



# AG UPDATE Managing small mammals: Practical strategies for gardens and orchards

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Small rodents and burrowing mammals may be tiny, but their impact on lawns, gardens, orchards and crop areas can be substantial. Understanding which animal is causing damage — and how to respond — is the first step toward effective management.

Rabbits, voles, moles and shrews each leave distinct calling cards. Rabbits clip young plant stems with clean, straight-across cuts, thanks to their sharp incisors. Voles leave small, rounded burrow openings near vegetables and gnaw at the plants themselves, their roots or tubers underground. Moles, by contrast, are insectivores that feed on grubs and worms; their signature is raised soil ridges and dirt mounds, not plant damage. Shrews are rarely a garden problem at all, despite



their fearsome reputation as the only venomous mammals in the region.

One practical rule of thumb: Where there is one small rodent, there are likely many more. These species reproduce rapidly, adapt to a wide range of conditions and fill ecological niches quickly, meaning that eliminating one population often invites another to move in. Before reaching for

traps or chemicals, simple habitat modifications can go a long way. Maintaining a three-foot vegetation-free zone around the base of young trees protects against girdling by voles and rabbits. Keeping grass mowed short beneath trees removes the cover that small mammals rely on. Wrapping tree bases with metal hardware cloth provides an additional physical barrier that is both affordable

and effective.

One of the most cost-effective management strategies is encouraging natural predators. Installing raptor perches or nesting boxes — such as barn owl or kestrel boxes — attracts birds of prey that can dramatically reduce local rodent populations. A single barn owl feeding chicks may deliver more than four dozen rodents to its nest in a single night.

An important caution: Do not combine predator encouragement with rodenticide use. Poisoned rodents behave erratically and are easily caught by predators, causing toxins to move up the food chain — a dynamic already linked to declines in barn owl populations.

For small, localized rodent populations, peanut-butter-baited snap traps are reliable and inexpensive. Place them at active

burrow openings and continue until no animals are caught for three consecutive days. For moles specifically, worm-shaped baits placed inside active tunnels are highly effective, but locating the active tunnel first is essential. Flatten several tunnel sections, then return the next day to see which has been reopened.

For larger-scale vole problems in production orchards, zinc phosphide is a powerful option, though it requires careful handling as a restricted-use pesticide. Always use enclosed bait stations to prevent non-target wildlife from accessing the material, and apply in late fall to protect trees heading into winter.

With patience and the right combination of strategies, small mammal damage is a manageable — if persistent — challenge.

## New Scam Alert Issued by Ballard, Graves County Sheriffs

By **Laurna Todd**  
KPI Writer

Local law enforcement officials are warning residents about a new scam circulating across the region that appears to be an official court notice but is fraudulent.

According to the Ballard County Sheriff's Office and the Graves County Sheriff's Office, individuals have reported receiving messages claiming

to be a "Final Notice – Court Enforcement Action" related to unpaid traffic violations.

While reports have currently been confirmed in Ballard and Graves counties, officials caution that other counties may also be affected, even if cases have not yet been formally reported at the time of publication.

The message is designed to look legiti-

mate, referencing the "State of Kentucky," court case numbers, and even naming a judge. It lists alleged violations such as failure to pay electronic tolls, parking violations, or speeding offenses, along with Kentucky Revised Statutes to appear official.

However, officials emphasize that this message is not legitimate.

The notice falsely claims the matter is under active court enforcement and may attempt to pressure recipients into clicking links or taking immediate action. Authorities warn that scammers are increasingly using realistic language and formatting to deceive individuals into providing personal or financial information.

Residents are urged

not to click on any links or respond to messages from unknown or suspicious sources. The safest course of action is to delete the message immediately.

Law enforcement also reminds the public that legitimate court or government agencies do not typically issue enforcement notices through unsolicited text messages or emails

requesting immediate action.

Anyone who receives a suspicious message is encouraged to contact their local law enforcement agency or city hall to verify its legitimacy.

Officials stress that staying cautious and aware is the best defense, as scammers continue to target communities with increasingly convincing tactics.



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# Leo JM: a local rising star in Latin music with a heart of gold

By Teresa LeNeave  
KPI Writer

PADUCAH, KY - Leo JM, a Venezuelan singer-songwriter, has found a second home in Paducah where he has been making his mark in the Latin music scene. Leo is a dedicated, passionate artist, who blends salsa rhythms with personal experiences. Through his music, Leo is on a journey of musical transformation where he hopes to bring joy to all those who listen.

Having moved to the United States seeking a better future for his family, Leo carries with him the musical spirit of his homeland—Venezuela. He arrived in Paducah with hopes of providing for his daughter and securing a future for his loved ones, who remain back in Venezuela. Paducah quickly became more than just a place of residence; it became a community where Leo found not only new friends but a family that supports him in both life and music.

Leo's determination shines through every aspect of his life. He works three jobs: at a local restaurant, cleaning, and doing deliveries, while also pursuing his musical dream. Despite the challenges, he continues to study English and refine his musical skills, all while producing homemade videos with his manager, Esther Arreaza, who has been an integral part of his journey. "Without Esther's support, I wouldn't have come this far," Leo reflects, acknowledging the importance of their partnership in his career.

Leo's unique blend of salsa, a genre that exudes energy and passion, reflects his deep connection to his roots. His dedication to music is obvious, as he strives to bring joy through every song. "I want my songs to make people feel something special, to bring them joy and motivation," he says.

Last year marked a pivotal point in his career. Leo's song "Date la Vuelta" won the pres-



Music award winner, Leo JM, is a Venezuelan singer-songwriter from Paducah. He currently works three jobs while studying English and pursuing this musical career.

tigious Best Latin Song 2025 at the Kentucky Latin Music Awards, a moment that he describes as "incredible" and a major motivation to keep going. "It's a reminder that hard work and perseverance pay off," Leo adds with gratitude.

He said his inspiration comes from family, culture and his own experiences. "I like

to tell stories through my songs and I hope it connects with people. I want to offer them music with heart and soul."

He is already gearing up for his next single, "Invierno" (Winter), which he describes as a catchy Latin track that will surely resonate with his fans. His future plans include continuing to grow as

an artist and reaching a wider audience with his music.

One of his biggest upcoming events is performing as a guest artist at the 2026 Latin Music Awards KY in Louisville, Kentucky, where he has been nominated again for his musical talents. This opportunity is a testament to his rapid rise in the Latin music

world and his growing fanbase.

As Leo's journey continues, his unwavering dedication to both his family and his music remains at the core of everything he does. He hopes his success story can inspire others to keep chasing their dreams, no matter the obstacles they face. "I'm grateful for every opportunity I've received, and I hope to continue growing and sharing my music with the world," he says with a smile.

For Leo JM, the sky is the limit as he continues to blend heart, passion, and dedication into every note, reminding his fans, and himself, that with perseverance, anything is possible.

He has produced four videos. You can find him on Instagram: @leojm\_oficial; on Facebook: Leo JM; on YouTube: leojmoficial. To find out more about Leo or to book him at an event, contact his manager, Esther Arreaza at estherarreaza63@yahoo.com

## Kentucky State Parks Announce Completed Preservation and Enhancement Efforts at Eight Historic Sites

FRANKFORT, Ky. – Today, the Kentucky Department of Parks announced it has completed preservation and improvement projects at eight state park historic sites across the commonwealth using \$75,000 in grant funding through the America250KY initiative.

"These efforts have allowed our state historic sites and parks to preserve and restore the places where Kentucky's story was made," said Kentucky State Parks Commissioner Mark Kellen. "Thanks to these completed projects, more visitors will get to learn about our parks and the important history behind them."

The completed projects which help preserve and enhance the visitor experience at sites across the commonwealth include:

Big Bone Lick State Historic Site Replica megafauna bones, including mastodon and mammoth remains, were purchased to enhance hands-on educational programming and

provide visitors with a connection to Kentucky's prehistoric past.

Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park New shelving and archival supplies were purchased to protect and preserve historical artifacts. A smartboard was secured to enhance educational efforts, enabling the use of videos and presentations.

Thomas Walker State Historic Site The expansion of the National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) through the purchase of bows, arrows, targets and racks will allow more children to participate. Additionally, kayaks and life jackets were also purchased to increase access to guided trips along the Cumberland River.

Fort Boonesborough State Park Artifacts from the original Fort Boonesborough site underwent conservation assessment and treatment.

Isaac Shelby Cemetery State Historic Site Using specialized conservation supplies, the gravestone-cleaning

project allowed staff to clean gravestones and prevent further deterioration.

John Audubon State Park New cabinetry was installed to ensure safe artifact storage, conserve historic clothing and improve the preservation of sensitive collections. Trail cameras were installed to monitor wildlife activity, and a new interpretive sign was created to educate visitors about the park's nature preserve.

Old Mulkey Meetinghouse State Historic Site New shelving, lighting and display case materials were installed to showcase historic items such as a saddlebag, horn spoon, clay pipe and eyeglasses.

Wickliffe Mounds State Historic Site Outdated storage boxes were replaced with 500 archival boxes, and archival plastic bags replaced paper field bags, improving the protection of archaeological collections.

The grants, administered by the Kentucky Historical Society and

the Kentucky Sestercentennial Commission, ensure Kentucky's diverse history is recognized and preserved for future generations.

The Kentucky Sestercentennial Commission was established to plan

and implement events leading up to the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. For more information on America250KY and the America250KY grant program and eligibility criteria,

visit [history.ky.gov/america250ky](http://history.ky.gov/america250ky).

Kentucky is home to 44 state parks, including 17 resort parks and 13 golf courses. For more information about Kentucky State Parks, visit [parks.ky.gov](http://parks.ky.gov).



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**Tuesday, April 28**

**5pm-6pm**

**Large Community Room**

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**Thursday, April 30**

**4pm-5:30pm**

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**Monday, May 4**

**4pm-5pm**

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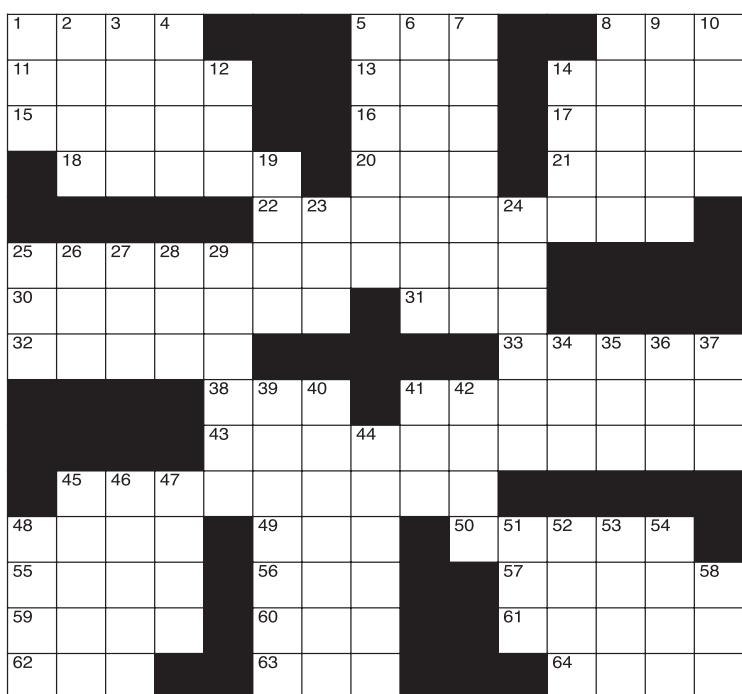


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### Crossword Puzzle



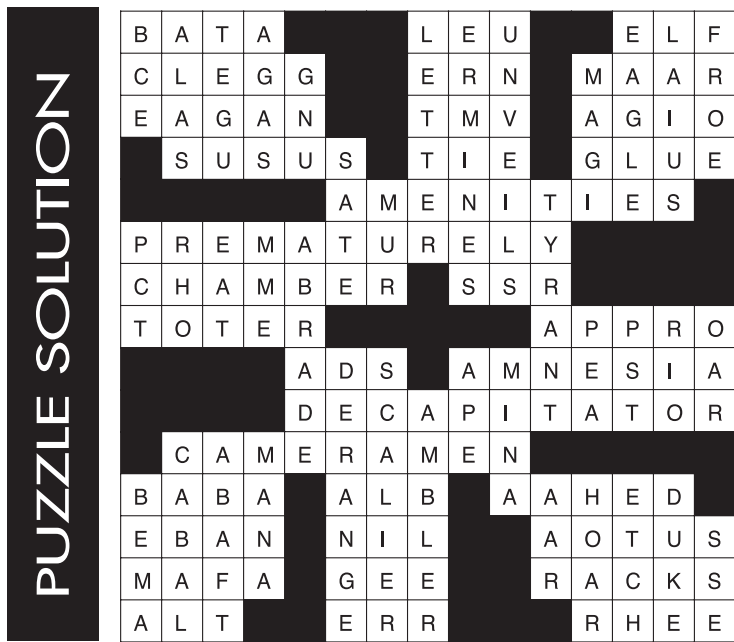
**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Egyptian bull-god
- 5. Romanian monetary unit
- 8. Will Ferrell holiday film
- 11. "It Ain't Half Hot Mum" actor
- 13. Error-related negativity
- 14. Volcanic crater
- 15. Boston Herald columnist Margery
- 16. True market value
- 17. Italian term for exchange rate
- 18. Informal loan clubs
- 20. Men's fashion accessory
- 21. Children's craft supply
- 22. Extra benefits
- 25. In an early way
- 30. A judge has one
- 31. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 32. Tractor unit
- 33. Defunct supercomputer developer
- 38. Promotional materials
- 41. A forgetful state
- 43. One who beheads
- 45. Photographers
- 48. Small, rich sponge cake
- 49. Clergy's vestment
- 50. Expressed pleasure
- 55. Abba \_\_, Israeli politician
- 56. Zero
- 57. Ancient Greek word for "earless"
- 59. Nigerian governmental area
- 60. Mild expression of surprise
- 61. Places to hang things
- 62. Keyboard key
- 63. Make a mistake
- 64. One-time president of Republic of Korea

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Bridge building degree
- 2. Expression of sorrow or pity
- 3. Large, stocky lizard
- 4. Romanian river
- 5. Communication
- 6. Stoats
- 7. Showcases
- 8. Bird of prey
- 9. King of Thebes
- 10. Cleaving tool
- 12. Large African antelope
- 14. Three are particularly notable
- 19. Meet one's needs
- 23. C. European river
- 24. Dictator
- 25. Indicates how much out of 100 (abbr.)
- 26. The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
- 27. Consume food
- 28. Woman (French)
- 29. Scrape a surface
- 34. Green vegetable
- 35. Pacific Standard Time
- 36. Capital of Brazilian city
- 37. Paddle
- 39. Cause to become insane
- 40. Drier and flakier
- 41. Mimic
- 42. ESPN personality Kimes
- 44. One who moves slowly
- 45. Secret political clique
- 46. Behind the stern of a ship
- 47. Supernatural force
- 48. Sanctuary
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Grayish white
- 53. Engrave by coating
- 54. North Carolina university
- 58. Midway between south and southeast

**Puzzle Solutions on B9**



### Crypto Fun



- Solve the code to discover words related to spring sports. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 3 = E)
- A. 18 21 6 26 3 24**  
Clue: Participant
  - B. 20 3 6 22**  
Clue: Group of players
  - C. 17 7 12 24 3**  
Clue: Total points
  - D. 10 1 2 2 3 24**  
Clue: Champion

Answers: A. player B. team C. score D. winner

### April Jokes

**Why can't a rabbit's nose be 12 inches long?**  
Because then it would be a foot.

**What do you call a rabbit with fleas?**  
Bugs bunny.

### Word Search

**SPORTS TIME WORD SEARCH**

**ANSWERS IN THE B SECTION**

**WORDS**

- ATHLETE
- CHAMPIONSHIP
- COACH
- COMPETITION
- DEFENSE
- DRILLS
- ENDURANCE
- EQUIPMENT
- FITNESS
- HALFTIME
- LEAGUE
- MVP
- OFFENSE
- OPPONENT
- OVERTIME
- REFEREE
- ROSTER
- SCOREBOARD
- STADIUM
- TEAMMATE
- TOURNAMENT
- TRAINING
- TROPHY
- VICTORY

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

### Sudoku Puzzle

**How it Works:**

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

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

### Word Scramble

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to sports.

