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Hayden wins Judge, Elliott & Holloway Re-Elected, Winfrey, Goodman, Chandler win commissioner seats

COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE	
CANDIDATE NAME	TOTAL VOTES
Todd HAYDEN	2,097
Dale A. USHER	1,983
Cody JONES	157
	4,237

COUNTY ATTORNEY	
CANDIDATE NAME	TOTAL VOTES
John R. CUNNINGHAM	3,518
John J. BEASLEY II.	484
	4,002

JAILER	
CANDIDATE NAME	TOTAL VOTES
Kelli Krill ELLIOTT	3,028
George WORKMAN	1,166
	4,194

COUNTY COMMISSIONER 1st District	
CANDIDATE NAME	TOTAL VOTES
Dannie "Bubba" WINFREY	2,464
Buck SHELTON	793
Clint B. HARRIS	436
Joseph SIEDEL	371
	4,064

COUNTY COMMISSIONER 2nd District	
CANDIDATE NAME	TOTAL VOTES
Tyler GOODMAN	2,896
Pete JACKSON	1,218
	4,114

COUNTY COMMISSIONER 3rd District	
CANDIDATE NAME	TOTAL VOTES
Al CHANDLER	2,216
Michael Dale HARRIS	1,956
	4,172

CONSTABLE 3rd Magisterial District	
CANDIDATE NAME	TOTAL VOTES
Charles HARP	681
David "WAP" WARNER	605
	1,286

By Greg LeNeave
Publisher, Graves Guardian

MAYFIELD, KY - Graves County voters turned out in strong numbers for the May 19 primary election, delivering decisive results in several key local and state races and setting the stage for an active general election season this fall.



Todd Hayden

One of the night's most closely watched races was for Graves County Judge Executive, where Todd Hayden defeated Dale Usher in a competitive contest.

Two women currently serving in local leadership roles also secured re-election victories. State Representative Kim Holloway (R-2nd District) defeated former State Representative Richard Heath, earning 56 percent of the vote overall.

In the Graves County Jailer race, Kelli Elliott won the Republican nomination by a wide margin over George Workman, positioning her to continue leading the county's corrections system as local officials work toward developing a new jail facility.

Voters also selected three new county commissioners. Dannie "Bubba" Winfrey will represent the 1st District, Tyler Goodman

will serve the 2nd District, and Al Chandler won the 3rd District seat. Chandler said he is committed to strengthening relationships across the county and working collaboratively on long-term community projects.

"During this whole time, I have been committed to building more relationships, and I want to work together and collaborate on longtime projects like a new jail and helping with the tornado reconstruction efforts," Chandler said. "I feel honored and really want to serve our area."

At the state level, Republican candidates Andy Barr and James Comer posted comfortable victories in their respective

races for U.S. Senate and Kentucky's 1st Congressional District seat.

Barr now advances to the November general election, where he is expected to face Democrat Charles Booker. Comer once again carried the district decisively and continues to generate speculation about a possible run for Kentucky governor in 2027.

Looking ahead to November, Mayfield voters can also expect an important mayoral race. Longtime Mayor Kathy O'Nan will leave office, and Derrick Parrott and Tim Choate are set to compete for the city's top position.

Comments from Election Winners

Todd Hayden emphasized the importance of communication and community involvement as he prepares to take office.

"Communication is the key," Hayden said. "Knowing where you stand with small business owners, farmers and community leaders from different parts of the county is very important. What's really needed is changing the culture for a positive outlook."

Kelli Elliott expressed gratitude to voters and said she is focused on continuing to improve the county's corrections system.

"It's a great honor to have the trust and confidence of the Graves County residents and to have the opportunity to serve them for another term as their Jailer," Elliott said. "I am humbled, grateful and very encouraged by all of the support I have received during both my first term and throughout this re-election campaign."

Elliott also congratulated the other candidates and said she looks forward to working with the county's newly elected leadership.

"I congratulate all of the worthy candidates who ran honorable races in this primary, and I am particularly looking forward to working with our new Judge Executive, Todd Hayden, and the new 3rd District Commissioner, Al Chandler, both of whom have repeatedly expressed their support and determination to finally resolve our jail situation following the former jail's destruction by the 2021 tornado," she said.

"My corrections team and I are proud to be chosen to continue serving Graves County, and we will continue to maintain the highest standards of professionalism."

UNITED STATES SENATOR	
CANDIDATE NAME	TOTAL VOTES
Andy BARR	2,611
Daniel CAMERON	1,214
Michael James FARIS	53
George WASHINGTON	38
Jonathan M. HOLLIDAY	29
Valerie "Dr Val" FREDRICK	27
James D. DUNCAN	16
Other Donald WENZEL	11
Anissa CATLETT	11
A. Nick SHELLEY	8
Jimmy I. LEON	5
	4,023

UNITED STATES SENATOR	
CANDIDATE NAME	TOTAL VOTES
Amy McGRATH	838
Charles BOOKER	620
Joshua BLANTON SR.	91
Logan FORSYTHE	86
Pamela STEVENSON	85
Vincent Anthony THOMPSON	77
Dale Lewis ROMANS	57
	1,854

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE in CONGRESS 1st Congressional District	
CANDIDATE NAME	TOTAL VOTES
James R. COMER	3,789
David SIMS	212
Robert James SUTHERBY	84
Penny ARCOS	75
	4,160

STATE REPRESENTATIVE 2nd Representative District	
CANDIDATE NAME	TOTAL VOTES
Kim HOLLOWAY	2,415
Richard HEATH	1,389
Nate COX	521
	4,325

MAYOR City of Mayfield	
CANDIDATE NAME	TOTAL VOTES
Derrick PARROTT	623
Tim CHOATE	543
Kathy S. O'NAN	373
	1,539

Class of '26 Leaves Lasting Memories Across Graves

By: Laurna Todd
KPI Writer

May is often a bittersweet time for students, families, and educators as another school year comes to a close and seniors pre-

pare to step into the next chapter of life.

Across Graves County High School and Mayfield High School, the Class of 2026 has spent the final weeks of school celebrating accomplishments,

making memories, and saying goodbye to familiar routines. From final sporting events and last lunches in the cafeteria

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AG UPDATE 2026 Pest Management Field Day Scheduled for June 25

for Ag and Natural Resources

Tom Miller,
Ballard County Ext. Agent

It's an opportunity to stay current on the latest research and practices involving integrated pest management affecting Kentucky's corn and soybean crops.

Registration is now open for the 2026 Pest Management Field Day to be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Thursday, June 25, at the University of Kentucky Research and Education Center (UKREC). Sign-in will be held at 8 a.m. inside the UKREC Siemer Milling Conference Center, located at 348 University Dr. in Princeton, Ky.

