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Graves County Fishing Team Makes a Strong Start on the Water



By: Graves County Schools

The Graves County High School Fishing Team made an impressive debut this past weekend at their first-ever student angler tournament. Despite challenging fall fishing conditions,

the team delivered an outstanding performance—setting a new school record for the biggest bass caught in an official tournament. Out of 63 boats competing, one Graves County team finished in the Top 5, three teams placed in the Top 10, and five finished within the Top 25 overall.

Team results included:

- **Blake Robertson and Knox Stone**
– 7 lbs. 6 oz.
- **Crasston Clark and Emmett Metzger**
– 7 lbs.
- **Elliott Thomasson and Charlie Driscoll**
– 6.5 lbs.
(Result list correction noted)
- **Kyson Moore and Mason Knight**
– 2 lbs. 7 oz.
- **Coleman Winstead and Nathan Vaughn**
– 1 lb. 4 oz.

Special recognition goes to Emmett Metzger, who caught the tournament’s biggest fish—a 7-pound bass—setting a new team record. Congratulations also to Elliott Thomasson for reeling

in a 6.5-pound large-mouth during his first weigh-in tournament. The GC Fishing Team looks forward to building on this strong start as they continue their season.



MRCOOL Cuts Ribbon on \$5.35 Million Expansion in Graves County, Creating 40 Full-Time Jobs

Announced in August 2023, expansion is company’s second in Kentucky

Gov. Andy Beshear congratulated leaders from MRCOOL as they cut the ribbon on the company’s newly expanded facility in Graves County, a \$5.35 million investment that is creating 40 new full-time jobs. “Kentucky’s economy is thriving, and the proof is in the companies that continue to invest in and grow in our state,” said Gov. Beshear. “HVAC Distributing has been a part of the commonwealth’s logistics and distribution industry for over 10 years, and I’m excited to see them branch out with this addition of the MR-COOL brand. I’m excited to see them continue to find success in Kentucky and I want to congratulate them on this significant step toward that.” For this expansion, announced in August 2023, the MRCOOL team built out 22,000 square feet of office space at the Remington Way location in the Hickory Industrial Park (HIP). The expansion brings the facility’s total to 120,750 square feet and complements the 100,000-square-foot distribution site up the hill as part of the HIP campus. The expanded operation includes two floors of office space; a large showroom; a video graphics area for marketing; a technical, customer service and warranty teams call center; and a training facility for employees, dealers and franchisees. The company

currently employees 279 workers, with 276 of those being Kentuckians. The company is also currently looking to fill nine open positions. “This expansion represents more than just growth for MRCOOL – it’s a testament to the innovation, hard work and commitment of our Kentucky-based team,” said Jason O. Ingram, co-founding managing member of HVAC Distributing and MR-COOL. “From the beginning, we’ve believed that big ideas can come from small towns, and this milestone shows what’s possible when people take pride in what they build together.” Doug Ingram, co-founding managing member of HVAC Distributing and MR-COOL, added, “Our goal has always been to make advanced, energy-efficient comfort technology accessible to everyone. This expansion strengthens our ability to deliver on that promise while continuing to invest in our community, our workforce and the future of innovation right here in Kentucky.” Founded in Hickory in 2013, HVAC Distributing is a national wholesale distributor of heating

and air conditioning equipment. The next year, the MRCOOL brand came to life and MRCOOL LLC was established. In August 2020, Gov. Beshear announced the company’s plans to open a second operation in the Hickory Industrial Park, a \$7 million in-

vestment that created 175 jobs. Their most recent development, MRCOOL Franchising LLC, launched in 2023 to foster growth throughout the U.S. and Canada with the promise to deliver quality HVAC products faster and establish MRCOOL as a household name. The family-owned business provides logistics support to MRCOOL, its vast product line including DIY mini splits, GEOCOOL and a long list of contrac-

tor grade products, all backed by MRCOOL’s technical and warranty support in Hickory. Graves County Judge/Executive Jesse Perry spoke on the long term impact of the project: “We’re proud to see a locally founded company like MRCOOL continuing to invest in

of their contributions to our community and congratulate this home-grown enterprise on this growth to their business.” Graves County Economic Development President Jason Lemle congratulated the company on the expansion: “As a locally grown business, it is encouraging to see their continued growth and success here in Graves County. Seeing MRCOOL thrive is a testament to the Ingrams family’s commitment to their employees, their community and their customers. Congratulations to the Ingram’s family and their team for this tremendous improvement to their existing business operations here in Graves County.” MRCOOL’s investment and job creation build on the best five-year period for economic growth in state history. Since the beginning of his administration, Gov. Beshear has announced more than 1,200 private-sector new-location and expansion projects totaling over \$43 billion in announced investments, creating more than 63,600 jobs. This is the highest investment figure secured during the tenure of any governor in the commonwealth’s history and \$20 billion more than the next highest total. The robust job creation has been accompanied by rising wages across the commonwealth. Since 2022, the average incentivized hourly wage has topped \$26 in three consecutive years for the first time. Gov. Beshear has announced some of the largest economic development projects in state history, which have solidified Kentucky as the electric vehicle battery production capital of the United States: Ford Motor Co. and SK On’s transformative \$5.8 billion, 5,000-job BlueOval SK Battery Park in Hardin County; AESC’s \$2 billion, 2,000-job gigafactory project in Warren County; Toyota’s \$1.3 billion investment in Scott County; Ford Motor Co.’s \$2 billion, 2,200-job commitment in Louisville; and Shelbyville Battery Manufacturing’s \$712 million investment, creating 1,572 jobs in Shelby County, among others. The Governor’s administration also secured the largest General Fund budget surplus and Rainy Day Fund. In 2023, Kentucky recorded over 2 million jobs filled for the first time ever and has stayed above that number ever since. Kentucky also secured rating



Mr. Cool’s expansion Ribbon Cutting. Left to Right: Monica Lynn, Jason Ingram, Justin Andrews and Jessica Campbell

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KSP Arrests Calloway County Man on Multiple Felony Charges Following Kirksey Collision

By Wilbur Jackson
KPI Writer

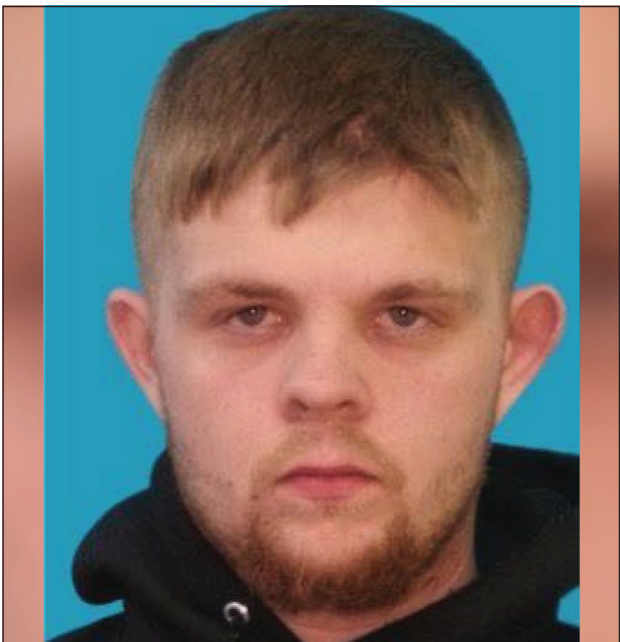
KIRKSEY, Ky. – The Kentucky State Police (KSP) Post 1 has arrested a Calloway County man on multiple felony charges following a two-vehicle collision in the Kirksey community on Tuesday afternoon.

According to KSP, troopers were dispatched around 4:00 p.m. on November 4 to the intersection of Backusburg Road and Marigold Drive for a report of a non-injury collision involving two vehicles. Trooper Underhill responded to investigate the incident. During the investigation, it was determined that one of the drivers involved, identified

as Justun Wallmann, 48, of Kirksey, was operating his vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating substances.

When Trooper Underhill informed Wallmann that he was being placed under arrest, he allegedly resisted and attempted to flee the scene on foot. Trooper Underhill deployed her Taser to subdue Wallmann, successfully taking him into custody without further incident.

A subsequent search of Wallmann’s vehicle revealed evidence of drug trafficking and firearm possession. Troopers located a handgun, approximately 70 grams of methamphetamine, and 25 pills that have



Justun Wallmann was arrested on multiple felony charges after a two car vehicle collision in the Kirksey community. (Photo by Kentucky State Police)

been sent to a state laboratory for identification. Investigators believe the amount of methamphetamine indicates intent to dis-

tribute, rather than personal use. As a result of the investigation, Justun Wallmann was arrested and charged with

multiple offenses, including Trafficking in Controlled Substance (1st Degree), Possession of a Handgun by a Convicted Felon, Possession of Controlled Substance (3rd Degree), Illegal Possession of a Legend Drug, Prescription Controlled Substance Not in Proper Container, Operating a Motor Vehicle Under the Influence of Substances, Resisting Arrest, Fleeing or Evading Police (2nd Degree on Foot), and Reckless Driving.

Wallmann was medically evaluated following his arrest and subsequently lodged in the Calloway County Jail.

The Kentucky State Police expressed appreciation for the as-

sistance provided by the Calloway County Sheriff’s Office and Murray-Calloway County EMS during the response and investigation.

This incident remains under investigation by Trooper Underhill of KSP Post 1, which continues to emphasize its commitment to keeping Kentucky’s roadways and communities safe from impaired and criminal driving activity. The agency reminds motorists that driving under the influence endangers not only the driver but everyone sharing the road, and urges residents to report suspicious or impaired drivers immediately to law enforcement.

Paducah Lions Club Encourages Community to Support 69th WPSD Telethon of Stars Silent Auction

PADUCAH — The Paducah Lions Club is calling on community members to take part in the Silent Auction for the 69th annual WPSD Telethon of Stars, which raises funds for children and adults with special needs across the region.

Bidding is now open and will continue until 9 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 8. Supporters are encouraged to visit www.telethonofstars.com, create an account, and begin placing bids on a wide range of auc-

tion items. Organizers note that many of the items make excellent holiday gifts, providing a meaningful way to shop while giving back.

To access the auction, simply visit the website and click the QR code displayed on the page. The Lions Club is also asking participants to help spread the word by sharing the auction link on Facebook or sending it directly to friends, family members, and coworkers through email or text.

Winning bidders will be able to conveniently pay by credit card at the close of the auction.

“We appreciate everyone who helps make the Telethon Auction successful,” the club shared in the announcement. “Your participation helps us continue to support children and adults with special needs in our community.”

For more information and to start bidding, visit <https://telethonofstars.com>.

Deputies Arrest Paducah Man After Armed Disturbance in Reidland

McCracken County Sheriff’s deputies responded to a residence in the Fisher Road area of Reidland following a report of a disturbance involving a firearm. Upon arrival, deputies located a male and female who stated they had been involved in a verbal altercation.

During the investigation, deputies learned the female victim had previously been assaulted by the male suspect on scene. Deputies also determined that the suspect had engaged in a separate verbal

confrontation with another male victim, during which he brandished an AR-style pistol and made threats to harm the man while pointing the weapon in his direction.

The suspect, identified as 21-year-old Brian Liverman of Paducah, Kentucky, was taken into custody without incident. Multiple firearms and items of drug paraphernalia were seized during the arrest.

While deputies served an Emergency Protection Order at the McCracken County Jail, Liverman

allegedly made additional statements threatening serious harm or death toward the female victim. He was subsequently charged with Terroristic Threatening 3rd Degree.

Liverman faces multiple charges, including Wanton Endangerment 1st Degree, Strangulation 1st Degree (Domestic Violence Related), Menacing, Disorderly Conduct, Possession of Marijuana, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

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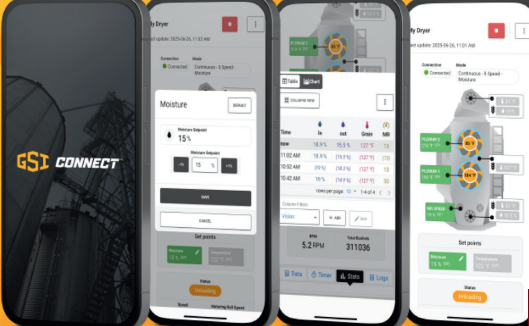
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West KY Sports



McCracken County competed in the opening round of the KHSAA Girls' Volleyball State Tournament on Monday, Nov. 3. Bowling Green shut out visiting McCracken County 3-0 (25-15, 25-19, 25-20). The loss eliminated McCracken County from the KHSAA Girls' Volleyball State Tournament.
(Photo courtesy of McCracken County High School Athletic Department)

Marshall County Cross Country competed at State Championship



Marshall County was among the high schools represented in the KHSAA State Cross Country Championship at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington on Saturday, Nov. 1.
(Photo courtesy of Marshall County High School)

Calloway County competed at the KHSAA Class 2A State Cross Country Championship



Calloway County competed in the KHSAA Class 2A State Cross Country Championship at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington on Saturday, Nov. 1.
(Photo courtesy of Calloway County High School)

High School Football Scoreboard

Schedule for Friday, Oct. 31
Calloway County 45, Marshall County 40
Crittenden County 56, Hopkins County Central 21
Graves County 41, McCracken County 27
Greenwood 45, Union County 23
Hopkinsville 37, WEB DuBois 13
Mayfield 43, Central 13
Muhlenberg County 42, Ballard Memorial 0
Murray 56, Caldwell County 16
Owensboro 65, Henderson County 3
Paducah Tilghman 54, Christian County 7
Webster County 31, Todd County Central 12

Area high school football teams wrapped up October action with an exciting slate of Friday night matchups that showcased explosive offenses and dominant performances across western Kentucky.

Calloway County edged out Marshall County in a high-scoring thriller, 45–40, while Graves County topped McCracken County, 41–27, in another competitive contest. Paducah Tilghman continued its impressive season with a commanding 54–7 victory over Christian County.

Mayfield maintained its winning momentum, defeating Central, 43–13, while Murray rolled past Caldwell County, 56–16. Muhlenberg County pitched a shutout against Ballard Memorial, 42–0, and Webster County downed Todd County Central, 31–12.

Elsewhere, Crittenden County surged past Hopkins County Central, 56–21, and Greenwood claimed a 45–23 win over Union County. Hopkinsville earned a solid 37–13 victory over WEB DuBois, and Owensboro dominated Henderson County, 65–3, in one of the evening's most lopsided scores.

With the regular season winding down, several teams are hitting their stride at the perfect time as playoff action looms. Fans can look forward to more intense gridiron battles as local programs fight for postseason positioning and regional bragging rights.

BluegrassPreps.com High School Football Rankings

Class 1A	Class 4A
1. Pikeville	1. Boyle County
2. Raceland	2. Highlands
3. Campbellsville	3. Covington Catholic
4. Kentucky Country Day	4. Johnson Central
5. Middlesboro	5. Franklin County
6. Sayre	6. Paducah Tilghman
7. Hazard	7. Corbin
8. Newport Central Catholic	8. Logan County
9. Covington Holy Cross	9. North Oldham
10. Newport	10. Ashland
Class 2A	Class 5A
1. Beechwood	1. Woodford County
2. Lexington Christian Academy	2. Owensboro
3. Owensboro Catholic	3. Cooper
4. Mayfield	4. Scott County
5. Belfry	5. Pulaski County
6. Somerset	6. Atherton
7. Prestonsburg	7. Bowling Green
8. Monroe County	8. North Laurel
9. Danville	9. Collins
10. Breathitt County	10. Greenwood
Class 3A	Class 6A
1. Christian Academy-Louisville	1. Trinity
2. Lexington Catholic	2. South Warren
3. Bell County	3. St. Xavier
4. Murray	4. Manual
5. Glasgow	5. Frederick Douglass
6. Lawrence County	6. Ryle
7. Lloyd Memorial	7. Madison Central
8. Bourbon County	8. Bryan Station
9. Rockcastle County	9. Male
10. Bardstown	10. Ballard

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Nov. 26th **Zootopia 2** (PG)

MURRAY — McCracken County shut out Graves County 3-0 in the 1st Region Girls' Volleyball Tournament title match at Calloway County on Wednesday, Oct. 29. The Lady Mustangs won 25-18, 25-11, 25-19. Caroline Presswood (15 digs, 1 service ace), Kambell Dunning (10 kills, 1 block, 4 digs), Penny Kirkham (3 assists, 4 digs), Reagan Hill (5 kills, 4 blocks), Emily Hatfield (3 kills, 1 block, 4 digs, 2 service aces), Neely Nyberg (5 kills, 1 dig), Mollie Canter (1 assist, 4 digs, 2 service aces), Lilly Hamilton (11 kills, 2 blocks, 1 assist, 7 digs, 5 service aces), Taylor Dugan (1 block, 30 assists, 7 digs) and Elli Streutker (2 kills, 1 dig) each produced for McCracken County in its region championship-clinching win.

Ella Morton (7 kills, 1 block, 2 assists, 1 dig), Emerson Elliott (1 kill, 7 digs), Maddy Woolf (1 kill), Lauren Schipp (1 kill, 1 block, 1 dig), Zoie Joiner (6 assists, 3 digs), Emma Joiner (11 assists, 3 digs, 1 service ace), MaryKate Miller (8 kills, 7 digs), Ryleigh Belknap (14 digs), Chloe Wade (3 kills, 1 block, 2 service aces), Destiny McKenty (13 digs) and Caleigh Robertson (10 digs, 1 service ace) each contributed for Graves County during the region tournament title match.

WEST KY SPORTS

Bomber Football Season Ends In Muhlenberg

By Tim Taylor
KPI Writer

A disappointing won-loss season for Ballard Memorial football came to an end as Muhlenberg County defeated the Bombers 42-0 in the season finale. The 5A Mustangs scored a late first half touchdown to go ahead 21-0 at the break and pulled away for a decisive win in the last game of the season. It was the third consecutive shutout for the Bomber offense that struggled putting points on the scoreboard this season. After scoring 28 points in the season opener, the Bombers managed only 26 points in the remaining 9 games and were shutout in 6 of their 10 games. Ballard Memorial was able to move the ball offensively at times in their final game of the season, but 5 turnovers stopped any progress and prevented the Bombers from putting points on the scoreboard.

The Bombers defensively had problems preventing big plays throughout the season, but limited those chunk plays for much of the night against Muhlenberg. The Mustangs had a 14 play drive that ate up over 7 minutes of playing time to take the 14 point lead in the 2nd quarter. Late in the half they struck gold on a 31 yard TD pass with 1:10 remaining on a drive that went 93 yards in 9-plays to put the game away. Muhlenberg put 21 more points on the scoreboard in the 3rd quarter including a 50-yard punt return touchdown to conclude the quarter for the 42-0 lead. “We played hard and I am proud of these seniors,” said Coach Jon Hedges following the final game. He added, “I am ready to put this season behind us and move on to the next season. We are going to get back to the drawing board get our kids ready for the next season.”



Solomon Earns 1st Region Coach Of Year

By Tim Taylor
KPI Writer

For the 5th time since 2012, Ballard Memorial volleyball Coach Adam Solomon has been selected by the Kentucky Volleyball Coaches Association 1st Region Coach of the Year. In a storied high school coaching career, Solomon this season earned his 400th career victory, led the Lady Bombers to a regular season 3rd District title, the team’s 5th 1st Region All A title, their 4th ever All A State Elite 8 appearance. He did this, finishing the 2025 season with only one senior on the team as they ended 24-9 on the year. Solomon earned the 1st Region Coach of the Year honors in 2012, 2014, 2020, 2021, and now 2025. In his 18th season as the Lady Bomber volleyball coach, Solomon

said of the 2025 award, “It’s great to be recognized by other region 1 coaches again, but I would trade the award for another win for the team.” The winningest coach in Ballard Memorial sports added, “Personal recognition is flattering, but I contribute a huge part of this award to our deep, talented, and committed players this season. We had a great year this season. One we can all be proud of.” Another successful season next year in 2026 could make Solomon a favorite for the award again next year. It would make him the only coach with multiple back-to-back 1st Region Coach of the Year recipients.



