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Carlisle County Leaders Push for Economic Development and New Business Growth

By Wilbur Jackson
KPI Writer

The Carlisle County Industrial Development Board is working alongside the Judge-Executive's office to attract new businesses and encourage existing companies to expand, with the goal of strengthening the local economy and creating new opportunities for residents.

The joint effort focuses on promoting Carlisle County as an attractive location for businesses looking to invest, grow, and establish operations. Local officials are working to highlight the county's advantages, including its access to river transportation, rail lines, and major highways.

These transportation networks could play an important role in attracting industries that depend on efficient shipping and distribution. By offering access to multiple transportation options, Carlisle County hopes to appeal to businesses seeking convenient ways to move products, receive materials, and connect with regional and national markets.

Recruiting outside investment is a key part of the economic development effort. New businesses could bring additional jobs, increase local spending, and expand the county's tax base. Supporting existing businesses as they grow is also important, helping local employers remain competitive while creating opportunities for future expansion.

Collaboration between the Industrial Development Board and the Judge-Executive's office demonstrates a coordinated approach to economic growth. By working together, local leaders aim to identify potential investors, promote the county's assets, and encourage business development.

Although attracting new industries can take time, officials are emphasizing Carlisle County's transportation advantages and potential for growth as they pursue new opportunities.

The ongoing effort reflects a commitment to building a stronger local economy, supporting employers, and creating a promising future for Carlisle County residents.

First District Volleyball Finals: Lady Comets Fall to Hickman County

By Wilbur Jackson
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The Carlisle County Lady Comets battled hard in the First District volleyball championship game but ultimately fell short against a strong Hickman County team. Hickman County repeated as district champions, earning a 3-1 victory over Carlisle County and securing another title.

The Lady Comets entered the championship determined to compete and make their mark. Throughout the match, Carlisle County showed effort, teamwork, and determination against a Hickman County squad that proved difficult to overcome. Despite the loss, the Lady Comets continued to fight and worked to keep the match competitive.

Hickman County demonstrated why it remains a force in district volleyball. With solid teamwork and consistent play, the team managed to win three sets and claim the championship for a second consecutive year. The victory highlighted Hickman County's strength and ability to perform under pressure in an important postseason matchup.

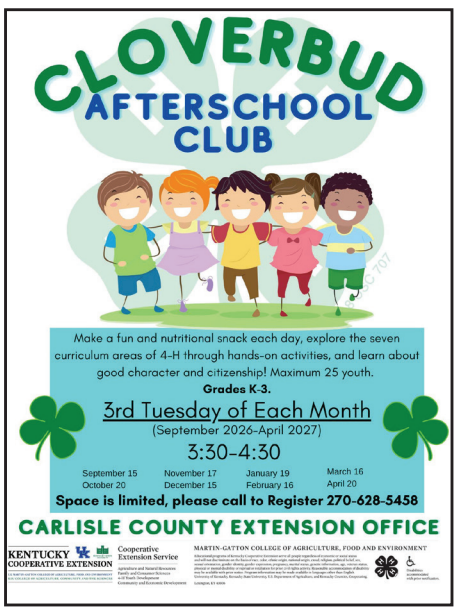
Although Carlisle County came up short, reaching the First District championship game was a meaningful accomplishment for the Lady Comets. Competing for a district title provides valuable experience, especially for players looking to improve and build confidence for future seasons.

The loss may have been disappointing, but the Lady Comets can take pride in their effort and the opportunity to compete for a championship. Matches like this offer lessons in communication, resilience, and teamwork that can help a team grow.

For Hickman County, the win marked another successful district campaign and a chance to celebrate back-to-back championships. For Carlisle County, the season's postseason run provided an opportunity to measure its progress against one of the district's top teams.

As the Lady Comets look ahead, they can use the experience gained in the championship match as motivation. While the district title went to Hickman County, Carlisle County's determination and hard work remain important parts of its season story.

Carlisle County 4-H announced some new programs for members.









KY 1371 Three-Month Bridge Closure Begins October 26

By Wilbur Jackson
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Motorists traveling along KY 1371 should prepare for a major traffic disruption beginning Monday, October 26, 2026, as construction crews begin work on a new bridge near Larry Reddick Road.

According to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC), a contractor will close a section of KY 1371 at mile point 5.02 to allow for construction of the replacement bridge. The project is expected to take approximately three months to complete.

During construction, the affected portion of the roadway will be closed to through traffic. Drivers who regularly use this route will need to plan ahead and find alternate routes around the closure. Motorists should allow additional travel time, especially during peak commuting hours, and use caution when traveling near construction areas.

The bridge project is intended to provide a new structure for motorists using KY 1371. While the closure may cause temporary inconvenience for residents and commuters, the work is necessary to complete the



planned construction safely and efficiently.

Drivers are encouraged to watch for posted signs and follow any traffic guidance provided near the work zone. Those traveling through the area should consider planning their trips in advance to avoid delays.

The closure is scheduled to begin October 26, with construction expected to continue for roughly three months. Motorists should remain alert for updates from KYTC regarding the project timeline and any changes to traffic conditions.

Travelers are advised to use alternate routes throughout the construction period and exercise patience as crews work to complete the new bridge.

Ballard County Schools board meeting summary

The Ballard County Board of Education held its regular monthly evening meeting on Oct. 19 at the BOE office. Tammy Dennis was out of town; all other board members were present.

The meeting began with the pledge of allegiance, then the agenda was adjusted to include Trucordia Insurance renewals of optional plans for employees. The board recognized guests at the meeting, including BCES teacher and Beta Club sponsor Bri Hammon and some members of the club who recently qualified for the national Beta competition. Beta Club members present were James Stewart, Bradlee Tinker, and Kami Shaw; not present but recognized were John Millian, Axel Hurt, Justin Bourff, Blakely Newton, Harlowe Plummer, Hadley Logsdon, Landree Mitchell and Case Hogg. All of these students qualified for four events at Beta Nationals: Collaboration Connection, Beta Blitz, Being Better Betas, and All the World is a Stage.



Members of the Ballard County Elementary School Beta Club were guests at the Oct. 19 board of education meeting. Eleven members qualified for national competition in four events. Shown from left are Ballard superintendent, Dr. Casey Allen, Beta members Bradlee Tinker, James Stewart, and Kami Shaw, and BCES Beta Sponsor Bri Hammon. Other qualifying students not present but also recognized were John Millian, Axel Hurt, Justin Bourff, Blakely Newton, Harlowe Plummer, Hadley Logsdon, Landree Mitchell, and Case Hogg.

The board approved the consent agenda unanimously, which included all regular agenda items and these additional items: Four Rivers Foundation MOA, shortened school day request for one student, social media litigation resolution and fee structure, KETS first offer of assistance, FFA National Convention travel request, and the 2027-28 Calendar Committee membership.

In action items, the board unanimously approved the schematic design for the football fieldhouse and sports complex. The board next approved the BG-1 for those projects. In the final action item, the board approved insurance renewals with Trucordia for employee cafeteria plans.

In Communication Items on the agenda, the Board heard reports on the following topics:

Chief Academic Officer Kevin Estes reviewed KSA accountability results from the 2025-26 year for all buildings.

Superintendent Casey Allen reviewed information about the Education Freedom Tax Credit and the scholarship granting organization (SGO) Kentucky Education Fund.

Director of Pupil Personnel Leslee Davis gave her monthly update on enrollment and attendance.

The board reviewed student and staff achievements.

The board adjourned until the next working session scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 11; meeting time has been changed to 10 a.m. to avoid conflict with the district's annual Veterans Day program. The next regular evening meeting will be on Monday, Nov. 16, at 6 p.m. Both meetings will be at the office at 11 Vocational School Road, Barlow.

OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

What to know about breast cancer recurrence

Millions of women across the globe are survivors of breast cancer. Those women serve as inspiration to millions more individuals, even as they bravely live with the threat of recurrence.

The Cleveland Clinic notes that most local recurrences of breast cancer occur within five years of a lumpectomy, which is a common breast cancer treatment during which cancer cells and a small margin of healthy breast tissue are removed. Even if recurrence is unlikely and/or beyond a woman's control, the lingering notion that breast cancer return at any moment can be difficult to confront. Learning about recurrence could calm the nerves of breast cancer survivors and their families.

Defining recurrence

A second diagnosis of breast cancer does not necessarily mean women are experiencing a recurrence. The Cleveland Clinic notes that breast cancer that develops in the opposite breast that was not treated and does not appear anywhere else in the body is not the same thing as recurrence. Recurrence occurs when the cancer is detected in the same breast in which the disease was initially detected. Breastcancer.org notes that cancer found in the opposite breast is likely not a recurrence.

How recurrence happens

Treatment for breast cancer is often very successful, particularly in patients whose cancer was discovered early. Recurrence can happen when single cancer cells or groups of cancer cells are left behind after surgery. Breastcancer.org notes that tests for cancer cannot detect if single cancer cells or small groups of cells are still present after surgery, and a single cell that survives post-surgery rounds of radiation therapy and chemotherapy can multiply and ultimately become a tumor.



Types of breast cancer recurrence

There are different types of breast cancer recurrence, including:

• Local recurrence: The Cleveland Clinic notes that a local recurrence diagnosis indicates the cancer has returned to the same breast or chest area as the original tumor.

• Regional recurrence: A regional recurrence means the cancer has come back near the original tumor, in lymph nodes in the armpit or collarbone area.

• Distant recurrence: A distant recurrence indicates the breast cancer has spread away from the original tumor. The Cleveland Clinic notes this is often referred to as stage 4 breast cancer. This diagnosis indicates the tumor has spread to the lungs, bones, brain, or other parts of the body.

The risk of recurrence

Johns Hopkins Medicine notes that certain variables unique to each individual affect the risk of breast cancer recurrence. This is an important distinction, as women who have survived breast cancer but are concerned about recurrence should know that they will not necessarily experience one, even if a first-degree relative or friend did. The type of cancer and its stage at diagnosis can elevate risk, which also is highest during the first few years after treatment.

The Cleveland Clinic notes that women who develop breast cancer before age 35, which is uncommon, are more likely to experience a recurrence. In addition, women diagnosed with later stage breast cancers or rare forms of the disease, including inflammatory breast cancer, are more likely, though not guaranteed, to experience a recurrence.

The fear of breast cancer recurrence can be tough for survivors of the disease to confront. Sharing concerns with family members and a cancer care team could help survivors overcome their fears.

Noteworthy statistics underscore the prevalence of breast cancer

Breast cancer affects millions of women and their family and friends every year. Each of those women has their own unique experience upon receiving a breast cancer diagnosis, and those journeys hopefully end with successful treatment. Because each woman's breast cancer journey is unique, data regarding the disease only tells part of the story. But recognition of key breast cancer statistics is still important, as data can compel support for women fighting the disease and underscore how vital it is for young women to prioritize breast health.

• A recent study from the American Cancer Society found that roughly 42 percent of cancer diagnoses and 45 percent of cancer deaths in the United States are linked to controllable risk factors for the disease. Breast cancer is no exception in that regard, as the Breast Cancer Coalition Foundation points to studies that have shown as many as 50 to 70 percent of breast cancers can be prevented if women adopt lifestyle changes early enough.

• The ACS estimates that approximately 30 percent of postmenopausal breast cancer diagnoses are linked to modifiable risk factors such as diet and physical activity levels.

• The World Health Organization reports 2.3 million women across the globe were diagnosed with breast cancer in 2022. WHO data also indicates 670,000 women lost their lives to the disease in 2022.

• Breast cancer poses a greater threat to women's lives in countries with a low Human Development Index (HDI), which is a metric used by the United Nations Development Programme to gauge a country's average achievement in areas such as healthy life and standard of living. WHO data indicates one in 12 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime and one in 71 women will die of the disease in countries with a high HDI. In countries with a low HDI, where access to medical care is more limited, one in 27 will be diagnosed with breast cancer and one in 48 will die from it.

• Five-year survival rates indicate that treatment is most effective when breast cancer is caught in its earliest stages. Data from the ACS indicates a 99 percent five-year survival rate for cancer discovered before it has spread beyond the place it started. When the cancer is considered regional, which the National Cancer Institute defines as cancer that has spread to nearby lymph nodes, tissues or organs, the five-year survival rate is 86 percent. The five-year survival rate for distant cancer, which indicates it has spread to distant parts of the body, is 30 percent.

• Survival rates differ considerably between Black women and White women diagnosed with breast cancer. According to the ACS, the five-year survival rate for Black women between 2012-2018 was 83 percent compared to 92 percent for White women during that same period.

HealthForce Kentucky Hosts American Hospital Association Executives for Panel Discussion

Healthcare leaders, faculty, payers welcome to attend; afternoon will end with a baby-manikin gender reveal party to benefit local not-for-profit

By Susan Dunlap

OWENSBORO, KY — HealthForce Kentucky will host American Hospital Association executives for a "hot" topics panel discussion on Nov. 3 at its Innovation Center, giving healthcare leaders, policymakers, faculty, media, and others access to speakers' unique perspectives on industry issues.

Chris DeRienzo, MD, chief physician officer with the American Hospital Association and president of the association's not-for-profit foundation, the Health Research & Educational Trust (HRET,) will be joined by HRET vice president Kristin Preihs and senior program manager Kavita Bhat, M.D., for a tour of the Innovation Center, panel discussions and a special event. Dr. DeRienzo, an adjunct professor at the Duke University School of Medicine's Department of Pediatrics Division of Neonatology, will lead Beyond Concept: Behavioral Health in All Healthcare Settings. Preihs, with a background in clinical quality measures, will lead Medical Simulation Meets Real World: Re-imagining Simulation to Transform Medical Settings. HFK president and CEO Bruce Williams will moderate the discussions.

Seating at the Innovation Center, located at 2511A Frederica Street in Owensboro, is limited to 50 participants. DeRienzo's discussion will be from 1-1:30 p.m. and Preihs' discussion will take place from 1:30-2 p.m. Both times are Central Time. Registration is required at the link below.

The afternoon will end with a special event to benefit an Owensboro not-for-profit organization. An infant medical simulation manikin, modeled after a full-term baby, is due to be delivered to HFK soon after Nov. 3. To celebrate, a gender reveal party is planned, and it will benefit St. Gerard 's Maternal Home of St. Benedict's, Owensboro. Guests are asked to bring donations from items identified below. They will be given to St. Gerard's, a crisis home for pregnant women experiencing homelessness.

Requested items include new/never used disposable diapers, sizes 1 and 2; unscented wipes, lotion, shampoo, diaper cream, pacifiers, infant socks and hats, bottles and nipples, disposable nursing pads, maternity pads and laundry detergent.

Registration for the panel discussions and gender reveal are required by Oct 27.

View Online: http://owensboro-kctcs.meritpages.com/news/HealthForce-Kentucky-Hosts-American-Hospital-Association-Executives-for-Panel-Discussion/62321

Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corp. approves more than $850,000 in loans

Financing bolsters beef, horticulture, poultry, and grain farmers across the state

FRANKFORT – The Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corp. (KAFC) approved seven agricultural loans totaling $856,115 for projects across the Commonwealth at its monthly board meeting.

Beginning Farmer Loan Program (BFLP)

Seven Beginning Farmer loans totaling up to $856,115 were approved. Loan recipients were in Bourbon ($116,250), Franklin ($25,000), Green ($17,790), Hardin ($80,325), Madison ($250,000), Mercer ($116,750), and Todd ($250,000) counties.

The BFLP is designed to assist individuals with some farming experience who desire to develop, expand, or buy into a farming operation. Beginning farmers may qualify for financing to purchase livestock, equipment, or agriculture facilities; to secure permanent working capital; for the purchase of farm real estate; or to invest in a partnership or LLC.

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

The Kentucky Office of Agricultural Policy (KOAP), a division within the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, provides staff support to the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation (KAFC) and the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund (KADF). The KADF is administered by the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board. KOAP ensures Kentucky is being good stewards of dollars from the 1998 Tobacco Settlement Agreement by overseeing the boards' investments into diversifying and supporting Kentucky agriculture.



Takeout made easier at Smokey D's: Smokey D's Family Restaurant is making takeout more convenient with its new pickup window. Customers can call 270-665-8050 to place an order and pay over the phone, then collect their food at the window. The restaurant is open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and closed Sunday.

Keep pets safe this Halloween

Halloween is an annual celebration that many children and adults look forward to each October. From the mysterious and the macabre to the goofy and gregarious, Halloween speaks to people in many different ways. And with the opportunity to accumulate several pounds of sugary treasure after a few hours of trick-or-treating, is it any wonder celebrants love Halloween?

While Halloween hijinks may be ideal fun for plenty of ghosts and ghouls, companion animals may not be so enthusiastic come October 31. In fact, Halloween can be a source of stress and even dangerous for many pets. Here are some things pet parents should keep in mind prior to Halloween.

Costumes

Pet costumes are popular and can help owners and their pets coordinate for Halloween. Some pets may find costumes uncomfortable or frightening. For those with a mind toward creative costume coordination, introducing the costume to the pet slowly and gradually can help ease the transition. Allow the pet to sniff the costume and put treats nearby to indicate it is no threat. If the pet simply will not warm to the idea of a costume, it's best not to force the issue.

Glow sticks

Glow sticks are a safe way for children to enjoy some spooky fun on Halloween night and become more visible when the sun sets. But those glow sticks may be attractive to pets and they can bite them, ingesting the liquid. The ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center says typically pets experience a mild and self-limiting taste reaction to glow stick liquid. Wiping off the excess with a damp cloth to help prevent the pet from licking again and having another reaction can help.

Accessibility to candy

One of the biggest Halloween dangers for pets is the accessibility of candy, especially chocolate. Chocolate is toxic and particularly dangerous to dogs. Chocolate with high amounts of cacao is especially dangerous. Raisins and gum with the artificial sweetener xylitol also are problematic. Candy wrappers can get stuck in the intestinal tract and cause a life-threatening blockage. Lock candy away so pets can't get into it.

Nerves

Many youngsters will ring the door bell on Halloween. Anxious pets, and even those that normally aren't nervous with visitors, may be overwhelmed. Keep pets in a dark, calm room away from the door to reduce anxiety and make it less likely skittish pets will escape the home and get lost.

Understanding common Halloween dangers can help keep pets safe on this fun-filled holiday.



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HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

KHSAA Class 1A, Region 1 Meet set for Oct. 24

Staff Report

CLINTON — The KHSAA Class 1A, Region 1 Cross Country Meet is set to be held at Trigg County on Saturday, Oct. 24.

The girls' portion of the KHSAA Class 1A, Region 1 Meet is scheduled to start at 9 a.m.

The boys' portion of the KHSAA Class 1A, Region 1 Meet is scheduled to start at 9:45 a.m.

The spectator parking fee for the KHSAA Class 1A, Region 1 Meet will be $10 (cash only) per car.

No pets, other than service animals, will be permitted.

The alignment for Class 1A, Region 1 is as follows: Ballard Memorial, Caldwell County, Carlisle County, Christian Fellowship, Community Christian, Crittenden County, Dawson Springs, Fort Campbell, Fulton City, Fulton County, Heritage Christian Academy (Hopkinsville), Hickman County, Livingston Central, Lyon County, Mayfield, Murray, St. Mary, Trigg County, University Heights.

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Carlisle County outlasts Calloway County

Staff Report

EDDYVILLE — Carlisle County outlasted Calloway County 2-1 in a late-season volleyball match at Lyon County on Saturday, Oct. 17.

Determined Carlisle County managed to pull away for the win. Several players excelled for the Lady Comets.

Madyson Lynn, Ella Draper, Alice Fiori, Lily Parham, Abree Warren, Eden Bruer, Brooklyn Dunn, Macee Hogancamp, Olivia Webb and Eastyn Allen were each productive for Carlisle County in its winning effort.

For Calloway County, Arleth Ahumada, Aspen Ham, Emerson Hodges, Sara Friedrich, Taylor Holland, Mackenzie Burkeen, Gabbi Cooper and Shai McNutt each contributed during the match.

Carlisle County and Calloway County are longtime 1st Region foes.

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Hickman County shuts out Murray in home finale

Staff Report

CLINTON — Hickman County shuts out Murray 3-0 in its final home match on Thursday, Oct. 15.

The Lady Falcons won 25-22, 25-18, 25-16.

Hickman County, continuing to show improvement in the 2026 high school volleyball season, controlled the home match.

