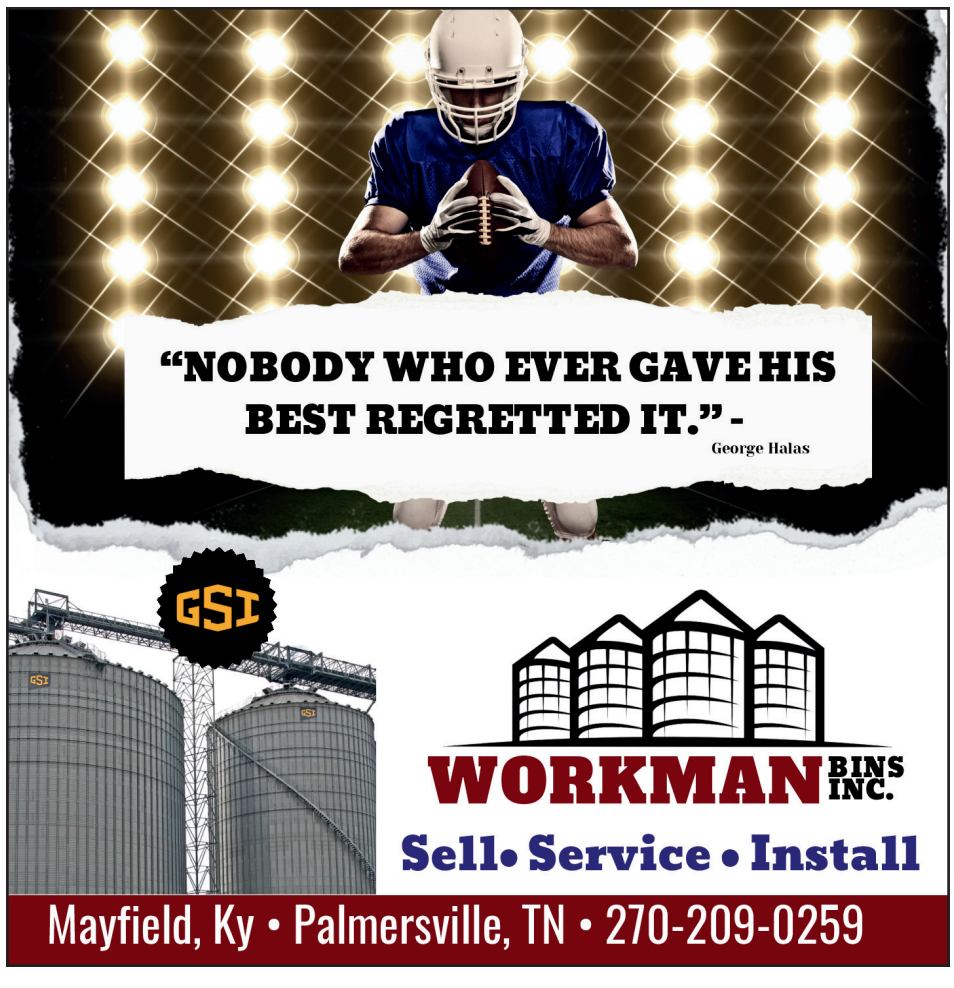

OBION COUNTY CENTRAL REBELS

Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
8/21	Lake County	7 PM	H
8/28	Gibson County	7 PM	H
9/4	@ Gleason	7 PM	A
9/11	@ Westview	7 PM	A
9/18	Covington	7 PM	H
9/25	@ Dyersburg	7 PM	A
10/2	McNairy Central	7 PM	H
10/9	BYE	N/A	N/A
10/16	South Fulton	7 PM	H
10/23	Ripley (Senior Night)	7 PM	H
10/30	@ Bolivar Central	7 PM	A

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GRAVES CO. HIGH SCHOOL

2025 Final Record: 4 wins, 7 losses

Class: 5A

Coaches Corner Q & A with Tyler DeBernardi

Graves Co. Football head coach

Years coaching:
3 years Head Coach, 14 years total.

What are your expectations for the team this season?
Our expectations are to compete for a district championship.

Who are your returning starters or team leaders?
We return 99% of our offense production and have 5 offensive lineman with starting experience back. We also return all of our skill positions on offense. Key players are Ty Cavette, Bodie Veucasovic, Parker WIlson, Wilson Thomas, Brady Rozzell, Keegan Hopwood, Maddox Wiggins, and Jace Houston.

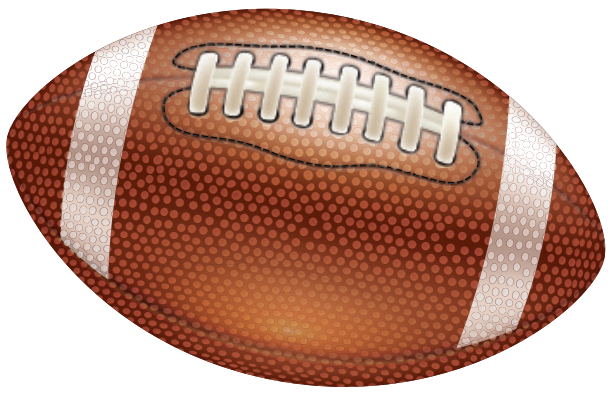
On Defense we have to replace 4 on the defensive line but return 3 starting LBs in Jake Buzanis, Coleman Amis, and Macarious Smith. Key players in the secondary are back with Raygon Mathis, Max Ivy, Wilson Thomas, and Parker Wilson.

Which newcomers or younger players are expected to make an impact?
Evan Copelan, Colsen Flowers, Beckett O'Guinn, Gaither Turner, Evan Goode, Kamden Dunning, Tripp Bailey, Landon Womble, and Drew Johnson.

What will be your team's greatest strength?
Experience and Physicality.

What games or matchups are you most looking forward to?
All of them. We play probably the toughest schedule in Western KY. We have an opportunity every week to prove we belong.

Do any players currently have college opportunities or interest?
Ty Cavette holds 3 D1 offers from Murray State, Eastern Kentucky University, and UT Martin Coleman Amis hold and offer from Thomas Moore University.



GRAVES COUNTY EAGLES

Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
8/21	Mayfield	7 PM	H
8/28	@ Paducah Tilgham	7 PM	A
9/4	Murray	7 PM	H
9/11	@ Union County	7 PM	A
9/18	@ Owensboro	7 PM	A
9/25	MNHHS	7 PM	H
10/2	Apollo	7 PM	H
10/16	Marshall County	7 PM	H

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McCracken Co. HIGH SCHOOL

2025 Final Record: 6 wins, 6 losses

Class: 6A

McCracken County Football Facebook photo

Coaches Corner Q & A with Tyler Brooks

McCracken Co. Football head coach

Years coaching: 3rd year as head coach

What are your expectations for the team this season?
The expectations for our team is to compete for a district championship, obtain multiple home playoff games, be a state leader in 6a rpi, and compete for the schools first regional championship in football.