Following sign-in and introductory remarks, participants will travel to UKREC field plots to explore and witness firsthand the research conducted by University of Kentucky extension specialists, offering the latest research-based recommendations for the management of



weeds, diseases and insect pests affecting corn and soybean acres. The event is tailored for grain crop producers, crop consultants, and industry representatives.

"This year's Pest Management Field Day will feature a

guided tour of over 125 different weed management program options in corn and soybean, in addition to receiving the information on the latest innovative field crop disease and insect pest management research," said Dr.

Travis Legleiter, Weed Science Extension Specialist.

Figure 1. Participants will travel to UKREC field plots to explore and witness firsthand the research conducted by University of Kentucky extension specialists.

(Photo provided)

Dr. Kiersten Wise, Plant Pathology Extension Specialist, emphasized the many benefits of attending the field day.

"Our pest management specialists have the latest research results and tools to

share with farmers to help minimize the impact of pest threats and maximize return on investment," Wise said. "This field day is a great opportunity to see research in the field and interact with our specialists to get your pest management questions answered."

The field day activities will conclude around midday. Attendees will then return to the conference center for a complimentary lunch. Pre-registration by June 18 is free and encouraged to help organizers anticipate attendance numbers. Participants can pre-register online or call (270) 365-7541, extension 22569, or email jason.travis@uky.edu. Continuing education units for Certified Crop Advisors and Kentucky pesticide applicators will be available.

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KSP Identify Driver in Fatal Ballard County Hit-and-Run Crash

By **Laurna Todd**
KPI Writer

LA CENTER — Information regarding a fatal hit-and-run collision in Ballard County was released to the media Wednesday through an official press release from Kentucky State Police Post 1.

According to KSP, the crash occurred May 19, 2026, on U.S. 60 near the intersection of State Route 310. Ballard County Sheriff's Office deputies initially responded to the scene after receiving reports of a two-vehicle collision around 9:31 p.m. Kentucky State Police

were later contacted at approximately 10:19 p.m. to assist with the investigation.

The release stated that a 2014 white Nissan Rogue, operated by Robbin McPhail, 55, of Fair Grove, Missouri, was traveling eastbound on U.S. 60 when it was struck from behind by another vehicle.

Investigators said the impact caused the Nissan Rogue to strike a guardrail on the northbound side of the roadway before crossing off the southbound side and colliding with a tree.

McPhail sustained non-life-threatening injuries and was

transported to a local hospital where she was treated and released.

A passenger in the vehicle, Deborah Martin, 72, of Fair Grove, Missouri, suffered life-threatening injuries in the crash. According to KSP, she was transported to a local hospital where she later succumbed to her injuries.

The second vehicle reportedly fled the scene traveling eastbound on U.S. 60 at a high rate of speed.

Kentucky State Police stated that during the initial stages of the investigation, troopers believed the suspect vehicle to be



Elijah Cook, 21 of La Center


a 2003-2005 Mercury Grand Marquis and asked the public for assistance in identifying the driver. Through citizen tips and assistance from the Ballard Coun-

ty Sheriff's Office, investigators later identified the second vehicle as a 2003 Mercury Grand Marquis operated by Elijah Cook, 21, of La Center. According to the

press release, Cook was arrested and charged with Manslaughter 2nd Degree, Leaving the Scene of an Accident, Failure to Maintain Insurance, and Tampering With Physical Evidence. He was lodged in the Ballard County Jail.

Kentucky State Police also thanked members of the public who provided information related to the investigation, along with the Ballard County Sheriff's Office for assisting in the case.

The investigation remains ongoing by Trooper Cody Jackson, according to KSP.



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Todd HAYDEN

GRAVES COUNTY
JUDGE EXECUTIVE

Communication & Changing the Culture

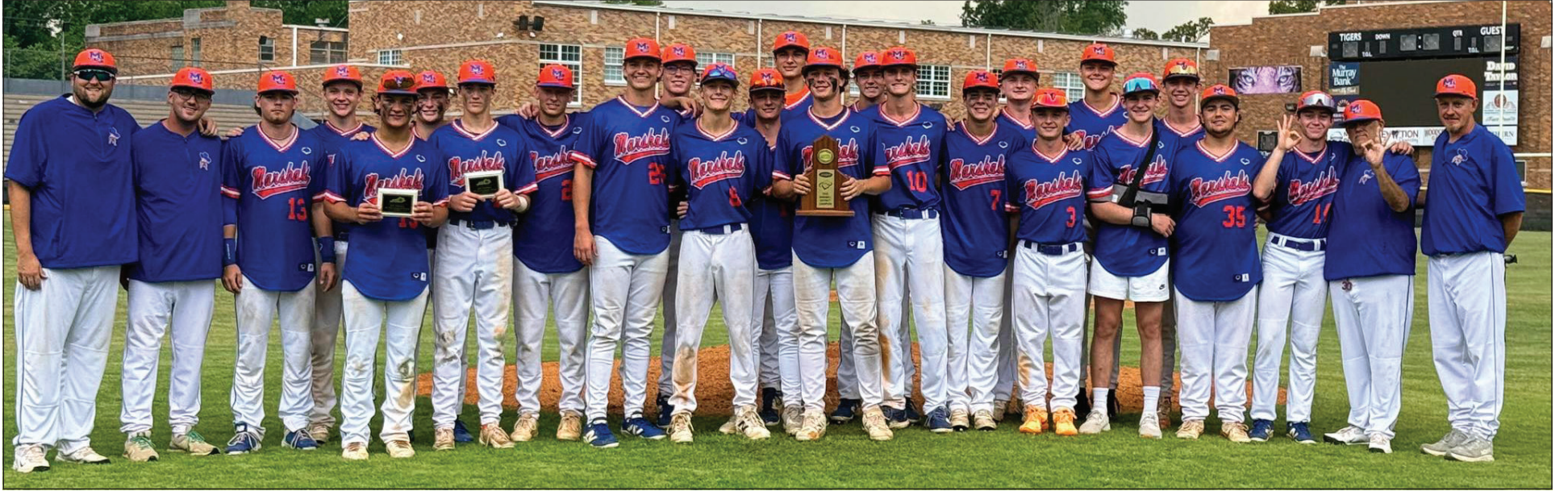


God Bless Graves County

WEST KY SPORTS



Marshall County Baseball wins District Championship



Marshall County won the 2026 4th District Baseball Championship, defeating Murray 8-6 in the title game on Tuesday, May 19. (Photo courtesy of Marshall County High School)

McCracken County Softball wins District Championship



McCracken County won the 2026 2nd District Softball Championship, shutting out crosstown rival Paducah Tilghman 5-0 in the title game on Monday, May 18. (Photo courtesy of McCracken County High School)

Marshall County Softball wins District Championship



Marshall County won the 2026 4th District Softball Championship, defeating Calloway County 11-2 in the title game at Murray on Monday, May 18. (Photo courtesy of Marshall County High School)

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Carrico named Community Christian Academy interim girls' basketball head coach

Staff Report

PADUCAH — Community Christian Academy has introduced Amy Carrico as the interim head coach of its girls' basketball program.

