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MEN IN PINK OF CALLOWAY COUNTY RAISE \$73,372 FOR MCCH REGIONAL CANCER CENTER



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MURRAY, KY – The Men in Pink of Calloway County recently held their recognition event to celebrate and recognize the group for raising \$73,372. This is the fifth year the Men in Pink campaign has raised funds for the Murray-Calloway County

Hospital Regional Cancer Center. The fundraising event takes place in the month of October, which is Breast Cancer Awareness month. This endeavor has now raised more than \$470,000 for the cancer center. Men in Pink participants are leaders

in the community that have been passionate about bringing awareness and raising funds for all of our local cancer patients. This year 9 men and two fraternities at Murray State University wore pink and collected donations. We would like to thank the

2025 Men in Pink of Calloway County who went above and beyond to raise funds to support our community’s cancer patients and families. Listed are the MIP in order of funds raised.

Funds Raised:

2025 Men in Pink Winner –
Ryan Houston - \$16,023
2025 MSU Campus Men in Pink Winner -
Pi Kappa Alpha - \$2,410

Fraternities:
2 nd Sigma Phi Epsilon \$2,400
1 st Pi Kappa Alpha \$2,410

9 th Grant Warren- \$3,115
8 th Nicolas Mitchum- \$3,125
7 th Austin Glisson- \$3,871
6 th John Mark Potts- \$5,122
5 th Dr. Alex Diaz- \$8,360

4 th Waylon Willett - \$8,459
3 rd Brandon Bridges- \$10,208
2 nd Ryan Miller- \$10,280
1 st Ryan Houston- \$16,023

For more information on how you can support the MCCH Regional Cancer Center, call Lisa Shoemaker, Senior Philanthropy Officer at 270.762.1291 or visit www.murrayhospital.org.

Hometown Heroes



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Tractor Supply located in Benton, Kentucky generously donated \$250 to supporting HomeTown Heroes

like the Marshall County Sheriff’s Office and the Benton Fire Department. The Sheriff’s Office in a

social media post stated how grateful they are for partners like Tractor Supply who stand with our local law

enforcement and fire departments to support our mission of keeping Marshall County safe!

Four Seniors Accepting Recommendations of Underclassmen for Student Advisory Board of the Marshall County Board of Education

By Kelsey Edwards
Marshall Times Editor

The Marshall County School District has implemented a Student Advisory Board in order for the students within the district to have a voice. The Student Advisory board was implemented after the district board of education saw other districts implement the same practice. Bill Thorpe, the Superintendent shared that several members of the board of education had brought the idea back from a Kentucky School Board Association meeting, where they had seen other districts implement similar programs. Thorpe along with the board worked out a plan prior to taking action.

Applications from seniors were taken and then interviewed by Darla Doss, the Board of Education Chair, Bill Thorpe, and Kevin Jackson. They then selected four students to be on the board, who then, amongst themselves, chose who got to be the sitting member, the chairman of that group, which then is the person who sits at the table with the actual board of education members. The purpose of the board is simply to allow students a voice in conversations about the district. They are to listen to other students who might have concerns, ideas, etc and then bring that back to the board as well as what’s going well, and what maybe they can improve on.

Reagan Mason, Maleah Terry, Ethan Morgan, and Trinlee Anderson were the four seniors that were selected and they then opted to have the chair position be served for one semester, allowing two students to serve in one year. For the fall semester, Ethan Morgan is serving as the chair, with Trinlee Anderson also attending the board of education meetings. Reagan Mason and Maleah Terry will take on those roles in the spring 2026 semester. The four seniors have also been tasked with selecting underclassmen representatives to complete their board. With input from the administration, the students have outlined certain criteria for the board as a whole,

and the group has prioritized diversifying the board. It will consist of two kids from every grade, and they will also consider things such as GPAs, IEPs, etc, so everybody is represented on this. The group is currently collecting recommendations from teachers and will hold interviews alongside Thorpe to select those who will represent ninth, tenth, and eleventh grade. While the students work to ensure all groups within the school are represented, Thorpe hopes the group will see the district working for the good of all students. Thorpe also has confidence that the four seniors will give the district honest feedback.

Marshall County Fiscal Court Holds Special Called Meeting

By Kelsey Edwards
Marshall Times Editor

The Marshall County Fiscal Court held a special called meeting, on October 31, 2025 where they approved a new hire, a resolution for a housing grant, and a quarterly report during. The special called meeting saw no guests, and opened with the court’s. approval of the county clerk’s claim for preparing tax bills.

The court went on to approve a resolution that pertained to program income and revenue for a Community Development Block Grant for housing. The court has been working on the CDBG housing grant for considerable amount of time. This grant is intended to assist with the ongoing housing related recovery efforts from the tornado that took place on December 10, 2021. The court has approved numerous resolutions for the grant, and continues to move forward with the process.

Next, the court approved a new hire for the animal control shelter along with a training incentive for the county jailer before moving onto the treasurer’s report. The report was for the quarter that ended on September 30, 2025 which is a report that must be sent to the state.

The court approved the report pending an audit. The court then entered executive session to discuss litigation and personnel. Upon returning to open session, the court voted to release a lien on 2328 Jackson School Road, Benton, upon payment. The next meeting is set for 9 a.m. on November 18, 2025.

Transit Opportunity Expands To Calvert City

By Kelsey Edwards
Marshall Times Editor

The Fulton County Transit Authority (FCTA) has officially expanded its transportation services to include the city of Calvert along with the surrounding areas in order to provide residents with

easier access to area services like health care, jobs and shopping. The nonprofit FCTA is overseen by the Kentucky Department of Transportation, and they enforce compliance with all federal transportation regulations. Calvert City Mayor, Gene Colburn stated that the expansion of FultonCounty Transit Authority into Calvert City ensures that our residents have access to essential services and the freedom to travel where they need to go. He continued saying, “Reliable transportation is vital for a thriving community, and this partnership helps our residents maintain independence and enjoy an improved quality of life.” FCTA offers same-day trips which are known as “demand response” trips and this is for its service to stores, banks or residences within Region 1, These are available between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Service for medical appointments to destinations including Louisville, Lexington, Hopkinsville, Bowling Green or Nashville may be scheduled in advance. Rides on FCTA

buses cost \$3 one way or \$5 for a round trip. Trips between county and city areas cost \$10 one way or \$18 round trip. Passengers may pay with exact cash or use a credit card when scheduling a ride. With their services being expanded into Calvert City and Marshall County, the FTCA is filling a vital need in the community and helping connect people to the resources that matter most. To schedule a ride, you can call 270-472-0662. For same-day service, be sure and press option 1 for dispatch. To schedule a medical trip, press option 2. If you would like more information, you can visit their website at fultontransit.com or you can call the main number at 270-472-0662.

2026 KDA internship, legal fellowship application period now open

Staff Report

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Nov. 12, 2025) – Agriculture Commissioner Jonathan Shell encourages college students seeking a career in agriculture or government to apply for positions in the Kentucky Department of Agriculture’s (KDA) internship for the 2026 summer. The Department will also offer its inaugural legal fellowship program beginning in 2026.

“The Kentucky Department of Agriculture offers students the unique opportunity to work side by side with our amazing staff of employees,” Commissioner Shell said. “Through our

internship and legal fellowship programs students will gain valuable insight to launch careers in agriculture or an agriculture-related field. If you are a student with an interest in an agricultural career, we encourage you to apply.”

KDA Internship

The KDA internship program encourages students majoring in a variety of interest areas including agriculture, education, computer science, marketing, communications, pre-law, and other fields to apply. Internships will run from June to August. Interns work along-

side KDA professionals on projects that make a positive impact across the Commonwealth, helping to advance the mission of promoting and protecting Kentucky’s agricultural interests. The summer internship program gives students insight into considering a future career within the agriculture industry and with Kentucky Department of Agriculture. Applicants must be currently enrolled in a college, university, or vocational-technical program.

To apply complete the application on KDA’s website at [kyagr.com/commissioner/internship-pro-](http://kyagr.com/commissioner/internship-program.html)

gram.html. Applicants must provide a résumé, cover letter, and three references. Email Emery Moore at Emery.Moore@ky.gov with any questions.

Agriculture Legal Fellowship

The Legal Fellowship Program is new for 2026 and will be housed under the Department’s Office of Legal Services. Second- and third-year law students with an interest in legal services and policy through an agricultural lens are encouraged to apply.

This fellowship will allow students to gain skills and experience

relating to routine state government proceedings such as administrative hearings and responding to open records requests, as well as traditional in-house counsel practice, including reviewing, updating, or recommending modification to and answering questions about state and federal laws and regulations. Additionally, the Office of Legal Services engages in dynamic policy research and formulation relating to a wide variety of issues impacting the agriculture industry. This fellowship will allow students to gain skills and experience relating to policy-style

research and advocacy at the state and federal level.

For information on the fellowship, visit kyagr.com/commissioner/legal-fellowship.html. To apply, visit <https://forms.gle/BvPiRQRmDy-c5x9U8>. Questions can be directed to Heather Becker, General Counsel at HeatherL.Becker@ky.gov.

Applications for both the KDA internship and the legal fellowship must be submitted by Jan. 1, 2026, and will only be accepted digitally. Paper or mail-in applications will not be considered.

Kentucky State Police Investigate McCracken County Pursuit

By Laurna Todd
KPI Writer

PADUCAH, Ky. – A vehicle pursuit in McCracken County on Friday, November 7, 2025, resulted in the death of a 26-year-old man,

according to authorities.

The incident began shortly after 8:00 p.m. when a Marshall County Sheriff’s Office deputy observed a vehicle being operated recklessly with a

flat tire in the Hard-money Road area of Paducah. When the deputy attempted to make a traffic stop, the driver, later identified as Robert Wray of Kevil, Ky., fled the scene in a 1995 Chev-

rolet pickup truck towing a camper. The camper became disconnected during the pursuit.

Deputies from the McCracken County Sheriff’s Office and the Paducah Police Department joined the pursuit, which continued into the Lone Oak area. During the pursuit, the driver fired multiple rounds toward law enforcement vehicles. Officers attempted to end the chase using a pursuit intervention technique (PIT).

The pursuit ended when the suspect’s

vehicle left the roadway and collided with a residence. No one in the home or law enforcement officers were injured. Wray was transported to a local hospital, where he was pronounced deceased. Preliminary information indicates his gunshot wound was self-inflicted.

Sheriff Ryan Norman praised deputies in a press release to media for their professionalism, saying, “I am proud of the deputies’ calm and professional demeanor throughout this incident. They did a

great job and performed exactly how I would want them to during this incident.”

The Kentucky State Police Critical Incident Response Team has been called in to investigate. KSP emphasized the investigation is ongoing and that details will be released once vital witnesses are interviewed and all pertinent facts are gathered.

Our thoughts are with the family of Mr. Wray and all those affected by this tragic event.