The Lady Falcons thrived in each of the three games. Hickman County forced Murray to play from behind throughout the match.

Lanee Evans (21 assists, 11 digs), Marlee Hicks (4 digs), Bailey Childress (6 kills, 3 assists), Macy Howell (10 kills, 1 assist, 1 service ace, 11 digs, 1 block), Gracie Green (3 kills, 2 service aces, 1 block), Kylie Meshew (5 kills, 11 digs), Gracee Nuckolls (6 kills, 8 digs) and Blythe Armbruster each contributed for Hickman County in its shutout win.

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Hickman County Athletics' admission prices for events to change

Staff Report

CLINTON — Hickman County Athletics has announced an upcoming change to admission prices for events.

Due to an increase in officials' pay, Hickman County Athletics has adjusted its admission prices to help offset the rising costs.

The updated admission prices will be as follows: Adults - $7 (previously $5), Hickman County Students - Free, Non-Hickman County Students - $5.

Hickman County Athletics remains committed to providing its student-athletes with quality athletic experiences while keeping its events affordable for families and the entire community.

Hickman County Athletics appreciates everyone's understanding and continued support.

The Hickman County High School boys' and girls' basketball seasons will tip off later in the fall.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Historic Night For Bomber Football



(Photo by Tim Taylor)

By Tim Taylor

In the 52 years of varsity football for Ballard Memorial, the Bombers have only been in position for capturing a district title a handful of times. The Bombers captured runner up finishes in 1977, 1980, and 2001. They shared first place with both Murray and Russellville in 1982 with the Tigers being the only team to advance to the playoffs that season winning the 3-team tie breaker. On October 16th, the Bombers had a chance to make history. A win over Fulton County would provide Ballard Memorial at the very least a share of first place and would provide the Bomber's the tie breaker advantage over both Russellville and Fulton County. A six play opening possession led to a 27 yard Jaxon Shackelford rushing TD for Ballard Memorial. Shackelford added a 29 yards score on their next series and the Bombers led 14-0 with 4:35 left in the opening quarter. Fulton County scored to trim the deficit to 14-8 at the half. The game took a turn in favor of the Bombers in the 3rd quarter. The Pilots looked to have tied the game, but a holding penalty erased the game tying score. A couple plays later, Shackelford forced a Pilots fumble near the 10 yard line and Xavier Morales recovered the loose ball. Three plays following the turnover, Shackelford ran in from 19 yards out to extend the lead to 20-8 in the 3rd quarter. ZT Sawvell looked to have sealed the win with his 2nd interception of the game with 2:39 remaining, but a Bomber turnover gave the Pilots new life. They scored with 1:08 remaining to trim the Bomber lead to 20-14, but they could not execute the onside kick. Ballard Memorial ran the clock out to capture the programs 180th and biggest win in program history. A win in Friday's Homecoming game against a winless Caverna team will give the Bombers their first ever solo district title. "All the hard work the kids did, it is a good feeling," said Coach Jon Hedges adding, "These kids deserve it and I am glad to be their head coach." The Bombers look to take care of business and officially celebrate their district title Friday night, October 23rd at the Bomber field.

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Fulton County drops regular season finale to Mayfield

Staff Report

HICKMAN — Mayfield dealt Fulton County a loss in a volleyball regular season finale, defeating the Lady Pilots 3-1 on Thursday, Oct. 15.

The Lady Cardinals won 25-17, 25-19, 24-26, 25-14.

Piper Hale, Audrey Wright, Jenna Kemp, Ava Rozzell, Dalia Mercado, Bocanegra, Alex Berhow, Micayah Payton and Kristian Jones each excelled for Mayfield in its win.

Aubrei Wilson, Tamaria Fitzpatrick, Tallas Mitchell, Ava Wheeler, Sydnee Whitten, Brooklyn Owens and Maci Curry each contributed for Fulton County during the match.

Mayfield and Fulton County are longtime 1st Region rivals.



Hickman County swept Fulton City in a 1st District volleyball doubleheader on Tuesday, Oct. 13. The Lady Falcons won 3-0, 3-0 in back-to-back matches on senior night. It was also Pink Out for the Lady Falcons. Pink Out is held for breast cancer awareness.
(Photo Courtesy of Hickman County High School)

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Eight Is Great For The Lady Bombers





(Photos by Tim Taylor)

By Tim Taylor

For the 8th time in school history, the Ballard Memorial Lady Bomber volleyball team has captured the 3rd District Championship. Ballard Memorial defeated Mayfield in straight sets on Monday night winning 25-20, 25-11, 25-23 to advance to the championship match against Graves County on Tuesday. The Lady Bombers had not put together a solid night of competition since returning from Fall Break. They had to flip the script facing the Graves County Lady Eagles who had claimed the last 4 district titles. The two teams split their regular season matchups with both teams defending their home court. Graves County hosted the 2026 tournament and looked to make it five in a row. The Lady Eagles began the match with a 5-1 lead, but Ballard Memorial would claw back into contention. An 11-3 run gave the Lady Bombers an opening set lead. Liyah Holman made a huge point late in the set to give Ballard Memorial a 24-23 lead and freshman Rilee Bodell served the ace to claim the opening set. The Lady Bombers found themselves trailing 8-2 in the 2nd set but found their groove. A Gracie Glisson kill gave them their first lead at 13-12. It was a tight match as both teams served for set point. Graves led 25-24 when Mallie Owens scored, and then Glisson scored the final 2 points of the set to give the Lady Bombers a 2-0 lead. Ballard Memorial was on their way to a sweep leading 21-14 in the 3rd set before Graves scored 8 unanswered points to take the lead. The Lady Bombers would not be denied their 8th title as Holman put on the finishing touch, scoring the match point winner to give the Lady Bombers the 25-23, 27-25, 25-23 sweep over Graves. It marks the 4th most wins in a single season for the Lady Bombers securing their 27th win of the season against 9 losses. It was truly a team effort as each player on the court made crucial plays at different points of the night to help secure the sweep. They will advance to the 1st Region Tournament that begins on Monday October 26th hosted by Paducah Tilghman.



Third District All-District Team: Members of the Third District All-District Volleyball Team were recognized during the district tournament. Honorees, in no particular order, include Alex Berhow, Kristain Jones, Ava Rozzell, Emerson Elliott, MaryKate Miller, Zoie Joiner, Chloe Wade, Mallie Owens, Aubrey Alexander and Sarah Wilkins.

Photo by Tim Taylor



Back to Back Champions

Above: Hickman County Lady Falcons defeated the Lady Comets 3-1 in the 1st District championship game to claim its second consecutive district title. Below: Lady Falcons Kylie Meshew, Lanee Evans, Macy Howell and Bailey Childress earned all-district honors. The team also thanked its student section for its enthusiastic support.

Photos provided





District Runners-Up

The Lady Comets finished as runners-up in the 1st District volleyball tournament after a 3-1 loss in the championship game against the Lady Falcons. Lady Comets Macee Hogancamp, Abree Warren, Ella Draper and Brooklyn Dunn earned all-district honors.

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Congratulations to all the players and their coaches!

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for Ag and Natural Resources



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Fall is the time to check forages for prussic acid risk

As temperatures fall, livestock producers should pay close attention to forages that can cause prussic acid poisoning. Sorghum, sudangrass, sorghum-sudan hybrids, Johnsongrass and wild cherry contain compounds that may release cyanide when plants are damaged by frost, drought or other stress. The toxin can interfere with an animal's ability to use oxygen and may cause death quickly.

The risk of prussic acid poisoning is highest in the fall because the first frosts and freezes can



make these plants especially dangerous. Young shoots and regrowth also may contain higher toxin levels. Remove ruminants from pastures containing high-risk plants when frost is expected, and don't allow animals to graze those fields at night when a frost is likely.

Testing removes the guesswork from grazing decisions. Before turning livestock into a questionable field, contact your county Extension office. Local extension offices are equipped with Cyanide Field Test kits that can help to assess risk levels. Because toxin levels can vary across a field and change after frost or new growth, follow the sampling instructions carefully and discuss whether additional testing is needed before grazing or feeding the forage.

While waiting for results, keep livestock away from suspect forage. After a light, non-killing frost, wait about two weeks before grazing. Following a killing frost, wait until the plant material is completely dry and brown—generally at least 48 to 72 hours. Do not graze wilted plants or young tillers. For hay, allow the forage to dry thoroughly before baling. If the crop is ensiled, delay feeding for six to eight weeks so the toxic compound has time to dissipate.

Symptoms of prussic acid poisoning may include staggering, labored breathing, foaming at the mouth, spasms, convulsions and collapse but most commonly livestock are simply found dead. Contact a veterinarian immediately if an animal shows these signs.

For help assessing forage risk, collecting a sample or understanding test results, contact your Ballard County Extension office.

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Who harvests America's Food? The role of H-2A in US Agriculture

By Dr. Lorin Harvey



photo credit: Mark Stebnicki, North Carolina Farm Bureau

Every harvest season, I get some version of the same question:

"Why don't farmers hire Americans workers to harvest the sweet potatoes in Mississippi?"

The difficult reality is that, in many rural communities, a sufficiently large and dependable domestic seasonal workforce simply does not exist.

Why? Consider the job.

Agricultural harvest work can be physically demanding, outdoors and highly seasonal. A farm may need 100 or 150 additional employees during a relatively short harvest window but cannot necessarily provide those same jobs 12 months of the year. It's a temporary job.

Hard physical work plus seasonal employment is a difficult combination for building a large permanent local workforce.

That does not mean farmers are allowed to skip American workers and immediately hire workers from another country. In fact, quite the opposite.

Before receiving H-2A certification, an employer must recruit U.S. workers. The Department of Labor requires employers to document those recruitment efforts, record U.S. applicants and, generally, hire qualified and eligible U.S. workers who apply. U.S. workers must also be offered wages and working conditions that are no less favorable than those offered to H-2A workers.

And the numbers illustrate the scale of the problem.

In fiscal year 2025, American agricultural employers requested 415,496 H-2A positions, according to the U.S. Department of Labor. Of those, 398,258 positions were ultimately certified – meaning DOL acknowledges there is no U.S. workers available for them, and hiring foreign workers would have no adverse effect on similarly employed domestic workers.

An American Farm Bureau Federation analysis of this labor situation reported something even more striking: only 182 of the nearly 415,000 advertised positions received a domestic applicant. That is less than 0.04%.

Agriculture also operates under a constraint most industries don't face: The crop doesn't wait.

When fruits and vegetables are ready for harvest, they're ready. They wait for no one.

A sweet potato farmer doesn't need 150 people who might show up sometime this month. They need a dependable crew today, tomorrow and the next day until hundreds of acres of a perishable crop are safely harvested.

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So, who are those busloads of migrant workers who do this work? Many of them participate in the H-2A Temporary Agricultural Worker Program, the majority of whom come from Mexico. H-2A is not an undocumented labor program. It is a federal program that allows agricultural employers experiencing a shortage of domestic workers to hire foreign workers temporarily for seasonal agricultural jobs.

The program is administered through multiple federal agencies, and workers enter the United States for a specific temporary or seasonal agricultural purpose.

There is also a misconception that H-2A is simply a source of "cheap labor."

H-2A employers are subject to federally prescribed wage requirements. Employers must pay the highest applicable required wage rate depending on job duties, skill and experience. Employers may also have significant obligations involving paperwork and documentation, housing, transportation, workers' compensation and other program costs.

None of this means the H-2A system is perfect. Agricultural labor policy, wages, working conditions and mechanization are all legitimate topics for discussion.

But simply eliminating access to seasonal agricultural workers does not mean those jobs will suddenly be filled by Americans.

It will instead mean fewer labor-intensive crops are grown domestically, higher production costs and greater reliance on imported fruits and vegetables.

That trend is already worth paying attention to. USDA's Economic Research Service reports that imports supplied about 59% of U.S. fresh fruit availability and 35% of fresh vegetable availability in 2023, with import dependence increasing substantially over the past several decades.

That's why I think this conversation is bigger than immigration or farm labor. It is also a conversation about food security.

We can maintain a regulated, legal pathway that allows temporary workers to help American farmers produce food here ... or we can increasingly import the food itself.

If we value American-grown food, then we also have to have an honest conversation about the workforce required to grow, harvest and pack it.

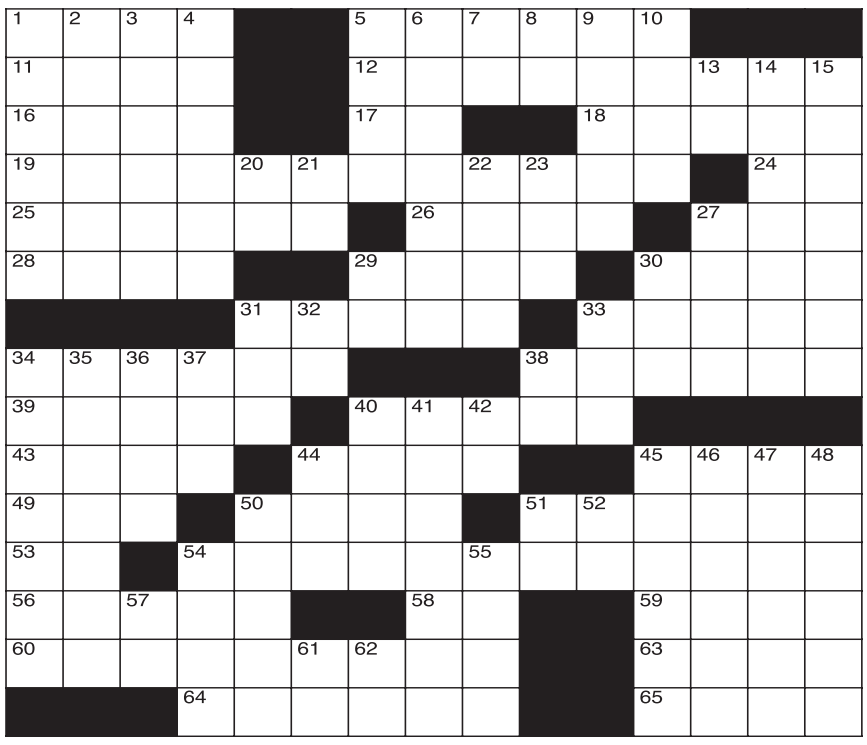
American agriculture requires an agricultural workforce. Food security depends not only on our ability to grow crops but also on our ability to get them out of the field.

Dr. Lorin Harvey is an assistant professor and Extension sweet potato specialist at Mississippi State University. He is a member of the American Farm Bureau Federation's Partners in Advocacy Leadership Class 13.

This article was originally shared on LinkedIn.



Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

1. Nocturnal rodent
5. Requesting
11. Give temporarily
12. Frivolousness
16. Military arm
17. "Westworld" actor Harris
18. Persian Gulf port city
19. Air hostesses
24. Partner to "Pa"
25. Percussion instrument
26. Raincoats
27. Lower the light
28. Asian mountain range
29. Every one of two or more
30. Lack of difficulty
31. A public announcement of a proposed marriage
33. Reduces in size
34. Make an impact
38. Serviceman
39. A French river
40. Prehistoric people
43. Messenger ribonucleic acid
44. "Layla" singer Clapton
45. Ancient Greek sophist
49. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
50. "Top Gun: Maverick" actor Powell
51. A way to disentangle
53. Atomic #93
54. Manifesting approval
56. Indigo bush
58. Larry and Curly's pal
59. Off-Broadway theater award
60. Fencers
63. Masses of fish eggs
64. Passerine birds
65. Arrange systematically

CLUES DOWN

1. Colorless part of blood
2. Of a main artery
3. Photog's tool
4. Blues Traveler hit "But __"
5. Grew older
6. Not the leader
7. __ Lang: country singer
8. A driver's license is one
9. Nests of pheasants
10. Antelopes
13. One quintillion bytes
14. Japanese lute
15. A type of cat
20. It cools your home
21. Dorm official
22. Pouches
23. German trigraph
27. Form of Persian
29. __ route
30. Upper body part
31. Bridge building degree
32. Indicates position
33. Political action committee
34. Edible nuts
35. Front part of a quadruped
36. Locate
37. Geological time
38. Of I
40. Northern Utah city
41. They work in the trenches
42. Hammer is one
44. Tall deciduous tree
45. Performers
46. Slang for mistake
47. More open
48. Most slick
50. Provokes
51. Home of the NCAA's Flyers
52. Sodium
54. Large fish of the mackerel family
55. Not one
57. __ and behold
61. Atomic #21
62. "The Great Lakes State"

PUZZLE SOLUTION

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Word Search

SMALL BUSINESS WORD SEARCH

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

ANSWERS IN THE B SECTION

WORDS

ACQUISITION
BOOTSTRAPPING
BRAND
CAPITAL
CASHFLOW
COMPLIANCE
DEMOGRAPHICS
EQUITY
FRANCHISE
FUNNEL
INVENTORY
LIABILITY
LOGISTICS
MARGIN
MODEL
NICHE
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PAYROLL
PIVOT
PROPRIETORSHIP
RETENTION
REVENUE
SCALABILITY
VENDOR

Sudoku Puzzle

How it Works:

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

ANSWERS IN THE B SECTION

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Word Scramble

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to small business.

VNIETS

Answer: Invest

Guess Who?

GUESS WHO?

I am an athlete born on October 18, 1984, in Minnesota. I am one of only six women to have won World Cup races in all disciplines of alpine skiing. I have won four World Cup championships and hold an Olympic gold medal. I suffered a bad injury at the 2026 Winter Olympics.

Answer: Lindsey Vonn

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

Crypto Fun

CRYPTO FUN

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

Solve the code to discover words related to small business.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 22 = S)

A. 26 17 20 23 26 15 23 26 17 26 8 23
Clue: One who establishes a business

B. 7 8 22 2 17 26 22 22
Clue: Company

C. 1 10 10 6 8 17 20 22
Clue: Clients

D. 22 8 10 10 26 22 22
Clue: Achievement of something

Answers: A. entrepreneur B. business C. accounts D. success

Coloring Fun

Color the pumpkin and answer the question below.

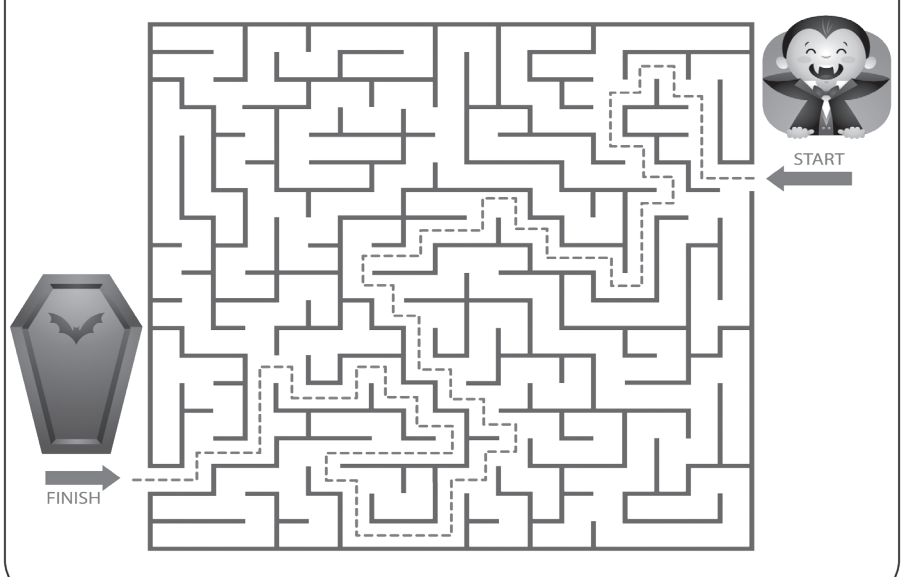


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MAZE FUN

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Protect your online accounts with multi-factor authentication

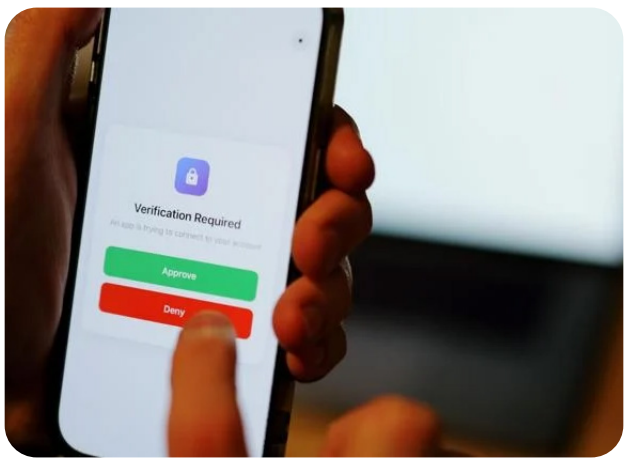
By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

LEXINGTON, Ky. (KT) – If it's been a while since you last logged in to your bank account or another online account, in addition to entering your password, you might be prompted to enter code, known as multi-factor authentication (MFA).

