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## Senator Danny Carroll introduces legislation to speed nuclear energy development in Kentucky

**Bill creates Nuclear Reactor Site Readiness Pilot Program to support early permitting and industry partnerships**

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Jan. 12, 2026) — Sen. Danny Carroll, R-Paducah, introduced Senate Bill (SB) 57 on Friday, a legislative proposal designed to advance nuclear energy development in Kentucky by establishing the Nuclear Reactor Site Readiness Pilot Program. This initiative represents the next phase of Carroll's multi-year strategy to position Kentucky as a national leader in nuclear infrastructure and investment.

### SB 57'S KEY PROVISIONS

- creation of the Nuclear Reactor Site Readiness Pilot Program within the Kentucky Nuclear Energy Development Authority (KNEDA)
- partnership framework between the commonwealth, utilities, and commercial entities (including hyper-scalers and energy manufacturers)
- cost-sharing model where the state, utilities, and industry each contribute up to \$25 million per site (totaling \$75 million per project, which is the average cost of getting an early site permit completed)
- use of funds for early site permitting, construction permits, and combined operating licenses from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (sites under consideration must first have a designation through the KNEDA)
- support for a minimum of three sites strategically across Kentucky to catalyze nuclear investment, jobs, and economic

growth.

"There is potential for a \$20 billion return on the investment and effort we put into this," Carroll said. "This would be transformative for the Commonwealth of Kentucky and move us up another notch on the ladder as it relates to nuclear energy potential in the United States. I cannot begin to describe the level of interest we're receiving. I meet with CEOs and developers regularly. Utilities, industry, and everyone is ready to move. It's up to us to take the initiative and get in front of this before other states beat us to it."

Carroll anticipates some changes to the bill as stakeholders continue to engage throughout the legislative process.

### BACKGROUND ON ADVANCING NUCLEAR ENERGY DEVELOPMENT IN KENTUCKY

Carroll, who has become a leading voice at the state and national levels on nuclear energy development, has led a sustained effort to lay the policy and investment foundation for nuclear energy in the commonwealth and to expand what he calls Kentucky's all-the-above energy portfolio.

### TIMELINE

- 2017: Kentucky's nuclear development moratorium was lifted with Senate Bill 11, re-opening the door for nuclear investment. Former state senator Robert Leeper, whom Carroll succeeded, long sought legislation lifting the moratorium.
- 2017: Carroll rises to outline Senate Bill 57, an act related to further nuclear energy development in the commonwealth. 1.9.26. Photo Credit: David Hargis, Photographer, Public Information Office, Legislative Research Commission.
- August: Carroll attends the Council

• 2023: Nuclear Energy Working Group established via Senate Joint Resolution 79, confirming Kentucky's readiness for nuclear power production.

#### • 2024:

- Kentucky Nuclear Energy Development Authority was created through SB 198 to coordinate strategy and attract investment. Former state senator Robert Leeper, whom Carroll succeeded, long sought legislation lifting the moratorium.
- A one-time \$40 million (\$20 million annually in fiscal years 2025-26) for the Center for Applied Energy Research, supporting nuclear readiness and workforce development.

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directed through Senate Joint Resolution 140 to prepare for nuclear siting and permitting.

- July: Carroll updates the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) Nuclear Legislative Working Group (NLWG) on Kentucky's advancements in nuclear energy development. NCSL's NLWG's mission is to provide legislative members with opportunities to learn about nuclear energy and related policy activities. NLWG fosters communication between legislators, the nuclear energy industry, government, and nonprofit professionals.
- August: Carroll attends the Council

of State Governments' policy masterclass focused on the potential of small nuclear reactors (SMRs) to address energy needs. The masterclass, hosted in partnership with the Government of Ontario, brought together 20 participants from 10 southern states for an in-depth exploration of SMRs and Ontario's broader nuclear initiatives.

- 2025: \$10 million to support the Nuclear Energy Development Grant Program established through SB 179 to grow Kentucky's nuclear ecosystem.

These efforts have helped draw industry interest to Kentucky,

including federal site designations and private nuclear investments in Paducah, and reinforced the state's growing role in the national nuclear future.

"My colleagues, the stakeholders involved in this nearly decade-long effort, and I are focused on diversifying growth across the state as it relates to our energy portfolio," Carroll added. "The growth and economic advantage of nuclear energy can and will benefit regions across our commonwealth, and everyone who calls Kentucky home will see the benefits."

Sen. Danny Carroll, R-Paducah, represents the 2nd Senate District, including Ballard, Carlisle, Livingston, Marshall, and

McCracken Counties. He serves as chair of the Senate Families and Children Committee. Carroll is also a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, the Senate Health Services Committee, and the Senate Education Committee. Additionally, he is a member of the Legislative Oversight and Investigations Statutory Committee, the Medicaid Oversight and Advisory Board, and the Juvenile Justice Oversight Council (ex officio, non-voting).

Please visit [Legislature.ky.gov](http://Legislature.ky.gov) for more information on Senate Majority Caucus members and the recently concluded 2026 Legislative Session, including committees, membership, legislation, and more.



Sen. Danny Carroll rises to outline Senate Bill 57, an act related to further nuclear energy development in the commonwealth. 1.9.26. Photo Credit: David Hargis, Photographer, Public Information Office, Legislative Research Commission.

## Two More Mayfield Citizens File to Run in Election

By Kelsey Edwards  
KPI Editor

Dale Usher, Graves County resident and businessman, officially filed to run for county Judge Executive in the May 2026 election, according to an announcement from his campaign release. In the news release, Usher outlined a platform that centers on recruiting new in-

dustry and growing local job opportunities, strengthening roads, bridges and other infrastructure, supporting small businesses and rural communities, and providing transparent and accountable leadership in county government. Usher is the founder of a Mayfield-based electrical construction and power systems company. He and his wife, Shannon, have been married for 30 years and are parents to two children and grandparents to five grandchildren. Joseph Siedel, Graves County firefighter and former Fraternal Order of Police chapter president announced his intention to seek the 1st District commissioner seat. In outlining his campaign platform, Siedel emphasized a

commitment to public service, responsible leadership, infrastructure improvement, steady long-term progress and continued investment in the people of Graves County. He said his goal is to help guide the county forward while maintaining transparency and accountability in local government. Siedel has spent the past 10 years working

as a firefighter and previously served five years as president of Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 21. He is also set to graduate this spring with a degree in Biblical Studies, and said both his education and his background in public service shape his approach to leadership. When addressing infrastructure, Siedel said he wants to help

ensure the county remains focused on progress and forward momentum. He added that serving the community requires a strong work ethic and consistent presence. Kentucky's primary election for the 2026 cycle is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19.

# Lawmakers convene for the 2026 Regular Session

## Press Release

Since adjourning the 2025 Regular Session, I have used this update to share our work to prepare for this session. Interim committees met and heard testimony, gathered information, and focused on how to use the knowledge and data gained to craft thoughtful, intentional policies to help address the challenges our state faces.

In Kentucky, the constitution provides that the legislature meets for 30 working days in odd-numbered years, and 60 working days in even-numbered years. This year's "long" session provides us with an opportunity to fulfill our constitutional obligation to pass a budget. As we prepare to do so, we remain committed to approving a responsible spending plan that not only takes care of today's needs, but also prepares us to take advantage of tomorrow's opportunities and be prepared for future challenges.

Since we did our homework over the interim, we are ready for this legislative session. When we gaveled in

on Tuesday, we hit the ground running because we were well-prepared for the task. We used the first week to address administrative tasks, as members of the House filed more than 200 bills and resolutions for consideration.

One of the most important responsibilities before the General Assembly is front and center, the crafting of Kentucky's biennial budget.

The budget process is deliberate by design, and in the Commonwealth, it begins in the House of Representatives. Under our Constitution, all appropriation measures must originate in the House. That means House members take the lead in carefully reviewing budget proposals and working through the details that will ultimately shape how taxpayer dollars are invested across the Commonwealth for the next two years.

While the public may see budget discussions intensify once the session begins, this process certainly did not happen overnight. In reality, work on



Representative Randy Bridges

the budget has been ongoing since the last budget was passed during the 2024 Legislative Session. Over the past two years, legislators have been engaged in countless meetings, briefings, and conversations with state agencies, stakeholders, and budget experts. Committees have examined spending priorities, evaluated performance, and studied what worked well in the previous budget, and where adjustments are needed.

Our long-term approach is intentional. Building a responsible budget requires looking beyond the immediate needs of today and consider-

ing the future needs of the Commonwealth.

As we begin this session, the House is drawing on two years of analysis and discussion to determine how to be good stewards of taxpayer resources, strengthen essential services, and remain fiscally responsible.

This year's budget will reflect lessons learned from the last biennium while addressing current challenges and opportunities facing Kentucky families, communities, and businesses. The goal is not simply to fund government, but to ensure that every dollar is used wisely

and in a way that best serves the Commonwealth.

As the budget is filed in the House, it will receive a hearing in committee, then a vote. At that time, the full House will be able to weigh in before the bill moves to the Senate where the process continues. There will be changes, not in modern history has a budget passed in its original form.

Alongside the budget, we will make targeted investments in road and bridge maintenance and construction. I also expect meaningful action to address the housing shortage, education, Medicaid, and child care.

As you may already know, this will be a historic session, as this is the first session in the temporary legislative facility on Capitol campus. The entire campus is undergoing renovations aimed at maintaining the facility's historic integrity while making it safer and more accessible for those who work and visit. The project also incorporates modern technology.

The Kentucky Gen-

eral Assembly offers livestreaming of all legislative committee meetings and floor proceedings at the legislature's YouTube site, @KYLRCCCommitteeMeetings. Kentucky Educational Television (KET) also offers live stream coverage of House proceedings and most legislative committee meetings on their website, which can be found by clicking here. Both sites maintain archives of past meetings.

The legislature's administrative body, the Legislative Research Commission (LRC), maintains legislature.ky.gov, a website with links to legislation, schedules, current statutes, and individual legislators. The website also includes information from previous sessions and legislative interims.

As always, I can be reached anytime through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. You can also contact me via e-mail at Randy.Bridges@kylegislature.gov and keep track through the Kentucky legislature's website at legislature.ky.gov.

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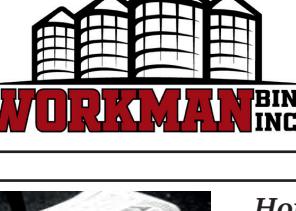


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## 16 Officers Graduate From Second Class at Basic Training Academy

MADISONVILLE, Ky.

— Gov. Andy Beshear announced that 16 law enforcement officers from agencies across the commonwealth have graduated from the Kentucky Department of Criminal Justice Training's (DOCJT) basic training academy in Madisonville. These law enforcement officers now return home to serve, protect and create a safer New Kentucky Home.

"You have answered the call to protect your communities and our commonwealth in such a noble way, and today starts the next chapter in that journey," Gov. Beshear said. "Know that all of Team Kentucky is praying for you and your safety, and we are looking forward to the good we know you will do."

Class 564 is the second to graduate from the Western Kentucky Law Enforcement Training Facility in Madisonville. In June 2025, 21 officers graduated from the first basic training class held in Western Kentucky. For the first time since basic training became mandatory in 1998, Kentucky is simultaneously offering training in two locations. DOCJT is training officers in a building provided by the Madisonville Police Department while Team Kentucky constructs a \$50 million multipurpose training facility in Madisonville. Since opening in February 2025, 37 officers have graduated from the Western Kentucky

academy.

DOCJT is committed to providing officers with best practices, the latest technology training and legal information to protect the diverse communities they serve. The graduates of Class 564 received more than 800 hours of recruit-level instruction over 20 weeks. Major training areas included patrol procedures, physical training, vehicle operations, defensive tactics, criminal law, traffic and DUI, firearms, criminal investigations, cultural awareness, bias-related crimes, and tactical responses to crisis situations.

Since December 2019, the Beshear-Coleman administration has graduated 1,718 officers from the basic training academy. Today's 16 graduating law enforcement officers will begin working with the 8,000 other officers of the commonwealth to create a commonwealth that is safer for all Kentuckians.

"During the past 20 weeks you have listened earnestly to the training and guidance from your class coordinator and instructors here at DOCJT," said DOCJT Commissioner Mike Bosse. "I urge you to remember their instruction and commit the skills you take with you to heart. Their voices of experience will serve you well as you serve your community."

The Beshear-Coleman administration is proud to welcome the 16 new law enforce-

ment officers into the partnership of public safety. Along with all those currently serving in law enforcement, graduates will play key roles in the ongoing effort to make each of Kentucky's communities safer.