Who are your returning starters or team leaders?
Returning Starters: Max Watson Sr., Brock Wilson Sr., Jake Thaggard Sr. Elijah Pullen Sr. , Martin Thomas Sr., Charlie Higdon Sr., Brently Gregory Jr. Jude Lanier Jr., Jakari Matchem Jr. , Corterrion Turner Jr. , Max Sturm Jr.

Which newcomers or younger players are expected to make an impact?
Logan Alaimo Jr., Braylon Brooks Jr., Aiden James Jr. , Tucker Jaynes Jr. Chris Lucas Jr, Landon Lopez Jr. , Keaton Miller Jr.,Steven Pitts Jr., Cooper Rousseau Jr., Hudson Phillips Jr.,Beaux Davis So.,Jontavius McCaulley So. Cole Presswood So. and Micah Klope Fr.

What will be your team's greatest strength?
Our teams greatest strength is at the skill position Jakari Matchem is returning for his junior year after haulling in 80 Catches 1239 yds and 20 Tds.

What games or matchups are you most looking forward to?
Paducah Tilghman, Mayfield, Murray, Henderson County, Christian County, Graves County

Do any players currently have college opportunities or interest?
Max Watson Multiple D1 FCS & Division 2 offers, Jakari Matchem Mulitple D1 FCS Offers, Jude Lanier Multiple D1 FCS Offers, Cole Presswood Multiple D1 FCS Offers

MCCRACKEN MUSTANGS

Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
8/22	@ Paducah Tilghman	7 PM	A
8/28	Logan County	7 PM	H
9/4	@ Clarksville NE (TN)	7 PM	A
9/11	Mayfield	7 PM	H
9/18	Union County	7 PM	H
9/25	@ Murray	7 PM	A
10/2	@ Brighton 9TN)	7 PM	A
10/16	@ Christan County	7 PM	A
10/23	Henderson County	7 PM	H
10/30	Graves County	7 PM	H

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MAYFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

2025 Final Record:
12 wins, 2 losses

Regional runner up in the class AA playoffs.

Class: 2A

Coaches Corner Q & A with Stephen Hatchell

Mayfield Football head coach

Years coaching: (21, 1st year as head coach)

What are your expectations for the team this season?
Expectations are always to compete for a state championship.

Who are your returning starters or team leaders?
Returning players are Gray Robbins SR/QB, Josiah England SR/RB, Brayden Smith SR/OL, Abram Morris SR/OL, Ashton Flint SR/LB, Karsen Neely SR/LB

Which newcomers or younger players are expected to make an impact? Players to watch are Kyrin Kirby SO/LB, Briar Oversreet JR/DL, Anderson Smith JR/LB

What will be your team's greatest strength?
Senior Leadership, Experience at LB and in the offensive backfield

What games or matchups are you most looking forward to?
We always look forward to Graves County (County Rival), Paducah Tilghman (game has been played for more than 100 years)

Do any players currently have college opportunities or interest?
Josiah England - FCS, Brayden Smith - FCS

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Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
8/28	@ Clarksville Academy	6 PM	A
9/4	Fort Knox	6 PM	H
9/11	@ Hopkins County Central	6 PM	A
9/18	@ Todd County Central	6 PM	A
9/25	Caldwell County	6 PM	H
10/2	@ Trigg County	6 PM	A
10/9	Franklin County	6 PM	H
10/16	@ Crittenden County	6 PM	A
10/23	Mayfield	6 PM	H

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MURRAY HIGH SCHOOL

2025 Final Record:
14 wins, 1 losses

Class: 3A

Coaches Corner Q & A with Melvin Cunningham

Murray Football head coach

Years coaching: going into my 4th year at Murray

What are your expectations for the team this season?
We are coming off a state championship appearance, and our expectation are to be back in the same situation. A different end result is the objective

Who are your returning starters or team leaders?
We are blessed to return a lot of players on both sides of the football. On the offensive line we return all 5 starters Ryan Walls, Lyric Cole, Devin Eskra, Jaden McGehee, and Gage Keeling. We return two receivers in Braylon Patterson and Kenyon Cunningham. We return our TE and H-Back Owen Howell and Preston Hill as well as our RB Gage Chapman.
Defensively, we return our 4 of the 5 players that played in our secondary Trendon Curd, Colin Winters, Jordan Westbrook, and Triston Dennis. We return 3 of our 4 defensive lineman Zaye Richardson, Ryan Walls, and Jesse Clark. Also, we return our 2 inside linebackers in Asa Munsey and Gage Chapman.

Which newcomers or younger players are expected to make an impact?
We have several newcomers that will provide an immediate impact in Alex Robinson, Bruce Willis, King Williams Jr. and Kolton Winsett. In addition, a few young players that had a good spring and a good start to camp in Amari Cunningham, Kyson Reed, and Reid Grebner.

What will be your team's greatest strength?
We feel that our greatest strength is our offensive and defensive line.

What games or matchups are you most looking forward to?
Every Friday Night is tough but the toughest game on our schedule is Apollo because that is the only opponent we have week 1.

Do any players currently have college opportunities or interest?
Ryan Walls has offers 7 sec schools. He has offers from over 15 universities. Gage Chapman has two Division 1 offers. Jesse Clark has 1 division 1 offer.

MURRAY TIGERS

Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
8/21	Apollo	7 PM	H
8/28	@ Calloway County	7 PM	A
9/4	@ Graves County	7 PM	A
9/11	@ Marshall County	7 PM	A
9/18	Russellville	7 PM	H
9/25	BYE	N/A	N/A
10/2	Webster County	7 PM	H
10/9	BYE	N/A	N/A
10/16	Union County	7 PM	H
10/23	@ Hopkins County Central	7 PM	A
10/30	@ Caldwell County	7 PM	A

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CALDWELL COUNTY TIGERS

Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
8/21	Henderson County	7 PM	H
8/28	@ Marshall County	7 PM	A
9/4	@ Union County	7 PM	A
9/11	Webster County	7 PM	H
9/18	@ Trigg County	7 PM	A
9/25	@ Fort Campbell	7 PM	A
10/2	@ Mayfield	7 PM	A
10/9	BYE	N/A	N/A
10/16	@ Todd County Central	7 PM	A
10/23	Crittenden County	7 PM	H
10/30	Murray	7 PM	H

