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\$4.5 Million to Strengthen Kentucky Farms, Including Graves County

By: Laurna Todd;
KPI WRITER

The Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation (KAFC) has approved more than \$4.5 million in loans to strengthen farming operations across the Commonwealth — with Graves County standing out as one of the biggest beneficiaries. The funding will provide crucial support for local producers, helping expand infrastructure, improve efficiency, and sustain the long-term health of Western Kentucky’s farming economy. **Graves County Takes the Lead in New Farm**

Investment
Graves County emerged as one of the top recipients in this round of funding, securing three Agricultural Infrastructure Loans totaling \$510,000, along with a \$250,000 Beginning Farmer Loan. These investments are set to make a lasting difference for local producers who raise beef cattle, grow grain and forage crops, and maintain poultry operations. The infrastructure loans will support projects such as new barns, equipment upgrades, and permanent improvements that will help producers work more efficiently



and increase productivity. For new farmers in the area, the Beginning Farmer Loan will open the door to opportunity — allowing them

to establish their own operations and continue the strong agricultural traditions Graves County is known for. This targeted

investment helps ensure that Western Kentucky’s rural communities remain economically strong while preserving the family-farm way of life that defines the region. **Programs Fuel Growth Across the Commonwealth**
While Graves County took a leading share of the loans, KAFC’s total of \$4,576,205 was distributed among 23 projects statewide through several key programs: Agricultural Infrastructure Loan Program (AILP): Five loans totaling \$1,004,350, including three in Graves County, to fund permanent farm structures and

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**CALENDAR**
Congratulations Lady Eagles & Lady Falcons finished season as District CHAMPS!

Vendors Wanted for Holiday Market

By Kelsey Edwards
KPI Editor

Applications are officially open for this year’s Mayfield Holiday Market, set for Small Business Saturday at the Mayfield Downtown Farmers Market Pavilion. Event will showcase a wide range of local vendors, featuring handmade crafts, art, jewelry, home décor, baked goods, seasonal foods, holiday gifts, and much more. This year’s market will have an extra festive feel as it takes place in the farmers market’s newly constructed outdoor pavilion for the first time. Visitors can enjoy twinkle lights, holiday decorations, music, and a hot chocolate bar while they shop. The event will be held Saturday, November 29, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 413 North Eighth Street in Mayfield. Vendor spots are limited, so interested sellers are encouraged to sign up soon. Applications can be found on the Mayfield Downtown Farmers Market Facebook page. The deadline to apply is November 21, or until all spots are filled.

Mayfield City Council Discusses Trash Service

By Kelsey Edwards
KPI Editor

The Mayfield City Council over the past few months, have been weighing the proposed action of a citywide trash service. A recent survey revealed that 78% of residents are against a single waste franchise, and only 5% of the city population pushed the council to re-evaluate how to gauge input before making a final decision and at the city council meeting on October 13, Justin Carrico, the City Projects Administrator, said the virtual survey ran from August 15 through September 30, and received 575 responses. That figure also constitutes roughly 13% of residential households. The city also held a public forum back in July for vendors and the community where reactions were mixed with several residents

and small, locally-owned businesses calling for an open market, while city leaders stated that one service could mitigate road damage and excessive litter. Carrico stated that one meeting might not have been sufficient enough to fully show a citywide trash service before survey users submitted responses. He went on to say that the community should know how the revenue will be appropriated, such as repairs for roads, sidewalks and parks. He said, “One thing we learned through this process is we probably needed more informational meetings for education purposes before the survey took place. We just realized there’s a lot of misinformation. We could maybe hold some informational meetings multiple times over multiple months, or do a morning, afternoon and night over three

months in a row.” The council did go on to agree that more informational meetings would be helpful, as several of the council members stated there was confusion from personal conversations with residents. Carrico stated that there were several people who took the survey at the mayor’s office that initially disapproved of a citywide service that wished to retroactively change their answer when they realized that the monthly disposal cost would be cheaper through a contracted franchise. He said most surrounding towns with a citywide trash service have a per-can rate from around \$14 to \$17, while there are some Mayfield customers that pay up to \$35. He went on to add that every waste management business from the July meeting

had reported that they would bid with lower rates. Some of the smaller enterprises stated that they had to remain competitive with the larger corporations, however, bidding lower would ultimately not be profitable/sustainable especially when accounting for landfill and equipment costs. Derrick Parrott, City Councilman expressed concerns on making a “blanket statement” that a citywide trash service would be unanimously cheaper than an open market. While Carrico said that the lowest disclosed rate at meetings is \$21, Parrott said the city should seek a more comprehensive understanding of local prices from private companies. Nate Cox, another city councilman said that he is “surprised” by the amount of residents who want Mayfield’s waste

management system to remain the same. Cox stated, “It’s almost getting to the point where I wonder if we’re chasing something that the people who elected us don’t want us to chase.” To which Council member Brad Rodgers commented and said, “I’ve talked to 45 people, and only seven have been for it. I just don’t think the numbers are there right now for us to do it.” The Mayfield City Council still has not taken official action on a citywide trash service. The next steps for this is to determine the logistics of informational meetings with accessible times and locations, and possibly split it into sections or quadrants to get full demographics. Stay tuned, as more information will be released by the end of the year.

Deputies Seeking Suspect in Farmington Domestic Incident

By: Laurna Todd;
KPI WRITER

The Graves County Sheriff’s Office is asking for the public’s assistance in locating a suspect who fled the scene of a domestic altercation in the Farmington community on Tuesday evening. Deputies were dispatched around 6 p.m. following reports of an active domestic dispute that resulted in a vehicle crashing into a utility pole. According to officials, the victim reported being physically assaulted during the incident but declined medical attention at the scene. Before deputies arrived, the suspect—identified as



42-year-old William A. Reynolds of Graves County—reportedly fled the area on foot. Law enforcement conducted a search of the surrounding community but were unable to locate Reynolds.

The sheriff’s office has released Reynolds’ photo and urges anyone with knowledge of his whereabouts to come forward. Sheriff Jon Hayden emphasized that community cooperation is often crucial in safely resolving cases of this nature. “We are asking the public to contact us immediately with any information that could help bring this situation to a close,” Hayden stated. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Graves County Sheriff’s Office at 270-856-3721. Callers may remain anonymous.



Community collaboration offers new attractions for Haunted Graves

By ERIC WALKER
Community Ed Dir
Mayfield Independent and Graves County Schools

A collaboration between local businesses, high school art and carpentry students and a local art guild has resulted in new attractions for Mayfield’s Halloween festivities. The new creations for Haunted Graves

are plywood boards designed to depict various haunting scenes that visitors can use for photo shoots or selfie opportunities. Scenes include ghostly cowboys, a mummified model and twisted takes on classic works of art. The initial idea was to get students to develop an added attraction for the month-long

Halloween events in Mayfield. Longtime community business Dairymen’s Supply provided the six plywood sheets to use as the canvases and, along with Mayfield Hardware and Lumber (formerly Mayfield True Value), also donated additional 2x4s to help with the project. According to

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WEST KY SPORTS

Graves County captures 3rd District title



Staff Report

LA CENTER — Graves County blanked Ballard Memorial 3-0 (25-23, 27-25, 25-16) in the 3rd District Girls' Volleyball

Tournament championship match on Tuesday, Oct. 21. Ballard Memorial challenged Graves County throughout the 3rd District Girls' Volleyball Tournament title

match, which Graves County pulled away to win. With the win, Graves County improved to 16-11. Following the loss, Ballard Memorial slipped to 24-8.

Both Graves County and Ballard Memorial advance to the 1st Region Girls' Volleyball Tournament.



Community Christian Academy's Riley Arnett, a sophomore, notched her 500th dig of the season during the third set Tuesday night in Paducah—an outstanding milestone for the Lady Warriors.



Hickman County Volleyball All-District team honors go to Macy Howell, Kylie Meshew, Bailey Childress. photo courtesy of Community Christian (Paducah) Academy

McCracken County claims 2nd Dist. championship



Staff Report

PADUCAH — McCracken County shut out Community Christian (Paducah) 3-0 in the 2nd District Girls' Volleyball Tournament title

match on Tuesday, Oct. 21. The Lady Mustangs controlled the title match, winning 25-8, 25-10, 25-5. Following the win, McCracken County improved to 28-7.

As a result of the loss, Community Christian (Paducah) slipped to 7-22. McCracken County remains ranked among the top girls' high school volleyball teams in the state.

Both McCracken County and Community Christian (Paducah) advanced to the 1st Region Girls' Volleyball Tournament.

High School Football Scoreboard

Schedule for Friday, Oct. 24
Apollo at Marshall County, 7 p.m.
Ballard Memorial at Caverna, 7 p.m.
Caldwell County at Crittenden County, 7 p.m.
Fort Campbell at Mayfield, 7 p.m.
Fulton County at Russellville, 7 p.m.
Hopkins County Central at Murray, 7 p.m.
McCracken County at Henderson County, 7 p.m.
Muhlenberg County at Graves County, 7 p.m.
Owensboro at Madisonville-North Hopkins, 7 p.m.
Paducah Tilghman at Calloway County, 7 p.m.
Trigg County at Todd County Central, 7 p.m.
Webster County at Union County, 7 p.m.