High School Football Media Poll

Class 6A			
Rank-school (FPV)	Record	Pts	LW
1. Trinity (16)	8-2	160	1
2. South Warren	10-0	143	2
3. St. Xavier	7-3	128	3
4. Manual	8-2	112	4
5. Ryle	7-3	87	6
6. Frederick Douglass	6-4	84	5
7. Male	6-4	61	7
8. Madison Central	6-4	45	8
9. Bryan Station	5-5	30	9
10. Bullitt East	6-4	8	NR
Others receiving votes: George Rogers Clark 6, Ballard 5, McCracken County 4, Oldham County 4, North Hardin 2, Hopkinsville 1.			

Class 5A			
Rank-school (FPV)	Record	Pts	LW
1. Woodford County (14)	9-1	156	1
2. Cooper (1)	7-3	122	2
3. Owensboro (1)	8-2	119	3
4. Scott County	7-3	104	4
5. Pulaski County	8-2	103	5
6. Atherton	9-1	95	6
7. North Laurel	8-2	63	7
8. Madisonville-North Hopkins	8-2	41	9
9. Bowling Green	4-6	31	8
10. Collins	7-3	19	NR
Others receiving votes: South Laurel 18, Apollo 3, Greenwood 3, South Oldham 3.			

Class 4A			
Rank-school (FPV)	Record	Pts	LW
1. Boyle County (14)	9-1	158	1
2. Franklin County (1)	10-0	137	2
3. Paducah Tilghman (1)	9-1	123	3
4. Highlands	8-2	112	4
5. Johnson Central	10-0	105	5
6. Covington Catholic	7-3	79	6
7. Corbin	7-3	51	8
8. Logan County	8-2	39	9
9. North Oldham	8-2	35	7
10. Lincoln County	8-2	24	NR
Others receiving votes: Taylor County 9, Elizabethtown 5, Ashland Blazer 2, Spencer County 1.			

Class 3A			
Rank-school (FPV)	Record	Pts	LW
1. Christian Academy (16)	10-0	160	1
2. Murray	10-0	129	3
3. Bell County	9-1	128	2
4. Lexington Catholic	8-2	114	4
5. Lloyd Memorial	10-0	94	5
6. Glasgow	10-0	79	6
7. Rockcastle County	9-1	64	7
8. Lawrence County	9-1	52	8
9. Bardstown	7-3	21	NR
10. Central	4-6	17	T9
Others receiving votes: Russell 12, Bourbon County 10.			

Class 2A			
Rank-school (FPV)	Record	Pts	LW
1. Beechwood (10)	9-1	152	1
2. Owensboro Catholic (4)	9-1	144	2
3. Mayfield (1)	9-1	127	3
4. Lexington Christian (1)	7-3	111	4
5. Belfry	9-1	101	5
6. Prestonsburg	10-0	74	6
7. Somerset	9-1	73	7
8. Breathitt County	8-2	41	8
9. Martin County	8-2	29	9
10. Monroe County	7-3	14	10
Others receiving votes: Danville 7, Hancock County 5, Bracken County 2.			

Class 1A			
Rank-school (FPV)	Record	Pts	LW
1. Campbellsville (11)	9-1	151	1
2. Pikeville (3)	7-3	132	2
3. Raceland (2)	9-1	129	4
4. Kentucky Country Day	8-1	124	3
5. Middlesboro	9-0	88	7
6. Sayre	8-2	77	5
7. Covington Holy Cross	10-0	75	6
8. Newport Central Catholic	6-4	40	9
9. Hazard	4-6	24	8
10. Paris	6-4	17	NR
Others receiving votes: Louisville Holy Cross 10, Newport 7, Nicholas County 6.			

"We appreciate the Administration's work to rectify the trade situation and are looking forward to having harvest 2025 wrapped up so that we can turn our attention to a better 2026 crop and marketing year," Reynolds concluded.

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Livestock exposition coming to Kentucky Expo Center next week

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) begins next week at the Kentucky Exposition Center.

Showcasing a record-breaking number of entries, the internationally attended event runs through Nov. 20. With 1,800 more entries than 2024, NAILE will feature nearly 27,000 livestock entries across a variety of species, including cattle, goats, sheep, swine and more.

“Today, we welcome thousands of exhibitors, their livestock,

and their competitive spirit to Louisville, Kentucky,” said David S. Beck, president and CEO of Kentucky Venues. “We’re thankful to see record growth and interest in our exposition. At this cornerstone event, we will showcase the best of the breeds on our iconic green shavings, recognize individuals in the industry who dedicate their livelihood to the betterment of agriculture and others, while facilitating our mission of developing the next generation of leaders who will shape our

future.”

While NAILE remains rooted in tradition, the show continues to evolve. Visitors will notice Kentucky Venues is in the midst of a major expansion and renovation project, which included the demolition of Newmarket Hall, long known for hosting livestock sales during NAILE. This year, sales will be moved throughout the facility, including at the Hitching Post, which will also serve as an entertainment tent featuring live music and food on select days.



The North American Championship Rodeo will be at Freedom Hall Nov. 13-15. Before and after the rodeo, visitors can explore the North American Country Store, featuring more

than 100 vendors. Live country music and Kentucky cooking will be at the Hitching Post. Headlining acts include Chancey Williams, Alex Miller, Kentucky Headhunters,

Soul Circus and more, taking the stage Nov. 13–18.

For more schedules, tickets, and more information on planning a visit, go to livestockexpo.org



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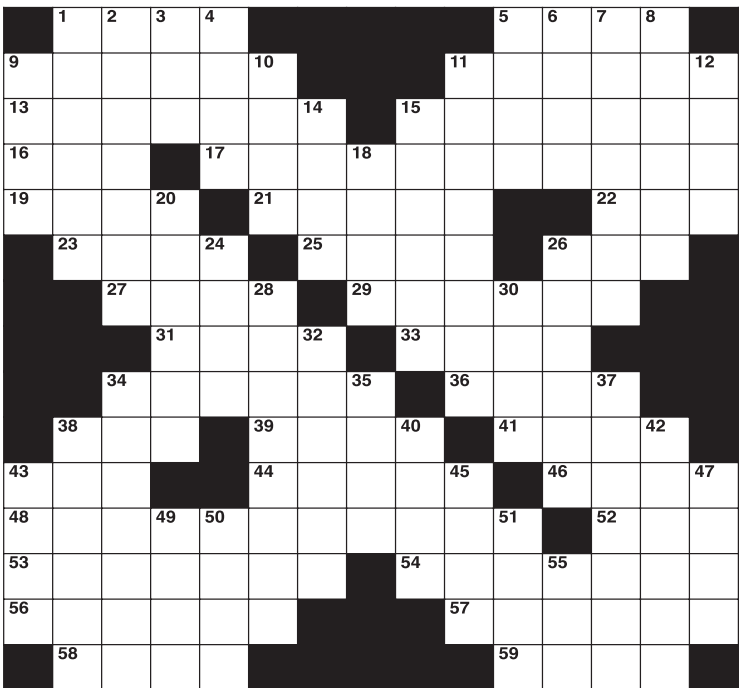


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Crossword Puzzle



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1. Difficult

5. Coarsely ground corn

9. There's one for the "world"

11. Loved Romeo

13. Sticky situation

15. Pelvic areas

16. An informal debt instrument

17. Cannot be repaired surgically

19. A device attached to a workbench

21. Related on the mother's side

22. Sound unit

23. ___ Sagan, astronomer

25. Utah city

26. A disappointing effort

27. Steal goods during a riot

29. Wakes up

31. Hair salon service
33. Serenaded

34. Looked intensely

36. U.S. Air Force expert Robert F.

38. A type of cast

39. One's duty

41. Where golfers begin

43. Make a mistake

44. Semitic sun god

46. Ancient Greek City

48. Having had the head cut off

52. A place to stay

53. Unwise

54. Most unnatural

56. Dennis is a notable one

57. Ointments

58. Students' exam

59. Leaked blood

CLUES DOWN

1. Brave

2. Act of awakening

3. Jest at

4. Sandwich store

5. Chapter of the Koran

6. Dismounted

7. Small vehicle

8. Irked

9. One who earns by disreputable dealings

10. Monetary unit of Samoa

11. Long, mournful lamentation

12. Weight unit

14. Alone, single

15. Decreases

18. Indicates beside

20. Worn by exposure to the weather

24. A body of traditions
26. College students' ultimate goal

28. Amino acid

30. Nasal mucus

32. US government entity

34. Swinish

35. Legislative body in Russia

37. Grant an exemption to

38. Put in advance

40. Satisfy

42. Felt

43. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls

45. Witnesses

47. Picnic invaders

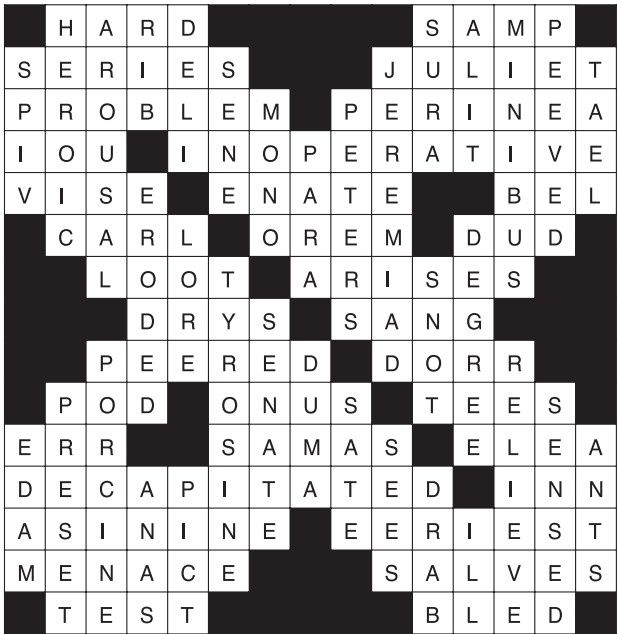
49. Gasteyer and de Armas are two

50. Ancient person of Scotland

51. Cheerless

55. Unwell

PUZZLE SOLUTION



Word Search

TAKE A BREATH WORD SEARCH



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

ANSWERS ON CLASSIFIED PAGE IN B SECTION.

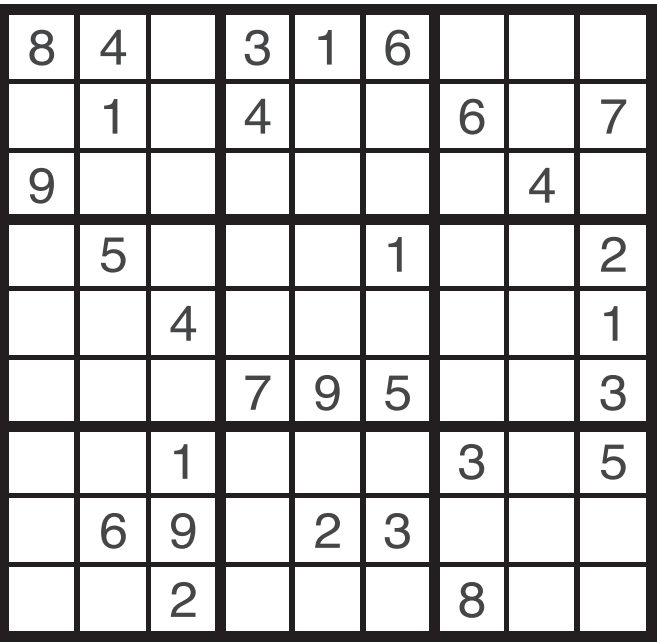
WORDS

- AIRFLOW
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- HYPOXEMIA
- LUNGS
- OXYGEN
- PERFUSION
- PNEUMONIA
- RESPIRATION
- SPIROMETRY
- TIDAL VOLUME
- VENTILATION
- VITAL CAPACITY

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 ON CLASSIFIED PAGE IN B SECTION.**



Word Scramble

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to breathing.

HOTUM



Answer: Pock

Guess Who?

GUESS WHO?

I am an actress born on November 6, 1988 in Arizona. I appeared on stage for the first time as a youth. I've played several prominent roles, and won my first Academy Award in 2016 in a musical romantic comedy film about pursuing dreams in Los Angeles and a second in 2023 for a dark comedy role.

Answer: Emma Stone

Crypto Fun



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

A. 23 20 16 26 7 20 17

Clue: Air sacs

B. 18 6 7 5 3 14 1 2

Clue: Air passages

C. 20 1 5 22 2

Clue: Breathing organs

D. 9 1 20 12 7 5 23 6 11

Clue: Having to do with the lungs

Answers: A. alveoli B. bronchus C. lungs D. pulmonary

Veterans Day Coloring



Bandana Baptist celebrating 125th anniversary

BY: CHIP HUTCHESON
Kentucky Today

BANDANA, Ky. (KT) — Bandana Baptist Church — located in a community with about 100 people — will celebrate its 125th anniversary Sunday. Even though in a small town, “the church has remained strong and is still thriving,” said Pastor Brandon Bramlett.

“We have a couple of churches, a post office that is still operational and a Dollar General,” said Bramlett, who has pastored the church since April 2024. “The same fundamental principles that marked the church when it was founded still marks the church today.”

He said church records shown that on Nov. 14, 1900, 19 members from eight churches in Ballard and McCracken counties in Kentucky and Massac County (Ill.) met in Bandana, to “organize a Missionary Baptist Church.”

“Those churches sent a few of their members to plant a church. All of those probably thought

differently on secondary issues, but they put that aside because they knew Bandana needed a church, Bandana especially needed the gospel.” Bramlett said that concern for lost souls has been the dominant mark of the church.

“We are still going door to door in the community, preaching the gospel to people, just like they did 125 years ago.”

Until 1922, the church was known as First Baptist Church of Bandana. The current church name was adopted on Nov. 15, 1922, when there was a fire that destroyed the building. The church was rebuilt and subsequently renamed the same year.

The turn of the 20th century saw rapid growth of the church. Much of that growth was from members of surrounding churches who sought to unite with the newly formed church in Bandana.

The first pastor was a founding member from the First Baptist Church

of Metropolis, Ill., Elder L. B. Duncan. At the turn of the century, churches on both sides of the Ohio River were cooperating to plant churches and proclaim the gospel in the Heartland.

Sunday’s service starts at 9:30 a.m. Preaching will be by Neil Eidson and “For Heaven’s Sake” will provide special music. A fellowship meal will follow the anniversary service.

Eidson was called into the ministry at a young age at the church, and his family has been part of the church for generations. “You’ll find several Eidsons through the years in church records — as Sunday school teachers, piano players, deacons,” Bramlett said. “Neil used to pastor at Providence Baptist Church in Monkey’s Eyebrow and has pastored out of state. After he retired, he became an active member at Bandana Baptist and became a deacon. He does a lot. He teaches Sunday school

and is a regular encourager to me. He has given me basically his pastoral library.”

“We are going to light candles in memory of all members we’ve lost since 2000-25 — about 60 have gone home to be with Lord, including many former pastors,” Bramlett noted. There are plans to “honor the honorable,” which will include presenting a certificate to the oldest living member, Pauline Owsley, who still attends church at age 99. Also honored will be the longest serving deacon. The church will present a founding family descendant award to Creo Christian, whose husband’s family can be traced back to the church’s founding. “Generations of the Christian family have been members here,” Bramlett said.

Bramlett said a major milestone in the church’s history occurred in the early 1990s. When the school in Bandana was consolidated into the Ballard County school

system, there was consideration given to making the Bandana school a museum. But Larry Purcell was the pastor at that time and led the way for Bandana Baptist to purchase the building to be used as a life center. “We still use it today,” Bramlett said. “It’s an incredible facility — probably 14 rooms, a cafeteria and gym. The church had a dedication service December 1993 — and I wasn’t born yet. Our church is better off for having that facility. We use it all the time, and we’re excited how the Lord might use it in the future.” It also serves the community, as evidenced by the 2009 ice storm where National Guard troops were housed in that building.

A letter from the White House when Bandana Baptist celebrated its 100th anniversary. The message was from President Bill Clinton.

When Bandana Baptist celebrated its 100th anniversary, the White

House sent its congratulations. Former President Bill Clinton sent a signed letter that read:

“Greetings to everyone gathered to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Bandana Baptist Church.

“The anniversary of a place of worship is a testament to the lasting faith of a community. This faith is a covenant that binds members of a congregation together in a spirit of fellowship.

“Our country was founded on a great tradition of religious liberty. This freedom helps to unite our nation of diverse faiths and creeds and gives us common ground for tolerance and understanding of others.

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“Best wishes for a memorable ceremony and for great success in the future.”

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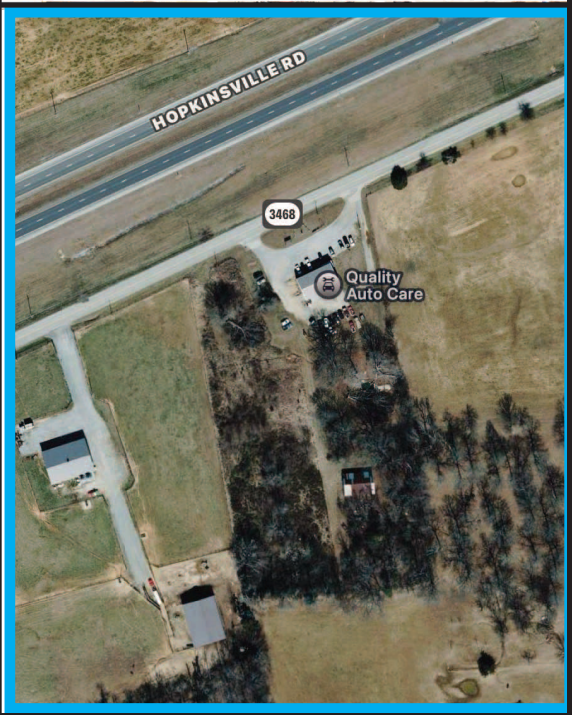
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Say **THANK YOU** for serving our country!

BY: Greg LeNeave
Publisher, KPI

I want to encourage everyone to do something easy. Say you're talking to someone, and while you're speaking with them, you find out they've served in the military. Tell them "THANK YOU for SERVING OUR COUNTRY."

Additionally, when you see a person in a military uniform, go out of your way and take a few minutes of your time and tell them "THANK YOU

for SERVING OUR COUNTRY."

It's easy to do. Several years ago during Thanksgiving, my son, Rob LeNeave, (who was a Petty Officer 3rd Class, U.S. Navy at the time), came home for his holiday break. Since our family wouldn't have another chance to do Christmas with him before his leave was up, we all got together for an early Christmas party. My wife, Teresa, wanted everyone to say what they were thankful for after we'd opened

our presents. Bobby really put it all in perspective when he said, "I'm proud of our country." After traveling around the world, he said, "There is no place else like the United States of America."

Coming from a military man, you have

to really be proud of how good we have it here in America. What's amazing is the fact we have the right to worship as we choose, the right to free speech and many more privileges; far too numerous to mention, far more than any other country in the world.

So take time and acknowledge those who put their life on the line for you and this country. Many have gone before and have served our great nation. They deserve our praise and gratitude.



