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SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

The trickle-down benefits of supporting small businesses



Small businesses dominate the commercial landscape. Whenever a person chooses to dine at a neighborhood restaurant, work with an independent contractor or visit a local clothing shop, they are participating in a practice that goes beyond any single transaction. Supporting small businesses creates an economic ripple that benefits consumers, workers and even entire communities.

Supporting small businesses leads to the "local multiplier effect." According to research by the American Independent Business Alliance, approximately $53 of every $100 spent at an independent local business stays in the local economy, compared to less than $14 spent at a national chain. This is because small businesses prioritize local suppliers, utilize community services and re-invest their profits locally. This continuous circulation of money directly funds communities through tax revenue that funds local infrastructure projects, public schools and emergency services.

Small businesses also are essential for job growth and employment stability. The U.S. Small Business Administration indicates that small businesses make up 99.9 percent of all American enterprises, employing around 60 million workers, or nearly half of the private sector workforce. Small businesses also generate nearly two out of every three new private sector jobs, says the SBA. By supporting these companies, consumers can help preserve existing jobs and create new opportunities for local job seekers, many of whom are young people or second-chance workers who find their first breaks at independent establishments.

Beyond the financial benefits, local businesses foster innovation and help communities develop character. Unlike large corporations that tend to be cookie-cutter and rely on standardization, independent businesses adapt easily to the unique preferences of the areas where they are located. This helps to cultivate distinct neighborhood identities. Ordinary streets downtown can transform into walkable town centers. According to OneDigital, groupings of local businesses in neighborhoods correlates with stronger civic engagement, higher rates of charitable giving and greater overall community resilience when the economy falters.

Small businesses owners rely heavily on long-term relationships and word-of-mouth. This means that these business owners (and their employees) will be compelled to deliver superior customer support, accountability and a specialized expertise that cannot be matched by huge corporations. This personalized service will bring customers back time and again.

Supporting small businesses is a direct investment in the community. Every dollar spent at an independent business provides benefits for people who call that neighborhood home.





KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

2027 KDA internship, legal fellowship application period now open

College students encouraged to apply

FRANKFORT, Ky. - College students interested in a career in agriculture or government are encouraged to apply for positions in the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's (KDA) internship for the 2027 summer. The Department is also offering its fellowship program again for 2027.

"Agriculture is everywhere. It affects every facet of life and at the Kentucky Department of Agriculture we can offer students the opportunity to work side by side with our amazing staff of employees to learn firsthand all of the amazing ways they can make a difference in agriculture," Commissioner Jonathan Shell said. "Through our internship and legal fellowship programs students will gain valuable insight to launch careers in agriculture or an ag-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 May to August.

Interns work alongside 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-program.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 2027 Legal Fellowship Program 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/hvx4z3st3A3zxRw86. Questions can be directed to Heather Becker, General Counsel at HeatherL.Becker@ky.gov.

Applications for the KDA internship must be submitted by Jan. 15, 2027. Applications for the legal fellowship must be submitted by Jan. 22, 2027. Applications will only be accepted digitally. Paper or mail-in applications will not be considered.

KDA intern and fellowship programs have openings

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

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KDA interns with Agriculture Commissioner Jonathan Shell.

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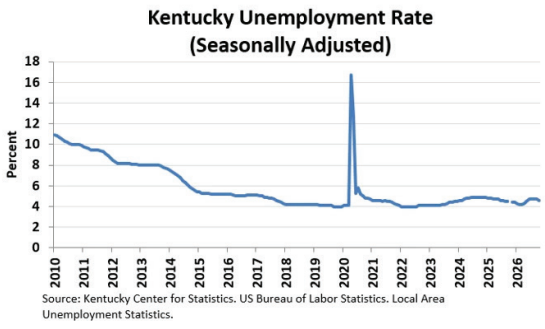
Kentucky has drop in unemployment rate in October

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – Kentucky joined the nation in seeing a drop in the unemployment rate in October, according to the Kentucky Center for Statistics (KYSTATS), an agency within the Kentucky Education and Labor Cabinet.

Kentucky's seasonally adjusted preliminary October 2026 unemployment rate was 4.6 percent, down from the 4.7 percent recorded in September. The U.S. seasonally adjusted jobless rate for October 2026 was 4.1%, which was down 0.1 percentage points from September, data from the U.S. Department of Labor indicated.

Kentucky's civilian labor force was 2,123,855 in October 2026, an increase of 7,361 individuals from September. The number of people employed in October was 2,026,303, up 9,345 from September. The number of unemployed was 97,552, a decrease of 1,984 from September.



Source: Kentucky Center for Statistics. US Bureau of Labor Statistics. Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

In a separate federal survey of business establishments that excludes jobs in agriculture and people who are self-employed, Kentucky's seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment increased by 3,700 jobs to 2,036,000 in October compared to September. Kentucky's nonfarm employment was up 7,300 jobs compared to October 2025.

"Both surveys provided encouraging signals on Kentucky's employment situation," said University of Kentucky's Center for Business and Economic Research (CBER) Director Mike Clark. "The household survey indicated that workers are continuing to enter Kentucky's labor market and find employment. Workers found jobs at a faster rate than they entered the labor force, which pushed Kentucky's unemployment rate down slightly in October."

He also noted, "The business survey showed that employers added more workers to their payrolls in October, with most of the gains concentrated in retail trade. "While the jobs gains for October are welcome news, the trend over the past few months shows relatively little change in Kentucky's total employment."

Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks.







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UK professor receives 2026 Master Teacher Award for commitment to student success and excellence

By Christopher Carney
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LEXINGTON, Ky.— The University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment (CAFE) Master Teacher Award recognizes faculty members for their significant dedication to teaching and student achievement. Nicole Breazeale, Ph.D., associate Extension professor in Community and Leadership Development (CLD), was honored with this year's award.

Award nominees are selected based on their overall commitment to enhancing teaching methodologies, including implementing effective classroom techniques, advancing student learning outcomes, contributing to student development and providing instructional programming.

For Breazeale, being recognized by her colleagues is an honor, and this recognition reflects a shared commitment in CLD to delivering rigorous, community-engaged learning for students.

"I'm part of a world of people who are deeply connected in teaching our students to be community leaders and practitioners," Breazeale said. "In CLD, the faculty's work overlaps in many ways — across classes, the curriculum and in the community. We are all collaborating and partnering together to educate our students to be engaged, thoughtful leaders that solve pressing, real-world problems in communities."

Karen Rignall, Ph.D., associate professor in CLD, said that Breazeale's commitment to her students is inspires her own teaching.

"I have never seen an instructor who combines such care and support with such high expectations," Rignall said. "It has inspired me to see how having these greater expectations is possible when we offer the support and instruction that helps students feel empowered and capable."

Breazeale teaches across the CLD curriculum, from the introductory course to the senior capstone, as well as graduate courses in community engagement and sustainable food systems.

Breazeale's work has blended instruction, research and engagement, with a focus on strengthening community food systems and using storytelling-based methods to support community development. She has led several statewide grant-funded projects, including initiatives focused on youth education, food access and substance use recovery support.

Through storytelling, dialogue, reflection and sustained partnerships, Breazeale has helped her students think critically and apply their learning to complex community challenges. These experiences reflect Breazeale's belief that students learn to lead through working with the people most affected by community challenges and creating work that leaves communities stronger.



Carmen Agouridis (left) presenting Nicole Breazeale (right) with Master Teacher Award at the 2026 Fall Faculty Meeting. Photo by Matt Barton.



Carmen Agouridis (left) hugging Nicole Breazeale (right) at the 2026 Fall Faculty Meeting. Photo by Matt Barton.

Caroline Groth, a CLD senior at Martin-Gatton CAFE, said Breazeale — who many students affectionately call "Dr. B" — brings a unique level of enjoyment to teaching.

"Dr. B has been an amazing professor. She truly cares about each student, both in and out of the classroom," Groth said. "She's always looking for ways to help students reach their academic and career goals, and no matter what kind of day she's having, she shows up to class with energy and enthusiasm. I'm thankful to have had Dr. B as a professor and mentor."

Breazeale's impact on her students and the community includes helping former UK student athlete J.J. Weaver's overcome the loss of his father, which led to developing a peer grief-support program that was piloted through UK Athletics and later adopted by the UK Counseling Center. In addition, Breazeale was part of a Land-grant Engagement project that united communities through storytelling techniques and collaborated on introducing the Food, Farming and Community curriculum.

Breazeale's students have worked alongside community partners such as CivicLex on class projects related to Lexington's urban growth master plan, Reimagining the Civic Commons and Addison Park.

For Tanya Whitehouse, Extension specialist chef and program manager at The Food Connection, working with Breazeale as a colleague and learning from her as a CLD master's student is a privilege.

"Dr. Breazeale brings her whole self into her teaching, not for any kind of accolade, but because she wants students to learn all they can in the time available for class," Whitehouse said. "Not only does Dr. B want all of her students to have an engaging learning experience, but she also wants us to contribute to our community while we are learning."

Keiko Tanaka, Ph.D., current CLD acting chair at Martin-Gatton CAFE, further emphasized Breazeale's dedication to her students.

"Both undergraduate and graduate students love her classes, which are designed to be a learning space where students feel supported to explore their own worldviews and voices through interactive and engaging class activities," Tanaka said. "She is very committed to providing students with the knowledge and skills for their professional success and to become good citizens."

To learn more about the Master Teacher Award at Martin-Gatton CAFE, visit https://www.mgcafe.uky.edu/about/faculty-staff-honors.



Nicole Breazeale working with CLD students on the CivicLex project. Photo provided by Nicole Breazeale.







‘Who wants it more?’ A lot at stake for Cats in SEC finale at Missouri

By Keith Taylor
Kentucky Today

LEXINGTON, Ky. (KT) — As Kentucky coach Will Stein knows, the last month of the regular season can be draining.

After two straight losses, including a 21-14 setback to Florida last Saturday, Stein and the No. 17 Wildcats (7-3, 5-3 Southeastern Conference) will try to end the slide on Saturday at Missouri. Kentucky will also attempt to keep its hopes alive for a possible spot in the College Football Playoffs.

Much like Kentucky, the Tigers (6-4, 3-4) are coming off two straight losses and dropped a 48-21 loss to top-ranked Georgia last Saturday in Athens.

“They’re hungry to win and we’re hungry to win,” Stein said during his weekly press conference on Tuesday. “This is about who wants it more? This is about who wants to play more physical. It’s about who wants to strain and be more connected to their teammates because there is a ton to play for.”

Already bowl-eligible, Kentucky will be searching for a sixth conference win to close out the league schedule and build on the team’s overall success in Stein’s first season.

Stein said the final road game of the year is an opportunity to “redefine who we are as a program.”

“We’ve created the standard and expectations of winning because of what we did the last 10 games and that’s where I want this to be,” he said. “That’s what I want our expectations to be as a program: is that we are supposed to win every single game that we play, just like our fans. I want them to think we should win every single game, because we have proven that we can go do it.”

Kentucky went perfect in October at 4-0 but began the current month winless and has been outscored 55-20 in losses to Tennessee and Florida. Kentucky has scored just two touchdowns in the last eight quarters.



Coach Will Stein with unhappy with Kentucky’s all-around play against Florida in a 21-14 loss Saturday at Kroger Field. (Photo by Les Nicholson)

“The lack of points in the last two games has been mostly self-inflicted mistakes and that’s disappointing, especially where we’ve been this year so far on offense,” Stein said. “To have two setback games is something that we have to correct.”

Stein added the loss to the Gators was “disappointing” and that his squad failed to overcome costly mistakes on both sides of the ball.

“We had opportunities to capitalize and change the game in our favor, and we did not do that,” he said. “We lost a turnover battle and rushing battle, which is usually a recipe for a loss.”

The Kentucky coach said Missouri will be a “big task” but added, “ultimately it’s about us.”

“We preach one-play focus and one-game focus all the time,” he said. “This is an opportunity to embody that culture and that mindset more than ever.

“Our team’s really built on connection and has been all year since we’ve gotten here,” he said. “These guys are bought in. They love Kentucky. They love playing for each other. They love their coaches, and so that connection’s got to show through in this game.”

NEXT GAME: Kentucky at Missouri, 7:30 p.m., Saturday. TV/Radio: SEC Network, UK Radio Network.

Attention basketball lovers: Kentucky High School Encyclopedia available

By Tom Latek
Kentucky Today

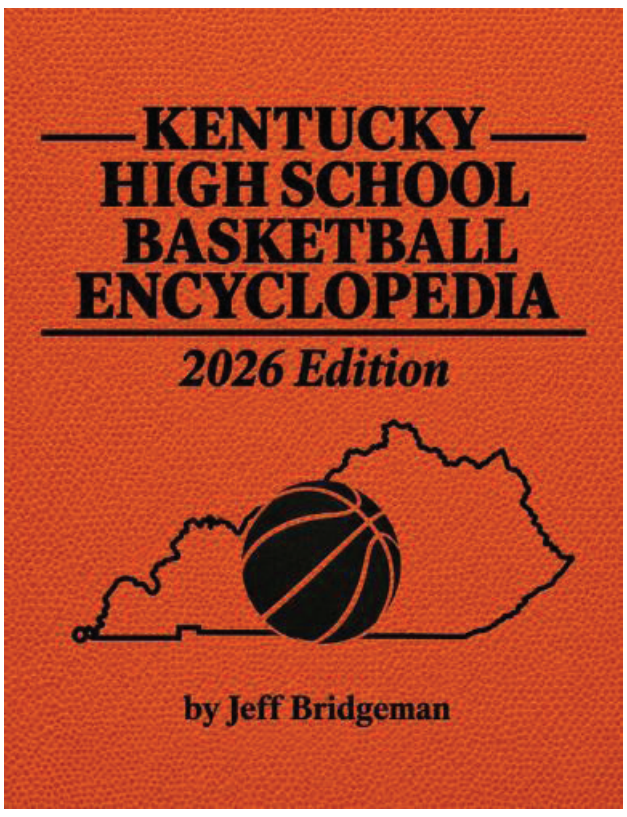
ELIZABETHTOWN, Ky. (KT) – For that big sports fan in your life, the Kentucky High School Basketball Hall of Fame (KHSBHF) has announced the release of its expanded 2026 Collector’s Edition Encyclopedia, now available for purchase.

Authored by statistician and editor Jeff Bridgeman, this comprehensive, hardbound, library-quality publication measures 8½ by 11 inches and spans nearly 800 pages of Kentucky high school basketball history. It features an extensive collection of records, statistics and photographs, including year-by-year records and coaching histories for all boys’ and girls’ high school basketball teams in the state dating back to 1916 and continuing through 2026.

The encyclopedia also includes post-season scores from district, regional and state tournaments; championship game linescores; historical records from the Louisville Invitational Tournament, Bluegrass Tournament and All A Classic; Litkenhous Ratings; and information on Coach of the Year, Mr. Basketball and Miss Basketball honors, along with much more.

This hard cover edition is limited to just 500 copies, each of which are hand-numbered and autographed by Bridgeman.

“This encyclopedia is an incredible resource for preserving the rich history and tradition of high school basketball across our state, and no sports library or reference section would be complete without a copy,” said KHSBHF Board Chair Ken Trivette. “With only 500 numbered, autographed copies available, it also makes the perfect gift for any Kentucky basketball fan.”



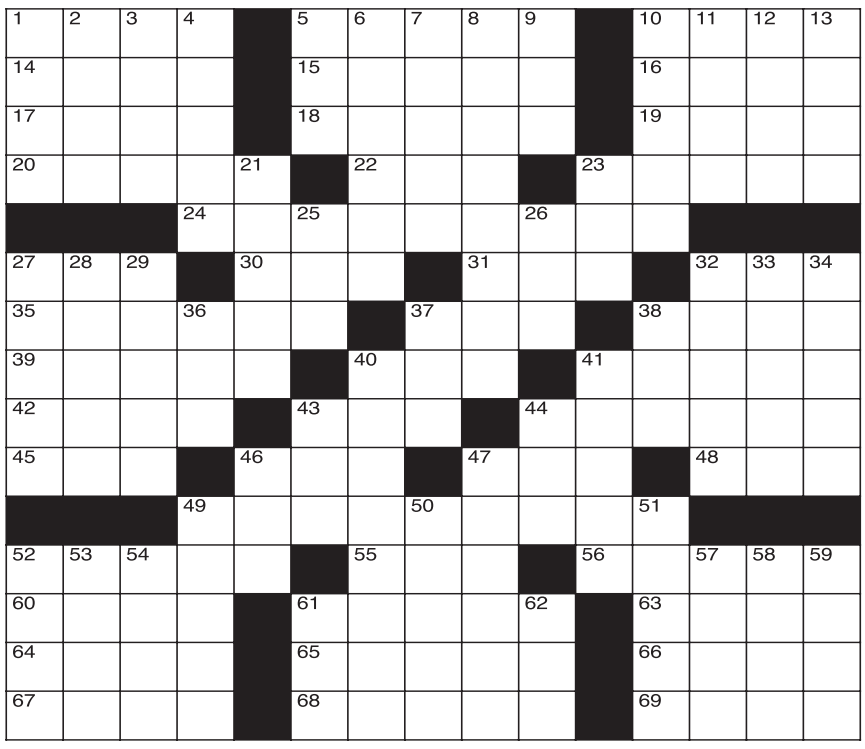
KHSBHF was established in 2012 to recognize and promote the tradition and heritage of Kentucky high school basketball. Guided by a dedicated board of directors and supported by volunteers, the organization honors and pays tribute to former players and coaches while preserving the history of the game.

To pre-order a copy of the 2026 Collector’s Edition Encyclopedia, which is selling for $100, you can visit www.acclaimpress.com. To learn more about KHSBHF, go to khsbhf.com.

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1. Perceive a sound
5. Pretends to be
10. Type of guitar
14. Actor Idris
15. A citizen of Iran
16. Creative
17. Keep under control
18. Weight unit for precious stones
19. You better call him
20. Fanatical
22. Male cat
23. Jewish spiritual leader
24. One who takes risks
27. A way to nail
30. Cool!
31. Progressive policy supporter
32. "Losing My Religion" rockers
35. Step-shaped recess
37. Round globular seed
38. Somewhat
39. Butterhead lettuces
40. Color at the end of the spectrum
41. Lines where fabrics are sewn together
42. Dodgers great Hershiser
43. Floor covering
44. Traveled aimlessly
45. Rocker Stewart
46. Body art
47. Congressman (abbr.)
48. No seats available
49. Categorizes
52. Iraq-Syria border town
55. Ballplayer's tool
56. Type of sword
60. Baseball team
61. Upper bracts of grass
63. Italian seaport
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67. South American nation
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69. Upper body part

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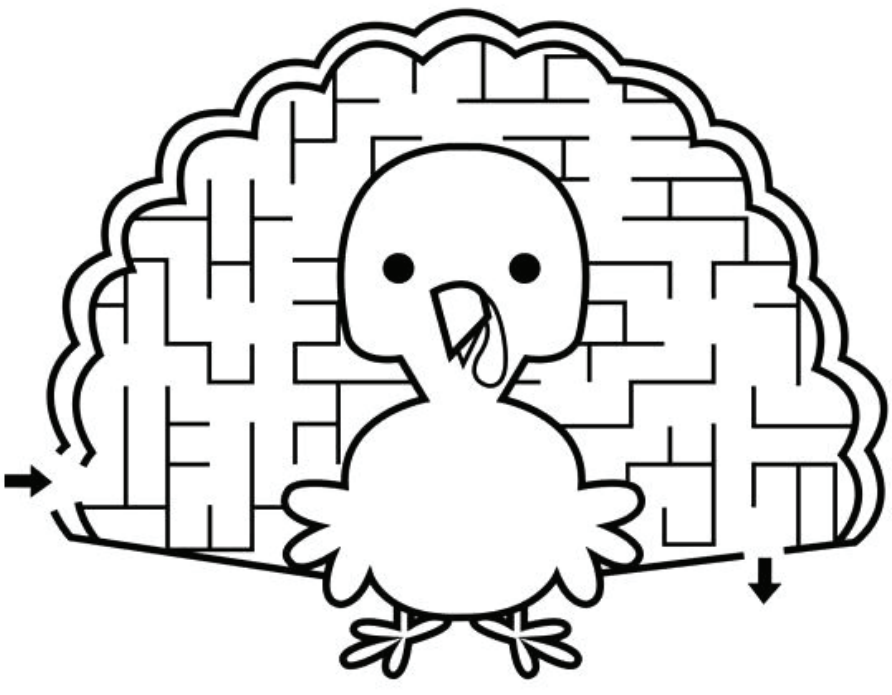
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11. Type of horse
12. Ticket part
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21. Challenges
23. Popular BBQ food
25. Subway rodent
26. By way of
27. Shady garden alcove
28. City in Egypt
29. __ and flowed
32. Large quantities of paper
33. Eurasian wheat
34. Act incorrectly
36. Layer of water right above sediment (abbr.)
37. Al Bundy's wife
38. Ocean
40. Large, round root
41. Sound units
43. Knock
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46. Hot drink
47. A cotton fabric with a satiny finish
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50. Come back from being down
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

ANSWERS IN THE B SECTION

WORDS

BOLUS
CONTINUOUS
DIABETES
DOSE
FASTING
GESTATIONAL
GLUCAGON
GLUCOMETER
GLUCOSE
HORMONES
HYPERGLYCEMIA
HYPOGLYCEMIA
INSULIN
KETOACIDOSIS
NEUROPATHY
PANCREAS
PLASMA
POLYDIPSIA
POLYPHAGIA
POLYURIA
PREDIABETES
RESISTANCE

Sudoku Puzzle

How it Works:

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

ANSWERS IN THE B SECTION

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

Word Scramble

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to diabetes.