It's a procedure that requires at least two forms of verification used to protect online accounts, and is a quick and simple way to add an extra layer of protection to confidential data. This additional step acts like an extra lock designed to protect accounts from hackers or a cybersecurity weakness.

Make sure to activate MFA for all online accounts. Most options for MFA include receiving a text, phone call or email. The simplest way to enable multifactor authentication is to set up a face scan or fingerprint scan. Not only is this the quickest option, but it's also more secure. In the event of a lost or stolen phone, no one can access your information.

This small step can make a significant difference when it comes to protecting



your online accounts. In addition to protecting against security weaknesses or compromised login information, enabling MFA also helps protect online accounts from phishing attempts. A phishing attempt is an email that tries to obtain confidential information like credit card numbers, usernames or passwords.

It is important, however, to be aware that hackers may still try to take advantage of MFA to steal your information. One common attack happens when a hacker attempts to get you to share your unique passcode generated with an MFA app. This can be done by impersonating IT support and claiming the code is needed to keep an account active.

It is also important to beware of unauthorized multi-factor authentication push notifications. For example, if you receive a text message asking you to verify an account login, but you have not attempted to login to any of your online accounts, deny access.

UK Information Technology Services Cybersecurity Analyst Jackie Campbell said hackers use this tactic aimed at gaining access to your online accounts.

"When the criminal already has your login information, they only need you to approve an MFA request," Campbell said. "They begin sending request after request, sometimes over 24 hours until, out of annoyance or desperation, you approve. This is called 'MFA Fatigue' or 'MFA push spam'."

Campbell says if you receive an MFA notification you did not request, change your password immediately.

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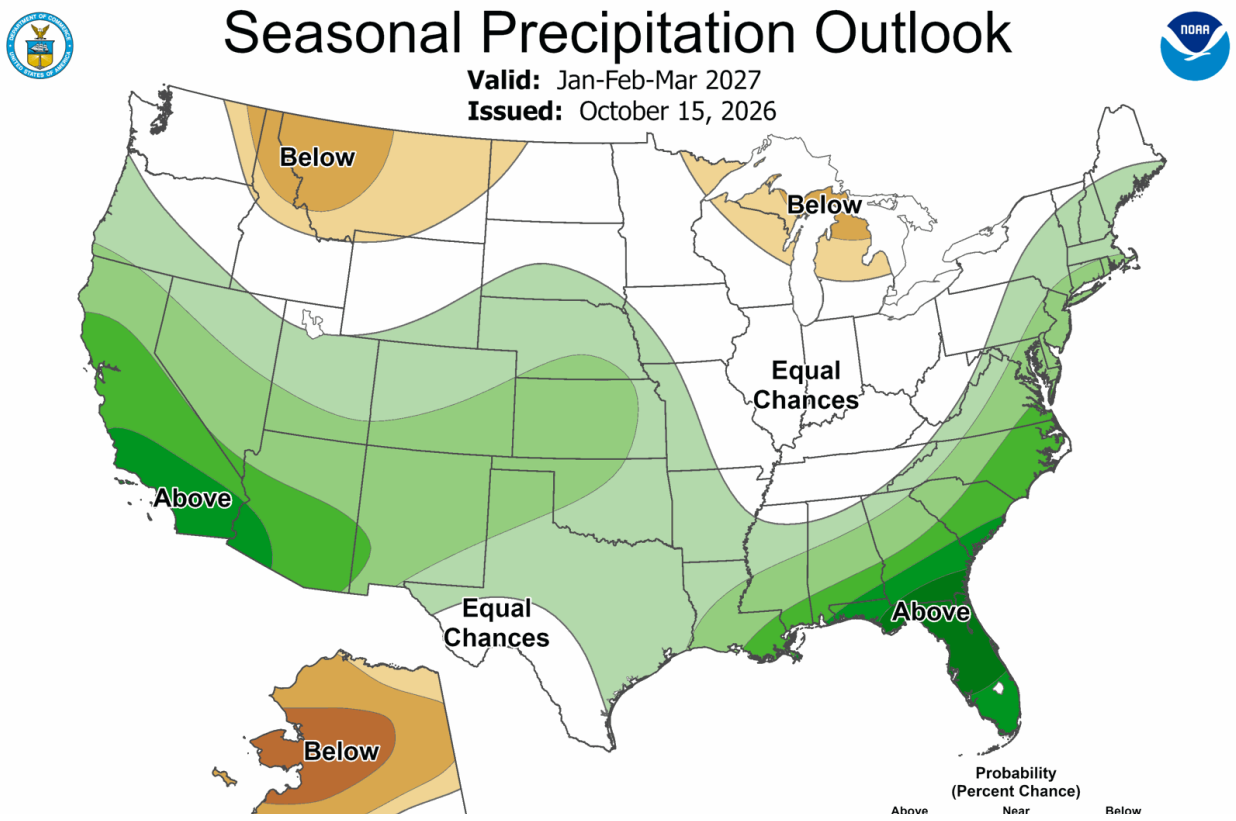
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NOAA reveals winter outlook for state, nation

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today



FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has issued their winter outlook for the period December through February and says the ongoing major El Nino event will be a key player in what we experience.

Thus far this year, El Nino has helped lead to more hurricanes developing in the Pacific Ocean, while suppressing them in the Atlantic, Caribbean and Gulf areas, so there has been only one, as of Wednesday. The last year there was only one hurricane in the Atlantic basin was in 1925, which was long before the age of radar and satellite imagery.

Winter Temperature outlook 102126.gif

NOAA's winter outlook shows how El Nino will likely influence the upcoming winter months (December 2026 to February 2027), with warmer-than-average temperatures expected across the northern U.S.; wetter-than-average conditions likely across the southern U.S., from California to Florida, and along the Eastern Seaboard; and drought improving for the majority of the country, including areas in the East, Southern Great Plains and Southwest.

"As we know from decades of observations, a very strong El Nino will likely bring a southward and eastward shift to the jet stream for the contiguous U.S., which tilts the odds toward stormier weather across the South," said Ken Graham, director of NOAA's National Weather Service. "While higher chances of rain and snow may bring relief to drought-afflicted areas, too much precipitation on dry soil can fuel destructive flash floods and mudslides. Now is the time for communities and individuals to plan ahead for the upcoming winter."

Specifically in Kentucky, the outlook calls for a 40 to 50 percent chance of warmer than normal temperatures, with a 33-40 percent chance in the far Southwest, which NOAA calls leaning above normal. Precipitation has an equal chance of being drier or wetter than normal. See the maps that accompany this story.

NOAA also has two new winter weather tools for the upcoming season.

The Probabilistic Precipitation Portal enables people to view the low-end, expected, and high-end amounts of snow, ice and rain, as well as the probabilities of precipitation exceeding specific thresholds.

Forecasters will also use "Particularly Dangerous Situation" wording in select Blizzard Warnings and Ice Storm Warnings this season. This will help forecasters alert the public about blizzards or ice storms which can pose imminent danger to life and disruptions to emergency services.

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Pregnant inmate bill proposed for 2027 session

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – State Rep. Emily Callaway, R-Louisville, is proposing legislation for the 2027 session to improve the health and safety of new mothers and their babies, since Kentucky's maternal mortality rate is significantly higher than the national average.

The bill would standardize the collection and reporting of pregnancy and postpartum outcomes and help identify areas for improvement through the creation of an online inmate pregnancy outcome database. The overarching goal of this proposal is to make sure Kentucky's pregnant inmates are receiving appropriate attention and necessary care while in custody.

In recent years, Kentucky has taken steps to improve care for pregnant inmates and their babies with previous legislation. Callaway's measure aims to build on this work by recognizing standardized data collection and reporting of pregnancy and postpartum outcomes as a logical next step.

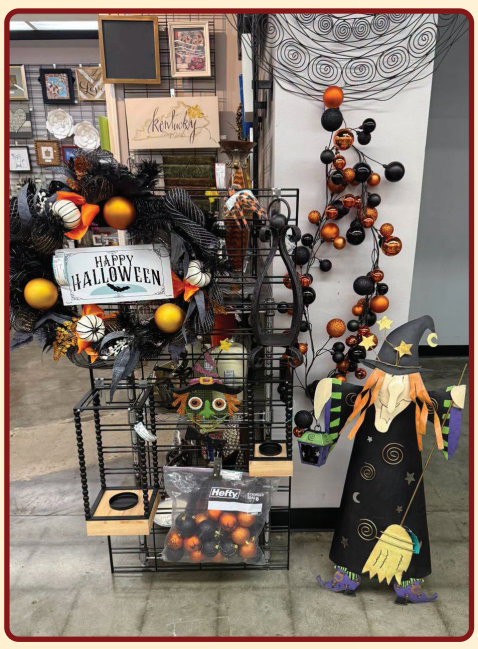
"Making sure expectant mothers across Kentucky receive quality care, regardless of their current circumstances, is an important part of building a healthier Kentucky and improving health outcomes statewide," said Callaway. "Kentucky has already taken important steps to improve care for pregnant inmates, but we need accurate, reliable data and information to track outcomes. This proposal builds on the legislature's past efforts by establishing a consistent way to collect and report pregnancy and postpartum outcomes, helping us determine where care expectations are being met and where improvements still need to be made."

The Department of Corrections, in cooperation with the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, would be responsible for developing and maintaining an online inmate pregnancy outcome database. Under this bill, facilities, defined as any jail, penitentiary, or local or state correctional or detention facility, residential center, or reentry center, would be required to report specific information to the department for each pregnant inmate. Required reporting would include, if applicable, facility type and address, custody information during pregnancy, method of pregnancy confirmation and stage of pregnancy at that time, prenatal care, pregnancy-related complaints that require medical treatment and the medical response, postpartum care and follow-up during custody, and sufficient demographic information to help assess disparities in care.

Facilities would be required to submit the information quarterly, with personal information redacted to protect privacy. By July 1 of each year, the department would be required to publish an annual public report detailing aggregated data statewide.

The 2027 General Assembly begins Jan. 5.

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Tony Watwood, age 59, of Smithland, KY, passed away peacefully on Sunday, October 18, 2026, at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, TN. Family and friends are invited to attend visitation on Friday, October 23, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. until the funeral service at 1:00 p.m. at Morrow Funeral Chapel in LaCenter, KY, officiated by Rev. Larry Purcell. Interment will follow at Barlow Cemetery in Barlow, KY.

CALDWELL

Kimberly Diane Pryor passed away on October 20, 2026, at Baptist Health Deaconess of Madisonville. She was 54 years old. Visitation will be held on October 25, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at Goodman Funeral Home, 1032 West Main St., Princeton, Kentucky 42445.

Elizabeth Kay Tomes, age 74, of Princeton, passed away Saturday, October 17, 2026, at Centennial Medical Center in Nashville, TN. A funeral Mass was held at 11:00 am on Thursday, October 22, 2026, at St. Paul Catholic Church in Princeton, KY. Burial will follow in Cedar Hill Cemetery. Morgan's Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Evelyn "Merna" Gray, born Evelyn McClelland, passed away on October 17, 2026, in Princeton, Kentucky. Evelyn "Merna" Gray will be remembered with love for her steady presence, her caring spirit, and the devotion she gave to her family throughout her life. Her memory will remain a blessing to all who knew and loved her.

CALLOWAY

Earnestine M. Cossey, 91, of Murray, went to her heavenly home on Sunday, October 18, 2026 at Passion and Purpose Senior Living. The funeral service honoring the life of Mrs. Earnestine Cossey is set for 1 PM on Friday, October 23, 2026 at Imes Funeral Home, 311 North 4th Street, Murray. Chris King will officiate and additional speakers will be Shelby Underhill and Ralph Lilly. Burial will follow at Elm Grove Cemetery.

Kenneth M. Cox, 72, of Murray, passed away on Friday, October 16, 2026 at Baptist Health in Paducah. A public graveside service with military honors is set for 11 AM on Saturday, October 24, 2026 at Salem Cemetery in Lynn Grove. Please join family and friends in honoring the life of Mr. Ken Cox by visiting www.imesfh.com to post your tributes and memories.

Kyrile D. Catlett, age 67, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away on Saturday, October 17, 2026, at Mercy Health Lourdes Hospital in Paducah, Kentucky. A memorial visitation was held from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 21, 2026, at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services. The American Legion Post #73 performed full military honors at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 21, 2026, in the chapel of the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

Jane Marie (Young) Barnett, age 79, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away on Monday, October 19, 2026, at the University of Kentucky Albert B. Chandler Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky following a brief battle with cancer. A graveside service washeld at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, October 22, 2026, at the Murray Memorial Gardens with Bro. Andy Harrell officiating



Joe (Buddy) Kelso, age 76, of Almo, Kentucky, passed away on Friday, October 16, 2026, at Mercy Health Lourdes Hospital in Paducah, Kentucky. A funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, October 23, 2026, at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services with Rev. Danny Pruitt and Rev. Samantha Hall officiating. Burial will follow in the Coles Campground Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Friday, October 23, 2026, at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

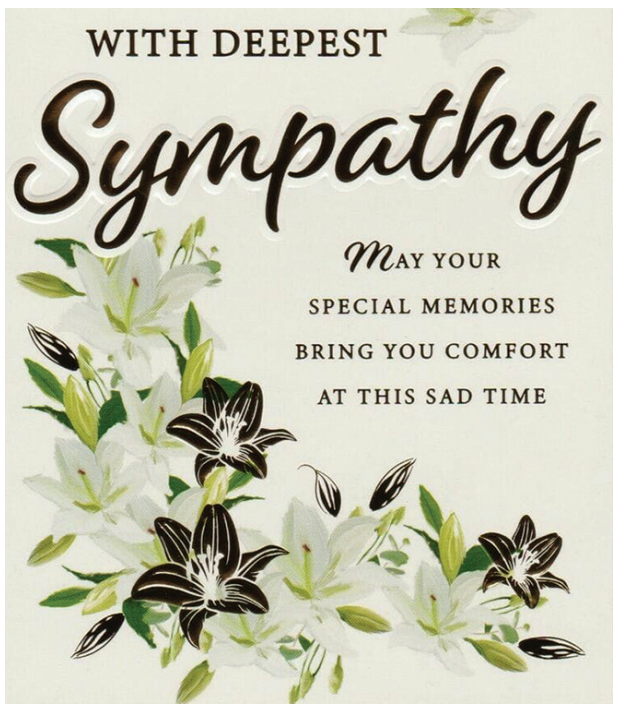
Patricia Ann (Lovett) Miller, age 83, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away on Saturday, October 17, 2026, at the Anna Mae Owen Residential Hospice House in Murray, Kentucky. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, October 24, 2026, at the University Church of Christ with Charley Bazzell and John Dale officiating. Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Saturday, October 24, 2026, at the University Church of Christ.

Peggy Jo Doores, age 85, of Antioch, Tennessee, passed away on Monday, October 19, 2026, in Antioch, Tennessee. Arrangements are currently incomplete at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

James Ronald Talent, age 88, of Almo, Kentucky, passed away on Saturday, October 17, 2026, at Passion and Purpose HomeCare Assisted Living for our Seniors in Almo, Kentucky. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Online condolences can be made at www.jhchurchill.com.

James Lowe, age 88, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away on Saturday, October 17, 2026, at the Spring Creek Healthcare in Murray, Kentucky. There will be no public services and visitation held at this time. Online condolences can be made at, www.jhchurchill.com.

Glenda Earcell (Byassee) Jones, age 79, beloved mother, sister, and friend, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away on Friday, October 16, 2026, at the Anna Mae Owen Residential Hospice House in Murray, Kentucky. A private graveside will be held at the Murray City Cemetery.



CARLISLE

Deborah Johnson Lemons, lovingly known as Debbie, passed away on October 16, 2026, in Bardwell, Kentucky, at the age of 61. Milner & Orr Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Bardwell are in charge of arrangements.

CHRISTIAN

Lynn Sowell, age 68, of Hopkinsville, passed away from natural causes on Monday, October 19, 2026, at TriStar Skyline Medical Center in Nashville, TN. Celebration of Life Services will be at 1:00 PM on Saturday, October 24, 2026, at Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home with Rev. Darryl Russell officiating. Visitation will be at the funeral home on Saturday, October 24, 2026, from 10:00 AM until the service hour at 1:00 PM. Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home has been entrusted by the family to handle the arrangements.

Ann Michele Morris, 63, of Pembroke, KY died at 10:48 a.m. Saturday, October 17, 2026 at her residence. Funeral services were at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 21, 2026 at Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home with Dr. Ron Buck and Tim Bass officiating. Burial followed in the Morris Family Cemetery.

CRITTENDEN

June McDowell, 95, of Cave-In-Rock, IL passed away October 17, 2026 at Gallatin Manor Health and Rehab. She was a member of Potters Church. Services are scheduled for 1 PM Friday October 23, 2026 at Potters Church in Cave-In-Rock, IL with interment in Cave Hill Cemetery.

GRAVES

Joan Bell Clark, age 85, of Mayfield passed away on Friday, October 16, 2026 at Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah, KY after a brief illness. Graveside services for Mrs. Joan Bell Clark were at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 21, 2026 at Spence Chapel Cemetery. Rev. Ronnie Stinson, Jr. will officiate. Interment will follow.

Curtis Joe "Moe" Green, age 85, of Mayfield, Kentucky, passed away on Friday, October 16, 2026, at the Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah, Kentucky. Graveside services for Mr. Curtis Joe "Moe" Green were held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20, 2026, at Mayfield Memory Gardens, with Rev. Ronnie Cope officiating. Military honors will be conducted by American Legion Post 26.

HICKMAN

Helga Lovas, age 88, formerly of South Fulton passed away Monday evening at the Union City Health and Rehab. Funeral arrangements for Mrs. Helga Lovas are incomplete at this time.

LIVINGSTON

Paul Edward Crawford, 80, of Salem, KY, passed away Saturday, October 17th at his home. He was a veteran of the United States Army. The family has chosen cremation, and there will be no services. Arrangements are under the direction of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services in Salem.

MARSHALL

Shirley Jean McWilliams, 76, of Benton, Kentucky, passed away on Sunday, October 18, 2026, at Mercy Health Lourdes in Paducah, Kentucky. A funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM on Friday, October 23, 2026, at the Life Celebration Center of Filbeck-Cann, with Sister Emma Conner officiating. Burial will follow at Haymes Cemetery.

Brenda Katherine White Landers, 85, of Benton, passed away Friday, October 16, 2026, at Lake Barkley Health and Rehabilitation in Kuttawa. The funeral service was held at 1:00 PM on Monday, October 19, 2026, at Collier Funeral Home, 211 West 5th Street Benton, KY 42025. Burial followed at Marshal County Memory Gardens.

Carl James Shanko, 76 of Gilbertsville, Kentucky passed away on Friday, October 16, 2026 at Lake Way Nursing & Rehabilitation in Benton, Kentucky. No services are scheduled at this time. Collier Funeral Home & Cremation Services are handling all arrangements.

FUNERAL NOTICES continued

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Victoria "Vicki" Hawkins Wright, 79, of Gilbertsville, passed away on Thursday, October 15, 2026 at Mercy Health - Lourdes Hospital in Paducah, Kentucky. A memorial service was held on Saturday, October 17, 2026 at 1:00 PM at Collier Funeral Home with Bro. Brad Walker officiating.

Shirley Jean McWilliams, 76, of Benton, Kentucky, passed away on Sunday, October 18, 2026, at Mercy Health Lourdes in Paducah, Kentucky. A funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM on Friday, October 23, 2026, at the Life Celebration Center of Filbeck-Cann, with Sister Emma Conner officiating. Burial will follow at Haymes Cemetery.

McCRACKEN

Martha Sue Darnell, 83, of Paducah passed away on Monday October 19, 2026, at her home. Friends may visit with the family from 11 00am. to 1:00pm on. Friday October 23, 2026, at Lindsey Funeral Home. Funeral services to follow at 1:00pm. the Rev. Jim Wright officiating. Interment will be at Owens Chapel Cemetery. Lindsey Funeral Home is honored to serve the Darnell Family.