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MRCOOL Cuts Ribbon confines from front page

increases from major credit rating agencies Fitch Ratings, S&P Global Ratings and Moody’s Investors Service. Earlier this year, Site Selection magazine ranked Kentucky in the top five nationally and second in the South Central region for economic development projects per capita in its 2024

Governor’s Cup rankings. Site Selection also placed Kentucky second in the South Central region and No. 6 nationally in its 2025 Prosperity Cup ranking, which recognizes state-level economic development agencies for their success in landing capital investment projects. Gov. Beshear

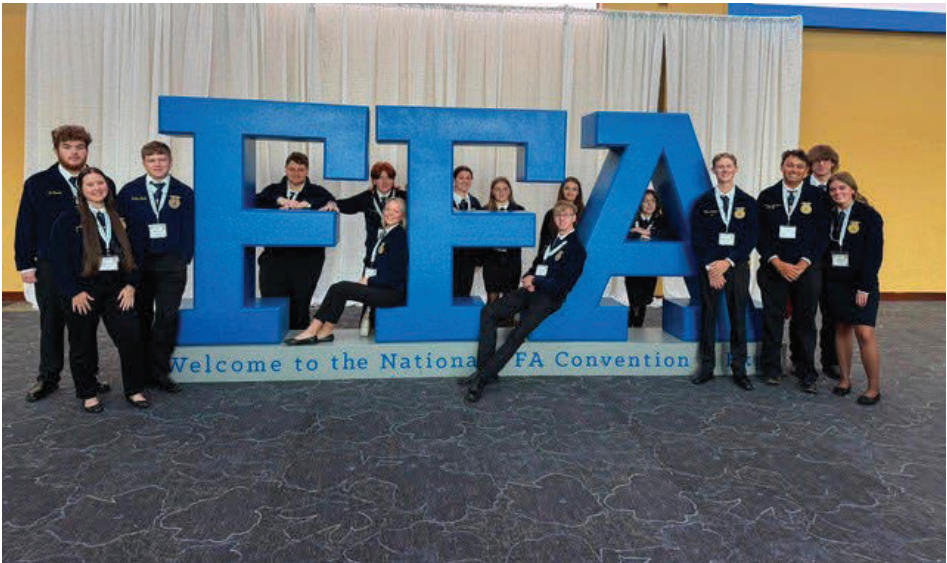
also announced a new initiative, called New Kentucky Home, to increase economic investment, attain and attract talent, and increase tourism across the state. To encourage investment and job growth in the community, the Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority (KEDFA) in

August 2023 preliminarily approved an incentive agreement with the company under the Kentucky Business Investment program. The performance-based agreement can provide tax incentives based on the company’s investment and annual job targets. By meeting its annual targets over

the agreement term, the company can be eligible to keep a portion of the new tax revenue it generates. The company may claim eligible incentives against its income tax liability and/or wage assessments. In addition, MRCOOL can receive resources from Kentucky’s workforce service providers.

Those include no-cost recruitment and job placement services, reduced-cost customized training and job-training incentives. For more information on MRCOOL, visit MR-COOL.com.

Graves and Fulton County FFA Make Their Mark at National FFA Expo



Graves County FFA chapter: Left to right: James Clark, Kenadee Donaldson, Adam Goode, Eli Graves, Conner Theobald, Darcey Sloan, Kamryn Seavers, Morgan Burton, Grace Hurley, Jayce Hale, Kari Lancaster, Maddox Stamper, Mannix Hamilton, Kole Bushart, Callie Smith

By: Laurna Todd
KPI Writer

Members of the Graves County and Fulton County FFA Chapters joined more than 65,000 students from across the nation in Indianapolis, Indiana, for the 98th National FFA Convention & Expo, one of the largest gatherings celebrating leadership, agriculture, and service. Both chapters spent several days exploring, learning, and connecting with other young leaders while proudly representing their communities.

Day 1 – Adventures and Agriculture

The trip began early as both teams headed to Indiana. The Fulton County FFA visited the Exotic Feline Rescue Center, learning about the rescue and rehabilitation of big cats and other exotic animals. The day ended with thrills at Indy Scream Park, where students braved their first haunted house. Meanwhile, the Graves County FFA toured Fair Oaks Farms, participating in the Dairy and Swine Experience, exploring modern livestock technology, and observing swine production from farrow to finish.

Day 2 – Recognition and Inspiration

Thursday brought excitement as Graves County FFA was recognized on stage as a National 3-Star Chapter, the highest honor for excellence in leadership, community service, and agricultural education. The chapter had competed in the National Chapter Rating Contest over the summer, and their hard work was celebrated at the convention.

Students also heard from U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins, who highlighted the importance of FFA members in shaping the future of agriculture.

Fulton County FFA started the day at Beasley’s Apple Orchard, learning about apple production, agritourism, and the year-long growing process.

Students enjoyed apple cannons and a corn maze, then attended the Opening Session, where keynote speaker A’ric Jackson delivered an inspiring message. The day concluded with a dinner sponsored by Fulton County FFA Alumni.

Day 3 – Learning, Networking, and Celebration

Both chapters explored the National FFA Expo, meeting agricultural professionals, colleges, and industry representatives. While Graves County FFA networked and explored the expo floor, Fulton County FFA attended workshops, leadership sessions, and tours, observing national-level competitions and gaining inspiration for future participation. The day ended with laughs at a hypnotist show and meals provided by sponsors—Elder Jersey Farm for Fulton County and campfire reflections and s’mores for Graves County at Bluesprings Caverns near Bedford, Indiana. The convention concluded with a proud moment as Graves County alumna Baylee Shelton received the American FFA Degree, an honor earned by fewer than one percent of FFA members nationwide. Both chapters returned home inspired and thankful for community support, proud to represent Western Kentucky FFA on a national stage, and ready to continue growing as future agricultural leaders.

CASA of Graves, Southwest Ky Kringle Fundraiser

By Kelsey Edwards
KPI Editor

With Halloween now over, the holiday season is officially upon us and that means it is time to order your Kringle, which is a type of pastry sold to benefit CASA of Graves, Southwest Ky. Your order helps support CASA’s mission to provide court appointed special advocates for abused and neglected children in Graves, Carlisle, Fulton and Hickman counties. If you have been waiting for this opportunity, now is the time, as this comes around only once a year, so it would be wise to order more than one,

especially because they can be saved for future use and freeze well. The pastries are baked until golden brown, and are filled with nuts, fruit or gourmet filling then shaped into the distinctive Kringle oval and topped with icing, drizzle or nuts. Kringles are not only perfect for the holidays, but also for a family dessert, and to give as gifts. Each Kringle is a 22-ounce pastry and sold for \$16. You can choose from any of the following flavors: Almond, Pecan, Raspberry Cheesecake, Turtle, Apple Cinnamon, Cherry, Chocolate Eclair, Raspberry, Cinnamon, Cheesecake, Strawberry, Blueberry

Cheesecake, Peppermint Brownie, Merry Berry, Praline Pecan, Sea Salt and Caramel, or Bavarian Creme.

If you want to order some of these, make sure you get your order in by Thursday, November 13, no later than 4 pm. Pickup of your order will take place on December 4 and 5. To place your order, you can call 270-251-2060, email childadv1@calldialog.net or message CASA on Facebook at Facebook.com/casa-gravesswky. Net proceeds support CASA of Graves County and Southwest Kentucky. To learn more about CASA, visit www.casa-gravesswky.org.

Graves County Sheriff’s Cram the Cruiser Officially Underway

By Kelsey Edwards
KPI Editor

It’s officially time for the Graves County Sheriff’s Annual Cram the Cruiser event! This is their 8th Annual Cram the Cruiser event and it takes place the entire month of November. The Graves County Sheriff’s Office partners with Graves County Dollar General Stores. The Cram the Cruiser

event collects non-perishable food items for the Mayfield/Graves County Food Pantry and Needline, along with toys for the Community Christmas Connection and supplies for the local women’s and children’s shelter. While you are shopping at the dollar general, do not forget to purchase some items to help Cram the Cruiser!

Community helps the community and it is truly such a blessing to see the good coming out of such an event. If you miss one stop on the cruiser route do not worry, as it will be at several other dollar general stores throughout the month. Here is the schedule that shows the remaining dates and locations of where the cruiser will be parked...

- Nov 7-8: 212 State Route 131–Mayfield
 - Nov 9-10: Lynnville–3615 State Route 94 E.
 - Nov 11-12: Farmington–8051 State Route 121 S
 - Nov 13-14: 1515 West Broadway–Mayfield
 - Nov 15-16: Symsonia–11848 SR 131
 - Nov 17-18: US 45 North at KY 408 W–70 State Route 408 W
- Nov 19-20: Fancy Farm–10023 State Route 80 W
 - Nov 21-22: Water Valley–16597 State Route 45 S
 - Nov 23-24: US 45 N at Hunt Road–3854 US 45 N–Mayfield
 - Nov 25-26: 3465 State Route 303–Mayfield
 - Nov 29-30: Wingo– 9576 State Route 45 S

MAYFIELD-GRAVES WEEK IN REVIEW

The Honorable Scott Robbins, Graves County District Court judge, recently swore in two new Court-Appointed Special Advocates, or CASA, volunteers for CASA of Graves County and Southwest

Kentucky. The organization welcomes Lisa Carrico and Christina Marks to the CASA team.

CASA volunteers play a vital role in the lives of children that have

been removed from their home of origin.

As officers of the court, they ensure that the children’s needs are recognized, and best interests are considered both in the courtroom and in the community.



Fulton County FFA chapter: Left to right: Cara Capps, Julia Crovetto, Collin DeHart, Emmarie Cermak

MAYFIELD-GRAVES EVENTS UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Nov 7-9, Holiday Open House Weekend

Nov 8, Country Ham Breakfast, Melber Fire Department, 6:30 am - 10:30 am

Nov 8, Mayfield Cars & Coffee, Cafe au Latte, 8 am- 12 pm

Nov 8, Kid’s Movie, GCPL, 3 pm

Nov 8, Animal Shelter Chili Cookoff, Mayfield Graves Co Fairgrounds, 5 pm

Nov 10, Mayfield Trade Day, Mayfield-Graves Co Fairground, 5 am

Nov 10, Candle Making, GC Extension Office, 6 pm

Nov 11, LEGO Creator Night, GCPL, 3 pm

Nov 11, GCPL’s Silent Book Club, 5:30 pm

Nov 12, Senior Tech “How to Use your Iphone, GCPL, 2 pm

Nov 13, Growing Your Farm & Food Business Workshop, GC Extension Office, 9 am - 4:30 pm

Nov 13, Story Time, GCPL, 10 am

Nov 13, Adult Sewing, GC Extension Office, 5:30 pm

Nov 13, Fungi Fundamentals Mushroom Workshop, GC Extension Office, 5:30 pm

Nov 14, Infant Hour, GCPL, 10 am

Nov 14, Trading Card Game Night, GCPL, 4 pm

KYDR provides 350 hot meals for first responders to UPS plane crash

By MARK MAYNARD
Kentucky Today

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (KT) – Kentucky Baptist Disaster Relief responded quickly to the tragic UPS plane crash Tuesday at Louisville’s international airport. KYDR volunteers prepared 350 hot meals for first responders who came to the scene.

KYDR Director Ron Crow reached out to state and local emergency management officials for ways it could assist in the aftermath of the horrific plane crash. Disaster Relief was asked to prepare meals for the command post.

That was at 8:15 p.m., less than two hours after the crash. Within minutes, KYDR had secured the necessary volunteers, and Crow rushed to Walmart to purchase enough food for 350 meals.

In another spirit of cooperation, Parkland Baptist opened its doors and allowed KYDR to use their kitchen and facility to prepare the meals. “We are thankful for Chris Heading and Susan Althaus for opening their church and kitchen for this response,” Crow said.

The Salvation Army, a longtime



KYDR volunteers prepare hot meals for first responders to the UPS cargo plane crash.

partner with KYDR, delivered the meals to the command post.

“Before midnight, our team had 350 hot meals, hot coffee and water loaded on

the way to the command post,” Crow said. “Less than four hours from call to food out the door. This is totally incredible.”

Mike and Barb Bastin made the last trip late Tuesday night to bring the small feeding support trailer.

Crow said KYDR will be supplying

another 300 meals today for lunch and dinner.

“This response is a testament to the power of community partnerships and the amazing dedication of our KYDR volunteers,” Crow said. “I am so grateful for so many who were ready to respond at a moment’s notice to meet this need during a critical time. I’m reminded of the words of Paul in Titus 3:14, “And let our people learn to devote themselves to good works, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not be unfruitful.”



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Higdon to introduce legislation shoring up state’s distracted driving laws

By Tom Latek
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – State Senate Transportation Chair Jimmy Higdon, R-Lebanon, says he plans to introduce his proposed Phone Down Kentucky Act during the 2026 session of the General Assembly.

The legislation aims to address key gaps in Kentucky’s distracted driving laws, by requiring the use of hands-free technology when operating a motor vehicle.

The Phone Down Kentucky Act

would update Kentucky’s current statute by extending the existing texting-while-driving ban to cover nearly all uses of a personal communication device unless it is operated hands-free. The bill preserves current exemptions for emergency situations, GPS navigation and law enforcement use, but closes a broad loophole that allows other forms of distracted driving to go unaddressed.

“We have a responsibility to act,” Higdon stated. “If something as simple as putting the phone

down can save a life, we owe it to Kentuckians to make that change.”

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, distracted driving crashes killed 3,308 people and injured nearly 290,000 more in 2022 alone. In 2019, the economic cost of those crashes was estimated at \$98 billion.

Higdon says Kentucky is falling behind the national trend. As of 2024, 29 states have enacted hand-held phone bans for drivers, up from 18 in 2019. All



Senator Jimmy Higdon. *(Public Information Office photo)*

seven of Kentucky’s neighboring states now have some form of hand-held phone restriction in place.

“Distracted driving has taken far too many lives in our state, but Kentucky still has not caught up with the common sense laws already

and roadway safety advocates who have pushed for reforms. The final draft is expected to be introduced in the upcoming session, pending additional feedback from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.

A draft of Higdon’s proposed legislation can be found at <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/CommitteeDocuments/34/35690/26%20RS%20BR%20238.pdf>.

The 2026 General Assembly session is scheduled to begin on Jan. 6.

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• CALDWELL •

Maureen D. Abernathy McCartney, age 81, of Princeton, passed away November 2, 2025 at her home.
There will be no services held at this time.

Robert Milton Williams Jr. (Bob), age 85, passed away Friday, October 31, 2025, surrounded by those who loved him dearly following a courageous battle with heart disease.
Visitation will be held from 3:00 pm until 7:00 pm Tuesday, November 4, 2025 at Morgan’s Funeral Home.
Funeral services were held at 11:00 am Wednesday, November 5, 2025 at Morgan’s Funeral Home with Bro. Jed Ramey and Rev. Dr. Carson Salyer officiated. Burial followed in Mapleview Cemetery in Marion.

Betty Ann Miller Gray, age 67, of Fredonia, passed away on October 30, 2025, at her home. There will be no public services at this time. Morgan’s Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Todd Peek, 56, of Mattoon, Kentucky, passed away on Wednesday, October 29, 2025 at Tristar Skyline Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 4, 2025 at Morgan’s Funeral Home in Princeton. Burial will follow in Dycusburg Cemetery in Crittenden County.
Visitation was held from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 3, 2025 at Morgan’s Funeral Home.

Allen Lynch, age 69, of Princeton, formerly of Fredonia, passed away Tuesday, October 28, 2025 at Caldwell Medical Center.
Graveside service were held Monday, November 3, 2025 at Fredonia Cemetery at 1:00 PM with Bro. Danny Sherrill officiated.

Marvin Harold Morris, age 84, of Princeton, passed away October 28, 2025 at his home.
Visitation was held from 12:30 pm until 2:30 pm Sunday, November 2, 2025 at Morgan’s Funeral Home.
Funeral services were held at 2:30 pm Sunday, November 2, 2025 at Morgan’s Funeral Home with Bro. Duane Burden, Bro. Jimmy Jones and Bro. Jerry Horine officiated. Burial followed at Millwood Cemetery.

Jannifer Ann McVay, age 47, of Caldwell County, passed away Tuesday, October 28, 2025 at her home. Arrangements are incomplete at Morgan’s Funeral Home.

Jamie Compton, 54, of Nortonville, passed away on Monday, October 27, 2025, at Vanderbilt Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee.
Funeral services were held at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, November 3, 2025, at Morgan’s Funeral Home with Bro. Butch McKnight officiated.
Visitation was held from 2:00 p.m. until service time on Monday, November 3, 2025, at Morgan’s Funeral Home.
Graveside services will be held at a later date in Macedonia Cemetery West in Pennyryle State Resort Park in Christian County.

Janet Call Tandy, age 79, passed away Monday, October 27, 2025.
Visitation will be at Morgan’s Funeral Home from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM with the funeral service at 1:00 PM, Friday, November 14, 2025. Reverend Marty Robinson, pastor of Chestnut Oak Church, will officiate. Interment will follow at Millwood Cemetery in Cobb, KY.

• CALLOWAY •

Patrick Lee “Big Dollar” Webb, 66, of Murray, passed away on Friday, October 31, 2025 at TriStar Centennial Medical Center in Nashville, TN.
A graveside service was held at 3 PM on Wednesday, November 5, 2025 Murray City Cemetery. John Dale will officiated.
His family welcomes visitors from 10:30 AM until 2:30 PM on Wednesday, November 5, 2025 at the Heritage Chapel of Imes Funeral Home, 1804

Highway 121 Bypass North, Murray.

Patricia Ann Lea, 78, of Murray, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, October 29, 2025.
The funeral service is set for 3 pm on Sunday, November 9, 2025 at Imes Funeral Home, 311 North 4th Street, Murray, KY 42071.
Her family welcomes visitors from 12 PM until 3 PM on Sunday, November 9,2025 at the funeral home.

Bettye Sue Harlin, age 73, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away peacefully at her home on Tuesday, October 28, 2025.
A memorial service is set for 3 PM on Saturday, November 8, 2025 at Imes Funeral Home & Crematory, 311 North 4th Street, Murray, KY 42071. A private burial will take place at Murray City Cemetery.
Her family welcomes visitors from 2 PM until 3 PM on Saturday, November 8, 2025 at Imes Funeral Home.

Steven Michael VanMierlo, 54, of Murray, KY, passed away peacefully on Monday, October 27, 2025 in his daughter’s home, surrounded by his loving family.
A celebration of life was held at Imes Funeral Home and Crematory 311 N. 4th Street, Murray, KY 42071 on Sunday November 2, 2025 from 11am-1pm

Gay Nell Crutcher, age 71, of Puryear, Tennessee, passed away on Thursday, October 30, 2025, at her home.
A funeral service was held at 12:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 4, 2025, at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services with Bro. Jeff Norsworthy officiating. Burial followed in the Crutcher Family Cemetery. Visitation was held from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Monday, November 3, 2025, at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

Michelle Carie Chadwick, age 54, of Benton, Kentucky, passed away Tuesday, October 28, 2025, at her home.
A graveside service was held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, November 1, 2025, at the Barnett Cemetery with Bro. Matthew Chadwick officiated. Visitation was held from 11:00 a.m. –1:00 p.m., Saturday, November 1, 2025, at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

Frances Maree Williams Pennington, age 97, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away peacefully at her home on Monday, October 27, 2025.
A private family service will be held at a later date.

Donald William Hartman, 82 of Hazel, KY, passed away Tuesday, October 28, 2025, Baptist Health in Paducah, KY.
A private family gathering will take place, at a later date, at the Pleasant View Baptist Church Cemetery in Woodbury, TN. Honoring Donald’s wishes, no public visitation will be held.