**MHTLEE**

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Answer: Helmet

### Guess Who?

**GUESS WHO?**

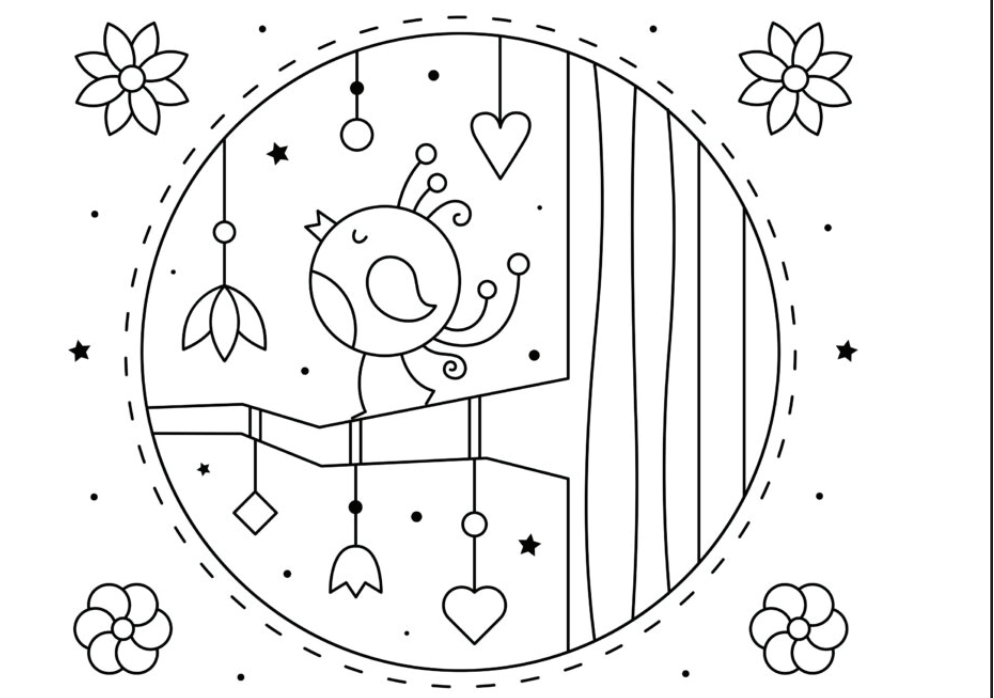
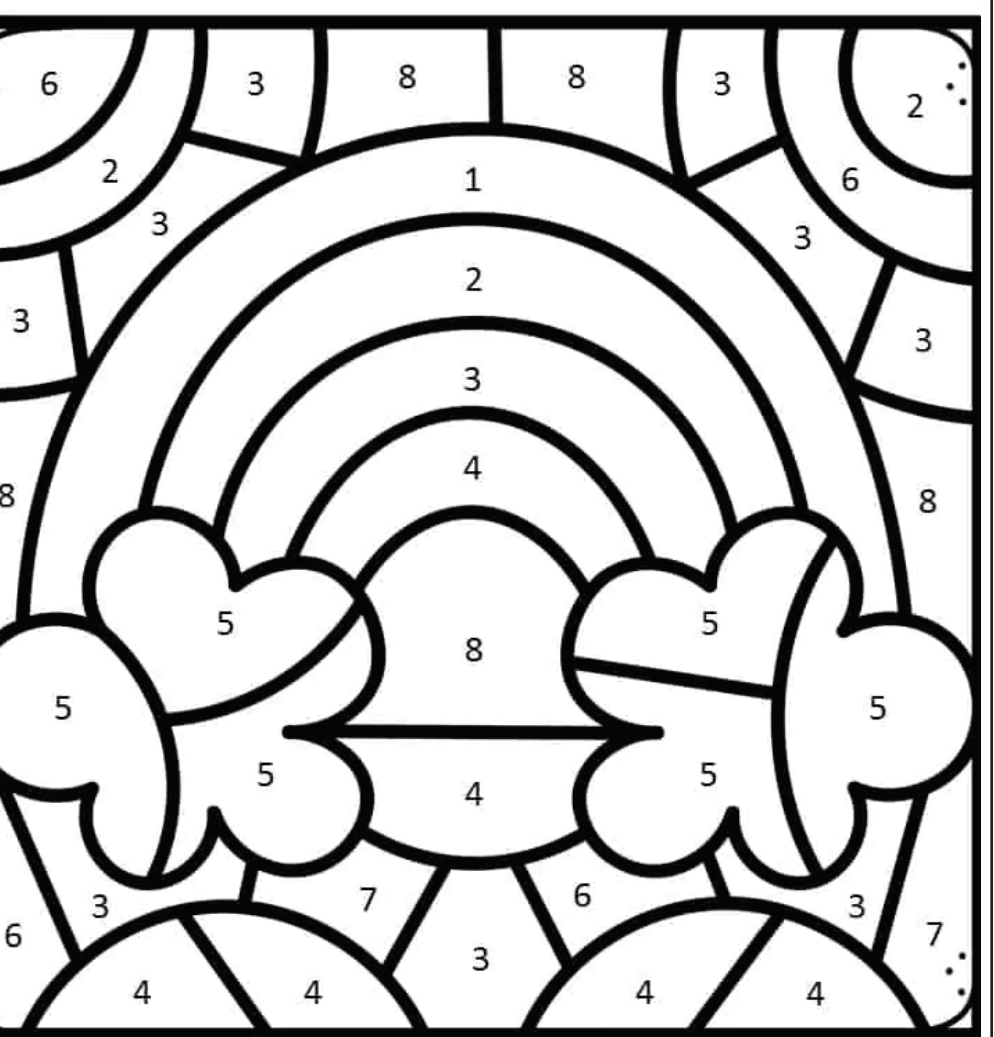
I am a rapper born in Texas on April 22, 1990. My parents were missionaries and we lived in various countries when I was growing up. I learned to speak Arabic before English. I gained fame with Stamp of Approval and became known for my rapid-fire lyrics, perhaps a nod to my stage name.

Answer: Machine Gun Kelly

### COLORING FUN

## SPRING COLOR BY NUMBER

Directions: Color the picture according to the code.



# WEST KY SPORTS



## Bomber Baseball Learning Curve



(Photo by Tim Taylor)

By Tim Taylor  
KPI Sports Writer

Ballard Memorial baseball team is going through a learning curve in the middle portion of their 2026 schedule. Scoring woes have limited the Bombers ability to stay in contention during that time. After dropping a 14-1 decision in their All A semifinal game against St. Mary, the Bombers had a rematch with the Vikings in their next outing. The Vikings roared out to a 9-0 lead after two innings. Losing their prior 6

games, it would have been easy for the Bombers to give up and start focusing on their next game. Instead, they took advantage of their opportunities and rallied back. The Bombers scored a combined 7 runs in the last 2 innings and had the tying run at third base and potential winning run on 2nd base. However, they were left stranded as they dropped their 7th consecutive game with the Vikings winning 14-13. Getting back into the batting cage and staying focused at the plate and in the field will be key

developments for the Bombers as they head toward the last month of their season. They committed 5 errors and still struck out 9 times in the loss to St. Mary, including a strikeout to end the game. "We have to play 7 innings," said Coach Scott Matlock knowing that part of the team's development is to stay focused from start to finish and realize every play matters. With 4 district games approaching, the importance of playing a strong physical and mental game during that stretch will be imperative.

## Lady Bomber Senior Night Celebration



From left, Trinity Williams, Miley Nichols, Serenity Owens and MacLaine Mathis were recognized during senior night for their contributions to the Lady Bombers softball program. Photo by Travis Holder

By Tim Taylor  
KPI Sports Writer

Coming off the disappointment of the All A 1st Region Championship loss, the Lady Bomber softball team needed a positive boost. They celebrated Senior Night which provided that positive celebration. The coaches, players, fans, and parents recognized seniors MacLaine Mathis, Miley Nichols, Serenity Owens, and Trinity Williams. They have been a staple for the last 5 years that has helped guide

them to a pair of All A 1st Region Championships during that span and All A State Runner up finish in 2025. They exploded for a 16 run 2nd inning in their 16-0 3-inning shutout over Mayfield on Senior night. They followed with a home game against top 10 ranked team in the state, McCracken County. Errors continued to plague the Lady Bombers. Four errors led to 6 unearned runs in their 8-2 loss to the Lady Mustangs. Ballard Memorial out hit McCracken County 7-6,

but the Lady Mustangs took advantage of their extra opportunities. The Lady Bombers must play better defensively if they want to be contenders in the regional tournament. Coach Scott Alexander is anticipating the hitting to continue to improve but knows the challenges facing the team are limiting their miscues. Learning how to go onto the next play and not letting mistakes snowball will determine how far Ballard Memorial advances in tournament play next month.

## Bombers Top 5 at PTI



(Photo by Tim Taylor)

By Tim Taylor  
KPI Sports Writer

The Ballard Memorial boy's and girl's track team came away with top 5 finishes at the Paducah Tilghman Invitational track meet. It was a rainy and dreary day for the athletes, but that did not deter the Bomber athletes. The Lady Bombers finished 4th and Bombers were 5th best on the day. Freshman Brantley McDanel jumped his way to a first ever varsity win recording the lon-

gest jump in the Long Jump and followed that with a 4th place finish in the Triple Jump. Sophomore Blakeley Shepherd continues her throwing dominance with a first place finish in the Discus. She has not thrown less than triple digit feet in any of her meets this season. She also threw the 3rd best in the Shot Put. The Lady Bombers overall had 8 top 5 finishes in their events and the Bombers ended with 9 finishes in the top 5 in 18 different events.

Shepherd followed that up with a personal best 113 feet in the Discus throw at the McCracken Quad III meet. Jacob Wilkins also had a personal best in the boy's Discus at the McCracken Quad III meet. Coach Zack Lisanby likes the fact that the athletes are hitting their stride at this junction of the season. The team has 3 more meets before regionals and they look to reach more personal records heading into post season competition.

## Boling named Finalist for KHSAA Student Advisory Group

Staff Report

PADUCAH — Paducah Tilghman High School junior Madelyn Boling has been named a Finalist for the 2026-27 Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) Student Advisory Group and to represent the KHSAA at the National Federation of State High School Association Student Leadership Summit on July 14-17 in Indianapolis.

Sixteen student-athletes from across the Commonwealth of Kentucky will be selected for the Student Advisory Group.

The Student Advisory Group focuses on relevant and contemporary issues affecting today's students in education-based athletics and performing arts. Students sharpen their leadership skills and realize the privilege and power of their influence in their school, community, and state. The program is designed to help students hone



(Photo courtesy of Madelyne Boling)

their leadership abilities and teach them how to effectively influence and lead their peers in a positive manner.

Boling is a three-year member of Paducah Tilghman's varsity soccer team and varsity softball team. She was a three-year starter on the varsity basketball team and was honored as an All-District selection in 2024. Boling is also a

PTHS Student Ambassador and member of Concordia A Capella Ensemble, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Future Business Leaders of America, Beta Club and NHS. She's an active member of Immanuel Baptist Church and is employed by The Dirt Road.

Madelyne Boling is the daughter of Lacy and Jason Boling.

## Bomber Tennis Close Match Play

By Tim Taylor  
KPI Sports Writer

The Bomber tennis team came up empty in their match against one of the top teams in the region in Paducah Tilghman. The team

bounced back against Graves County. Luke Fickes won his match 8-6 and he combined with Chipper Collins to win their doubles match 8-5. Collins lost his singles match in extended play 9-7.

Keaton Dowdy and Cyrus Woolen also lost in extended play 9-8. In girl's action, Madelyn Davis won her match 8-2 while she and Skye Kahler won in doubles play 6-4. Sinanna Beaur-

gard and Rachel Perry lost in a nail-biter 9-8. Coach Doug Kineman and his tennis team continue to progress as they head down the home stretch. Ballard Memorial tennis team expects to have some

competitive matches hosting the West Kentucky Lions on Thursday April 30th and beginning the final month of May with a match at St. Mary against the Vikings. The team has only a

pair of regular season matches following that as they prepare for the team tournament starting on May 8th and the individual regional tournament play begins on May 11th.



Paducah Tilghman High School senior Mason Copeland signed with the Midway University football program during a ceremony held at PTHS on Wednesday, April 15. Copeland is a multi-sport athlete at PTHS. He played football for four years, basketball for three years and has run track for four years. During Copeland's four years at PTHS, the football team compiled a 46-10 overall record, winning one state championship and three regional championships. (Photo courtesy of Paducah Tilghman High School)



Paducah Tilghman High School senior Aiden Forthman signed with the Midway University track & field program during a ceremony held at PTHS on Wednesday, April 15. Forthman is a multi-sport athlete, running track and cross country and playing basketball for PTHS. Forthman was a state competitor for three years in cross country. He was a regional honorable mention selection in cross country as a sophomore. During his time at PTHS, the Blue Tornado cross country team won one regional championship and placed third at the state meet. He helped the Tornado basketball team win one district championship, finish as the district runner-up twice and region runner-up once. (Photo courtesy of Paducah Tilghman High School)

## Adjustment in minimum body fat percentage for females highlights high school wrestling rules changes

### Staff Report

LEXINGTON — In an effort to establish a more healthy process for girls involved in high school wrestling, the minimum body fat percentage for females has been raised from 12 to 19 percent, effective with the 2026-27 season.

Revisions to weight-control rules (1-5-1, 1-5-2) were two of 18 rules changes recommended by the NFHS Wrestling Rules Committee at its March 29-31 meeting in Indianapolis. All rules changes were reviewed by the NFHS Rules Review Committee and approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

In making this significant change, the committee reviewed information from the

National Wrestling Coaches Association, the proud supporter of the NFHS, and had the backing of the NFHS Sports Medicine Advisory Committee.

The committee determined that based on peer-reviewed research data, increasing the body fat percentage for high school girls establishes a safer margin for minimal wrestling weight for those girls intent on achieving a lower weight class.

"This is a huge victory for girls involved in high school wrestling," said Elliot Hopkins, NFHS director of sports, sanctioning and student services, and liaison to the Wrestling Rules Committee. "Now, girls will not be forced to go through unhealthy weight-loss

efforts, and it allows girls to be their natural selves. It definitely will help those girls in the larger weight classes, and it will provide more opportunities for girls to be involved in high school wrestling."

In another significant change for next year, bleeding has been added to recovery time in Rule 5-28-3. Now, if a contestant is injured or bleeding as a result of an illegal hold/maneuver, unnecessary roughness, unsportsmanlike conduct during the match or the result of a false start (by the opponent) in the neutral position, the wrestler is entitled to two minutes of recovery time.

The committee determined that a bleeding contestant should not have to bleed for five

minutes before being declared the winner if injured because of any of the aforementioned situations.

Language was added to the stalling rules in Rule 7-6-3. Beginning next year, when wrestling is stopped for going out of bounds in the neutral position, one of the following calls should be made: stalling by one of the wrestlers for leaving the wrestling areas, stalling by pushing or pulling the opponent out of bounds, stalling by backing out of the wrestling area, or wrestling action is taking place.

The committee noted that by announcing one of these calls when wrestling is stopped, it will provide more clarification for the

wrestlers and coaches, as well as the fans, when calling stalling on the edge of the mat vs. traditional stalling.

Other changes approved by the committee included guidelines for a properly fitted tooth and mouth protector, opportunity to weigh in by team if it is more practical, and referee signaling and vocalizing a five-second count.

Finally, new language regarding byes was inserted in several rules as follows: "Byes do not count as a match and are not counted toward the maximum number of six matches per day or 10 matches over a two-day event. Byes also do not count toward a wrestler's match record."

A complete listing

of the wrestling rules changes will be available on the NFHS website at [www.nfhs.org](http://www.nfhs.org). Click on "Sports" at the top of the home page and select "Wrestling" and then "Rules." The print version of the 2026-27 Wrestling Rules Book will be available for purchase in late July at [www.NFHS.com](http://www.NFHS.com), and the digital version will be available in July via NFHS Digital at [www.NFHS.org](http://www.NFHS.org).

According to the 2024-25 NFHS High School Athletics Participation Survey, wrestling is the sixth-most popular sport for boys with 300,214 participants in 11,526 schools nationwide. For girls, it ranks 12th with 74,064 participants in 8,100 schools.

