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Paducah Bomb Squad assists MPD with hand grenade removal

STAFF REPORT

MURRAY – The Murray Police Department received assistance from the Paducah Police Department Bomb Squad Monday after a hand grenade was reported at a home on Main Street.

According to MPD, officers responded around 9:44 a.m. Monday to a residence on Main Street in response to an individual finding what appeared to be hand grenade. It was confirmed that the hand grenade appeared to be real, but MPD officers were unable to determine if it was inert, an MPD news release said.

PPD's Bomb Squad was requested to assist with the disposal of the hand grenade, MPD said. The hand grenade was removed from the scene and safely rendered inert at an offsite location by the bomb squad.

No criminal charges have been filed in this incident, MPD said.

Murray State University partners with McCracken County Public School District for McCracken County Racer Academy

Dual credit courses allow high school students to take college-level courses

MURRAY, KY — Murray State University President Dr. Ron K. Patterson and McCracken County Public School District formally recognized a new partnership establishing the McCracken County Racer Academy, which launched in August 2026 with the signing of a memorandum of understanding.

The signing event was held on Oct. 12 at McCracken County High School.

Through the partnership, Murray State University will offer in-person dual credit courses in core academic subject areas to college-bound students attending McCracken County High School.

Dual credit courses allow high school students to earn both high school and college credit while gaining experience with college-level coursework. These opportunities can help students strengthen college readiness and begin making progress toward a college degree before graduating from high school, potentially reducing the time and cost required to complete a degree.

"We are pleased to partner with the McCracken County Public School District to expand access to meaningful college-level learning opportunities for local students," Murray State University President Dr. Ron K. Patterson said. "The McCracken County Racer Academy reflects our shared commitment to preparing students for success beyond high school by helping them build confidence, strengthen their academic foundation and get an early start on their college education. By creating pathways that make higher education more accessible and affordable, we are investing in the future of these students and the communities they will one day serve."

"I want to thank Dr. Patterson and Murray State for continuing to be such great partners with McCracken County Schools. We are beyond excited about the opportunities Murray State offering classes on our campus through Racer Academy will provide for our students now and in the years ahead," McCracken County Public School District Superintendent Josh Hunt said.

"The McCracken County Racer Academy brings college-level learning directly to McCracken County High School, giving students the opportunity to earn college credit while still in high school," Executive Director of Murray State University's Center for Adult and Regional Education Dan Lavit said. "Taught by Murray State University faculty, these courses help students build confidence, strengthen their college readiness and get a head start on their higher education journey. We're proud to partner with McCracken County High School to expand educational opportunities and help students take the next step toward achieving their goals."



Photo (McCracken_County_Racer_Academy_Signing): Murray State University President Dr. Ron K. Patterson (left) and McCracken County Public School District Superintendent Josh Hunt (right) formally recognized a new partnership establishing the McCracken County Racer Academy, which launched in August 2026 with the signing of a memorandum of understanding. The signing event was held on Oct. 12 at McCracken Co. High School.

(article & photo provided by Murray State)

Trump coming to northern KY Saturday for GOP candidates



President Donald Trump will be visiting northern Kentucky on Saturday to stump for GOP candidates.

By Tom Latek, Kentucky Today

HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, Ky. (KT) – President Donald J. Trump is making a visit to northern Kentucky on Saturday to drum up support for Republican candidates in the November General Election.

The Republican Party of Kentucky (RPK) says everyone is invited to join President Trump for a midterm rally in Highland Heights on Saturday.

With Election Day just around the corner, the RPK says President Trump is returning to the commonwealth for a rally ahead of the Nov. 3 midterm elections with control of both houses of Congress at stake.

Date: Saturday, Oct. 17, 2026
Location: Highland Heights, Kentucky (Exact location to be announced)
Doors Open: 10:30 a.m.

President Trump's Remarks: Scheduled to begin at 2 p.m.

According to the RPK, this event is free to attend, but registration is required. Tickets are limited to four per registration.

This event is President Trump's first visit to northern Kentucky since March, when he stumped for Ed Gallrein during his successful Republican primary challenge against Fourth District Congressman Thomas Massie.

Trump kicked off campaigning for Republicans in Youngstown, Ohio, on Monday, followed by rallies in Alaska and Montana.

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Smithland OctoberFest Returns Saturday for Fall Fun

Staff Report

SMITHLAND, Ky. — Downtown Smithland will welcome residents and visitors Saturday, Oct. 17, for the annual Smithland OctoberFest, a day filled with food, shopping, entertainment and community fellowship.

Organized by the Smithland Area Chamber of Commerce, the festival will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., offering a full day of autumn activities in Livingston County.

The annual event brings together local vendors, performers and community members to celebrate the fall season while supporting small businesses and organizations throughout the area.

Festivalgoers can explore a variety of vendor booths featuring antiques, arts and crafts, flea-market finds and other merchandise. With approximately 15 food booths planned, visitors will have plenty of opportunities to enjoy festival favorites while browsing the downtown offerings.

Live entertainment will also be part of the festivities, with a stage showcasing area performers throughout the event. The entertainment and vendor offerings provide opportunities for visitors to discover local talent, find unique items and enjoy time with family and friends.

Whether searching for handmade crafts, hunting for antiques, sampling festival food or simply enjoying a fall outing, attendees can experience the charm of a community gathering in downtown Smithland.

Events such as OctoberFest also provide an opportunity for local businesses and vendors to connect with customers while encouraging residents to shop locally. The festival helps bring the community together and offers visitors



Locals enjoy the parade at the 2025 Smithland Octoberfest Celebration *(Smithland facebook)*

from surrounding areas a chance to experience the hospitality and small-town atmosphere of Livingston County.

Organizers encourage residents of Smithland and neighboring communities to attend and take part in the annual celebration.

Smithland OctoberFest 2026 will take place Saturday, Oct. 17, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in downtown Smithland. Admission information was not included in the event announcement.

With food, shopping and local entertainment on the schedule, OctoberFest offers an opportunity to welcome autumn, support local vendors and enjoy a day of community spirit in Livingston County.

Smithland OctoberFest Offers a Boost for Locals

Staff Report

SMITHLAND, Ky. — As autumn settles into Livingston County, Smithland OctoberFest offers more than a day of seasonal entertainment. The annual gathering provides an opportunity for local vendors, families and community organizations to come together while celebrating the character and traditions of the small river town.

Scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 17, the festival will fill downtown Smithland with vendors, food booths and local entertainment from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Organized by the Smithland Area Chamber of Commerce, the event welcomes visitors from throughout the region to enjoy a day of shopping, food and fellowship.

For local vendors and small businesses, community festivals can provide valuable opportunities to introduce products to new customers and build connections with residents. OctoberFest attendees will be able to browse antiques, arts and crafts, flea-market merchandise and other goods while supporting those who participate in the local economy.

Food is another important part of the festival experience, with approximately 15 food booths expected to offer visitors a variety of options throughout the day. From stopping for a meal to enjoying a snack between vendor booths, festivalgoers can make the event a leisurely autumn outing.

Local entertainment will add to the atmosphere, giving area performers an opportunity to showcase their talents while visitors explore downtown. The combination of music, food and shopping creates a setting where neighbors can reconnect and families can spend time together.

Community festivals also help highlight the importance of maintaining strong local connections. Events such as OctoberFest encourage residents to support local businesses, discover goods and services available close to home, and welcome visitors who may be exploring Smithland for the first time.

For Livingston County residents, the festival is an opportunity to celebrate the community while enjoying the changing season. Visitors from neighboring towns can also experience Smithland's small-town hospitality and discover what makes local gatherings a lasting tradition.

With a full day of vendors, food and entertainment planned, Smithland OctoberFest promises an opportunity to enjoy the season while supporting the people and businesses that help keep the community thriving.



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Hunter's Moon 50th Anniversary Celebration Huge Success








Grand Rivers celebrated the 50th anniversary of its Hunter's Moon event on October 10, bringing families and community members together for a memorable fall tradition. "250 Years of America the Beautiful" was the theme of this milestone celebration, which reflected five decades of community spirit and seasonal fun.

Event highlights included a lively parade, Art's and Craft's and a variety of food for attendees to enjoy. With activities for all ages, the family-friendly celebration offered a welcoming atmosphere and marked the event's 50th year in a special way.

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Trump rally in Kentucky will be at NKU's Truist Arena on Saturday



By Mark Maynard
Kentucky Today

President Donald Trump's Saturday midterm election rally will be at Truist Arena at Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights police confirmed.

The doors are set to open 10:30 a.m., and the president will speak around 2 p.m. Those interested can sign up online for tickets. Guests are permitted a maximum of four tickets.

In social media posts, police said Trump's visit would impact traffic throughout the entire day.

"Anticipate significant traffic delays and potential road closures in the areas surrounding Northern Kentucky University and Truist Arena," police said. "Residents and visitors are encouraged to plan ahead, allow extra travel time, and consider alternate routes when traveling through the area."

Police later indicated the heaviest traffic impacts would be observed between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. near NKU.

Updated traffic information will be shared as it becomes available, police said.

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UK student gains recognition, experience as plant breeding 'independent researcher'

By Bailey Vandiver
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LEXINGTON, Ky.— Ella Shields, a University of Kentucky student graduating in December with a horticultural science degree from the Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, was recognized by the National Association for Plant Breeding (NAPB) as a 2026 Borlaug Scholar.

Shields has gained valuable experience through undergraduate research in plant breeding at UK, through which she combines hands-on work with research aimed at solving production challenges.

'Always came back to horticulture'

At her grandmother's house, Shields' favorite snack was strawberries, cut up and sugared — "the best thing ever in the whole world," Shields said. So when she joined a UK research lab, studying strawberry breeding was a perfect fit.

"I love strawberries," Shields said. "My Mimi is not surprised at all that I'm working with them."

From Lexington, Shields earned her associate degree in science from Bluegrass Community and Technical College before attending UK.

"I wasn't sure what I wanted to do yet, but I just always came back to horticulture," Shields said. "I looked at different avenues, but I thought that it would bring me a lot more satisfaction to work with plants."

In 2025, Shields joined the Sapkota Horticultural Breeding and Genetics Lab, soon after Manoj Sapkota, Ph.D., joined UK as an assistant professor of horticulture crop breeding for nutrition. The lab seeks to improve horticultural crops, like tomatoes and strawberries, and develop practical tools for crop research.

Sapkota said Shields has grown from a research assistant who was eager to learn the basics to an "increasingly independent researcher" who conducts experiments and helps train other undergraduate researchers.

"She now has become an essential part of our lab's daily operations and research culture," Sapkota said.

While also helping with the lab's other projects, Shields has primarily worked on strawberry resistance to Neopestalotiopsis, an emerging and severe disease that affects multiple parts of the strawberry plant. By identifying genetic material in strawberries with greater resistance to Neopestalotiopsis, the researchers hope to breed more disease-resistant varieties.

Strawberries are a popular and high-value crop, so new varieties can help both producers and consumers.

"We can hopefully make strawberries more available for all consumers, who can be a little healthier because they have access to fresh strawberries," Shields said.



Ella Shields conducts strawberry research at the University of Kentucky Horticultural Research Farm (South Farm) in Lexington, Kentucky, on Friday, Aug. 7, 2026. Photo by Sabrina Hounshell

This summer, Shields continued her strawberry research as a UK Sustainability Summer Research Fellow and a Tracy Farmer Scholar. Her summer project focused on developing and optimizing a detached-leaf bioassay, in which strawberry leaves are inoculated with Neopestalotiopsis and evaluated for disease development and severity.

In the future, Shields plans to move the research into field trials and study the whole strawberry plant.

'An honor' to be a Borlaug Scholar

Named for Nobel Peace Prize laureate Norman Borlaug, the NAPB Borlaug Scholar program recognizes students pursuing careers in plant breeding.

"He did a lot — he started the Green Revolution; he made wheat varieties that helped solve a lot of hunger issues across the world," Shields said of Borlaug. "So it was an honor to be part of that."

