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Kentucky's Fall Wildfire Hazard Season brings burning restrictions and enforcement

FRANKFORT, Ky. — As autumn settles across the Commonwealth, the Kentucky Division of Forestry is reminding residents that fall also brings an increased risk of wildfires. The 2026 Fall Forest Fire Hazard Season began October 1, bringing statewide restrictions on outdoor burning designed to protect homes, communities, wildlife and Kentucky's valuable forestland.



The fall hazard season runs through December 15. Under Kentucky law, it is illegal to set fire to flammable material in or within 150 feet of woodland, brushland, or fields containing dry grass or other flammable materials between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. local time during the designated season. The law includes an exception when the ground is covered with snow. Residents should also check local burn bans and additional restrictions before starting any outdoor fire.

The restrictions are especially important during autumn, when fallen leaves, dry grass, twigs and other vegetation can provide fuel for a rapidly spreading fire. Even when temperatures cool, dry conditions and wind can allow flames to spread beyond their intended location.

According to the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet, the Division of Forestry responds to approximately 850 to 1,000 wildfires annually across the state. Studies indicate that about 99% of Kentucky wildfires are caused by human activity. Arson is a leading cause, while escaped debris fires also contribute significantly to the problem.

Enforcement and Public Responsibility

The Kentucky Division of Forestry is responsible for wildland fire suppression on private lands and enforcement of forest fire hazard laws. Its personnel work with local fire departments and other emergency response agencies to control fires and protect residents.

Violations of Kentucky's forest fire laws can result in serious penalties. State law provides significant consequences for intentionally setting fires on another person's land, including fines of $1,000 to $10,000 and possible imprisonment of up to five years. Other violations may carry different penalties, depending on the offense.

Officials encourage residents to avoid burning leaves, brush and other debris during dry or windy weather. Where burning is permitted, fires should be attended at all times and completely extinguished before the person leaves the area. Residents must also remember that state fire-season restrictions do not override local burn bans or other outdoor-burning regulations.

Burning household garbage, plastics, tires, treated wood and many other materials is prohibited under Kentucky's open-burning regulations. Before burning natural plant material, residents should confirm that the activity is permitted in their area.

Protecting Kentucky's Forests

Kentucky has more than 12 million acres of forestland, covering nearly half the state. Beyond providing wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities, forests support a significant economic industry. The state's forest products industry contributed approximately $20 billion to Kentucky's economy during 2024–2025 and supported more than 28,000 jobs.

Homeowners can further reduce wildfire risks by clearing dry leaves and other debris from around buildings, trimming overhanging branches and keeping grass short. Residents should also report suspected arson to Kentucky State Police or call the Target Arson Hotline at 800-27-ARSON.

For additional information about seasonal burning restrictions, wildfire prevention and enforcement, visit the Kentucky Division of Forestry's Wildland Fire Management website.

As the fall fire hazard season continues, officials emphasize that preventing wildfires is a shared responsibility. Following state law and exercising caution around outdoor fires can help protect Kentucky's forests, property and communities.

Before you burn: Kentucky Fall Fire Safety Checklist

Kentucky's Fall Forest Fire Hazard Season: October 1–December 15

Before burning leaves, brush or other yard debris, take a few minutes to review these important safety reminders.

□ Check the law. From 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., burning is restricted in or within 150 feet of woodland, brushland or fields with dry grass or other flammable materials during Kentucky's fall fire hazard season.

□ Check for local burn bans. County or city restrictions may prohibit burning even when state law otherwise permits it.

□ Check the weather. Avoid burning during dry, windy conditions or when vegetation is especially dry.

□ Clear the area. Keep combustible materials away from any permitted fire and maintain a safe distance from buildings, trees and brush.

□ Never leave a fire unattended. Stay with the fire until it is completely extinguished.

□ Keep water and firefighting tools nearby. Have a water source, shovel or other appropriate tools ready before starting a permitted fire.

□ Never burn prohibited materials. Household garbage, plastics, tires and treated wood are among the materials restricted under Kentucky's open-burning regulations.

□ Make sure the fire is completely out. Check for remaining heat or embers before leaving the area.

□ Report suspicious fires. Contact local emergency services if a wildfire threatens people or property. Suspected arson can be reported to the Kentucky State Police or the Target Arson Hotline at 800-27-ARSON.

REMEMBER: A small fire can quickly become a dangerous wildfire. When conditions are unsafe or you are unsure whether burning is permitted, choose a safer alternative.

For more information or to verify current restrictions and local burn bans: Visit the Kentucky Division of Forestry's Wildland Fire Management website at https://eec.ky.gov/Natural-Resources/Forestry/wildland-fire-management/Pages/default.aspx

This checklist is intended as a general safety guide, not a substitute for current regulations.

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Kentucky principals to benefit from new 15-month leadership program

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – The Kentucky Association of School Administrators (KASA) has launched the Kentucky Principal Leadership Academy, a research-informed, 15-month experience designed to help principals build leadership capacity, strengthen school culture and create measurable impact in their schools.

Created specifically for the realities of leading Kentucky public schools, the academy combines executive coaching, peer collaboration, leadership assessment and applied practice. Its inaugural cohort will connect principals from rural, suburban and urban districts in a sustained professional learning community focused on moving leadership development from theory to action.

The academy represents the latest step in KASA's work to establish a clear statewide standard for school-leader development—and to ensure Kentucky principals have a professional home equipped to support them throughout the most demanding stages of their careers.

"KASA is Kentucky's premier organization for developing the leaders who lead our public schools," said KASA Chief Executive Officer Dr. Rhonda Caldwell. "No organization is better positioned to understand the realities of the principalship or to turn that understanding into practical, sustained support. Leadership development is not simply one part of KASA's work. It is central to who we are and to our responsibility to Kentucky's schools."

Principals are responsible for establishing school culture, developing teachers, navigating change and creating the conditions in which students can succeed. Yet the role can also be isolating, with leaders carrying complex responsibilities while facing staffing challenges, heightened expectations and constant demands on their time.

"The principal mentorship program is invaluable," said Josh Yonts, superintendent of Letcher County Public Schools. "It provides essential support, guidance, and resources that empower our new principals to thrive from day one. We love this program and the lasting impact it has on our leadership team."

The Kentucky Principal Leadership Academy is designed to meet that reality with support that is sustained, practical and grounded in the work principals do every day.

Applications are now being accepted from KASA members for the inaugural cohort, which will begin its leadership journey in November.

To learn more or apply, visit kasa.org. Questions may be directed to Dr. Rhonda Caldwell at rhonda@kasa.org.

Calvert City Police Department Works to Keep Community Safe and Connected

Staff Report

CALVERT CITY, Ky. — A strong community depends on the people who work every day to protect its residents, and the Calvert City Police Department plays an important role in helping make the city a safe and welcoming place to live, work and raise a family.

Through daily patrols, responding to calls for service and building relationships with residents, Calvert City police officers serve as an important connection between public safety and the community. Their responsibilities extend beyond enforcing the law to include helping residents, addressing concerns and providing assistance when people need it most.

Police officers often encounter people during some of the most difficult moments of their lives. Whether responding to an emergency, investigating a complaint or assisting someone who needs directions or information, officers have opportunities to make a positive difference through professionalism, patience and compassion.

Community policing is an important part of maintaining public trust. When officers are visible, approachable and willing to listen, residents have greater opportunities to share concerns and work alongside law enforcement to address local issues. These relationships help strengthen cooperation and encourage a shared commitment to public safety.

