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Mayfield Students attend Regional Model UN Conference; Gore Earns Delegates' Choice Award





A delegation of Mayfield High School students joined peers from across the region to debate global issues and work toward solutions at a recent Model United Nations conference. Mayfield High School teacher and Model UN Advisor Savannah Johnson said the group brought an unprecedented level of energy and passion to discussions of international challenges. In the General Assembly, delegates debated and voted on resolutions about rural poverty and the human rights of migrants and refugees. The Security Council took up resolutions on weapons of mass destruction in space, climate change, and global security.

Sophomore Zavery Gore received the Delegates' Choice Award for the Security Council. The award recognizes the delegate judged the most diplomatic and the best speaker, who also follows parliamentary procedure without error. It was Gore's first conference.

Johnson said the students left eager for more. "To say today was just a field trip is simply untrue," Johnson said. "It was a real blessing to witness."

Mayfield's delegates were:

General Assembly

USA: Jaxson Cash and Victor S. Hernandez

Ethiopia: Janvi Patel and Jaquelyn Wedge

Rwanda: Eliot Acree

Senegal: Arya Anderson

Russia: Becca Mountjoy

Qatar: Renata Mercado

Security Council

Russia: Zavery Gore

France: Katie Haywood

Christmas in Mayfield, Kentucky

Staff Report

Christmas in Mayfield, Kentucky, is a special time of year when the community comes together to celebrate the holiday season. The town comes alive with sparkling lights, festive decorations, Christmas music, and activities for families of all ages. From the downtown Christmas parade to holiday events throughout Graves County, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

One of Mayfield's favorite holiday traditions is the annual Christmas parade, which features colorful floats, marching groups, music, and an appearance by Santa Claus. Another popular attraction is the Festival of Lights at the Mayfield-Graves County Fairgrounds, where visitors can enjoy beautiful holiday light displays. Families can also visit Cartwright Grove, an Old West-style village decorated for Christmas, offering a unique holiday experience.

Local churches, businesses, and community organizations help make the season special by hosting Christmas activities, shopping events, and opportunities to give back to those in need.

Christmas in Mayfield is about more than decorations and presents. It is about family, friendship, community spirit, and making memories. The kindness and generosity of its residents make Christmas in Mayfield a truly wonderful time of year.

Graves County Rallies Behind Gracie and Her Family Following Car Accident

By: Laurna Pruett
KPI Writer

When tragedy strikes, there is something special about the way Graves County comes together to take care of its own. Following a devastating car accident that left Gracie severely injured, friends, family, neighbors and local businesses are joining forces to show her and her family just how much love and support surrounds them.

A benefit dinner and auction for Gracie and Jontaylr will be held Saturday, Dec. 5, at Lowry Farms, located at 5183 KY-94 West in Water Valley. Dinner will begin at 4 p.m., with the auction following at 6 p.m.

Food, drinks and desserts will be provided free of charge, with donations encouraged to benefit the fund established for Gracie. There is no set price for the meal. Organizers simply ask those attending to give what their hearts lead them to give.

With a large turnout expected, attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs for the auction. Tables and chairs will be provided for dinner. The event will be family-friendly, and no alcohol will be permitted.

Organizers are still accepting auction items and other donations. Those wishing to contribute can contact Logan Rowland-Benson, Julie Morganti or Brooke Adams. Auction items should be dropped off by Dec. 2, or no later than Dec. 3, and should include the donor's name, contact phone number and the item's dollar value.

Whether it is donating an auction item, attending the dinner, bidding on an item or making a monetary donation, every contribution, no matter how big or small, can make a difference.

Graves County has proven time and time again that when one family hurts, an entire community is willing to step up. With the holiday season approaching, there is no better time to show what giving is trulyabout.

Mark your calendars for Dec. 5 and help make this benefit a night that reminds Gracie, Jontaylr and their family just how many people are standing beside them throughout this difficult journey.

Need a Ride to the Doctor? Free Transportation Is Available

By: Laurna Pruett
KPI Writer

Not everyone has reliable transportation or someone they can call when they need a ride to the doctor. Unfortunately, something as simple as not having a ride can cause people to put off medical appointments and go without the care they need.

The Graves County Health Department wants residents to know that free medical transportation services are available to help.

The service provides free round-trip transportation to medical appointments within Mayfield and surrounding areas. Whether you no longer drive, do not have access to a vehicle or have family members who are unable to take time off work, this is a resource worth looking into.

Keeping up with medical appointments is an important part of staying healthy, and a lack of transportation should not stand in the way of receiving care.

Residents needing transportation are encouraged to call the Graves County Health Department at 270-247-3553 to learn more about the service and schedule a ride.

If you have a family member, elderly neighbor or friend who struggles to get to medical appointments, take a moment to share this information with them. They may not realize this service is available right here in our community, at no cost to them.

Online Grocery Shopping Makes Life a Little Easier for WIC Families

By: Laurna Pruett
KPI Writer

Getting to the grocery store isn't always easy, especially when you have little ones at home, a busy work schedule or limited transportation. Kentucky families who receive WIC benefits may not realize they can now order groceries online through Walmart for pickup or delivery.

The process is fairly simple. Shoppers can visit www.walmart.com/wic or use the Walmart app to create a free account or sign into an existing one. From there, they can add their eWIC card to their digital wallet using their card number and WIC PIN.

Once the card is added, shoppers can select "View and shop my benefits" to see eligible food items and begin filling their shopping cart.

When ready to check out, customers can choose pickup or delivery, depending on what is available in their area, and select a day and time that works best for their family. They will need to enter their WIC PIN during checkout and again when placing the order.

One important thing to keep in mind is that WIC benefits do not cover delivery or shipping fees. A separate payment method will be needed for those fees or any groceries purchased that are not covered by WIC.

Families who prefer to shop in person can still use their benefits at more than 500 approved grocery stores across Kentucky.

Whether it's avoiding a trip through the grocery store with several little ones or simply saving time during a busy week, online ordering gives families another option when it comes to putting food on the table.

Upgrading Paducah DUF6 conversion facility elevates performance

Contributor: Katherine Mueller-White

PADUCAH, KY — Crews modernizing the Paducah Depleted Uranium Hexafluoride (DUF6) Conversion Facility replaced aging vacuum pumps with a new system that removes residual material from cylinders during the final stages of processing more reliably and efficiently, enhancing safety and reducing operational pauses.

"During testing, the new system operated better than expected," Paducah DUF6 Plant Manager Rob Gentry said, noting crews processed 12 cylinders during testing, surpassing a goal of 10. "No major issues were encountered, and the processing time was quicker than planned."

The DUF6 material, a coproduct of decades of uranium enrichment for defense and commercial energy purposes, poses long-term storage and environmental challenges in its original form. Through conversion to uranium oxide and hydrofluoric acid, the DUF6 team is helping mitigate those risks and advance the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) cleanup mission.

Beyond verifying the new technology, testing demonstrated a substantial reduction in thetime it takes to remove residual uranium hexafluoride from the cylinders, from several hours per unit to under 30 minutes — representing an approximately 15% increase in throughput.

"This was a multiyear project requiring support from numerous disciplines across Mission Conversion Services Alliance," Gentry said of the contractor charged with managing the DUF6 facilities at DOE's Office of Environmental Management Paducah and Portsmouth legacy nuclear sites. "The team worked well together to deliver this complex project safely."

The small vacuum pumps were prone to failure, resulting in frequent repairs and operational pauses. In the new system, custom-designed cold box enclosures freeze remaining uranium hexafluoride in receiving cylinders, developing a vacuum to effectively transfer it through a change in pressure.

The cold box chambers also help cool and recycle process gases, which saves energy, reduces emissions and supports safe and sustainable operations at the plant. The number one priority is safety, and all upgrades completed at the facilities undergo a rigorous safety analysis to ensure they meet the highest standards of operational safety and regulatory compliance.

Over the past several months, crews developed comprehensive test instructions for new equipment and control software and rolled out extensive training across the facility. With functional testing verified and startup criteria met, the new system has moved to the operations team for routine production. "It's another step toward modernizing the conversion facility and using smart engineering to solve a challenge," Portsmouth Paducah Project Office DUF6 Program Manager Chris Richards said. "Using the successes we've seen at Paducah will help us upgrade the Portsmouth conversion facility in Ohio."



A view of the Paducah Depleted Uranium Hexafluoride Conversion Facility, where a new system was recently installed and tested to improve throughput, safety and efficiency.



Workers prepare to offload cold boxes, which are part of a new system to significantly enhance safety, improve efficiency and reduce operational pauses at the Paducah Depleted Uranium Hexafluoride Conversion Facility.

Photos courtesy of Mission Conversion Services Alliance, LLC

Kentucky gas prices drop to $3.28 average ahead of Thanksgiving

by TOM LATEK - Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – The nation's average price of gasoline has fallen 18.4 cents over the last week and stands at $3.60 per gallon, according to GasBuddy® data compiled from over 12 million individual price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the U.S.

The national average is down 71.1 cents from a month ago but is 56.9 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. The national average price of diesel fell 19.2 cents in the last week and stands at $5.808 per gallon.

In Kentucky, the news is even better for those are planning to drive during the long Thanksgiving holiday weekend, as the average price per gallon has dropped to $3.28 for regular, the lowest price since March.

"Gasoline and diesel prices fell in virtually every state over the last week, pushing the national average price of gasoline to its lowest level since mid-March heading into Thanksgiving," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "Our Thanksgiving survey found that 66% of Americans still plan to hit the road, even though 78% say gas costs more than it did last year and nearly one in five are cutting back on other holiday spending to cover fuel."

He added, "The timing of this relief is welcome, and it now looks doubtful that we'll surpass 2022's Thanksgiving Day record of $3.558 per gallon. The national average could eventually bottom out between $3.35 and $3.55 over the next few weeks, and more drivers may find $2.99 gas in cheaper states during their Thanksgiving travels. If the situation in the Middle East stays quiet or improves, these lower prices could stick around for some of the winter."

"Higher Gulf exports should not be confused with a normalization of the oil market," said Giovanni Staunovo, commodities analyst at UBS, noting that export flows still depend on U.S. military support and "the risk of renewed supply disruptions remains elevated."

Meanwhile, another analyst described a tense U.S.-Iran stalemate as the base case through year-end.

Go to Kentuckygasprices.com or download the GasBuddy app.

Regular gas price at Buc-ee's in Murfreesboro, TN sold for $2.69 a gallon Monday morning, Nov. 23.

Reported by Steve Boyd, Georgia



McCRACKEN COUNTY / PADUCAH

Paducah energy hub announced as major economic development project
Paducah and McCracken County are positioning themselves for a major economic development opportunity through the Paducah American Energy Hub. Announced in July, the project brings together energy infrastructure, artificial intelligence, computing power and private investment. The initiative could have a significant impact on the region's future industrial and technology sectors.
Greater Paducah Economic Development

Global Laser Enrichment project brings major investment opportunity
Global Laser Enrichment is planning a $1.76 billion laser uranium enrichment facility in McCracken County. The project is expected to create approximately 240 high-wage jobs and represents one of the largest economic development investments in Western Kentucky history.
info via Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development

GRAVES COUNTY / MAYFIELD

Graves County celebrates $6.3 million in business investment and 130 new jobs
Graves County Economic Development recognized local business growth during its annual Targeted Business and Industry Awards dinner November 12. Officials celebrated more than $6.3 million in investment and 130 new jobs associated with local business activity. The recognition highlights the continued importance of manufacturing and existing-industry expansion to the Mayfield-Graves County economy.

Two industrial buildings planned for Mayfield business park
Graves County Economic Development received a $2 million Kentucky Product Development Initiative grant to help construct two speculative industrial buildings at Grace Commercial Park. Each building is planned to contain approximately 60,000 square feet. The project is designed to give economic development officials ready-to-market space for companies considering a move to Graves County.

Freeman Automation announces plans for Graves County operation
Freeman Automation announced plans to establish a new operation in Graves County with a $1 million investment and the creation of 20 jobs. The project adds another opportunity for industrial employment in the Mayfield area.
info via Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development

MARSHALL COUNTY / CALVERT CITY

MegaFit Meals announces $9.25 million expansion
Calvert City-based MegaFit Meals is planning a $9.25 million expansion of its Marshall County operations. The project includes a new 40,000-square-foot food manufacturing facility and is expected to create 40 additional jobs in food production, logistics and clerical operations. The locally owned company has grown from a small meal-preparation business into a national supplier of prepared meals.
info via Kentucky.gov

LYON COUNTY / EDDYVILLE

Eddyville Riverport plans additional industrial development
The Eddyville Riverport and Industrial Development Authority is moving forward with plans to acquire approximately 58 acres adjacent to Eddyville Industrial Park. More than $560,000 in state funding has been approved to support the project. Plans include a new railroad spur and additional rail-served industrial sites designed to attract manufacturing and distribution companies.
info via local sources

TRIGG COUNTY / CADIZ

Industrial building attracts interest from prospective companies
Economic development officials in Trigg County are working to market a 100,000-square-foot industrial shell building at Interstate 24 Business Park in Cadiz. South Western Kentucky Economic Development Council Executive Director Carter Hendricks says several companies have visited the region and expressed interest in the facility. Selling the building is among the council's priorities heading into 2027.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY / HOPKINSVILLE

Toyota supplier grows local workforce
Toyota Boshoku's Hopkinsville manufacturing operation has grown considerably since opening in December 2025. The automotive supplier initially projected 160 jobs but now employs nearly 250 people, according to regional economic development officials. The growth represents an encouraging development for Christian County's manufacturing workforce.

$250 million tobacco manufacturing expansion brings new jobs
U.S. Smokeless Tobacco is moving forward with a $250 million expansion of its Baker II facility in Hopkinsville. The project is expected to create more than 200 jobs and represents a significant investment in Christian County's manufacturing sector.

Genuine Fertilizer Solutions opens Hopkinsville facility
Genuine Fertilizer Solutions has opened its liquid fertilizer manufacturing facility in Hopkinsville. The company, founded by local agricultural entrepreneur David Barbee, represents an investment in connecting Western Kentucky's agricultural resources with local manufacturing opportunities. The facility became fully operational following its August grand opening.
Trigg & Christian info via WKDZ

REGIONAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT WATCH
Here are several additional developments worth following in upcoming editions:

AREA	DEVELOPMENT
Ballard County	**Industrial and transportation opportunities**
Carlisle County	**Agriculture and small-business development**
Calloway County	**Murray business expansion and university partnerships**
Crittenden County	**Industrial sites and small-business activity**
Livingston County	**Riverport, manufacturing and commercial development**
Marshall County	**Food manufacturing and industrial expansion**
Lyon County	**Rail-served industrial property**
Graves County	**New industrial buildings and manufacturing**



ABSOLUTE LAND AUCTION
Monday, November 30th, 2026 | 6:00 PM
PROPERTY LOCATION: Scott Road & Whitlow Lane, Sedalia, KY 42079





Harris Real Estate & Auction is proud to present an opportunity to purchase approximately 79± acres in the Sedalia community of Graves County, Kentucky. Located along Scott Road and Whitlow Lane, this property is divided into 14 tracts, offering buyers a variety of acreage sizes and opportunities for residential homesites, agricultural use, recreational enjoyment, or investment.