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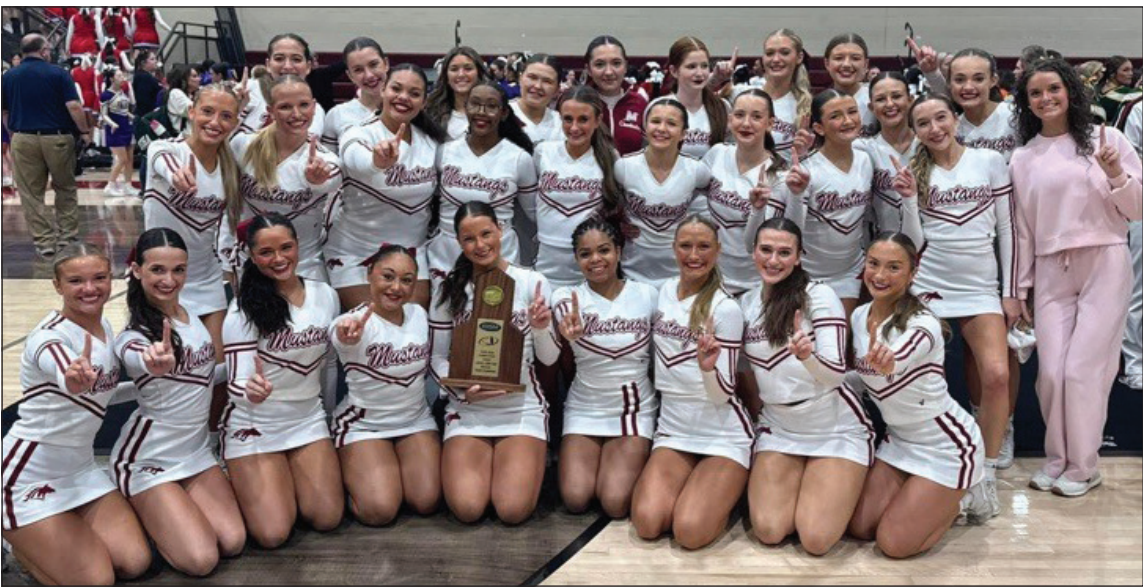
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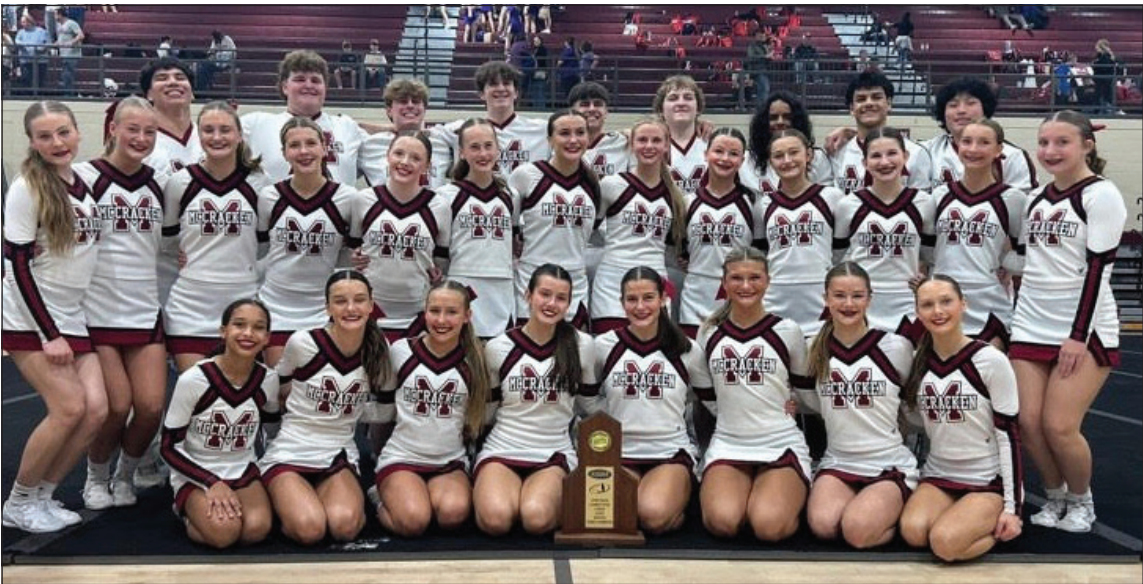
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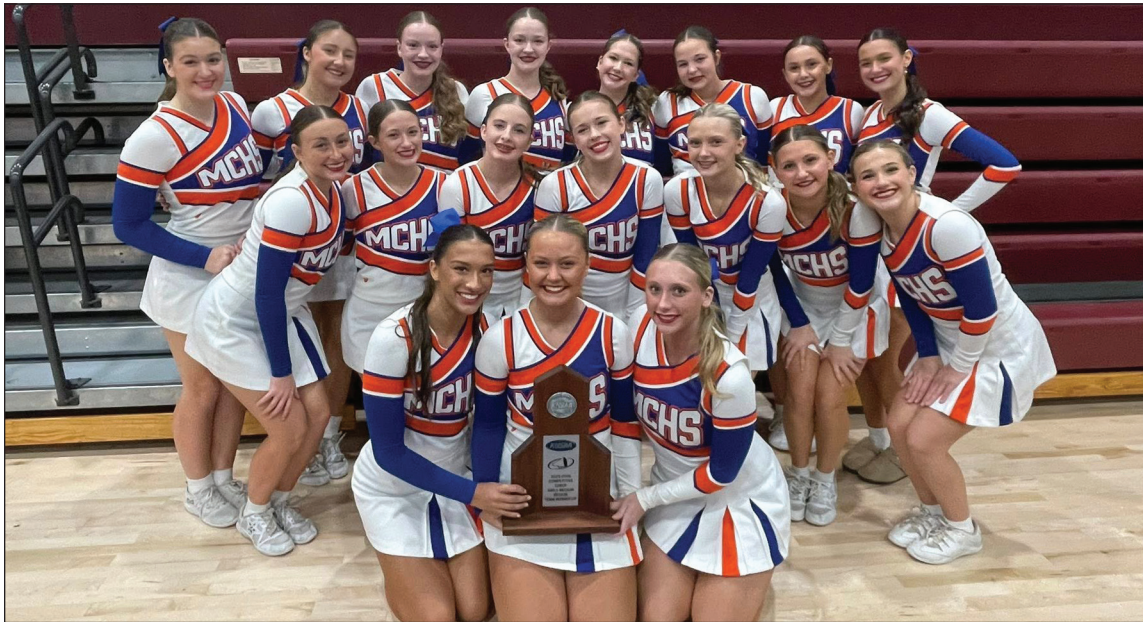
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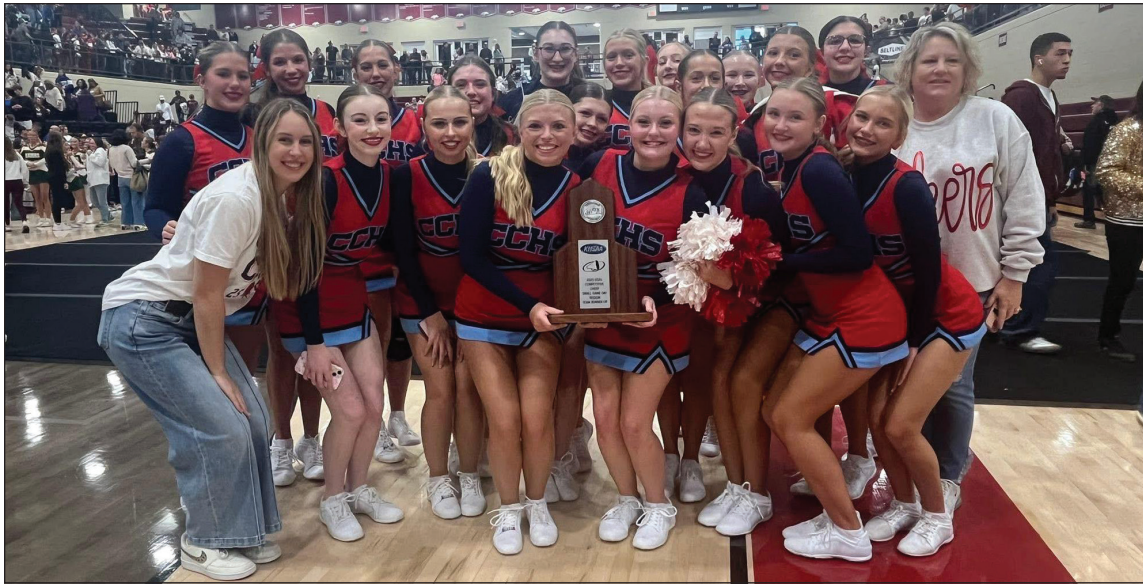
McCracken County won the all-girl championship during the KHSAA Region 1 Cheer Competition on Saturday, Nov. 8. (Photo courtesy of McCracken County High School)



McCracken County won the coed championship during the KHSAA Region 1 Cheer Competition on Saturday, Nov. 8. (Photo courtesy of McCracken County High School)



Marshall County finished runner-up in the all-girls medium division during the KHSAA Region 1 Cheer Competition at McCracken County on Saturday, Nov. 8. (Photo courtesy of Marshall County High School)



Calloway County finished runner-up in the game day small division during the KHSAA Region 1 Cheerleading Competition at McCracken County on Saturday, Nov. 8. (Photo courtesy of Calloway County High School)



McCracken County finished as the champion in jazz and runner-up in game day during the KHSAA Region 1 Dance Competition at Daviess County on Sunday, Nov. 9. (Photo courtesy of McCracken County High School)

High School Football Mustangs handle Central Hardin

Staff Report

PADUCAH — McCracken County pulled away to defeat Central Hardin 46-7 during the opening round of the KHSAA Class 6A State Football Playoffs on Friday, Nov. 7.

The Mustangs amassed 405 yards of total offense in the convincing victory.

McCracken County rushed 26 times for 175 yards and two touchdowns in its winning effort.

Landon Newman paced McCracken County on the ground, rushing 10 times for 106 yards and two touchdowns.

Along with Newman, Dawson Hayden, Elijah Pullen and Maddox O’Neal each rushed for positive yardage in McCracken County’s win.

O’Neal completed eight passes for 127 yards and two touchdowns. In a similar performance for the Mustangs, Cole Presswood completed eight passes for 103 yards and three touchdowns.

Jude Lanier emerged as McCracken County’s lead-

ing receiver. Lanier hauled in four receptions for 110 yards and two touchdowns.

Aiding McCracken County through the air, Jakari Matchem, Brently Gregory and Reed Brookshire added one touchdown pass reception apiece.

Charlie Higdon paced McCracken County defensively, recording 13 tackles for the Mustangs.

In the other games played during the opening round of the KHSAA Class 6A State Football Playoffs it was Henderson County 42, Meade County 7; Hopkinsville 50, Daviess County 20; St. Xavier 49, Southern 0; Bullitt East 28, North Hardin 21; Male 56, Pleasure Ridge Park 6; DuPont Manual 43, Fern Creek 7; Trinity (Louisville) 56, Great Crossing 0; Simon Kenton 31, Oldham County 9; Ryle 48, Eastern 0; Ballard 35, Campbell County 21; George Rogers Clark 33, Bates Creek 6; Madison Central 56, Paul Laurence Dunbar 0; Frederick Douglass 44, Henry Clay 7 and Bryan Station 39, Lafayette 0.

Blue Tornado blank Taylor Co.

Staff Report

PADUCAH — Reigning champion Paducah Tilghman prevented Taylor County from advancing in the postseason, shutting out the Cardinals 28-0 during the opening round of the KHSAA Class 4A State Football Playoffs on Friday, Nov. 7.

Paducah Tilghman excelled on the ground, rushing 36 times for 335 yards and two touchdowns.

Demarkus Wilson paced Paducah Tilghman on the ground, rushing 18 times for 149 yards and one touchdown.

Following Wilson in Paducah Tilghman’s rushing attack, Chance McPike took one carry for a 91-yard touchdown.

Aiding Paducah Tilghman on the ground, Avery Thompson rushed 12 times for 78 yards.

Quarterback Stone Crowe paced Paducah Tilghman through the air, completing 17 passes for 175 yards and one touchdown.

Cameron Wade was on the receiving end of Crowe’s scoring pass.

Showing their versatility, McPike and Thompson each hauled in five pass receptions for the Blue Tornado.

Defensively, Paducah Til-

ghman managed to record three interceptions and register its first shutout win in the 2025 high school football season.

The Cardinals entered the postseason matchup averaging 24.5 points per game. Taylor County was held scoreless for the first time in the 2025 high school football season.