• CARLISLE •

Russ Lee Laird, age 72, of Bardwell, passed away on October 30, 2025, at Baptist Health Paducah.
Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Bardwell with Jonathan Lemons and Bro. Jim Boaz officiated. Burial followed at Roselawn Cemetery in Bardwell, Kentucky.
Visitation was held from 11:00 a.m. until the service time of 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Bardwell.

Penny Evans, 66, of Bardwell, Kentucky, passed away at 10:40 p.m. on Wednesday, October 29, 2025, at the Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center at Mercy Health Lourdes. There are no services scheduled at this time.

• CHRISTIAN •

Larry Eugene Shemwell, 75, of Hopkinsville, KY died at 4:25 p.m. Wednesday, October 29, 2025 at his residence.

Funeral services were held 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 4, 2025 at Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home with Bro. David Tucker officiating. Burial followed in Green Hill Memorial Gardens. Visitation was Tuesday from 12:00 p.m. until the funeral hour.

William Joseph Chaudoin, Sr. - Retired Lieutenant Colonel William Joseph “Joe” Chaudoin, Sr., PE-PLS, a man of faith and indomitable spirit, completed his earthly journey on October 28, 2025, at Ascension Saint Thomas Hospital West in Nashville, Tennessee.
A Funeral Mass was held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, November 3, 2025 at Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church. Private family burial with military honors took place Monday at the Chaudoin Family Cemetery. Visitation was Sunday from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. at Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home, a Rosary was said at 5:00 p.m.

Teresa Ann Foster Scott, 72, of Greenville, KY passed away at 12:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 28, 2025 at Beaver Dam Nursing & Rehabilitation Center.
Visitation was held from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. Sunday, November 2, 2025 at Dogwood Funerals & Cremations of Crofton. 145 E. Princeton Street, Crofton, KY.

Darlene Ann Gove Hayes, 70, of Crofton, KY died at 10:45 a.m. Tuesday, October 28, 2025 at her residence. No services will be held.

William “Bill” Jones, 84, of Hopkinsville, KY passed away at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 28, 2025 at Bradford Heights.
Dogwood Funerals & Cremations of Hopkinsville is assisting with arrangements.

Andrew Lee Jensen, 74, of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, passed away on Monday, October 27, 2025, at his home surrounded by his loving wife and daughters, after a short but courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.
A private celebration of Andrew’s life will be held at a later date. Dogwood Funerals & Cremations of Hopkinsville is assisting with the arrangements.

• CRITTENDEN •

Brenda Kay Dustan - Our beloved mother, Brenda Kay Dunstan, 83 of rural Elizabethtown, IL made her departure from this earthly world to her forever home in Heaven on Saturday November 1, 2025. She went peacefully in her bed at Hardin County General Hospital in Rosiclare, IL surrounded by her family. Private services will be held at a later date.

Gladys Lois Donohue, 74, of Marion, KY passed away October 29, 2025 peacefully at home, surrounded by her loving and caring family, as well as Jesus.
Services were held at 2 PM Saturday November 1, 2025 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion, KY. Friends called from 1 PM until service time Saturday at the funeral home.

• GRAVES/FULTON/HICKMAN •

Deborah Dunkin, age 74, of Mayfield passed away on Monday, November 3, 2025 at Jackson Purchase Medical Center in Mayfield, KY.
A memorial visitation for Ms. Deborah Dunkin will be 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Friday, November 7, 2025 at Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY.

Camille E. Rodgers House, age 57, of Sedalia passed away on Sunday, November 2, 2025 at Baptist Health in Paducah, KY.
Funeral services for Mrs. Camille E. Rodgers House were held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 6, 2025 at Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY. Rev. Spence Pate will officiated. Interment followed at North Mt. Zion Cemetery.

Harold Viniard, 87, of Mayfield, KY, passed away on November 2, 2025 at 9:05 A.M. at his home.

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Funeral services for Mr. Harold Viniard were held at 2:00 PM Tuesday, November 4, 2025, at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield. Brother Richard Burkeen and Brother Mark Burnett officiated with burial following at the Blandville Hill Crest Cemetery in Ballard County.

Michelle Gloria Jean Buhler, age 30, passed away at 5:37PM Sunday, November 2, 2025 at Mercy Health- Lourdes in Paducah, KY.
A Celebration of Life will be held at 2:00 PM Saturday, November 8, 2025 at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY with Sister Judy Warren officiating. Friends are invited to call from 10:00 AM until the time of the service on Saturday, November 8, 2025 at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY.

Josiah Durrell Lee Pryor - In Loving Memory of Josiah Durrell Lee Pryor “Our tiniest angel, forever loved.” Our precious baby, Josiah Durrell Lee Pryor, was born into the arms of love on October 24, 2025 and taken too soon into the arms of angels on October 31, 2025.
A private service will be held to celebrate Josiah’s beautiful life - a life that, though short, brought immeasurable love and joy to all who knew him. The family invites loved ones to honor Josiah’s memory by sharing kindness, holding each other close, and cherishing every precious moment.

Charlotte Ann Rodgers - Charlotte went home to be with the Lord on October 31,2025 at the age of 76. Charlotte was born in Chattanooga TN, she grew up in Warren, MI and has resided in Mayfield KY since 1984.
Memorial services for Charlotte Ann Rodgers will be at 3:00 PM Friday, November 7, 2025, at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield. The family will receive friends from 2:00 PM until the service hour at the Brown Funeral Home.

Dakarai Saxton - Our beloved Dakarai Jaedon Saxton, age 14, took his final breath on October 29, 2025, surrounded by love. Born on January 18, 2011, Dakarai was a true warrior whose strength, courage, and gentle spirit touched everyone who knew him.
A Celebration of Life for Dakarai Jaedon Saxton will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 9, 2025, at the Mayfield High School Gymnasium, with Pastors Chad Lamb and Gregg Hussey officiating. The family will receive friends from 4:00 until 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 8, 2025, at Mayfield High School, and again on Sunday from 2:00 p.m. until the service hour.

James Allen Davis, age 54 and a resident of Mayfield, passed away at 12:15 A.M. Monday, October 27, 2025 at his residence.
Graveside services will be conducted at a later date at the Unity Baptist Church Cemetery in Dublin.

Algernon S. Weatherspoon, a cherished matriarch, and esteemed educator, transitioned peacefully on October 26, 2025, in Kokomo, Indiana, at the venerable age of 86.
Funeral Services were held 1 PM Saturday, November 1, 2025 at the Green Valley Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in the Clinton Cemetery. Visitation was held from 12 - 1 PM on Saturday at the Church.

Francis Eugene “Gene” Kilcoyne of Paducah, KY, passed away peacefully on Saturday, October 25, 2025, at the age of 88.
Memorial services for Francis Eugene “Gene” Kilcoyne will be held at 11:00 AM Saturday, November 8, 2025, at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield followed by Military Honors by the American Legion Post #26. The family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 AM until the service hour.

Riley Graham Moses Pryor - In Loving Memory of Riley Graham Moses Pryor “Our tiniest angel forever Loved.” was born on October 24, 2025 in Germantown, TN and passed away on October 25, 2025 in Germantown, TN.
A private service will be held to celebrate Riley’s beautiful life - a life that, though short, brought immeasurable love and joy to all who knew them.

Wallace Reed “Butch” Dowty Jr., age 69, of Fulton, KY passed away Thursday, October 30, 2025, at the West Tennessee Healthcare Volunteer Hospital ER in Martin, TN.
Funeral services for Mr. Wallace Reed “Butch” Dowty Jr. will be held at 1 PM on Saturday, November 8, 2025, at Parkway Church of Christ with Bro. Caulyn Holbrook and Bro. Cecil May officiating. Visitation will be held Saturday, November 8, 2025, at Parkway Church of Christ from 10AM until the hour of service. Burial will be 1 PM Monday, November 10, 2025, at Memphis Memory Gardens, 6444 Raleigh Lagrange Rd, Memphis, TN 38134.

Peggy June O’Connor, age 89, of Hickman, Kentucky, passed away on Sunday, November 2, 2025, at Jackson-Madison County General Hospital in Jackson, Tennessee.
A Funeral Mass for Mrs. Peggy O’Connor were held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 5, 2025, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, burial followed in Hickman City Cemetery. A Prayer Service was held at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, visitation followed until 8:00 p.m. Visitation was also held on Wednesday from 12:00 noon until the hour of Mass.

Vicky Lee Faulkner, age 68, of Fulton, KY, passed away Saturday, November 1, 2025, at Baptist Heath in Paducah, KY.
No services will be held for Vicky Lee Faulkner at Hornbeak Funeral Capel. Private family services will be held at a later date.

James “Jeffro” Clark Grogan, age 62, of South Fulton, TN passed away Friday, October 31, 2025, at his residence. There will be no services held at the funeral home.

Darline Louise Hunter, age 71, of Hickman, KY passed away Monday, October 27, 2025, at her residence.
There will be no services held at the funeral home and Hornbeak Funeral Chapel in Hickman, KY are in charge of cremation arrangements.

• HENDERSON •

Debra Ann Bolin, age 68, of Sturgis, KY, passed away at 5:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 30, 2025, at her home under the care of St. Anthony’s Hospice.
Relatives and friends were invited to Debra’s Life Celebration from 11:00 a.m. until service time on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, at Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home in Henderson, KY. The funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home.

Henry “Ray” Pippin, Jr., age 80, of Corydon, KY, passed away at 1:41 p.m. on Wednesday, October 29, 2025, at his home under the care of St. Anthony’s Hospice.
Relatives and friends were invited to Ray’s Life Celebration from 11:00 a.m. until service time on Saturday, November 1, 2025, at Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home in Henderson, KY. The funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday at the funeral home with Reverend Rick O’Daniel officiating. An additional visitation for Ray was held on Monday, November 3, 2025, at the funeral home from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. with burial at Fairmont Cemetery in Henderson, KY followed.

Charles Parrish - It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Charles Wayne Parrish, age 74, of Henderson, Kentucky, who departed this life on November 2, 2025, due to natural causes.
Visitation was held on November 5, 2025, at 11:00 AM, with a funeral service followed at 2:00 PM at Tomblinson Funeral Home. Charles was laid to rest in Fairmont Cemetery, where family and friends were invited to gather in memory of a truly remarkable man.

Joyce (Littrel) Riley, 83, of Henderson peacefully passed away on October 31, 2025, surrounded by her loving family in the care of St. Anthony’s Hospice.
Funeral Service was on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, at 2:00 PM at Tomblinson Funeral Home Henderson Chapel with Brother Greg Lindsey

officiating. Entombment will be at Fairmont Cemetery Mausoleum
Visitation was on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Tomblinson Funeral Home Henderson Chapel.

Albert “Doc” Wayne Majors, 76, of Henderson, passed away at 10:17 a.m. on Thursday, October 30, 2025, surrounded by family and friends at home under the care of St. Anthony’s Hospice.
Funeral Mass was at 12 p.m. on Wednesday, November 5, at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church with Father Shibu Cheriyankunnel officiating. Burial followed at Roselawn Memorial Gardens.
Visitation was Tuesday, November 4, from 3-7 p.m. with rosary at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday, November 5, from 9-11 a.m. at Tomblinson Funeral Home in Henderson.

Lillie Maelene Brooks Connelly, 103, of Henderson, passed away Thursday, October 30, 2025, at Homeplace in Henderson.
Funeral services were at 2:00 PM, Sunday, November 2, 2025, at Tomblinson Funeral Home in Henderson, KY. Pastor John Kellough will officiate with burial in Fernwood Cemetery.
Visitation was from 4:00 pm-7:00 pm, Saturday, November 1 and Sunday, November 2 from 11:00 am until service time at the funeral home.

Beninda Jean Raley, 70, of Henderson, passed away Monday, October 27, 2025, at Deaconess Gateway Hospital in Newburgh, IN.
Funeral services were on Sunday, November 2, 2025, at 4:00 PM at Tomblinson Funeral Home, Henderson Chapel. Visitation was held on Sunday, from 12:00 PM until service time.

Marion Bruce Woodring, 89, of Henderson, Kentucky, passed away on Saturday, November 1, 2025.
Services were at 2 p.m. Wednesday, November 5, 2025, at First Baptist Church, 307 Center Street, Henderson, Kentucky 42420. The Reverend Sam Hinkson officiated. Burial was in Fairmont Cemetery.
Visitation was from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, November 4, 2025, and 1 p.m. to service time Wednesday, at the church.

Debra Elaine Sandefur, 66, born on January 21, 1959, in Henderson, KY, reunited with her parents, Kermit and Marjorie Gish, in Heaven on October 31, 2025.
A graveside service was held at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, November 6, 2025, at the Pavilion at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Henderson, KY. Family and friends near and far are welcome to attend, though Debra will feel your love from wherever you are.

Lois Jean McBride Swallows, 86, of Henderson, Kentucky, passed away Thursday, October 30, 2025, at her home surrounded by her loving family.
Graveside services were at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 4, 2025, at Fernwood Cemetery. Father Larry McBride will officiated.

• HOPKINS/MADISONVILLE •

John Clifton Babb, 78, of Madisonville, KY passed away Monday, October 27, 2025 at Baptist Health Deaconess in Madisonville, KY
Funeral services were held at 11:00 A.M. Saturday November 1, 2025 at Barnett-Strother Funeral Home – Madisonville Chapel with Rev, Jessie Campbell and Chaplin Nick Duvall officiating. Burial will follow at Grapevine Cemetery.
Visitation was held from 9:00 A.M. until the service time Saturday at the funeral home.

Arlies Winstead Fortune, affectionately known as “Jug,” passed away peacefully on Saturday, November 1, 2025, at the Deaconess Midtown Hospital.
The family wishes to express their heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Anwar and the medical staff at Deaconess Chancellor Center for Oncology, as well as the caring doctors and staff at Ascension

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St. Vincent Hospital for their support during this challenging time.

Randy Glenn Duncan, 71 of Nortonville passed away Wednesday, October 29, 2025, at his home surrounded by his family.
Service was held Monday at 2:00pm at Salem Missionary Baptist Church in Mortons Gap with Bro. Jerry Brewer officiating. Burial followed at the church cemetery. Visitation was held Sunday at Bandy Funeral Home in Nortonville from 4:00pm – 7:00pm and Monday from 11:00am until service time at the church.

Howard Wayne McGregor, 85, died peacefully at his home in Dawson Springs, KY on Friday, October 31, 2025.
A funeral service was held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, November 5, 2025, in the chapel of Harris Funeral Home with Bro. Charles O’Neal officiating. Burial to follow at West Lawn Cemetery in Hanson, KY.
Visitation was from 11 a.m. until the funeral hour on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Robert Lee Clark, 70, of Madisonville, KY, passed away on Tuesday, October 28, 2025, at his home.
A private burial will be held at East Lawn Cemetery in Hanson, KY. Harris Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

• LIVINGSTON •

Rose Marie Roberts, 69, of Gilbertsville passed away on Wednesday, October 29, 2025, at Green Acres Health Care in Mayfield. She will be cremated, and services will be held at a later date.

Robert Darold Mitchell, 89, passed away Tuesday, October 28, 2025 at his home in Burna.
Funeral services were held 12PM Saturday, November 1, 2025 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services, with Bro. Danny Starrick and Bro. Gary Hardesty officiating. Burial followed at Old Salem Cemetery.

Clifford Cecil Shoemake, 68, of Marion, passed away Saturday October 25, 2025 at Crittenden County Health and Rehab. Cremation has been chosen by the family.

• LYON •

Maureen D. Abernathy McCartney, age 81, of Princeton, passed away November 2, 2025 at her home.
There will be no services held at this time.

• MARSHALL •

Sandra “Sandy” Vogle, age 66 of Benton, Kentucky passed away on Monday, November 3, 2025 at her home.
Arrangements are incomplete at Collier Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Inc.

Mitchell Hill, age 76, of Benton, KY, passed away Sunday, November 2, 2025, at Anna Mae Owen Residential Hospice House, Murray, KY.
Arrangements are incomplete at this time at the Collier Funeral Home, Inc. and Cremation Services, Benton, KY.

Betty June East, 90 of Benton, Kentucky passed away on Tuesday, October 28, 2025, at Mercy Health - Lourdes Hospital in Paducah, Kentucky.
A funeral service was held on Monday, November 3, 2025 at 2:00 PM at Maple Hill Church of Christ with Tyler Cannon and David Hendrickson officiating.
Burial followed at Salyers Cemetery.
Visitation was on Sunday, November 2, 2025 from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM at Collier Funeral Home and on Monday, November 3, 2025 from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM at Maple Hill Church of Christ.

• McCRACKEN •

Anna “Pearl” Finke, age 90, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away on November 2, 2025, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.
Funeral services will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, November 7, 2025, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah with Dr. Nathan Joyce officiating. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Memorial Garden Cemetery in Paducah, Kentucky.
Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. until the service time of 12:00 p.m. on Friday, November 7, 2025, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah.

Gene Carolyn Paul Dowdy, affectionately known as Carolyn to her many friends and loved ones, passed away on October 30, 2025, at the age of 90.
A memorial mass was held at 11 A.M. on Wednesday, November 5, 2025, at the St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church with Rev. Bruce Fogle officiating. Visitation was at 10 A.M. at the church and continued until the service time. Burial followed in the St. John Catholic Church Cemetery.

Nancy LaRue, age 68, went to her Heavenly Home Tuesday, October 28th, 2025, at the Ray & Kay Eckstinen Hospice Center in Paducah surrounded by her family.
Friends visited the family on Saturday, November 1st, 2025, at Lindsey Funeral Home in Paducah, KY. From 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Funeral services were conducted at 12:00 pm Saturday November 1st, 2025, at Lindsey Funeral Home with Rev. Dennis Lawrence officiating.

Richie Byassee, age 55, passed away Tuesday October 28, 2025, in Paducah, KY.
Richie wishes were to be cremated, and the family to lay him to rest in Berkley Cemetery with the rest of his family.

Linda Lou (Kelser) Cruse, 80, of Paducah passed away on Wednesday, October 29, 2025, at Baptist Health Paducah.
A graveside service was held at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, November 5, 2025, at Maplelawn Park Cemetery in Paducah with Ron Griffin officiating.

Diana (Smith) Cunningham, 81, of Symsonia passed away on Tuesday, October 28, 2025 at her residence.
Funeral services were held at 2:00 PM on Sunday, November 2, 2025 at Hughes Funeral Home in Paducah with Bro. Max Anderson officiating. Burial will follow at Burkhart Cemetery in Symsonia.

Russell Ward Tomlinson, Jr., 82, of Paducah passed away on Monday, October 27, 2025, at Calvert City Nursing and Rehab.
Funeral Mass was at 11:00 AM on Saturday, November 1, 2025, at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Calvert City with Father Brian Johnson officiating. Burial followed at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens in Paducah. There will be no visitation.

L.W. Allen passed away peacefully at his home in Kevil, Kentucky, on Monday, October 27, at the age of 28. Private memorial service arrangements are pending.

• TRIGG •

Janine Carol Reed, age 62, of Cadiz, Kentucky, passed away on Saturday, November 1, 2025, at her home in Cadiz.
A celebration of life to honor Janine will be held on Sunday, November 9, 2025, from 1-4 PM, at Casey Jones Distillery, 2815 Witty Lane, Hopkinsville, Kentucky, where friends are welcome to drop in anytime. At a later date her family will honor her with a burial service in the Lyons Cemetery in Lyons, Pennsylvania.

Jean Margaret Ryan Jackonski, age 90 passed away peacefully, surrounded by her

daughter and granddaughters at the Clary Care Center in Toccoa, Georgia on October 31, 2025.
There was a public Committal Service at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, at the Kentucky Veteran’s Cemetery West, 5817 Ft. Campbell Blvd. in Hopkinsville, Kentucky.