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 TRACTS

TRACT 1	1.39± ACRES
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

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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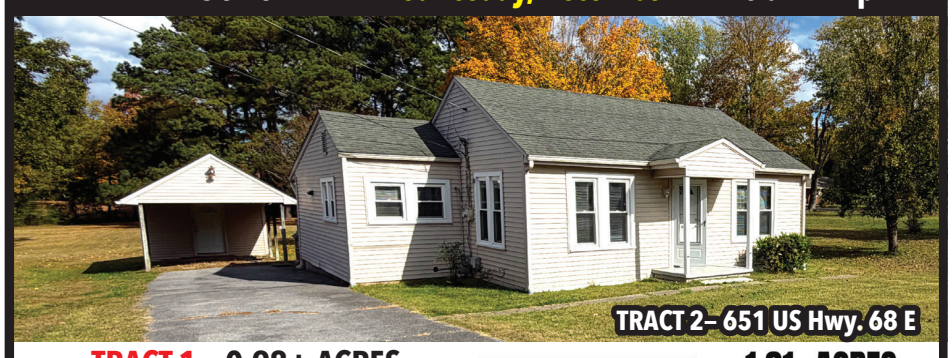
ABSOLUTE REAL ESTATE AUCTION
Wednesday, December 2nd, 2026 | 12:00 PM
629 & 651 US Highway 68 East, Benton, KY 42025



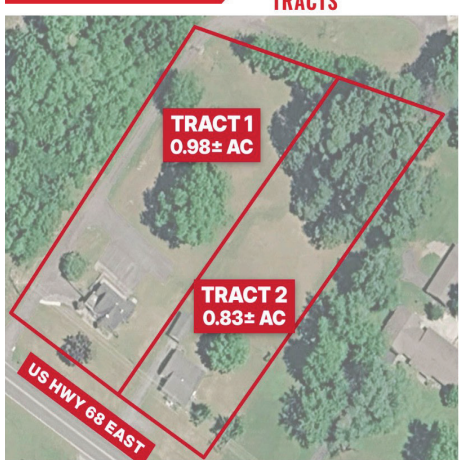
PREVIEW: AUCTION DAY - **Wednesday, December 2** - 10 am-12 pm



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

REAL ESTATE TERMS: The property will be offered 2 tracts. 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 the existing deed.

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Bluegrass on Beshear raises over $78,000 for western Ky. pregnancy care centers

By Jenny Myers
KY New Era/
Kentucky Today



Jeff and Laura Smith present a $19,552 donation to Alpha Pregnancy Care Center as part of proceeds from the Bluegrass on (Lake) Beshear fundraiser. (Photo by Jeff Smith)

After months of fundraising efforts, the final total is in for this year's Bluegrass on (Lake) Beshear, with organizers announcing $78,208 raised for four pregnancy care centers across western Kentucky.

The 13th annual fundraiser took place Oct. 10 and featured bands, food, refreshments, raffles and merchandise. Organizers Jeff and Laura Smith said the weather forecast leading up to the event created some uncertainty, but the rain held off and the fundraiser was able to move forward.

Although attendance was lower than in previous years because of weather concerns, the event exceeded its fundraising goal, bringing in approximately $16,000 more than the previous year's total of around $62,000.

The proceeds were divided equally among four pregnancy care centers, with each receiving over $19,000. The beneficiaries were Alpha Pregnancy Care Center in Hopkinsville, Door of Hope in Madisonville, Pathway of Hope in Greenville and H.O.P.E. Clinic, which operates locations in Benton and Eddyville.

On Nov. 17, the Pickin' Life Project presented Alpha Pregnancy Care Center with its $19,552 donation.

Angie Crawford, executive director of Alpha, said the contribution will help the organization continue providing free services to women and families in the community.

"All of our services are free, so fundraising is vital to our ministry," Crawford said. She described the annual fundraiser as one of Alpha's larger donations.

The contribution will support medical services, including pregnancy tests and limited ultrasounds, along with material assistance for families. Resources provided by the center include diapers, wipes, car seats, bottles, formula, diaper bags, strollers, prenatal vitamins and clothing.

Crawford said Alpha has experienced a significant increase in demand for its services.

She said many women who come to the center are facing unplanned pregnancies and feel overwhelmed by their circumstances. Alpha works to address their physical, spiritual, emotional and material needs by providing support and resources.

"Alpha is a safe place for women when they feel there are no options for their overwhelming situation," Crawford said.

The center also offers educational programs intended to support women and families. Its services are free and confidential, Crawford said.

Looking ahead, Alpha hopes to increase the number of mothers and families it serves in 2027. Crawford said continued community support and contributions from organizations such as the Pickin' Life Project will help the center meet that demand.

For Jeff and Laura, the fundraiser began with a desire to become involved in their community after Jeff retired from 30 years of military service and the couple returned to western Kentucky.

Laura said she began looking for volunteer opportunities after moving back to the area. A search led her to H.O.P.E. Clinic in Benton, where she found an organization she wanted to support.

She eventually approached Jeff with the idea of organizing a music event to raise money for pregnancy care centers. The couple named the fundraiser Bluegrass on (Lake) Beshear.

The first event, held 13 years ago, raised approximately $2,600 for three pregnancy care centers. Since then, the fundraiser has expanded to support four organizations and has raised nearly $500,000 over its history, according to the Smiths.

The couple said they have been encouraged by the generosity of individuals, businesses and organizations throughout western Kentucky. Contributions and sponsorships have helped the event grow, while volunteers have played an important role in organizing and operating it.

The Smiths said they hope to continue expanding the fundraiser's reach by bringing in additional churches and business sponsors. Their goal for next year is to raise at least as much as they did in 2026.

Beyond the annual music festival, the Pickin' Life Project also supports other causes through separate donations. The organization was established as a nonprofit in 2021 and focuses on supporting life at all stages, from conception through natural death.

The Smiths cited Bright Life Farms in Princeton, a residential community for adults with intellectual challenges, as one example of the organization's additional work. Laura also described helping an 8-year-old child in Madisonville obtain a replacement service dog after losing the previous dog, which had been important to the child's safety.

While those efforts fall under the Pickin' Life Project's broader mission, the Smiths emphasized that proceeds from Bluegrass on (Lake) Beshear are designated for the four pregnancy care centers.

The couple said seeing the organizations' work firsthand reinforces the importance of continuing the fundraiser. During a recent visit to a Pathway of Hope banquet, they met families and children whose lives had been affected by the services provided through pregnancy care centers.

The Smiths said they hope the event will continue growing and providing financial support to organizations serving families throughout western Kentucky.

ONLINE ONLY ABSOLUTE LAND AUCTION
BIDDING CLOSES: Friday, December 11th, 2026 at 10:00 AM
LOCATION: 163 FOWLER ROAD, MAYFIELD, KY 42066



The property is zoned residential, with electric, water and natural gas available. It was originally platted as lots in the Rosemont Highlands Subdivision. Circle Drive, a platted roadway/easement, runs across the front of all three tracts between Fowler Road and Wayne Drive. Circle Drive is currently unimproved and unmaintained and will need to be improved for access. The property offers strong potential for residential development, private homesites or long-term investment. **Tract 2 has an existing outbuilding,** and **Tracts 2 and 3 include large concrete pads from former barns**. These are pads only, with no structures. **Tract 1 is the largest tract offered,** with open ground bordered by a mature tree line along the southern edge.

TRACT 1 – 6.24± ACRES: Largest tract offered, with open ground on the south end of the property, bordered by a mature tree line. Access is across the front of the tract by Circle Drive (unimproved platted roadway/easement) from Wayne Drive.

TRACT 2 – 6.02± ACRES: Center tract with an existing outbuilding and a large concrete pad from a former barn (pad only, no structure). Access is across the front of the tract by Circle Drive (unimproved platted roadway/easement).

TRACT 3 – 3.91± ACRES: North tract with frontage along Fowler Road and two large concrete pads from former barns (pads only, no structures). Circle Drive (unimproved platted roadway/easement) also runs across the front of the tract.

Tract acreages are approximate per preliminary survey. Final acreage will be determined by survey. Circle Drive is an unimproved, unmaintained platted roadway/easement and will need to be improved for access.

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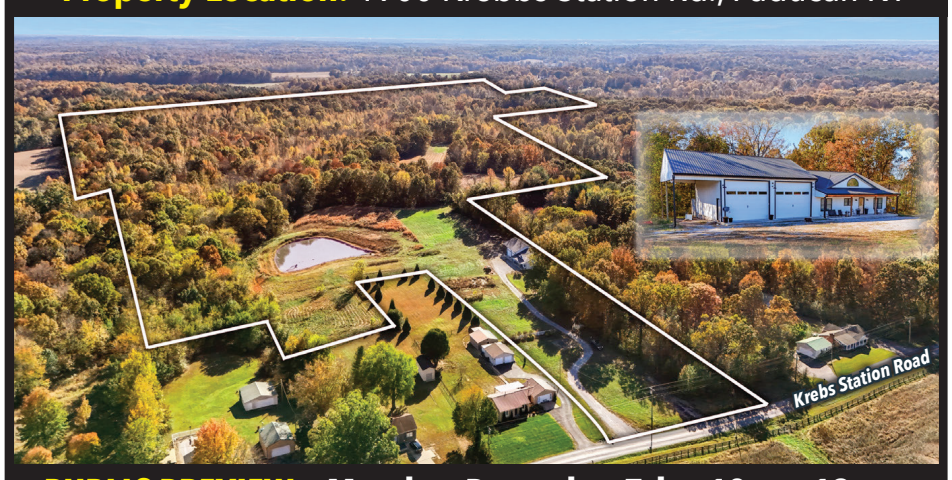
ABSOLUTE REAL ESTATE AUCTION
Wednesday, December 2nd, 2026 | 12:00 PM
Property Location: 1900 Krebbs Station Rd., Paducah KY



PUBLIC PREVIEW: Monday, December 7th - 10 am-12 pm



AUCTION LOCATION: Jonquil Place Event Center • 100 Cave Thomas Drive • Paducah, KY 42001

TRACT 1 – 2.95± ACRES WITH HOME & SHOP - 1900 Krebbs Station Rd., Paducah KY - The property features a three-bedroom country home with a spacious attached garage/shop on 2.95± acres, plus four tracts of open and wooded land ranging from 11.62± to 37.37± acres. A scenic pond highlights Tract 2. The property offers frontage on Krebs Station Road and Houser Road and is zoned County Rural Residential. Built in 2021, this single-story country home offers 3 bedrooms, 1 bath and 1,760± sq. ft. of finished living space, according to McCracken County PVA records. A 252 sq. ft. covered porch offers a place to sit outdoors, while the 1,440 sq. ft. attached garage/shop provides room for three or more vehicles, tools and projects. A 560 sq. ft. open shed adds covered storage. The tract fronts Krebs Station Road and has a gravel driveway. The home features a metal exterior and gable roof, a concrete block foundation, central air and electric forced-air heat.

TRACT 2 – 12.99± ACRES WITH POND: This tract has frontage on Krebs Station Road and features a pond set in open, mowed ground lined with rows of evergreen trees, backed by mature woods. It offers a scenic setting for a homesite, hunting, or recreation, or can be added to Tract 1.

TRACT 3 – 11.62± ACRES: A mix of open ground and woods west of Tract 2, served by a 40' wide access easement from Krebs Station Road.

TRACT 4 – 37.37± ACRES: The largest tract, with mature woods and open areas and frontage on Houser Road. It offers excellent potential for hunting, recreation, and a future homesite.

TRACT 5 – 18.85± ACRES: A wooded tract on the southeast side of the property, served by a 40' wide access easement from Krebs Station Road. Well suited for hunting and recreation.

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KSP 'Cram the Cruise' food drive begins Monday, Nov. 30th

By TOM LATEK,
Kentucky Today



The annual food drive will begin on Monday and run through Dec. 5.

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – Gov. Andy Beshear and the Kentucky State Police (KSP) are inviting Kentuckians to support their neighbors in need by participating in the annual statewide "Cram the Cruiser" food drive to combat hunger across Kentucky.

The annual food drive will begin on Monday and run through Saturday, Dec. 5.

"Every Kentucky family deserves to enjoy a meal together during the holidays, and through the 'Cram the Cruiser' food drive, we are able to make that possible for more of our neighbors." Beshear said. "Each year, Team Kentucky steps up for those in their communities, and I hope anyone who is able will do so again this year."

The goal of "Cram the Cruiser" is to collect essential food items to brighten the holiday season for those in need. Troopers will be stationed at various grocery and retail stores across the state, ready to accept donations of non-perishable food items. These items include canned fruit and vegetables, canned meat, macaroni and cheese, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, canned soups, chili or spaghetti sauce, brownie and cake mixes, coffee, powdered milk and juices.

KSP Commissioner Phillip Burnett Jr., noted, "Serving the people of Kentucky goes beyond our law enforcement responsibilities. "'Cram the Cruiser' gives us an opportunity to make a difference in the communities we serve. All donations collected at KSP posts stay within those local communities, helping our neighbors in need. We appreciate everyone who takes the time to give and support this effort."

In 2025, KSP collected nearly 307,000 pounds of food, with Post 16 in Henderson taking in the most donations, with more than 234,000 pounds collected.

"Hunger is an urban, suburban, and rural problem," added KSP Spokesperson Sherry Bray. "There is no area of the state where it does not exist. Through this program, we have an opportunity to make a significant impact on the lives of our neighbors and participate in the spirit of the season."

To find more information on specific locations, dates, times and other details about the "Cram the Cruiser" food drive, visit the KSP website.

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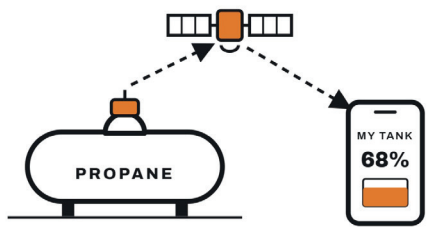

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Making the most of Thanksgiving Weekend: Time to relax, reconnect and create memories

Thanksgiving weekend is one of the most anticipated times of the holiday season. After gathering around the table to enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving meal, the long weekend offers a wonderful opportunity to slow down, reconnect with family and friends, enjoy seasonal activities and prepare for the busy weeks ahead. Whether spending time at home or venturing out into the community, there are plenty of ways to make the most of the days following Thanksgiving.