As a Borlaug Scholar, Shields received financial support to attend the NAPB Annual Meeting at Texas A&M in June 2026, where she met others who work in breeding and toured horticulture facilities. Each scholar is also assigned a mentor who can help students connect with colleagues and companies.

"You have a lot of networking opportunities that you wouldn't get otherwise," she said.

Sapkota worked with Shields on her application to show that the Borlaug program was an opportunity not only for Shields' professional development but also to strengthen plant-breeding capacity in Kentucky.

"If you support or train this new generation of scientists, that's how the field will flourish," Sapkota said.

Sapkota said he knew Shields would be a good applicant, but he was still thrilled when she was selected.

"For a young lab, seeing one of our undergraduate researchers recognized nationally was incredibly meaningful," Sapkota said. "More importantly, it showed Ella that the work she is doing here can connect her to the broader plant-breeding community."

'The next great opportunity'

After graduating, Shields will begin her master's degree at UK in integrated plant and soil sciences with a horticulture focus.

She will continue her strawberry research as a graduate student, building on the collaborative mentorship she has received from Sapkota, Namrata Maharjan, Ph.D., a research analyst in the Department of Horticulture, and Nicole Gauthier, Ph.D., professor and Extension plant pathologist.

Maharjan, who recently finished her doctorate, said her graduate training taught her the importance of persistence, independent problem-solving and learning through research challenges. Now, as a mentor, she enjoys helping undergraduate researchers develop those same skills while providing the guidance they need as they become more independent.

"When I'm working with these undergrad students, and when I'm capable of teaching them what I learned, it's very rewarding," Maharjan said.

Shields said she feels very grateful to the lab and her mentors.

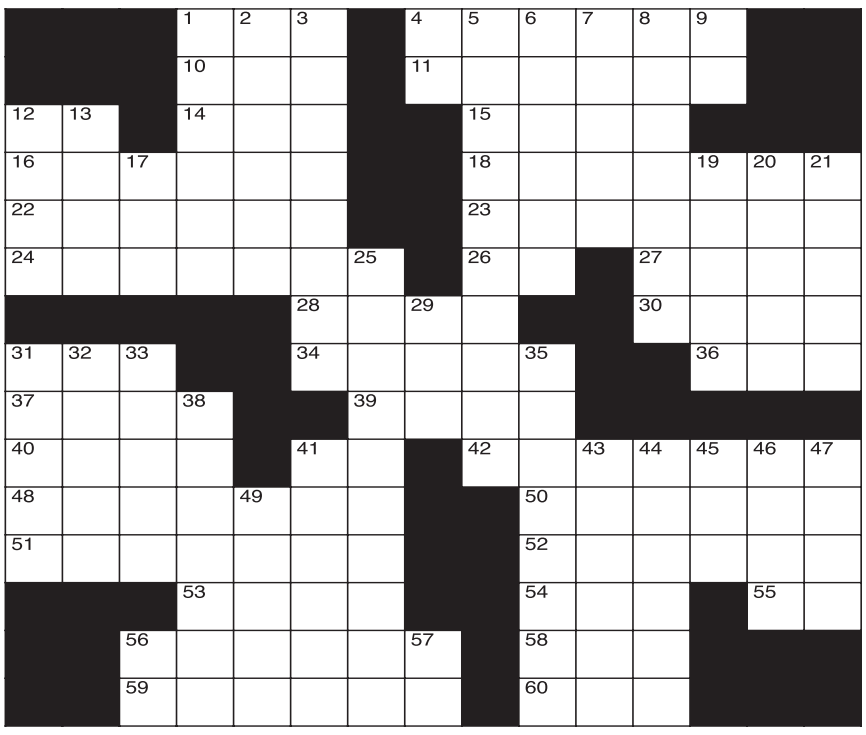
"I need to take advantage of the opportunities that have been given to me and use them wisely," Shields said. "They should take me to the next great opportunity and research that hopefully has bigger and bigger impacts."

Learn more about the horticultural science program and the Sapkota Horticultural Breeding and Genetics Lab at mgcafe.uky.edu.





Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

1. Small Eurasian deer
4. Province in Northern Ireland
10. A major division of geological time
11. Broadway actor Lane
12. Canadian province (abbr.)
14. Human gene
15. Two
16. A notable one was "blue"
18. Utter repeatedly
22. Ring-shaped objects
23. Sullies
24. Occurs
26. Commercial
27. Near
28. Tools you may need
30. A pledge
31. They start the alphabet
34. Silk garments
36. Soviet Socialist Republic
37. Longtime mayor of Rio
39. Hot meal
40. A type of gin
41. Atomic #84
42. $10 bill
48. About ground
50. Medicine man
51. Seedless raisin
52. National capital of Albania
53. Appendage
54. OJ trial judge
55. European government entity (abbr.)
56. Bike parts
58. Friend to "Barbie"
59. Stretched to see or hear
60. Commercials

Puzzle Solutions on B14

CLUES DOWN

1. Make up for
2. Baltimore ballplayer
3. Wages
4. International organization of countries
5. Engravers of gems
6. Declared as fact
7. One who steals
8. Jewelry
9. Hospital worker
12. Nonsense (slang)
13. Town in Galilee
17. Value
19. Alternative identity
20. Sheep in their second year
21. Town in Surrey, England
25. Appropriate to a time of year
29. Creative work
31. Recesses
32. Largely forested municipality in Germany
33. Rider of Rohan
35. Ancient symbol co-opted by Nazis
38. Pioneer
41. Scribe
43. Painted a bright color
44. Member of British nobility
45. "Pulp Fiction" actress Thurman
46. Helps people walk
47. Crest of a hill
49. People of southeastern Alaska
56. One's own device
57. The Mount Rushmore State

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

ANSWERS IN THE B SECTION

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Sudoku Puzzle

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

ANSWERS IN THE B SECTION

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Word Scramble

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to chiropractic care.

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Answer: Joint

Guess Who?

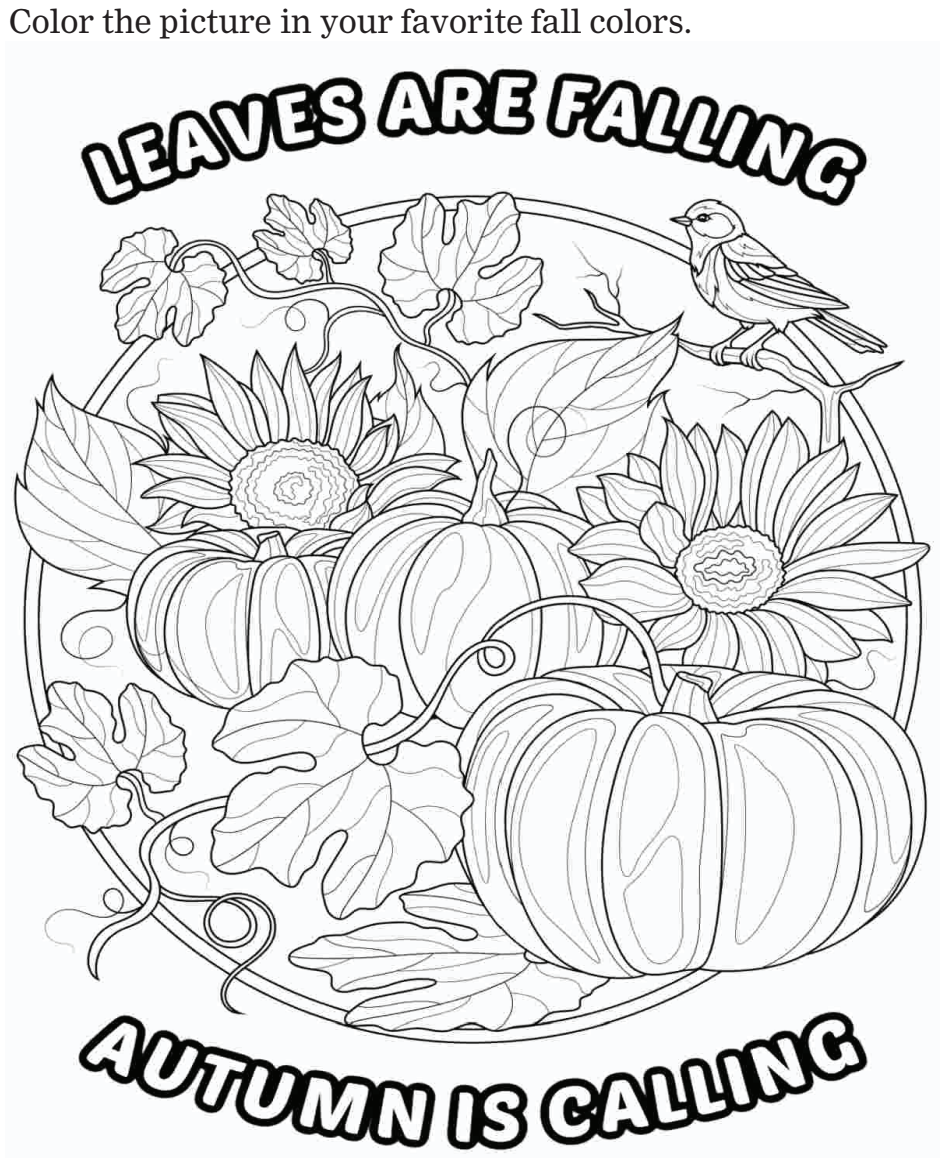
GUESS WHO?

I am an actor born on October 12, 1968, in Australia. I attended the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts, turning down a role on a soap opera to do so. I am best known as an action star, but I'm also an accomplished singer and performer, having appeared in musicals.

Answer: Hugh Jackman

Coloring Fun

Color the picture in your favorite fall colors.





September unemployment in Kentucky steady

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – Kentucky's seasonally adjusted preliminary September 2026 unemployment rate was 4.7 percent, according to the Kentucky Center for Statistics (KYSTATS), an agency within the Kentucky Education and Labor Cabinet.

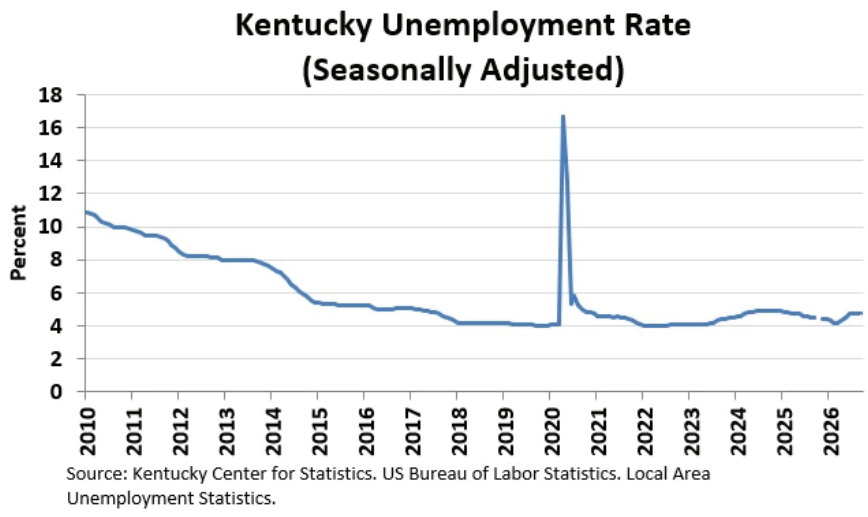
The preliminary September 2026 jobless rate was unchanged from both July and August, but up 0.2 percentage points from one year ago.

Meanwhile, the U.S. seasonally adjusted jobless rate for September 2026 was 4.2 percent, which was up 0.1 percentage points from August and down from the 4.4 percent recorded in September 2025, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

Labor force statistics, including the unemployment rate, are based upon estimates from the Current Population Survey of households. The survey is designed to measure trends in the number of people working and includes jobs in agriculture and individuals who are self-employed.

Kentucky's civilian labor force was 2,116,455 in September 2026, an increase of 6,948 individuals from August. The number of people employed in September was 2,016,954, an increase of 6,721 from August. The number of unemployed was 99,501, an increase of 227 from August.

