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POLICE BRIEFS

K9 Karo in Paducah to get protective vest
By Mike Mohundro, WSIL
Special to West KY News

McLEANSBORO, IL (WSIL) -- The Paducah Police Department's K9 Karo is set to receive a bullet and stab protective vest.

The vest comes from a charitable donation by the non-profit organization Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. Paducah Police said the vest is sponsored by Thomas Infante of Cold Springs, Kentucky and will be embroidered with the message, "Born to Love-Trained to Serve-Loyal Always."

Delivery of the vest is expected within 10 weeks.



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Police Hosting Resource Expo, Drug Take Back Day


The Paducah Police Department will host a Community Resource Expo and DEA Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, October 25, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Ninth Street Church of Christ, 715 S. 9th Street.

The event offers residents an opportunity to connect with local organizations providing community services and resources. Attendees can also safely and anonymously dispose of unused or expired prescription medications—pills and patches only (no liquids, needles, or sharps).

The free event aims to promote community engagement, prevent prescription drug misuse, and encourage safe medication disposal.

UK men's basketball roster payroll to exceed \$20 million
By Keith Taylor, Kentucky Today
special to West KY News

LEXINGTON, Ky. (KT) — Kentucky's men's basketball payroll reportedly exceeds \$20 million, according to a report released by the Lexington Herald-Leader on Thursday.

The figure, estimated to be at \$22 million, exceeds the number spent last season and the \$4 million former coach John Calipari used to build his last squad as coach of the Wildcats.

Coach Mark Pope joked recently that the program's payroll was "close to \$200 million."

"We would like to win at everything, guys — like, we really would," he said. "This is the flagship program in the country, and so I'm fully on board with all of it."

Pope also embraces the team's lofty expectations associated with the program.

"We want to play the hardest schedule," he said. "We want to play the best teams. We want to win the most games. We want to have the best players. We want to have the highest NIL. We want to have the coolest uniforms. We want to have the most media attention."

One of the team's transfers — Denzel Aberdein — opted to leave Florida after the Gators won a national title last season. Aberdein said the NIL and the collectives aren't the only reasons he transferred from Gainesville.

"I don't think we all look at it as NIL, I just think that we all came to play basketball at the University of Kentucky," Aberdein said during the team's media day last week. "It's just amazing program. All the guys that have been

this to do this and that, then I won't do this anymore. I don't need to.

"I think all of those said I've done what I do, and I'm not willing to do all this to stay in the profession. If you watched us in practice, you would say he's still connected. I'll know before anybody else that it's transactional now. That's why if someone put their name in the portal, I said, 'you're not coming back because it's not going to be transactional. If this is what you want, let's go, let's work together.'"

Calipari added that a solution is needed that is fair across and beneficial in the future.

"We have to fix some of this stuff before we're out for our own children," he said. "Right now, the things we're dealing with, we want to put it to other people, but the thing is filtered down to the coach and coaches. We talk about the transfer portal. I don't mind kids transferring. You just can't transfer four times because it's not good for you. Four schools in four years, you'll never have a college degree."

Calipari added that a player should be able to transfer once without penalty but sit out a year after leaving a program for a second time.

"I'm not saying don't transfer," he said. "We're doing a disservice to these kids the way it's being handled right now."



Mark Pope, Otega Owew, Denzel Aberdein and Jaland Lowe attended the SEC Tipoff event earlier this week in Birmingham. (UK Athletics Photo)

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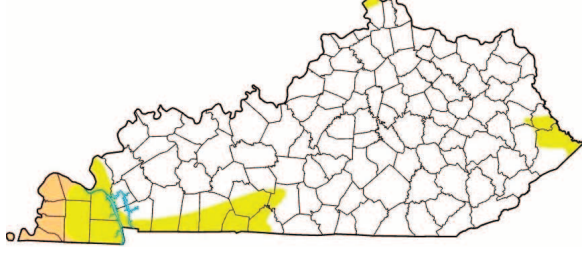
Rain Relieves Most of Kentucky's Drought
FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) — Widespread rainfall over the past week has eased drought conditions across most of Kentucky, according to the latest U.S. Drought Monitor report.

As of Thursday, 86.6% of the state is drought-free, up sharply from 65.8% last week. Abnormally dry areas (D0) now make up 10.7% of the state, down from 22.8%, while moderate drought (D1) remains in just 2.8%, limited to six far western counties. No regions are classified as severe drought (D2) or higher.

National Weather Service meteorologist Richard Tinker said heavy rain—up to eight inches in some parts of the Ohio Valley—helped bring major improvement.

Looking ahead, the Climate Prediction Center forecasts normal to slightly cooler temperatures and above-average rainfall over the next 10 days.

The U.S. Drought Monitor is produced weekly by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, USDA, and NOAA.



The part of the state that has moderate drought, or D1, currently stands at 2.76%, and is only found in all or part of six far Western Kentucky counties.

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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

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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

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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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- 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
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 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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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
DEC 23		BELLARMINE	1 PM	SEC+
JAN 3		AT ALABAMA*	1 PM	ESPN
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FEB 21		AT AUBURN*	8:30 PM	ESPN/2
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Murray State’s nurse anesthesia graduates achieve 100% board exam pass rate

By Tom Latek
Kentucky Today

MURRAY, Ky. (KT) – Murray State University says their Nurse Anesthesia Program recently achieved a 94 percent first-time pass rate on board exams, with a 100 percent overall pass rate.