Clifford Eugene "Jeep" Wallace, 71, of Paducah, KY, passed away on October 15, 2026. He will be remembered for the love that he gave, the father that he was, and the grandfather he was. He loved fishing and he was a wonderful friend. Many knew him and loved him. Online condolences may be left at www.lindeyfuneral.com.

Sandra Kaye Holshouser, 80, of Benton, passed away on Friday, October 16, 2026, at Calvert City Convalescent Center in Calvert City. A graveside service was held at 2:00 pm on Tuesday, October 20, 2026, at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens in Paducah with Rev. Monte Lee Hodges officiating.

Early in the morning of Wednesday, 14th October 2026, **Joe V. Taylor,** aged 94, was called home to be with the Lord. The family will hold a small graveside memorial on December 5th at the Auburn Cemetery in Auburn Kentucky. Keeling & Goodman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Taylor family.

TRIGG

Mary Margaret Grillett - June 22, 1979 - October 19, 2026 - There will be a Private Celebration of Life for 47 year old Mary Margaret Grillett of Hopkinsville, KY at a later date. King's Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Mary Elaine Lucas - January 3, 1950 - October 18, 2026 - A Celebration of Life for 76 year old Mary Elaine Lucas of Cadiz will be held at a later date. King's Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Carolyn Rose Sumner Palamiotis, 89, of Cadiz, Kentucky passed away on October 18, 2026 at Princeton Nursing and Rehabilitation in Princeton, Kentucky. Arrangements are being handled by King's Funeral Home, 161 Lone Oak Drive, Cadiz, Kentucky, where the family will receive friends from 1:00-2:00 p.m. on Friday, October 23, 2026. Funeral services will be at 2:00 p.m.

Glenda Gail Claxton Sparkman - June 8, 1955 - October 15, 2026 - There will be a Celebration of Life for 71 year old Glenda Gail Claxton Sparkman of Clarksville, TN on Saturday, October 24, 2026 at her home at 684 Pat Drive, Clarksville, TN at 1:00 p.m. King's Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Thomas Wayne "Tommy" Pryor, age 72, of Dalton, Kentucky, a native of Cadiz, Kentucky, passed away on Sunday, October 18, 2026, at his home in Dalton. A visitation was held on Wednesday, October 21, 2026, from 4 PM to 6 PM, at Goodwin Funeral Home, 138 Main Street in Cadiz. A private interment will be held at a later date at Cerulean Cemetery.

Farm Credit Mid-America launches youth ag innovation program

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (KT) – Young people with ideas to strengthen agriculture and rural communities have a new opportunity to bring those ideas to life through Farm Credit Mid-America's Youth in Ag Innovation Program.

Farm Credit Mid-America is accepting applications for the new program through Dec. 1, 2026. A total of $17,500 will be awarded, $10,000, $5,000 and $2,500, to the top three youth organizations, to implement projects that advance agricultural innovation and demonstrate measurable impact.

"Some of the best ideas for the future of agriculture may come from the young people who will help lead it," said Hannah Walker, community investment manager at Farm Credit Mid-America. "Through the Youth in Ag Innovation Program, we want to give young people the opportunity and resources to take an idea, put it into action and make a difference in agriculture and their communities."

The program encourages young leaders to identify opportunities and develop creative solutions connected to agricultural practices, food production or access, sustainability and conservation, and agricultural technology or systems.

Eligible applicants must be youth-led groups affiliated with an established organization, such as 4-H, FFA, a school-based science or agriculture club or another recognized youth-serving organization. Participants are recommended to be ages 12-18 and must work with an identified adult advisor or sponsor.

Youth must take an active role in developing, planning, implementing and evaluating the proposed project. Applications should include clear project goals, measurable outcomes and a basic timeline while explaining how the project could benefit agriculture, youth development or the community. Projects that demonstrate strong partnerships, connections to their communities and rural leadership development are encouraged.

Applications will be evaluated on the creativity and originality of the idea, likelihood of successful implementation, potential benefit to agriculture or the community, depth of youth leadership and involvement and strength and completeness of the application.

The three finalists will be selected from all eligible submissions and invited to present their projects at Farm Credit Mid-America's February 2027 Advocate Council Meeting. Customers attending the meeting will vote to determine the final award placements. The Top Project Award recipient will also be invited to the following year's meeting to share the impact of the completed project.

Applications are due Dec. 1, 2026. Program details, eligibility requirements and the application are available through the Youth in Ag Innovation Program at fcma.com.



WEST KY SPORTS

Kentucky High School Football Media Poll

CLASS 6A RANKINGS

School	Record	Pts
1. Trinity (16)	8-1	160
2. Frederick Douglass	8-0	142
3. Manual	7-1	128
4. South Warren	6-2	105
5. Madison Central	7-1	98
6. St. Xavier	3-5	69
7. Male	5-3	53
8. Bullitt East	6-2	38
9. Bryan Station	4-4	30
10. Lafayette	7-1	20

Others receiving votes: McCracken County 15, George Rogers Clark 13, Eastern 7, Oldham County 2.

CLASS 5A RANKINGS

School	Record	Pts
1. Pulaski County (16)	8-0	160
2. Woodford County	7-1	131
3. Owensboro	6-2	124
4. Scott County	7-2	115
5. Atherton	7-1	96
6. Cooper	6-2	72
7. West Jessamine	8-0	66
8. Madisonville-North Hopkins	7-1	52
9. Bowling Green	4-4	31
10. Collins	6-3	22

Others receiving votes: South Laurel 6, Fairdale 5.

CLASS 4A RANKINGS

School	Record	Pts
1. Highlands (14)	7-2	158
2. Boyle County	7-1	142
3. Paducah Tilghman	8-0	132
4. Ashland Blazer	8-0	105
5. Corbin	6-2	94
6. Covington Catholic	5-4	83
7. North Oldham	8-1	54
8. Logan County	6-2	36
9. Spencer County	6-2	26
10. Nelson County	7-1	15

Others receiving votes: Elizabethtown 8, Greenup County 8, Johnson Central 8, Boyd County 6, Franklin County 5.

CLASS 3A RANKINGS

School	Record	Pts
1. Christian Academy	9-0	160
2. Lexington Catholic	6-2	136
3. Murray	7-1	129
4. Rockcastle County	8-0	87
5. Glasgow	7-1	81
6. LaRue County	8-0	74
7. Lloyd Memorial	7-1	70
8. Lawrence County	6-1	65
9. Bourbon County	7-1	42
10. Bardstown	6-3	17

Others receiving votes: Russell 9, Hart County 6, Central 4.

CLASS 2A RANKINGS

School	Record	Pts
1. Beechwood	8-0	159
2. Owensboro Catholic	7-1	141
3. Lexington Christian	6-2	122
4. Mayfield	7-1	106
5. Belfry	7-1	105
6. Somerset	7-1	76
7. Danville	8-1	60
8. Breathitt County	7-1	40
9. Prestonsburg	7-1	32
10. Caldwell County	7-1	25

Others receiving votes: DuBois 12, Martin County 1, St. Henry 1.

CLASS 1A RANKINGS

School	Record	Pts
1. Pikeville (16)	7-1	160
2. Sayre	8-0	137
3. Raceland	6-2	127
4. Middlesboro	8-0	104
5. KY Country Day	6-2	90
6. Paintsville	8-1	78
7. Louisville Holy Cross	6-2	67
8. Bethlehem	7-1	56
9. Eminence	7-1	28
10. Dayton	7-1	11

Others receiving votes: Covington Holy Cross 9, Williamsburg 7, Hazard 3, Newport Central Catholic 2, Nicholas County 1.



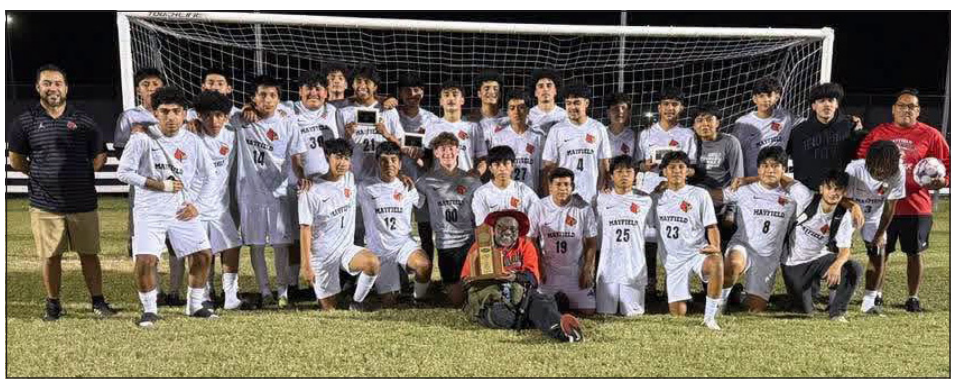
Calloway County won the 2026 2nd District Girls' Soccer Championship on Thursday, Oct. 15. The Lady Lakers defeated Murray 2-1 in the 2nd District girls' soccer title match.

(Photo Courtesy of Calloway County High School)



McCracken County finished runner-up in the 1st District Girls' Soccer Tournament on Wednesday, Oct. 14.

(Photo Courtesy of McCracken County High School)



Mayfield won its first 2nd District Boys' Soccer Championship on Thursday, Oct. 15. The Cardinals outlasted Murray 4-3 in the 2nd District boys' soccer title match. *(Photo courtesy of Mayfield High School)*

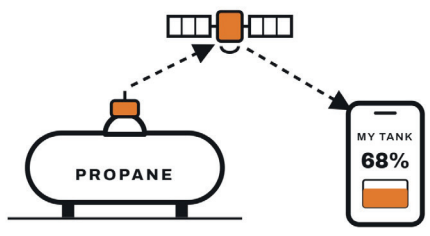
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Christian Fellowship finished runner-up in the 4th District Volleyball Tournament on Tuesday, Oct. 20.
(Photo Courtesy of Christian Fellowship School)



Hickman County won the 2026 1st District Volleyball Championship on Tuesday, Oct. 20. The Lady Falcons defeated Carlisle County 3-1 in the 1st District volleyball title match.
(Photo Courtesy of Hickman County High School)



Marshall County won the 2026 4th District Volleyball Championship on Tuesday, Oct 20. The Lady Marshals shut out Christian Fellowship 3-0 in the 4th District volleyball title match.
(Photo Courtesy of Marshall County High School)



The Mayfield Cardinal Marching Band swept its class in the Western Kentucky Tournament of Champions hosted by Christian County High School in Hopkinsville on Saturday, Oct. 17. The awards for the Mayfield Cardinal Marching Band were as follows: 1st Place Band – Class 2A; 1st Place Guard – Class 2A; 1st Place Percussion – Class 2A; 6th Place out of in finals out of 22 bands. *(Photo courtesy of Mayfield High School)*

KHSAA honors 2025-26 NFHS State Coaches of the Year

Staff Report

LEXINGTON — As part of its annual awards program, the National Federation of State High School Associations Coaches Association recognizes Coach of the Year honorees from each state. Those named Coach of the Year at the state level then advance for consideration for Sectional Coach of the Year honors. Winners are chosen through a combination of their coaching accomplishments, particularly for the season in question, as well as their contributions outside of competition to help grow their respective sports. These awards are announced following the recognized year.

The 2025-26 honorees from Kentucky follow.

Baseball: Heath Hicks, Apollo; Boys' Basketball: David Levitch, North Oldham; Boys' Cross Country: Sydney Goetz, Louisville Collegiate; Football: Demarcus Ganaway, Owensboro; Boys' Golf: Chris Gregory, McCracken County; Boys' Soccer: John Cantrell, South Oldham; Boys' Swimming & Diving: Mike Heuke, Eastern; Boys' Tennis: Brandon Haines, Owensboro Catholic; Boys' Outdoor Track & Field: Cory Gibson, Male; Boys' Wrestling: Josh Ashbrook, Harrison County; Girls' Basketball: Jeff Stowers, Simon Kenton; Girls' Cross Country: Marcus Abel, LaRue County; Girls' Golf: Jonas Billingsley, Daviess County; Girls' Lacrosse: Kaylin Morissette, Sacred Heart; Girls' Soccer: Kelsey Etherton, Highlands; Softball: Kelly Reynolds, South Warren; Girls' Swimming & Diving: Charles Edmiston, Sacred Heart; Girls' Tennis: Christopher Adkisson, Pulaski County; Girls' Outdoor Track & Field: Gary Wicker, Calloway County; Girls' Volleyball: Keith Carver, Bowling Green; Boys' Archery: Greg Shoulders, Meade County; Boys' Bass Fishing: Scott Schrock, Trigg County; Boys' Bowling: Jimmy Carroll, Daviess County; Esports: Noah Wright, Great Crossing; Boys' Lacrosse: Kevin Doherty, St. Xavier; Boys' Volleyball: Missy Marsh, West Jessamine; Girls' Archery: Chris Guill, Webster County; Girls' Bass Fishing: John Vice, Montgomery County; Girls' Bowling: Julie Nichelson, Pleasure Ridge Park; Field Hockey: Eleanor Mitchell, Sacred Heart; Girls' Wrestling: Seth Lucas, Boyle County; Cheer: Morgan Saylor, Bullitt East; Dance: Wheeler Hughes, McCracken County; Adapted/Allied/Unified: Earl Truman, Meade County.

The NFHS, which has been recognizing coaches through an awards program since 1982, honors coaches in the top 10 girls' sports and top 10 boys' sports by participation numbers and in two "other" sports – one for boys and one for girls – that are not included in the top 10 listings. The NFHS also recognizes a cheer coach and a dance coach as separate spirit award categories, as well as an Adapted/Allied/Unified coach. Winners of NFHS awards must be active coaches during the year for which they receive their awards.

The next award level after state Coach of the Year is Sectional Coach of the Year. The NFHS is divided into eight geographical sections: Section 1 – Northeast (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont); Section 2 – Mideast (Delaware; Kentucky; Maryland; Ohio; Pennsylvania; Virginia; Washington, D.C.; West Virginia); Section 3 – South (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee); Section 4 – Central (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Wisconsin); Section 5 – Midwest (Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota); Section 6 – Southwest (Arkansas, Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas); Section 7 – West (Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah); and Section 8 – Northwest (Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, Wyoming).

The NFHS Coaches Association has an advisory committee composed of a chair and eight sectional representatives. The sectional committee representatives evaluate the state award recipients from the states in their respective sections and select the best candidates for the sectional award in each sport category. The NFHS Coaches Association Advisory Committee then considers the sectional candidates in each sport, ranks them according to a point system and determines a national winner for each of the 20 sport categories, the two spirit categories, the Adapted/Allied/Unified category and two "other" categories.



McCracken County won the 2026 2nd District Volleyball Championship on Tuesday, Oct. 20. Perennial title contender McCracken County shut out crosstown rival Paducah Tilghman 3-0 in the 2nd District volleyball title match. *(Photo Courtesy of McCracken County High School)*

Region cross country meets set for Oct. 24

Staff Report

PADUCAH — KHSAA region cross country meets are set to be held across the state on Saturday, Oct. 24.

Several area cross country teams and individuals will be vying for region titles.

The 2026 boys' and girls' high school cross country alignment follows.

Class 1A

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

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

Region 3 – Beth Haven, Brown, Evangel Christian, Francis Parker, Highlands Latin, Holy Cross (Louisville), Kentucky Country Day, Kentucky School for the Blind, Louisville Collegiate, Portland Christian, Presentation, Shawnee, WEB DuBois, Walden, Whitefield Academy.

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

Region 5 – Augusta, Berea, Bracken County, Burgin, Carroll County, Danville Christian, Danville, Eminence, Frankfort Christian, Frankfort, Gallatin County, Kentucky School for the Deaf, Lexington Christian, Model, Nicholas County, Owen County, Paris, Robertson County, Sayre, St. Patrick, Trimble County, Trinity Christian.

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

Region 7 – Belfry, Betsy Layne, East Ridge, Elliott County, Fairview, Floyd Central, Holy Family, Jenkins, Martin County, Menifee County, Paintsville, Phelps, Piarist, Pikeville, Prestonsburg, Raceland, Rose Hill Christian, Shelby Valley, West Carter.

Class 2A

Region 1 – Calloway County, Hopkins County Central, Hopkinsville, Logan County, Paducah Tilghman, Trigg County, Union County, Webster County.

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

Region 3 – Christian Academy-Louisville, DeSales, Doss, Henry County, Jeffersontown, Shelby County, Spencer County, Valley, Waggener, Western.

Region 4 – Bourbon County, Covington Catholic, Franklin County, Harrison County, Holmes, Lexington Catholic, Lloyd Memorial, Pendleton County, Western Hills.

Region 5 – Bell County, Boyle County, Casey County, Clay County, Corbin, Garrard County, Knox Central, Lincoln County, McCreary Central, Mercer County, Rockcastle County, Russell County, Wayne County, Whitley County.

Region 6 – Ashland Blazer, Boyd County, East Carter, Fleming County, Greenup County, Lewis County, Mason County, Rowan County, Russell.

Region 7– Bath County, Estill County, Harlan County, Johnson Central, Lawrence County, Letcher County Central, Magoffin County, Morgan County, Perry County Central, Pike County Central, Powell County.

Class 3A

Region 1 – Apollo, Christian County, Daviess County, Graves County, Henderson County, Madisonville-North Hopkins, Marshall County, McCracken County, Muhlenberg County, Owensboro.

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

Region 3 – Bullitt Central, Bullitt East, Butler, Central, DuPont Manual, Fairdale, Iroquois, Male, North Bullitt, Pleasure Ridge Park, St. Xavier, Southern.

Region 4 – Assumption, Atherton, Ballard, Collins, Eastern, Fern Creek, Mercy Academy, Moore, North Oldham, Oldham County, Sacred Heart, Seneca, South Oldham, Trinity (Louisville).

Region 5 – Boone County, Campbell County, Conner, Cooper, Dixie Heights, Grant County, Highlands, Notre Dame, Ryle, Scott, Simon Kenton.

Region 6 – Anderson County, Bryan Station, Frederick Douglass, George Rogers Clark, Great Crossing, Henry Clay, Lafayette, Montgomery County, Paul Laurence Dunbar, Scott County, Tates Creek, Woodford County.

Region 7– East Jessamine, Madison Central, Madison Southern, North Laurel, Pulaski County, South Laurel, Southwestern, West Jessamine.





Marshall County won the 2026 1st District Girls' Soccer Championship on Wednesday, Oct. 14. The Lady Marshals shut out McCracken County 2-0 in the 1st District girls' soccer title match.

(Photo Courtesy of Marshall County High School)

Racers picked atop MVC Preseason Poll for first time

Staff Report

ST. LOUIS — The Murray State men's basketball team was picked first in the Missouri Valley Conference (MVC) 2026-27 preseason poll, the league office announced on Tuesday, Oct. 13. The poll was voted on by the league's coaches, sports information directors and media members.

Murray State garnered 32 of the 50 total first place votes as the Racers tallied 517 total points, ahead of No. 2 Illinois State (seven first place votes) and No. 3 UIC (six first place votes). Belmont, Valparaiso and Bradley all received one first place vote as they rounded out the top six teams in the preseason poll.

Murray State is coming off of a 20-13 overall record last season with a 12-8 mark in Missouri Valley Conference play and a third-place finish in the league standings, the program's best MVC regular season finish and most conference wins since joining The Valley. Murray State has six returning players from last year's 20-win season, but just three who saw action - Mathis Courbon, Roman Domon and Brayden Shorter – as the Racers added nine newcomers (four transfers, five freshmen).

Murray State opens the regular season on Monday, Nov. 2 against Tennessee State in the Field of 68 Opening Day Marathon. The Racers tipoff the home slate inside the reimagined CFSB Center on Saturday, Nov. 7 against Northwestern State.