Results from Friday, Oct. 17
Apollo 49, Madisonville-North Hopkins 40
Calloway County 21, Allen County-Scottsville 18
Crittenden County 42, Fort Campbell 31
Fulton County 44, Ballard Memorial 0
Graves County 21, Marshall County 10
Hopkins County Central 38, Webster County 0
Hopkinsville 31, Henderson County 29
Mayfield 58, Trigg County 6
McCracken County 63, Christian County 20
Murray 44, Union County 7
Paducah Tilghman 44, Warren East 6

Results from Thursday, Oct. 16
Caldwell County 61, Todd County Central 0



Third District All-District Volleyball Team — Players selected for the 2025 Third District All-District Volleyball Team include Sydney Wright, Neely Flowers and Veronica Vaca of Mayfield; Hala Ouder Kirk, Gracie Glisson and Aubrey Alexander of Ballard Memorial; and Emma Joiner, Mary Kate Miller, Ella Morton and Ryleigh Belknap of Graves County. photo courtesy of Tim Taylor



The entire McCracken County girls' varsity volleyball team was honored as KHSAA Academic All-State First Team selections for maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.75 or higher on Monday, Oct. 20. photo courtesy of McCracken County High School Athletic Department

West KY Sports



Lady Bombers Fall In 3rd District Championship



**By: Tim Taylor
KPI SPORTS**

Ballard Memorial advanced to the 3rd District Championship for the first time since 2021 as they hosted Graves County for the 2025 title. The Lady Bombers earned the number 1 seed and automatic berth into the 1st Region Tournament by winning the regular season title. Graves squeaked out a 3-set sweep over Mayfield to advance to the title match. The Lady Eagles picked

up where they left off against the Lady Cardinals running out to an 8-2 lead. Ballard Memorial chipped away at the lead and gained a 21-20 advantage. Following a Graves timeout, the Lady Eagles outscored the Lady Bombers 5-2 to close the set with a 2 point win. Graves was aided by 2 Ballard Memorial serve errors to close the set and the Lady Bombers committed 6 serve errors in the opening set. Ballard Memorial gained a

10-5 lead in the 2nd set before Graves called a time out. Once again, the Lady Eagles responded after the time out, scoring 8 in a row. Ballard Memorial went on an 8-2 run late to gain a 25-24 lead and served for the set win. Another serve error proved costly as Graves County scored the next 2 points following the error to win the set. The Lady Eagles went out to a 19-7 lead in the 3rd set and cruised to a 3rd set win and a 3rd

District Championship defeating Ballard Memorial 25-23, 27-25, 25-16. Ballard Memorial committed 10 serve errors and had 19 other errors in the loss and finished as the 3rd District Tournament runner up and will play next week in Calloway County in the 1st Region Tournament. Lady Bombers Hala Ouderkirk, Gracie Glisson, and Aubrey Alexander were selected to the 3rd District All-Tournament Team.

Kentucky High School Football Media Poll

Class 6A			
Rank-school (FPV)	Record	Pts	LW
1. Trinity (16)	7-2	160	1
2. South Warren	8-0	143	2
3. St. Xavier	5-3	127	3
4. Manual	6-2	107	4
5. Frederick Douglass	5-3	97	5
6. Ryle	5-3	76	6
7. Male	5-3	66	7
8. Madison Central	5-3	49	8
9. Bryan Station	4-4	19	9
10. George Rogers Clark	5-4	8	NR
Others receiving votes: Bullitt East 7, Simon Kenton 6, Ballard 5, North Hardin 5, Oldham County 5.			

Class 5A			
Rank-school (FPV)	Record	Pts	LW
1. Woodford County (11)	7-1	152	2
2. Scott County (2)	7-2	128	1
3. Cooper (2)	5-3	111	4
4. Owensboro (1)	6-2	107	5
5. Pulaski County	6-2	94	T6
6. (tie) Atherton	7-1	84	T6
6. (tie) Madisonville-North Hopkins	7-1	84	3
8. Bowling Green	3-5	35	9
9. North Laurel	6-2	29	8
10. South Laurel	8-1	27	10
Others receiving votes: South Oldham 11, Collins 10, Greenwood 5, Apollo 3.			

Class 4A			
Rank-school (FPV)	Record	Pts	LW
1. Boyle County (12)	7-1	155	1
2. Franklin County (2)	9-0	132	T2
3. Paducah Tilghman (2)	7-1	130	T2
4. Highlands	7-2	110	4
5. Johnson Central	9-0	106	5
6. Covington Catholic	6-3	73	6
7. North Oldham	8-1	52	7
8. Corbin	5-3	43	8
9. Logan County	7-1	36	10
10. Taylor County	7-1	23	9
Others receiving votes: Lincoln County 10, Ashland Blazer 8, Elizabethtown 2.			

Class 3A			
Rank-school (FPV)	Record	Pts	LW
1. Christian Academy (16)	9-0	160	1
2. Bell County	8-0	139	2
3. Murray	8-0	123	3
4. Lexington Catholic	6-2	111	4
5. Lloyd Memorial	8-0	94	5
6. Glasgow	8-0	77	6
7. Rockcastle County	7-1	64	7
8. Lawrence County	7-1	47	8
9. Central	3-5	19	10
10. Bardstown	6-3	15	9
Others receiving votes: Russell 12, Bourbon County 11, East Carter 8.			

Class 2A			
Rank-school (FPV)	Record	Pts	LW
1. Beechwood (10)	7-1	152	1
2. Owensboro Catholic (4)	7-1	143	2
3. Mayfield (1)	7-1	127	3
4. Lexington Christian (1)	5-3	112	4
5. Belfry	7-1	100	5
6. Prestonsburg	8-0	76	6
7. Somerset	7-1	72	7
8. Breathitt County	6-2	36	8
9. Martin County	7-1	34	9
10. Danville	7-2	8	10
Others receiving votes: Monroe County 6, Bracken County 4, Hancock County 4, Caldwell County 3, Green County 3.			

Class 1A			
Rank-school (FPV)	Record	Pts	LW
1. Kentucky Country Day (8)	7-0	146	1
2. Campbellsville (4)	7-1	138	2
3. Pikeville (3)	5-3	125	3
4. Raceland (1)	7-1	124	4
5. Sayre	7-1	95	5
6. Covington Holy Cross	8-0	72	T6
7. Middlesboro	7-0	70	T6
8. Hazard	4-4	46	9
9. Louisville Holy Cross	4-4	34	8
10. Newport Central Catholic	4-4	11	NR
Others receiving votes: Nicholas County 10, Paris 6, Newport 3.			

BMHS O'Neill Fulfills Dream



**By: Tim Taylor
KPI SPORTS**

Ballard Memorial senior basketball player Kate O'Neill went to her high school basketball Coach Barry Phillips and expressed her desire to play collegiate basketball. Continuing to improve through summer league basketball play, and perfecting

her game in high school competition, O'Neill saw her dream come true. In front of family, classmates, and teammates, O'Neill signed her letter to play college basketball at Bryan College in Dayton, TN. "It is the biggest accomplishment in my life," said O'Neill following her signing ceremony in the Green Palace. On why Bryan

College, O'Neill said, "I love the campus, and it is a Christian school and stands for what I believe in. I could see myself going there." Bryan College Basketball Coach Matt Bollant said of O'Neill signing with the NAIA Lions school, "We recruit high character and high integrity players, and she fits right in with players we recruit." O'Neill matches all the criteria the Lions look for in their student athletes. Her high school Coach Barry Phillips said, "She is a better person than she is a basketball player, and she is a great basketball player with a great attitude each time she is on the

court." O'Neill will enter her final year of high school basketball with 748 career points and 533 total rebounds through her junior season. Even though she is only 252 points shy of becoming the 21st Lady Bomber to reach the 1,000 point mark of her varsity career, that is not something she wants to focus on. Her desire is for the team to capture the 1st Region All A title in her final year with the Lady Bombers. With her leadership on and off the court, don't be surprised to see the Lady Bomber heading to the All A State Tournament in 2026.

McCracken County edges Greenwood



McCracken County edged Greenwood 2-1 in the opening round of the KHSAA Girls' Soccer State Tournament on Tuesday, Oct. 21. Maddy Ledgerwood and Lucy Farmery

scored one goal apiece for the Lady Mustangs. Chipping in offensively for McCracken County, Makenzie Burgett distributed one assist. Goalkeeper

Addison Smith paced McCracken County defensively, holding Greenwood to one goal and recording three saves. McCracken County is scheduled to host Sacred Heart in the

second round of the KHSAA Girls' Soccer State Tournament on Saturday, Oct. 25. The start time for the McCracken County-Sacred Heart match was to be announced on Wednesday.



The Hickman County Lady Falcon volleyball team celebrates after claiming the 2025 First District Championship. The title was secured in a hard-fought five-set match, with the Lady Falcons winning by just three points. photo courtesy of Hickman Co Falcons



Community Christian (Paducah) finished runner-up in the 2nd District Girls' Volleyball Tournament on Tuesday, Oct. 21. photo courtesy of Community Christian (Paducah) Academy

WEST KY SPORTS

Pilots Defeat Bombers In District Matchup

By: Tim Taylor
KPI SPORTS

Ballard Memorial spent the Fall Break redesigning their offense in hopes to take the next step in their development. The end result was early turnovers and lack of execution leading to a 44-0 loss to Fulton County in a Class 1A 1st District game. On Senior night, Luke Sullivan broke through for a 26 yard gain on their first offensive possession. Things went down quickly after that. A turnover gave

the Pilots a short field and four plays later, Fulton County took the early lead. Another turnover led to a Fulton County 14-0 lead halfway through the opening quarter of play. After the Pilots went ahead 22-0 with just over 3 minutes left in the first quarter, the Bombers got into some offensive rhythm. However, the Pilots made plays and their defensive back came away with an interception at the goal line. They tried to make the Bombers pay and did just



that. Their first play after the turnover was an 82-yard TD pass to go ahead 30-0. The Bombers got back into the red zone late in the half but still could not punch the ball into the endzone and trailed 30-0 at the break. The Pilots put the running clock into effect on their first series of the 2nd half. The Bombers again came up empty after moving the ball to the 2-yard line in the 3rd quarter and the Pilots added another score to defeat the Bombers 44-0. Ballard Memorial travels to Caverna Friday night for their district finale. The inexperienced Bombers have taken their share of hits with injuries and players leaving the team making them even more inexperienced. The coaching staff hopes the experience they are gaining this year will pay dividends in the coming years as the Bombers try and build toward the future.