Make Family Time a Priority

One of the best ways to spend Thanksgiving weekend is enjoying quality time with loved ones. Put away the phones, bring out the board games, work on a puzzle or gather around the television for a favorite holiday movie. Families can also use the weekend to share old photographs, tell stories about past Thanksgivings and create new traditions.

For families with children, simple activities such as decorating Christmas cookies, making homemade ornaments or putting together a holiday craft can turn an ordinary afternoon into a memorable occasion.

Enjoy the Outdoors

After a big Thanksgiving meal, getting outside can be a refreshing change of pace. Take a family walk, visit a local park, enjoy the crisp fall air or explore nearby communities decorated for Christmas. Outdoor activities provide an opportunity to enjoy the remaining beauty of autumn before winter arrives.

It is also a good weekend to visit local holiday markets, attend community Christmas events, enjoy seasonal light displays or take a short day trip.

Shop Small and Support Local Businesses

Thanksgiving weekend traditionally marks the beginning of the Christmas shopping season. While Black Friday and Cyber Monday attract shoppers looking for major discounts, Small Business Saturday provides an opportunity to support locally owned stores, restaurants, boutiques and specialty shops.

Shopping locally helps support the businesses that contribute to the character and economic strength of a community. Consider purchasing handmade gifts, locally produced foods or gift certificates from favorite neighborhood businesses.

Decorate and Prepare for Christmas

For many households, Thanksgiving weekend is the unofficial start of Christmas decorating. Families can put up the Christmas tree, hang lights, arrange decorations and begin wrapping presents. Playing Christmas music while decorating can make the experience even more enjoyable.

The weekend is also a good time to organize shopping lists, plan holiday meals and establish a reasonable budget for the weeks ahead.

Remember to Rest and Be Thankful

With the excitement of the holiday season approaching, it is important to leave room for relaxation. Enjoy a quiet morning with coffee, read a book, catch up on sleep or simply spend an afternoon doing very little.

Ultimately, the best Thanksgiving weekend isn't measured by how much shopping gets done or how many activities fit into the schedule. It is about appreciating the people around us, enjoying simple pleasures and carrying the spirit of gratitude beyond Thanksgiving Day.

As the weekend comes to a close, take a moment to reflect on the blessings of the past year and look forward to the opportunities ahead. The greatest holiday memories often come from the simplest moments spent together.



Kentucky officials urge drivers to buckle up this holiday weekend

By Tom Latek
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – As Kentuckians travel to celebrate Thanksgiving with family and friends, state officials remind drivers and passengers to make safety a priority by buckling up, putting their phones down and driving sober to help protect everyone on the road.

"When you're in a vehicle, your seat belt is your first line of defense in the event of a crash," said Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Secretary Rebecca Goodman. "Buckling up, making sure all your passengers are buckled up and putting your phone down while driving can save lives by giving everyone on the road the best chance of getting home safely."

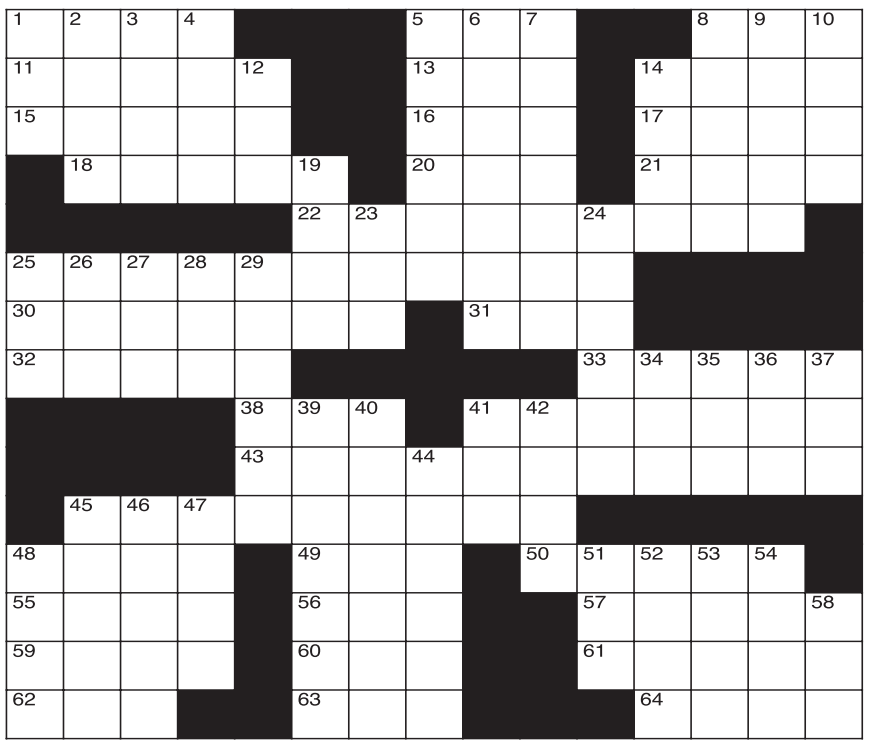
Over the last 10 years, distracted driving has become one of the leading causes of vehicle crashes on our nation's roads. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), any activity that pulls a driver's eyes off the road, hands off the wheel, or attention away from the task of driving creates a serious safety hazard. Texting while driving is particularly dangerous, as it combines all three types of distraction at once: visual, manual and cognitive. Even a momentary lapse in attention can significantly increase the risk of a crash.

According to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Office of Highway Safety (KOHS), each year in Kentucky, distracted driving results in more than 45,000 crashes, more than 11,000 injuries and more than 150 deaths.

According to the NHTSA, when worn correctly, seat belts reduce the risk of death by 45 percent for front-seat vehicle occupants and 60 percent for pickup truck, SUV and minivan occupants. Properly fastened seat belts contact the strongest parts of the body, such as the chest, hips and shoulders. A seat belt spreads the force of a crash over a wide area of the body, putting less stress on any one part.

KOHS data shows that nearly half of those killed in motor vehicles each year in Kentucky are not wearing a seat belt. Properly fastened seat belts help protect drivers and passengers by spreading crash forces across the strongest parts of the body.

Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

1. Insect feeler
5. Central processing unit
8. Part of (abbr.)
11. Typical
13. Tall, rounded vase
14. __ Alto, California city
15. Lustrous, velvet-like fabric
16. "Fresh Prince of __ Air"
17. Hebrew calendar month
18. British surgeon who discovered bone disease
20. Agreement between debtor and creditor (abbr.)
21. Elongated part of anatomical structure
22. Acts slowly on
25. Keeps a little too safe
30. Greek seaport
31. "Baba O'Riley" rockers
32. Vision
33. Potassium nitrate in mineral form
38. Midway between northeast and east
41. Not a pro
43. Give a new look
45. Sensational
48. Nobel Prize-winning physicist
49. Annoy constantly
50. Vaccine developer
55. Lying down
56. Type of language (abbr.)
57. Flat-bottomed boat
59. Smallest or slightest
60. Bind
61. Speeds
62. The products of human creativity
63. Consume food
64. Ancient Greek sophist

CLUES DOWN

1. A young canine
2. As fast as can be done
3. Soviet moon probes
4. Sharp spasm of pain
5. One who adheres to a specific art movement
6. Show parts of
7. Unfasten
8. San Diego ballplayer
9. Santa
10. Rocky peaks
12. "Matt Houston" actor Horsley
14. A written agreement between two sides
19. Beginning to end (abbr.)
23. Greek goddess of the dawn
24. Not written in any key
25. Organized missions
26. Seven
27. Work unit
28. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
29. Broadway legend Bernadette
34. Belonging to a thing
35. Vietnamese offensive
36. Bitterly regret
37. Make a mistake
39. Newborn child
40. A combined landmass
41. Satisfaction
42. Hilly peninsulas in Denmark
44. Young swine
45. Type of sword
46. Siskel's partner
47. Brood of pheasants
48. Hindu model of ideal man
51. Suitable in the circumstances
52. La __ tar pits
53. Unstressed-stressed metrical foot
54. California wine country
58. Badly

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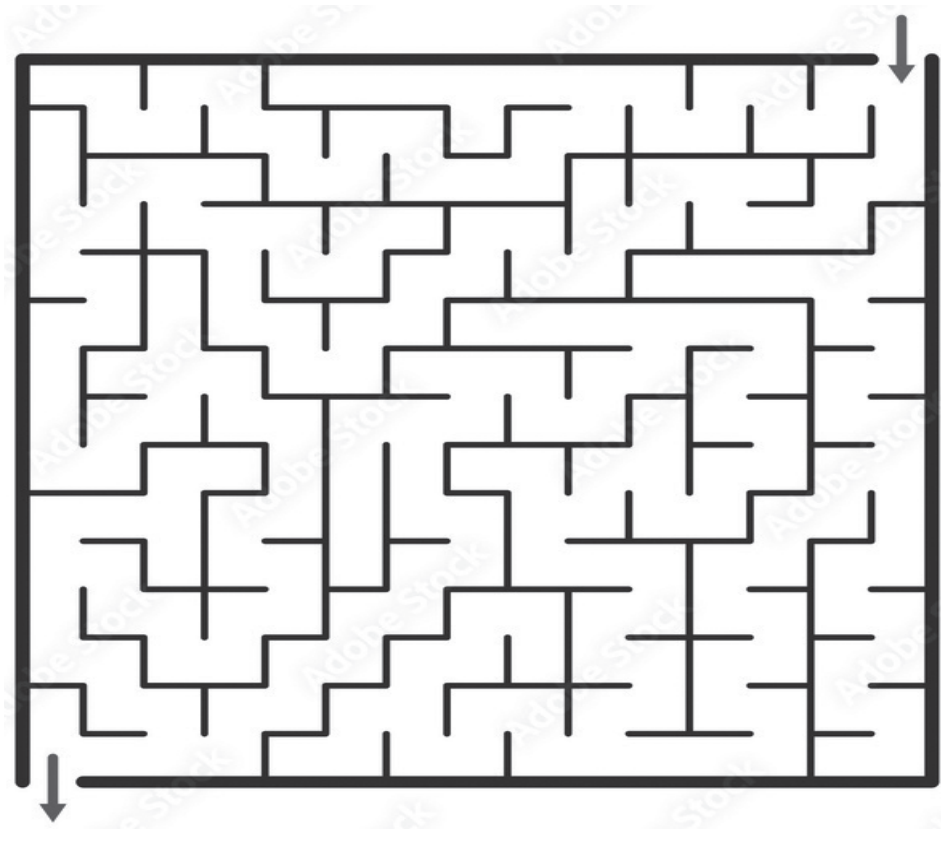

Word Search

GEOGRAPHY WORD SEARCH

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

ANSWERS IN THE B SECTION

WORDS

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BASIN
BAYOU
CANYON
CARTOGRAPHY
DELTA
EQUATOR
ESTUARY
FJORD
GEODESY
GLACIER
ISTHMUS
LATITUDE
LONGITUDE
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OASIS
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TOPOGRAPHY
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TUNDRA

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

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Word Scramble

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to geography.

REAHT

Answer: Earth

Guess Who?

GUESS WHO?

I am a singer and actress born in Tennessee on November 23, 1992. I grew up around music, as my father is a country singer and my godmother was a famous country music icon. I achieved fame on a popular Disney channel children's show and later gained wider recognition as a pop singer.

Answer: Miley Cyrus

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 geography.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 17 = L)

A. 20 17 5 9 8
Clue: The earth

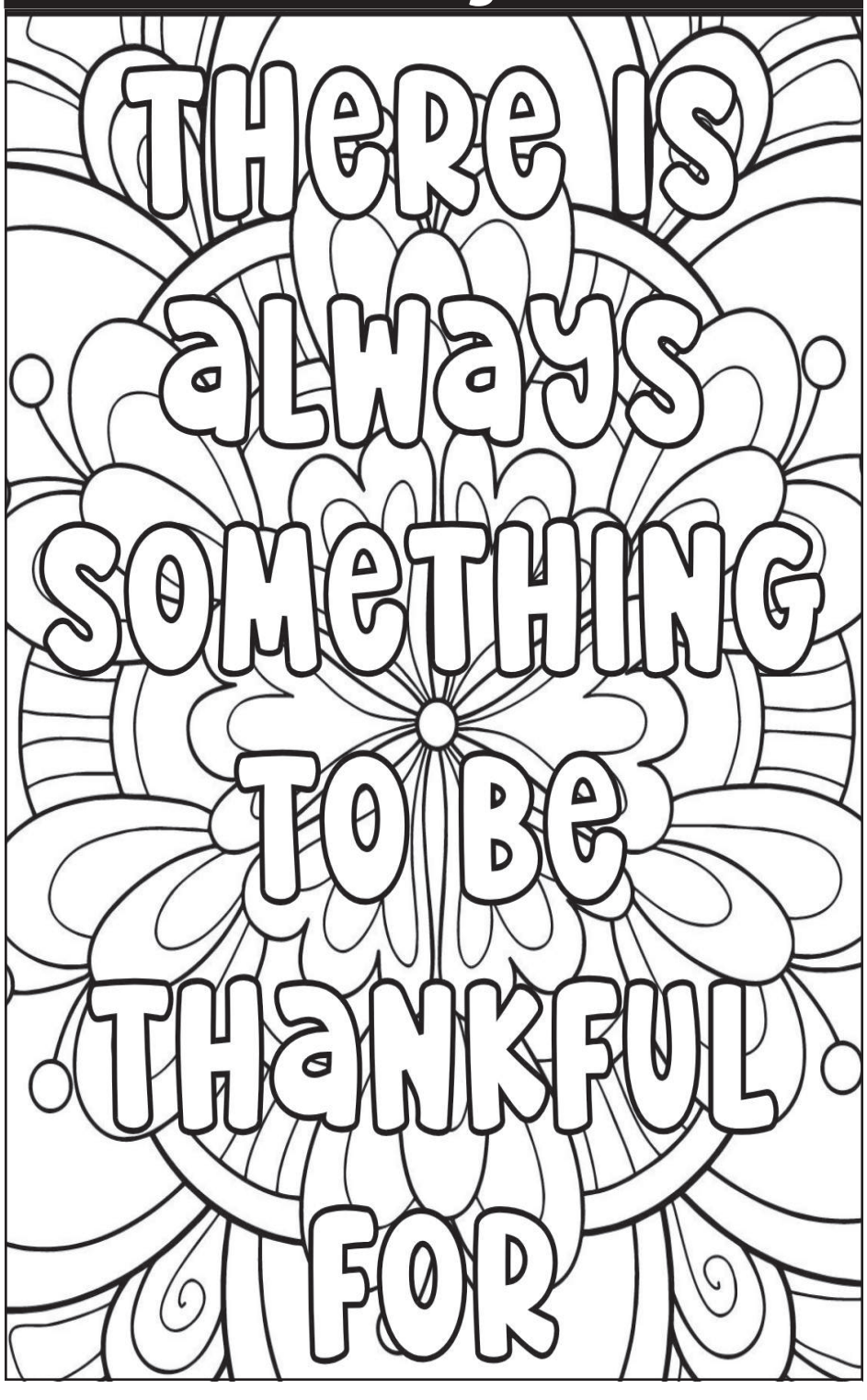
B. 17 5 6 14 2 19 5 25
Clue: Place on map

C. 2 23 14 10 8 17
Clue: Visit somewhere

D. 17 5 25 20 19 2 16 1 8
Clue: Measures east-west positions

Answers: A. globe B. location C. travel D. longitude

Coloring Fun



TVA Partnership Provides $ 1.5 Million in STEM Awards to 334 Schools, Supporting About 96,000 Students

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. - The Tennessee Valley Authority, in partnership with Bicentennial Volunteers Inc., a TVA retiree organization, is awarding $1.5 million in awards to educators to develop science, technology, engineering, and math education projects across the Tennessee Valley region.