"Kentucky saw significant gains in the number of people participating in the labor force during September," said University of Kentucky's Center for Business and Economic Research (CBER) Director Mike Clark. "The state's labor force has increased in each of the past four months. It's also encouraging that workers are finding jobs at roughly the same rate that they are entering the labor force. As a result, the state's unemployment rate has held steady at 4.7 percent."



Source: Kentucky Center for Statistics. US Bureau of Labor Statistics. Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

In a separate federal survey of business establishments that excludes jobs in agriculture and people who are self-employed, Kentucky's seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment decreased by 800 jobs to 2,031,700 in September compared to August. Kentucky's nonfarm employment was down 400 jobs compared to September 2025.

Civilian labor force statistics include nonmilitary workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks.

County Dump Provides Safe Way to Dispose of Waste

Staff Report

Proper waste disposal helps keep communities clean, safe and environmentally healthy. Using the county dump or an approved solid waste facility gives residents a responsible way to dispose of unwanted materials while helping prevent illegal dumping.

Leaving garbage, furniture, appliances, tires and other debris along roadsides, in ditches or in wooded areas can harm wildlife, pollute waterways and attract pests. These actions also create unsightly conditions and can result in costly cleanup efforts for local governments and property owners.

County disposal facilities provide designated locations for handling waste according to established guidelines. Depending on local regulations, facilities may accept household garbage, construction debris, appliances and yard waste. Tires, electronics, batteries and hazardous materials may require special handling.

Residents should contact their county solid waste department to confirm accepted materials, operating hours and applicable fees before visiting.

Using approved disposal facilities is a simple way to protect the environment, reduce litter and help maintain a cleaner, safer community for everyone.





Kentucky Invasive Plant Conference coming to Northern Kentucky this November

By Jordan Strickler
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Natural Resources and Environmental Science student clearing invasive plants at McConnell Springs. Photo by Matt Barton.

Lexington, Ky.—

They arrive often as a landscaping choice or a hitchhiker on equipment, and before long they've muscled their way through Kentucky's woodlands, pastures and roadsides. Invasive plants rank among the most persistent threats to the state's natural resources, and the University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment (CAFE) is once again bringing together the people working to stop them.

The 6th Annual Kentucky Invasive Plant Conference will take place Nov. 5 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. ET at the Boone County Enrichment Center, 1824 Patrick Dr., in Burlington. Hosted by the Martin-Gatton CAFE Department of Forestry and Natural Resources (FNR) and the Kentucky Invasive Plant Council (KYIPC), the conference offers a full day of learning and networking for natural resource professionals, landowners, researchers and students.

The day opens with a morning of presentations covering the latest in invasive plant identification, management and research.

"This year's presentations focus on active management, including best practices for a range of invasive plants and on-the-ground examples," said FNR Forest Health Extension professor Ellen Crocker.

Over lunch, attendees can browse a poster session highlighting new findings from across the region. The afternoon moves outdoors, where participants will choose from several field opportunities designed to put classroom knowledge into practice.

"We have some great nearby locations hosting tours to share success stories and management in action, including the Boone County Arboretum and Boone County Conservation District," Crocker said.

Researchers interested in sharing their work can apply to present during the poster session through the conference website.

Registration is $65 and includes lunch, continuing education units and membership in the KYIPC. Students, as well as those who have joined or renewed their KYIPC membership since July 2026, are eligible for a $35 discount, bringing their registration to $30. All sales are final.

Organizers are also seeking sponsors at several levels, with opportunities to support meals, breaks, student attendance and speakers.

"This conference is a great way to connect to others about invasive plants and their management," Crocker said.

To register, visit https://www3.ca.uky.edu/worldpay/form/forestry-ky-invasive-plant/. For more information, visit https://forestry.mgcafe.uky.edu/Invasive-Plant-Conference. For questions about the conference or sponsorship, contact Ellen Crocker at e.crocker@uky.edu.

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Murray State Announces Homecoming 2026 Schedule

Staff Report

MURRAY, Ky. — Murray State University will celebrate Homecoming Oct. 15-18, with 1964 alumna and former Alumni Affairs Director Donna Herndon serving as grand marshal of the annual parade.

The parade, themed "Racers Roll the Dice!," begins at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, along Main Street in Murray. Herndon is recognized for decades of service to the university and community, including helping establish traditions such as Tent City, the Student Ambassador program and the Golden Horseshoe Award.

Homecoming highlights include an art exhibition featuring works by Picasso, Chagall and Warhol; a Steinway grand piano dedication concert; the Alumni Association's 100th anniversary celebration at Tent City; and the coronation of the Homecoming king and queen.

Murray State will host the University of South Dakota in football at 4 p.m. Saturday at Roy Stewart Stadium, with reunions honoring the 1986 and 1996 OVC championship teams.

For a complete schedule, visit **murraystate.edu/homecoming.** Parade coverage will be available at **murraystate.edu/streaming.**



Murray State Alumni Affairs Director Donna Herndon will be the Grand Marshal of the 2026 Homecoming Parade

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Christian County Now

Christian Co. fiscal court talks $400,000 upgrades to Ruff Park

Report via
Christian County Now

A 15-mile natural pipeline upgrade that extends through north Christian County was discussed, along with potential plans at Ruff Park.

HOPKINSVILLE, KY - (CHRISTIAN COUNTY NOW) – The Christian County Fiscal Court discussed funding options and future upgrades at Ruff Park, along with voting to prevent an extensive pipeline project from impacting roads.

A public hearing was held before the Oct. 13 meeting in regard to potential upgrades at Ruff Park. Judge Executive Jerry Gilliam said funding from a Land and Water Grant could cover the costs to build a new pickleball court and install lighting, as well as upgrading the existing playground.

In the May 2026 budget address, Gilliam announced that the county would allocate around $150,000 for Ruff Park upgrades this fiscal year as a capital project from the general fund. The proposed changes discussed during this week's meeting would cost around $492,000, which Gilliam is hoping will be covered by the grant money.

In addition to these improvements, Gilliam is anticipating a TVA audit that will allow them to upgrade the lights on the Ruff Park baseball field to LED. He said, "Along with energy savings, it will be better lighting for our busy little league groups that are out there each and every day."

Natural pipeline upgrade will not cut through county roads

As a result of the meeting, the fiscal court will not allow Atmos Energy to follow through with work required in the area of Shaw-Ovil Road for a 15-mile pipeline project that extends from Todd County to the Lacy area. This would replace and upgrade the existing pipeline.

Gilliam explained, "They (Atmos) are installing a new pipeline, an upgraded pipeline in North Christian that will be providing natural gas to our citizens in the northern part of our county."

Magistrates unanimously voted against an amendment to a road warranty agreement that would permit the company to do open cut crossing of a section of the roadway instead of the previously approved option to bore underneath the road.

Magistrate John Bruce said he questioned Atmos about why they decided against boring in this area, and it was determined that this section would require an above ground block valve setting to break the pipeline into sections. Doing an open cut would make the installation easier, according to a statement Bruce read.

"Any time they cut a road, they do a marvelous job of fixing it back as best they can, but there's still a bump and there's water intrusion," said Bruce. Gilliam added that this was an oversight in the original design, and Atmos is willing to remedy it.

It was pointed out that they have held farmers to the same standard in the past and did not allow them to cut through the roads, ensuring they stick to boring and repairing any damage. Requiring Atmos to stick to boring means they will have to go deeper than initially planned, which may cost the company more money.



Christian County Fiscal Court meeting. Sept. 22, 2026
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WESTERN KENTUCKY NEWS BRIEFS

• **Industrial Groundbreaking:** Princeton and Caldwell County leaders broke ground on a $1 million infrastructure and industrial project at the Princeton-Caldwell County Industrial Park, featuring a new build-ready site pad and retention basin to attract business.

• **Local Governance & Schools:** The Caldwell County Schools board approved its budget and reported steady attendance, while the Caldwell Fiscal Court approved Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) projects and the Princeton City Council proclaimed Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

• **Police Reports:** The Princeton Police Department arrested Kellen Acree (43, of Cadiz) on a Caldwell County bench warrant, and Jeffrey Hopper (61, of Princeton) on Hopkins County bench warrants.

• **Infant Death Investigation:** Givonte Riley (22, of Princeton) was arrested and charged with murder by the Kentucky State Police following the death of his 1-month-old infant.

• **Trigg County Country Ham Festival:** Cadiz celebrated the 50th Annual Trigg County Country Ham Festival, which featured a record number of vendors, a $50,000 student ham auction, and a classic rock fundraiser concert by Rewind.

• **Arrest in Barn Fire:** Robert Ingram (59, of Cadiz) was arrested by Kentucky State Police on charges of second-degree arson and first-degree criminal mischief following an intentionally set barn fire on Princeton Road

• **Industrial Site Funding:** Governor Andy Beshear announced that Lyon County received over $560,000 in state funding through the Kentucky Product Development Initiative (KPDI) via the Lane Report. The Eddyville Riverport and Industrial Development Authority will use the funds to acquire roughly 58 acres near the Eddyville Industrial Park to build a new rail spur alongside the Paducah and Louisville Railroad.

• **Fiber-Optic Expansion:** Fiber-optic internet installation is progressing across the county, with Pennyrile Rural Electric and AT&T working toward completions projected through early to mid-2027.

• **Park & Community Projects:** Officials in Eddyville are asking for public input on a proposed lighting project at Lee S. Jones Park.

• **Burn Restrictions:** The seasonal Kentucky fire hazard restrictions remain active (October 1 to December 15), prohibiting outdoor burning before 6:00 PM

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• **Surplus Bids:** Lyon County Judge/Executive is accepting sealed bids for surplus property (including a metal basket 4-wheeler pull, boat trailer, and fiberglass bed cover) through October 15, 2026.

• **Health Advisory:** The Pennyrile District Health Department (serving Lyon and surrounding counties) continues monitoring and sharing updates regarding regional measles exposures and encouraging vaccinations.

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Beshear sends letter of concern about SNAP program

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – Gov. Andy Beshear sent a letter to Brooke Rollins, the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture and to Kentucky's congressional delegation raising concerns that federal changes to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) have resulted in more than 80,000 Kentuckians losing access.

The Governor highlighted that the number includes 24,655 children and 6,572 seniors who are hungrier today because of President Trump's actions to cut SNAP benefits.

"We should be fighting hunger, not causing it; yet the President's cruel and unnecessary changes to SNAP are causing more than 80,000 Kentuckians – and millions of Americans across our country – to face hunger," Beshear said. "I am calling on both the U.S. Department of Agriculture and members of Kentucky's congressional delegation to take action to ensure our most vulnerable citizens, including children and seniors, do not go hungry for reasons beyond their control."



The Governor noted that the alarming loss of SNAP coverage is a result of what he has termed the President's "Big, Ugly Bill," which significantly reduced benefits, expanded work requirements and shifted costs to states. It is estimated that around 5 million Americans, including more than 1 million children, have lost SNAP benefits since July 2025.

Beshear also pointed out that, for children, SNAP eligibility is tied to other meal programs, including free and reduced lunches and summer electronic benefit transfer (EBT) cards, noting that children will face hunger in multiple areas, not just at home.

"School meals and summer programs are what so many children depend on for food," Beshear noted. "Because of the President's actions, now even those dependable sources of food will be taken from our most vulnerable kids. It's wrong, and action needs to be taken."

He points out that he has made fighting hunger a priority and recognizes the critical role food services and support play in helping Kentuckians.

During the pandemic, the Beshear administration doubled the number of meals produced each week for the senior meals program, eliminating an existing waitlist and ensuring no seniors went hungry. Since then, he has directed more state funding toward the program than any other administration in the state's history.

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Charity scams regarding death of Dolly Parton popping up

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today



FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – Charity scams are popping up following the death of country music star Dolly Parton, in which these scammers use her name and image to target mourning fans with fake donation requests.

According to stopscams.ky.gov in its monthly newsletter, a post to official social media accounts by her family is asking that fans wishing to memorialize Parton should donate to Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. They add, make sure you are using the official website, ImaginationLibrary.com, and not sending money to a scammer.