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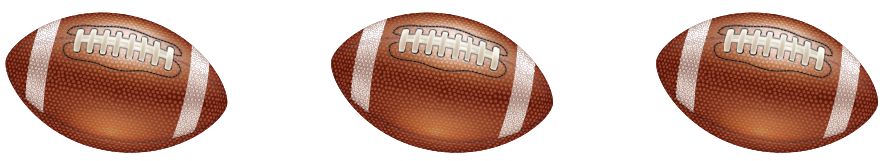
MARSHALL CO. HIGH SCHOOL

2025 Final Record:
3 wins, 7 losses

Class: 5A



Marshall County Marshals

26-27 Varsity Football Roster

Evan Merrick Head Coach

1 Jett Jones
2 Sylas Winding
6 Levi Jetton
10 Justin Price
11 Jaxson Gipson
14 Colton Henson
17 Kamden Story
19 Jaxon Warner
20 Mason Joyce
23 Rylan Shelton
24 Jake Thomasson
27 Kash Hayes
36 Jasper Jones
39 Grady Ogden
57 Riley Brewer
58 Beau Tidwell
59 Jerrek Harris
60 Conner Gibson
61 John Kenady
63 Joseph Sidhu
68 Blake Powell
70 Mason Benavidez
74 Landen Thorn
75 Carson Burton
77 Kaden Stevenson
81 Noah Carroll
85 Andre King WR, CB So.
86 Reece Reid RB, OLB Jr. 5'9" 155
87 Cody Haynes Sr. 6'1" 175

Coaches Corner

Q & A with Nick Bloodworth

Marshall Football head coach

Years coaching: 18 years

What are your expectations for the team this season?
The expectations and vision are still the same, we want to roll up our sleeves, grab our lunch pale and go to work. We have a great locker room, but we have to keep working to put it all together and play as a TEAM. We want to continue to get better and build this program up brick by brick and we are going to do that with GRIT.

Who are your returning starters or team leaders?
We have four returning starters, but bring back multiple guys who have logged key snaps over the last years on Friday nights. Over the course of the summer, we have several young men who have stepped up in leadership roles. Two of these young men are Jesse Kinsall and Jett Jones. After practice you can find them getting their groups to stay after practice to get extra work in. On the defensive side of the ball you can often hear Jasper Jones and Reece Reid. These guys are making calls for the entire defense and making sure we are lined up and ready to go.

Which newcomers or younger players are expected to make an impact? We have several young guys who are coming along and have made many improvements through camp. I am excited about the incoming freshman class and how they are gelling.

What will be your team's greatest strength?
Our greatest strength will be playing together. We have a locker room of guys who are committed to each other and the program. As a coach, it is so much more exciting when you know you are coming to practice to coach a team that are passionate about being Marshals!

What games or matchups are you most looking forward to?
Looking forward to all of them. There isn't a single opponent we can look passed and for that reason, it's hard not to get excited for each week.

MARSHALL COUNTY MARSHALS

Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
8/21	@ Crittenden County	7 PM	A
8/28	Caldwell County	7 PM	H
9/4	Trigg County	8 PM	H
9/11	Murray (Hall of Fame Game)	7 PM	H
9/18	@ Madisonville-North Hopkins	7 PM	A
9/25	Muhlenberg County (Homecoming)	N/A	H
10/2	Owensboro (Little League Night)	7 PM	H
10/9	BYE	N/A	N/A
10/16	@ Graves County	7 PM	A
10/23	@ Apollo	7 PM	A
10/30	Calloway County (Senior Night)	7 PM	H

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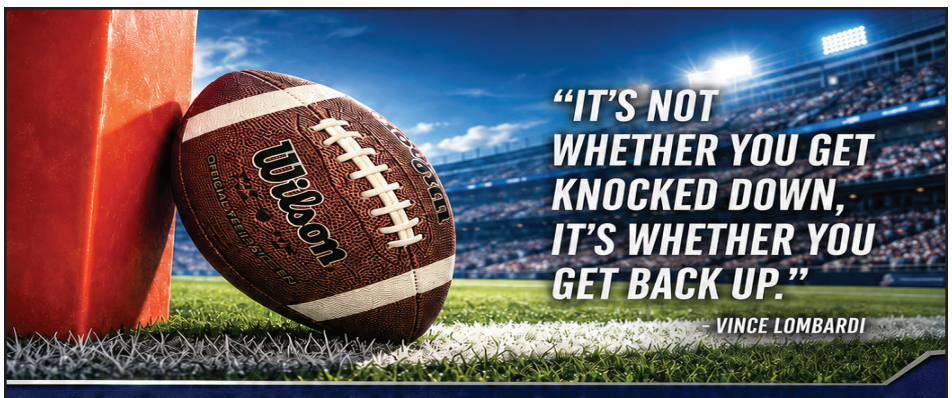

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yards and three touchdowns one season ago.

Defensively, Graves County lost its leading tackler to graduation. Second-leading tackler Coleman Amis (Sr.) is back for the Eagles. As a junior in 2025, Amis registered 93 tackles, 12 tackles for losses and six sacks.

Madisonville-North Hopkins (Class 5A, District 1): After putting together an 8-3 record in the 2025 high school football campaign, Madisonville-North Hopkins carried momentum into the offseason.

Junior quarterback Alex Richards is back to lead the Maroons. As a sophomore in the 2025 high school football season, Richards completed 94 passes for 1,428 yards and nine touchdowns.

Madisonville-North Hopkins must replace its leading rusher. Senior Ryder Sandidge ranked second in rushing for Madisonville-North Hopkins last season. As a junior, Sandidge rushed 56 times for 347 yards and six touchdowns.

In addition, Sandidge ranked as Madisonville-North Hopkins' top receiver. Sandidge hauled in 26 receptions for 378 yards and three touchdowns during his junior year.

Defensively, Madisonville-North Hopkins lost its top two tacklers to graduation. Among the most versatile players in the state, Sandidge is the leading returning tackler for the Maroons. Sandidge logged 74 tackles as a junior in 2025.

Marshall County (Class 5A, District 1): After missing out on reaching the KHSAA Class 5A Football State Playoffs in 2025, Marshall County will be looking to make a return to the postseason.

Marshall County lost its starting quarterback and leading receiver to graduation. However, multiple playmakers are back for the Marshals.

Junior running back Jake Thomasson led Marshall County on the ground as a sophomore in the 2025 high school football season. Thomasson rushed 107 times for 722 yards and three touchdowns one season ago.

Along with Thomasson, fellow junior running back Kolten Winsett will take carries out of Marshall County's backfield. Winsett rushed 77 times for 408 yards and three touchdowns last season.

Second-leading receiver Jett Jones (Jr.) is also back for the Marshals. Jones delivered a team-high 30 receptions for 302 yards and four touchdowns last season.

