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Cory Hicks becomes Paducah Power CEO

Paducah, KY) — The Paducah Power System (PPS) Board of Directors today promoted Cory Hicks as the utility's new Chief Executive Officer to replace retiring CEO Dave Carroll. Hicks has served since last July as Paducah Power's Chief Strategy Officer.



Cory Hicks

"Dave's incredible leadership of PPS for the last nine years has positioned the utility well and significantly elevated our standing in the utility industry. My goal is to build upon that and proactively prepare us for growth and the challenges of our evolving industry," said Hicks.

Prior to Hicks' arrival at PPS, he served as the Chief Strategy and Business Officer for Four Rivers Nuclear Partnership, Deputy Business Services Director for Fluor Federal Services and Chief of Staff for former Congressman Ed Whitfield in Washington, D.C. He will begin his CEO role at PPS July 1st. Hicks serves on the

Board of Directors for Baptist Health Systems and Paducah Bank as well as the Governor appointed Kentucky Nuclear Energy Development Authority.

Carroll came to PPS in 1998, serving as Business Director, Finance Director, and, for nearly a decade, CEO. His tenure at the helm of the utility has resulted in extensive recognition for PPS within the utility industry for reliability, safety, and operational excellence.

"I appreciate the opportunity given to me by the Board of Directors to lead during the past nine years and especially the hard work of

our staff. I'm proud of the reputation, collectively, we've built within the industry. People know who we are because of our record, and that has opened doors to opportunities key to our strong financial footing," said Carroll.

Carroll pointed to measures taken in recent years to reduce debt, stabilize rates, and sell excess power capacity to other Kentucky communities as examples of those opportunities.

Carroll said, "I'm particularly proud of the way we've been resourceful with our power generating assets to broker capacity/energy contracts with Henderson, Kentucky and the eleven cities in the Kentucky Municipal Energy Agency to provide them with a stable and cost-effective energy path while better matching our resources with our own needs. These

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KYTC study suggests widening I-24 interstate to 6 lanes

The study area includes 90 miles of I-24 from Exit 3 in McCracken County to the Tennessee State line.

By Daynnah Carmona
Christian County Now
Special to West KY News



Kentucky interstate, road stock photo

Daynnah Carmona

CHRISTIAN COUNTY, KY (CHRISTIAN COUNTY NOW) – Increased congestion on the interstate in Kentucky, specifically Christian County, may lead to a major expansion of the roadway. A Scoping Study of I-24 by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet lays out a \$3.5 billion proposal to widen the east and westbound sides of the interstate, expanding it to six lanes.

At the latest Christian County Fiscal Court meeting, Judge Executive Jerry Gilliam said KYTC's study has provided

proof of what they have been predicting, "There needs to be an extended lane, or six lanes through that thoroughfare."

Two isometric highway scenes stacked vertically: top image shows a divided roadway with a grassy median and trees on the sides, cars and a truck traveling in both directions; bottom image shows a busy multi-lane freeway

with a central median, numerous vehicles, and more traffic along both sides.

KYTC says the purpose of the I-24 Scoping Study is to identify the need for and scope of improvements along I-24 including impacts to adjoining interchanges and

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Leadership Paducah applications open for Class No. 40

Applications for Leadership Paducah Class #40 for 2026-27 are available during the month of May and will be accepted through May 29. More than 1,100 people have graduated from the program during its 39-year existence.

The online application is available on the Paducah Chamber's website, paducahchamber.org, and the deadline to apply is 5 p.m. on Friday, May 29. Multiple scholarships are available and are

listed on the program information. The Leadership Paducah program is open to residents and individuals who live and/or work in the Paducah area. The program starts in August 2026 and concludes with graduation in June 2027. Interested applicants are encouraged to review the Program Guidelines and class dates before applying. The application must be submitted online.

"Leadership Paducah is one of the

premier programs of the Paducah Chamber and our Leadership Center," said Sandra Wilson, Paducah Chamber President/CEO. "We bring together leaders from different industries and backgrounds to build meaningful connections to help lead our community in the future."

The Paducah Chamber sponsors the program with approximately 40

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AG UPDATE Poison Hemlock Just Becoming Noticeable

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Tom Miller,
Ballard County Ext. Agent

A very famous, dangerous weed is showing up all over our area and just starting to bloom right now. I noticed it while driving down the road the other day and now it is everywhere I look. Mentioned several times in Shakespeare's plays and according to Plato it was the poison that was used to kill Socrates. That weed is poison Hemlock. Not really known in our area until the last 4 or 5 years, I can remember 20 years ago, learning about this weed as it spread across eastern and central Kentucky.

It is well established in our area now. You will notice it on the roadsides, in waste areas, old railroad tracks, around the ditches in fields. The plant is very poisonous if it is ingested, that means don't eat it. Don't let your animals



eat it or children at play. It is also dangerous if you were to handle a lot of it without gloves. It is not like poison ivy, just brushing against it won't hurt you but if you were to handle a large amount of it, it could be dangerous. The plant is in the parsnip or carrot family. Its cousin, Queen Anne's lace or wild

carrot is also in bloom now and while similar, they are easily distinguishable. Hemlock is a much bigger plant, the stems are much bigger, hollow and often have blotches of purple on them. All parts of the plant are poisonous with the seeds often being the most deadly. Animals and humans can die after eating

a very small quantity. Fortunately, it is usually unpalatable to most animals and they would only eat it in times of extreme hunger. However, be extremely careful of controlling it in pastures that contain animals. After the plant has been treated and is starting to deteriorate, the animals are much more likely

to eat it for some reason and it can still kill them. You also need to be careful of getting this weed in with your hay when harvesting. The poison degrades as the hay dries. If the animals do not ingest enough to kill them, just a small amount can lead to severe birth defects in growing fetuses. Humans are most often poi-

soned when they mistake the root for wild parsnips and eat it. This plant is a biennial, meaning it takes 2 years to complete its lifecycle. It was brought into this country in the 1800's as an ornamental plant. It is now an invasive species. It can be controlled in the early growing season with 2, 4-D and a mixture of dicamba. Once the plant blooms, it is very hard to control with chemicals and needs to be hand removed before it goes to seed. Just be sure to wear gloves if you are going to be handling these plants at all. Do not burn the plants as breathing the smoke could be dangerous. If you need help with plant or weed identification, just call my office and I will be glad to come out and help.

Woman Charged After False Assault Report Investigation in Bardwell

By Laurna Todd
KPI Writer

A Bardwell woman was arrested Tuesday after allegedly admitting to fabricating a sexual assault report during an investigation by the Carlisle County Sheriff's Office. According to the sheriff's office, deputies were dispatched May 12 to the Bardwell Post Office after a woman requested

employees contact law enforcement to report an alleged sexual assault. Officers met with Courtney Link at the post office and transported her to the sheriff's office, where she was interviewed by Chief Deputy Ben Green. During the investigation, Link reportedly described an alleged sexual assault that she claimed occurred the previous

day at her Bardwell residence. Authorities said Link also consented to allowing investigators to inspect her cellphone. While reviewing the phone, Chief Deputy Green allegedly discovered deleted text messages that contradicted the statement given to law enforcement. According to the sheriff's office, Link was advised of her Miranda rights and later admitted she

fabricated the report because she was upset over an impending eviction from her residence. Link was arrested and charged with falsely reporting an incident to law enforcement, a misdemeanor, and tampering with physical evidence, a Class D felony. She was transported to the Ballard County Jail.





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Myatt Farms Looks Ahead After Successful First Strawberry Festival in Barlow

By Laurna Todd
KPI Writer

BARLOW — What started as a new farming venture for one Ballard County family quickly turned into a community celebration as Myatt Farms hosted its 1st Annual Strawberry Festival in Barlow.

Myatt Farms, owned and operated by Deena and Charlie Myatt along with Chad and Alysia Myatt, welcomed visitors from across the region to the family farm at 6764 Sallie Crice Road for a day filled with food, music, shopping and family fun.

The family-owned farm primarily specializes in row crops, including corn and soybeans, along with operating six chicken barns. This past summer, the family decided to expand into specialty crops by planting approximately 2,000 strawberry plants and opening the patch for a public U-pick experience.

To celebrate their first strawberry harvest



and introduce the community to the new strawberry patch, the Myatt family organized the Strawberry Festival.

Festivalgoers enjoyed shopping with several local vendors including Baby Bugs Boutique, Homemade by Hannah, Strangers in the Night Apothecary, Mila's Creations Kettle Corn, Pampered Chef by Stephanie Kendall, Sellin with Sara Jean, Mama Kelly's Dirty Pop Soda Shop, Cure in Every Knot and a bake sale benefiting St. Jude.

Guests also en-

joyed breakfast from Mama Dee's Waffles with Myatt Farms, barbecue from Chris Hargrove BBQ and live entertainment from Kentucky Crossroads. Children had the opportunity to enjoy bounce houses, yard games and even explore a fire truck as the Barlow Fire Department conducted fire dues drawings during the event.

Alysia Myatt said seeing families come together was one of the most rewarding parts of the festival.

"It was a great turnout for our first year," Myatt said.

"We loved watching the kids enjoy the bouncy houses and yard games. It was great to provide the community and surrounding communities with a family-friendly atmosphere and a day of fun."

The Myatt family said they hope to continue growing the event each year and already have plans to expand the strawberry operation significantly before next season.

"We will add at least 3,000 additional strawberry plants to our U-pick field," Myatt said. "We plan to have more activities for the kids and invite Kentucky Crossroads back, along with other local musicians, to provide entertainment throughout the day."

While no additional events are currently finalized, the family said they are discussing future festival ideas and encouraged the public to follow the farm's Facebook page for updates and announcements.



The Myatt family expressed appreciation to everyone who attended and helped make the first festi-

val a success, saying they look forward to welcoming even more visitors back to the farm next year.



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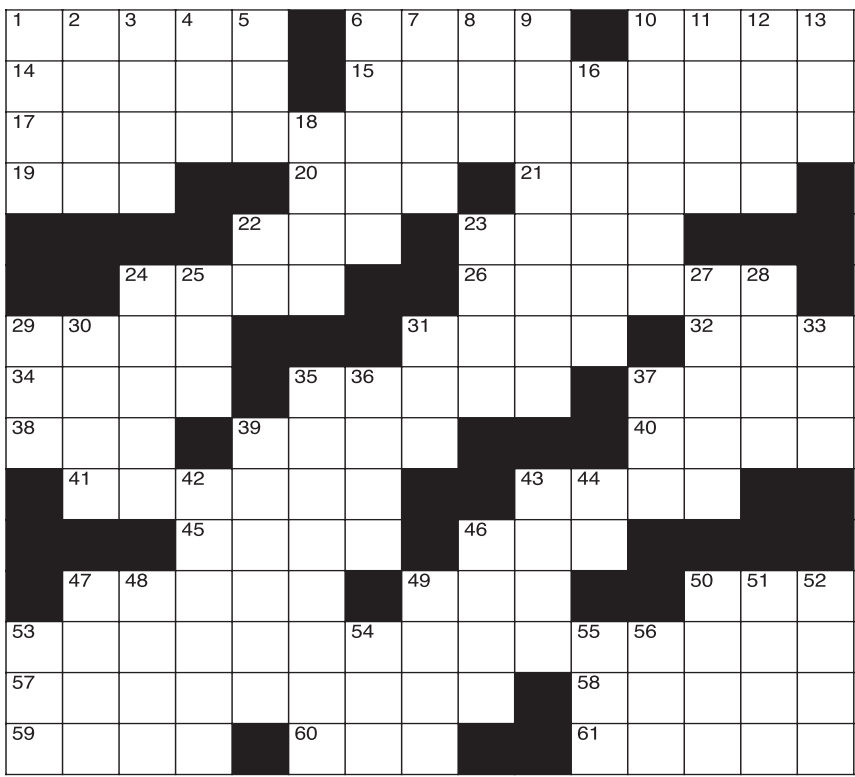


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Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Notable casino destination
- 6. Current units
- 10. Roman military unit
- 14. American lizard
- 15. Fates
- 17. The Yankees have lots of these
- 19. Unhappy
- 20. Mimic
- 21. Remove from the record
- 22. Where cargo ships dock (abbr.)
- 23. A way to fight
- 24. Turfs
- 26. Contract
- 29. Country along the Arabian peninsula
- 31. Tree species
- 32. Pituitary gland secretion (abbr.)
- 34. Perfect
- 35. "Partner" to groans
- 37. Jewish calendar month
- 38. Where wrestlers work
- 39. Egotistical
- 40. Potted plants
- 41. Containers
- 43. Large, flightless birds
- 45. Part of a book
- 46. American spies
- 47. Pancakes made of buckwheat flour
- 49. Swiss river
- 50. Disfigure
- 53. Have surgery
- 57. Formal withdrawal
- 58. Early English council
- 59. Area units
- 60. 2,000 lbs.
- 61. Siskel and __

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Animal jaws
- 2. Small water buffalo
- 3. An appliance has one
- 4. Every
- 5. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
- 6. Very skilled
- 7. No more than what is specified
- 8. Tire measurement
- 9. Towers
- 10. Forward
- 11. Jacob __, American journalist
- 12. Vale
- 13. Former CIA
- 16. Middle Eastern nation
- 18. Exhausts
- 22. South Dakota
- 23. The complete duration of something
- 24. Kids love him
- 25. Singular
- 27. Cod genus
- 28. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
- 29. Resistance unit
- 30. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- 31. Cast out
- 33. 60-minute periods
- 35. Most worn
- 36. European river
- 37. Atomic mass unit
- 39. Items of food
- 42. Body parts
- 43. Ireland
- 44. Partner to Pa
- 46. Sammy __, songwriter
- 47. Dutch settler
- 48. Full-grown pike fish
- 49. Sun or solar disk
- 50. Minute arachnid
- 51. From a distance
- 52. A monthly expense
- 53. Young women's association
- 54. Brazilian state
- 55. Air freight provider
- 56. Pointed end of a pen

Puzzle Solutions on B10

PUZZLE SOLUTION

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Crypto Fun



Solve the code to discover words related to meditation.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 15 = E)

- A. 3 15 4 25 15 6 14**
Clue: Think deeply about
- B. 3 15 25 10 7**
Clue: Unwind
- C. 17 14 3 15 17 17**
Clue: Pressure or tension
- D. 6 10 25 19**
Clue: Quiet

Answers: A. reflect B. relax C. stress D. calm

Word Search

MEDITATION WORD SEARCH



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

ANSWERS IN THE B SECTION

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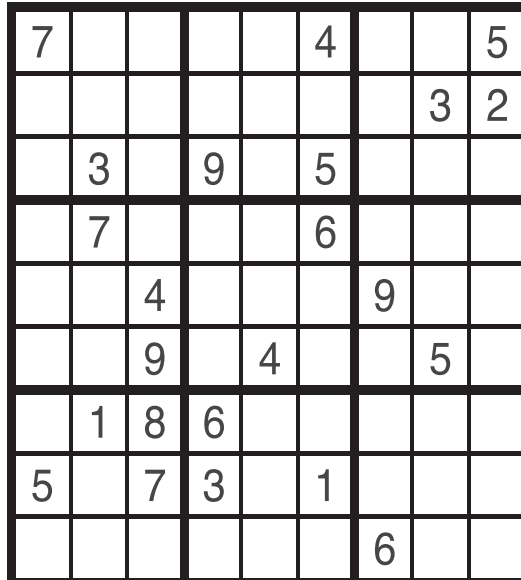
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- INTENTION
- MANTRA
- MINDFULNESS
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- PRESENCE
- SAMADHI
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Sudoku Puzzle

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!