Carrico brings a strong passion for student-athlete development, leadership, and a commitment to excellence both on and off the court. With a heart for mentoring young women and fostering a culture rooted in discipline, teamwork, and char-



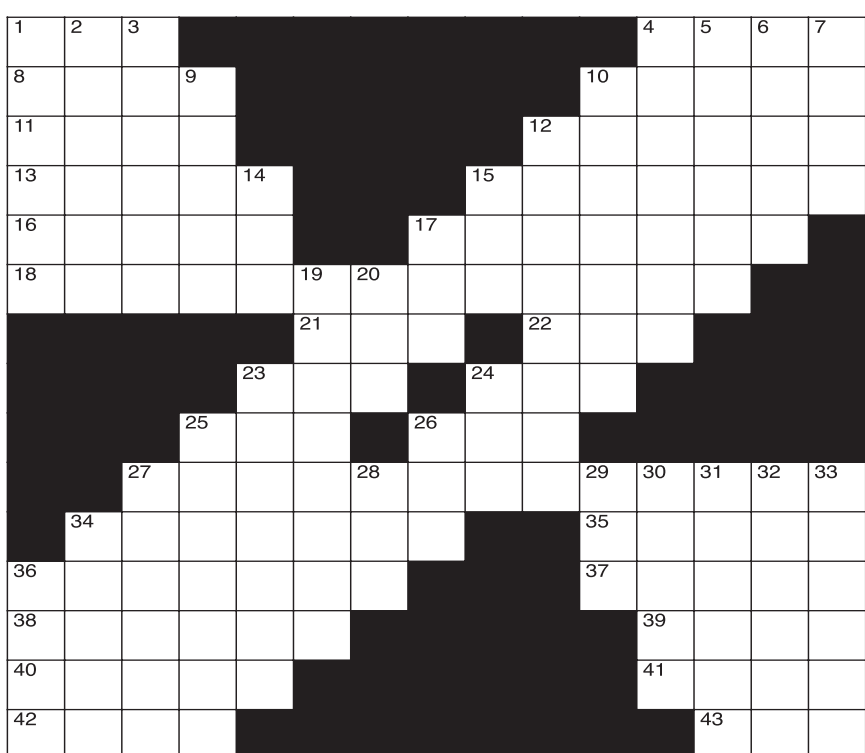
acter, she is well-positioned to lead the Lady Warriors during this transition.

Carrico is no stranger to the court as she led the Graves County Lady Eagles from

2009-2014, ultimately stepping away to spend more time with her children.

"I am honored to serve as the interim head coach of the Lady Warriors," Carrico said. "Life is full of different seasons, and this time in my life has allowed me to return to a sport I love as my children are older and involved at CCA. I look forward to investing in these young women—helping them grow as Christians, students, and athletes."

Crossword Puzzle



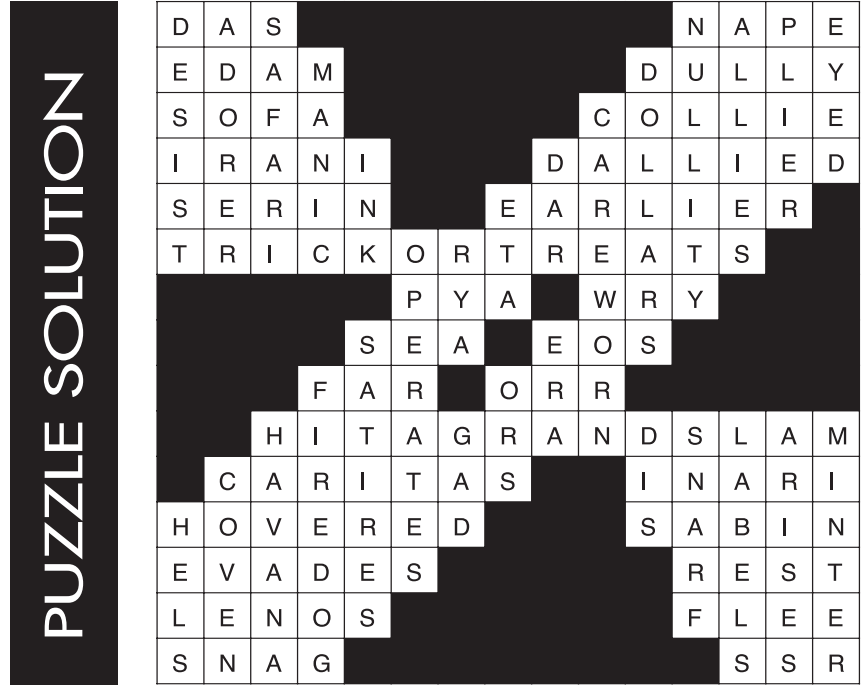
CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Government lawyers
- 4. The back of a person's neck
- 8. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
- 10. In a less flashy way
- 11. Living room piece
- 12. Shepherd dog
- 13. A citizen of Iran
- 15. Moved slowly
- 16. Small finch
- 17. Previously
- 18. What a kid does on Halloween
- 21. Monetary unit
- 22. Using dry humor
- 23. Ocean
- 24. Greek goddess of the dawn
- 25. Not close
- 26. NHL legend Bobby
- 27. A ballplayer would love to do this
- 34. Charity
- 35. City in Finland
- 36. Loomed over
- 37. Vaccine developer
- 38. Avoids capture
- 39. We all need it
- 40. Openwork fabrics
- 41. Get away
- 42. Something you might hit
- 43. Soviet Socialist Republic

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Abstain from
- 2. Admirer
- 3. Expedition to observe animals
- 4. Act that is legally void
- 5. WW2 combatants
- 6. A tool
- 7. Looked at
- 9. Showing wild excitement
- 10. Banknotes
- 12. Tired
- 14. Printers need it
- 15. Women's patriotic group
- 17. When you anticipate getting somewhere
- 19. Functions
- 20. Breed of sheep
- 23. Mocking pieces
- 24. A major division of geological time
- 25. Andiron
- 26. Many not ands
- 27. Cuban city
- 28. He voiced "Olaf"
- 29. Criticize
- 30. "Thundercats" character
- 31. Markings
- 32. Gets up
- 33. MLB lefty reliever A.J.
- 34. An assembly of witches
- 36. High energy lasers (abbr.)