The website also warns that with open enrollment for Medicare starts Oct. 15, scams associated with that annual topic are on the rise. You can encounter a Medicare scam by phone, email, text, social media—or even at your front door.

Scammers pretend to represent Medicare, an insurance company or a doctor's office to get their hands on your Medicare number and other personal information. The official website to join, drop or switch your Medicare plan is online at medicare.gov.

Stopscams.ky.gov notes that October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month, so you should protect your phone to protect yourself.

Your cellphone is a wallet, ID, bank and gateway to all of your accounts. Securing it is a major part of protecting yourself from scams. Their advice:

--Lock your phone. Create a strong passcode or turn on fingerprint/facial recognition. You should also enable multifactor authentication for all accounts and apps on your phone.

--Recognize and report phishing emails and text messages. Do not answer unknown phone calls.

--Update your software. This should be done regularly and quickly when a new update is released.

Finally, the holiday shopping season is right around the corner, so scammers are getting ready, too. As you begin searching for gifts, watching for deals and ordering packages, keep an eye out for scams designed to catch shoppers off guard.

That includes fake shopping websites, package delivery scams and gift card scams. The Better Business Bureau suggests you learn how to protect your personal information and spot red flags, so you can shop confidently online during the busiest time of year.

Find out more at https://stopscams.ky.gov/scams/browser/.

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Ky. colleges awarded record 98,347 degrees in 2025-26 academic year

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – Kentucky's colleges and universities awarded 98,347 degrees and credentials in 2025-26, the most in state history, according to the 2025-26 Degree Report, released Tuesday by the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE).

The total is up nearly 4,600 awards, or five percent from the previous year, representing a 21 percent increase from five years ago.

The report covers awards conferred by the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS), the state's public universities, and institutions affiliated with the Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities (AIKCU). If current momentum holds, Kentucky could soon award 100,000 degrees and credentials in a single year for the first time.

"Kentucky's progress toward a more educated workforce depends on one thing done well, year after year: helping students earn postsecondary credentials of value," said CPE President Aaron Thompson. "This record reflects sustained effort from faculty and staff across all three sectors, and from students who balance coursework with the demands of work and family."

Bachelor's degree production rose 5% to 24,661, the highest one-year growth rate on record and the first time since COVID-related declines that the state has exceeded pre-pandemic levels. Public universities led the gain with a 6% increase, reversing several years of decline, while AIKCU institutions grew nearly 3%.

"Every one of these graduates makes Kentucky's workforce stronger," Thompson said. "Bachelor's degree holders fill the technical, clinical, managerial and professional roles that let employers grow right here at home. This year's record growth shows Kentucky is doing more than ever to equip its people with the degrees that power our economy. But we still have room to grow, especially in bachelor's degrees."

Each of these 98,347 awards represents a measurable return, according to the CPE. A 2025 study by the University of Kentucky's Center for Business and Economic Research found that Kentuckians with a bachelor's degree earn about $1.2 million more over a lifetime than those with a high school diploma. For every dollar the state invests in higher education, Kentucky realizes a return of $4.50 in tax revenue and $17 in consumer spending.

Most students reach that payoff without borrowing, the report notes. About 6 in 10 graduates of Kentucky's public colleges and universities earn their credential with no student loan debt.

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BALLARD

Ada Lou Hook, 89, of Kevil, KY, passed away peacefully on October 11, 2026, at Baptist Health in Paducah, KY. Graveside services were held at Woodville Cemetery in Kevil on Wednesday, October 14, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., officiated by Rev. Jonathan Althoff.

CALDWELL

Wayne E. Boyd, Jr., age 78, of Princeton, passed away Thursday, October 8, 2026 at Baptist Health Hospital in Madisonville. A proud Army veteran, Wayne was the recipient of two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star. A memorial visitation will be held from 12:00 pm until 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 11, 2026, at Morgan's Funeral Home.

Larry Joe Winn, 74, of Fredonia, passed away on Thursday, October 8, 2026, at Baptist Health in Paducah, Kentucky. There are no public services scheduled at this time. Morgan's Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

James Christopher Morris, age 64, of Princeton, passed away Tuesday, October 6, 2026, at his residence. There are no public services scheduled at this time. Morgan's Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Nelda Jean Towery, age 87, of Princeton, KY, recently of Austin, TX, passed away peacefully October 5, 2026 at her daughter's home. A graveside service will be held at 11:00 am Saturday, October 17, 2026 at Towery Cemetery in Caldwell County with Brother Mark Faughn officiating.

James Christopher Morris, age 64, of Princeton, passed away Tuesday, October 6, 2026, at his residence. There are no public services scheduled at this time. Morgan's Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

CALLOWAY

James David "J.D." Elkins, age 87, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away on Monday, October 12, 2026, at his home. A funeral service was held on Thursday, October 15, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home and Cremation Services. Dale Sheridan will officiate, and burial followed in the Salem Cemetery in Lynn Grove, Kentucky.

Evelyn "Jane" McCuiston, age 85, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away Monday, October 12, 2026, at the Farms in Puryear, Tennessee. A graveside service will be held at 2:30 p.m., Friday, October 16, 2026, at the Murray City Cemetery. Rev. Sammy Cunningham will officiate and burial will follow. Visitation will be held from 11a.m. till 2 p.m., Friday, October 16, 2026, at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

Joey Scott Ramsey, age 58, of Dexter, Kentucky, passed away on Thursday, October 8, 2026, at Murray Calloway County Hospital after an abrupt battle with cancer. A public Celebration of Life will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on October 18, 2026, at the Brooks Chapel Church Annex. A private family burial will follow at Brooks Chapel Cemetery.

Ruth Augusta Vaughan, age 92, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away on Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at her home. Arrangements are currently incomplete at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

Wanda Ruth (Todd) Scott, 92, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away Thursday, October 8, 2026, at Murray-Calloway County Hospital in Murray. A service celebrating Wanda's life was held Monday, October 12, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. in the chapel of Blalock-Coleman Funeral Home, with Rev. Kim Reeder officiating and Chad Hughes. Burial will follow in Murray City Cemetery.

CHRISTIAN

Garland Ray Tucker, age 92, of Christian County, passed away of natural causes on Monday, October 12, 2026, at Christian Health Center. Funeral Services will be at 1:00 PM on Friday, October 16, 2026, at Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home with Brother Eddie Mitchell officiating and burial to follow in Hale Cemetery. Visitation will be that morning at the funeral home from 11:00 AM until the service hour at 1:00 PM. Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home has been entrusted by the family to handle the arrangements.

David Ray Hale, age 60, of Cerulean, KY, passed away peacefully in his sleep of natural causes on Sunday, October 11, 2026, at his home. Funeral Services were at 1:00 PM on Thursday, October 15, 2026, at Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home with Brother Ryan Scott officiating and burial to follow in Bainbridge Grove Cemetery.

Charley Croft, 65, of Crofton, Kentucky, passed away on Wednesday, October 7, 2026, at 1:51 p.m. at Deaconess Henderson Hospital. Though her absence will be deeply felt, the love she gave, the memories she created, and the legacy she leaves behind will live on in the hearts of those who loved her. Memorial contributions may be made to the Micah Mission or a charity of the giver's choice.

Larry Wayne Greenfield, 73, of Hopkinsville, KY died at 4:12 p.m. Tuesday, October 6, 2026 at his residence. Memorial services were at 12:00 p.m. Saturday, October 10, 2026 at Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home with the Revs. Bobby Spurlin and Billy Cason officiating.

Peggy Ross, 87, Sanderson Drive, Hopkinsville, KY passed away Tuesday, October 6, 2026 at her home of natural causes. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, October 9, 2026 at Lamb Funeral Home with Rev. David Harrison officiating. Burial followed in Riverside Cemetery.

Claude Edward Cason, born February 3, 1953, passed away on October 7, 2026, at the age of 73. Visitation was held on October 12, 2026, from 12:00 PM until 1:00 PM at Gamble Funeral Home, 1311 S Liberty St., Hopkinsville, Kentucky 42240. The funeral service began at 1:00 PM at Gamble Funeral Home. Burial took place on October 12, 2026, at Cave Springs Cemetery, 2120 Greenville Road, Hopkinsville, Kentucky 42240.

Benjamin Franklin May, born May 10, 1944, departed this life on October 6, 2026. Visitation will be held on October 23, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at Gamble Funeral Home, 1311 S. Liberty St., Hopkinsville, Kentucky 42240. Masonic Rites will follow there from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. The funeral service will be held at Gamble Funeral Home on October 23, 2026, at 12:30 p.m. Burial will follow at 2:00 p.m. at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West, 5817 Fort Campbell Blvd, Hopkinsville, Kentucky 42240.

Roy Thomas Russell, born March 25, 1939, passed away on October 6, 2026, leaving behind a life marked by faith, hard work, devotion, and love for family. Visitation will be held on October 17, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Edgefield Baptist Church on Pembroke Road, Pembroke, Kentucky 42266. The funeral service will follow at 12:00 p.m. at Edgefield Baptist Church. Burial will take place on October 17, 2026, at Green Hill Memorial Gardens (Ancestral Haven), 5325 Cadiz Road, Hopkinsville, Kentucky 42240.

Mary Rose Weatherwax, 90, of Oak Grove, KY died at 9:06 a.m. Wednesday, October 7, 2026 at Christian Health Center. Funeral service were at 12:00 p.m. Monday, October 12, 2026 at Dogwood Funerals & Cremations of Hopkinsville with Bro. Jim Gifford officiating. Burial followed in Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West.

CRITTENDEN

Allen Don McDermott was born April 19, 1942, in Cave In Rock, Illinois, and at the age of 84, he passed from this life on October 11, 2026, at Deaconess Hospital, in Evansville, Indiana. A graveside service will be held on Sunday October 25, 2026, 2:00 p.m., at Cave Hill Cemetery.

Shirley Faye Byford, born on November 20, 1936, passed away peacefully on October 9, 2026. Public graveside services were held on Sunday, October 11, 2026, at 3:00 PM at Mapleview Cemetery with Rev. David LeNeave officiating.

Jennifer Diane Belt, age 45, of Marion, Kentucky, passed away on October 9th, 2026 after a courageous battle with cancer. Funeral services were held 1 PM Tuesday October 13, 2026 at Myers Funeral Home. Burial followed at Whites Chapel Cemetery.

FULTON

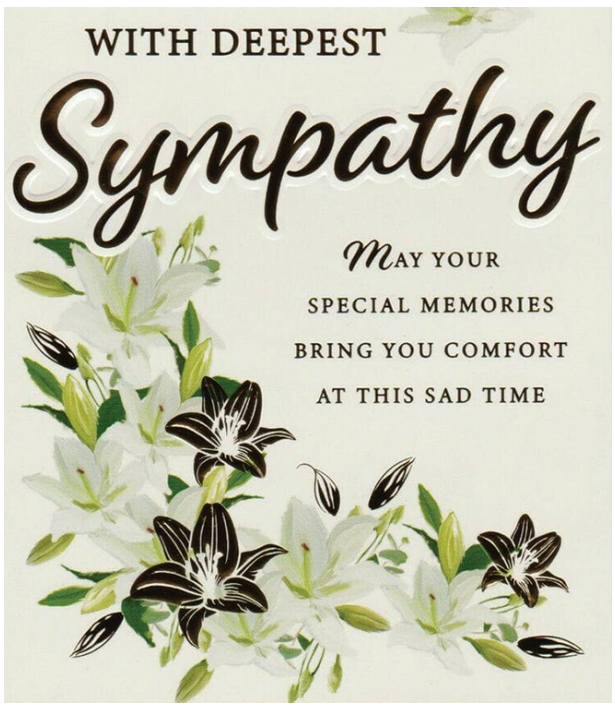
Marsha Newton, age 78, of Clinton, Kentucky, passed away on Saturday, October 10, 2026, at her residence. Marsha was a member of the Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Hall in Fulton and worked as a self-employed house cleaner. She moved to the area from Byesville, Ohio, 12 years ago. There will be no services held at the funeral home.