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Football Rankings



- Class 1A
1. Pikeville
 2. Raceland
 3. Kentucky Country Day
 4. Campbellsville
 5. Sayre
 6. Hazard
 7. Middlesboro
 8. Covington Holy Cross
 9. Newport Central Catholic
 10. Louisville Holy Cross

- Class 2A
1. Beechwood
 2. Lexington Christian Academy
 3. Owensboro Catholic
 4. Mayfield
 5. Belfry
 6. Somerset
 7. Prestonsburg
 8. Monroe County
 9. Danville
 10. Hancock County

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

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

- Class 5A
1. Woodford County
 2. Owensboro
 3. Bowling Green
 4. Cooper
 5. Scott County
 6. Pulaski County
 7. Atherton
 8. Apollo
 9. North Laurel
 10. Madisonville-North Hopkins

- Class 6A
1. Trinity
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 3. St. Xavier
 4. Manual
 5. Frederick Douglass
 6. Ryle
 7. Madison Central
 8. Male
 9. Bryan Station
 10. Ballard



Carlisle County Lady Comets — The Lady Comets finished as District Runner-Up in a hard-fought battle against Hickman County, falling 3–2 in a five-set match. Carlisle County advances to the Regional Tournament and will compete next Monday at Calloway County. All district team: Macee Hogancamp, Brooklyn Dunn, Abree Warren and Madyson Lynn



Fulton County's Emmarie Cermak and Brooklyn Owens were selected to the 2025 Volleyball All-District Team. The Lady Pilots standouts were honored for their strong seasons on the court.

Kelsey Lands First 2026 Commit

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (KT) - Louisville basketball coach Pat Kelsey undertook an unorthodox route to land his first class of 2026 commitment in 6-foot-3 guard London Johnson, who has spent three seasons in the NBA G League. Johnson, 21, announced his pledge on Monday in a post to X. The former 4-Star from Norcross, Ga. was originally a member of the 2023 class, but he reclassified, then turned pro in October 2022. He is expected

to join the program in December, sit out the remainder of the 2025-26 season, then have two years of eligibility remaining. When Johnson signed with the G-League he was only the second player to go that route out of high school and it was called a “record deal.” The NCAA recently ruled that former G League Ignite player Thierry Darlan is eligible to play at Santa Clara after spending two seasons playing professionally. Before choosing

the Cards, Johnson also entertained offers from Alabama, Auburn, California, Cincinnati, Clemson, Georgia, North Carolina, N.C. State, Tennessee USC, Virginia and Vanderbilt. U of L first recruited him in 2021 during the fourth and last season under Chris Mack. Johnson played in 25 games for Ignite, averaging 10.5 points, 4.9 assists and 2.2 rebounds while shooting 43.2% overall and 32.4% from 3-point range before

the league shut down in 2024 citing “the changing environment across youth and collegiate basketball” with paying players. He also played 18 games for the Cleveland Charge and three with the Maine Celtics. Johnson also has experience in international play, having joined the Jamaica team in the 2021 FIBA CentroBasket U17 Championship in Mexico, where he averaged 36 points, 4.4 assists and 4.0 steals.

Prior to landing Johnson, Kelsey had struck out with two other high-profile 2026 recruits. Taylen Kinney, a native of Newport, Ky. and the No. 2 point guard in the class, committed to Kansas in late September. Then last week, four-star wing Colben Landrew chose UConn. And Kentucky is reportedly ahead in the competition for Tyran Stokes, the No. 1 player in the country. The early signing period is Nov. 12-19.

Family ties, support important to Moreno

LEXINGTON, Ky. (KT) — Malachi Moreno doesn't have to look far for a sounding board when he needs advice as he embarks on his first season at Kentucky. Moreno's brother, Michael, enjoyed a stellar collegiate career at Eastern Kentucky University and has already freely given advice to his younger brother. “I talk to my brother every day,” Malachi said. “He's been very helpful. We watch film together, and he always talks about what I did, what I did good, but also what I can improve on.” The support from Michael has motivated his brother to improve daily and the importance of staying in the moment. “He's giving me

something every day that I can come in the gym and work on, just to get one percent better every single day,” Moreno said. “He just kind of tells me take every day, take it one day at a time. College went by fast for him, and he wants to make sure that I enjoy every moment that I have since I'm at the University of Kentucky.” Moreno added that his brother “gives it to me straight” and is appreciative of Michael's input when it comes to his basketball career. “Sometimes I don't want to hear it, but at the end of the day, I know it's all out of love, and just having him by my side through this entire journey is making everything go by so much easier,” he

said. Moreno, Kentucky's reigning Mr. Basketball who led Great Crossing to the state title last season, had four points and grabbed nine rebounds in Kentucky's Blue-White scrimmage last Saturday at Memorial Coliseum. The Kentucky forward is still getting used to the “pace of the game” and will get his first unofficial test when the Wildcats play top-ranked Purdue in an exhibition game Friday night at Rupp Arena. “The biggest adjustment is just getting used to the pace of the game, getting ready for physicality as well,” he said. “In high school, I was a lot bigger than other people, so it was a little bit easier. But now coming to college,

you know, everybody's kind of my size, and it's just a new a new environment that I have to adapt to and it's been going very well.” Kentucky coach Mark Pope said Moreno's presence has made a difference since his arrival last summer. “He walked onto the court and was a presence from the very second he walked onto the court,” Pope said. “He's going to have some growing pains because he's a freshman, but his impact is incredible. I'm trying to remember ... He's in the high 70s to low 80s in terms of field goal percentage right now, and he's our leading rebounder on the team.” “He just is a dominant force inside. His communication skills are growing.

He's got a chance to be really special in a list of bigs that have been incredible here at Kentucky.” Moreno doesn't mind the rebounding aspect of the game and has developed a reputation as one of the top rebounders on this year's squad. “I like the rebounding, just because you offensive rebounds that give us extra possession,” he said. “That extra possession could help you win in a one point game. Being able to really create space and just grab those extra rebounds to give us more possessions, I think that's a big focal point that I've had since I've been here. I'm just trying to find a way to make a difference.”



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2025-26 MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

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OCT 24		PURDUE (EXH)	6 PM	SECN
OCT 30		GEORGETOWN (EXH)	7 PM	SEC+
NOV 4		NICHOLLS ² 	7 PM	SEC+
NOV 7		VALPARAISO ² 	7 PM	SEC +
NOV 11		AT LOUISVILLE	8 PM	ESPN
NOV 14		EASTERN ILLINOIS ² 	7 PM	SEC+
NOV 18		VS. MICHIGAN STATE ³ 	6:30 PM	ESPN
NOV 21		LOYOLA (MD)	7 PM	SEC+
NOV 26		TENNESSEE TECH	7 PM	SECN
DEC 2		NORTH CAROLINA ⁴ 	9:30 PM	ESPN
DEC 5		VS. GONZAGA ⁵	7 PM	ESPN2
DEC 9		NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL	7 PM	SECN
DEC 13		INDIANA	7:30 PM	ESPN
DEC 20		ST. JOHN'S ⁶ 	12:30 PM	CBS
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Haunted Graves continues from.....front page

Mayfield-Graves County Area Technology Center carpentry instructor Kevin Hutchens, 24 students from Graves County, Mayfield Independent and Carlisle County sanded the boards and used the extra wood to build framing. Some of the students then devised a hinged brace to keep the boards upright and fold for easy transport and storage.

After the art students finished their paintings, the boards went back to the

carpentry class to have face holes cut out for the final presentation.

Mayfield High School art teacher Brian Parks commended the work between his art students and ATC students.

"This was definitely a group effort from the carpentry class building the structure to the graphic design class producing the imagery," he said.

Mayfield High School's piece is on display at Cartwright Grove with a western theme of "Ghost Riders in the

Sky."

"Students decided what design to go with and what colors to use. Some blocked in the larger areas while others focused on the more tedious detail work," Parks added of the nine MHS students who worked on the art.

"They all took pride in the final product."

Graves County High School's art club designed three pieces with a nod to classic paintings, such as Grant Wood's "American Gothic" depicting

Frankenstein's monster and bride of Frankenstein, and Edward Munch's "The Scream" with Dracula. They also created an original design with a posing mummy model reclined on a couch.

These designs will be on display at the Graves County Public Library, Mayfield-Graves County YMCA, and Awardmasters on Paris Road, respectively, this week.

"They have worked so diligently," said GCHS fine arts teacher and art club advisor Emily

Glowicki of her 15 club members who designed the paintings. "They asked to extend art club meeting hours so they could make them perfect. Some of them even came in during free periods to work during school hours.

"I am extremely proud of our art club members for the hard work they have put into this project," she added. "This was a huge undertaking and they hit it out of the park!"

The Mayfield/Graves County Art Guild

also provided two boards and painted the traditional version of Munch's "The Scream" work and a "Peanuts" scene with Charlie Brown and the gang in the Great Pumpkin's patch. Both are featured at the art guild's studio on Paris Road.

The goal is for additional photo op boards to be designed and placed around the community next year with more local students getting involved.

Mayfield Enrichment Center Receives Award of \$25,000

By Kelsey Edwards
KPI Editor

Outreach organization The Mayfield Enrichment Center (MEC) is an outreach program that doesn't just fulfill needs but also empowers members of the community with stability and grace. Due to this, the MEC received an award from The Courage Project, which is an initiative that honors 20 nonprofits and individuals nationwide for their power to bravely effect change. The Courage Project deems recipients like the Mayfield

Enrichment Center as reflecting "the best of the American spirit by helping their neighbors and building bridges across communities." Even though the Mayfield Enrichment Center doesn't do the work it does for recognition, it will only further embolden the organization to serve the community and strengthen its connections. The Courage Project is awarding \$25,000 to MEC for its operating and program expenses.

Mayfield Enrichment Center originated back in 2020 as Mayfield Minority Enrichment, which advocated

for the success of students of color through academic and character-building opportunities. Then, the EF4 tornado devastated the area in December 2021, to which the organization transitioned to more of a comprehensive approach where it addressed prevalent hardships through fundraising and volunteerism. The organization provided disaster relief to low-income, elderly, BIPOC and immigrant families already impacted by the pandemic. The organization was started to bridge gaps

for minority kids in the community and after the disaster a bigger need to address the whole family and our whole community of the marginalized communities came into play. After the tornado relief moderated, MEC continued its food distribution; hosted community events; and surveyed residents to connect them with resources for mental health, housing and transportation.

Last year, 2024, MEC served 400 families in Mayfield and Graves County and 230 of those families received assistance at least twice during

the year. On average, there are around 50 families per month that are benefitted by MEC's community food drive. This program experiences school-related spikes in August, October, December and April. MEC will either deliver the groceries to families or furnish them with a gift card if they want to shop independently. This fall break (October 6 - October 10) the organization charted roughly \$2,000 in food assistance to local students. This is a program where parents can request food assistance during

school breaks, where breakfast, lunch and snacks are provided to those students. Other services include support for deposits, rent, gas, clothing, furniture, formula and more. There were a total of 120 families within the last year who also received aid for utility bills such as those listed above. MEC is seeking funding to spearhead the client choice food bank, which would be based at Mayfield First United Methodist Church.

