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Marshall County Fiscal Court Announces New Parks Director

By Kelsey Edwards
Marshall Times Editor

The Marshall County Fiscal Court held its first meeting of the New year on January 6 where it was announced that Brian Harper was selected as the new Marshall County Parks Director. Harper recently retired from his position as principal of the Marshall County Technical Center at the end of December. The parks department had been without a director since former director Britney Moss departed the role in early November. During the meeting, Kevin Spraggs, the Marshall County Judge Executive, said the position drew significant interest. The job posting was open from November 20, 2025, through December 31, 2025, and received more than 100 applications. Harper was in attendance and thanked the court for the opportunity. He said he is eager to get to know parks department staff and begin preparing for any necessary spring maintenance across county park facilities. Harper also expressed interest in expanding park amenities while continuing to support and maintain existing programs. He shared several ideas for future events and im-

provements, including hosting family movie nights and exploring the possibility of constructing an amphitheater to support a concert series. The meeting also included a public hearing regarding the future of a portion of Warnick Road. At the court's December 16 meeting, J.P. Lovett requested that the county formally disclaim any interest in a section of Warnick Road that has never been maintained by the county. Lovett said the request was made to help clean up county records. Following that meeting, a road review committee was tasked with surveying the gravel road located north of U.S. 62. The committee was originally set to include Andy Pagel, deputy judge executive; Roy Wadkins, road department superintendent; and Andy Lepisto, director of information technology. Due to illness, Lepisto was unable to attend the survey, and Casey Counce, building official, participated in his place. The committee determined there was no reason for the county to retain any interest in the road. Pagel described the area as "a narrow gravel lane" located across U.S. 62 from Warnick Road. During the public hearing, the

court asked if anyone present wished to speak either in favor of or against disclaiming interest in the road. Lovett spoke briefly, stating his support for the action. No opposition was voiced, and the matter is expected to be brought before the court for a vote at its next meeting. In other fiscal court business, the surplus of a 2012 John Deere tractor from the Road Department was approved. A replacement tractor has been ordered and is expected to arrive in the next coming weeks. The surplus equipment will be listed for sale on GovDeals, an online auction platform. Crissy Greer, the Marshall County Clerk, also addressed the court, requesting approval of the clerk's office budget for 2026 in the amount of \$13,821,000, along with approval to set the maximum deputy clerk salary and fringe benefits at \$1 million to which both were approved. Spraggs asked Greer whether any changes were anticipated for the 2026 election. Greer noted that while one significant change has been made, it will likely be more noticeable to candidates than to voters. Since the transition to vote centers, which allow voters

to cast ballots at any location, the county has shifted to a system dividing the county into three precincts to align with commissioner districts. Greer said voters will not see noticeable differences on their ballots, but campaigns will have less detailed precinct-level data following elections. Additionally, the court

approved the sheriff's annual order setting the maximum number of deputies, with no discussion and a six-month contract with Kentucky Lake Economic Development, that is set to expire June 30. The agreement serves as a temporary extension as the county transitions the contract to align with the fiscal year

rather than the calendar year. The meeting concluded with the court entering executive session to discuss litigation and personnel matters. No action was taken following the closed session. The next meeting for the Marshall County Fiscal Court is scheduled for January 20, 2026.



Brian Harper, the Director of Marshall County.

Murray City Council Discusses City Projects

By Kelsey Edwards
Marshall Times Editor

At the first Murray City Council meeting of 2026, City Administrator Jim Osborne outlined a wide range of projects completed over the past year and detailed an ambitious slate of initiatives Mayor Bob Rogers hopes to see accomplished during his final year in office. Osborne had earlier reviewed both current and future projects with the Long Range Planning Committee and later summarized that discussion during the regular council meeting. While the meeting agenda was brief, the amount of information shared was substantial, including council action on a bid tied to one of the city's major infrastructure projects. Monty McCuiston, chair of the Public Works Committee, presented the committee's recommendation to accept a \$214,932 bid from D-Port for work associated with the water project on

Opportunity Drive. McCuiston described D-Port as the "lowest responsive, responsible bidder" and moved for council approval. Although the bid was the second-lowest of three submitted, Project Manager Marisa Stewart explained that Planning Department staff recommended D-Port due to the city's strong track record with the company on water line projects. The other bids came in at \$193,150 from Youngblood Excavating and Contracting and \$290,605 from Murtco. Providing background information during his long-range planning report, Osborne said the city received results in October 2024 from a study examining the feasibility of a satellite water treatment plant on the north side of Murray. According to Osborne, the study confirmed sufficient water volume for expansion but noted that additional delivery improvements would be needed to support future growth. Osborne

added that the remaining work will be completed internally by city staff. The project was designed by the city engineer, will be carried out by Public Works personnel and overseen by the Planning Department's project manager. He said the improvements will extend water service up Opportunity Drive to the city's new growth area and West Industrial Park, while also creating system redundancy and a loop to support long-term expansion. Looking ahead to 2026, Osborne detailed several additional projects the city plans to pursue. The city will work to complete easement acquisition on South 16th Street for a sidewalk project funded by a Transportation Alternatives Program grant, with plans to prepare construction bids later in the year. Osborne said the sidewalks will extend to the Canterbury subdivision, with potential for future expansion. With support from Murray