Puzzle Solutions on B9



Crypto Fun



- Solve the code to discover words related to the photography. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 23 = E)
- A. 3 14 20 2 2 23 25**
Clue: Camera barrier
 - B. 26 10 16 7 23**
Clue: Picture
 - C. 9 26 8 23 3**
Clue: Organized data
 - D. 8 16 11 1 3 5 16 6 23**
Clue: Horizontal position

Answers: A. shutter B. image C. files D. landscape

Word Search

PHOTO FINISH WORD SEARCH

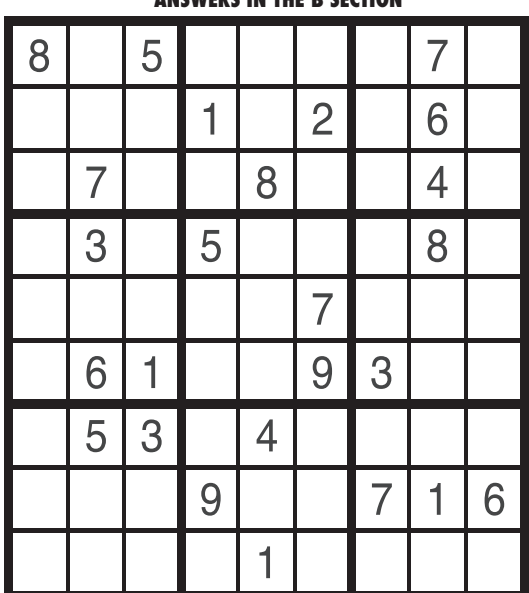
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 H E K O B D K X M O O R K R A D C X O T
 G R R L U O P O R T R A I T V M L P G O

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

- ANSWERS IN THE B SECTION**
- WORDS**
- APERTURE
 - BOKEH
 - COMPOSITION
 - CONTRAST
 - DARKROOM
 - DEPTH
 - EXPOSURE
 - FLASH
 - FOCAL
 - HISTOGRAM
 - ISO
 - LANDSCAPE
 - LENS
 - MACRO
 - NEGATIVE
 - PORTRAIT
 - REFLECTOR
 - RESOLUTION
 - SATURATION
 - SENSOR
 - SHUTTER
 - TRIPOD
 - VIEWFINDER
 - VIGNETTE

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 the photography.

LNSE

Answer: Lens

Guess Who?

GUESS WHO?

I am a country singer born in Texas on May 21, 1987. I started playing music at age 12 and worked for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. I was named a New Male Vocalist of the Year in 2011, and by 2014, my breakthrough album cracked the Top 10 on Billboard's chart.

Answer: Cody Johnson

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Hokenson named MVC Player of the Week

Staff Report

MURRAY — Kristofer Hokenson became the second Murray State University Racer to win MVC Player of the Week in the 2026 season after a four-homer week, highlighted by three home runs at Evansville on Saturday, May 16.

Hokenson's three homers marked the

first time a Racer has had a three-home run performance since joining the MVC, and the first since Bryson Bloomer and Drew Vogel both accomplished the feat on April 23, 2022, versus Eastern Illinois.

Hokenson, in his first MVC weekly award, joins Conner Cunningham with an MVC Player of the Week honor.

The talented Hokenson slashed .462/.563/1.385 across the week, while leading Murray State with 8 RBIs in three games played.

Hokenson added two walks while striking out just once over the weekend and tallied an outfield assist, his second of the year, both coming in the month of May.

Murray State Athletics receives \$550,000 gift from anonymous donor

Staff Report

MURRAY — Murray State Athletics has received a transformational investment of \$550,000 from a generous investor in Murray, it was announced on Tuesday, May 12.

The gift will help the department advance capital progress within the CFSB Center, furthering the Racers' commitment to fan experience within the home of Racer Basketball. The full scope of what this gift will help create will be announced at a later date.

"We are deeply thankful for this extraordinary investment in the future of Murray State University and the continued belief in our vision," Murray State University President Dr. Ron Patterson. "The unwavering support of our donors and the passion of Racer Nation continue to elevate our university, empowering us to create transformational opportunities."

"We are incredibly grateful for this individual's commitment to the future of Murray State Athletics and for the lasting impact their generosity will have on our student-athletes," Director of Athletics Nico

Yantko said. "The continued support from our investors fuels the momentum behind the Leading The Pack campaign as we work toward achieving our \$100 million goal and build a better Murray State community."

A primary focus of the entire project is the overhaul of the seating structure in the lower level of the arena, including the lower bowl becoming permanent seating in the shape of a horseshoe, moving on from the current retractable bleacher system currently in place.

New loge boxes will be built throughout the top of the seating bowl for a world-class game day experience while providing luxurious, private spaces for entertainment, while additional ledge seating and new court-side opportunities will bring the fans closer to the action.

Murray State will also be building a first-of-its-kind court-side bunker club for patrons to take in the game in a premium setting right on the baseline of the court. The club will feature a rustic Kentucky feel and will showcase a high-class bar and food offerings, comfortable seating, and

an unforgettable view of the court.

New revenue opportunities will come from the state-of-the-art ribbon boards that will be installed throughout the new façade inside the lower bowl, further contributing to the Racers' ability to thrive in the new NCAA landscape.

Additional enhancements include the modernization and addition of concessions and retail activations, including grab-and-go style stands, to improve traffic flow and expand offerings.

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.

Murray State student-athletes shatter school record for highest departmental GPA

Staff Report

MURRAY — For the second time in the last three years, Murray State's student-athletes have broken the school record for highest GPA with a 3.35 in Spring 2026. The previous record was set in Spring 2024 when the department notched a 3.34 GPA.

The academic mark also extends the Racers' continuous streak of maintaining a departmental GPA of a 3.0 or better, which now stands at 44 consecutive semesters.

"To once again raise the standard academically and continue a tradition of excellence in the classroom is an incredible achievement," Murray State University President Dr. Ron Patterson said. "We are extremely proud of each of our student-athletes for their commitment and dedication, and we are thankful for the coaches and academic support staff who consistently emphasize success both in competition and in the classroom."

Murray State saw 13 teams notch a GPA

above 3.0, with seven of those teams posting an average of at least a 3.5. Volleyball led the way with a departmental best 3.82, with Baseball leading all male sport programs with a 3.51. Football also notched an impressive number, recording their second-best GPA in program history with a 3.04.