Defensively, seniors Carson Fogg and Kaden Merrick are among Marshall County's top returning tacklers.

Class 6A

Christian County (Class 6A, District 1): Following consolidation, over 100 players from grades 9-12 are set to compete for Christian County in the 2026 high school football season.

Christian County has over 70 players in the sophomore, junior and senior classes combined.

Sophomore quarterback Nehemiah Bailey is set to help lead the Tigers offensively.

Wide receivers Tremayne Clay (Sr.) Mychael Pulley (So.) will be additional key offensive contributors for upstart Christian County.

Defensively, senior defensive end Deasian Harris will be among Christian County's top players.

Head coach Duston Lopez will guide the Christian County Tigers in their first season.

Henderson County (Class 6A, District 1): After reaching the third round of the KHSAA Class 6A Football State Playoffs, Henderson County exited the 2025 high school gridiron season with a 6-7 record.

Senior quarterback Brody Belt is back to lead the Colonels. Belt excelled as a junior, completing 98 passes for 1,495 yards and 16 touchdowns.

Second-leading receiver Hezekiah Harris (Sr.) is back to catch passes for the Colonels. As a junior during the 2025 high school football season, Harris hauled in 28 receptions for 432 yards and four touchdowns.

Henderson County has its top five rushers back from the 2025 high school football season. Senior Jack Dalton is the leading rusher back for the Colonels. Dalton rushed 88 times for 524 yards and nine touchdowns for Henderson County as a junior last season.

Junior Anzerion Marigny is another talented returning rusher for the Colonels. Marigny rushed 84 times for 436 yards and five touchdowns one season ago.

Defensively, senior Christian Haygan is among the top tacklers back for the Colonels.

McCracken County (Class 6A, District 1): Finishing at the .500 mark, McCracken County compiled a 6-6 record in the 2025 high school football season.

McCracken County lost its starting quarterback and leading rusher to graduation. However, leading receiver Jakari Matchem (Jr.) is back for the Mustangs.

As a sophomore last season, Matchem hauled in 80 receptions for 1,239 yards and 21 touchdowns.

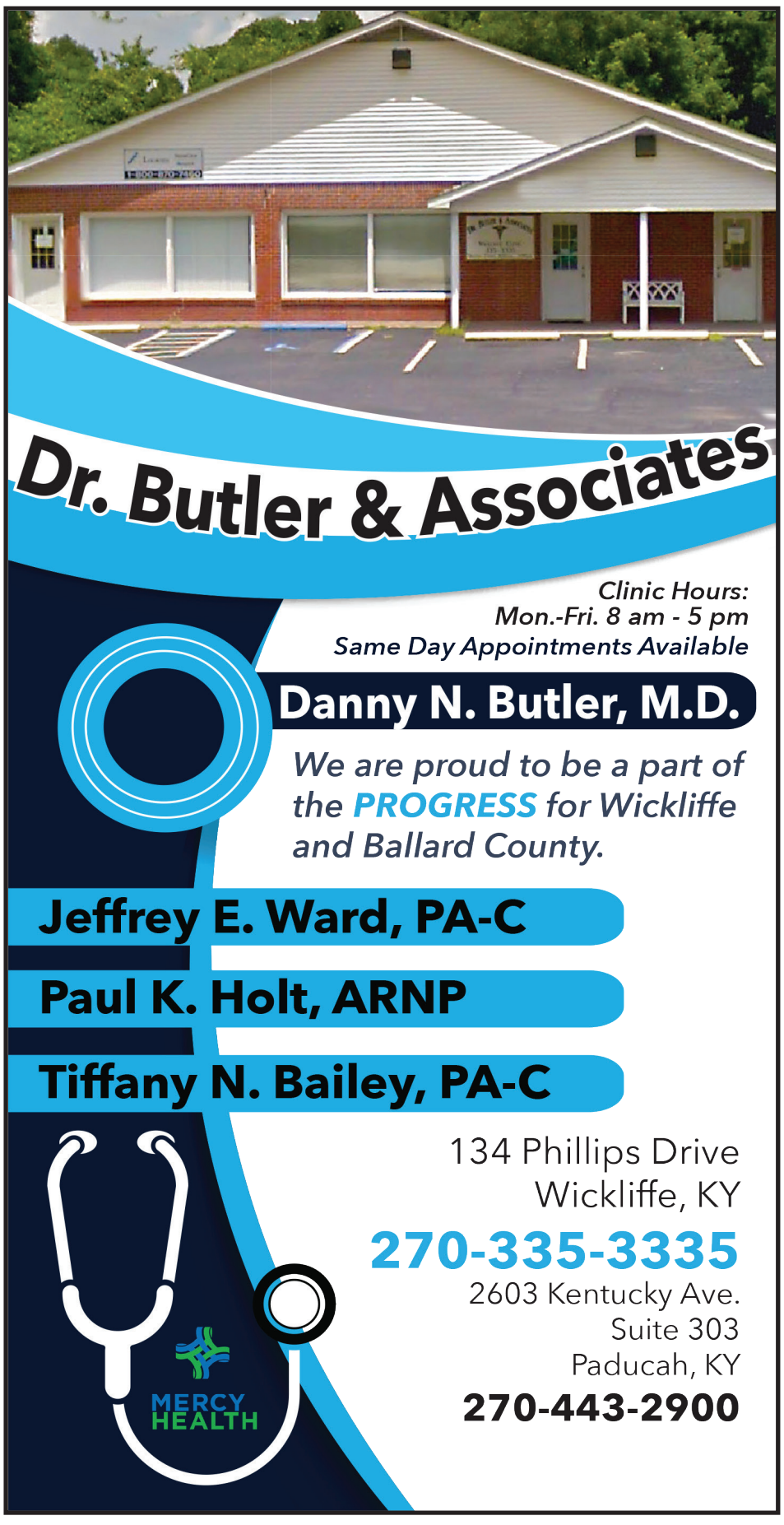
Along with Matchem, McCracken County features receiver Jude Lanier (Jr.), who hauled in 55 receptions for 816 yards and six touchdowns as a sophomore.

In 12 games one season ago, McCracken County managed to score 501 points.

Senior Charlie Higdon is the leading tackler back for the Mustangs. A defensive standout, Higdon recorded 80 tackles, 11.5 tackles for losses and one sack in 2025.