Linda Burgess Allen, age 78, of Cadiz, Kentucky, passed away Wednesday, October 29, 2025, at Murray-Calloway County Hospital in Murray, Kentucky.
Funeral services were at Goodwin Funeral Home, 138 Main Street in Cadiz, at 1:00 PM Saturday, November 1, 2025 with the Reverend David Banister officiating. Burial followed at Cerulean Cemetery in Cerulean, Kentucky.
Visitation will precede the service on Saturday, from 11:00 AM until the funeral hour.

• UNION •

Alvin “Darnell” Garnett, Sr., age 71 of Morganfield, KY passed away Saturday, November 1, 2025.
The service will be 1PM Saturday, November 8, 2025 at Whitsell Funeral Home in Morganfield. Rev. Richard Pollard will officiate. The visitation will be 10AM until service time on Saturday at the funeral home.

Mary Alice Ferrell Smith, born on July 16, 1933, to John Reburn Ferrell and Edna Floyd, peacefully departed this world, leaving a legacy stitched from love, resilience, and grace.
Funeral service will be Friday, Nov 7, 2025 at St. Ann Catholic Church in Morganfield, KY. Fr. Freddie Byrd will officiate. Visitation will be 5-7 PM Thursday and 9-10 AM Friday at Whitsell Funeral Home in Morganfield, KY. Burial will be in St. Ann Cemetery.

Mary “Jenny” Kellen age 81 of Sturgis passed away on Thursday 10/30/2025 at Morganfield Nursing & Rehab Center in Morganfield, KY.
Funeral will be 1PM on Wednesday November 5, 2025 at Whitsell Funeral Home in Sturgis, KY. Rev. Dwight Jackson will officiate. Visitation will be 10AM until service time at the funeral home. Burial in Caseyville Cemetery in Sturgis, KY.

Marylin Sue Thornton, age 62, of Sturgis, Kentucky, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, October 29, 2025, at Deaconess Gateway Hospital, surrounded by her loving family.
A celebration of Marylin’s life was held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, November 3, 2025, at Whitsell Funeral Home in Sturgis, Kentucky. Family and friends visited from 11:00 a.m. until the time of service. Burial followed at Sugar Grove Cemetery in Marion, Kentucky.

• WEBSTER •

Marvin Wesley Sisk, 78, of Stoney Point went to his heavenly home on Saturday November 1, 2025.
Funeral services were held on Wednesday November 5, 2025, at 11:00 AM at Silent Run Missionary Baptist Church with Bro. Harrell Riley, Bro. Tim Morgan, and Bro. Jamie Daugherty officiating with burial to follow in the Silent Run Cemetery.
Visitation was on Tuesday November 4, 2025, from 5:00PM until 8:00PM and from 9:00 AM until the service hour on Wednesday at the church.

Jimmy W. Hanor, 85, of Dixon, KY passed away on Monday November 3, 2025 at the West KY Veterans Center in Hanson, KY.
Funeral services were held on Wednesday November 5th, 2025 at 1pm at Townsend Funeral Home in Dixon, KY. Rev. Tommy Townsend and Rev. Nick Duvall officiated. Burial was in Townsend Cemetery in Dixon, KY. Visitation will be from 11am until service time on Wednesday at the funeral home. Hopkins County Honor Guard will perform Military Rites at the graveside.

Lewis Wayne Gant, 59, of Morganfield, KY passed away on Monday October 27th, 2025 at his home.
Cremation was chosen and the family will hold a memorial service at a later date.

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

VICTORIOUS *Living* ...in a troubled world

Good life and longevity

By Teresa LeNeave
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Every generation has desired “the good life” and longevity. Since the beginning of time man has imagined and sought for the fountain of youth. Not an actual fountain, but an herb, a root, a tea, a lotion, a peptide, or a hormone that extends life or at least postpones the effects of aging. But, who wants longevity in this life without the connection of the good days attached to it?

I Peter 3:10-11 says good days are the result of the words we speak, how we treat people and the choices we make. Peter said, “Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it” (ESV). That is more than a mouthful, but it’s clearly a recipe for a better life, if not a

healthier life. The good life is not comprised in the neighborhood we live in, the car we drive or even the job we have. In every survey I read that describes what most people want out of life, the overwhelming consensus is peace and happiness. Those things start in the heart. My belief is that peace and happiness come from a relationship with God and knowing he loves you. Even then, I don’t believe a person can be truly happy unless they have healthy relationships with people around them. Research has determined the well-established fact that social people are happier and healthier. On average, they live longer and enjoy life more. Jesus himself said the most important commandment is to love the Lord your God with all your heart, your mind, and your strength



and the second commandment is like unto it: love your neighbor as yourself. To me that equates to relationships that are meaningful. People caring about people. Not taking the opportunity to say something negative about another just because the opportunity arises. It means, bridling our tongues. In the Bible, James says the tongue “sets on fire the entire course of life, and is

set on fire by hell” (James 3:2 ESV). We are not getting any younger. Who knows how long we will live? None of us know, but one thing is certain: we should live our lives well. Experts tell us that the future is here. We will live longer and longer. We may even live to be 120 or more, but what good will that do without peace and health? Getting older is interesting,

but it holds many challenges. Most of us have concerns about getting dementia. Cancer. Heart attack. Stroke. The list goes on and on. Health guru’s tell us genes most definitely play a role in the longevity of our lives, but so does attitude, a healthy diet, a spiritual relationship and exercise. The good life does not mean a life without problems, because in the very

same chapter Peter said we will suffer and have trials in this life, but not to be afraid or fearful. People will age very different. All people will have good and bad days, but we are more than overcomers through Christ Jesus. Everything in the universe ages in different ways. It is the way of life. It’s the natural order of things. But we have a lot to do with our own health and happiness. Adding Jesus to it will make a big difference. When Peter tells us, “For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil and his lips that they speak no guile; let him eschew evil (turn from evil) and do good; seek peace and pursue it”, then maybe he’s giving us a tip on the concept of aging well. One of my favorite scriptures is “A merry heart doeth good like a medicine,” (Prov 17:22).



By Gary Miller
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During the early archery season I arrowed a nice doe. I calculated that I was in my tree stand about seven minutes. Before I went to search for my deer, I gathered my equipment, loaded it on my four-wheeler, and took it to my truck. By the time I was back at my tree stand, about forty minutes had passed. I knew I had made a good clean shot and there shouldn’t be any trouble finding my deer. I had tried to mark where I took the shot, but by

the time I was back on the trail I was confused. I looked for my arrow and any sign of blood but could not find either. I decided to climb back up into the tree stand to look again at where the doe had stood. I recalculated and shortly thereafter found my arrow and a few minutes later, the deer. Later, I thought about how difficult I had made a simple procedure simply by forgetting where I had made my shot. I was reminded of a spiritual truth

SEEING IT AGAIN

I had learned a few months earlier. All through the Old Testament, when man had an encounter with God, God commanded him to build an altar. Abraham was the first that is recorded. God had told him that he would have a son. This was a real stretch for Abraham to believe since he was about seventy-five years old at that time and his wife was barren. God told him to build an altar. Jacob was another. He physically wrestled with the angel of the Lord one day. Jacob was given a lasting limp, but his encounter was followed by him building an altar. We have the significance of this

in another example. The Children of Israel were crossing through the river Jordan. They were now in the land that was promised to them. God told them to take twelve stones, one for every tribe, and stack them up, so that when their children pass by, they could tell them how God had delivered them. These stones would be a remembrance of their encounters with God. Many times, God has encounters with us. There may have been a time that He called you into a certain ministry, or He may have spoken to your heart about a particular matter so clearly that it was undeniably Him.

Since then, time has passed. You have not forgotten about that moment, but it seems distant and it has caused you to doubt. But what if you had built an altar at the time and place that God had spoken to you? You would be able to go back and remember exactly what transpired there. And your faith would be renewed. It’s not too late. Maybe you need to take a trip back in time, to that place where you had your encounter with God. While you’re there, build an altar. An altar is anything that will cause you to remember what happened. One time, I scratched an “A” in a tree, so that each time I passed by that tree

I would be reminded of that moment with God. When I see that tree, doubt and discouragement leave and faith is restored. It’s just like getting back up in that tree stand and seeing it all over again. It will make the path clear, once again. Gary Miller gary@outdoortruths.org Gary Miller has written Outdoor Truths articles for 23 years. He has also written five books which include compilations of his articles and a father/son devotional. He also speaks at wild-game dinners and men’s events for churches and associations. Stay updated on Outdoor Truths each week by subscribing at Outdoortruths.org

Can we explain what we believe?

By William F Holland Jr.
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The foundation of the Christian faith, along with the hope of eternal salvation in the next life, is based on the torturous death and glorified resurrection of the only perfect individual we know as Jesus Christ. When we trust that His sacrificial blood is the only payment for our forgiveness and our hope for redemption, we become reborn, a new spiritual creation within His family and kingdom. Do you believe that trusting in this God-man is the greatest demonstration of love the world has ever known? Since this miraculous event happened over 2000 years ago, do you know why you believe these promises are true?

Let’s go a little further. Have you ever had a life-changing encounter with the person called the Son of God? Did you know that just believing there is a God, or that Jesus is real, is NOT the same thing as giving all of your heart, mind, and soul to Him? Pastors are not the only ones who are called to explain and teach God’s word; every person who has invited Christ to be their Lord and Savior should spend

every available moment focusing on Him and getting to know Him more intimately through prayer and study. This is how His children become His fearless, wise, mighty, and overcoming warriors.

Over the last 100 years, the number of people interested in researching the Bible has increased. I’m not referring to those who want to draw closer to God, but rather the progressive intellectual critics who try to refute and disprove what is written. These are not your casual readers who accept what someone says on the surface or are satisfied with the idea of just believing by faith. Similar to how those who must prove everything according to science, these individuals are intense and seek more difficult answers than are discussed in church classes. In fact, if one of these agnostics were to present their views in church, most would be considered a heretic or worse.

I have several friends around the country, and we have interesting discussions about God and the Bible. As I mentioned, we have many questions about Christianity that are



often left to speculation. I’ve read some of the textual critics who take pride in being able to pin a preacher against the wall who has been in Christian leadership most of his life. I’m writing this small article not to discourage you who are followers of Christ, but to blow the trumpet of warning about how important it is to know what we believe. Especially in the last 60 years, while the nominal Christians have been spiritually asleep, these scholars have been hard at work trying to see if what the text says is actually correct. I know that many will say, That’s a huge waste of time and is offensive to those who trust God,

but how can we condemn those who have sincerely given their lives to researching every jot and tittle of the Bible?

It’s one thing to know what something says, and it’s another thing to explain what it means. This is true with the Bible, as there are individuals who have memorized what is written, but do they know how to translate the original languages into our modern English? For example, I’m not saying that I agree with what Bart Ehrman teaches, but he is recognized as a highly respected Biblical scholar who focuses on the textual criticism of the New Testament, the historical

Jesus, and the origins and development of early Christianity. For anyone to debate him on Biblical topics, they would need to bring their A-game of theological research, and not just answers like, “I believe this because that’s what my grandmother said.”

My point is that all Christians should not only stand for their convictions, but have the ability to prove why they accept and trust them. The reason why all Christians are not dedicated theologians is that it’s much easier to accept a meal than to cook one. Most people say I do not have time to study the Bible, while spending several hours a day watching

TV and playing on their phones. I encourage every follower to take a scholarly approach to understanding religious texts, including their faith-based views so they can be instant in season and out of season to give an answer. II Timothy 2:15 is not only about gaining knowledge, it’s taking the time to rightly divide His word and be enlightened by God’s divine revelation.

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

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Repairing the rusting russet-colored sedan seemed like a waste of time to me. If you searched for “clunker” in Webster’s Dictionary, you’d see a picture of this car. It was in terrible shape: the tires were ashy from wear, the paint was chipped from weather, and the engine sputtered from sitting idle for so long. Despite its sorry state, it was my father’s restoration project for a few weeks. He took a

hunk of junk, and burned time, broke sweat, and battered tools to make it run like new.

Likewise, you are the heavenly Father’s “restoration project” if you have been saved by grace. The Scripture says, “For we are His workmanship” (Eph. 2:10a). The Lord bought you from sin’s junkyard, and He is always working on you to make you run like new (cf. Eph. 4:22-24; Col. 3:9-10). You are in His workshop

of sanctification, but not for self-improvement. God is working on you to make you more like Christ: “And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit” (2 Cor. 3:18).

Like any good mechanic, the Father uses many tools to fix you up. The Bible is a hammer that God uses to flatten

out the dents in your theology (Jer. 23:29). The local church is the place where God gives you a weekly “engine tune up” in order to run effectively for Him throughout the week. Trials and tribulations are the buff pads God uses to polish the scuffs on your faith (James 1:2-4). And prayer is the “jump” that cranks your engine for righteous living, since it is through prayer that we receive God’s own power to obey Him (James 5:16).

God isn’t finished with you yet, but He will finish what He started. The Scripture assures us, “And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ” (Phil. 1:6). Until then, we must humbly submit to His means and methods of making us what we ought to be. And, we may exuberantly resound the words of He’s Still Workin’ on Me, the gospel classic which says:

“He’s still workin’ on me

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Cats start slow, finish fast to topple Nicholls in opener

By KEITH TAYLOR
Kentucky Today

LEXINGTON, Ky. (KT) – Kentucky coach Mark Pope watched as his ninth-ranked team struggled to get into an offensive rhythm in the first half of a 77-51 win over Nicholls in the season opener for both teams on Tuesday night. Instead of getting frustrated by Kentucky’s inability to hit shots and opening the first half tentative and tight on the offensive end, he found joy in watching the Wildcats stop the Colonels possession after possession on the defensive end of the court.

Pope admitted it wasn’t easy for his team to gather energy on defense. “We were so excited, and we’ve been building on this for a while now,” Pope said. “I think we were a little lost in the weeds a little bit on the offensive side.”

The Wildcats held the Colonels to 12 percent shooting and just 15 points in the first 20 minutes, the best defensive showing in a half in the Pope era at Kentucky. For the players, it was a struggle as shots failed to drop, including making only 2 of 17 3-pointers. But for Pope, it was a thing of beauty.

Collin Chandler tapped into his “elite” defensive performance in the first half and put on an offensive display in the second half and led four players in double figures with 15 points. Chandler drained a pair of 3-pointers back-to-back and threw down an impressive one-handed dunk in one sequence in the second half.

“I thought he made great defensive plays early in the game,” Pope said. “It was nice to see him find some comfort level on the offensive end.”

Chander admitted it wasn’t easy struggling to make shots against the Colonels, especially in the first half. “It’s so frustrating, and they did a great job,” he said. “We felt a little bit of that (frustration) at the beginning of the game. It just feels like we’re just out of sorts a little bit. But we know

we’re pounding the rock. We’re just going continue to shoot it, even if shots aren’t falling.”

Despite the offensive struggles, the Wildcats came to life, scoring 49 points in the second half. Four players tallied double figures: Otega Oweh followed Chandler with 13 points, Jasper Johnson had 11 and Denzel Aberdeen finished with 10 in his Kentucky debut. “First half was a little shaky, but we bounced back in second half,” said

Aberdeen, who missed Kentucky’s exhibition finale against Georgetown last Thursday. “I just feel like I just try to give 110 percent every time I get in the game, no matter what the circumstances, I’m always trying to bring energy on the defensive side and offensive side, just doing anything we can to get a win.”

As Pope and his players know, the offense isn’t going to be clicking on all cylinders each game. That’s when the

Wildcats will have to lean on the defense to carry the offense, just as it did in the opener. “Our defense is going to carry us at some

points this season,” Pope said. “That can be a real strength of ours and that’s going to be a fun piece of this game for us.”

Trent Noah left the game after turning his ankle in the first half and didn’t return. Pope said the injury didn’t appear to be serious.



Denzell Aberdeen zips a pass inside on Tuesday. (Photo by Les Nicholson)

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Barr wants Palestinian group declared terrorist organization

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

WASHINGTON (KT) – Sixth District Rep. Andy Barr of Lexington and Indiana’s Jefferson Shreve, sent a letter to U.S. Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent, urging them to designate the Palestinian Conference for Palestinians Abroad (PCPA) as a terrorist organization.

The two Republican Congressmen, who are members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, say documents published in recent news reports show the role that the PCPA working with Hamas

to organize a flotilla of illicit resources sent to Gaza that bypassed a blockade of shipments coming into the area.

They note that Israel designated the PCPA as a terrorist organization in January of 2022.

“We write to encourage the Treasury Department to designate the Palestinian Conference for Palestinians Abroad (PCPA) as an affiliate of Hamas and a Specially Designated Terrorist Group under Executive Order 13224,” their letter read in-part.

It continued, “Now, new documents uncovered by Israeli

forces in Gaza, and released by the Israeli Foreign Ministry, offer new insight into the group’s terrorist ties. These documents include an official letter from Hamas Political Bureau Chief Ismail Haniyeh and a roster of senior PCPA operatives, conclusively establishing the organization’s ties to Hamas.”

The letter concluded, “Most recently, the PCPA helped fund a flotilla of propaganda ships to violate Israel’s legal naval blockade of Gaza. While the flotilla claims its effort is to deliver humanitarian aid to Gaza, it

has rejected multiple offers by Israeli officials to provide the aid via established channels. We urge you to act swiftly to designate the PCPA and its affiliates, impose targeted

sanctions, and hold accountable those who facilitate terrorism under the guise of civil society.”