In the other games played during the opening round of the KHSAA Class 4A State Football Playoffs it was Franklin-Simpson 42, John Hardin 35; Elizabethtown 42, Calloway County 7; Logan County 35, Marion County 12; North Oldham 49, Grant County 0; Spencer County 58, Breckinridge County 6; Franklin County 56, Waggener 0; Valley 46, Western Hills 0; Highlands 35, Greenup County 7; Ashland 48, Mason County 8; Johnson Central 48, Harrison County 16; Covington Catholic 48, Boyd County 21; Boyle County 52, Whitley County 6; Wayne County 26, Harlan County 2; Corbin 35, Russell County 0 and Lincoln County 49, Perry County Central 14.

Paducah Tilghman will host Franklin-Simpson in the second round of the KHSAA Class 4A State Football Playoffs at 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 14.

GIRLS’ HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL McCracken County ranked first in final KVCA Region 1 Top 5 Poll

PADUCAH — Champion McCracken County is ranked first in the final KVCA Region 1 Top 5 Poll of the 2025 girls’ high school volleyball season.

After competing in the KHSAA Girls’ Volleyball State Tournament, McCracken County exited the 2025 season 31-8.

The Kentucky Volleyball Coaches Association released the final KVCA Region 1 Top 5 Poll of the 2025 girls’ high school volleyball season on Tuesday, Nov. 11.

Graves County (2), Marshall County (3), Ballard

Memorial (4) and Mayfield (5) are ranked behind McCracken County in the final KVCA Region 1 Top 5 Poll of the 2025 girls’ high school volleyball season.

The final KVCA Region 1 Top 5 Poll of the 2025 girls’ high school volleyball season follows.

Final 2025 KVCA Region 1 Top 5 Poll

1. McCracken County
2. Graves County
3. Marshall County
4. Ballard Memorial
5. Mayfield

Thanksgiving – Things You Should Know

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Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays for the food and family aspect. I remember being away at college and how welcome the long weekend was to be able to come home. The first official thanksgiving was actually proclaimed by President Abraham Lincoln during the Civil War on October 3, 1863. He hoped to help unify the country with a Thanksgiving holiday. He declared that the last Thursday in No-

vember would be the holiday. Franklin Roosevelt in 1941, changed it to the 4th Thursday in November, for the years when there are 5 Thursdays. The lady that wrote “Mary had a little lamb”, Sarah Josepha Hale had written letters to presidents for 17 years trying to get the holiday proclaimed when Lincoln finally acted. She also is the one who popularized turkey and pumpkin pie for the meal by publishing recipes in her

stories about thanksgiving. Arguments abound about when and where the first Thanksgiving feast actually occurred. When we think Thanksgiving, we think Pilgrims and Indians in 1621. Some Texans actually claim the first Thanksgiving celebration in a little town near El Paso in 1598. Some Virginians claim the first Thanksgiving on December 4, 1619 at the Berkley Plantation on the James River. Most of our ideas about Thanksgiving came about by good storytelling and marketing and have become American

traditions whether completely true or not. I think the same things apply to just about any of the Holidays on our current calendar. Turkeys, cranberries and pumpkin pie have become cornerstones for the holiday. Again good marketing, I would rather the marketers for Prime Rib have won the battle. Football is also synonymous with Thanksgiving. The first football game, supposedly on Thanksgiving, occurred between Yale and Princeton in 1876. The first NFL game on Thanksgiving occurred in 1920. This year there will be 3 NFL games throughout the

day and night. Several websites said that the average calorie consumption on Thanksgiving Day was 4500. If true, that is quite a bit over the daily recommendation. Butterball turkey says that they will answer over 100,000 questions about turkey preparation leading to Thanksgiving on their hotline. President John F Kennedy is said to be the first President to pardon a turkey. Truman is the first president to receive a turkey from the National Turkey Federation. He did not pardon it, he ate it. Nixon sent his to a petting zoo and the first President Bush

formalized the pardon tradition in 1989. Over 54 million Americans will travel for the holiday and that is the most important thing. Enjoy the holiday with your families and the myths and legends don’t really matter, it’s just good to be home. Programs of the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of race, age, sex, color, religion, disability or national origin. For additional information, contact the Ballard County Extension Office, 110 Broadway, LaCenter, 665-9118.

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Measure would license outdoor childcare programs

BY: Tom Latek
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – State Rep. Vanessa Grossl, R-Georgetown, said she will file legislation during the 2026 legislative session aimed at improving the availability and quality of childcare programs in the state.

With this proposal, Grossl says she intends to license outdoor childcare programs, which provide more than 50 percent of their services in a nature-based outdoor setting.

“Our commonwealth suffers from

a shortage of high quality early educational opportunities for our youth,” she said. “Nature-based early childhood programs will be part of the solution. They provide robust educational opportunities that offer green time instead of screen time to our children and strengthen key executive functions and physical and mental health. Forest schools, nature schools, and other variations of this model are growing across the state and should be supported.”

Nature-based early childhood programs



State Rep. Vanessa Grossl wants the state to license outdoor childcare and will propose legislation when the 2026 session starts. (LRC photo) Hargis David Michael

provide youth with a natural approach to education and play. Numerous states including Colorado, Oregon, and Washington have enacted

programs in Kentucky. Both new and existing programs in the state could be eligible, creating an avenue for dual licensing and expanding the services of existing programs to offer both outdoor, nature-based services and traditional indoor childcare services. This initiative is projected to increase the number available childcare slots in communities with access to forests, parks, and nature-filled spaces.

“This is a great opportunity for my colleagues to experience how these facilities

operate and positively impact the children in their care,” Grossl noted. “Kentucky is in the perfect position to capitalize on this educational model, especially in our rural communities which are most affected by our state’s childcare shortage. I look forward to working with advocates, local leaders, and my colleagues in the General Assembly to make this proposal a reality for families across our Commonwealth in 2026.”

The 2026 legislative session begins Jan. 6.



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Community Foundation Partners with Founder’s Family to Address Critical Food Needs in Purchase Area

Staff Report

The Community Foundation of West Kentucky (CFWK) is celebrating National Community Foundation week, November 12 – 18, with the establishment of a fund that will provide food assistance to those in need. The Critical Community Needs Fund: Feeding the Hungry was established with a gift from the James and Audelle Biggs Endowment, and additional gifts are now being accepted. The fund will assist nonprofit organizations that provide food to those in need throughout the region.

James and Audelle Biggs, parents of former Paducah Mayor and CFWK founder, the late Geraldine “Gerry” Montgomery, were well-known Paducah grocers with a special interest in sharing food with others. In memory of her parents, Mrs. Montgomery established the James and Audelle Biggs Endowment at the Community Foundation 17 years ago and subsequently

specified the fund’s primary purpose would be to provide food to those in need.

According to CFWK CEO, Lee Emmons, when approached by CFWK staff about the Critical Community Needs Fund with the current focus of feeding the hungry, Dr. Evelyn Montgomery Jones and her siblings were eager to help. “We believe this fund is a perfect fit for what our mother and grandparents would want,” said Dr. Jones, daughter of Gerry and granddaughter of James and Audelle.

“We want the Critical Needs Fund to be adaptable,” Emmons said. Right now, the need is for food, so we want to provide extra help to organizations who are providing food. In the future, a different type of critical need may arise that we will address with this fund,” she said.

The Community Foundation does not disburse funds to individuals; rather, it assists nonprofit organizations providing direct services.

According to Emmons, a simple grant application will soon be made available to established nonprofit organizations providing food to those in need who wish to apply for a Critical Community Needs: Feeding the Hungry grant, and funds will be awarded during the first quarter of 2026. Emmons said Nonprofits in the eight counties of the Purchase area, along with Barren County and Union County will be eligible to apply, and the priority at the present time is to grow the fund.

“We are so grateful to the Montgomery family – first, to Mrs. Gerry Montgomery for establishing the James and Audelle Biggs Endowment, and now to her children for utilizing the fund to help meet the critical need for food we’re seeing throughout the area,” Emmons said. “I can’t think of a better way to honor the founder of the Community Foundation of West Kentucky than by developing this fund during National Community



Gerry Montgomery, founder of the Community Foundation of West Kentucky with her husband and children

Foundation Week, and I hope other individuals and businesses will join the effort by contributing to the fund,” she added.

Community Foundation Week was established by President George H.W. Bush in 1989 to recognize the work of community foundations throughout America and their collaborative approach to working with the public, private, and

nonprofit sectors. Emmons said that is exactly what CFWK hopes the new Critical Community Needs Fund helps accomplish. “We want to maximize the generosity and work of individuals, businesses, and organizations working together to help those in our community who are in critical need of assistance,” she said.

Contributions to the

Critical Community Needs: Feeding the Hungry Fund can be made at https://cfwk.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund?fund_id=3739. The link to the fund can also be found on Community Foundation of West Kentucky’s Facebook page, and on the organization’s website, <https://cfwestky.org>, by searching for Critical Community Needs Fund.

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Being the same property conveyed to Bethany Burnett as Trustee of the Blandville Road Land Trust by Deed dated September 11, 2007, of record in Deed Book 83, Page 587, in the Office of the Ballard County Clerk.

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Dated the 10th day of November 2025.

/s/ Daniel C. Thomas
Daniel C. Thomas, Master Commissioner

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McCracken County Sheriff’s Office Collects Thousands of Pounds for Annual Pet Food Drive

By Laurna Todd
KPI Writer

The McCracken County Sheriff’s Office successfully held its annual pet food drive on Saturday, November 8 at Rural King, 4711 Cairo Road in Paducah. The community donated thousands of pounds of pet food and supplies, which will benefit 15 local animal shelters. Monetary donations were also accepted to purchase additional pet food, and contributions were received ahead of the event at the McCracken County Courthouse.

- This year’s totals included:**
- Food Donations:
 - Dog Food: 4,388 lbs.
 - Cat Food: 2,717 lbs.
 - Treats: 68 lbs.
 - Cat Litter: 231 lbs.
 - Supplies Donations:
 - Collars: 3
 - Blankets: 16
 - Pet Food Bowls: 5
 - Pet Beds: 6
 - Pet Toys: 8
 - Laundry Detergent: 1
 - Donation Recipients Include: McCracken County Humane Society, McCracken County Animal Control, Creatures Great and



Small, McGangster’s, Marshall County Humane Society, Marshall County Animal Care Shelter, Project Hope, Cash for Cats, Sheree Senior Pet Rescue, Crittenden County Animal Shelter, Jackson Purchase Forgotten Felines, Ballard County Animal Control, Murray-Calloway County Shelter, Humane Society of Calloway County, and Mayfield-Graves County Animal Shelter.

warm bedding, and care items. Community support through this event ensures animals stay safe, healthy, and comfortable throughout the colder months.

Fun Animal Fact: Did you know that dogs have about 1,700 taste buds compared to humans’ 9,000? While they don’t taste as much as we do, they sure appreciate a good meal!

The Sheriff’s Office thanks the community for their generosity and contributions, which helped move the drive closer to its goal of 10,000 pounds of pet food.

The annual drive is critical for local animal shelters, which are always in need of food and supplies. With winter approaching, shelters face increased demand for pet food,

Baptist Health Paducah expands fertility care with Intrauterine Insemination (IUI)

[PADUCAH, KY] — After trying to conceive a child for nearly a year with no luck, Haylee Hamby of Paducah finally had success after she underwent an intrauterine Insemination (IUI) procedure at Baptist Health Paducah. IUI is a treatment that helps individuals and couples increase their chances of pregnancy without having to travel long distances for care. Baptist Health Paducah is expanding fertility care options by offering IUI. IUI is a simple, non-surgical

fertility treatment in which specially prepared sperm is placed directly into the uterus, usually timed with ovulation. The process shortens the distance sperm must travel to reach the egg and increases the amount of healthy sperm available for fertilization. The procedure itself is quick, often completed in just a few minutes and performed in an outpatient setting.