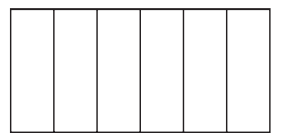
ANSWERS IN THE B SECTION



Word Scramble

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to horses.

TASLBE



Answer: Stable

Guess Who?

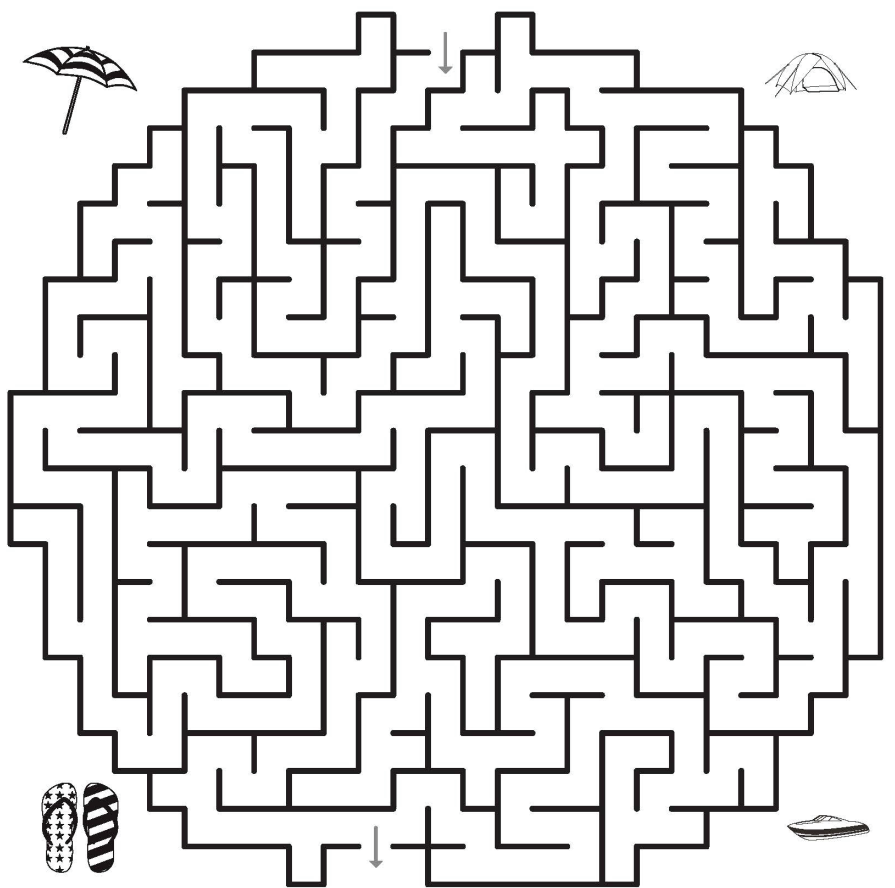
GUESS WHO?

I am a singer/songwriter born in New York on May 9, 1949. I played the piano at a bar to help support my mother while in high school. I progressed to being a Grammy Award-winning artist and pianist known for my huge catalog of songs. I am the third best-selling solo artist in the U.S.

Answer: Billy Joel

Labyrinth

Can you make your way through the labyrinth?



Coloring Fun

End of the School Year



WEST KY SPORTS



Three PTHS seniors sign athletic scholarships



Three Paducah Tilghman High School seniors signed athletic scholarships on Monday, May 11.

(Photo courtesy of Paducah Tilghman High School)

Staff Report

PADUCAH — Three Paducah Tilghman High School seniors signed athletic scholarships during a signing ceremony held at PTHS on Monday, May 11. Taveus TK Jackson signed a scholarship to play football for the University of Rio Grande (Ohio).

During Jackson's four years at PTHS, the football team had a 46-10 overall record, winning one state championship and three region titles. "We didn't always think that we were going to get here," said PTHS football head coach Sean Thompson, "but for TK to have this opportunity to continue

his playing career and be wanted outside of Paducah for his skills and ability on the field is special." Blane Kolb signed a scholarship to play soccer for Asbury University. Kolb was a multi-sport athlete, playing soccer, football, and track & field. "I'm thankful for a player like Blane," said

PTHS boys' soccer head coach Tanner Reed. "Blane has all the talent that he needs in the world. He knows how to train. He knows how to work hard. We've instilled him with a work ethic where he's not just willing to settle but will want to get into the program and start playing, and then will want to start, and then

will want to be captain. The sky is the limit for Blane." Myiesha Smith signed a scholarship to play basketball for Culver Stockton College (Missouri). Smith was a multi-sport athlete, competing in basketball, track and field, and soccer. "As your coach, it's a blessing to see one of

my own (players) sign," said PTHS girls' basketball head coach Howard Dillard. "Myiesha, I want you to remember where you came from, how you got here, and how much work you put in. By doing this today, you are showing an example for your sisters, so they know what they need to do as well."

McCracken County wins 2026 1st Region Tennis Championships



McCracken County won the 2026 1st Region Boys' Tennis Championship on Saturday, May 9. (Photo courtesy of McCracken County High School)



McCracken County won the 2026 1st Region Girls' Tennis Championship on Saturday, May 9. (Photo courtesy of McCracken County High School)



Conrad Love and McDonald's hosted the Paducah Tilghman baseball team for a team breakfast earlier in the month. (Photo courtesy of Paducah Tilghman High School)

Lady Bomber Softball Peaking?



(Photo by Tim Taylor)

By Tim Taylor
KPI Sports Writer

Are the Ballard Memorial Lady Bombers peaking at the right time? Lady Bomber softball Coach Scott Alexander sure hopes they are. The Lady Bombers begin the final week of the regular season on a 3 game winning streak. It is the first time this season they have won more than 2 consecutive games. Achieving that with backup players stepping up makes the accomplishment even more rewarding.

Winning the River Rivalry Invitational at Massac County in dramatic fashion may be the momentum the Lady Bombers needed. They held a 5-1 lead in the 3rd inning to only see Johnston City, IL rally back to claim the 7-5 advantage heading into the 7th inning. Ballard Memorial scored 6 times win the championship game 11-7. Gracie Gliss and Peyton Phelps pitched the team to victory while several players made timely plays to secure the victory.

Heading into the 3rd District Tournament on a winning streak is exactly what the team needed. They won the title in 2023 before losing in 2024 by a pair of runs and lost the championship last year by one run. It is time to regain the top spot in the 3rd District as they play at Graves County on Monday the 18th against Mayfield at 5:30 with the winner advancing to the Wednesday, May 20th championship game against host Graves County.

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CCHS Athletes Earn KHSAA Triple Threat Recognition

By Laurna Todd
KPI Writer

Four student-athletes from Carlisle County High School have earned recognition through the prestigious Triple Threat Award program presented by the Kentucky High School Athletic Association.

This year's Carlisle County recipients include Edy Bruer, Macee Hogancamp and Bella Hoskins, who each competed in volleyball, basketball and softball, along with Myles Fourshee, who participated in golf, basketball and baseball.

The KHSAA launched the Triple Threat Award program in 2018 as part of an effort to encourage multi-sport participation among student-athletes and help de-emphasize sports specialization. The award recognizes students who compete on the varsity level during all three athletic seasons — fall, winter and spring — within the same academic year.

To qualify, athletes must appear on official varsity rosters submitted through

the KHSAA eligibility system for a sport or sport-activity in each season.

Carlisle County Athletic Director Brian O'Neil said having several athletes earn the award reflects positively on both the students and the school's athletic culture.

"Encouraging athletes to explore multiple sports can enhance their overall skills, teamwork, and enjoyment," O'Neil said. "Promoting a well-rounded athletic program with support from the AD and coaches can help athletes stay motivated and develop diverse talents, ultimately contributing to their peak performance and personal growth throughout the year."

O'Neil also emphasized the importance of athletes competing in more than one sport instead of specializing year-round.

"Taking breaks from one sport to play another is crucial for athletes as it helps work different muscle groups, preventing overuse injuries and promoting overall physical balance," he said. "Additionally, in small schools,

where limited athlete numbers often require students to participate in multiple sports, this approach not only maximizes team success but also fosters diverse skills and reduces burnout, ultimately supporting the athletes' long-term health and development."

He added that balancing three varsity sports while maintaining academic responsibilities requires a tremendous level of commitment.

"Being a student athlete requires immense dedication, discipline, and time management, as they balance rigorous training, competitions, and academic responsibilities year-round," O'Neil said. "Their commitment to excelling in both academics and sports demonstrates remarkable perseverance and work ethic, making their achievements all the more impressive."

KHSAA officials say the program highlights the value of year-round participation, teamwork and overall student-athlete development while promoting a balanced athletic experience.



McCracken County won the 2026 Class 3A, Region 1 Girls' Track and Field Championship on Saturday, May 9. (Photo courtesy of McCracken County High School)

Ballard Memorial State Track Qualifiers



(Photo by Tim Taylor)

By Tim Taylor
KPI Sports Writer

The Ballard Memorial Track and Field team finished in the top 10 at the Class A First Region Championships. The Lady Bombers finished 6th best and the boys recorded an 8th place finish. For the Lady Bombers who entered the season in hopes to contend for a regional title, injuries and scheduling conflicts prevented the team from making a serious run at the top 3 finish. Two Lady Bombers claimed 1st place in their respective events, and another was a middle school athlete that was run-

ner up in the varsity Shot Put event. Senior Karley Veit ran away with the win in the 100M Hurdles to claim her first ever regional title. For sophomore Blakeley Shepherd, it was a repeat in the Discus regional championship. Her personal best throw enabled her to win the 1st Region Class A Discus Championship in back-to-back seasons. Then 7th grader Zoe McGlenon had the 2nd longest throw in the varsity Shot Put event. The runner up finished allows McGlenon to compete in the state tournament in both varsity and middle school competitions.

The trio will focus on fine tuning their skills to compete at the state level. A few athletes came up just shy of the automatic berth into state. Shepherd was 3rd in the Shot Put and will wait to see if she recorded high enough marks to get an at large bid and try and compete in multiple events. Jaxson Shackelford was 3rd in the High Jump and Brantley McDanel was 3rd in the Triple Jump. They will hold their breath in hopes of getting the at large bids that will be determined this weekend prior to the KHSAA State Class A Meet on Thursday, May 21st.

Baseball Bombers Still Battling

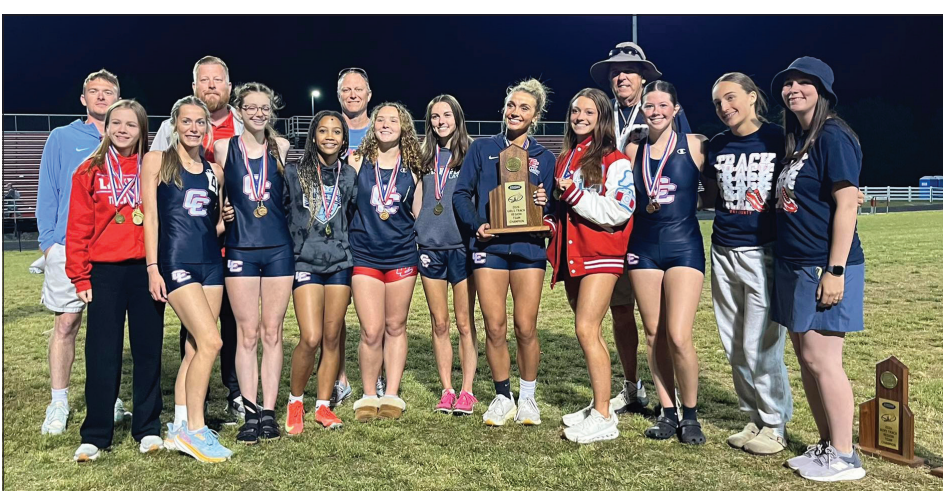


By Tim Taylor
KPI Sports Writer

Bomber Baseball Coach Scott Matlock is still encouraged by his team's competitive spirit but knows the lack of wins is weighing on the team. The 3rd District Tournament begins on Monday, May 18th at Graves County as the Bombers play Mayfield at 5:30. Heading into the final week of the regular season, Ballard Memorial has 8 wins on the season, and 3 of those victories are against the Cardinals. Beating the same team 3 times in a season is a tough

task and making it 4 wins over the same opponent is what the Bombers are aiming for. To take down the Cardinals, timely hitting, good fielding, and pitching in the strike zone will be vital to the Ballard Memorial success. Issuing nearly 5 walks per game will be something the Bombers will need to limit. Ballard Memorial has advanced to the 1st Region Tournament 2 times in the last 3 years. Getting by Mayfield is the goal. Reed Duren, Carson Farmer, and Ike Miller have been the most consistent batters in the top of the lineup

and Brayden Ballard has solidified the bottom portion of the batting order. The Bombers will need strong performances at the plate from those players and have some other players step up in key moments to deliver. Reaching double figure wins is not out of the question, but it will come down to execution. There is no better time to start making those plays than tournament time. It is time for the Bombers to deliver and advance to the 3rd District Championship game against Graves County on Tuesday the 19th at 5:30.



Calloway County won the 2026 Class 2A, Region 1 Girls' Track and Field Championship on Tuesday, May 12. The Lady Lakers claimed their sixth straight region title. (Photo courtesy of Calloway County Middle School)



Zoe Burch hit two home runs for Paducah Tilghman during the Greenwood Classic on Saturday, May 9. (Photo courtesy of Paducah Tilghman Softball)

Ballard County Fairgrounds to Host Two Kentucky Proud Harness Racing Events

By Laurna Todd
KPI Writer

The Ballard County Fairgrounds will once again welcome harness racing fans this spring and summer as the Ballard County Fair Board Inc. prepares to host two events in the Kentucky Proud Series of Fair Horse Racing.

The first event, Ballard County Fair Racing, is scheduled for Friday, May 22, and Saturday, May 23, with races beginning at 12 p.m. each day. The second event, McCracken County Fair Racing, will take place Friday, June 5, and Saturday, June 6, also beginning at noon daily.