"We are incredibly proud of the effort our student-athletes continue to put into their academics, and breaking our departmental GPA record and extending our 3.0 GPA streak to 44 consecutive semesters is a remarkable achievement," Director of Athletics Nico Yantko said. "We continue to prioritize student-athlete success through the Dennis Jackson Leadership Program and academic support both internally and on campus. This is an incredible achievement, and we are grateful for our coaches, academic support staff and everyone who helped make this record-breaking milestone possible."

Eighty-seven (87) student-athletes made the President's List, which

is a perfect 4.0 for the semester, while eighty-four (84) student-athletes made the Dean's List, which requires a 3.5 or higher.

Overall, 254 student-athletes had a semester GPA of 3.0 or higher, which represents 77 percent of all student-athletes reaching this accomplishment.

The Dennis Jackson Leadership Program, which was announced in January 2023, provides the needed tools to Murray State student-athletes in the areas of personal growth, life skills and professional development. From recruitment through retirement, the program is a guide for student-athletes to be successful people both with their families and in their careers.

The program is named after Racer great Dennis Jackson, who became the first African American student-athlete at Murray State in 1960 and excelled to All-Ohio Valley Conference status in two sports. Jackson went on to graduate from Murray State with degrees in history and physical education.

Kentucky spring 2026 turkey harvest sets record

Staff Report

FRANKFORT — Hunters harvested a record 36,439 turkeys during the 2026 spring hunting season in Kentucky, smashing the 10-year average of 30,847.

Wildlife officials attribute the high harvest to a variety of factors, including more turkeys on the landscape this year, more hunters in the woods and weather conducive for hunting.

"Everything we saw over the last two years — from the high percentages of hens laying eggs and strong poult survival rates to the emergence of cicadas in parts of Western Kentucky — suggested that hunters would enjoy a lot of opportunities to harvest birds this season," said Zak Danks, turkey-grouse program coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "When we had four straight weekends of good weather, that just set the stage."

As with past years, a lot of turkeys were taken early in the season.

Youth harvested 2,613 turkeys during the April 4-5 youth-only season alone, 304 higher than the previous record and well above the 10-year average of 1,670. On April 18-19, the opening weekend of the 23-day general season, hunters harvested 13,670 turkeys, well above the 10-year average of 9,860.

"Our youngest hunters set the tone early, and it never let up," Danks said.

But in many ways, the spring season resembled those before it: most turkeys were taken with a shotgun, most were taken by Kentucky residents, and counties to the south and west had the most turkeys harvested, while hunters in the counties to the north and middle of the state took more turkeys per

square mile.

OVERALL HARVEST: The spring harvest of 36,439 birds topped the previous record of 36,097 set in 2010 and was 18 percent higher than the 10-year average.

GENDER: Kentucky allows hunters to take bearded hens in the spring, but 99.5 percent of turkeys harvested were male. The 193 bearded hens that were harvested was 157 fewer than the record set in 2011 and well below the 10-year average of 258. Of the 193 birds, 22 were taken during the youth-only season.

TURKEY AGES: 85.8 percent of the male birds harvested were toms, with the rest younger jakes.

METHOD OF TAKE: The vast majority of turkeys were harvested with a shotgun (35,991), with bow (258), crossbow (129) and muzzleloader (61) far behind.

BY REGION: The Green River Region led with 10,132 birds harvested, followed by the Southeast (8,045), the Bluegrass (7,895), the Purchase (5,269) and Northeast (5,098).

TOP COUNTIES: For the third year in a row, Graves County finished with the highest total harvest at 778 birds, followed by Muhlenberg (746), Breckinridge (662), Pulaski (659), Christian (639), Hopkins (636), Ohio (593), Hardin (566), Grayson (548) and Logan (538). Seven of those counties are in the Green River Region.

But when counties are ranked based on harvest per square mile, six of the top 10 are in the Bluegrass Region, with two in the Northeast Region. Pendleton leads the way at 1.82 birds taken per square mile, followed by Robertson (1.81), Anderson (1.59), Muhlenberg (1.56), Bracken (1.48), Owen (1.41), Graves (1.4), Car-

roll (1.34), Grant (1.34) and Henry (1.34).

PUBLIC LANDS: 2,373 turkeys were harvested on public land, higher than last year's 1,928 and well above the 10-year average of 1,763.

HUNTER SUCCESS: 25.6 percent of successful hunters harvested two birds.

BANDED BIRDS: Hunters reported harvesting 150 banded turkeys.

Danks said biologists at Kentucky Fish and Wildlife will take a deeper dive into the spring season results as the department continues to strike the balance between providing hunting opportunities and ensuring a strong, sustainable turkey population.

"The broad conclusions from a first-blush look at the numbers are pretty apparent: a lot of hunters went into the woods, a lot of them had success and there were a lot of 2-year-old birds to be harvested," Danks said. "All in all, those were good things. But we also know that some hunters said they didn't see or hear as many birds as they expected to, particularly in some areas."

Based on harvest rate data, Kentucky hunters are not taking more birds than past research suggested could be unsustainable, Danks said. But researchers continue to collect data and study that issue. They also continue to analyze data related to the entire reproductive cycle, from nest locations to poult survival.

Poult surveys from a year ago suggest the 2027 spring season will also be good, but young turkeys face threats like disappearing habitat, early mowing and predators.

"This was a good year for hunters, but we can't expect a record every year," Danks said.



Murray High School sophomore Teegan Miller hit her first home run in the 2026 high school softball season in a 13-3 win in five innings over Community Christian (Paducah) on Thursday, May 14.

(Photo courtesy of Murray High School Softball)

Milner & Orr Funeral Homes Honor Veterans in Special Ways

By Mary Beth Orr

Paducah, KY—Everyday, locally owned Milner & Orr Funeral Homes strive to honor lives—especially the lives of Veterans. There are special ways to honor these men and women in order to pay tribute to the lives of those who have made a positive impact on both our communities and nation. Regardless of the military branch, years of service, or wars fought, Milner & Orr provides these services to every Veteran's family.

"We appreciate the service, time and sacrifice these men and women have made for our country," says Brandon Orr. "Our hope is that we can provide funeral services that honor the sacrifice these veter-

ans have made both on the battle field and at home."

Milner & Orr Funeral Homes offers special items to honor veterans. Some of the options available to Veterans and their families are caskets that represent their specific branch of service, special patriotic corners and unique military medallions for caskets and burial vaults that honor their service.

Each veteran family receives a folded flag in honor of their loved one on behalf of The Office of Veteran Affairs. To preserve the flag, Milner & Orr provides a protective case for each family. For every Veteran funeral service, per the approval of the family, Milner & Orr arranges for affili-



ated service groups such as the Patriot Guard, Fort Campbell, the VFW and American Legion to participate in their funeral service. These groups provide each veteran's family with options such as standing guard the day of

the service, folding and presenting of the flag to the veteran's family, playing of taps at the burial site or at the funeral home, and even a 21-gun salute when approved by VA.