Mayfield Long Term Recovery Group in Final Recovery Stages

By Kelsey Edwards
KPI Editor

Its official, the Mayfield Graves County Long Term Recovery Group (LTRG) is in the final stages of active recovery from the December 2021 tornado. Four years later, the agency has announced that they are able to scale down operations, whoever, the long term recovery group will still maintain its reach with a shifted focus on preparedness. There are a total of 12 households from the tornado and two from April's flood that still have needs remaining.

It was said that the current workload is light, but that the long term recovery group is and will be proactively building its partner network along with its resources throughout the region and beyond for any future disaster that may take place. With the state of Kentucky leading the nation for the most federally-declared disasters in the last 15 years, there are steps that the group is taking in order to protect not only themselves, but also their households and the community.

The efforts that are now in place for the new phase of

Mayfield Graves LTRG include stockpiling necessary supplies such as tools, tarps, generators, cleaning kits, hygiene products and much more; support the partner network, local officials and emergency management through warehousing, donations, and logistical support; host community workshops such as building "go-bags" to helping people understand insurance claims to handing out weather radios; collaborate with the Disaster Readiness Center of West Kentucky in order to support other LTRGs

in rebuilding efforts and ensure resources and expertise are passed on; keep key staff, committee members and volunteers connected, preserve institutional knowledge and ensure continuity in disaster response and recovery efforts; pursue mitigation and preparedness programming opportunities to strengthen the region's ability to respond to and recover from disasters. It was stated that one of the group's goals is to build a network that can expedite and close that gap between response and recovery.

The collaboration among nonprofits and other philanthropic organizations that rallied with the agency to achieve large-scale recovery is why the Mayfield Graves LTRG's has had such success. Here are the figures that indicative the impact since LTRG started in August of 2022: the partner commitments supporting Graves County survivors with a total of \$10,913,242.40; households that were assisted: 1,860; the monetary value of volunteer hours served total \$2,534,719.32; physical donations

leveraged came in at \$1,749,316.17; homes repaired by the MGC LTRG were over 100 total; and homes built by partners were over 220.

The Mayfield LTRG will host a committee redevelopment meeting from noon to 1 p.m. on October 28, and community leaders and partners are encouraged to attend to learn more about ongoing endeavors and how to get involved. Also, as part of scaling down, the LTRG office will now be open from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays only.

KAFC Approves continues ..from front page

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Beginning Farmer Loan Program (BFLP): Fifteen loans worth \$2.82 million, including one in Graves County, designed to help new producers purchase livestock, land, or equipment.

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Local Ag Business Owner Sees Strong Benefits for Graves County

Local ag business owner Jason Workman of Workman Bins Inc. in Mayfield said this type of funding couldn't come at a better time for area producers.

Workman's company provides grain bin storage systems that

allow farmers to store grain longer and sell only when market conditions are right. He works closely with farmers — either through on-site visits or in-office consultations — to design customized storage layouts, evaluate property needs, and recommend the most cost-effective and durable equipment.

"Programs like this give local farmers the tools they need to keep moving forward," Workman said. "Having access

to quality storage and infrastructure options helps increase productivity and long-term sustainability. Farming isn't easy, but it's vital to our communities and to putting food on the table."

Farmers Encouraged to Act Quickly

Producers interested in taking advantage of KAFC loans are encouraged to reach out to Workman Bins Inc. now and speak with Jason Workman. Early

contact ensures that farmers can evaluate their property, design custom bin layouts, and select the best storage and equipment options. Waiting too long could delay loan applications and limit participation in this round of funding.

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KDA awards three Kentucky school districts for purchasing Kentucky food products

Staff Report

FRANKFORT, Ky. – This October, National Farm to School Month, three Kentucky school systems are being awarded for their dedication to purchasing and using locally grown produce and proteins.

The schools are being awarded through the Kentucky Department of Agriculture’s (KDA) new Kentucky Farm

to School Stars Recognition Program, which was created to recognize school districts that demonstrate a commitment to increase purchases directly from Kentucky farmers.

“Kentucky farmers produce some of the most nutritious and delicious food in the world,” Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner Jonathan Shell said. “Developing programs and incentives to get more

of that food into our Kentucky school meals increases the nutrient level for our school children and positively impacts our farm families.”

The school districts recognized in the program’s first year and the amount awarded are:

- Jackson Independent Schools in Breathitt County - \$10,000,
- Mercer County Public Schools -

\$8,000.
• Barren County Public Schools - \$6,000.

Winning districts had the highest percentage of locally produced proteins and produce for an entire school year in their meals. Eligible districts also had to participate in the National School Lunch Program. Only Kentucky grown or raised products used during breakfast and lunch during the

regular school year were eligible, excluding milk.

The monetary awards each district received must be spent on local food purchases for the 2025-26 school year.

The winning funds were awarded through KDA’s portion of the Ag Tag funds, which come from the voluntary donations Kentuckians pay each year when renewing their

farm license plate. The donations are divided equally among Kentucky 4-H, Kentucky FFA, and KDA. This year, donations reached a record high of \$995,440.74.

“KDA makes a promise to reinvest its share of the funds into our agriculture community,” Commissioner Shell said. “This year we are keeping that promise by investing into our youngest generation – our children.”



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FEMA has provided \$106 million to Kentucky disaster survivors in 2025

By Tom Latek
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) says they have now distributed more than \$106 million to survivors of the three federally declared natural disasters in Kentucky this year.

As of Oct. 20, FEMA has paid out \$67.9 million for losses suffered in February’s severe weather, \$34.9 million for April’s severe weather and record flooding, and \$3.7 million due to damage from May’s tornadoes. While the deadline for apply for benefits in all three disasters has passed, FEMA continues to process applications and issue payments daily.

Kentucky Emergency Management (KYEM), along with FEMA Individual Assistance Specialists in Kentucky are continuing to answer survivors’ calls at the state’s Unmet Needs Call Center, which is (502) 607-6665.

Kentucky survivors who have already applied for federal assistance may call experienced agents at that number to request a case review, make an appointment to meet in person, check the status of appeals or confirm processing decisions, confirm whether submitted documents have been received, get answers to questions about information or documents needed to resolve ineligibility determinations, get clarification on correspondence from FEMA after a missed call or text, or get additional support for more complex issues.

If you applied for FEMA assistance and you’re receiving phone calls and text messages from a number you don’t recognize, it could be a FEMA representative trying to get in touch with you. The representative may need to schedule an inspection or get more information to process your application. FEMA says to please return the calls, otherwise, your application may be stalled.

Continued Temporary Housing Assistance is available for survivors who cannot live in their homes because of the flooding, storms, and tornadoes that occurred in Kentucky. Survivors who received two months of rent money from FEMA may also be eligible for Continued Temporary Housing Assistance.

If you remain in need of temporary housing, contact the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362 for more information.

If you applied for FEMA assistance, then you should have received a letter from FEMA. The letter is sent via email or mail, and explains your application status and how to respond. It is important to read the letter carefully because it includes the amount of assistance you are eligible to receive and how it can be used. It also explains what you may still need to do (such as completing an inspection, providing certain documents etc.) to receive FEMA money.

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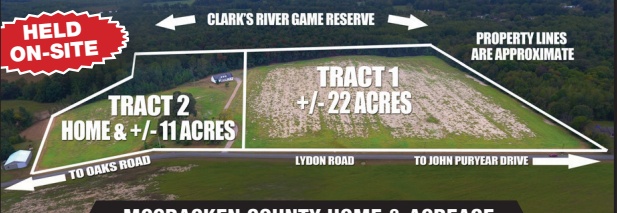
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• CALDWELL •

Leslie “Less” Mitchell, age 59, of Princeton, passed away Friday, October 17, 2025 in Princeton, KY. There will be no public services held.

Yvette Hicks Clark, 53, of Louisville, Kentucky, passed Sunday, October 12, 2025 at Jewish Hospital in Louisville.
Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, October 17, 2025 at Morgan’s Funeral Home in Princeton, Kentucky, with Bro. Jesse Wells officiating. Burial will follow in Cedar Hill Cemetery in Princeton.
Visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m. until service time on Friday, October 17, 2025 at Morgan’s Funeral Home.

Leonard East, age 93 of Princeton, a dedicated family man, entrepreneur, and retired Army veteran, passed away on October 16, 2025, at the Lake Way Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. The visitation for Leonard East will be held on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM at Goodman Funeral Home, located at 1032 West Main St, Princeton, Kentucky. Following the visitation, a funeral service will take place at 2:00 PM at the same location with Bro. Ken Cummins officiating. Burial will follow at Friendship Church Cemetery in Lyon County.

• CALLOWAY •

Ralph Layne, age 87, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away on October 17, 2025, at Murray-Calloway County Hospital.
A private family entombment with military honors will be held on Friday, October 24, 2025 at Resurrection Cemetery in Romeoville, IL.

Ronda Ann Black, 68, of Murray, KY, passed away on Monday, October 13, 2025 at Anna Mae Owen Residential Hospice House.
No services are planned at this time.

David Wayne Tipton, age 61, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away on Thursday, October 16, 2025, at the Anna Mae Owen Residential Hospice House in Murray.
A funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services with Tim Palmer, Jarrod Martin, and Matt Johnson officiating with burial following in the Bazzell Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

• CARLISLE •

Terry Payne, 70, of Bardwell, Kentucky, passed away on October 15, 2025, at Baptist Health Paducah.
A funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, October 17, 2025, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Bardwell with his grandson, Bro. Logan Wentworth officiating. Burial will follow at Roselawn Cemetery in Bardwell.
Visitation will be held from 12:00 p.m. until the service time of 2:00 p.m. on Friday, October 17, 2025, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Bardwell.

Clemie Owens, 91, of Bardwell, Kentucky, passed away at Mercy Health Lourdes, in Paducah Kentucky, on October, 19, 2025.
Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am on Thursday, October 23, 2025, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Bardwell with Father Darrell Venters officiating. Burial will follow at Springhill Baptist Church Cemetery in Clinton, Kentucky. Visitation will be held from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Bardwell.
Visitation will also be held from 10:00 am until the 11:00 am service time on Thursday, October 23, 2025, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Bardwell.