The department's work also contributes to the quality of life that makes Calvert City an attractive community. Residents benefit from knowing that trained officers are available to respond to emergencies, investigate suspicious activity and help maintain order. Businesses and visitors also benefit from a community that values safety and responsible law enforcement.

Public safety is a shared responsibility, and police officers cannot accomplish their mission alone. Residents can support local law enforcement by reporting suspicious activity, practicing personal safety, obeying traffic laws and treating officers with courtesy and respect. Open communication between the public and police can help identify concerns before they become larger problems.

The work of law enforcement frequently takes place outside the spotlight. Routine patrols, follow-up investigations and calls for assistance may not always receive public attention, but each contributes to the department's broader mission.

As Calvert City continues to grow and serve its residents, its police department remains an important part of the community's foundation. The commitment of local officers to protecting people, responding to concerns and maintaining public order helps support a safer environment for families, workers and visitors alike.

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FEMA launches online flood insurance tool

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – It is now easier for Kentucky residents to prepare for the devastating financial consequences of flooding, as the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has launched a new tool to purchase a National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) policy completely online through Floodsmart.gov.

The tool is accessible nationwide, with the online purchase option available to anyone living in one of the almost 22,700 participating NFIP communities.

"I've seen firsthand how floodwaters devastate American communities," said FEMA Administrator Cameron Hamilton. "We are making it easier for people to reduce their financial risk and protect what they've spent their lives building. With this new digital tool, you can get a quote and buy a flood insurance policy in a matter of minutes. This innovation demonstrates how FEMA is working to cut bureaucracy and deliver results to the American people."

Through the National Flood Insurance Program's new self-service digital purchase option, FEMA is reducing barriers and making flood insurance more accessible to people nationwide. You can get a quote on Floodsmart.gov after providing basic information about your building. Once you receive your quote, you will have the option to purchase a policy online or through an insurance agent. If you choose to purchase through a local or national carrier, you can share your quote details with your insurance agent, or Floodsmart.gov will offer the contact information of three licensed state insurance agents.



Madison Co. flooding *(Photo courtesy Marc Whitt)*

The new self-service tool is consistent with the insurance industry's shift toward digital engagement and aims to make it easier for more Americans to access flood coverage.

Floods are the most common and costliest natural disaster in the United States. Flood insurance provides financial protection against the unexpected to help Americans be better prepared, self-sufficient and confident in their ability to safeguard their future. FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program provides about $3.3 billion in coverage for approximately 16,900 policyholders in Kentucky.

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Agriculture Commissioner Jonathan Shell Applauds Trump Administration's $8 Billion Harvest Relief Program

Press Release

ASHLAND, KY – Agriculture Commissioner Jonathan Shell issued the following statement applauding the Trump Administration's announcement of $8 billion in one-time payments to help American farmers manage temporary market disruptions and rising input costs during harvest:

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Castell named SEC Defensive Player of Week after stellar effort at Oklahoma

By Keith Taylor
Kentucky Today

LEXINGTON, Ky. (KT) — Kentucky defensive back Jordan Castell played a key role in the 12th-ranked Wildcats' 21-13 win over Oklahoma last Saturday and was named Southeastern Conference Defensive Player of the Week.

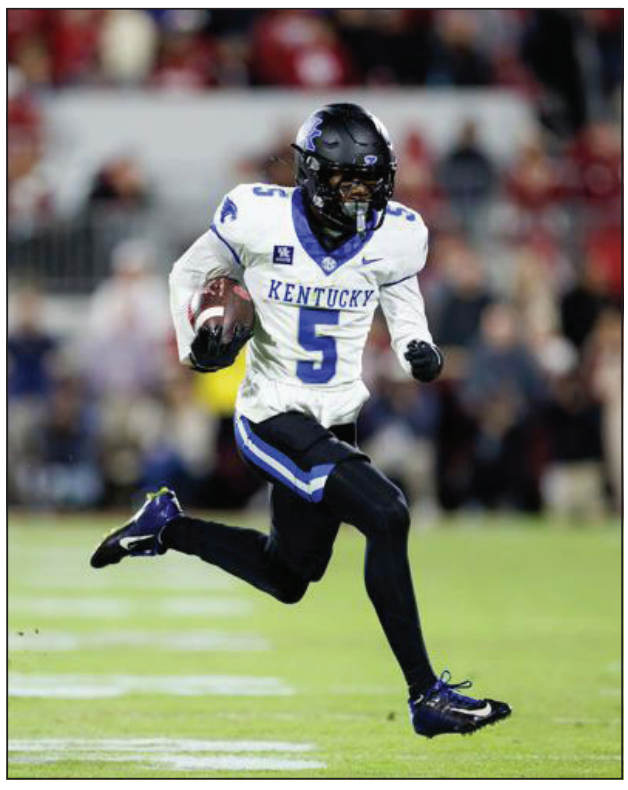
Castell recorded two interceptions, nine tackles, and a pass breakup. Castell's 41-yard interception return helped the Wildcats seal the deal against the Sooners. He leads the SEC with four interceptions and has seven in his career.

Against the Sooners, Castell's first interception came on a fake field goal attempt in the first half.

"That play right there was just having good eyes and just doing my job," Castell said. "That's the main thing I can say. We knew this team had a lot of tricks up their sleeves, but we had to just do our jobs."

The two big plays by Castell, along with Ty Bryant's interception, provided enough firepower to ignite the team's offense.

"Sometimes we're going to depend on them (and) sometimes they're going to depend on us," he said. "We have to lean on each other and continue to just make plays so we can play winning football."



Jordan Castell was named SEC defensive Player of the Week on Monday. (UK Athletics Photo) Elliott Hess

Travis Ford still relishes his time at Kentucky

By Keith Taylor
Kentucky Today

LEXINGTON, Ky. (KT) — Travis Ford hasn't forgotten his time at Kentucky and still doesn't have the words to describe what it's like to play for the Wildcats.

"It's impossible to describe it — it's impossible - but it's the most special time of your life because you're because you're playing for the greatest fan base in all of college basketball, who really love their Cats, really understand the game, and are going to show up," said Ford, in his first season as coach at Arkansas Little Rock. "(I have) a lot of memories here, a lot of great, great memories."

One of those memories involved the 1993 Kentucky squad that reached the Final Four two years removed from probation. Ford was the team's point guard and helped lead the Wildcats to a 30-4 record that ended with an 81-78 loss to Michigan in the national semifinals. Although Kentucky came up short, Ford said the trip to New Orleans "sticks way up there" among his favorite memories as a Wildcat.

He was part of the 31-point comeback at LSU, Jeff Brassow's buzzer-beater that sent Kentucky to a 93-92 win over Arizona in the 1993 Maui Invitational Classic finals; however, Ford said the relationships he forged at Kentucky are "the most special."

His roommate for two seasons was John Pelphrey, who was recently hired as Kentucky's Director of Player Development. Ford said Pelphrey is like a "brother, somebody that I love dearly."

"I shed a tear when he was hired because it just means so much," he said. "It meant a lot that he's back in this program. He and Tracy, his family, are back in Lexington and I think he'll be an extreme asset to this program."

Ford stepped away from coaching after stints at Campbellsville University, Eastern Kentucky, UMass, Oklahoma State and Saint Louis before accepting the job at Arkansas Little Rock. His first unofficial game was a 69-49 loss to Kentucky last Friday night.

When he returned for his 28th season, Ford, who thought he had experienced "everything," had to assemble a roster of 15 players in a hurry, an entirely new experience for Ford. After his introductory press conference, Ford found himself immersed in a new challenge.