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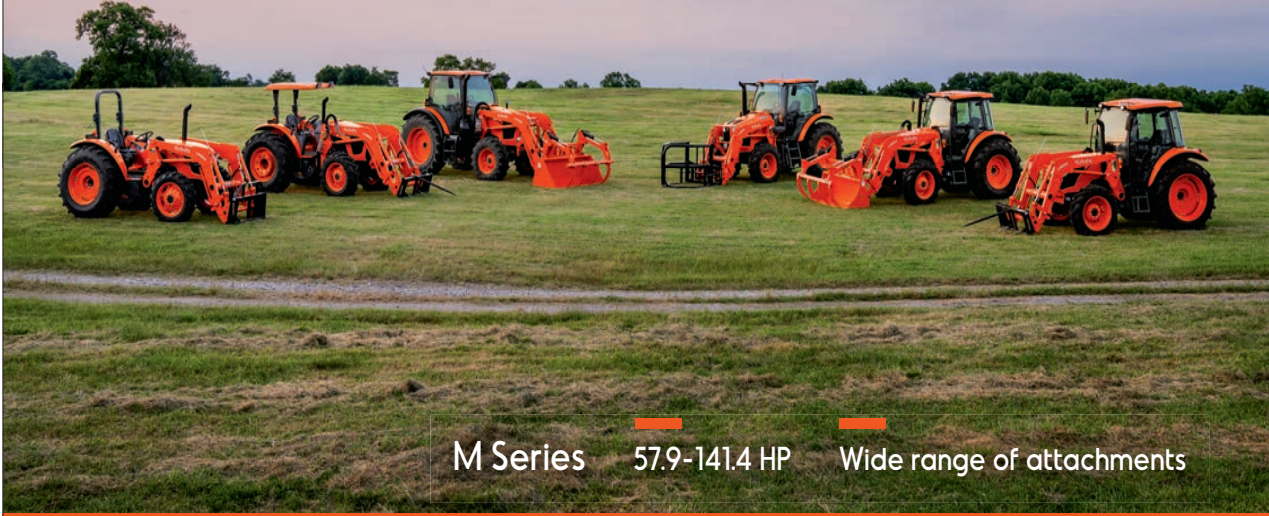


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By Greg LeNeave

Publisher, KPI Newspaper Group

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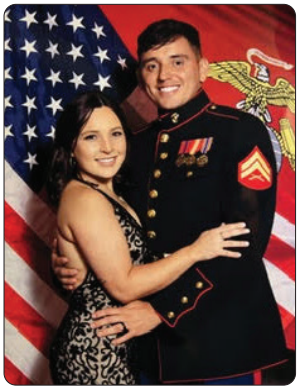
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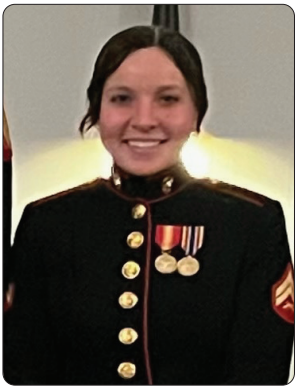
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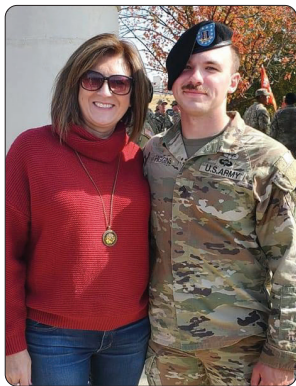
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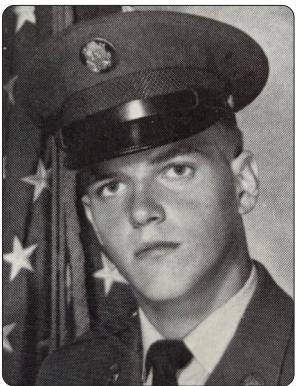
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By Mary Beth Orr

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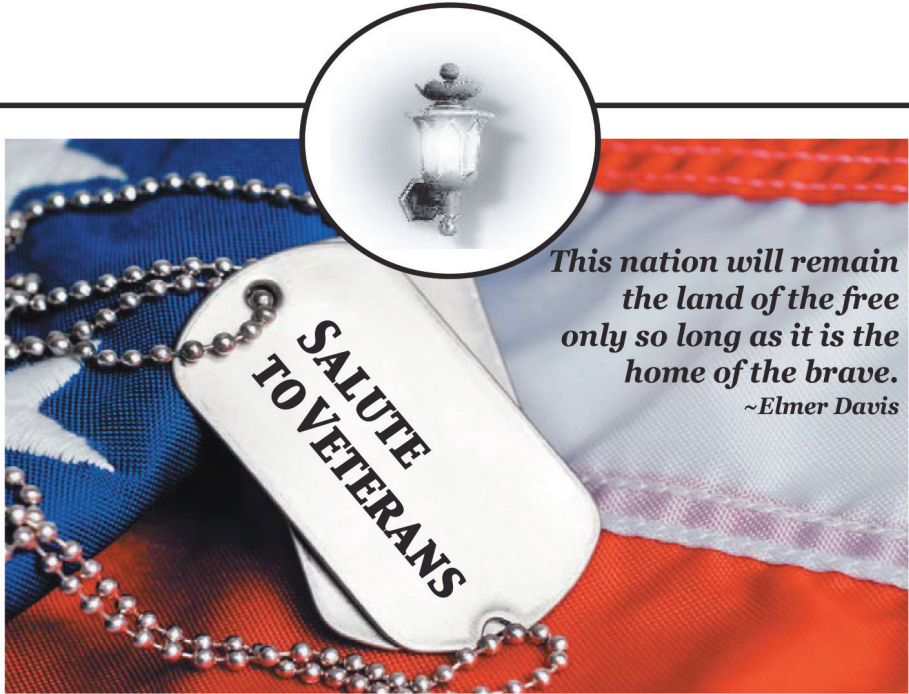
Below are various activities organized by the City of Paducah and other organizations to honor and celebrate veterans on Veterans Day, Tuesday, November 11.

Sunrise Reveille - The Veterans Day Sunrise Reveille will begin at approximately 6:15 a.m. at the Vietnam Veterans Monument in Dolly McNutt Memorial Plaza (301 South 5th Street) on November 11. Reveille will be played along with the raising of the flag at sunrise, 6:29 a.m.

Veterans Day Awards and Opening Ceremony - An awards and opening ceremony will be at 10 a.m. on November 11 at Dolly McNutt Memorial Plaza. The event includes honoring the Patriot Award winner, Distinguished Veteran, and the winners of the Paducah Chapter, Daughters of American Revolution Veterans Day Poster & Essay Contest.

Veterans Day Parade - On November 11, the Veterans Day Parade begins at 11 a.m. at 6th and Washington Streets. It will travel along 6th Street before turning right on Broadway and heading toward the riverfront. At Water Street, it will turn left and disband at Jefferson Street.





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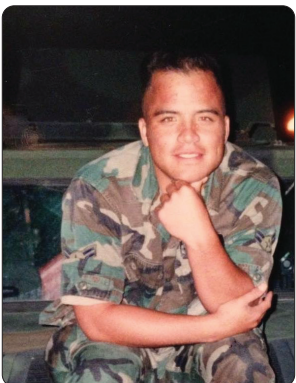
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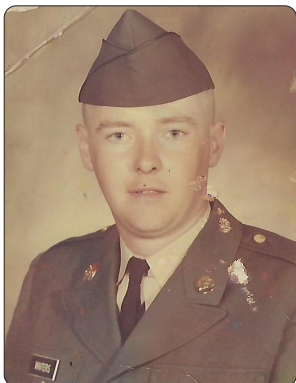
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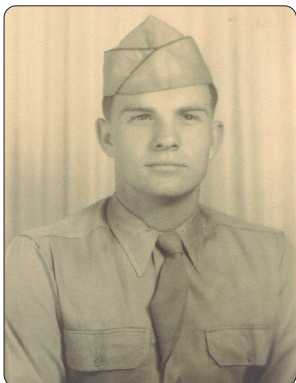
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VFW Post 1191 will serve as host for Echo’s of Honor, a tribute to our heroes

By **Greg LeNeave**
Publisher
KPI Newspaper Group

PADUCAH, KY - Coming to Paducah on May 15-17, 2026 will be a very patriotic event. The local post VFW 1191 will help spearhead this event. Many exciting things will take place during the 3-day event. For starters there will be an opportunity for folks to view a replica of the Viet nam Wall Memorial. In addition, many veteran survivors will be on hand. People

can enjoy local bands, a parade, a motorcycle rally and a visit from dignitaries from Fort Campbell. The VA in Marion, Illinois will be involved as well. Local members of the VFW Post 1191 mentioned that either the Region Director of the National Director for the VFW will be present to speak at the event. Many local institutions are expected to help during the event, such as the Market House Theater,

along with locally elected officials. Anyone interested in helping serve our veterans can get in touch with the new commander at the Paducah post. Jennifer Berggren, is a Navy veteran and would be glad to speak with anybody that would like to get involved with serving our veterans. She can be reached at 270-442-6783. The address for the VFW Post 1191 is 1727 Washington Street, Paducah, KY.



Much effort and work is needed when getting a float ready for a parade. Mike Burns, Kempton D. Baldrige, Steve Newberry, Mark and Rene Buford were instrumental in helping get the VFW Post 1191 float ready for the upcoming Veterans Day parade. (photo courtesy VFW 1191 Facebook page)

Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

By **Teresa Pearson**
KPI Staff

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is a historic monument dedicated to deceased U.S. service members whose remains have not been identified. An unknown World War I American soldier was buried in Arlington National Cemetery in 1921. This site, on a hillside overlooking the Potomac River and the city of Washington, D.C., became the focal point of reverence for America’s

veterans. Similar ceremonies occurred earlier in England and France, where an unknown soldier was buried in each nation’s highest place of honor (in England, Westminster Abbey; in France, the Arc de Triomphe). These memorial gestures all took place on November 11. On Memorial Day 1958, two more unidentified American war dead were brought from overseas and interred in the plaza beside the unknown

soldier of World War I. One was killed in World War II, the other in the Korean War. In 1984, an unknown serviceman from the Vietnam War was placed alongside the others. The remains from Vietnam were exhumed May 14, 1998, identified as Air Force 1st Lt. Michael Joseph Blassie, and removed for burial. To honor these men, symbolic of all Americans who gave their lives in all wars, an Army honor guard, the 3rd U.S. Infantry (The Old Guard), keeps day and night vigil.



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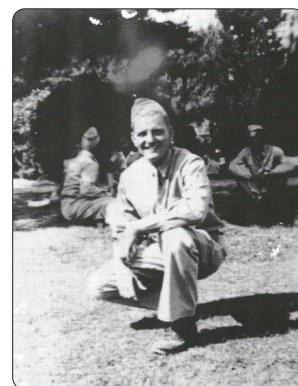
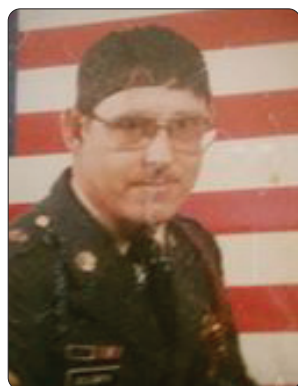
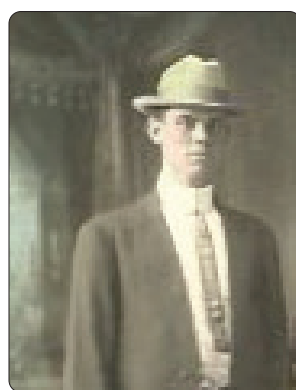
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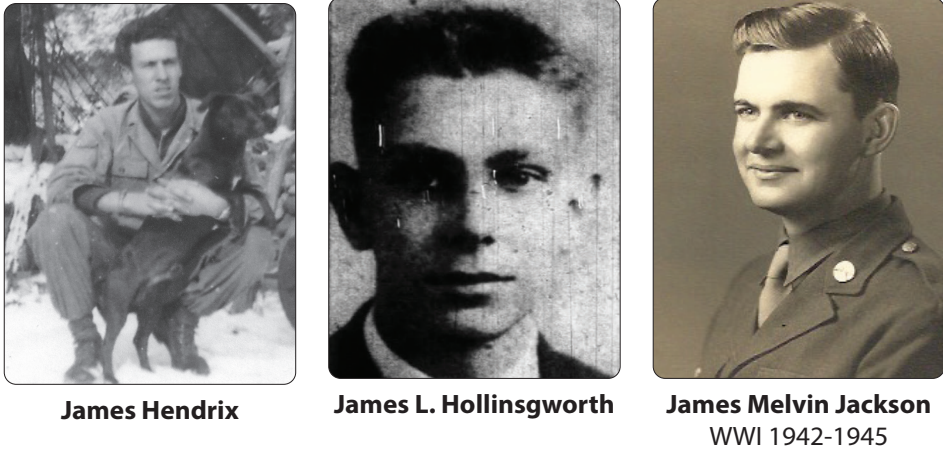
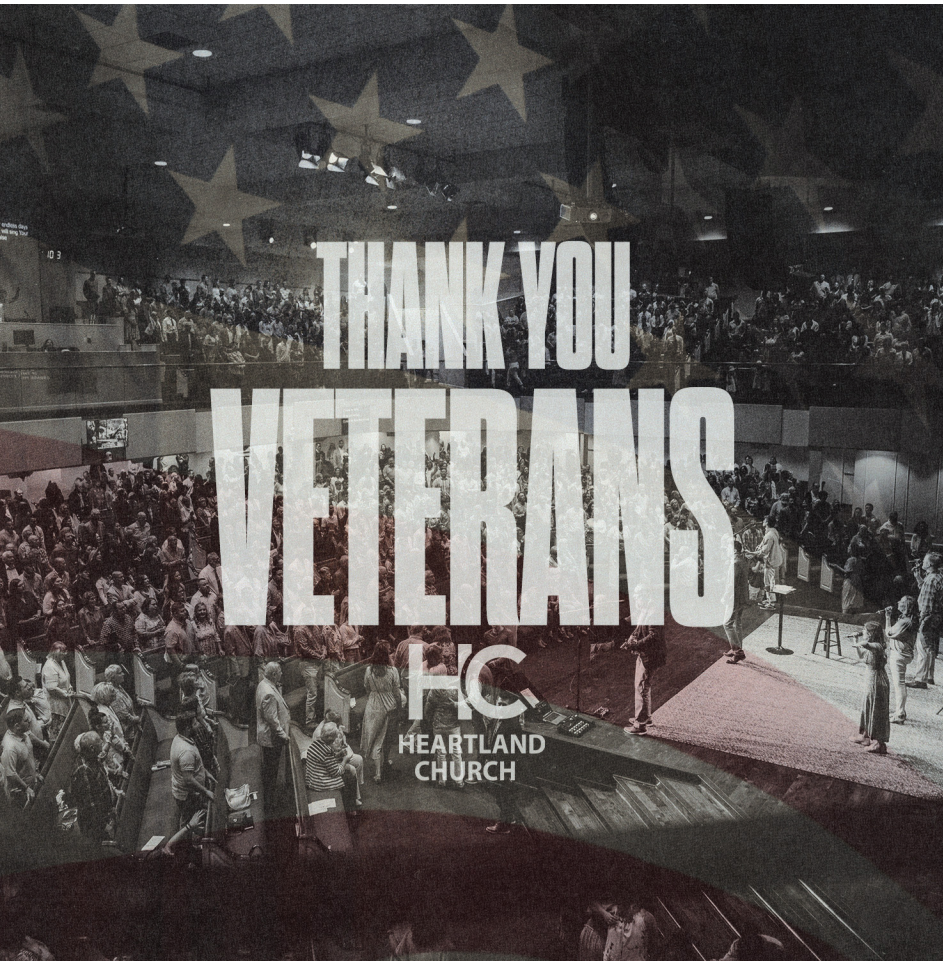
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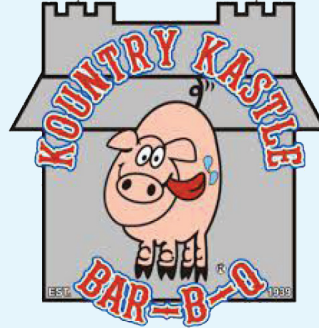


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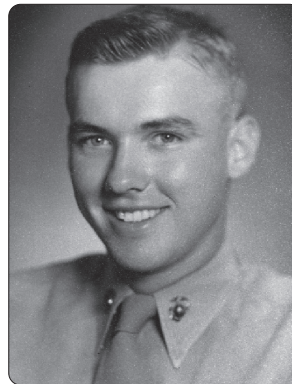
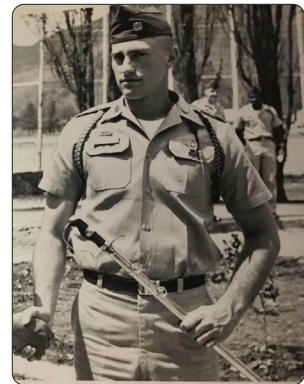


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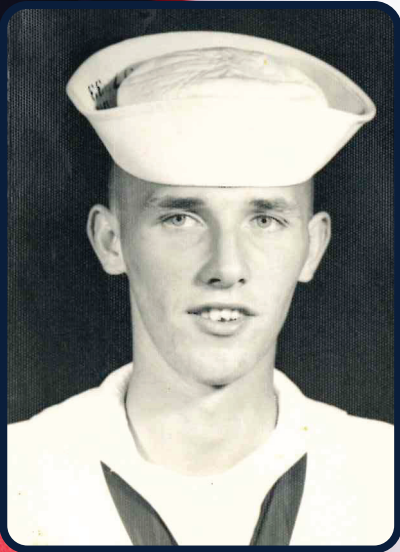
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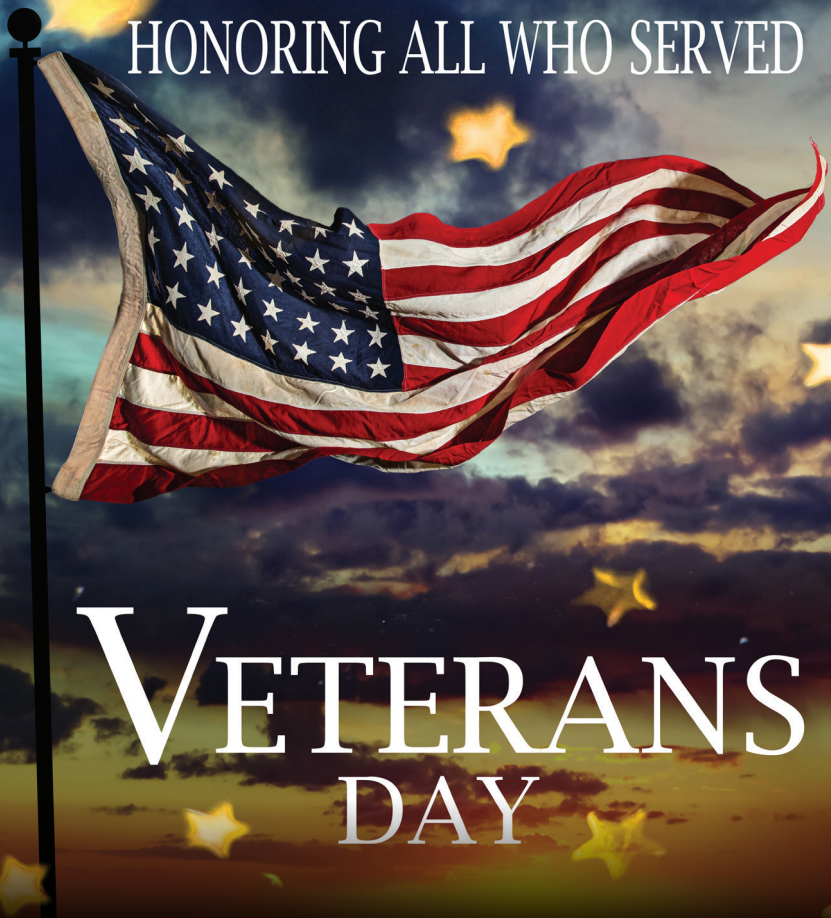


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Armistice Day History

By Teresa Pearson
KPI Staff

Recognition to the celebrated ending of World War I became known as Armistice Day.

An armistice was declared between the Allied nations and Germany in World War I at 11 a.m., November 11, 1918 (the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month) which is why Armistice Day was celebrated on November 11. Just over 116,000 Americans died in World War I, defending the lives and freedom of our European allies.

Armistice Day officially received its name in America in 1926 through

a Congressional resolution. November 11 became a federal holiday in the United States in 1938. On the first Armistice Day, the nationwide celebration included parades, public meetings and a two-minute suspension of business at 11 a.m.

A few years after the holiday was proclaimed, war broke out in Europe. Sixteen and one-half million Americans took part. Four hundred seven thousand of them died in service, more than 292,000 in battle.

In Birmingham, Alabama, in 1947, Raymond Weeks, a World War II veteran, organized “National Veterans Day,” which included a parade and

other festivities, to honor all veterans.

The event was held on November 11, then designated Armistice Day. Later, U.S. Representative Edward Rees of Kansas proposed a bill that would change Armistice Day to Veterans Day. In 1954, Congress passed the bill that President Eisenhower signed proclaiming November 11 as Veterans Day. Raymond Weeks received the Presidential Citizens Medal from President Reagan in November 1982.

Weeks’ local parade and ceremonies are now an annual event celebrated nationwide.

A law passed in 1968



World War I-era photographs shows crowds filling streets surrounding City Hall in celebration of Armistice Day, November 11, 1918. Photograph shows replica Statue of Liberty, which was unveiled on April 6, 1918 during the Third Liberty Loan drive.