• CHRISTIAN •

Harold D. Shaw, age 93, of Deepwood Drive Hopkinsville, passed away on Saturday, October 18, 2025, with his wife by his side at Christian Health Center of natural causes
Funeral Services will be at 11:30 AM on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home with Bro. Leroy Crouch officiating and burial to follow in New Ebenezer

Cemetery. Visitation will be at the funeral home on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, from 10:00 AM until the service time at 11:30 AM.

Sandra “Kay” Nuzum Gee Lamb, age 80, of Hopkinsville, passed away on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at her daughter’s home surrounded by her family of natural causes.
Funeral Services will be at 2:00 PM on Monday, October 20, 2025, at Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home with Pastor Terry Hancock officiating and burial to follow in Green Hill Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be at the funeral home on Monday, October 20, 2025, from 12:00 Noon until the service time at 2:00 PM.

Coach Lyle Emerson Dunbar, beloved, award-winning coach died peacefully at his Hopkinsville home Thursday, October 16, 2025. He was ninety years old.
Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at Second Baptist Church, where he was a member, with Rev. David Tucker officiating. Burial with military honors will follow in Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West. Visitation will be Monday, October 20, 2025 from 4:30 – 8:00 p.m. at Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home.

Penny Lee Russell, 57, Pleasant View Acres, Hopkinsville, KY passed away on Friday, October 17, 2025 at Jennie Stuart Medical Center, Hopkinsville, KY of natural causes.
Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Friday, October 24, 2025 at Lamb Funeral Home with Rev. David Harrison officiating. Burial will follow in Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West.

Tabitha Uchiyama, 47, of Hopkinsville, Kentucky passed away on Wednesday, October 15, 2025. A celebration of life will be held from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 22nd, 2025 at the family’s residence. Dogwood Funerals & Cremations of Hopkinsville is assisting with arrangements.

Sherry Lynn Mimmis, 53, of Hopkinsville, KY died at 6:47 a.m. Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at Baptist Health Deaconess in Madisonville, KY. Services will be held at a later date. Dogwood Funerals & Cremations is assisting with the arrangements.

Sandra McFarland, 87, formerly of Mt. Juliet, TN, and more recently of Hopkinsville, KY, passed away peacefully in her home with loving caregivers at her side on Tuesday, October 14, 2025. Dogwood Funerals & Cremations of Hopkinsville is assisting with arrangements. Private services will be held at a later date.

• CRITTENDEN •

Bruce Allen Johnson - November 14, 1961 — October 18, 2025 - Arrangements are incomplete at this time. Gilbert Funeral Home, 117 West Bellville Street, Marion, KY 42064 - Phone: (270) 965-3171.

Kenneth David Gleason, of Rosiclare, IL, age 79, passed away October 17, 2025, from complications related to exposure from Agent Orange during his Navy service in Vietnam.
Funeral Services will be held at Hardin County Funeral Services P.O. Box 267-6 Stone Church Road, Rosiclare, IL. 62982 at 1:00 pm on October 21, 2025, visitation 11-1 pm, funeral at 1 pm, followed by a graveside service at Vinyard Chapel Cemetery in Karbers Ridge, IL.

Mary Raye Singleton, age 83, of Salem, KY passed away Monday, October 13, 2025, at Livingston Hospital in Salem.
No services are scheduled at this time. Private burial will take place at a later date at Lola Cemetery in Livingston County.

• GRAVES/FULTON/HICKMAN •

Keith Edward Ward, age 67, of Mayfield, KY passed away Sunday, October 19, 2025 at the Mercy Health Lourdes Hospital in Paducah, KY.
A memorial service for Keith Edward Ward is scheduled for 1:00PM Saturday, October 25, 2025 at the Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY. A memorial visitation will be held from 10:00AM until 1:00PM Saturday October 25, 2025 at the Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY.

Jesse Allen Comstock, age 84, of Mayfield passed away on Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at Vanderbilt Medical Center in Nashville, TN.
A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

Glennis Orvetta Hiett, age 82, of Mayfield passed away on Monday, October 13, 2025 at her residence. Funeral services for Mrs. Glennis Orvetta Hiett will be 11:00 a.m. on Friday, October 17, 2025 at Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY. Dr. Bob Whitter, Sr. will officiate. Interment will follow at Highland Park Cemetery.

James “Bud” Bagsby, age 80 and a resident of Mayfield, passed away at 2:06 AM Saturday, October 18, 2025, at the Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice Center in Paducah.
Memorial Mass for Bud will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, October 25, 2025 at the St. Jerome Catholic Church in Fancy Farm with Father Darrell Venters officiating. Inurnment will follow in the St. Jerome Cemetery with military graveside rites conducted by American Legion Post #26. Friends are invited to call at the St. Jerome Catholic Church in Fancy Farm after 9:00 AM on Saturday morning. The Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY is in charge of the arrangements.

Jean A. Hicks, age 91 and a resident of Mayfield, KY, passed away peacefully at home with family and devoted caregivers by her side on Friday morning, October 17, 2025.
Graveside memorial services for Mrs. Jean A. Hicks will be held at 11:30 AM Wednesday, October 29, 2025, at Highland Park Cemetery. Friends are asked to meet at the cemetery.

Patricia Ann Winfrey, age 81, of the Hickory Community passed away at 2:20 AM Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at the Mills Health & Rehab Center in Mayfield, KY.
Funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM Friday at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield with Rev. Van Russell officiating, burial will follow in the North Mt. Zion Cemetery, visitation will be after 11:00 AM Friday at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield.

Dennis Eugene McKinney age 77 of Mayfield, Ky. passed away Wednesday October 15. 2025. at his residence.
Funeral Services for Mr. Dennis Eugene McKinney will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday October 19, 2025. in the chapel of Waugh-Halley-Wood Funeral Home. 810 2nd. Avenue Gallipolis, OH. 45631.With visitation starting at 12 Noon.

Jessica Lynn Wolf, age 50 and a resident of Wingo, passed away at 11:47 P.M. Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at the Jackson Purchase Medical Center in Mayfield, KY.
Memorial services will be announced at a later date. The Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield is in charge of arrangements.

Catherine Hardy, age 83, of Fulton, KY passed away Thursday, October 16, 2025, at the Clinton-Hickman County I.C.F. in Clinton, KY.
Memorial services for Ms. Catherine Hardy will be held at 2PM Sunday, October 26, 2025, in our funeral chapel. Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 1PM Sunday, October 26, 2025, until the hour of service.

Linda Butler, age 75, of Fulton, passed away at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah on Tuesday, October 14, 2025.
There will be no services held at the funeral home for Ms. Linda Butler.

Judith Kay (Moore) Jones affectionally known as Judy, age 82, passed away on October 13, 2025, at home in Loudon, Tennessee, after a brief bought with cancer.
May her memory bring comfort to all who were blessed to know her. A Celebration of Life service will be held on Saturday, October 18, at 2:00 PM at Fulton First United Methodist Church located at 200 Carr Street in Fulton, KY. Burial will follow in the Obion County Memorial Gardens. There will be visitation with the family at the church beginning at Noon.

FUNERAL NOTICES continued

• HENDERSON •

Donna Louise Henshaw, age 78, of Henderson, KY, passed away at 5:55 a.m. on October 17, 2025, at Hermitage Care and Rehabilitation Center in Owensboro, KY.
A private ceremony will be held for immediate family only. Entombment will follow at Fairmont Mausoleum in Henderson, KY.

Jerry Stanley, age 84, of Henderson, KY, passed away on Thursday, October 16, 2025, at Cypress Grove Rehabilitation Center in Newburgh, IN. Relatives and friends are invited to Jerry’s Life Celebration from 11:00 a.m. until service time on Monday, October 20, 2025, at Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home in Henderson, KY. The funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home. Pastor Tom Belt will officiate. Military honors will be rendered by the American Legion Worsham Post #40. Burial will be held at a later date.

Kevin James Brooks, Departed this life in late July, Mr. Kevin James Brooks, 67 of Robards, Kentucky, a gallant Marine who served with honor in Operations Peace for Galilee and Desert Storm, earning the Navy and Marine Corps Medal for heroism at Camp Lejeune, and a virtuous Father. Kevin will be laid to rest at the Brooks Family Cemetery in Slaughters, Kentucky with full military honors.
Graveside services will be at 12 Noon on Saturday October 25, 2025.

Shirley Ann (Pritchett) Bloyd, 85, of Sebree, passed away Thursday, October 16, 2025 at Redbanks Colonial Terrace. Memorial services will be at 4 p.m., Saturday, October 25 at Tomblinson Funeral Home in Henderson with Bro. Jack Ross officiating. Visitation will be at the funeral home Saturday, October 25 from 10 a.m. until service time. Burial will be at 11 a.m., Monday, October 27 at Roselawn Memorial Gardens.

Mary Clouse - June 19, 1928 — October 15, 2025 - It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Mary Clouse, a beloved mother, grandmother, and friend, who left this world peacefully on October 15, 2025, at her home in Henderson, Kentucky.
A visitation will be held at Tomblinson Funeral Home on October 18, 2025, from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM, allowing friends and family to celebrate her remarkable life together. The viewing will continue at Cash Creek Baptist Church on October 19, 2025, from 1:00 PM, followed by a funeral service at 3:00 PM. Brother Robert Duncan and Dr. Chris Platt will officiate the service. Mary will be laid to rest at Cash Creek Cemetery, a tranquil spot where her spirit can be cherished by all who visit.

• HOPKINS/MADISONVILLE •

Charles “Charlie” G. Franklin, loving husband, respected attorney, and devoted pilot, passed away on October 18, 2025, at Deaconess Midtown Hospital, at the age of 72.
A Celebration of life will be held at 2:00 P.M. Friday, October 24, 2025, at Barnett-Strother Funeral Home – Madisonville Chapel to honor Charlie’s life.
Visitation will be from 12:00 P.M. until service time Friday at the funeral home.