“Intrauterine insemination is a safe, effective option for patients facing certain fertility challenges,” said midwife Sherri Lynn, APRN-CNM, with Baptist Health Medical Group OB/GYN. “By making IUI available locally, we’re reducing barriers to care and giving families in our community access to a treatment that is less invasive, more affordable, and a meaningful step forward in the fertility journey.”

For Hamby, the IUI procedure at Baptist Health Paducah marked the beginning of a long-awaited dream. Hamby said she and her husband found hope and reassurance when they met with midwife Sherri Lynn, who carefully explained their options and guided them through the process from start to finish.

“The IUI procedure itself was much easier than I expected — quick, simple, and not painful at all,” said Hamby. “What really made it special was the care and compassion Sherri showed throughout the entire experience. She made sure I understood every step and was always available if I had

questions. When I found out the IUI was successful, I was completely overjoyed — it felt like a dream come true.”

“We honestly didn’t even realize this was an option available here in Paducah until Sherri explained it, and we were so grateful to be able to pursue treatment locally instead of having to travel to a bigger city,” added Hamby.

Unlike In Vitro Fertilization (IVF), which requires retrieving eggs, fertilizing them in a lab, and transferring embryos back into the uterus, IUI is less complex, less costly, and requires fewer medications and procedures. It is especially helpful for individuals or couples experiencing unexplained infertility, mild male factor infertility, ovulation issues, or those using donor sperm.

Before undergoing IUI, patients typically complete an evaluation that may include a fertility history, imaging to check for reproductive health, and semen analysis. On the day of the procedure, a semen sample from a partner or donor is prepared in the lab to isolate the healthiest sperm, which is then placed into the uterus using a thin catheter.

Two weeks after insemination, patients return for a pregnancy test to determine results and plan next steps.

For more information about IUI or to schedule a consultation, call Baptist Health Medical Group OB/GYN at 270.444.9199.

A Christian Perspective on Intrauterine Insemination (IUI)

Intrauterine Insemination (IUI) is a medical procedure that helps couples struggling with infertility by placing prepared sperm directly into a woman’s uterus to increase the chances of conception. For many Christian couples, infertility can be a deeply emotional journey, touching both the heart and faith. The desire to have children is a God-given blessing, as Scripture says, “Children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward” (Psalm 127:3).

From a Christian standpoint, IUI can be viewed as a tool of God’s grace when used within the boundaries of marriage and guided by prayerful discernment. If the sperm and egg come from the husband and wife, many believers see IUI as an extension of natural conception—simply assisted by medical means. It can be a way of cooperating with God’s design while still trusting His ultimate will.

Couples considering IUI are encouraged to seek spiritual counsel, pray for wisdom, and ensure their decisions align with their faith and moral convictions. Ultimately, the Christian approach to fertility treatments rests on maintaining reverence for the sanctity of life and trusting that God’s timing and plan are perfect, whether or not conception occurs.



ALLISON BALL
AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Independent Auditor’s Report

To the People of Kentucky
The Honorable Andy Beshear, Governor
Holly M. Johnson, Secretary
Finance and Administration Cabinet
The Honorable Michael Williams, Livingston County Judge/Executive
The Honorable Bobby Davidson, Livingston County Sheriff
Members of the Livingston County Fiscal Court

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statement Opinions

We have audited the accompanying Livingston County Sheriff’s Settlement - 2023 Taxes for the period September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024 - Regulatory Basis, and the related notes to the financial statement, which collectively comprise the Livingston County Sheriff’s financial statement as listed in the table of contents.

Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statement presents fairly, in all material respects, the taxes charged, credited, and paid for the period September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024 of the Livingston County Sheriff, in accordance with the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky as described in Note 1.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles section of our report, the financial statement does not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the taxes charged, credited, and paid of the Livingston County Sheriff, for the period September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Audit Program for Sheriffs’ Tax Settlements. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Livingston County Sheriff and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

As described in Note 1 of the financial statement, the financial statement is prepared by the Livingston County Sheriff on the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky’s regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effects on the financial statement of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statement

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky’s regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of a financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Livingston County Sheriff’s ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor’s report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not an absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgement made by a reasonable user based on the financial statement.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

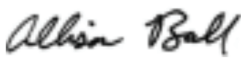
- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Livingston County Sheriff’s internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statement.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Livingston County Sheriff’s ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time. We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated August 12, 2025, on our consideration of the Livingston County Sheriff’s internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the Livingston County Sheriff’s internal control over financial reporting and compliance. Based on the results of our audit, we have presented the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses, included herein, which discusses the following report findings:

2023-001 The Livingston County Sheriff’s Office Lacks Adequate Segregation Of Duties
2023-002 The Livingston County Sheriff Did Not Perform Daily Checkout Procedures Or Make Daily Deposits

Respectfully submitted,



Allison Ball
Auditor of Public Accounts
Frankfort, Ky

August 12, 2025

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Slaughter of Christians in Nigeria

‘worse than genocide,’ missionary says

by **Diana Chandler,**
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Special to
KPI Newspaper Group

PLATEAU, Nigeria (BP) — Nigerian missionary and community activist Fred Williams recalls New York’s 9/11 not only because of the previously unthinkable terrorist attack. Sept. 11, 2001, was also the first time Islamic terrorists attacked his village in Plateau State, Nigeria.

“The very week that the Twin Towers were attacked in New York, we were also attacked. We had been under attack for several days,” Williams told Baptist Press. “And then we heard on the news about the plane flying into the Twin Tower. I remember we had not been able to stay indoors because the militants had come and attacked us.

“Then I heard about the attack in the States, rushed in to see it on the news. And while I was watching in horror, the second plane crashed into the Twin Towers,” he recalled Nov. 5. “So I would never forget, because that was (also) my first experience with terror (at home).”

The Nigerian government has been unsuccessful in ending the terrorist attacks that have escalated in Nigeria’s Middle Belt. Ten years ago in December 2015, then Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari – now deceased – declared a “technical defeat” of Boko Haram. Not only did the jihadists continue their attacks but other terrorist groups have risen there, including militant Fulani, the Islamic State – West African Province (ISWAP), Jama’a Nusrat ul-Islam wa-al-Muslim (JNIM) and the newly organized Lakurawa.

“Since (2001), the attacks have been relentless, continuous,” Williams said. “And so it’s been stories of carnage and killing and horror.”

The husband, father and former Nigerian pastor with dual Nigerian and U.K. citizen-



Militant Fulani killed 200 internally displaced Christians in one night at a shelter in Yelewata, Benue, Nigeria.
(CSW photo)

ship now lives in the U.K., but travels to Plateau and other Nigerian states about four times a year, staying several months at times.

Williams said he can’t judge the potential impact of a U.S. military response to Islamic terrorism in Nigeria, but he appreciates that other nations are beginning to see what Nigerian Christians suffer almost daily. Hopefully, renewed dialogue and exposure will put pressure on the Nigerian government, he said, describing leadership as either compromised, or suffering collusion or a lack of a political will to address the violence.

“I feel worse than genocide is happening in Jos, in Plateau State, in Benue State, in Southern Kaduna, and (some are) talking about it as if these are just mere statistics. No, thousands are being killed,” Williams said. “I’m constantly in those villages. I have interviews. I have photos. Most of what is happening is too graphic to show media. That is how bad it is.”

U.S. President Donald Trump threatened sanctions and military

force against Nigeria when he designated a nation a Country of Particular Concern for tolerating systematic, ongoing, and egregious religious freedom violations under the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998.

Williams was in the U.S. today, bringing attention to the violence and advocating for help. His interview with Baptist Press was arranged through the religious freedom advocacy group Open Doors U.S., which in its 2025 World Watch List ranked Nigeria as seventh among the 50 states where Christians are most persecuted. More Christians were killed in Nigeria in the 2024 – 2025 study year than anywhere else, accounting for 3,100 of the 4,476 Christians killed globally that year, Open Doors said. Millions more are internally displaced.

“I just know that for too long, innocent women and children have been slaughtered and the silence of the international community has been deafening,” Williams said. “In my opinion, I think it’s about time that

something be done to highlight the situation. The military perspective, I don’t know, I’m not a politician and it’s very difficult to speak on those matters, but people are dying and little is being done about it.”

The narrative of an ongoing battle between Christian farmers and Fulani herdsman needs to be corrected, Williams said, to reflect that innocent Christians are being killed without provocation.

“There are Christian communities that have been slaughtered. There

are mass graves. While President Trump was making the announcement on (Oct.) 31st, killings went on, literally,” Williams said. “While that was going on, killings were going on in response. So people in Plateau, people in Benue, people in Southern Kaduna, they have now learned to dig mass graves. And it’s now the trend.”

Despite the horrors, Nigerian Christians are persevering in faith, Williams said. He is working with other ministers to aid villagers by installing solar panels

and distributing laptops, enabling them to tell their own stories of persecution and faith. Before the solar panels, villagers without electricity walked perhaps 10 miles just to charge their phones, Williams said.

He encourages Christians worldwide to pray for practical intervention to stop the killing, and to support persecuted African Christians through such projects as Arise Africa, an Open Door outreach in concert with the Association of Evangelicals in Africa. Arise Africa engages the global community in spreading awareness of the persecution and supporting Nigerian Christians spiritually, physically and emotionally.

“The scale is massive,” Williams said. “But beyond praying, you can send and you can give. It’s very important that you realize that there are whole communities right now that need our support, and we can explore creative ways to engage with them.”

Among the largest slaughters of Christians in Nigeria this year is the June slaughter of 200 Christians who were internally displaced in Nigeria and sheltered in Yelewata.

While Boko Haram targeted Christians and moderate Muslims in its early attacks, attacks in recent years by militant Fulani in the Middle Belt target Christian villages almost exclusively.

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Lexington health officials announce whooping cough outbreak

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

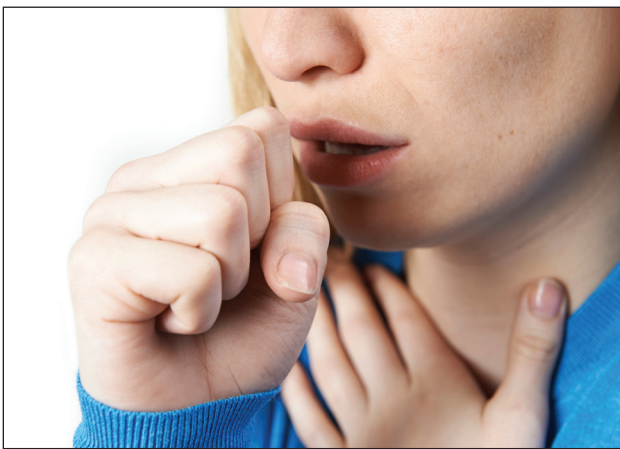
LEXINGTON, Ky. (KT) – Public health officials in Lexington are warning of an outbreak of pertussis, commonly known as whooping cough, with nearly a dozen cases in Fayette County in just over a month.

The Lexington-Fayette County Health Department (LFCHD) has confirmed 11 cases of pertussis since October 3, with the majority reported since October 24. Ten of the cases involve school-age children, and one case is a 1-year-old child. All individuals were up to date on their vaccinations.

The cases are distributed as follows: five at Paul Laurence Dunbar High School, three at Lafayette High School, one at Lansdowne Elementary School, and one at Lexington Christian Academy High School.

Pertussis is a highly contagious respiratory illness spread through coughing and sneezing, and it can be particularly severe for infants and those with chronic conditions.

Symptoms can begin like a common cold, including a runny nose, sneezing, low-grade fever and a nagging cough that resembles an allergy, but persists. After 1-2 weeks, the



cough may worsen, becoming intense and uncontrollable, sometimes accompanied by a “whooping” sound when gasping for air, vomiting or exhaustion. Caregivers should check for these symptoms in themselves and children and seek testing if pertussis is

suspected.