"When I dove into it, literally the next day, I loved the challenge of it," he said. "I loved it. I've told people I really enjoyed the challenge of putting this team together. I've learned a lot along the way that we'll do differently going forward for next year's team and different things like that because we know every year you're going to have a different looking team. We hope we can keep some of these guys around. But I've loved the challenge of putting this team together."

In addition to a first look at his own team against outside competition, Ford got his first look at Mark Pope's third team at Kentucky and came away impressed with the pieces the Wildcat coaching staff have assembled.

"(In addition to Malach Moreno and Milan Momcilovic), you have a bunch of other guys that are great players on their team, and I think they have a chance to be a really good basketball team," Ford said.

The Wildcats, ranked No. 23 in the Associated Press Top 25 preseason basketball poll, continue the exhibition season Friday against Texas Tech at Rupp Arena. Tipoff is set for 7 p.m.



Lyon County Sheriff's Office Reports Multiple Arrests, Crashes and Shooting Incident

By WILBUR JACKSON
KPI Writer

LYON COUNTY, Ky. — The Lyon County Sheriff's Office reported several arrests, traffic collisions and a shooting investigation between Oct. 11 and Oct. 17, including an incident in which a contractor was injured while attempting to escape gunfire during a dispute over property.

The most serious incident occurred Oct. 15 around 9 a.m. on KY 274, approximately 14 miles south of Eddyville. Deputies were responding to a disturbance when dispatch received a second 911 call reporting shots fired. Investigators determined a dispute between a property owner and a contractor had escalated into a minor physical altercation.

Authorities said Jacob C. Triska, 25, of Eddyville, the property owner's son, retrieved a handgun from a nearby residence, returned to the scene and fired two shots at the contractor. The contractor was not struck by gunfire but was injured while attempting to retreat to cover. Chief Deputy Sam Adams arrested Triska, charging him with first-degree wanton endangerment involving the discharge of a firearm. He was lodged in the Crittenden County Detention Center.

Several traffic collisions were also investigated during the reporting period.

On Oct. 12, a three-vehicle collision on U.S. 62 at Fowler Road resulted in injuries. Investigators said a Jeep Cherokee driven by Adreonna Badger, 17, of Kuttawa, struck the rear of an Acura MDX stopped to turn left before colliding with a westbound Ford Fusion. Badger was transported to a hospital by Lyon County EMS, while a 15-year-old passenger was taken to a medical facility by personal vehicle. No other injuries were reported.

On Oct. 13, a collision in Suwanee involved a Chevrolet Suburban driven by Danny Johnson, 78, of Kuttawa, and a Toyota Camry driven by Robin Palmer, 45, of Eddyville. Both drivers initially declined emergency medical services but later reported being taken to medical facilities for evaluation.

A separate collision Oct. 17 at the U.S. 62 westbound intersection with the Interstate 24 westbound exit ramp in Kuttawa involved a Peterbilt tractor-trailer and a Nissan Altima. Authorities said the truck driver, Jason Alexander, 41, of Houston, Texas, failed to yield after stopping at a stop sign. No injuries were reported.

Other enforcement actions included theft-by-deception charges against Michelle R. Grant, 45, of Eddyville, and Carylann E. Spedding, 29, of Eddyville, involving allegedly written cold checks. Deputies also arrested Seth C. Trusty, 18, of Princeton, following a motorcycle collision in a ditch on KY 293. He faces charges involving registration, insurance and licensing.

Additional arrests included Andrew T. Knowles, 20, of Madisonville, for public alcohol intoxication; Whitney L. Hurley, 37, of Freeburn, on drug-trafficking charges from Pike County; and Melissa Spratt, 52, who was wanted in Indiana on six drug-related offenses. Both Hurley and Spratt awaited extradition to face charges elsewhere.

Deputies also served a summons on Juriha E.J. Earnst, 32, of Kuttawa, on a third-degree terroristic-threatening charge stemming from an Eddyville Police Department investigation.

All charges are allegations, and defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in court.

Several dogs found covered in feces with no water at dog training facility in Hopkinsville

By Christian County Now

Animal Control and officers with the Hopkinsville Police Department conducted a search warrant of a commercial building located at 1013 Skyline Drive on the afternoon of Oct. 21. According to a citation from HPD, 10 dogs were found the be residing in the facility for training, boarding and personal purposes in "inadequate conditions." Public Information Officer Justin Rios said the warrant was executed for a business called Riverbend Canine Training.

HPD said there was no water in any of the kennels, and most dogs were standing in their own urine and feces. Some of the dogs were coated in their own waste and appeared underweight and a few of the dogs were housed in spaces that were too small for their size. Officers noted that dogs immediately received water and acted as if they were very thirsty.

Three of the dogs were owned by one of the suspects, and all of the other dogs at the location will now be returned to their owners or will be housed at the Christian County Animal Shelter until their owners can come retrieve them, according to HPD.

As a result of the search warrant, a Hopkinsville man was cited by HPD for cruelty to animals in the second degree. Two other individuals were cited for cruelty to animals by complicity. All three received court dates and were not placed under arrest.

51 easements signed by Christian County landowners for PREA pipeline along I-24

By Christian County Now

HOPKINSVILLE, KY (CHRISTIAN COUNTY NOW) – Among discussion in western Kentucky about the proposed multi-county natural gas pipeline, Christian County Now reached out to the Pennyrile Regional Energy Agency for clarification about what this means for local communities, and what phase of the project they currently are in.

The PREA was founded to provide enhanced energy supply opportunities to the Pennyrile region, according to the PREA website. Their first project is a natural gas pipeline that will extend around 50 miles from Lyon County, follow the Interstate-24 corridor across portions of Caldwell, Trigg, and Christian counties, and end in Guthrie with a goal of establishing service in 2027.

PREA Chairperson Eston Glover told Christian County Now that preliminary engineering and some environmental studies have been completed so far, but no ground has moved for the project.

"Final pipeline design will proceed once the full route is confirmed and easement access has been obtained for each property," Glover said. In September of 2022, Gov. Andy Beshear presented $30 million to help fund the project, which his office described as a critical natural gas pipeline to support rapid business growth. The funding came as a recommendation of Rep. Jason Petrie of Elkton.

Working with landowners, around 50 impacted properties in Christian County

The proposed natural gas pipeline will run underground, at least five feet deep, along I-24 in Christian County to reduce disruption and minimize impact on landowners, according to Glover. Constructing the pipeline requires PREA to build on privately owned land in the region, mostly farmland.

"In Christian County alone, 51 easements have been voluntarily signed and recorded with additional easements still being negotiated and agreed upon," Glover told Christian County Now. "14 condemnation actions were filed, two of which were voluntarily dismissed by PREA. Of the 12 remaining condemnation cases, five have not been contested and seven are ongoing."

An easement is defined as gaining rights of use and access for a portion of real property while the landowner retains ownership. Condemnation occurs when a lawsuit is issued in order to procure private property for public use.

PREA seeks to acquire 30-foot permanent easements plus 30-foot temporary construction easements from landowners to make room for the pipeline. He said the route has also been adjusted to accommodate landowners request such as avoiding ponds or mature trees.

PREA says they provided personal outreach to every effected landowner, and informational meetings were held at the start of the project in 2022. Landowners received materials explaining that they retain ownership of the easement area, and PREA will restore the impacted land after construction is finished.

Due to the depth of the pipeline, PREA assures that normal farming and tillage operations will still be possible after the pipeline is installed. Landowners will be compensated for any repairs or crop damage that may result from construction.