Electric System, the city intends to complete installation of baseball field lighting at Central Park and continue replacing all city street lights with LED fixtures. Through a partnership with MES, the city secured a \$1 million Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant for the lighting conversion. Osborne said 830 of the city's 1,484 street lights were replaced in 2025, leaving 654 to be completed in 2026. Street paving is also planned, with the city aiming to resurface between 12 and 15 streets this year, totaling close to five miles. Sidewalk installation is scheduled along 13th Street from Olive Boulevard to Main Street, a project being handled in-house while the city continues acquiring easements and finalizing design work. Osborne said the city will also complete an infrastructure rehabilitation project in the Douglass community to address ongoing flooding issues. A

new welcome center for Central Park has already been designed, and the city plans to advertise for construction bids this year. That project is supported by a \$250,000 matching grant from the Land and Water Conservation Fund. In addition, bids have been advertised for construction of a new mausoleum at the Murray City Cemetery on Chestnut Street, with completion anticipated this year. The city also plans to move forward with a transitional housing project funded with American Rescue Plan Act dollars, in partnership with United Way of Murray-Calloway County and HOPE Caloway, with hopes of completing that project in 2026. After years of planning and utility relocations, Osborne said the city expects to bid out construction of the Business Loop this year. He also noted that the administration plans to continue setting aside funds for a future upgrade to the Public Works

facility, though the scope of that project will be determined by future councils and mayors. During his monthly report, Mayor Bob Rogers told council members that leaf pickup was running about two weeks behind schedule due to equipment failures that required ordering multiple replacement parts. The council also took action on several appointments, voting to reappoint Cheryl Crouch to the Murray-Calloway County Senior Citizens Board for a one-year term expiring January 10, 2027, and Janice Rose to the Housing Authority Board for a four-year term expiring January 10, 2030. Matt McReynolds and Reika Ebert were appointed to the Tree Board for one-year terms expiring Jan. 8, 2027. The next regular Murray City Council meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. Thursday, February 12, 2026.

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 livestream 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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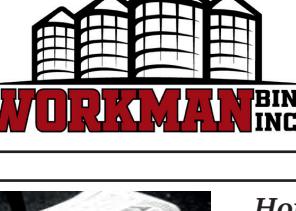


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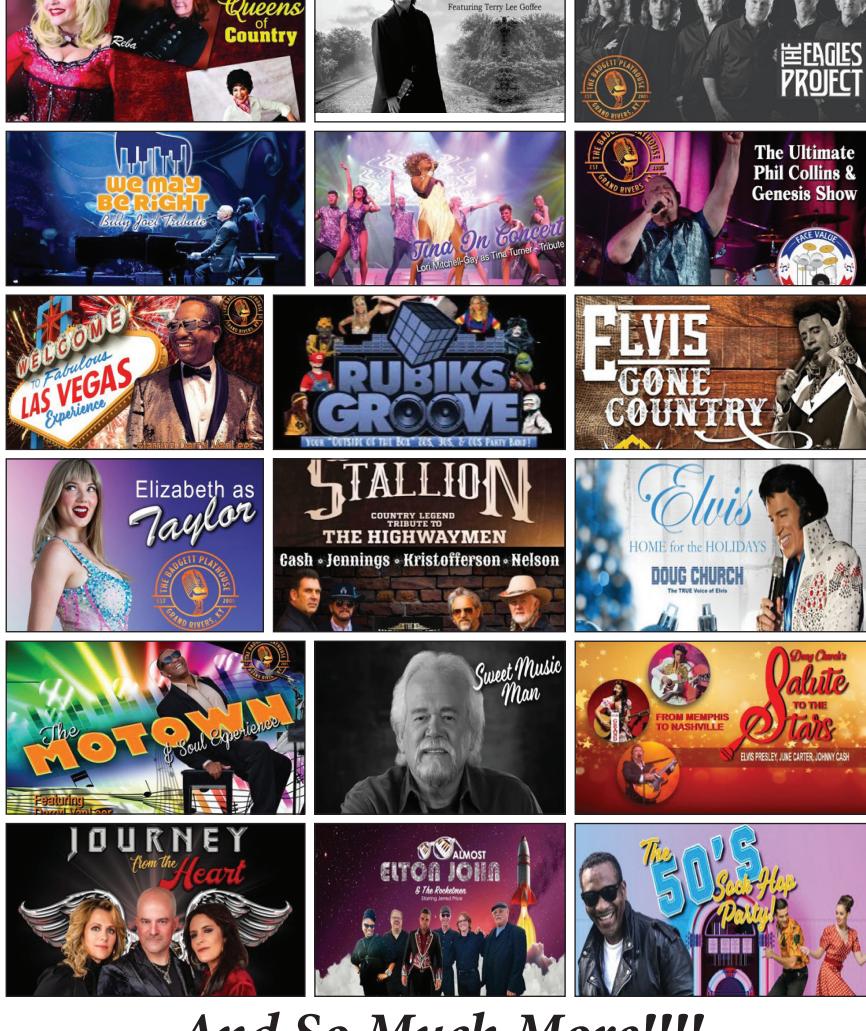
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16 Officers Graduate From Second Class at Basic Training Academy

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

Adrian Dickerson, Marion Police Department

Tyler Duncan, Murray Police Department

Steven Ealey, Madisonville Police Department

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Bryan Holland, Paducah Police Department