"Inspiring students to pursue STEM careers is essential to building a strong workforce and creating economic opportunity across our region," said TVA CEO Mike Skaggs. "These skills can lead to high-paying jobs while helping communities thrive."

The competitive STEM award program is operated in partnership with the Tennessee STEM Innovation Network, managed by the Battelle organization. The program received over 700 applications, and 334 were selected for funding. Since 2018, TVA/BVI has provided over $10.5 million in STEM awards supporting over 940,000 students.

"We believe every student deserves the opportunity to explore, create and discover through hands-on STEM learning," said Adam Wolcott, President and CEO of Bicentennial Volunteers, Inc. "Investing in STEM education is an investment in the future of our communities, and these awards put those dollars to work where it counts — in classrooms, helping educators bring innovative ideas to life and giving students real-world experiences that spark curiosity."

For example, Okolona Career and Technical Center in Chickasaw County, Mississippi, is offering a program called "Forging Our Community: Welding a Better Downtown." Students are using advanced fabrication skills to create a safe, useful, attractive product that strengthens the downtown Okolona area and supports community and economic development. Students will design welcome signs and historical markers that will be placed along Main Street.

"Many students in our community pursue careers in skilled trades, manufacturing, construction, engineering, and technical fields after graduation," said Trena Smith, director of the Okolona Career and Technical Center. "Strengthening these programs will help create a pipeline of skilled workers prepared to meet regional workforce demands while providing students with opportunities for industry certifications, postsecondary education, and sustainable careers. Funding for these programs is an investment in student success, workforce development, and the future economic growth of our community."

Preference was given to grant applications that explored TVA's primary areas of focus: environment, energy, economic development, and community problem-solving, and any school that receives their power from a local power company served by TVA was eligible to apply.

A full list of the grant recipients can be found at tva.com/stem.

The Tennessee Valley Authority is a corporate agency of the United States that provides electricity for business customers and local power companies serving nearly 10 million people in parts of seven southeastern states. TVA receives no taxpayer funding, deriving virtually all of its revenues from sales of electricity. In addition to operating and investing its revenues in its electric system, TVA provides flood control, navigation and land management for the Tennessee River system and assists local power companies and state and local governments with economic development and job creation.

Local wineers are listed below:

Farmington Elementary School - Mayfield, KY- Lindsay Koebbe - $2,500

Read It. Test It. Build It! STEM for Every Learner

This project will give Kâ€“6 students with disabilities in the resource room more opportunities to participate in hands-on STEM learning. Students will use high-interest Pioneer Valley InfoCodables to learn about science while also strengthening foundational reading skills. Because the books follow a systematic phonics progression, students who read below grade level will be able to access STEM topics that may otherwise be difficult for them to read about independently.

Graves County Central Elementary School Mayfield, Kentucky Aaron West - $5,000

Demystifying AI: One Brick at a Time

Recently I discovered that a large portion of the students at my school have either negative feelings or distrust surrounding the topic of AI. I found this interesting, as I would have expected them to be more excited, or at the very least curious about AI and its various applications. I believe that the disconnect I have observed may stem from a lack of exposure to a variety of AI applications. It seems that students largely only associate AI with the very culturally present LLMs such as Chat GPT. With this project I intend to use something the students are familiar with and have positive associations with, Lego, to allow them to gain a greater understanding of AI is, and how it can be used beyond generating funny pictures.

Lyon County Elementary Eddyville, Kentucky Laura Ferguson - $5,000

Power Up! Young Engineers Exploring Renewable Energy Power Up! will introduce our 3rd-5th grade STEM students to the three forms of renewable energy: wind, solar, and hydro-power. Students will work in small engineering teams to build and test simple renewable-energy models. They will test out different types of designs, observe, and find the best option. With wind, the students will test different turbine blade designs; with solar, they'll investigate how light, shade, and panel position affect performance; and with water they'll build/test water wheel or turbine designs to see how water can produce energy. The six IPads included in this grant will be used to research, photograph ideas, record observations and results, make simple graphs, etc. At the conclusion of the project, students will use their evidence to complete a community energy challenge. Teams will determine whether wind, solar, hydro-power, or a combination would be the best solution for a given community, and present their evidence.



Culinary students from Mayfield and Graves County high schools visited A&B BBQ in October as part of the Community Connections program. The visit gave students a firsthand look at the culinary industry, local business ownership and career opportunities available right here in their community.

Measles: A Disease We Thought Was Behind Us

By: Laurna Pruett
KPI Writer

For many of us, measles was something we heard about growing up or a disease we thought was mostly a thing of the past. However, Kentucky is now experiencing its largest measles outbreak in more than three decades, serving as a reminder that many of these once-common childhood diseases have not gone away.

Measles is highly contagious and can lead to serious health complications. According to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, the disease is almost entirely preventable with two doses of the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine.

While many adults received their vaccinations as children, not everyone has been vaccinated, and some may not even know whether they received both recommended doses.

Parents make decisions every day about what they feel is best for their children. Regardless of decisions made in the past regarding vaccinations, it is never too late to ask questions, learn more and talk with a healthcare provider about protecting yourself and your family.

Dr. Steven Stack, secretary of the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, emphasized in a recent state announcement that safe and effective vaccines are available to help prevent measles and other serious infectious diseases.

The Graves County Health Department is reminding residents that the MMR vaccine is available locally. Those who are unsure of their vaccination history or would like to discuss getting themselves or their children vaccinated are encouraged to reach out.

With so many of these diseases being vaccine-preventable, taking the time to become informed and asking questions before an illness affects your household could make a difference. Vaccination also helps protect those in our community who are too young or medically unable to receive certain vaccines.

For more information, to discuss concerns or to schedule a vaccination appointment, contact the Graves County Health Department at 270-247-3553. Residents can also speak with their family doctor or local pharmacist.



Grass Roots Dispensary celebrated recently its opening in Mayfield with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the former Applebee's restaurant location. The new business offers a variety of medical cannabis products and knowledgeable guidance to qualifying Kentucky medical cannabis patients.



HOLIDAY EDITION

Tips to find unique gifts this holiday season

Shopping is a holiday season tradition. Come December, shoppers flock to stores and visit an array of websites in the hopes of finding the perfect gifts for the special people in their lives.

Though shoppers now have more gift options than ever before, that accessibility has not necessarily made holiday shopping any easier. In fact, a 2025 survey from Statista found that 24 percent of shoppers had already started their holiday shopping when surveyed in August of that year. Just 6 percent of shoppers indicated they planned to wait until December to start shopping for the holiday season. While early shoppers might be driven by a desire to stretch out their spending over the course of several months, others undoubtedly start so far in advance of the holiday season because they know finding a unique gift can take some time. As shoppers ramp up their holiday shopping, they can look to these tips to find unique gifts for their friends and family members.

• Give gifts some serious thought. Even if you don't plan to shop early, you can still start brainstorming gift ideas well in advance of December. Keep a holiday gift ideas list open in a notes application on your smartphone so you can quickly and easily jot down potential gifts for anyone on your list. When the time comes to start shopping, simply open the list. This approach increases the chances you find something unique as opposed to settling on items like the newest gadgets or smartphone iterations that are promoted come the holiday season.

• Shop off the beaten path. It's less likely that shoppers will find unique gifts at big box retailers or popular retail websites. And those that do might only find success after traversing large and crowded stores or spending hours scrolling through endless pages of results. Local boutique shops and independent retailers are a great place to go when looking for truly unique gifts. A handcrafted item created by a local artisan will stand out from the mass produced goods found at big box stores and online retailers. And shoppers can take solace knowing they're helping to support local economies by directing their shopping focus on independently owned local retailers.

• Avoid limiting yourself to items. While it's customary to give items to loved ones come the holiday season, shoppers looking for unique gifts can look to experiential gifts. According to a 2025 survey from Tinggly, 82 percent of respondents indicated they would rather receive an experience than a physical gift. Experiential gifts can be anything from concert tickets to nature-based adventures like a kayaking trip to airboat rides. When looking for a gift recipients will remember for years to come, shoppers are urged to give strong consideration to experiential gifts.

• Make it a team effort. Gathering resources and giving a gift from a group of people as opposed to a single individual is a great way to expand the budget, which could open doors to truly unique gifts. When gifting collectively, holiday shoppers might be able to pay for gifts like an airline ticket to a favored destination or a more expensive experience like a biplane ride.

Unique gifts may be harder to find, but they also stand out for all the right reasons come the holiday season.

How to make the most of retail holidays

The holiday season is a festive but expensive time of year. According to the National Retail Federation, consumers budgeted an average of $890 for gifts and other seasonal items in 2025. Since then, the cost of consumers goods has remained high, so it's reasonable to expect shoppers will spend just as much if not more money on holiday shopping in 2026.

Retail holidays like Black Friday and Cyber Monday have long featured great deals on a wide range of items, and the following are some ways shoppers can make the most of these deal-laden consumer events this holiday season.

• Do your homework. It's hard to miss retail holiday deals at big box stores or online retailers like Amazon, which heavily promote their sales for weeks if not months in advance of the season. But these are not the only places shoppers can find great prices on Black Friday and Cyber Monday. Many small, independently owned local businesses also get in on the retail holiday action. Shoppers hoping to capitalize on retail holiday bargains can look to local retailers' social media as days like Black Friday and Cyber Monday draw closer so they get a full picture of all the deals they can access once each day arrives.

• Sign up for perks programs. Many retailers, including locally owned independent businesses, offer perks programs that can add up to great benefits the more customers patronize the establishments. While these will not necessarily lead to lower prices on retail holidays, program members may be able to use accumulated points on holiday season purchases, thus reducing the amount they spend during the holiday season.

• Shop early. Big box retailers and online giants like Amazon advertise big deals on retail holidays, but those deals tend to feature limited inventory. When the inventory is exhausted, the deals are exhausted along with them. Shoppers hoping to take advantage of retail holiday deals at big box retailers and online stores are urged to fully investigate the sales prior to the big day. Check to see if the inventory is capped and when targeted items will officially go on sale. That's often early in the morning, so it behooves shoppers to start shopping early on days like Black Friday and Cyber Monday. Even small, locally owned businesses may feature limited inventory, so it's best to visit such stores when they open if you're hoping to find great items on sale.

• Checkout quickly. When shopping online, many shoppers add items to their virtual carts and then go back to shopping for additional items. But just because a sale item is in your cart does not mean it's yours. If you hesitate when checking out or spend extra time shopping for additional items, the sale item might be already be sold out when you return to your cart to check out. If there are some must-buy items on your retail holiday shopping lists, then purchase them the moment you place them in your cart.

Retail holidays offer great deals on a wide range of items, and shoppers can do much to ensure they procure the sale items they want on these wildly popular days to shop.









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Unique places for holiday shopping

Although the holiday season is a relatively brief period, it still can consume months of time in regard to preparation, shopping and hosting. According to a SWNS Digital survey of 2,000 adults in the United States, the average American spends six weeks preparing for the holiday season. Five weeks are devoted to planning presents, meals and other essentials, while an entire week is just for decorating.

Shopping for presents can consume a lot of time, especially for those who aren't quite sure what to get. Thinking outside of the typical retail box may help with inspiration, and shoppers may encounter smaller crowds and find better deals. Here are some unique places to shop to grab great holiday gifts.

· Pharmacies: While you're picking up your prescription or medicine cabinet essentials, take a spin around the store to see what else might be available. Typically, pharmacies have entire aisles dedicated to seasonal merchandise, so you might be able to find holiday decorations, gift wrap, candles, pampering items, and even food-related items and gift baskets.

· Farmer's market: Farmer's markets pop up in towns on set days of the week. Although plenty of farm-related produce and plants are available, these markets also attract many other small businesses. You can find craftsmen, jewelry makers, niche food sellers, and so much more.

· School (or church) bazaar: In an effort to raise funds for the PTA or other organizations, schools and churches often host holiday fairs and bazaars right before the holidays. Area businesses rent table space and set up booths with an array of different products for sale. This is a great spot to grab interesting finds all under one roof. Plus, you're supporting the local community in the process.

· Home improvement retailer: Plenty of people will appreciate practical gifts that they can use in and around the home. A visit to a hardware store or home improvement retailer offers up aisles of essentials for the do-it-yourselfer. While new shelving for the garage or a set of flashlights may not be the most glamorous gifts, these items can come in handy.

· Craft store: Cater to recipients' favorite hobbies by ensuring they'll be flush with plenty of supplies. Craft stores have a bevy of items for every interest imaginable. They're also surprisingly good places to grab deals on picture frames, housewares, food-making supplies, and decorative items.

· Specialty food store: Head to small specialty food stores to load up on unique items larger supermarkets might not carry. Ethnic markets may have flavorful and interesting ingredients to group together in a food basket that makes an ideal gift for transplants missing the flavors of home.

Before a person logs on to the internet for online shopping or heads to the nearest strip mall, he or she can explore various unique places to shop for holiday gifts



Stocking stuffers: Treasures for everyone on your list

Larger gifts under the tree may command much of the glory, but stockings often are a delightful part of Christmas morning magic. Unwrapping small, thoughtful surprises can lend a unique sense of festivity to the holiday season. The secret to filling a stocking isn't to pack it with cheap trinkets. Instead, it's finding compact, functional items tailored to everyone on a holiday shopping list.