VSENRE

Answer: Nerves

Guess Who?

GUESS WHO?

I am an actress born in Connecticut on November 19, 1961. I am regarded as one of the most successful actresses of the 1990s, as well as the "queen of romantic comedies." I've starred opposite Billy Crystal, Tom Hanks and Hugh Jackman.

Answer: Meg Ryan

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

Crypto Fun

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

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to diabetes.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 20 = I)

A. 24 23 6 17 8
Clue: Sweetener

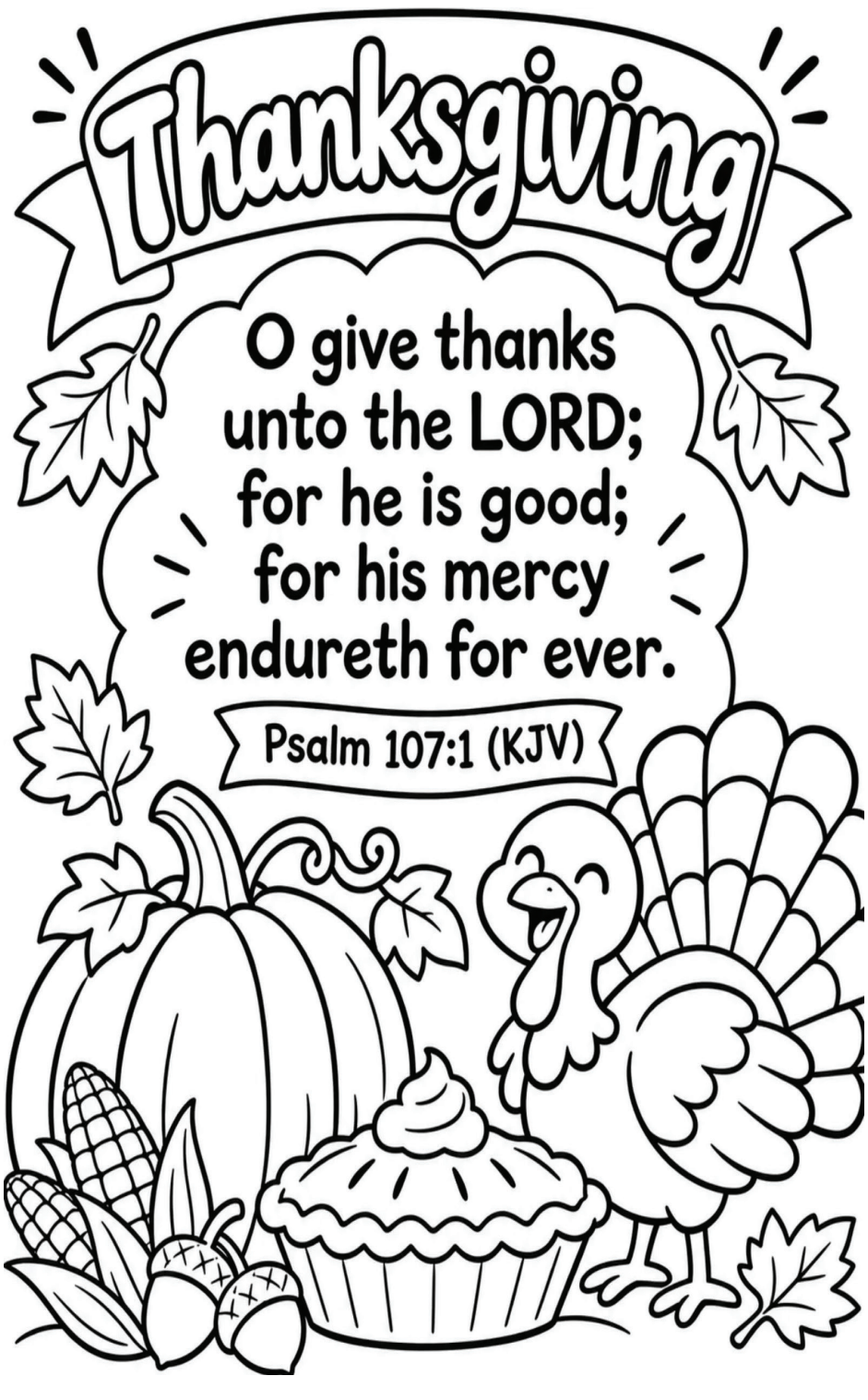
B. 20 10 24 23 13 20 10
Clue: Made in the pancreas

C. 1 25 20 6 11 12
Clue: Body mass

D. 2 15 10 20 12 15 8
Clue: Watch

Answers: A. sugar B. insulin C. weight D. monitor

Coloring Fun



Christian County Pets of the Week

By Christian County Now

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

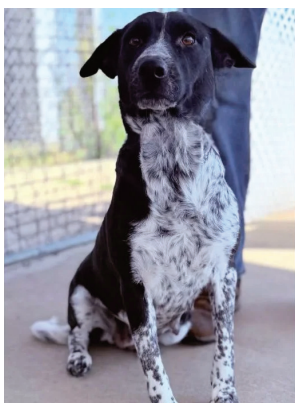
Meet Angel, a beautiful 5-year-old female Heeler mix who is hoping someone will open their heart and give her the forever home she's been waiting for!

Angel came to us as a stray from Hopkinsville. Unfortunately, we don't know much about her past, but we'd love nothing more than to help make sure her future is filled with comfort, kindness, and unconditional love.

A little about angel:

Angel is a 5-year-old female heeler mix. Other dogs — unknown. Cats — unknown. Children — unknown.

Since we're still learning about angel's compatibility with other pets and children, you're welcome to bring your children and/or resident dogs for a meet-and-greet. We want to help make sure everyone is comfortable and that angel finds the right match.



Angel

Health:

Vaccinations given. Flea and tick treatment received. Dewormer administered. Spay surgery is still pending.

The good news is that angel can still be adopted now. She will simply need to remain at the shelter until her spay surgery is completed before heading home. Angel's adoption fee is only $79.50 plus tax!

Bami is a 19-week-old puppy sweet black-and-white Great Pyrenee mix. They are looking for loving homes where they can grow, learn, and thrive!

At this age, they are still young enough to learn about the world and be socialized with a variety of people, animals, sights, sounds, and experiences. With positive reinforcement, consistency, and plenty of love, they have so much potential to become wonderful companions.



Bami

Keep in mind that puppies are a big commitment. This little one will need to learn all the basic commands, good manners, and what it means to be a well-behaved family member.

They will also need patience, time, and consistency as they work through house training and crate training. They are still a baby learning their way, so adopters should be prepared for the fun, challenges, and occasional messes that come with raising a puppy! Adoption fee: $116.60.

This weekend in Hopkinsville: Punk Flea Market, Christmas market and more

By Christian County Now

HOPKINSVILLE, KY (CHRISTIAN COUNTY NOW) – This weekend is a great time to shop for the holidays at the Christmas Market or Punk Flea Market in Hopkinsville. There are also some free events at the library and more to check out.

Hopkinsville Art Guild Christmas Market

When: Nov. 20-21, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Where: War Memorial Building, Hopkinsville

Details: Kick off Christmas shopping at the Hopkinsville Art Guild Christmas Market, featuring handmade, one-of-a-kind artwork from more than 30 local artists. Shoppers can browse a variety of items, including woodwork, paintings, jewelry, fiber art, stained and fused glass, note cards, photography, pottery and more. Proceeds support the guild's mission and local artists.

Punk Flea Market

When: Nov. 21 and 22, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. both days

Where: James E. Bruce Convention Center, Hopkinsville

Details: The Punk Flea Market will bring together vendors, artists and DIY sellers offering vintage clothing, vinyl records, toys, original artwork, handmade jewelry, retro video games, comic books, horror memorabilia, taxidermy and other unusual collectibles.

Free Movie: Chef

When: Nov. 21, noon

Where: Hopkinsville-Christian County Public Library, Hopkinsville

Cost: Free

Details: Enjoy a free screening of Chef, a comedy-drama about a chef who starts a food-truck business after leaving a prestigious restaurant. The movie is for ages 13 and older. Popcorn and drinks will be provided.

East 7th Street Stroll

When: Nov. 21, 1 p.m.

Where: Virginia Park, corner of East Ninth and South Campbell streets, Hopkinsville

Details: Join the museum and local preservationist Grace Abernethy for a guided walking tour of Hopkinsville's East 7th Street Historic District, one of the city's five nationally recognized historic districts. Participants can enjoy the neighborhood's historic architecture and fall foliage while learning about its history and preservation efforts.

Fandom Frenzy: Hunger Games

When: Nov. 21, 2 to 3 p.m.

Where: Hopkinsville-Christian County Public Library, Hopkinsville

Cost: Free

Details: Join your district for a Hunger Games-themed Fandom Frenzy featuring team training, competitions and challenges to earn points. All ages are welcome, and fan attire is encouraged.



KYTC has online survey on speeding and roadway safety

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – Kentuckians are being invited to participate in an online survey, to aid highway officials in the development of a safety effort known as a Speed Management Action Plan.

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is asking all residents to share their perspectives on speeding and roadway safety, as state officials gather input and analyze data to help shape speed management strategies and identify highway improvements to reduce fatalities and severity of crashes across the state.

"Reducing serious and fatal crashes starts with understanding both the data and the experiences of the people who use Kentucky's roads every day," said Transportation Cabinet Secretary Rebecca Goodman. "This survey gives Kentuckians an opportunity to help guide potential countermeasures to reduce speeding and improve safety for everyone who travels on our roads."



TRIMARC traffic camera photo of I-71/75 in northern Kentucky.

Administered by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, the short and anonymous online survey is available through Dec. 19. Feedback will help transportation experts develop a Speed Management Action Plan to better understand where and why speed-related crashes occur across the commonwealth and identify opportunities to make roads safer for all users. According to analysis of Kentucky State Police crash data, approximately 25% of high-severity crashes in Kentucky are attributed to speeding.

The survey will ask participants about speeding on different roadway types, factors that contribute to speeding, strategies that may be effective in encouraging safer driving behaviors and locations where speed reduction efforts should be prioritized.

To complete the survey, go to the Kentucky Speed Management Action Plan on KYTC's Public Engagement Portal at Engage.kytc.ky.gov

McCraken County Pet of the Week

Meet Mel, this week's pet of the week. Mel is an 8 month old terrier mix. She is full of energy and loves to cuddle. Mel is good with other dogs. She is spayed, micro chipped and up to date on all vaccinations. Her adoption fee is $150. Please come in and meet Mel and make her a part of your family.

For more information please contact: McCracken County Humane Society

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Prepare for Small Business Saturday

Small Business Saturday® occurs on the Saturday following American Thanksgiving. Nestled between Black Friday and Cyber Monday, Small Business Saturday is an opportunity for holiday shoppers to patronize local businesses on a weekend when national chains and online retailers tend to dominate shoppers' itineraries.

Founded in 2010 by American Express and co-sponsored by the Small Business Administration, Small Business Saturday is now an international initiative that encourages consumers to visit local stores, restaurants and other independent establishments to help bolster local economies. Small businesses are essential to the country, and employ a significant percentage of the American and Canadian workforce.

Since 2010, the total reported U.S. spending at small businesses during the annual Small Business Saturday is an estimated $201 billion. Communities can prepare for the arrival of SBS this holiday season in the following ways.

• Promote participation. Participating businesses should alert the public that they will be involved in SBS through local outreach, social media posts, marketing emails, and other avenues to generate excitement and exposure. Businesses also can download free marketing materials from https://www.americanexpress.com/us/merchant/shop-small/materials.html, including the Shop Small® logo.

• Offer incentives and deals. Small businesses can offer special discounts and incentives that are exclusive to SBS, which may include BOGO deals or gift-with-purchase incentives to further entice shoppers.

• Create specialized bundles. Business owners can group complementary products or services together into holiday bundles to increase the perceived value and encourage shoppers to spend more. Beauty supply retailers, for example, can put together a specialized hair care bundle that may include shampoo, conditioner, heat protectant, and finishing spray.

• Enhance the business atmosphere. This is the time to make sure the business is inviting and in good repair. Decorating the storefront with festive items is only part of the package. It is key for business owners to ensure that the space is clean, welcoming and well-stocked. Investing in small event features, such as free snacks or live music, can engage customers and keep them in the business longer.

• Prepare your business operations. This is the time for businesses to have plenty of staff on hand to handle large crowds. Choosing customer service personnel who are outgoing and friendly can help drive sales and make a great first impression on new customers.

Small Business Saturday is an important time for local business owners to establish their footing in the community and drive sales at the start of the holiday season.

Deer Hunting Safety:
Make every hunt a safe hunt
Practical habits for the field, the firearm, and the tree stand

A successful deer hunt ends with everyone returning home safely. Make equipment checks, careful weapon handling, visibility, tree-stand protection, and trip planning part of every outing.

Prepare Before You Head Out

Inspect your firearm, stand, ladders, steps, harness, and haul lines for damage or wear. Follow the manufacturers' instructions and practice using your stand before hunting.

Check local hunter-education requirements, legal shooting hours, safety-clothing rules, and access restrictions. Obtain permission before entering private land, including to track a wounded deer.

Make Firearm Safety Nonnegotiable

Treat every firearm as loaded. Point the muzzle in a safe direction, keep your finger outside the trigger guard until ready to fire, and know your target and what is in front of and beyond it.

Positively identify a legal deer; never shoot at sounds, brush movement, or uncertain shapes. Pass up any shot you cannot confirm is safe. Never climb with a loaded firearm; raise and lower it unloaded with a haul line.

Stay Visible to Other Hunters

Wear hunter orange as required for your location and season, keeping it visible on the way to and from your hunting spot. Check official rules: some firearm-season clothing requirements also apply to bowhunters.

Use a Tree Stand Without Cutting Corners

Use a properly rated full-body fall-arrest harness and stay connected to the tree whenever your feet are off the ground. Follow manufacturers' instructions and weight limits, including your gear.

Climb slowly with three points of contact. Raise and lower gear—including unloaded firearms, bows, and arrows—with a haul line. Practice at ground level, and never use damaged or unsafe equipment.

Apply the Same Discipline to Archery

Inspect bow limbs and strings for damage or wear. Point the bow and arrow toward the ground while nocking. Never draw when someone is in front of or behind the target, and never release the string without an arrow. Follow your equipment's instructions.

Leave a Plan With Someone You Trust

Tell someone your exact hunting or stand location and expected return time before each outing. Include eye and ear protection in your firearm-hunting preparations.

Bring the Right Mindset

No deer is worth an unsafe decision. Stay visible, control your firearm or bow, and pass up uncertain shots. Complete required hunter education and consult official regulations for your location and season.

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Comer, saying 'serving this state is a calling,' announces bid for governor of Kentucky

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

Republican U.S. Rep James Comer put the speculation to rest about his political future and announced his bid to run for governor of Kentucky in 2027.

Comer made it official on Monday night on his campaign website where he fielded questions from listeners. Earlier in the day he filed a spending intent for a campaign for the governor of Kentucky, according to the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance.

Comer, whose family has been in Kentucky for seven generations, has long been expected to make the run for governor. This will be his second bid at the governor's seat but this time he will be the leading Republican candidate. Comer previously ran for governor in 2015, losing the GOP primary to future Gov. Matt Bevin by 83 votes.

"Serving this state is a calling for me," Comer said. "The government doesn't have all the answers, but we have a responsibility is to solve problems and lift people up when we can. With your support, we can restore hope and create prosperity across Kentucky. I believe a governor should listen and act."

Comer, 54, won his bid for reelection as the representative of Kentucky's 1st Congressional District in November's general election. He has been a member of the House of Representatives since 2016.

While in Washington, he was the chair of the powerful House Oversight Committee since 2023 but announced this year he was not seeking another term in that role.

Comer joins Democrats Jacqueline Coleman and Rocky Adkins as candidates who have entered the Kentucky gubernatorial race to replace Gov. Andy Beshear, who is term-limited and considering a run for President after eight years as the state's governor.

Another potential Republican contender, Secretary of State Michael Adams, said during this year's Fancy Farm picnic that he would not run for governor, a move many saw as clearing the path for Comer to launch a gubernatorial bid.

Kentucky's primary election is scheduled for May 18, 2027.

Comer knows his way around Frankfort, too. He served in the Kentucky House of Representatives for 11 years and as the agriculture commissioner of Kentucky for four years.

"My goal in Kentucky is to get the income tax down to zero," Comer said, saying he would work with the GOP-led General Assembly to make that happen."

Comer said for the past six months he has traveled the state and talked to citizens in communities both urban and rural who are struggling to provide basic services and maintain infrastructure.

Family was another reason for Comer's decision. His oldest daughter, Reagan, is a senior at the University of Kentucky and son Harlan just started at the University of Pikeville. Their youngest daughter, Aniston, is a sophomore at Western Hills High School.

Comer opened the line for questions and Agriculture Commissioner Jonathan Shell and State Senator Robin Webb gave their support for him.

"I consider you to be one of my best friends in the world," Shell said. "I cannot wait for this election next year to be over with, and we can call you governor of Kentucky."

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Murray State president named to national board

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

MURRAY, Ky. (KT) – Murray State University President Dr. Ron K. Patterson was appointed to the Board of Directors of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU), during the organization's Annual Conference for Presidents and Chancellors.

AASCU is a Washington, D.C.-based higher education association that represents the sector of more than 500 regional public colleges, universities and systems whose members share a learning and teaching-centered culture, a historic commitment to student populations and a dedication to research and creativity that advances their regions' economic progress and cultural development. In total, AASCU member institutions serve more than three million students.

"I am humbled and honored to be appointed to the AASCU Board of Directors, and grateful for the opportunity to serve alongside leaders from institutions that share a deep commitment to student success and the transformative power of higher education," Patterson said. "AASCU's mission of expanding access to an affordable, high-quality education aligns with Murray State University's values and our commitment to serving students. I look forward to contributing to AASCU's important work and helping advance the impact of higher education."



Murray State President Ron Patterson.

AASCU President & CEO Dr. Chuck Welc stated, "Dr. Ron Patterson is a proven leader with a deep commitment to the mission of regional public universities and the success of the students and communities our institutions serve. He brings an impressive breadth of expertise, a strong record of leadership, and a genuine passion for public higher education. His experience and insight will be a tremendous asset to the AASCU Board of Directors, and I am delighted to welcome him to the Board."