Caldwell County 2026-27 Varsity Football Roster

#	Name	Pos.	Gr.	Ht.	Wt.
1	Daelyn Lander	QB, CB	Sr.	6'2"	175
7	Colson Mattocks	RB, OLB	Sr.	5'11"	160
10	Caiden Webb	RB	Jr.		
10	Jackson Ray	RB, FS	Jr.	5'9"	147
11	Kameron Wilson	RB, OLB	Sr.	6'1"	220
17	Colton Knight	CB, QB	So.		
18	Jonah Crim	WR	So.		
20	Donovan Rogers	SS, WR	Sr.		
21	Drew Stevens	WR, CB	Sr.	5'7"	135
24	Markese Wilson	CB, WR	Sr.	6'4"	160
30	Jaden Boyd	SS, WR	Sr.	6'0"	156
34	Bryson Ford	MLB, TE	So.	6'0"	165
54	Carter Dalton	T	So.		
56	Garner Stallins	T	Sr.	6'0"	220
57	Duke Ward	NG, G	Sr.		
58	Alex Fox	G	Sr.		
60	Carter Ennis	C	Sr.	5'10"	190
67	Kam Wells	DT	So.		
74	Connar Forsythe	T, NG	Sr.	6'3"	
76	Phillip Merritt	T, DE	So.		
76	Ethan Lane	T	Sr.		
88	Derek Wilson	WR, TE	Sr.	6'2"	215



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2026 KHSAA Football Alignment

Class 1A

District 1 - Ballard Memorial, Caverna, Fulton County, Russellville

District 2 - Bethlehem, Campbellsville, Holy Cross (Louisville), Kentucky Country Day

District 3 - Bellevue, Dayton, Newport, Newport Central Catholic

District 4 - Bishop Brossart, Holy Cross (Covington), Ludlow, Trimble County

District 5 - Berea, Eminence, Frankfort, Sayre

District 6 - Fairview, Nicholas County, Paris, Raceland

District 7 - Harlan, Lynn Camp, Middlesboro, Pineville, Williamsburg

District 8 - Hazard, Paintsville, Pikeville

For postseason competition, in Class 1A, for 2026, the fifth-place team in District 7 will become the fourth-place team in District 8 for the purpose of playoff cross-bracketing.

Class 2A

District 1 - Caldwell County, Crittenden County, Fort Campbell, Mayfield, Todd County Central, Trigg County

District 2 - Fort Knox, Hancock County, McLean County, Owensboro Catholic

District 3 - Clinton County, Green County, Metcalfe County, Monroe County, Somerset

District 4 - Danville, Lexington Christian, Shawnee, Washington County, WEB DuBois

District 5 - Beechwood, Bracken County, Gallatin County, Owen County, St. Henry, Walton-Verona

District 6 - Breathitt County, Jackson County, Morgan County, West Carter

District 7 - Floyd Central, Knott County Central, Leslie County, Martin County, Prestonsburg

District 8 - Belfry, Betsy Layne, East Ridge, Pike County Central, Shelby Valley

Class 3A

District 1 - Hopkins County Central, Murray, Union County, Webster County

District 2 - Adair County, Butler County, Edmonson County, Glasgow, Hart County, LaRue County

District 3 - Central, Christian Academy-Louisville, DeSales, Western

District 4 - Bardstown, Casey County, Garrard County, Lexington Catholic, Mercer County

District 5 - Bourbon County, Carroll County, Henry County, Lloyd Memorial, Pendleton County

District 6 - Bath County, East Carter, Fleming County, Lewis County, Russell

District 7 - Bell County, Clay County, Knox Central, McCreary Central, Rockcastle County

District 8 - Estill County, Lawrence County, Letcher County Central, Magoffin County, Powell County

Class 4A

District 1 - Allen County-Scottsville, Calloway County, Franklin-Simpson, Logan County, Paducah Tilghman, Warren East

District 2 - Elizabethtown, John Hardin, Marion County, Nelson County, Taylor County

District 3 - Breckinridge County, Doss, North Oldham, Valley, Waggener

District 4 - Franklin County, Grant County, Shelby County, Spencer County, Western Hills

District 5 - Covington Catholic, Harrison County, Highlands, Mason County

District 6 - Ashland Blazer, Boyd County, Greenup County, Johnson Central, Rowan County

District 7 - Boyle County, Lincoln County, Russell County, Wayne County

District 8 - Corbin, Harlan County, Perry County Central, Whitley County

Class 5A

District 1 - Apollo, Graves County, Madisonville-North Hopkins, Marshall County, Muhlenberg County, Owensboro

District 2 - Barren County, Bowling Green, Grayson County, Greenwood, Warren Central

District 3 - Atherton, Butler, Iroquois, Seneca

District 4 - Bullitt Central, Fairdale, Jeffersontown, Moore, North Bullitt

District 5 - Boone County, Conner, Cooper, Dixie Heights, Scott

District 6 - Anderson County, Collins, Scott County, South Oldham, Woodford County

District 7 - East Jessamine, Madison Southern, Montgomery County, West Jessamine

District 8 - North Laurel, Pulaski County, South Laurel, Southwestern

Class 6A

District 1 - Christian County, Henderson County, McCracken County

District 2 - Central Hardin, Daviess County, Meade County, South Warren

District 3 - DuPont Manual, North Hardin, Pleasure Ridge Park, St. Xavier

District 4 - Bullitt East, Fern Creek, Male, Southern

District 5 - Ballard, Eastern, Oldham County, Trinity (Louisville)

District 6 - Campbell County, Great Crossing, Ryle, Simon Kenton

District 7 - Henry Clay, Lafayette, Paul Laurence Dunbar, Tates Creek

District 8 - Bryan Station, Frederick Douglass, George Rogers Clark, Madison Central

For postseason competition, in Class 6A, for 2026, Districts 3 and 5 will be cross-bracketed as Region 2 for playoffs and Districts 4 and 6 will be cross-bracketed as Region 3 for playoffs.

Withdrawn from District Competition: Holmes, Ohio County, Phelps, Thomas Nelson

SOUTH FULTON RED DEVILS

Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
8/21	@ Gleason	7 PM	A
8/28	@ Fulton County (KY)	7 PM	A
9/4	@ Humboldt	7 PM	A
9/11	Greenfield	7 PM	H
9/18	Perry County	7 PM	H
9/25	Ballard Memorial (KY)	7 PM	H
10/2	@ Gleason	7 PM	A
10/9	@ Lake County	7 PM	A
10/16	@ Obion County	7 PM	A
10/23	Dresden	7 PM	H
10/29	West Carroll	7 PM	H