Jody Lynn Yonts, age 52, of the Brownsville community, passed away peacefully at his residence on Tuesday, October 6, 2026. Funeral services will be held at 11 AM Saturday, October 10, 2026 at the Hornbeak Funeral Chapel in Hickman with burial to follow in the Brownsville Cemetery.

GRAVES

Rev. Alfred S. Cobb of Mayfield passed away on Monday, October 12, 2026 at his home. He was 89 years old. Funeral services for Alfred Cobb will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, October 16, 2026 at Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY. Rev. Kerry Lambert will officiate. Interment will follow at 3:30 pm at Little Wabash Cemetery in Crossville, Illinois. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, October 15, 2026 at the funeral home.

Glenda Perry Gough, age 85, of the Westplains, KY Community passed away Sunday, October 11, 2026 at the Oakview Nursing and Rehab in Calvert City, KY. A funeral service for Glenda Perry Gough is scheduled for 1:00 PM Wednesday, October 14, 2026 at the Trace Creek Baptist Church in Mayfield, KY. Rev. Ronnie Stinson, Sr. and Rev. Ronnie Stinson, Jr. will officiate. Interment will follow in the Trace Creek Cemetery.



FUNERAL NOTICES continued

FUNERAL NOTICES continued

Janie Williams, age 79,of Mayfield, KY passed away at 11:43 PM Saturday, October 10, 2026 at the Jackson Purchase Medical Center in Mayfield. Funeral services for Janie were held at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, October 14, 2026 at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY. Rev. Mark Burnett and Rev. MIchael Farmer will officiate with burial to follow in the Oak Grove Cemetery.

Treyson Craig Standifer, infant son of Jacob Wes Standifer and Laura Stark Standifer of Sedalia, Kentucky, passed away on Wednesday, October 7th, 2026, at Jackson Purchase Medical Center in Mayfield, Kentucky. A private family graveside service will be held at a later date.

LIVINGSTON

Orbin Grimes, Jr., age 89, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away on October 6, 2026. Funeral services will be held at 12:00 p.m. Monday, October 12, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah with Rev. Jason Browning and Randy Grimes officiating. Burial will follow at Salem Cemetery in Salem, Kentucky.

LYON

Brenda Galusha, 75, of Eddyville, Kentucky, passed away on Saturday, October 10, 2026, at Princeton Nursing and Rehab in Princeton, Ky. Funeral services will be Thursday October 15, 2026 at Dunn's Funeral Home in Eddyville at 2:00 pm with Rev. Jerry Driver and Rev. Steve Burkeen officiating and burial will follow in Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be from 12:00 pm till 2:00 pm on Thursday as well.

Louise Knoth, 81, of Kuttawa, Kentucky, passed away on Tuesday, October 6, 2026, at Vanderbelt Hospital in Nashville. Funeral services were on Monday October 12, 2026 at Dunn's Funeral Home in Eddyville at 1:00 pm with Rev. Bryan Grigg officiating and burial will follow in Macedonia Cemetery.

MARSHALL

Willard Junior Doughty, 82, of Calvert City, Kentucky, passed away on Saturday, October 10, 2026, at Baptist Health Paducah. Visitation will be held from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM on Friday, October 16, 2026, at the Life Celebration Center of Filbeck-Cann, 1003 Poplar Street, Benton, Kentucky. Funeral services will be held at 12:00 PM on Friday, October 16, 2026, at the Life Celebration Center of Filbeck-Cann, with Bro. Jeremy Short officiating. Burial will follow at Dee's Cemetery.

Betty Lou Robison, 88, of Calvert City, KY passed away on Thursday, October 8, 2026 at her residence. A funeral service was held on Sunday, October 11, 2026 at 12 PM. Burial followed in Dees Cemetery.

John "Jay" R. English, Jr., 63 of Benton, Kentucky passed away on Thursday, October 8, 2026, at his home in Benton, Kentucky. A funeral service will be held on Tuesday, October 20, 2026 at 12:00 PM at the Collier Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Dennis Lawrence officiating. Burial to follow at Mt, Carmel Cemetery in Paducah, KY with Military Rites. Visitation will be Tuesday, October 20, 2026 from 10:00 AM until 12:00 PM at Collier Funeral Home Located at 211 West 5th Street Benton, KY 42025. 270-527-3141.

McCRACKEN

Melissa Ann Dowell, known lovingly as Melissa, passed away on Sunday, October 11, 2026, at her residence, leaving behind a legacy of faith, devotion, and quiet strength. Funeral Services will be held at 1:00 pm on Thursday, October 15, 2026, at the Lone Oak Chapel of Milner & Orr Funeral Home, with Pastor Kristie Myrick and Pastor Howard Jones officiating. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be held from 11:00 am until the service hour of 1:00 pm on Thursday, October 15, 2026, at the Lone Oak Chapel of Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah.

Lanita Gail Draffen Hayes, 71, of Paducah, passed away on October 10, 2026, at St. Thomas Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee. A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 17, 2026, at the Lone Oak Chapel of Milner & Orr Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Houser Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m. until the 1:00 pm service time at the Lone Oak Chapel of Milner & Orr Funeral Homes.

Lola Williams, 82, of Arlington, Kentucky, passed away on Friday, October 9, 2026, at Southgate Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Metropolis, Illinois. A funeral service was held at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Bardwell. Burial followed at Shiloh Baptist Church Cemetery in Arlington, Kentucky.

David Wayne Downs, age 65, passed away surrounded by the love of his family. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the GoFundMe account established by his daughter, Jessica, to assist Penny during this difficult time. https://gofund.me/451f5a5e9. Milner & Orr Funeral Home and Cremation Services are in charge of arrangements.

Joseph Kmiec, 69, of Metropolis, Illinois, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, October 7, 2026, with his loving wife by his side. A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, October 30, 2026, with Father Mujule as celebrant. Inurnment will follow at Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Paducah, Kentucky.

Joyce Rinella, born on November 27, 1931, in Herrin, Illinois, passed away on October 7, 2026, on the very day she and Joe would have celebrated 76 years of marriage. A Memorial Service was held on Saturday, October 10, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah with Rev. Bob Martin officiating.

Syd Arne Bennett, 71, rode the Rainbow Bridge on Wednesday, October 7, 2026, at Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center. There are no services scheduled at this time. Milner & Orr Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Bardwell is in charge of arrangements.

TRIGG

Rowena Mae Miller Rawlins - December 17, 1932 - October 11, 2026 - Graveside services for 93 year old Rowena Mae Miller Rawlins of Gracey were held on Wednesday, October 14, 2026 at 11:30 a.m. at Rawlins Cemetery with Todd Deason officiating. Burial will follow in Rawlins Cemetery. King's Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.



Gail Chilton - April 15, 1945 - October 9, 2026 - There will be no services for 81 year old Gail Chilton of Hopkinsville, KY. King's Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Eugenia Jenny Louise Randall - August 19, 1977 - October 9, 2026 - There will be a Private Family Celebration of Life for 49 year old Eugenia Jenny Louise Randall of Clarksville, TN at a later date. King's Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Sharon Rae Clements McMican - October 7, 1955 - October 8, 2026 - There will be a private Celebration of Life at a later date for 71 year old Sharon Rae Clements McMican of Crofton, KY. King's Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

William Herbert White - November 13, 1946 - October 6, 2026 - There will be a private memorial service at a later date for 79 year old William Herbert White of Guthrie, KY. King's Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Bill Jones, age 83, of Cadiz, Kentucky passed away on Sunday, October 11, 2026 at Jennie Stuart Medical Center in Hopkinsville, Kentucky. A memorial service was held at 2 PM, Wednesday, October 14, 2026, at Goodwin Funeral Home, 138 Main Street in Cadiz, with Rev. Jamus Redd officiating.

Dear Dad, On October 11, 2026, I said goodbye to you, and you crossed over into your next adventure. Most people knew you as **"Texas Jim Knight."** To me, you were Dad—a man whose life was filled with western movies, music, stages, and stories from a lifetime of adventures. A graveside service was held at 11 AM, Thursday, October 15, 2026, at Rosedale Cemetery in Pembroke, Kentucky, with Bro. Reed Shepherd officiating. Arrangements are being handled by Goodwin Funeral Home, Inc., 138 Main Street in Cadiz, Kentucky.

Bryant Perkins Holder, age 84, of Cadiz, Kentucky, passed away on Saturday, October 10, 2026, at his home in Cadiz. Funeral services will be held at 1 PM, Friday, October 16, 2026, at Goodwin Funeral Home, 138 Main Street in Cadiz, with Bro. Ronnie Sivells officiating. Burial will follow in Trigg Memory Acres. Visitation will precede the service on Friday from 11 AM to 1 PM.

Sue Stewart, age 66, of Christian County, Kentucky, passed away on Thursday, October 8, 2026, at Elkton Nursing & Rehabilitation in Elkton, Kentucky. Arrangements are being handled by Goodwin Funeral Home, Inc., 138 Main Street in Cadiz, where the family received friends from 10 AM to 12 PM on Monday, October 12, 2026. Funeral services were at 12 PM, with Bro. Jimmy Stewart officiating. Burial followed in Rosedale Cemetery in Pembroke.

Gracie Jean Allen, age 92, of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, passed away on Wednesday, October 7, 2026, at Christian Health Center in Hopkinsville. Funeral services were at Goodwin Funeral Home at 1 PM, Tuesday, October 13, 2026, with Bro. Tim Smith officiating. Burial followed in Ancestral Haven Memorial Garden in Hopkinsville.

To place a full obituary, including a photo, call 270-442-7389 for details and pricing. Obituaries and funeral notices should be received by 9 a.m. Wednesday for inclusion in that week's paper.

WEST KY SPORTS

Kentucky High School Football Media Poll

CLASS 6A RANKINGS

School	Record	Pts	
1. Trinity (16)	7-1	160	
2. Frederick Douglass	7-0	142	
3. Manual	6-1	128	
4. South Warren	5-2	103	
5. Madison Central	6-1	99	
6. St. Xavier	2-5	58	
7. Male	4-3	54	
8. Bryan Station	4-3	33	
9. Bullitt East	5-2	31	
10. George Rogers	5-3	23	
10. McCracken Co.	5-2	23	NR

Others receiving votes: Eastern 13, Lafayette 9, North Hardin 2, Oldham County 2.

CLASS 5A RANKINGS

School	Record	Pts
1. Pulaski Co. (16)	7-0	160
2. Scott County	7-1	139
3. Woodford County	6-1	119
4. Owensboro	5-2	117
5. Atherton	6-1	91
6. Cooper	5-2	70
7. West Jessamine	7-0	64
8. North Hopkins	7-1	51
9. Bowling Green	3-4	33
10. Collins	5-3	22

Others receiving votes: Fairdale 6, South Laurel 6, Muhlenberg County 1, North Laurel 1.

CLASS 4A RANKINGS

School	Record	Pts
1. Highlands (13)	6-2	157
2. Boyle County	6-1	143
3. Pad Tilghman (3)	7-0	131
4. Ashland Blazer	8-0	105
5. Corbin	5-2	94
6. Covington Catholic	4-4	82
7. North Oldham	7-1	51
8. Logan County	5-2	37
9. Spencer County	6-2	24
10. Johnson Central	3-5	24

Others receiving votes: Nelson County 11, Elizabethtown 7, Boyd County 6, Warren East 6, Franklin County 5.

CLASS 3A RANKINGS

School	Record	Pts
1. Christian Academy	8-0	160
2. Lexington Catholic	5-2	133
3. Murray	6-1	127
4. Glasgow	7-0	112
5. Rockcastle County	7-0	82
6. Lloyd Memorial	7-1	70
7. Lawrence County	5-1	60
8. LaRue County	7-0	46
9. Bourbon County	6-1	38
10. Bardstown	6-2	25

Others receiving votes: Central 10, Russell 9, Hart County 7, Estill County 1.