According to Ballard County Racing Coordinator Joni Jordan, another record-breaking year is expected for participation in the Kentucky Proud Series.

“This program has continued to grow each year with two and three-year-old colts and fillies eligible for the series,” Jordan said.

To qualify for the Kentucky Proud Series of



Fair Racing, horses must be Kentucky-bred two or three-year-olds as defined by the Kentucky Horse Racing & Gaming Commission and KAR laws and regulations.

Purses for the races will be \$1,500 per horse entered in each division, with a minimum purse of \$6,000 per race. The series features eight different racing divisions. Horses advanc-

ing to the Fair Final races will compete for purses totaling \$50,000 during the championship event scheduled July 26 at The Red Mile.

Jordan said organizers are excited to welcome McCracken County and Southside Kiwanis members back to the fair racing program this year.

“Plans are to have the McCracken County races

back at Carson Park for 2027,” Jordan said.

Jordan also emphasized the importance of the Ballard County Fairgrounds to Kentucky’s fair harness racing tradition.

“We are very fortunate in Ballard County to still have a great track and fairgrounds to be able to participate in the growing industry,” Jordan said. “There are only four of

the original fairgrounds with tracks in Kentucky that still participate in fair harness racing.”

Because the Ballard County Fairgrounds is privately owned by the fair board, Jordan said the facility relies heavily on volunteers, community support and fundraising efforts to maintain the property.

“Funds collected from events held at the fairgrounds, stall rental fees, grant funds received from the Kentucky Department of Agriculture fair funds, and donations and sponsors are how we fund fairground and track maintenance,” Jordan said. “All repairs, upkeep, insurance costs and regular bills are paid by these funds. We want to provide our community with a nice facility, but we also need the help of the community to see that it stays that way.”

Admission to both racing events is free to the public, and the concession stand will offer a variety of traditional fair food throughout the events.

English signs with Murray State women’s soccer program



Murray High School senior Kendyll English signed with the Murray State University women’s soccer program during a ceremony held on Wednesday, May 6. (Photo courtesy of Murray High School and Murray State University)

Staff Report

MURRAY — In a ceremony held inside Murray High School’s Taylor Gymnasium on Wednesday, May 6, senior Kendyll English signed with the Murray State University women’s soccer program.

English was a four-year varsity starter for

the Lady Tigers. During that time, her teams compiled a record of 53-25-3. English scored 44 goals and recorded 28 assists during high school career. During her four years, English led the Lady Tiger backline to 39 shutouts. She was an integral part of Murray High winning two All-A region titles,

a 2-A section title, two district Championship and making two region finals appearances.

English was voted twice as the team’s Defensive Player of the Year and Most Valuable Player by her teammates

Region and state coaches named English to the All-District team

twice, the All-Region teams four times, and tabbed her the Region 1 Player of the Year twice. In addition, English was named to the All-State First Team three times.

“There is no doubt that Kendyll’s achievements on the soccer field are arguably the most impressive this

region has ever seen,” said Murray High girls’ soccer coach Michael Mangold. “But I am prouder of the young women she has grown into over the six years I have had the privilege of coaching her. She is one of the most dedicated and hardworking kids I have had the pleasure of coaching and cer-

tainly the most competitive. This program is going to miss Kendyll enormously both on and off the field. I am selfishly very excited that she will continue her soccer career here in Murray and congratulate her on her future as a Murray State Racer.”

Free mental wellness course for students now available on NFHS Learning Center

Staff Report

INDIANAPOLIS — In response to growing concerns around mental health issues among adolescents nationwide, the NFHS has launched a new online course for high school students that provides education and resources on mental wellness.

The course, “Student Mental Wellness,” went live last week on the NFHS Learning Center (www.nfhslearn.com) and is available free to the public. It offers a framework for positive mental health; defines stress, anxiety, depression and related issues; and provides strategies and resources for managing mental health concerns.

“The NFHS Learning Center is pleased to provide this course for students to create awareness and provide education

on the importance of mental health,” said Dan Schuster, NFHS director of educational services. “It is our hope that this education can positively impact the overall interscholastic experience for students across the country.”

Research has shown that participation in high school athletics and activities has overall positive effects on students’ physical, mental and social-emotional well-being. At the same time, students face pressures from competition, academics and other aspects of life, which can negatively affect mental health.

Mental health issues are often linked with other health and behavioral risks, making it critical that prevention strategies and resources are available to high school students so they can have a positive,

healthy experience.

In addition to outlining warning signs and providing prevention strategies, the course repeatedly encourages students who are struggling to speak with a parent, coach or other trusted adult to seek support from a counselor, psychologist or other professional.

People, including high school students, experiencing a mental health crisis should seek immediate help from a trusted adult or local emergency services.

Since its founding nearly 20 years ago, the NFHS Learning Center has developed online courses addressing key issues in high school sports and activities nationwide. More than 29 million courses have been delivered through the platform.

Murray State Athletics receives anonymous \$2 Million gift as part of Leading The Pack campaign

Staff Report

MURRAY — Murray State Athletics has received a transformational investment of \$2,000,000 from a generous family of Racer supporters, it was announced on Monday, May 11.

The gift counts towards the Leading The Pack campaign and will support numerous strategic initiatives, capital progress and revenue share throughout the department.

“I want to express my gratitude to this incredibly special family for their transformational investment into our bright future,” Murray State University President

Dr. Ron Patterson said. “We are continuing to lead the pack in everything that we do, something that would not be possible without the support of our generous donors and the support of all of Racer Nation.”

“We are thankful for this incredible family for stepping up and helping us transform our athletics department and community,” Director of Athletics Nico Yantko said. “Our investors continue to set the tone for our success as we march towards the \$100 million goal of the Leading The Pack campaign and prioritize our race towards excellence.”

Over the last two

years, Murray State has raised a school-record \$40 million dollars in support of new facilities, initiatives and championship resources. That total was made possible by 14, seven-figure gifts, which also amounts to the most in department history.

The \$40 million is committed towards the department’s bold, comprehensive \$100 million fundraising campaign, Leading The Pack, which was created to further position itself for the future by investing in student-athlete success and wellness, revenue share and competitive resources and world-class facilities.

Students can earn national student credential through NFHS Learning Center

Staff Report

INDIANAPOLIS — Students across the country can now earn a nationally recognized credential that highlights their leadership skills, personal growth and positive contributions to interscholastic programs and school communities.

With the recent launch of the NFHS

Learning Center course “Student Mental Wellness,” students are now eligible to earn the new NFHS National Student Credential.

To earn the credential, students must complete the core online NFHS Learning Center courses “Student Leadership: Becoming a Leader,” “The Student Experience” and “Student

Mental Wellness.” Students who complete the program will receive a certificate and an NFHS Learning Center badge.

In addition to helping students develop valuable life skills, the credential provides a nationally recognized achievement that can be included on resumes, college applications and scholarship submissions.

“The number of students taking coursework at the NFHS Learning Center continues to increase and we look forward to providing additional opportunities for young people to learn and grow,” said Dan Schuster, NFHS director of educational services. “We are excited to introduce this first-of-its-kind national student

credential to students throughout the United States.”

The NFHS believes interscholastic programs play an important role in preparing students for life, and the NFHS National Student Credential supports that mission by helping students develop knowledge that will benefit them during their school years and beyond.

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CITY OF BARDWELL
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
ORDINANCE NO. 167-2026

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING LAWS
ENSURING THE SAFETY OF MINORS OF THE
CITY OF BARDWELL, KENTUCKY

WHEREAS, the City of Bardwell, Kentucky, has enacted a Code Enforcement Board;

WHEREAS, Kentucky law permits the City of Bardwell, Kentucky, certain authority to institute laws via ordinance that the Code Enforcement Board will have authority to regulate and ensure compliance;

WHEREAS, the City Council of Bardwell, Kentucky believes it to be in the best interest of its residents and in the furtherance of public good to, as an exercise of its police power and authority under Kentucky law, to promulgate regulations that increase the safety of minors;

THEREFORE:

Be it ordained by the City of Bardwell, Kentucky:

Section 1: DEFINITIONS.

(A) “Applicable Minor” - any person under the age of sixteen (16) years of age.

(B) “Adult” - any person eighteen (18) years of age or older.

(C) “Curfew Hours” - the period between 11 :00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. each night.

(D) “Public Place” - any street, alley, highway, park, playground, or place to which the general public has access and a right to resort for business, entertainment, or other lawful purpose

Section 2: CURFEW.

(A) It shall be unlawful for any Applicable Minor shall not be considered in violation of this Ordinance if they are:

1. Accompanied by an Adult: The applicable Minor is in the company of a parent, legal guardian, or another person at least eighteen (18) years of age who has been authorized by the parent or legal guardian to have care and custody of the Applicable Minor.

2. Employment: The Applicable Minor is engaged in lawful employment, or is traveling directly to or from their place of employment without detour or stop.

3. Religious Events: The Applicable Minor is attending an official religious activity or ceremony, or is traveling directly to or from such an event without detour or stop.

4. Emergencies: The Applicable Minor is involved in an emergency situation involving the protection of a person or property from an imminent threat of bodily injury or substantial damage.

Section 4: PENALTIES AND VIOLATIONS.

(A) Each violation of this Ordinance shall constitute a civil offense.

(B) A code-enforcement officer shall issue a violation notice containing the necessary information of any violation of this ordinance.

(C) A code-enforcement officer may (but is not required to) issue a warning, allowing the offender a timespan to correct the situation.

(D) The penalty, if any, for violation of this ordinance shall be \$25 .00 for the first violation, \$50.00 for the second violation, and \$100.00 for the third violation and thereafter.

Section 5: START DATE OF ORDINANCE.


(A) This ordinance shall become effective as soon as approved according to law.

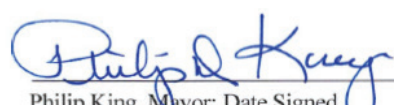
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Philip King, Mayor; Date Signed

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CITY OF BARDWELL
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
ORDINANCE NO. 166-2026

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING LAWS ENSURING
THE SAFETY OF ANIMALS AND RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF
BARDWELL, KENTUCKY

WHEREAS, the City of Bardwell, Kentucky, has enacted a Code Enforcement Board;

WHEREAS, Kentucky law permits the City of Bardwell, Kentucky, certain authority to institute laws via ordinance that the Code Enforcement Board will have authority to regulate and ensure compliance;

WHEREAS, the City Council of Bardwell, Kentucky, believes it to be in the best interest of its residents and in furtherance of the public good to, as an exercise of its police power and authority under Kentucky law, to regulate animals on residential property within the City limits;

THEREFORE:

Be it ordained by the City of Bardwell, Kentucky:

Section 1: DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates otherwise or requires a different meaning.

(A) “Backyard Chicken” - a domesticated hen kept on residential property for personal egg production or educational purposes; and does not mean a domesticated hen used for commercial farming or a domesticated rooster.

(B) “City” - The City of Bardwell, Kentucky.

(C) “Individual” -All individuals, trusts, partnerships, limited liability companies, and corporations.

Section 2: CHICKENS.

(A) It shall be unlawful for any individual residing within the City to keep more than six (6) Backyard Chickens on a property within the City.

(B) It shall be unlawful for any individual residing within the City to keep a rooster.

Section 3: ANIMALS AND SANITATION.

(A) All animals kept within the City shall be maintained in a clean, healthful, and sanitary environment. All Backyard Chickens shall be kept in a coop that shall be no closer than twenty-four (24) inches to any property line. It shall be unlawful for any individual to allow animal waste, bedding, or debris to accumulate on their property to the extent that it creates a public health hazard, produces offensive odors, or becomes a nuisance to adjacent properties. Failure to maintain such standards shall constitute a violation of this ordinance.

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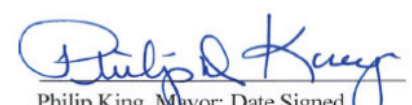
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Area Students and Seminarians Earn Master's Degrees from Saint Meinrad



Shanda Purcell of Mayfield, KY, receives her Master of Arts in Theology diploma during commencement in St. Bede Theater at Saint Meinrad on May 9, 2026

Several area students and seminarians were among the graduates recognized during commencement ceremonies at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology on Saturday, May 9, 2026. The ceremony was

held at the seminary and school of theology campus in St. Meinrad, Indiana. Commencement speaker was Angie Greulich, a Saint Meinrad alumna and charitable giving relationship manager for Catholic Relief

Services.

Receiving Master of Arts (Catholic Philosophical Studies) degrees was:

- Hunter Dickens, Diocese of Owensboro, Kentucky.

Receiving Master of Arts (Theology) degrees were:

- Joseph Hayden, Evansville, Indiana
- John Knight, Henderson, Kentucky
- Robert Peters, Cape Girardeau, Missouri
- Shanda Purcell, Mayfield, Kentucky
- Jacob Schneider, Diocese of Evansville, Indiana

Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology is one of the largest Catholic seminaries and theology schools in the United States and has educated students preparing for ministry and service in the Catholic Church for generations.

First District KEA Retired Holds Quarterly Meeting, Elects Officers



Photo Submitted by Charlotte Benton

Members of First District KEA Retired met May 11, 2026, at the McCracken County Public Library for their quarterly meeting. During the meeting, Nathan Lynn, Library Historian, presented an informative program on "Genealogy and Research."

Members also

conducted officer elections for the upcoming term. Elected officers include Charlotte Benton as President, Crystal Culp as Vice President, Bonny Roof as Secretary, and Becky Nuckolls as Treasurer.

KEAR Board Members elected were Crystal Culp and Mattie Morris. Al-

ternate KEAR Board Members elected were Vicki Borden and Becky Nuckolls.

In additional business, Marie Nance was elected during the KEAR Annual Meeting to serve on the Kentucky Education Association Board of Directors.

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I-24 from front page

roadways. The study area includes 90 miles of I-24 from Exit 3 in McCracken County to the Tennessee state line. According to the study, two Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) districts fall within this study area:

KYTC District 1 = McCracken, Marshall,

Livingston, Lyon, and Trigg Counties
KYTC District 2 = Caldwell and Christian Counties

Traffic in Oak Grove expected to keep increasing, threshold for expansion

Gilliam said traffic near the state line in Oak Grove is the most heavily congested area in Christian County. Around 48,000 cars pass through

the interstate in that area every day, plus an additional 5,000-9,500 semi-commercial trucks. The threshold for a six-lane interstate is around 50,000 cars per day.

KYTC's study dictates that I-24's existing four lanes can accommodate today's traffic, but volumes are steadily increasing. By 2050, daily traffic is expected

to reach 43,400-80,200 vehicles which will directly impact Christian County. Between 2022 and 2024, a total of 2,231 crashes were reported on I-24 in Kentucky, including 535 in Christian County.

I-24 Scoping Study map with exits and color-coded Level of Service (LOS C-green, LOS D-yellow, LOS E-orange, LOS F-red)

along the I-24 corridor in western Kentucky.