“Vaccines are one of the major achievements of modern medicine, helping eradicate diseases,” said Dr. Crystal Miller, Commissioner of Health for LFCHD. “Pertussis (aka whooping cough) is one of those vaccine preventable diseases.

We encourage families to get their children vaccinated and stay up to date on vaccines.”

The pertussis vaccine is routine and required for school-age children, with a Tdap booster recommended for those aged 11 and older. Immunity can wane over time, making boosters critical for older children and adults. Those who have never received the Tdap vaccine should contact their primary care provider or local health department to check availability.

Children with pertussis symptoms should stay home from school and visit a healthcare provider

for evaluation, even if vaccinated. Those diagnosed with probable or confirmed pertussis must remain out of school until completing antibiotic treatment. If someone in your household has pertussis, it’s recommended that other members of the household take a preventive antibiotic, called postexposure prophylaxis (PEP), to help stop the infection from spreading.

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Chief Justice Lambert files for re-election to Kentucky Supreme Court

By Tom Latek
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – Numerous candidates began filing for the 2026 Election last week, and that includes Kentucky Supreme Court Chief Justice Debra Hembree Lambert, who filed her re-election papers for a second eight-year term on Monday.

Lambert, who was chosen last year by her fellow justices for a four-year term as Chief Justice starting in January 2025, was first elected to the seven-member

High Court in November 2018, representing the 3rd Supreme Court District.

That district consists of 25 counties, stretching from Anderson and Nelson counties in the North, down to the Tennessee line, and as far East as Bell and Harlan counties.

Lambert came to the Supreme Court, following four years as a member of the Kentucky Court of Appeals. Prior to that, she was a Circuit Judge in the Family Court division for the 28th

Judicial Circuit, which is composed of Lincoln, Pulaski and Rockcastle counties.

A native of Bell County, Lambert earned a bachelor's degree from Eastern Kentucky University, then earned her law degree from the University of Kentucky College of Law in 1989.

She had been Deputy Chief Justice and while serving in that post led the Kentucky Judicial Commission on Mental Health, which is working to address mental health needs, substance use disorder



Chief Justice Debra Hembree Lambert delivered the message during her first State of the Judiciary address.

der and intellectual and developmental disabilities. Lambert named Justice Robert B. Conley to succeed her as chair of the Commission.

When she was elected as Chief Jus-

tice to replace Lorraine B. VanMeter upon his retirement, Lambert stated, "I know it is certainly no small task to lead the Judicial Branch of government. Our judges, clerks and

administrative employees handle large dockets and special programs with great efficiency. While it may be notable that I will be the first woman to serve as chief justice in Kentucky, I am most proud to be a small-town kid from the mountains of Eastern Kentucky who has had a lot of support and encouragement along the way."

Lambert and her husband, Joseph Sharpe, reside on Lake Cumberland in Burnside in Pulaski County.



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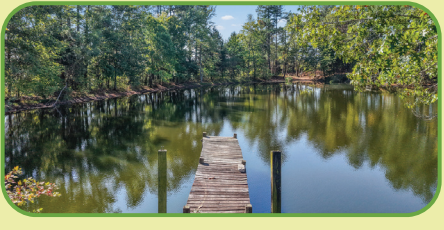
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Charlotte Jean Sullivan Fraser, beloved wife, mother, and friend, passed away peacefully on Monday, November 3, 2025 at Life Care Center of La Center at the age of 84.

Funeral services will were held at 2:00 pm on Thursday, November 6, 2025 at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Wickliffe with Bro. Butch Latta, Bro. Eric Hayden, and Bro. Daniel Fraser officiating. Burial followed at Bethlehem Cemetery in Wickliffe.

Bonita Gail Smith, age 74, passed away on November 5, 2025, at Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah, KY.

Funeral Services were held on Sunday, November 9, 2025, at Morrow Funeral Chapel at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Dudley Hamilton officiating. Interment followed at LaCenter Cemetery in LaCenter, Ky.

Omega Bickford, age 71, passed away to her heavenly home surrounded by her loved ones on Wednesday, November 5, 2025.

Visitation Services were held on Friday, November 7, 2025, at Morrow Funeral Chapel of LaCenter beginning at 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Funeral Services were held on Saturday, November 8, 2025, at Morrow Funeral Chapel of LaCenter beginning at 1:00 p.m. with Larry Powell officiating.

• CALDWELL •

Marvalyn Joy Kelly, age 79, of Eddyville, KY, formerly of Florida, passed away November 11, 2025 at Princeton Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. There will be no services held at this time.

Donald “Jay” Herron, age 66, of Princeton, passed away on Tuesday, November 11, 2025, at his home surrounded by family.

Visitation for Jay Herron will be held at Morgan’s Funeral Home on Friday, November 14, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

Paula Dunning, age 78, of Princeton, passed away Saturday, November 8, 2025, at Madisonville Baptist Health, surrounded by her family.

Funeral Services were held Monday, November 10, 2025, at Morgan’s Funeral Home at 2:00 pm with Bro. Bill Bruce officiating. Burial to follow in Woodruff Cemetery in Caldwell County.

Everett Euen Rustin, 85, of Princeton, passed away on Thursday, November 6, 2025, peacefully at his home. Graveside services were held at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 9, 2025, at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Caldwell County with Bro. Jerry Holeman officiating.

Willie “Bill” Butler, age 87 of Eddyville passed away on Wednesday, November 5, 2025 at his home.

Visitation for Mr. Butler was held on Saturday, November 8, 2025 from 12:00 PM until 2:00 pm at Lakeland Funeral Home in Eddyville. A private graveside services was conducted.

William D. Hughey, age 96, of Gallatin, TN formerly of Princeton, passed away Tuesday, November, 4, 2025 in Gallatin, TN.

A graveside service was held at 10:00 am Thursday, November 13, 2025 at Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Brenda Ann Gilkey, born on November 8, 1945, in Princeton, Kentucky, passed away peacefully at her residence on November 4, 2025.

The visitation honoring Brenda took place on November 6, 2025, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM, followed by the funeral service at 1:00 PM at Goodman Funeral Home, located at 1032 West Main St, Princeton, KY 42445. Burial followed at Lamasco Baptist Church Cemetery with Bro. Kyle Noffsinger officiating.

• CALLOWAY •

Johnny Clayton Garland, age 79, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away Tuesday, November 10,

2025, at The Anna Mae Owen Residential Hospice House.

A graveside service will be held at 1:00 p.m., Friday, November 14, 2025, at the Hooper Cemetery with Bro. Philip Bazzell officiating. There will be no public visitation held before the graveside service.

Bobbie Dean Turbeville, age 93, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away on Saturday, November 8, 2025, at her home at Hickory Woods in Murray, Kentucky.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, November 15, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home and Cremation Services with Steve Welter and Ted Franklin Belue officiating. Visitation will be held prior to the funeral service on Saturday, November 15, 2025, from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home and Cremation Services. A private family graveside will be held at a later date at the Gore Springs Methodist Church Cemetery in Gore Springs, Mississippi, where she will be laid to rest next to her husband, Jack Turbeville.

Steve Anderson Jackson, age 76, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away Saturday, November 8, 2025, at Spring Creek Health Care in Murray, Kentucky.

A funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, November 16, 2025, at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services with Pastor Dan Peters officiating. Burial will follow in the Murray City Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., Sunday, November 16, 2025, at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

Theresa “Teri” Prince, of Murray, KY and Lakewood Ranch, FL passed away on November 2, 2025, at the age of 68.

Per Teri’s wishes, cremation has taken place. A celebration of life will be held at 1:00 p.m., Monday, December 1, 2025, at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services with Rev. Tim Palmer officiating. Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Monday, December 1, 2025, at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services. This will be a joint service with her husband, Thomas Elton Grantz who passed away August 23, 2024.

Ray Gene Coursey, Sr., 82 of Murray, KY, passed away Saturday, November 8, 2025, at the Anna Mae Owen Residential Hospice House, Murray, KY. Honoring Ray’s wishes, his family will remember him privately, with no public visitation or services being held.

David Marlin Balentine, 87 of Murray, KY, passed away Saturday, November 8, 2025, at the Murray Calloway County Hospital, surrounded by his loving family.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, November 14, 2025, in the chapel of Blalock-Coleman Funeral Home, with Bro. Brett Miles and Bro. Steve Phillips officiating. Burial will immediately follow the service in the Murray Memorial Gardens.

• CHRISTIAN •

Brandon Harold “Taptan” Higgins, age 40, of Hopkinsville, passed away on Wednesday, November 5, 2025, at the 4500 Block of US 41 in Hopkinsville.

Funeral Services were held at 1:00 PM on Thursday, November 13, 2025, at Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home with Bro. Thad Hopper officiating and burial to follow in Macedonia Baptist Church Cemetery.

Betty Sue Duncan Workman, 90, of Cox Mill Road, died Sunday, November 9, 2025, resting peacefully at home. Services were held 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home, with Pastor Todd Goulet officiating. Burial followed in Riverside Cemetery.

Charles Clayborn Walton, Jr., 78, died at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, November 8, 2025 at Saint Thomas West Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday,

November 11, 2025 at Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home with Rev. Paul Ganther and Rev. Rachel Ganther officiating. Burial followed in Riverside Cemetery.

Roberta Jackson, 75, Hopkinsville, passed away on Sunday, November 9, 2025, in Auburn, KY. Burial was held at Caves Springs Cemetery, November 13th at 12 pm.

Crystal Lynn Hachey, 51, of Hopkinsville, KY died at 3:51 a.m. Thursday, November 6, 2025 at her residence. No services will be held.

Ila Mae Holder, 87, of Hopkinsville, KY died at 10:18 p.m. Wednesday, November 5, 2025 at her residence.

Funeral service were held 2:00 p.m. Sunday, November 9, 2025 at Dogwood Funerals & Cremations of Hopkinsville with Paige Sperry Williams officiating.

Cordie E. Croft, 85, of Hopkinsville, KY passed away at 9:00 a.m. Monday, November 3, 2025, with his wife by his side. A memorial service will be held at a later date at Kentucky Veteran’s Cemetery West.

• CRITTENDEN •

Michael “Mike” Elwood Lott, age 51, of Marion, KY, left this walk of life on Wednesday, November 5, 2025, at Deaconess Hospital of Henderson. Graveside services were held on Thursday, November 13, 2025, at 1:00 PM at Frances Cemetery.

Karen Ruth Wilderman, age 72, of Marion, KY, passed away on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, at Livingston County Hospital.

Visitation was held on Thursday, November 6, 2025, from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion.

Doris Annette Ivy-Angel age 49 of Evansville, Indiana passed away November 10, 2025 at Deaconess Hospital Midtown.

Graveside funeral services for Doris will be held Saturday, November 15, 2025 at 1 PM at New Union/Ditney cemetery.

• CARLISLE •

Gregory J. Calley, of Bardwell, formally from Countryside, Illinois, passed away at his residence on November 3, 2025. There are no services scheduled at this time.

• GRAVES/FULTON/HICKMAN •

Rosanna Hutchinson, age 54, passed away at her home on Monday, November 10, 2025. There are no services planned at this time.

Roger Thomas Carr, age 77, of Pryorsburg passed away Sunday, November 9, 2025 at Stonecreek Health and Rehab in Paducah, KY. A private family service for Mr. Roger Thomas Carr will be held at a later date.

Nancy Cochrum Hargrove, 79, of Mayfield, KY passed away Friday, November 7, 2025 at the Mills Health and Rehab in Mayfield.

A funeral service for Nancy Cochrum Hargrove was held at 1:00 PM Tuesday, November 11, 2025 at Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY. Chris Kemp and Rev. Glenn Cope will officiate. Interment followed in the North Mt. Zion Cemetery in Mayfield, KY.