Contracts for supply, regional pushback

When asked about who will benefit from the pipeline, Glover said they currently have three contracts to supply natural gas to the U.S. Army at Fort Campbell, the City of Guthrie, and act as a supplemental source to the City of Clarksville in Tennessee. As previously reported by news affiliate Clarksville Now, a resolution was approved by the Clarksville City Council allowing them to enter into an interlocal agreement with PREA.

A previous news release from Fort Campbell Public Affairs that was published by Christian County Now reported that Glover formalized an agreement for Natural Gas Transportation between PREA and Fort Campbell. The Fort Campbell Garrison Commander said at the time that this would help meet the needs of the military instillation.

"Residents who provide an easement across their property may access natural gas through a third-party provider," specified Glover. "PREA may serve businesses and industries directly and will meet with any resident, business, industry, or agency interested in accessing the pipeline."

The website called Kentucky Coalition for Property Rights has started a petition against the pipeline in response. This group claims that the condemnation process with landowners is unconstitutional, and PREA does not permit negotiations when it comes to appraising property from landowners. They also question the possible risk to well water, leaks and possible pollutants.

Moving forward, Glover said they are available to provide additional information to local municipalities such as the Christian County Fiscal Court upon request. Glover added. "PREA maintains an open-door policy and meets or speaks with property owners whenever requested."

The PREA office is at 237 South Ewing Street in Guthrie. Find maps and more information on the PREA website.

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NOV 3		MANHATTAN	7 P.M.	SECN+
NOV 6		JAMES MADISON	7 P.M.	SECN
NOV 10		vs. Kansas[1]	9:30 P.M.	ESPN
NOV 13		NORTHERN ARIZONA	7 P.M.	SECN+
NOV 16		GRAMBLING STATE	7 P.M.	SECN+
NOV 20		vs. Indiana[2]	8 P.M.	CBS
NOV 27		WICHITA STATE	9 P.M.	ESPN2
DEC 2		at Virginia[3]	7:15 P.M.	ESPN
DEC 5		APPALACHIAN STATE	1 P.M.	SECN+
DEC 8		BRYANT	7:30 P.M.	ESPN2
DEC 12		LOUISVILLE	4 P.M.	ABC
DEC 19		vs. North Carolina[4]	2:30 P.M.	CBS
DEC 22		SACRED HEART	1 P.M.	SECN
DEC 28		GARDNER-WEBB	7 P.M.	SECN
JAN 2		at Oklahoma*	12 P.M.	ESPN/2

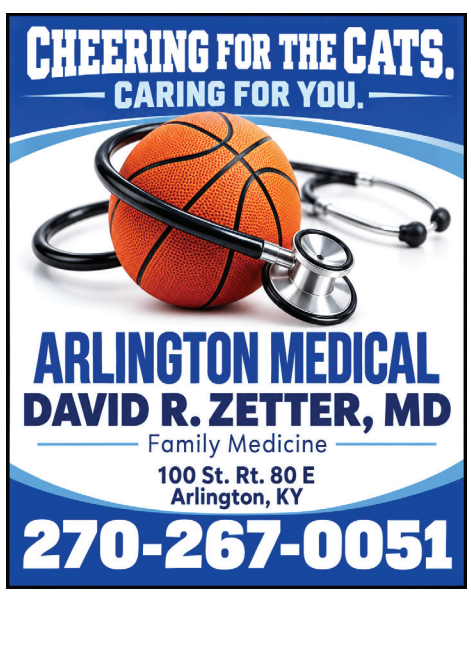








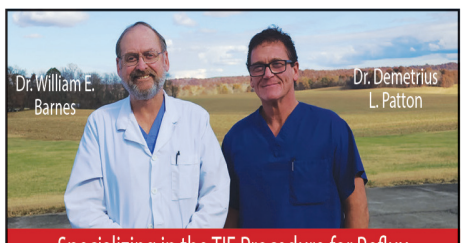








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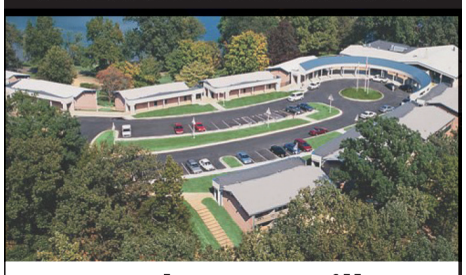


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JAN 16	VANDERBILT*	4 P.M.	ESPN/2
JAN 20	at Mississippi State*	8:30 P.M.	SECN
JAN 23	TENNESSEE*	2 P.M.	ESPN/2/U
JAN 30	at Texas*	12 P.M.	ESPN/2
FEB 2	at Ole Miss*	9 P.M.	ESPN/2
FEB 6	ALABAMA*	2 P.M.	ESPN/2
FEB 10	SOUTH CAROLINA*	8 P.M.	SECN
FEB 13	at Tennessee*	4 P.M.	ESPN
FEB 16	at Georgia*	7 P.M.	ESPN/2
FEB 20	ARKANSAS*	6/6:30 P.M.	ESPN
FEB 23	at Vanderbilt*	9 P.M.	ESPN/2
FEB 27	AUBURN*	4/4:30 P.M.	ESPN/2
MAR 3	TEXAS A&M*	7 P.M.	ESPN2/U
MAR 6	at Florida*	4/4:30 P.M.	ESPN

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Christian County Shelter Pets of the week

By Christian County Animal Shelter

Dogs and cats of all ages, breeds, sizes are waiting to be adopted at the Christian County Animal Shelter. The shelter is at 2935 Russellville Road, and the phone number is 270-887-4175.

Hopkinsville, KY – Dogs and cats of all ages, breeds, sizes are waiting to be adopted at the Christian County Animal Shelter. The shelter is at 2935 Russellville Road, and the phone number is 270-887-4175. Business hours are Tuesday-Saturday from 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. and the shelter is closed for lunch from 12:30-1 p.m.

Boone is a handsome 1-year, 2-month-old Terrier Mix who is looking for his forever home! He was previously adopted from our shelter but was recently returned through no fault of his own after his new home was unable to keep him due to a landlord restriction.

Boone is already neutered, current on his rabies vaccine, and up to date on his other vaccines, flea/tick treatment, and dewormer, so he is ready to head home!

We are still learning more about Boone, so his compatibility with other dogs, cats, and children is currently unknown. We encourage adopters with other dogs to bring them in for a meet-and-greet to help make sure everyone is a good fit.



Boone is not fully house-trained or crate-trained yet, so he will need an adopter who is willing to continue working with him and give him the time and patience he needs to succeed. Adoption Fee: $50 + tax.

Come meet Boone and see if he could be the perfect addition to your family!



Sonny is a sweet 6-year-old Australian Shepherd mix (Christian County Animal Shelter, Contributed)

Sonny is a sweet 6-year-old Australian Shepherd mix who is hoping to find his forever family!

Sonny came to us as a stray from Todd County and, sadly, was never reclaimed. Despite his unknown past, Sonny is a sweet boy who is ready for a fresh start and a family to call his own.

We are currently unsure how Sonny does with other dogs, cats, or children, but you are more than welcome to bring your dog and children in to meet him! We'd love to help see if Sonny is the right match for your family.

Sonny has received his first round of vaccines, flea and tick treatment, and dewormer, and he is already NEUTERED! Adoption Fee: $50 + tax.

If you're looking for a sweet boy who deserves a second chance and a loving forever home, come meet Sonny.