Patterson began his tenure as the 15th President of Murray State University on July 1, 2025. Within his first 120 days of office, he conducted the successful Racer Spirit: Listening and Learning Tour that encompassed more than 30 tour visits with Murray State students, faculty, staff, alumni, community leaders, K-12 and community college partners, business and industry stakeholders, friends and supporters.

Under Patterson's leadership, MSU says they are experiencing a campus footprint which continues to expand with new facility projects underway, innovative academic programs being developed, increases in enrollment and student retention metrics, and the establishment of a new scholarship fund that emerged from the listening and learning tour, to support and enhance student success.

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TRACT 2	2.32± ACRES
TRACT 3	2.34± ACRES
TRACT 4	2.18± ACRES
TRACT 5	0.97± ACRES
TRACT 6	1.88± ACRES
TRACT 7	1.93± ACRES
TRACT 8	12.12± ACRES
TRACT 9	6.92± ACRES
TRACT 10	6.92± ACRES
TRACT 11	6.91± ACRES
TRACT 12	10.46± ACRES
TRACT 13	10.22± ACRES
TRACT 14	13.17± ACRES

PROPERTY HIGHLIGHTS
- Approximately 79± acres offered in 14 tracts
- 59.98 Tillable Acres by FSA Information
- Located in Graves County near Sedalia, Kentucky
- Property situated along Scott Road and Whitlow Lane
- Tract sizes ranging from 0.97± to 13.17± acres
- Potential residential homesites and agricultural acreage
- Opportunities for recreational and investment use
- Buy individual tracts or combinations of adjoining tracts

Whether you're looking to build a country home, expand your existing acreage, invest in Western Kentucky land, or purchase a larger rural property, this auction offers flexibility to fit a variety of needs.

REAL ESTATE TERMS: The property will be offered in 14 individual tracts, any combination of tracts, or as a whole property. The property will be sold in the manner resulting in the highest total sale price. A 10% Buyer's Premium will be added to the final bid and included in the deed transaction sale price. 15% as down payment on the day of the auction with balance in cash at closing on or before 30 days. The down payment may be in the form of cashier's check, personal check, or corporate check. YOUR BIDDING IS NOT CONDITIONAL UPON FINANCING, SO BE SURE YOU HAVE ARRANGED FINANCING, IF NEEDED, AND ARE CAPABLE OF PAYING CASH AT CLOSING. Make Inspections Prior To Date Of Sale. Closing shall take place on or before 30 days from auction date. All 2026 ad valorem taxes will be prorated at closing. The property will be sold by a new survey, buyer responsible for 50% of the survey costs.

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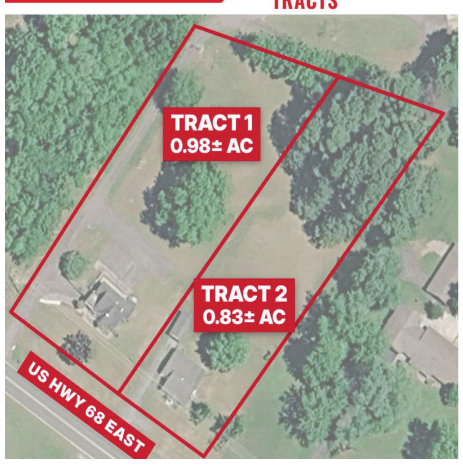
PREVIEW: AUCTION DAY - Wednesday, December 2 - 10 am-12 pm



TRACT 1 – 0.98± ACRES
629 US Highway 68 East, Benton, KY
Tract 1 • Zoned commercial. Marshall County PVA records list 1,352± square feet above grade: 872± square feet on the first floor and 480± square feet on the second floor. The home also has 872± square feet of basement area for buyers to inspect and evaluate.

TRACT 2 – 0.83± ACRE LOT
651 US Highway 68 East, Benton, KY
Tract 2 • Zoned commercial. Marshall County PVA records list a 1,060± square-foot home built in 1940. Listed exterior features include vinyl siding, a composition-shingle roof, and a covered raised-slab porch. A detached one-car carport with an adjoining storage room is included with this tract.

TRACT MAP 1.81± ACRES OFFERED IN 2 TRACTS



REAL ESTATE HIGHLIGHTS

Two commercially zoned tracts	High-traffic Draffenville location
1.81± total acres	Existing homes on both tracts
Tract 1: 0.98± acres	Driveways and mature trees
Tract 2: 0.83± acres	Basement with the Tract 1
US Hwy. 68 East frontage	Carport and storage room Tract 2

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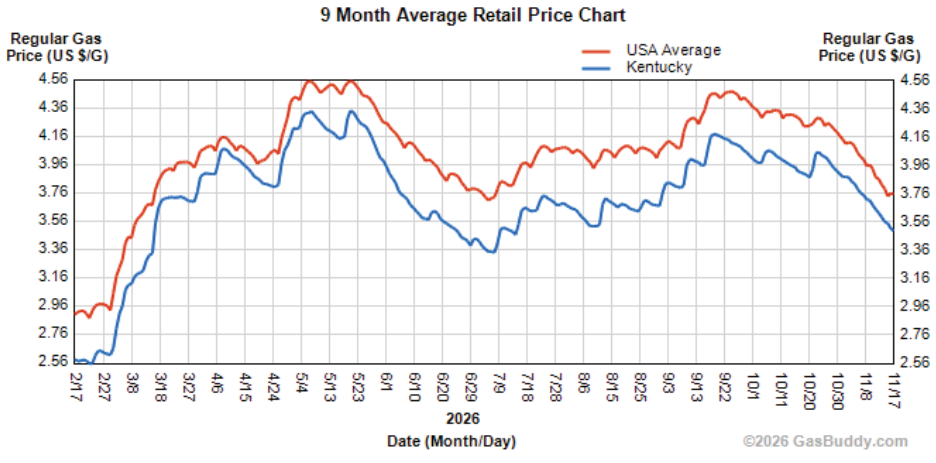
Kentucky gas prices hit lowest level since July

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – The nation's average price of gasoline has fallen 22.3 cents over the last week and stands at $3.75 per gallon, according to GasBuddy® data compiled from more than 12 million individual price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country. The national average is down 56.8 cents from a month ago and is 72.3 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. The national average price of diesel fell 18.7 cents in the last week and stands at $5.99 per gallon.

In Kentucky, the statewide average price for regular gas is $3.50 per gallon, which is down from $3.73 a week ago and the lowest overall since July.

"Gasoline prices fell in every state over the last week, with 12 states seeing declines of more than 25 cents per gallon, while diesel dropped in nearly every state, with 8 falling more than 25 cents," said Patrick



De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "GasBuddy data showed the national average price of diesel fell below $6 per gallon for the first time since September 10, a welcome milestone for truckers and consumers alike."

De Haan notes there appears to be good news looking ahead. "These trends may continue, as the International Energy Agency has raised its oil production forecast, putting additional pressure on oil prices as shipments ramp up through the Strait of Hormuz. GasBuddy expects the national average price of gasoline to fall this week to its lowest level since March, dropping below $3.72 per gallon."

You can check the price at the pump near you, by going to KentuckyGasPrices.com. GasBuddy also has the latest prices for all 50 states, as well as Canada, online. Prices on GasBuddy are crowdsourced by travelers who report what they see when stopping at or heading past gas stations.

BALLARD

Patricia Ann Bass, aged 68, passed away peacefully on November 16, 2026, at Baptist Health in Paducah with her loving family by her side. A visitation was held on Thursday, November 19, 2026, starting at 11:00 a.m. at Morrow Funeral Chapel in LaCenter, KY, followed by a funeral service at 12:00 p.m., officiated by Rev. Neil Eidson. Interment took place at Providence Cemetery.

CALDWELL

Melissa Laverne Wigginton, age 59, of Princeton, passed away November 15, 2026, at her home in Princeton, Kentucky. Funeral services were held at 11:00 A.M. Thursday, November 19, 2026, at Morgan's Funeral Home, with Bro. David Brown and Bro. Justin Ramey officiating. Burial followed at Norman Cemetery.

Mark Ryan Barnes, 65, of Caledonia, Mississippi, originally from Fredonia, Kentucky, passed away on Saturday, November 14, 2026. Visitation will be held Friday, November 20, 2026, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Morgan's Funeral Home in Princeton, Kentucky. The funeral service will be held Saturday, November 21, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at Morgan's Funeral Home, followed by a graveside service with military honors at Rowland Cemetery. Following the graveside service, family and friends are invited to gather for a meal and fellowship at Fredonia Baptist Church in Fredonia, Kentucky.

Edgar Loyd Oden, age 52, of Dawson Springs, passed away November 12, 2026 at Vanderbilt Medical Center in Clarksville, TN. Funeral services were held at 1:00 pm Tuesday, November 17, 2026 at Morgan's Funeral Home with Bro. Jerry Horine officiating and Bro. Len Young officiating. Burial followed in Rogers Cemetery in Christian County.

Mary Jane DeCraene Lathrop 89, of Princeton, KY passed away Wednesday, November 11, 2026 at Mercy Health Hospital in Paducah, KY. Her committal service be held at a later date in Memorial Park Cemetery in Rock Island, Illinois.

CALLOWAY

Paula L. McCutcheon, age 62, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away on Monday, November 16, 2026, at Anna Mae Owen Residential Hospice House. A public graveside service will be held at 11 AM on Saturday, November 21, 2026 at Murray City Cemetery. Kerry Lambert and Henry Greer will officiate. Burial will follow.

Michael (Mike) Anthony Schaibley, age 58 of Murray, KY passed away Thursday, November 12, 2026 at his home. He was a member of Good Hope Baptist Church. Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 17, 2026 at 1 PM at Myers Funeral Home with burial in Good Hope Cemetery.

Cynthia Louise Sharp, 63, of Almo KY, passed away on Friday, November 13, 2026 at Green Acres Nursing Home in Mayfield, KY. Arrangements are currently incomplete at Imes Funeral Home & Crematory, downtown Murray.

Bunice M. (Lambert) Bivins, 68, passed away Thursday, November 12, 2026 at Lake Way Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center in Benton, KY. Services are pending at Imes Funeral Home. Imes Funeral Home & Crematory is entrusted with caring for her family.

Ernest Carl "Ernie" Jirak, 83, of Murray, KY, passed away Thursday, November 12, 2026, at Spring Creek Nursing and Rehabilitation in Murray. A service celebrating Ernie's life will be held Saturday, November 21, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. in the chapel of Blalock-Coleman Funeral Home. Friends may visit with the family on Saturday, November 21, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. until the service hour at 3:00 p.m. at Blalock-Coleman Funeral Home, 713 S. 4th St., Murray, KY 42071.

Bruce Lee Scarbrough, 50 of Murray, KY, passed away Wednesday, November 11, 2026, at his home. Arrangements are incomplete at this time at Blalock-Coleman Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Murray, KY.

CHRISTIAN

Hayden Thornton, age 21, of Cadiz, passed away on Sunday, November 15, 2026. Visitation will be at Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home from 9:00 AM until 12:00 PM Noon on Saturday, November 21, 2026. Burial will be held at a later date in Ancestral Haven Memorial Gardens.

Vance Charles Evans, Sr. age 61, of Hopkinsville, passed away from natural causes on Thursday, November 12, 2026, at Nashville VA Medical Center. Funeral Services will be at 11:00 AM on Friday, November 20, 2026, at Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home with Dr. David W. Coram, Sr. officiating and Rev. Stephen Andrew Sutton assisting and burial to follow with military honors in Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West.

Ruth Ann Cathcart Scruggs, 84, of Hopkinsville, KY passed away on Saturday, November 14, 2026, at her residence. A funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, November 22, 2026, at Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home with Reverend Jacob Workman and Reverend Nathan Workman to officiate. Burial will follow at Riverside Cemetery. Visitation will be from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 21, 2026, at Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home.

Dr. George W. Turner, 89, passed away on November 14, 2026 in Hopkinsville, KY. A private family memorial will be held at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West. Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

John G. "Johnny" Blane, III, 74, of Hopkinsville, KY, passed away Thursday morning, November 12, 2026, at his residence after a three-year battle with cancer. Memorial services will be held on Friday, November 20, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. until the service hour. A Celebration of Life will follow at Hopkinsville Golf & Country Club from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Charles "Charlie" Ernest Koch, Jr., 82, of Hopkinsville, KY died at 7:15 p.m. Thursday, November 12, 2026 at his residence. Funeral services were at 12:00 p.m. Thursday, November 19, 2026 at Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home. Burial followed in Riverside Cemetery. Masonic Rites were held.

John H. Wilson, Tremont Drive, Hopkinsville, KY passed away Wednesday, November 18, 2026 at Jennie Stuart Medical Center, Hopkinsville, KY of natural causes. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 24, 2026 at Lamb Funeral Home with Dr. Joe Bufford officiating. Burial will follow at a later date in Pine Grove Cemetery, Grafton, MA. Visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m. until the service hour on Tuesday, November 24, 2026 at the funeral home.

Lisa Lorraine Brasher, 57, Bluebird Court, Hopkinsville, KY, passed away Friday, November 13, 2026 at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, TN of natural causes. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, November 20, 2026 at Lamb Funeral Home with Brittany Davidson officiating. Burial will follow in Peaceful Meadows Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon until the service hour on Friday, November 20, 2026 at the funeral home.

Barbara S. Blankenship, 72, Bradford Heights Nursing & Rehabilitation, Hopkinsville, KY passed away Tuesday, November 10, 2026 at Jennie Stuart Medical Center, Hopkinsville, KY of natural causes. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Lamb Funeral Home is assisting with the arrangements.

Brian Hawkins, 56, of Crofton, KY passed away on Saturday, November 14, 2026, at 1:16 a.m. at his residence. A funeral service was held at 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 18, 2026, at Dogwood Funerals & Cremations of Hopkinsville with Reverend Shane Amar, Reverend Fort, and Reverend Barry Williams officiated the service.

CRITTENDEN

Keith Driver, age 68, of Marion, Kentucky, passed away on November 15, 2026, at Deaconess Hospital Henderson. Funeral services for Keith Driver were held on Wednesday, November 18, 2026, at 11:00 AM at Gilbert Funeral Home with Rev. Curtis Franklin officiating. Burial followed in Love Cemetery.

Linda Lou (Shaffer) Cook, 86, of Marion, KY passed away peacefully surrounded by family, Sunday, November 15, 2026, at Crittenden County Hospital. Visitation will be held on Saturday, November 21, from 5pm to 8pm and Sunday, November 22, from 10am to 12noon at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion, KY and from 1pm to 2pm at Marion Methodist Church. Funeral services will follow Sunday afternoon visitation at Marion Methodist Church at 2pm, with Brother Gary Hardesty officiating. Interment will be at Mapleview Cemetery in Marion, KY.

Linda Clark Smith, 87, of Fancy Farm, Kentucky, formerly of Marion, KY, passed away Saturday, November 14, 2026 at the home she shared with her daughter and son-in-law, while under hospice care for Bulbar ALS. Services will be held at 1:00 PM Saturday, November 21, 2026 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion, Kentucky with interment in Mapleview Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from 10:00 AM until service time at the Funeral Home.

Rita Hill – Cronkhite, 74, of Rosiclare, Il. passed away on November 13, 2026, at Deaconess Regional Healthcare Services Illinois. Hardin County Funeral Service is overseeing arrangements.

Infant, Hudson Eddie Hayes Phillips, was born sleeping in the arms of Jesus and met his "Pop Pop" on Friday, November 13, 2026. Memorial visitation will be from 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm on Friday, November 20, 2026, at Gilbert Funeral Home. Memorial services will follow at 1:30 pm at the funeral home.

GRAVES

Sharon Kay Britt, age 72, of Mayfield, KY passed away Saturday, November 14, 2026 at the Jackson Purchase Medical Center in Mayfield, KY. A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY is in charge of arrangements.

Carol Jean Ellegood Frazier, age 84 of Mayfield, KY passed away at 7:01 AM Tuesday, November 17, 2026 at Mills Health and Rehab. Funeral Services will be held at 1:00 PM Sunday, November 22, 2026 at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY with Rev. Marshall Ivey officiating. Burial will follow in the Unity Baptist Church Cemetery. Friends are invited to call from 10:00AM until the funeral hour on Sunday, November 22, 2026 at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY.

Joseph Clapp, age 79 and a resident of Water Valley, passed away Monday, November 16, 2026, at his home. Funeral services for Joseph "Joe" Clapp were held at 2:00 PM Wednesday, November 18, at the Water Valley Pentecostal Tabernacle, with burial followed at the Water Valley

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Pentecostal Cemetery. Pastors Larry McClure and Markus McClure officiated the services.

HICKMAN

Annette Hancock, age 61, of Fulton, Kentucky, passed away Monday, November 16, 2026, at her residence. Graveside services for Mrs. Annette Hancock were held at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, November 19, 2026, at Mt. Zion Cemetery in Water Valley.

Terry Wayne Morrow, age 78, of Mayfield, Kentucky, formerly of Fulton, Kentucky, passed away on Monday, November 16, 2026, at Baptist Health Paducah. Funeral services for Mr. Terry Wayne Morrow were held at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 19, 2026, at the Hornbeak Funeral Chapel in Fulton with burial to follow at Obion County Memorial Gardens.

Ralph Holland Puckett, age 92, of South Fulton, TN, passed away Monday, November 16, 2026, at Magnolia Ridge in Union City, TN. Funeral services for Mr. Ralph Puckett will be held at 1 PM Friday, November 20, 2026, at the Hornbeak Funeral Chapel in Fulton, KY, with burial to follow in the Obion County Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 10 AM Friday until the hour of service.

Patsy Lucille McCaig, age 75, of McKenzie, TN, formerly of South Fulton, TN, passed away at her residence on Sunday, November 15, 2026. Funeral services for Mrs. Patsy McCaig were held at 12 Noon Thursday, November 19, 2026 at the Hornbeak Funeral Chapel in Fulton with burial to follow in the Walnut Grove Cemetery.

LIVINGSTON

Kelly Kay (Chambliss) Curnel, 63, of Salem, KY, passed away Thursday, November 12, 2026, at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah, KY. Funeral services were held Sunday, November 15, 2026, at 3:00 PM in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial followed at Salem Cemetery.

MARSHALL

Billy E. Driskill, 80, of Benton, Kentucky, passed away on Wednesday, November 18, 2026, at Passion and Purpose Hospice House in Almo, Kentucky. Visitation will be held from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Sunday, November 22, 2026, at the Life Celebration Center of Filbeck-Cann, 1003 Poplar Street, Benton, Kentucky. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM on Sunday, November 22, 2026, at the Life Celebration Center of Filbeck-Cann, with Bro. Cris Moore and Bro. Brad Walker officiating. Burial will follow at Marshall County Memory Gardens.

William D. Sirls, 81, of Benton, Kentucky, passed away on Sunday, November 15, 2026, at his place of residence. Visitation will be from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM on Saturday, November 21, 2026, at the Life Celebration Center of Filbeck-Cann, 1003 Poplar Street, Benton, KY 42025. A funeral service will be held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, November 21, 2026, at the Life Celebration Center of Filbeck-Cann with Bro. Gary Knuckles officiating. Burial will follow at Benton Cemetery.

Donald "Gene" Zech, 92, of Benton, Kentucky, passed away on Sunday, November 15, 2026, at Southgate Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Metropolis, Illinois. A visitation was held from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Thursday, November 19, 2026, at the Life Celebration Center of Filbeck-Cann, 1003 Poplar Street, Benton, Kentucky, with closing remarks to follow at 1:00 PM from Bro. Gary Knuckles.

Bro. C.C. Brasher, Jr., 84, went home to be with his Lord at 9:47 p.m. on Thursday, November 12, 2026, at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Center in Paducah. Funeral services were held at 2:00 PM on Sunday, November 15, 2026, at the Life Celebration Center of Filbeck-Cann, with Bro. Monte Hodges and Bro. Rex Jones officiating. Burial followed at Miller Cemetery in Livingston County, Kentucky.