## NFHS releases information on softball bat wraps

### Staff Report

LEXINGTON — The NFHS has been alerted to a product that is being marketed as a bat barrel wrapping which covers the bat's graphics. The covering is shrink-wrapped to

the bat barrel, which poses several issues associated with bat compliance and is therefore prohibited from NFHS softball competition. Specifically, NFHS rules require:

- Bats that are crack free. Bat wraps poten-

tially cover cracks and could make them undetectable to the coach and/or umpire.

- Bats that bear 2000, 2004, or the USA Softball All Games certification mark (except all wood bats made of a single piece of wood).
- Bats that do not

contain materials inside the bat or treatments/devices are used to alter the bat specifications and/or enhance performance.

A bat wrapping that covers the bat barrel also covers potential cracks, the USA Softball certification mark

and the bat model name and number and would be considered an altered bat per NFHS Softball Rules 1-5-1 and 2-4-2a. Bat wraps are not permitted for NFHS softball competition.

And finally, the NFHS adheres to

the USA Softball Bat Certification program. USA Softball has also prohibited this product for its championship play.

Any questions should be directed to the NFHS offices.

## High school swimming & diving rules changes address number of dives during championship meets

### Staff Report

LEXINGTON — Starting with the 2026-27 swimming and diving season, state high school associations will have the option to change the number of dives performed by participants during a championship meet.

This change highlights five rules proposals brought forth by the NFHS Swimming and Diving Rules Committee during its annual meeting, held March 22-24 in downtown Indianapolis. The NFHS Board of Directors subsequently approved all submitted rule changes.

Rule 9-4-2h (Choice of Dives) now states that "by state association adoption, the

number of qualifiers advancing to the semifinal round may be increased." An additional note states, "by state association adoption, states may alter the number of dives for their state championship series of meets."

In its rationale, the committee pointed out that participation in high school diving continues to decline in many states, and reducing the number of dives could expand opportunities for student-athletes to participate in the event.

"The committee noted that the exception within the note is tightly crafted and limited to state association championship competition," said Sandy Searcy, NFHS

director of sports and liaison to the Swimming and Diving Rules Committee. "Allowing championship meet modification is consistent with other provisions in Rule 5-1-1 that allow states to address issues such as scheduling and affect only their own competitions, similar to deciding whether to contest events in other sports."

Additional approved changes were made to rules regarding uniforms, electronic devices, and the form of individual events.

Under Rule 3-3-4b(2), wording was added to clarify that bonded or taped seams on suits are not subject to permeability requirements. This change mirrors standards

established by World Aquatics.

Rules 3-5-1 and 3-5-2 were also updated to state that no competitor shall wear any audio (microphone) or video (camera) device during a race or dive.

Mirroring language was added to rules governing the butterfly (Rule 8-2-3g) and freestyle (Rule 8-2-4e), stating: "Once some part of the swimmer's head has passed the 5-yard/5-meter mark immediately prior to reaching for the finish, the swimmer may be completely submerged." The changes align with national trends in the sport.

"Sandy Searcy's leadership is greatly appreciated as is her passion for swimming and diving, and the

same can be said for every member of the NFHS Swimming & Diving Rules Committee," said Rod Garman, chair of the Swimming and Diving Rules Committee and assistant executive director of the Kansas State High School Activities Association. "So much knowledge and expertise are evident during committee discussions of rules proposals and each member's contributions are valued. The listening and respect for one another is paramount when making such important decisions that impact education-based swimming and diving across the country."

A complete listing of the swimming and diving rules changes

will be available on the NFHS website at [www.nfhs.org](http://www.nfhs.org). Click on "Activities & Sports" at the top of the home page and select "Swimming and Diving." The print version of the 2026-27 Swimming & Diving Rules Book will be available for purchase in late May at [www.NFHS.com](http://www.NFHS.com), and the digital version will be available via NFHS Digital at [www.NFHS.org](http://www.NFHS.org).

According to the 2024-25 NFHS High School Athletics Participation Survey, swimming and diving is the 10th-most popular sport for boys with 119,102 participants in 8,105 schools, and the ninth-most popular sport for girls with 138,303 participants in 8,465 schools.

# Kentucky Fish and Wildlife spring auction set for May 4

## Staff Report

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources will host a live auction to sell surplus items and confiscated hunting and fishing equipment on Monday, May 4.

Registration opens at 7 a.m. (ET), and the auction of surplus property and confiscated items will begin at 9:30 a.m. (ET). The auction will

be held outdoors, rain or shine, on the department's headquarters campus at 1 Sportsman's Lane in Frankfort.

This is the first of two auctions that Kentucky Fish and Wildlife will conduct in 2026, with the second auction tentatively scheduled for October.

A complete list of items available for sale is on the department's Surplus and Confiscated Items Auction webpage. Items are sold as-is and

will not be available for hands-on inspection prior to the sale. Under state law, only qualified Kentucky residents may bid on confiscated items. Some items will require a criminal background check.

Accepted forms of payment include cash, check, certified check, credit card or debit card. Final pricing will include a buyer's premium and surcharge for credit or debit card use. Checks

over \$5,000 will require a bank letter guaranteeing payment.

Under state law, Kentucky Fish and Wildlife may conduct auctions as necessary to sell surplus and confiscated property. Surplus items include equipment and materials no longer needed by the agency. All confiscated items are obtained through court order and as the result of a violation of fish and wildlife laws.

By law, proceeds from Kentucky Fish and Wildlife auctions are directed into the department's game and fish fund and subject to auditing by the state Auditor of Public Accounts. The fund is used for the department's normal operating expenses including fish and wildlife conservation and related recreation programs across the Commonwealth.

Parking will be limited to designated areas on

the Fish and Wildlife campus. Game Farm Road west of the upper and lower sportsman's lakes will be restricted to residential traffic only on the day of the auction. Portable restroom facilities will be available to the public.

For more information, visit the department's website at [fw.ky.gov](http://fw.ky.gov) or call 1-800-858-1549, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (ET) weekdays, excluding holidays.

# Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission proposes regulation changes at quarterly meeting

## Staff Report

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission voted to recommend amendments to several hunting and wildlife regulations and conducted other business in a March 20 regular meeting as presented in the detailed agenda of the meeting. The commission members met in person with one member attending via live video teleconference.

In addition to approving the quarterly commission meeting minutes from Dec. 5, 2025, the commission members considered

the following action items. If approved by the commission, proposed regulatory changes are filed with the Kentucky legislature to be reviewed and considered for approval. Administrative regulation changes are generally anticipated to take effect within six to nine months of their filing. The public may follow legislative developments on these regulations at Title 301 • Kentucky Administrative Regulations • Legislative Research Commission.

The commission approved the following action items requiring legislative approval

before being enacted:

Promulgate a new regulation regarding procurement

- Promulgate new regulations under 301 KAR Chapter 11 – Administrative to provide transparency in purchasing policies.

- Itemize procurement procedures, contracts and other related administrative services policies.

- Clean up any other regulations as necessary for conformity.

- Amend 301 KAR 2:144. Fall wild turkey hunting to remove hens from legal take during fall turkey archery season and fall turkey crossbow season.

- Clean up any other regulations as necessary for conformity.

- Amend 301 KAR 2:142. Spring wild turkey hunting to remove bearded hens from legal take during spring turkey season.

- Clean up any other regulations as necessary for conformity.

- Amend 301 KAR 2:300. Black bear seasons and requirements to modify black bear seasons and requirements.

- Remove the physical check requirement for harvested bears and require hunters to submit a tooth of any harvested bear to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife.

- Expand the chase-only season beginning the day after spring turkey season through the end of September.

- Prohibit bear chase on Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) within the elk hunting zone during the month of September to not conflict with elk archery and modern gun seasons.

- Expand archery and modern gun seasons in bear zone 1 to run a full five days for each season (currently runs for three days each).

- Establish a youth-only bear season to open the second Saturday in October

and to run for two days (overlaps the first two days of youth deer) in bear zones 1, 2 and 3.

- Clean up any other regulations as necessary for conformity.

The commission also heard new business and discussion items that will be considered further at its next quarterly meeting.

The next quarterly commission meeting date is scheduled for Friday, June 12 in Frankfort. An agenda and meeting location will be posted on the Commission Meeting Dates webpage on the department's website at [fw.ky.gov](http://fw.ky.gov) when available.

# WKCTC Hosts Arbor Day Tree Planting Event with Community Partners

PADUCAH, Ky. — On April 20, West Kentucky Community & Technical College hosted the Arbor Day Foundation and AES Tree Planting Volunteer Event on its main campus, bringing together campus and community members for a hands-on sustainability initiative focused on environmental stewardship.

The event began with a tree-planting seminar in Waller Hall, where volunteers learned proper planting and mulch-

ing techniques. Following the seminar, participants worked across campus to plant and mulch trees to enhance the landscape and support long-term environmental health.

A total of 28 volunteers participated, planting 52 trees across campus. An additional 50 trees were distributed during an Arbor Day giveaway, extending the event's impact into the surrounding community.

Lunch was provided in the Student Center,



allowing volunteers to connect before the afternoon tree giveaway concluded along the Nature Trail.

The event combined

education, service and community engagement while contributing to campus sustainability and beautification efforts.

# Jackson Purchase Energy Awards Scholarships to Support Local Graduates

## Press Release

Paducah, KY — Jackson Purchase Energy Corporation (JPEC) proudly reaffirms its commitment to supporting education and investing in the future of our communities by awarding ten \$1,000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors across its service region.

Eligible applicants included graduating seniors whose primary residence is within JPEC's service area and whose parents or guardians are members of the cooperative. This year, over 36 students applied for the scholarship, which required submission of an application, an essay outlining their goals and reasons for applying, academic transcripts, and re-

ports of extracurricular involvement.

Applications were reviewed and scored by a selection panel at the Kentucky Electric Cooperatives headquarters. Based on merit and representation across districts, the following students were selected as recipients of the 2026 JPEC Scholarships:

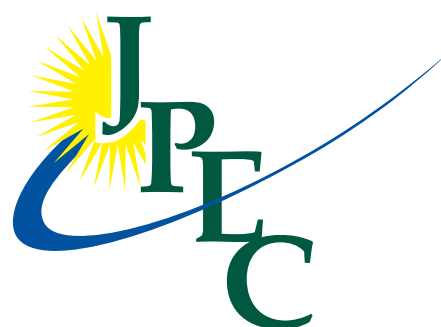
- Kallie Parker – Ballard County High School
- Heath McBride – Carlisle County High School
- Spencer Hopwood – Graves County High School
- Joshua Turner and Mariah Cavitt – Livingston County High School
- Maleah Terry and Catherine Shelton – Marshall County High School
- Jack Thompson,

Jake Hazel, and Madilyn Shelby – McCracken County High School

“JPEC is proud to partner with the schools in our service territory and support students as they pursue higher education,” said Mark Lindsey, Vice President of Member Services & Communications. “Our goal is to help these young people succeed and, ideally,

return to Western Kentucky to become strong, engaged leaders in their communities.”

For more information about JPEC's scholarship programs and other community initiatives, please visit [www.jpenergy.com](http://www.jpenergy.com).



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## Funeral Notice

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## Everett R. Smith, Jr.

Everett R. Smith Jr., 67, of Smithland passed away on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at his home with his family by his side.

Everett was retired from American Commercial Barge Line as a chief engineer and was of the Baptist faith. He enjoyed spending time outdoors, hunting, and fishing. He was a member of the NRA. Everett was a 1976 graduate of Livingston Central High School.

Surviving is his son, Duell Smith of Smithland; one brother, Jeff (Lynn) Smith of Smithland; three grandchildren; Curtis Smith, Madison Morrison, Ter-

ryn Smith; one uncle, Louis (Janet) Hale; one aunt, Betty Lloyd; one nephew, Tyrell Smith; and several cousins

He was preceded in death by his parents, Everitt R. Smith Sr. and Joyce Dukes; and one son, Curtis Resolved Smith; one brother, Greg Smith.

Funeral services will be at 1:00pm on Saturday, April 18, 2026, at Smith Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Andrew Sexton officiating. Burial will follow at Ferguson Cemetery.

Friends may visit the family from 11:00am to service hour on Saturday at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be left at  
[www.smithfc.com](http://www.smithfc.com)

*Smith Funeral Chapel of Smithland is honored to serve the Smith family.*

# Cemetery Restoration of Six Blandville area historic cemeteries

By Betty L. Johnson  
bettyjohnsonky@yahoo.com

Blandville area cemeteries are full of interesting history on the early settlers. The six old cemeteries that we are working towards cleanup and restoration are; Old Blandville Community Cemetery, which has numerous well known residents. After several Saturday mornings in 2025 of repairing stones, this large, old historic cemetery continues to need tombstone restoration. Then in the curve, East of Blandville is the Jacob Corbett Cemetery, once cleaned up many years ago. Jacob Corbett, 1804-1887 was known as "A Good Man, an Affectionate Husband and Father." He was a Virginia native and son of Joshua Corbett. Jacob was the first Ballard County Clerk. He was so loyal and trustworthy that he filled the position for nearly 40 years. Then, further East, a couple of miles from Blandville, way back in a field, is the Robison Cemetery cleaned up once too. Landowner

is very cooperative and told us that occasionally, descendants do visit the old cemetery.

Then, approximately two miles, West of Blandville is the Harkless Family Cemetery, on a hill, Northside of the road; also cleaned up a few years ago. The Harkless family owned many acres of farm land and were pioneers, who came here about 1821. Finally, take Hwy #121 from Wickliffe for six miles toward Blandville. The Old Family Unsell Cemetery, also has early settlers, is behind a farmhouse on a high hill. The old cemetery is located about one mile out in the field in a woods; cleaned once in 2014. Landowner reported that some Stovalls are buried there, but they are not listed in a Ballard County Genealogy Historical Society cemetery book.

In addition, recently found were two more cemeteries on the left as you enter lane into the Old Blandville Cemetery. Sadly, there is an unknown named cemetery with just a couple of old

tombstones, way back off the path. among a thick growth of trees and weeds. We are searching for name of landowner of this wooded area. Further on the lane roadside to the left is the W. C. Hendricks Family Cemetery. This cemetery was just located last year and has never been cleaned up. Mr. W. C. Hendricks was the first postmaster in Blandville. Originally, Belle Bishop lived on this property and the cemetery was behind her house.

Please help us locate the current landowners of the last two cemeteries found above. We will appreciate any information. Landowners must be known to contact for permission to cross their property to enter the cemeteries; all cemeteries listed are on private property. Not only the needed information helps us for cemetery cleanups, but documents information for our Ballard County Genealogical Historical Society for descendants researching. Kentucky law gives the descendants

rights with permission to cross private property. Cemeteries must be found and cleaned before the descendants are able to visit.

All of these old cemeteries are full of our county history

and have beautiful monuments that need repairs. Our cemetery group hates to see our old cemeteries left hidden away, as the monuments deteriorate more each year, limiting the ability to

read them. Also, we all need to remember to respect and honor our ancestors that contributed to our heritage in Ballard County; paving the way to what we all enjoy today.



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## ABSOLUTE WATERFRONT AUCTION

**SATURDAY, MAY 9<sup>TH</sup> 2026 @ 2:00 PM**  
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**PUBLIC PREVIEW: SUNDAY, APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> FROM 12:00-1:00 PM**

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Step outside and enjoy everything lake living has to offer with a brand-new deck, balcony overlooking the water, and a paved asphalt driveway. The property also includes a concrete pad ideal for a future garage.

Access basement via exterior sliding glass door and steps • HOA fee believed to be \$100/yr (buyer to verify)

**PROPERTY HIGHLIGHTS**

- ✓ Kentucky Lake waterfront property
- ✓ Private dock with covered boat slip
- ✓ 3 bedroom, 2 bath home
- ✓ Fully finished walk-out basement
- ✓ Open-concept living area
- ✓ Eat-in kitchen with modern appliances
- ✓ Vented fireplace
- ✓ Brand new deck & outdoor living space
- ✓ Paved asphalt driveway
- ✓ Concrete pad for future garage
- ✓ Located in Cambridge Shores community

**RECENT UPDATES**

- ✓ New appliances
- ✓ New windows
- ✓ New flooring
- ✓ Roof approximately 1 year old
- ✓ New fixtures
- ✓ New kitchen cabinets
- ✓ New toilets & vanities
- ✓ New doors & sliding doors
- ✓ New asphalt driveway
- ✓ New deck

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*Located just minutes from both public and private boat ramps, this property offers convenience without sacrificing seclusion.*

**PROPERTY HIGHLIGHTS**

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# Soybean Board Chair reminds drivers to share the road

## News Release

Kentucky Soybean Promotion Board (KSPB) Chairman Fred L. Sipes, who farms in Meade County, reminds drivers to share the road this season. “This goes both ways,” Sipes said. “Drivers of passenger vehicles need to give those in farm equipment some extra space and some extra time. The equipment we use doesn’t turn on a dime, and we know it’s big and hard to see around. I don’t WANT to be on the road in my sprayer or pulling a planter, but that’s the only way to get from one field to another. Please, just give us a minute and let’s all get home safely.”