Each veteran is entitled to certain VA benefits like a VA

marker to be placed at the cemetery, a presidential memorial certificate and VA burial benefits. Milner & Orr helps each family complete each of these forms and submits it to the VA on their behalf.

Logan Orr explains,

"It's an honor for us to share a veteran's story and pay respect for all they have given our country. Providing military rites for veterans and their families is the least we can do to honor their life."

Gov. Beshear: 12 Nonprofit Organizations Receive \$50,000 in Grants to Support Health and Wellness Through the Arts

Press Release

FRANKFORT, Ky. – Today, Gov. Andy Beshear announced that 12 nonprofit organizations across the commonwealth will receive a total of \$50,000 to support arts programs that promote health, wellness and community connection.

"The arts bring people together, strengthen our communities and help improve the quality of life for our families," said Gov. Beshear. "Team Kentucky is proud to support these organizations as they use creativity to build connection, support recovery and promote well-being across our New Kentucky Home."

Funding is made

available through the Arts Access Assistance (AAA) grants, which support nonprofit organizations that use arts-based strategies to address critical community needs, including mental health, recovery and social connection.

"Programs like the Arts Access Assistance grants demonstrate how the arts can be used as a powerful tool for healing and engagement," said Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet Secretary Lindy Casebier. "By investing in these initiatives, we are helping build stronger, more connected communities across Kentucky."

Funded projects will take place between April 1 and Sept. 1, 2026, in communi-

ties across the state, including Boyle, Calloway, Fayette, Franklin, Jefferson, Madison, McCracken and Pike counties. Projects focus on reducing isolation, supporting recovery from trauma and disaster, promoting mental health and increasing access to meaningful creative experiences.

Support from the AAA grants is important to organizations like The Murray Sentinel.

"'Feels Like Home' brings together artists, recovery organizations and local media to create a collaborative model for arts in recovery," said Jessica Paine, executive director of The Murray Sentinel. "Through hands-on workshops, public

exhibitions and a facilitator's guide, we're not only supporting individuals in their recovery journeys, we're building a framework that can be adapted and replicated in other communities across Kentucky."

The Kentucky Arts Council prioritized proposals that use the arts to promote mental health, foster resilience, support recovery, combat loneliness and isolation, increase community engagement and advance health equity.

This year's recipients include:

Pioneer Playhouse, Boyle County – Comedy Classes Behind Bars
Arts for All Kentucky Inc., Calloway County – Invincible

Summer Initiative

The Murray Sentinel, Calloway County – Feels Like Home
Bluegrass Youth Ballet, Fayette County – Wellness Beyond the Studio

Central Music Academy, Fayette County – Rhythm as Connection: CMA School and Family Drum Circles

LexArts, Fayette County – Arts and Health Alliance of Central Kentucky

Josephine Sculpture Park, Franklin County – The Wind Telephone: A Community Space for Grief and Healing

Yes Arts, Franklin County – The Art of Healing

Trager Family Jewish Community Center, Jefferson County – Agewell: Participation and Patronage of

the Arts

First Friday Berea, Madison County – Music & Meaning: Intergenerational Connection Through Live Music

The National Quilt Museum, McCracken County – A Creative Stitch Quilt Block

The Appalachian Center for the Arts, Pike County – Encore at The App

The Kentucky Arts Council provides leadership, funding and support for the arts in Kentucky. Through programs like the AAA grants, the agency continues to invest in creative solutions that strengthen communities and improve the well-being of Kentuckians statewide.

Gov Beshear: Kentucky Reaches 10th EV Fast-Charging Site

Press Release

FRANKFORT, Ky. – Today, Gov. Andy Beshear announced that Team Kentucky has launched its 10th EV fast-charging site, as drivers in South-central Kentucky are now able to plug in at Casey's in Bowling Green.

"Team Kentucky knows that EVs are no longer the technology of the future, they're here now," said Gov. Beshear. "Families and businesses shouldn't have to travel our state and worry about where their next charge is coming from, and with our steadily expanding charging network, they won't have to."

Last fall, Kentucky resecured \$17.8 million in previously appropriated funds to build out EV charging stations after the Gov-

ernor joined a lawsuit challenging the federal government over its unlawful decision to freeze funding for the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) program.

The Francis Energy location at Casey's in Bowling Green is the 10th station to open in Kentucky as part of the federally funded NEVI program administered by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. Sites are also open in Berea, Campton, Glasgow, Grayson, Hazard, Morehead, Paducah, Richmond and Sparta. The EV Charging Program aims to expand the network of EV chargers across the state.

The Bowling Green site, located at 4455 Russellville Road off Interstate 165 at Exit 5, has four ports capable of charging at up to 400 kilowatts

each. The site was approved in December 2024 and awarded \$582,000 through the EV Charging Program for the project. Francis Energy built, maintains and operates the EV charging stations at the Casey's location.

"Francis Energy is excited to continue our expansion across Kentucky with our latest station opening in Bowling Green," said Francis Energy Director of Project Development and External Affairs Sydney Martinez Bingham. "The pace of our growth is driven by a shared vision for a stronger, more connected commonwealth, demonstrating both our commitment to those we serve and the exceptional strength of our partnership with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet."

Kentucky's EV



Charging Network NEVI funds totaling \$55 million have been obligated for fast-charging stations in Kentucky.

"Reaching a milestone 10 sites is a big step to ease range anxiety for EV drivers who live in Kentucky and those who are visiting our state," said KYTC Secretary Rebecca Goodman. "Fast-charging stations

statewide will make a real difference for Kentuckians and those visiting the commonwealth."

The sites are along the state's interstates and parkways. Each station must have at least four charging ports, be accessible to the public 24 hours a day/seven days a week, and work with most EV models.

KYTC will not de-

velop, own, operate or maintain the charging stations. Each developer must fund at least 20% of the construction and operational costs and is required to maintain the operation of the charging station for at least five years.

Visit EVCharging.ky.gov for more information about the program.

Lifeline names director of advancement

Staff Report

Emily Garrison has joined Lifeline Recovery Center as the Director of Advancement to build strong relationships with partners, donors and the community.

Garrison, a native of Nobleboro, Maine, with a master's degree in forensic psychology from Marymount University in Arlington, Va., brings more than 20 years of experience helping people recover from trauma, substance use and mental health challenges.

Garrison moved to Paducah, Ky in 2011. She has an extensive background in criminal justice, most recently as an Alternative Sentencing Worker with the Department of Public Advocacy. For eight years, she worked closely with Lifeline, helping connect incarcerated men and women to recovery services.