Linda Simonds Collins, age 75, of Lynnvile, KY passed away Friday, November 7, 2025 at her residence.

A funeral service for Linda Simonds Collins was held at 1:00 PM Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at the Water Valley Pentecostal Tabernacle Church. Rev. Marcus McClure officiated. Interment followed in the Water Valley Pentecostal Cemetery.

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Charlie Lee Waycaster, 93, of Clinton, Kentucky, passed away peacefully on November 10, 2025 at Murray-Calloway County Hospital. A memorial service will be held at 1 PM Saturday, November 22, 2025 at Clinton First United Methodist Church in Clinton, Kentucky. Inurnment will follow at the Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial Visitation will be held after 11 AM on Saturday, November 22, 2025 at the Church.

Sandra K. Stone, age 80, of Mayfield, passed away on Sunday, November 9, 2025, at the Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah. In keeping with her wishes, no services are planned.

Laurine Wood age 95 of Mayfield passed away at 8:55 PM Wednesday November 5, 2025 at Mills Health & Rehab in Mayfield. Private graveside services will be conducted Monday at Camp Beuregard Cemetery in Water Valley.

Joseph Benjamin “Joe Ben” Cissell age 48, of Fancy Farm, Ky. and a former resident of the Melber community of Graves County, Ky. Passed away on Monday November 3, 2025 at his residence. Graveside services were held at St. Jerome Catholic Cemetery on Friday November 7, 2025 at 11:00 A.M. with Fr. Darrell Venters officiating.

Mildred Janell Worthy, age 83 of Mayfield, KY passed away on November 3, 2025 at Mercy Health- Lourdes in Paducah, KY. Graveside Services were held at 11:00 AM Friday, November 7, 2025 at the Trace Creek Cemetery with Rev. Ronnie Stinson Sr. and Rev. Ronnie Stinson Jr. officiating.

Randy Keith Marr, age 69, of Dukedom, Tennessee, passed away on Friday, November 7, 2025, at Diversicare of Martin in Martin, Tennessee. Funeral services for Mr. Randy Marr were held at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 9, 2025, at Jackson Funeral Home in Dukedom, with burial to follow in Oak Grove Cemetery.

• HENDERSON •

Matthew Scott Beno, age 48, of Henderson, KY, passed away at 12:04 a.m. on Monday, November 10, 2025, at the Lucy Smith King Care Center under the care of St. Anthony’s Hospice. The funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Henderson, KY.

Charles “Buddy” Eugene Van Bussum, age 64, of Hebbardsville, KY, passed away at 11:22 a.m. on Thursday, November 5, 2025, at Norton’s Hospital in Louisville, KY. The funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at the funeral home with Brother Danny Greene officiating. Burial will follow at Bethel Cemetery in Henderson County, KY.

Tonya Riley, also known as “Granny”, age 60, of Henderson, KY, passed away on Wednesday, November 5, 2025, at her home. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

James Dorris Hagan, age 85, of Henderson, KY, passed away on Wednesday, November 5, 2025, at Redbanks Nursing Home. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 11, 2025, at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church in Henderson, KY. Burial will follow at St. Peter’s Cemetery in Waverly, KY.

• HOPKINS/MADISONVILLE •

Dennis Nolan Barker, 77, of Madisonville, KY, passed away, Sunday, November 9, 2025, at Baptist Health Deaconess in Madisonville. Funeral services will be 2:00 P.M. Monday, November 17, 2025, at Earlington First Assembly of God with Rev. Johnny McCurry officiating. Burial will follow at West Lawn Cemetery. Visitation will be from 12:00 P.M. until service time on Monday at the church

Edwin “Eddie” Dale Burns Jr., 47, of Barnsley, Kentucky, passed away peacefully at 6:30 p.m. Funeral services for Eddie were held at 12:00 p.m. Saturday November 8, 2025 at Earlington Assembly of God Church in Earlington, where visitation and viewing was held from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. with Timothy Vannoy as eulogist. Burial was in Grapevine Cemetery in Madisonville.

Betty Alice Offutt Berry, 75 of White Plains passed away Thursday, November 6, 2025, at Muhlenberg Community Hospital. Service were Sunday, November 8th at 2:00pm at Bandy Funeral Home in Nortonville with Pastor Johnny McCurry officiating. Burial followed at Suthards Cemetery in Earlington.

Betty Lusk Gentry, 83, of Madisonville, KY, passed away on Saturday, November 8, 2025, at Ridgewood Terrace Health & Rehab in Madisonville. A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, November 16, 2025, in the chapel of Harris Funeral Home with Pastor Karla Fullwood officiating. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. until the service hour on Sunday at the funeral home.

Mary Frances Fulcher Batchelor, 83, of Madisonville, KY, passed away on Thursday, November 6, 2025, at her home. A funeral service was held at 12 p.m. on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, in the chapel of Harris Funeral Home with Pastor Robbie Knox officiated and Bishop Ronnie Hendricks assisting. Burial to follow at Shady Grove Cemetery in Poole, KY.

Pamela “Pam” DeMoss Stanley, 66, of Mortons Gap, KY, passed away on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, at her home. A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Harris Funeral Home in Madisonville was entrusted with care.

• LIVINGSTON •

Kaden Travis Guill, 18, of Salem passed away Monday, November 3, 2025 at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services. Graveside services were held on Sunday, November 9, 2025, at 1:30PM at Asbridge Cemetery with burial to follow. Friends visited with the family from 11AM till 1PM, Sunday in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services.

Robert Eugene “Bobby” Bebout, 91 of Lola, KY, passed away Monday, November 03, 2025 at his home. Funeral services were held at 1PM Saturday, November 08, 2025 at Lola Pentecostal Church, with Bro. Tim Fouts officiating. Burial will follow at Lola Pentecostal Cemetery.

• LYON •

Marvalyn Joy Kelly, age 79, of Eddyville, KY, formerly of Florida, passed away November 11, 2025 at Princeton Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. There will be no services held at this time.

Donald “Jay” Herron, age 66, of Princeton, passed away on Tuesday, November 11, 2025, at his home surrounded by family. Visitation for Jay Herron will be held at Morgan’s Funeral Home on Friday, November 14, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Paula Dunning, age 78, of Princeton, passed away Saturday, November 8, 2025, at Madisonville Baptist Health, surrounded by her family. Visitation was held for Paula Dunning on Monday, November 10, 2025, at Morgan’s Funeral Home from 12:00 pm to 2:00 PM. Funeral Services were held Monday, November 10, 2025, at Morgan’s Funeral Home at 2:00 pm with Bro. Bill Bruce officiating.

Everett Euen Rustin, 85, of Princeton, passed away on Thursday, November 6, 2025, peacefully at his home. Graveside services were held at 1:00

p.m. on Sunday, November 9, 2025, at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Caldwell County with Bro. Jerry Holeman officiating.

• MARSHALL •

Mary “Helen” White, 89 of Benton, Kentucky passed away on Thursday, November 6, 2025, at Lake Way Nursing & Rehabilitation in Benton, Kentucky. Visitation was held on Sunday, November 9, 2025 from 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm at Collier Funeral Home located at 211 West 5th Street Benton, KY 42025.

• McCRACKEN •

John Dixon Williams, 83, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away on Monday, November 10, 2025, at the Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center at Mercy Health Lourdes. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, November 13, 2025, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah with Rev. Bob Martin officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Kenton Cemetery.

Robert Charles Wray, known as Robbie to his loved ones, passed away on November 7, 2025, in Paducah, Kentucky. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah with Pastor Boogie Butler officiating. Burial will follow the service at New Liberty Cemetery.

Billie Thompson, 96, lived life with such gusto and kindness that people of all ages would say, “When I grow up, I want to be like Billie.” A native of Hinkle Creek, Miss., Billie died November 5, 2025, at Baptist Health Paducah after a brief illness. Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, November 10, 2025 at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah, 120 Memorial Drive, Paducah, with visitation beginning at noon.

Hillary Katelin (Page) Cline passed away at Aperion Care Summerfield in Cloverdale, Indiana, on November 3rd, 2025. A memorial service was held at 12 P.M. on Saturday, November 8th, 2025, at the Reidland Baptist Church. Bro. Eric Barron and Dr. Brad White will be officiating.

Jayne Cathcart Crisp, 81, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away at 10:47 a.m. Sunday, November 2, 2025, at her residence. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, November 6, 2025, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah with Rev. Larry Lewis officiating. Graveside services will follow at 3:00 p.m. at the Greenhill Memorial Gardens in Hopkinsville, Kentucky.

Wanda Lee Davis, 89, of Metropolis died on Saturday, November 8, 2025, at Southgate Nursing & Rehab in Metropolis. Private family services will be held with burial at the Masonic Cemetery in New Columbia.

Trudy Kay Helton of Paducah born Aug 1, 1966, lost her battle with cancer on November 7, 2025, a fighter to the very end. Funeral services were held at 1:00pm on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at Lindsey Funeral Home with the Rev. Joel Harper officiating. Burial will follow at Doom’s Chapel Cemetery in Symsonia.

Fayette Marie Clark age 69 of Paducah, passed away on Thursday, November 6, 2025 at the Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center of Paducah. More details forthcoming. Funeral services have been scheduled for Saturday, November 15, 2025, 11:00 a.m. at Washington Street Baptist Church with Pastor Raynarldo Henderson officiating. Burial will follow in Oak Grove Cemetery. Family will receive friends Saturday at the church from 10:00 a.m. until the funeral hour.

Onie E. Reid, 86, of Paducah passed away on Thursday, November 6, 2025, at Mercy Health

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Lourdes in Paducah.
Funeral services were held at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, November 11, 2025, at Hughes Funeral Home in Paducah with Jonathan Goodman officiating. Burial will follow at Maplelawn Park Cemetery in Paducah.

Jeffrey “Lumpy” Lynn Riley, 51, of Paducah, Kentucky, traded this world for heaven on November 3, 2025.
Jeff’s memorial service was held at Heartland Church on Saturday, November 8, 2025.

• TRIGG •

Dalton Jeremiah Brown, age 16, of Cadiz, Kentucky, passed away on Monday, November 10, 2025, at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee.
A memorial visitation to honor Dalton’s life will be held on Friday, November 14, 2025, 4-7 PM, at Goodwin Funeral Home, 138 Main Street in Cadiz.

Kenneth “Ken” E. Nicholson, Sr., age 91, of Hermitage, TN, passed away on Thursday, November 6, 2025, at The Meadows in Nashville,

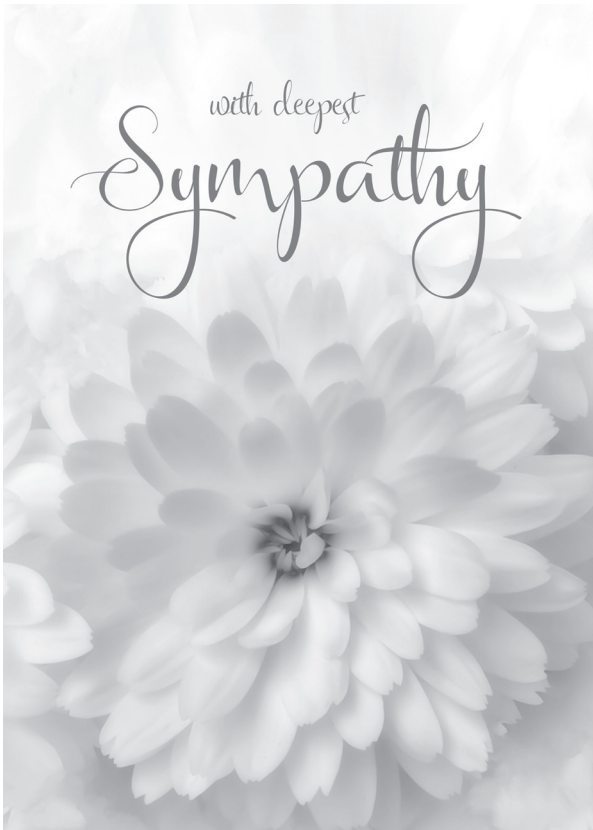
TN. A graveside service with Masonic Rites was held at 1:30 PM, Sunday, November 9, 2025, at Trigg Memory Acres, King’s Chapel Rd in Cadiz, with Dr. Mike Rust officiating. A memorial service is also planned for a later date in Donelson, TN.