According to a survey by Thrive Causemetics®, people prefer cash, gift cards, or food as holiday gifts. Makeup and routine skin care essentials also featured prominently on stocking wish lists. Surprisingly, 44 percent of respondents said they stuff their own stockings each year.

When it comes to finding the best stocking stuffers, the following curated guide for people from all walks of life can serve as a useful resource.

Foods and beverages

Edible gifts and kitchen tools are a hit because they can be used immediately and don't take up a lot of room. Some ideas for stockings include miniature bottles of artisanal sauces, specialty sea salts or festive hot cocoa powders or bombs. A sleek handheld milk



frother is a great stocking stuffer for someone who enjoys drinks like lattes or cappuccinos. High-end chocolate bars or local honey jars also are great for festive foodies.

Self-care

Small wellness products can turn winter days into cozy, spa-like experiences. Skincare products like rich hand creams, lip balms or sheet masks can amplify the possibility of pampering. Aromatic shower steamers or hydrating bath oils make bath and shower time luxurious. Additional self-care options include silk eye masks or soft socks for lounging around.

Tech

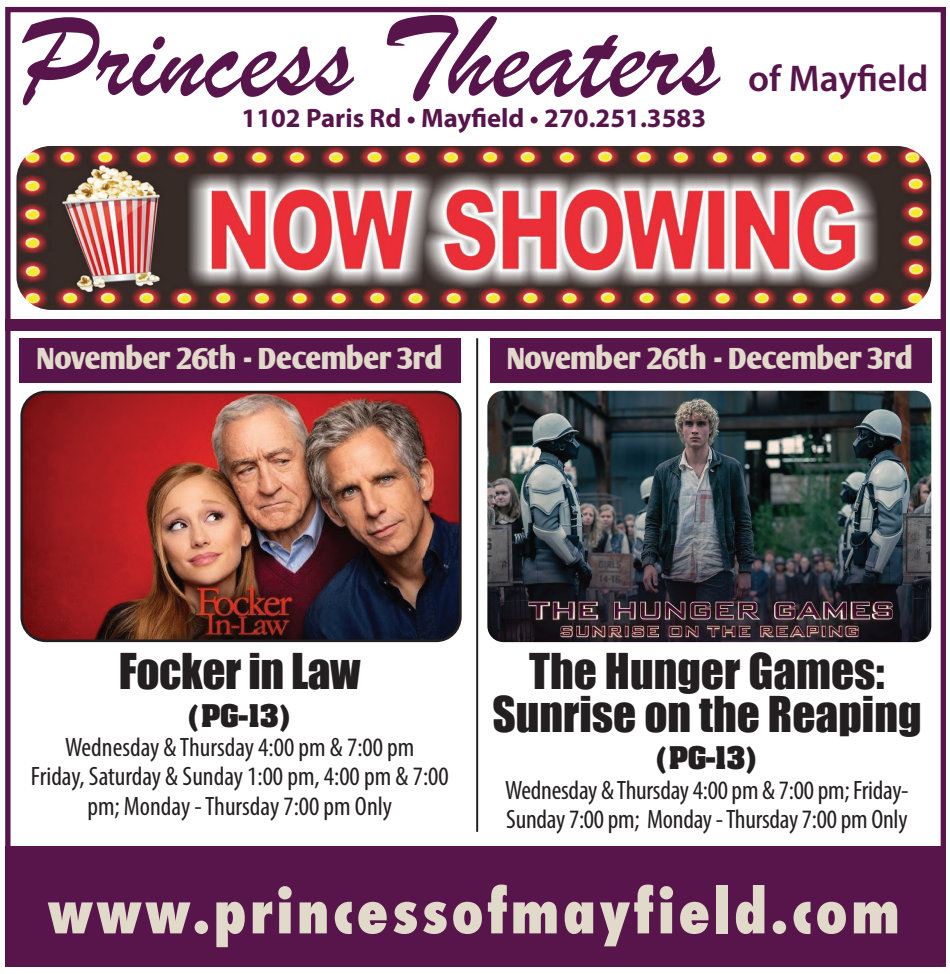
Technology is an important part of daily life. Compact tech and utility gadgets can make life move along more smoothly. No one can have enough charging cables to ensure devices are at full battery power. In addition, small power banks and cable organizers will round out all charging needs. Determine if gift recipients can use compact multi-tools, Bluetooth tags or pocket-sized flashlights. Each of these ideas meets the needs of a wide array of people.

Kids' play

Kids can stay engaged with small items that fill their stockings and place an emphasis on hands-on fun. Creative tools like markers, mini modeling clay sets or sticker books will fuel hours of imaginative pursuits. Interactive fun comes by way of bath crayons, fidget toys or even travel-sized card games.

Stockings are the cherry on top of holiday giving. Small treats can be just as meaningful and appreciated as larger items found under the tree.







WEST KY SPORTS



The Paducah Tilghman cheer team delivered a stellar exhibition performance at Marshall County High School on Saturday, Nov. 21. Next, the Paducah Tilghman cheer squad will compete at the UCA Bluegrass Regional competition in Louisville on Saturday, Dec. 5.
(Photo Courtesy of Paducah Tilghman High School)



The McCracken County coed cheer team won its division at the UCA Bluegrass Regionals. The McCracken County coed cheer squad qualified for UCA Nationals. *(Photo Courtesy of McCracken County High School)*



The Carlisle County boys' basketball program held its alumni game on Saturday, Nov. 21.
(Photo Courtesy of Carlisle County High School Boys' Basketball)

NFHS/NFL Crew of the Month announced

Staff Report

LEXINGTON — The NFHS and NFL are in the fourth year of their combined Crew of the Month and Crew of the Year initiative. The initiative began during the 2023 football season with five state associations and five teams involved in a pilot program, growing to 30 state associations and all 32 NFL teams participating this season.

The participating state associations and their respective NFL teams recognize high school football officials in the months of September, October and November for their demonstration of objectivity, fairness in rules implementation and commitment as high school football officials. A total of 39 crews and over 240 officials are recognized each month, as some teams recognize officials from more than one state in their markets.

At the end of the season, an overall Crew of the Year is selected from the 117 crews submitted during the 2026 season. The Crew of the Year participates in an activation at the NFL Hall of Fame Game held in August.

The NFHS/NFL Crew of the Month (November) from Kentucky follows.

KENTUCKY (KHSAA) – CINCINNATI BENGALS

Referee – Ryan Whitford, Louisville

Umpire – Barriel Coleman, Louisville

Head Linesman – Joe Gruneisen, Louisville

Line Judge – Jeremy Schmidt, Crestwood

Back Judge – Josh Conder, Louisville

Side Judge – Myong Kim, Louisville

Field Judge – Les Pollitt, Jeffersonville, Ind.



Calloway County to host Elementary Basketball Night Dec. 4

Staff Report

MURRAY — Calloway County will host Elementary Basketball Night on Friday, Dec. 4.

Elementary Basketball Night will be held during Calloway County's first hoops doubleheader of the 2026-27 schoolyear.

Prior to the game, elementary students will receive coloring pages featuring the Calloway County boys' and girls' basketball teams. Colored pages will give each elementary student free admission to the game with a paying adult.

The Calloway County boys' and girls' basketball teams continue to conduct preseason practices.

Tennis alignment set for 2027 seasons

Staff Report

LEXINGTON — The alignment is set for the 2027 boys' and girls' high school tennis seasons.

The Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) is comprised of 16 regions.

The 2027 high school tennis seasons will open in March.

The 2027 high school tennis alignment follows.

2027 KHSAA Tennis Alignment

Region 1 - Ballard Memorial, Calloway County, Christian Fellowship, Community Christian (Paducah), Graves County, Marshall County, Mayfield, McCracken County, Murray, Paducah Tilghman, St. Mary.

Region 2 - Caldwell County, Christian County, Fort Campbell, Henderson County, Heritage Christian, Hopkins County Central, Lyon County, Madisonville-North Hopkins, Union County, University Heights, Webster County.

Region 3 - Apollo, Breckinridge County, Butler County, Cloverport, Daviess County, Edmonson County, Grayson County, Hancock County, Meade County, Muhlenberg County, Ohio County, Owensboro, Owensboro Catholic.

Region 4 - Allen County-Scottsville, Barren County, Bowling Green, Clinton County, Cumberland County, Franklin-Simpson, Glasgow, Greenwood, Logan County, Metcalfe County, Monroe County, Russell County, Russellville, South Warren, Warren Central, Warren East.

Region 5 - Adair County, Bardstown, Bethlehem, Campbellsville, Caverna, Central Hardin, Elizabethtown, Fort Knox, Green County, Hart County, John Hardin, LaRue County, Marion County, Nelson County, North Hardin, Taylor County, Thomas Nelson, Washington County.

Region 6 - Bullitt Central, Bullitt East, Butler, DeSales, Doss, Fairdale, Fern Creek, Grace James, Holy Cross (Louisville), Iroquois, Jeffersontown, Mercy Academy, Moore, North Bullitt, Pleasure Ridge Park, Southern, Valley, Western, Whitefield Academy.

Region 7 - Assumption, Atherton, Ballard, Brown, Central, Christian Academy-Louisville, DuPont Manual, Eastern, Francis Parker, Kentucky Country Day, Louisville Collegiate, Male, Portland Christian, Presentation, Sacred Heart, Seneca, Shawnee, St. Xavier, Trinity (Louisville), Waggener, Walden.

Region 8 - Anderson County, Carroll County, Collins, Eminence, Gallatin County, Grant County, Henry County, North Oldham, Oldham County, Owen County, Shelby County, Simon Kenton, South Oldham, Spencer County, Trimble County, Walton-Verona, Williamstown, Woodford County.

Region 9 - Beechwood, Bellevue, Boone County, Conner, Cooper, Covington Catholic, Covington Latin, Dixie Heights, Highlands, Holy Cross (Covington), Lloyd Memorial, Newport Central Catholic, Notre Dame, Ryle, St. Henry District, Villa Madonna.

Region 10 - Augusta, Bourbon County, Bracken County, Calvary Christian, Campbell County, George Rogers Clark, Harrison County, Mason County, Montgomery County, Nicholas County, Paris, Pendleton County, Scott, St. Patrick.

Region 11 - Berea, Bryan Station, Frankfort, Franklin County, Frederick Douglass, Great Crossing, Henry Clay, Lafayette, Lexington Catholic, Lexington Christian, Madison Central, Madison Southern, Model, Paul Laurence Dunbar, Sayre, Scott County, Tates Creek, Western Hills.

Region 12 - Boyle County, Burgin, Casey County, Danville, East Jessamine, Garrard County, Lincoln County, McCreary Central, Mercer County, Pulaski County, Rockcastle County, Somerset, Somerset Christian, Southwestern, Wayne County, West Jessamine.

Region 13 - Barbourville, Bell County, Clay County, Corbin, Harlan, Harlan County, Knox Central, Lynn Camp, Middlesboro, North Laurel, Oneida Baptist Institute, Pineville, South Laurel, Whitley County, Williamsburg.

Region 14 - Estill County, Hazard, June Buchanan, Knott County Central, Lee County, Letcher County Central, Perry County Central.

Region 15 - Belfry, Johnson Central, Lawrence County, Magoffin County, Martin County, Paintsville, Pike County Central, Pikeville, Shelby Valley.

Region 16 - Ashland Blazer, Boyd County, East Carter, Fairview, Greenup County, Holy Family, Lewis County, Morgan County, Raceland, Rose Hill Christian, Rowan County, Russell, West Carter.

Chronic Wasting Disease detected at Shelby County deer farm

Staff Report

FRANKFORT — Officials from the Kentucky Department of Agriculture have announced another farm-raised deer in Kentucky has tested positive for a fatal, incurable disease that affects deer and elk.

Laboratory tests recently confirmed the presence of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in a 5 1/2-year-old female white-tailed deer that had been held at a deer farm in Shelby County.

Captive deer are raised on fenced farms and are regulated as livestock. When one tests positive for CWD, the Kentucky Department of Agriculture leads the response. Chronic Wasting Disease has previously been confirmed in nine captive deer from a deer farm in Breckinridge County. There have been three wild deer confirmed with CWD, two in Ballard County and one in Pulaski County.

As the state agency tasked with managing wild deer and elk herds on behalf of all citizens of the Commonwealth, the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources also has a stake and co-regulates the captive cervid industry. Captive deer and elk are indistinguishable from their free-ranging relatives and therefore can pose a disease risk to wild populations. Minimization of this risk dictates the need for strict holding and transportation regulations and animal identification requirements.

Officials from Kentucky Fish and Wildlife are carefully evaluating next steps following this latest detection, which occurs as hunters across the state are participating in the portion of the fall hunting season that accounts for roughly 70 percent of the total annual deer harvest. The modern gun deer season opened statewide on Saturday, Nov. 14 and will conclude on Sunday, Nov. 29.

At this time, no changes to the deer hunting season are anticipated for Shelby and the surrounding counties. However, the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission is scheduled to hold a quarterly meeting on Dec. 2, 2026, in Frankfort, Kentucky, and officials plan to provide an update and any management recommendations at the meeting. Once the meeting agenda has been finalized, it will be posted on the Commission Meeting Dates webpage on the department's website at fw.ky.gov.

Kentucky's wild deer herd is estimated at about 1 million animals and is the backbone of the multi-billion dollar annual economic impact that hunting has in the state. More than 300,000 hunters pursue white-tailed deer and elk in Kentucky each year, and many rely on venison to feed their families. Hunters also donate thousands of legally harvested wild deer to organizations such as Kentucky Hunters for the Hungry and Boone Brothers that work with participating processors to provide venison to people facing food insecurity across the state.

Chronic Wasting Disease threatens all of that: the state's wild deer and elk, its hunting culture and food supply, and its economy.

Hunters can have their deer tested at self-serve CWD Sample Drop-off sites or via sample mail-in kits. The service is provided at no cost to hunters. Detailed location information, instructions and additional resources may be found at the CWD Sample Drop-Off Sites and CWD Sample Mail-in Kit webpages on the department's website (fw.ky.gov). Hunters will be promptly notified if a deer they harvested tests positive for CWD.

Deer that appear to be sick but do not have an obvious injury can be reported using the department's sick deer online reporting form. Reports will be reviewed by the agency's wildlife health program staff, who may contact the person submitting the report if additional information is needed.