Class 564 graduates and their agencies are:

David Barbeau, Murray Police Department

Caydon Bean, Madisonville Police Department

Ronald Black, Hopkins County Sheriff's Office

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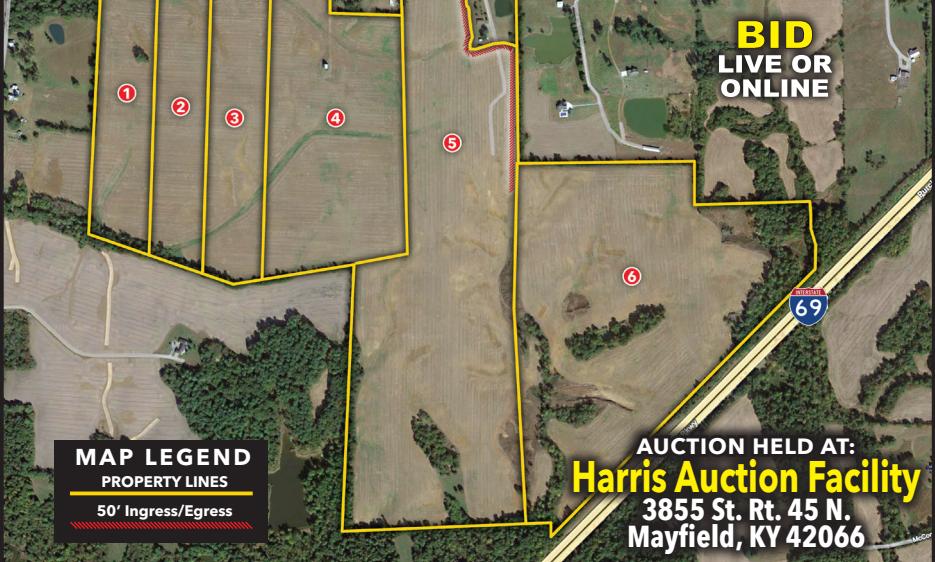


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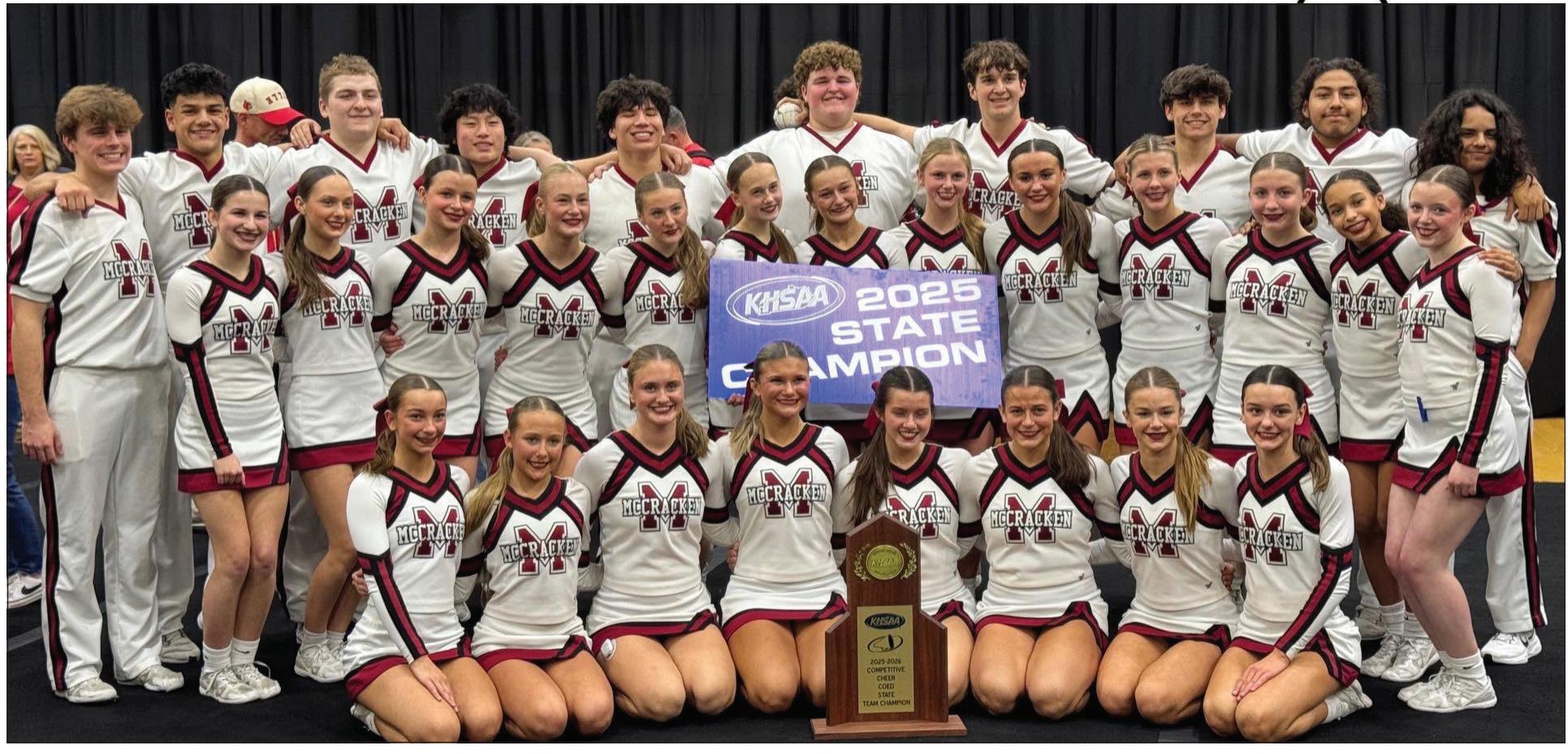
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# WEST KY SPORTS



McCracken County won the 2025-26 KHSAA Coed Cheer State Championship on Friday, Jan. 9.

(Photo courtesy of McCracken County High School)



Calloway County captured its third straight 2A, Section 1 girls' basketball title on Thursday, Jan. 8. The Lady Lakers defeated Hopkins County Central 58-48 in the 2A, Section 1 Girls' Basketball Tournament title game.

(Photo courtesy of Calloway County High School)



Earlier in the season, Marshall County girls' basketball head coach Aaron Beth was honored for recording his 300th career win.

(Photo courtesy of Marshall County High School)



McCracken County senior forward Jackson Klope claimed his 500th rebound during a game against Fairdale on Dec. 6, 2025.

(Photo courtesy of McCracken County High School)



The 2026 Paducah Tilghman Basketball Homecoming Court is pictured. Front row, left to right: Myiesha Smith, Olivia Uhlik, Jillian Slaughter, Bailey Faulkner, May Birdsong, Laniya Rouse, Milly Oblea, Angelique Hernandez. Back row, left to right: Leyton Morris, Ian Swenson, Aiden Forthman, Creighton Wade, Julian Washington, Brenden Brown, Gannon Massey, Brenden Mira.

(Photo courtesy of Paducah Tilghman High School)



Union County placed third out of 57 teams in the Johnny Drennan Tournament in Nashville on Saturday, Jan. 10.

(Photo courtesy of Union County High School)

## **South Fulton (Tenn.) 60, Hickman County 40**

**Staff Report**

SOUTH FULTON, Tenn. — South Fulton (Tenn.) pulled away to defeat Hickman County 60-40 in a girls' high school basketball game on Tuesday, Jan. 6.

South Fulton gradually pulled away for the win.

Longtime rivals, Hickman County and South Fulton met for a mid-season matchup.

Hickman County shot 31.4 percent (16-of-51) from the field. The Lady Falcons connected on one of eight three-point field goal attempts.

Hickman County shot 53.8 percent (seven-of-13) from the free

throw line.

Audrey Tucker paced the Lady Falcons. Nearly reaching double figures for Hickman County, Tucker netted nine points while Kaylee Britton contributed eight points.

Nine different players entered Hickman County's scoring column. The additional scorers for Hickman County were Bailey Childress (five points), Jenna Byassee (four points), Kylie Meshew (four points), Lakyn Wilber (three points), Ann White (three points), Kennedy Sublett (two points) and Leah White (two points).

## **Hickman County 69, South Fulton (Tenn.) 61**

**Staff Report**

SOUTH FULTON, Tenn. — Hickman County defeated South Fulton (Tenn.) 69-61 in a mid-season boys' high school basketball game on Tuesday, Jan. 6.

The Falcons turned in a solid performance, producing both offensively and defensively during the matchup.

Hickman County shot 49.0 percent (24-of-49) from the field. The Falcons shot 36.4 percent (eight-of-22) from three-point range.

Hickman County, which benefitted from a balanced offensive attack, made 13 of 21 free throw attempts in its winning

effort.

Nyiahez Irons paced Hickman County, scoring 17 points and claiming eight rebounds for the Falcons. Irons led Hickman County in both scoring and rebounding.

Joining Irons in double figures for Hickman County, Logan Grinnell scored 16 points while Boston Boaz and Lucas Grinnell netted 10 points apiece.

Nine different players entered Hickman County's scoring column. The additional scorers for Hickman County were Brendan Rosas (six points), Elijah Ware (five points), Jack Byassee (two points), Wes Workman (two points) and Levi Spraggs (one point).

## **Basketball nominations sought for Midway/KHSAA Student-Athlete of the Year Awards**

**Staff Report**

LEXINGTON — The nomination process for the Midway University/KHSAA Male and Female Student-Athlete of the Year among boys' and girls' basketball participants for 2025-2026 is open.

This award is based on athletic and academic achievement as well as community service and leadership. The link to the application contains additional criteria and a form to nominate one participant from each 2025-2026 team. Nominations must be submitted by a member school, but can be made by an administrator, guidance counselor, or coach. Nominations may only be submitted online at <https://khsaa.org/ge35-midway-university>

[khsaa-female-student-athlete-of-the-year-nomination-form/](https://khsaa.org/ge35-midway-university).

The winner will be announced early in the postseason and recognized at an awards event at Midway University in early summer 2026. From the winners selected for each KHSAA championship, one student-athlete will be selected as the 2025-2026 Midway University/KHSAA Student-Athlete of the Year announced at the event. All individual winners will also receive their recognition awards at that time.

The deadline for nominations for the Midway University/KHSAA Student-Athlete of the Year in the sport of boys' and girls' basketball is Friday, Feb. 6.

## **McCracken County 63, Trigg County 30**

**Staff Report**

PADUCAH — McCracken County pulled away to defeat Trigg County 63-30 in a girls' high school basketball game on Friday, Jan. 9.

Familiar foes, McCracken County and Trigg County compete in bordering regions.

McCracken County shot 48.1 percent (25-of-52) from the field. The Lady Mustangs shot 37.5 percent (nine-of-24) from three-point range.

McCracken County connected on four of 10 foul shots in its convincing victory.

Madeleine Ault and Arrianna Brison combined to lead McCracken County. Ault and Brison scored 10 points apiece for the Lady Mustangs.

Narrowly missing double figures

for McCracken County, Mason Clements netted nine points.

A dozen players scored for the Lady Mustangs. The additional scorers for McCracken County were Abby Casebier (six points), Ava Hughes (six points), LeZharia Bolen (six points), Reagan Hill (five points), Sarah Kate Houser (three points), Ella Shelbourne (three points), Janaye Reed (two points), Anna Hammonds (two points) and Lilly Hamilton (one point).

Veyda Grinols scored a game-high 16 points for the Lady Wildcats. Grinols was the only Trigg County player to reach double figures.

The other scorers for Trigg County were Ajalise Navarro (six points), Alivia Norwood (four points) and Cali Jones (four points).



The Graves County Middle School eighth grade boys' basketball team captured a tournament championship in December.

(Photo courtesy of Graves County Middle School)

## **All About The All A**



**By Tim Taylor**  
*KPI Sports Writer*

The Lady Bombers have been using the start of the season to prepare them for their All A Tournament run. They withstood a pair of close games to head into the 1st Region All A on a 5-game winning streak. They defeated Livingston Central 46-42 and longtime rival Murray 34-30. Leading for much of their game against Livingston Central, the Lady Cards stayed close before the Lady Bombers withstood the rally. Ballard Memorial outscored Livingston 5-2 in the final 3 minutes to pick up the win. Kate O'Neill led the Lady Bomber scoring with 14 points. Against the Lady Tigers, the Lady Bombers trailed by 8 in the 4th quarter but outscored Murray 19-7 down the stretch.

to pull out the 4 point win on the road. Tessa Holman had a double-double finishing with 11 points and 12 rebounds. They enter the All A against St. Mary winners of 8 or their last 9 games. The 4th seeded Lady Vikings defeated the 5th seed Ballard Memorial by 14 in their earlier meeting. Despite only hitting 4 two-point field goals in the rematch, the Lady Bombers came away with a double figure win to advance to the All A semifinals. Ballard Memorial bombed away from behind the arc hitting 13 treys in the 57-39 win over the better seeded Lady Vikings. The Lady Bombers got half of their 4 two-point field goals in the opening quarter to take a 4 point lead. Beere hit a pair of treys and O'Neill hit a 3-point field goal in the 2nd

## **One Down and Two To Go**

**By Tim Taylor**  
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Ballard Memorial has an uphill battle to defend their All A 1st Region Title. They entered the tournament with a 3-13 record and have struggled winning close games. Ballard Memorial began the tournament as the 4th seed and played the 5th seeded CFS Eagles in the Green Palace. The Bombers were 1-8 in games decided by 6 points or less and that one win was a 2-point victory early in the season against CFS. The two teams proved to be evenly matched again in their rematch. The largest lead by either team was 6 points and that was with the first field goal in the 2nd quarter by

CFS to give the Eagles a 20-14 lead. Ike Miller and Grayson Sparacio sparked a 2nd quarter run. Millers and-one bucket tied the game at 24 and later in the quarter Sparacio spotted up for a trey to give the Bombers a 29-26 lead to end a 15-7 run. The Bombers gained their largest lead at 42-37 on a Mayson Crowley field goal late in the 3rd quarter. The Eagles rallied and regained the lead before Ayden Owens hit a field goal with 2:10 remaining to tie the game at 52. After the Eagles hit a pair of free throws, Sparacio hits a pair of clutch field goals late to give the Bombers a 56-54 lead. The Eagles tied the game at 56 to force an overtime. The

# Honoring the memory of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Martin Luther King, Jr. was one of the most influential and inspirational figures of the twentieth century. Born in Atlanta, Georgia, on January 15, 1929, King's life, tragically cut short when he was assassinated in Memphis on April 4, 1968, is now celebrated annually across the United States and beyond on the anniversary of his birth.

Though Martin Luther King, Jr. lost his life more than half a century ago, there is still much people can do to promote and secure the more equitable and just society he longed for. Honoring his memory and legacy is a good place to start, and the following are some ways to commemorate the life of Martin Luther King, Jr.

• **Discuss his legacy with young people.** There's much competing for people's

attention as the world finds itself nearing the end of the opening quarter of the twenty-first century. That can make it easy to overlook the efforts of influential individuals like King who helped the world become the place it is today. Parents and educators can utilize Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as a catalyst to open a dialogue with their children and students about King's life and legacy. Highlight the injustices King fought against and emphasize his commitment to peace in the face of those challenges.

• **Watch a film or films about the civil rights movement.** Historians may dispute the timeline, but the civil rights



movement in the United States is generally considered to have taken place between 1954 and 1968. Many films, including

American history. "Freedom Song" (2000), "Ghosts of Mississippi" (1996), "Malcolm X" (1992), and "Selma" (2014) are just a handful of the many films that shed light on the African American experience during the civil rights era.

• **Listen.** The simple act of listening can be a great way to honor the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. Sadly,

many of the issues King fought against during his lifetime remain unresolved today. Individuals from all walks of life can honor King by listening to those who have taken on his mantle and continued the fight for a more just, equitable society.

Martin Luther King, Jr. is honored each year in the United States on the anniversary of his birth. Individuals can honor his enduring legacy in various ways.

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IF YOU CAN'T RUN, THEN WALK.  
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## Hopkinsville's MLK Jr. Day 2026 event

MLK Day March & Program on Monday, January 19th, starting at 9:00 AM with the march from Freedom Elementary to

the Hopkinsville Community College Auditorium, followed by a community program celebrating Dr. King's legacy,

hosted by the Hopkinsville-Christian County Human Rights Commission (HRC) and partners, with a special

school challenge for students. City offices will also be closed on Monday, January 19, 2026, in observance of the holiday.