Motorcyclist severely injured after hitting truck, Christian County deputies investigate

By Christian County Now

CHRISTIAN COUNTY, KY (CHRISTIAN COUNTY NOW) – The Christian County Sheriff's Office is investigating an early morning wreck that has left a person with severe injuries.

On Oct. 21 at 5:10 a.m., CCSO deputies responded to a crash involving a motorcycle on KY-164 (Roaring Spring Road). A motorcycle was eastbound on the roadway when it collided with the front side of a truck that was turning from Binns Mill Road, according to Public Information Officer John Godsey.

KY-164 motorcycle accident in Christian County. Oct. 21, 2026 (Contributed by Christian County Sheriff's Office)

Hopkinsville EMS reports that the motorcyclist was a 62-year-old man. He was wearing a helmet when the accident occurred and suffered a broken femur along with chest and head injuries. He was taken to a helicopter at the intersection of KY-117 and flown to a Nashville hospital due to severe injuries.



(Photo by Christian County Sheriff's Office)

Jeffers Bend begins developing playground with natural materials in Hopkinsville

By Daynnah Carmona
Christian County Now

HOPKINSVILLE, KY (CHRISTIAN COUNTY NOW) – Jeffers Bend Environmental Center in Hopkinsville is further expanding their offerings to the community with an ongoing development of a playground. The process to establish this new family area began in August, with the first few items installed this fall.

This new play area is located across from their parking lot in close proximity to their public hiking trails and lake. The giant chair at the center has immediately become popular, with a climbing structure and several picnic tables also in place. Charles Turner, RC&D Coordinator with Jeffers Bend, said the equipment has been constructed by members of the Mennonite community in Pembroke.

"We are just in the beginning of it," said Turner. With so many family events that are hosted at Jeffers Bend throughout the year, he said parents and grandparents have been asking for years to have a place for kids to play.

With the goal of debuting the finished playground during their Take Kids Fishing Day in May of 2027, Turner said they will soon install a swing, crawling tunnels and other equipment for younger kids, all while utilizing natural wood materials. Turner added, "It should be as natural looking as possible, not heavily laden with plastic."



New play equipment at Jeffers Bend Environmental Center. Oct. 7, 2026
(Photos by Daynnah Carmona)

Amid continued development at the playground, Turner said it is open for public use in the meantime.

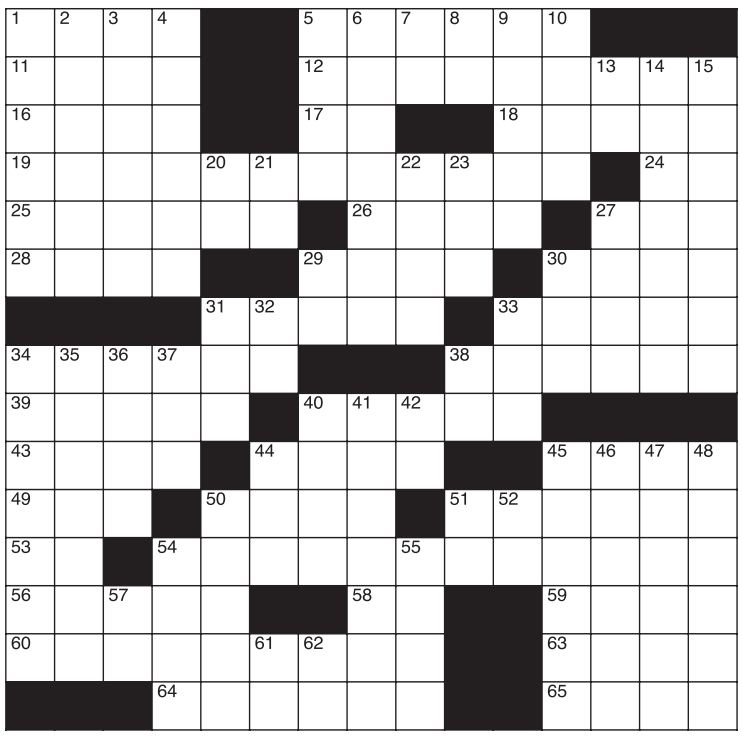
Along with hiking trails, Jeffers Bend features botanical gardens maintained by Christian County Master Gardeners and a wildlife observatory and they host multiple events and education opportunities throughout the year as found on their website.

They are located at 1170 Metcalfe Lane and are open from dawn to dusk, with the entrance at Riverside Cemetery.





Crossword Puzzle



Puzzle Solutions on B14

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 B SECTION

WORDS

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Sudoku Puzzle

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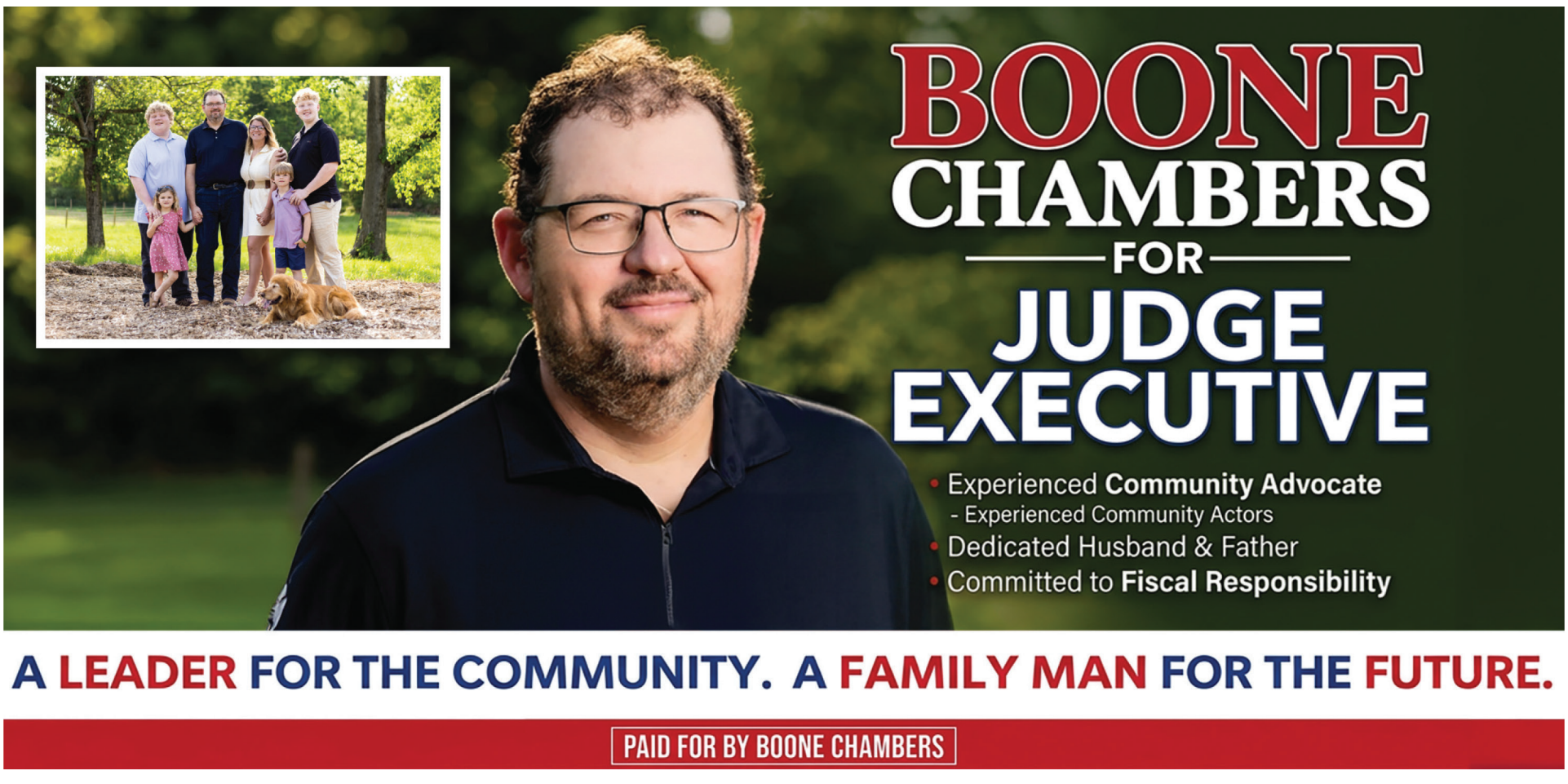
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric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

ANSWERS IN B SECTION

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Coloring Fun





AG wants delays to stop on 46-year death row inmate

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – Kentucky Attorney General Russell Coleman has announced a new effort to stop delays in the execution of Kentucky's longest-held death row inmate, Karu Gene White.