Marilyn Creason, age 94 of Benton, KY passed away on Sunday, November 15, 2026, at Providence Pointe Healthcare in Paducah, KY. Funeral services were at 1:00 PM on Thursday, November 19, 2026 at Collier Funeral Chapel with Lance Cordle officiating. Interment followed in the Brewers Cemetery, Benton, KY.

John A. Mays, 89 of Benton, Kentucky passed away on Saturday, November 14, 2026 at Calvert City Convalescent Center in Calvert City, Kentucky. A funeral service will be at 11:00 AM on Saturday, November 21, 2026 at Collier Funeral Home with Gary Knuckles and Darren Mays officiating. Interment will follow at Marshall Co. Memory Gardens, Benton, KY. Visitation will be held from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Friday, November 20, 2026 at Collier Funeral Home, 211 West 5th, Benton, Kentucky.

Robert L. Burns, 72, of Benton passed away on Saturday, November 14, 2026 at Baptist Health in Paducah, Kentucky. A memorial service will be held at 1 PM on Saturday, November 21, 2026 at Community Chapel Church, located at 886 Salyer Creek Road, Benton, KY 42025. Rev. Todd Hawkins will be officiating.

Steve Brodsky, age 82, of Paducah passed away on Friday, November 13, 2026 at Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah, Kentucky. A memorial service will held on Saturday, November 21, 2026 at 1:00 PM with Rev. Alan Miller officiating. Collier Funeral Home and Cremation Services has been entrusted by the family to provide care.

McCRACKEN

Arthur Ray Kinnis, fondly known as "Ray," age 80, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on November 12, 2026, in Paducah, Kentucky. Cremation has been chosen, and services will be held at a later date in Indiana, where a joint celebration of life will be held to honor both Ray and his beloved wife, Melody.

Jimmy Simmons was born on August 3, 1955, in Paducah, Kentucky, and passed away on Monday, November 16, 2026, in Benton, Kentucky. The Lone Oak Chapel of Milner & Orr Funeral Home and Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

Larry N. Keeton Sr., age 74, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Monday, November 16, 2026, at 3:05 PM at Baptist Health Paducah (formerly Western Baptist Hospital) in Paducah, Kentucky, surrounded by his loving family. No formal service will be held, and a celebration of life will be announced at a later date.

Sydney "Syd" Samford, 67, of Benton, KY, passed away on Saturday, November 14, 2026, at Baptist Health in Paducah, Kentucky. Services will be at a later date. Milner & Orr Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Paducah is in charge of all arrangements.

Gary Barks, age 78, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away on Saturday, November 14, 2026, in Paducah. Funeral services for Gary will be held at 11:00 am on Friday, November 20, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah, with Bro. Jason Browning officiating. Entombment will follow at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens.

Lon D Turner, 78, was born on February 20, 1948, in Paducah, Kentucky, and passed away on November 12, 2026, in Clarksville, Tennessee. A funeral service was held at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, November 18, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah, with Rev. Bob Martin officiating. Burial followed at Rosebower Cemetery.

Helen Jeanne Grief, 83, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away on November 12, 2026, in San Juan, Puerto Rico. uneral arrangements are pending, and service information will be announced once details are finalized. Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah is in charge of all arrangements.

Patsy Lorraine Early Maxwell of Paducah, passed away on Saturday, November 14, 2026 at Mercy Health Lourdes Hospital. Services have been scheduled for Tuesday, November 24, 2026, 11:00 a. m. at Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church.

Pamela Marie McPherson, born November 13, 1958, departed this life on November 12, 2026, just one day before her 68th birthday. A Service of Celebration has been set for Friday, November 20, 2026, 11:00 A.M., at Greater Lincoln Heights Missionary Baptist Church. Burial will follow in Maplelawn Park Cemetery.

Mary Lucille Motes, 86, of Paducah, passed away on Sunday, November 15, 2026, at Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah. A funeral service was held at 11:00 am on Wednesday, November 18, 2026, at Gospel Assembly Church in Paducah with Rev. Bobby Mouser, Rev. Mike Hunt, and Rev. Encil Edmonds officiating. Burial followed at Lindsey Cemetery in McClure, IL.

TRIGG

Joe Henry Anderson, age 88, of Cadiz, Kentucky, passed away on Sunday, November 15, 2026, at Princeton Nursing and Rehabilitation in Princeton, Kentucky. Arrangements are being handled by Goodwin Funeral Home, Inc., 138 Main Street in Cadiz, where the family received friends from 11 AM to 1 PM on Thursday, November 19, 2026. Funeral services were at 1 PM with Scotty Hampton officiating. Burial followed in Trigg Memory Acres.



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.

WEST KY SPORTS



The 2026 All-4th District Volleyball Tournament Team is pictured.
(Photo Courtesy of Christian Fellowship School)



Murray High School student-athletes Faith McCafferty and Kylie Reitz competed in the State Horsemanship Contest at Murray State University on Thursday, Nov. 12. McCafferty placed second in her class. Reitz placed third in her class. *(Photo Courtesy of Murray High School)*



Marshall County defeated Butler 50-30 in a girls' high school basketball scrimmage on Saturday, Nov. 14. Kenzlee Terry led Marshall County, scoring 24 points. Following Terry in Marshall County's scoring column, Adley Poole netted 13 points.
(Photo Courtesy of Marshall County High School)

Final KVCA Region 1 Top 5 Poll released

Staff Report

PADUCAH — The final KVCA Region 1 Top 5 Poll of the 2026 high school volleyball season has been released.

The Kentucky Volleyball Coaches Association released the final KVCA Region 1 Top 5 Poll of the 2026 high school volleyball season on Wednesday, Nov. 1.

Champion McCracken County occupies the number one spot in the final KVCA Region 1 Top 5 Poll.

Runner-up Marshall County (2), Ballard Memorial (3), Graves County (4) and Carlisle County (5) are ranked behind McCracken County.

Several Region 1 teams excelled in the 2026 high school volleyball season.

The final KVCA Region 1 Top 5 Poll of the 2026 high school volleyball season follows.

Final 2026 KVCA Region 1
Top 5 Poll
1. McCracken County
2. Marshall County
3. Ballard Memorial
4. Graves County
5. Carlisle County



McCracken County ranked 15th in final KVCA Top 25 Poll

Staff Report

LEXINGTON — The Kentucky Volleyball Coaches Association (KVCA) released its final poll for the 2026 high school volleyball season on Wednesday, Nov. 11.

McCracken County is ranked 15th in the final KVCA Top 25 Poll.

The 2026 KHSAA State Champion, Assumption, remained ranked number one.

Rounding out the top 5 in the poll are Notre Dame, Mercy, Beechwood and St Henry.

First place votes are noted in parenthesis.

Final 2026 KVCA Top 25 Poll

Rank School

1. Assumption (20)
2. Notre Dame
3. Mercy Academy
4. Beechwood
5. St. Henry
6. Sacred Heart
7. Whitley County
8. Bowling Green
9. Elizabethtown
10. West Jessamine
11. North Oldham
12. Paintsville
13. Ballard
14. DuPont Manual
15. McCracken County
16. Frederick Douglass
17. Apollo
18. Holy Cross (Louisville)
19. Christian Academy-Louisville
20. Paul Laurence Dunbar
21. Lexington Catholic
22. Bishop Brossart
23. Conner
24. Ryle
25. Ashland Blazer



NCAA data shows lower graduation rates for multiple transfers

Staff Report

INDIANAPOLIS — More than a third of undergraduate student-athletes transfer at least once throughout their college careers. New NCAA research examining the relationship between transfer and graduation success found that student-athletes who transfer multiple times graduate at lower rates than those who remain at their original school and those who transfer once.

Among student-athletes who entered school in 2018-19, 88 percent of those who did not transfer graduated within six years, compared with 71 percent of those who transferred more than once.

Regardless of race, gender or sport, multiple transfers typically had a graduation rate 10 percentage points lower than peers who transferred once and 15-20 percentage points lower than peers who never transferred.

Among Black student-athletes, 82 percent of non-transfers graduated on time, while the rate dropped to 62 percent for those who transferred more than once. For FBS student-athletes, 85 percent of non-transfers graduated on time, compared with 58 percent of those who transferred more than once. For FCS student-athletes, 83 percent of non-transfers graduated on time, which dropped to 62 percent for multiple transfers.

Combining data reported to the NCAA and the National Student Clearing House, the NCAA research department compiled six years of term-by-term academic enrollment and graduation records for nearly 36,000 Division I student-athletes who began college in 2018-19.

From this data, 24,500 student-athletes with no record of transfer were identified, along with nearly 7,700 who had transferred one time (either from/to a two-year or four-year institution) and about 3,800 who attended three or more institutions. Bachelor's degree attainment within the six-year time frame was examined by transfer status.

Overall, the findings underscore the importance of considering the potential academic implications of multiple transfers. The NCAA will continue to monitor academic progress and degree completion rates, while encouraging schools to provide student-athletes with the support needed to stay on track toward earning their degrees.

KHSAA Board of Control addresses realignment requests, considers three-class soccer trial

Staff Report

LEXINGTON — The Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) Board of Control conducted its third regularly scheduled meeting of the 2026-27 academic year on Thursday, Nov. 12, addressing numerous topics affecting member schools and student-athletes across the Commonwealth.

Among the items discussed were district and regional realignment requests, a possible three-class system for soccer, potential changes to the state golf tournament format, lacrosse mercy-rule recommendations, wrestling alignment adjustments and legislative matters concerning homeschool participation.

The Board heard several requests concerning district and regional alignment during its public comment session.

Representatives from Cornerstone Christian, Gallatin County and Collins addressed the Board regarding potential realignment of the 29th District. The Board's February 2026 action remains unchanged, and Cornerstone Christian will remain in the 30th District. The 29th District will also remain unchanged.

The Board revisited a request originally presented during its September meeting in which Buckhorn sought to move from the 54th District to the 55th District, with Cordia moving from the 53rd District to the 54th District to provide better balance within the region. Wolfe County and Cordia expressed opposition to the proposal, citing increased travel distances and costs. Cordia also raised concerns about the management of athletics within the Knott County school district if that request was approved. The Board voted to deny Buckhorn's realignment request at this time and directed the schools involved to continue discussions regarding potential collaborative solutions. These considerations could include regional tournament adjustments to help alleviate concerns about the imbalance in the number of teams in each district.

Floyd County reiterated its request that Lawrence County be removed from the 58th District, citing travel concerns related to accessing Lawrence County via the 57th District. The Board voted to deny Floyd County's request and directed the schools involved to continue discussions regarding possible collaborative options.

The Board gave tentative approval to Trinity Whitesville's realignment request. The proposal will be distributed to member schools for feedback, with final consideration scheduled for the Board's January meeting.

Fort Knox High School requested a move from the 5th Region to the 6th Region, citing logistical changes associated with the military installation. Meade County requested a move from the basketball 3rd Region to the 5th Region, citing its location as the only 3rd Region school in the Eastern Time Zone and other logistical issues. The Board granted tentative approval of both requests, directing KHSAA staff to distribute the proposal to member schools for feedback before final consideration in January.

By a vote of 9-5, the Board directed staff to develop possible parameters for a three-class soccer system to be implemented on a three-year trial basis, to be further considered at its January meeting. The proposed structure will follow the enrollment-boundary blueprint used in track and field and cross-country. Additional details regarding classification, implementation and scheduling is to be presented to the Board in January.

A proposal to change the current format of the KHSAA state golf tournament was discussed. The Board did not approve the proposal during the meeting but will continue to review the data and results.

The Board recommended that proposed changes to the lacrosse mercy-rule provisions be distributed to member schools for feedback, with consideration of final adoption scheduled for January. These proposed changes would establish a game-ending provision when the scoring differential reaches the required threshold at or following the conclusion of the third quarter:

Boys' lacrosse - 20 goals or greater.

Girls' lacrosse - 18 goals or greater.

The Board deferred consideration of wrestling alignment adjustments to allow additional data to be collected at this year's tournaments before the matter is presented at a future meeting. The change had been sought to attempt to balance the number of competitors in the regions.

The Board reaffirmed its position on legislative proposals to allow homeschool students to participate on KHSAA member-school teams. The Board stated that it respects the legislative process and will comply with any statutory changes approved and enacted into law. However, absent substantial changes to prior versions of the legislation, the Board does not support provisions that would allow homeschool students to participate on member school teams. The Board further indicated that it will not approve consideration of the issue through the KHSAA regulatory process, with its membership absent, unless statutory changes are made.

The Board recommended numerous amendments to Bylaws 6, 16 and 22 for consideration by the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) as they passed the Annual Meeting process. The proposed amendments will be submitted for incorporation by reference into 702 KAR 7:065 as part of the regulatory process.

In addition, the Board voted to submit two of the proposals that received at least 50 percent approval from the membership but fell short of the required two-thirds majority back to the membership for a referendum vote in December.

Kentucky Master Naturalist program accepting applications for 2027 class

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Each year, the Kentucky Master Naturalist cohort dedicates time to the conservation and management of natural resources within Kentucky communities. Photo provided by Anna Wiker.



Kentucky Master Naturalist group at Hematite Trail, located in Kentucky's Land Between the Lakes near the town of Cadiz. Photo provided by Anna Wiker.

LEXINGTON, Ky.— The University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment hosts a program dedicated to conserving and managing natural resources in the Commonwealth: the Kentucky Master Naturalist (KYMN) program. Part of the UK Cooperative Extension Service and housed in the Department of Forestry and Natural Resources, the program is inviting all to apply for the next cohort, which will begin in January 2027. The application deadline is Nov. 30.

"We are excited to build the next Kentucky Master Naturalist class, advancing our vision of more people across Kentucky connecting with nature on a deeper level," said Ellen Crocker, KYMN state coordinator and forest health Extension specialist. "Through different education, outreach and research efforts, this cohort will receive the skills and knowledge they need to contribute meaningfully to conservation efforts in their own communities."

Since the program's inception, KYMN volunteers have visited community gardens, green spaces, schools, citizen science projects and state/national parks to help restore habitats, remove invasive species, develop communities and more. In 2025, the KYMN program logged more than 7,903 volunteer hours.

For Laurie Thomas, KYMN state coordinator and Extension forester, this program is all about people who want to be a "good steward" of the environment.

"We want to develop a good community of people who are informed and dedicated to improving their communities and contributing more to Kentucky," Thomas said. "Our graduates leave inspired and with a sense of renewed responsibility in supporting Kentucky's natural resources and environment."

The program requires 20 class sessions virtually (on Zoom), along with several field training opportunities, covering subjects from soil health, wildlife management and water quality to environmental education and field safety. Additionally, participants must volunteer for 40 hours. To maintain Kentucky Master Naturalist certification, participants must complete at least 40 volunteer hours and eight continuing education hours each year.

The cost is $200, and scholarships are available. The cohort is limited and typically receives more applicants than space available. Applicants are encouraged to apply early and demonstrate their interest in becoming a Kentucky Master Naturalist.

To date, the Kentucky Master Naturalist program has completed eight cohorts with more than 600 graduates. Each year, the program invites its graduates to stay connected by participating in upcoming trainings and field trips, seeking volunteer opportunities, reporting their service hours and attending the annual conference.

To learn more and apply to the Kentucky Master Naturalist program, visit naturalist.mgcafe.uky.edu.

University of Kentucky professor, researcher receives international food science award

By Bailey Vandiver
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LEXINGTON, Ky.— Tyler Barzee, Ph.D., received the Young Scientist Award from the International Union of Food Science and Technology (IUFoST). Barzee is an assistant professor in the Department of Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering at the University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment.

The award recognizes scientists early in their career who have potential to make significant contributions to food science and technology. One of eight awardees, Barzee was the only representative of North America.

"I am extremely honored and humbled to receive this award," Barzee said. "It was an amazing feeling to be nominated by my colleagues and mentors. Their support for what I am doing honestly means the world to me."

The IUFoST World Food Congress 2026 retrospective report described Barzee as a "pioneer in fungal and microbial biomanufacturing for sustainable food production." It also praised Barzee's work to translate research into industry applications and sustainable resource management.

Tyler Barzee shakes the hand of a person at the awards ceremony for the Young Scientist Awards.
Tyler Barzee receives the Young Scientist Award at the IUFoST World Food Congress 2026 in Hong Kong. Photo provided by Tyler Barzee.

Barzee, also one of The Bill Gatton Foundation Early-Career Professors, said he is proud of the systems approach he and his team use in the Barzee Bioprocessing Laboratory.



Tyler Barzee leads the Barzee Bioprocessing Laboratory at the University of Kentucky. Photo by Sabrina Hounshell.

"It allows us to explore creative ideas from both the zoomed-in view of technology development to the zoomed-out view of economics and environmental impact," Barzee said. "We look at problems in food systems and ask how we can harness the power of microbes to solve them."

Barzee said he's often the one giving "out-there talks" at conferences, asking listeners to realize a new connection and envision a future they may not have thought about before, like the role fungi and mushrooms could play in the bourbon industry.

"I believe that energy has translated into our research program and allowed us to pursue some innovative and exciting ideas that people are interested in and that also have potential for impact in Kentucky and beyond," he said.

Each Young Scientist Awardee was invited to attend and present at the IUFoST World Food Congress, held in Hong Kong Oct. 25-29.

"I am excited by the prospect of innovating with clear value propositions and translating technologies from the university to local enterprises," Barzee said.

Learn more about the Barzee Bioprocessing Laboratory.

Registration is open for the 2027 Kentucky Fruit & Vegetable Conference

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BOWLING GREEN, Ky. —
Registration is now open for the 2027 Kentucky Fruit & Vegetable Conference, the premier event for Kentucky specialty crop and produce growers to connect, learn and grow their businesses. The event takes place Jan. 10-12 at the Crowne Plaza Sloan Convention Center in Bowling Green.

This annual event is hosted by the University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment in partnership with the Kentucky State Horticultural Society, Kentucky Vegetable Growers Association, Organic Association of Kentucky and Kentucky Horticulture Council, as well as the Kentucky State University College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources and Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA).

Attendees will benefit from more than 75 expert speakers covering a wide range of production and marketing topics. The trade show will feature more than 50 exhibitors, offering insights into the latest products and services for growers.

"The 2027 conference has an amazing lineup of speakers and vendors who will provide information and guidance on production challenges and industry opportunities," said Cindy Finneseth, Ph.D., assistant professor and Extension specialist for community horticulture in the UK Department of Horticulture. "Current and prospective growers will gain information they can implement to improve production practices and increase profitability."

Returning pre-conference events on Sunday, Jan. 10 include the "Farmers Market Short Course" organized by KDA, "Farm Food Safety Plan Writing Workshop" hosted by Cultivate Kentucky, and "Bringing the Farm to School Grower Training" organized by Community Farm Alliance and UK.

New to the lineup of Sunday short courses are "Greenhouse Tools Training – How to Understand Your Growing Environment" and "Spray Math: Mastering Calculations and Calibrations for Small Acreage."

Presenter Nicole Gauthier, Ph.D., Extension professor and plant pathologist, promises an interactive experience.

"Growers will leave with confidence to apply these concepts on their own farms," Gauthier said.

Monday and Tuesday conference sessions will cover vegetable production (beginner and advanced), high tunnels, organic production, fruit production and business management. The cut flower short course will again be offered and has been expanded to cover topics of interest to beginning and more advanced growers.

Presenters include Kentucky specialty crop growers, Extension specialists, state agency representatives and out-of-state speakers such as Dave Dowling (Ball Seed), Brett Blaauw (University of Georgia), Amanda McWhirt (University of Arkansas), Lindsey Thiessen (Clemson University) and Annette Wszelaki (University of Tennessee).

Rachel Rudolph, associate Extension horticulture professor and vegetable specialist, said there is real value in the social aspect of the conference.