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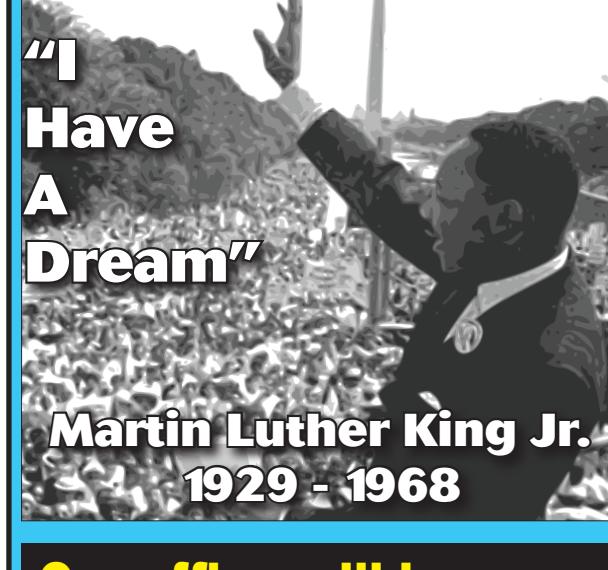


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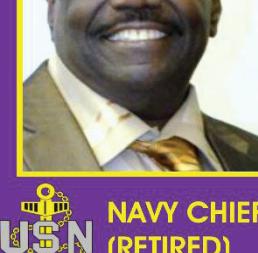
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# MLK city services holiday schedule

The Martin Luther King Jr. holiday affects City of Paducah services.

• City Hall located at 300 South 5th Street and other city offices will be closed Monday, January 19.

• The garbage and curbside recycling collection schedule for the week of January 20-23 will NOT change.

**Events Organized by the Paducah/McCracken County NAACP**

The annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. March to the Monument and Celebration Luncheon, hosted by the Paducah/McCracken County Chapter of the NAACP, will take place on Monday, January 19. The events serve

as a meaningful opportunity for the community to come together in reflection, unity, and celebration of Dr. King's enduring message of justice, equality, and peace

## March to the Monument

Community members are invited to gather at 9:30 a.m. at the Robert Cherry Civic Center (2701 Park Avenue) for the March to the Monument. Participants will walk together in the median to the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Monument on Martin Luther King Jr. Drive near North 19th Street. Upon arrival, local leaders will honor Dr. King's legacy with the placement of a memorial wreath and a brief commemorative

ceremony.

A police escort will accompany the march to ensure participant safety, and transportation will be available for those who require assistance.

## Celebration Luncheon

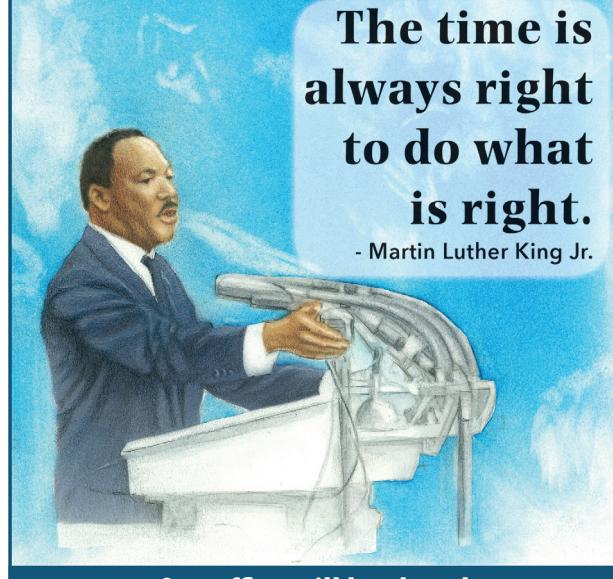
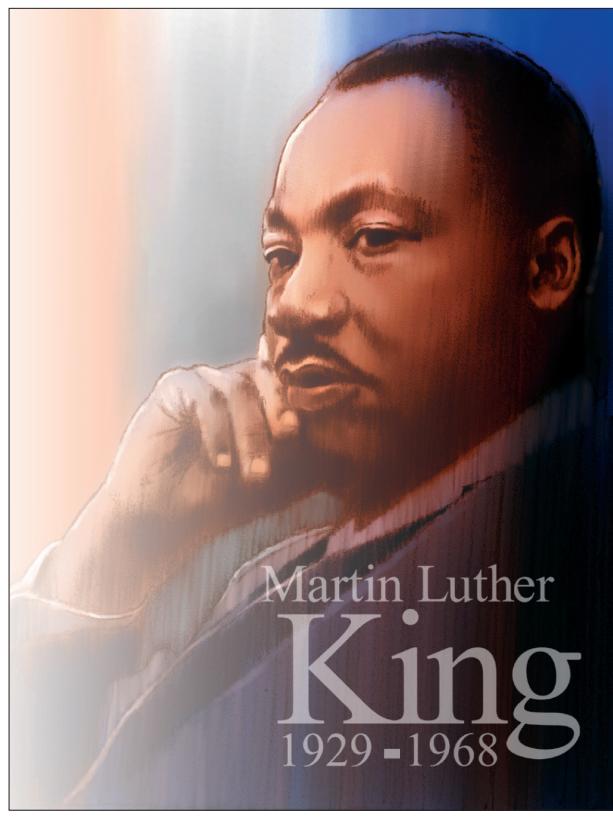
Following the march is a luncheon at 10:45 a.m. in the Paducah Tilghman High School Cafeteria (2400 Washington Street). Dr. Clarissa Myrick-Harris White, Professor of Africana Studies at Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia, is the keynote speaker. The presentation begins at 11:30 a.m. in the Paducah Tilghman High School Auditorium. For ticket information, visit Luncheon and Celebration Tickets([link](#) is

external). Tickets, which include lunch and the program, are \$35 each.

*I Am the Dream, Presented by W.C. Young Community Center*

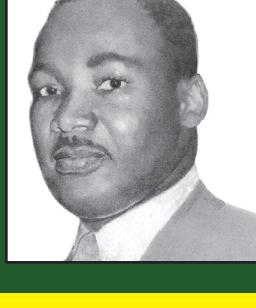
The W.C. Young Community Center Board of Directors will host the "I Am the Dream" Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration on Monday, January 19, at 7 p.m. The event will take place at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church (830 Oscar Cross Avenue).

The celebration will feature a sermon by Pastor Donna Hawkins, music by GEE & the Community Mass Choir, and the presentation of the 2026 I Am the Dream Honorees.



## Calloway County PVA

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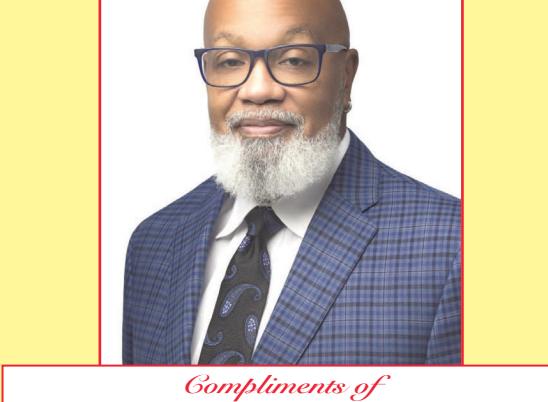
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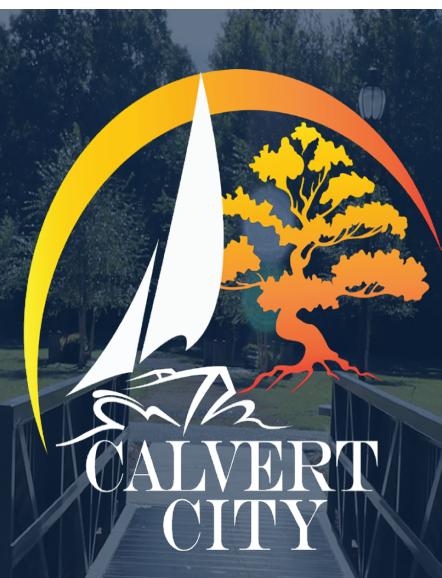
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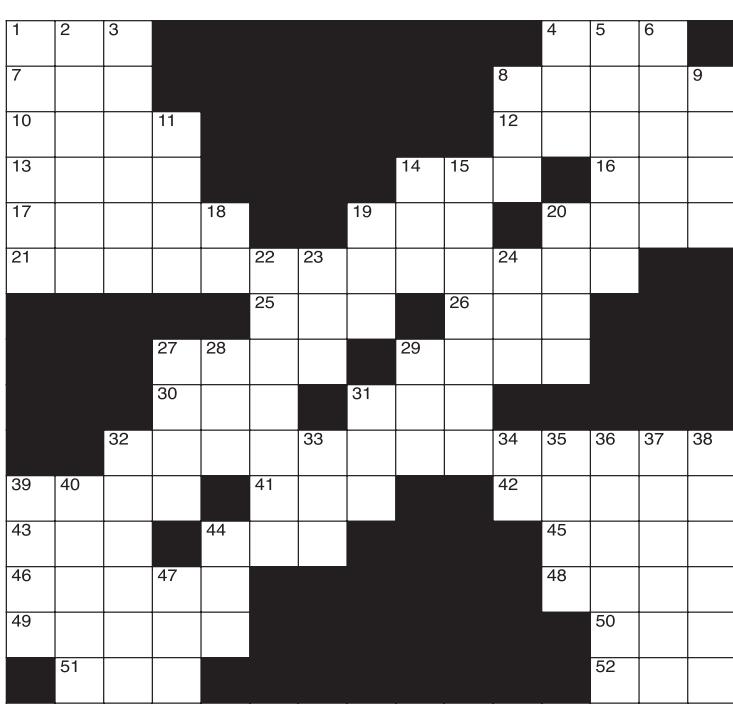
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## Crossword Puzzle



## CLUES ACROSS

1. Former CIA  
4. Language  
7. Constrictor snake  
8. Demand  
10. Rich man  
12. Short-tailed marten  
13. Zoroastrian concept of holy fire  
14. Superconducting super collider  
16. International group of countries within the Americas  
17. Sacred state for Muslims  
19. Shock therapy  
20. Engrave  
21. Localities  
25. Paddle  
26. Periodical  
27. Dishonestly gained money  
29. Gain possession of

30. Actor DiCaprio  
31. High schoolers' test  
32. Mr. October  
39. Sign of healing  
41. One's grandmother  
42. Entrap  
43. One who simultaneously buys and sells  
44. \_\_\_ Francisco  
45. Web-based data provider of marine life  
46. Type of snake  
48. Dark mark or stain  
49. Member of the Salii  
50. Former measure of length  
51. CNN's founder  
52. Witness

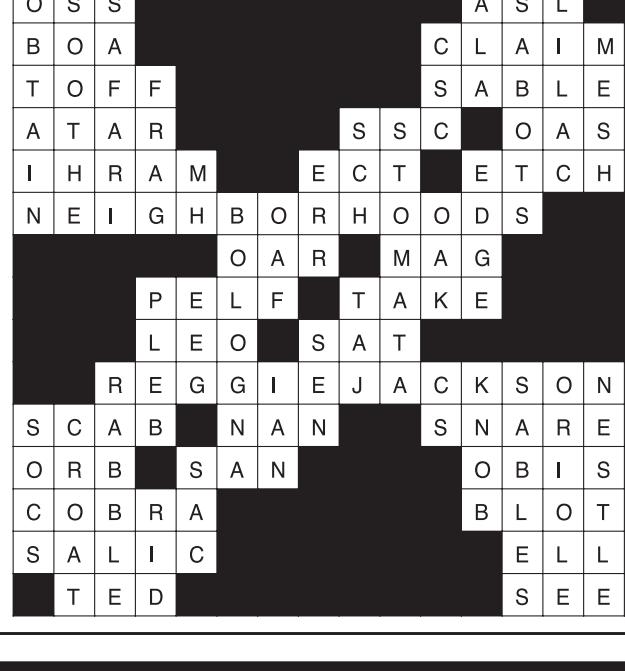
Puzzle  
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## CLUES DOWN

1. Acquire  
2. Console  
3. Hunting expedition  
4. Pie \_\_\_ mode  
5. Simple shoes for peasants  
6. Eurasian shrub  
8. Reciprocal of a sine  
9. Work together in harmony  
11. Grenade  
14. File extension  
15. Minute pores in a plant  
18. Medal of Honor  
19. Make a mistake  
20. Advance slowly, as if by inches  
22. Sandwich meat  
23. An awkward stupid person

24. Strong tree  
27. Commoner  
28. Electroencephalograph  
29. \_\_\_ Mahal  
31. Congressman  
32. Disorderly crowd  
33. 007's creator Fleming  
34. Atomic #55  
35. Part of a door  
36. Short-tail marten  
37. Baltimore ballplayer  
38. Cuddle  
39. Gang in "The Outsiders"  
40. Of Croatia  
44. Body cavity  
47. Get free of

## PUZZLE SOLUTION



## Crypto Fun



Solve the code to discover words related to skiing.  
Each number corresponds to a letter.  
(Hint: 5 = I)