On Wednesday, the AG's Office, alongside Commonwealth's Attorney Miranda King, argued in Powell Circuit Court to move White's latest delay tactic to the active docket.

In 1979, White and two juveniles used a crowbar to beat a 75-year-old, and two other seniors in what was described as a "horrific home invasion" in Breathitt County. The elderly Kentuckians, Charlie Gross, 75, his wife Lula Gross, 74, and Lula's brother, Sam Chaney, 79, were killed inside the small general store they operated. The attack was so violent "the coroner likened the scene to a slaughterhouse."

In 1980, a Kentucky jury recommended, and a judge ordered, three death sentences to White.

Now 67, he has lost repeated appeals in state and federal courts. Last year, Coleman won a case before U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit to uphold the capital sentence. The United States Supreme Court then refused to hear White's appeal. As of this year, White's state and federal appeals are finally exhausted.

In 2004, White asked the circuit court to overturn his death sentences based on alleged intellectual disability. The question has sat dormant for years, including because White simply refused a psychiatric



Karu Gene Wright has been on death row since 1980.

evaluation for nearly a decade. Coleman's office says in 2017, then-Attorney General Andy Beshear joined with White to ask the court to pause the case.

Coleman is asking the circuit court to set a schedule for White's claim so the matter can be resolved, and the surviving families can finally get the justice they were promised decades ago.

"Almost 50 years later, the facts of this horrific murder remain as gut-wrenching as ever. This criminal has spent most of his life dodging justice and his lawful sentence. On behalf of the surviving families and all Kentuckians, I say: No more," Coleman said.

"I was pregnant when this happened," said Mary Lou Herald, the Grosses' granddaughter. "My son is now 47. My mother, who had to bury her parents and uncle, died years ago still waiting for justice. We went to court today to continue her fight for my Granny, Grandpa, and Uncle Sam. I'm grateful for the continued efforts of our Attorney General to deliver the justice a judge and jury decided on so long ago."

Bill over grandparent visitation rights may be reintroduced

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – The sponsor of a 2026 bill that could change how courts determine grandparent visitation rights, which won passage in the Senate but didn't clear the House, may try again next year.

Senate Bill 281, sponsored by Sen. Rick Girdler, R-Somerset, unanimously passed the Senate earlier this year, but ultimately did not become law, since it was never acted upon by the House Appropriations and Revenue Committee.

Girdler is teaming up with Sen. Danny Carroll, R-Paducah, to hopefully reintroduce the legislation in 2027.

Carroll said the bill seeks to address a "tough situation" in which a grandparent has been denied contact with a grandchild by that child's parent.

"As a new grandparent, I understand now because I know what it feels like to have a grandchild," he said. "As a grandparent, you don't love that child any less than their parents do, and you wouldn't do any less to make sure they were taken care of."

Carroll stated he believes as more grandparents are receiving full custody of their grandchildren, there needs to be more protections for them. "As society changes, sometimes interpretations need to account for that, and I think grandparents should be afforded more visitation or more involvement in grandchildren



Sen. Rick Girdler, R-Somerset, may reintroduce legislation that gives grandparents more visitation rights. (LRC photo) Bud Kraft LRC Photography

and it shouldn't be something that's just optional."

Senate Minority Caucus Chair Reginald L. Thomas, D-Lexington, noted he argued "strongly" in favor of the bill earlier this year. "I do think it's important that we try to retain the family structure."

Girdler said the goal of his legislation isn't to limit the court's ability to make decisions or take a child away from its parents. He said the bill will use language like "may" instead of "shall," so judges can make the best decision on a case-by-case basis.

"All I'm wanting is to be able to have these grandparents to be able to love on these children and their own blood and not be alienated by somebody else because of hate," Girdler pointed out. "These grandparents need to have their day in court in order to be able to love and see their grandkid."

Girdler said he's willing to do "anything" to ensure the bill passes. Carroll said he wants to ensure the bill's language won't result in visitation case rulings not being upheld.

The 2027 General Assembly convenes on Jan. 5.





UK equine and pre-vet students shown a red-carpet day at The Red Mile

By Holly Wiemers
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Representatives from the Lexington Trots Breeders Association with sponsor Woodford Feed present UK Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment representatives with a scholarship check after Race 10 at the Red Mile races Oct. 3. Photo courtesy Martin Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment.

LEXINGTON—

When Red Mile Gaming and Racing held its Kentucky Futurity Day Oct. 3, the event provided a red-carpet experience for University of Kentucky student attendees. The day began with behind-the-scenes tours, free admission and concessions and culminated in a $5,000 scholarship check presentation from the Lexington Trots Breeders Association with presenting sponsor Woodford Feed after Race 10.

The daylong experiential student event, named "Harnessing the Future: UK Ag Equine Programs Day at the Red Mile," marked a new era of opportunities within harness racing for UK's equine and pre-vet students interested in equine careers. The event was held during the Kentucky Futurity, one of the three jewels in the Trotting Triple Crown and one of harness racing's most historic and prestigious events.

"We are so grateful to The Red Mile, the Lexington Trots Breeders Association and Woodford Feed for investing in our Equine Science and Management (ESMA) and equine pre-vet students through scholarships. We are equally excited about the new opportunities for our students to become immersed in harness racing," said Jill Stowe, director of UK Ag Equine Programs and holder of the Stanley Smith Dickson Professorship within the Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. "We look forward to growing this partnership to the mutual benefit of both our students' career development and the harness racing industry's future."

Besides free admission to the races and a voucher for concessions, the facility also offered four special behind-the-scenes tours for students. Those included a look at veterinary care; track maintenance and racing surface management; marketing the event; and calling the race action.

One of the most popular tours included Protecting the Equine Athlete: Veterinary Care & Racing Regulation, which gave an overview of the veterinary, regulatory and safety procedures that support equine welfare and racing integrity. Students learned about pre-race protocols, testing, oversight and the collaboration among veterinarians, officials, horsemen and track personnel.

The other popular tour for attendees was the Beyond the Finish Line: Events, Marketing & Public Relations tour, which gave participants a look into how a major race day is developed, promoted and presented to the public. Attendees learned about event production, sponsorship, media relations, guest experience, social media and the storytelling that connects new audiences with the sport.

"It was a pleasure to welcome the University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment students, faculty and leadership to The Red Mile for Kentucky Futurity Day," said Emily Ratcliff, director of sponsorships at The Red Mile. "The equine industry is such an important part of Kentucky's identity, and we have a responsibility to introduce the next generation to the many opportunities it offers."