"I have always admired Lifeline's model for recovery and workforce development," Garrison said. "I would meet with clients in local

jails who were at rock bottom—they had lost everything to addiction. Lifeline is one of the most requested rehabilitation centers in this area and has built a strong reputation as a leader in recovery."

Lifeline was a natural next step for her. "I want to continue helping this program save lives," she said. "Everyone deserves a second chance, and Lifeline has helped so many of my former clients transform their lives."

Lifeline is a Christ-centered, long-term residential re-

covery program that serves approximately 200 adults each year, with more than 3,000 individuals supported since its founding in 2004. The organization is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities. Lifeline operates a 45-acre men's campus acquired in 2022 and is currently developing a new 45-acre women's campus near Barkley Regional Airport.

For more information contact Ashley Miller 270-443-4743.



Five Racers Earn Spots on MVC Scholar Athlete Team

By Sam Rhodes
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MURRAY, Ky. - Five Racers earned spots on the MVC Scholar-Athlete Team, with graduate utility player Connor Chisolm, sophomore shortstop Conner Cunningham, senior first baseman Luke Mistone, graduate infielder Colby Ott and graduate right-hander Rosin receiving scholar-athlete honors.

A trio of Racers led the academic efforts by posting perfect 4.0 GPAs in human development and leadership. Chisolm backed up his classroom success on the field with a .322 batting average, leading all MVC hitters with 43 hits in conference play. Ott paced the

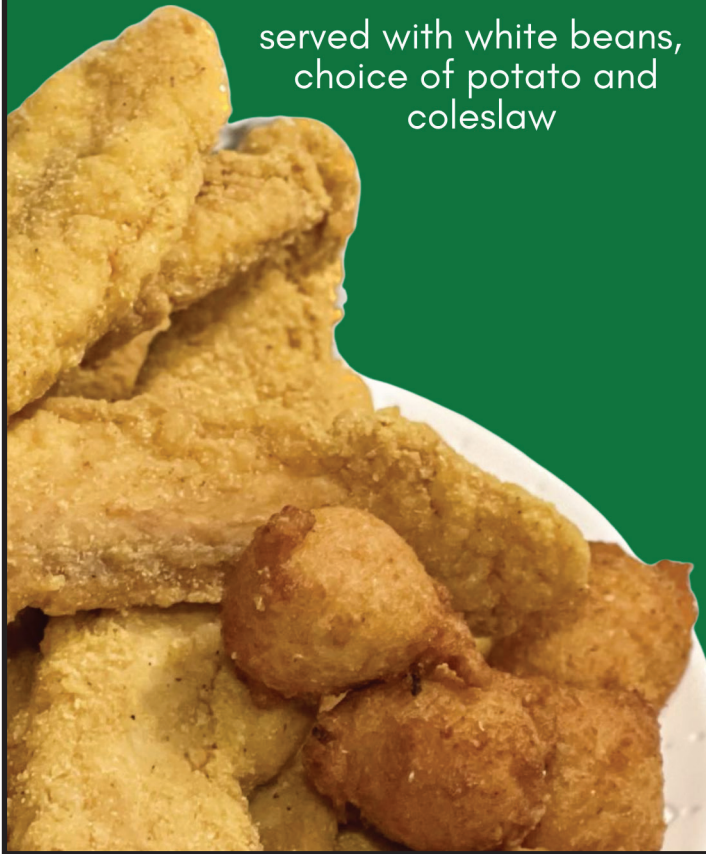
Murray State lineup with a team-best .350 average on the season. On the mound, Rosin held the second-best ERA on the roster with a 3.89 mark and 4 saves in his 2026 campaign.

Mistone finished the academic year with a 3.63 GPA in health and physical education, complementing his work in the classroom with a second consecutive season of at least 50 RBIs at the plate.

Cunningham completed his school year with a 3.63 GPA while studying accounting and finance. Cunningham posted a .262 batting average in the regular season, driving in 23 runs with 3 homers on the year.

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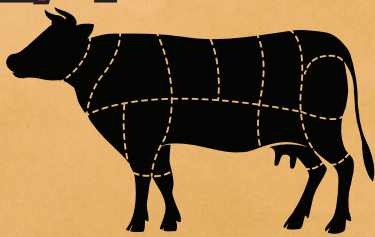


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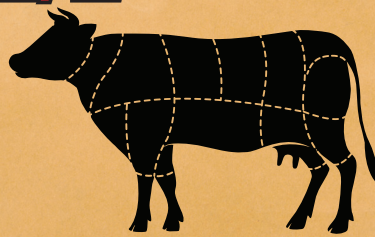


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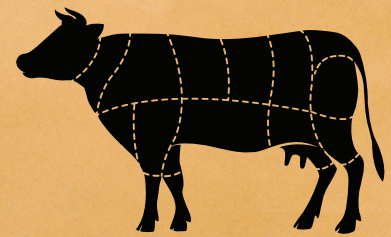


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Free mental wellness course for students now available on NFHS Learning Center

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.



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to emotional senior walks through school hallways, students have reflected on the journey that brought them to graduation day. Those moments not only celebrate achievement, but also serve as encouragement for younger students to continue working toward their goals and education. The Class of 2026 at Graves County High School leaves behind an impressive list of accomplishments. A total of 18 students earned Summa Cum Laude honors, recognizing students

who completed the highest-level courses offered throughout high school while maintaining final grades of A's.

Another 29 students graduated Magna Cum Laude after completing at least four AP or dual credit courses, including coursework in math or science and history or English, while maintaining a GPA of 3.75 or higher.

Fifteen additional students earned Cum Laude recognition by successfully completing advanced coursework requirements and maintaining a GPA of at least 3.5. The graduating class also saw 11 students

enlist in the United States Armed Forces, while the class as a whole earned an impressive \$7.3 million in scholarship awards. As graduation celebrations continue, students from both Graves County High School and Mayfield High School are leaving with not only diplomas, but years of friendships, lessons, and memories that will stay with them long after leaving the classroom.

No matter where life takes them next, education remains the foundation for the opportunities and experiences waiting beyond the school walls.

Students Selected for Governor's School for Entrepreneurs

By: Laurna Todd
KPI Writer

MAYFIELD — Two Mayfield High School students have been selected to participate in the Governor's School for Entrepreneurs (GSE), a highly competitive summer program designed to cultivate innovation and business leadership among Kentucky's youth.

Ally Creason and Lourdes Hernandez Say were recently named to the program, joining a select group of students from across the Commonwealth. Established in 2013, Kentucky was one of the first states in the nation to create a Governor's School for Entrepreneurs.