Due to high costs, widening I-24 will have to occur over time in sections. Construction in District 2 through Christian County would cost approximately \$944 million to cover 29 miles, with the entire project across both districts coming at over \$3.5 billion. Work could possibly include bridge improvements/replacements as well over the Tennessee and Cumberland River.

"We will continue to advocate for I-24 expansion because we know that it's certainly

going to be needed in a relatively short period of time," said Gilliam, referring to working with legislators in Frankfort and Washington, D.C.

In conjunction with this study, right across the state line in Clarksville, Tennessee, TDOT is planning an I-24 Widening Project from the state line to Exit 11, currently programmed for 2034. There is currently construction on I-24 in Oak Grove to remove and replace the concrete roadway with asphalt. This is separate from the proposed expansion.



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HICKS, from front page

types of deals have been and will continue to be important as Paducah Power faces rate and supply pressures that will multiply in our industry in the coming years." Carroll has served

as the chair of the Board of Directors for both the Prairie State Generating Campus and American Municipal Power, General Manager of the Kentucky Municipal Power Agency and a member of the Board of Directors for the American Public Power Association.

CLASS, from front page

participants chosen for the class. The selection process is competitive. Class members are selected on the basis of past leadership experience, leadership potential, community volunteer experience, quality of application, and a passion to serve our community.

Established in 1984, Leadership Paducah is a highly recognized and competitive program designed to develop the leadership

potential of men and women in the Paducah/McCracken County area. The classes are comprised of individuals who have demonstrated a talent and commitment to leadership. Through this program, they become acutely aware of social and economic changes and the impact of such changes in the local community.

For more information, go to paducahchamber.org, call the Chamber at 270-443-1746.

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At 95, Paducah vet grows 10+ types of fruits and veggies

By *Ciro Astarita*
KPI Writer

PADUCAH — Paul Carrico is a 95-year-old man who spends his days gardening a wide variety of produce on his roughly 7-acre property in Paducah. Depending on the season, he grows more than a dozen different types of fruits and vegetables. For fruits, Paul mainly grows strawberries and cantaloupes. For vegetables, he grows peas, beans, tomatoes, bell peppers, garlic, onions, cabbage, and more.

Paul is a Kentucky native who was born in 1935 and raised in Fancy Farm, KY.



Paul Carrico playing guitar on his back porch.

Since childhood, Carrico has enjoyed gardening and still

loves to hike, fish, tend to his crops, and even dance at

Trader's Mall. Before moving to Paducah, Paul served as an Aircraft Control & Warning Officer in the Air Force. He spent four years stationed in Germany during the 1950s. He moved to Paducah in 1962 after marrying his wife, Mary Ellen, who has since passed away. Since then, Paul has lived in the same house in Paducah, where he has been gardening for more than 50 years.

During that time, he worked at the post office until retiring in 1991. After retirement, Paul worked in moving

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page B10

Sheriff warns of ruthless scam calls

By *Laurna Todd*
KPI Writer

Residents across Graves County and Western Kentucky are being urged to stay alert as scammers continue targeting elderly citizens through fake sweepstakes and gift card scams.

Graves County Sheriff Jon Hayden recently shared details about an elderly Mayfield couple who were contacted by scammers claiming they had won the Publishers Clearing House Sweepstakes. The scammers instructed the elderly man to go to Walgreens and purchase \$500 worth of gift cards to claim the prize.

After receiving a call from the man's wife, Hayden went to Walgreens and found the victim still on the phone with the scammer. Hayden informed the man he was being scammed before any money was lost.

Authorities say the scammers later called the victim's wife and falsely claimed her husband had been killed in a crash after she contacted law enforcement.

Hayden said the scammers used fake screenshots and convincing information to gain the couple's trust and warned that scams like

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Fort Jefferson Patriot Grave marking to honor early frontier settlers

By *Laurna Todd*
KPI Writer

The public is invited to attend the 3rd Annual Sons of the American Revolution Patriot Grave Marking ceremony on Saturday, June 6, at 2 p.m. at Fort Jefferson Memorial Park, located one mile south of Wickliffe.

The annual event honors the memory of the 63 men, women and children who died at Fort Jefferson between 1780 and 1781 during one of Kentucky's earliest frontier settlements. Organizers will recognize five additional patriots this year as part of the ongoing effort to preserve and share



the history of the fort and those who lived there.

Fort Jefferson holds a unique place in Kentucky history as the only frontier fortification and settlement established in the state through

legislative action by Virginia. The site served as an important military outpost and settlement during the Revolutionary War era.

Dr. Ken Carstens, Fort Jefferson

researcher, said the annual memorial serves as an important reminder of the role Fort Jefferson played in the nation's earliest history. He noted the fort and civilian settlement

of Clarksville, established April 19, 1780, represented the first and only Virginia-authorized settlement in what would later become Kentucky.

Carstens explained that Fort Jefferson

and Clarksville were once home to more than 550 settlers, soldiers, enslaved individuals and Native American allies, making it the largest settlement in Kentucky at the time. He said the community played a major role in frontier military efforts during the American Revolution, serving as General George Rogers Clark's headquarters in the western campaign.

"Fort Jefferson and Clarksville represent this Nation's very beginning; our ancestors' blood was spilled here," Carstens said,

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this are happening daily throughout the region and nationwide.

Officials remind residents to never give out gift card numbers, banking information or personal details over the phone. Anyone receiving suspicious calls should hang up immediately and contact local law enforcement or a trusted family member.

What To Do If You Think You're Being Scammed

Hang up immediately
Never give out gift card numbers or banking information



Contact a trusted family member
Call local law enforcement or your bank using verified phone numbers
Report scams to authorities as soon as possible

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emphasizing the importance of continuing to honor the patriots connected to the site.

The ceremony will feature a musket firing demonstration, parade of flags, patriotic singing and brief historical presentations honoring the sacrifices of the region's frontier forefathers and foremothers. Organizers say the event is designed to educate the public while celebrating the courage and perseverance of America's early settlers.

Carstens said younger generations

attending the event will have the opportunity to experience living history through historical flags, military commands, musket demonstrations and conversations with descendants of those connected to Fort Jefferson and Clarksville. He said organizers hope visitors leave with a greater appreciation for the sacrifices made during America's fight for independence.

Sponsors for the free community event include the Colonel Stephen Trigg and Captain Virgil McCracken chapters of the Sons of the American Revolution, the Ballard-Carlisle Historical and

Genealogical Society and the City of Wickliffe.

Before the ceremony, the Ballard-Carlisle Historical and Genealogical Society will open at 11 a.m. for visitors wishing to tour the facility and explore the Fort Jefferson Reading and Research Room, which houses one of the largest collections of historic documents related to the American Revolution in the western frontier.

Organizers encourage residents and visitors alike to attend and help celebrate America's 250th anniversary while honoring the legacy of the pioneers connected to Fort Jefferson.



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Congressman Comer announces 2026 Congressional Art competition winners



The Great Comforter by Elyda Hicks

WASHINGTON— Today, Congressman James Comer (R-Ky.) proudly announces Elyda Hicks of Metcalfe County High School as the winner of the 2026 Congressional Art Competition for Kentucky's 1st Congressional District. Her drawing, titled "The Great Comforter," will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol alongside other artists from across the United States.

"The incredible

creativity, talent, and hard work of high school artists from across Kentucky's 1st Congressional District were on full display in this year's competition. With more than 50 original pieces submitted by students from high schools across the district, selecting this year's top artwork was more difficult than ever. I want to extend my congratulations to Elyda, Bailey, and Kendall for being selected as this



Around the Bend by Bailey Bayne

year's winners. This exceptional art will be proudly displayed in the U.S. Capitol and in my Tompkinsville and Washington offices," said Congressman Comer.

Bailey Bayne, a student at Christian County High School, earned second place with her piece titled "Around the Bend." Her artwork will be prominently displayed in Congressman Comer's Washington, D.C. office.



What the Water Remembers by Kendall Wright

Kendall Wright, a student at Monroe County High School, earned third place for her piece titled "What the Water Remem-

bers." The impressive artwork will be displayed in Congressman Comer's office in Tompkinsville.

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tion on the annual Congressional Art Competition, go to comer.house.gov/art-competition

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BALLARD

Russell Lynn Duncan, age 73, passed away on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, in Wickliffe, Kentucky. There are no services scheduled at this time. Milner & Orr Funeral Home and Cremation Services are in charge of all arrangements.

Paul Worley, 82, passed away on Thursday, May 7, 2026, at his home in Kevil, surrounded by his family. It was Paul's wishes to be cremated with no services. Lindsey Funeral Home is honored to serve the Worley family.

Susie Strickland Nutt, age 60, passed away at Life Care Center of LaCenter on Thursday, May 7, 2026. Funeral service was held on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church of LaCenter officiated by Rev. Brad Hall. Interment followed at LaCenter Cemetery.

CALDWELL

John L. Benton, 82, of Princeton, passed away on Thursday, May 7, 2026, at his home. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at Morgan's Funeral Home. Graveside services were held at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, in Old Bardwell Cemetery in Carlisle County.

Paul Richard Stewardson, age 77, of Princeton, passed away Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville, IN. Funeral services were held at 12:00 PM Friday, May 8, 2026 at Morgan's Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West at 2PM in Hopkinsville, KY with military honors.

James Terry Offutt, age 67, passed away on May 6, 2026. Born on May 24, 1958, Terry lived a life characterized by service, hard work, and a love for his family and the outdoors. In accordance with Terry's wishes, a graveside service will be held at Cedar Hill Cemetery on Saturday, May 16, 2026 at 10:00 am. Anyone is welcome to attend as we gather to celebrate Terry's life and legacy.

CALLOWAY

Ruth Jean Culver, age 85, passed away on Saturday, May 9, 2026, in Amarillo, Texas. A graveside service is set for 2 PM on Friday, May 15, 2026 at Gary Ahart Memorial Cemetery/Dexter Church of Christ with John Sales officiating.

Betty Mae Gladson, 83, of Murray, passed away on Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at Spring Creek Healthcare in Murray. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Imes Funeral Home is entrusted with caring for her family.

Hilda Winchester, age 89, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at Vanderbilt Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee. J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

Dan Poyner, age 89, of Hazel, Kentucky passed away on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at the Murray-Calloway County Hospital in Murray, Kentucky. Arrangements are currently incomplete at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

Marion Louis Ward, Jr., 92 of Murray, KY, passed away, Tuesday, May 6, 2026, Murray Calloway Co. Hospital, Murray, KY. Arrangements are forthcoming at the Blalock-Coleman Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Murray, KY.

CHRISTIAN

Johnny Wayne Hayes, age 72, of Hopkinsville, KY, passed away on Monday, May 11, 2026, at Jennie Stuart Health of natural causes. Funeral Services were held at 12:00 PM at Maddux-Fuqua-

Hinton Funeral Home on Thursday, May 14, 2026, with Bro. David Harrison officiating and burial to follow in Ebenezer Cemetery.

Pam Massie Cole, age 77, of Pembroke, KY, passed away on Sunday, May 10, 2026, at Elkton Nursing and Rehab of natural causes. Funeral Services were held at 3:00 PM on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at Fairview Volunteer Fire Department in Farview, KY, with Bro. Kim Combs officiating and burial followed in Rosedale Cemetery.

Marilyn Marie Randolph Moss, age 71, of Pembroke, KY, passed away on Thursday, May 7, 2026, at Elkton Nursing and Rehab of natural causes. Funeral Services were at 12:00 Noon on Monday, May 11, 2026, at Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home with Robert Webb officiating and burial followed in Rosedale Cemetery.

Lavona Litchfield Cavanah, 91, of Hopkinsville, Kentucky died at 11:35 a.m., Saturday, May 9, 2026 at Bradford Heights Nursing and Rehab in Hopkinsville. Graveside services were held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at Ancestral Haven Memorial Gardens in Hopkinsville, Kentucky with Rev. Rob Hoffman officiating.

Josanna Robertson Greenwood Simpson, 63, passed away peacefully at Jennie Stuart Medical Center on May 8, 2026. Funeral services were held at 2:00 pm Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at Hughart Beard Giles Funeral Home. Burial followed in Riverside Cemetery.

Albert Ray Morris of Hopkinsville, Kentucky passed away at the age of 79 on Sunday, May 10, 2026, at Baptist Health Deaconess Hospital in Madisonville with his wife and family by his side. Dogwood Funerals & Cremations of Hopkinsville is assisting with the arrangements.

Dennis Gene Kozac, 65, of Hopkinsville, passed away at his residence on Sunday, May 10, 2026, at 4:31 p.m. Memorial services will be held at 12:00 p.m. Saturday, May 16, 2026, at Dogwood Funerals & Cremations of Hopkinsville with Robby Shearon officiating. Visitation will be Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until the service hour.

CRITTENDEN

Kenneth Ray Murray, age 78, of Marion, passed away on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at Southgate Nursing and Rehabilitation in Metropolis, IL. Funeral services were held on Monday, May 11, 2026, at 1:00 PM with Bro. Gary Murray officiating. Burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery in Crittenden County.

Funeral Notice

Obituaries furnished to Kentucky Publishing

William Ray "Bill" Shuecraft

William Ray "Bill" Shuecraft, age 70, passed away on March 15, 2026, in Tinley Park, Illinois. He was born on April 25, 1955, in Marion, Kentucky.

Bill was a 1973 graduate of Livingston Central High School. Following graduation, he served his country honorably in the United States Navy for three years. In his civilian life, he was a skilled diver. Throughout his life, he was known for his humor and quiet passions. He was an avid reader and took great interest in collecting guns and knives.

He is survived by his three brothers, Jamie Shuecraft, David



Shuecraft, and Tracy Shuecraft, all of Salem, Kentucky; and two sisters, Oma

(James) Brown also of Salem, Kentucky, and Evelyn (Matt) Sponaule of Shenandoah, Virginia.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jimmy and Barbara Shuecraft, and his sister-in-law, Teresa Shuecraft.

A special memorial visitation is being planned by the family and will be announced at a later date.

Bill will be remembered for his service, and the many quiet joys that shaped his life.

FULTON

Stephanie Eakes Robinson of South Fulton, Tn., passed away Sunday, May 10, 2026, at her residence. Visitation for Stephanie Eakes Robinson was held Thursday, May 14th, 2026, at the Hornbeak Funeral Chapel in Fulton, Ky.

James Larry Walker of the Cayce Community, passed away May 9, 2026 at Baptist Health of Paducah. Burial for Mr. James Larry Walker was held Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. at the Cayce Methodist Cemetery.