“On the other hand, we farmers need to share the road, too,” Sipes added. “I try to pull over if I get a line of cars behind me, but that’s not always possible. Some of these narrow, curvy roads have low shoulders, and as farm equip-

ment continues to get larger, some of our roads are just not wide enough for two vehicles to meet.”

“We are all in this together, and thankfully many of us farm near our homes so that people know who we are and wave when they get behind us or meet us on the road,” he said. “The main thing is for everyone – farmers and passenger vehicle drivers alike – to get home safely at the end of the day, and for that to happen everyone needs to do their part.”

Tips for those of us in rural areas who may encounter farm equipment this planting season include:

Plan ahead. If you know that the route to your destination includes farm territory, leave a little early so that you have extra time and don’t feel so hurried.

Slow down. Farm vehicles move slowly. They may be just coming out of one field and already preparing



Farm equipment like this sprayer is a common sight on Kentucky roads this time of year. Photo/Rae Wagoner, Kentucky Soybean Board

to turn into another. To be safe, maintain a 50-foot “cushion” between your vehicle and the equipment.

Yield. Please give farm equipment the right-of-way when meeting it on the road. Tractors and sprayers do a great job in the wide-open field, but they weren’t designed to navigate the narrow roads found in rural Kentucky.

Pass Carefully. Country roads are

often narrow, curvy and hilly. Be sure you can see a reasonable distance ahead before you consider passing slow-moving equipment, and keep an eye on the driver of that equipment. He or she will use signals when possible, but there may not always be flashing lights. Watch for hand signals in addition to blinkers.

Take a second look. Before you pull into an intersection or make a

move to pass, be sure your path is clear in all directions.

Keep in mind: Farm equipment has just as much right to use public roadways as other motor vehicles. Extra-wide farm machinery may have to take up more than one lane – it can’t be helped, and the operator is dodging mailboxes and road signs. You may not be able to see around the equipment to pass. If

you are meeting equipment, the driver will certainly appreciate you pulling off to the side if possible. Farmers try to be mindful of traffic building up behind them, and – when it is safe to do so – will often pull over to let passenger vehicles around them.

Most important: please be patient. Zipping around slow-moving equipment is dangerous, and the possibility of shaving a few minutes off your arrival time isn’t worth risking your life or the lives of others. The person driving that equipment is someone’s mom or dad, husband or wife, someone’s son or daughter, and they want to get home to their family safely every night.

Kentucky’s soybean farmers thank you for your patience and cooperation during this busy season.

## Murray State University and Alumni Association name 2026 faculty research award recipients

MURRAY, Ky. — Three faculty members have been recognized by the Murray State University Alumni Association for exceptional contributions to research and scholarship. These distinguished individuals were honored at the annual Faculty Recognition Banquet held in the Curris Center during Spring Scholars Week on April 16.

2026 Award Recipients:

Murray State Uni-

versity Alumni Association Emerging Scholar Award (Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts): Cintia Segovia Figueroa, Master of Arts and Master of Fine Arts, assistant professor of photography and new media, Department of Art & Design.

Professor Segovia Figueroa has maintained a sustained record of national and international exhibitions and grants. Her interdisciplinary research focuses on

migrant voices, exemplified by her collaborative work across colleges to support the arts in multiple disciplines.

Murray State University Alumni Association Emerging Scholar Award (STEM): Sourav Chatterjee, Ph.D., assistant professor and former chair-elect of the American Chemical Society’s Kentucky Lake Section, Department of Chemistry.

Dr. Chatterjee’s grants, publications

and independent research group focus on developing advanced polymeric and ionic liquid-based materials. His work contributes to carbon dioxide capture, gas separation and electrochemical energy applications, including hydrogen production.

Murray State University Alumni Association Distinguished Researcher Award (STEM): Christopher A. Craig, Ph.D., Tom W. Hutchens Endowed Professor, Department

of Management, Marketing and Business Administration.

Since joining Murray State in 2019, Dr. Craig has published 49 articles. His research primarily explores the complex interactions between the natural environment, organizational performance and society at large.

Presidential Research Award:

In addition to the Alumni Association honors, the Presidential Research Award was presented to Asso-

ciate Professor Oliver M. Beckers, Ph.D., who teaches in the Department of Biological Sciences. Dr. Beckers’ research seeks to better understand how environmental temperature fluctuations impact animal communication.

All awards were juried by the Murray State University Research Policy Committee.

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# Laurel Oak Garden Club Earns Recognition at Annual Convention



Anita Granier, Bud Qualk, and Kristin King attended Garden Club of Kentucky Convention in Berea.

By Laurina Todd  
KPI Writer

Members of the Laurel Oak Garden

Club (LOGC) recently showcased their accomplishments at the 95th Annual Garden

Club of Kentucky convention held in Berea, Kentucky, bringing home multiple awards for their work throughout the 2025-2026 year.

Three club members attended the statewide event and accepted a total of seven awards recognizing the club's dedication to community involvement, growth, and creative projects.

Among the top honors, Gloria Galloway earned first place in the Scrapbook category, highlighting the club's activities and achievements over the past year. The club also received second-place awards for Membership Growth, achieving a

25% increase, and for Club Program, led by Kristin King. The program featured Nabibtu Mujambere, director of Future Hope Africa, as well as the club's Facebook presence.

LOGC also secured third place for its yearbook, a collaborative effort by Denise Thompson, Sally Curry, Betty Whitlow, and D-J Swant.

In addition to these recognitions, the club was presented with the Tree Planting Award for planting 45 trees within the community. Members also received an Honorable Mention for Civic Involvement for designing and constructing a sunflower-themed hay bale display.



(L-R) Susan Throneberry; GCKY Dist Director Advisor, Kristin King; LOGC member, Bud Qualk; LOGC President, Anita Granier; LOGC treasurer and Awards Chairman; and Sharon Burcham, GCKY President.

Chairman Anita Granier and Co-chairman D-J Swant submitted the award entries on behalf of the club. The recognition reflects the Laurel Oak Garden Club's

continued commitment to beautification, environmental stewardship, and meaningful community engagement.

# Plant Managers Learn About Chamber of Commerce and Health Department Services

By Graves County Economic Development

The wide range of services provided by the Mayfield/Graves County Chamber of Commerce and the Graves County Health Department (GCHD) were the subject of the April 15th Plant Manager's Roundtable breakfast, hosted by Graves County Economic Development (GCED) and held at the Purchase Area Development District.

During the meeting, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Katie Beth McCord and GCHD Director Riley Beth Willett each shared an overview of their agencies and the services they offer.

McCord noted that most of the businesses represented in the meeting were chamber members and expressed appreciation for their support.

"Whether you are self-employed or you have over a thousand employees like Pilgrims, we have the resources and capabilities to help your business," she said. "Our priorities are to educate, support, advocate, and convene. We provide opportunities for our members and our community to come together to network, collaborate, and grow."

In terms of advocating for local business and industry, McCord said the Chamber was very involved in the recent legislative session. "We went to Frankfort in February to meet with our senator, state representative, and other cabinet members to have conversations about issues that are impacting you and your businesses," said McCord.

"If there's any kind of legislation or regulation that is im-

acting your business, please let us know. That is an important part of what we do at the chamber -- we advocate for you. We have conversations with our federal officials and email with their staff regularly, so if something is affecting your business, let us know. We can speak on your behalf with the people making these decisions."

McCord also discussed the Chamber's very successful calendar of events, including the Women-in-Business Luncheon, Farm-to-Table Dinner, Annual Dinner, and Holiday Open House.

Next, Willett talked about the wide-ranging role of the Graves County Health Department. "Our mission is to promote the lifelong physical and emotional well-being of our community through the provisions of preventative Health

Services, health education, and environmental services."

Some of GCHD's specific programs include the "Hands" parenting program, "Get Fit Graves," and clinical services, such as well-child exams, immunizations, cancer screenings, tobacco and diabetes prevention, weight loss, TB screens, the WIC program for women, infants, and children, breastfeeding, STD and HIV testing, flu vaccines, and family planning assistance.

Other responsibilities include food safety, recalls, and restaurant ratings, mosquito control, hotel and motel guidelines and inspections, water samples, license service animals, swimming pool guidelines and inspections, tattoo and body piercing guidelines and inspections, and emergency preparedness.

In 2025, GCHD's needle exchange program served 342 clients and issued 35,000 syringes with a 94% return rate. The goal of the program is to cut down on the spread of disease and help keep used syringes out of public places. They also distribute Narcan to treat overdoses and

issue drug test strips to identify dangerous drugs like xylazine and fentanyl.

"Drugs are in every single community, and I promise you, they are in every one of ours," said Willett. "To just put our heads in the sand and ignore it is not something that Graves County wanted to do, and I'm so thankful that they didn't, because we are making huge changes within our community and really helping people."

Willett also noted that GCHD is one of three health departments in Kentucky to receive funding for a new Recovery Community Center, the Graves County HUB., that will provide harm reduction and recovery support for drug and alcohol users and others who are affected by drug and alcohol use.

"It could be someone you know at church," said Willett. "It could be anybody. We're not going to turn anybody away if they have been affected in some way by drugs or alcohol. If they need help with transportation, if they need laundry services, if they need important documents,

or food and clothing, we will help get those. If they need recovery support, if they need classes? You name it, we'll provide it."

She explained they are currently renovating portions of the health department to accommodate this new service and expect to host a grand opening soon.

"These two agencies are critical to making Mayfield and Graves County a great place to live and work," said GCED President Jason Lemle. "We appreciate the outstanding leadership that Katie Beth and Riley Beth provide and their willingness to partner with business and industry to help us all succeed."

The bi-monthly Plant Manager's Roundtable meetings offer an easy way for industry leaders to network and learn more about local programs and projects that could impact their companies. Subjects vary and attendees are encouraged to provide programming suggestions. The next Roundtable will be held in June.

For more information, contact GCED at 270.247.0626.



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## City of Kevil highlights progress, looks ahead to continued improvements

By Laurna Todd,  
KPI Writer

The City of Kevil continues to build on recent progress, with several key projects and improvements helping shape the future of the community.

One of the most visible accomplishments is the near completion of the new Kevil Fire Station. City leaders say the facility will strengthen emergency services and better serve residents for years to come. An

open house is planned once construction is finalized, giving the community a chance to tour the new station.

Another major milestone is the improvement in the city's ISO fire rating, which has moved from a 7 to a 4. This

upgrade is expected to provide direct savings for homeowners through lower insurance premiums, while also reflecting enhancements in fire

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## Ballard County awarded over \$67M for major road projects

By Laurna Todd,  
KPI Writer

Ballard County is set to see significant infrastructure improvements after the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) secured more than \$67 million in funding for seven road projects scheduled over the next two years.

Local officials expressed appreciation for the efforts that helped bring the funding to the county, including work by State Sen. Danny Carroll and Rep. Steven Rudy during the recent legislative session. Coordination with KYTC district leadership and long-term planning also played a key role in securing the projects.

More than \$53 million of the total funding is designated for right-of-way

acquisition, utility relocation and construction work along key corridors, including KY 286, U.S. 60 and U.S. 51.

Ballard County Judge/Executive Todd Cooper said that while not every project received funding, the county still fared well overall.

"We had projects we hoped would be funded that were not, which was disappointing," Cooper said.

"However, when we look at the broader picture—including city projects, continued bridge program funding, public riverport investments and these road projects—we believe Ballard County was a big winner in the state budget process. We are appreciative of the

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## PeeDee's: an icon in its community

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WICKLIFFE, Ky. — For more than four decades, a small-town eatery and gas station, known as PeeDee's has been serving up more than just their famous hamburgers; it has been building a sense of community, one customer at a time.

The business, originally opened as PeeDee's Food Mart, was founded by Phil and Debbie Lawrence on January 6, 1986. Encouraged by friends and former owners, Joe Wallace and Phillip Hodges, the couple took a leap of faith despite having no prior experience in grocery or retail.

Phil had been running an electrical business, while

Debbie worked in accounting at Westvaco and at a local phone refurbishing company. Still, with what they describe as "a lot of planning and praying," they opened their doors and began what would become a lasting legacy in western Kentucky.

In a short time, Pee Dee's evolved from a convenience store into a well-known local eatery, known especially for its "best hamburgers in town" and deli sandwiches. It soon became a local hangout where friends met to enjoy lots of laughs and a good meal.

The name "PeeDee's" itself reflects the founders. "P" for Phil and "D" for Debbie ... with a personal twist (the added ee's) that adds character.

What truly set PeeDee's apart was its commitment to tradition. While many restaurants shifted toward automation and pre-processed ingredients, the Lawrence's stayed true to their methods. She said, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it". Each burger is still hand-patted and made to order, using fresh, never-frozen meat.

"We've never used a machine," Debbie said. "We believe making each burger by hand is what makes it special."

That dedication has earned them a loyal following, not only locally but far beyond. Over the years, customers have traveled from across the country, including California, Texas, Florida, Indiana, and

Hawaii; and even internationally from Canada, Mexico, and England, often arriving after hearing about what some call "the best burgers in town." She said, "Many would come in and say they've heard about us and our burgers. That's always meant a lot to us."

For Phil and Debbie, the heart of PeeDee's has always been its people. Generations of families have passed through its doors, with some now spanning five or even six generations of customers. "We've watched kids grow up and come back as parents," she said. "Some we still call by the nicknames we gave

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Phil and Debbie Lawrence celebrate retirement.

# Ballard County positioned for steady growth, Chamber director says

By Laurna Todd,  
KPI Writer

**BALLARD COUNTY** — Economic development in Ballard County continues to move forward at a steady pace, with ongoing projects and long-term planning creating opportunities for future growth, according to Ballard County Chamber of Commerce Director Lindsay Bowles.

Bowles described the current business climate as one of gradual but consistent progress, noting that several initiatives are laying the groundwork for expansion across the county.

“I believe the current business climate and growth is at a steady increase,” Bowles said, pointing to efforts such as additional housing development, the new Cairo bridge, continued studies by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet on U.S. 60 and KY 286, and ongoing advocacy for funding a riverport in Wickliffe.

While economic



conditions have presented challenges, particularly with rising costs for services and materials, Bowles emphasized that progress has not stalled.

“Economic development takes time, and there are a lot of moving pieces,” she said. “It may not always be visible, but there is work being done and initiatives in place to support growth.”

Among the most significant recent

developments is the announcement of funding for improvements to U.S. 60 and KY 286. Bowles said these projects will help accommodate increased traffic and make the area more attractive to potential businesses.

“With our access to rail, river and roadway systems, these improvements strengthen our position for attracting new industry and investment,” she said.

Looking ahead, housing is expected to be a key area of focus for Ballard County. Bowles noted that expansion at the Department of Energy site in nearby West Paducah is likely to bring an influx of both temporary construction workers and long-term employees.

“That growth means we need to be prepared,” she said. “Housing, along with infrastructure like

roads, water and sewer systems, will be critical to support that demand.”

Bowles added that Ballard County’s lower tax rates compared to neighboring areas could make it an appealing place for new residents, which would in turn benefit local schools, restaurants and businesses.

In addition, efforts to secure funding for a riverport in Wickliffe could open the door for significant regional growth.

“If that project moves forward, it would create tremendous opportunities not just for Wickliffe, but for all of Ballard County and the surrounding region,” Bowles said.

As development continues, Bowles remains optimistic about the county’s future, highlighting a combination of strategic location, infrastructure investment and community planning as key drivers for long-term success.

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protection services. City officials noted that while progress has been steady, certain projects have presented challenges along the way. Improvements to road infrastructure required coordination and patience, but leaders say those efforts are already contributing to the city’s long-term growth and development. Officials also expressed appreciation to residents for their understanding throughout the process.