• UNION •

Sandy Wilkins, age 64, of Morganfield, KY passed away Tuesday, Nov 4, 2025 at her home. Funeral service was held 1 PM Friday November 7, 2025 at Whitsell Funeral Home in Morganfield, KY. Bro Bill Lindsey will officiate.

• WEBSTER •

Esther Ruth Frederick, 91, of Robards, KY, passed on November 3, 2025, surrounded by her loving children and grandchildren at her home in Robards, KY.
Graveside services were held on Saturday November 8, 2025, at 11:00 AM at Lakeview Cemetery in Providence, KY with Pastor Brian West officiating.



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

Prichard Committee: Strengthen Kentucky’s high school diplomas

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

LEXINGTON, Ky. (KT) – The Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence released a report Wednesday that calls for strengthening Kentucky’s high school diploma, so every student leaves prepared for the opportunities and challenges of a rapidly changing economy.
The report, titled “Kentucky’s Edge: A

Diploma That Means More,” draws on years of research, deep community engagement and a statewide survey of more than 600 employers.
Despite Kentucky’s high graduation rate, the findings reveal that too many students graduate without all the skills and experiences they need to succeed. Just 12 percent of Kentucky employers report strong confidence in graduates’ workforce

readiness, and fewer than one in three students demonstrate proficiency in core academics.
With major shifts in the labor market ahead, including the rise of AI and the growing importance of postsecondary credentials, the Prichard Committee calls for redesigning Kentucky’s high school experience to align better with the needs of today’s economy.
“Kentucky has

climbed to the top five among the 50 states in high school graduation rates, and that should be celebrated,” said Brigitte Blom, president & CEO of the Prichard Committee. “This is the next step in the story of getting Kentucky to the top of the nation in academic outcomes and economic mobility. Our students deserve a diploma that is a true launchpad to success. This is a moment for courage,

innovation and shared responsibility.”
The report outlines a framework for redesigning the high school experience that emphasizes mastery of core academics, durable skills like communication and critical thinking, real-world learning opportunities, and strong postsecondary and career navigation.
“Kentucky employers and educators agree: we need graduates who can

think critically, solve problems and contribute on day one,” said Haley McCoy, chair of the Prichard Committee’s Meaningful Diploma Steering Committee. “This report offers a clear path forward—one rooted in Kentucky values and informed by national best practices. It’s ambitious, achievable and essential for our students and our workforce.”

Bitter Cold Grips Western Kentucky as Early Winter Arrives

By Wilbur Jackson
KPI Writer

Western Kentucky is in the midst of an unusually early cold snap this week, with temperatures plunging well below seasonal averages and setting new records across the region. Residents accustomed to mild November weather have been met with frigid mornings, icy winds, and widespread frost, signaling that winter has arrived ahead of schedule.
According to the

National Weather Service in Paducah, overnight lows dipped into the teens and low 20s across much of western Kentucky on Tuesday and Wednesday, with wind chills making it feel even colder. In some areas, temperatures were more typical of January than mid-November. Paducah recorded a low of 18°F, while Murray and Madisonville both reported early morning readings around 20°F. The chill follows a strong cold front that swept

across the Midwest over the weekend, dragging Arctic air deep into the Ohio Valley.
“This is one of the earliest cold waves we’ve seen in years,” said meteorologist Chris Noles with the National Weather Service. “Many locations are running 15 to 20 degrees below normal for this time of year, and several daily records have already been broken.”
The sudden freeze has caused challenges for local farmers and

gardeners who were still tending to late fall crops. Many scrambled to cover plants and protect livestock as temperatures plummeted. Agricultural experts warn that the early cold could damage winter wheat and other sensitive crops if freezing conditions persist.
Energy demand has also surged as residents turned up their heat. Utility companies in the region are encouraging conservation and reminding customers to winterize

homes and check heating systems. “We’re seeing an early test of the grid,” said a spokesperson for Jackson Purchase Energy Cooperative. “So far, the system is holding up well, but we urge everyone to be mindful of energy use during peak hours.”
Public safety officials are urging residents to take precautions during the cold spell, especially when traveling. Frost and black ice have been reported on rural roads and bridges,

creating hazardous driving conditions during early morning hours. Warming centers have opened in several communities to assist those without adequate heat.
Forecasters expect temperatures to slowly moderate by the weekend, but another round of cold weather could follow next week. For now, western Kentuckians are bundling up and bracing for what looks to be an early preview of a long, cold winter ahead.

VICTORIOUS *Living* ...in a troubled world

When the dust settles God will still be God

By Teresa LeNeave
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“Discernment,” Charles Spurgeon said, “is not knowing the difference in what is right and what is wrong, but it is in knowing what is right and what is almost right. For our country, our pastors and our leaders, I praying for discernment. I’m praying for them to know the difference in what is right and what is almost right.

But there is something that else that captures my attention this week: God in us. The hope of glory. (Colossians 1:27) ... and what that means for ordinary people in an unordinary world. We need discernment, too.

Psalm 84:5-6 says, “Blessed is the man whose strength is in you (the Lord): in whose heart are the ways of them who passing through the valley of Baca make

it a well ...” Life is a path. Often called a journey. We live pretty mundane lives until we realize how fragile the path is. I, for one, am so thankful to know the Lord is our strength; a very present help in time of need. (Psalm 46:1).

From time to time, we find ourselves in moments when the “need-to-know” consumes our thinking and knowing what’s right and what’s almost right becomes of upmost importance. It’s like we’re on this journey, navigating a path in an unfamiliar world, searching for right answers. It’s in these moments when remembering God is with us, and in us, that matters most. “In Him we live, and move and have our being” (Acts 17:28).

I love Psalm 84:6 that says “who passing through the valley of Baca, make it



a well”. When trouble comes, they turn lemons into lemonade. Our perspective can change when we know God is our helper; our strength; an ever-present help and when praise becomes our refuge and faith builder.

Somehow when we place God in the center of our lives,

the Lord makes a way for everything to work out. The Lord knows how to work supernaturally. I’ve been healed of paralysis when the doctors had no answers. I’ve been healed of lung disease when doctors had plans to take half of my lung out, and even been witness to

people miraculously healed of cancer. So, I know “above it all, there stands Jesus”. He saved Daniel in the lion’s den. He saved a nation when one stone, in the hand of a young boy who trusted in God, took down a giant and set a nation free.

God is not just another addition to

our very, very busy lives. We can’t fix everything, but we know a man who can. God is faithful and when the dust settles, we can look back and say, “Only God” and how thankful we’ll be when we knew the difference in what is right and what is almost right.



By Gary Miller
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It was a cold October day. The fog wouldn’t lift until late morning. It was the opening day of Kentucky’s muzzleloader season, and I was high atop a mountain looking for a buck making his way back to his bedding area. The day was perfect for deer movement, and it wasn’t long until the action began. As soon as daylight broke, I began to softly rattle, just enough to let the neighborhood deer

know there were two bucks around. I especially wanted the boss buck to know he had two intruders. At 9:00 I spotted antlers about 45 yards away. The buck stood at that distance for a minute or two, long enough for me to get a decent glimpse of size of his head gear. I was in big buck territory, and I had my hopes set on a wall-hanger. This buck was close to being just that. As he looked up toward me,

I quickly appraised the width of his rack. He was a good buck; not exactly what I was looking for, but nevertheless a good buck. That’s when the temptation began. For the next ten minutes I watched that buck through my scope. I counted eight points and no brow tines. He came as close as 25 yards. I wanted to shoot badly, but I also wanted to wait. I knew in Kentucky a hunter

has only one buck tag. So, whatever I took, would end my season in that state. In a matter of a few short minutes I argued, debated, and weighed my options. I was torn in so many directions. I could settle for what was sure and safe or I could wait with no promise of ever seeing anything bigger the rest of the season. I passed, but I’m glad that deer didn’t stick around much longer. After he left, I thought about what had just transpired. I was reminded that my life and yours is made of the same choice I just made.

Most people go through life settling for what is safe and sure, while God has something so much better for them. This happens because the lure of the good that is in our sight is stronger than the lure of the best that is just out of our sight. While certainty can be good and somewhat safe, it can also hold you in a situation that keeps you from the place you are meant to be. The Bible calls all of Jesus’ followers to walk by faith. Sometimes that means forgoing what’s in front of you, for something better but not yet

seen. Are you settling for what is good because you can see the outcome? It may look good, but it may be keeping you from something better that is just around the next hill.

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Appreciating and honoring our nation’s veterans

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This is the official week when we honor and remember all of our veterans, but hopefully, we appreciate their service and sacrifices every day of the year. Most people assume the special day is spelled, “Veteran’s Day” however the day does not belong to veterans, but rather honors all veterans so no apostrophe is needed. Also, Veterans Day is not the same as Memorial Day as this is a time to remember those who literally gave their lives for our country, particularly in battle or from wounds they suffered in battle. Veterans Day which was originally called Armistice Day, honors all those who have served the country in war or peace, living or deceased, and is intended to show appreciation for all veterans for their military service.

When we think about those who have served our nation, we realize that many men and women have paid a great price trying to defend and protect us and we are truly grateful. We can also look around and see many wounded warriors who are faced to live with physical disabilities along with serious psychological

problems resulting from what they have gone through. Though we might not be aware of the severity of this situation, there is an ongoing phenomenon regarding the high rate of suicide among U.S. military veterans. According to a report published by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs in 2016, which analyzed 55 million individual cases from 1974 to 2014, along with more recent data, tragically confirmed that an average of 22 veterans commit suicide each day. In May 2019, President Trump signed an executive order for an initiative to counter this horrible reality. The program aims to equip state and local governments with the resources necessary to identify and intervene in scenarios where veterans may be at risk. Included within the record \$73.1 billion dollars for veteran health services is \$8.6 billion allocated for mental health services.

I’m reminded of a story about a young man named Josh who suffered a traumatic brain injury in Iraq and which left him with extreme hopelessness and depression. He had been deployed Southwest of Baghdad where during an attack, a



mortar exploded 10 feet away from him, leaving him severely wounded and with a one-way ticket home. Six months later, on one particular winter evening, he was really having a hard time trying to fight the shadows of fear and sadness. His Ka-Bar knife was laying on the table beside his computer where he had just written a letter trying to explain his torment. He stepped outside to sit on the cold and wet cement steps just wanting to end it all. He remembers promising to himself that tonight I will, as he took another drag from his cigarette. Staring out into the darkness, he noticed something moving

and soon discovered it was a kitten that was slowly walking toward him. It was soaking wet but friendly and obviously with being so skinny, it was hungry. It was a tom with black and white patches and when Josh reached out to pet him, the mysterious visitor leaned into his touch and started to purr. This emotional connection with another living being triggered something deep within Josh’s heart as he felt hot tears running down his face in the cold drizzle. The kitten did not show fear but just kept staring at him with beautiful green eyes. In fact, Josh says this innocent creature seemed to understand how desperately I

needed a friend at that very moment.

He carried his unexpected guest inside, dried him off and gave him some food. His plan to end it all had been distracted. Holding the kitten close, Josh considered he might not be able to deal with his own problems, but decided that he could try to help this little fellow with his. Josh named him Scout and on bad days, Scout would curl up in Josh’s lap and shower him with love that brought comfort and peace. Over the next few weeks, the bond they developed inspired Josh to request help for his depression, and eventually, he grew stronger in his faith and confidence.