A. 7 23 15 19 24 20 5 19

Clue: Tall land mass

B. 4 5 8 24

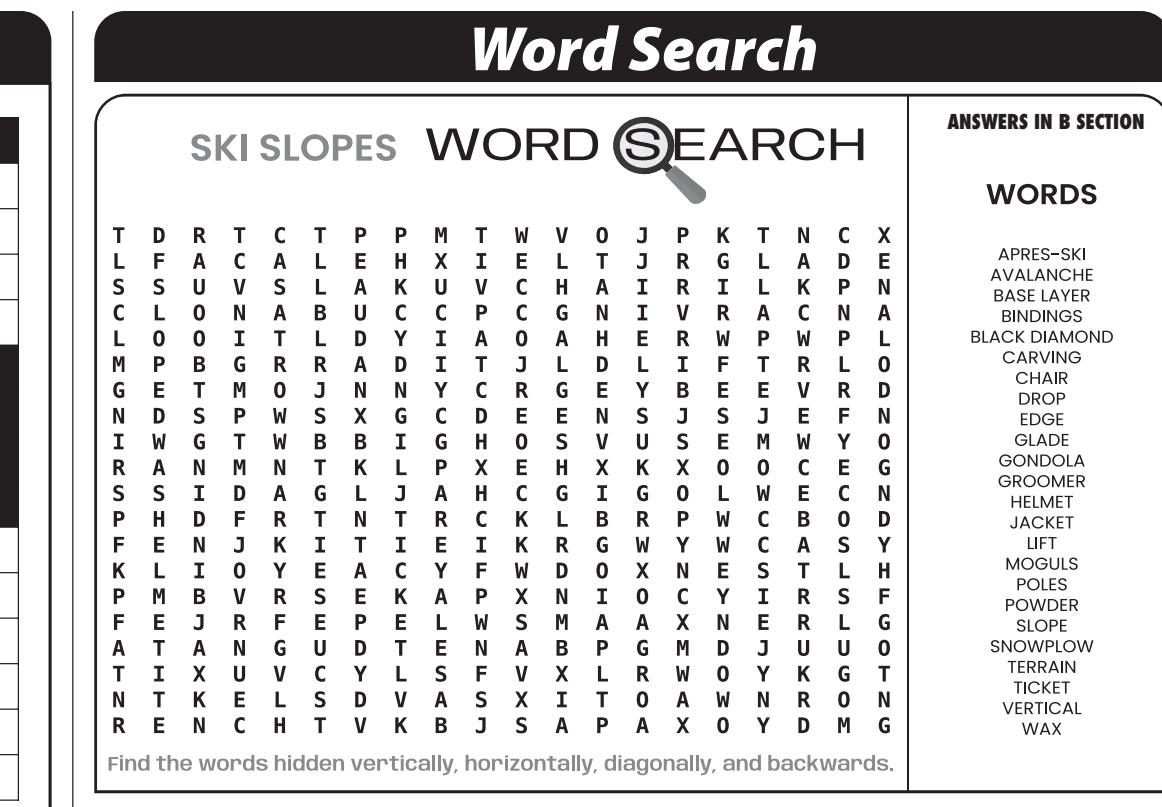
Clue: Conveyance

C. 9 23 6 13 22 25

Clue: Soft snow

D. 10 5 4 4

Clue: Raised area of land



ANSWERS IN B SECTION

## WORDS

APRES-SKI  
avalanche  
base layer  
bindings  
black diamond  
carving  
chair  
drop  
edge  
glade  
gondola  
groomer  
helmet  
jacket  
lift  
 moguls  
poles  
powder  
slope  
snowplow  
terrain  
ticket  
vertical  
wax

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

## Sudoku Puzzle

## How it Works:

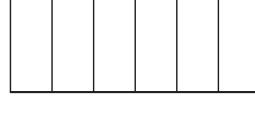
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric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



## Word Scramble

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to food service.

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Answer: Zoyin Mallik

## Guess Who?

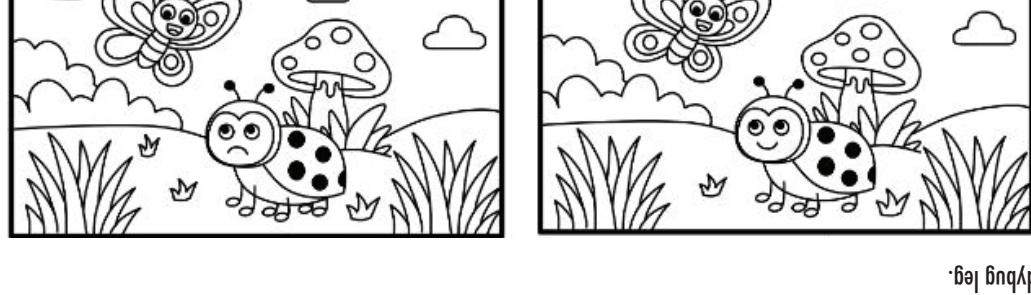
## GUESS WHO ?

I am a singer born in England on January 12, 1993. I planned on becoming an English teacher, but a chance audition as a solo artist on "The X Factor" changed my career trajectory. I was later added to a boy band by Simon Cowell.

Answer: Zoyin Mallik

## WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

There are four differences between Picture A and Picture B.



Answers: 1. Ladybug is smiling. 2. Dots on mushroom. 3. Spot of grass under butterfly. 4. Circle on butterfly's wing. 5. Missing leaf.

## COLORING FUN



## Jokes

What must be taken before it can be given?  
A photo

What has legs but cannot walk?  
A table

What did the police officer say when he caught the snowman freezing?  
Freeze!

# Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corp. approves more than \$4 million in loans

## Press Release

FRANKFORT – The Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corp. (KAFC) approved 20 agricultural loans totaling \$4,003,087 for projects across the Commonwealth today at its monthly board meeting.

## Agricultural Infrastructure Loan Program (AILP)

Five Agricultural Infrastructure loans totaling up to \$1,193,750 were approved. Loan recipients were in Calloway (\$250,000), Christian (\$250,000), Graves (\$250,000), McLean (\$193,750), and Union

(\$250,000) counties.

KAFC participates with lenders to provide financing to producers making capital expenditures for agricultural projects through the AILP. Eligible projects include permanent farm structures with attached equipment that improves the profitability of farming operations. Producers may be eligible for up to \$250,000 not to exceed 50 percent of the project.

## Agricultural Processing Loan Program (APLP)

Two Agricultural Processing loans

totaling up to \$500,000 were approved. Loan recipients were in Bell (\$250,000) and Calloway (\$250,000) counties

APLP is designed to provide loan opportunities to companies and individuals in Kentucky interested in adding value to Kentucky-grown agricultural commodities through further processing. Agricultural processors may qualify for financing for acquisition of equipment, construction of new facilities, renovation/expansion of existing facilities and permanent working capital up to 50 percent of the project

cost.

## Beginning Farmer Loan Program (BFLP)

Twelve Beginning Farmer loans totaling up to \$2,196,837 were approved. Loan recipients were in Bourbon (\$104,987), Christian (\$250,000), Daviess (\$116,500), Graves (\$250,000), Grayson (\$250,000), Madison (\$250,000), Marion (\$150,350), McLean (\$250,000), Meade (\$250,000), Nelson (\$45,000), Pulaski (\$250,000), and Washington (\$30,000) counties.

The BFLP is designed to assist

individuals with some farming experience who desire to develop, expand, or buy into a farming operation.

Beginning farmers may qualify for financing to purchase livestock, equipment, or agriculture facilities; to secure permanent working capital; for the purchase of farm real estate; or to invest in a partnership or LLC.

## Diversification through Entrepreneurship in Agribusiness Program (DEALP)

One Diversification through Entrepreneurship in Agribusiness loan

totaling \$112,500 was approved. Loan recipient was in Mercer County.

DEALP is designed to assist agri-entrepreneurs with the purchase, establishment, or expansion of a business that sells agricultural products or services to farmers or consumers.

For more information on KAFC participation loans, contact your lender or Bill McCloskey at Kentucky Office of Agricultural Policy at (502)382-6093 or email [kafc@ky.gov](mailto:kafc@ky.gov).

# UK launches Forage Testing Program to support Kentucky livestock farmers

## Press Release

FRANKFORT, Ky. — The University of Kentucky Division of Regulatory Services (UKDRS), in partnership with the Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA) and the Cooperative Extension Service, has launched a new Forage Testing Program aimed at helping Kentucky livestock producers improve animal nutrition, lower feed costs, and strengthen sustainable farming practices.

Supported by the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund, trial testing for the program began in

September 2025. The service is now fully operational, offering comprehensive nutritional analysis for hay, silage, and other forages used in livestock and equine diets.

Ray Smith, Extension forage specialist in the UK Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, said the program will be a valuable resource for farmers and ranchers across the state. He noted that locating forage testing alongside UK's existing soil testing services creates a more efficient process for producers and county Extension agents.

"Forage makes up more than 80 percent of most ruminant and equine diets, yet many producers feed hay without knowing its true nutritional value," Smith said. "This testing will help them make better, more informed decisions."

UK equine nutrition specialist Bob Coleman said forage analysis is especially important for horse owners who want to properly balance their animals' diets while managing feed expenses. Similarly, beef cattle nutrition expert Jeff Lehmkul said testing helps cattle producers avoid unnecessary supplementation or

potential nutritional deficiencies.

In addition to supporting animal health, forage testing can help hay producers assess market value and participate in KDA's hay grading program. Producers who submit certified test results to KDA can receive a USDA hay quality grade and have their product listed for free on the state's "Hay for Sale" website. Untested hay may still be listed but will not include a quality grade or analysis.

UKDRS uses Near Infrared Spectroscopy (NIR) technology to analyze samples for moisture, crude

protein, fiber, sugars, starch, minerals, energy values, and digestibility. The standard test costs \$22 per sample, with pH testing included for silage and haylage. Results are typically available within three business days.

As part of the transition, KDA is retiring its own forage testing program and expanding its marketing services, including a new monthly USDA hay market report based on Kentucky sales data.

Jenny Combs, administrator of the Forage Testing Program, emphasized the importance of proper sampling and encour-

aged producers to take a free hay-sampling course offered by the National Forage Testing Association.

UK Extension's Craig Wood said the program provides producers with reliable, science-based information that can improve profitability and animal performance.

More information about the Forage Testing Program is available at [www.rs.uky.edu/ForageTesting](http://www.rs.uky.edu/ForageTesting) or by contacting UKDRS at [UKDRSforage@uky.edu](mailto:UKDRSforage@uky.edu) or 859-218-2449.

## Kentucky family-owned farms are third highest

At a time when Americans are increasingly questioning where their food comes from, new USDA data reveals family farms still power most of U.S. agriculture, including in Kentucky.

A new analysis from Farm Flavor maps out the state of family-owned farms across the country using the latest USDA data. Researchers calculated the share of farms in each state that meet the USDA's definition of a family farm — where most of the business is owned by the principal operator and their relatives — and examined the market value of agricultural products sold.

• Family farms in Kentucky: Kentucky is home to 67,170 family-owned farms, which collectively generate \$7,789,990,735 of the nation's nearly \$600B in total agricultural output each year.

• Family ownership dominates: 96.8 percent of all Kentucky farms are family-owned. That is the third largest share in the country, behind only West Virginia, with 97.6 percent and Tennessee at 97.5 percent. These operations are responsible for 88.1 percent of total farm sales in Kentucky.

• Small but numerous: Of the 1.8 million family farms in the U.S., about 1.6 million are small family operations earning less than \$350,000 annually. The average family-owned farm generates about \$269,000 in agricultural sales each year. In Kentucky, the average family-owned farm generates \$115,974 in agricultural sales each year.

The data in this analysis comes from the USDA 2022 Census of Agriculture (the most recent release). To identify the states with the most family-owned farms, researchers calculated the share of farms in each state that meet the USDA's definition of a family farm, meaning much of the business is owned by the principal operator and individuals related to them by blood, marriage or adoption.

The analysis also compared agricultural output — measured as the market value of products sold — across different farm types, including small, midsize and large family operations as well as non-family farms. All dollar figures were inflation-adjusted to 2025 values using data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index.

# AG UPDATE

for Ag and Natural Resources



Tom Miller,  
Ballard County Ext. Agent

Kentucky's weather conditions are predictably unpredictable. During the Kentucky Forage and Grassland Council assembly in November, board members discussed a possible shift in optimal timing for frost seeding clover -- broadcasting red clover into winter wheat just before green-up -- due to the increasingly milder winters. With that said, be careful when making statements about Kentucky weather as weather variation complicates predicting the optimum period for frost seeding clovers.

As legumes, clovers are an essential part of a strong and healthy nitrogen cycle in grasslands. Distributing six pounds of red clover and one to two pounds of white clover over a grassy area with some bare soil in the later part of winter, combined with minimal competition control, can develop high-quality pasture.

The advantages of cultivating clover are substantial, encompassing natural nitrogen fixation, and enhanced forage quality and yield. Particularly note-



worthy is recent U.S. Department of Agriculture research indicating that red clover can significantly mitigate the vasoconstrictive effects of toxic endophyte tall fescue, making it an exceptionally valuable crop.

Frost seeding is a preferred establishment method due to its minimal equipment requirements. Typically, a small spinner seeder attached to a tractor or four-wheeler is all you would need for seed distribution. Red and/or white clover are well-suited for frost seeding as they exhibit rapid germination, shade tolerance, and vigorous root and shoot development in their seedling stages.

Their small, smooth seeds are readily

incorporated into the top quarter inch of soil through natural weather patterns or animal movement.

Despite the numerous advantageous clover traits are for establishment, it is crucial to adhere to the fundamental requirements of forage establishment, even in low-input methods like frost seeding. These essentials include:

1. Conduct soil analysis and apply necessary nutrients. Clovers thrive in soil with a pH of 6.5 to 7 and medium to high levels of phosphorus and potassium. Nitrogen should only be added when diammonium phosphate is required for phosphorus provision.

2. Choose a high-quality variety. Opt for an improved

variety with established performance and genetics. Selecting a superior red clover variety can yield up to three tons more hay per acre and extend the stand's lifespan compared to common, unclassified seeds. The University of Kentucky provides extensive yield data and persistence of white and red clover varieties for hay and pasture, available at [http://forages.ca.uky.edu/variety\\_trials](http://forages.ca.uky.edu/variety_trials). It is advisable to check with seed suppliers to see if your favorite variety is available.

3. Apply an adequate quantity of

seed. Typical seeding rates range from 8 to 12 pounds of red clover and one to two pounds of white/ladino clover per acre. A reduced rate, such as six pounds of red and one pound of white clover, still results in over 55 seeds per square foot (37 red and 18 white).

4. Ensure seed contact with bare soil. Removing excess grass or thatch, revealing bare ground, is imperative before overseeding. A major cause of frost seeding failures is excessive ground cover.

Farmers can achieve bare soil exposure

through controlled cattle movement or mechanically using a chain harrow.

5. Achieve optimal seed-soil contact. Frost seedings rely on precipitation and the freeze-thaw cycle to integrate clover seeds into the top quarter inch of soil. Utilizing a corrugated roller post-seeding can further enhance soil contact.

6. Manage competition the following spring. Avoid additional nitrogen application on overseeded fields. Be prepared for timely mowing to control grass or weed overgrowth above the clover. Although clover seeds are inherently vigorous, controlling competition can expedite and improve establishment.

With careful attention to soil fertility, variety selection, seeding rate, seed placement and competition management, clover can be successfully frost seeded into existing grass pastures.

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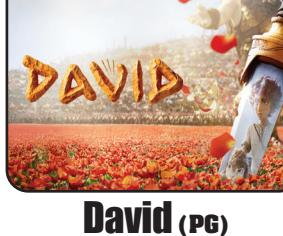
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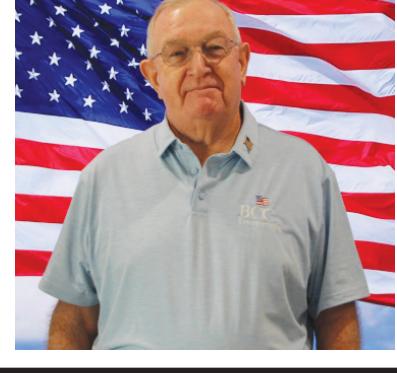
Sam has pledged to donate his Judge Executive salary back to Trigg County to support local needs and community projects.