Chez Jones, McCracken County Sheriff's Office

Ethan Levill, Madisonville Police Department

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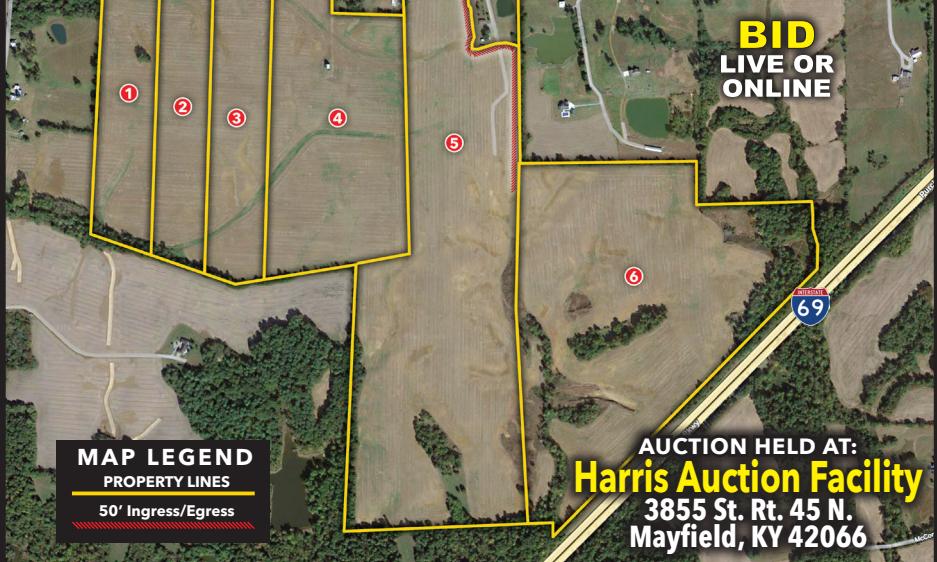


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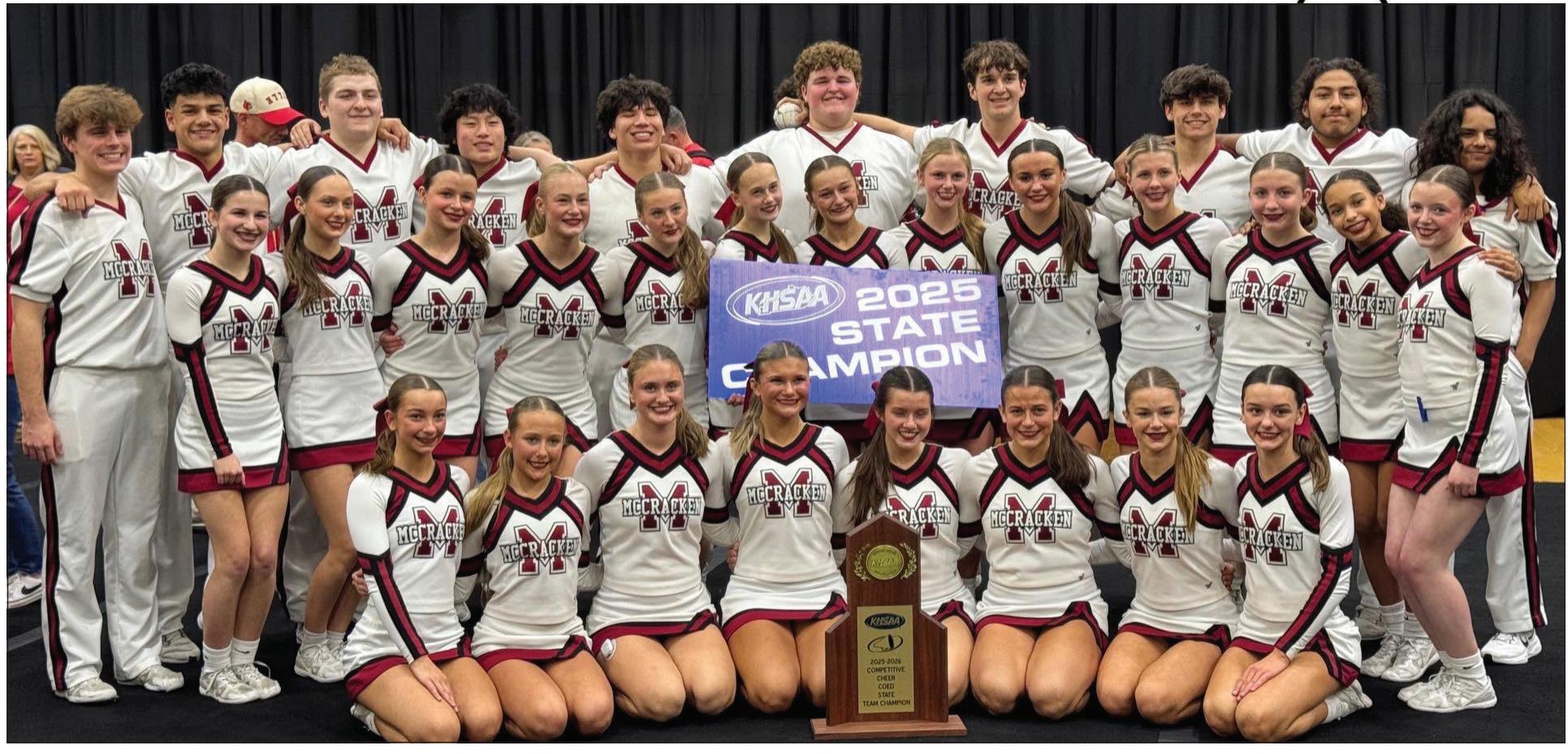
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WEST KY SPORTS



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
KPI Sports Writer

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.

cost King his life was not for naught. Countless books and documentary films offer invaluable insight into the civil rights era, making them a great resource for individuals who want to honor King and promote his message.