CLASS 2A RANKINGS

School	Record	Pts
1. Beechwood (15)	7-0	159
2. Owensboro Catholic	7-1	142
3. Lexington Christian	5-2	121
4. Mayfield	6-1	105
5. Belfry	6-1	102
6. Danville	8-0	75
7. Somerset	6-1	72
8. Breathitt County	6-1	36
9. Prestonsburg	6-1	27
10. Caldwell County	6-1	24

Others receiving votes: DuBois 14, Martin County 1, St. Henry 1.

CLASS 1A RANKINGS

School	Record	Pts
1. Pikeville (16)	6-1	160
2. Sayre	7-0	136
3. Raceland	5-2	126
4. Middlesboro	7-0	99
5. Paintsville	8-0	88
6. Bethlehem	7-0	80
7. KY Country Day	5-2	63
8. Louisville HC	5-2	50
9. Dayton	7-0	34
10. Eminence	6-1	21

Others receiving votes: Williamsburg 11, Covington Holy Cross 7, Hazard 4, Nicholas County 1.



With its win over Fulton City on our senior night Tuesday, Oct. 13, Hickman County improved to 13-9 overall and 5-1 in the 1st District. The Lady Falcons have fared well throughout the 2026 high school volleyball season. *(Photo Courtesy of Hickman County High School Volleyball)*



Mayfield doubled up Calloway County 8-4 during the semifinals of the 2nd District Boys' Soccer Tournament on Tuesday, Oct. 13.
(Photo Courtesy of Mayfield High School Boys' Soccer)



Calloway County hosted Volley for a Cure for breast cancer awareness earlier in the month. *(Photo courtesy of Calloway County High School)*

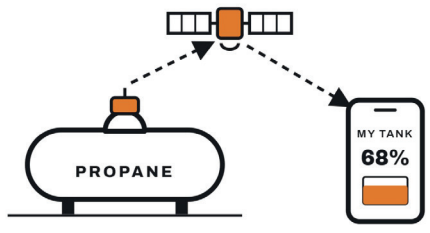
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Tigers double up Mustangs

Staff Report

PADUCAH — Murray doubled up McCracken County 4-2 in a boys' soccer regular season finale on Tuesday, Oct. 6.

With the win, Murray improved to 15-3-2.

Following the loss, McCracken County fell to 9-11-2.

Micah Wyatt led Murray to the win, scoring all four goals for the Tigers. Wyatt thrived offensively throughout the boys' soccer match.

Chipping in offensively for Murray, Knox Poynor, Elias Houck, Henri Acreman-Nyamwala and Eli Wallace each dealt out one assist.

Goalkeeper Cole Morris paced Murray defensively, holding McCracken County to a pair of goals. Wallace logged eight saves.

Maks Hazel (two goals) and Eli Riley (one assist) accounted for McCracken County's offense in the regular season finale.



Marshall County won the District 1 Junior Varsity Girls' Soccer Championship on Saturday, Oct. 3.

(Photo Courtesy of Marshall County High School Girls' Soccer)

ORDINANCE NO. 679
AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR THE TAX YEAR 2026

WHEREAS, KRS 92.280 requires that a city establish ad valorem taxes anticipated to obtain revenue each year;

WHEREAS, the costs of goods and services have significantly increased due to inflationary pressures;

WHEREAS, after publication, a public hearing was held concerning the proposed tax rates on September 29, 2026 for an ad valorem tax of 34.4 cents on each $100 of assessed valuation of all real and personal property having a taxable situs in the City of Wickliffe, Kentucky;

WHEREAS, errors in printing of the tax bills resulting in tax rates indicating an ad valorem tax of 34.4 cents on each $100 of assessed valuation of all real and person property having a taxable situs in the City of Wickliffe, Kentucky;

WHEREAS, the cost of reprinting and mailing, together with the waiver of the pending charges for this and all prior years for services by the PVA justify a rate of 34.4 cents on each $100 of assesses valuation;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED AND DETERMINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WICKLIFFE, KENTUCKY that

Section 1. That the tax rate for the City of Wickliffe, Kentucky for tax year 2026 shall be as follows:
(a) An ad valorem tax of 34.4 cents on each $100 of assessed valuation of all real property having a taxable situs in the City of Wickliffe, Kentucky;
(b) An ad valorem tax of 34.4 cents on each $100 of assessed valuation of all personal property having a taxable situs in the City of Wickliffe, Kentucky.

Section 2. The revenue derived from the taxes levied herein are to be credited to the General Fund and are to be expended for general operating expenses.

Section 3. Payment of all valorem is due by January 1, 2027 with a two percent discount for those paid by December 1, 2026, and a five percent penalty for late payments made before January 31, 2027, and a twenty-one percent penalty for late payments thereafter.

APPROVED:
Lynn Lane
Mayor

ATTEST:
Debbie Lawrence
City Clerk pro tempore

Passed on 1st reading the 8th day of September 2026.

Passed on 2nd reading, after public hearing, on the 29th day of September 2026.

Passed and approved as amended on 3rd reading, on the 13th day of September 2026

Ordinance published in the Advance Yeoman on October 16, 2026.

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OCMS Cross Country Girls Capture State Runner-Up Honors in Program's First Year



Back L-R: Haegan Eaves, Nora Wilds, Emrie Hicks, Bella Ross, Davie Wilds, Addie Easterwood, Lynlee Butts. Front: Coach Jason Pate

Staff Report

In its first year of competition, Obion County Middle School Cross Country nearly reached the top of the state, as the girls' team finished runner-up at the state meet. The boys' OCMS Cross Country team also made its mark, earning a 10th place finish.

The OCMS girls came within just five points of capturing the state championship, an outstanding accomplishment for a program in its inaugural season. The team's performance showcased the determination, hard work and growth of its runners, many of whom recorded personal records during the state race.

Bella Ross led the OCMS girls with a 10th-place finish, followed by Davie Wilds in 21st place. Haegan Eaves placed 28th, and Nora Wilds finished 29th. Emrie Hicks crossed the finish line in 51st place, followed by Addie Easterwood in 60th and Lynlee Butts in 83rd. Eighth- grader Kinley Burress served as the Coach's Assistant on race day.

In addition to finishing as State Runners-Up, the girls' team also compiled an impressive list of championships including: Bulldog Invitational Champions, Obion County Invitational Champions, Captain's Classic Champions, Tomcat Invitational Champions, and The Best of the West Champions.

The boys' team earned several championships throughout its season including: Obion County Invitational Champions, Captain's Classic Champions, and Tomcat Invitational Champions. These championships, combined with the team's 10th-place finish at the state competition, capped an impressive first season for the program.

Coach Jason Pate praised the runners for their commitment and effort throughout the season and their performance on the state stage.

"I'm incredibly proud of what these kids have accomplished, especially in our first year as a program," Pate said. "To have the girls finish just five points away from a state championship and the boys place 10th is a tremendous accomplishment. So many of our runners set personal records at state, which shows how hard they've worked and how much they've improved. These athletes have laid a great foundation for OCMS Cross Country, and I'm excited to see what the future holds for this program."

The state results reflect a season of dedication, perseverance and steady improvement for the OCMS runners. The team's performance in its inaugural season set a promising course for the future and positions OCMS Cross Country as a program to watch in the years ahead.



KHSAA adopts basketball shot clock guidelines

Staff Report

LEXINGTON — At its meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 16, the KHSAA Board of Control finalized the guidance for shot clocks for the 2027-28 basketball season. This guidance is posted online and includes both the necessary regulatory pieces (since this is a state association adoption by NFHS rules), and the NFHS Rules Book current guidance. The document is posted at https://www.khsaa.org/basketball/regularseason/Shot%20Clock%20Parameters%20Final%20Compiled.pdf.

The missing pieces finalized at the meeting were two reset times: the defense kicking the ball or defensive fouls, each of which would reset the clock to 20 if they occurred with 20 seconds or less on the shot clock. These are obviously to prevent the defense from gaining an advantage with one of these acts while the clock is winding down and are standard among most states that have adopted the shot clock.

In addition, the Board of Control had previously approved a recommended 70% standard fee for schools or associations that wish to use a licensed official as the shot clock operator. As a practical example, if a normal varsity fee for an official were $70 (the $65 base plus $5 local policy board add-on), this recommended fee would be $49. This aligns with the fee should a school choose to have an alternate official at their game for other reasons.

This regulatory language will be incorporated into the association's competition rules and will remain in effect unless further modified by the Board or a formal nationwide rule for the shot clock is adopted in a future year.

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Falcon Golf Tournament to be held Oct. 24

Staff Report

CLINTON — The Falcon Golf Tournament is set to be held at Oak Hill Golf Course on Saturday, Oct. 24.

The tournament will serve as a fundraiser for the Hickman County golf team.

The registration fee for the Falcon Golf Tournament is $160 per four-person team.

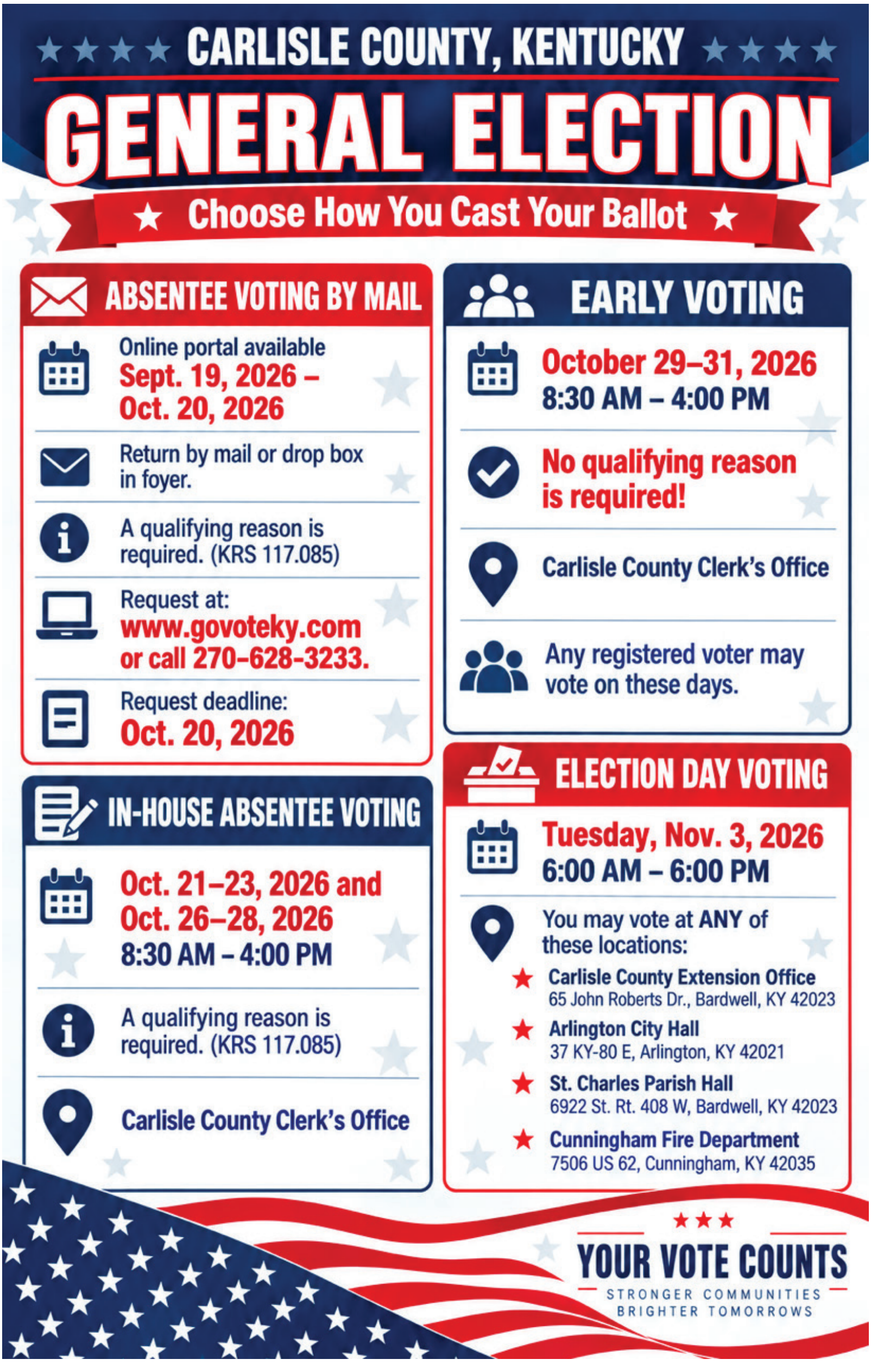
Mulligans, skirts and string will be available to purchase at the scramble.