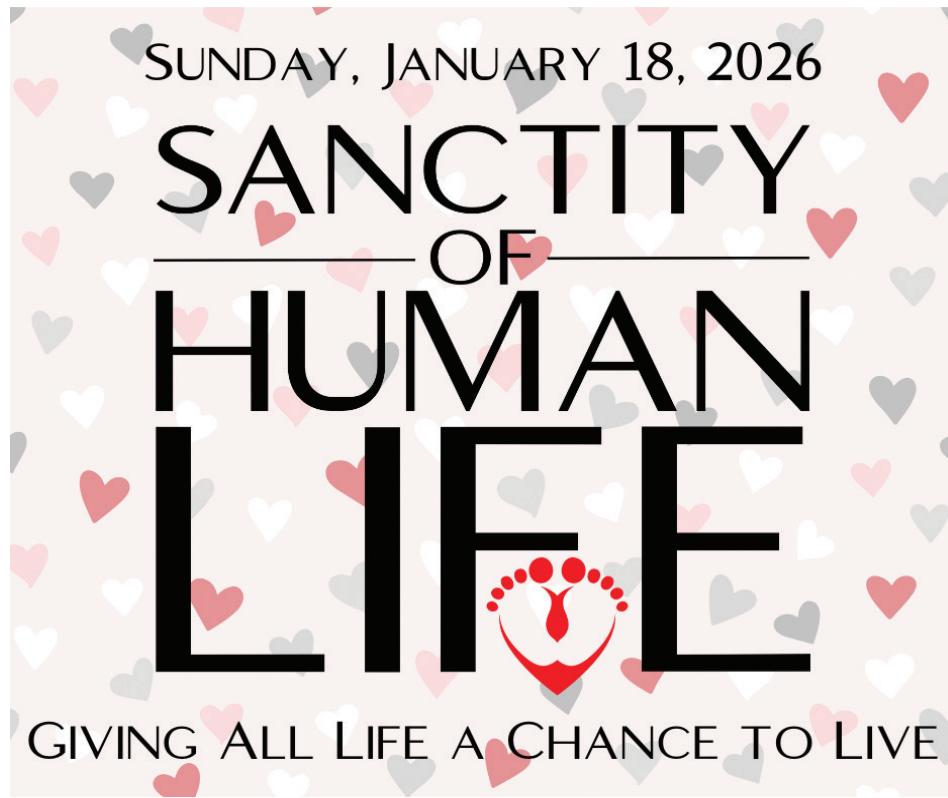
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## Facts about Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday (SOHLS) is a day to celebrate the sanctity of human life, and to raise awareness about the importance of protecting life. The first SOHLS was celebrated on January 22, 1984, and was designated by President Ronald Reagan.

**History**  
1984: President Reagan designated January 22 as the first SOHLS to mark the 11th anniversary of Roe v. Wade.  
1988: President Reagan issued a proclamation declaring January 17 as SOHLS.

Successive administrations: President George H. W. Bush and President George W. Bush continued the annual proclamation. President Bill Clinton discontinued the proclamation, but President George W. Bush resumed it.

**Purpose**  
SOHLS is a day to celebrate the sacredness of human life from

conception to natural death.

SOHLS is a day to honor those lost to abortion.

SOHLS is a day to commit to protecting life at every stage.

SOHLS is a day to raise awareness about the attacks on human life through the abortion industry.

**Significance**

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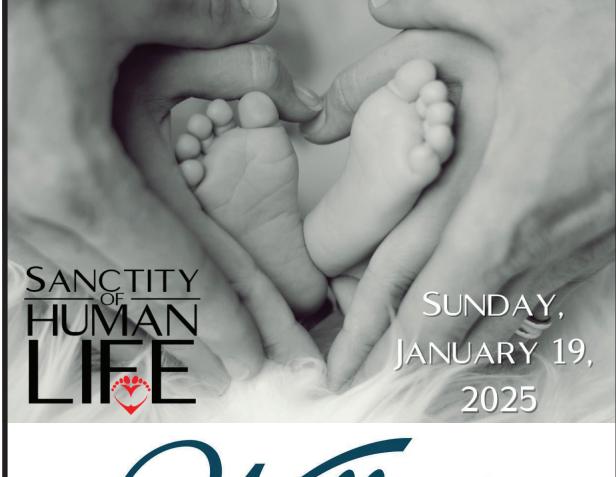
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# Tim Choate Running for Mayfield Mayor

By Kelsey Edwards  
KPI Editor

Tim Choate, a Mayfield resident, formally entered the race for mayor, outlining a platform centered on economic growth, downtown revitaliza-

tion, open government and expanded opportunities for young people. In a news release that was issued, Choate said his campaign priorities include creating jobs through competition and strategic outreach,

rebuilding downtown with the aim of restoring "life, commerce and confidence," and increasing transparency so residents clearly understand how public funds are spent. Choate also emphasized investing in the

city's youth through internships, workforce development and clear career pathways, along with improving street and property conditions to strengthen community pride and encourage new business activity.

Choate said his approach to leadership is grounded in measurable results and practical decision-making shaped by his professional background in engineering. Choate lives in Mayfield with his wife, Liz and has

two adult children, Zach and Leslye, who are both graduates of Mayfield schools.

## MAYFIELD-GRAVES WEEK IN REVIEW

The Mayfield Cardinals and Graves County Eagles met for the first "Battle of the Birds" doubleheader of the new year, with

the cross-town rivals taking home one win apiece; the Lady Eagles would complete a second half rally to win the opening game

57-50, before the Cardinals sent the fans home happy with a 41-33 win in the second leg.



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# Take a Quilting Class to Improve Your Health and Wellness

Paducah, KY., – If your New Year's resolution includes getting healthy, you may want to consider taking a quilting class at The National Quilting Museum. There are numerous health and wellness benefits associated with quilting.

The American Psychological Association states that individuals can reduce stress through creative interests, such as sewing and quilting, which increase serotonin in the body and brain, promoting happiness, supporting good sleep, and

reducing anxiety. Harvard Medical School touts sewing hobbies, such as quilting, as activities that strengthen eye-hand coordination. Or maybe you want to have some fun and learn something new? Quilting is the perfect antidote.

Starting January 19th, The National Quilt Museum is offering an Adult Beginner Class: Bear Paw. This six-week beginner class meets once a week and is for adults aged 18+ interested in learning the basics of quilting or in in-

creasing their skills. Click here for more details and registration.

Or take a class with a quilting star at The National Quilt Museum and learn from the pros. These classes are for quilters of varying levels, beginning with Charles Cameron: Crooked Crosses & Bent Boxes, March 12-14, 2026. This workshop is for all levels and includes hands-on instruction for each step of the Crooked Crosses and Bent Boxes quilt pattern. Click here for more details and registration.

For the intermediate level and above, the three-day workshop Latifah Saafir: Half Rectangle Triangle Design School, July 23-25, 2026, will help participants build a "design vocabulary" of HRT-based blocks and explore how color, scale, and proportion transform them into show-stopping quilts. Click here for more details and registration.

Advanced beginners and above may be interested in the workshop Paula Nadelstern: The Full

Kaleidoscope: Sixty Thirty Plus Sunstar®, held October 1-3, 2026, where they will learn how to create a unique and fabulous kaleidoscope block. Click here for more details and registration.

For more information, contact Becky Glasby, Director of Learning and Engagement at The National Quilt Museum at (270) 442-8856 ext. 213 or bglasby@quiltmuseum.org.

The National Quilt Museum is located at 215 Jefferson Street in Paducah, Kentucky, and is open

daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets may be purchased online or upon arrival. Complimentary parking is available onsite. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors (62 and older) and military, \$5 for students, and complimentary for children under 12 with a paying adult and members. For tickets and additional information, visit quiltmuseum.org or call 270-442-8856.



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# Panel advances bill banning holding cellphones while driving

By Tom Latek  
*kentucky Today*

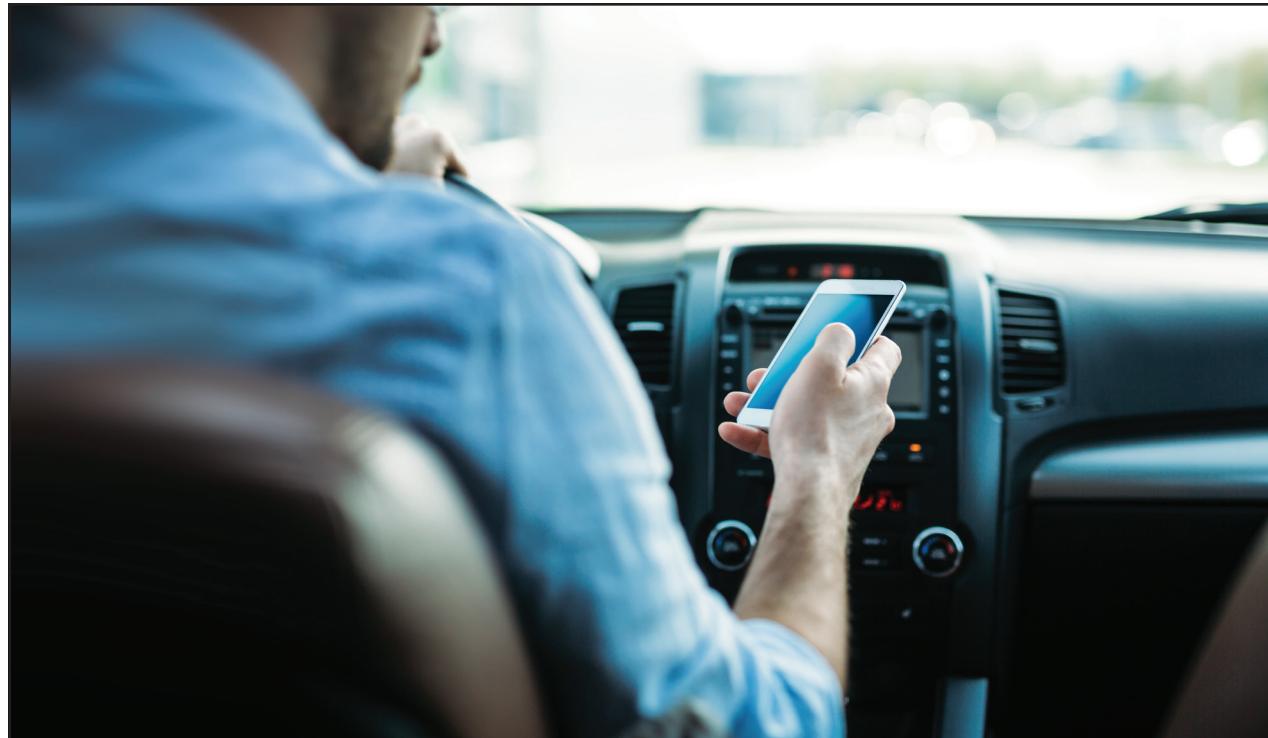
FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – Legislation that would ban drivers in Kentucky from holding their cellphones in their hands while their vehicle is in motion cleared the Senate Transportation Committee on Wednesday.

Senate Bill 28 would bring Kentucky in line with 30 other states, including all of the contiguous ones, according to its sponsor, Sen. Jimmy Higdon, R-Lebanon, who also serves as the Transportation Committee chair.

“Distracted driving is a major contributor to motor vehicle crashes and injuries on Kentucky roads,” he told the panel.

“The use of electronic devices for communication and entertainment can really distract drivers from the driving task, as found by safety studies and data. The National Transportation Safety Board includes distracted driving as the number one issue of seven safety issues that need immediate attention.”

He also noted that



distracted driving is similar to those who are on the threshold of driving under influence.

There are exceptions to the ban, including such things as the use of hands-free technology in vehicles, CB or business two-way radios, and making emergency calls.

Violators would pay a \$100 fine, with no court costs or points assessed to your drivers license.

The bill received unanimous approval.

Higdon filed the bill this session in

memory of 2-year-old Camberleigh Burns, who died in 2022 in a crash caused by a distracted driver. Her mother, Alyssa Burns, testified in support of the measure last fall.

SB 28 moves to the full Senate for consideration.

The committee also approved SB 7, sponsored by Sen. Aaron Reed, R-Shelbyville, which would allow local government entities to issue renewals or duplicate operators licenses, instead of requiring people to go to one of the regional license offices.

“Unless you have a regional office in your own backyard, every one of us has heard the same message

from constituents, that the current driver's license system is not meeting the needs of Kentuckians." Reed

The image is a promotional advertisement for a McDonald's meal deal. At the top left is a red circle with a white border containing the number '\$5'. To its right is a yellow rectangular box with the words 'Meal Deal' in large, bold, black letters. Below this, in the center, is a large Coca-Cola cup with the 'Coca-Cola' script logo. To the right of the cup is the McDonald's golden arches logo. In the foreground, there are two McDonald's burgers with yellow arrows pointing down to them, and a box of golden fries. A small yellow box with the text 'pick one' is positioned above the burgers. At the bottom of the image is a red banner with the text 'BENTON • CALVERT CITY • DRAFFENVILLE • MAYFIELD • METROPOLIS • PADUCAH' in white, bold, sans-serif letters.

**BALLARD**

**Deborah Dulworth**, age 73, passed away at Jewish Barnes hospital in St. Louis, MO on January 7, 2025. Funeral services was held on Saturday, January 10, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at Morrow Funeral Chapel in LaCenter, KY with Rev. Chris Cooper officiating. Interment will follow at Abe Herring Cemetery.

**CALDWELL**

**Ted Wayne Martin**, 78, of Princeton, passed away Friday, January 9, 2026, at Rivers Bend Retirement Community in Kuttawa, Kentucky. Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at Morgan's Funeral Home with Pastor Troy Jent officiating. Burial in White Sulphur Church Cemetery in Caldwell County will take place at a later date.

**Bonnie Sue Nichols**, 73, of Princeton, passed away Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center of Mercy Health in Paducah. Memorial visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Friday, January 20, 2026 at Calvary Baptist Church. A celebration of life service will follow on Friday, January 20, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church in Princeton, Kentucky with Bro. John Hagan officiating.