"The conference has a lot of valuable educational sessions and opportunities to learn new things and is a great opportunity to catch up with everyone," Rudolph said. "Growers, county agents, specialists and others can have informal conversations between sessions and learn from each other."

The full conference program and registration instructions are available at kyhortcouncil.org.

Pre-registration is $80 and available online through Friday, Jan. 8. On-site registration is $100.

Attendees can reserve hotel rooms at the special group rate using the link on the conference website or by mentioning the conference when booking directly with the hotel.

For questions about registration, scholarships, poster displays or sponsorships, email events@kyhortcouncil.org.

VICTORIOUS *Living* ...in a troubled world

MIRACLES: Experiencing The Power Of God

By Teresa LeNeave
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"That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God." — 1 Corinthians 2:5

Miracles are on my mind because I think our family recently experienced one. A little over a year ago, my sister was diagnosed with Stage 4 lung cancer. It was in her brain and her lungs. They called it, inoperable. Doctors didn't give much hope, but faith in God did. She took the usual treatments; some of which they said were very intense due to the severity. Hundreds of people were praying for her.

We're all doing the happy dance: last week doctors told her the cancer both in her lungs and in her brain is gone. She is in remission.

Miracles remind us that God is still at work in ways beyond human understanding. Acts 5:38–39 reminds us that what is truly from God cannot be stopped by human effort.

The knowledge of doctors and medicine is valuable, but a faith rooted in the power of God is even more important.

I'm so thankful God still heals. Approximately one-fifth of the Gospel accounts focus on Jesus' healing ministry. Matthew 4:23 tells us that Jesus traveled throughout Galilee, teaching and preaching the good news of the kingdom,



and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

Jesus also gave His disciples authority to heal the sick (Luke 9:1–2). After His resurrection and ascension, the apostles continued performing miracles through the power of the Holy Spirit (Acts 5:12–16). That's why we know our prayers can still be answered. He is the God that changes not.

Scripture records remarkable examples:

Peter healed a man who had been unable to walk since birth (Acts 3:6–8).

Peter healed Aeneas, who had been paralyzed and bedridden for eight years (Acts 9:32–35).

Peter raised Tabitha from the dead (Acts 9:36–39).

Paul witnessed a crippled man receive healing and walk (Acts 14:8–10).

These miracles brought amazement, joy, and glory to God. They were outward demonstrations of His supernatural power, given for the benefit of the body of Christ.

Not everyone receives healing, and not every situation ends in a miraculous recovery. We must recognize that God's ways and timing are not always what we expect. Nevertheless, I believe God still heals and performs miracles today, according to His will.

James 5:13–16 encourages believers to pray for the sick and call upon the elders of the church to pray and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. Prayer matters because God is the source of healing. Ultimately, salvation itself is a miracle. God's greatest work is not simply healing our bodies but transforming our lives through Jesus Christ.

We are not here simply to sit and wait for the return of Christ. We are called to live by faith, pray boldly, serve others, and testify to the power of God. Our faith should not rest in the wisdom of man, but in the power of God. My heart is overwhelmed by the goodness of God.

Outdoor Truths



By Gary Miller
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Nearly twenty years ago I was in Alabama hunting. I went there for many years because the license was cheap, and the deer were numerous. On occasion I would hunt public property. My goal then was to simply hunt. I was so new and excited that it didn't matter what size buck came through. If it had antlers, I wanted it. I can remember meeting another hunter one year while hunting on public property I had never hunted before. He hunted with bow only. This was rare in Alabama. But he was committed to this type of hunting regardless of what anyone else was doing or regardless of the opportunities he may miss. He pointed me to a particular area and, sure enough, the success is on my wall. What I always remember about him was that even though his method and belief was different, he helped and even celebrated mine. At the same time, I think about one friend who makes his own recurve bows and only hunts with them. Or another who refuses to shoot a crossbow as long as he can pull back his traditional bow. Each of these may disagree with me or each other about how to go about hunting, but at the same time they will celebrate my and each other's success.

Years ago, I decided to take a similar approach to those who I may disagree with. I decided when they do something good (because everyone does at one time or another) to celebrate their success. When I look at our world, I notice how taking sides has kept us from doing that. I've also noticed that while there may be corrupt politicians and leaders, most common people really want to help others even at a cost to themselves. So, why not celebrate this? I once believed I shouldn't celebrate, as a Christian, the good the Muslim, Jew, or even the atheist did in the lives of other people. Or at least I should temper my applause because we disagreed in some very fundamental things. I see this in the political arena as well. One's party is seemingly not allowed to celebrate something good the other party does in the lives of people. Or if we do, we must give some caveat about the overall bad they do. What I have discovered, however, is this. As a follower of Christ, what I am to love is pretty straightforward. I am to love God with all my heart, and my neighbor as myself. And one Biblical writer even clarifies this statement by reminding me that I can't really even love God rightly if I do not love my neighbor rightly. It seems then, the standard for celebration ought not be when every idea is agreed on, but when one person brings a blessing into the life of someone else. It's then when were all most like God.

Making sure we are seeing with spiritual eyes

By William F Holland Jr.
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Often the dark side tries to bring us down and discourage us, and if we continue down this dreary path, we will accept that our life is not worth much and no one really cares. However, there is some incredibly good news; Nothing could be further from the truth! The Bible, as the highest standard of absolute truth, clearly establishes that God sees you as the most valuable treasure ever created. Since our Creator is perfect and everything He makes is without mistakes, it's our responsibility as a victorious overcomer to believe it and live it! How we view ourselves has everything to do with our free will. You see, we can choose to live with low self-esteem and believe a lie, or we can decide that God adores us and is waiting for us to realize who we are in Him. "I will praise you for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are your works; and that, my soul knows well" Psalm 139:14.

We not only have two sets of eyes, but we also live in two different worlds at the same time. Our physical eyes process everything within this natural realm, and our perception has a direct influence on our emotions. When we are convinced that we have been sentenced to a life of failure and rejection, we feel sad and discouraged. However, when Christ brings His light and life into our lives, He renews our mind and unveils our spiritual discernment in order for us to comprehend spiritual truth. This gives us the ability to see ourselves the way He sees us. Remember: our focus determines our reality. Until we go beyond the default way of thinking, we will not be able to understand this divine reality. We are vulnerable to becoming entangled with depression and feelings of



low self-esteem, but we can find relief from our pain by simply asking God (who lives in us) to give us a brand new way of recognizing and thinking. Ralph Waldo Emerson is quoted as saying, "What is behind us and before us are tiny matters compared to what is within us."

If only you could know how important you are to God. The precious blood of Jesus is the highest payment that could be offered for our redemption, and it was given to set you free from sin and restore your covenant with the Almighty. When Jesus willingly went to the cross, you were on His mind, and He would have gladly paid that price if you had been the only person in the world. If you have given your heart to Christ, you now belong to Him, and as His child, could anything in heaven or earth be worth more to Him than you? You should be beaming with joy, hope, and love, knowing that you will spend an eternity with Him. 1 Corinthians 6 explains that His people are bought with a price and are the temple of the Holy Spirit. Accusations and negative thoughts of fear and hopelessness are demonic attacks from Satan to keep us in bondage. Resist him, and he will flee; he is a liar who uses deception to steal, kill, and destroy.

Yes, we will face harsh resistance from the enemy of our soul, but we can stand boldly in confidence when we accept God as the author and finisher of our faith. "But thou, O Lord are a shield for me; my glory and the lifter of my head." Psalm 3:3. The Lord declares throughout His Word that He considers our value simply because of who we are – nothing else. You see, value and worth depend on how much someone is willing to pay, and as John 3:16 declares, "For God so loved you, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." This means that God sacrificed His own Son for you - which proves that you are His most priceless treasure!
No one has ever paid a greater price than God paid for you, and no one has more value in heaven or in earth than you. You were created on purpose, for a purpose! Let God's truth be absorbed into your soul, and as you allow His promises to solidify your faith and renew your mind, slowly, day by day, you will discover that your personal relationship with Him is the meaning of life.

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TIME WITH THE SON

Bro. Brandon G. Bramlett
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The scolding sun seared my skin as I sat by the sea in the Sunshine State.

My giant forehead glowed red, and the rest of my body roasted like a rotisserie chicken. When I returned home, no one assumed that I had painted myself brown or miraculously changed my ethnicity. I had clearly been basking in the blistering sun because the proof was all over me. That's simply what time in the sun will do for you.

That's what time with the Son will do for you, too. When you spend enough time with Jesus, the proof will be written all over you. Talking often with Him will make a difference in the way you talk to others. Praying unceasingly before His face will change even the look on your face (cf. Acts 6:15). You cannot bathe in the rays of the sun without being noticeably affected, and you cannot bask in the presence of the Son without being profoundly transformed.

People will notice the difference in your character and conduct, and their attention will be drawn to the One who made it (cf. Matt. 5:16). Even your adversaries will see the change in you, just as the satanically controlled Sanhedrin couldn't deny that Peter and John had been with Jesus. As Luke said, "Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus" (Acts 4:13). These men were with Jesus for so long that He rubbed off on them! They were walking and talking like the Lord because they had been walking and talking with the Lord.

The transformation Jesus makes can also be very unsettling to those around you. Some may be worried that the Lord will rub off on them as well. Those who are not prepared to change their life may be intimidated by the change Christ has made in yours. They may resist getting close to you, fearful that they might get too close to the Lord by doing so. That is what happened to Moses after his extended meeting with the Lord atop Mt. Sinai:

"When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him" (Exodus 34:29-30).

Will you take time to be with Jesus?

Note:

For more devotional readings like this, check out my newest book, Bible Gleanings Volume III, and for the Christmas season, Let Earth Receive Her King. These two books and more are available on Amazon.

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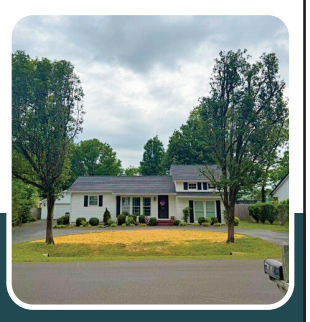
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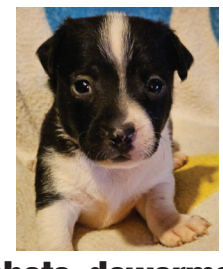
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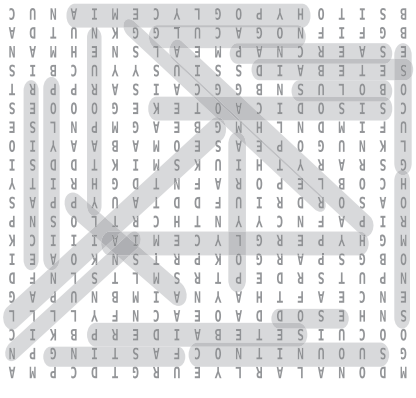
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Building blazing trails: UK Land-grant engagement project creates adaptive biking experience in Kentucky

By Christopher Carney
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VERSAILLES, Ky.— An adaptive mountain biking trail was recently designed and constructed at the Falling Springs Center, giving people with disabilities the opportunity to ride a bike in ways that match their physical abilities. In Woodford County, this popular park and recreation center offers a myriad of outdoor activities for thousands in the local community to enjoy.

According to the Bluegrass Chapter of Kentucky Mountain Bike Association (KYMBA), adaptive mountain biking programs serve amputees and adaptive riders — providing access, skills and confidence for people with disabilities who typically cannot ride a standard mountain bike and require adaptive equipment.

The Blazing Trails project, funded by the University of Kentucky Office of Land-grant Engagement, is designed to give people with disabilities increased access to nature in the Commonwealth through adaptive mountain biking by reducing some common barriers.

John C. Hill, Ph.D., adjunct faculty member at the UK College of Education, survey project coordinator at the UK Human Development Institute (HDI) and one of the Blazing Trails project leads, said that access to nature can be challenging for people with disabilities.

"For people with disabilities, affording and accessing adaptive mountain biking experiences is extremely difficult," Hill said. "Adaptive mountain bikes are expensive, costing around $14,000 on average. With Blazing Trails, we wanted to introduce a trail that they could access, ride safely and with confidence, and get the same enjoyment as anyone else."

An avid mountain biker in Central Kentucky for many years, Hill noticed biking trails in the Commonwealth are inaccessible.

"I realized there's no way in Kentucky for people with a disability to ride a mountain bike on some of these trails," Hill said. "They don't have the equipment, or the trails might not be accessible, appropriate or enjoyable for people with disabilities."

Hill turned to HDI colleagues Laura Butler and Darrell Mattingly to begin collaborating on a solution.

Butler and Hill were able to secure initial funding, provided by HDI's Fund for Excellence (FFE), to get the adaptive mountain biking project rolling.



Morgan Turner riding an adaptive mountain bike. Photo provided by UK Human Development Institute.

In 2025, Hill and Butler secured additional funding from the UK Office of Land-grant Engagement, which supports proposals for innovative projects that increase university engagement with communities.

"Access to the outdoors here in Kentucky is not there for everyone," Butler said. "Your community isn't complete unless everyone has access to it. This is why the Blazing Trails project was so important to us."

Hill and Butler began working with Jeb Gorham, Ph.D., Versailles resident, avid cyclist, KYMBA board member and associate dean and sports management Botkin Professor at Midway University. According to Hill, Gorham and his research team were vital in helping to fund and construct the 1.5-mile trail at the Falling Springs Center, with permission from the Woodford County Parks and Recreation.

"KYMBA wanted to bring an adaptive element to this trail in Woodford County," Gorham said. "John and Laura partnered with us to support the funding for the trail's expansion. It takes a lot to build an adaptive mountain biking trail, so we were extremely excited and grateful for this partnership with UK."

The Blazing Trails team, which included faculty and students from both UK's Community Innovation Lab (CIL) and Midway University, spent more than 100 hours building and creating the trail at Falling Springs Center.

The team designed the trail to meet adaptive mountain biking guidelines developed by the Kootenay Adaptive Sports Association and the International Mountain Bicycling Association, which specify the appropriate width, surface, grade and cornering requirements.

Bryan Hains, Ph.D., CIL co-director at the Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment and resident of Woodford County, said his lab being part of the planning process of Blazing Trails was "incredibly special" and will do great things for the local community.

"Blazing Trails happening in my home county made this a 'passion project' for me," Hains said. "We wanted to do our part of making adaptive mountain biking more accessible and enjoyable, right here in our backyard."

Blazing Trails ribbon cutting

In Spring 2026, Blazing Trails hosted a ribbon cutting and adaptive mountain biking workshop for people with disabilities at the Falling Springs Center. The community was invited to enjoy the new adaptive mountain biking trail and go riding on the adaptive bikes provided by Catalyst Sports.

Approximately a dozen adaptive riders with a variety of disabilities came to the workshop.

One of the adaptive riders was Lexington native Morgan Turner, who has been competing in Special Olympics Kentucky since he was in elementary school.

For Turner, highlights of the experience were riding an adaptive bike for the first time and meeting new people who were also new to adaptive mountain biking.

"I wanted to try something new, and I really loved that I stepped out of my comfort zone," Turner said. "It was fun to see all of the adaptive bikes. You could use your hands and arms to pedal, and I really liked that I could use my upper body strength. There was also a button on the bike that could help me out when going up a hill. I got to meet so many people like me, which sparked conversations, new relationships and friendships. I enjoyed seeing other people with disabilities overcoming their fears and conquering the trail with me."

Turner believes that these types of experiences bring communities together and raise more awareness for people with disabilities who also want to enjoy the outdoors.

"People with disabilities are just people with different abilities," Turner said. "Bringing more people together and getting everyone outside to have fun with each other would be huge for communities."

Blazing Trails is just the beginning for Hill and Butler.

"Going forward, we hope to see even more civic participation to help people with disabilities access adaptive trails in Kentucky," Butler said.

Butler said the team also hopes that new policies, funding and structural changes will encourage the inclusion of adaptive design when initially constructing trails.

"We are proud of the Blazing Trails project," Hill said. "We are looking forward to more collaborative opportunities that create access to outdoor recreation for people here in Kentucky."

The Blazing Trails project included the following partners, sponsors and collaborators: Bluegrass Berms Composite Team; Broomwagon Bikes; Catalyst Sports; the Commonwealth Council on Developmental Disabilities; Community Innovation Lab; Kentucky Mountain Bike Association; Martin-Gatton CAFE; Midway University; UK College of Education; and UK HealthCare – Healthy Kentucky Initiative.

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Rick Humphrey Brings Innovative Satellite Technology to Eddyville

Local business offers homeowners and businesses a smarter way to monitor propane supplies and protect their properties.

EDDYVILLE, KY. — After decades of developing innovative technology for the energy industry, entrepreneur Rick Humphrey is bringing his latest venture to the Twin Lakes Region with the opening of OneTank, Inc., doing business as Stella – Zane, at 408 Newman Drive in Eddyville.

Humphrey's career in the propane industry began with Williams Companies, where he served as National Director of Advertising and Promotion and later Director of National Accounts. His experiences with nationwide propane shortages, delivery interruptions and a tragic gas-related accident inspired him to develop a better way to monitor propane tanks.

That vision became OneTank Pulse, a patented satellite-monitoring system that allows customers and propane distributors to remotely track tank levels, monitor consumption and receive alerts when unusual activity occurs. The technology can help identify unexpected usage, potential leaks and equipment problems while helping customers avoid running out of fuel during severe winter weather.

With 10 domestic and international patents and more than 70 industry innovations, OneTank Pulse now serves customers on six continents. Its users include NASA, the U.S. Army, U.S. Border Patrol, Yellowstone National Park and propane distributors worldwide. The latest satellite technology has resulted in more than 20,000 units sold worldwide during the company's reported sales period.

Humphrey's newest venture brings the technology directly to local residents who own their propane tanks. The Eddyville location is the company's second retail operation, following a joint venture in Granby, Colorado.



R.L. Humphrey - Chairman of the Board

The new business is particularly timely for the Twin Lakes Region, where some propane customers have limited options for independent tank monitoring. OneTank Pulse gives homeowners and businesses greater control over their fuel supply, helping them plan deliveries and maintain reliable energy through changing weather conditions.

Humphrey serves as chairman of InSite Platform Partners, Inc., OneTank, Inc. and North American Satellite. His professional background includes executive leadership, product development, marketing, satellite communications and clean-energy initiatives.

Beyond business, Humphrey also has an interesting connection to entertainment history. During his time at Williams Companies, he worked with Hee Haw personalities Minnie Pearl, Grandpa Jones and George "Goober" Lindsey on a national advertising campaign that reached hundreds of radio and television markets.

Now, Humphrey is bringing decades of experience and innovation to his new home in Eddyville, with a simple mission: helping people know what's in their tanks before they need it.

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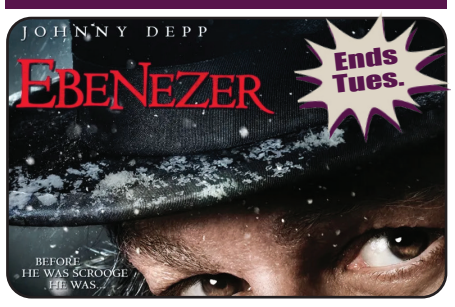


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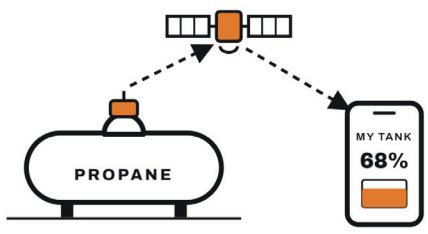
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Newsome's Old Mill Store:

A tradition in quality and country ham since 1863

By Scott Waggoner
KPI Writer

With a history dating back more than 160 years, Newsome's Old Mill Store in Princeton, Kentucky, has built a reputation for producing some of the finest country hams in the South. The store moved to Caldwell County in 1863 and continues its tradition today under the ownership of Nancy Newsome Mahaffey, affectionately known to many as the "Ham Lady of the South."