• **Expand your knowledge of the era.** While King was front and center during the civil rights era, many other brave men and women risked their lives in an effort to combat segregation and discrimination. Any effort to more deeply understand the civil rights era and the issues that African Americans were fighting to overcome can ensure the struggle that ultimately

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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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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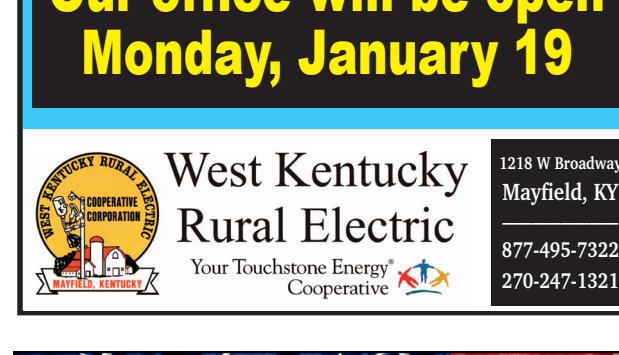
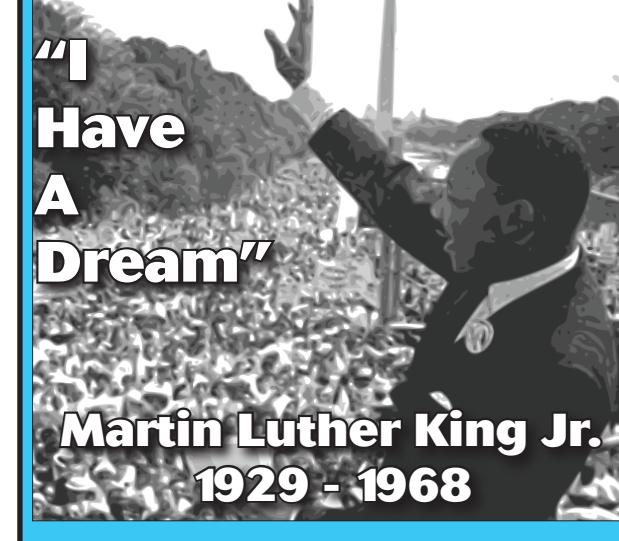


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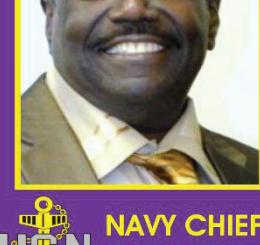
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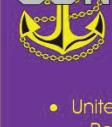
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MLK city services holiday schedule

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

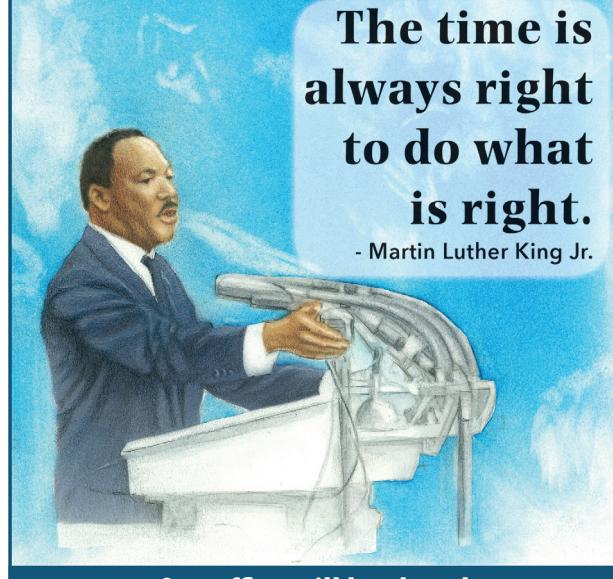
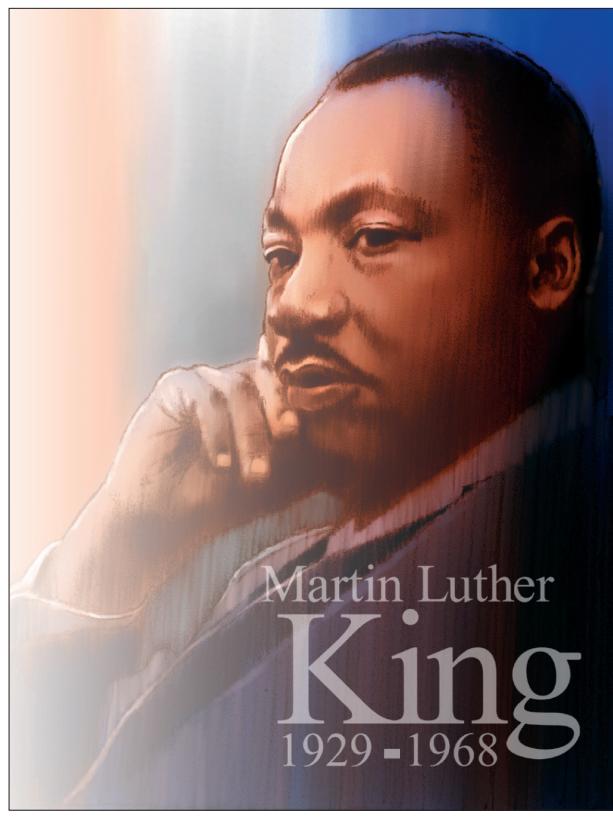
Following the march is a luncheon at 10:45 a.m. in the Paducah Tilghman High School Cafeteria (2400 Washington Street). Dr. Clarissa Myrick-Harris White, Professor of Africana Studies at Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia, is the keynote speaker. The presentation begins at 11:30 a.m. in the Paducah 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

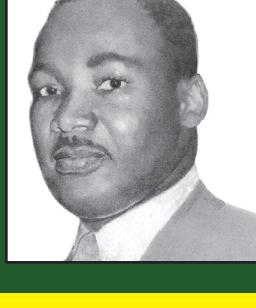
The W.C. Young Community Center Board of Directors will host the "I Am the Dream" Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration on Monday, January 19, at 7 p.m. The event will take place at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church (830 Oscar Cross Avenue).

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.