Paducah Tilghman finished runner-up in the 2nd District Volleyball Tournament on Tuesday, Oct. 20.
(Photo Courtesy of Paducah Tilghman High School)

BluegrassPreps.com Football Rankings

Class 1A
1. Pikeville
2. Raceland
3. Sayre
4. Middlesboro
5. Kentucky Country Day
6. Bethlehem
7. Paintsville
8. Louisville Holy Cross
9. Eminence
10. Newport Central Catholic

Class 2A
1. Beechwood
2. Owensboro Catholic
3. Lexington Christian Academy
4. Mayfield
5. Belfry
6. Somerset
7. Danville
8. W.E.B. DuBois
9. Prestonsburg
10. Caldwell County

Class 3A
1. Christian Academy-Louisville
2. Lexington Catholic
3. Murray
4. Bourbon County
5. Lawrence County
6. LaRue County
7. Lloyd Memorial
8. Rockcastle County
9. Glasgow
10. Central

Class 4A
1. Highlands
2. Boyle County
3. Paducah Tilghman
4. Covington Catholic
5. Corbin
6. Ashland
7. Logan County
8. North Oldham
9. Spencer County
10. Greenup County

Class 5A
1. Pulaski County
2. Woodford County
3. Scott County
4. Owensboro
5. Atherton
6. West Jessamine
7. Collins
8. Bowling Green
9. Madisonville
10. Cooper

Class 6A
1. Trinity
2. Frederick Douglass
3. Manual
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SPIRITUAL ALERTNESS VS HUMAN ABILITY

By Teresa LeNeave
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In the Garden of Gethsemane shortly before Jesus' arrest and crucifixion Jesus asked His disciples, "Could ye not watch with me one hour?" I'm sure the question was more than a rebuke for their failure to stay awake while He prayed. I'm equally sure it wasn't His intention to establish a "one-hour prayer rule".

When Jesus said this, He was experiencing extreme sorrow and was burdened so heavily that He sweat drops of blood as He prepared to surrender Himself to the will of the Father: death by crucifixion.

In that difficult moment, He had taken Peter, James, and John with Him and asked them to watch with Him. However, when He returned, He found them sleeping.

What does this tell us about humanity? Could it be revealing the weakness of human nature, the necessity of prayer, and the importance of remaining spiritually alert during times of testing? I think so because consistent prayer and spiritual alertness remain a powerful challenge to believers.

Today, the same question challenges every believer: Can you give the Lord your attention, time,



and devotion, even for one hour? Jesus didn't ask His disciples to perform a miracle or fight a battle alongside Him. Instead, He simply asked them to watch with Him. He didn't even say, "Pray with me for one hour".

To watch meant to remain awake, alert, and prayerfully present during a moment of great importance. Jesus desired their oneness with Him as He faced the suffering ahead. Prayer is a time to draw near to Him, worship Him, listen to His Word, and surrender to His will.

If Jesus sought time in prayer during His hour of suffering, believers have even greater reason to seek God in their daily lives. Maybe, Jesus' question, "Could ye not watch with me one hour?" highlights the importance of spiritual preparation.

The disciples had walked with Jesus, listened to His teachings, witnessed His miracles, and experienced His power. Yet, when the hour of testing arrived, they struggled to remain awake and pray.

In Matthew 26:41, Jesus explained the disciples' struggle with these words: "The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." The disciples may have sincerely desired to stand with Jesus; to remain awake and support Him in this trying hour, but the weakness of their humanity was stronger than their spiritual alertness.

The lesson is clear: Christians must not depend solely on their own determination but must continually seek God's help through prayer. For every believer, it is an invitation to draw nearer to God, strengthen the spirit through prayer, and remain watchful in every season of life.

OUTDOOR Truths

By Gary Miller
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My favorite time of the year starts right now! It begins on Halloween and goes for about 6 weeks. In deer hunting terms these few weeks involve the pre-rut, rut, post-rut, and secondary rut. Each of these periods offers some exciting times to be in the woods. And if one is limited in the amount of days he or she can hunt, concentrating on this window of opportunity will provide the best chances to bring home a trophy. In years past I couldn't wait for opening day. I was not only looking for meat to put in the freezer, I also thought that one big buck might just show up anytime. Therefore my "window of opportunity" started the end of September and ran through January. This was not only a long period of time but it was also very draining on me physically and on every other area of my life. I was obsessed and every day I couldn't go hunting, I knew would be the day Mr. Bruiser Buck would walk by. I'm glad I got older and wiser, and slightly more mature. Today, I still love to hunt but I understand that not only do I have more important life responsibilities; I can save my time and energy for a much smaller period of time and still have fun and be successful. It's the quality over quantity thing. It's also just being a better manager of life.

The benefit I have that some do not is that hunting and fishing are important for what I do as a writer and speaker. I know that sounds very convenient, and my wife is not very impressed by that excuse either, but nevertheless these experiences give me fuel to write and help me identify with those that I speak to. It allows me not so much to tell my story but understand theirs – and yours.



This is also the story of Christianity and Jesus in particular. It is the story of commonality. It is the story of shared experience. It the story of one window of opportunity that Jesus took – willingly, that gave Him understanding of our story. You see, we live in world that is full of suffering and the most difficult question to answer for those who undergo such tremendous suffering is "why." Why God, do you allow such pain? Why God, is there so much evil? Why God, are there so many people who are without? God has not chosen to give us very satisfying answers at times, but what He did choose to do was identify with our suffering. And in one small window of time, Jesus (God in the flesh) died; not only so He could tell us of His story of salvation for all, but so that He could understand our story of pain as well. Whatever we may say about Jesus, there is one thing we cannot say… we cannot say He knows nothing of our suffering. And for that He stands alone among all other religions.

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C - Confess Jesus is Lord
If you confess with your mouth "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead you will be saved. - Romans 10:9

The narrow path is the way of love and life

By William F Holland Jr.
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It seems the two topics that cause the most anger and division are politics and religion. I remember years ago speaking with an elderly man who was fondly known around town as friendly, successful, and wise, and he told me these were the two areas that he refused to discuss. He said that no matter which side a person openly stands for, you have just caused half the people to be against you. In this light, even though there is not a shortage of people who declare what they believe, we can see why others would rather keep their opinions to themselves.

There's an old saying, "if we don't stand for something, we'll fall for anything." In our modern world where many are ready to fight for their ideas, maybe it would be a good thing to consider what this means. The cleverness of this wordplay has serious implications, especially for truth seekers, as it reveals the importance of decision-making that's guided by a set of values. Everyone has free will to embrace and defend whatever they trust, but there is a difference between information and truth. Just because we have knowledge about something and are convinced it's accurate does not mean it is.

It's normal and healthy to have convictions, but our carnality is not always tolerant of other people's personal views. So as Christians, are we supposed to swing our sword and fight against those who do not believe like we do, or are we called to wage war against principalities and powers on our knees? We realize that within the aggressive and hostile world of religion and politics, everyone cannot be right, but let's take this a step further. Matthew chapter 5 explains how our lives are to be centered in love. As Christians, the way we live (our speech, attitudes, and actions) identifies us, whether we want to admit it or not. We've not been called to argue and fight in our flesh; we've been commissioned to demonstrate the nature and character of Christ.

Take a look around and listen. Hatred is embedded within the world of politics and religion, and many Christians are infected. Some will say hatred is too harsh, because they would never openly say they hate anyone. But the secret of denial is that we learn how to deceive ourselves. The masses criticize those who run for office all the way up to the office of the president. As their faces turn red and their blood pressure rises, if this is not hate, what is it? Is it more socially acceptable to use words like loathing, resentment, abhorrence, contempt, disgust, enmity, and bitterness instead? So, how can the religious masses believe they are walking the narrow path of holiness, repentance, and obedience unto God, and yet be filled with these dark, angry attitudes? Some will say we love the person but hate their sin, but is this just another stealthy way to hide our animosity?

The religious environment is just another type of politics. We have leaders who voice their opinions, and there are plenty of followers who support their ideas. We have different churches on the corners of highways, and they will not even speak to each other. Like politics, we have families who are divided over the Biblical interpretations they have decided to accept. Beyond the opinions of how dogmatic or humble we are to be, Matthew chapter 7 lays it on the line when it comes to identifying and examining the deepest parts of our conscience. In verses 13 and 14 Jesus talks about the broad way and the narrow way. Who is He talking about?

Obviously He is referring to the lost and the saved, but notice carefully: in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus is speaking to His followers about how to live the Christian life. We realize the unsaved are on the highway to eternal judgment, but we rarely hear about how the lukewarm religious people might also be on the same highway. God will spew lukewarm people out of His mouth; so, are they lost? And what is the difference between a religious person in name only, and a follower who personally knows and obeys God? Spiritual love. I Corinthians is much more than a wedding blessing; it's the most critical and literal demand in the Bible. If we do not surrender our will and be filled with His love for everyone despite their politics and religion, we are and have nothing. Join me next week as we continue this conversation.

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BUILDING AND BUILDING ON

Bro. Brandon G. Bramlett
Bandana Baptist Church

"It's about time you showed up!" Jordan was already hard at work when I arrived at the jobsite. He asked for a helping hand earlier that day on the way to lunch. "Why don't you come by after school and help me build my garage?" I obliged and when I pulled into the driveway, I was surprised to see a garage nearly finished. The bulk of the work had already been done; all I did was put the finishing touch on a project he had been working on for weeks.

Whether you are preaching the gospel to the lost or encouraging someone to walk closer with the Lord, remember this: God is always at work long before you get there. God often uses you to finish a job He's been working on for weeks, years, or even decades. Many times, you are merely building on a foundation God has already laid through the work of others. As Paul said, "What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth" (1 Cor. 3:5-7).

Who knows how many sermons your neighbor has heard before you arrive at the doorstep? Who knows how many gospel testimonies your coworker has heard before you share yours? Who knows how many prayers have been uttered for a lost soul before you pray for them? Who knows how deeply God has tilled the fallow ground of a sinner's heart before you sow the gospel seed?

Maybe your neighbor needs to hear the gospel one more time. Maybe your friend needs to hear one more testimony. Perhaps your relative needs one more earnest prayer. Your witness, encouraging words, or prayers could be the final drop of water necessary for the gospel seed to germinate in a sinner's soul. You might be laying a foundation for someone else, but you might be finishing it, too.

Philip the evangelist would agree. Multitudes were saved when he preached the gospel in Samaria (Acts 8:5-13), and his success was largely due to the fact that he built on a foundation Christ already laid when He visited Samaria. The Samaritan leper who fell at Jesus' feet was on his feet spreading the gospel before Philip showed up (Luke 17:16). Likewise, the Samaritan woman testified about Jesus long before Philip arrived (John 4:39). Philip simply poured water on thousands of gospel seeds that had already been sown.

Never pass up an opportunity to share the gospel or encourage someone to mature in the faith. You are always laying a foundation or building on one—always planting the seed or watering it.

Note: My latest book, Bible Gleanings Volume III, contains 100 daily devotionals just like the ones you read here each weekend. It is available in paperback on Amazon.com.



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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.

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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

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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

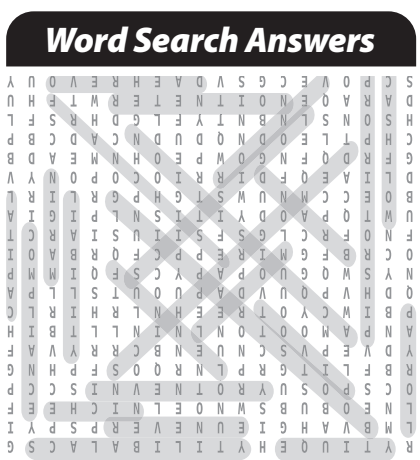
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Glass Top Coffee Table, 2 matching end tables, and sofa table, great condition. Trimmed with brass. $150 Call 270 519-7604

Sudoku Answers

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Word Search Answers



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How to Help Local Animal Shelters

Local animal shelters care for homeless, abandoned, and neglected animals, but they often need extra support. There are many ways to help these shelters and the animals they protect.

Donating pet food, blankets, toys, and cleaning supplies helps shelters meet animals' daily needs. Volunteering to walk dogs, play with cats, or clean kennels is another great way to make a difference.

Adopting pets from shelters gives animals loving homes, while fostering provides temporary care. Sharing shelter posts on social media can also help animals find families.

By donating, volunteering, adopting, or spreading awareness, everyone can help local animal shelters provide animals with love and care.



Pet of the Week



Meet Marie. Marie is a little over 1 year old. She is super sweet and loves to play. Marie is spayed, microchipped and up to date on all of her vaccinations.

She would make a great addition to any home. Her adoption fee is $150. Please come out and meet Marie.

For more information please contact:
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Paducah, KY 42001 -
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ABSOLUTE LAND AUCTION

Thursday, November 12th, 2026 | 6:00 PM CST

AUCTION HELD AT THE YATES EVENT CENTER



72.18± ACRES IN 9 TRACTS & COMBINATIONS

Property Location: 2053 Butterworth Rd, Murray, KY 42071

SELLING ABSOLUTE – REGARDLESS OF PRICE!

Harris Real Estate & Auction is pleased to present an outstanding opportunity to purchase 72.18± acres in Calloway County, Kentucky, selling at Absolute Auction in 9 tracts and combinations!

Located along Butterworth Road just outside Murray, Kentucky, this property offers a desirable combination of open farmland, wooded acreage, hunting and recreational land, and an existing country home situated on 2.80± acres.

Featuring nine individual tracts ranging from 1.28± acres to 27.17± acres, this auction offers opportunities for farmers, homeowners, hunters, recreational land buyers, investors, and those looking to expand their existing property holdings.

Whether you're searching for a country home, additional farmland, a potential building site, hunting property, or a larger rural acreage investment, this auction offers the flexibility to purchase individual tracts, adjoining combinations, or the entire property.

PROPERTY HIGHLIGHTS

- 72.18± total acres selling in 9 tracts and combinations
- Country home situated on Tract 6 with 2.80± acres
- Multiple tracts featuring open, cleared farmland
- Larger wooded acreage offering hunting and recreational opportunities
- Smaller acreage parcels offering potential country homesites
- Road frontage along Butterworth Road on multiple tracts
- Opportunities for agricultural use, recreation, and land investment
- Convenient rural location near Murray, Kentucky
- Flexibility to purchase individual tracts or combinations
- Selling at Absolute Auction, regardless of price

REAL ESTATE TERMS: Offered in 9 tracts and combinations. A 10% Buyer's Premium will be added to the final bid and included in the deed transaction sale price. A 15% down payment is required on the day of the auction, with the remaining balance due within 30 days of the auction. YOUR BIDDING IS NOT CONDITIONAL UPON FINANCING, SO BE SURE YOU HAVE ARRANGED FINANCING, IF NEEDED, AND ARE CAPABLE OF PAYING CASH AT CLOSING. Make Inspections Prior To Date Of Sale. Closing shall take place on or before 30 days from auction date. All 2026 ad valorem taxes will be prorated at closing. The property will be sold by a new survey. Buyer is responsible for 50%.

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ABSOLUTE ONLINE ONLY REAL ESTATE AUCTION

4182 State Route 121 S, Mayfield, KY 42066

BIDDING OPEN NOW!

BIDDING ENDS: Tues., Nov. 3rd, 2026 @ 10 AM CST



Acreage, an existing building, and a convenient Mayfield location!

ALL SELLING AT ONLINE AUCTION!

Harris Real Estate & Auction is pleased to offer this **3.08± acre property featuring a 30' x 40' building** located at **4182 State Route 121 S in Mayfield, Kentucky**.

The property offers approximately 1,200 square feet of building space along with over three acres of land, providing buyers with plenty of flexibility. The existing building features a metal roof and offers space that could be well suited for **storage, equipment, vehicles, hobbies, or other uses**.

Outside, the property offers a combination of **open and wooded acreage** with established access from State Route 121 S. Whether you're looking for additional space, land for future plans, an investment opportunity, or simply a versatile property with an existing structure already in place, this property is worth a look.

PROPERTY HIGHLIGHTS

- 3.08± acres
- 30' x 40' building
- Approximately 1,200 sq. ft.
- Metal roof
- Open and wooded acreage
- Convenient access to Mayfield
- Located on State Route 121 S
- Space for storage, equipment, vehicles or hobbies
- Versatile property with room for future possibilities
- Online bidding is open now

REAL ESTATE TERMS: This is an Online Only Absolute Real Estate Auction. The property will be offered as one individual tract and will sell to the highest bidder regardless of price. A 10% Buyer's Premium will be added to the final bid and included in the deed transaction sale price. A 15% down payment is required on the day of the auction, with the remaining balance due within 30 days of the auction. 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 according to the current deed.

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KSP seeking help in solving 2024 murder in Caldwell County

By Tom Latek
kentucky Today

MADISONVILLE, Ky. (KT) – Kentucky State Police (KSP) Post 2 in Madisonville continues investigating a Caldwell County murder that occurred in the Princeton Community in April 2024 and is asking for help from the public in solving the case.

April 2026 marked two years since authorities discovered Dorothy Sparks dead in her home. According to the KSP, the investigation revealed her death to be a homicide and has been under extensive investigation since. In the wake of the anniversary, Kentucky State Police is requesting any information from the public that is relevant to this case, especially around April 18, 2024, near the 11000 block of South Jefferson Street (Ky-293), in Princeton.

If anyone has information about the murder of Dorthy Sparks, they are being asked to contact Kentucky State Police Post 2 by calling 270-676-3313, online through the KSP website Tip form found here: https://www.kentuckystatepolice.ky.gov/tip, or by Text a Tip via the Kentucky State Police App. You can also text 67283, type KSPTIP with a space, then details of the tip related to this case.

Crime tips can also be sent to Hopkinsville-Christian County Crime Stoppers at 270-887-TIPS (8477). Hopkinsville-Christian County Crime Stoppers are offering a reward of $11,000 for information that leads to the arrest of a suspect in this murder case.



ONLINE LAND AUCTION
Wednesday, November 4th, 2026 | 10:00 AM
Property Location: Near State Route 301, Hickory, KY



50 ACRES OF WESTERN KENTUCKY LAND

Harris Real Estate & Auction is pleased to offer 50 acres of land in Graves County, Kentucky, selling through an Online-Only Land Auction!

Located near Hickory, Kentucky, this 50-acre tract offers an opportunity to acquire a sizable piece of Western Kentucky acreage. Whether you're looking to expand your land holdings or invest in rural property, this auction presents an opportunity to purchase land in Graves County.



The property has been surveyed, with a boundary survey dated August 26, 2026, available for review.





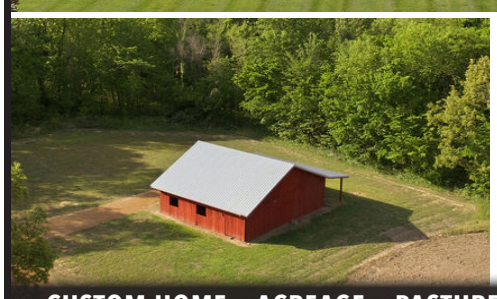
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH, 2026 at 10:00 AM



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





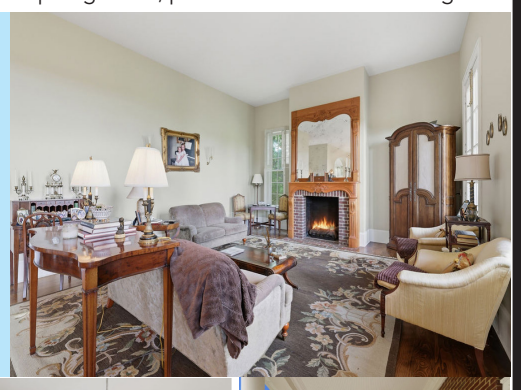
CUSTOM HOME • ACREAGE • PASTURE • WOODED LAND • HORSE BARN

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.**

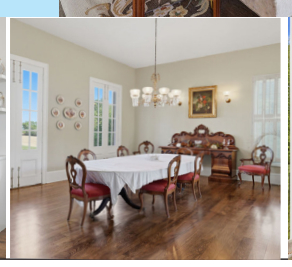
The impressive **4,380± sq. ft. home offers 3 bedrooms and 3.5 bathrooms,** featuring 10- and 12-foot ceilings, hardwood flooring, custom cabinetry and 16 solid mahogany doors. A French mantel with gas fireplace adds timeless character, while a spacious bonus room offers flexible additional living space.

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*









REAL ESTATE TERMS: The property will be offered in 2 individual tracts, any combination of tracts, or as a whole property. The property will be sold in the manner resulting in the highest total sale price. A 10% Buyer's Premium will be added to the final bid and included in the deed transaction sale price. 15% as down payment on the day of the auction with balance in cash at closing on or before 30 days. The down payment may be in the form of cashier's check, personal check, or corporate check. YOUR BIDDING IS NOT CONDITIONAL UPON FINANCING, SO BE SURE YOU HAVE ARRANGED FINANCING, IF NEEDED, AND ARE CAPABLE OF PAYING CASH AT CLOSING. Make Inspections Prior To Date Of Sale. Closing shall take place on or before 30 days from auction date. All 2026 ad valorem taxes will be prorated at closing. The property will be sold by a new survey, buyer responsible for 50% of the survey costs.