Store manager Skip Baird has worked alongside Nancy for seven years. Together with their staff, they continue the time-honored tradition of producing country hams and their specialty, Preacher Ham, which is barbecue-style ham. Skip says the business has exceeded his expectations since joining Nancy at the store.

What makes Newsome's hams special is the time, care and hands-on attention that go into every product. Each ham is hand-rubbed with salt, washed with brown sugar and hung to undergo a slow hickory-smoking process for at least a year. Every ham is handled at least 18 times throughout the process. Newsome's takes pride in never using nitrates, relying instead on traditional methods that have made its products famous.

The store's reputation has reached far beyond Kentucky. In May 2009, Newsome's was honored when its ham was placed in the Jamón Museum in Aracena, Spain, during the Fifth World Congress of Dry-Cured Hams.

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THANK A FARMER this Thanksgiving

The hands behind every holiday meal

As families across Western Kentucky gather around their Thanksgiving tables this year, there will be plenty of reasons to give thanks. Family, friends, good health and the blessings of another year are often at the top of the list. But there is another group deserving recognition: America's farmers.

From the turkey and dressing to the mashed potatoes, green beans, corn, rolls and pumpkin pie, farmers play an important role in bringing Thanksgiving dinner to the table. Behind nearly every item on the holiday menu is the hard work of someone who spends their days raising crops, caring for livestock and producing the food that feeds our communities.

For farmers, the work doesn't stop when the seasons change or the holidays approach. Agriculture is a year-round commitment that requires long hours, unpredictable weather, rising costs and countless decisions. While many families are preparing to enjoy time together, farmers are still tending livestock, maintaining equipment, planning for the next growing season and keeping their operations running.

Here in Western Kentucky, agriculture remains a cornerstone of our economy and way of life. Generations of farm families have helped shape our communities, providing jobs, supporting local businesses and supplying food and products that reach far beyond our region.

This Thanksgiving, take a moment to recognize the men and women who make it possible for families to enjoy a meal together. Thank a farmer, support local agriculture and remember that the food on our tables didn't simply appear at the grocery store.

It started with someone willing to work the land, care for animals and dedicate their life to feeding others.

This Thanksgiving, we are thankful for our farmers.





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Nancy personally accompanied the ham on its journey to Spain.

Newsome's has also been featured in numerous national publications and media outlets, including Garden & Gun, Saveur, Fine Cooking, Southern Living, Esquire and the Food Network.

Located at 208 East Main Street in Princeton, Newsome's Store continues to welcome customers looking for quality products and friendly service. Nancy, Skip or one of their staff members will be glad to assist visitors.

Store hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The store is closed on Sundays.

There is something special about a business that has stood the test of time. Newsome's Store is a reminder that quality, tradition and a commitment to doing things the right way never go out of style. Just what you would expect from a store with a history stretching back more than 160 years.

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Before you give thanks at the table, remember the farmer

When families sit down for Thanksgiving dinner, the table is usually filled with familiar favorites. Turkey, ham, vegetables, potatoes, bread and desserts bring people together for one of America's most cherished traditions.

But before the first bite is taken, it's worth remembering the people who helped make that meal possible.

Farmers.

The American farmer is often the unsung hero of the holiday season. While consumers see full grocery shelves and beautifully prepared meals, farmers see months of planning, early mornings, long days and hard work that often goes unnoticed.

Producing food is not an easy job. Farmers face unpredictable weather, changing market prices, rising fuel and fertilizer costs, equipment expenses and the constant responsibility of caring for their land and livestock. Their work requires patience, determination and a commitment that doesn't follow a traditional nine-to-five schedule.

In Western Kentucky, farming is more than an occupation. It is a tradition passed from one generation to the next. Family farms have helped build rural communities, sustain local economies and preserve a way of life that remains important throughout the region.

Whether growing corn, soybeans, wheat and other crops or raising cattle, poultry, hogs and other livestock, local farmers contribute to the food supply that families depend on every day.

As we enter the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons, let's make an effort to recognize their contributions. Buy locally when possible, support area farmers and agricultural businesses, and teach younger generations where their food comes from.

Most importantly, say thank you.

The next time you gather around the holiday table, remember that somewhere behind that meal is a farmer whose dedication helped put food on your plate.

Farmers feed America, and that's something worth being thankful for.





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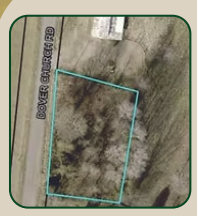
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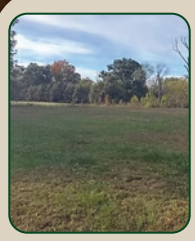




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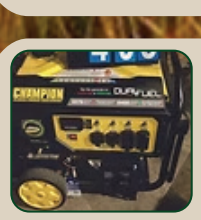


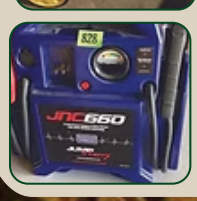
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AG NEWS



By Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner Jonathan Shell

Ag Commissioner announces nine county fair grand awards

Grants bring total awarded under Commissioner Shell to $2.2 million

FRANKFORT, Ky. – The Kentucky Department of Agriculture recently awarded $721,141.45 in grants to nine county fairs to support new construction and revocation projects. Since 2024, more than $2.2 million has been awarded for county fair improvements under the leadership of Agriculture Commissioner Jonathan Shell.

"County Fairs are the heart of many agricultural activities and communities across the state," Commissioner Shell said. "As an agriculture enthusiast, I understand the importance and symbolism of our county fairs. I am thrilled that, since becoming Commissioner, I have had the privilege of awarding millions for improvements to these stalwarts for our agriculture community. These grants will allow county fair boards to enrich the fair experience for their communities and their agricultural partners."



The amount and the recipient of each grant include:

Allen County – $100,000 for site work, installation of a gravel pad, electrical work, and the demolition of bleachers.

Carroll County – $33,937.39 for fairgrounds lighting and installation.

Garrard County – $75,000 for concession cooler, bleachers, and a pageant building addition which includes concrete, plumbing for restrooms, and a sidewalk.

Lincoln County – $89,488.75 for a Floral Hall addition and improvements, a concession addition and improvements, a new youth building, and improvements for the pageant, office and commercial building.

Madison County – $100,000 for gravel lot and roadway paving.

Muhlenberg County – $95,000 for track bleachers, concrete and gravel, site work, fencing and installation.

Nelson County – $40,381.20 for replacement of the pavilion building.

Taylor County – $100,000 for a 40-foot by 72-foot hoop barn, electric, and the purchase of approximately 36 acres for the fairgrounds.

Todd County – $87,334.11 for a 50-foot by 96-foot building, electric and water, dirt work, a bleacher, and a perimeter fence.

Any incorporated fair board in Kentucky may apply with the State Aid to Local Agricultural Fairs Program for grants in the amount of $10,000-$100,000. Each grant will fund 75 percent of the total cost of the project, with the local fair board matching the other 25 percent. Each project must be started within 90 days of the date the project was awarded and must be completed within nine months.

Grants may be used for infrastructure or facility improvements, capital construction, or purchase of non-permanent tangible items such as bleachers or restaurant equipment.

Applications must be submitted to the KDA's Shows and Fairs Branch and postmarked no later than Oct. 1 of each year. The Kentucky County Fair Council reviews the applications and selects the winning proposals.

For more information about the State Aid to Local Agricultural Fairs Program, go to kyagr.com/marketing/county-fair-program.html







Remember to THANK A FARMER this Thanksgiving

A season of gratitude, Thank You Farmers, for feeding America

Thanksgiving is a season built around gratitude. It is a time to reflect on our blessings, appreciate the people who make a difference in our lives and recognize the many things we sometimes take for granted.

One of those blessings is the food we enjoy every day.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving and prepare for the Christmas holiday season, we should remember the farmers who work tirelessly to provide food for families across America. Their contributions are easy to overlook, but their importance cannot be overstated.

Every meal begins somewhere. For many of the foods we enjoy, that beginning is on a farm.

Farmers plant and harvest the crops, raise the livestock and manage the land that supplies grocery stores, restaurants, food processors and communities throughout the country. Their work provides much more than a paycheck or a business operation. It provides something every family needs: food.

In Western Kentucky, agriculture is deeply woven into the fabric of our communities. From the family farm that has operated for generations to the young farmer building an operation of their own, these men and women represent hard work, perseverance and dedication.



Farming comes with challenges that many people never see. Weather can change an entire season's outlook. Markets fluctuate, operating expenses increase and equipment requires constant attention. Yet farmers continue doing what they do because they understand the importance of their work.

This holiday season, let's make sure they know their efforts are appreciated.

Whether it's thanking a neighbor who farms, purchasing products from a local producer or simply recognizing agriculture's role in our daily lives, small gestures can make a difference.

As you gather with family and friends this Thanksgiving, take a moment before dinner to remember the farmers.

They may not be sitting at every holiday table, but their hard work helped put the food on it.

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2012 Case IH Steiger 400 HD 4WD Articulated Tractor
1,856 hours; Case IH FPT diesel engine; PowerShift transmission; AFS Ready; Pro 700 display w/auto steer activation & WAAS guidance; included with tractor;
rear PTO; 4 rear hydraulic remotes; drawbar; front and rear duals; 480/80R50 tires; Deluxe Cab; leather air-ride seat; buddy seat; heat/AC; Case IH AFS Pro display; work lights; beacon. Purchased w/ fewer than 200 hours. SN:ZCF1311127;

2010 Case IH Steiger 335- 4WD Articulated Tractor
4,008 hours currently listed. Approximately 4,200 hours expected after the 2026 harvest. Rear 1000 PTO; 4 rear hydraulic remotes; front and rear duals; Firestone 480/80R46 tires; 18-forward/4-reverse PowerShift transmission; left-hand reverser; Trimble 750 display w/WAAS guidance, Case IH unlock & auto steer activation; included with tractor; pre-emissions; heat/AC; radio. Second-owner tractor—purchased with fewer than 200 hours. SN:Z9F117410.

2009 John Deere 8330 Tractor 3,807 hours; PowerShift transmission; MFWD; rear duals; 4 rear hydraulic remotes; 3-point quick hitch; 1000 PTO; 16 front weights; rear wheel weights; buddy seat; cab; heat/AC; AM/FM radio; exterior work lights; Firestone 480/80R50 rear tires; Firestone 420/85R34 front tires. On one farm its entire life. SN: RW8330P042673.

1975 John Deere 4230 Row Crop Tractor w/John Deere 740 Loader- 954 hours showing; previous tachometer replaced at 7,243 hours. 100 PTO HP; PowerShift 8-forward/4-reverse transmission; 2WD; wide adjustable front axle; 18.4x34 rear tires; 11.00x15 front tires; 2 rear hydraulic remotes; 540/1000 PTO; Category II 3-point hitch; rear wheel weights; open station; John Deere 740 self-leveling loader w/73in. material bucket SN:024026R. **Frontier Pallet Fork Attachment Pallet fork attachment** for/John Deere 740 loader listed above. Sells separately;

SPRAYERS & APPLICATOR

2023 John Deere 410R Self-Propelled Sprayer 664hrs. 120 ft. steel boom; 15 in. nozzle spacing; 1,000 gal. stainless steel tank; high-flow solution system; AutoBoom 5-sensor leveling; automatic solution control; boom air purge; stainless steel eductor; fence-row nozzle; front fill; belly shields; 9.0L Final Tier 4 engine; VF 380/90R46 tires; Ultimate Visibility; Ultimate Comfort & Convenience; ActiveSeat II; Category 4 cab filtration, JD StarFire 7000 receiver w/SF1 activation, SN#PCG17FB110849; JD 4600 CommandCenter V2 w/AutoTrac, Section Control, RowSense & Automation 4.0, SN#PCGUPSB912948. Field Ready. Second owner—warranty until June 2027. SN:1N0410RXEN0232263.

Terra Gator 8103 Three-Wheeled Sprayer
4,775 hours; 85 ft. booms; 1,800 gal. stainless steel tank; stainless steel wet booms; foam marker; stainless steel foam-marker tank; left-side 3 in. fill; poly top rinse tank; ground-level pump controls; 4x3 pump; Ag Leader display & sprayer control w/ section control; heat/AC; radio, SN: 83100102. **2023 J&M 5016 Fertilizer Applicator** 1,600 gal. capacity; 17 knives with 30 in. spacing; Raven ISO control; flow monitor; para-linkage coulters; 3 in. fill; safety chain; light enhancer. One owner—purchased new from a local dealer. SN:2350003.

COMBINE

2024 John Deere S770 Combine 715 eng. hrs. 521 sep. hrs. currently listed. Approximately 950 engine hours and 725 separator hours expected after the 2026 harvest. ProDrive transmission with Harvest Smart Feedrate Control; 2-speed 4WD powered rear axle; Premium Cab; Ultimate Technology; ActiveYield Plus; Premium Visibility; TriStream rotor; extended-wear round bar concaves; Dyna-Flo Plus cleaning shoe; power-folding grain tank covers; 26 ft. unloading auger; Deluxe Residue fine-cut chopper with PowerCast tailboard; IF 1250/50R32 front tires; VF 750/65R26 rear tires; tracks-ready axle; Final Tier 4 engine; Built-in JD G5 CommandCenter w/permanent AutoTrac, Section Control & RowSense activations, SN#PCG5CSB135420. MS150E bin extension; 3-camera kit. One owner—purchased new from a local dealer. SN:1H0S770SAPT830133.

ONLINE BIDDING AVAILABLE

COMBINE HEADS & CARTS

2022 John Deere RD40F Draper Head
40 ft. width; hydraulic fore-and-aft adjustment; hydraulic reel raise/lower; PTO drive; single-point hydraulic hookup; poly skid plates; dual knife drive; standard poly-tine reel; coarse-tooth short-long knife with high-wear guards; flip-over reel; standard center belt; center crop flow divider. One owner—purchased new from a local dealer. SN:1H0RD40FPN0821058.

2024 John Deere C8R Corn Head
8 rows with 30 in. spacing; poly snouts; Contour-Master; height sensing; automatic header height; AutoTrac RowSense; folding snouts; 2 stalk stompers; intermeshing standard knife rolls; single-point hydraulic hookup; PTO drive hookup; LED marker lights; LED work lights. One owner—purchased new from a local dealer. SN:1H00C8RXER0830181.

2014 J&M 4WS15 All-Wheel-Steer Header Cart
40 ft. length; adjustable main beam; adjustable rests; trailer lights; extendable tongue. SN:1407371

Pequea 606 Header Cart
Fits John Deere C8R corn head; adjustable beam height; adjustable feet; rear hitch; extendable tongue. SN:2928; **Unused Hawkins 8R30 Corn Reel**
Model 427836; 8 rows with 30 in. spacing; hydraulic drive; adjustable reel arms; steel frame construction; hydraulic hoses and couplers; corn head mounting brackets. Unused.

TILLAGE EQUIPMENT

2020 Kuhn Krause 8010-30 Excelerator
30 ft. working width; Guardian hitch; 1–8 degree hydraulic gang-angle adjustment; rear spider wheels; rear rolling basket; 20 in. discs. One owner—purchased new from a local dealer. SN#1049E50A00057.

2012 Kuhn Krause 8000-30 Excelerator
30 ft. width; 3-section folding; rear rolling basket; rear spider wheels; hydraulic adjustment; 8 in. blade spacing. One owner—purchased new from a local dealer, All manufact. updates thru 2026, SN#8000-30-1591.

2015 Case IH Ecolo-Till 2500 Inline Ripper
7-shank folding inline ripper; spring-reset shank mounts; no-till shanks with holders; 8 in. no-till points; 22 in. coulters; all manufacturer updates through 2026. One owner—purchased new. SN#YAD080579. (3-point implement caddy sells separately)

2016 Unverferth 3-Pt. Implement Caddy-12.5Lx15 dual tires, electrical extension for implement lights & hydraulic extension kit;

Case IH Tiger-Mate 200 Field Cultivator 46.5ft. 5-Section folding, rear rolling basket, 2-bar spike drag, 12 in. cultivator spacing;

M&W Earthmaster 1475 Disc Ripper
7 shanks with 24 in. spacing; pull-type; hydraulic lift; front disc gangs. Purchased new.

Krause 1587 Tandem Disc
16 ft. width; hydraulic center fold; adjustable disc gangs; pull-type. Purchased new. SN:3016.

Krause 4118 Field Cultivator
23 ft. width; pull-type; hydraulic fold; hydraulic lift; spring-shank assemblies; rear spike-tooth harrow. Purchased new. SN:2877.

Brillion Cultipacker
25 ft. width; hydraulic fold; pull-type; hydraulic lift. Purchased new.

John Deere 825 Cultivator -6-row. Purchased new.

John Deere 400 Rotary Hoe-15ft. wide Purchased new.

Oliver 588 Plow-5-bottom. SN:78484.

White 598 Plow-6-bottom; variable width, 14–22 in.

SEED TENDERS & TENDER TRAILER

2020 J&M LC390 Seed Tender Trailer-mounted; tri-axle; roll tarp; hydraulic gates; hydraulic conveyor; Honda gas engine; 36 in. flex hose; InterComp scales; talc applicator. One owner—purchased new from a local dealer. SN: 1J9BB2337LF297276.

2016 Haul Ass LB25-T1 Fixed-Neck Lowboy Tender Trailer with J&M Speed Tender LC290
Trailer is set up as a tender trailer. 50,000 lb. capacity in 16 ft.; 70,000 lb. GVWR; 43 ft. overall length; 31 ft. deck; 8 ft. 5 in. width; 33 in. loaded deck height; Apitong deck; motor grader ramps; spring-assisted loading ramps; tandem 22,500 lb. axles; Hutch heavy-duty spring suspension; 235/75R17.5 tires; front toolbox; black. One owner—purchased new from a local dealer. VIN: 5JYLB252XGP161973.

Tender setup includes:

- **J&M Speed Tender LC290:** 36 in. flex hose; Avery Weigh-Tronix Model 640XL scales; talc applicator; hydraulic-powered conveyor; hydraulic-powered gates; Honda GX340 gas engine. Speed Tender SN: 1700859.
- **Enduraplas 2,500 gal. sump tank: Steel frame; plumbed to a Paccer pump powered by a Vanguard gas engine.**

Rinse/wash tank: Mounted on the top deck.

PLANTERS & GRAIN DRILL

2025 John Deere 1775NT Planter
16 rows with 30 in. spacing; MaxEmerge 5e; Central Commodity System; liquid fertilizer with frame-mounted single-disc openers; 2-point hitch; electric drive with PTO power generation; Electric Drive MaxEmerge 5e meter; Tru-Vee openers with single walking standard gauge wheels; mini seed hopper; hydraulic downforce; Yetter Twister poly-spike closing wheels; SeedStar 5 monitor; AccuCount sensors; unit-mounted coulter with 0.63 in. 25-fluted blade; pneumatic row cleaners; markers with 16 in. notched discs; frame weight distribution with in-cab adjustment; 600 gal. liquid fertilizer tank; Premium Lighting; ProMax 40 flat discs; Keeton firmers. One owner—purchased new from a local dealer. SN:1A01775KHRM810139.

2023 John Deere 1795 Planter
32 rows with 15 in. spacing; MaxEmerge 5 Package Configuration; 130 bu. Central Commodity System; 2-point hitch; variable drive with 2 hydraulic motors and half-width disconnect; Pro-Shaft drive; Tru-Vee openers with single walking standard gauge wheels; pneumatic downforce; cast-iron closing wheels; SeedStar monitor system; regular seed tubes with AccuCount sensors; unit-mounted coulters with 25-fluted blades; tri-fold markers; soybean seed discs; 32 Keeton seed firmers. New, never-used corn discs sell with the planter. 4,495 acres worked showing on the monitor. One owner—purchased new from a local dealer. SN: 1A01795CVNA800187.