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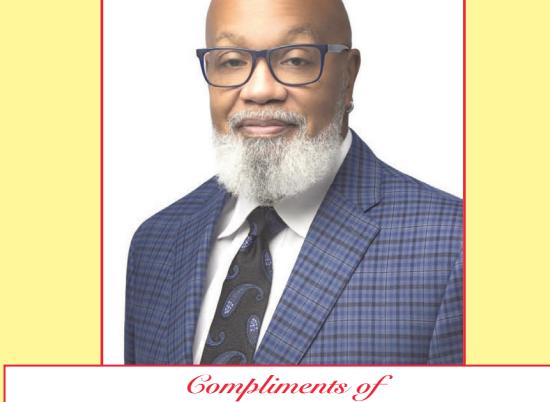
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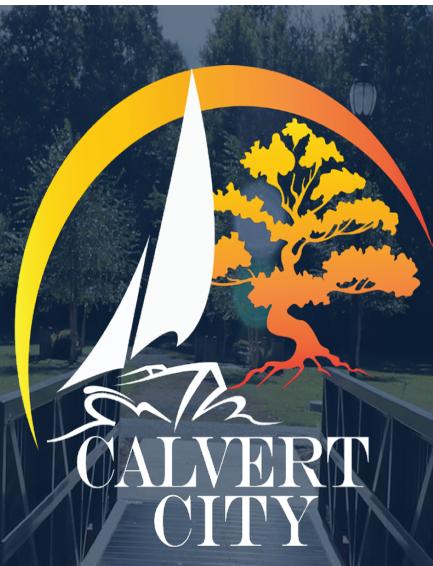
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Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corp. approves more than \$4 million in loans

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.

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 or by contacting UKDRS at 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. 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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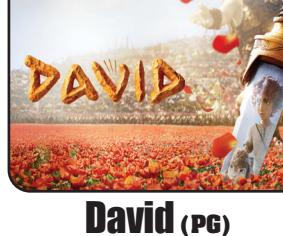
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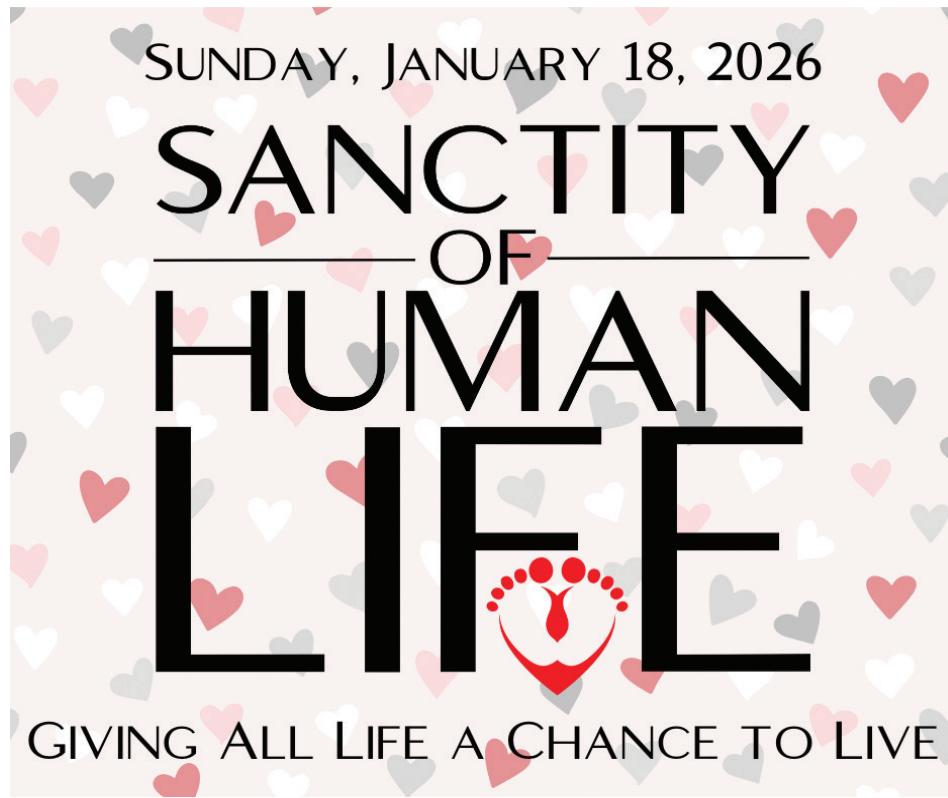
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Facts about Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

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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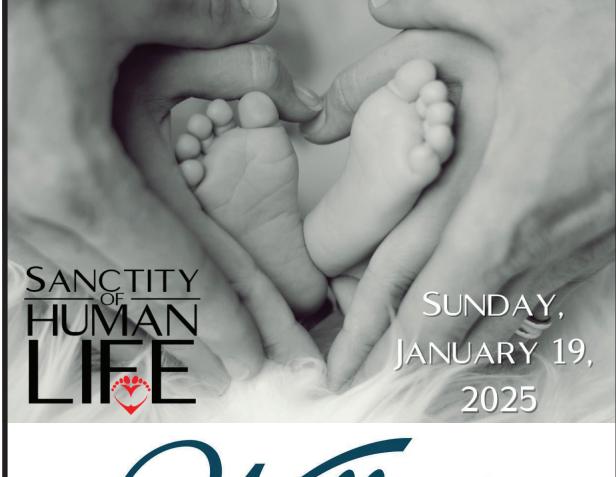
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Marshall County Arts Commission Princess Ball Tickets on Sale

By Kelsey Edwards
Marshall Times Editor

The Marshall County Arts Commission is preparing for its 13th annual Princess Ball, a signature event designed to give school-aged girls an evening filled with elegance and fun with their father, or father-figure. The 2026 Princess Ball is scheduled for February 7, 2026 at the Kentucky Dam Village