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Protect your online accounts with multi-factor authentication

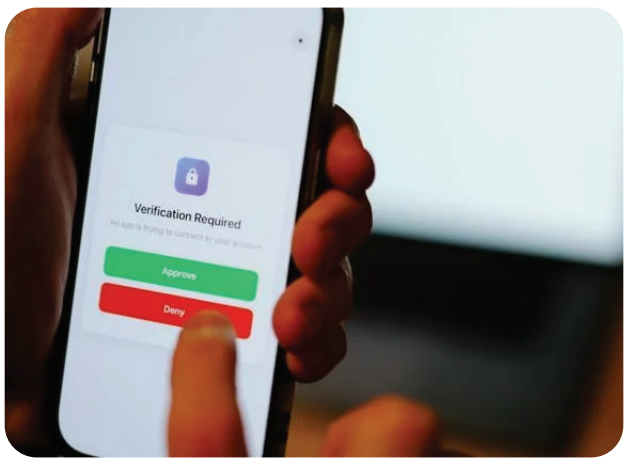
By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

LEXINGTON, Ky. (KT) – If it's been a while since you last logged in to your bank account or another online account, in addition to entering your password, you might be prompted to enter code, known as multi-factor authentication (MFA).

It's a procedure that requires at least two forms of verification used to protect online accounts, and is a quick and simple way to add an extra layer of protection to confidential data. This additional step acts like an extra lock designed to protect accounts from hackers or a cybersecurity weakness.

Make sure to activate MFA for all online accounts. Most options for MFA include receiving a text, phone call or email. The simplest way to enable multifactor authentication is to set up a face scan or fingerprint scan. Not only is this the quickest option, but it's also more secure. In the event of a lost or stolen phone, no one can access your information.

This small step can make a significant difference when it comes to protecting



your online accounts. In addition to protecting against security weaknesses or compromised login information, enabling MFA also helps protect online accounts from phishing attempts. A phishing attempt is an email that tries to obtain confidential information like credit card numbers, usernames or passwords.

It is important, however, to be aware that hackers may still try to take advantage of MFA to steal your information. One common attack happens when a hacker attempts to get you to share your unique passcode generated with an MFA app. This can be done by impersonating IT support and claiming the code is needed to keep an account active.

It is also important to beware of unauthorized multi-factor authentication push notifications. For example, if you receive a text message asking you to verify an account login, but you have not attempted to login to any of your online accounts, deny access.

UK Information Technology Services Cybersecurity Analyst Jackie Campbell said hackers use this tactic aimed at gaining access to your online accounts.

"When the criminal already has your login information, they only need you to approve an MFA request," Campbell said. "They begin sending request after request, sometimes over 24 hours until, out of annoyance or desperation, you approve. This is called 'MFA Fatigue' or 'MFA push spam'."

Campbell says if you receive an MFA notification you did not request, change your password immediately.

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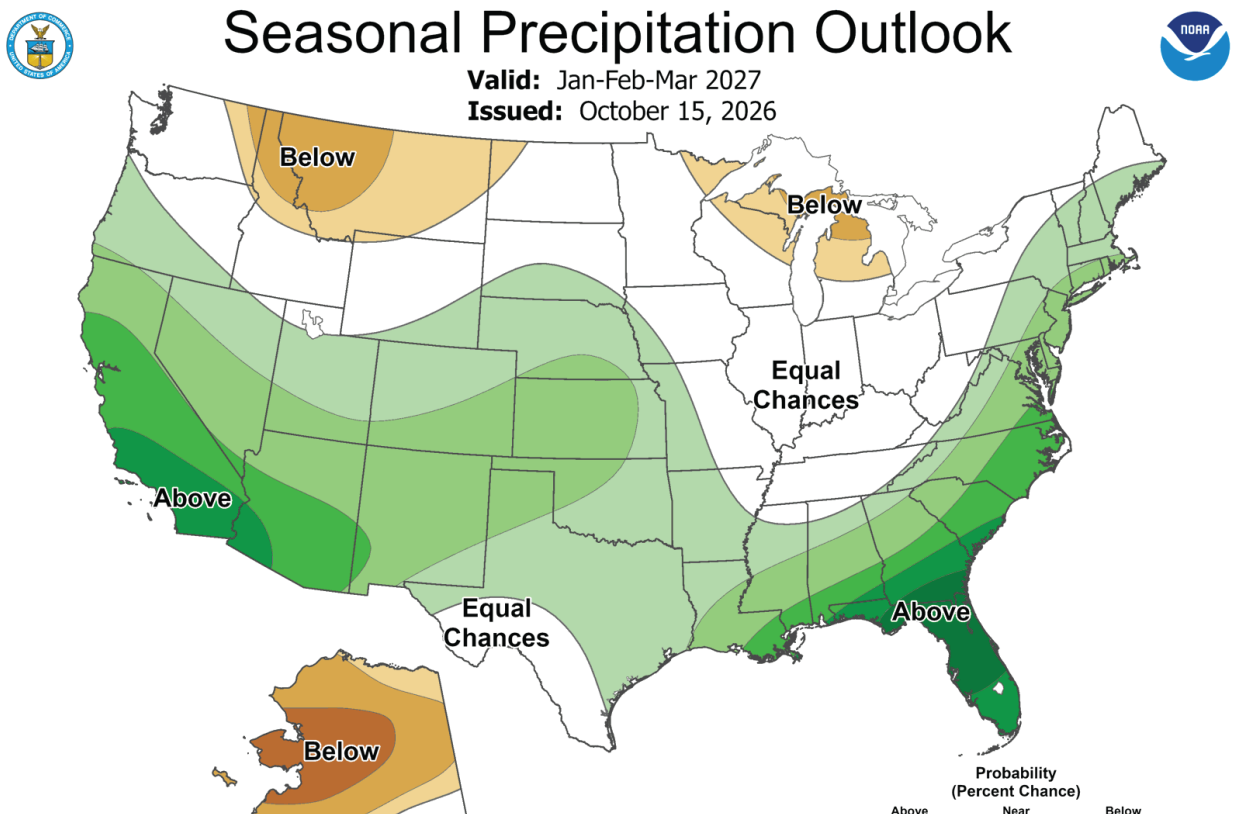
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NOAA reveals winter outlook for state, nation

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today



FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has issued their winter outlook for the period December through February and says the ongoing major El Nino event will be a key player in what we experience.

Thus far this year, El Nino has helped lead to more hurricanes developing in the Pacific Ocean, while suppressing them in the Atlantic, Caribbean and Gulf areas, so there has been only one, as of Wednesday. The last year there was only one hurricane in the Atlantic basin was in 1925, which was long before the age of radar and satellite imagery.

Winter Temperature outlook 102126.gif

NOAA's winter outlook shows how El Nino will likely influence the upcoming winter months (December 2026 to February 2027), with warmer-than-average temperatures expected across the northern U.S.; wetter-than-average conditions likely across the southern U.S., from California to Florida, and along the Eastern Seaboard; and drought improving for the majority of the country, including areas in the East, Southern Great Plains and Southwest.

"As we know from decades of observations, a very strong El Nino will likely bring a southward and eastward shift to the jet stream for the contiguous U.S., which tilts the odds toward stormier weather across the South," said Ken Graham, director of NOAA's National Weather Service. "While higher chances of rain and snow may bring relief to drought-afflicted areas, too much precipitation on dry soil can fuel destructive flash floods and mudslides. Now is the time for communities and individuals to plan ahead for the upcoming winter."

Specifically in Kentucky, the outlook calls for a 40 to 50 percent chance of warmer than normal temperatures, with a 33-40 percent chance in the far Southwest, which NOAA calls leaning above normal. Precipitation has an equal chance of being drier or wetter than normal. See the maps that accompany this story.

NOAA also has two new winter weather tools for the upcoming season.

The Probabilistic Precipitation Portal enables people to view the low-end, expected, and high-end amounts of snow, ice and rain, as well as the probabilities of precipitation exceeding specific thresholds.

Forecasters will also use "Particularly Dangerous Situation" wording in select Blizzard Warnings and Ice Storm Warnings this season. This will help forecasters alert the public about blizzards or ice storms which can pose imminent danger to life and disruptions to emergency services.

Go to weather.gov for local forecasts, watches, advisories and warnings, year-round.

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Pregnant inmate bill proposed for 2027 session

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – State Rep. Emily Callaway, R-Louisville, is proposing legislation for the 2027 session to improve the health and safety of new mothers and their babies, since Kentucky's maternal mortality rate is significantly higher than the national average.

The bill would standardize the collection and reporting of pregnancy and postpartum outcomes and help identify areas for improvement through the creation of an online inmate pregnancy outcome database. The overarching goal of this proposal is to make sure Kentucky's pregnant inmates are receiving appropriate attention and necessary care while in custody.

In recent years, Kentucky has taken steps to improve care for pregnant inmates and their babies with previous legislation. Callaway's measure aims to build on this work by recognizing standardized data collection and reporting of pregnancy and postpartum outcomes as a logical next step.

"Making sure expectant mothers across Kentucky receive quality care, regardless of their current circumstances, is an important part of building a healthier Kentucky and improving health outcomes statewide," said Callaway. "Kentucky has already taken important steps to improve care for pregnant inmates, but we need accurate, reliable data and information to track outcomes. This proposal builds on the legislature's past efforts by establishing a consistent way to collect and report pregnancy and postpartum outcomes, helping us determine where care expectations are being met and where improvements still need to be made."

The Department of Corrections, in cooperation with the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, would be responsible for developing and maintaining an online inmate pregnancy outcome database. Under this bill, facilities, defined as any jail, penitentiary, or local or state correctional or detention facility, residential center, or reentry center, would be required to report specific information to the department for each pregnant inmate. Required reporting would include, if applicable, facility type and address, custody information during pregnancy, method of pregnancy confirmation and stage of pregnancy at that time, prenatal care, pregnancy-related complaints that require medical treatment and the medical response, postpartum care and follow-up during custody, and sufficient demographic information to help assess disparities in care.

Facilities would be required to submit the information quarterly, with personal information redacted to protect privacy. By July 1 of each year, the department would be required to publish an annual public report detailing aggregated data statewide.

The 2027 General Assembly begins Jan. 5.

BALLARD

Tony Watwood, age 59, of Smithland, KY, passed away peacefully on Sunday, October 18, 2026, at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, TN. Family and friends are invited to attend visitation on Friday, October 23, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. until the funeral service at 1:00 p.m. at Morrow Funeral Chapel in LaCenter, KY, officiated by Rev. Larry Purcell. Interment will follow at Barlow Cemetery in Barlow, KY.

CALDWELL

Kimberly Diane Pryor passed away on October 20, 2026, at Baptist Health Deaconess of Madisonville. She was 54 years old. Visitation will be held on October 25, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at Goodman Funeral Home, 1032 West Main St., Princeton, Kentucky 42445.

Elizabeth Kay Tomes, age 74, of Princeton, passed away Saturday, October 17, 2026, at Centennial Medical Center in Nashville, TN. A funeral Mass was held at 11:00 am on Thursday, October 22, 2026, at St. Paul Catholic Church in Princeton, KY. Burial will follow in Cedar Hill Cemetery. Morgan's Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Evelyn "Merna" Gray, born Evelyn McClelland, passed away on October 17, 2026, in Princeton, Kentucky. Evelyn "Merna" Gray will be remembered with love for her steady presence, her caring spirit, and the devotion she gave to her family throughout her life. Her memory will remain a blessing to all who knew and loved her.

CALLOWAY

Earnestine M. Cossey, 91, of Murray, went to her heavenly home on Sunday, October 18, 2026 at Passion and Purpose Senior Living. The funeral service honoring the life of Mrs. Earnestine Cossey is set for 1 PM on Friday, October 23, 2026 at Imes Funeral Home, 311 North 4th Street, Murray. Chris King will officiate and additional speakers will be Shelby Underhill and Ralph Lilly. Burial will follow at Elm Grove Cemetery.

Kenneth M. Cox, 72, of Murray, passed away on Friday, October 16, 2026 at Baptist Health in Paducah. A public graveside service with military honors is set for 11 AM on Saturday, October 24, 2026 at Salem Cemetery in Lynn Grove. Please join family and friends in honoring the life of Mr. Ken Cox by visiting www.imesfh.com to post your tributes and memories.

Kyrile D. Catlett, age 67, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away on Saturday, October 17, 2026, at Mercy Health Lourdes Hospital in Paducah, Kentucky. A memorial visitation was held from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 21, 2026, at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services. The American Legion Post #73 performed full military honors at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 21, 2026, in the chapel of the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

Jane Marie (Young) Barnett, age 79, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away on Monday, October 19, 2026, at the University of Kentucky Albert B. Chandler Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky following a brief battle with cancer. A graveside service washeld at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, October 22, 2026, at the Murray Memorial Gardens with Bro. Andy Harrell officiating



Joe (Buddy) Kelso, age 76, of Almo, Kentucky, passed away on Friday, October 16, 2026, at Mercy Health Lourdes Hospital in Paducah, Kentucky. A funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, October 23, 2026, at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services with Rev. Danny Pruitt and Rev. Samantha Hall officiating. Burial will follow in the Coles Campground Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Friday, October 23, 2026, at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

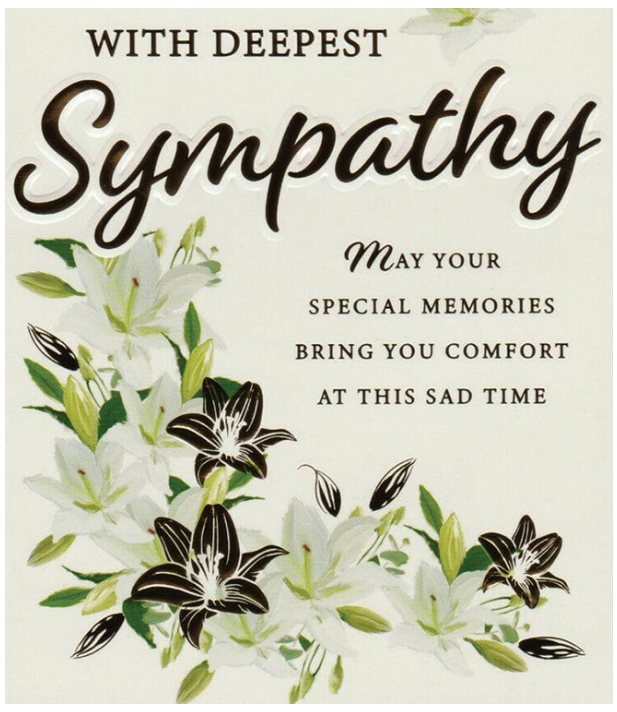
Patricia Ann (Lovett) Miller, age 83, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away on Saturday, October 17, 2026, at the Anna Mae Owen Residential Hospice House in Murray, Kentucky. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, October 24, 2026, at the University Church of Christ with Charley Bazzell and John Dale officiating. Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Saturday, October 24, 2026, at the University Church of Christ.

Peggy Jo Doores, age 85, of Antioch, Tennessee, passed away on Monday, October 19, 2026, in Antioch, Tennessee. Arrangements are currently incomplete at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

James Ronald Talent, age 88, of Almo, Kentucky, passed away on Saturday, October 17, 2026, at Passion and Purpose HomeCare Assisted Living for our Seniors in Almo, Kentucky. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Online condolences can be made at www.jhchurchill.com.

James Lowe, age 88, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away on Saturday, October 17, 2026, at the Spring Creek Healthcare in Murray, Kentucky. There will be no public services and visitation held at this time. Online condolences can be made at, www.jhchurchill.com.

Glenda Earcell (Byassee) Jones, age 79, beloved mother, sister, and friend, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away on Friday, October 16, 2026, at the Anna Mae Owen Residential Hospice House in Murray, Kentucky. A private graveside will be held at the Murray City Cemetery.



CARLISLE

Deborah Johnson Lemons, lovingly known as Debbie, passed away on October 16, 2026, in Bardwell, Kentucky, at the age of 61. Milner & Orr Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Bardwell are in charge of arrangements.

CHRISTIAN

Lynn Sowell, age 68, of Hopkinsville, passed away from natural causes on Monday, October 19, 2026, at TriStar Skyline Medical Center in Nashville, TN. Celebration of Life Services will be at 1:00 PM on Saturday, October 24, 2026, at Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home with Rev. Darryl Russell officiating. Visitation will be at the funeral home on Saturday, October 24, 2026, from 10:00 AM until the service hour at 1:00 PM. Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home has been entrusted by the family to handle the arrangements.

Ann Michele Morris, 63, of Pembroke, KY died at 10:48 a.m. Saturday, October 17, 2026 at her residence. Funeral services were at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 21, 2026 at Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home with Dr. Ron Buck and Tim Bass officiating. Burial followed in the Morris Family Cemetery.

CRITTENDEN

June McDowell, 95, of Cave-In-Rock, IL passed away October 17, 2026 at Gallatin Manor Health and Rehab. She was a member of Potters Church. Services are scheduled for 1 PM Friday October 23, 2026 at Potters Church in Cave-In-Rock, IL with interment in Cave Hill Cemetery.

GRAVES

Joan Bell Clark, age 85, of Mayfield passed away on Friday, October 16, 2026 at Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah, KY after a brief illness. Graveside services for Mrs. Joan Bell Clark were at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 21, 2026 at Spence Chapel Cemetery. Rev. Ronnie Stinson, Jr. will officiate. Interment will follow.

Curtis Joe "Moe" Green, age 85, of Mayfield, Kentucky, passed away on Friday, October 16, 2026, at the Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah, Kentucky. Graveside services for Mr. Curtis Joe "Moe" Green were held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20, 2026, at Mayfield Memory Gardens, with Rev. Ronnie Cope officiating. Military honors will be conducted by American Legion Post 26.

HICKMAN

Helga Lovas, age 88, formerly of South Fulton passed away Monday evening at the Union City Health and Rehab. Funeral arrangements for Mrs. Helga Lovas are incomplete at this time.

LIVINGSTON

Paul Edward Crawford, 80, of Salem, KY, passed away Saturday, October 17th at his home. He was a veteran of the United States Army. The family has chosen cremation, and there will be no services. Arrangements are under the direction of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services in Salem.

MARSHALL

Shirley Jean McWilliams, 76, of Benton, Kentucky, passed away on Sunday, October 18, 2026, at Mercy Health Lourdes in Paducah, Kentucky. A funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM on Friday, October 23, 2026, at the Life Celebration Center of Filbeck-Cann, with Sister Emma Conner officiating. Burial will follow at Haymes Cemetery.

Brenda Katherine White Landers, 85, of Benton, passed away Friday, October 16, 2026, at Lake Barkley Health and Rehabilitation in Kuttawa. The funeral service was held at 1:00 PM on Monday, October 19, 2026, at Collier Funeral Home, 211 West 5th Street Benton, KY 42025. Burial followed at Marshal County Memory Gardens.

Carl James Shanko, 76 of Gilbertsville, Kentucky passed away on Friday, October 16, 2026 at Lake Way Nursing & Rehabilitation in Benton, Kentucky. No services are scheduled at this time. Collier Funeral Home & Cremation Services are handling all arrangements.

FUNERAL NOTICES continued

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Victoria "Vicki" Hawkins Wright, 79, of Gilbertsville, passed away on Thursday, October 15, 2026 at Mercy Health - Lourdes Hospital in Paducah, Kentucky. A memorial service was held on Saturday, October 17, 2026 at 1:00 PM at Collier Funeral Home with Bro. Brad Walker officiating.

Shirley Jean McWilliams, 76, of Benton, Kentucky, passed away on Sunday, October 18, 2026, at Mercy Health Lourdes in Paducah, Kentucky. A funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM on Friday, October 23, 2026, at the Life Celebration Center of Filbeck-Cann, with Sister Emma Conner officiating. Burial will follow at Haymes Cemetery.