Maurice E. Jameson, 77, of Madisonville, KY went to be with the lord at 9:05 P.M. on Saturday, October 18, 2025 at Baptist Health Deaconess in Madisonville.
Funeral Services will be held at 2:00 P.M. Thursday October 23, 2025, at Barnett-Strother Funeral Home – Madisonville Chapel with Rev. Drs. John and Loletuth Kalz officiating. Burial will follow at Grapevine Cemetery.
Visitation will be held from 12:00 P.M. until the service time Thursday at the funeral home in Madisonville.

Mildred Jean Rickard, age 86, of Hanson, Kentucky, went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, October 16, 2025, at Dawson Springs Health and Rehabilitation Center.
A celebration of Jean’s life will be held at 1:00

p.m. (CST) on Monday, October 27, 2025, at Barnett Strother Funeral Home, 2285 N. Main St., Madisonville, KY, with Rev. Heath Ferguson and Rev. Brandon Shanks officiating and burial to follow at Westlawn Cemetery in Hanson. Visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m. until the service hour at the funeral home

Shirley Vandiver, 84, of Madisonville, KY, passed away Thursday, October 16, 2025, at Madisonville Health and Rehab.
She was born on October 29, 1940, in Madisonville, KY, to the late Kent Hendricks and Fairy Edline Forbes Hendricks.
Funeral services will be held at 1:00 P.M., Monday, October 20, 2025, at Barnett-Strother Funeral Home – Madisonville Chapel with Rev. Shelby Hendricks officiating. Entombment will take place privately at Forest Lawn Memorial Mausoleum.
Visitation will be held from 12:30 P.M. until the service time on Monday at the funeral home.

• LIVINGSTON •

Fred Davidson, age 83, of Livingston County, KY passed away Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at the Jackson Purchase Medical Center in Mayfield, KY. A private memorial graveside service will be held at Iuka Cemetery in Livingston County. Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY is in charge of arrangements.

William Belt, 35, of Calvert City passed away on Sunday, October 19, 2025, in Ballard County, KY. Funeral services will be at 12:00 pm on Saturday, October 25, 2025, at Smith Funeral Chapel in Smithland. Friends may visit the family from 10:00am to service hour on Saturday at the funeral home.

• LYON •

Iona J. Belle Snyder Riggle, age 93 of Kuttawa, formerly from Between the Rivers, died at 3:17 am, Friday morning, October 17, 2025, in Lewisburg, TN.
Visitation Oct. 24. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT). Funeral Service to follow at 1 pm - Dunn’s Funeral Home, 301 W. Fairview Ave.

• MARSHALL •

Nancy Marie (O’Dor) Burroughs, age 78 of Hardin, KY passed away on Sunday, October 19, 2025, at Calvert City Convalescent Center in Calvert City, KY.
No services are scheduled at this time.

Clement “Clem” Andrew Hinkebein, 72 of Benton, KY passed away surrounded by loved ones on October 18th, 2025 at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center.
Visitation will be held between the hours of 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at Collier Funeral Home, Benton, KY. Prayers service will be held at 7:00 PM following visitation. Funeral Mass will be held at 10:00 AM, Wednesday, October 22, 2025 at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Calvert City, KY with Fr. Brian Johnson officiating.
Burial will follow at Marshall County Memory Gardens.

Evelyn Henson Smith, age 77, of Benton, KY, passed away peacefully on Saturday, October 18, 2025, at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Center, surrounded by her loving family.
In accordance with Evelyn’s wishes, there will be no public visitation. Cremation has been chosen, with burial to take place at Price Cemetery in Fairdealing at a later date.

Donna Lee Hunter, 83 of Benton, Kentucky passed away on Friday, October 17, 2025, at her home in Benton, Kentucky.
A memorial service will be held on Thursday, October 23, 2025 at 1:00 PM at the Collier Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Dale Taylor officiating. Visitation will be Thursday, October 23, 2025 from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM at Collier Funeral Home located at 211 West 5th Street Benton, KY 42025. 270-527-3141.

Trevor Lee Wilson, age 45, passed away October 16, 2025, at his home in Louisville, KY.
Visitation will be at Collier Funeral Home in Benton, KY on Thursday, October 23, 2025, from 10AM until 12PM. A graveside service will follow at 12:30PM at the McNatt section of Marshall County Memory Gardens, Draffenville, KY.

Judy Ann Waldrop, 71 of Benton, Kentucky passed away on Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at her home.
A funeral service will be held at 3:30 PM on Sunday, October 19, 2025 at Collier Funeral Home with Pastor Joe Vance officiating. Interment will follow at the Marshall Co. Memory Gardens, Benton, KY. Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Saturday, October 18, 2025 at Collier Funeral Home, 211 West 5th, Benton, Kentucky.

• McCRACKEN •

Prakash Dasharath Patel, 74, passed away on Saturday, October 18, 2025, at Mercy Health Lourdes Hospital.
Services will be held at 10:00 AM on Monday, October 20, 2025, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah.

Dale E. Brewer, 85, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away on October 17, 2025.
A visitation will be held on Friday, October 24, 2025, from 5 to 7 P.M. at the Milner and Orr Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Paducah.
A memorial service will take place at the 32nd Street Church of Christ on October 25, 2025 at 1 P.M. with Glenn Seaton officiating.

Terry Lee Romaine, a beloved father and grandfather, passed away on October 16, 2025, at the age of 67.
A funeral service will be held at 1 P.M. on Saturday, October 25, 2025 at the Milner and Orr Funeral Home of Paducah. Visitation will begin at 11 A.M. and continue until the funeral service begins.

Marilyn Jeanette Randle, aged 81, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, October 15, 2025, at Calvert City Convalescent Center.
A funeral service will be held at 12:00 PM on Saturday, October 18, 2025, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah. Burial will follow at Mt. Carmel Cemetery.
Visitation will be held from 11:00 AM until the service hour of 12:00 PM on Saturday, October 18, 2025, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah.

Hudson Lee Smith was born into the arms of angels on October 13, 2025, at Mercy Health Lourdes Hospital in Paducah, Kentucky.
Visitation will be held on Thursday, October 23, 2025, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah. A burial service will follow in the Garden of Angels at Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

Diane Blair, 63 of Paducah, passed away Friday October 17, 2025 at Mercy Health in Paducah.
A family planned memorial will be at a later date. Lindsey Funeral Home is handling all other arrangements.

Marret ”Skip” Miller Jr. 74, of Paducah passed away on October 16, 2025.
Lindsey Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
A family planned memorial service will be held at a later date.

William Ernest McElya, known to everyone as Bill, 79, passed away on Wednesday October 15, 2025, surrounded by family, at his home in High Point, KY where he spent his life.
Funeral services will be held at 11am on Monday October 20, 2025, at Gospel Mission Worship Center with Reverends Keith Tilford, Jim Wright, and Bill Harrison officiating, with burial to follow at Maplelawn Cemetery. Visitation will be at Lindsey’s Funeral Home from 5-8pm Sunday October 19, 2025.

FUNERAL NOTICES continued

Robert (Bob) Overlin, age 79, of Paducah, passed away on October 13, 2025, at Baptist Health LTAC. There will be no services or visitation.

Theon Hicks, 91, of Paducah passed away on Saturday, October 11, 2025 at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation after brief illness. Friends may visit with the family from 11:00am to 12:00pm on Saturday October 18, 2025 at Lindsey Funeral Home. Funeral services will follow with Sister Armevrest Vranigan officiating. Interment to follow at Oak Grove Cemetery in Paducah.

Vernetitia A. Flemons, age 67 of Paducah, entered eternal rest on Thursday, October 9, 2025 at her residence. Graveside services will be held at a later date. More details will be forthcoming.

Stephanie R. Brown, 39, of Paducah passed away on Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at Mercy Health Lourdes in Paducah. Funeral services will be held 1:00 P M Monday October 20, 2025 at Hughes Funeral Home with Bro. Jonathan Goodman officiating. Visitation will begin at Noon until service time. Burial will follow service at Maplelawn Park Cemetery in Paducah, Ky

Charles A. Binkley, 87, of Paducah passed away on Thursday, October 9, 2025 at Baptist Health Paducah. Funeral services will begin at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at Hughes Funeral Home in Paducah with Bro. Monte Hodges officiating. Burial will follow at Pell Cemetery in Brookport, IL. Visitation will be held from 11:00 AM to service time Tuesday at the funeral home.

Jane V. Barger, 74, passed away peacefully on October 17, 2025, at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center at Mercy Health, surrounded

by the love of her family. Visitation will be held at Keeling & Goodman Funeral Home on Tuesday, October 21st, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. A funeral service to honor and celebrate Jane’s life will take place on Wednesday, October 22nd, at 11:00 AM.

• TRIGG •

Thomas Meehan - October 20, 1952 - October 17, 2025. There will be no services for 72 year old Thomas Meehan of Oak Grove. King’s Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Betty Jane Green - October 3, 1952 - October 15, 2025. Funeral Services for 73 year old Betty Jane Riddle Green of Cadiz will be held Friday, October 17, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. at King’s Funeral Home with a Eulogy by John W. Schermerhorn. Burial will follow in the East End Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2:00 -3:00 p.m. on Friday, October 17, 2025 at King’s Funeral Home.

Guy Joseph Gosnell, age 71, of Cadiz, Kentucky, passed away on Thursday, October 16, 2025, at Trigg County Hospital in Cadiz. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

• UNION •

Rick Turner, age 64 passed away Friday October 17th, 2025 at his residence in Sturgis, KY. The funeral will be at 11 AM on Wednesday October 22nd at Saint Ambrose Catholic Church in Sturgis, KY. Father Freddie Byrd will officiate the funeral mass with Father Jojy Joseph Olickal and Father John Okoro co-celebrating. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 PM on Tuesday October 21st at Whitsell Funeral Home in Sturgis with a rosary service at 6:30. Visitation will then commence from 9 until service time on Wednesday at the funeral home and then proceed to the church.

Burial in Saint Ambrose Cemetery in Morganfield, KY.

• WEBSTER •

Alvin Douglas “A.D.” Skinner, 76, passed away Saturday, October 18, 2025, at Lucy Smith King Care Center in Henderson. Funeral services will be on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at Pleasant Valley Missionary Baptist Church in Providence at 3:00 PM. Brother Jim Lantrip and Brother Johnnie Davis will be officiating. Visitation will be on Tuesday from 12:00 PM till the service time at the church.