**William Jeffery Watson**, age 75 of Princeton, passed away Sunday, January 11, 2026, at Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Center in Paducah. Funeral Services for William Jeffery Watson was held on Thursday, January 15, 2026, at 2:30 pm at Morgan's Funeral Home with Bro. John Hagen and Bro. Mike Franklin officiating. Burial to follow in Morse Cemetery in Caldwell County.

**CALLOWAY**

**David "Billy" Byron McAlister**, age 78 of Murray, KY passed away at 5:53 PM Friday, January 9, 2026 at Mercy Health Paducah. A memorial visitation will be held from 1:00PM until 4:00PM on Saturday, January 17, 2026 at the Lodge at Emerald Waters 371 Straight Church Road, Mayfield, KY 42066. Military Rites will be conducted by the American Legion Post #26 immediately following the visitation at 4:00PM Saturday, January 17, 2026. The Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY is in charge of the arrangements.

**David Edward Powell**, 65, of Murray, passed away on Thursday, January 8, 2026 at his home. No services will be held at this time. Imes Funeral Home & Crematory, downtown Murray is entrusted with caring for his family.

**Marjorie E. Major**, age 84, of Murray, Kentucky, formerly of Southern Pines, North Carolina passed away on Sunday, January 11, 2026, at the Murray - Calloway County Hospital. Arrangements are currently incomplete at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

**Jo Annette (Farley) Urton**, age 88, of Dennison, Texas, formerly of Murray, Kentucky, passed away on Sunday, January 11, 2026, at the Beacon Hills Nursing Home in Dennison, Texas. Arrangements are currently incomplete at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services in Murray, Kentucky.

**Steven L. Randolph**, age 74, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away on Sunday, January 11, 2026, at the Anna Mae Owen Residential Hospice House in Murray, Kentucky. Arrangements are currently incomplete at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

**John "Johnny" Thomas Gingles**, age 74, died peacefully at his home, surrounded by his family, on January 6, 2026. Visitation was held at J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services on Sunday, January 11, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. A funeral service was held at J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services on Sunday, January 11, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. with a private family burial to follow. John Dale will officiate the funeral service. This will be a joint service with his brother, Jimmy Gingles.

**Garry "Pete" Foster**, 68 of Murray, KY, passed away, Sunday, January 11, 2026, at Murray Calloway Co. Hospital, Murray, KY. Arrangements are forthcoming at the Blalock-Coleman Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Murray, KY.

**CHRISTIAN**

**Pat Gross** - With hearts full of love and gratitude, we announce the passing of Patricia Kay Inglett Gross, our beloved mother, who went home to be with the Lord on Sunday morning, January 11, 2026, at her home, surrounded by her loving family.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 15, 2026, at Morgan's Funeral Home with Bro. Ryan Scott officiating. Burial will follow in Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West in Hopkinsville.

**Cindy Johnson**, age 53, of Crofton, KY, passed away on Sunday, January 11, 2026, at her home of natural causes. The family has chosen cremation with a Celebration of Life Service to be held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, January 17, 2026, at Cornerstone Church of God with Pastor Joe Leek officiating. Visitation will be at the church on Saturday, January 17, 2026, from 12:00 PM Noon until the service time at 1:00 PM.

**Donna Gillard Hahn**, age 84, of Hopkinsville, KY, passed away on Friday, January 9, 2026, at Jennie Stuart Medical Center of natural causes. Graveside Services were held at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West with Rev. Phillip Brumfield officiating and burial to follow.

**Julie Faye Gates**, age 74, went onto her next adventure to be with her husband, Marvin Gates, early in the morning on January 7th, 2026, with her beloved children, AJ and Jessica, holding her at Hospice of Southern Kentucky in Bowling Green of natural causes. The family has chosen cremation with a Celebration of Life Service to be held at a later date. Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home has been entrusted by the family to handle the arrangements.

**Stephen Glenn Hancock**, age 70, of Hopkinsville, KY, passed away on Wednesday, January 7, 2026, at his home of natural causes. Funeral Services were held at 2:00 PM on Monday, January 12, 2026, at Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home with Bro. Darrell Crawford officiating and burial to follow in Green Hill Memorial Gardens.

**Peggy A. Harrison**, 95, of Hopkinsville, KY died at 2:05 A.M. Monday, January 12, 2026 at Jennie Stuart Medical Center. Graveside services were held at 1:30 P.M. Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at Riverside Cemetery with Rev. David Tucker officiating. Visitation will be Wednesday from 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. at Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home.

**James Edwin Lyons**, 59, of Hopkinsville, Kentucky died at 4:05 p.m., Thursday, January 8, 2026 at his home in Hopkinsville, Kentucky. Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Riverside Cemetery. Visitation will be on Tuesday from 11:00 a.m. until the funeral hour at the funeral home.

**Brenda Helton**, 58, Lake Road, Woodlawn, TN, passed away Sunday, January 11, 2026 at her home of natural causes. Funeral services were held at 12:00 p.m. Thursday, January 15, 2026 at The Lighthouse Church with Terry Hancock officiating. Burial will follow in Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West.

**Suzanne Coleman**, 53, Dogwood-Kelly Road, Hopkinsville, KY, passed away Friday, January 9, 2026 at Jewish Hospital, Louisville, KY of natural causes. Funeral services were held at 12:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at Lamb Funeral Home with Rev. Buddy Weatherford officiating. Burial will follow in Boyd Cemetery.

**April Renae Brown Harris**, 40, Hopkinsville, passed away on Friday, January 9, 2026, in Christian County, KY. Funeral service is on January 16, 2026 at 1:00 pm at the Means Avenue Baptist Church, 143 Means Avenue, Hopkinsville, KY. Burial at Cave Springs Cemetery.

**Ray Wilson Cates**, 101, of Birmingham AL, died Friday, January 9, 2026 at his residence surrounded by family. Funeral service will be 2:00 p.m. Saturday, January 17, 2026 at Dogwood Funerals & Cremations of Crofton. Burial will follow in Ridgetop Cemetery. Visitation is Saturday from 1:00 p.m. until the funeral hour. Dogwood Funerals & Cremation is in charge of the arrangements.

**Ilda "Mili" Marcos Hernandez**, 52, of Trenton, KY died at 7:01 p.m. Thursday, January 8, 2026 at Jennie Stuart Medical Center. Funeral Mass will be 12:00 p.m. Saturday, January 17, 2026 at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church with Father Emmanuel Udoth officiating. Visitation will be Friday, January 16, 2026 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. with Rosary at 7:30 p.m. at Dogwood Funerals & Cremations of Hopkinsville.

**CRITTENDEN**

**Dorothy Marie Hobbs**, 77, of Marion, KY passed away January 8, 2026 at her home in Marion, KY. Services were held at 1 PM Saturday January 10, 2026 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion, KY with interment in Mapleview Cemetery.

**Shirley May Sunderland** age 85 of Marion, KY passed away Saturday, Funeral services are scheduled for 1 PM Saturday, January 17, 2026 at Myers Funeral Home with burial in Salem Cemetery. Friends may visit beginning at 11 AM and continuing until service time.

**Jewell Allen Miller**, 64, of Marion, passed away Friday, January 9, 2026 at Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah. Funeral service was held Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 11AM, in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial followed at Pleasant Grove Cemetery.

**FULTON**

**Tammy Jean Morefield**, age 63, of Fulton, Kentucky, and formerly of Hardin, Kentucky, passed away on Saturday, January 10, 2026, at Fulton Nursing and Rehab in Fulton, Kentucky. No services will be held at the funeral home.

**GRAVES**

**Dyria "Jean" Maness**, age 87, of the Cuba community passed away on Sunday, January 11, 2026 at the home of her daughter and son-in-law. Funeral services for Mrs. Dyria "Jean" Maness were held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY. Eric George will officiate. Interment followed at Cuba Church of Christ Cemetery.

**Robert Lee Williams Jr.** age 70 of Mayfield passed away on Friday, January 9, 2026 at Skyline Medical Center in Nashville, TN. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at Byrn Funeral Home.

**Charles Wayne Watson** age 76 of the Sedalia community passed away on Friday January 9, 2026 at Green Acres Healthcare Facility. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at Byrn Funeral Home.

**Betty Joe Ballew Clapp**, age 99, of Poyersburg passed away on Wednesday, January 7, 2026 at Jackson Purchase Medical Center in Mayfield, KY. Funeral services for Mrs. Betty Joe Ballew Clapp were held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, January 12, 2026 at Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY. Rev. Andrew Clapp will officiate. Interment followed at Rozzell Chapel Cemetery.

**Gregory D. Graves**, age 64, of Boaz passed away on Thursday, January 8, 2026 at Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah, KY. Graveside services for Mr. Gregory D. Graves were held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 11, 2026 at North Mt. Zion Cemetery. Bro. Bob Whitter will officiate. Interment will follow.

**DarryE J. Jackson**, age 79, of Mayfield passed away on Thursday, January 8, 2026 at her residence. Funeral services for Mrs. DarryE J. Jackson were held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 15, 2026 at Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY. Rev. Richie Clendenen will officiate. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Cemetery in Poyersburg, KY.

**Clara Reisner** age 85 of the Hickory community passed away at 7:52 PM Saturday January 10, 2026 at the Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice Center in Paducah. There will be no services. Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield is in charge of arrangements.

## FUNERAL NOTICES continued

**Howard Harris**, age 90 of Mayfield, KY passed away at 4:40 PM on Friday, January 9, 2026 at his residence. Graveside services were held at 2:00PM Sunday, January 11, 2026 at the Lowes Cemetery with Rev. Paul Wilkerson officiating. Graveside military rites were conducted by American Legion Post #26.

**Paula Wilson Parker**, age 78, of Louisville, KY, passed away on January 6, 2026, at Norton Women's and Children's Hospital. A graveside service was conducted at 12:00 PM on Friday, January 9, 2026, at the Pottsville Cemetery in Pottsville, Graves County, KY. She will be buried alongside her sister, Mary Jo Myers. Friends are asked to meet at the cemetery. There will be a celebration of life at Cedar Creek Baptist Church in Louisville KY at a later date.

**Eula Mae Oliver**, age 95, of Mayfield, KY passed away at 4:51 PM Tuesday, January 6, 2026 at the Jackson Purchase Medical Center in Mayfield, KY. Graveside services for Eula Mae were held at 1:00 PM on Monday, January 12, 2026 at the Bethel Baptist Cemetery in Marshall County with Rev. Spence Pate officiating. There is no visitation. Friends are asked to meet at the cemetery at the service time.

**Claira Jane Stadifer**, infant daughter of Jacob Wes Standifer and Laura Stark Standifer of Sedalia, Kentucky, passed away on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at Jackson Purchase Medical Center in Mayfield, Kentucky. Private family graveside services will be held.

## HENDERSON

**Bonnie Ruth Howard**, age 85, of Henderson, KY, passed away on Wednesday, January 7, 2026, at Villas of Holly Brook Assisted Living in Mt. Carmel, IL. Relatives and friends were invited to Bonnie's Life Celebration from 10:00 a.m. until service time on Saturday, January 17, 2026, at Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home. The funeral service was held at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday at the funeral home. Burial followed at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Henderson, KY.

**Gary Lee Decker**, age 65, of Pride, KY, formerly of Smith Mills, KY, passed away on Thursday, January 8, 2026, at the University of Louisville Hospital in Louisville, KY. The funeral service was held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, January 16, 2026, at the funeral home with Pastor Trent Garrett officiating. Burial will follow at Fairmont Cemetery in Henderson, KY.

**Patricia "Pat" Long**, age 88, of Morganfield, KY, passed away on Thursday, January 8, 2026, at Lucy Smith King Care Center in Henderson, KY, under the care of St. Anthony's Hospice. A life celebration for Pat will be scheduled at a later date.

**JoRetta "Joey" Minton**, age 75, of Smith Mills, KY, passed away on Thursday, January 8, 2026, at Walnut Creek Memory Care Center in Evansville, IN. Relatives and friends were invited to Joey's Life Celebration from 12:00 p.m. until service time on Sunday, January 11, 2026, at Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home in Henderson, KY. A memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home.

**Phyllis Darlene (Evans) Plemens**, 73, of Sebree, passed away at her home on January 12, 2026. Memorial services will be 2:00 PM, Saturday, January 17, 2026, at Tomblinson Funeral Home Sebree Chapel. Visitation will be Saturday, from 12:00 PM, until service time at the funeral home.

**Charles Lee Cummings**, born on November 5, 1941, in Sebree, Kentucky, passed away on January 12, 2026. A graveside service will be held at 1:00 PM on Friday, January 16, 2026, at Mt. Zion Cemetery, with Brother Dan Book officiating. The family of Charles Lee Cummings invites all who knew him to join in honoring his memory and celebrating his life.

**Barry Emerson Gish**, a dedicated lab technician at Teknor Apex and a kind-hearted individual, passed away on January 10, 2026, at the age of 60. Family and friends were invited to gather in remembrance of Barry during the visitation on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, from 1:30 PM until the time of service. A funeral service was held the same day at 4:00 PM at Tomblinson Funeral Home with Brother Gary Shoulders officiating.

**Ronald Keith Pedersen Sr (Ron, Ronnie)**, 73, of Spottsville, passed away Thursday, January 8, 2026 at home, peacefully in his sleep. A Celebration of Life for any friends and family will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday, January 17, at Wellspring Community Worship Center at 700 N 12th Ave, Evansville, IN 47712.

## HICKMAN

**Deborah Kay Roper Ferguson**, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and the heart of the family, passed away Sunday, January 11, 2026, just four days before her 68th birthday. Funeral services for Debbie were held Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at 1:00 PM at the Brown Funeral Home in Clinton with Rev. Chad Frizzell officiating. Burial will follow in the Clinton Cemetery.

**Leslie Whitlock**, age 77, of Clinton, KY passed away on Friday, January 9, 2026, at his residence. Private family services for Mr. Leslie Whitlock will be held at the funeral home, with Bro. Michael Farmer officiating. Burial will follow in the Clark Cemetery. There will be no public visitation.

## HOPKINS

**Edna June Talley**, 94, of Madisonville, KY, passed away on Monday January 12, 2026, at her residence. Funeral services were held at 1:00 P.M. Thursday, January 15, 2026, at Barnett-Strother Funeral Home in Madisonville with Rev. Kara Foster officiating. Burial will take place at Odd Fellows Cemetery.

**Charles Wayne Oldham**, 79, of Madisonville, KY, passed away on January 7, 2026. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 11, 2026, at Barnett-Strother Funeral Home, Madisonville Chapel, with Bro. Jimmy Lantrip officiating.