It’s not a stretch of the imagination that Scout helped save his life as Josh is now married and his wife just gave birth to a baby girl. Of course, Scout still loves to sleep in Josh’s lap. If you are a veteran and struggling with PTSD, counselors are available at 1-800-273-8255. “I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears” Psalm 34:4.

Dr. Holland is a Christian minister, author, and community outreach chaplain. Ask for a free download of his song, “Intentions of the Heart” at psalmz103@gmail.com

WHEN THE MORNING COMES

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Waking up to the welcoming warmth of the morning sun when winter backpacking is a wonderful experience. I remember one occasion when I was trekking through the Lusk Creek Wilderness of southern Illinois, and temperatures tumbled to the mid-20s. And I shivered without sleep despite my best efforts to keep warm. I was bundled in a sleeping bag, blanketed with thermal clothes, and burning beside me was a small fire, but nothing could

keep me warm. The only thought that got me through the chilly night was, “Just a few hours longer. I only have to wait for the sunrise, and the cold will disappear. Just hang on until the morning comes.” Likewise, the warming truth that encourages the Lord’s saints to bear the bitter cold of trials and tribulations is this: we only have to suffer “until the morning comes.” The sun of God’s working-all-things-for-good providence will eventually rise and warm the weary soul (Rom.

8:28). Trials will not go on forever, and His goodness will finally rise upon us to melt away the icy coldness of troubles. And sometimes, the blanket of good days and warm encouragement from friends are not enough to keep us from shivering during frigid tribulations. But we do not have to give up—we need only to remind ourselves, “Just hang on until the morning comes.” More importantly, one day the Son will appear and the warmth of His welcoming presence will melt away

sin, sorrow, sickness, and suffering. God assured us in Malachi: “But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall” (Mal. 4:2, KJV). Furthermore, on that bright and cloudless morning we shall be taken to glory, where His presence replaces the heat of the sun: “No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship

him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever (Rev. 22:3-5). This soul-warming truth is eloquently expressed in When the Morning Comes, a hymn written by Charles Albert Tindley (1851-1933):

“Trials dark on ev’ry hand,

and we cannot understand

*All the ways that God would lead us

to that blessed Promised Land;

But He’ll guide us with His eye,

and we’ll follow till we die;

We will understand it better by and by.

By and by, when the morning comes,

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Cemetery Restoration in Western Kentucky

By Betty L. Johnson
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THANK YOU SOUTHERN FOUNDATION, INC. for awarding MOUNT, Inc. (Many Old Unique Needy Tombstones), a grant to help us toward purchasing Ground Penetrating Radar equipment. The GPR will help to find and raise many sunken stones in our county cemeteries. We look forward to continue restoring our old cemeteries again in 2026, when weather is warmer. The cemetery working season has been from Spring until Thanksgiving for the past sixteen years. Reportedly, our county has 200 old family

cemeteries abandoned and hidden away in fields and woods. We are always looking for more volunteers.

The Tharp Family Historic Cemetery is located West of Barlow on the old Piper farm, Holloway Landing Rd. The completely overgrown cemetery received a major cleanup on Saturday, November 1, 2025, by our Ballard County Cemetery Restoration group. The little historic cemetery is barely visible, right in the middle of a recently harvested soybean field; surrounded by beautiful trees in a hilly area. Sadly, many stones are missing.

There should be the following burial sites that are not found in

the old cemetery: Cyril Tharp, Frelin Tharp, father of Judge J. H. Thorp, who is buried in Barlow Cemetery. Plus, Nancy Tharp, wife of Frelin, and Matilda Wagoner; a little girl, who is the daughter of Mittie Henderson Wagoner and Benjamin Wagoner. Matilda's mother buried in old Barlow Cemetery, father in old Hazlewood, both died prior to 1894.

Only one large stone pictured was found standing in the cleaned up cemetery; namely of Joann Wagoner Tharp (1851-1887), first wife of Judge J. H (James Howard 1846-1929). They married in 1868 and had 10 children. We believe many



of the children are also buried in the cemetery, resulting in many sunken stones. Judge J. H. Tharp remarried, and he is buried in the Wickliffe Cemetery.

There is an internet page full of interesting history on Judge

Tharp and the father of Judge Tharp; Frelin Tharp (1804-1867, 63 years of age), reportedly buried in the cemetery too. Frelin Tharp is buried along with his wife Nancy Hawes, according to the Ballard County Genealogy Historic Society Cemetery Book Volume III. The cemetery book also states the following: "Several citizens told us this family burial plot included other graves and tombstones, abandoned some years ago, as cattle roamed the field. Stones are now gone or buried in ground. Thanks to Dick Barclay, Arlington, who walked thru the county in 1960's and 70's searching and

reading old cemeteries. A portion of above burial listings is from what he found; other information given by family."

Many thanks to Keytha Piper, landowner, who originally requested our help. Keytha is very interested in our cemetery group restoring and maintaining this very historic cemetery. We also thank Tommy Quarles, who was also a big help in leading us to this hidden away little family cemetery.

All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose. Romans 8:28

ByHeart Recalls All Baby Formula Products Nationwide Amid Infant Botulism Outbreak

By Wilbur Jackson
KPI Writer

ByHeart, a manufacturer of organic baby formula, has issued a nationwide recall of all its products following an expanding outbreak of infant botulism. The recall, announced Tuesday, comes just days after an initial recall of two lots was expanded to include every ByHeart product sold in stores and online.

According to state and federal health officials, at least 15 infants across 12 states have been hospitalized with confirmed cases of botulism since August. All of the affected infants had consumed ByHeart formula. No deaths have been reported, but additional cases are under investigation.

The recall includes ByHeart Whole Nutrition Infant Formula and Anywhere Pack pouches of powdered formula, which are sold in major retailers including Target, Walmart, Albertsons, and Whole Foods. ByHeart sells roughly 200,000 cans per month nationwide. Parents and caregivers are being urged to “immediately discontinue use and dispose of the product,” said Dr. Devon Kuehn, ByHeart’s chief medical officer.

Although unopened cans have not tested positive for contamination, ByHeart officials said the company acted “in close collaboration” with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) out of caution. The bacteria that produces the botulinum toxin is common in the environment, meaning contamination could

have occurred after opening, they noted. “This action underscores ByHeart’s core mission: protecting babies above all else,” the company said in a statement.

The FDA confirmed that an open can of ByHeart formula linked to one sick infant in California tested positive for the toxin-producing bacteria. The agency recommended that ByHeart expand its recall due to the growing number of cases and evidence connecting multiple lot codes to the illnesses.

Since August, the FDA has been investigating 84 cases of infant botulism, 15 of which involved ByHeart formula. “ByHeart brand formula is disproportionately represented among sick infants in this outbreak, especially given that ByHeart represents only about 1% of U.S. infant formula sales,” the

agency said. Cases have been reported in Arizona, California, Illinois, Kentucky, Minnesota, North Carolina, New Jersey, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas, and Washington. No other formula brands have been linked to the outbreak.

ByHeart produces formula powder at a plant in Allerton, Iowa, and cans it in Portland, Oregon. FDA inspectors are currently examining the Oregon facility. The company said it has begun third-party testing of all formula batches and is working closely with regulators to ensure safety.

Infant botulism, though rare, is a serious illness affecting babies under one year old. It can cause muscle weakness, feeding difficulties, and breathing problems, and requires immediate medical care.

Dawson Springs elementary students pulled from class over ‘kill list’

DAWSON SPRINGS, Ky. (KT) — Authorities discovered a “kill list” on two elementary school girls and removed them from class.

According to a Dawson Springs Independent Schools release on its social media page, Superintendent Leonard Whalen said, “The teacher immediately confiscated the list, and the girls were immediately removed from class and are being dealt with on multiple levels.” Whalen noted that, “at this time, it appears there is no immediate threat.”

Whalen said the situation will be investigated thoroughly and the school system “will take appropriate action.” He said parents of anyone directly related to any threat will be contacted.

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COLUMN: Cats show fight, but have lot to work on after loss to Cards

By **KEITH TAYLOR**
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Kentucky was humbled in a disappointing loss to Louisville on Tuesday night. It was the kind of loss that carried some string with it.

The Wildcats got punched in the mouth early and after finally responding with a spirited run, ran out of gas and dropped a 96-88 decision to the rival Cardinals in the third game of the season for both teams. Read that again: Third game of the season. Translation: It's no time to panic.

Louisville was ready to make a statement and they did. They were the better team without question. Kentucky looked unsure of itself as the Cardinals ran away from them in the first 30 minutes of the game.

So, what did we learn?

Well, the Cats have a lot of work to do, especially on defense, but they showed some fight after falling behind by 20 points with 12:30 remaining. They got so close that NBA star and former Cardinal Donovan Mitchell, who ESPN kept showing in the stands, may have quit looking at his cellphone long enough to see what the hush was about when Kentucky pulled within 88-84 and Jaland Lowe standing on the free throw line.

Lowe missed the front end of the bonus, and the Cats could never get over the hump that was just too big to climb. The game looked like it was headed for embarrassment but it's still a loss that may temper expectations. Kentucky fans are good at over-reacting to wins and (especially) losses.

In a game typically played closer to Christmas than three weeks before Thanksgiving, the Cardinals took it to the Wildcats, especially in the first half. Louisville was the aggressor, and the Cats simply could not stop the ball. The Cardinals scored at will on drives to the baskets and then bombed shooting long 3-pointers that found the bottom of the net

with uncanny accuracy.

The tables were turned on the Cats, who pretty much have owned this series since the guy named John Calipari was on the sidelines. Well don't look now, but the rivalry is back in place. It was not a night for L's down.

Still, the Wildcats, who trailed by double digits for most of the game, turned a blow-out into a respectable final margin. They Cats made it interesting and probably had the Cardinals fans sweating a little when the margin slipped to only four points inside four minutes.

The game's numbers were fairly even except for one glaring statistic: turnovers.

Louisville had one fewer field goal and one more 3-pointer than Kentucky, but a big difference came in how the ball was handled. The Cardinals committed six turnovers compared to 14 for the Cats. That's a high number of turnovers even for the third game of the season against a high-caliber foe, which the Cardinals certainly are. The Cats must protect the ball.

Kentucky was sloppy and the Cardinals made them pay with 19 points in transition. Most of those easy baskets came in the first half as the Wildcats struggled with turnovers and an inability to find a rhythm on offense. Louisville was the more physical team. The Cats need to toughen up and be much more challenging on defense.

By the end of the first half, Louisville had scored more points (53) than Nicholls did in a 77-51 loss to the Wildcats and were within six of the 59 Valparaiso scored last Friday in a 48-point setback to Kentucky. But that's not surprising. Louisville is high caliber and will give anybody in the country fits.

The Cats had no answer for Louisville superstar freshman Mikel Brown Jr. and Ryan Conwell, who combined for 53 points - Brown with 29 and Conwell

with 24.

Denzel Aberdeen was a bright spot for Kentucky. The Florida transfer scored a season-high 26 points and made four 3-pointers. While Otega Oweh scored a dozen, he has to be able to consistently hit the shot from the deep corner because there's going to be a lot of chances coming with Aberdeen and Lowe's ability to draw defenders on drives. He has to be better at making that shot and be the driving force of the offense.

We also learned that Kentucky can't afford to play from behind against great opponents

– and they have a load of them on the schedule.

The good news is the Wildcats are only three games into the season. It's not even mid-No-

vember and the football season, as it turns out, has some surprising life left in it. So don't be discouraged. It really is early, and my guess is Kentucky would not mind a rematch with

Louisville one bit come March.

It's better to learn and take a loss now than take one later when it really hurts.

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