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changed the national commemoration of Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October.

It soon became apparent, however, that November 11

was a date of historic significance to many Americans.

Therefore, in 1978 Congress returned the observance to its traditional date.

Today we still

celebrate the national holiday on November 11 with ceremonies honoring military veterans with parades, celebrations and special discounts for veterans.

The story of “Taps”

The 24-note melancholy bugle call known as “taps” is thought to be a revision of a French bugle signal, called “tattoo,” that notified soldiers to cease an evening’s drinking and return to their garrisons. It was sounded an hour before the final bugle call to end the day by extinguishing fires and lights. The last five measures of the tattoo resemble taps.

The word “taps” is an alteration of the obsolete word “taptoo,” derived from the Dutch “taptoe.” Taptoe was the command — “Tap toe!” — to shut (“toe to”) the “tap” of a keg.

The revision that gave us present-day taps was made during America’s Civil War by Union Gen. Daniel Adams Butterfield, heading a brigade camped at Harrison Landing, Va., near Richmond. Up to that time, the U.S. Army’s infantry call to end the day was the French final call,

“L’Extinction des feux.” Gen. Butterfield decided the “lights out”

music was too formal to signal the day’s end. One day in July 1862 he recalled the tattoo music and hummed a version of it to an aide, who wrote it down in music.

Butterfield then asked the brigade bugler, Oliver W. Norton, to play the notes and, after listening, lengthened and shortened them while keeping his original melody.

He ordered Norton to play this new call at the end of each day thereafter, instead of the regulation call. The music was heard and appreciated by other brigades, who asked for copies and adopted this bugle call. It was even adopted by Confederate buglers.

This music was made the official Army bugle call after the war, but not given the name “taps” until 1874.

The first time taps was played at a military funeral may also have been in Virginia soon after Butterfield composed it. Union Capt. John Tidball, head of an artillery battery, ordered it played for the burial of a cannoneer killed in action. Not wanting to reveal the

battery’s position in the woods to the enemy nearby, Tidball substituted taps for the traditional three rifle volleys fired over the grave. Taps was



played at the funeral of

Confederate Gen. Stonewall Jackson 10 months after it was composed. Army infantry regulations

by 1891 required taps to be played at military funeral ceremonies.

Taps now is played by the military at burial and

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The Battle of Paducah

By Jimmy Hank
Civil War Historian

It was over 160 years’ ago that Paducah was attacked by the Confederate Army during the Civil War. Paducah was a major objective in the western theater during the war because the rivers were a major source of transportation, and Paducah is at the confluence of the Ohio and Tennessee Rivers.

Kentucky tried to remain neutral during the Civil War but it was captured in September 1861 by General U.S. Grant. He had a fort built around the Marine Hospital to defend any attacks. Grant also had a pontoon bridge built across the Ohio River to bring the rest of his army into the south. This was the first bridge ever built across the Ohio River. This is where the “war for the Western rivers began.”

The bastion of earthen fort was built right on the bank of the Ohio River. It was a large “star shaped” fort. Fort Anderson was named after Major Robert Anderson, a

Kentuckian and a hero of the Battle of Fort Sumner, April 12, 1861, the first battle of the American Civil War.

In 1864, Paducah had about 7,000 residents and was put under Marshall Law and was completely controlled by the Union Army. The 7,000 residents were made up of a large group of German immigrants, a large Jewish population and about 1,200 blacks, some free and some slaves. Kentucky was still a slave state. The Emancipation Proclamation, in 1863 freed the slaves in succeeding states only, not Kentucky.

They were not all freed until the 13th Amendment in December 1865.

In 1864, President Abraham Lincoln decided to allow blacks to serve in the Union Military. This was an untapped resource Lincoln needed to help win the war. Paducah became the “First City” in Kentucky to open recruiting stations for black men. If a black man signed up , or made his mark “X” he



This Mural on the floodwall in Paducah depicts the Battle of Paducah and the Confederate assault on Fort Anderson in 1864.

immediately became a free man, plus his immediate family also became free.

Thousands of black men migrated from slave farms to sign up in downtown Paducah. It was here, in Paducah, that parts of the United States Colored Heavy Artillery were formed

including the 8th USCHA.

Paducah was now defended by 600 African American soldiers in Ft. Anderson. The city was also protected by 6 redoubts, or outposts, that were built to protect all the major roads coming into the city.

On March 24,1864 Confederate Major General Nathan Bedford Forrest and his army of over 4,000 men spent the night in Mayfield, Kentucky. His army had just recently captured a garrison of Union troops in Union City, Tennessee. Forrest decided to

take part of his army of mounted infantry and move further into Western Kentucky with the purpose of a raid to get medical supplies, food and horses. General Forrest has

see **BATTLE**,
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A Grateful Commonwealth: Honoring Our Veterans

By Sen. Danny Carroll

Each November 11, we pause to honor those who have stepped forward to serve our country in uniform. Veterans Day is a time for gratitude, reflection, and recognition. It is more than a date on the calendar or a patriotic tradition. It is a moment to consider the deep cost of service and the quiet courage that defines our veterans.

The roots of Veterans Day go back to 1919, when the first anniversary of the end of World War I was marked as Armistice Day. Over time, this observance became a national holiday honoring all veterans, not only those who served in war, but also those who stood watch in times of peace. Today, it remains one of the few national holidays focused on people rather than

events. That matters. Here in Kentucky, we carry a long and proud legacy of military service. Even before we became a state, Kentuckians were stepping up to defend liberty. The final battle of the Revolutionary War, the Battle of Blue Licks, happened right here on our soil. Since then, generations of

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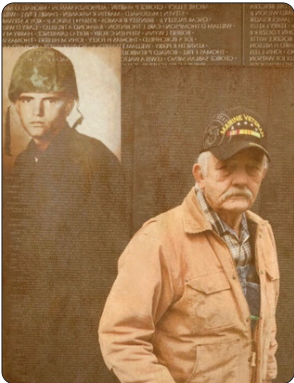
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BATTLE,
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been called “the wizard in the saddle,” because he was so good on a horse and had fought in so many battles. He had over a dozen horses shot out from under him while engaging the enemy.

So, on March 25, 1864, Good Friday morning Forrest’s army came into Paducah on the Mayfield Road. His men had ridden over 100 miles in 50 hours. The fort in Paducah was under the command

of Colonel Stephen Hicks. The 665 men inside the fort were made up of the 127th Illinois Infantry, the 16th KY Cavalry and the 8th USCHA. There were also two Union gunboats protecting the fort, the USS Peosta and the USS Pawpaw.

At 3:00 pm Forrest and his forces of over 2,800 men reached 15th and Broadway. It was here he decided to split his forces. Half his forces went down Broadway th the riverfront while the other half went over to the fort to hold the Union army in the

fort. After Forrest took control of the town he decided to send over a message to the fort under a flag of truce, saying he had a force strong enough to capture the structure, so surrender.

Colonel Hicks refused to surrender so the Confederate army decided to attack.

An article in the Paducah News Democrat was published on March 25, 1927. A local resident, Louis Kolb, Sr. said he witnessed three unsuccessful attacks on the fort. He wrote, “the dismounted Cavalry

men advanced upon the breastworks around Fort Anderson.” Meanwhile another eyewitness, James H. Linn on the USS Pawpaw said the two gunboats shot lots of grapeshot and canister at the southern forces as they stormed the fort. He also said that there were three unsuccessful efforts made to tear down the ramparts.

During the battle, Forrest was also raiding the town for supplies. He burned a steamer in dry dock, burned 60 bales of cotton, captured 50

prisoners and found a considerable amount of supplies. Shelling the city did considerable damage to many buildings. The men inside the fort fired over 27,000 rounds of ammunition and were running low. Hicks ordered his men to fix bayonets to receive the confederates on the point of bayonet.

Fortunately, Forrest had achieved his objective so late in the afternoon that the confederate army left the city and the Battle of Paducah was over. There were approximately 200 men

killed and wounded and both sides declared victory.

The next day Col. Hicks ordered the houses immediately around the fort to be burned. Confederate sharpshooters were using the houses to shoot from second story windows. Six houses were set afire, however the fire spread and engulfed 62 homes.

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Veterans Day is not just about remembering where our veterans have served, but about understanding what that service cost them. It means months and years away from family, birthdays and holidays missed, jobs left behind, and futures put on hold. Some carry visible scars. Others carry burdens you cannot see. And yet they serve. Not for attention, not for reward, but because they believed in protecting something greater than themselves.

When we honor our veterans, we also honor their families. The spouses who hold everything together during deployments, the children who wait

and worry, the parents who send off sons and daughters with pride and prayer. These families may not wear the uniform, but their sacrifices are every bit a part of the story.

This Veterans Day, I encourage you to look beyond the ceremonies. Say thank you, yes—but also ask questions. Listen to stories. Visit with someone who served. Most of all, remember that respect for our veterans should not begin and end on November 11. It should be lived out in how we support them in our communities, how we teach our children about them, and how we uphold the freedoms they fought to defend.

To every veteran in Kentucky and across this nation, thank you. You represent the very best of us. We are safer, freer, and better because of your service. May God bless you, your families, and the United States of America.

Sen. Danny Carroll, R-Paducah, represents the 2nd Senate District, including Ballard, Carlisle, Livingston, Marshall, and McCracken Counties. He serves as co-chair of the Interim

Joint Committee on Families and Children and is a member of the Interim Joint Committees on Education; Judiciary; and Health Services. He serves on the Legislative Oversight and Investigations Committee and is a non-voting ex officio member of the Juvenile Justice Oversight Council. Carroll is also a member of the Medicaid Oversight and Advisory Board. He is also a member of the Governor’s Early Childhood Education Advisory Council and the Child Fatality and Near Fatality Review Panel. Finally, he serves on the National Conference of State Legislatures’ Nuclear Legislative Working Group.

In 2017, Carroll and former Sen. Dennis Parrett worked together to establish the treasured Sunny Page Program as a part of the Senate’s Page Program, which includes full-time constitutional pages, daily pages, and Military Kids Day. The Sunny Page Program was created especially for children with special needs. It allows them to participate in the legislative process

where they are invited to the Kentucky state Capitol and are recognized as they assist their respective state senator in the Senate chamber.

Carroll has been a leading voice in Kentucky’s nuclear energy development efforts. In 2017, he sponsored Senate Bill 11 to lift Kentucky’s moratorium on nuclear energy development. In 2023, he sponsored Senate Joint Resolution 79, which created the Kentucky Nuclear Energy Development Working Group to form a permanent Nuclear Energy Commission within the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet. Most recently, he sponsored Senate Bill 179, which established the Nuclear Energy Development Grant Program within the Kentucky Nuclear Energy Development Authority (KNEDA). The legislation allocated \$10 million from existing University of Kentucky funds to support fuel processing, component manufacturing, supply chain development, facility



Senator Danny Carroll

siting, and waste management. The grant program will be administered by a five-member KNEDA subcommittee and positions Kentucky as a serious competitor in the national nuclear economy.

Carroll also led major reforms of Kentucky’s Department of Juvenile Justice through Senate Bill 162 in 2023, which provided \$50 million to improve staff pay and facility safety across the system.

Please visit Legislature.ky.gov for more information on Senate Majority Caucus members and the recently concluded 2025 Legislative Session, including committees, membership, legislation, and more.

Live legislative coverage is available at KET.org/legislature and via the Legislative Research Commission YouTube channel.

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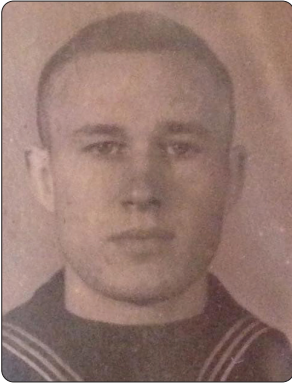
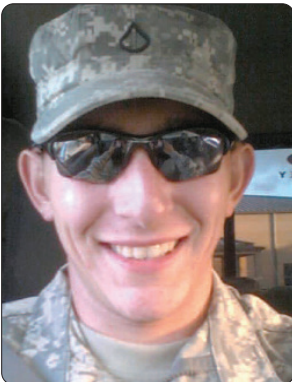
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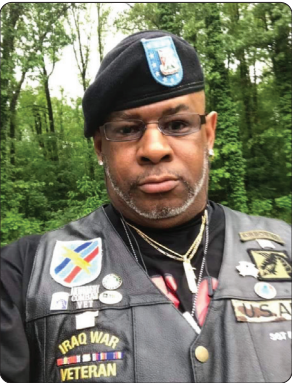
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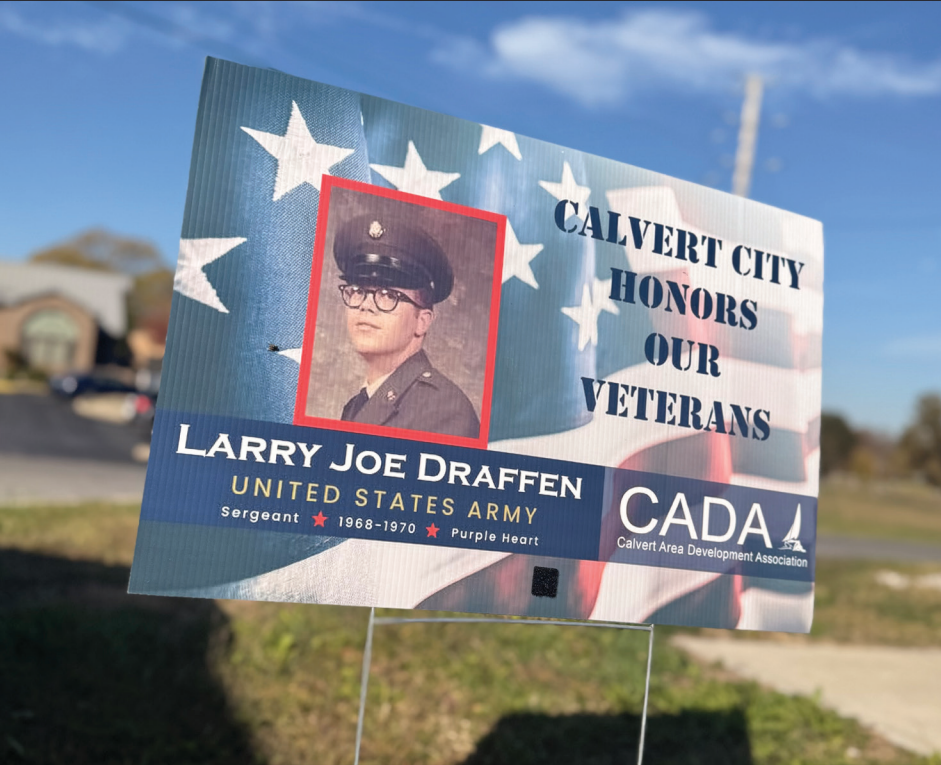
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area, where each sign proudly displays the name and branch of a local hero. The tribute serves as a heartfelt reminder of the courage, dedication, and sacrifice of the men and women who have fought for our freedom. “This display is a special way for our community to pause and reflect on the service and sacrifice of those who protect our country,” said Brittany Story, president of CADA. “CADA is proud to recognize these brave individuals and their families who have given so much in service to our

nation.” The Military Tribute Signs will remain on display throughout the week, offering the perfect opportunity for families, friends, and visitors to honor veterans past and present. Calvert City Hall will be closed in observance of Veterans Day, November 11. Calvert City Memorial Park is open to the public seven days a week. For more information about the tribute or other community events, visit calvertcityky.gov or contact info@calvertcityky.gov.

NQM offers free admission to veterans in November

As November kicks off and we finalize preparations for our Veterans Day program, we are reminded of the unwavering service the men and women in the armed forces provide for us each and every day. To show our appreciation for their sacrifice and dedication, we couldn’t think of a better way than to honor our veterans and active-duty military personnel with free admission to The National Quilt Museum for the entire month of November. If you know a veteran or a service member, please spread the word, as we can’t wait to welcome them to our galleries filled with the world’s best quilts, and now through December

30, the Quilts of Valor: Countdown to America250 exhibition. Read on to learn more about this special exhibition debuting at The National Quilt Museum. On Veterans Day, November 11, at 4:30 p.m., we will host a Quilts of Valor Award Ceremony. Eleven service members and veterans will be presented with a quilt from the Quilts of Valor Foundation, led by representative Nancy Cann. The Paducah Police Department Honor Guard will present the colors. The program is free and open to the public, and we hope that you will join us. We’re also thrilled to announce that Charles Cameron will be at the museum for three days in November for

two meet and greets and an artist talk about his exhibition A Curious Modern Quilter. See the article about Charles’s visit and his upcoming workshop for more details. One last reminder, don’t forget to enter our Fall Sweepstakes before it ends on November 30th. You could win At Home in the Woods, a beautiful quilt designed by McKenna Ryan, quilted by Lori Marvel in 2000, and donated by Martha Martyn. It’s free to enter (no purchase necessary), thanks to one of our newest sponsors, AARP Kentucky. Enter For a Chance to Win at <https://quiltmuseum.org/The-National-Quilt-Museum-Fall-Sweepstakes/> Happy Quilting!

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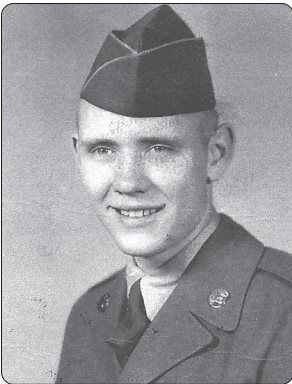
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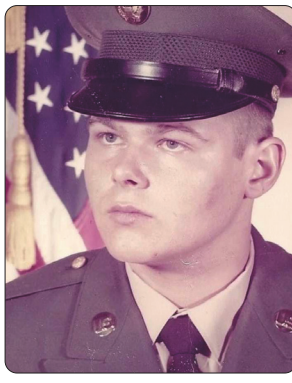
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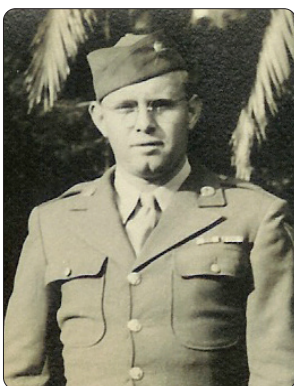
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Skyhawk Veteran’s Association to host 2025 Veterans Week events November 10-14

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The official Veterans Day observance is Nov. 11.

Rolling Thunder is hosting a Veterans Day Parade at 10 a.m. on Sat., Nov. 8, which will begin at the corner of Lovelace and University Street and continue through downtown Martin. Lineup will begin at 9 a.m. in the UT Martin Business Administration Building parking lot. The Missing Man ceremony will be held immediately following the parade at the Martin Public Library stage, followed by a veterans luncheon at American Legion Post 55 located at 221 Central Street in Martin.

In other activities:

- At 6 a.m., Monday, Nov. 10, the Skyhawk Battalion cadets will lead the UT Martin Veterans Week 5K Walk/Run along the Brian Brown Memorial Greenway. The event will honor those who have served in the military and to show pride and unity between and among the ROTC cadets and the UT Martin and local community.
- The Skyhawk Battalion cadets have also organized the UT Martin Veterans Day Ceremony, which will take place at 11 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 11 in the Watkins Auditorium. The ceremony will include comments from Dr. Stephanie Kolitsch, provost and senior vice chancellor for academic affairs, and Lt. Col. Robert Hawkins, UT Martin and Murray State University professor of military science, along with a color guard presentation and performances of the national anthem and military branch music.
- At 1 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 12, the Veterans Walk will begin at the Boling University Center military memorial and will end at the Capt. Brent L. Morel Memorial Bridge along the Brian Brown Greenway. This walk is to honor



HONORING VETERANS – Veterans Week at UT Martin is taking place Nov. 10-14, and various events are being hosted to honor military veterans. Participants in the 2024 UT Martin veterans walk are pictured. This year’s walk is set for 1-2 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 12, and will begin at the Boling University Center. The public is invited to participate.

current service members as well as UT Martin alumnus Marine Capt. Brent L. Morel, who was killed in combat in Iraq in 2004.