**Sharon VanCleve**, 80, of Madisonville, KY, passed away on Wednesday, January 7, 2026, at the Dawson Springs Health & Rehab in Dawson Springs, KY. Funeral services were held at 2:00 P.M. Saturday, January 10, 2026, at Barnett-Strother Funeral Home – Madisonville Chapel with Dr. Mark Partin officiating. Burial will take place at Odd Fellows Cemetery.

**Wilson "Bob" R. Bruch**, 89, of Madisonville, KY, passed away, Wednesday January 7, 2026, at the Western Kentucky Veterans Center in Hanson, KY. Per his wishes, there will be no memorial services held.

**Sharon Vaughn Simons**, 76, of Earlington, KY, passed away on Monday, January 12, 2026, at Baptist Health Deaconess in Madisonville. Arrangements are currently pending.

**Perry Lee Coakley**, 66, of Nebo, KY, passed away on Friday, January 9, 2026, at his home. The funeral service was held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, in the chapel of Harris Funeral Home in Madisonville with Pastor Chris Manning officiating. Burial to follow at Johnson Island Cemetery in Nebo.

**Bro. Thomas "Tommy" Wesley Hayes**, 83, of Earlington, KY, passed away on Friday, January 9, 2026, at Baptist Health Deaconess in Madisonville. A funeral service was held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, January 15, 2026, in the chapel of Harris Funeral Home with Bro. Tim Vannoy officiating. Burial to follow at Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens in Madisonville.

**William Earl Howton**, 71, of Madisonville, KY, passed away on Wednesday, January 7, 2026, at his home. A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Harris Funeral Home was entrusted with care.

## LIVINGSTON

**Jewell Coomer**, 76, of Grand Rivers, KY, passed away on Saturday, January 10, 2026, at Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center at Mercy Health in Paducah, Kentucky. Visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. on Friday, January 16, 2026, at Lakeland Funeral Home in Eddyville, KY. Graveside services will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, January 16, 2026 at Mt. Zion Baptist Church Cemetery.

**Lena Wave Dunkerson**, 95, of Burna, passed away January 10, 2026 at Salem Springlake Health and Rehabilitation Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, January 15, 2026 at 2PM in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services, with Bro. Jerry Merritt officiating. Burial followed in Dyer Hill Cemetery.

**Brenda Jean Dunkerson**, 78, of Salem, passed away Thursday, January 8, 2026 at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services. Funeral services were held at 2 PM Sunday, January 11, 2026 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial followed at Salem Cemetery.

## LYON

**Eve Manion**, 67, of Eddyville passed away on Friday, January 9, 2026 at Baptist Health Paducah. She will be cremated according to her wishes and a celebration of life will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made in her honor to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

**Dianna Sue Fambrough**, passed away on January 9, 2026, at the age of 78 in Nashville, TN. Funeral services were held Monday, January 12, 2026 at 11:00 AM at Morgan's Funeral Home with Dr. Jeff Burris and Rev. Gary Cruse officiating. Burial followed in Eddy Creek Church Cemetery.

## MARSHALL

**Tammy Tabor**, 59, of Benton, Kentucky, passed away on Friday, January 9, 2026, at Mercy Health Lourdes Hospital. A graveside service will be held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, January 15, 2026, at Clarks River Cemetery in Symsonia, Kentucky. Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah is in charge of arrangements.

**Dorothy Darnell**, 90 of Benton, Kentucky passed away on Friday, January 9, 2026, at her residence. A graveside service was held at 11:00 AM on Monday, January 12, 2026 at Marshall County Memory Gardens located at Hwy U.S. 641 North, Benton, Kentucky 42025.

**Eulene Pearl Burkeen**, age 83, of Hardin, KY, died Friday, January 9, 2026, at Murray-Calloway Co. Hospital in Murray, KY. Family graveside service were held at New Zion Cemetery on Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 1:00 PM.

**Bobby Rees Cole** of Gilbertsville passed away peacefully at his daughter's home in Paducah on Thursday, January 8. Visitation was held at Collier Funeral Home on Monday, January 12 from 5-7 pm. A private family interment and celebration of life will be held in Winchester at a future time.

**Mary Sue Inman Bradley**, age 95, went home to be with the Lord on January 7, 2026. A Funeral service was held January 10th at 11:00 AM on Saturday at Collier Funeral Chapel located at 211 West 5th St. Benton, Kentucky 42025 with the Rev. Samantha Hall officiating. Interment will be in Price Cemetery, Benton, KY.

## McCRACKEN

**Joyce Burnett Smith**, age 75, passed away at her residence on Saturday, January 10, 2026, surrounded by the love of her family. A funeral service was held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Lone Oak, with Bro. Tim Turner officiating. Burial followed at Glorybarn Cemetery, 122 Bethel Church Road, Melber, Kentucky 42069.

**Robert Sigler Jackson**, known affectionately to friends and family as Rob, passed away on January 8, 2026, in Lexington, Kentucky. A Celebration of Life will be held from 3:30 to 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at Flamingo Row in Paducah.

**Anna Louise Franklin Courtney**, 71, of Paducah passed away on Sunday, January 11, 2026, at Mercy-Health Lourdes Hospital. She will be cremated and services will be held at a later date. Online condolences may be left at [www.lindseyfuneral.com](http://www.lindseyfuneral.com).

## FUNERAL NOTICES continued

**Billy D Adams**, 83, passed away at home in West Paducah on January 6, 2026. He spent the last couple months battling acute myeloid leukemia. No public service will take place at this time. A private memorial will be held in the spring.

**Renee Lindsey**, a beloved mother, grandmother, and sister, passed away on January 8, 2026, on her 54th birthday, at Baptist Health Paducah. A Service of Remembrance will be held for both family and friends at a later date.

**James Carl "Jimmy" Darnell, Jr.**, 72, of Paducah, passed away on Thursday, January 8, 2026, at Baptist Health in Paducah. A memorial service was held at 1:00 pm on Saturday, January 10, 2026, at Temple Baptist Church in Paducah with Bro. Brian Hodge officiating.

**Tina Keeling**, 70, of Paducah passed away on Wednesday, January 7, 2026, at Tristar Skyline Medical Center in Nashville, TN. Funeral services were held Monday, January 12, 2026, at 11:00 AM at Keeling & Goodman Funeral Home in Paducah. Burial will follow at Maplelawn Park Cemetery.

## TRIGG

**Beverly Benson Smith** - Memorial Services for 81 year old Beverly Benson Smith of Cadiz will be held Friday, January 16, 2026 at 12:00 p.m. at King's Funeral Home with Rev. James Redd and Rev. Scott Wilson officiating. Visitation will be on Friday, January 16, 2026 from 10:00 – 12:00 at King's Funeral Home.

**Patricia Joy Maier**, 72, passed away peacefully on January 6, 2026, at home in Cadiz, Kentucky. There will be no service at this time. A Celebration of Life will occur at a later date. Arrangements handled by Goodwin Funeral Home in Cadiz, Kentucky.

**Bettye B. Cortner**, age 89, of Cerulean, Kentucky, passed away on Wednesday, January 7, 2026, at Ridgewood Terrace Nursing Home in Madisonville, Kentucky. Graveside services were held at Cerulean Cemetery, Church Street in Cerulean, at 12:00 PM, Monday, January 12, 2026, with Bro. Russ Thomas officiating.

**Bobby Joe Hyde**, age 76, of Cadiz, Kentucky, passed away on Wednesday, January 7, 2026, at his home in Cadiz. Funeral services were held at Goodwin Funeral Home at 2:00 PM, Sunday, January 11, 2026, with Bro. Ronnie Sivells and Bro. Steve Hardy officiating. Burial with military honors will follow in Caldwell Blue Spring Cemetery.

**Wayne Walker**, age 83, of Cadiz, Kentucky, passed away on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at Trigg County Hospital in Cadiz. Funeral services were held at Goodwin Funeral Home at 10:00 AM, Friday, January 9, 2026, with Bro. John Mitchell and Bro. Tim Smith officiating. Burial will follow in Green Hill Memorial Gardens in Hopkinsville.

## UNION

**Brant Alan Dunn**, age 53, of Waverly, Kentucky, passed away January 7th, 2026 leaving behind a legacy of hard work, devotion, and family pride. Funeral was held at 1 PM Monday January 12th, 2026 at Whitsell Funeral Home in Morganfield, KY. Brother Derek Daniel will officiate.

Burial will be at Odd Fellows Cemetery in Morganfield, KY.

**Mary Lou Collins** age 91 of Sturgis passed away on January 7, 2026 at the Deaconess Gateway Hospital. Funeral was held at 2 PM Saturday January 10th at Grangertown Baptist Church in Sturgis, KY. Brother John East will officiate. Burial will be in Grangertown Cemetery in Sturgis, KY.

## WEBSTER

**Jeffery Dee Summers**, 67, of Dawson Springs, KY passed away on January 12, 2026, at Baptist Health Deaconess. Graveside services were held at 2:00PM on Wednesday January 14, 2026, at Dunn Cemetery near Dawson Springs, KY, with Pastor Brian Richardson officiating.

**Robert Paul Rivet**, 86, of Providence, KY passed away at his home on Thursday January 8, 2026, with his family at his side. Services for Mr. Rivet will be held at a later date.

**Bradley Allen VanBussum**, 53, of Corydon, KY passed away on Sunday January 11th, 2026 at Deaconess Gateway in Newburgh, IN. Memorial Services will be held on Saturday January 24th, 2026 at 4pm at Townsend Funeral Home in Dixon, KY. Friends may visit from 12(noon) until service time at the funeral home on Saturday.

**Pheobe Alice Pruitt** 91, of Poole, KY left this world to receive her heavenly reward by spending eternity with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on January 10th, 2026 at Homeplace of Henderson in Henderson, KY. Funeral services were held 2pm on Tuesday January 13th, 2025 at Townsend Funeral Home in Dixon, KY. Rev. Logan Hensley and Rev. Dean Esarey will officiate. Burial will be in Shady Grove Cemetery in Poole, KY.

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## NOTIFICATION

This Advertisement for Bids is issued by the Ballard County Board of Education, 11 Vocational School Drive, Barlow, Kentucky 42024. The Ballard County Board of Education will receive sealed lump sum bids for the Ballard County Facility Improvement – Phase 4A High School Health & Wellness Center project until the bid time and date at the location given below. Owner will consider bids prepared, submitted as described below, in compliance with the Instruction to Bidders issued by Owner, and delivered as follows:

**Bid Date:** February 17, 2026

**Bid Time:** 2:00 pm, local time

**Bid Opening Location:** Ballard County Board of Education Meeting Room, 11 Vocational School Drive, Barlow KY Bids will be thereafter publicly opened and read aloud.

## PROJECT INFORMATION

**Project Location:** Ballard County Middle School/High School; 3561 Paducah Road, Barlow KY **Owner:** Ballard County Board of Education

**Architect:** CMS Architects, 1117 N 8th Street/PO Box 570, Paducah KY

**Engineer:** Marcum Engineering, 500 South 17th Street, Paducah, KY, 42003

**Project Description:** In general, this project is for the general construction associated with razing an existing metal building in its entirety and constructing two independent structures; one approximately 4,300 sf in area, the second approximately 2,300 sf in area. Both structures are one story of assembly-use occupancy and include associated site development/utilities. Construction elements include, but are not limited to; reinf. conc. ftgs. Foundations-slab on grade; masonry walls; masonry veneer; lt. ga. metal trusses and decking; prefin. met. roofing; HM doors and frames; hardware; painting; sat ceilings; plumbing systems; HVAC systems; electrical systems; lighting and power systems

## BID SECURITIES

Bid security shall be submitted with each bid in the amount of 5% of the bid amount. Bid security shall be in the form of a bid bond issued/executed by an acceptable surety company or a certified check. No bids may be withdrawn for a period of 30 days after opening of bids. Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive informalities and irregularities.

## PREBID MEETING

A Prebid meeting for all interested parties will be held on February 6, 2026 10:00 a.m., local time at the Ballard County Board of Education. Prospective bidders are requested to attend.

## DOCUMENTS

Printing Procurement and Contracting Documents may be obtained after January 19, 2026 by contacting Paducah Blueprint, 999 Broadway, Paducah KY. Documents will be provided to prime bidders/subcontractors/suppliers; only complete sets of documents will be issued. Deposit (refundable) \$400.00 made payable to the Ballard County Board of Education. The deposit will be held and refunded to each person who returns the plans and specifications in usable condition within fourteen days of the bid opening date. After the fourteen day period no refunds will be made for Plans and Specifications returned. A maximum of two sets may be obtained by refundable deposit. Additional sets over two may be purchased for \$400.00 with no refund. Additional shipping charges as determined by Paducah Blueprint will apply. Electronic copies of documents may also be obtained provided one hard copy set as noted above is obtained prior. A nonrefundable amount determined by Paducah Blueprint shall be required. Due to the ease of sharing electronic information in a third party arrangement or partial context, bidders are cautioned to reference the Instruction to Bidders Article 3.1.3 and the responsibilities for errors or misinterpretations resulting from the use of incomplete sets of bidding documents. Viewing of Procurement and Contracting Documents are available at the following locations: Ballard County Board of Education and CMS Architects.

## BIDDER'S QUALIFICATIONS

Bidders must be properly licensed under the laws governing their respective trades and be able to obtain insurance and bonds required for the Work. A Performance Bond, Labor and Material Payment Bond, and Insurance in a form acceptable to the Owner and in amount of 100% of the contract amount plus all direct material and equipment values designated in the bids as breakout items to be acquired by the Owner, through the direct purchase order agreement process, will be required of the successful Bidder.

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

## Seek the Light

By Teresa LeNeave  
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One thing about light is that it doesn't just dispels darkness in one spot. Light transcends an entire area. Light has tremendous power. Look at all the laser surgeries that are performed by surgeons. Laser surgery is used for everything from our eyes to our heart. The power of light is remarkable. Light can open up and illuminate everything in its path or it can be harnessed and molded to pinpoint its power and be so sharply defined that it's beam performs the most detailed surgery on something so important as the cornea of the eye or the beat of the heart.

Light can be defined so precise that it can even cut through metal. Light has unlimited power and I believe; it gets its power from the Father of Light.

Just imagine the Light of God and the potential it has to transform our lives, giving us light enough to walk in victory no matter what the circumstances around us appear to be.