Convention Center starting at 6 pm. The evening will include dinner, dancing and a keepsake photo, along with a variety of activities that have continued to expand each year. Organizers regularly add new elements to keep the event fresh and memorable for returning families. In 2025, a friendship bracelet-making station was

introduced, which has since evolved into a personalized bracelet kit that includes beads spelling each princess' name. The 2026 theme, "Under the Sea," will bring additional new features, including two competitions which is a dance-off between princes and a couples dance contest. An award will also be presented to the couple that has attended

the most Princess Balls over the years. Upon arrival, each princess will receive a tiara and flower, while princes will be given a boutonniere. Couples will then visit the photo booth for a keepsake picture before princesses are announced and walk the red carpet. Volunteers are essential to making the event successful and in re-

cent years, high school students have become increasingly involved. Student volunteers assist with a variety of tasks, including guiding princesses down the red carpet, helping manage the buffet line and assisting families with multiple children. Adult volunteers are also needed, and those interested can reach out to the Marshall County Arts Center. A general volunteer sign-up form is

available on the center's website. Tickets for the Princess Ball are \$50 per ticket and can be purchased online, at the arts center, or at any of the three Marshall County Public Library branches (Calvert, Benton, Hardin). Proceeds from the event support the Marshall County Arts Center's operating budget, which funds art education programs for community members of all ages.

Embracing the Arts



Benton City Council Fills Vacant Seat

By Kelsey Edwards
Marshall Times Editor

The Benton City Council filled a vacant council seat during a special called meeting that was held on January 5, 2026 appointing Laura Craynon following discussion among council members. Mayor Rita Dotson began the meeting by reading the formal resignation letter submitted by former council member Darryl Carr, who publicly announced his resignation during the December 15 council

meeting. In his letter, Carr stated that he hoped stepping down would not affect his plans to seek a council seat again once he retires. After reading the letter, Dotson turned the meeting over to the council, noting that her role in the appointment process was limited and that she would offer minimal input. Council member Ann Riley was the first to make a recommendation, nominating former council member Laura Craynon and citing her previous experience

serving on the council. Council member Sylvia Jesters then put forward Chris Kerrick, who ran for council in 2024 and finished seventh in the vote totals, making him the highest vote-getter among those not elected. Council member Kevin Farley said he would prefer to appoint someone who did not plan to run in the 2026 election. He noted that Craynon's future intentions were unknown to the council, while Kerrick had indicated plans to run again. Other

council members did not openly support or oppose Farley's view, instead expressing a desire to fill the vacancy during that meeting. Farley later voiced support for Jesters' recommendation of Kerrick. Council member Butch Holland spoke in favor of Riley's recommendation to appoint Craynon, pointing to her prior service and experience. Council member Guy Henton also weighed in, noting that Holland and Riley had served longer on the council than any other members. He encouraged Jesters and Farley to take their experience into account. Jesters responded by arguing that personal relationships were influencing

the decision and said the council should focus solely on what was best for the city to which Holland pushed back, stating that his support was based strictly on Craynon's prior service and commitment, not personal ties. Following discussion, the council voted to appoint Craynon, with Riley, Holland and Henton voting in favor and Jesters and Farley voting against. During the same meeting, the council approved Mayor Rita Dotson's appointment of Troy Connor to the Planning and Zoning Board, filling the unexpired term of James Parker, who resigned. Connor had been serving on the Code Enforcement Board, with a term set to expire in

July. His new appointment requires him to step down from that board. Rob Mattingly, the City Attorney told the council he had spoken with Connor, who expressed willingness to serve wherever the city felt he was most needed. Connor's move to the Planning and Zoning Board leaves a vacancy on the Code Enforcement Board. The Benton City Council typically meets at 5 p.m. on the third Monday of each month, however due to Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the January meeting will instead be held at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, January 20, 2026.

MURRAY / CALLOWAY COUNTY WEEK IN REVIEW

The Kentucky Music Educators Association has named former Murray Middle School Principal Bob Horne, who retired in 2025, the State Administrator of the Year. Horne received the KMEA District 1 award for the 2024-25 year, making him eligible for the statewide 2025-26 award. The title aims to recognize administrators who emphasize music programs within their schools and is awarded to those who have made significant contributions to

music education in Kentucky. Horne will receive the award at the 2026 KMEA Conference Awards Ceremony, to be held Feb. 6, at the Kentucky International Convention Center in Louisville.

The air above Dill Family Court at the CFSB Center was filled with confetti after Murray State Head Women's Basketball Coach Rechelle Turner won her 150th game in her Racer tenure. The defending Missouri Valley Conference champions

gave Turner that win by smashing Valley powerhouse Drake, 95-67, to remain tied for the league lead.

Morgan Robinson was crowned Friday night as the 2026 Calloway County Basketball Homecoming queen in a ceremony at Jeffrey Gymnasium in Murray. The rest of the homecoming court for Calloway included Haley Allred; Hailee Jones; Olivia Perkins; Robinson; Sayler Lowe and Jaidan Koch.

MARSHALL COUNTY UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Jan 16, Chair Yoga, Calvert Library, 10 am
- Jan 16, Sips & Smalls, Benton Library, 10 am
- Jan 16, Job Fair, Calvert Library, 5 pm
- Jan 17, DIY Macrame Keychain, Benton Library, 1 pm
- Jan 19, Adult Farmer Grain Series, MC Extension Office, 6:30 pm
- Jan 20, Yoga in the Park, Calvert City Civic Center, 6 pm
- Jan 22, Moving Marshall Upstream, Benton Library, 8 am - 3 pm
- Jan 23, Toddler Time, MC Preschool/Headstart Office, 9:30 am
- Jan 23, Chair Yoga, Calvert Library, 10 am
- Jan 23, Sips & Smalls, Benton Library, 10 am
- Jan 23, SHiNE Dance Fitness, Benton Library, 5:30 pm