McCRACKEN

Martha Sue Darnell, 83, of Paducah passed away on Monday October 19, 2026, at her home. Friends may visit with the family from 11 00am. to 1:00pm on. Friday October 23, 2026, at Lindsey Funeral Home. Funeral services to follow at 1:00pm. the Rev. Jim Wright officiating. Interment will be at Owens Chapel Cemetery. Lindsey Funeral Home is honored to serve the Darnell Family.

Clifford Eugene "Jeep" Wallace, 71, of Paducah, KY, passed away on October 15, 2026. He will be remembered for the love that he gave, the father that he was, and the grandfather he was. He loved fishing and he was a wonderful friend. Many knew him and loved him. Online condolences may be left at www.lindeyfuneral.com.

Sandra Kaye Holshouser, 80, of Benton, passed away on Friday, October 16, 2026, at Calvert City Convalescent Center in Calvert City. A graveside service was held at 2:00 pm on Tuesday, October 20, 2026, at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens in Paducah with Rev. Monte Lee Hodges officiating.

Early in the morning of Wednesday, 14th October 2026, **Joe V. Taylor,** aged 94, was called home to be with the Lord. The family will hold a small graveside memorial on December 5th at the Auburn Cemetery in Auburn Kentucky. Keeling & Goodman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Taylor family.

TRIGG

Mary Margaret Grillett - June 22, 1979 - October 19, 2026 - There will be a Private Celebration of Life for 47 year old Mary Margaret Grillett of Hopkinsville, KY at a later date. King's Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Mary Elaine Lucas - January 3, 1950 - October 18, 2026 - A Celebration of Life for 76 year old Mary Elaine Lucas of Cadiz will be held at a later date. King's Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Carolyn Rose Sumner Palamiotis, 89, of Cadiz, Kentucky passed away on October 18, 2026 at Princeton Nursing and Rehabilitation in Princeton, Kentucky. Arrangements are being handled by King's Funeral Home, 161 Lone Oak Drive, Cadiz, Kentucky, where the family will receive friends from 1:00-2:00 p.m. on Friday, October 23, 2026. Funeral services will be at 2:00 p.m.

Glenda Gail Claxton Sparkman - June 8, 1955 - October 15, 2026 - There will be a Celebration of Life for 71 year old Glenda Gail Claxton Sparkman of Clarksville, TN on Saturday, October 24, 2026 at her home at 684 Pat Drive, Clarksville, TN at 1:00 p.m. King's Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Thomas Wayne "Tommy" Pryor, age 72, of Dalton, Kentucky, a native of Cadiz, Kentucky, passed away on Sunday, October 18, 2026, at his home in Dalton. A visitation was held on Wednesday, October 21, 2026, from 4 PM to 6 PM, at Goodwin Funeral Home, 138 Main Street in Cadiz. A private interment will be held at a later date at Cerulean Cemetery.

Farm Credit Mid-America launches youth ag innovation program

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (KT) – Young people with ideas to strengthen agriculture and rural communities have a new opportunity to bring those ideas to life through Farm Credit Mid-America's Youth in Ag Innovation Program.

Farm Credit Mid-America is accepting applications for the new program through Dec. 1, 2026. A total of $17,500 will be awarded, $10,000, $5,000 and $2,500, to the top three youth organizations, to implement projects that advance agricultural innovation and demonstrate measurable impact.

"Some of the best ideas for the future of agriculture may come from the young people who will help lead it," said Hannah Walker, community investment manager at Farm Credit Mid-America. "Through the Youth in Ag Innovation Program, we want to give young people the opportunity and resources to take an idea, put it into action and make a difference in agriculture and their communities."

The program encourages young leaders to identify opportunities and develop creative solutions connected to agricultural practices, food production or access, sustainability and conservation, and agricultural technology or systems.

Eligible applicants must be youth-led groups affiliated with an established organization, such as 4-H, FFA, a school-based science or agriculture club or another recognized youth-serving organization. Participants are recommended to be ages 12-18 and must work with an identified adult advisor or sponsor.

Youth must take an active role in developing, planning, implementing and evaluating the proposed project. Applications should include clear project goals, measurable outcomes and a basic timeline while explaining how the project could benefit agriculture, youth development or the community. Projects that demonstrate strong partnerships, connections to their communities and rural leadership development are encouraged.

Applications will be evaluated on the creativity and originality of the idea, likelihood of successful implementation, potential benefit to agriculture or the community, depth of youth leadership and involvement and strength and completeness of the application.

The three finalists will be selected from all eligible submissions and invited to present their projects at Farm Credit Mid-America's February 2027 Advocate Council Meeting. Customers attending the meeting will vote to determine the final award placements. The Top Project Award recipient will also be invited to the following year's meeting to share the impact of the completed project.

Applications are due Dec. 1, 2026. Program details, eligibility requirements and the application are available through the Youth in Ag Innovation Program at fcma.com.



WEST KY SPORTS

Kentucky High School Football Media Poll

CLASS 6A RANKINGS

School	Record	Pts
1. Trinity (16)	8-1	160
2. Frederick Douglass	8-0	142
3. Manual	7-1	128
4. South Warren	6-2	105
5. Madison Central	7-1	98
6. St. Xavier	3-5	69
7. Male	5-3	53
8. Bullitt East	6-2	38
9. Bryan Station	4-4	30
10. Lafayette	7-1	20

Others receiving votes: McCracken County 15, George Rogers Clark 13, Eastern 7, Oldham County 2.

CLASS 5A RANKINGS

School	Record	Pts
1. Pulaski County (16)	8-0	160
2. Woodford County	7-1	131
3. Owensboro	6-2	124
4. Scott County	7-2	115
5. Atherton	7-1	96
6. Cooper	6-2	72
7. West Jessamine	8-0	66
8. Madisonville-North Hopkins	7-1	52
9. Bowling Green	4-4	31
10. Collins	6-3	22

Others receiving votes: South Laurel 6, Fairdale 5.

CLASS 4A RANKINGS

School	Record	Pts
1. Highlands (14)	7-2	158
2. Boyle County	7-1	142
3. Paducah Tilghman	8-0	132
4. Ashland Blazer	8-0	105
5. Corbin	6-2	94
6. Covington Catholic	5-4	83
7. North Oldham	8-1	54
8. Logan County	6-2	36
9. Spencer County	6-2	26
10. Nelson County	7-1	15

Others receiving votes: Elizabethtown 8, Greenup County 8, Johnson Central 8, Boyd County 6, Franklin County 5.

CLASS 3A RANKINGS

School	Record	Pts
1. Christian Academy	9-0	160
2. Lexington Catholic	6-2	136
3. Murray	7-1	129
4. Rockcastle County	8-0	87
5. Glasgow	7-1	81
6. LaRue County	8-0	74
7. Lloyd Memorial	7-1	70
8. Lawrence County	6-1	65
9. Bourbon County	7-1	42
10. Bardstown	6-3	17

Others receiving votes: Russell 9, Hart County 6, Central 4.

CLASS 2A RANKINGS

School	Record	Pts
1. Beechwood	8-0	159
2. Owensboro Catholic	7-1	141
3. Lexington Christian	6-2	122
4. Mayfield	7-1	106
5. Belfry	7-1	105
6. Somerset	7-1	76
7. Danville	8-1	60
8. Breathitt County	7-1	40
9. Prestonsburg	7-1	32
10. Caldwell County	7-1	25

Others receiving votes: DuBois 12, Martin County 1, St. Henry 1.

CLASS 1A RANKINGS

School	Record	Pts
1. Pikeville (16)	7-1	160
2. Sayre	8-0	137
3. Raceland	6-2	127
4. Middlesboro	8-0	104
5. KY Country Day	6-2	90
6. Paintsville	8-1	78
7. Louisville Holy Cross	6-2	67
8. Bethlehem	7-1	56
9. Eminence	7-1	28
10. Dayton	7-1	11

Others receiving votes: Covington Holy Cross 9, Williamsburg 7, Hazard 3, Newport Central Catholic 2, Nicholas County 1.



Calloway County won the 2026 2nd District Girls' Soccer Championship on Thursday, Oct. 15. The Lady Lakers defeated Murray 2-1 in the 2nd District girls' soccer title match.

(Photo Courtesy of Calloway County High School)



McCracken County finished runner-up in the 1st District Girls' Soccer Tournament on Wednesday, Oct. 14.

(Photo Courtesy of McCracken County High School)



Mayfield won its first 2nd District Boys' Soccer Championship on Thursday, Oct. 15. The Cardinals outlasted Murray 4-3 in the 2nd District boys' soccer title match. *(Photo courtesy of Mayfield High School)*

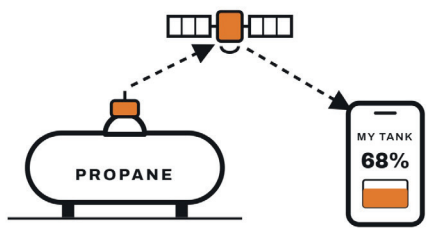
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Christian Fellowship finished runner-up in the 4th District Volleyball Tournament on Tuesday, Oct. 20.

(Photo Courtesy of Christian Fellowship School)



Hickman County won the 2026 1st District Volleyball Championship on Tuesday, Oct. 20. The Lady Falcons defeated Carlisle County 3-1 in the 1st District volleyball title match.

(Photo Courtesy of Hickman County High School)



Marshall County won the 2026 4th District Volleyball Championship on Tuesday, Oct 20. The Lady Marshals shut out Christian Fellowship 3-0 in the 4th District volleyball title match.

(Photo Courtesy of Marshall County High School)



The Mayfield Cardinal Marching Band swept its class in the Western Kentucky Tournament of Champions hosted by Christian County High School in Hopkinsville on Saturday, Oct. 17. The awards for the Mayfield Cardinal Marching Band were as follows: 1st Place Band – Class 2A; 1st Place Guard – Class 2A; 1st Place Percussion – Class 2A; 6th Place out of in finals out of 22 bands. *(Photo courtesy of Mayfield High School)*

KHSAA honors 2025-26 NFHS State Coaches of the Year

Staff Report

LEXINGTON — As part of its annual awards program, the National Federation of State High School Associations Coaches Association recognizes Coach of the Year honorees from each state. Those named Coach of the Year at the state level then advance for consideration for Sectional Coach of the Year honors. Winners are chosen through a combination of their coaching accomplishments, particularly for the season in question, as well as their contributions outside of competition to help grow their respective sports. These awards are announced following the recognized year.

The 2025-26 honorees from Kentucky follow.

Baseball: Heath Hicks, Apollo; Boys' Basketball: David Levitch, North Oldham; Boys' Cross Country: Sydney Goetz, Louisville Collegiate; Football: Demarcus Ganaway, Owensboro; Boys' Golf: Chris Gregory, McCracken County; Boys' Soccer: John Cantrell, South Oldham; Boys' Swimming & Diving: Mike Heuke, Eastern; Boys' Tennis: Brandon Haines, Owensboro Catholic; Boys' Outdoor Track & Field: Cory Gibson, Male; Boys' Wrestling: Josh Ashbrook, Harrison County; Girls' Basketball: Jeff Stowers, Simon Kenton; Girls' Cross Country: Marcus Abel, LaRue County; Girls' Golf: Jonas Billingsley, Daviess County; Girls' Lacrosse: Kaylin Morissette, Sacred Heart; Girls' Soccer: Kelsey Etherton, Highlands; Softball: Kelly Reynolds, South Warren; Girls' Swimming & Diving: Charles Edmiston, Sacred Heart; Girls' Tennis: Christopher Adkisson, Pulaski County; Girls' Outdoor Track & Field: Gary Wicker, Calloway County; Girls' Volleyball: Keith Carver, Bowling Green; Boys' Archery: Greg Shoulders, Meade County; Boys' Bass Fishing: Scott Schrock, Trigg County; Boys' Bowling: Jimmy Carroll, Daviess County; Esports: Noah Wright, Great Crossing; Boys' Lacrosse: Kevin Doherty, St. Xavier; Boys' Volleyball: Missy Marsh, West Jessamine; Girls' Archery: Chris Guill, Webster County; Girls' Bass Fishing: John Vice, Montgomery County; Girls' Bowling: Julie Nichelson, Pleasure Ridge Park; Field Hockey: Eleanor Mitchell, Sacred Heart; Girls' Wrestling: Seth Lucas, Boyle County; Cheer: Morgan Saylor, Bullitt East; Dance: Wheeler Hughes, McCracken County; Adapted/Allied/Unified: Earl Truman, Meade County.

The NFHS, which has been recognizing coaches through an awards program since 1982, honors coaches in the top 10 girls' sports and top 10 boys' sports by participation numbers and in two "other" sports – one for boys and one for girls – that are not included in the top 10 listings. The NFHS also recognizes a cheer coach and a dance coach as separate spirit award categories, as well as an Adapted/Allied/Unified coach. Winners of NFHS awards must be active coaches during the year for which they receive their awards.

The next award level after state Coach of the Year is Sectional Coach of the Year. The NFHS is divided into eight geographical sections: Section 1 – Northeast (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont); Section 2 – Mideast (Delaware; Kentucky; Maryland; Ohio; Pennsylvania; Virginia; Washington, D.C.; West Virginia); Section 3 – South (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee); Section 4 – Central (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Wisconsin); Section 5 – Midwest (Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota); Section 6 – Southwest (Arkansas, Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas); Section 7 – West (Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah); and Section 8 – Northwest (Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, Wyoming).

The NFHS Coaches Association has an advisory committee composed of a chair and eight sectional representatives. The sectional committee representatives evaluate the state award recipients from the states in their respective sections and select the best candidates for the sectional award in each sport category. The NFHS Coaches Association Advisory Committee then considers the sectional candidates in each sport, ranks them according to a point system and determines a national winner for each of the 20 sport categories, the two spirit categories, the Adapted/Allied/Unified category and two "other" categories.



McCracken County won the 2026 2nd District Volleyball Championship on Tuesday, Oct. 20. Perennial title contender McCracken County shut out crosstown rival Paducah Tilghman 3-0 in the 2nd District volleyball title match. *(Photo Courtesy of McCracken County High School)*

Region cross country meets set for Oct. 24

Staff Report

PADUCAH — KHSAA region cross country meets are set to be held across the state on Saturday, Oct. 24.

Several area cross country teams and individuals will be vying for region titles.

The 2026 boys' and girls' high school cross country alignment follows.

Class 1A

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

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

Region 3 – Beth Haven, Brown, Evangel Christian, Francis Parker, Highlands Latin, Holy Cross (Louisville), Kentucky Country Day, Kentucky School for the Blind, Louisville Collegiate, Portland Christian, Presentation, Shawnee, WEB DuBois, Walden, Whitefield Academy.

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

Region 5 – Augusta, Berea, Bracken County, Burgin, Carroll County, Danville Christian, Danville, Eminence, Frankfort Christian, Frankfort, Gallatin County, Kentucky School for the Deaf, Lexington Christian, Model, Nicholas County, Owen County, Paris, Robertson County, Sayre, St. Patrick, Trimble County, Trinity Christian.

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

Region 7 – Belfry, Betsy Layne, East Ridge, Elliott County, Fairview, Floyd Central, Holy Family, Jenkins, Martin County, Menifee County, Paintsville, Phelps, Piarist, Pikeville, Prestonsburg, Raceland, Rose Hill Christian, Shelby Valley, West Carter.

Class 2A

Region 1 – Calloway County, Hopkins County Central, Hopkinsville, Logan County, Paducah Tilghman, Trigg County, Union County, Webster County.

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

Region 3 – Christian Academy-Louisville, DeSales, Doss, Henry County, Jeffersontown, Shelby County, Spencer County, Valley, Waggener, Western.

Region 4 – Bourbon County, Covington Catholic, Franklin County, Harrison County, Holmes, Lexington Catholic, Lloyd Memorial, Pendleton County, Western Hills.

Region 5 – Bell County, Boyle County, Casey County, Clay County, Corbin, Garrard County, Knox Central, Lincoln County, McCreary Central, Mercer County, Rockcastle County, Russell County, Wayne County, Whitley County.

Region 6 – Ashland Blazer, Boyd County, East Carter, Fleming County, Greenup County, Lewis County, Mason County, Rowan County, Russell.

Region 7– Bath County, Estill County, Harlan County, Johnson Central, Lawrence County, Letcher County Central, Magoffin County, Morgan County, Perry County Central, Pike County Central, Powell County.

Class 3A

Region 1 – Apollo, Christian County, Daviess County, Graves County, Henderson County, Madisonville-North Hopkins, Marshall County, McCracken County, Muhlenberg County, Owensboro.

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

Region 3 – Bullitt Central, Bullitt East, Butler, Central, DuPont Manual, Fairdale, Iroquois, Male, North Bullitt, Pleasure Ridge Park, St. Xavier, Southern.

Region 4 – Assumption, Atherton, Ballard, Collins, Eastern, Fern Creek, Mercy Academy, Moore, North Oldham, Oldham County, Sacred Heart, Seneca, South Oldham, Trinity (Louisville).

Region 5 – Boone County, Campbell County, Conner, Cooper, Dixie Heights, Grant County, Highlands, Notre Dame, Ryle, Scott, Simon Kenton.

Region 6 – Anderson County, Bryan Station, Frederick Douglass, George Rogers Clark, Great Crossing, Henry Clay, Lafayette, Montgomery County, Paul Laurence Dunbar, Scott County, Tates Creek, Woodford County.

Region 7– East Jessamine, Madison Central, Madison Southern, North Laurel, Pulaski County, South Laurel, Southwestern, West Jessamine.





Marshall County won the 2026 1st District Girls' Soccer Championship on Wednesday, Oct. 14. The Lady Marshals shut out McCracken County 2-0 in the 1st District girls' soccer title match.

(Photo Courtesy of Marshall County High School)

Racers picked atop MVC Preseason Poll for first time

Staff Report

ST. LOUIS — The Murray State men's basketball team was picked first in the Missouri Valley Conference (MVC) 2026-27 preseason poll, the league office announced on Tuesday, Oct. 13. The poll was voted on by the league's coaches, sports information directors and media members.

Murray State garnered 32 of the 50 total first place votes as the Racers tallied 517 total points, ahead of No. 2 Illinois State (seven first place votes) and No. 3 UIC (six first place votes). Belmont, Valparaiso and Bradley all received one first place vote as they rounded out the top six teams in the preseason poll.

Murray State is coming off of a 20-13 overall record last season with a 12-8 mark in Missouri Valley Conference play and a third-place finish in the league standings, the program's best MVC regular season finish and most conference wins since joining The Valley. Murray State has six returning players from last year's 20-win season, but just three who saw action - Mathis Courbon, Roman Domon and Brayden Shorter – as the Racers added nine newcomers (four transfers, five freshmen).

Murray State opens the regular season on Monday, Nov. 2 against Tennessee State in the Field of 68 Opening Day Marathon. The Racers tipoff the home slate inside the reimagined CFSB Center on Saturday, Nov. 7 against Northwestern State.



Paducah Tilghman finished runner-up in the 2nd District Volleyball Tournament on Tuesday, Oct. 20.
(Photo Courtesy of Paducah Tilghman High School)

BluegrassPreps.com Football Rankings

Class 1A
1. Pikeville
2. Raceland
3. Sayre
4. Middlesboro
5. Kentucky Country Day
6. Bethlehem
7. Paintsville
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Marshall County finished runner-up in the 1st District Boys' Soccer Tournament on Thursday Oct. 15.
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VICTORIOUS Living ...in a troubled world

SPIRITUAL ALERTNESS VS HUMAN ABILITY

By Teresa LeNeave
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In the Garden of Gethsemane shortly before Jesus' arrest and crucifixion Jesus asked His disciples, "Could ye not watch with me one hour?" I'm sure the question was more than a rebuke for their failure to stay awake while He prayed. I'm equally sure it wasn't His intention to establish a "one-hour prayer rule".

When Jesus said this, He was experiencing extreme sorrow and was burdened so heavily that He sweat drops of blood as He prepared to surrender Himself to the will of the Father: death by crucifixion.

In that difficult moment, He had taken Peter, James, and John with Him and asked them to watch with Him. However, when He returned, He found them sleeping.

What does this tell us about humanity? Could it be revealing the weakness of human nature, the necessity of prayer, and the importance of remaining spiritually alert during times of testing? I think so because consistent prayer and spiritual alertness remain a powerful challenge to believers.

Today, the same question challenges every believer: Can you give the Lord your attention, time,



and devotion, even for one hour? Jesus didn't ask His disciples to perform a miracle or fight a battle alongside Him. Instead, He simply asked them to watch with Him. He didn't even say, "Pray with me for one hour".