The Class of 2025 was composed of 16 nurse anesthesia students who successfully completed the program in August.

“Our students have a baccalaureate or graduate degree in nursing and at least one year of work experience as a Registered Nurse in a critical care setting, prior to admission to the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program,” said Murray State’s Nurse Anesthesia Program Administrator Dr. Tiffany Eye. “Upon completion of the DNP program, nurse anesthesia students must pass the National Certification Exam to become a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA).”

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(Murray State photo)

latory surgical centers; obstetrical delivery settings; the offices of dentists, podiatrists, ophthalmologists, plastic surgeons and pain management specialists; and all branches of the U.S. military and Department of Veterans Affairs healthcare facilities. CRNAs represent more than 80% of the anesthesia providers in rural counties. Half of U.S. rural hospitals rely on a CRNA-only model, utilizing independently practicing

CRNAs to safely deliver surgical and obstetric services to their communities.

Many of Murray State’s CRNA graduates remain in the region to practice. Eye said of the last three cohorts to graduate, 68 percent have remained in Kentucky to practice.

She credits the success of the program to excellent faculty, determined students and supportive University leadership.

“Murray State University’s Nurse Anesthesia Program offers a culture of excellence with didactic coursework and clinical rotations that prepare students to provide exceptional care to patients and families throughout the Commonwealth and nation,” Eye noted.

“The rigorous curriculum emphasizes critical thinking, clinical expertise, professional development and board preparedness. Faculty maintain active nurse anesthesia practices, providing expert, relevant instruction and student mentorship. The program’s state-of-the-art simulation training and robust clinical rotations broaden a graduate’s skillset and prepares them for diverse practice settings.”

The Kentucky Program of Anesthesia was officially opened in 1992, with the first class of six students entering the program in August of that year, according to Eye. Since then, the program has continued to grow, admitting 26 students this past summer for the Class of 2028.

Paducah Commission boosts Remote Worker Incentive, updates Health Plan

PADUCAH, KY — The Paducah Board of Commissioners approved updates to the city’s Remote Worker Incentive Program, first launched in 2021.

To date, the program has brought 26 new residents to Paducah.

Under the new ordinance, self-employed remote workers are now eligible — a group that previously accounted for nearly 19% of applicants but couldn’t participate.

The incentive structure also changes from reimbursements to direct cash payments totaling \$5,000, paid in two \$2,500 installments:

First payment: Upon establishing residency in Paducah

Second payment: On the one-year anniversary of relocation

HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN FOR 2026

Benefits Advisor DJ Story with HUB International presented the city’s 2026 health insurance plan through Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield.

For the first time in about 13 years, employees will see a slight premium increase due to nationwide cost drivers such as medical staffing shortages, inflation, and rising prescription prices.

EXAMPLES OF PREMIUM CHANGES:

- Individual plan (without wellness participation): +\$5.25 per pay period
- Family plan (without wellness participation): +\$39 per pay period
- The individual deductible will also rise from \$3,300 to \$3,400 to meet IRS minimums.
- Vision & dental premiums remain the same.

Commissioners approved several related measures, including: 2026 health, vision, and dental premiums

Contracts with HUB International, Anthem, and Voya Financial Advisors. A municipal order setting health and wellness spending credits for employees

OTHER CITY BUSINESS

Animal Shelter Recognition: November 2–8 proclaimed National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week, honoring the McCracken County Humane Society.

Floodwall Project: Approved a right-of-way easement at 2510 North 8th Street for Pump Station #14.

City Hall Maintenance: Authorized bids for HVAC equipment and duct cleaning.

Ordinance Update: Revised body-piercing regulations to align with Kentucky state law.
Budget Amendment: Reflects receipt of Community Development Block Grant funds.

Redevelopment News: City Manager Daron Jordan reported the demolition of a deteriorated building at North 3rd and Jefferson. The privately owned lot has already drawn interest from potential investors.

MEETING SCHEDULE
The October 28 regular meeting is canceled due to scheduling conflicts. A special called meeting will take place Tuesday, November 4.



Mayor Pro Tem Sandra Wilson overseen the meeting in the absence of Mayor George Bray.

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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 Help-line 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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• 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 fought 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

Answer: Turn the page

Guess Who?

Answer: Ryan Reynolds

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?
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IDOL WORSHIP STINKS

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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

overconsumption of alcohol and tobacco use are two such factors.

How important is early detection?

The American Cancer Society reports that the five-year survival rate for breast cancers discovered in the localized stage is 99 percent. That underscores the significance of early detection. The NBCF notes monthly breast self-exams and routine clinical exams increase the likelihood of early detection. Women are urged to speak with their physicians regarding how frequently they should be tested, as recommendations vary depending on each individual and their respective family histories.

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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Needing answers? Prayer is a spiritual law

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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.



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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. Gary Miller gary@outdoortruths.org Gary Miller has written Outdoor Truths articles for 23 years. He has also written five books which include compilations of his articles and a father/son devotional. He also speaks at wild-game dinners and men’s events for churches and associations. Stay updated on Outdoor Truths each week by subscribing at Outdoortruths.org

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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Funds reallocated for Senior Meals program

By **TOM LATEK**
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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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