Patricia Hadden Douthitt, 92, of Wooster, OH and formerly of Fulton, KY passed away into the loving arms of her heavenly father while surrounded by her family on Thursday, May 7, 2026. Graveside services will be held on Saturday, May 16th, 2026 at 1PM at Maplewood Cemetery, 408 N. 6th Street, Mayfield, KY. There will be no visitation, and friends are invited to meet at the cemetery at the hour of service.

Sharon Joan Pruett left this world to return to her Heavenly home on May 9th 2026, at the age of 78. Intimate graveside services will be held to honor her life on May 16th, 2026.

Jeffrey Sensing, age 16, of Fulton, Kentucky, passed away on Thursday, May 7, 2026, at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah, Kentucky, following a long and courageous battle with illness. Funeral services for Jeffrey Sensing were held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, May 11, 2026, in the funeral chapel, with burial to follow at Greenlea Cemetery.

Betty Jean Bruner passed away May 6th, 2026 at the Jackson Madison County Hospital, in Jackson, Tn. Services for Mrs. Betty Bruner were held Saturday, May 9th at Hornbeak Funeral Chapel. Bro. Scott Williams and Bro. Lowell Wiley will officiate. Interment to follow at Sandy Branch.

GRAVES

Ronald Clark Ward, age 76, of Mayfield passed away on Sunday, May 10, 2026 at Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah, KY. A private family memorial service will be held at a later date. Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY is in charge of arrangements.

Rebecca Cherry Fox age 76 of Mayfield, Ky. passed away on Tuesday May 12, 2026 at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah, Ky. Private Family Funeral Services for Mrs. Rebecca Cherry Fox will be held on Tuesday May 19, 2026 at The Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield, Ky. with burial to follow in the Peaceful Valley Cemetery. Public Visitation will be held on Monday May 18, 2026 from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mary Ramsey, age 95 and a resident of Wingo, passed away at 12:50 AM Monday, May 11, 2026 at the Mills Nursing and Rhab Center in Mayfield, KY. Funeral services for Mary were held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, May 14, 2026 at the Brown Funeral Home in Wingo, KY. Rev. Daniel McKinney officiated, burial followed in the Little Bethel Cemetery.

Janice M. Clapp, age 80, a resident of Mayfield, passed away at 5:00 P.M. Saturday, May 9, 2026 at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Center in Paducah. Funeral services will be conducted at 3:30 P.M. Friday, May 15, 2026 at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield with Pastor Billy Kennedy officiating. Friends may call after 1:00 P.M. Friday at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield.

Martha Jane Freeman, age 77 of Mayfield, KY passed away on Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at Mercy Health Paducah. Funeral Services were held at 3:00 PM Saturday, May 9, 2026 at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY with Rev. Spence Pate and Rev. Dylan Knight officiating. Burial followed in the Highland Park Cemetery.

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Virginia Inez Brayfield, 60, of Mayfield, KY passed away, Wednesday, May 6, 2026, leaving behind a legacy of love, laughter, family and friends. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Dates and times will be made available when they are known. The Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY is in charge of the arrangements.

Heather Faye (Hutson) McCarver, 48, of Mayfield, passed away Monday, May 4, 2026, at the Jackson Purchase Medical Center. A service to celebrate Heather's life will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at First Baptist Church, 118 W. South St., Mayfield, KY 42066, with Rev. Paul Wilkerson officiating. Friends may visit with the family on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the church.

HENDERSON

Ruth Frazier, age 82, of Henderson, KY, passed away at 5:00 p.m., Thursday, May 7, 2026, at her home. Relatives and friends are invited to Ruth's Life Celebration from 10:00 a.m. until service time on Friday, May 15, 2026, at Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home. The funeral service will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home with her son Robert Frazier officiating. Burial will follow at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Henderson, KY.

James Darrell "Skip" Stinson, age 71, of Henderson, KY, passed away at 11:05 p.m. Thursday, May 7, 2026, at his home. The funeral service was held at 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home with the Reverend Darrell Powell officiating. Burial followed at Chaney Cemetery in Spottsville, KY.

HOPKINS

Logan Ray Carlton, 20, of Madisonville, KY passed away on Friday May 8, 2026, at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 P.M. Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at Barnett-Strother Funeral Home and Crematory - Madisonville Chapel with Bro. Ronnie Hendricks officiating. Burial will follow at West Lawn Cemetery in Hanson.

Michael Lydon McNary, 69, of Madisonville, passed away peacefully at 5:25 p.m. on Thursday May 7, 2026 at Brighton Cornerstone Healthcare Nursing Facility in Madisonville with his family members by his bedside. The life of Michael Lydon McNary will be celebrated at 1:00 p.m. Saturday May 16, 2026 at Elliott-Bowles Mortuary Chapel. Pastor Paul Lovan (Pastor of Now Faith Original Church of God in Crofton, Kentucky) will preside over the service and be eulogist. Burial will be in Elliott Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Madisonville. Visitation and wake services for Michael Lydon McNary will be from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Louise Leavell, 76, of Madisonville, KY, passed away on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at Ridgewood Terrace Health and Rehab in Madisonville. Arrangements are currently pending.

Jewell Ann Wint, 82, of Henderson, KY, formerly of Madisonville, KY, passed away on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at her home. Arrangements are currently pending.

Terry Lee Farmer, 78, of Madisonville, KY, passed away on Monday, May 11, 2026, at his home. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Harris Funeral Home was entrusted with care.

Richard L. Frisby, 85, of Dawson Springs, KY, passed away on Sunday, May 10, 2026, at Baptist Health Deaconess in Madisonville, KY. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Harris Funeral Home was entrusted with care.

Michaleen Balka Basham, 77, of Dawson Springs, KY formerly of Chardon, OH, passed away on Saturday, May 9, 2026, at Baptist Health Deaconess in Madisonville. A memorial service will be held at

Burr Funeral Home and Cremation in Chardon, OH, date and time to be determined. Burial will be held in Chardon, OH. Harris Funeral Home in Madisonville was entrusted with care.

Marilyn "Sue" Cunningham, 89, of Madisonville, KY passed away on Saturday, May 9, 2026. A graveside service was held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, May 14, 2026, at Odd Fellows Cemetery with Bro. Kenneth Blevins officiating. Harris Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Dane Royce McPeak, 63, of Madisonville, KY, passed away on Friday, May 8, 2026, at his home. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Harris Funeral Home in Madisonville was entrusted with care.

David Staser, 77, of Madisonville, KY passed away on Friday, May 8, 2026, at his home. A funeral service was held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, in the chapel of Harris Funeral Home with Pastor Tondra Daugherty officiating. Burial followed at Odd Fellows Cemetery.

Jackie Clayton, 88, of Madisonville, KY, passed away on Thursday, May 7, 2026, at his home. A funeral service was held at 2 p.m. on Monday, May 11, 2026, in the chapel of Harris Funeral Home with Bro. Kerry Smith officiating. An Evergreen service will be conducted by the UMWA. Burial followed at 3:45 p.m. at Lakeview Cemetery in Providence, KY.

Carolyn Garrett, 80, of Madisonville, KY, passed away on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at Baptist Health Deaconess in Madisonville. A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Harris Funeral Home was entrusted with care.

Infant Walker Allen Sanderson gained his angel wings on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at Baptist Health Deaconess in Madisonville. No services will be held. Harris Funeral Home was entrusted with care.

LIVINGSTON

Tamara Michelle Brown (Johns), 67, of Ledbetter, Kentucky, passed away peacefully on May 9, 2026, surrounded by the love of her family. Tamara memorial visitation will be held on Friday June 12, 2026, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Lindsey Funeral Home.

Joe Edd Chandler, it's with heavy hearts we announce the passing of Joe Edd Chandler. He passed away at Salem Spring Lake Nursing Home in Salem, KY on Saturday, May 9, 2026. A Masonic service will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2026, at Veterans of Foreign Wars in Paducah, KY at 11:00 a.m. A Celebration of Life service was held on Saturday, May 16, 2026, at 12:30 p.m. at Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1191, 1727 Washington Street in Paducah, KY 42003.

MARSHALL

David Cuff, age 72 of Benton, Kentucky passed away on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at his home. He worked in the construction industry and was a veteran of the US Army.

Bro. John "Johnny" H. Hamlett, 83 of Benton, Kentucky passed away on Sunday, May 10, 2026, at Baptist Health in Paducah, Kentucky. A funeral service was held on Thursday, May 14, 2026 at 1:00 PM at the Collier Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Jason Logsdon officiating. Burial followed at Hillcrest Cemetery in Benton, KY.

Anthony "Tony" Watkins, age 75, of Benton, KY, passed away peacefully at home on May 8, 2026. The family will honor Tony's life with a Celebration of Life at a later date. Friends and loved ones wishing to receive details are encouraged to contact the family.

Annette Sutherland, 82 of Benton, Kentucky passed away on Thursday, May 7, 2026, at Providence Pointe Healthcare in Paducah, Kentucky. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 1:00 PM at the Collier Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Scott Penick and Dyllan Simmons officiating. Burial followed at Hillcrest Cemetery.

Rhonda Mathis Englert, 64, of Benton passed away on Friday, May 8, 2026, at Marshall County Hospital. Private graveside services will be held at Maplelawn Park Cemetery. Lindsey Funeral Home is honored to serve the Englert family.

Garvilene Darnall Collins, age 90, of Benton, passed away May 8, 2026, at her home. A private memorial burial will be held at a later date. Filbeck-Cann Funeral Home of Milner and Orr is in charge of arrangements.

Mary Miranda Hendrickson, 92, of Benton, passed away Saturday, May 9, 2026, at Mills Manor in Mayfield. Graveside services were held at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 14, 2026, in Ford Cemetery in Marshall County. Filbeck-Cann Life Celebration Center of Milner and Orr is in charge of arrangements.

Francis "Fran" L. Peck, 82, of Calvert City, Kentucky, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Saturday, May 9, 2026. Visitation will be from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Friday, May 15, 2026, at the Life Celebration Center of Filbeck-Cann, 1003 Poplar Street, Benton, KY 42025. A funeral service will be held at 1:00 PM on Friday, May 15, 2026, at the Life Celebration Center of Filbeck-Cann. Burial will follow at Peck Cemetery on Lone Valley Road in Calvert City.

Danny R. Hendon, 75, of Symsonia, Kentucky, passed away on Friday, May 8, 2026, at Lourdes Hospital in Paducah, Kentucky. Visitation will be from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at the Life Celebration Center of Filbeck-Cann, 1003 Poplar Street, Benton, KY 42025. A memorial service will be held at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at the Life Celebration Center of Filbeck-Cann.

Norma L. Nelson, 94, of Symsonia, Kentucky, entered her eternal home on Tuesday, May 6, 2026. Visitation was held from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM on Saturday, May 9, 2026, at the Life Celebration Center of Filbeck-Cann, 1003 Poplar Street, Benton, KY 42025. A graveside service was held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, May 9, 2026, at Marshall County Memory Gardens in Benton.

McCRACKEN

Fannie May "Fran" Laird Carter, age 104, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away at 2:34 a.m. Monday, May 11, 2026, at the Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center at Lourdes Mercy Health. A private graveside service for family was held Thursday, May 14, 2026, at Masonic & Oddfellows Cemetery, Benton, IL. There will be no visitation.

Virginia Kathryn Sanderson Dowdy, age 88, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away on May 11, 2026, at Parkview Nursing and Rehab, leaving behind a legacy of love, faith, and devoted care for others. Funeral services were held on Thursday, May 14, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at Paducah Holiness Church with Bro. T.L. Futral and Bro. Lamar Futral officiating. Burial followed the service at Paducah Holiness Church Cemetery.

Patricia "Pat" A. Harper, 78, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away on Sunday, May 10 at 6:42 a.m. at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center. Pat was surrounded by family when she peacefully transitioned to her eternal home in Heaven. The funeral service will be held on Friday, May 15, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah with Rev. Jim Wright officiating. Burial will follow at New Edwards Cemetery in Benton.

Randall Joseph Englert, known to many as Randy, passed away on May 9, 2026, in Paducah, Kentucky, at the age of 67. A memorial visitation will be held from 4:30 PM until 7:00 PM on Friday, May 15, 2026, at the Lone Oak Chapel of Milner & Orr Funeral Home.

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FUNERAL NOTICES continued

Rhadean Robison Wyatt, age 78, of Paducah, Kentucky passed away at 6:49 a.m. Saturday, May 9, 2026 at Mercy Health Lourdes. Services were held on Thursday, May 14, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. at the Lone Oak Chapel of Milner & Orr Funeral Home with Revs. Keith Osborne and Byron Vaughn officiating. Entombment followed at the Woodlawn Memorial Gardens.

Daniel Robert Carpenter, known to many as Dan, passed away on Friday, May 8, 2026, at Baptist Health Paducah. Memorial services will be at 11:00 AM on Saturday, May 16, 2026, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Paducah, with Pastor David Appold officiating. A Memorial visitation will be from 5:00-8:00 PM Friday, May 15, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Paducah. Dan's final act of kindness was to give the gift of life through organ and tissue donation.

Ruby Helen English, 81, of West Paducah, passed away on Friday, May 8, 2026, at Mercy Health Lourdes in Paducah. Services were held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah with Rev. Benny Heady officiating. Burial followed at Oak Grove Cemetery in Paducah.

Max Duane Hampton, age 67, of Boaz, Kentucky, passed away on May 7, 2026, at his residence. Funeral services will be held on Friday, May 15, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at the Lone Oak Chapel of Milner & Orr Funeral Home with Bro. Richard Dobbs officiating. Burial will follow the service at Trinity United Methodist Church Cemetery.

Joel Lane Zeiler, 66, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away on May 6, 2026, at the Holiday House in Paducah. A visitation was held at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 14, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah. A graveside service with military honors will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, May 18, 2026, at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis, Missouri.

Loren Blakewell, 55, of Paducah passed away on Monday, May 11, 2026 at River Haven Nursing and Rehab in Paducah. Arrangements are incomplete with Lindsey Funeral Home of Paducah.

Steve Griffin, 66, of Paducah passed away on Monday, May 11, 2026, at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah. He will be cremated per his wishes and no services will be held. Online condolences may be left at www.lindseyfuneral.com.

John H. Fiser, 83, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away peacefully at his home on Saturday, May 10, 2026, surrounded by the love of his family. Visitation will be held Friday, May 15, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Lindsey Funeral Home. Funeral services will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, May 15, 2026, at Lindsey Funeral Home with Bro. Tom Moore officiating. Burial will follow at Clarks River Cemetery.

Gary N. Lamb, 79, of Paducah passed away on Sunday, May 10, 2026, at Parkview Nursing & Rehab Paducah. Funeral Mass will be at 11:00am on Friday,

May 15, 2026, at St. Francis De Sales Catholic Church with Fr. Gary Clark officiating. Inurnment will follow at Mt. Carmel Cemetery. Friends may visit the family from 10:00am to service hour on Friday at the church.