- The Skyhawk Battalion will host the annual Veterans Bowl flag football game at 6 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 13, at Hardy M. Graham Stadium. The game will highlight the values of teamwork, discipline and resilience that unite soldiers and veterans, and reinforce community connection and morale.
- At 1 p.m., Friday, Nov. 14, the Skyhawk Battalion will visit the W.D. Manning Tennessee State Veterans Home in Humboldt to recognize and engage with veterans in the local community. ROTC cadets will serve cake and refreshments, distribute appreciation items, and exchange stories with those who served before them, emphasizing the Skyhawk Battalion’s dedication to respect, service and community outreach as they learn from military veterans from previous generations.

Also, part of Veterans Week observances, on Saturday, Nov. 15, the UT Martin Skyhawks will host Charleston Southern in a Military Appreciation football game at 1 p.m. in Hardy M. Graham Stadium. Admission for active duty military and veterans is free.

The university will also reveal a POW/MIA Chair during the game, which is a symbolic display of an empty chair to honor service members who are prisoners of war, missing or killed in action.

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- **Universal life insurance:** This coverage is cheaper than whole life insurance, but still more expensive than term life. With this type of policy, the insured can raise or lower the amount they pay within the limits of the policy.

However, premiums typically increase over time, and individuals may subtract these increased costs against their cash value account component or death benefit. That cash value component grows based on market interest rates, says NerdWallet, and is not guaranteed.

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- **Indexed universal life insurance:** Balancing risk with reward, an indexed universal life insurance policy can have the cash value growth linked to the performance of a stock market index like the S&P 500. Guardian says these policies use downside protection and upside caps. This means that during a bad market year, the insured’s cash value will not decline, but in a good year, the cash value won’t grow as much as the index itself. This policy is good for people who want to invest their money but risk little.
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Tips to make a home more accommodating for holiday guests

Millions of people host family and friends during the holiday season. According to a recent report from the travel and finance experts at Upgraded Points, 57 percent of adults surveyed planned to host a holiday gathering in 2024, while 70 percent of respondents indicated they planned to attend such celebrations.

Hosting is a significant responsibility, but it's also a fun way to catch up with loved ones in a laid back environment. Chances to catch up are even stronger when hosting overnight guests, whose comfort should be a priority as hosts ready their homes for holiday celebrations. Hosts preparing to welcome loved ones into their homes this holiday season can take various steps to make their homes as accommodating as possible for overnight guests.

- Offer a secluded spot to sleep. The holiday season can be hectic, and it can be hard to keep things calm and quiet when returning home. That's especially true in homes with young children. Overnight guests who might be a little weary from traveling will undoubtedly appreciate a place away from the hustle and bustle to rest their heads. Though hosts must make due with the space they have, make a concerted effort to ensure residents remain quiet around guest rooms or other areas where overnight guests will be sleeping. If possible, choose a secluded spot away from areas of the home that tend to be noisy, such as the kitchen and living room/game room.
- Offer some in-room entertainment. Access to the internet and streaming services is nonstop in the modern world, and it can be a nice gesture to ensure overnight guests can stream their favorite content and stay connected during



their stay. Hosts can outfit guest rooms with a smart TV for as little as \$100 and load it up with popular streaming apps so guests can watch an episode or two of their favorite show in private before calling it a night.

- Offer kid-friendly creature comforts. Adults may be accustomed to sleeping outside their own homes, but younger guests might not be as familiar or comfortable sleeping somewhere other than their own bedrooms. If young children will be staying overnight, hosts can consider putting them up in the same bedrooms as their own children, which can be especially fun when kids are roughly the same age. Additional kid-friendly creature comforts include a stuffed animal or two, an in-room night light and some storybooks on a bedside nightstand.
- Include guests in fun traditions. Tradition is a big part of the appeal of the holiday season, and hosts can make guests feel more welcome by inviting them to participate in their own family traditions. Expand family baking sessions to include overnight guests, encourage willing loved ones to pitch in when preparing family meals and let guests pick their favorite holiday film for a family movie night.

Millions of people will host overnight guests this holiday season. Hosts can employ various strategies to ensure overnight guests feel welcome and comfortable during their stay.

Budget-friendly holiday shopping tips

Holiday shopping and entertaining involve a whirlwind of activity to round out the end of the year. The holiday season also tends to be an expensive time of year. According to Capital One Shopping, the average spending for holiday travel, gifts and entertainment expenses is \$1,638. The National Retail Federation says American consumers spend an average of \$997.73 on gifts and other holiday items each Christmas.

For some people, adding an additional \$1,000 to their November or December budgets can be challenging, and many individuals

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Thoughtful gifts for seniors

Gifts from friends and loved ones can make people feel cherished and valued. When these people are the older adults in one’s life, such as parents or grandparents, gifts take on additional meaning because they can warm the hearts of very special people.

Finding unique gifts for seniors can be challenging because these individuals have been receiving gifts for many years, and many may already have everything they need. Inspiration is everything when shopping for the ideal gifts for the older adults in one’s life, and the following are some categories that can serve as a springboard for what to get seniors this holiday season.

Comfort and mobility
Although people like to say, “age is just a number,” getting older

may come with a few aches and pains and even some limitations. Gifts like seat cushions that correct posture or easy on/off sock helpers can be helpful. Cloud foam slippers or even a grab bar that attaches into the hood of the car door can be great gifts.

Fitness and fun
Gifts that cater to interests, well-being and more can be ideal. Active seniors may appreciate a fitness tracker or exercise equipment (yoga mat, light dumbbells, resistance bands) to facilitate fitness goals. Storage solutions for hobbies and craft items also can be fitting. See-through containers to store paints or beads or an organizer for fishing tackle can make seniors’ hobbies even more enjoyable. A roll-up puzzle mat is great for puzzle enthusiasts

to protect their work until completion.

Family gifts
Seniors also may appreciate gifts that touch the heart. A custom recipe cutting board that features a treasured family recipe may become a cherished item. A customized photo calendar that features family members’ birthdays and other key events also is thoughtful. A photo jewelry locket makes a nice gift for a special senior woman.

Travel gifts
Seniors typically have more time to devote to travel than younger adults, and gifts that cater to their wanderlust are a perfect fit. Digital GPS-based devices that connect to keys or luggage can help prevent lost items while traveling. Bright luggage that

won’t get mixed up at the baggage carousel or ergonomic neck pillows that facilitate napping on a flight also can be appreciated.

Those who know destinations the seniors in their lives may want to visit can purchase plane or cruise tickets as a generous gift for

someone special. Various categories can provide ample inspiration when shopping for gifts for seniors this holiday season.



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seek budget-friendly solutions for their holiday celebrations. The following guidelines can help corral spending this year.

Set a budget
It’s impossible to keep a budget if one is never established in the first place. Determine how much you can comfortably spend on gifts, travel and entertaining, as well as any other holiday expenses. Once the number is calculated, divvy up spending accordingly.

Plan your list
Make a list of everyone you need to purchase gifts for, along with gift ideas and estimated costs. Set a dollar amount for each individual, particularly

if you will not be spending the same amount on each person. Having numbers in black and white, and comparing them to what you have allocated for gifts, will enable you to see whether you are overspending or on budget.

Shop early
Begin holiday shopping as early as possible, even months before the holidays arrive. Such an approach enables you to take advantage of sales as they come up. Also, you will not fall victim to impulse buys or last-minute purchases because you are under a time crunch.

Track spending
Utilize whatever method works for you to keep apprised of spending. It may be jotting down numbers on a piece of paper or using a budgeting

app on a smartphone. Having a clear idea of what you have spent and any dollars remaining will help you keep your overall spending in line with your budgeted amount.

Get coupons
Signing up for stores’ loyalty programs can enable you to receive members-only coupons or digital codes to your phone or email. Compare the discounted final price with other stores’ offers to make sure that you are getting the best deals. Browser extensions also can search automatically for coupons and apply them to the checkout when online shopping.

Use credit cards wisely
Credit cards come with various perks, many of which are points or cash back accumulated with each purchase. Utilize a card that works best for your needs, whether it’s to get airline miles or score extra spending money for a particular retailer. Only charge what you can pay in full when the bill arrives; otherwise, the benefits may be negated by high interest rates.

Holiday spending can derail financial plans for those who do not establish a firm budget and commit to spending wisely towards the end of the year.



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Thanksgiving weekend travel tips

Thanksgiving is consistently one of the busiest travel holidays of the year. In fact, AAA indicates that, in the United States, it may be the most traveled of all the holidays, with record numbers of both drivers and air travelers. In 2024, nearly 80 million Americans were expected to travel over Thanksgiving weekend. The Wednesday before Thanksgiving is a particularly busy day on the roads, but high volumes continue throughout the weekend.

A high demand for travel during this time of year means individuals wanting to see friends or family for Thanksgiving should plan accordingly. These tips, courtesy of AAA and the Transportation Safety Administration (TSA), can make Thanksgiving travel go more smoothly.

- Book flights early. If you are able, secure flights early in the day and use personal time off from work to fly in to a destination at the

beginning of the week. The propensity for flights to be delayed or canceled increases as the day and week goes on. An early departure may increase the chances of a flight leaving on time. Also, the TSA reports that the Tuesday and Wednesday before Thanksgiving, as well as the Sunday after, are the busiest days for Thanksgiving air travel. Choosing an alternative day to fly may mean smaller crowds and less stress.

- Consider TSA PreCheck®. TSA PreCheck is a paid program that enables you to get through security lines faster. Interested parties must verify their identities through a third-party service that handles PreCheck applications, and await confirmation of approval. A TSA PreCheck membership lasts for five years. This membership offers consistent time savings at the airport with dedicated PreCheck lanes, and the benefit of keeping items like laptops and liquids in your bag.
- Consider traveling



by train. If Amtrak services your destination, taking the train may be the least stressful way to travel over Thanksgiving. In addition to not having to navigate roadways or sit in traffic, you won't face security screening like you will at the airport. Once on the train, there is Wi-Fi, nice views and efficient travel. Trips booked in advance are more affordable than booking closer to the holiday.

- Pack light. Avoiding the baggage carousel can shave much time off of travel. Plus, there's no risk of luggage getting diverted or not making it to your final destination. A carry-on bag is the way to go for ease, particularly if you must get on a different flight if the original one is delayed or canceled.
- Service your car. If road travel is planned for Thanksgiving, make sure your car is

in good condition for a road trip. Be up-to-date on oil changes, make sure the tires are properly inflated and double-check your emergency preparedness kit prior to leaving. It also may be a good idea to invest in AAA benefits, which afford extra peace of mind in the event of a breakdown as well as savings on travel-related expenses, such as lodging.

- Pack your patience.

In addition to your holiday essentials, it is wise to also pack some patience this Thanksgiving travel season. Leave extra time so you're not racing to your destination and can calmly contend with people also looking to get home for the holidays.

Thanksgiving means turkey and trimmings, but also millions of people traveling to give thanks alongside those they love.

What to get the sports fanatic on your holiday shopping list this year

Diehard sports fans are a passionate lot. That passion is something to keep in mind come the holiday season, when shoppers typically must find the right fit for everyone

on their list. Such an undertaking is no small task, as veteran shoppers know that the right gift for one person on their list rarely aligns with the perfect fit for another

loved one. But when it comes to finding gifts for sports fans, the options are endless.

- Gear: Some sports fans are spectators, while others can't wait to compete. Some

new gear can be just what fans in the latter group are hoping to find under the tree this holiday season. Avid golfers may love a new driver or golf bag, while loved

ones who can't wait for softball season to start each spring may consider a new bat the best gift they receive this holiday season. Whatever sport sparks your favorite athlete's passion, there's sure to be some gear that can help them take their game to the next level.

- Tickets: Perhaps nothing sparks sports fans' passion more strongly than seeing their favorite team in person, and that's even more true in a post-pandemic sports landscape. Popular sports like football, baseball and basketball have traditionally sold lots of tickets, but even sports like college volleyball and Major League Soccer have set attendance records since fans were allowed to return to stadiums after the

removal of pandemic-related restrictions. The demand for tickets to live sporting events has spiked as a result, and Team Marketing Report noted National Football League tickets increased by nearly 9 percent in 2023 and Major League Baseball tickets increased by 3.5 percent in that same year. Such increases have priced some fans out of the market, which is why tickets can make for such a great gift this holiday season. The gift of attending a game in person is something a loved one won't soon forget.

- Apparel: Proud sports fans want to show their true colors, and nothing makes it easier to

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limited time

A promotional image for Buffalo Ranch McDonald's menu items. It features a Buffalo Ranch Snack Wrap, four pieces of McCrispy chicken strips with Buffalo Ranch Sauce, and a Bacon Buffalo Ranch Deluxe McCrispy. The Buffalo Ranch logo is prominently displayed in the center.

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Notable monuments to veterans across the United States

Veterans Day honors the millions of men and women who have sacrificed much to serve in the United States military. Veterans Day is commemorated each year on November 11 because it was that day in 1918 when an armistice was reached between combatants in World War I, which estimates suggest claimed the lives of as many as 22 million people.

There are many ways for Americans to celebrate veterans on Veterans Day. Visiting war memorials can instill a greater sense of appreciation for the men and women who have served in the United States military. The following are some notable war memorials honoring veterans across the United States.

Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is an iconic memorial located in Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia. Cemetery officials note New York Congressman and World War I veteran Hamilton Fish, Jr., played an integral role in establishing the Tomb of the

Unknown Soldier by proposing legislation that provided for the internment of one unknown American soldier killed during WWI. Guards are now present at the tomb 24/7, and visitors, including U.S. presidents and foreign dignitaries, typically lay a wreath at the tomb to honor the sacrifices of all U.S. veterans.

Korean War Veterans Memorial
The Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. honors the roughly 1.5 million American veterans who fought alongside forces from the United Nations in a conflict that lasted from 1950 to 1953. Nineteen sculptures depicting U.S. servicemen on patrol during the conflict are among the many notable components of this moving memorial, which also features a wall and pool of remembrance that display the names of the more than 36,000 Americans killed during the Korean War.

Liberty Memorial
The Liberty Memorial in Kansas City, Missouri, was built in 1926 to honor



the brave American service members who lost their lives in World War I. The Liberty Memorial, which is now known as the National World War I Museum and Memorial, is an iconic landmark in Kansas City that features the Liberty Memorial Tower, which rises 217 feet about Memorial Courtyard and 268 feet above the North Lawn. The top of the tower emits a flame at night to create a stunning visual. Memory Hall on the east side of the Liberty Memorial Tower containing a portion of the Panthéon de la Guerre, an iconic French painting that depicts the Allied

nations of World War I.

USS Arizona Memorial
The USS Arizona Memorial in Honolulu, Hawaii, is dedicated to preserving the memories of the sacrifices of servicemen who

fought in the Pacific theater throughout World War II. The memorial marks the resting place of more than 1,100 sailors during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, an event that led to U.S. involvement in World War II. The memorial is accessible exclusively by boat and the sunken remains of the battleship USS Arizona straddle the site.

These are just four of the many notable landmarks that commemorate the sacrifice and service of U.S. military members over the course of the nation's history.

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do so than team apparel. According to Statista, the global sports apparel market generated roughly \$213 billion USD in revenue in 2023. A jersey with the name and number of a loved one's favorite player can make for the ultimate



apparel gift, but don't overlook T-shirts, hats, outerwear, or other options this holiday season.

- Television: The popularity of watching sports is undeniable and the proof is in the financial pudding. For example, Statista reports the annual value of the NFL's deal with ABC/

ESPN/Disney to broadcast "Monday Night Football" was approximately \$2.7 billion in 2023. That figure underscores how much fans love watching their favorite teams, and they need somewhere to do so. There may be no quicker route to a sports fan's heart than through a new television to make the viewing experience that much better. The prices on 4K UHD televisions have dropped considerably in recent years, so a new TV can make the perfect gift for the sports fan in your life. Split the cost with fellow loved ones and then enjoy watching your favorite sports fan react upon seeing his or her new television under the tree.

These are just a few of the many gifts to consider for the diehard sports fan on your shopping list this holiday season.

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Four Rivers Behavioral Health launches new Mental Health Care Program for seniors

PADUCAH, KY – Four Rivers Behavioral Health has created SilverCare, a new comprehensive program for geriatric patients. SilverCare is part of the agency’s

Center for Medical Services and is led by Dr. Laurie Ballew, D.O. ED.D. DLFAPA, who specializes in geriatric psychiatry. The program takes individual services

offered at Four Rivers Behavioral Health and bundles them with a focus on seniors. Psychiatric care is the primary offering of SilverCare. The organization’s

medical team includes providers who specialize in geriatric psychiatry and are well-versed in caring for seniors and addressing the unique challenges

of geriatric patients, including concerns like dementia, early-onset Alzheimer’s Disease, social isolation and home safety. Other concerns for seniors include substance abuse, nutritional counseling, depression, anxiety and grief.

I’m so pleased we offer a care plan tailored for older patients. For seniors, it means they can take advantage of a variety of mental health care services all in one place.”

Four Rivers Behavioral Health is a private, not-for-profit community mental health agency that provides comprehensive mental health, substance use disorder and developmental/intellectual disability services in western Kentucky. The agency is an Inlet Health company.

Inlet Health is a partnership between Communicare, Inc. of Elizabethtown, Kentucky and Four Rivers Behavioral Health which is headquartered in Paducah, Kentucky. As Inlet Health, the combined agencies serve 17 counties in central and western Kentucky. Inlet Health provides in-school clinicians to more than 75 schools in western and central Kentucky and offers more than 70 specific programs and specialized services. Jointly, Communicare, Inc. and Four Rivers Behavioral Health employ about 1,000 Inlet Health staff members. Nearly 100 of those employees are licensed behavioral health clinicians with the remainder being doctors, nurses, nurse-practitioners, peer support specialists, clinical associates and business support staff.

Dr. Ballew is a Board-Certified Psychiatrist with the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology: Psychiatry, the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology: Psychosomatic Medicine and the American Board of Addiction Medicine. She is a Distinguished Life Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association. In 2024, she was named as one of the 100 Best Doctors in Kentucky and was named one of the Top 100 Addiction Psychiatrists in the U.S. in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024.

Details can be found at 4rbh.org.

In addition to psychiatric care, SilverCare offers case management assistance as well as outpatient and group therapy sessions, focusing on issues important to the elderly, like grief counseling and coping with dementia or depression. Therapists at Four Rivers Behavioral Health employee many different, evidence-based treatment models such as Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing or trauma-focused treatments when working with seniors.

Dr. Ballew said, “Oftentimes, as we age, our emotional well-being takes a backseat to physical health. While this phenomenon is understandable, and physical health is certainly important - especially for older people - mental health plays an important role in the overall well-being of seniors.”

Seniors struggling with anxiety or depression could develop physical manifestations of those conditions. For example, if an older person is suffering from anxiety, they could find it difficult to participate in social activities or may even struggle with leaving the house. This could lead to a lack of exercise with physical health consequences like heart disease, high blood pressure or arthritis. And, by not socializing with others, seniors lessen their mental stimulation, which could worsen early symptoms of dementia.

Dr. Ballew added, “Psychiatry is an important part of treating older people’s overall health which is why I chose to complete additional training in the field of geriatric psychiatry.

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