For more information on CWD, please visit the department's Chronic Wasting Disease webpage and follow its social media channels. More information about CWD is available through the CDC and cwd-info.org websites. For questions, contact the department's Information Center at 800-858-1549, or at info.center@ky.gov, weekdays 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (Eastern), except holidays.

Eco-friendly ways to gift loved ones this holiday season

The holiday season is known as a joyous time of year marked by boisterous celebrations and quality time with family. When asked for additional ways to characterize the holiday season, few might say the weeks between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day are eco-friendly.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency reports that household garbage can increase by as much as 25 percent between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day. Such a spike may translate to an extra one million tons of waste in the roughly five-week period between the end of November and the start of a new year.

Waste might not be foremost on the minds of holiday celebrants, but there's no reason why the holidays cannot be festive and eco-friendly at the same time, even with respect to exchanging gifts. With that in mind, the following are some eco-friendly ways to gift loved ones this holiday season.

• Reduce reliance on single-use wrapping paper. Ecocenter.org estimates that roughly 4.6 million pounds of wrapping paper are used in the United States alone each year, and much of that occurs during the holiday season. Wrapping paper tends to be used once and discarded, and many wrapping papers are not 100 percent paper. That means they cannot be recycled. In addition, one pound of wrapping paper generates 3.5 pounds of carbon emissions and uses 1.3 pounds of fossil fuels. That's quite an environmental toll to pay for decoration. In lieu of wrapping gifts in traditional wrapping paper, the EPA recommends using recycled paper or newspapers.

• Shop local. Locally sourced gifts purchased from independent retailers likely won't have the same carbon footprint as items purchased from big box stores or online retailers. While the effects of transportation on a given item's carbon footprint is not necessarily substantial, items produced close to home and made with locally sourced materials make for more eco-friendly gifts than items shipped from afar and made with materials from faraway corners of the globe.

• Shop using reusable bags. Images of shoppers traversing malls with lots of large department store bags overflowing with gifts have endured for decades. But the EPA notes that thousands of paper and plastic shopping bags end up in landfills every year. But that's an easily remedied threat to the environment. When heading out on a holiday shopping excursion, shoppers can bring their own reusable bags to reduce their reliance on single-use bags that will ultimately end up in landfills.

• Shop for eco-friendly gifts. The very gifts that make it under the Christmas tree this holiday season can help cut back on waste production. An avid hiker on your holiday list can be given a reusable water bottle made from recycled materials. If a loved one loves to cuddle up on the couch over the winter, a blanket made from dye-free organic cotton makes a wonderful and eco-friendly gift. There's no shortage of eco-friendly products, and shoppers can prioritize such items when shopping for loved ones this holiday season.

Waste need not be a big part of the holiday season. When shopping for loved ones this year, shoppers can embrace eco-friendly practices and look for products with minimal carbon footprints.





DID YOU KNOW?



Three Kings Day commemorates the Magi's visit to the newborn Jesus Christ. While the Bible doesn't specifically reference how many kings visited Christ, what is known is that three gifts were presented. According to the Biblical Archaeology Society, the Gospel of Matthew (2:11) indicates gold, frankincense and myrrh were presented to Jesus. These valuable items were impressive gifts to offer to a deity in the ancient world. Christianity.com says gold is a precious metal that was used as jewelry and currency. Frankincense is an expensive fragrance made from trees in India and Arabia. Myrrh is a type of costly perfume made from rare thorn bushes in Arabia and Ethiopia that is used as an antiseptic anointing oil and embalming fluid. But what do they represent in terms of their significance to Jesus? In addition to being valuable, these gifts were deeply meaningful and filled with spiritual significance. The National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception says gold represents Jesus' kingship, as it was typically given to honor kings and rulers. Frankincense represents Jesus' divinity and priesthood. It symbolizes Jesus as a high priest and mediator. Myrrh represents Jesus' humanity, suffering and mortality. It foreshadows Christ's eventual sacrifice and death.



Holiday shopping in an era marked by high prices

The holiday season is a special time of year when families and friends gather to celebrate their faith and enjoy opportunities to spend time together. Many a tradition has come to define the holiday season, and exchanging gifts with loved ones is among the most popular customs come December.

Shopping for holiday gifts commands a lot of attention. Holiday shopping also is a costly endeavor, particularly in an era marked by high prices. Despite the rising costs associated with inflation, consumers appear ready to spend this holiday season. According to the Basis 2026 Winter Holiday Shopping Trends study, 35 percent of consumers are planning to increase their holiday spending this season. But 57 percent of consumers acknowledge they intend to look for deals and discounts more actively this holiday season, while one in three admits they will shop while sticking to a stricter budget.

As high prices loom over the holiday season, shoppers can keep these tips in mind to avoid overspending.

• Avoid blind shopping. Starting a holiday shopping excursion without knowing what you're looking for can lead to impulse buying and overspending. Prior to shopping, make a list of the people you will be shopping for and the dollar amount you intend to spend on each person. Once that list has been made, jot down some gift ideas next to each person's name. Gift ideas should reflect how much you intend to spend on each person. This pre-shopping planning should not take long, and it can reduce the risk of overspending and even save time on shopping excursions.

• Track your spending. It's easy to lose track of holiday spending, particularly for shoppers who start months in advance of the holiday season. But tracking all gift-related spending, including



dollars spent on items purchased months in advance of the holiday season, is vital to staying within your budget.

• Take advantage of retail holidays at local businesses. Many retailers, whether they're big box stores or locally owned independent businesses, participate in retail holidays like Black Friday and Cyber Monday. Such days offer plenty of opportunities to find great deals. This can be especially true when shopping at locally owned, independent retailers. Big box stores and online retailers may offer great deals, but only limited inventories. By the time shoppers get to the store or visit the website, many of the best deals might be gone, and shoppers will then settle for non-sale items. Smaller businesses may offer store-wide discounts on retail holidays, ensuring shoppers can find great deals throughout the day and not just during the small window when sale items are still available.

• Coordinate with fellow shoppers. Pooling resources with family members is a great way to find great gifts without breaking the bank. If someone on your list really wants a big ticket item like a new tablet or television, coordinate with your family members to pool your resources so that wish can be granted without anyone ending up in debt.

Holiday shopping when inflation is high can be difficult. But there are many ways to shop and save even when prices are high.



BALLARD

Carol Jean Brown, age 77, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, November 18, 2026, at Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah after several weeks of being cared for by her family at home. Forever in our hearts, she will be missed by all who knew and loved her. No services are scheduled at this time.

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

Sandy Thomas, 81, of Princeton, passed away on Saturday, November 21, 2026, at Baptist Health Hospital in Paducah. Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 25, 2026, at Morgan's Funeral Home with Bro. Mark Faughn officiating. Burial followed in Meeks Cemetery in Caldwell County.

Baby Jennings passed peacefully on Tuesday, November 17, 2026, at Owensboro Health Regional Hospital in Owensboro, Kentucky. Private graveside services will be held in Hawkins Cemetery in Christian County. Morgan's Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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.

CALLOWAY

Joseph William Garland, 89, of Murray, passed away on Sunday, November 22, 2026 at his home, surrounded by his loving family. A funeral mass was held at 11 AM on Wednesday, November 25, 2026, at St. Leo's Catholic Church in Murray. Burial with military honors followed at St. Jerome Cemetery in Fancy Farm.

Joseph Danny Phillips, 82 of Murray, Kentucky, went home to be with the Lord Wednesday night, November 18th surrounded by his family at Murray-Calloway County Hospital. Funeral service was held at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 25, 2026, at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Bro. Rob Ison and Rodney Dukes officiated, and burial followed in the Barnett Cemetery.

Thomas Crawford Buchanan, age 71, of Murray, Kentucky passed away on Friday, November 20, 2026, at the TriStar Hendersonville Medical Center in Hendersonville, Tennessee. Arrangements are currently incomplete at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

Michael Lee Cain age 72, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away on Tuesday, November 17, 2026, at the Murray Calloway County Hospital. A funeral service was held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, November 21, 2026, at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services with Bro. Kerry Lambert officiating, and burial followed in the Murray City Cemetery.

William "Bill" Thomas Edwards, age 88, of Murray, Kentucky, went to his heavenly home on Tuesday, November 17, 2026, at the Passion and Purpose HomeCare Assisted Living for our SENIORS. Per Mr. Edwards request there will be no service of visitation held. A private family burial will be held at a later date at the Kirksey Baptist Church Cemetery.

CHRISTIAN

Kenneth Richard Adams, age 64, of Cerulean, KY, died unexpectedly on Thursday, November 19, 2026, at St. Thomas West in Nashville, TN. The family chose cremation with a Memorial Gathering that was held at Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home from 1:00 PM until 3:00 PM on Sunday, November 22, 2026. Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home has been entrusted by the family to handle the arrangements.

Kevin Moore, 60, of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, passed away at 8:05 p.m. on Thursday, November 19, 2026, at St. Thomas West Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee. Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 24, 2026, at Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home, with burial to follow at Powell Cemetery in LaFayette, Kentucky.

Clara E. Abbott, 69, Greenville Road, Hopkinsville, KY passed away Monday, November 23, 2026 at her home of natural causes. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Friday, November 27, 2026 at Lamb Funeral Home with Tom Bell officiating. Burial will follow in Peaceful Meadows Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11:00 a.m. until the service hour on Friday, November 27, 2026 at the funeral home.

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 were 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.

Norvil LeRoy Williamson, born November 27, 1954, passed away on November 18, 2026. Visitation will be held on November 28, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Gamble Funeral Home, 1311 S Liberty St., Hopkinsville, KY 42240. The funeral service will follow at 12:00 p.m. at Gamble Funeral Home. Burial will take place on November 28, 2026, at Cave Springs Cemetery, 2120 Greenville Road, Hopkinsville, KY 42240.

Joseph "Joe" Groves, 51, of St. Charles, KY passed away on November 18, 2026. Memorial donations are suggested to go towards his wife: Dorthey; or his father: Earl, to help his grieving family during this difficult time.

CRITTENDEN

Roger Dale Hopkins, 83, of Elizabethtown, IL passed from this life November 18, 2026 at Deaconess Midtown Hospital in Evansville, IN. Services awere held at 1 PM Monday, November 23, 2026 at Hardin County Funeral Service in Rosiclare, IL with interment in Fluorine Cemetery.

FULTON

James Mayberry, Jr., age 76, of Hickman, Kentucky, peacefully transitioned from this earthly life on Saturday, November 21, 2026, at his residence, surrounded by the memories of a life filled with love, purpose, service, and dedication. Memorial graveside services for Mr. James Mayberry, Jr will be held at 11AM Saturday, December 5, 2026 in the Hickman City Cemetery. There will be no visitation held at the funeral home and friends are asked to meet at the cemetery at the hour of service.

Birtha Bernice Thompson, age 55, of Hickman, Kentucky, passed away at her residence on Friday, November 20, 2026. Graveside services for Ms. Bernice Thompson were held at 2PM Tuesday, November 24 at the West Hill Cemetery near Rives, TN.

GRAVES

Ralph G. May, age 88, of Mayfield, KY formerly of Reidland, KY passed away Saturday, November 21, 2026 at the Jackson Purchase Medical Center in Mayfield, KY. A graveside service for Ralph G. May is scheduled for 11:00AM Friday, November 27, 2026 at the Lola Pentecostal Cemetery, in Lola, KY. Connor Tracy, Spencer Dalager, Josh Lawson, Melinda Thompson, Jessie Thompson, and Jeff Cox will serve as pallbearers. No visitation is scheduled, friends and family are asked to meet at the cemetery. Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY is in charge of the arrangements.

Jeffrey Scott "Scotty" McAlpin, passed away at the Lourdes Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center, on November 19th, surrounded by his loving family, following a courageous battle with cancer. Funeral services for Jeffrey Scott "Scotty" McAlpin were held1:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 21, 2026 at Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY. Dr. Mike Baker and Rev. Chad Lamb officiated. Interment followed at Burnett's Chapel Church Cemetery.

Carl Frederic Pember, age 73, of Wingo, Kentucky, passed away Sunday, November 22, 2026, at the Alive Hospice Center in Nashville, Tennessee. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 PM Saturday, November 28, 2026, at the Brown Funeral Home in Wingo, Kentucky, with Rev. Ike Murphey and Rev. Jim Boaz officiating. Burial will follow in the Wingo Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM Friday, November 27, 2026, and from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM Saturday, November 28, 2026, at the Brown Funeral Home in Wingo.

Sheila K. Hickman, age 73, of Mayfield, KY passed away at 4:53 AM Saturday, November 21,2026 at the Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah, KY. Private family services for Sheila will be held at a later date. The Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield, Ky is in charge of the arrangements.

Michael Dwayne Willie, age 67 and a resident of Hickory KY, passed away on Thursday, November 19, 2026 at his brother's residence in Chaffee, MO. Funeral services for Mike were conducted on Tuesday, November 24, 2026 at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield with Pastor Stephen Boyken officiating. Burial followed in the Mount Zion Cemetery in Cave in Rock, IL.

Margie Bouland Black, age 87 and a resident of the Golo community, passed away at 2:05 PM Wednesday, November 18, 2026, at her residence. Funeral services for Margie Bouland Black were held at 11:00 AM Wednesday, November 25, 2026, at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield. Bro. Ben Stratton officiated, and burial followed in the Chapel Hill Cemetery.



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Bonnie Smith Slaughter, age 83 of Wingo, KY passed away Wednesday, November 18, 2026 at Magnolia Ridge Care in Union City, TN. Bonnie requested no services. Brown Funeral Home in Clinton are in charge of arrangements.

HICKMAN

Carolyn Moore Patey, age 76, of South Fulton, Tennessee, passed away on Friday, November 20, 2026, at Saint Thomas West Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee. Funeral services for Mrs. Carolyn Patey were held at 2 PM Tuesday, November 24, 2026 at the Hornbeak Funeral Chapel in Fulton with burial to follow in the Obion County Memorial Gardens.

John Cary Jackson, age 53, of Fulton, passed away early Monday morning in Paducah, KY. Funeral arrangements for Mr. John Cary Jackson are incomplete at this time.

LIVINGSTON

On November 20th, 2026, **Bubba Hunter p**assed from this earthly life into his eternal life in heaven to finally be cancer free. He had fought a tough bout with the terrible disease. Services will be held on Sunday, November 29, 2026, at 2 PM, in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services, with Bro.'s Gene Koerner and Kenny Odom officiating. Friends may visit with the family on Sunday, from 11 AM until the funeral hour at Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services in Salem.

James D. "Jimmy" Ivy, 60, of Henderson, KY, passed away Thursday, November 19, 2026, at Deaconess Midtown Hospital in Evansville, IN. Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 25, 2026, at 11:00 AM in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services, 212 East Main Street, Salem, KY. Burial followed at Mapleview Cemetery in Marion, KY.