James Moore "Jimmy" Wooldridge, 68, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away on May 9, 2026, and is now in the presence of his Lord and Savior, whom he loved and proudly served. Funeral service were held on Thursday May 14, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. at Lindsey Funeral Home with Bro. Richard Dobbs officiating the service.

Shelley Hull, 60, of Paducah passed away on Saturday, April 9, 2026, at River Haven Nursing Home. She will be cremated per her wishes. Lindsey Funeral Home is honored to serve the Hull family.

Freddy W. Jennings transitioned from his earthly life on Thursday, May 7, 2026. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, May 30, 2026, 1:00 p.m. at Ninth Street Tabernacle Ministries. Family will receive friends at the church from 11:00 a.m. until the funeral hour. More details will be forthcoming.

Brenda Joyce King, 84, of Paducah, passed away peacefully at home. She was born to Hazel (Jackson) Wyatt and William E. Wyatt in Paducah, Kentucky. Graveside services were held Saturday, May 9, at 11:00 a.m. at Oak Grove Cemetery in Paducah with Pastor Mickey Brown officiating.

With deep sorrow and profound respect, we announce the passing of **Laura Hicks**, age 64 of Paducah, who left this life on May 4, 2026, at Mercy Health Lourdes in Paducah, Kentucky. Her memorial journey was marked by a visitation at Keeling & Goodman Funeral Home, located at 2410 Jackson Street, Paducah, KY 42003, on May 11, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This was followed by a funeral service officiated by Bro. Tim Smith, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. A private inurnment will take place on a later date at Mt. Kenton Cemetery, Paducah, KY 42001.

Weslyn Faith Ballard, born and departed on May 4, 2026, passed away peacefully at Baptist Health Paducah. She was surrounded by those who loved her more than she will ever imagine, a testament to the deep affection and care that enveloped her during her brief presence in this world. A Memorial Service was held on Thursday, May 14, 2026, at 6:00 PM at Keeling & Goodman Funeral Home with Bro. Jonathan Goodman officiating.

TRIGG

Calvin "Buddy" Boswell - September 18, 1935 - May 12, 2026 - Funeral Services for 90 year old Calvin "Buddy" Boswell of Cadiz were held Thursday, May 14, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at King's Funeral Home with Rev. Norman Cotton officiating. Burial will be on Friday, May 15, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Henderson, Kentucky.

Arthur M. Williams, Sr. - September 17, 1940 - May 10, 2026 - A Private Celebration of Life will be held at a late date for 85 year old Arthur Melvin Williams, Sr. of Cerulean. King's Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Thomas Eugene Duncan - February 10, 1938 - May 7, 2026 - Memorial Services for 88 year old Thomas Eugene Duncan of Guthrie will be held Monday, May 18, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. at the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West in Hopkinsville, KY with military honors. Burial will follow in Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West.

Carolyn Sue Hite - September 16, 1946 - May 6, 2026 - A Private Family Celebration of Life will be held at a late date for 79 year old Carolyn Sue Hazelrigg Hite of Oak Grove, KY. King's Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Leslie Anne Lee Wallace - March 6, 1957 - May 5, 2026 - A memorial visitation for 69 year old, Leslie Anne Lee Wallace of Cadiz was held on Friday, May 8, 2026 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at King's Funeral Home.

Robert Earl "Rob" Choate, of Cadiz, Kentucky, passed away peacefully on Monday, May 11, 2026, at his home, just one day shy of his 57th birthday. Funeral services will be at Goodwin Funeral Home, 138 Main Street in Cadiz, at 1:00 PM, Saturday, May 16, 2026, with Bro. John Mitchell officiating. Burial will follow in Stewart Cemetery. Visitation will precede the service at the funeral home from 11:00 AM until the funeral hour of 1:00 PM.

Nina Allen Taylor, age 80, of Cadiz, Kentucky, passed away on Saturday, May 9, 2026, at Shady Lawn Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Cadiz. Funeral services were held at Goodwin Funeral Home, 138 Main Street in Cadiz, at 1:00 PM, Tuesday, May 12, 2026, with Terry Brent Creekmur officiating. Burial followed in Trigg Memory Acres.

Rodger Dale Light, age 79, of Cadiz, Kentucky, passed away on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at Hospice of Southern Kentucky in Bowling Green. Funeral services were held at Goodwin Funeral Home, 138 Main Street in Cadiz, at 1:00 PM, Monday, May 11, 2026, with Bro. Norman Cotton and Bro. Brad Chalfin officiating. Burial followed in East End Cemetery in Cadiz.

UNION

David Ray Adams, age 68 of Sturgis, KY passed away Wednesday, May 7, 2026 at his home. The service was held at 1 PM Monday, May 11, 2026 at Whitsell Funeral Home in Sturgis. Angie Werner officiated.

WEBSTER

Oranetta Sandefur Parker, born on December 19, 1958, in Evansville, passed away on May 9, 2026, at Baptist Health Deaconess in Madisonville. A memorial service to honor Oranetta Sandefur Parker was held on Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at 12:00 PM at the Vanover Funeral Home, located at 9000 KY-132 in Clay, Kentucky.

Stephanie Lee Main 54, of Dixon, KY passed away on Thursday May 7th, 2026 in Henderson, KY. Funeral services were held on Thursday May 14th, 2026 at 1 pm at Townsend Funeral Home in Dixon, KY. Rev. Jerry Liggett will officiate. Burial will be in Oddfellows Cemetery in Clay, KY.



VICTORIOUS *Living* ...in a troubled world

What is more important than the return of Christ?

By William F Holland Jr.
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Henry Allan “Harry” Ironside was a Canadian-American Bible teacher, preacher, theologian, pastor, and author who pastored Moody Church in Chicago from 1929 to 1948. It is said that Harry Ironside was one of the most prolific Christian writers of the 20th Century and published more than 100 books, booklets, and pamphlets, many of which are still in print. He also wrote several hymns, including “Overshadowed,” “His Grace Proclaim,” and “The Wonder of His Love to Me.” One editorial reviewer wrote in a 2005 republication that, “Ironside’s commentaries are a Christian standard and have stood the test of time.”

In his comments on Isaiah 57, Dr. Ironside shares this true account: “Years ago, before the First World

War, Professor Stroeter, a well-known prophetic teacher in Germany, would travel through the country giving lectures, and using charts to explain the dispensations. His meetings attracted the attention of the German Emperor, Kaiser Wilhelm, who, despite his many idiosyncrasies, was quite a Bible student himself and would deliver sermons in the palace chapel on many occasions. One day, the emperor invited Professor Stroeter to his personal residence so that he could learn more about the information the professor had been teaching. The professor was escorted into the library and began to spread his charts out on a table, and as the emperor listened closely, Stroeter pointed out various prophetic stages that led up to the glorious Second Coming.

After a lengthy con-

versation, the emperor cautiously asked, “Are you saying that Christ is coming back literally, and when He returns, all the empires of the world are going to be destroyed, and He will set up His eternal kingdom upon their ruins?” Professor Stroeter said, “Exactly, your Majesty.” The emperor backed away with a look of sadness and disappointment and said, “Oh no, I can’t accept that! This would interfere with my plans!” What an honest but troubling admission from a man who professed to be a student and teacher of the Bible, and even more importantly, a personal disciple of Christ. There are indeed many interpretations and opinions about what the future may bring, but we can agree that there is coming a day when this earth will be cleansed and judged, and every knee will bow

and know that Jesus is Lord and King of all.

We look around and notice that many are striving to build their dreams, but are these God’s ideas? I know individuals who are making plans 10, 20, and even 30 years from now, and hope these are divine blueprints that God has drawn. Have you known or heard about those who had their lives all mapped out, but were suddenly taken out of this world unexpectedly? It’s worth ensuring whose voice we are following, as the Bible declares that there is nothing more important than keeping our spiritual eyes and ears open to where God is leading us. “Many are the plans in a person’s heart, but it is the Lord’s purpose that prevails” Proverbs 19:21.

We might add Christ to our long list of things we are interested in, but if God’s will is not

at the top, we need to rearrange our list. Yes, we all have responsibilities, but ignoring God and not being prepared to meet Him will have serious consequences. Jesus used the term “birth pains” to describe the signs of His return. Like the agony of childbirth, these warnings will become more intense and frequent as the day draws nearer. Can you see them today? Beware of those who mock and say, “It’s been 2000 years, so the Lord must not be coming back.” Remember the wise virgins in Matthew chapter 25. It simply comes down to who we will trust.

How often do Christians stop and consider that when they made a vow to surrender their heart to God, their lives were no longer their own? We promised God and the world going forward, we will only follow His voice. So, I

ask today: Is there anything in this world that would cause us to wish Christ would postpone His return? Of course, we want to see our family be saved, which is why it’s so crucial to intercede and fast for their salvation. What about you, dear friend, are things like enjoying your wealth, building a house, seeing the world, graduating college, getting married, having children, getting that promotion, retiring, or completing a project you’ve been working on, more exciting and important than the return of your Savior? Maybe instead of wondering about His return, we should live as if He never left.

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

CLIMBING TOO HIGH

Bro. Brandon G. Bramlett
Bandana Baptist Church

“No matter what, I must reach the top,” he swore to himself, as salty sweat stung his eyes. Although dozens of climbers had died trying, the man was determined to breathe the air of victory at the peak of the ocean-encircled seamount. Halfway to the summit, the ledges began to crumble beneath his feet and the rocks he grasped disintegrated in his hands—but he daringly scrambled upward. Abruptly, his foot slipped, causing him to fall forcefully until his survival backpack became ensnared on a protruding limb. The “Do Not Climb” sign he brushed off at ground level resurfaced in his mind, but he regained his footing, cut his backpack loose with a knife, and watched it plummet to a watery grave hundreds of feet below.

At long last, he arrived at the top, where he exhaled in relief and became absorbed in the stunning sights of the golden horizon and the vast ocean.

But after ten minutes of celebration, panic set in: he could not get down. His climbing and survival supplies were in his long-gone backpack. He would die if he jumped, and only the birds would hear him if he screamed for help. Days and nights elapsed as he paced the peak, failing to devise an escape plan—until he succumbed to dehydration and starvation.

Sometimes, climbing too high is a bad idea—it may even kill you. Climbing too high in our hearts through pride is a bad idea, too. Pride manifests itself when we climb over the warnings in God’s word about sin—treating His commands like obstacles in our way rather than safeguards for our good. When we disobey His prohibitions, we pridefully believe that sin’s danger doesn’t apply to us and that we know better than God Himself. Pride also shows up when we think too highly of ourselves and climb over others in pursuit of selfish ambitions—pushing our way to the top to relish in applause and recognition

(Rom. 12:3).

But higher is not better. Those who soar as high as an eagle in pride will be brought down in shame (Jer. 49:16), and the greatly exalted will be gravely humbled (Luke 14:11). Did the builders of the Tower of Babel succeed in climbing above God? Did not Nebuchadnezzar crawl like a beast on the ground after exalting himself too highly? Was not Satan cast down from the heights of heaven for his boastful arrogance?

The way up is not up—the way up is down. This is why Peter assured, “Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you” (1 Pet. 5:6). We must humbly obey God’s warnings about sin, trusting that He knows what is best for us. We must climb down from our pride-pedestals to become lowly servants of others—esteeming them higher than ourselves (Phil. 2:3-5). And when we walk low in humility, we need not fear a great fall (cf. Prov. 16:18).

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Saturday, May 9th., was a beautiful and very surprising day, as our cemetery group found an old “Lost” Cemetery in a very wooded area. Landowner, Mr. Mike Souper, when asked if he knew where an old cemetery might be in the Hazelwood Area, he remembered the old “lost” cemetery. Mr. Souper and son David gave us directions, and off we went like gangbusters, or like good

cemetery restoration workers do. Oh, the excitement as workers cut, dug, and dragged heavy limbs that had hidden away the many broken stones in the old cemetery. We will continue cleaning, and plan to dowse, and probe around the broken bases, that are partially above ground. Then, hopefully able to raise the missing sunken stones. Thank you Lord for a good day ... a real payday.

After a worker researched on his phone, we learned

the “lost” cemetery name was Pace Cemetery. Pictured is the one stone easily identified as James Blackburn, and we are hoping to find a Blackburn descendant for more information. Mr. Souper believes the cemetery is at least 150 years old. Research will continue this coming Saturday, as we dowse and probe for more stones, along with a lot more research on this old cemetery. Any information sent to us will be greatly appreciated.

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Can cataracts be prevented?

Vision should be cherished at every stage in life. However, as one ages and vision changes become more profound, it is even more important to stay abreast of what can be done to care for the eyes in the hopes of preventing certain conditions, including cataracts.

Cataracts are the clouding of the eye's natural lenses. The World Health Organization estimates that cataracts affect more than 94 million people globally. Cataracts also account for nearly 45 percent of all blindness cases.

Even though cataracts are considered an unavoidable part of

the aging process, some people wonder if they can be prevented. Reedsburg Area Medical Center says that, while one cannot entirely stop the biological aging of the lens, delayed onset and reduced severity of cataracts is possible through targeted lifestyle choices.

According to EyeHealth Northwest, by age 80, more than 90 percent of adults will either have a cataract or have already undergone surgery for them. Technically cataracts cannot be prevented, but these steps can help push cataract development further into later life.

• Wear sunglasses with UV protection.

The consensus among experts is that prolonged exposure to ultraviolet B rays accelerates the breakdown of lens proteins. Consistent use of sunglasses that offer 100 percent UV protection can greatly slow this protein degradation. Wraparound frames will block light from the periphery as well as the front.

• Lower oxidative stress. Preventing oxidative stress, a primary driver of lens opacification, can be achieved through diets rich in antioxidants, says Premier Eye Care of Eastern Idaho. Lutein,

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and landscaping until 2010. Throughout all those years, he never stopped gardening.

Over the years, Paul has developed his own unique gardening methods.

Like many recreational farmers and gardeners, he rotates seasonal crops, but he also staggers his planting schedule—especially for peas—to optimize crop growth. He also creates his own compost. When preparing to plant,

he lays down a bed of ‘green’, ‘brown’, a small amount of soil, and slow-release lime for pH balance, in that specific order. Because Paul does not use fertilizer, all of the crops in his garden are organic.

Paul says one of his favorite things to do

is share his harvest with neighbors. At 95 years old, he remains healthier than many younger people today. He credits his good health and longevity to staying active, spending time gardening, and connecting with nature.

Paul also wanted to share a passage from a Living Faith prayer book that reflects his views on longevity and gardening:

“Recent studies have indicated that there are antidepressant microbes in soil. Essentially, dirt

can help us to be happy!... What does it say about the generosity of God that, apparently, even the very earth we walk upon is good for us? Truly, God’s love is all around us!” — Terence Hegarty.



Paul tending to his strawberry plants.



Stalk of garlic pulled from the ground.



Bee pollinating flowers on flowers on a blackberry bush.