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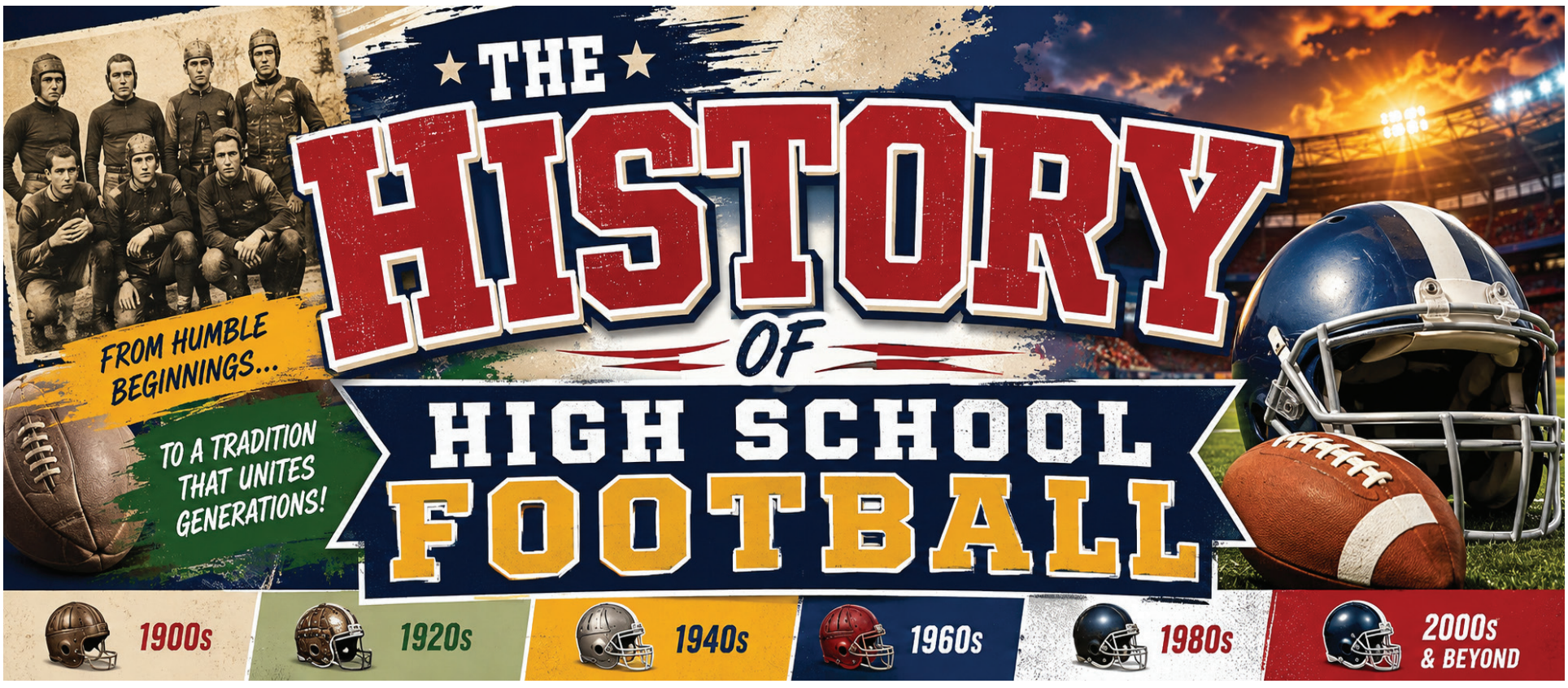

High school football has become one of America's most cherished fall traditions. On Friday nights across the country, communities gather under stadium lights to watch young athletes compete, school bands fill the air with music, cheerleaders rally the crowd, and families and friends proudly wear their school colors. While today's high school football games are highly organized events with modern equipment, sophisticated training and large stadiums, the sport has roots that stretch back more than a century.

The story of high school football is also the story of American communities. From its early days as a relatively informal school activity to its present-day status as a major part of high school culture, football has changed significantly while maintaining many of the traditions that make it special.

The Early Days

Football began developing in the United States during the late 19th century. The game was influenced by both rugby and soccer, and early versions were very different from the football played today. Colleges were among the first American schools to organize football teams and establish regular competition.

As the popularity of college football grew, the sport began making its way into secondary schools. During the late 1800s and early 1900s, high schools in several parts of the country began forming teams. Some of the earliest programs were located in communities where students were already familiar with college football.

Early high school games were often much less organized than modern contests. Rules could vary from one community to another, equipment was basic, and teams frequently played wherever suitable space was available. Coaches and school administrators gradually recognized that organized athletics could provide students with opportunities to develop discipline, teamwork and leadership.

Football becomes a school tradition

By the early 20th century, high school football was becoming increasingly popular. More schools established teams, and communities began taking pride in their local programs.

Football quickly became more than simply an after-school activity. Games became social events that brought entire communities together. Students, parents, teachers, alumni and local residents gathered to support their teams.

The growth of high school football also led to the development of athletic conferences, state associations and standardized rules. These organizations helped make competition fairer and provided schools with guidelines concerning eligibility, scheduling and championships.

The introduction of improved protective equipment also gradually changed the game. Helmets, pads and other safety equipment became increasingly common, although early versions offered far less protection than the equipment used today.

The Rise of Friday Night Football

The tradition of Friday night football became especially strong during the middle decades of the 20th century. Improvements in stadium lighting allowed schools to schedule games after dark, making Friday evening a natural time for communities to gather.

In many small towns, the high school football stadium became one of the central

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UNION COUNTY BRAVES

Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
8/21	@ Madisonville-North Hopkins	7 PM	A
8/28	Crittenden County	7 PM	H
9/4	Caldwell County	7 PM	H
9/11	Graves County	7 PM	H
9/18	@ McCracken County	7 PM	A
9/25	@ Hancock County	7 PM	A
10/2	Hopkins County Central	7 PM	H
10/9	BYE	N/A	N/A
10/16	@ Murray	7 PM	A
10/23	@ Webster County	7 PM	A
10/30	Greenwood	7 PM	H

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Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
8/21	Caverna	5 PM	H
8/28	@ Hart County	6 PM	A
9/4	@ Marshall County	6 PM	A
9/11	Rockcastle County	6 PM	H
9/18	Caldwell County	6 PM	H
9/25	@ Crittenden County	6 PM	A
10/2	Fort Campbell	6 PM	H
10/16	@ Mayfield	6 PM	A
10/23	Todd County Central	6 PM	H
10/30	Fulton County	6 PM	H

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gathering places in the community.

Friday nights developed their own traditions. Marching bands performed before and during games. Cheerleaders led school cheers. Concession stands sold snacks and drinks, while students and alumni filled the stands wearing school colors.

For many communities, football became an important source of local identity. A school team represented more than the players on the field. It represented families, neighborhoods, generations of graduates and the community itself.

Football and American Culture

During the second half of the 20th century, high school football became deeply connected to American popular culture. Movies, television programs and books frequently portrayed the sport and the relationships surrounding it.