John Deere 14x7B Grain Drill
14 openers with 7 in. spacing; approximately 8 ft. working width; galvanized seed box; grass seed box; single-disc openers; spring-loaded down pressure; hydraulic lift; ground drive; mechanical seed-rate adjustment; rear walkboard; rubber tires; One owner. SN:003417H

GRAIN CART, AUGER & GRAVITY WAGONS

2013 J&M 1050-20 Grain Cart Single axle; RT1050 roll tarp; folding auger; adjustable spout; 1000 PTO; running lights; 5-point scale system; GT460 monitor. One owner—purchased new from a local dealer. SN:1306005

Mayrath 13x72 Auger-Shurco power swing-away; 540 PTO. Purchased new.

J&M 350-20 Gravity Wagon 350 bu. capacity; roll tarp; extendable tongue; side discharge; front ladder; rear hitch. SN:15812.

Parker Hopper Wagon—200 Bushel capacity with tarp.

Parker Hopper Wagon—250 Bushel capacity with tarp.

FORKLIFT

2022 Yale GLP050MX Forklift-128 hours; 5,000 lb. capacity; PSI 2.4L LPG engine; 3-stage full-free-lift mast; 189 in. maximum lift height; 84 in. lowered height; 42 in. Class II integral sideshift carriage; 48 in. load backrest; 42 in. forks; 3-function hydraulics; pneumatic tires; overhead guard; amber strobe; reverse alarm; front and rear work lights. One owner—purchased new from a local dealer. SN:A390V16923W.

TECH EQUIPMENT

2018 JD 4640 Universal Display – Permanent AutoTrac activation; removed from John Deere 8330 tractor, SN#PCGU6UB515800.

2024 JD G5Plus Universal Display – Permanent AutoTrac & Section Control activations; removed from John Deere 8R 280 tractor, SN#PCG5PUB165233. **2024 JD G5Plus Extended Monitor –** Includes wiring harness; removed from John Deere S770 combine, SN#PCG512B530967. **2024 JD G5Plus Extended Monitor –** Includes mounting bracket & wiring harness/cord; removed from John Deere 8R 280 tractor, SN#PCG512C615225. **2021 JD Gen 4 Extended Monitor –**SN#PCG410A154680 **JD GreenStar 1800 Display –** SN#PCGU18B203439. **2017 JD StarFire 6000 Receiver** – SF1, SF3 & RTK activations,SN#PCS161B898826. **2021 JD StarFire 6000 Receiver** – SF1 activation, SN#PCS161B417512. **2016 JD StarFire 6000 Receiver** – SF1 activation, SN#PCS161B871962. **2023 JD StarFire 7000 Receiver** – SF1 activation, SN#PCS17UB186068. **2023 JD StarFire 7000 Receiver** – SF1 activation, SN#PCS17UB228786. **2018 JD 450 MHz RTK Radio** – Includes antenna, SN#PCSR54C603269. **2023 JD JDLink M 4G Modem** –SN#PCMA4MA111718. **JD StarFire Receiver Mounting Bracket; 2024 JD Universal Ethernet Planter Wiring Harness** – Used to communicate with a 2024 or newer John Deere SeedStar 5 planter w/electric drive, SN#1PCCOE4ATLM156420.

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Remember to THANK A FARMER this Thanksgiving

Notable Thanksgiving traditions



Thanksgiving is a family-centric holiday that revolves around the dinner table and encourages celebrants to acknowledge all that they have to be thankful for. Thanksgiving is celebrated in October in Canada and in November in the United States.

Many Thanksgiving traditions focus on community events and sumptuous feasts, but they don't stop there. Here are some of the more notable traditions people can embrace on this day of giving thanks.

Roasting turkey: Many foods will grace the Thanksgiving dinner table, but turkey is the star of the show. Roasting remains the most popular way to cook a turkey, but deep-fried and even rotisserie turkey have become more popular in recent years.

Watching the parade: Millions of people tune into the broadcast of Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, and many more line the streets of New York City to watch it in person. The Macy's parade was first held on November 27, 1924, and was only suspended for three years during World War II. The parade features musical events, special guests and pop culture balloons that navigate streets lined with skyscrapers.

Turkey trotting: Believe it or not, wild turkeys can run at speeds up to 25 miles per hour in short bursts, according to Lake Erie Nature & Science Center. Perhaps inspired by these speedy birds, turkey trots are popular on Thanksgiving Day. People of all ages start the holiday by running or walking in these charity events.

Watching football: Watching professional football on television is a popular Thanksgiving custom. The Detroit Lions and the Dallas Cowboys always host an afternoon game on Thanksgiving. Each year, the National Football League also schedules a third matchup in primetime featuring other teams. In 2026, the lineup features: Chicago Bears at Detroit Lions (1:00 p.m. ET), Philadelphia Eagles at Dallas Cowboys (4:00 p.m. ET) and Kansas City Chiefs at Buffalo Bills (8:20 p.m. ET).

Early holiday decorating: Many households will decorate for Christmas immediately following the clearing of the Thanksgiving turkey from the table. Some may even decorate before guests arrive on Thanksgiving.

Tuning into "A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving": Some families watch this beloved Charlie Brown television special the night before Thanksgiving, enjoying the movie's snack menu of jelly beans, popcorn and toast.

Celebrate "Friendsgiving": People who may not have relatives close by often gather with close friends to commemorate friendships and express their gratitude for one another.

Thanksgiving marks the first holiday during the whirlwind celebratory season. It's filled with many traditions that people across the United States and Canada enjoy.





Remember to THANK A FARMER this Thanksgiving

Host a memorable Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is a cherished holiday across much of North America. Canadians enjoy this day of gratitude, gathering and savory feasts in early October, while Americans celebrate Thanksgiving near the end of November.

According to Pew Research, 74 percent of survey respondents plan to attend Thanksgiving dinners with others, while 34 percent will host from their own homes. For those preparing to welcome guests this year, blending planning with heartwarming traditions can create a truly memorable Thanksgiving experience.



Start planning early

Menu and guest list planning can take more than two weeks, followed by a few days allotted to do some meal prep. The New York Post reports many people spend five hours actively cooking on Thanksgiving Day. AllRecipes.com indicates most Thanksgiving hosts spend around seven hours in the kitchen overall. By drafting a clear timeline for shopping, prep, cooking, and cleanup and delegating various tasks to others, Thanksgiving hosts can enjoy the holiday more.

Create a smart and masterful menu

Americans consume about 46 million turkeys on Thanksgiving, according to Electro IQ. Naturally, turkey remains a focal point of Thanksgiving dinners. Many other side dishes can round out the meal, but hosts are urged to stick to familiar recipes or test new ones in advance to reduce stress. Simple, elegant offerings that are tried and true will be well received.

Set the tone with decorating

Outfitting a home in beautiful fall decor can help create the mood for Thanksgiving. Hosts can incorporate rich, autumnal hues in browns, golds and reds. A floral centerpiece or cornucopia in fall-toned flowers is fitting. Small pumpkins or gourds outfitted with tags can be used for name cards to help seat people at the table accordingly, separating anyone who may clash.

Foster inclusivity

Thanksgiving is about food, but it also is about warmth and connection with others. Having guests share things they are thankful for or offering a pre-meal prayer helps set a thankful tone. Pew Research Center indicates that 65 percent of Thanksgiving dinners include a prayer or a blessing.

Set aside extras

Thanksgiving may be a holiday of excess, with many holiday hosts cooking up more than everyone can possibly consume. Inviting extra people to dinner who may no longer have extended families may ensure that food will be finished; otherwise, having plenty of to-go containers at the ready enables guests to take home leftovers so they don't go to waste.

Hosting a memorable Thanksgiving holiday is about the joy of sharing moments with friends and family and enjoying delicious food.

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USDA announces grants to expand meat processing, bolster supply chain in Kentucky

LEXINGTON, Ky. — U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Kentucky State Director Travis T. Burton and Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner Jonathan Shell today announced four Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program grants.

The grants total almost $800,000 and will expand capacity while helping to improve the food supply chain.

"The recent announcement providing investments in Kentucky meat processors builds on President Trump's Executive Order 'Promoting Fair Competition in Livestock Markets and Expanding Market Access for American Meat Producers'," said Burton. "Thanks to the leadership of President Trump and Secretary Rollins, USDA is working tirelessly to increase local food options and lower costs for Kentucky families while helping farmers and agricultural producers have a better chance to compete."

Expanding access to meat processing is important to Kentucky's cattle producers; Kentucky has the largest beef cow herd east of the Mississippi River.

"Kentucky farmers raise some of the finest livestock in America, and we want to make sure they have every opportunity to get those products to market," said Shell. "Expanding local processing capacity means more competition, more options for our producers, and a stronger food supply chain. I appreciate President Trump and Secretary Rollins for making these investments in our farm families."

The impact of agriculture on Kentucky's economy cannot be understated.

"Kentucky agriculture is vital to our economy, and our farmers deserve every opportunity to succeed," said Congressman Andy Barr (KY-06). "These investments will help local businesses grow, expand markets for Kentucky livestock producers, and strengthen our rural communities."



USDA Rural Development announces nearly $800,000 in grants to help four Kentucky meat processors expand their operations and strengthen America's meat supply chain. Pictured are, from left, Travis Burton, USDA Rural Development Kentucky state director; Jennifer Hardin, executive director of the Kentucky Association of Meat Processors; Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner Jonathan Shell; and David Wayne, USDA Farm Service Agency state executive director.

Central KY Custom Meats, Inc. will use $59,537 in grant funds to strengthen and expand its USDA-inspected beef processing operation by purchasing a new automatic feed mixer/grinder with Unger system, a patty-forming machine, and a commercial utensil and parts washer. The project will improve grinding efficiency, value-added production, sanitation, and labor productivity while reducing the risk of equipment failures and processing bottlenecks. These investments will increase beef-processing capacity from approximately 18 cattle per week to 23 cattle per week in Year 1 and 26 cattle per week by Year 3, reducing customer wait times and expanding access to USDA-inspected processing services.

Marksbury Farm Foods, LLC will use $250,000 in grant funds to acquire and install a FOSS MeatMaster Flex in-line X-ray process analyzer to improve quality control, food safety verification, and production efficiency in its grinding and further-processing operations. The equipment will provide continuous in-line analysis of product composition and weight while detecting certain foreign materials, reducing reliance on manual sampling, minimizing rework and lean giveaway, and improving process consistency. The project is expected to increase annual further-processing volume by approximately 19.7 percent, strengthen product quality controls, and expand processing capacity for livestock producers and toll-processing customers served by the facility.

Riverview Meat Company LLC will use $237,953 in grant funds to purchase equipment including a vacuum stuffer, double clipper, food processing oven, mixer/grinder, band saw, splitting saw, digital scale, vacuum tumbler, and tenderizer/cuber. This equipment will enable production of bratwursts, linked sausage, hot dogs, bacon, hams, and marinated products, while increasing harvest and processing capacity, reducing downtime, improving product quality, and allowing the company to serve more farmers and consumers throughout Central Kentucky.

Kentucky Meatsmith LLC will use $249,569 in grant funds to strengthen and expand its USDA-inspected meat processing operation by purchasing processing, packaging, sanitation, material-handling, and production management equipment. Grant funds will support the acquisition of processing management software, vacuum packaging equipment, grinders, mixers, tenderizers, a patty-forming machine, bacon slicer, smokehouse, heat tunnel, retail display freezers, sanitation equipment, and handling equipment. These investments will reduce bottlenecks, expand value-added processing capabilities, enhance product quality and consistency, and increase local processing capacity for livestock producers throughout Central and Southern Kentucky.

The Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program is managed by USDA Rural Development's Rural Business-Cooperative Services and provides grants to help eligible independent processors expand their capacity. USDA Rural Development designed the program to encourage competition and sustainable growth in the United States meat processing sector and improve supply chain resiliency.

Eligible applicants include for-profit and nonprofit entities, producer-owned cooperatives and corporations, certified benefit corporations, Tribes and Tribal entities, state or local government entities, and other business types (regardless of legal structure). Private entities must be independently owned and operated, and all entities must be domestically owned.

USDA has awarded more than $200 million to independent businesses under the MPPEP program. These projects have created thousands of jobs across the country. Learn more about USDA's investments to strengthen the meat and poultry supply chain at usda.gov/meat.

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Building blazing trails: UK Land-grant engagement project creates adaptive biking experience in Kentucky

The Blazing Trails project introduced a new adaptive mountain biking trail in Central Kentucky for people with disabilities to enjoy, many for the first time.

By Christopher Carney

VERSAILLES, Ky.— An adaptive mountain biking trail was recently designed and constructed at the Falling Springs Center, giving people with disabilities the opportunity to ride a bike in ways that match their physical abilities. In Woodford County, this popular park and recreation center offers a myriad of outdoor activities for thousands in the local community to enjoy.

According to the Bluegrass Chapter of Kentucky Mountain Bike Association (KYMBA), adaptive mountain biking programs serve amputees and adaptive riders — providing access, skills and confidence for people with disabilities who typically cannot ride a standard mountain bike and require adaptive equipment.

The Blazing Trails project, funded by the University of Kentucky Office of Land-grant Engagement, is designed to give people with disabilities increased access to nature in the Commonwealth through adaptive mountain biking by reducing some common barriers.

John C. Hill, Ph.D., adjunct faculty member at the UK College of Education, survey project coordinator at the UK Human Development Institute (HDI) and one of the Blazing Trails project leads, said that access to nature can be challenging for people with disabilities.

"For people with disabilities, affording and accessing adaptive mountain biking experiences is extremely difficult," Hill said. "Adaptive mountain bikes are expensive, costing around $14,000 on average. With Blazing Trails, we wanted to introduce a trail that they could access, ride safely and with confidence, and get the same enjoyment as anyone else."

An avid mountain biker in Central Kentucky for many years, Hill noticed biking trails in the Commonwealth are inaccessible.

"I realized there's no way in Kentucky for people with a disability to ride a mountain bike on some of these trails," Hill said. "They don't have the equipment, or the trails might not be accessible, appropriate or enjoyable for people with disabilities."

Hill turned to HDI colleagues Laura Butler and Darrell Mattingly to begin collaborating on a solution.

Butler and Hill were able to secure initial funding, provided by HDI's Fund for Excellence (FFE), to get the adaptive mountain biking project rolling.

In 2025, Hill and Butler secured additional funding from the UK Office of Land-grant

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Morgan Turner was one of the adaptive riders at the Blazing Trails event. Photo provided by UK Human Development Institute.

Morgan Turner (pictured) was one of the adaptive riders at the Blazing Trails event. Photo provided by UK Human Development Institute.

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University of Kentucky launches Coffee, Science and Culture Certificate

This 12-credit hour certificate opens the world of coffee to students from all majors

By Grace Sowards



LEXINGTON, Ky.— A cup of coffee has many lives before it ends up in the mug. At the University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, a new undergraduate certificate examines the science, production, trade, history and cultural significance of coffee.

David Gonthier, associate professor in the UK Department of Entomology, one of The Bill Gatton Foundation Distinguished Professors and director of the UK Coffee Lab, has led the development and launch of the Coffee Science and Culture Certificate. Through coursework, students will develop practical skills in coffee like roasting, brewing and sensory evaluation, while exploring the international value chain that connects the entire workforce. Further, courses will explore issues that face the industry, like the environmental and social impacts of coffee production and trade.

"Coffee is something that many of us drink every day, but behind every cup is an extraordinary story of far-off places, cultures, trades and human livelihoods," Gonthier said. "We want students to leave with an ability to think critically and communicate across disciplines, cultures and industries to ultimately contribute to a more sustainable and prosperous global coffee community, from production to consumption."

The certificate is 12 credit hours, with two required courses and two open electives. COF 301, Not Just Coffee, is a required course taught by Gonthier, focuses on the history, culture and general global impact of the beverage. The other required course is Coffee Sensory Science, designed to appreciate the characters that add value to coffee and the science behind how to evaluate them.

"The certificate program will have something for everyone," Gonthier said. "Learning how to taste and appreciate foods and beverages totally improves the quality of life — you'll start to think more about not only coffee, but everything you're eating and drinking and where it comes from."

Undergraduate students can register for the Coffee Science and Culture Certificate and courses that begin in Spring 2027. The certificate is also available for nontraditional students and community members, as there are several asynchronous class options.

"This certificate gives students from any major an opportunity to connect their interests with agriculture, science and global trade," said Carmen Agouridis, senior associate dean of the Martin-Gatton CAFE. "Students will gain practical skills while learning how the decisions made throughout coffee production affect people, communities and the environment."

Coffee is also available to purchase on campus. UK students, faculty and staff can purchase bags of UK coffee online for pickup on campus. UK coffee is also available at Bluegrass Beans, the café inside of the Martin-Gatton Agricultural Sciences Building.

This winter, the UK Coffee Lab is creating a coffee advent calendar. It will include 24 whole-bean coffee samples from all over the world to celebrate the diversity of coffee. Each sample will be enough for roughly one pot of coffee.

"The Coffee Lab advent calendar will be a global adventure through the world of coffee and highlight the unique flavor profiles of different origins, varieties and processing techniques," Gonthier said. "In addition, there will be coffees with impact on producer prosperity, conservation and other sustainability objectives. Roast level will generally be between light and medium for all coffees, to best express the unique attributes of each coffee."

Preorders are available on the Coffee Lab website now.

For more information about the certificate, visit the program site or reach out to CoffeeLab@uky.edu.

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University of Kentucky alum and former trustee Carol Martin "Bill" Gatton bestowed a transformational $100 million gift to the college through The Bill Gatton Foundation. It is the largest gift to the university in its history.

Four Pillars of The Bill Gatton Foundation's gift are (1) Scholarships and other initiatives for Student Success, (2) Companion Animal Program, (3) 21st Century Capital Projects and New Initiatives Fund and (4) Faculty Research and Innovation/Research Challenge Trust Fund Program.

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Engagement, which supports proposals for innovative projects that increase university engagement with communities.

"Access to the outdoors here in Kentucky is not there for everyone," Butler said. "Your community isn't complete unless everyone has access to it. This is why the Blazing Trails project was so important to us."

Hill and Butler began working with Jeb Gorham, Ph.D., Versailles resident, avid cyclist, KYMBA board member and associate dean and sports management Botkin Professor at Midway University. According to Hill, Gorham and his research team were vital in helping to fund and construct the 1.5-mile trail at the Falling Springs Center, with permission from the Woodford County Parks and Recreation.

"KYMBA wanted to bring an adaptive element to this trail in Woodford County," Gorham said. "John and Laura partnered with us to support the funding for the trail's expansion. It takes a lot to build an adaptive mountain biking trail, so we were extremely excited and grateful for this partnership with UK."

The Blazing Trails team, which included faculty and students from both UK's Community Innovation Lab (CIL) and Midway University, spent more than 100 hours building and creating the trail at Falling Springs Center.

The team designed the trail to meet adaptive mountain biking guidelines developed by the Kootenay Adaptive Sports Association and the International Mountain Bicycling Association, which specify the appropriate width, surface, grade and cornering requirements.

Bryan Hains, Ph.D., CIL co-director at the Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment and resident of Woodford County, said his lab being part of the planning process of Blazing Trails was "incredibly special" and will do great things for the local community.

"Blazing Trails happening in my home county made this a 'passion project' for me," Hains said. "We wanted to do our part of making adaptive mountain biking more accessible and enjoyable, right here in our backyard."

Blazing Trails ribbon cutting

In Spring 2026, Blazing Trails hosted a ribbon cutting and adaptive mountain biking workshop for people with disabilities at the Falling Springs Center. The community was invited to enjoy the new adaptive mountain biking trail and go riding on the adaptive bikes provided by Catalyst Sports.

Approximately a dozen adaptive riders with a variety of disabilities came to the workshop.

One of the adaptive riders was Lexington native Morgan Turner, who has been competing in Special Olympics Kentucky since he was in elementary school.

For Turner, highlights of the experience were riding an adaptive bike for the first time and meeting new people who were also new to adaptive mountain biking.

Morgan Tuner riding an adaptive mountain bike. Photo provided by UK Human Development Institute.