A Martin-Gatton CAFE alum, Ratcliff helped make the day a special experience for students.

"We wanted these students to experience firsthand the people, passion and opportunities that make Kentucky's equine industry so extraordinary," she said. "The $5,000 college scholarship is an extension of that commitment, and we hope it opens a door for students to pursue their passion and build a future in an industry we are so proud to represent."Several UK ESMA alums currently work in the harness racing industry, including Joanna Ricci, a 2020 grad. Ricci is currently a compliance manager with MyRacehorse and helped lead tours at the event for the participating students.

Jay Hochstetler is a 2015 graduate of the ESMA program and was featured in a 2024 write-up in the Daily Racing Form.

The Red Mile opened on September 28, 1875, and today is recognized as the second-oldest harness racing track in the world. For more than 150 years, many of the sport's greatest horses, drivers, trainers and breeders have competed at the track.



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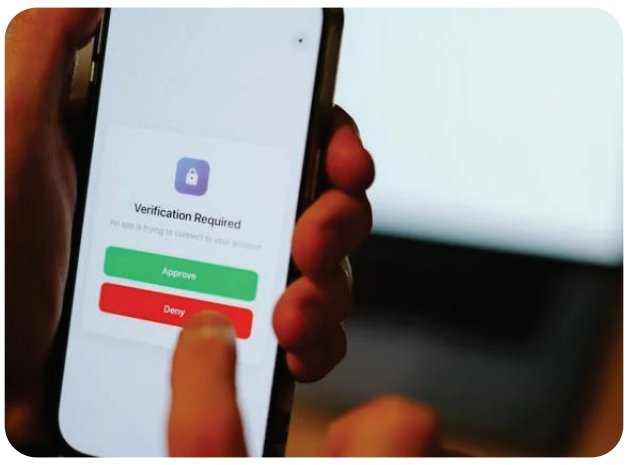
By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

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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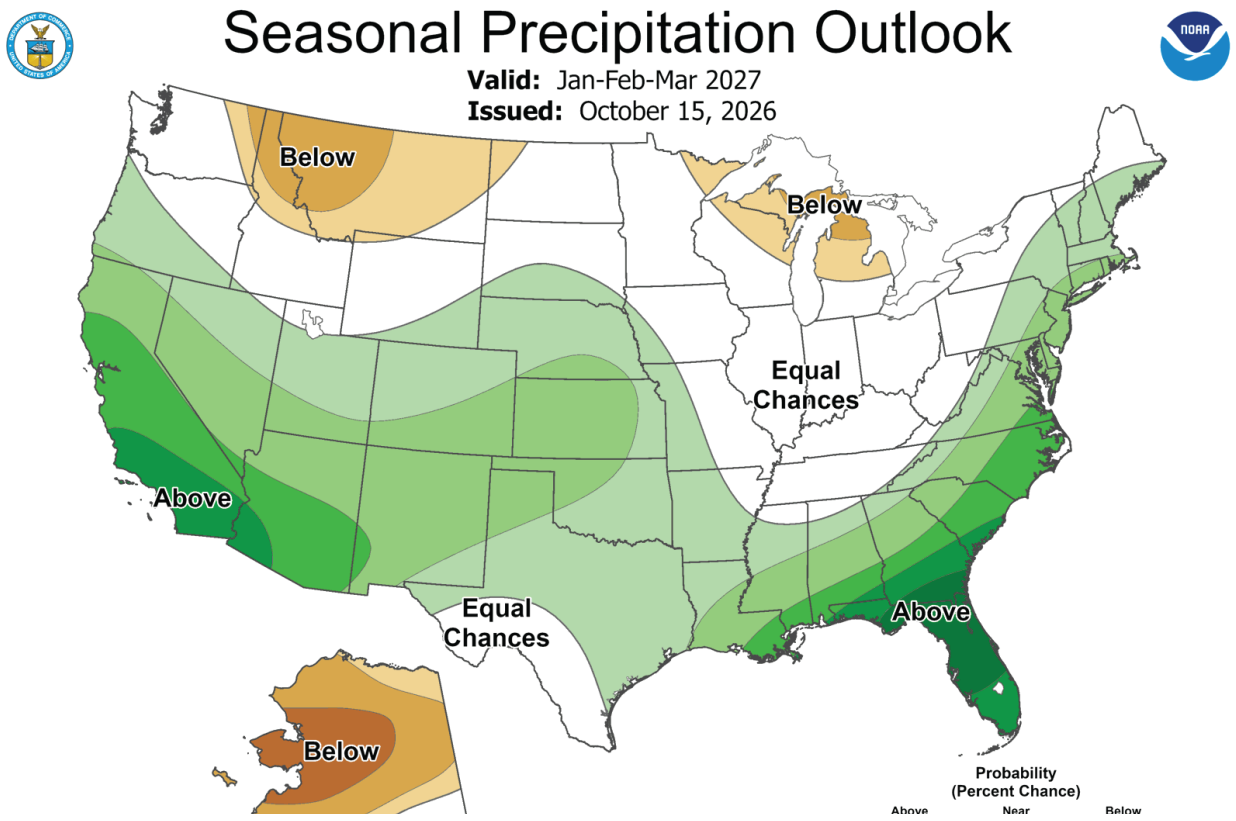
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NOAA reveals winter outlook for state, nation

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.

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.

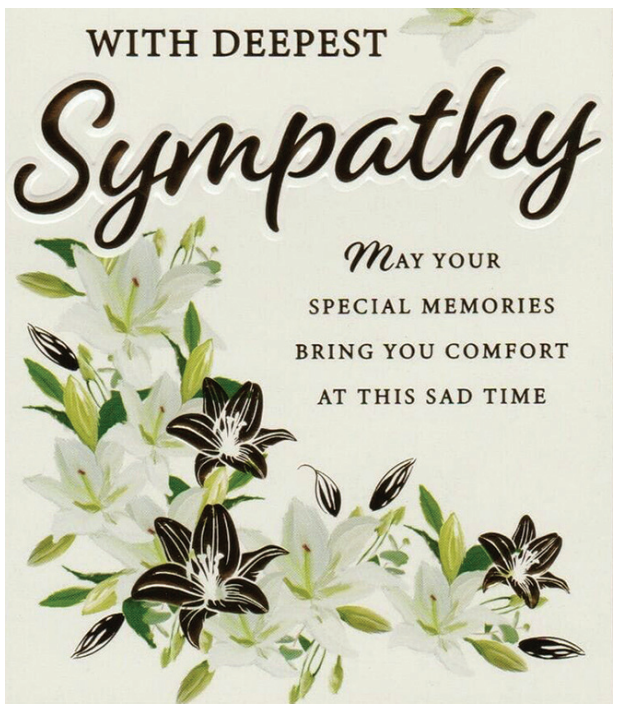
Patricia Ann (Lovett) Miller, age 83, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away on Saturday, October 17, 2026, at the Anna Mae Owen Residential Hospice House in Murray, Kentucky. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, October 24, 2026, at the University Church of Christ with Charley Bazzell and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

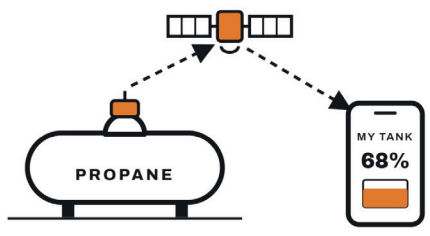
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Christian Fellowship finished runner-up in the 4th District Volleyball Tournament on Tuesday, Oct. 20.