Dorma Faye Thompson Pickett, 81, of Livingston County, passed away on Thursday, November 19, 2026, at the Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice Center in Paducah, Kentucky, just four days shy of her birthday. A funeral service was held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, November 23, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah, with Michael Scheer officiating. Burial followed at Oak Grove Cemetery in Ledbetter.

LYON

Jeffery W. Fralick, age 72 of Kuttawa, Ky. passed away November 14, 2026 at Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Center in Paducah, Ky. There will be no services held at this time per Jeff's request, interment will be at Kuttawa Cemetery.

MARSHALL

Margie Greer, 77, a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend, peacefully departed this life on November 21, 2026, at her home, surrounded by the love and care of her cherished family and the compassionate support of Hospice. Funeral services were held at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, November 24, 2026, at the Life Celebration Center of Filbeck-Cann, with Bro. Todd Henson officiating. Burial followed at Maple Springs Cemetery.

Garnella Jean Norwood, 89, of Marshall County, Kentucky, passed away on Friday, November 20, 2026, at Passion and Purpose in Almo, Kentucky. A funeral service was held at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, November 25, 2026, at the Life Celebration Center of Filbeck-Cann. Burial followed in Unity Cemetery in Marshall County.

Bruce Howard Bradley, 86, of Gilbertsville, Kentucky, passed away on Wednesday, November 18, 2026. Filbeck-Cann Funeral Home of Milner & Orr is handling the arrangements. A celebration of life for Bruce will be held at a later date.

Paula Denise Gurley, 63, of Benton, Kentucky, passed away on Thursday, November 19, 2026, at Fulton Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, in Fulton, Kentucky. There are no services scheduled at this time. Filbeck-Cann Funeral Home of Milner & Orr is handling the arrangements.

Billy E. Driskill, 80, of Benton, Kentucky, passed away on Wednesday, November 18, 2026, at Passion and Purpose in Almo, Kentucky. Funeral services were held at 2:00 PM on Sunday, November 22, 2026, at the Life Celebration Center of Filbeck-Cann, with Bro. Chris Moore and Bro. Brad Walker officiating. Burial followed at Marshall County Memory Gardens.

Stephania Trujillo Williams, 60 of Benton, Kentucky passed away on Sunday, November 22, 2026 at Oakview Nursing & Rehab Center in Calvert City, Kentucky. A memorial visitation was held from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM on Wednesday, November 25, 2026 at Collier Funeral Home, 211 West 5th, Benton, Kentucky.

Judy Ann Hendrickson went to be with the Lord on Friday, November 20, 2026, at 10:57 a.m., at Calvert City Convalescent Center. A funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, November 23, 2026 at Collier Funeral Home with Brother Joey Harrison officiating. Burial followed at Dee's Cemetery in Calvert City, KY.

Joyce Parham Dossett, 90, of Gilbertsville, passed away peacefully on Thursday, November 19, 2026, at her home, surrounded by her loved ones. A funeral service was held at 1:00 PM on Monday, November 23, 2026, at Calvert City church of Christ with Lance Cordle officiating. Burial followed at Provine Cemetery.

William "Bill" C. Johnson, 89 of Gilbertsville, Kentucky passed away on Wednesday, November 18, 2026, at Oakview Nursing & Rehab Center in Calvert City, Kentucky. There are no arrangements at this time. Arrangements by Collier Funeral Home and Cremation Services, located at 211 West 5th Street Benton, KY 42025. 270-527-3141.

Beau "Boyce" Mason West, 84, of Mayfield, passed away on Wednesday, November 18, 2026 at Clinton Place in Clinton, Kentucky. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Collier Funeral Home and Cremation Services is handling arrangements.

Jerry Don Freeman, 58, of Calvert City passed away on Sunday, November 22, 2026, at his mother's residence with his family by his side. Funeral services were at 4:00pm on Wednesday, November 25, 2026 at Lindsey Funeral Home.

Bonita Christine Warren, 71, of Calvert City, passed away on Tuesday, November 17, 2026, at Oakview Nursing and Rehabilitation in Calvert City. There will be no service or visitation held at this time. Hughes Funeral Home in Paducah is in charge of arrangements.

McCRACKEN

Jerry Houser, 84, of Boaz, Kentucky, passed away on November 22, 2026, at his home. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, November 24, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. at the Lone Oak Chapel of Milner & Orr Funeral Home with Jerad Millay officiating. Burial followed the service at Houser Grove Church of Christ Cemetery.

Jerry L. Harrington, 81, of Calvert City, Kentucky (formerly of the Reidland community), passed away on Friday, November 20, 2026, at Mercy Health Lourdes in Paducah, Kentucky. Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 24, 2026 at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah with Brother Charles Frazier officiating. Burial followed at Maplelawn Park Cemetery in Paducah, Kentucky.

Eddie Doublin, 78, of Bardwell, Kentucky, passed away on Thursday, November 19, 2026, at his residence. Funeral services were held at 11:00 am on Monday, November 23, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Bardwell, with Bro. Rick Miller officiating. Burial followed at Roselawn Cemetery.

Herman Stephen Wurth Jr. was born on August 2, 1944, in Paducah, Kentucky, to Herman Stephen Wurth Sr. and Ida Lou Holder Wurth. He passed away on Wednesday, November 18, 2026, at Baptist Health of Paducah. A Funeral Mass was held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, November 23, 2026, at St. Thomas More Catholic Church, with Rev. Mike Clark officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Paducah, Kentucky.

Jerry Ellegood, age 81, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away on November 16, 2026, in the city where he was born and spent his life surrounded by the people and places he loved most. Funeral Services were held on Saturday, November 21, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah, with Pastor Mickey Brown officiating. Burial followed the service at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens.

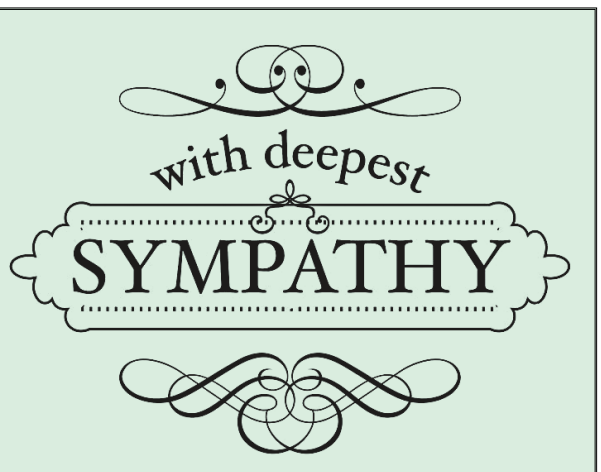
Sharon Lindemann, 75, of Paducah, passed away on Friday, November 20, 2026 at Baptist Health Paducah. Arrangements are incomplete at Lindsey Funeral Home.

Cheryl Renee Waldon, a beloved and trustworthy soul, departed from this earthly life on November 14, 2026, at the age of 56. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, November 25, 2026 11:00 a.m. at Christ Temple Apostolic Church with Pastor Anthony Walton officiating. Burial followed in Oak Grove Cemetery.

TRIGG

Donald Glenn Nix - December 4, 1956 - November 21, 2026 - Funeral arrangements are incomplete for 69 year old Donald Glenn Nix of Cunningham, TN. He passed away Saturday, November 21, 2026 at his home.

Joe Henry Anderson, age 88, of Cadiz, Kentucky, passed away on Sunday, November 15, 2026, at Princeton Nursing and Rehabilitation in Princeton, Kentucky. Funeral services were at 1 PM with Scotty Hampton officiating. Burial followed in Trigg Memory Acres. Arrangements are being handled by Goodwin Funeral Home, Inc.



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VICTORIOUS Living ...in a troubled world

How to discover life's greatest blessings

By Teresa LeNeave
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As Thanksgiving approaches, we are reminded that expressing appreciation and gratitude should be more than a holiday tradition. It should be a daily habit that strengthens relationships, encourages kindness and brings greater happiness to our lives.

Have you ever received so much appreciation that you grew tired of hearing it? Probably not. Most people welcome recognition and enjoy knowing they are valued. Yet, while many of us wish to feel more appreciated, we sometimes fail to express appreciation to the people around us.

Gratitude, much like love, cannot be a one-sided relationship. Each person has a responsibility to make others feel valued and loved. Rather than waiting for someone else to make the first move, we should take the initiative. A simple phone call, text message or sincere expression of thanks can make a tremendous difference in someone's day.

Developing a habit of thankfulness can also improve our own outlook on life. Consider reflecting on the past year. Were there more days filled with frustration or gratitude? Which days brought the greatest happiness? A life focused primarily on



disappointments can become discouraging, while a thankful heart can help lift our spirits, even during difficult circumstances.

One practical way to develop gratitude is to set aside 30 minutes each month to recognize someone who has made a difference in your life. Send a card, make a phone call or simply tell someone how much you appreciate them. There is always something or someone to be thankful for if we take the time to look.

Even painful experiences can provide opportunities for personal growth and moments of thankfulness. Those who have disappointed or hurt us may have unknowingly helped us develop patience, strength and character. Choosing gratitude rather than resentment can change the way we view those experiences.

The Bible offers a powerful reminder in 1 Thessalonians 5:18: "In everything give thanks." This does not mean life's challenges are easy, or that we're required to be thankful for a miserable life, but it reminds us that even difficult seasons can strengthen our faith and reveal our need for God's grace.

As Thanksgiving approaches, let us remember that gratitude is not simply something we celebrate once a year. It is a choice we can make every day. Start with one person. Tell them you appreciate them. Don't wait for the big things or special occasions. Make thankfulness a habit, and you may discover that one of life's greatest blessings is the happiness that comes from having a grateful heart. Happy Thanksgiving.

Outdoor Truths



By Gary Miller
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Bowhunting is usually a close-quarters affair. The shot is mostly 30 yards or less. At least for me. For years, my rifle hunting has been from the barn, and the deer that show up there usually come from only a couple of locations. Recently, though, I have started taking my rifle to open country. Just this morning, I sat at the top of a hill that overlooked the rolling hills of Tennessee. That landscape included a hayfield, cattle pasture, and wooded parcels scattered throughout. My view and shot options were almost 360 degrees and the distances I was scanning were well beyond any shot I was willing to take. This morning I saw more hunting possibilities than I can remember seeing in a long time. It was not that I had not hunted larger tracts of land, it was that this morning I was unusually in tune with the vastness of my world. But not just my hunting world. I had had this epiphany a few days earlier. Let me explain.

Most of the time, my life is of the bowhunting variety. My attention is on the small areas of my life. Daily circumstances, situations, and troubles keep me from looking beyond the reach of my own needs and my own abilities. I hardly ever look past my field to notice the vastness of the land around it. And I rarely look past preparing my own plot to realize that Someone maintains the land around me, and even the skies above. Here's what I'm saying. I have needs. We all do. And what we tend to do is look no farther than the circumstances standing between us and what we need. And this limited view can cause us to live in doubt. But when I sat on top of that hill and looked around, I was reminded by God that my little field is nothing compared to the world He created. And if He spoke a mountain into existence and split it with a river, He can speak to my mountain and bring from it a fountain of blessings. So, the next time your world starts closing in, look up and around. Remember, the God who created everything you can see also created everything you can't. And while your world may seem small and your troubles may seem large, neither is beyond His reach. Sometimes we just need to sit in a different place to be reminded of how much bigger His world is than ours.

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Being thankful that God will always love us

By William F Holland Jr.
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I was thinking this week (while in the midst of complaining about the frustrations of life) that being thankful is more of a state of mind than a celebration. I'm sure you will agree it's truly a blessing to wake up each morning and not be in agony. When we swing our bodies over onto the side of the bed and stand on our feet, this is nothing less than a miracle! So often, we become so busy thinking about what we are going to do that we forget how God is providing our good health, which enables us to enjoy our life. Is my cup half-full or half-empty? I'm just grateful I have a cup. I realize it's easy to take our blessings for granted, and since being humble is an attitude of appreciation, may we remember to tell our Lord how much we love Him for paying the ransom for our souls.

One of our good friends is battling a serious health issue, and trust me, she is seeing life through a different perspective this Thanksgiving. She's been taking morning walks and has shared about how quiet and peaceful the world is right before the sun rises. In these times, it's the little things like hearing the birds sing, a gentle breeze, and the colors of the leaves that are awe-inspiring. Have you considered lately how glorious it is to take a deep breath? Breathing seems so natural, but for many, it's a constant battle. The feeling of being underwater is not pleasant, and yet many live in this situation every day. The heart is another involuntary function that God has designed to keep a constant rhythm without us having to think about it, but many people are not so fortunate. How often do we thank God for all of His secret intervening and monitoring to help maintain our health?

Franklin Roosevelt is quoted as saying, "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord. Across the uncertain ways of space and time, our hearts echo those words, for the days are with us again when, at the gathering of the harvest, we solemnly express our dependence upon Almighty God." Occasionally I will take a short nap on my cozy leather sofa while our English bulldog wedges his way in between me and the back of the couch and lets out a sigh of contentment that sounds more like the grunt of a hog. What a blessing it is to have a place called home. I'm sure most of you feel the same way about your own sanctuary of peace and security. I thank God that I can go to the refrigerator and find something to eat, then go out to the garage and get into a nice vehicle and travel wherever I need to go. We usually do not pay much attention to these "luxuries," but they are truly amazing blessings. May we remember that many people do not have a home, a vehicle, a couch, or any food at all. First Thessalonians 5:18 tells us to be "Thankful in everything, and in all circumstances." Whether in lack or abundance, we will trust God and thank Him for our blessings, and even more importantly to love Him just for who He is.

What does Thanksgiving mean to you? Someone might reply, "It means a delicious feast while watching parades and football," and we can relate, as who does not enjoy all of this? Others may say, "Thanksgiving means a day off from work or school." This is true and is always something to look forward to. Nonetheless, this particular holiday is not only a celebration of indulgence but a time to be spiritually sensitive and to recognize all that we have and who gave it to us. As the word Thanksgiving suggests, it's a time of prayer, praise, and personal reflection. Genuine gratitude and being indebted are not just words, but more of an awareness of God's presence, and then demonstrating our love with honesty and sincerity. How about calling someone just to encourage them, or maybe sending a handwritten note? How about taking the opportunity to forgive someone who has hurt us? This year, between the turkey, dressing, and pumpkin pie, may we worship the one who loves us and saved us. It's more than just saying a prayer at the table; it's living a life that is pleasing unto Him.