MURRAY/CALLOWAY COUNTY UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Jan 16, Kylah Hawkins, Tap 216, 7 pm
- Jan 16, MSU's 89th Annual Campus Lights: The Prom, Lovett Auditorium, 7:30 pm
- Jan 17, Presentation & Book Signing: Steven Hunter, CCPL, 10:30 am
- Jan 17, MSU's 89th Annual Campus Lights: The Prom, Lovett Auditorium, 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm
- Jan 17, MSU Men's Basketball v. Indiana State, CFSB Center, 7 pm
- Jan 17, MSU's 89th Annual Campus Lights: The Prom, Lovett Auditorium, 2:00 pm
- Jan 18, MSU Women's Basketball v. Belmont, CFSB Center, 2 pm
- Jan 18, New Year Immersive Sound Therapy, The Barre Murray, 3:30 pm
- Jan 20, Pizza & Planning w/Calloway Co. Human Rights Advocacy Group, GOFOR Pizza, 6 pm
- Jan 21, Toddler Storytime, CCPL, 9:30 am
- Jan 21, Multi-Age Storytime, CCPL, 10:30 am
- Jan 22-23, Jewelry Extravaganza, Murray Art Guild, 11 am to 5 pm
- Jan 23, Murray Lion's Club Blind Dining Fundraiser, Murray First United Methodist Church, 6 pm
- Jan 23, Weston Live, Tap 216, 7 pm
- Jan 23-25 West Ky Boat & Outdoor Show, CFSB Center, Various Times

MARSHALL COUNTY WEEK IN REVIEW

Nine Marshall County High School students have advanced to the state level of the Governor's Scholars Program selection process. The Marshall County High School candidates advancing to state competition include Bailey Willis, Eli Holaday, Drake

Fooshee, Lillian Perry, Jessamyn Barnes, Lyla Loven, Lilly Wathen, Sarah Reynolds, and Ayen Arceo. Judge/Executive Kevin Spraggs and Marshall County Fiscal Court announced that Brian Harper has

been selected as Director of Marshall County Parks. A recent retiree from the Marshall County School System, Harper has over three decades of leadership experience in various roles in the region in education and as a citizen.

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

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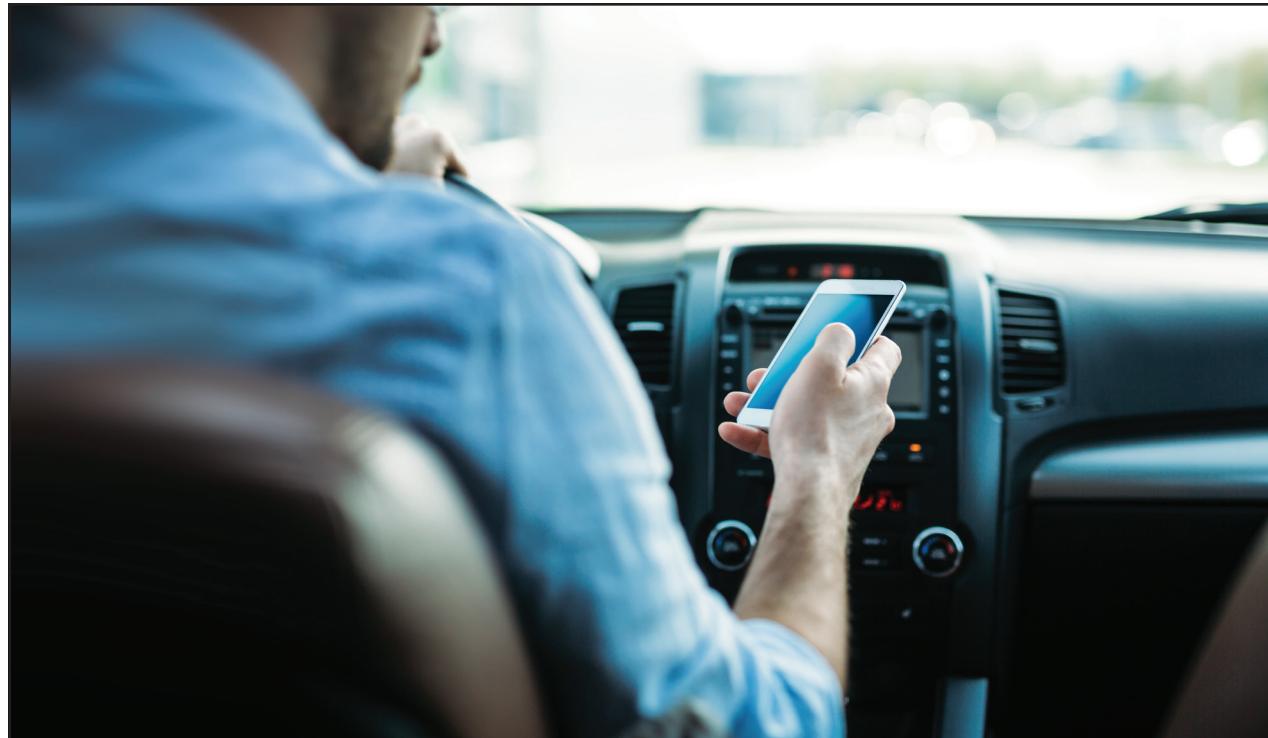
FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – Legislation that would ban drivers in Kentucky from holding their cellphones in their hands while their vehicle is in motion cleared the Senate Transportation Committee on Wednesday.

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

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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, 2026. 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.

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.

END OF ADVERTISEMENT

VICTORIOUS *Living* ...in a troubled world

Seek the Light

By Teresa LeNeave
leneave2@comcast.net

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.