Paul picking peas off the vine.



Carrico's garden of peas, squash, and tomatoes

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zeaxanthin and vitamin C act as shields for the eye. Eye Physicians of Long Beach says the risk of age-related cataracts reduces by around 26 percent for every additional 10 mg of carotenoids added to a person's diet.

• Manage diabetes. The National Institutes of

Health says individuals with diabetes face a 63 percent higher likelihood of requiring cataract surgery compared to those without the condition. Managing high blood sugar will prevent sorbitol from depositing in the lenses and causing cloudiness earlier in life.

• Quit smoking: Smoking is a key factor in cataract development, says Optometrists.org.

Smokers have a 1.66 times greater risk of developing cataracts than non-smokers because the toxins in tobacco smoke can deplete the body's natural antioxidant stores.

Although it may not be possible to turn off aging and prevent cataracts entirely, cataracts can be delayed and made less impactful through lifestyle changes.



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How to determine your financial needs to retirement

No one knows what the future holds. Despite the mystery shrouding the future, it's still vital that people plan for the years ahead, particularly in regard to saving for retirement.

Advice abounds regarding how much money retirees will need to live comfortably in retirement. One common approach suggests retirees should aspire to replace 70 to 80 percent of their pre-retirement income, while another strategy urges retirees

to save twelve times their final pre-retirement income, meaning someone making \$100,000 in the year they retire will need at least \$1.2 million in retirement savings to maintain their lifestyle. Each of these approaches are just strategies, and how much a person actually needs in retirement will depend on a host of variables unique to each individual, including the age a person retires, his or her health status at the time of retirement and personal goals for

their golden years. For example, those who hope to retire at 65 and travel extensively in retirement will likely need more savings than someone who hopes to retire at 70 and travel less frequently.

Though variables unique to each person will help to determine how much to save for retirement, there are some additional ways to identify how much you might need to live comfortably after calling it a career.

- Identify your ideal retirement age. Arguably the most significant variable related to saving for retirement is the age at which a person hopes to retire. Some may have the luxury of choosing their own retirement date, while others' personal health or employers may make that choice for them. But it's good to remember that the longer a person



continues to work, the less retirement savings that person will need. When trying to determine how much to save for retirement, first identify your ideal retirement age and then go from there, recognizing that this important variable can change over time.

- Identify the lifestyle you hope to live. If the romanticized ideal of a jetsetting retirement lifestyle appeals to you, then you're likely going to need to save more for retirement than someone whose vision of life after working is less glamorous.

It's possible for many retirees to live their ideal lifestyle in retirement, but those whose ideal is marked by expensive pursuits like regular international travel will need to start earlier and save more than someone who envisions occasional trips but more time at home.

- Don't overlook health care costs. Health care costs for retirees are heavily dependent on individual health. But even the healthiest retiree might experience a sudden and potentially costly medical issue, so it's best for everyone to plan for sizable health care expenses in retirement. The Employee Benefit Research Institute estimates that couples will need to have saved at least \$188,000 to have a 90 percent chance of covering their health care expenditures in retirement. That figure is subject to variables unique to each individual, but it can serve as a useful measuring stick as adults try to determine how much they need to save for retirement.

Financial needs in retirement depend on the individual. However, some key planning strategies can help individuals determine how much they might need to save to live comfortably in retirement.

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The 7 stages of Alzheimer's disease

Alzheimer's disease is a progressive and debilitating condition that slowly robs a person of their memories and personality. Alzheimer's disease is a form of dementia that produces various symptoms that occur in stages, ultimately arriving at a point when a person can no longer live independently due to

cognitive decline. The Fisher Center for Alzheimer's Research Foundation says there are seven clinical stages of Alzheimer's. Stages 1 through 3 are the pre-dementia stages, while stages 4 through 7 are the dementia stages. Here is a close look at what these stages entail, according to the Global Deterioration

Scale.
Stage 1
 There is no cognitive decline, nor noticeable symptoms.
Stage 2
 A person may experience very mild cognitive decline. This can include one feeling like he or she is having memory lapses, but no symptoms

of dementia can be detected by others, including medical professionals.
Stage 3
 During stage 3, mild cognitive decline begins to become noticeable. Friends, family or coworkers begin to notice difficulties, which
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KFB president asks Congress for help with rising cost of fertilizer

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

WASHINGTON (KT) – Kentucky Farm Bureau (KFB) President Eddie Melton testified Tuesday before the U.S. Senate Agriculture Committee, calling on Congress to take immediate action to address the rising cost of fertilizer and the sustained economic pressure affecting farm families across Kentucky and the nation.

The hearing examined fertilizer supply and affordability challenges facing U.S. farmers — pressures that have escalated in the wake of the ongoing conflict

in the Middle East and resulting disruptions to global fertilizer markets.

Melton, a fifth-generation row crop and beef cattle farmer from Webster County, spoke on behalf of farm families in Kentucky and across the country. In his testimony, he drew a direct line from the hearing room to the fields of his own operation.

Melton noted that today's crisis did not emerge overnight. While disruptions at the Strait of Hormuz have compounded the problem, elevated costs for inputs like fuel and fertilizer have burdened producers for years.



“Since February, we have seen a 33 percent rise in anhydrous prices, a 55 percent rise in urea prices, and a 25 percent increase in liquid nitrogen,” he said. “All the while, corn prices have declined from \$7 per bushel in 2022 to

approximately \$4.50 per bushel today.”

This year marks the fourth consecutive year of economic decline for the farm sector, driven by a combination of low commodity prices and high fertilizer costs. Melton described the cumu-

lative toll on farm operations across the country: “Many farmers are operating with little to no working capital, limiting their ability to manage risk or invest in future production,” he said.

Melton cited findings from a recent American Farm Bureau Federation survey of more than 5,700 farmers and ranchers nationwide, highlighting what the numbers mean for Kentucky specifically.

In Kentucky, “just 29% of farmers reported being able to pre-book fertilizer with almost 72% stating they could not afford all the

fertilizer they needed for this growing season,” he said.

“We know this is a direct result of rising fertilizer costs.”

Melton called for both immediate relief and long-term policy change. “For producers operating on thin margins, there is no flexibility to wait for longer-term solutions,” he said. “Congress should act now with additional economic assistance to help farmers manage today's cost pressures, prevent further financial strain and stabilize operations while longer-term fixes are put in place.”

ALZHEIMERS,
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may include problems coming up with the right words or names; trouble remembering names; greater difficulty performing tasks; and losing or misplacing a valuable object.

Stage 4

A careful medical interview should reveal symptoms of moderate cognitive decline. Forgetfulness of recent events; difficulty performing complex tasks like planning a meal for guests or paying bills; forgetfulness about one's own personal history; and becoming moody or withdrawn are possible.

Stage 5

Cognitive decline continues to progress to where it becomes moderately severe. Gaps in memory are noticeable and individuals likely will need help with everyday activities. Some may be unable to recall their addresses or telephone numbers, while others may be confused about the day or where they are. Stage 5 is usually the stage when a person can no longer live without assistance.

Stage 6

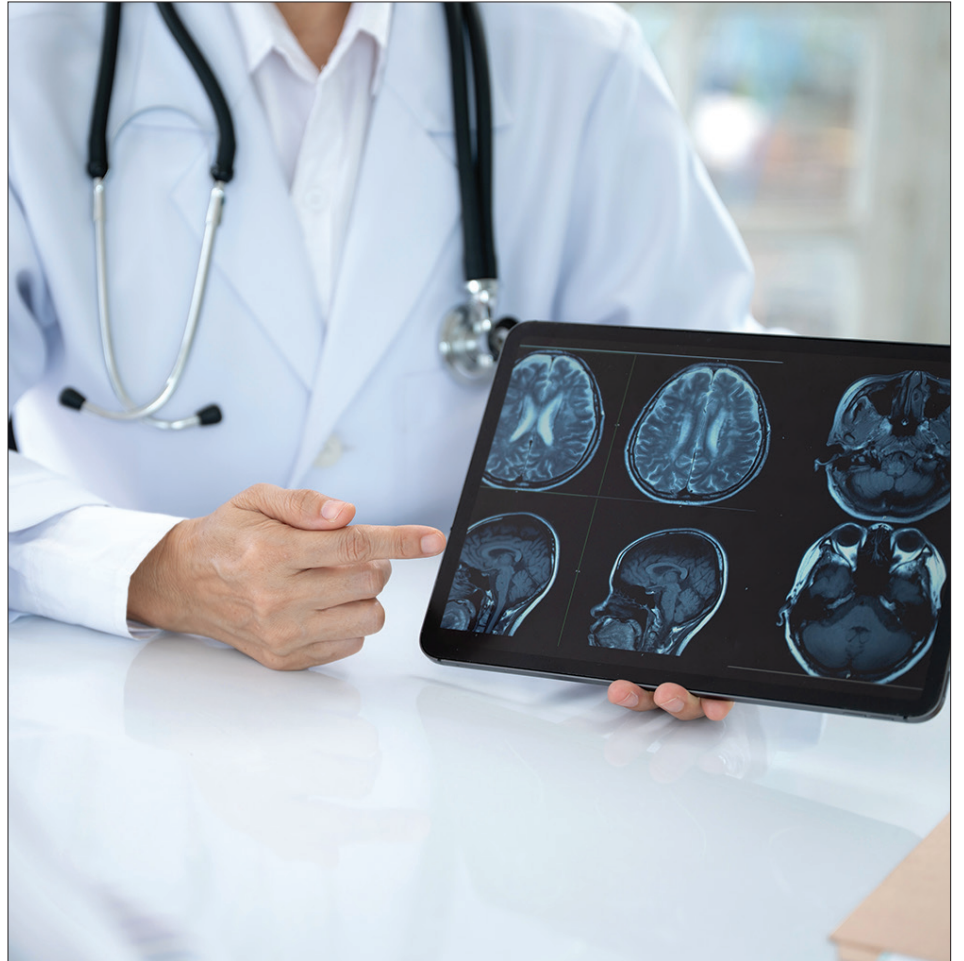
Very severe memory loss, loss of communication skills and inability to recognize loved ones occurs during

the severe cognitive decline stage. One will need total care.

Stage 7

This is the end-stage of the disease and is marked by profound cognitive impairment. Loss of mobility and effective communication typically occurs at this stage.

It's important to note that these stages are general guidelines of what can be expected as Alzheimer's disease progresses. Symptoms may vary among different people, and not everyone with Alzheimer's will progress through these stages at the same rate.



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\$1.3 million side aside for waste tire recycling grants

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – Gov. Beshear announced more than \$1.3 million in funding has been awarded for projects that will transform recycled waste tires into safe, durable products for playgrounds and public parks.

Funding will go toward 36 projects in 30 counties and help produce benches, picnic tables, poured-in-place surface playgrounds and landscaping.

By repurposing these materials, Beshear says the state will be significantly reducing waste to support cleaner, healthier communities for all



Kentucky families. “These projects are a proactive way to turn a problem into a solution,” he noted. “By recycling tires into safe, durable resources for our parks,

we are reducing waste while supporting active, healthy lifestyles for Kentucky families.”

Funding for the projects comes from the Waste Tire Trust

Fund, which was established in 1998 by the Kentucky General Assembly to receive fees collected from new tire sales. The fund helps manage the approximately five million scrap tires generated in the state each year and promotes the development of markets for recycled scrap tire products.

“Projects funded by this grant program ultimately reduce pollution and keep tires out of landfills and other places they might otherwise end up, such as in our waterways or along roadways,” Energy and Environment Cabinet

Secretary John Lyons stated. “I’m pleased to see so many communities participating in the program.”

The grants, which range from \$3,356 to \$97,026, were awarded to projects in the following counties: Bell, Boone, Breathitt, Butler, Caldwell, Campbell (two projects), Gallatin, Harlan, Hart, Henderson (two projects), Henry, Jefferson, Jeassamine, Johnson (two projects), Knox, Letcher, Lincoln, Lyon, Marshall (two projects),

Monroe, Montgomery, Muhlenberg, Nelson, Rockcastle Rowan, Scott, Trigg, Union, Webster (three projects) and Whitley.

You can find out more information about all the projects and the amount of money that was awarded to each, by going to: <https://kydep.wordpress.com/2026/05/12/gov-beshear-announces-over-1-3-million-to-reduce-waste-and-support-cleaner-healthy-communities/>

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MASTER COMMISSIONER AUCTION

CIVIL ACTION NO. 25-CI-00078

4913 Gilbertsville Highway • Calvert City, KY 42029

MONDAY, MAY 18TH, 2026 at 12:00 PM

PUBLIC PREVIEW

Thursday

May 14

11-12 PM

INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY - PRIME LOCATION - 1.25± Acre in 2 Tracts

Positioned in the heart of the Calvert City industrial corridor, this property offers an outstanding opportunity for investors, business owners, or operators looking to capitalize on proximity to major industrial plants directly across the street.

PROPERTY OVERVIEW

- 4,000+ Sq Ft Industrial Building
- Situated on 1.25 Acres
- Zoned I-1 (Light Industrial)
- Excellent visibility and access from multiple road frontages

PROPERTY HIGHLIGHTS

- Flexible layout: Offices, Shop, Manufacturing, Storage
- 5+ Offices with Reception Area
- Large Open Production Area
- Rear Shop Space

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY: This is a strategic industrial location with strong upside potential. Ideal for manufacturing, warehousing, service-based businesses, or expansion near major employers.

REAL ESTATE TERMS: The property will be offered in 2 individual tracts, any combination of tracts, or as a whole property. The property will be sold in the manner resulting in the highest total sale price. A 10% Buyer's Premium will be added to the final bid and included in the deed transaction sale price. 15% as down payment on the day of the auction with balance in cash at closing on or before 30 days. The down payment may be in the form of cashier's check, personal check, or corporate check. YOUR BIDDING IS NOT CONDITIONAL UPON FINANCING, SO BE SURE YOU HAVE ARRANGED FINANCING, IF NEEDED, AND ARE CAPABLE OF PAYING CASH AT CLOSING. Buyer Will Be Required To Sign A Lead Based Paint Disclosure Waiving The Opportunity To A 10 Day Post Sale Inspection. Make Inspections Prior To Date Of Sale. Closing shall take place on or before 30 days from auction date. All 2026 ad valorem taxes will be prorated at closing. The property will be sold by the deed. This property is being sold pursuant to a Master Commissioner Auction ordered by the court in Civil Action No. 25-CI-00078. Additional terms, conditions, and court requirements will apply.

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CPE report shows Ky. students graduating on time, borrowing less

By **TOM LATEK**
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – Kentucky’s students are more likely to graduate on time and pursue upper-level credentials, and fewer are borrowing to pay for college, according to a new report and data dashboard from the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE).