Looking ahead, Kevil remains focused on completing the fire station and continuing to invest in projects that enhance the overall quality of life. Leaders say recent experiences have reinforced their commitment to thoughtful planning and steady improvement.

With ongoing efforts centered on growth, infrastructure, and community well-being, the City of Kevil is working to ensure a strong future for its residents while building on the progress already underway.

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them years ago.”

In an era where many businesses rely on automation, PeeDee's has remained personal. Customers are greeted with a smile, their orders made as requested, and conversations are just as important as

the food. “We’re not a fancy, computerized place,” Debbie said. “When you come in, you’re greeted by a real person. You’re treated like family.”

That philosophy, they believe, is what has allowed them to thrive for more than 40 years. They haven’t changed much through the years and they think that’s a good thing.

As they step into retirement, the Lawrence family reflect on decades of hard work and relationships built along the way. Having rarely taken time off, often limiting themselves to two-day short trips, they now look forward to new experiences.

Still, they say leaving behind the daily interactions has not been easy. “Words can’t express the gratitude we feel,” Debbie said. “Our customers made us who we are today, and we love them all very much.”

Though Phil and Debbie are stepping away, PeeDee's legacy continues under new ownership, with the same staff, recipes, and commitment to quality still in place.

Located at 915 Court Street in Wickliffe, the restaurant remains a gathering place where customers can enjoy a freshly made meal and a familiar, friendly face.

After more than 40 years, PeeDee's was still doing things the same way: by hand, with heart, and with a deep appreciation for the community it serves. Debbie said the new ownership plans to continue the same commitment to quality.



Located at the “Y” in Wickliffe, PeeDee's served the best hamburgers in town, provided a place for friends to gather, and a convenient place to fill up your vehicle at the same time.

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support and the long-term vision.”

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total project funding)  
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Upgrades to U.S. 51 from the Carlisle County line to Wickliffe (\$1.56 million)  
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development south of Wickliffe (\$300,000)  
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# New Carlisle County Chamber aims to strengthen local grown and connections



By **Laurna Todd**,  
KPI Writer

**CARLISLE COUNTY** — A renewed focus on economic growth and community collaboration is taking shape with the establishment of the Carlisle County Chamber of Commerce, an effort designed to support local businesses and strengthen connections across the county.

The Chamber was created with a clear purpose in mind—helping drive economic development while ensuring local businesses have the resources and support they need to succeed. Organizers say the goal is not only to promote growth, but to create a more unified approach to strengthening the county’s economy.

“The Carlisle County Chamber of Commerce was established to support local economic growth and coordinate resources for retaining and growing local business,” said Katina Todd, chamber

secretary.

As the Chamber begins to take shape, leaders are focused on building a strong foundation that provides meaningful value to its members. A key priority is becoming a voice for business while helping connect various parts of the community.

“As we begin building the Chamber, our core priority is to create real value for every member,” Todd said. “We strive to be a voice for business and economic growth, creating a connection between schools, civic leaders, and initiatives that help keep money circulating here in the county.”

One of the Chamber’s central goals is to build practical bridges—linking businesses with education systems and local leadership to better align workforce needs and opportunities. By doing so, organizers hope to create a stronger pipeline that keeps local talent in the area while supporting

long-term economic stability.

Looking ahead, the Chamber is expected to play a key role in bringing together business owners, educators, government leaders, and nonprofit organizations to move projects forward more efficiently.

“Our mission is to bring business owners, educators, local government, and nonprofits together to get projects off the ground faster,” Todd said. “Through networking and advocacy, the Chamber will support small businesses and help align skills with employer needs, keeping talent local and giving residents a path to better wages.”

As the Carlisle County Chamber of Commerce continues to grow, leaders remain focused on creating opportunities, strengthening partnerships, and building a more connected and thriving community.

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# VICTORIOUS *Living* ...in a troubled world

## If you don't like the harvest, pay attention to the seed

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Success and prosperity aren't just about luck or hard work. According to the Bible, they come from God. In Malachi, God promises to open the "windows of heaven" and pour out blessings if we are faithful with our tithes. (Malachi 3:10). It also says, "Every good and every perfect gift, comes from God, the 'Father of lights.'" (paraphrase James 1:17).

My understanding of "good and perfect" includes good health, sound mind, and wholeness, but most people suffer with failing health or trouble in family or bad jobs or just trials of life. In spite of that, I still believe God desires for us to be in good health. According to Psalm 42, this wholeness is a blessing from God. No where is it clearer than when we read about King David when he talks about how his health and



wellbeing come from God, even when life is difficult.

So why is there so much adverseness going on in life? Scripture says that humans are made up of three parts: body, soul, and spirit. With all the disease, anger and dis-rest in the world, it's not easy to keep those three in perfect alignment. The soul is the part of

us that controls our thoughts, emotions, and actions ... those three we struggle with. Proverbs remind us to guard our hearts and minds because everything we do flows from them. What we see, hear, and think directly influences our lives, so we must be careful what we feed our souls.

Isaiah 55 says God's

word waters the earth, causing it to grow and bring forth blessings. In the same way, when we fill our souls with God's truth and guidance, we will see blessing in our lives. Prosperity, as taught in the Bible, is not a life free from pain and suffering, but it is a life filled with God's strength that's given to sustain and get us through

pain and suffering. Biblical prosperity reaches way deeper into life than money. If we get caught up on money alone, we'll miss the deeper promises of restoration and healing of body, soul, and spirit.

The Bible's message is clear: God wants us to prosper, be in good health, and have our souls grow in wisdom and peace. As our

souls are nourished and prosper in God's ways, the rest of our lives; our finances, health, and emotions will follow. (3 John 1-2).

If you're struggling, remember: "If you don't like the harvest, pay attention to the seed you're planting." What we feed our soul is what will grow in our life. A preacher recently reminded me that some things change, only by much prayer and fasting. It takes time for seed to grow and very it's hard to pull up something that's grown deep and hardened. That's one reason we need God. Like an old song said, "He can calm the troubled waters of our soul".

Three good verses to memorize are: "I can do all things through him (Christ) who strengthens me" (Phil 4:13). "God gives strength to the weary" (Isa. 40:29). And, "Fear not, for I am with you" (Isa 41:10).

## The best of both worlds

Bro. Brandon G. Bramlett  
Bandana Baptist Church

Odysseus wanted the best of both worlds, and he paid dearly for it. His tale is told in The Odyssey, the world-famous poetic book written by Homer in the eighth century. The narrative centers on his ten-year journey back to the kingdom of Ithaca after the end of the Trojan War, and every reader of The Odyssey knows that his return-voyage was not easy. One hazardous threat he faced on his return

trip were the Sirens, two ghastly monsters disguised as beautiful women who enchanted travelers with their lovely melodies in an attempt to lure and devour them. Odysseus and his crew were thus instructed to deafen their ears with wax and chain themselves to their ship so they would not be swayed by the seductive tune.

But Odysseus paid no attention. He ordered his men to bind him hand and foot to their ship, but leave his ears open so he might hear the

splendid song of the Sirens without being slain. The magical melody soon danced upon the waters, and Odysseus demanded to be released immediately. Then he started straining against the chains, until they dug deeply into his skin and caused fatal bleeding. And it wasn't until their ship sailed far away from the Sirens that Odysseus understood the shameful and agonizing cost of having things both ways.

Wanting the best of both worlds might be a theme of an

eighth-century poetic novel, but it is a timeless problem that exists for believers in the twenty-first century, too. The duplicitous desire to indulge in the sinful pleasures of the world while concurrently savoring the Lord's goodness is a tricky temptation that all of the Lord's saints experience. That is why the Scripture is replete with warnings about trying to hold hands with God and the wicked world at the same time. As James said, "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye

not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God" (James 4:4, KJV). And as Jesus taught, "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other" (Matt. 6:24a).

Love for the world is simply incompatible with love for God (cf. 1 John 2:15-17). Moreover, the Lord will not settle for such divided allegiance, spiritual adultery, half-hearted

worship, or the "left-overs" of our love. He detests lukewarm love and delights in whole-hearted devotion (Rev. 3:15-16). And most importantly, only the Lord is worthy of all the love and worship we can give (Psalm 96:4; Rev. 4:11); that is why believers are commanded to love the Lord with all of their heart, soul, mind, and strength, and not some of it (Luke 10:27). Living a best-of-both-worlds life might sound appealing, but it is simply not worth it—just ask Odysseus.

## BALLARD

**Janice Cooper Yancey** passed away at the age of 88 on Thursday, April 16, 2026, after a brief illness. Family and friends were invited to attend graveside services beginning at 11:00 am on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at Oscar Cemetery in Oscar, Kentucky with Rev. Todd Hawkins officiating.

**Gayle F. Crice**, 88, passed away Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at Life Care Center in LaCenter. A private family memorial service will be held at a later date.

## CALDWELL

**Wayne Holt**, age 87, of Princeton, passed away Sunday, April 19, 2026 at Princeton Health and Rehabilitation Center. Funeral services were held at 11:00 am Thursday, April 23, 2026 at Morgan's Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Cedar Hill Cemetery with military honors.

**Carol Merrick Traylor**, age 83, of Paducah, formerly of Princeton, passed away Sunday, April 19, 2026 at Jackson Purchase Medical Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 23, 2026 at Morgan's Funeral Home at 2:00 pm with Rev. James Shuck officiating. Burial followed in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

**Janie Norma Grooms**, age 73, of Lexington, Kentucky, and formerly of Princeton, Kentucky, passed away on Thursday, April 16, 2026, entering her heavenly home to be with the Lord. Visitation will be held Saturday, April 25, 2026, from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm at Morgan's Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 pm Saturday, April 25, 2026, at Morgan's Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

## CALLOWAY

**Robert F. Bourque**, 88, of Murray, died on Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at his home. Private family services will be held at a later date.

**Andrew "Jackie" Burkeen**, 91, of Murray, passed away on Monday, April 20, 2026 at Spring Creek Healthcare in Murray. Per Jackie's request, no services are planned at this time. Imes Funeral Home & Crematory is entrusted with caring for his family.

**Sally Ann Wilson**, 64, passed away on Sunday, April 19, 2026, at her home. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Imes Funeral Home & Crematory is entrusted with caring for her family.

**Timothy George Gal**, 65, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away on April 15, 2026, at the Anna Mae Owen Residential Hospice House. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Imes Funeral Home & Crematory, downtown Murray, is entrusted with caring for his family.

**Shirley Jean Severns**, age 87, of Murray, Kentucky passed away on Friday, April 17, 2026, at the Anna Mae Owen Residential Hospice House in Murray, Kentucky. A graveside service were held at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, April 23, 2026, at the Woodlawn Memorial Gardens in Paducah, Kentucky with Bro. Martin Severns officiating.

**Cedric Darrian Shawnkise Cherry**, age 32, of Murray, Kentucky passed away on Friday, April 17, 2026. A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, April 25, 2026, at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Saturday, April 25, 2026, at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

**Nellie Temple Rogers**, age 86, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away Monday, April 20, 2026, at Spring Creek Health Care in Murray, Kentucky. No public services will be held. Online condolences can be made a [www.jhchurchill.com](http://www.jhchurchill.com).

**Randa Broach Cunningham**, age 89, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away Monday, April 20, 2026, at the Jackson Purchase Medical Center in Mayfield, Kentucky. J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

**Judith Ann Comstock**, age 81, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away on Saturday, April 18, 2026, at her home. There will be no public services or

visitation scheduled at this time. Online condolences can be made at, [www.jhchurchill.com](http://www.jhchurchill.com).

**Dorothea L. Stewart Mayo Hatten**, known and Nana, Miss Dottie and Nana Dot, went to her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on April 16th, 2026, surrounded by her family. No local services are planned. A graveside service will be held at a later date at Docks Creek Cemetery in West Virginia where she will be laid to rest beside her high school sweetheart and husband George O. Mayo.

**Clyde Allen "Tooter" Rowland**, age 99, of Almo, Kentucky, passed away Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at Lakeway Nursing Home in Benton, Kentucky. A graveside service was held on Friday, April 17, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. at the Bethel Cemetery. Bro. Danny Pruitt will officiate, and burial will follow. There will be no public visitation.

**Ophelia Thornton**, 94, of Murray, Kentucky, went to be with the Lord on Friday, April 17th at Spring Creek Health Care, with her daughter, Edna, at her side. The family received visitors on Sunday, April 19th, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm, at Blalock-Coleman Funeral Home. Funeral services were held at 3:00 pm at the funeral home, with Bro. Ronnie Sisk officiating. Burial will immediately follow the service at Mount Hebron Cemetery in Kirksey, KY.

**Fredda Kay (Workman) Rogers**, 84, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away at home on Thursday, April 16, 2026, surrounded by her loving family. A funeral service celebrating Fredda's life was held Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. in the chapel of the Blalock-Coleman Funeral Home, with Rev. Keith Inman officiating. Interment will follow the service in the Murray City Cemetery.

## CHRISTIAN

**Jeffrey "Jeff" Adler**, age 63, of Hopkinsville, KY, passed away on Monday, April 20, 2026, at his residence of natural causes. Funeral Services will be on Friday, April 24, 2026, at Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home at 1:00 PM with Bro. Larry Cardwell officiating and burial to follow in Ebenezer Cemetery. Visitation will be at Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home from 11:00 AM until the service time at 1:00 PM on Friday, April 24, 2026.

**Joseph "Joe" Frank Nix, III**, age 41, of Hopkinsville, KY, passed away on Saturday, April 18, 2026, at his home of natural causes. The family has chosen cremation with a Celebration of Life Service at Lighthouse Baptist Church. It was held at 3:00 PM on Thursday, April 23, 2026, with Pastor Terry Hancock officiating.

**Geneva Boyd Bargo**, age 89, of Hopkinsville, KY, passed away on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at Christian Health Center of natural causes. Graveside Services were on Monday, April 20, 2026, at Flat Lick Cemetery with burial to follow. Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home has been entrusted by the family to handle the arrangements.

**Daphne Jane Rennison**, 55, a beloved daughter, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend, passed away peacefully on April 14, 2026, in the comfort of her home in Christian County, Kentucky, surrounded by her family and friends. A visitation was held at 9:00 AM on Monday, April 20, 2026 at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Hopkinsville, prior to the rosary at 10:30 AM and funeral Mass at 11:00 AM. After the funeral procession and burial, there was a reception with bereavement lunch at Sts. Peter and Paul Meredith Hall.

**Marion Wilford, Sr** - January 26, 1939 - April 20, 2026. Visitation will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2026, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM, with Funeral Service beginning at 12:00 pm at the Gamble Funeral Home, 1311 S. Liberty St., Hopkinsville, KY 42240. Burial at Trigg Memory Acres.

**Frank James Thomas, Jr.** - September 29, 1955 - April 19, 2026 - Visitation - Friday, May 1, 2026 - 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM at the Cedar Grove Baptist Church, 1106 East 2nd Street, Hopkinsville, KY 42240. Funeral service to follow at 11:30. Rural at KVCW.

**Vivian H. Shipp**, a woman of sharp intellect, fierce love, and adventurous spirit, passed away peacefully on April 18, 2026. Visitation is on Friday, April 24 from 12-1 pm, with Funeral Service to follow at the Virginia Street Baptist Church, 209 S. Virginia Street, Hopkinsville, KY. Burial at Cave Springs Cemetery.

**James Robert Moore**, 78, of Hopkinsville, KY died at 5:00 a.m. Monday, April 20, 2026 at Elkton Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Elkton, KY. Memorial Service will be 1:00 p.m. Monday, April 27, 2026 at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West with Pastor Sara Norris officiating. Dogwood Funerals & Cremations of Hopkinsville is in charge of the arrangements.

## GRAVES

**Deborah McBee Cates**, age 67, of Lynnville, KY passed away Saturday, April 18, 2026 at her residence. A funeral service for Deborah McBee Cates was held on Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at the Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY. Bro. Gary Cruse will officiate. Interment followed in the Rhodes Cemetery.

**Charles A. Wiman**, age 94, of Mayfield passed away on Thursday, April 16, 2026 at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, TN. Funeral services for Mr. Charles A. Wiman will be 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 26, 2025 at Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY. Bro. Brad Morris will officiate. Interment will follow at Highland Park Cemetery. Military graveside rites will be conducted by American Legion Post #26.