Football stories often focused on themes such as teamwork, perseverance, overcoming adversity and community pride. While fictional portrayals sometimes exaggerated the drama of the game, they reflected the important role football played in many communities.

High school football also provided opportunities for students to develop skills that extended beyond athletics. Players learned about cooperation, responsibility and commitment. Coaches often served as mentors, helping young athletes understand the importance of preparation and working toward common goals.

The sport also became an important part of the educational experience for many students who participated as athletes, band members, cheerleaders, trainers, managers and student journalists.

The Development of State Championships

As more schools established football programs, organized postseason competition became increasingly common. State athletic associations developed systems for determining champions, with schools eventually being divided into classifications based largely on enrollment.

These classifications allowed schools of similar sizes to compete against one another. State championship games became major events, giving teams the opportunity to represent their schools and communities on a larger stage.

Over the years, high school football playoffs have expanded in many states. What was once primarily a regular-season sport developed into a structured system involving conference championships, district or regional competition and state playoffs.

For players, reaching the postseason became one of the major goals of a season.

Changes in the Game

The football played today is considerably different from the game of a century ago. Offensive and defensive strategies have evolved, coaches have access to extensive statistics and video analysis, and athletes train year-round.

Technology has become an important part of modern football. Coaches can use video to study opponents and evaluate their own teams. Digital scoreboards and communication systems have improved the experience for fans, while social media has allowed schools and communities to follow teams throughout the season.

Equipment has also changed dramatically. Modern helmets, shoulder pads and other protective equipment are designed with safety in mind. Rules have been modified over the years to reduce dangerous contact and protect players.

One of the most important changes has been the growing awareness of concussions and other sports-related injuries. Schools, athletic associations and medical professionals have placed greater emphasis on recognizing injuries, removing athletes from competition when necessary and allowing them to recover properly.

More than a Game

Although winning is an important goal for any football team, high school football has traditionally represented something larger than the final score.

Players spend months preparing for the season. They practice in the heat of late summer, study plays, work on conditioning and learn to depend on one another. The experience can create friendships that last long after graduation.

Football also provides opportunities for students who may not participate directly in the game. Marching bands, cheerleading squads, dance teams, student photographers, sports writers, trainers and volunteers all contribute to the atmosphere surrounding a Friday night contest.

Parents and other family members devote countless hours to supporting their athletes. Local businesses often sponsor teams or purchase advertising in athletic programs. Alumni return to their hometowns for important games. In this way, football can connect generations.

The Modern Era

Today, high school football remains one of the most popular high school sports in the United States. Programs range from small rural schools with modest facilities to large suburban and urban schools with thousands of fans.

Modern football faces challenges, including concerns about player safety, participation numbers, costs and maintaining competitive opportunities for schools of different sizes. Nevertheless, the sport continues to adapt.

Coaches and athletic departments increasingly emphasize proper training, nutrition, sports medicine and player safety. Schools are also finding new ways to use technology to improve instruction and connect with fans.

At the same time, many of the traditions surrounding the game remain unchanged. The band still plays the school fight song. Cheerleaders still lead the crowd. Parents still proudly watch from the stands. Players still gather with their teammates before kickoff, knowing they have worked hard for the opportunity to represent their school.

A Tradition that Continues

The history of high school football is more than a timeline of rules, equipment and championships. It is a history of communities coming together.

From the first school teams of the late 19th century to today's Friday night rivalries, football has provided generations of students with opportunities to compete, learn and grow. The stadium may look different, the equipment may be safer and the strategies may be more sophisticated, but the basic attraction remains the same: young people working together toward a common goal while their community cheers them on.

For many Americans, the arrival of fall still means the same familiar sounds—the marching band, the roar of the crowd and the whistle that signals the beginning of another game.

High school football has changed considerably throughout its history, but its place in American communities remains strong. Every season creates new memories, new rivalries and new stories, continuing a tradition that has been part of American school life for generations.

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8/21	@ Todd County	7 PM	A
8/28	@ Jo Bryns	7 PM	A
9/11	Calloway County	7 PM	H
9/18	Vienna/Goreville	7 PM	H
9/25	@ South Fulton	7 PM	A
10/2	@ Russellville	7 PM	A
10/16	@ Fulton County	7 PM	A
10/23	Caverna	7 PM	H

CALDWELL COUNTY TIGERS

8/21	Henderson County	7 PM	H
8/28	@ Marshall County	7 PM	A
9/4	@ Union County	7 PM	A
9/11	Webster County	7 PM	H
9/18	@ Trigg County	7 PM	A
9/25	@ Fort Campbell	7 PM	A
10/2	@ Mayfield	7 PM	A
10/9	BYE	N/A	N/A
10/16	@ Todd County Central	7 PM	A
10/23	Crittenden County	7 PM	H
10/30	Murray	7 PM	H

CALLOWAY COUNTY LAKERS

8/21	@ Webster County	7 PM	A
8/28	Murray	7 PM	H
9/4	Fulton County	7 PM	H
9/11	@ Ballard Memorial	7 PM	A
9/18	@ Warren East	7 PM	A
9/25	Logan County	7 PM	H
10/2	Franklin Simpson	7 PM	H
10/16	Allen Co-Scottsville	7 PM	H
10/23	@ Paducah Tilghman	7 PM	A
10/30	@ Marshall County	7 PM	A

CHRISTIAN COUNTY TIGERS

8/21	Cooper	7 PM	H
8/28	@ Mayfield	7 PM	A
9/4	@ McKenzie, TN	7 PM	A
9/11	@ Daviess County	7 PM	A
9/18	@ South Warren	7 PM	A
9/25	Frederick Douglass	7 PM	H
10/2	@ Harlan County	7 PM	A
10/9	Henderson County	7 PM	H
10/16	McCracken County	7 PM	H
10/23	Somerset	7 PM	H
10/30	Paducah Tilghman	7 PM	H

CRITTENDEN COUNTY ROCKETS

8/21	Marshall County	7 PM	H
8/28	@ Union County	7 PM	A
9/4	@ Webster County	7 PM	A
9/18	Mayfield	7 PM	H
9/25	Trigg County	7 PM	H
10/2	@ Todd County Central	7 PM	A
10/16	Fort Campbell	7 PM	H
10/23	@ Caldwell County	7 PM	A
10/30	Hopkins County	7 PM	H

FORT CAMPBELL FALCONS

8/28	@ Clarksville Academy	6 PM	A
9/4	Fort Knox	6 PM	H
9/11	@ Hopkins County Central	6 PM	A
9/18	@ Todd County Central	6 PM	A
9/25	Caldwell County	6 PM	H
10/2	@ Trigg County	6 PM	A
10/9	Franklin County	6 PM	H
10/16	@ Crittenden County	6 PM	A
10/23	Mayfield	6 PM	H