The 2026 Progress Report: Progress Toward Kentucky’s Statewide Strategic Agenda Goals, details

higher education performance based on the most recent data available and shows strong indicators of improvement:

--Total undergraduate enrollment increased by more than 10,000 students between the Fall 2024 and Fall 2025 semesters. This represents a 4.6 percent increase among Kentucky’s public institutions and the Association for Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities (AIKCU) campuses.

--First-to-Second-

Year retention rates remained steady at both the public universities and the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) schools.

--Graduation rates increased nearly 4 percent at KCTCS between the 2023-24 and 2024-25 academic years. Also, on-time graduation (four-year) rates at Kentucky’s public universities showed strong gains, increasing 2.7 percent during the same time frame.

--The number of

undergraduate degrees and credentials earned in 2024-25 reflected a strong one-year improvement, with a 1.4 percent increase in bachelor’s degrees awarded by Kentucky’s public and AIKCU institutions and a 4.2 rise in certificates, diplomas and associate degrees awarded by KCTCS.

--The number of graduate-level degrees and credentials earned from Kentucky’s public and AIKCU institutions surged by more than 1,800, a 9.5 percent increase.

“These results show that when institutions focus strategically on student success, it works,” said CPE President Aaron Thompson. “Our public universities, KCTCS and AIKCU campuses are making great strides in implementing innovative and holistic services that support both our students and state goals. That’s exactly what the strategic agenda is designed to drive.”

However, amounts of unmet financial need, the total cost of attendance minus all

grants and scholarships, could threaten progress in student debt reduction. Amounts of unmet financial need increased by more than \$1,600, a 29 percent jump. That is driven primarily by increasing inflation rates affecting costs, as well as a 3 percent drop in net General Fund appropriations per full-time enrollment when comparing FY25 to FY26.

The full report and dashboard can be seen on the Council’s website.

ABSOLUTE REAL ESTATE AUCTION

663 Steamboat Road • Gilbertsville, KY 42044

SATURDAY, MAY 23RD, 2026 at 12:00 PM



PREVIEW: Sunday, May 17th | 12:00 - 1:00 PM



KENTUCKY LAKE WATERFRONT

Don’t miss this opportunity to own a 3 bedroom, 2 bath manufactured home on 1.77± acres in the heart of Kentucky Lake country. Ideal as a primary residence, weekend getaway, investment, or future building site.

The home offers an open living and dining area, a private primary suite, and a bright sunroom addition perfect for year-round enjoyment.

Step outside to an elevated deck overlooking a peaceful setting with views toward Kentucky Lake. With dockable potential and close proximity to the water, this property is ready to enjoy now or develop into your ideal lake retreat.

PROPERTY HIGHLIGHTS

- 3 Bedrooms, 2 Full Bathrooms
- 1.77± Acre Lot
- Dockable Property
- Excellent Future Building Site Potential
- Open Living Room & Dining Area
- Primary Suite with Private Bath
- Sunroom Addition for Extra Living Space
- Rear Deck Overlooking Kentucky Lake Area
- Conveniently Located Near Moors Marina
- Peaceful, Wooded Setting



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ABSOLUTE REAL ESTATE AUCTION

Saturday, May 30TH, 2026 at 10:00 am

1455 McKENDREE CHURCH ROAD • KEVIL, KY 42053

LOG HOME - BUILDINGS - BARN

92± ACRES
IN 4 TRACTS & COMBINATIONS

McCracken
County Farm

JUST 10 MINUTES TO McCracken County High School!

AUCTION HELD ON TRACT 2



PUBLIC PREVIEW:
Monday, May 18th from 5:00-6:00 pm

REAL ESTATE TRACTS

Tract 1	20.79± Acres
Tract 2	25.16± Acres - 3 Bdrm 3 Bath Log Home - 2,113± sq ft, Detached 2 Car Garage, 30'x40' Metal Shop Building, 40'x40' Metal Build- ing, 40'x40' Tobacco Barn
Tract 3	20.42± Acres
Tract 4	25.67± Acres

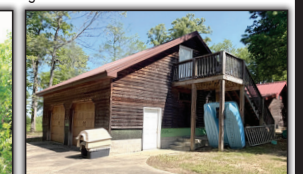
*Ideally situated only 10 minutes from
McCracken County High School
Kentucky Oaks Mall, and Paducah’s
dining and retail amenities.*

Outstanding opportunity to purchase 92± acres in McCracken County offered in 4 tracts & combinations! This diverse property features a beautiful log home, multiple shops and barns, and a strong mix of open farmland and wooded acreage—perfect for residential, recreational, or agricultural use. Enjoy the privacy of a rural setting while being just minutes from shopping, restaurants, and conveniences in the Paducah area. Whether you’re looking for a country home, mini farm, hunting property, or investment, this offering provides flexibility to buy individual tracts, combinations, or the entire property.

TRACT 2 - HOME & IMPROVEMENTS (25.167± ACRES)

The centerpiece of this tract is a charming 2,300± sq ft log home that blends rustic character with everyday functionality. Offering 3 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms, the home features a spacious living area with vaulted ceilings, a wood-burning fireplace, and a screened-in front porch perfect for relaxing and taking in the surroundings. Additional highlights include walk-in closets, a dedicated office or den, a mud room and laundry room, and an open attic area providing excellent storage. Above the garage, unfinished space offers outstanding potential for a rec room, bonus area, or private retreat.

The property is further enhanced by a strong lineup of improvements designed for both residential and agricultural use. These include a 28'x30' detached 2-car garage and a 30'x40' metal shop building complete with concrete floor, electric, and a 10' overhead door. Also included are a 40'x40' metal barn and a 40'x40' tobacco barn, providing ample storage and versatility. A concrete driveway with turn-around area ensures easy access, and the property is serviced by county water, making it a well-rounded and highly functional offering.



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AUCTION

HWY 100 FRANKLIN ROAD, NEWMAN ROAD & SUNSHINE LANE - SCOTTSVILLE, KY
THURSDAY - MAY 14th @ 5:30PM (cst)
 THE TOTAL ACREAGE FOR THIS PROPERTY IS 57.10+/- ACRES
 WITH FRONTAGE ON THREE ROADS
 FOR MORE INFO CALL AUCTIONEER: RUSSELL MILLS 270-618-7800

AUCTION

1433 WEST MAIN STREET - GLASGOW, KY
TUESDAY - MAY 19th @ 5:00 PM (cst)
 19.88+/- ACRES SELLING IN 10 TRACTS
 IN-PERSON AUCTION WITH ONLINE BIDDING AVAILABLE
 FOR MORE INFO CALL AUCTIONEER: BILLY CARVER 270-590-0485

ONLINE AUCTION

34 PEAR TREE COURT - SCOTTSVILLE, KY
STARTING: MONDAY - MAY 4th @ 4:00 PM (cst)
ENDING: TUESDAY - MAY 19th @ 6:00 PM (cst)
 1.76+/- ACRE LOT IN HIGHLAND OAKS SUBDIVISON
 FOR MORE INFO CALL AUCTIONEER: RUSSELL MILLS 270-237-7625

AUCTION ~ "THE OLIVER ESTATE"

4813 CEMETERY ROAD - SCOTTSVILLE, KY
THURSDAY - MAY 28th @ 5:30 PM (cst)
 6.30+/- ACRES SELLING IN 4 TRACTS, 3 BEDROOM HOME
 IN-PERSON AUCTION WITH ONLINE BIDDING AVAILABLE
 FOR MORE INFO CALL AUCTIONEER: RUSSELL MILLS 270-237-7625 OR LISTING
 AGENT: JOE COSTELLO 270-622-0357

ABSOLUTE AUCTION ~ WILSON COUNTY LAND AUCTION

STATESVILLE ROAD & BARRETT ROAD
 WATERTOWN, TN ~ STATESVILLE COMMUNITY
 GPS ADDRESS: 235 ARMSTRONG ROAD - WATERTOWN, TN
SATURDAY - MAY 30th @ 10:00 AM (cst)
 412.95+/- ACRES - SELLING IN 29 TRACTS
 ALL TRACTS SOIL TESTED & SEPTIC APPROVED!

SELLING AT ABSOLUTE AUCTION — REGARDLESS OF PRICE!

Discover the beauty and privacy of this outstanding Wilson County, Tennessee property featuring breathtaking scenic views, rolling countryside, and exceptional building sites. This rare offering includes 29 beautiful homesites with plenty of room to enjoy peaceful country living while still being conveniently located just minutes from Interstate 40. Whether you are looking for investment property, a private estate, recreational land, or the perfect place to build your dream home, this property offers unlimited potential. Selling Absolute to the Highest Bidder. Frontage on 2 roads Statesville Hwy & Barrett Rd - Access through 30ft gravel private easement road- Watertown Tn - Statesville Community. Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to buy premier Middle Tennessee real estate at absolute auction!
FOR MORE INFO CALL AUCTIONEER: RUSSELL MILLS 270-237-7625

ABSOLUTE AUCTION ~ "THE LARRY GLASS ESTATE"

LICK BRANCH ROAD - CONATSER ROAD - CONNER STREET - GLASGOW, KY
SATURDAY - JUNE 6th @ 10:00 AM (est)
 114 +/- ACRES SELLING IN 22 TRACTS
 FRONTAGE ON THREE ROADS
 ON SITE AUCTION WITH ONLINE BIDDING AVAILABLE
 FOR MORE INFO CALL AUCTIONEER: RUSSELL MILLS 270-237-7625
 OR SARA LEFTWICH 270-407-8560

ONLINE ONLY AUCTION

2682 TRAMMEL ROAD - SCOTTSVILLE, KY
STARTING: MONDAY - JUNE 1st @ 10:00 AM (cst)
ENDING: THURSDAY - JUNE 11th @ 5:30 PM (cst)
 0.52+/- ACRES, 3 BEDROOM HOME, 1 BATH, REAR DECK, COVERED SIDE DECK, 1265+/-
 SQFT PER PVA, 2 CAR DETACHED GARAGE, SHADED LAWN
 FOR MORE INFO CALL AUCTIONEER: RUSSELL MILLS 270-237-7625
 OR LISTING AGENT: JOE COSTELLO 270-622-0357

ABSOLUTE ONLINE AUCTION ~ "THE CARLTON & EDWINA HIX ESTATE"

1720 DETOUR ROAD - BOWLING GREEN, KY
STARTING: MONDAY - JUNE 1ST @ 10:00 AM
ENDING: THURSDAY - JUNE 11th @ 6:00 PM
 OPEN HOUSE: THURSDAY - JUNE 4TH @ 4:00PM TO 6:00PM
 4.5 +/- ACRES 2 TRACTS - 4 BEDROOM 2.5 BATH BRICK HOME - EXCELLENT BUILDING
 FOR MORE INFO CALL AUCTIONEER: ZACHARY FRENCH 270-780-7777

ABSOLUTE AUCTION EVENT ~ "THE CALVIN LEECH ESTATE"

AUCTION LOCATION: 350 COUNTRY CLUB ESTATE WILLOW OAK GOLF CLUB BALLROOM
SATURDAY - MAY 16th @ 10:00 AM (cst)
 35 PROPERTIES - VACANT LOTS &
 A COMMERCIAL 2 STORY BUILDING DOWNTOWN GLASGOW, KY
 FOR MORE INFO CALL LISTING AGENT:
 HAROLD ARMSTRONG 270-646-7000 OR JERRY A. BOTTS

ONLINE AUCTION

1738 KAREN CIRCLE - BOWLING GREEN, KY
STARTING: SATURDAY - MAY 9th @ 10:00 AM (cst)
ENDING: TUESDAY - MAY 19th @ 6:00 PM (cst)
 OPEN HOUSE: THURSDAY - MAY 14th from 4PM to 6PM
 2384+/- SQFT 4 BEDROOM HOME, 2.5 BATHROOM, EXCELLENT LOCATION
 FOR MORE INFO CALL AUCTIONEER: ZACHARY FRENCH 270-780-7777

ABSOLUTE AUCTION ~ "THE HEIRS OF THE TILLIE STARKS ESTATE"

42 PLUM STREET - SCOTTSVILLE, KY
TUESDAY - MAY 26th @ 4:00 PM (cst)
 REAL ESTATE: 2 BEDROOM HOME, 1 BATHROOM, LIVINGROOM, KITCHEN
 PERSONAL PROPERTY: ANTIQUES, SCOTTSVILLE COLLECTIBLES, ITEMS FROM THE JACKSONIAN, LOTS MORE
 FOR MORE INFO CALL AUCTIONEER: RUSSELL MILLS 270-237-7625

AUCTION

7996 BOWLING GREEN ROAD - SCOTTSVILLE, KY
FRIDAY - MAY 29th @ 5:30 PM (cst)
 4.16+/- ACRES SELLING IN 4 TRACTS, 3 BEDROOM HOME
 FOR MORE INFO CALL AUCTIONEER: RUSSELL MILLS 270-237-7625

ONLINE ONLY AUCTION ~ "THE COLLECTION OF BOBBY RAY HEATH ESTATE"

308 GREENSBURG ROAD - HODGENVILLE, KY
STARTING: SUNDAY - MAY 24th @ 10:00 AM (est)
ENDING: TUESDAY - JUNE 2nd @ 6:00 PM (est)
 PREVIEW: THURSDAY - MAY 28th from 3PM to 6PM (est)
 GAS PUMPS, CAR LIFT, COKE MACHINES, LICENSE PLATES, AUTOMOTIVE PARTS,
 COLLECTIBLE SIGNS, SHOP TOOLS, DISPLAY CABINET & MORE
 FOR MORE INFO CALL AUCTIONEER: KENNY ISENBERG 270-528-7892

ONLINE ONLY AUCTION

THE OLIVER ESTATE - PERSONAL PROPERTY
 4813 CEMETERY ROAD - SCOTTSVILLE, KY
STARTING: SATURDAY - MAY 23rd @ 10:00 AM (cst)
ENDING: TUESDAY - JUNE 2nd @ 5:30 PM (cst)
 ANTIQUES, FURNITURE, GLASSWARE, HOUSEHOLD ITEMS & MORE
 FOR MORE INFO CALL AUCTIONEER: RUSSELL MILLS 270-237-7625
 OR LISTING AGENT: JOE COSTELLO 270-622-0357

ONLINE ONLY ABSOLUTE AUCTION ~ "THE CHARLES McCHESNEY ESTATE"

574 CLEVELAND DRIVE - BOWLING GREEN, KY
STARTING: SATURDAY - MAY 30th @ 10:00 AM (cst)
ENDING: TUESDAY - JUNE 9th @ 5:30 PM (cst)
 2.32+/- ACRES, 2 STORY BRICK HOME, 1658+/- SQFT PER PVA, 2 BEDROOMS, 2 BATH,
 PRIVATE SETTING
 FOR MORE INFO CALL AUCTIONEER: RUSSELL MILLS 270-237-7625
 OR SANDY MILLS 270-618-9560

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