**Frank Alvin Renard**, age 86, of Mayfield passed away on Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at his residence. A memorial service for Mr. Frank Alvin Renard was held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 19, 2026 at Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY. Che Fowler will officiate.

**James E. Young, Sr.**, age 92, of Mayfield, passed away on Monday, April 20, 2026, at Clinton Place in Clinton, Kentucky. Private family services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the care of Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield.

Shawn Marie Turnbow age 59 of Mayfield, KY passed away at TriStar Skyline Medical Center in Nashville, TN on April 19, 2026. Private Memorial Services will be held at a later date. The Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY is in charge of the arrangements.

## HENDERSON

**Eldora "Dody" Skipworth**, age 83, of Robards, KY, passed away on April 15, 2026, at Redbanks Colonial Terrace in Sebree, KY. Relatives and friends were invited to Dody's Life Celebration from 1:00 p.m. until the service time on Friday, April 17, 2026, at Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home in Henderson, KY. The funeral service was held at 4:00 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home with Reverend Eric Fannin officiating. Burial was held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday at Lewisburg Cemetery in Lewisburg, KY.

**Lynell Russell (Mayfield)**, 63 of Henderson, KY, died Saturday, April 18, 2026, at her home surrounded by her family and friends. A funeral mass will be held at Holy Name Catholic Church on Friday, April 24th at 12:00 pm.

**McKinley Starr DeLong** - May 14, 2003 — April 18, 2026, of Henderson, passed away Saturday, April 18, 2026. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at Tomblinson Funeral Home in Henderson, with Chaplain Kenny Noblett and Chaplain Paul Brantley officiating. Burial will follow at Corydon Cemetery. Visitation will be from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Monday, April 27, 2026, and from 10:00 AM until the service time on Tuesday at the funeral home.

**Lindy B. Duckworth**, 85, of Henderson, Kentucky, peacefully passed away on April 17, 2026 at Lucy Smith King Care Center. Family and friends were invited to celebrate Lindy's life during her funeral service, it was held at Tomblinson Funeral Home Henderson Chapel on April 22, 2026, at 1:00 PM with Rev. Mike Spivey officiating. Burial followed in Fairmont Cemetery.

**Patty Joyce Bowling**, 86, of Henderson, passed away Thursday, April 16, 2026, at Deaconess Henderson Hospital. Funeral service was held on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at 2:00 PM, at Tomblinson Funeral Home, Henderson Chapel, with Julie Wells officiating. Burial will follow at Springdale Cemetery in Sebree, KY.

**James Veston Haner**, 78, of Henderson, Kentucky,

passed away peacefully on Thursday, April 16, 2026, at Deaconess Gateway Hospital. Funeral services to celebrate his life were held at 12:00 PM on Monday, April 20, 2026, at Finley Baptist Church.

**Keith Phillips.** It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Keith “99” Phillips, who passed on April 16, 2026, surrounded by his loving family at his home under the care of St. Anthony’s Hospice, after a year long sarcoma battle. Friends and family honored Keith’s life with a service on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 12:00 PM at Tomblinson Funeral Home, where Michele Nally officiated. Burial took place at Fairmont Cemetery following the service.

**Maureen Moseley Schneider,** 77, of Henderson, Kentucky, passed away peacefully Friday, April 17, 2026, at Linda E. White Hospice House in Evansville, Indiana, with her children at her side. Services were held at noon Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church. Father Richard Meredith officiated. Burial was in St. Louis Cemetery.

## HICKMAN

**Martha Sue Thomas,** age 80 of Clinton, passed away Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at the Clinton-Hickman Co. ICF. Funeral services will be held Saturday, April 25, 2026 at 1:00 PM at the Green Valley Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. Eugene McDonald, Rev. Alex Thomas and Rev. Regena Thomas officiating. Burial will follow in the Clinton Cemetery. Visitation will be held after 11:00 AM until the funeral hour on Saturday, April 25, 2026 at the church.

## HOPKINS

**Dwight D Browning,** 69, of Madisonville, KY, passed away on Sunday, April 19, 2026, at Baptist Health Deaconess in Madisonville. A graveside service was held at 10 A.M. Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at Bethlehem Cemetery in Anton, KY.

**Edward Leroy Back,** 89 years young, of Madisonville, KY passed away Friday, April 17, 2026, at his home. Funeral services were held at 11:00 A.M. Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at Barnett-Strother Funeral Home with Bro. Russell Kline officiating. Burial followed at Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens.

**Tommy Frasier,** 60, of Eddyville, KY, passed away, Thursday, April 16, 2026, in Eddyville, KY. A gathering of friends and family was held from 4:00 P.M. until 6:00 P.M. Monday, April 20, 2026, at Barnett-Strother Funeral Home in Madisonville. A service will be held privately for the family at a later date.

**Adrian Darnell Brown,** of Louisville, Kentucky, entered into eternal rest on Wednesday, April 15, 2026. Visitation will be on Saturday, April 25 from 11 am - 1 pm, with Funeral Service to follow at 1 pm at the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 108 Burton Lane, Earlington, KY 42410. Burial to follow at Calvary Oakwood Cemetery in Earlington, KY.

**Donna Markel Wade,** 66, of Madisonville, KY, passed away on Saturday, April 18, 2026, at Baptist Health Deaconess in Madisonville. A private memorial service will be held. Harris Funeral Home was entrusted with care.

**Bonnie Jean Barthel Carnal,** 83, of Manitou, KY passed away at Deaconess Gateway Hospital in Newburgh, IN on Friday, April 17, 2026. A private graveside service will be held at Concord General Baptist Church in Manitou at a later date. Harris Funeral Home in Madisonville, KY was entrusted with care.

**Ricky Allen Maturo,** 75, of Madisonville, KY, passed away on Friday, April 17, 2026, at Baptist Health Deaconess in Madisonville after a long illness. A celebration of life will be held on Thursday, April 30, 2026, at 11 a.m. at Covenant Community Church, 1055 North Main St. Madisonville, KY, 42431, with Dr. Michael Knight officiating. Military Honors will be conducted by the Hopkins County Honor Guard. A burial will be held at Dunn Cemetery in Dawson Springs, KY. Harris Funeral Home in Madisonville was entrusted with care.

**Ricky Joe Neptune,** of Madisonville, KY, formerly of Bremen, KY, was born on April 21, 1961, to the late

Freda Mae Stewart (née Bruce) and Franklin Delbert Neptune. After a quick but courageous battle with cancer beginning in August 2025, Ricky passed away peacefully on April 16th, 2026, surrounded by his family. A celebration of life will be scheduled at a later date. Harris Funeral Home in Madisonville was entrusted with care.

**William Whitney Curtis III.** It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of William Whitney Curtis III, 85, who passed away peacefully on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at his home surrounded by family. Graveside services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 25, 2026, at Odd Fellows Cemetery in Madisonville, KY, with Rev. Jessie Campbell officiating and music will be provided by Katie and Chris Stotts. Military honors will be conducted by the United States Army and the Hopkins County Honor Guard. Harris Funeral Home assisted the family.

## LIVINGSTON

**Steven Dismore,** 52, of Livingston Co., passed away on Wednesday, April 15, 2026. Arrangements are still pending at Smith Funeral Chapel.

Everett R. Smith Jr., 67, of Smithland passed away on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at his home with is family by his side. Funeral services will be at 1:00 pm on Saturday, April 18, 2026, at Smith Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Andrew Sexton officiating. Burial will follow at Ferguson Cemetery.

## LYON

**Wanda McNeely Capps,** age 89, of Dawson Springs, passed away Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at Rivers Bend Retirement Community in Kuttawa. Funeral services were held at 1:00 pm Sunday, April 19, 2026 at Morgan’s Funeral Home with Bro. Jeff Winfrey officiating. Burial followed in Piney Grove Cemetery.

## MARSHALL

**Austin Wade Johnson,** 43, of Calvert City, passed away on Wednesday, April 15, 2026 in Marshall County. Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at Lakeland Funeral Home with Bro. Jeremy Short officiating. Burial followed in New Bethel Cemetery in Lyon County. Esther Marie (Olson) Hester Donoho, age 73, of Benton, Kentucky, passed away Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at the Murray-Calloway County Hospital. A memorial visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Saturday, May 2, 2026, at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services. There will be no formal service following the visitation.

**Patty Murray Galloway,** 82, of Benton, Kentucky, passed away on Friday, April 17, 2026, leaving behind a life marked by love, faith, and devotion to her family and friends. Funeral services were held at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at the Life Celebration Center of Filbeck-Cann with Pastor Tim Coman officiating. Burial followed at Pleasant Grove Cemetery.

**Dyann (Rogers) Akers,** 70, of Benton, KY, passed away on Friday, April 17, 2026, at her home in Benton. She requested that no services be held in her name. To share a memory or leave a message for the family, please visit Dyann’s Tribute Wall at [www.filbeckandcann.com](http://www.filbeckandcann.com).

**Brad Edward Darnell,** 57, of Possum Trot, Kentucky, passed away peacefully at his home with his loving wife by his side. The family will hold a memorial service for Brad from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM on Friday, May 1, 2026, at Grace Point Church in Reidland, Kentucky. A Celebration of Life will immediately follow at the Beer Garden in Benton, Kentucky.

**Marlene E. Travis,** age 92 of Calvert City, Kentucky passed away on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at Calvert City Convalescent Center in Calvert City, Kentucky. A Funeral service will be held at 11:30 AM on Saturday, April 25, 2026 at Calvert City Church of Christ with Lance Cordle officiating. Interment will follow in the Marshall Co. Memory Gardens, Benton, KY. Visitation will be held between 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 25, 2026 at Calvert City Church of Christ.

**June Thompson Parker,** 75 of Benton, Kentucky

passed away on Monday, April 20, 2026 at Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah, Kentucky. A graveside service was held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, April 23, 2026 at Benton Cemetery with Bro. Mike Littrell officiating.

**Billie “Bill” Joe Rose,** 86, of Benton, passed away Monday, April 20, 2026 at his home. A funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM on Friday, April 24, 2026 at Collier Funeral Home with Bro. Scott Penick officiating. Burial will follow at Wilson Cemetery. The visitation will be from 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM on Friday, April 24, 2026 at Collier Funeral Home.

**Patricia May Rose Houser** died April 19, 2026 after a short stay at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center. No services are scheduled at this time. Collier Funeral Home, Benton, KY is handling arrangements.

**Julie Faye Royster,** 61 of Fairdealing, Kentucky passed away on Sunday, April 19, 2026, at Lake Way Nursing & Rehabilitation in Benton, Kentucky after an extended illness. A graveside service was held at 4:30 PM on Thursday, April 23, 2026 at Horn Cemetery.

**Thomas M. “Sprout” Davis,** age 101 of Calvert City, Kentucky passed away on Sunday, April 19, 2026, at Calvert City Convalescent Center in Calvert City, Kentucky. A Funeral service was held at 12:00 PM on Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at First Baptist Church of Calvert City, Rev. Dr. Jim Ewing officiating. Interment followed in Calvert City Cemetery, Calvert City, KY with Military Rites.

**Our beloved Donna Kay Steele,** 68, of Benton, KY, went to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on April 18, 2026, at Vanderbilt University Hospital, surrounded by her family. A funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, with Mike Rogers officiating. Interment will follow at Fooks Cemetery.

**Martha Ellen Washburn,** 92, of Benton passed away on Friday, April 17, 2026 at Calvert City Convalescent Center. A graveside service was held on Monday, April 20, 2026 at 3:00 PM at Hamlet Cemetery in Benton, Kentucky with Rev. Glen Cope officiating.

## McCRACKEN

**Marcia Jean Finkel Nemer** - It is with profound sadness, but with a sense of sincere gratitude for a life well-lived, that the family of Marcia Jean Finkel Nemer announces her passing on Sunday, April 19, 2026, at the age of 102. Graveside services will be held at 12:00 pm, Sunday, April 26, 2026, at Temple Israel Cemetery, 2535 Lone Oak Road Paducah, KY 42001, with Rabbi Mark Schiffan officiating. A celebration of life will be held afterwards at Temple Israel, 330 Joe Clifton Drive, Paducah, KY 42001.

**Thomas B. Shaffer** known to many simply as Tom, passed away on Sunday, April 19, 2026, at the Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center. A Visitation washeld from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm on Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at the Lone Oak Chapel of Milner & Orr Funeral Home. There will be no services.

**Archie Smith Clapp,** 94, was born on January 17, 1932, in Giles County, Tennessee, and passed away on April 19, 2026, in Paducah, Kentucky, lived a long and meaningful life marked by faith, warmth, and a deep love for the people around her. A funeral service was held at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah with Bro. Mike Farmer and Bro. Chris May officiating. Burial followed at Symsonia Cemetery in Graves County, Kentucky.

**Jimmie Lee Gibbons,** 89, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away peacefully on April 18, 2026. A visitation and funeral service was held on Wednesday, April 22, 2026. Visitation will begin at 11:00 A.M., followed by the funeral service at noon, both taking place at Milner and Orr Funeral Home in Paducah, KY.

**Betty Ann Birdsong,** 86, of West Paducah, passed away peacefully at Parkview Convalescent Center on April 18, 2026. Joint funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, April 23, 2026, at the Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah, with Dan Sikes officiating. Burial followed at the Woodville Cemetery in West Paducah.

**Johnny E. Houseman** passed away on April 16, 2026, at Baptist Health Hospital in Paducah, Kentucky. Funeral services were held at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, April 20, 2026, at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens Chapel, with entombment to follow.

**Jerry “Mo” Lamkin**, 75, of Kevil, Kentucky, passed away on April 15, 2026. He was born on June 27, 1950, in Mayfield, Kentucky, and spent his life working hard, the Lord, loving his family, and helping anyone he could along the way. Funeral services were held on Saturday, April 18, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah with Donna Wear officiating. Burial will follow the service at Liberty Cemetery.

**Timothy Neihoff**, 68 of Paducah passed away Saturday April 18, 2026 at Mercy Health Lourdes in Paducah. Family memorial services are planned at a later date.

**Walter “Shade Tree” Shade Jr.**, 72, of Paducah passed away on Thursday, April 16, 2026, at Baptist Health Paducah. A joint memorial service for Walter and Patricia Shade will be held at 5:00pm on Friday, April 24, 2026, at Lindsey Funeral Home. Friends may visit the family from 3:00pm till service hour on Friday at the funeral home.

**Krystal Renee Mays**, age 43 of Paducah, transitioned from her residence on Wednesday, April 15, 2026. Arrangements are incomplete at this time. William E. “Butch” McNeill, Jr., of Paducah, passed away on Saturday, April 18, 2026, at Countryside Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing in Bardwell. A memorial service will be held at 6:30 pm on Friday, April 24, 2026, at Hughes Funeral Home in Paducah with Rev. Todd Hawkins officiating. Visitation will be held from 5:30 pm to service time Friday at the funeral home.

**Sharon L. Robinson**, 74, of Paducah, passed away at 11:36 pm on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at her residence. Funeral services were held at 1:00 pm on Monday, April 20, 2026, at Hughes Funeral Home in Paducah with Bro. Ryan Baker officiating. Burial followed at Maplelawn Park Cemetery in Paducah.

**Bernard A. Williams Jr.**, age 78, affectionately

known as Bernie, passed away on April 18th, 2026, surrounded by family and dear friends. Visitation for Bernie will be held on April 24, 2026, from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the Keeling & Goodman Funeral Home located at 2410 Jackson Street, Paducah, KY 42003. A memorial service will immediately follow from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the same location.

Ian Daniel Harris, a devoted father, son, and brother, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, in Paducah, Kentucky. Keeling & Goodman Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Harris family.

**Tracey Mullen Stevenson**, 52, of Ledbetter passed away Thursday, April 16, 2026 at her home. There will be no public services for Tracey Stevenson at this time. Arrangements have been entrusted to Collier Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Inc.

## TRIGG

**Lakelynn Rosalee Brown** - April 18, 2026 - April 18, 2026 - A Private Celebration of Life for stillborn Lakelynn Rosalee Brown will be held at a later date. King’s Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

**Kevin Dawon Bingham** - June 3, 1988 - April 17, 2026 - A Celebration of Life for 37 year old Kevin Dawon Bingham of Hopkinsville formerly of Cadiz will be held Sunday, April 26, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. at King’s Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Trigg Memory Acres. Visitation will be on Sunday, April 26, 2026 from 2:00-3:00 pm at King’s Funeral Home.