Miranda Jo Hara, 46 of Providence passed away Friday October 17, 2025 at Lucy Smith King Care Center in Henderson. Funeral services will be Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at 1:00 PM at Vanover Funeral Home in Clay with Dustin Smith officiating. Burial will be in New Clay Cemetery in Clay. Visitation will be Monday, October 20, 2025 at Vanover Funeral Home 3:00 PM till 7:00 PM and 10:00 AM Tuesday until service time at the funeral home.

Craig Walter Dunbar passed away peacefully on October 16, 2025, at the age of 53. He was born on November 18, 1971, and will be remembered for his kind heart, quiet strength, and the love he shared with his family and friends. Memorial service will be Saturday, October 18, 2025 at 11:00 AM at Vanover Funeral Home in Clay with Brother Jacob Bumpus officiating. Visitation will be 10:00 AM till service time at the funeral home.

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SOLUTIONS TO ALL PUZZLES

Crypto Fun

Answers: A. ears B. hearing C. sound D. loud

Word Scramble

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Guess Who?

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JOKES ANSWERS:

Why was the cell phone scared to go to the dentist?
He didn’t want him to remove his blue tooth.

What did the stuttering pirate say when he turned 80 years old?
Aye, Aye, Matey!

IDOL WORSHIP STINKS

Bro. Brandon G. Bramlett
Bandana Baptist Church

The woman was “down in the dumps,” having entangled herself in a messy situation which prompted her to reassess her priorities. The Brinnon Fire Department in Washington State reported that a lady in her 40s requested emergency assistance, after falling headfirst into a vault toilet at a frequented hiking area. On the list of “worst things to happen to hikers,” this ranks as number two. How did she end up neck-deep?

She reportedly dropped her smartphone in the outhouse latrine and attempted to retrieve it—unsuccessfully. Initially, she tried fishing it out with her dog’s leash, and let’s just say her furry friend went home leashless that day. Next, she removed the seat and leaned into the abhorrent abyss to get closer—and that’s when it happened. The entire latrine collapsed inward, causing her to plunge into the filth below, where she dialed 9-1-1 from her soiled cellphone. All of this for

a \$200 smartphone.

The lengths we will go for what we love and the things we are willing to do for what we value are truly astonishing. And many times, the price we pay in doing so is not worth the gain. But this is precisely what we do when worshiping gods that are not God. We often invest precious time, money, and energy into idols we believe will make us happier and more fulfilled—although they leave us down in the dumps. As the psalmist counseled, “The sorrows of those who run after another

god shall multiply” (Psalm 16:4a).

Idol-worship always costs more than it pays, and the false gods of possessions, protection, power, pleasure, prestige, and position always take more than they give. As Jonah cautioned, “Those who pay regard to vain idols forsake their hope of steadfast love” (Jonah 2:8). You can’t get from gods what you can only get from God. So, why give to gods and get nothing when you can give to God and get everything He promises?

Nevertheless, emulating Josiah of old (2 Chron. 34:33) and demolishing our idols is challenging because, as John Calvin once stated, our hearts are “factories of idols,” equipped with a golden-calf assembly line, eager to fashion a god from anything and everything. Paul likewise stated in Romans that we are prone to worship and serve “the creature rather than the Creator” (Rom. 1:25). This is why we are exhorted, “Flee from idolatry” (1 Cor. 10:14, KJV), and admonished, “Little children, keep

yourselves from idols” (1 John 5:21). Therefore, we must continually “turn from these vain things to a living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them” (Acts 14:15b).

Idols are all glitter and no gold—God is God and always good. Idol-worship stinks—worshiping God satisfies. As David declared: “You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore” (Psalm 16:11).

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The basics of breast cancer

Breast cancer is a formidable disease that affects millions of individuals each year. Data from the World Health Organization indicates 2.3 million women were diagnosed with breast cancer in 2022, when it was the most common form of the disease in 157 of 185 countries across the globe.

The impact of breast cancer goes beyond those diagnosed with the disease, affecting friends, family members, professional colleagues, and others as well. That far-reaching impact means everyone has a vested interest in learning about breast cancer.

What is breast cancer?

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes breast cancer occurs when cells in the breast grow out of control. The breast is made up of three main parts known as the lobules, ducts and connective tissue, and which type of breast cancer a person has depends on which cells in the breast turn into cancer.

Is there a typical breast cancer?

No two individuals diagnosed with breast cancer will have the same experience after being diagnosed. However, the CDC notes that most breast cancers begin in the ducts or lobules. The ducts are tubes that carry milk to the nipple and the lobules are the glands that produce milk.

What are some common risk factors for breast cancer?

The National Breast Cancer Foundation, Inc. notes gender is the foremost risk factor for breast cancer, as the WHO reports that 99 percent of breast cancers occur in women. Additional

risk factors for breast cancer include age, with two out of three women diagnosed with invasive breast cancer being older than 55, and race, as the disease affects more Caucasian women than women of other races. The NBCF also notes that women who have dense breast tissue may be at greater risk for breast cancer because such tissue can make it harder to detect lumps.

What causes breast cancer?

The NBCF notes that most women who have breast cancer will never be able to identify an exact cause behind their disease. Common risk factors like gender and age are beyond women's control, but there are some controllable risk factors that can be avoided. The WHO notes that

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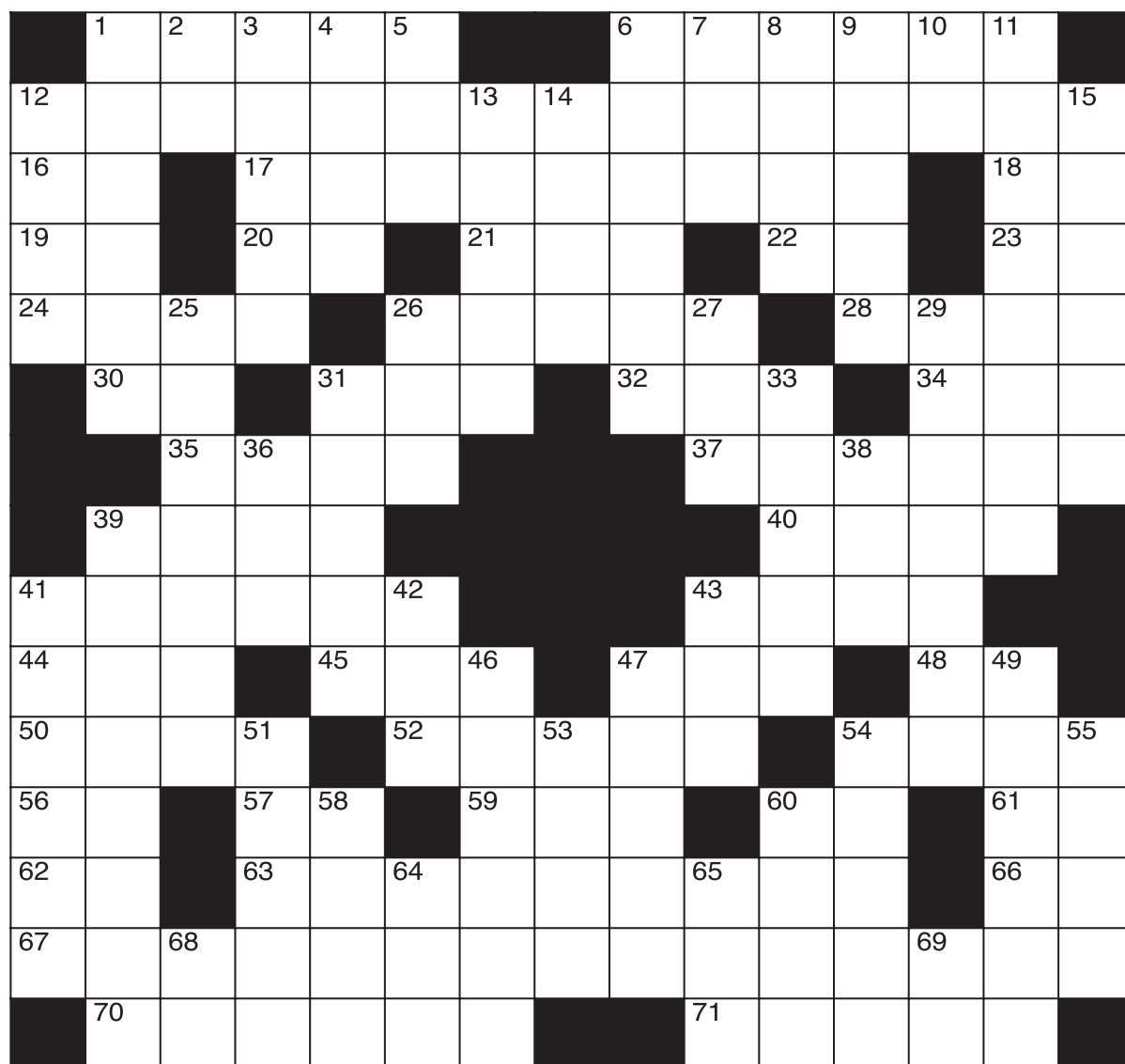
How important is early detection?

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The basics of breast cancer provide insight into the disease and what women can do to reduce their risk of developing it.

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31. Own (Scottish)
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39. Pair of points in mathematics
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41. Aviators
43. Make perfect
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52. Dragged forcibly
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60. The Golden State
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13. Russell __, author
14. Speak indistinctly
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27. Doleful
29. Most cushy
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51. A way to gather
53. Body part
54. Argentinian city
55. Undergarments
58. Jai __, sport
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Clue: Listening devices

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Clue: Ability to process sound

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Living...in a troubled world

Needing answers? Prayer is a spiritual law

By Teresa LeNeave
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God laid down spiritual laws and nothing we do can change them.

I was reminded of this during a discussion about Abel and Cain and why God accepted Abel’s animal sacrifice but not Cain’s fruit and veggie sacrifice. Personally, I believe it was because Cain didn’t obey what he knew God had set down as a spiritual law. It makes sense to me that Abel had faith to believe God, while Cain struggled with it.