(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
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
4. Madison Central
5. South Warren
6. Saint Xavier
7. Male
8. Bryan Station
9. Lafayette
10. Bullitt East



Marshall County finished runner-up in the 1st District Boys' Soccer Tournament on Thursday Oct. 15.
(Photo Courtesy of Marshall County High School)



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.

Dr. Holland is an ordained minister, chaplain, and Christian author. Read more about the Christian life at billyhollandministries.com.

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.

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

2 side by side vaults in Woodland Memorial Cemetery in Lone Oak, front view, 2nd row from bottom by chapel. $10,000 total. 561-351-9174 (tfn)

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Holiday Sale- Nov. 7th. 8. a.m.,1886 McCracken County Road, next to Boaz P.O. Christmas & More, dishes, linens, ornaments, pictures, nick nak's, garlands, trees, lights, and yard iitems..

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REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

4 White Pine Place, Paducah, KY 42003. MLS #: 26018542 $420,000 Let's talk special. This home has spacious rooms. very functional floor plan. Garage has additional space for storage or lawn mowers. Upstairs has a fairly large, floored room for storage as well as a full guest suite. Split bedroom floorplan. Deep backyard. This home is a must see home. Call Ron Hughes at RE/MAX Realty Group 270-519-7898. (TFN)

5825 Oaks Road, Paducah, KY 42003 - $550,000. Unique property - Approximately 75 acres with about 30 to 40 acres tillable and the rest wooded. Great combination of home, 3 outbuildings, tool shed, barn and land for variety of uses. Use house as home or hunting lodge. Great property for living, hunting, farming and or horses. Directions: Exit 11 I-24 South on Husband Rd, Left onto Lydon Road, Right onto Oaks Road. Home on the right about 6 miles south. Call Ron Hughes at RE/MAX Realty Group 270-519-7898. (TFN)

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

643 Whitney Dr., Paducah, Kentucky • $415,000.00 - MLS # 137569. Unique 3 bedroom 3 full bath West End home located in the desirable Pines Subdivision loaded with captivating character! Impressive living room features gas log fireplace , very tall valuted ceiling & large stylish windows for plenty of light. Kitchen has plenty of cabinets, island, breakfast area, and pantry. Excellent primary bedroom with spacious bath, jacuzzi tub, double vanity, walk-in closet, surround sound, balcony overlooking deck & backyard. Ample storage space throughout the home. New refrigerator & microwave in 2026. Massive deck perfect for entertaining! Beautiful yard, trees and landscaping. Well insulated home so utility bills are low. Convenient to the mall area, I-24 and downtown Paducah. Underground Dog fence. CALL Jennifer Palmer Realty 270-519-9000

1875 St Rt 384 Mayfield, Ky $308,000.00. MLS#: 26019260. Beautiful Absolutely Private home on 2.5 impressive acres with 4 bedrooms and 3 full baths! Extremely well built ! Only 5 miles to I-69 and Mayfield. Large updated kitchen with gorgeous tile, corian countertops and abundant cabinetry. Quality bar stools stay plus all appliances. All 3 full baths are updated with extra nice tile and countertops. There are 2 large living areas. Kitchen open to Living room. Utility room. Primary bedroom and bath separate from other bedrooms ! NEW paint , blinds and appliances since 2019. NEW roof in 2020. 2 car attached carport and 2 car detached garage. Large metal barn 80 x 32 great for any animals, hay, equipment storage, RV and more! It does have a few stalls in it. Door is 11 FT 7 in tall. Land is rolling and lays pretty. Plenty of road frontage. Paved driveway. Geothermal HVAC. Appraisal done in March of 2026 available upon request. Seller is providing a one year home warranty at closing ~~ APHW.com Utility room or Guest bath would make great storm shelter! CALL Jennifer Palmer Realty 270-519-9000

606 Tortuga Dr. $210,000 MLS # 26024150 CALL Jennifer Palmer Realty 270-519-9000

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

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

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

For Sale By Owner! 20 acres in Calloway County, Ky 000 Hale Road, Murray, KY 42071. 5 miles northwest of Murray, Ky. 50 miles from Paducah, near Kentucky and Barkley Lakes. Minutes away from Murray State University. Easy access to hwy 80. All tillable, currently in crops. WKRECC Electric, Natural gas available. Call or Text 270-293-2064.
Price $350,000.00

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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

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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

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

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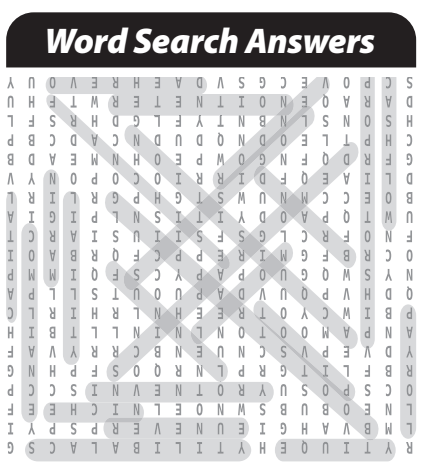
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Glass Top Coffee Table, 2 matching end tables, and sofa table, great condition. Trimmed with brass. $150 Call 270 519-7604

Sudoku Answers

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



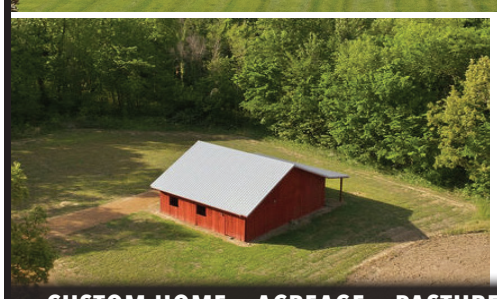


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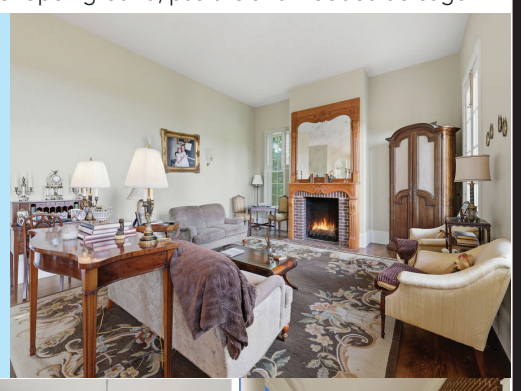
CUSTOM HOME • ACREAGE • PASTURE • WOODED LAND • HORSE BARN

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

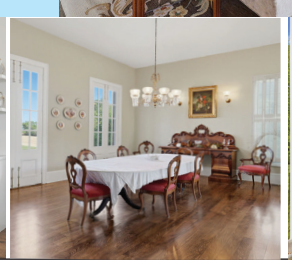
The impressive **4,380± sq. ft. home offers 3 bedrooms and 3.5 bathrooms,** featuring 10- and 12-foot ceilings, hardwood flooring, custom cabinetry and 16 solid mahogany doors. A French mantel with gas fireplace adds timeless character, while a spacious bonus room offers flexible additional living space.

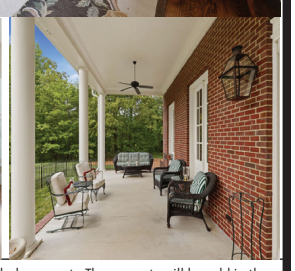
Enjoy approximately **1,536± sq. ft. of covered porches accented by Bevolo gas lanterns.** Additional improvements include a horse barn and 500-gallon underground propane tank, surrounded by an attractive blend of open ground, pasture and wooded acreage.

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









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