To watch meant to remain awake, alert, and prayerfully present during a moment of great importance. Jesus desired their oneness with Him as He faced the suffering ahead. Prayer is a time to draw near to Him, worship Him, listen to His Word, and surrender to His will.

If Jesus sought time in prayer during His hour of suffering, believers have even greater reason to seek God in their daily lives. Maybe, Jesus' question, "Could ye not watch with me one hour?" highlights the importance of spiritual preparation.

The disciples had walked with Jesus, listened to His teachings, witnessed His miracles, and experienced His power. Yet, when the hour of testing arrived, they struggled to remain awake and pray.

In Matthew 26:41, Jesus explained the disciples' struggle with these words: "The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." The disciples may have sincerely desired to stand with Jesus; to remain awake and support Him in this trying hour, but the weakness of their humanity was stronger than their spiritual alertness.

The lesson is clear: Christians must not depend solely on their own determination but must continually seek God's help through prayer. For every believer, it is an invitation to draw nearer to God, strengthen the spirit through prayer, and remain watchful in every season of life.

OUTDOOR Truths

By Gary Miller
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My favorite time of the year starts right now! It begins on Halloween and goes for about 6 weeks. In deer hunting terms these few weeks involve the pre-rut, rut, post-rut, and secondary rut. Each of these periods offers some exciting times to be in the woods. And if one is limited in the amount of days he or she can hunt, concentrating on this window of opportunity will provide the best chances to bring home a trophy. In years past I couldn't wait for opening day. I was not only looking for meat to put in the freezer, I also thought that one big buck might just show up anytime. Therefore my "window of opportunity" started the end of September and ran through January. This was not only a long period of time but it was also very draining on me physically and on every other area of my life. I was obsessed and every day I couldn't go hunting, I knew would be the day Mr. Bruiser Buck would walk by. I'm glad I got older and wiser, and slightly more mature. Today, I still love to hunt but I understand that not only do I have more important life responsibilities; I can save my time and energy for a much smaller period of time and still have fun and be successful. It's the quality over quantity thing. It's also just being a better manager of life.

The benefit I have that some do not is that hunting and fishing are important for what I do as a writer and speaker. I know that sounds very convenient, and my wife is not very impressed by that excuse either, but nevertheless these experiences give me fuel to write and help me identify with those that I speak to. It allows me not so much to tell my story but understand theirs – and yours.



This is also the story of Christianity and Jesus in particular. It is the story of commonality. It is the story of shared experience. It the story of one window of opportunity that Jesus took – willingly, that gave Him understanding of our story. You see, we live in world that is full of suffering and the most difficult question to answer for those who undergo such tremendous suffering is "why." Why God, do you allow such pain? Why God, is there so much evil? Why God, are there so many people who are without? God has not chosen to give us very satisfying answers at times, but what He did choose to do was identify with our suffering. And in one small window of time, Jesus (God in the flesh) died; not only so He could tell us of His story of salvation for all, but so that He could understand our story of pain as well. Whatever we may say about Jesus, there is one thing we cannot say… we cannot say He knows nothing of our suffering. And for that He stands alone among all other religions.

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

C - Confess Jesus is Lord
If you confess with your mouth "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead you will be saved. - Romans 10:9

The narrow path is the way of love and life

By William F Holland Jr.
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It seems the two topics that cause the most anger and division are politics and religion. I remember years ago speaking with an elderly man who was fondly known around town as friendly, successful, and wise, and he told me these were the two areas that he refused to discuss. He said that no matter which side a person openly stands for, you have just caused half the people to be against you. In this light, even though there is not a shortage of people who declare what they believe, we can see why others would rather keep their opinions to themselves.

There's an old saying, "if we don't stand for something, we'll fall for anything." In our modern world where many are ready to fight for their ideas, maybe it would be a good thing to consider what this means. The cleverness of this wordplay has serious implications, especially for truth seekers, as it reveals the importance of decision-making that's guided by a set of values. Everyone has free will to embrace and defend whatever they trust, but there is a difference between information and truth. Just because we have knowledge about something and are convinced it's accurate does not mean it is.

It's normal and healthy to have convictions, but our carnality is not always tolerant of other people's personal views. So as Christians, are we supposed to swing our sword and fight against those who do not believe like we do, or are we called to wage war against principalities and powers on our knees? We realize that within the aggressive and hostile world of religion and politics, everyone cannot be right, but let's take this a step further. Matthew chapter 5 explains how our lives are to be centered in love. As Christians, the way we live (our speech, attitudes, and actions) identifies us, whether we want to admit it or not. We've not been called to argue and fight in our flesh; we've been commissioned to demonstrate the nature and character of Christ.

Take a look around and listen. Hatred is embedded within the world of politics and religion, and many Christians are infected. Some will say hatred is too harsh, because they would never openly say they hate anyone. But the secret of denial is that we learn how to deceive ourselves. The masses criticize those who run for office all the way up to the office of the president. As their faces turn red and their blood pressure rises, if this is not hate, what is it? Is it more socially acceptable to use words like loathing, resentment, abhorrence, contempt, disgust, enmity, and bitterness instead? So, how can the religious masses believe they are walking the narrow path of holiness, repentance, and obedience unto God, and yet be filled with these dark, angry attitudes? Some will say we love the person but hate their sin, but is this just another stealthy way to hide our animosity?

The religious environment is just another type of politics. We have leaders who voice their opinions, and there are plenty of followers who support their ideas. We have different churches on the corners of highways, and they will not even speak to each other. Like politics, we have families who are divided over the Biblical interpretations they have decided to accept. Beyond the opinions of how dogmatic or humble we are to be, Matthew chapter 7 lays it on the line when it comes to identifying and examining the deepest parts of our conscience. In verses 13 and 14 Jesus talks about the broad way and the narrow way. Who is He talking about?

Obviously He is referring to the lost and the saved, but notice carefully: in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus is speaking to His followers about how to live the Christian life. We realize the unsaved are on the highway to eternal judgment, but we rarely hear about how the lukewarm religious people might also be on the same highway. God will spew lukewarm people out of His mouth; so, are they lost? And what is the difference between a religious person in name only, and a follower who personally knows and obeys God? Spiritual love. I Corinthians is much more than a wedding blessing; it's the most critical and literal demand in the Bible. If we do not surrender our will and be filled with His love for everyone despite their politics and religion, we are and have nothing. Join me next week as we continue this conversation.

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BUILDING AND BUILDING ON

Bro. Brandon G. Bramlett
Bandana Baptist Church

"It's about time you showed up!" Jordan was already hard at work when I arrived at the jobsite. He asked for a helping hand earlier that day on the way to lunch. "Why don't you come by after school and help me build my garage?" I obliged and when I pulled into the driveway, I was surprised to see a garage nearly finished. The bulk of the work had already been done; all I did was put the finishing touch on a project he had been working on for weeks.

Whether you are preaching the gospel to the lost or encouraging someone to walk closer with the Lord, remember this: God is always at work long before you get there. God often uses you to finish a job He's been working on for weeks, years, or even decades. Many times, you are merely building on a foundation God has already laid through the work of others. As Paul said, "What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth" (1 Cor. 3:5-7).

Who knows how many sermons your neighbor has heard before you arrive at the doorstep? Who knows how many gospel testimonies your coworker has heard before you share yours? Who knows how many prayers have been uttered for a lost soul before you pray for them? Who knows how deeply God has tilled the fallow ground of a sinner's heart before you sow the gospel seed?

Maybe your neighbor needs to hear the gospel one more time. Maybe your friend needs to hear one more testimony. Perhaps your relative needs one more earnest prayer. Your witness, encouraging words, or prayers could be the final drop of water necessary for the gospel seed to germinate in a sinner's soul. You might be laying a foundation for someone else, but you might be finishing it, too.

Philip the evangelist would agree. Multitudes were saved when he preached the gospel in Samaria (Acts 8:5-13), and his success was largely due to the fact that he built on a foundation Christ already laid when He visited Samaria. The Samaritan leper who fell at Jesus' feet was on his feet spreading the gospel before Philip showed up (Luke 17:16). Likewise, the Samaritan woman testified about Jesus long before Philip arrived (John 4:39). Philip simply poured water on thousands of gospel seeds that had already been sown.

Never pass up an opportunity to share the gospel or encourage someone to mature in the faith. You are always laying a foundation or building on one—always planting the seed or watering it.

Note: My latest book, Bible Gleanings Volume III, contains 100 daily devotionals just like the ones you read here each weekend. It is available in paperback on Amazon.com.



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

CAMPERS FOR SALE

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

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

BOATS FOR SALE

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

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

AUTOS FOR SALE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

AUTO MISC.

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

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

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

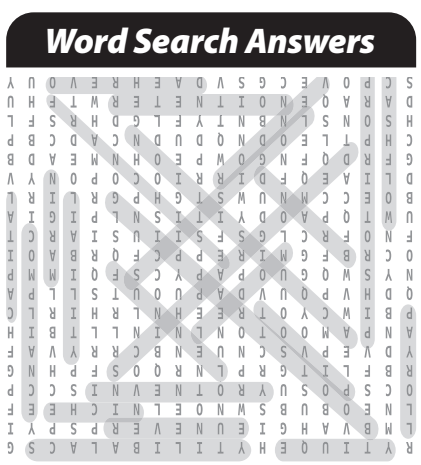
Hunting equipment, trophy deer heads, tools, household horse and Indian items, thousands of like new items priced to sell. Traders Mall Flee Market June 13th

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

Sudoku Answers

5	1	4	6	9	8	7	3	2
3	9	8	2	7	5	1	4	6
7	6	2	4	1	3	8	9	5
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8	5	6	1	3	4	2	7	9
1	2	3	9	6	7	5	8	4

Word Search Answers



Puzzle Page in A Section

How to Help Local Animal Shelters

Local animal shelters care for homeless, abandoned, and neglected animals, but they often need extra support. There are many ways to help these shelters and the animals they protect.

Donating pet food, blankets, toys, and cleaning supplies helps shelters meet animals' daily needs. Volunteering to walk dogs, play with cats, or clean kennels is another great way to make a difference.

Adopting pets from shelters gives animals loving homes, while fostering provides temporary care. Sharing shelter posts on social media can also help animals find families.

By donating, volunteering, adopting, or spreading awareness, everyone can help local animal shelters provide animals with love and care.



Pet of the Week



Meet Marie. Marie is a little over 1 year old. She is super sweet and loves to play. Marie is spayed, microchipped and up to date on all of her vaccinations.

She would make a great addition to any home. Her adoption fee is $150. Please come out and meet Marie.

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

ABSOLUTE LAND AUCTION

Thursday, November 12th, 2026 | 6:00 PM CST

AUCTION HELD AT THE YATES EVENT CENTER

72.18± ACRES IN 9 TRACTS & COMBINATIONS

Property Location: 2053 Butterworth Rd, Murray, KY 42071



SELLING ABSOLUTE – REGARDLESS OF PRICE!

Harris Real Estate & Auction is pleased to present an outstanding opportunity to purchase 72.18± acres in Calloway County, Kentucky, selling at Absolute Auction in 9 tracts and combinations!

Located along Butterworth Road just outside Murray, Kentucky, this property offers a desirable combination of open farmland, wooded acreage, hunting and recreational land, and an existing country home situated on 2.80± acres.

Featuring nine individual tracts ranging from 1.28± acres to 27.17± acres, this auction offers opportunities for farmers, homeowners, hunters, recreational land buyers, investors, and those looking to expand their existing property holdings.

Whether you're searching for a country home, additional farmland, a potential building site, hunting property, or a larger rural acreage investment, this auction offers the flexibility to purchase individual tracts, adjoining combinations, or the entire property.

PROPERTY HIGHLIGHTS

- 72.18± total acres selling in 9 tracts and combinations
- Country home situated on Tract 6 with 2.80± acres
- Multiple tracts featuring open, cleared farmland
- Larger wooded acreage offering hunting and recreational opportunities
- Smaller acreage parcels offering potential country homesites
- Road frontage along Butterworth Road on multiple tracts
- Opportunities for agricultural use, recreation, and land investment
- Convenient rural location near Murray, Kentucky
- Flexibility to purchase individual tracts or combinations
- Selling at Absolute Auction, regardless of price

REAL ESTATE TERMS: Offered in 9 tracts and combinations. A 10% Buyer's Premium will be added to the final bid and included in the deed transaction sale price. A 15% down payment is required on the day of the auction, with the remaining balance due within 30 days of the auction. YOUR BIDDING IS NOT CONDITIONAL UPON FINANCING, SO BE SURE YOU HAVE ARRANGED FINANCING, IF NEEDED, AND ARE CAPABLE OF PAYING CASH AT CLOSING. Make Inspections Prior To Date Of Sale. Closing shall take place on or before 30 days from auction date. All 2026 ad valorem taxes will be prorated at closing. The property will be sold by a new survey. Buyer is responsible for 50%.

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ABSOLUTE ONLINE ONLY REAL ESTATE AUCTION

4182 State Route 121 S, Mayfield, KY 42066

BIDDING OPEN NOW!

BIDDING ENDS: Tues., Nov. 3rd, 2026 @ 10 AM CST



Acreage, an existing building, and a convenient Mayfield location!

ALL SELLING AT ONLINE AUCTION!

Harris Real Estate & Auction is pleased to offer this **3.08± acre property featuring a 30' x 40' building** located at **4182 State Route 121 S in Mayfield, Kentucky**.

The property offers approximately 1,200 square feet of building space along with over three acres of land, providing buyers with plenty of flexibility. The existing building features a metal roof and offers space that could be well suited for **storage, equipment, vehicles, hobbies, or other uses**.

Outside, the property offers a combination of **open and wooded acreage** with established access from State Route 121 S. Whether you're looking for additional space, land for future plans, an investment opportunity, or simply a versatile property with an existing structure already in place, this property is worth a look.

PROPERTY HIGHLIGHTS

- 3.08± acres
- 30' x 40' building
- Approximately 1,200 sq. ft.
- Metal roof
- Open and wooded acreage
- Convenient access to Mayfield
- Located on State Route 121 S
- Space for storage, equipment, vehicles or hobbies
- Versatile property with room for future possibilities
- Online bidding is open now

REAL ESTATE TERMS: This is an Online Only Absolute Real Estate Auction. The property will be offered as one individual tract and will sell to the highest bidder regardless of price. A 10% Buyer's Premium will be added to the final bid and included in the deed transaction sale price. A 15% down payment is required on the day of the auction, with the remaining balance due within 30 days of the auction. 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 according to the current deed.

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KSP seeking help in solving 2024 murder in Caldwell County

By Tom Latek
kentucky Today

MADISONVILLE, Ky. (KT) – Kentucky State Police (KSP) Post 2 in Madisonville continues investigating a Caldwell County murder that occurred in the Princeton Community in April 2024 and is asking for help from the public in solving the case.

April 2026 marked two years since authorities discovered Dorothy Sparks dead in her home. According to the KSP, the investigation revealed her death to be a homicide and has been under extensive investigation since. In the wake of the anniversary, Kentucky State Police is requesting any information from the public that is relevant to this case, especially around April 18, 2024, near the 11000 block of South Jefferson Street (Ky-293), in Princeton.

If anyone has information about the murder of Dorthy Sparks, they are being asked to contact Kentucky State Police Post 2 by calling 270-676-3313, online through the KSP website Tip form found here: https://www.kentuckystatepolice.ky.gov/tip, or by Text a Tip via the Kentucky State Police App. You can also text 67283, type KSPTIP with a space, then details of the tip related to this case.

Crime tips can also be sent to Hopkinsville-Christian County Crime Stoppers at 270-887-TIPS (8477). Hopkinsville-Christian County Crime Stoppers are offering a reward of $11,000 for information that leads to the arrest of a suspect in this murder case.



ONLINE LAND AUCTION
Wednesday, November 4th, 2026 | 10:00 AM
Property Location: Near State Route 301, Hickory, KY



50 ACRES OF WESTERN KENTUCKY LAND

Harris Real Estate & Auction is pleased to offer 50 acres of land in Graves County, Kentucky, selling through an Online-Only Land Auction!

Located near Hickory, Kentucky, this 50-acre tract offers an opportunity to acquire a sizable piece of Western Kentucky acreage. Whether you're looking to expand your land holdings or invest in rural property, this auction presents an opportunity to purchase land in Graves County.



The property has been surveyed, with a boundary survey dated August 26, 2026, available for review.



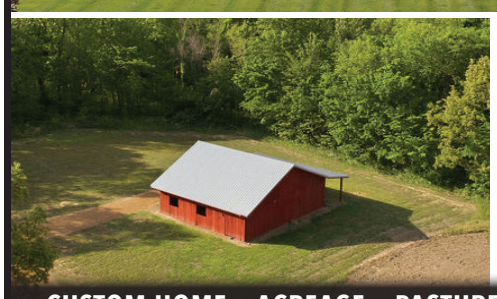


REAL ESTATE TERMS: The property will be offered in one tract. A 10% Buyer's Premium will be added to the final bid and included in the deed transaction sale price. A 15% down payment is required on the day of the auction, with the remaining balance due within 30 days of the auction. Earnest money will be deposited into the Harris Auction Escrow Account or into an escrow account maintained by an attorney or title company selected by Harris Real Estate & Auction, in accordance with the purchase contract. YOUR BIDDING IS NOT CONDITIONAL UPON FINANCING, SO BE SURE YOU HAVE ARRANGED FINANCING, IF NEEDED, AND ARE CAPABLE OF PAYING CASH AT CLOSING. Make Inspections Prior To Date Of Sale. Closing shall take place on or before 30 days from auction date. All 2026 ad valorem taxes will be prorated at closing. The property will be sold by a new survey. Buyer is responsible for 50%.

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







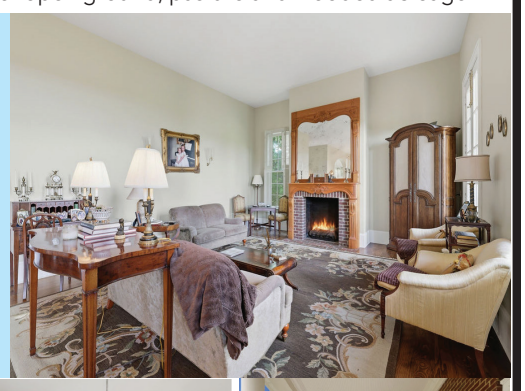
CUSTOM HOME • ACREAGE • PASTURE • WOODED LAND • HORSE BARN

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.**

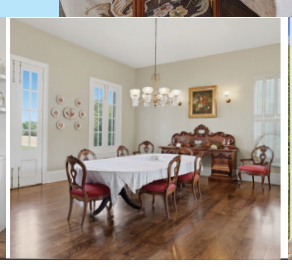
The impressive **4,380± sq. ft. home offers 3 bedrooms and 3.5 bathrooms,** featuring 10- and 12-foot ceilings, hardwood flooring, custom cabinetry and 16 solid mahogany doors. A French mantel with gas fireplace adds timeless character, while a spacious bonus room offers flexible additional living space.

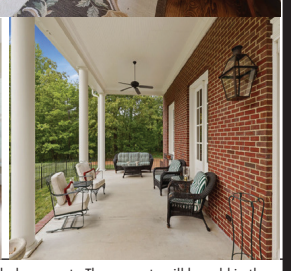
Enjoy approximately **1,536± sq. ft. of covered porches accented by Bevolo gas lanterns.** Additional improvements include a horse barn and 500-gallon underground propane tank, surrounded by an attractive blend of open ground, pasture and wooded acreage.

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*









REAL ESTATE TERMS: The property will be offered in 2 individual tracts, any combination of tracts, or as a whole property. The property will be sold in the manner resulting in the highest total sale price. A 10% Buyer's Premium will be added to the final bid and included in the deed transaction sale price. 15% as down payment on the day of the auction with balance in cash at closing on or before 30 days. The down payment may be in the form of cashier's check, personal check, or corporate check. YOUR BIDDING IS NOT CONDITIONAL UPON FINANCING, SO BE SURE YOU HAVE ARRANGED FINANCING, IF NEEDED, AND ARE CAPABLE OF PAYING CASH AT CLOSING. Make Inspections Prior To Date Of Sale. Closing shall take place on or before 30 days from auction date. All 2026 ad valorem taxes will be prorated at closing. The property will be sold by a new survey, buyer responsible for 50% of the survey costs.

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