A lot of people know much more about the Bible than I do, but the problem I see is that some people don’t understand that God laid down spiritual laws and one of those laws is that we receive according to our faith. Did Cain not have faith in “without the shedding of blood there is no remission?” John said, “...this is the victory that overcometh the

world, even our faith” (I John 5:4).

Romans 9:22 says, “And almost all things “are by the law” purged with blood, and without shedding of blood is no remission.” Certainly, Cain did not have Paul’s letter to the Romans available to read like we do, but God is always fair and just, so I believe Cain knew what God wanted.

The problem, as far as I understand it, is the lack of understanding God has laid down spiritual laws and we can’t pick and choose which ones we want to obey. It takes faith to follow an unseen God. On our best day, we fail to obey all His commands, but at least we should be found trying.

You may prefer a house built on beams, or piling, along a sandy ocean front property, but it won’t matter how much you like it if a hurricane comes along and blows the house off the weak foundation. You would have faired



much better to have a house located a block away from the ocean, built on a firm, solid foundation. Our preference is not what counts. The Bible says, “Obedience is better than sacrifice” (I Samuel 15:22). When storms come, we need a solid foundation in God’s word and His promises.

If lack of obedience was the problem, how could Cain have solved it? (The same

way we have to). We just have to cooperate with God. “To him that knows to do good, and doesn’t do it; to him it is sin (James 4:17). I suggest, reading, studying, and listening to the Bible on a Bible app. Do whatever it takes to find out what God’s spiritual laws are.

There is great benefit in believing God’s spiritual laws will never change. Prayer is a spiritual law and I find great

comfort in exercising my privilege to pray. Mark 11:24 is one of my favorite scriptures. It says, “Therefore, I say unto you, whatsoever you desire, when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you shall have them.” All my prayers are not answered, as least not in the way I wanted them to be answered, but I still believe that scripture is true.

Psalm 103:2-3 is very direct and

easy to understand: “Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits... who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases” (NIV). If you need encouragement today, read verses 1- 5.

We don’t want to be out of favor with God so faith in what He says is very important. With every problem look for the solution and hang on to the benefits of believing God.

OUTDOOR

Truths

By Gary Miller

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I was reminded the other day about a bow hunt I took with my son several years ago. I remember it because it was a rare thing for him to be able to go. Since he was a little boy, he loved basketball and got to be pretty good. Good enough to play in college. For those of you who don’t know, basketball and

deer hunting season happen during the same time of the year. This is not good for the father who loves both. For many years, while others were in the woods in the afternoon, I was either at practice or at a game. I wouldn’t have had it any other way. And, as you can imagine, my

son’s opportunities to hunt were scarce. So, this trip was a first for us. It was his first bow season and basketball practice was two weeks away. Not only would he be hunting with a bow, but I would be leaving him to sit in a tree stand alone, while I hunted a few hundred yards away. On the second

evening of hunting, he met me at the top of the hill standing beside the deer he had shot, tracked, and dragged out. I was a proud dad. Even though that evening was special, it was actually the first evening that I was just reminded of. It was the evening when he met me at the top of that same hill, empty handed. It was my words to him as we drove home. He had not seen a deer. I asked him that evening, “Son, do you think I had rather shoot a deer, or see you shoot a deer?” He said, “Me.” I asked him again. “Do you think I would rather put you in the best place to hunt or

me?” Again, he said, “Me.” I responded, “Good.”

Now if you’re a parent, you understand the power of that short conversation. You understand that my son was getting the picture of the love of a father and the greater desire I have for him than I do for myself. I want to hope that I had lived that in front of him before.

Why did my thoughts go back to that time? I believe the Lord wanted to reminded me of that to let me know how He feels about me. I can imagine, if only slightly, how much He must want

what’s best for me. And even though there are days it seems I’m sitting in a place of no hope, I have confidence that if the Lord has put me there, He must know there’s a great reward that will soon come my way.

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The easy way is not God’s way

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Seeking comfort and not being willing to stand against sin leaves us lukewarm and vulnerable to defeat and destruction. Christians who avoid getting their hands dirty with prayer and obedience might have religious knowledge, but are developing spiritual muscle atrophy. If we stay on the couch and only eat rich foods and dream of pleasures, before long, we will not be strong enough to take care of ourselves. This is what happens in the spirit realm when the only outward sign of being a Christian is talking “about” God. Many do not read or study the Bible on their own and just remember what someone else has said. Why? Because they are lazy and have anxiety that the Lord is going to demand them to give up everything they have and follow Him. Matthew, Mark, and Luke tell the story of a rich young ruler who spoke to Jesus about how he could obtain eternal life. It’s common to feel pity when we only see this as a selfish,

arrogant person who would rather remain in control of their own life. However, it becomes sobering when we realize this is also a direct demand to all who call themselves disciples of Christ.

There was a time King David grew weary of his struggles. He was so tired in his soul, so embattled and beset by troubles, all he wanted was to escape to a place of rest and comfort. In Psalm 55:4-8 we read, “My heart is sore pained within me: and the terrors of death are fallen upon me... And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove! For then would I fly away, and be at rest... I would hasten my escape from the windy storm and tempest.” There is a valuable lesson to be learned when we substitute our responsibility to obey God with an easier, more relaxing, and pleasurable way. If you read about crabs, they are creatures that live in a rough, dangerous environment among jagged rocks. Crabs are constantly pummeled by the waves and attacked on every side by creatures from

deeper waters. Their lives are a continual battle to protect themselves, but over time, they develop an endurance, a strong shell, and powerful instincts for survival. However, some give up the struggle and search for a more complacent way to live by taking up residence in the abandoned shells of other ocean dwellers. These crabs are known as hermit crabs. They escape the hard work to relax in comfort.

However, when the crabs become inactive and stop fighting the good fight, atrophy sets in, and their bodies deteriorate. Even their organs wither due to lack of use, and eventually they lose all power of motion, as well as the ability to defend themselves from their enemies. As their claws fall off, they are left with a powerless existence. Likewise, going through the motions of a nominal and mediocre religious existence is not what God wants. When the Christian surrenders to the temptation to live in carnality, they no longer care about being a living sacrifice.

Yes, the battle is hard, and it’s much easier to hide in the shell of religion than to actually do what God is demanding. Read Matthew 24:13-15.

Ephesians chapter six talks about the seven types of armor that Christians have been commanded to wear in this life, as God has called us to be fearless warriors in the battle against evil. We have the helmet, breastplate, shield, sword, boots, the belt, and the most important weapon – prayer. When a soldier engages the adversary, they are protected from the

front, but there is no mention of protection from the back. The call to war is to stand firm against the enemy, as this allows faith and power in God’s name to boldly confront the darkness face to face. The saint must not turn and run away in fear, as this exposes their back, and they become a vulnerable target to be easily brought down with deadly arrows and spears. It would be better to remain in prayer and continue developing wisdom, discernment, and faith than to participate in spiritual warfare unprepared. Remember

the true account in Mathew 17:19-21. Awaken, and take your place on the front lines today! The devil tries to persuade us to take it easy, but remember, his mission is to steal, kill, and destroy. As a liar and deceiver, he appears to be friendly and tries to persuade us with compromises, but is holding a dagger behind his back.

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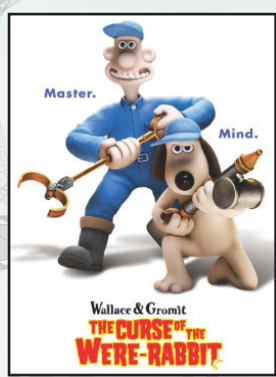


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Funds reallocated for Senior Meals program

By **TOM LATEK**
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – Gov. Andy Beshear announced Monday his administration has reallocated \$9.1 million to the Aging and Independent Living appropriation for the Senior Meals program, following news that Area Development Districts (ADDs) have exhausted all previously budgeted funding for the program.

He also said the state will support the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, or TANF, through the month of November as the federal shutdown reaches the 20-day mark, and that the state faces a more than \$300 million budget shortfall during the current fiscal year, which ends June 30, 2026.

“No Kentuckian should ever face hunger, which is why my administration has directed more dollars toward funding senior meals than any other administration in the Commonwealth’s history,” Beshear said during a media briefing. “While I am glad that we have found a temporary solution, our state faces real challenges with the potential \$305 million budget shortfall, the exhaustion of one-time federal ARPA funds and additional expenses the state faces due to the federal shutdown. We must remain fiscally responsible and work within a budget to provide the support and services Kentuckians need.”

Shortly before the briefing, Beshear says he held a call with ADD leaders

from across the state to share the news. During that call, the governor says he also shared plans to request that the Finance Cabinet review the entire Senior Meals program to understand future funding needs and ensure consistent practices across the program.

“Just like our Kentucky families, our state must work within a balanced budget,” Beshear said. “To ensure we remain fiscally responsible while still appropriately funding the Senior Meals program, we must understand the difference in costs per meal across the different ADDs, as well as eligibility, procedures and numbers of meals available to confirm all funding is being used appropriately.”

He told reporters he has requested the General Assembly retroactively approve the movement of the \$9.1 million, which leadership has agreed to do.

Sen. Greg Elkins, R-Winchester and co-chair of the Legislative Oversight and Investigations Committee (LOIC), commended the state budget director’s decision to transfer funding Friday.

“This action is long overdue, but it finally delivers what the legislature has been asking for since the Beshear administration’s abrupt September 8 memo left local agencies and seniors confused,” Elkins said. “For more than a month, the governor offered no plan to remedy this problem, and only after continued pressure from

lawmakers has the administration finally identified one.

“From the start, my colleagues and I made it clear that the executive branch already had the authority and the flexibility to move existing funds to meet this need,” he said. “We stood ready to correct the mistake ourselves if called into a special session. It shouldn’t have taken public outcry for the administration to act. Now that funding will be released, the focus must be on getting meals delivered quickly and rebuilding trust with those who administer

this critical program and the elderly Kentuckians who rely on it.”

The ongoing federal shutdown is also impacting SNAP, which more than 600,000 Kentuckians

rely on, he noted. Due to the shutdown, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has prohibited funding in November for SNAP benefits.

The governor noted, SNAP recipients

can continue using current benefits as normal. For updates, Kentuckians can visit the Department for Community Based Services (DCBS) website or their Self-Service Portal (SSP) account.

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