In addition, lunch will be available for $10 per person.

Registration for the Falcon Golf Tournament is available at the Oak Hill Golf Course Pro Shop.

The Falcon Golf Tournament will start at noon.

Proceeds from the event will support the Hickman County golf team.



BluegrassPreps.com Football Rankings

Class 1A
1. Pikeville
2. Raceland
3. Sayre
4. Middlesboro
5. Bethlehem
6. Kentucky C. Day
7. Paintsville
8. Louisville HC
9. Eminence
10. Dayton

Class 2A
1. Beechwood
2. Owensboro Catholic
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THE LAST HUG

By Teresa LeNeave
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This quote reminded me of something I experienced a few years ago: "When we realize that a day is not simply another day added to our lives, but one less day we have to live, we began to appreciate our time more, and focus on the people, moments, and little things that truly matter" (Countryside Therapy, Facebook).

A few years ago, I went to an in-home estate sale where I bought a coat that looked brand new. I was quite proud to find the trash someone else no longer wanted, or needed, had become my treasure.

As you know, yard sales happen in the summer so I did not wear, or even try on the coat, until winter time.

Months later when I tried the coat on, I got quite the surprise and a memory that I will never forget. Tucked in one of the pockets was $78 folded neatly. However, the other pocket is what I've thought of several times over the years.

In the second pocket was a neatly folded to-do list which read, "Go to Kroger. Go to post office. Organize desk. Write. Pay bills." The first three items on the list were marked through with a black line. The last two were not. I wonder why they were never marked as "done".

I've often thought, "Did she ever write what she wanted to write? What was she writing about? Was it a book? Was the book ever finished? Was



it a poem or maybe a newspaper article? Did she have time to pay her bills before her life was taken?

I can't help but think, one day we will all leave an unfinished to-do-list.

The Bible says life is but a vapor. James 4:14 says: "Yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes."

Many times, the Bible describes the fleeting nature of life on earth as short. Like a breath. A vapor. Barely seen. Not so we'll be sad or worried but so we'll think about eternity and where we will spend it.

Jesus said He came to give us eternal life (John 10:28). It's a gift from God when we believe in His Son, Jesus Christ. Accept that gift while you can. Life is short. It's unpredictable. One diagnosis can change everything.

Give the hug. Laugh when you can. Make that call. We never know when it will be the last hug. The last laugh. The last call. The last note that will be left in our coat pocket.

Outdoor Truths

By Gary Miller
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One thing I notice each deer season is how much more aware of my surroundings at the beginning of the season than I am in the middle or toward the end. The first few times I'm in a treestand, I am quick to notice everything about my environment. I take notice not because I'm trying to gain a hunting advantage, but because it has been months since I was last in this place. The sights, sounds, and smells are new again. And their effect on my senses is overwhelming. At the beginning of the season, I find myself more aware of creation than of the creature I came to hunt. But by the middle or end of the season, it seems I spend more time focused on the task at hand and as a result miss some really beautiful things. I was reminded of this by the app that tracks my cycling trips. My most common ride this year involves an extreme climb. After each ride, my app records it and then gives me this message. "Did you even stop to enjoy the view?" And the truth is, much of the time I didn't. I just rode with my head down, my heart pumping, and my mind on something I needed to do when I finished. What's worse is that this ride takes place somewhere people come from all over the world just to enjoy the view. Yet I get so wrapped up in myself that I don't even stop to enjoy what others have traveled thousands of miles to see.

What happens on my bike and toward the end of my deer season, also happens far to often in my day-to-day life. I get so wrapped up in my to-do list, my appointment schedule, and my projects that I lose sight of the really beautiful things and the people around me. I fail to notice the trees and the birds or even stop to consider what wonderful and complex gifts my eyes and ears are that allow me to see and hear them. I think about my "stuff" and forget about my own mind, and the health of that mind, that allows me to even think about all that stuff. While millions come to witness the beauty of the national park where my bike ride takes place, we can all marvel at the works of God simply by considering how we are fearfully and wonderfully made. We just have to choose each day to see it all in a new way. Just like the first day of deer season.

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How about some good news for a change?

By William F Holland Jr.
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Here are some encouraging truths filled with spiritual hope and peace. May you enjoy the Lord's presence today. God knows: The Almighty is Omniscient and fully aware of when we are going through difficult times, our worries, fears, and even what we are thinking. Actually, He is the only one who really knows how we feel, and we can always trust that He has the perfect plan to help us. There are three answers to our prayers; yes, no, and keep waiting, so whatever the situation, we can know that He is in total control and always wants the best for us. He can make things work out in your favor, no matter how the situation looks or what stands in the way.

God loves: God's love and grace are greater than all our sin. Jesus died a cruel and painful death in order to save us, and the good news is that whoever embraces this gospel about God's love and receives it into their life by faith can obtain His mercy and be redeemed and transformed into a child of the King. Nothing can stop your love for God, and nothing can stop God's love from saving you! "For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" Romans 8:37-39.

God cares: He sees every tear and knows all about the mountains and giants we are facing. Do not be intimidated or deceived by the enemy – he is a liar! Jesus wants everyone to know that with God you are always a majority – He has ALL authority. His word promises that his eye is watching every sparrow, which allows us to realize how much more He is watching over us. Trust Him. He is concerned and compassionate about our circumstances and longs to have a close personal relationship with you. "Casting all your care upon him; for he cares for you." I Peter 5:7.

God provides: The Lord always supplies peace, joy, or whatever material provisions we need. God can create miracles and open doors that seem impossible; just believe His promises are true! We can place all of our trust in Him and believe with all of our heart that He will do above and beyond all that we could ask or imagine. Philippians 4:19 declares, "But my God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

God desires: What is God's desire? Simply for us to love Him and obey Him. He also wants us to succeed, and be an overcomer who lives a confident, abundant life. When we were born, he designed our personal blueprint, and within this wonderful plan is a destiny of victory and joy! Read Deuteronomy 31:8. "Everyone has inside of them a piece of good news. The good news is that you don't know how great you can be! How much you can love! What you can accomplish! And what your potential is." Anne Frank.

God heals: Jesus is the great physician and has all power and authority in heaven and earth. He gives instruction and wisdom to doctors; He creates medicines and knows the solutions to every problem. God has the miracle power to take care of all of our health issues including physical, mental, emotional, or spiritual. Whether in this life or in heaven, we can know that our Heavenly Father will eventually heal all of His children perfectly and completely. In Exodus 15:26 God declares, "I am the Lord that heals you."

God delivers: Whatever the bondage, temptation, crisis, or fear, the King of kings can lift you out of your anxiety and set your feet upon a solid rock. Embrace His promises and allow His absolute truth to break down your walls of doubt and set you free! Invite Him today to come into your life and give you a fresh new beginning. Praise Him for who He is! He is worthy of all worship and exaltation! Lift up your heart and sing, "O come let us adore Him!" "The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower. I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from my enemies." Psalm 18:2-3.

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REMEMBER TO REST

Bro. Brandon G. Bramlett
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She slept like a baby and awoke $14,000 richer. She was the well-rested champion of Japan's unusual "sleep competition" held in Tokyo, where contestants hit the hay to hit the jackpot. According to Yahoo News, "dozens of participants [are] fitted with sleep tracking devices [and] sprawl on comfy mattresses to slumber for up to 90 minutes," and the deepest sleeper walks away with deeper pockets. In a nation notorious for its sleep deprivation, the competitive event was established to awaken an interest in the importance of rest. Who would have dreamed that a contest would have to be designed to encourage something as fundamental as getting some shut-eye?

However, those most in need of a wake-up call about rest are not the Japanese, but Jesus-followers. The real nightmare is that many believers work too much and rest too little. Gallup recently reported that only three in ten Americans rest on the Lord's Day. LifeWay Research similarly found that 25% of Christians today do not believe in Sabbath-keeping at all. But the truth is, the God who neither sleeps nor slumbers graciously set apart and sanctified a day of much-needed rest for the souls and bodies of His people.

The Creator ceased His work on the seventh day to set a standard for human beings created in His image (Gen. 2:2-3). The Lord similarly commanded that labor should be completed in six days, while the seventh should be reserved for doing nothing but resting (Ex. 20:8-11). And as Jesus taught, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath" (Mark 2:27). The God who made you instituted this redeeming rhythm of work and rest because you are not a machine. Your body grows tired, your soul needs recharging—and your gracious God has provided you with a day to lay aside labors and rest in Him.

Moreover, resting on the Lord's Day is an act of resting in the Lord. Leaving your work behind and laying down your head on Sunday is a way of saying, "God is in control—I am not. He can handle the universe without me. He will order my life according to His will while I sleep, and I will awake to His faithfulness." Refusing to rest declares the opposite: "I am like God—I don't need rest. He cannot operate the world without me."

Take time to rest, and rejoice with the redeemed of the Lord on Sunday. You will find that the reward for restful Sabbath-keeping is far greater than $14,000: "If you turn back your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on my holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, or seeking your own pleasure, or talking idly; then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth" (Isa. 58:13-14a).



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6,970 sq. ft. Commercial Retail lot with a 3,400 sq. ft. Building. 50' x 140' Lot Size. Built in 1983. 409 Court Street, Wickliffe, KY. MLS #: 26017434. $149,000. The building was recently a pharmacy. Across for the courthouse one way, across from FCB Bank the other way. Great location! Shelving can stay or seller will remove. For more info call Betty Higdon Century 21 Service Realty at 279-519-6991 (TFN)

FARM FOR RENT

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

CAMPERS FOR SALE

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

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

BOATS FOR SALE

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

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

AUTOS FOR SALE

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

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

2007 Red Chevy Avalanche Truck, needs transmission



Sudoku Answers

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and frame rusted.Selling truck for parts. $3000. Please call 270-217-4980

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

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

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

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

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

AUTO MISC.

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

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

Adult Trike W/ Electric Battery for sale $450.00. 1 Year Old. Call 270-331-2527.

FARM & LAWN EQUPMENT

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

REDUCED 1987 John Deere Combine 7720 Titan 2, 4 wd, long auger, 30.5 x 32 tires, always kept inside shed. $11,000 OBO 270-254-0318 3 . 2 Prong Hay Fork $150; B275 Diesel International project tractor $1,250. Call 731-487-7062.

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

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

MISC. FOR SALE

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

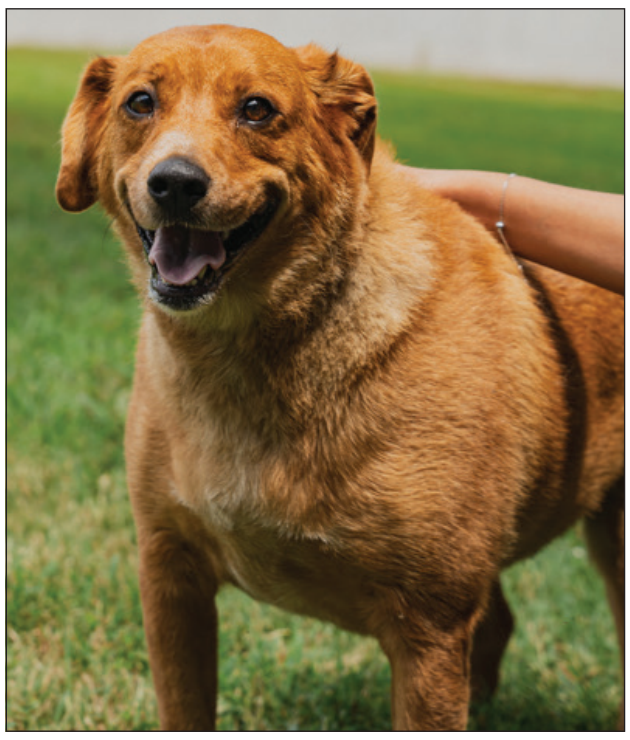
Goodman 4 ton central heat & air split unit, hardly used. Call thomas 270-247-7589. (tfn)

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

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

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

Pet of the Week



Meet Frito, this week's pet of the week. Frito has been returned to the shelter twice, through no fault of his own. His owner's found themselves in a situation where they could no longer care for him. Frito is a super sweet boy that loves being around humans. Like many of us humans, Frito could stand to lose a few pounds so he would make a great companion to go on walks. Frito is neutered, microchipped and up to date on all of his vaccinations. Frito is 6 years old so he is considered a senior dog. His adoption fee is only $25 and comes with a few other perks made available by a generous donor. Please come in and meet Frito, we are sure you will fall in love.