"I wanted to try something new, and I really loved that I stepped out of my comfort zone," Turner said. "It was fun to see all of the adaptive bikes. You could use your hands and arms to pedal, and I really liked that I could use my upper body strength. There was also a button on the bike that could help me out when going up a hill. I got to meet so many people like me, which sparked conversations, new relationships and friendships. I enjoyed seeing other people with disabilities overcoming their fears and conquering the trail with me."



An adaptive mountain biker participant gripping the handles and smiling.
Photo provided by UK Human Development Institute.

Turner believes that these types of experiences bring communities together and raise more awareness for people with disabilities who also want to enjoy the outdoors.

"People with disabilities are just people with different abilities," Turner said. "Bringing more people together and getting everyone outside to have fun with each other would be huge for communities."

Blazing Trails is just the beginning for Hill and Butler.

"Going forward, we hope to see even more civic participation to help people with disabilities access adaptive trails in Kentucky," Butler said.

Butler said the team also hopes that new policies, funding and structural changes will encourage the inclusion of adaptive design when initially constructing trails.

"We are proud of the Blazing Trails project," Hill said. "We are looking forward to more collaborative opportunities that create access to outdoor recreation for people here in Kentucky."

The Blazing Trails project included the following partners, sponsors and collaborators: Bluegrass Berms Composite Team; Broomwagon Bikes; Catalyst Sports; the Commonwealth Council on Developmental Disabilities; Community Innovation Lab; Kentucky Mountain Bike Association; Martin-Gatton CAFE; Midway University; UK College of Education; and UK HealthCare – Healthy Kentucky Initiative.

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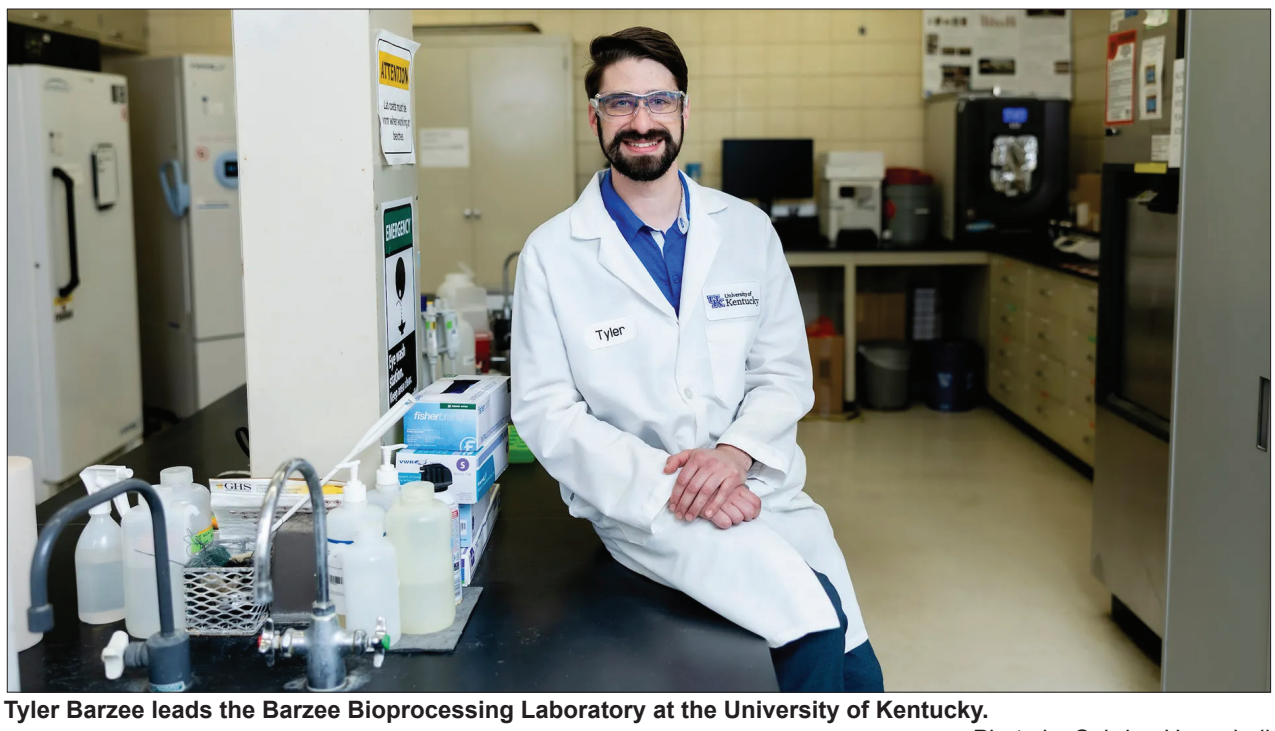
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Tyler Barzee leads the Barzee Bioprocessing Laboratory at the University of Kentucky.
Photo by Sabrina Hounshell

University of Kentucky professor, researcher receives international food science award

Tyler Barzee was honored with the Young Scientist Award for his research.

By Bailey Vandiver

LEXINGTON, Ky.— Tyler Barzee, Ph.D., received the Young Scientist Award from the International Union of Food Science and Technology (IUFoST). Barzee is an assistant professor in the Department of Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering at the University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment.

The award recognizes scientists early in their career who have potential to make significant contributions to food science and technology. One of eight awardees, Barzee was the only representative of North America.

"I am extremely honored and humbled to receive this award," Barzee said. "It was an amazing feeling to be nominated by my colleagues and mentors. Their support for what I am doing honestly means the world to me."

The IUFoST World Food Congress 2026 retrospective report described Barzee as a "pioneer in fungal and microbial biomanufacturing for sustainable food production." It also praised Barzee's work to translate research into industry applications and sustainable resource management.

Barzee, also one of The Bill Gatton Foundation Early-Career Professors, said he is proud of the systems approach he and his team use in the Barzee Bioprocessing Laboratory.

"It allows us to explore creative ideas from both the zoomed-in view of technology development to the zoomed-out view of economics and environmental impact," Barzee said. "We look at problems in food systems and ask how we can harness the power of microbes to solve them."

Barzee said he's often the one giving "out-there talks" at conferences, asking listeners to realize a new connection and envision a future they may not have thought about before, like the role fungi and mushrooms could play in the bourbon industry.

"I believe that energy has translated into our research program and allowed us to pursue some innovative and exciting ideas that people are interested in and that also have potential for impact in Kentucky and beyond," he said.

Each Young Scientist Awardee was invited to attend and present at the IUFoST World Food Congress, held in Hong Kong Oct. 25-29.

"I am excited by the prospect of innovating with clear value propositions and translating technologies from the university to local enterprises," Barzee said.

Learn more about the Barzee Bioprocessing Laboratory.



Tyler Barzee receives the Young Scientist Award at the IUFoST World Food Congress 2026 in Hong Kong.
Photo provided by Tyler Barzee

NCGA calls for passage of Key Corn Legislation by year's end

By Bryan Goodman

Members of Congress returned to the capitol today nearly a week after the American people voted in the midterm elections. In response to Congress' return, Michigan farmer and National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) President Matt Frostic released the following statement:

"Voters sent a clear message on Nov. 3 that they want to see members of Congress work together and deliver for the American people.

"We urge Congress to act immediately to pass pending legislation that would allow for the year-round sale of E15. Such a move would help lower gas prices, bolster the rural economy and help reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

"Corn growers also urge passage of farm bill legislation in Congress that would make USDA programs more effective, efficient and responsive through policy enhancements. The legislation passed by the Senate Ag Committee contains language allowing for year-round sale of E15.

"We hope Congress will ignore the many distractions that are so prevalent during lame duck sessions and demonstrate that they are here to make a difference for the American people. They can do that by focusing on getting policy items, like E15 and the farm bill, across the finish line and signed into law this year. Farmers cannot afford further delay."



Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corp. approves over $2.8 million in loans

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

FRANKFORT, Ky. – The Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corp. (KAFC) approved 15 agricultural loans totaling $2,865,303 for projects across the Commonwealth at its monthly board meeting.

Beginning Farmer Loan Program (BFLP)

Thirteen Beginning Farmer loans were approved. Loan recipients were in the following counties: Allen ($196,500), Barren ($175,000), Bourbon ($250,000), Christian ($250,000), Daviess ($250,000),

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Garrard ($205,000), Hardin ($250,000), Jessamine ($250,000), McLean ($87,500), Pulaski ($102,800), Shelby ($250,000), and Warren ($202,685.87 and $106,037.50). BFLP is designed to assist individuals with some farming experience who desire to develop, expand, or buy into a farming operation. Beginning farmers may qualify for financing to purchase livestock, equipment, or agriculture facilities; to secure permanent working capital; for the purchase of farm real estate; or to invest in a partnership or LLC.

Diversification through Entrepreneurship in Agribusiness Loan Program (DEALP)

One DEALP loan was approved in Graves County ($89,780). DEALP is designed to assist agri-entrepreneurs with the purchase, establishment, or expansion of a business that sells agricultural products or services to farmers or consumers.

Large/Food Animal Veterinary Loan Program (LFAVLP)

One LFAVLP loan was approved in Ballard Count ($200,000). LFVALP is designed to assist individuals licensed to practice veterinary medicine in Kentucky who desire to construct, expand, equip, or buy into a practice serving large animal producers, including goat, sheep, swine, and other smaller food animals.

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

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Kentucky Master Naturalist program accepting applications for 2027 class

Dedicated to improving Kentucky's green and wildlife spaces, the Kentucky Master Naturalist program is inviting the community to apply by Nov. 30

By Jennifer Elwell

LEXINGTON, Ky.— The University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment hosts a program dedicated to conserving and managing natural resources in the Commonwealth: the Kentucky Master Naturalist (KYMN) program. Part of the UK Cooperative Extension Service and housed in the Department of Forestry and Natural Resources, the program is inviting all to apply for the next cohort, which will begin in January 2027. The application deadline is Nov. 30.

"We are excited to build the next Kentucky Master Naturalist class, advancing our vision of more people across Kentucky connecting with nature on a deeper level," said Ellen

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Crocker, KYMN state coordinator and forest health Extension specialist. "Through different education, outreach and research efforts, this cohort will receive the skills and knowledge they need to contribute meaningfully to conservation efforts in their own communities."

Since the program's inception, KYMN volunteers have visited community gardens, green spaces, schools, citizen science projects and state/national parks to help restore habitats, remove invasive species, develop communities and more. In 2025, the KYMN program logged more than 7,903 volunteer hours.

For Laurie Thomas, KYMN state coordinator and Extension forester, this program is all about people who want to be a "good steward" of the environment.

"We want to develop a good community of people who are informed and dedicated to improving their communities and contributing more to Kentucky," Thomas said. "Our graduates leave inspired and with a sense of renewed responsibility in supporting Kentucky's natural resources and environment."

The program requires 20 class sessions virtually (on Zoom), along with several field training opportunities, covering subjects from soil health, wildlife management and water quality to environmental education and field safety. Additionally, participants must volunteer for 40 hours. To maintain Kentucky Master Naturalist certification, participants must complete at least 40 volunteer hours and eight continuing education hours each year.

The cost is $200, and scholarships are available. The cohort is limited and typically receives more applicants than space available. Applicants are encouraged to apply early and demonstrate their interest in becoming a Kentucky Master Naturalist.

To date, the Kentucky Master Naturalist program has completed eight cohorts with more than 600 graduates. Each year, the program invites its graduates to stay connected by participating in upcoming trainings and field trips, seeking volunteer opportunities, reporting their service hours and attending the annual conference.

To learn more and apply to the Kentucky Master Naturalist program, visit naturalist.mgcafe.uky.edu.



Each year, the Kentucky Master Naturalist cohort dedicates time to the conservation and management of natural resources within Kentucky communities.
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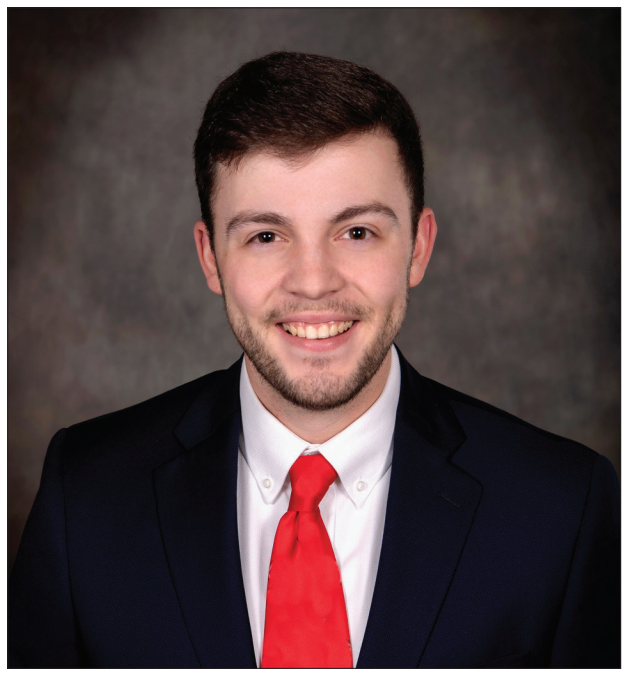
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Clinton soybean farmer Jonathan Reynolds appointed to United Soybean Board



The volunteer farmer-leaders of the Kentucky Soybean Board are pleased to announce that Jonathan Reynolds of Clinton has been appointed by U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins to serve on the United Soybean Board (USB). Reynolds, who farms with his wife Gracie in the Springhill community in far western Kentucky, will join Barry Alexander and Brent Gatton (who is currently the organization's Chairman) as Kentucky's three voices that help determine how the national soy checkoff is invested into education, promotion, and research.

Reynolds will replace Keith Tapp on the national board. Tapp, who culminated his service to USB as USB Chairman in 2019, graciously stepped back in to fill an unexpired term. Kentucky's soybean farmers express their appreciation to Tapp for his service and for his long-term volunteerism as he continues to represent the Board in the biofuels space. Reynolds is currently serving on the Kentucky Soybean Board as secretary/treasurer and will wrap up

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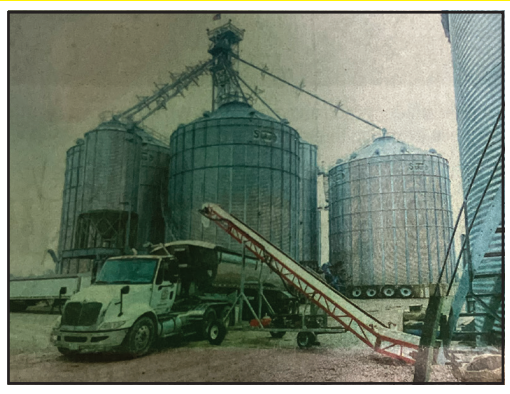
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two years of Kentucky Soybean Association presidency in January.

"I have spent a great deal of time working on policy matters while serving on the officer team for KSA," Reynolds said. "and while that is critically important for each of us at the farm gate level, the wise and practical investment of these checkoff dollars is, too. I am ready to get sworn in next month and find out which action team I'll be assigned to so that we can get to work on choosing projects that will increase soy use both domestically and abroad and provide a meaningful return on every farmer's checkoff investment."

Volunteer service to the industry at both the state and national levels can be time-consuming, and the farmer-leaders of the Kentucky Soybean Board appreciate Jonathan's willingness to take on this important role. He and his fellow appointees will serve a three-year term beginning in December.

The United Soybean Board has 77 members representing 29 states and the Eastern and Western regions. Each year, the Secretary of Agriculture appoints approximately one-third of all Board members for 3-year terms. Nominees must be nominated by a Qualified State Soybean Board.

More information about the board is available on the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) United Soybean Board webpage and on the United Soybean Board website, unitedsoybean.org.

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UK professor receives 2026 Master Teacher Award

A University of Kentucky faculty member in Community and Leadership Development is recognized for outstanding contributions to student success and teaching, inside and outside the classroom

By Christopher Carney

LEXINGTON, Ky.— The University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment (CAFE) Master Teacher Award recognizes faculty members for their significant dedication to teaching and student achievement. Nicole Breazeale, Ph.D., associate Extension professor in Community and Leadership Development (CLD), was honored with this year's award.

Award nominees are selected based on their overall commitment to enhancing teaching methodologies, including implementing effective classroom techniques, advancing student learning outcomes, contributing to student development and providing instructional programming.

For Breazeale, being

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recognized by her colleagues is an honor, and this recognition reflects a shared commitment in CLD to delivering rigorous, community-engaged learning for students.

Carmen Agouridis (left) hugging Nicole Breazeale (right) with Master Teacher Award at the 2026 Fall Faculty Meeting. Photo by Matt Barton.

Carmen Agouridis (left) hugging Nicole Breazeale (right) at the 2026 Fall Faculty Meeting. Photo by Matt Barton.

"I'm part of a world of people who are deeply connected in teaching our students to be community leaders and practitioners," Breazeale said. "In CLD, the faculty's work overlaps in many ways — across classes, the curriculum and in the community. We are all collaborating and partnering together to educate our students to be engaged, thoughtful leaders that solve pressing, real-world problems in communities."

Karen Rignall, Ph.D., associate professor in CLD, said that Breazeale's commitment to her students is inspires her own teaching.

"I have never seen an instructor who combines such care and support with such high expectations," Rignall said. "It has inspired me to see how having these greater expectations is possible when we offer the support and instruction that helps students feel empowered and capable."

Breazeale teaches across the CLD curriculum, from the introductory course to the senior capstone, as well as graduate courses in community engagement and sustainable food systems.

Breazeale's work has blended instruction, research and engagement, with a focus on strengthening community food systems and using storytelling-based methods to support community development. She has led several statewide grant-funded projects, including initiatives focused on youth education, food access and substance use recovery support.

Through storytelling, dialogue, reflection and sustained partnerships, Breazeale has helped her students think critically and apply their learning to complex community challenges. These experiences reflect Breazeale's belief that students learn to lead through working with the people most affected by community challenges and creating work that leaves communities stronger.

Caroline Groth, a CLD senior at Martin-Gatton CAFE, said Breazeale — who many students affectionately call "Dr. B" — brings a unique level of enjoyment to teaching.

"Dr. B has been an amazing professor. She truly cares about each student, both in

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and out of the classroom," Groth said. "She's always looking for ways to help students reach their academic and career goals, and no matter what kind of day she's having, she shows up to class with energy and enthusiasm. I'm thankful to have had Dr. B as a professor and mentor."

Breazeale's impact on her students and the community includes helping former UK student athlete J.J. Weaver's overcome the loss of his father, which led to developing a peer grief-support program that was piloted through UK Athletics and later adopted by the UK Counseling Center. In addition, Breazeale was part of a Land-grant Engagement project that united communities through storytelling techniques and collaborated on introducing the Food, Farming and Community curriculum.

Breazeale's students have worked alongside community partners such as CivicLex on class projects related to Lexington's urban growth master plan, Reimagining the Civic Commons and Addison Park.

For Tanya Whitehouse, Extension specialist chef and program manager at The Food Connection, working with Breazeale as a colleague and learning from her as a CLD master's student is a privilege.

"Dr. Breazeale brings her whole self into her teaching, not for any kind of accolade, but because she wants students to learn all they can in the time available for class," Whitehouse said. "Not only does Dr. B want all of her students to have an engaging learning experience, but she also wants us to contribute to our community while we are learning."

Keiko Tanaka, Ph.D., current CLD acting chair at Martin-Gatton CAFE, further emphasized Breazeale's dedication to her students.

"Both undergraduate and graduate students love her classes, which are designed to be a learning space where students feel supported to explore their own worldviews and voices through interactive and engaging class activities," Tanaka said. "She is very committed to providing students with the knowledge and skills for their professional success and to become good citizens."

To learn more about the Master Teacher Award at Martin-Gatton CAFE, visit https://www.mgcafe.uky.edu/about/faculty-staff-honors.



Carmen Agouridis (left) presenting Nicole Breazeale (right) with Master Teacher Award at the 2026 Fall Faculty Meeting.

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