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

ALWAYS GIVE THANKS

Bro. Brandon G. Bramlett
Bandana Baptist Church

Every child's tummy grumbled with hunger. There was no bread on their plates and no milk in their glasses. The hungry children were gathered and anticipating breakfast, as they had done every morning at George Müller's orphanage in Bristol, England. This was not the first (or last) time the orphanage ran out of provisions. Despite the fact that there was no food on the table, Müller led the children and staff in a prayer of thanksgiving. "Dear Father, we thank Thee for what Thou art going to give us to eat," he prayed with humble confidence. He didn't like the way things looked, but he gave thanks to the Lord anyway.

And God came through. There was a knock at the door; it was the local baker. He informed Mr. Müller that he had been awake all night because the Lord had burdened him to bake bread for the children. "Children," Müller exclaimed, "we not only have bread, but fresh bread." Then came a second knock; it was the milkman. Normally, milk was brought at eight o'clock and paid for upon arrival. The milkman, however, offered the children all of the milk that morning because his milkcart had broken down in front of the orphanage, and the milk would have spoiled had he waited for a wheel to finish his rounds.

Many more miracle stories can be found in his journal, Answers to Prayer, which he wrote while overseeing orphanages in the mid to late nineteenth century. One November, the boiler went out. Nevertheless, he gave thanks—and God sent workmen who repaired it in less than 30 hours. When 262 children contracted measles, he gave thanks and prayed for help. God answered. "All the 262 children not only recovered, but did well afterwards," he wrote. In 1838, there was "not a single half-penny" in their bank account, and yet, he gave thanks. Hours later, he met a brother on the street who gave £10 to the orphanage.

George Müller truly exemplified the kind of thanksgiving that God expects of all believers:

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thess. 5:18).

Friend, you might not like the looks of things right now. Perhaps an illness or physical ailment is holding you back from doing the things you enjoy. Maybe a prodigal son or daughter has shattered your heart. You could be suffering from depression or anxiety. Perhaps you are uncertain how you will pay your bills this month. But giving thanks in every circumstance is essentially praying, "Lord, I don't like the looks of it, but I will give You thanks anyway."

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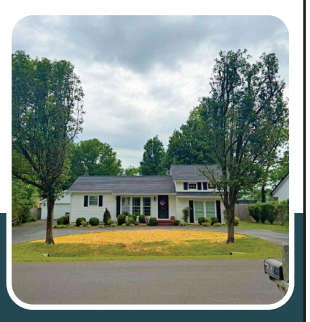
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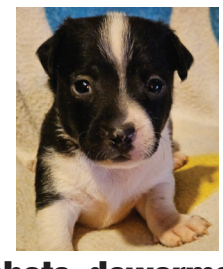
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2	5	9	8	3	6	1	4	7
3	1	7	2	9	4	8	6	5
7	9	6	4	5	2	3	8	1
1	2	5	3	7	8	4	9	6
8	3	4	9	6	1	5	7	2

Word Search Answers



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Books young readers will love to find under the tree

Modern shoppers have lots of options at their disposal when the time comes to find holiday gifts for their loved ones. While the latest gadgets may be shiny and new, many a shopper still looks to an old favorite when shopping for holiday gifts.

According to a recent survey conducted by Talker Research, 51 percent of respondents indicated their plan to give a book as a holiday gift in 2025. Books provide hours of entertainment at a fraction of the cost of the latest gadgets or even experiential gifts like tickets to a show or sporting event. That makes books an appealing gift for loved ones of all ages, including children. Kids have much to gain from reading as youngsters. Indeed, research has shown that reading helps kids develop their critical thinking and language skills and can foster a sense of wonder about the world. Shoppers looking for books to give youngsters this holiday season can consider these titles that are among the many recommended by the Association For Library Service to Children.

• Night Walk, by Jason Cockroft. This is an intergenerational story about loss and remembrance that also showcases the wonders of the natural world. The story focuses on a sleepy boy and his grandfather as they follow the favorite path the boy's late grandmother liked to walk through nearby woods.

• Papilio, by Ben Clanton. This is the story of Papilio Polyxenes, a caterpillar going through the stages of metamorphosis. Papilio experiences the ups and downs of growth as she learns to fly, fall, and feed during her transformation from caterpillar to butterfly.

• Safe Crossing, by Kari Percival. Another book likely to inspire or strengthen a love of the natural world, this is the story of the efforts of a community to protect amphibians as they migrate from wooded uplands to a nearby pond.

• The Adventures of Cipollino, by Gianni Rodari. A translation of an Italian classic, this is the story of a young onion (most characters in the book are an animal, a vegetable or a fruit) who leaves his home in an effort to free his wrongfully imprisoned father. Cipollino encounters a colorful cast of characters along the way in this entertaining work that's written for readers nine and up.

• Busted, by Dan Gemeinhart. Oscar Aberdeen is the main character in this tale about an unusual 12-year-old boy who lives in a retirement home. A humorous story unfolds when Oscar and his grandfather are served with an eviction notice from their home at Sunny Days. Desperate to remain in the only home he's ever known, Oscar accepts the help of a fellow resident with a not-so-stellar reputation.

• Rebellion 1776, by Laurie Halse Anderson. A book taking young readers between the ages of 10 and 14 back to 1776 may be ideal as Americans commemorate 250 years of nationhood. In this tale, 13-year-old Elsbeth Culpepper awakes in the spring of 1776 during the Siege of Boston, which turns the city into a war zone. Elsbeth is subsequently forced to confront those conditions as well as a suddenly missing father and an outbreak of smallpox.

These are just a few of the many titles that would make great gifts for young readers this holiday season. A lengthier list of titles can be found at https://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/notalists/ncb.







Great gifts for gram and gramps

Shopping for grandparents can be challenging. Grandparents may insist they already have everything they need, and many are focused on downsizing and decluttering rather than accumulating more items. The best gifts for grandparents generally fall into two categorizes: sentimental keepsakes that celebrate family connections, or everyday comfort upgrades that make life easier and more enjoyable.

According to CNBC, nearly 86 percent of grandparents regularly buy gifts for their grandchildren, spending an average of $805 per year on presents. That's undoubtedly one reason why their children and grandchildren want to give back in meaningful ways. Here are several thoughtful gift ideas that grandparents will enjoy.

• Digital picture frames: Grandparents who love staying up-to-date on loved ones' daily lives will enjoy a smart digital picture frame. Unlike traditional photo albums that will get tucked on a shelf, connected frames enable family members to upload photos and short video clips directly from their smartphones in real time, no matter where they live. This means grandparents can see photos of their grandchildren and children pop up and serve as a source of constant joy.

• Accessibility upgrades: Practical technology can remove problems that make daily living challenging for seniors who prefer to age in place. Items like smart plugs paired with a voice assistant will enable grandparents to turn off bedside lamps or holiday lights without bending down or reaching behind furniture. Keyless smart locks eliminate the frustration of fumbling with keys at the front door. Bluetooth item trackers make it easy to locate frequently misplaced items like keys or reading glasses.

• Living history journal: Every grandparent has a unique list of stories and experiences that will be lost forever unless they're preserved. Guided memory journals or digital story-recording services can provide prompts asking grandparents about their life experiences. Over the course of time, their responses are compiled into a keepsake book that honors their life and preserves family heritage.

• Comfort and relaxation: Gifts that focus on everyday luxury can be a hit with grandparents. Examples include a weighted heating pad for the neck and shoulders or high-end adaptive footwear that offers soothing relief. Gourmet teas, meal prep services and other food gifts also can be good fits for grandparents.

When it comes to grandparents, less is often more. When gifting tech, include installation and set-up as part of the gift. This way things are ready to go and do not require extra expertise.



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The reasons to stay local when shopping this holiday season

Holiday shoppers have no shortage of retailers competing for their dollars come December. The National Retail Federation estimated 2025 holiday spending exceeded $1 trillion, and there's little reason to suspect 2026 spending will not match or exceed that amount.

With so much money being spent, retailers have much to gain from attracting holiday shoppers. While big box stores and online retailers may beckon shoppers louder than anyone this December, there's plenty of reasons to look local when buying gifts for loved ones during the holiday season.

• Buying local pays you back. Communities benefit when shoppers spend their money at locally owned businesses. According to the Local Business Institute, $48 of every $100 spent at a locally owned business ultimately recirculates in the community. That means supporting one business in your community indirectly leads to supporting others. And residents should know that a thriving local business sector is great for property values, as buyers tend to be willing to pay more to live in locations with



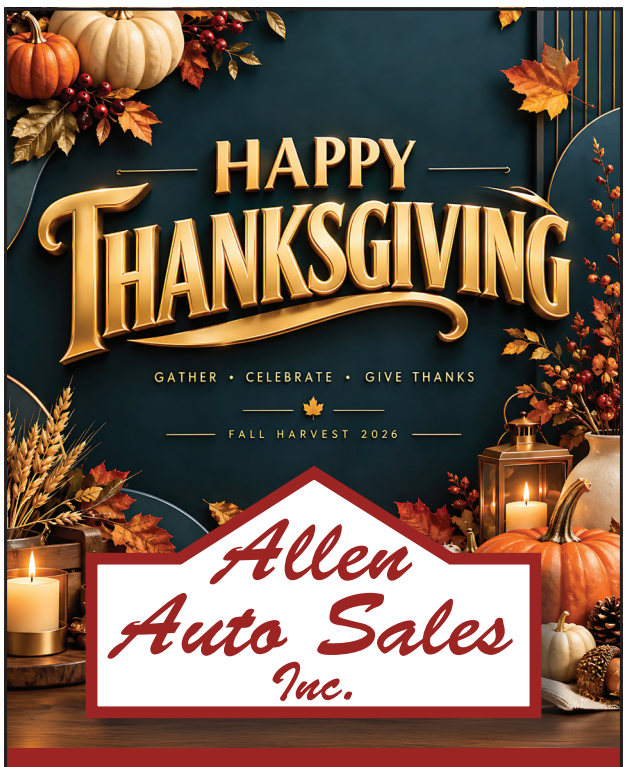
successful shops, cafes and restaurants.

• Buying local encourages additional investment. New Jersey-based Spencer Savings Bank notes the appeal of already thriving business sectors on other entrepreneurs seeking to open their businesses. By supporting existing local businesses now, residents are helping to establish a foundation for future economic growth within their communities. The holiday season is a particularly lucrative time for businesses of all sizes, so that makes it a perfect time for locals to support the establishments in their community.

• Buying local offers more chances to find something unique. Buying local also pays more immediate dividends come the holiday season. Big box stores and online retailers sell the same items to people regardless of where they live, whereas independently owned local businesses tend to feature more unique items that can only be found in their stores. Shoppers looking for unique gifts for their loved ones need look no further than Main Street to find such items.

• Buying local benefits the environment. Eco-conscious holiday shoppers should know that buying local is often beneficial for the environment. Locally crafted and purchased items will not require as much packaging as items purchased from big box stores or online retailers that must protect products from the wear and tear of long distance travel. And that travel also has a negative impact on the environment, as the longer distance it takes to get a product from a warehouse to a consumer's home, the more harmful the transaction typically is on the environment.

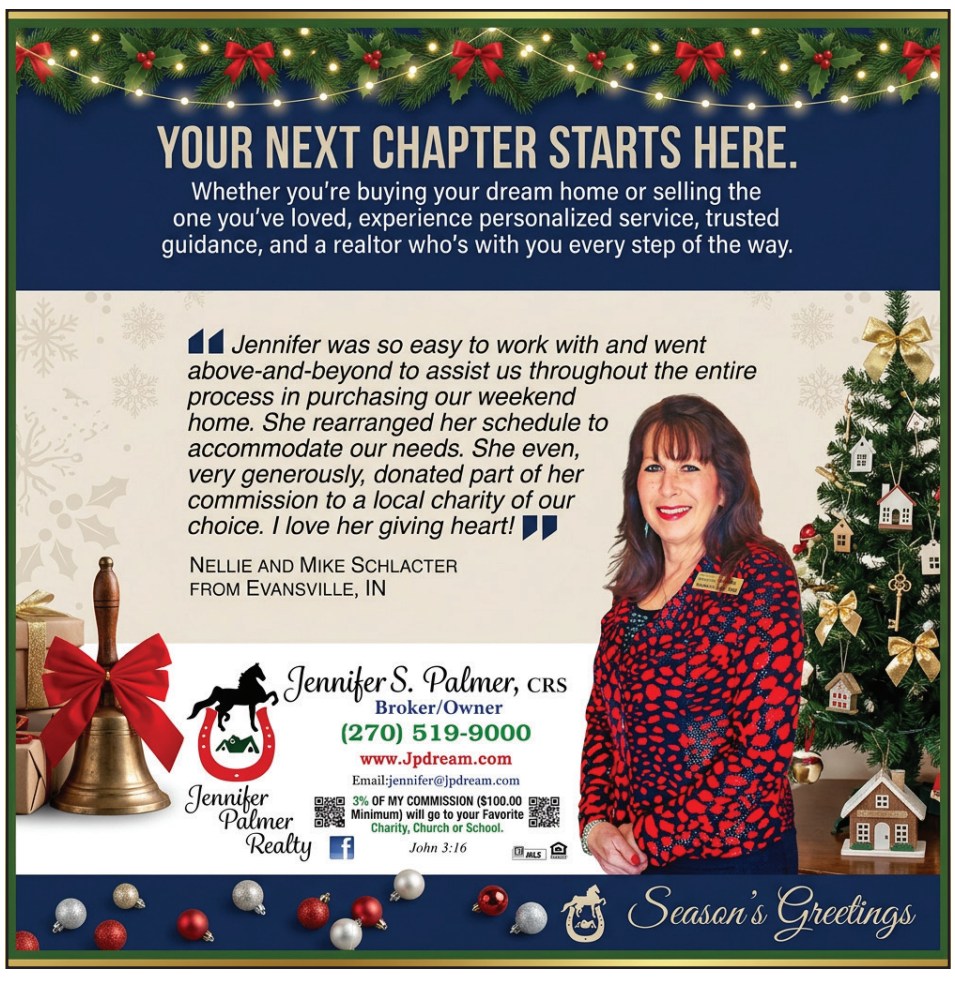
The holiday season is a lucrative time of year for retailers, and there are numerous reasons why shoppers should focus their buying power on local businesses this year and in the years to come.











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DECEMBER 5

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CALVERT CITY TREE LIGHTING

Kick off the holiday season at Light Up Calvert City on Saturday, December 5, in Memorial Park! After the parade from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., enjoy carnival games sponsored by local businesses, decorate cookies and warm up with hot chocolate provided by Blended Brews. Join us for the community tree lighting at 7:30 p.m.!

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