For more information please contact: McCracken County Humane Society 4000 Coleman Road, Paducah, KY 42001 - (270)443-5923

RIVER CITY MISSIONS

has been operating in Paducah, KY since 1975

River City Mission Homeless Shelter in Paducah, Ky has never closed the doors since 1975, and continues to provide 24 hour services to the homeless men and families of Western Kentucky. River City Mission provides housing, and 3 meals daily to roughly 35 – 40 men & families on a daily basis. This is made possible by the caring & sharing residents of the Western Kentucky area. Thank you to all those who continue to support River City Mission.

GIANT INDOOR YARD SALE

Thurs. Oct. 15, Fri. Oct 16 & Sat. Oct. 17, 2026

FROM 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. EACH DAY

Carson Park, Floral Hall • Joe Clifton Dr. • Paducah

HELP THE HOMELESS

DONATE ITEMS FOR THE UPCOMING GIANT INDOOR YARD SALE



ALL PROCEEDS GO TO CARE FOR THE HOMELESS

(DRUG & ALCOHOL FREE FACILITY) AT RIVER CITY MISSION. THE MISSION HOUSES MEN AND FAMILIES.

DONATIONS URGENTLY NEEDED!

DROP OFF DONATIONS AT RIVER CITY MISSIONS

OR CALL 270-442-7921 FOR PICK-UP

SUBSCRIBE OR ADVERTISE TODAY! 270.442.7389

ABSOLUTE REAL ESTATE AUCTION

Tuesday, October 20th, 2026 | 10:00 AM

138 Boatwright Lane, Paducah, KY 42003



TWO TRACTS • 4.49± TOTAL ACRES • PADUCAH, KENTUCKY

INVESTMENT PROPERTY • MULTIPLE RESIDENCES • INCOME POTENTIAL

An excellent opportunity to purchase income-producing real estate in Paducah, Kentucky! This property offers **4.49± total acres across two tracts,** including multiple residences, established rental income, separate water meters, and additional potential for an investor, landlord, or buyer looking to expand their real estate portfolio.

TRACT 1 – 4.20± ACRES THREE RESIDENCES

138, 154 & 155 Boatwright Lane • Paducah, KY

Tract 1 features 4.20± acres with three residences, offering immediate rental income along with additional income potential.

138 BOATWRIGHT LANE - 2-bedroom, 1-bath home featuring a living room, kitchen, central forced-air natural gas heat, and window air conditioning. This residence is currently rented for $700 per month.

154 BOATWRIGHT LANE - 2-bedroom, 1-bath mobile home featuring a living room, kitchen, and window air conditioning. This residence is also currently rented for $700 per month.

155 BOATWRIGHT LANE - Older mobile home offering the potential for additional rental income or other future use.

Each residence has its own separate water meter, providing added convenience for a multi-unit rental property.

With 138 and 154 Boatwright Lane each renting for $700 per month, these two residences alone provide $1,400 in combined monthly rent – or $16,800 in potential gross annual rental income before expenses. And that's before any potential income from 155 Boatwright Lane.

For investors looking to add doors to their portfolio, buyers seeking multiple residences on one property, or those interested in acreage with existing improvements, Tract 1 deserves a closer look.

TRACT 2 – 0.29± ACRE LOT

150 Boatwright Lane • Paducah, KY

Tract 2 consists of a 0.29± acre lot on Boatwright Lane with its own water meter already in place. Offered separately from Tract 1, this tract provides buyers with an opportunity to purchase an additional piece of property with existing utility access and potential for future use.

Annual rental income calculation assumes 12 months of rent from the two residences currently renting for $700 per month, before expenses. The calculation excludes any potential income from 155 Boatwright Lane. Property information is provided for marketing purposes and should be independently verified by prospective buyers.

REAL ESTATE TERMS: The property will be offered 2 tracts. A 10% Buyer's Premium will be added to the final bid and included in the deed transaction sale price. 15% as down payment on the day of the auction with balance in cash at closing on or before 30 days. The down payment may be in the form of cashier's check, personal check, or corporate check. YOUR BIDDING IS NOT CONDITIONAL UPON FINANCING, SO BE SURE YOU HAVE ARRANGED FINANCING, IF NEEDED, AND ARE CAPABLE OF PAYING CASH AT CLOSING. Make Inspections Prior To Date Of Sale. Closing shall take place on or before 30 days from auction date. All 2026 ad valorem taxes will be prorated at closing. The property will be sold by the existing deed.

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Measles outbreak surpasses 100 cases in Kentucky

By Tom Latek
kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – The number of confirmed cases of measles in Kentucky continues to rise, with the case count standing at 105 as of Tuesday morning.

The daily update from the Kentucky Department of Public Health (KDPH) indicates Christian County still has reported the most cases with 45, with neighboring Trigg County in second place with 25. Laurel County reports 7, while Barren, Carroll and Washington counties each have had five. There have been four in Jessamine County, three in Caldwell County, two apiece in Lewis and Owen counties, and pen each in Todd and Trimble counties.

According to KDPH 103 of the 105 cases involved people who were unvaccinated, or whose vaccination status was unknown. One person had received one dose of the two-dose MMR vaccine, while the other case involved an individual who had received the two doses. The MMR vaccine also protects against rubella and mumps.



Breaking down the number of cases by age group, 12 have been five years of age or younger, the largest group has been those ages 5-17 with 48 cases, while those 18 or older had the remaining 45 confirmed cases.

While Kentucky has had nine measles patients require hospitalization, the state has had no deaths. Compare that to Pennsylvania, which has seen six deaths among the more than 1,100 cases, according to health officials there.

State health officials continue to ask parents to ensure their children receive the MMR vaccine.

KPH says coverage among kindergartners dropped to 86.9 percent in the 2024-2025 school year but increased to 91.1 percent during the 2025-2026 school year. That remains below the national average of approximately 93 percent during both school years. Comparatively, MMR vaccination rates for 7th and 11th grade students remained stable at greater than 95 percent in 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years, highlighting the success of catch-up opportunities in middle and high school.

ABSOLUTE REAL ESTATE AUCTION
Thursday, October 22nd, 2026 | 6:00 PM
775 Meridian Road • Hickory, KY 42051



TWO TRACTS • 2.19± TOTAL ACRES • MAYFIELD, KENTUCKY
AUCTION HELD AT HARRIS AUCTION FACILITY
3855 St. Rt. 45 North, Mayfield, KY 42066



Situated on **1.631± acres,** the home offers a comfortable and functional floor plan with multiple living and gathering spaces. The spacious kitchen features white cabinetry, ample counter and storage space, tile backsplash, and breakfast bar seating, with the dining area conveniently located nearby. A separate living area features a corner fireplace, adding warmth and character to the home.

The home includes two bedrooms and two full bathrooms, with crown molding, wood trim, ceiling fans, and a combination of hard-surface flooring and carpet throughout. Outside, the property features an inviting covered front porch, spacious lawn, established landscaping, and a detached garage with an attached covered carport, providing plenty of room for vehicles, storage, hobbies, or workshop use.

An adjoining 0.56± acre lot will be offered separately as Tract 2, providing buyers with an opportunity to purchase additional land alongside the residence or acquire the lot independently.

TRACT 1 –1.631± ACRES
Includes the 2-bedroom, 2-bath home, detached garage with attached carport, covered front porch, landscaping and surrounding yard.

TRACT 2 – 0.56± ACRE LOT
Adjoining lot being offered separately, providing an opportunity to purchase additional land alongside the home tract or purchase the lot independently.

HOME HIGHLIGHTS
- 2 Bedrooms • 2 Full Bathrooms
- Spacious kitchen with white cabinetry, ample counter space & breakfast bar
- Adjoining dining area
- Multiple living and gathering spaces
- Corner fireplace
- Wood trim throughout
- Covered front porch
- Spacious yard with established landscaping
- Detached garage with attached covered carport
- Additional space for parking, storage or workshop use



PUBLIC PREVIEW:
Monday, October 19th from 4:00 - 5:00 PM

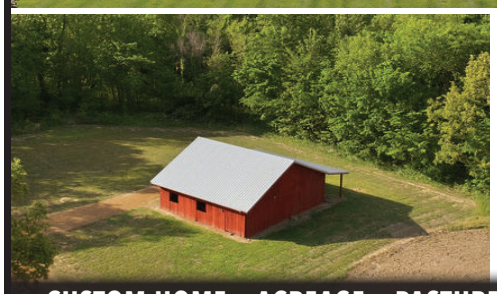
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ABSOLUTE REAL ESTATE AUCTION
2500 Biggs Road • Kevil, KY 42053
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH, 2026 at 10:00 AM



4,380± SQ. FT. COUNTRY HOME
HORSE BARN
17.85 ACRES
OFFERED IN 2 TRACTS





CUSTOM HOME • ACREAGE • PASTURE • WOODED LAND • HORSE BARN

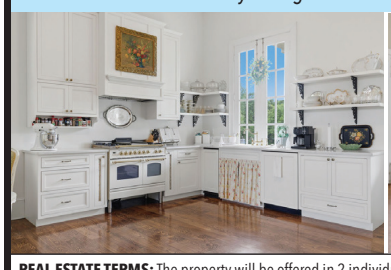
Don't miss this opportunity to purchase an exceptional Western Kentucky country property. Situated on 17.85± acres, the property will be offered in two tracts: **Tract 1 – 9.57± acres with the home** and improvements, and **Tract 2 – 8.28± mostly wooded acres.**

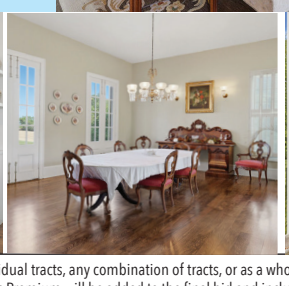
The impressive **4,380± sq. ft. home offers 3 bedrooms and 3.5 bathrooms,** featuring 10- and 12-foot ceilings, hardwood flooring, custom cabinetry and 16 solid mahogany doors. A French mantel with gas fireplace adds timeless character, while a spacious bonus room offers flexible additional living space.

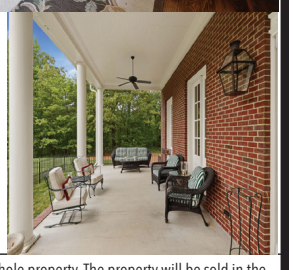
Enjoy approximately **1,536± sq. ft. of covered porches accented by Bevolo gas lanterns.** Additional improvements include a horse barn and 500-gallon underground propane tank, surrounded by an attractive blend of open ground, pasture and wooded acreage.

HOME & PROPERTY HIGHLIGHTS
- ***4,380± sq. ft. home***
- *3 bedrooms • 3.5 bathrooms*
- *10' & 12' ceilings • Hardwood flooring*
- *Custom cabinetry*
- *16 solid mahogany doors*
- *French mantel & gas fireplace*
- *Large bonus/flex room*
- *1,536± sq. ft. of covered porches*
- *Bevolo gas lanterns*
- *Horse barn • 500-gallon buried propane tank*
- *Open ground, pasture & wooded acreage*
- *Private Western Kentucky setting*









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