## UNION

**Donna Marie Marsh** age 75 of Sturgis, KY went to be with her Lord and Savior on Saturday April 18, 2026 at 6:04 P.M. at Deaconess Midtown Hospital in Evansville, IN. Funeral was held at 2 PM on Thursday, April 23rd at Whitsell Funeral Home in Sturgis, KY. Matthew Thrower will officiate. Burial in Pythian Ridge Cemetery in Sturgis, KY.

**Michael Paul “Loader” Thomas**, 83 of Uniontown, KY., passed away peacefully at his home on Friday April 17, 2026 surrounded by his loving family and

Caregiving friends. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at Whitsell Funeral Home in Morganfield, KY. Fr. Freddie Byrd will officiate.

**Raymond Eugene Lofton, Jr.**, age 74 of Sturgis, KY passed away Wednesday, April 15 2026 at Morganfield Nursing and Rehab Center in Morganfield, KY. Memorial Service was held at 1 PM Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at Whitsell Funeral Home in Morganfield. Rev. Dwight Jackson will officiate. Burial will be in Boxville Cemetery near Morganfield, KY.

## WEBSTER

**Ruby Nell Blackburn** 89, of Dixon, Ky passed away Saturday April 18th, 2026, at Baptist Health Deaconess in Madisonville. Funeral services will be Saturday, April 25, 2026 at 1:00 PM at Vanover Funeral Home in Clay with Dr. Joe Leonard officiating. Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery in Blackford. Visitation will be Saturday 12:00 PM until service time at the funeral home.

**Shannon Lynn Teague**, 56 of Madisonville passed away Friday, April 17, 2026 at Baptist Health Deaconess in Madisonville. Memorial service will be Saturday, April 25, 2026 at 9:00 AM at Vanover Funeral Home in Clay with Brother Corey Rash officiating. Visitation will be Saturday starting at 8:00 AM until service time at the funeral home.

**Jeffrey Scott Stewart (“Bump”)**, 55, of Bowling Green, Kentucky, passed away April 16, 2026. Memorial service was held on Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 4:00 PM at Community Fellowship Church with Brother Earl Reeves officiating.

**Donna J. Jackson** 79, of Dixon, KY passed away on Tuesday April 21st, 2026 at Redbanks Colonial Terrace Nursing Home in Sebree, KY. Funeral services will be held on Friday April 24th, 2026 at 2pm at Townsend Funeral Home in Dixon, KY. Rev John Brumfiel will officiate. Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery in Dixon, KY. Visitation will be from 10am until service time on Friday at the funeral home.



**By Gary Miller**  
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The toms are gobbling all around. Their call is one of the most recognizable in all of nature. Whether one is a turkey hunter or not, everyone knows this familiar sound. And even though a tom turkey will gobble the entire year, he is especially vocal during the spring mating season. The turkey is an amazing bird. Just a few decades ago there were so few that most hunters turned into fishermen during the spring. Now, the tur-

key is in every state except Alaska. And not only are they surviving, they are also thriving. The reintroduction of the turkey has been a great success story for fish and game commissions all over the country. There has been a concerted effort between them, some conservation groups like the NWTF, and the turkey themselves. Yes, the turkey has really done its part in this process as well. They have adapted. It seems no matter

what type of terrain the turkey is placed in, it survives. And not only does it survive, but it seems to accept its environment and make it its own. It doesn't care if it is placed in the mountains or the flatlands, in the cold or hot temperatures. It is going to not only endure its situation; it is going to enjoy it. That's how I want to be. I want to be an enjoying Christian and not just an enduring one. And it's really not up to anyone or anything



but me.

All of my life, my circumstances have changed. I have noticed as I have gotten older that nothing stays the same. It seems just as I get a grasp on some new thing, it is replaced by a newer thing. I could grumble, complain, long for the good ole days, refuse to change, and endure the rest of my life as a cantankerous old man. Or I can choose to relish the opportunity to learn, be thankful for the opportunity to live in this new arena, adapt, and enjoy every minute I am blessed to be here. That is an easy de-

cision for me. I hope it will be for you. When I think about this, I'm always reminded of Apostle Paul's reminder of what the Holy Spirit is trying to produce in me. He writes this. "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." This means, if I mature in my faith, my old age will not be characterized by cranky or cantankerous, or even just enduring. It will instead be seen as one that is characterized by these nine flavors of this fruit. Because while society, culture, and circum-

stances change, what the Spirit wants to produce in me, will not. It will fit in every generation. This means if I'm looking for stability, I don't need to look at what world I'm in, but what world is in me.

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# Ballard County focuses on growth, housing and infrastructure improvements

By Laurna Todd, KPI Writer

**BALLARD COUNTY** — As part of Kentucky Publishing’s upcoming Growth & Development Report, Ballard County Judge Executive Todd Cooper is highlighting continued progress across the county, with a strong focus on housing, infrastructure, and community partnerships.

Over the past year, Cooper said the county has made meaningful strides in areas that directly impact residents’ quality of life.

“We’ve seen progress through new housing creation, infrastructure improvements, and

strong local cooperation and partnerships,” Cooper said. “Those efforts are helping position Ballard County for future growth.”

Infrastructure improvements have been a key priority, with several bridge projects completed across the county, including Deerfield Road, Brooking Road, Shelby Road, Albert Hook Road, and Bethlehem Bridge #32. These upgrades enhance both safety and accessibility for residents.

Housing development has also been a major focus. The Ballard Economic Development Corporation (EDC) recently completed

water and sewer infrastructure along Reno Drive at Barlow Estates, creating 13 new sites for homes or duplexes.

To encourage additional growth, the Ballard County Fiscal Court and Industrial Development Authority partnered on a grant program offering up to \$5,000 for new home construction or renovations of vacant homes. The program was fully utilized, showing strong interest in housing expansion.

Local partnerships continue to drive investment. A \$100,000 grant was secured to support development at Barlow Estates, WestHaven Subdivision,

and a planned 40-acre future subdivision in Kevil.

Looking ahead, Cooper said rebuilding the county’s population remains a top priority.

“Our number one goal is to rebuild our population,” he said. “We saw a decrease of more than 400 people from 2010 to 2020. Increasing our housing stock is key to reversing that trend.”

That effort includes new subdivision development as well as encouraging property owners to place vacant homes back on the market.

Cooper emphasized that the county’s success is built on teamwork.

“No one person is responsible for the progress we’re seeing,” he said. “It’s a team

effort across many organizations and local leaders working together.”



Todd Cooper

## Q&A with Kenny Imes Calloway County Judge Executive

1) *What Projects or Accomplishments that you’re most proud of from the last calendar year?*

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2. *What upcoming project would you like accomplish by the end of the year? Have new animal shelter under*

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# City of Arlington secures funding for infrastructure, sets sights on water system improvements

By Laurna Todd, KPI Writer

The City of Arlington is moving forward with key infrastructure upgrades after securing major funding, while city leaders continue to focus on long-term improvements to support residents and future growth.

According to City Clerk Ayna Dixon, one of the city's most significant accomplishments has been obtaining two major grants through Kentucky Waters

and the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. These funds will be used to address critical infrastructure needs, specifically targeting sewer system improvements in the West End area.

The project will focus on repairing and upgrading aging sewer lines, an effort expected to improve service reliability and address long-standing concerns for residents in that part of the city. Work on the project is anticipated to begin in the near future.



City officials say the funding represents an important step toward maintaining and strengthening essential services, while also positioning Arlington for continued development.

Looking ahead, the city's primary priority is enhancing its water infrastructure system. Plans include pursuing additional grant opportunities to replace outdated water

lines throughout the community, as well as constructing a new water treatment plant.

These improvements are aimed at ensuring safe and dependable water service for residents, while also supporting future residential and economic growth.

With infrastructure at the forefront, Arlington leaders remain focused on making strategic investments that will benefit the community now and for years to come.



Mayor Peggy Meriedeth

## Barlow looks ahead to growth, development opportunities

By Laurna Todd, KPI Writer

BARLOW — City leadership in Barlow continues to focus on growth and long-term development, with key projects underway that aim to strengthen both the community's housing and economic future.

Mayor Peggy Meriedeth said one of the most notable areas of progress has been ongoing work connected to Moore Estates. The development, in partnership with the Economic Development Board, has already seen multiple lots sold, with construction expected to begin soon.

"This is an exciting step forward for our city," Meriedeth noted, pointing to the potential impact the development could have on attracting new residents and supporting overall growth.

In addition to housing expansion, efforts

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# Independence Bank announces new market leadership in Owensboro

OWENSBORO, Ky. – Independence Bank is excited to announce a series of strategic leadership changes that strengthen our commitment to the people and communities we serve across the Commonwealth. The following moves reflect developing talent within our organization and strengthening our commitment to western Kentucky.

• Kevin Kauffeld has been named Daviess County Market President.

• Scott Johnston has been named McCracken County Market President. • Nick Oller has been named Senior Vice President of Retail Lending.

• Drew Hulette has been named McCracken County Senior Lender.

New Daviess County Market President Kevin Kauffeld has served

as McCracken County Market President since 2019 when he joined Independence Bank. He previously worked for the Catholic Diocese of Owensboro for 18 years, with eight of those years as Chancellor. A Brescia University alum, Kauffeld will return to the place where he raised his family to continue successful relationship building while strengthening the mission of our community bank with a deep appreciation for helping small businesses and families.

McCracken County Market President Scott Johnston has nearly 40 years in banking. He joined the Bank in 2010 and previously served as Vice President and Senior Lending Officer in McCracken County. He's specialized in taking care of his clients with Independence

Bank's customer first philosophy.

"These changes reflect not only the strength of our team, but also our commitment to the communities we serve," said Bank President Phil Riney. "We're proud to see these two leaders step into roles where they will continue to make a meaningful difference for businesses, families and nonprofits."

Nick Oller has been a long-standing leader in Daviess County since joining the Bank in 2003. He has succeeded in multiple management roles over the last two decades most recently serving as Daviess County Market President. Oller will now transition into a Senior Retail Lending role for the Bank.

New McCracken County Senior Lender Drew Hulette has



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Senior Lender McCracken County

**NICK OLLER**  
Senior Vice President of Retail Lending

nearly three decades of banking experience across western Kentucky; he is known for his expertise and dedication. Hulette joined the Bank as a Commercial Loan Officer in 2022.

"Our purpose has always been rooted in people. That includes our employees, our

customers and our communities," Bank CEO Greg Mullican reflected. "These four individuals exemplify what it means to be 'Here for Good.' They lead with integrity, invest in professional relationships and understand that long-term success is built by doing the right

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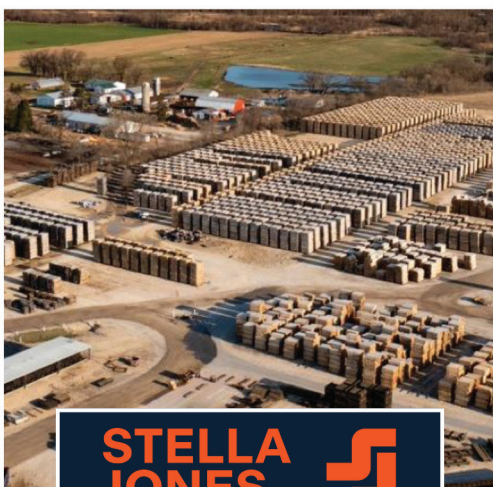
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# Gov. Beshear questions management and ‘decision-making’ at UK

LEXINGTON, Ky. (KT) - Gov. Andy Beshear voiced concern Tuesday over what he described as troubling leadership decisions at the University of Kentucky, pointing to several recent and controversial developments.

In a social media post, Beshear cited the hiring of Gregory Van Tatenhove as the next dean of the university’s law school, along with the retirement of longtime athletics director Mitch Barnhart and his subsequent appointment as executive in residence for a new UK Sport and

Workforce Initiative.

“I am losing confidence and growing increasingly concerned with the management and decision-making at the University of Kentucky,” Beshear posted on social media, in a rare public critique of the university.

Barnhart is set to earn \$950,000 annually through August 2030 in his new role, though the university has released few details about the position. Officials have said his salary will be funded through the athletics budget.

The move has drawn criticism from some within the UK



community, including prominent football booster Brett Setzer, who described the decision as “deeply misguided” in a letter to university leaders.

Beshear also said

he had been informed that Van Tatenhove was the only candidate not recommended by the law school faculty and noted an apparent shift in the university’s stance on whether

the board of trustees must approve the dean selection.

UK’s board of trustees meets Thursday and Friday, the first time since Van Tatenhove’s appointment.

“I worry that these actions are related to certain donors pushing partisan and undue outside influence onto the university. I hope students, faculty, trustees and the community attend this week’s board meetings and ask the tough questions that should be answered.”

In response to the governor’s comments, UK spokesperson Jay Blanton issued this

statement:

“We appreciate and always respect the Governor’s interest and feedback. We take it seriously but respectfully disagree with his assessment. In Judge Van Tatenhove we have someone who will be an outstanding Dean for the Rosenberg College of Law. With more than two decades of experience and an exemplary record on the federal courts, as well as years as a U.S. Attorney and in public service, he is the right leader, with the right skills and the right background and expertise at a critical moment for the college.”



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# Bardwell focuses on infrastructure, public safety improvements

By Laurna Todd, KPI Writer

City of Bardwell officials are highlighting a year of progress while setting their sights on continued infrastructure upgrades and community improvements in the year ahead.

According to City Clerk Adrian Cunningham, one of the city's most significant accomplishments over the past year has been securing funding to pave East Court Street, a project aimed at improving roadway conditions and accessibility for residents. In addition, the city invested in public safety by

purchasing a new fire truck to better serve the community through its volunteer fire department.

Cunningham also noted the city's continued involvement in the Carlisle County Schools Co-op program as another point of success, providing opportunities for students while strengthening ties between the school system and local government.

Looking ahead, Bardwell officials are prioritizing additional infrastructure improvements across the city. Cunningham said a key goal is to secure more funding to pave additional city streets, addressing ongoing maintenance needs and improving

overall transportation within the community.

Water system improvements are also a major focus, with plans to pursue grant funding to assist with necessary infrastructure repairs and upgrades. In addition, city leaders are working toward implementing code enforcement ordinances designed to enhance the appearance of Bardwell and promote community pride.

City officials say these efforts reflect a continued commitment to strengthening Bardwell's infrastructure, improving public safety, and enhancing quality of life for residents.

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are also underway to preserve a piece of the city's history. While not directly a city-led project, a grant awarded to Ky West is funding remediation work on the Old Barlow School. The project is currently in progress, with community members eager to see the historic building restored.

Looking ahead, Meriedeth emphasized that continued development at Moore Estates remains a top priority. City officials are hopeful that the

project will not only bring new residents to the area but also help draw in additional business opportunities.

If successful, those efforts could provide

lasting benefits for both the city and its residents, helping position Barlow for steady growth in the years to come.



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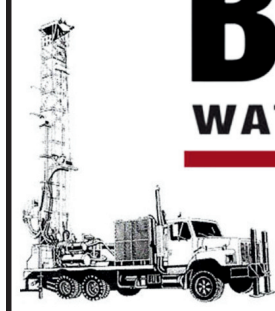


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# James Composites announces new manufacturing facility in Calvert City

**Special to Western Kentucky Business Journal**

Gov. Andy Beshear announced today that James Composites LLC will invest \$5.8 million to establish its first Kentucky

manufacturing facility in Calvert City, creating 25 full-time jobs in Marshall County.

The company, which manufactures fiberglass barge covers, will be located

at 390 Riverside Lane, providing direct access to the Tennessee River through the site's marine ways system. Construction of a new manufacturing building is expected to be completed

by November, with operations anticipated to begin in early 2027.

"Kentucky's manufacturing industry continues to fuel our historic economic momentum, providing quality job opportunities and investment in communities across the entire state," Beshear said. "James Composites is creating dozens of great jobs for Kentuckians while further strengthening our commonwealth's industrial base."

Calvert City Mayor Gene Colburn said the investment reflects the community's strength and strategic location.

"Any time we see an expansion from an existing business, it's exciting for Calvert City, because it speaks to the strength of our community and the importance of retaining the companies that already believe in

this region," Colburn said. "Having a company like James Marine invest and expand through James Composites is a strong sign that our location, our workforce, and our access to the inland waterways continue to make Calvert City a prime economic driver for Marshall County and Western Kentucky."