FULTON COUNTY PILOTS

8/14	@ Webster County	6 PM	A
8/21	@ Gleason	7 PM	A
8/28	South Fulton	7 PM	H
9/4	@ Calloway County	7 PM	A
9/18	Calloway County	7 PM	H
9/25	Lake County	7 PM	H
10/2	@ Caverna	7 PM	A
10/16	Ballard Memorial	7 PM	H
10/23	Russellville	7 PM	H
10/30	@ Trigg County	7 PM	A

GRAVES COUNTY EAGLES

8/21	Mayfield	7 PM	H
8/28	@ Paducah Tilgham	7 PM	A
9/4	Murray	7 PM	H
9/11	@ Union County	7 PM	A
9/18	@ Owensboro	7 PM	A
9/25	MNHHS	7 PM	H
10/2	Apollo	7 PM	H
10/16	Marshall County	7 PM	H

HENDERSON COUNTY COLONELS

8/21	@ Pulaski County	8 PM	A
8/28	MNHHS	7 PM	H
9/4	@ Henry Clay	8 PM	A
9/11	Gibson Southern	7 PM	H
9/18	@ Daviess County	7 PM	A
9/25	Central Hardin	7 PM	H
10/2	George Rogers Clark	7 PM	H
10/9	@ Christian County	7 PM	A
10/23	@ McCracken County	7 PM	A
10/30	Owensboro	7 PM	H

HOPKINS COUNTY CENTRAL STORM

8/21	@ Caldwell County	7 PM	A
8/28	Todd County Central	7 PM	H
9/4	@ MNHHS	7 PM	A
9/11	Fort Campbell	7 PM	H
9/18	Kentucky County Day	7 PM	H
9/25	Russellville	7 PM	H
10/2	@ Union County	7 PM	A
10/16	Webster County	7 PM	H
10/23	Murray	7 PM	H
10/30	@ Crittenden County	7 PM	A

MADISONVILLE-N HOPKINS MAROONS

8/21	Union County	7 PM	H
8/28	@ Henderson County	7 PM	A
9/4	Hopkinsville County Central	7 PM	H
9/11	@ Paducah Tilghman	7 PM	A
9/18	Marshall County	7 PM	H
9/25	@ Graves County	7 PM	A
10/9	@ Apollo	7 PM	A
10/23	@ Owensboro	7 PM	A
10/30	Warren Central	7 PM	H

MARSHALL COUNTY MARSHALS

8/21	@ Crittenden County	7 PM	A
8/28	Caldwell County	7 PM	H
9/4	Trigg County	7 PM	H
9/11	Murray	7 PM	H
9/18	@ MNHHS	7 PM	A
10/2	Owensboroa	7 PM	H
10/16	@ Graves County	7 PM	A
10/23	@ Apollo	7 PM	A
10/30	Calloway County	7 PM	H

MAYFIELD CARDINALS

8/21	@ Graves County	7 PM	A
8/28	Christian County	7 PM	H
9/4	Paducah Tilghman	7 PM	H
9/18	@ Crittenden County	7 PM	A
9/25	Todd County Central	7 PM	H
10/2	Caldwell County	7 PM	H
10/18	Trigg County	7 PM	H
10/23	@ Fort Campbell	7 PM	A
10/30	@ Central	7 PM	A

McCRACKEN COUNTY MUSTANGS

8/22	@ Paducah Tilghman	7 PM	A
8/28	Logan County	7 PM	H
9/4	@ Clarksville NE (TN)	7 PM	A
9/11	Mayfield	7 PM	H
9/18	Union County	7 PM	H
9/25	@ Murray	7 PM	A
10/2	@ Brighton 9TN)	7 PM	A
10/16	@ Christan County	7 PM	A
10/23	Henderson County	7 PM	H
10/30	Graves County	7 PM	H

MURRAY TIGERS

8/21	Apollo	7 PM	H
8/28	@ Calloway County	7 PM	A
9/4	@ Graves County	7 PM	A
9/11	@ Marshall County	7 PM	A
9/18	Russellville	7 PM	H
10/2	Webster County	7 PM	H
10/16	Union County	7 PM	H
10/23	@ Hopkins County Central	7 PM	A
10/30	@ Caldwell County	7 PM	A

PADUCAH TILGHMAN BLUE TORNADO

8/14	@ Owensboro Catholic	7 PM	A
8/28	Graves County	7 PM	H
9/4	@ Mayfield	7 PM	A
9/11	MNHHS	7 PM	H
9/18	@ Franklin Simpson	7 PM	A
9/25	@ Allen County -Scottsville	7 PM	A
10/2	@ Logan County	7 PM	A
10/16	Warren East	7 PM	H
10/23	Calloway County	7 PM	H

TODD COUNTY CENTRAL REBELS

8/20	Ballard Memorial	7 PM	H
8/28	@ Hopkins County Central	7 PM	A
9/4	Butler County	7 PM	H
9/11	@ Jo Byrns	7 PM	A
9/18	Fort Campbell	7 PM	H
9/25	@ Mayfield	7 PM	A
10/2	Crittenden County	7 PM	H
10/16	Caldwell County	7 PM	H
10/23	@ Trigg County	7 PM	A
10/30	@ Webster County	7 PM	A

TRIGG COUNTY WILDCATS

8/21	Caverna	6 PM	H
8/28	@ Hart County	7 PM	A
9/4	@ Marshall County	7 PM	A
9/11	Rockcastle County	7 PM	H
9/18	Caldwell County	7 PM	H
9/25	@ Crittenden County	7 PM	A
10/2	Fort Campbell	7 PM	H
10/16	@ Mayfield	7 PM	A
10/23	Todd County Central	7 PM	H
10/30	Fulton County	7 PM	H

UNION COUNTY BRAVES

8/21	@ MNHHS	7PM	A
8/28	Crittenden County	7 PM	H
9/4	Caldwell County	7 PM	H
9/11	Graves County	7 PM	H
10/2	Hopkins County Central	7 PM	H
10/16	@ Murray	7 PM	A
10/23	@ Webster County	7 PM	A
10/30	Greenwood	7 PM	H

WEBSTER COUNTY TROJANS

8/21	Calloway County	7 PM	H
9/4	Crittenden County	7 PM	H
9/11	@ Caldwell County	7 PM	A
9/18	@ McLean County	7 PM	A
9/25	Ohio County	7 PM	H
10/2	@ Murray	7 PM	A
10/16	@ Hopkins County Cental	7 PM	A
10/23	Union County	7 PM	H
10/30	Todd County Central	7 PM	H

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