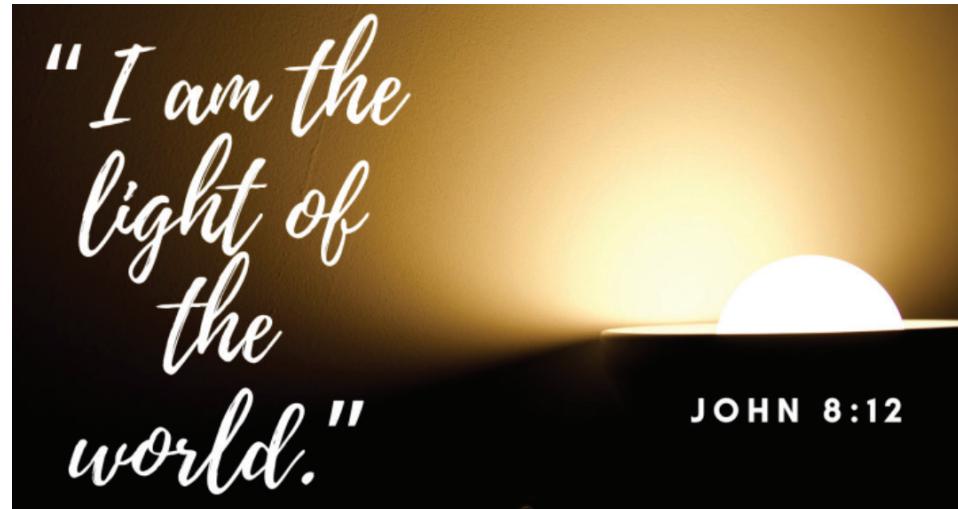
In these turbulent times with a shaky economy, empty shelves in grocery stores, a split society on nearly everything, and natural disasters increasingly taking a toll on people and our economy, it's good to know, we still have a constant.

That constant is that every good gift and ev-

ery perfect gift is from God in whom there is no variance nor shadow of turning. He is always going to be the same good God. He is always going to be the constant that we can depend on. He is never going to change. He is love and He always will be. He is Light and He always will be. He is our comfort and He always will be. The question is, "Do we believe it or not?"

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world: he that follows me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life" (John 8:12). He is our light and our hope for now and all eternity.

A verse that will encourage you in any situation is, "Do not err, my beloved brethren. Every good



and every perfect gift is from above (from God) and comes down from the Father of lights with whom (there) is NO variability neither shadow of turning" (James 1:16,17 KJV).

The Light is available to us, but do we let His Light to spill over into our everyday life and activity? Progress is realizing He (God) is the FATHER of Light. If He is the Father of Light and He has placed His light in us, why on

earth are we fearful? He has promised to lead and guide us through the raging storms that try to attack us. One place He said, "I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. Life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. Consider the ravens; they do not sow or reap; they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than

birds!" (Luke 12: 22-24 NIV).

According to the Bible, we are the children of light, and the children of the day: We are not of the night, nor of darkness. (I Thes. 5:5). We are very valuable to God. He created us to love us; to fill us with His Light. Good news is that it's available to everyone if we believe on the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus.

## There is no substitute for perseverance

By William F Holland Jr.  
[billyhollandministries.com](http://billyhollandministries.com)

When it comes to finding our place in this world, let's consider two categories. The first one, let's call "floating down the river." Imagine someone napping in a small boat without a compass or a paddle and not caring about where they are going. Having a spectator mentality, they have yet to understand the importance of having an intentional direction and instead settle for just hoping for the best. They are comfortable with what they do not know and believe that everything will somehow be alright. Our second way of thinking involves listening and developing an awareness of our personal accountability to ourselves, those around us, and, of course, God, the one who made us. Until we embrace the reality

that He has a specific meaning and purpose for our lives, we will not fulfill our potential.

As a substitute teacher, I have the honor to help children learn, and while in this position, I observe different types of personalities and attitudes. I notice that those who are eager to absorb knowledge and excel are enthusiastic about all subjects. I believe when kids are encouraged at home, and education is a priority, this transfers over to the student as it opens their eyes to encouraging possibilities and opportunities. On the other hand, when children are looking out the window and doodling on their papers instead of answering the questions, it seems they are not only bored with the subject matter, but have made a mental decision to refuse to learn. Do some have a

resistance to change because they are afraid of failing?

Being a minister, I also volunteer at our local detention center a couple of times a month, where I speak to the inmates about God and the Christian life. For those who ask God to intervene, and agree to let go of their ways, our team will baptize and serve them communion, and try to help them all we can. I've heard some heartbreaking stories from these individuals, and often, they testify about having a hard life at home when they were kids. They lost interest in school, started running with a bad crowd, and it's been a downhill slide ever since. Some admit they are on the bottom, with terrible personal problems, and have burned every bridge, but of course, it's never too late to ask for God's help.

God's love encour-

ages and motivates us, but another aspect of success is to realize there are certain conditions and responsibilities on our part for His plan to be fully activated. It will require surrendering our will to him. You see, with God being the Potter and us being the clay, it's critical to accept the fact that we do not conveniently add God to the plans we already have, but rather we must allow Him to transform us into His brand new creation.

One of the basic attitudes I see all the time is "I don't care." So what makes people rise from the ashes of apathy, rebellion, and discouragement? Well, personal change is not easy, and anyone who advertises how wonderful it is to sacrifice, suffer, and step into a lifestyle completely opposite to their comfort zone is not being honest. There's nothing wrong with

reading books about how others have conquered their demons, but even if someone understands what it will take, this does not automatically mean they will do it.

Sadly, many are only trying to survive today, without a desire to plan for tomorrow. If you've ever tried to help someone find their direction, you understand when I say we cannot force anyone to do anything, especially those who are not willing to help themselves. In every area of life, the ones who desire a healthy state of being must comprehend the truth about their own responsibilities and be willing to do something about it. Beyond the motivational seminars, the Bible studies, and achievement formulas, it will take a personal revelation, an enlightenment of the mind and soul, to have faith in ourselves.

the way God has hope in us. Whether we are young or old, being an overcomer requires seeking, praying, and working, and living in denial and blaming everyone for our problems only makes it worse. I have compassion for those whose parents failed them and know those who still struggle from neglect. Life has always seemed like a huge mountain that was impossible to climb. There is no substitute for perseverance, as it's true, "We cannot lower the mountain, therefore we must elevate ourselves."

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



**By Gary Miller**  
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I've really enjoyed the unseasonably warm January weather. I wouldn't mind if the whole winter felt like this. It has allowed me to do a bunch of stuff outside in comfort. One of things I'm

getting ready to do is head back into the deer woods. I want to spend a few hours perusing the land to learn what I can about last the previous season. I want to see where the bucks spent most of their

time, where the most scrapes were, and of course how I can apply that to the next deer season. As I have mentioned many times before, one can learn so much when the leaves are off the trees and the season

is over. There is no pressure. There's no time limit. There's no one thing that takes priority. There are just opportunities to learn and grow. And there's no better time to do a full investigation than when the woods are stripped down to their bare frame. Everything is exposed. Everything is open. And while everything seems dead, the ground is just preparing for another season of life. This sounds too much like you and me – and life.

As I write this, I think about many of you who would describe your present season as one of a bare frame. No leaves

of life. No fruit of flourishing. Because of some circumstance or situation, you feel exposed to the world. You feel open for all to see the crooked limbs that stress shaped and trauma twisted. So, what do we do when this unwanted season of exposure comes our way? We find the signs of God. They will be there just as they have always been. But now we will be able to see them more clearly.

And when we do that, we can return to our spring sooner. God does not always remove the leaves to correct us, but to help us see where He

wants us to be more quickly, so that we can get back to the thriving life He has for all of us.

We will talk about all this on Tuesday morning. Get the Zoom link at [outdoortruths.org](http://outdoortruths.org)

*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](http://outdoortruths.org)*

# WATCHING FOR WOLVES

**Bro. Brandon G. Bramlett**  
Bandana Baptist Church

Something curiously chilling was creeping across the urban parks of New York City. "Tracks were etched in the crusted snow, doglike but more oblong, the claws less prominent and, over all, more compact," the New York Times reported in 2015.

Out of concern for the public's safety, park officials deployed sensor cameras around the parks to identify the beast responsible for the unusual tracks. They were shocked to discover an animal scarcely seen scurrying about the Big Apple—one that had infiltrated the city in substantial numbers: coyotes.

New Yorkers never expected the grizzled-gray critters to journey from plains and forests to the big city, but as Lisa Foderaro, a reporter for the New York Times, observed, "A predator, though rarely seen, is in New York City to stay."

The Bible warns of an animal far deadlier than coyotes, one that scurries and sneaks in

to wreak havoc—and it just so happens to be the coyote's kinfolk: wolves. No—not literal wolves, but spiritual wolves who exploit the feeble and devour the naive. Jesus admonished, "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves" (Matthew 7:15). Their teaching is cushy and cuddly like the wool of a sheep.

They seem harmless as sheep because they always preach what you want to hear (2 Timothy 4:3). But the Scripture is clear: they are "deceitful workmen," disguising themselves like the devil who commissioned them (2 Corinthians 11:13).

Their deadly tracks are found in the scores of false religions that assert that there are many paths to heaven and many gods to worship. Unfortunately, their footprints can be just as easily identified in many churches today, too. Many such wolves ravage souls and shred biblical doctrine by teaching anti-gospel heresies: salvation is by good works, giving money to God ensures mira-

cles, and you can have anything in life if you "name it and claim it."

True believers must utilize the "sensor camera" of discernment to identify and expose such teaching and teachers: "Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world" (1 John 4:1; cf. Ephesians 5:11).

There were no defenses in place to prevent coyotes from migrating to New York City, and the creatures deemed the city to be a sanctuary. And when no precautions are taken against spiritual wolves, they will migrate to our churches and find a home in our sanctuaries.

Christian, watch out for wolves: "I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them. For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naive" (Romans 16:17-18).

## CITY OF KEVIL, KENTUCKY ORDINANCE NO. 2025-05

AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A LICENSE FEE OR TAX UPON INSURANCE COMPANIES FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF ENGAGING IN THE BUSINESS OF INSURANCE WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KEVIL, KENTUCKY; ESTABLISHING A LICENSE FEE OR TAX UPON INSURANCE COMPANIES AT THE RATE OF 3%; TYPES OF INSURANCE NOT EXEMPTED HEREIN; ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF JULY 1 AND A DELINQUENCY DATE THIRTY-ONE (31) DAYS AFTER THE END OF EACH CALENDAR QUARTER; ESTABLISHING A PENALTY INTEREST CHARGE FOR ANY LICENSE FEE OR TAX NOT PAID ON OR BEFORE THE DUE DATE WHICH SHALL BE THE TAX INTEREST RATE DEFINED BY KRS 131.010(6) AND PUBLISHED IN THE ANNUAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT PREMIUM TAX BULLETIN ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE; ESTABLISHING A 10% PENALTY FOR A LICENSE FEE OR TAX NOT PAID WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DUE DATE; AND REQUIRING INSURANCE COMPANIES SUBJECT TO THE LICENSE FEE OR TAX TO FURNISH QUARTERLY AND ANNUAL REPORTS REQUIRED BY KRS 91A.080 AND 806 KAR 2:095.

Effective July 1, 2026, there is hereby imposed on each insurance company a license fee or tax for the privilege of engaging in the business of insurance within the corporate limits of the City of Kevil, Kentucky. The license fee or tax imposed upon each insurance company with respect to any applicable insurance policy shall be 3% of the premiums actually collected within each calendar quarter.

Each insurance company shall furnish Kevil, Kentucky a written breakdown of all collections in the preceding calendar year for the following categories of insurance, which shall be taxed:

- a. Casualty;
- b. Automobile;
- c. Inland Marine; and
- d. Fire and allied perils.

All license fees imposed by this ordinance shall be due no later than thirty (30) days after the end of each calendar quarter. The payment shall be submitted to the City of Kevil at 1009 Clyde M. Elrod, Kevil, Ky 42053, together with Form LGT-141 on or before the due date. Any license fee or tax not paid on or before the due date shall bear interest from the date due until paid at the interest rate established annually by the Department of Revenue for unpaid or underpaid taxes. This interest shall be paid to the local government together with the license fee or tax that is due. In addition, the insurance company shall pay to the local government a penalty in the amount of 10% on a license tax or fee not paid within thirty (30) days after the due date.

This Summary was prepared by Stacey A. Blankenship, City Attorney

Date: 1/12/2026

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1	2	6	9	7	9	4	5	3
9	4	3	2	5	6	1	7	8
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**Word Search Answers**

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2015 PETERBILT 579 Semi-970,121 miles, 6X4,  
Paccar MX-13 Engine, manual transmission, tandem  
axle, wet kit, sleeper, heat, air, radio,  
VIN#1XPBDP9XXFD251260; (\*\*OHIO TITLE  
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SN:RW4555P006823

International Field Cultivator - Hydraulic folding,  
hydraulic raise and lower, 5 bar drag harrow

John Deere 922F Platform Head - 22 Ft. cutting width,  
metal snouts, poly reel, SN:H00922F635286

Custom Built Header Dart - Lights, rear hitch

1978 Ford 8000 Grain Truck - 260,988 miles, tri axle, 1  
lift axle, Cat engine, tarp, VIN:U80DVBA8541

Ficklin 400 Gravity Wagon - Center dump, front & rear  
ladder, Pro-Lock tarp, lights, Killbros running gear

Bradford 225 Gravity Wagon - Side dump, lights, rear  
hitch

Ficklin 400 Gravity Wagon - Center dump, lights, rear  
ladder, Killbros running gear with hitch

HAMMER & GUMP 225 Gravity Wagon - Side dump,  
unload auger, rear lights, rear hitch

1989 Ford C8000 Truck - 29,599 miles, Cab and chassis  
truck, Cat 3208 Engine, manual transmission, this truck  
is from the Pitsburg fire department, dually, cab, heat,  
air, VIN:1FDYD80UXKVA29435

White 6100 28% Applicator - 8 row, 36in spacing,  
500gal poly tank

Hay Wagon - 16 Ft X 7 Ft, rear rack

Remlinger 500 Harrowgator - 16 Ft working width, 3 Ft  
wings, hydraulic raise and lower

Brillion Cultipacker - 14 Ft. working width, end transport

9 Row Cultivator - 3 Point, hydraulic folding wings

International 55 Chisel Plow - 3 Point hookup, 36 In  
shovel spacing, 13 Ft working width

3 Point Chisel Plow - 13ft working width

John Deere Rotary Hoe - 13ft working width, 3 Point  
hookup

White 6138 Planter - 8 row 36in spacing, with 5 row  
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Disc Chisel - 12ft working width, Kasco rear harrow  
attachment, hydraulic raise & lower

Saddle Tanks (Off of John Deere 4555) - 200 gallon  
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heads; 3 Point Log Grapple - Hydraulic powered grapple

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