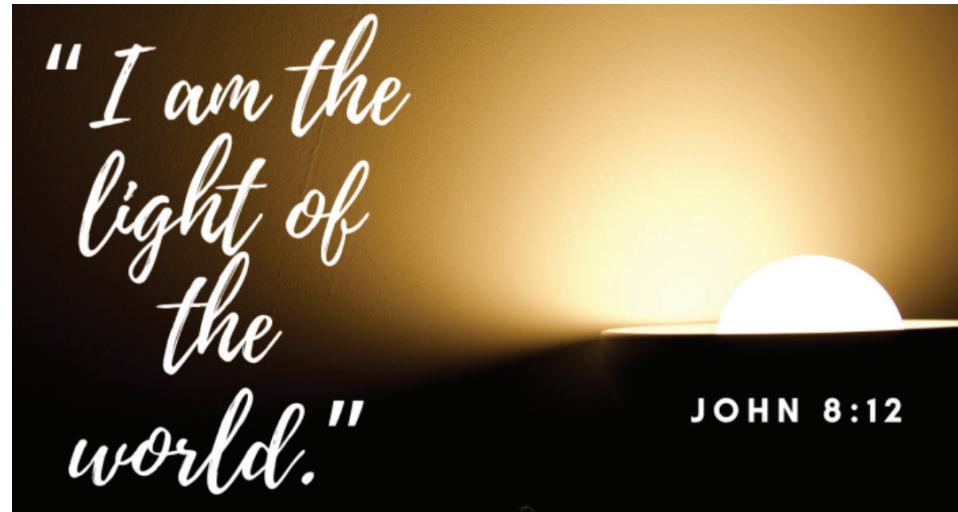
In these turbulent times with a shaky economy, empty shelves in grocery stores, a split society on nearly everything, and natural disasters increasingly taking a toll on people and our economy, it's good to know, we still have a constant.

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

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



By Gary Miller
Outdoortruths.org

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

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

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

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2909 James Sanders Blvd Paducah, KY 42001 • Commercial/Industrial MLS Number 124836 • 7,560 sq. ft. The price is \$25.74 psf annually Located in Western Kentucky's largest business districts this location is prime for retail, restaurant, or service company. With 4060 net leasable square feet. Contact Carla Bridges @ REMAX at 270-559-8425

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7151 US HWY 4 • PADUCAH MLS #123564 19+ acres with much potential. Could be used as commercial site, subdivision, or residential estate. Consists of 2 tracts of land. 12+ acres on Hwy 25 and 6+ on Englert for a total of 19.18. Entrance to both on US Hwy 45. Sold as one parcel. A well was installed about 10 yrs ago but has never run on a continuous basis. Has electricity on property. \$189,900 Contact Carla Bridges @ REMAX at 270-559-8425

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

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

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

Large Ky Lake lot Mature trees, utilities, restricted to new construction or double wide. \$24,900.

270-970-8000 (tfn)

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AUTOS FOR SALE

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

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

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

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

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

REDUCED 2010 Black Honda Fit Sport 4 door hatchback. Excellent mechanical condition minor cosmetic damage

clear title \$4,500.00 OBO Cal 812-631-3921

GOLF CART FOR SALE

REDUCED 2019 EZGO Golfcart 48V. Flame Red with Black seating. very good condition in Salem, Ky area 4,200.00. Call 812-483-1116 (tfn)

FARM EQUIPMENT

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

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1953 Farmall Cub Woods Belly Mower. to ad for 1950 8n Ford Tractor \$1250.00. 270-832-1281
1950 8N Ford tractor \$1,250.00, Call 270-832-1281. W0.5x32

MISC. FOR SALE

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

For Sale: Baldwin Upright Piano In Good Condition \$300.00 Call 270-331-9835

Fiddle/Violin (Karl Knilling), Hand-Made in Germany, 2 Bows & Hard Case. Very Good Condition. \$300, 270-328-8801 (tfn)

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Tractor pulls are a unique and thrilling motorsport that combine raw power, mechanical ingenuity, and rural tradition. Originating in the early 20th century when farmers informally tested whose tractor was strongest, the sport has evolved into a highly organized and competitive event enjoyed by fans around the world.

At its core, a tractor pull is a contest of strength. Competitors attempt to pull a heavy sled along a straight dirt or clay track for the greatest possible distance. The sled is designed so that its weight shifts forward as it moves, increasing resistance and making the pull progressively harder. Victory often comes down to inches, with engines straining and tires clawing for traction until the tractor finally grinds to a halt.

Modern tractor pulling features a wide variety of classes, ranging from relatively stock farm tractors to highly modified machines that barely resemble their agricultural ancestors. Some tractors are powered by massive diesel engines, while others use multiple engines, alcohol fuel, or even jet turbines. These machines can produce thousands of horsepower, creating deafening noise, roaring exhaust flames, and dramatic plumes of smoke that add to the spectacle.

Beyond the machines themselves, tractor pulls are deeply rooted in community and tradition. Events are commonly held at county fairs and local festivals, drawing families, farmers, and motorsport enthusiasts together. The sport celebrates craftsmanship and problem-solving, as teams constantly tweak engines, transmissions, and tires to gain an edge.

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VIN#H4002XTB089304; (**TITLE GUARANTEED BY
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PROCESSING** \$25 TITLE FEE APPLIES***)

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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Easy Man Livestock Loading Ramp, pull type, single
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2008 TROXELL Tanker Trailer, tandem axle, rear
outlet, VIN#1T9TG432581867827

Case 95 Manure spreader, single axle, single
horizontal beater, chain unload

Bush Hog 306 Rotary mower, 6 Ft. working with, 540
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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
splitter for 18in rows, gauge wheels, row firmers,
custom made closing wheels, liquid fertilizer,
SN:608591

Disc Chisel - 12ft working width, Kasco rear harrow
attachment, hydraulic raise & lower

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

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