James Composites LLC was organized in April 2025 and is part of the James Marine Inc. family of companies, which provides a wide range of services to the inland river industry. The company expects to begin operations in early 2027 following completion of the new facility.

Elizabeth Griffith Mudd, president of Kentucky Lake Economic Development, said the project underscores the region's appeal to manufacturers.

"This investment

reflects the strength of our industrial base, our access to inland waterways, and the skilled workforce that continues to make this region attractive to manufacturing companies," Mudd said.

James Composites will also be eligible for workforce resources through Kentucky's workforce service providers, including no-cost recruitment assistance and reduced-cost customized training.

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Information about Calvert City and Marshall County economic development opportunities is available through Kentucky Lake Economic Development and the Cabinet for Economic Development.

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## Bluegrass Restaurant rooted in community

By Laurna Todd,  
KPI Writer

For many years, Bluegrass Restaurant has remained a familiar and welcoming staple in the community—built on a tradition of longevity that owners Nick and Helen Karadimas are proud to continue while adding their own personal touch.

The Karadimas family purchased Bluegrass Restaurant in July 2014, drawn to the opportunity to invest in a business that already held deep roots locally. For them, it was never just about owning a restaurant—it was about becoming a visible and active part of the community.

“We saw a place with real roots in the community and knew we could pour our hearts into it,” Helen Karadimas said. “We didn’t just want to run a restaurant; we wanted to be present, hands-on owners who show up every single day.”

That daily presence has become a defining part of Bluegrass Restaurant’s identity. For the Karadimas family, continuing a long-standing local business carries both pride and responsibility.

“It means everything,” Karadimas said. “There’s a responsibility that comes with carrying something the community already loves, and we don’t take that lightly. What matters most to us is that people see us here every day. You’re not dealing with a faceless business—you’re

dealing with real people who genuinely care.”

While honoring the restaurant’s history, the Karadimas family has also worked to shape Bluegrass into a space that reflects their vision—one centered on connection, comfort, and community.

“Our vision was to make Bluegrass a true family restaurant in every sense of the word,” Karadimas said. “A place where people can pause from the busyness of everyday life, catch up with friends, relax, and just breathe for a moment. We wanted it to feel like an extension of the community itself.”

That approach has helped Bluegrass Restaurant remain more than just a place to eat—it’s a place where relationships are built and strengthened.

For the Karadimas family, the most rewarding part of their work comes down to the people they serve each day.

“Seeing familiar faces, having real conversations, making someone smile, and connecting people with one another—that’s what gets us going,” Karadimas said. “Serving our community isn’t just our business model, it’s our purpose.”

Through their commitment, visibility, and passion, Nick and Helen Karadimas continue to ensure Bluegrass Restaurant remains a cornerstone of the community—one meal, and one conversation, at a time.

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# Carlisle County sees progress in parks, infrastructure and economic growth

By Laurna Todd, KPI Writer

CARLISLE COUNTY — From expanded recreational spaces to major infrastructure improvements

and new economic opportunities, Carlisle County has continued to build momentum over the past year.

One of the county's most notable accomplishments has been the

transformation of its community park and recreational facilities. Significant upgrades have been completed, including the construction of a new playground, improvements to

ballfield fencing and lighting, expanded parking, and the addition of a concession stand. A newly developed lake, recently stocked with fish through the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources' F.I.N.S. program, has also added to the park's appeal.

County officials say these enhancements have helped turn the park into a central gathering place for the community, especially during sporting events, while also providing more opportunities for residents of all ages to enjoy outdoor recreation.

In addition to park improvements, Carlisle County is making progress on key infrastructure projects. A comprehensive water line initiative is currently underway, including the installation of new lines throughout the Milburn Water

District and expanded service to the Carlisle County School System campus. Once completed, the project is expected to strengthen fire protection capabilities at the school and ensure consistent access to safe, reliable drinking water.

Greg Terry emphasized the importance of continuing these efforts while also preparing for the future.

"Our focus remains on completing the projects currently in progress and ensuring a smooth transition as new leadership takes office," Terry said. "We're committed to building on the progress we've made and continuing to serve the people of Carlisle County in the best way possible."

Looking ahead, county leaders remain optimistic about ongoing development and the opportunities it

brings. One of the most significant announcements comes from Genesis Anaerobic Solutions, LLC, which plans to invest \$142 million in an agricultural waste-to-energy facility in Carlisle County. The project will convert hog waste and corn stalks into renewable natural gas while producing nutrient-rich byproducts for local farmers.

The facility is expected to create approximately 20 permanent jobs and between 100 and 120 construction jobs, providing both economic growth and environmental benefits to the region.

With continued investments in recreation, infrastructure, and industry, Carlisle County officials say they are focused on strengthening the community and improving quality of life for residents now and in the years ahead.

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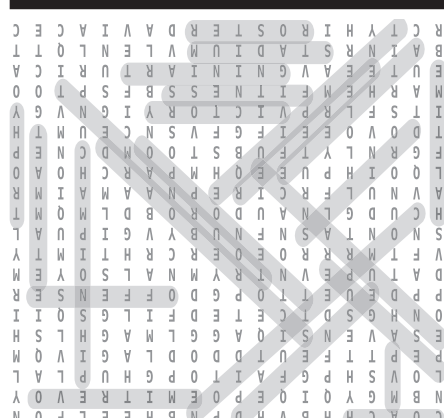
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2	9	4	3	6	7	8	5	1
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# Kentucky 1 of 5 states to receive aid for rural hospitals

By TOM LATEK  
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – Kentucky is one of five states that have been added in UnitedHealthcare’s expansion of its Rural Payment Acceleration pilot program, according to Gov. Andy Beshear.

The program is focused on lowering health care costs and increasing access in rural communities and is expected to help local hospitals get paid faster, cut down on paperwork and increase care for families.

“Rural health-care facilities are a lifeline for Americans across our country, and the federal government’s dangerous Medicaid cuts are causing them to face closure or reduce services,



which ultimately puts lives at risk,” Beshear said. “UnitedHealthcare is working to provide real solutions to keep these health-care facilities open and operating so that families in rural communities can continue to access the care they need

and deserve. Kentucky is one of the states hit hardest by the federal cuts, and this forward-thinking program will make a difference.”

The Kentucky hospitals included are Harrison Memorial Hospital in Cynthiana, Murray-Callo-

way County Public Hospital in Murray, Pikeville Medical Center in Pikeville, Taylor Regional Hospital in Campbellsville and T.J. Samson Community Hospital in Glasgow.

UnitedHealthcare’s Rural Payment Acceleration Pilot seeks

to strengthen rural hospitals through more reliable and quicker payments, to ensure their doors remain open and able to serve rural communities. The initial pilot, launched in four states in January 2026, helped hospitals receive Medicare Advantage

payments faster. On average, payment times decreased from fewer than 30 days to fewer than 15 days.

The company announced it was taking new steps to build on this progress by introducing the following initiatives:

Speeding payments by up to 50% for approximately 1,500 rural hospitals and all Critical Access Hospitals.

Exempting rural providers from most medical prior authorization requirements across all lines of business.

Launching new hub-and-spoke partnerships designed to deliver essential services directly to patients in their communities.

# Kentucky receives \$94 million in tobacco settlement funds

By TOM LATEK  
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – Kentucky has received \$94.4 million for this year’s Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) payment, according

to Attorney General Russell Coleman. The commonwealth has received \$2.96 billion from the nationwide agreement with cigarette manufacturers since 1998.

“The historic Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement showed us how state attorneys general can shape national policy and deliver for those we serve. Once again, I’m proud to

bring home these resources to invest in Kentucky and our rural communities,” Coleman said, “Raising tobacco is a vital part of Kentucky’s heritage and my own upbringing, and it remains a strong feature of our economy to this day.”

In 1998, Kentucky and 51 states and territories reached the MSA with major cigarette manufacturers. The historic agreement resolved state lawsuits against the tobacco companies for Medicaid and other health costs related to smoking. In

addition to the annual compensation, the MSA works to reduce underage smoking and decrease new smokers.

Kentucky designated half of the funds for agricultural diversification, with grants being distributed by the Kentucky Department of Agriculture. The remaining funds are split evenly between the Early Childhood Development Fund and the Kentucky Health Care Improvement Fund. The General Assembly’s Tobacco Settlement Agreement Fund Oversight

Committee oversees all agricultural grant application decisions and monitors expenditures under the other funds.

Under the settlement terms, participating cigarette manufacturers must make a yearly payment to the states based on an annually adjusted rate per number of cigarettes sold each year. Kentucky will continue to receive payments from participating manufacturers each year they sell cigarettes in the United States.



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# Kentucky Agricultural Development Board approves more than \$1 million for projects across the Commonwealth



**Press Release**

FRANKFORT – The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board approved \$1,035,439 for agricultural diversification and rural development projects across the Commonwealth Friday at its monthly board meeting.

“The projects awarded today by the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board will help to strengthen our agricultural economy,” Commissioner of Agriculture and Board Chair Jonathan Shell said. “That strength comes through diversification and progress toward a future that recognizes diversity adds resilience to our farming communities.”

**County and State Funded Projects**

Hoof and Horn Veterinary Services was approved up to \$79,000 in state funds and \$21,000 in multi-county funds to purchase a truck, vet box, and veterinary equipment as part of the Large and Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Program. For more information, contact Noah Zazulak at nza-zulak@outlook.com.

**County Programs**

County Agricultural Incentives Program (CAIP)

CAIP provides Kentucky agricultural producers with cost-share assistance on practices to allow them to improve and

diversify their current farm operations. CAIP covers a wide variety of agricultural enterprises in its 11 incentive areas, including, but not limited to, beef and dairy cattle; farm infrastructure, fencing, and water enhancement; equine; forage; goats and sheep; horticulture; poultry; swine; bees and honey; timber and technology, as well as energy efficiency and production; marketing; and value-added production.

Six CAIPs, totaling

\$877,264, were approved in the following counties:

- Bath (\$225,000)
- Montgomery (\$70,000)
- Ohio (\$100,000)
- Owsley (\$142,000)
- Robertson (\$260,264)
- Washington (\$80,000)

**Deceased Farm Animal Removal (DAR)**

The Deceased Farm Animal Removal Program serves as a measure to facilitate the coordination of environmentally sound and cost-effective disposal of deceased livestock for

Kentucky producers.

One DAR, totaling \$3,175, was approved in Trimble County.

**Next Generation Farmer Program (NextGen)**

NextGen addresses the growing need for a specialized program that would benefit producers ages 18 to 40 that have been engaged in an agricultural operation for a minimum of three years.

One NextGen, totaling \$10,000, was approved in Washing-

ton County.

**Youth Agricultural Incentives Program (YAIP)**

YAIP encourages youth to engage in and explore agricultural opportunities.

Two YAIPs, totaling \$45,000, were approved in the following counties:

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One of the highlights of golfing in Western Kentucky is the natural landscape. Many courses are built around gently rolling terrain, mature trees, and sparkling lakes. This scenery not only makes for beautiful views but also creates interesting course layouts that test accuracy and



strategy. Water hazards, tree-lined fairways, and carefully placed bunkers add excitement to each round, making every hole feel unique.

The climate in Western Kentucky makes it possible to enjoy golf through much of the year. Spring is especially popular, as courses

come alive with fresh green grass and blooming trees. Summer brings longer daylight hours, allowing golfers to fit in a full round even after work. Fall is often considered the most scenic season, with colorful leaves creating stunning backdrops on the fairways. Even

mild winter days sometimes allow for occasional play, making golf one of the region's most accessible outdoor activities.

Western Kentucky is home to several well-known golf destinations. Courses such as those near Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area provide golfers with a peaceful outdoor setting surrounded by forests and wildlife. The proximity to lakes and rivers means many courses feature water views that enhance both the challenge and the beauty of the game. Golfers visiting the area often combine their rounds with

other outdoor activities such as fishing, hiking, or boating.

Community involvement also plays a strong role in Western Kentucky's golf culture. Local tournaments, charity scrambles, and junior golf programs are common throughout the region. These events help bring players together and introduce younger generations to the sport. Many golf courses offer lessons and practice facilities, making it easier for beginners to build confidence and improve their skills.

Affordability is another reason golfers enjoy the

region. Compared to large resort areas, greens fees in Western Kentucky are often more budget-friendly. This allows families, retirees, and casual players to enjoy the game regularly without high costs. Many courses also provide special rates for seniors, juniors, and weekday play, making golf even more accessible.

Hospitality is a defining feature of the golfing experience in Western Kentucky. Course staff and local residents are known for their friendliness, making visitors feel welcome from the moment they arrive. Clubhouses often serve as gathering spots where golfers can relax, share stories, and enjoy a meal after finishing their rounds.

In addition to local play, Western Kentucky serves as a convenient destination for golf trips. Its central location makes it accessible to visitors from surrounding states, and many towns offer comfortable lodging and dining options. Travelers can easily plan a weekend getaway that includes multiple rounds at different courses, allowing them to explore the region's diverse layouts.

Overall, golfing in Western Kentucky offers a rewarding combination of scenic landscapes, welcoming communities, and enjoyable courses. Whether you are looking for a peaceful solo round or a fun outing with friends, the region provides an inviting place to enjoy one of America's favorite pastimes.

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# The Arboretum at UK receives global accreditation

*The Arboretum at the University of Kentucky lands international accreditation, showcasing its continued commitment to horticulture and conservation for the people of Kentucky and beyond.*

By Megan Buland

LEXINGTON, Ky.— The Arboretum, State Botanical Garden of Kentucky at the University of Kentucky has been recognized for its achievements and dedication to the fields of horticulture and native plant conservation — receiving accreditation by the ArbNet Arboretum Accreditation Program and The Morton Arboretum. ArbNet is an interactive, collaborative, international community of arboreta and the only global initiative to

officially recognize arboreta based on a set of professional standards. Today, the program recognizes more than 700 accredited arboreta globally. The Arboretum, State Botanical Garden of Kentucky is now recognized as an accredited arboretum in the Morton Register of Arboreta, a database of the world’s 2,500 plus arboreta and gardens dedicated to woody plants. “ArbNet Accreditation highlights the Arboretum’s commitment to horticulture and conservation, and

our commitment to serve the people and communities of Kentucky through our mission,” said Scott Smith, The Arboretum director at the Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. “Accreditation is a significant step on our path to excellence and distinction at the Arboretum. It is worth noting that accreditation is not only about great botanical collections but is also based on excellence in community education and programming.”

About The Arboretum

The Arboretum is a 100-acre public garden located on the campus of the University of Kentucky in the heart of Lexington, Kentucky. The mission of The Arboretum is to showcase Kentucky landscapes and serve as a resource center for environmental and horticultural education, research and conservation. The Arboretum. Photo by Matt Barton. Aerial view of The Arboretum. Photo by Matt Barton. The Arboretum began in 1991 as a joint effort between the University of Kentucky and the

Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government. In March 2000, The Arboretum was named the Official State Botanical Garden for the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The Arboretum welcomes over 200,000 visitors annually. Some of The Arboretum’s unique features include Walk Across Kentucky, a diverse native plant collection and living museum; the Kentucky Children’s Garden, designed to share the joy and wonder of nature; and Horticultural Gardens, which boast year-round color.

The Arboretum offers year-round classes, workshops and educational events for visitors of all ages in numerous areas of natural resources, horticulture and conservation science. “When people come to The Arboretum, they immediately get attached,” Smith said. “Visitors love the gardens, trees, flowers, different structures and getting exercise. They create memories that last a lifetime.” To learn more about The Arboretum at the University of Kentucky, visit <https://arboretum.mgcafe.uky.edu>

## ABSOLUTE REAL ESTATE AUCTION

### THURSDAY, APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2026 @ 10:00 AM

**2 FARMS - FARM 1: 2811 COUNTY ROAD 1110, FANCY FARM, KY  
FARM 2: 425 OLD DUBLIN HILL ROAD, FANCY FARM, KY**



**2 Farms - 184± Acres  
in 12 Tracts & Combinations**

**Farm 1: Carlisle Co. -130.02 Acres in 11 Tracts - 100.82-Tillable  
The Fancy Farm Community**

**Auction Held On Farm 1 - Public Preview Date: Sunday, April 19th - 12-1 PM**



**Farm 2: Graves County - 53.45 Acres in 1 Tract - 37.07-Tillable  
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### TUESDAY, MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2026 @ 6:00 PM

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