According to its website, GSE empowers the dreams of Kentucky students who have the grit,



Ally Creason(left) and Lourdes Hernandez(right)

drive and passion to become Bluegrass entrepreneurs and create jobs within the Commonwealth. Its mission is to "identify, inspire and empower Kentucky's future innovators."

GSE will once again partner with the University of Kentucky Gatton College of Business and Economics to host the Summer Startup program. During the immersive three-week experience, students

will live on campus at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, where they will collaborate with peers, develop business ideas and gain hands-on experience in entrepreneurship.

The selection highlights the dedication and potential of Creason and Hernandez Say as they represent Mayfield High School in one of the state's premier academic and leadership programs.

Library "Unearth a Story" Summer Reading Program

By: Laurna Todd
KPI Writer

The Graves County Public Library is inviting children to dig into adventure this summer through its "Unearth a Story" Summer Reading Program, featuring weekly activities, live shows and opportunities to earn prizes for reading.

The summer program encourages children to keep reading throughout June and July while enjoying dinosaur-themed entertainment, hands-on activities and educational programs at the library.

Library officials say summer reading programs are important because they help children maintain and strengthen reading skills while school is out for summer break. Reading regularly during the summer can improve

vocabulary, comprehension and creativity while helping students avoid the "summer slide" that can occur when children spend several months away from classroom learning.

Participants can earn a prize of their choice for every 10 books read, along with an entry into the grand prize raffle. Organizers say the more books children read, the more chances they have to win prizes while discovering new stories all summer long.

Programs scheduled throughout the summer include:

- June 2 — Dino Academy: A Dinosaur Discovery Show at 12 p.m. and 1 p.m.
- June 9 — Adopt a Dino (all day)
- June 16 — Didgeridoo Down Under (time to be an-

- nounced)
- June 23 — Dino Discovery Eggs at 2 p.m.
- June 30 — Jason Lindsey: Dino Lab at 3 p.m.
- July 7 — Freddy Fossil: Dino Show at 1 p.m.
- July 14 — Make Your Own Walking Stone at 2 p.m.
- July 21 — Terry Hedges: Unearth Magic at 12 p.m. and 2 p.m.
- July 27 — Animal Tales: Fossils Alive at 1 p.m.
- July 31 — Outdoor Fun and Dino Bounce House at 2 p.m.

Library officials encourage families to take advantage of the free program and participate in the reading challenge and activities designed to make learning fun and interactive for children of all ages.



Northside Baptist Christian School congratulates Auburn Page on being accepted into the highly competitive Governor's Scholars Program for Summer 2026. The prestigious program recognizes outstanding students across Kentucky for their academic achievement, leadership and potential.



Northside Baptist Christian School congratulates Sara Sheridan for taking first place in the 7th Grade division of the Americanism Essay Contest, "America at 250 Years: What Does It Mean To Me?" Sponsored by the Fleet Reserve Association MO-KAN Branch 161, the contest recognized Sara's outstanding writing and patriotism. She was awarded a first-place trophy and a \$50 Visa gift card for her achievement.

Sgt. Justin Copeland Completes Advanced Leadership Training

By: Laurna Todd
KPI Writer

The Mayfield Police Department is celebrating a professional milestone for Sgt. Justin Copeland following his graduation from the Academy of Police Supervision on May 15, 2026.

The intensive three-week program was conducted through the Department of Criminal Justice Training in Richmond and is designed to prepare sergeants and first-line supervisors for leadership roles within law enforcement agencies.

The Academy of Police Supervision is considered the foundation for leadership development among supervisors and places a strong emphasis on practical, real-world training. Throughout the course, participants completed hands-on exercises, classroom instruction, and written assignments aimed at strengthening supervisory and communication skills.

Training topics included situational leadership, constitutional and administrative law, ethical decision-making, problem-solving, emotional and social intelligence, change management, emotional wellness, and public speaking. The course is designed to help supervisors better lead officers while effectively serving their departments and communities.

Copeland's graduation reflects his

dedication to continued professional growth and highlights the department's commitment to leadership development and advanced training within law enforcement.

The accomplishment marks another step forward in preparing supervisors to meet the evolving challenges of public safety while continuing to serve the community with professionalism and experience.



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Barr defeats Cameron to win GOP Senate primary, faces Democrat Booker in the fall

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – Sixth District Congressman Andy Barr won the high-profile GOP primary race to succeed former Republican Leader Mitch McConnell in the U.S. Senate.

Barr, who has been in Congress since 2013, handily defeated former Kentucky Attorney General Daniel Cameron. Barr won 62.8% of the vote to Cameron’s 28.6% in the 11-person field.

Cameron was considered to be the leader early in the race, but the better-funded Barr was able to close the gap and pull ahead after receiving the endorsement of President Donald Trump.

“This victory is about the future, and whether that future will be shaped by Kentucky common sense or the



Drawing of Congressman Andy Barr

craziness about the extreme far left,” said Barr in his acceptance speech.

Barr thanked his opponents for pushing him during the campaign and Trump for his backing.

“By running, they

made Kentucky stronger, America stronger and they made me a better candidate. I also want to thank President Donald J. Trump. Thank you Mr. President for your powerful support. I look forward to fighting alongside

you, to advance our America First agenda, and deliver for Kentucky in the United States Senate.”

During his concession speech, Cameron promised to support Barr in the fall general election. “I told him I was

(Illustration by W. Jackson)

grateful for the campaign that he ran, and for the way he has articulated his vision for our 120 Kentucky counties. My hope is when the votes are tallied in November and the last votes is counted, he will be Senator-elect Andy

Barr,” said Cameron. “I also told him that if I can be of any service to him during the fall campaign, I will certainly do it.”

Barr will take on Democrat Charles Booker, a former state representative from Louisville, in the November general election.

Booker defeated retired Marine fighter pilot Amy McGrath. He became the first African American to win a U.S. Senate primary in 2022 where he eventually lost to Rand Paul in the general election.

“People didn’t think this was possible in a place like Kentucky. But it’s places like Kentucky that make democracy real. It’s places like Kentucky that show the power of humanity, because we are hard-working and dependable.”

36,439 turkeys harvested in spring hunting season

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – Hunters harvested a record 36,439 turkeys during the 2026 spring hunting season in Kentucky, smashing the 10-year average of 30,847, according to the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

Wildlife officials attribute the high harvest to a variety of factors, including more turkeys on the landscape this year, more

hunters in the woods and weather conducive for hunting.

“Everything we saw over the last two years – from the high percentages of hens laying eggs and strong poult survival rates to the emergence of cicadas in parts of Western Kentucky – suggested that hunters would enjoy a lot of opportunities to harvest birds this season,” said Zak Danks, turkey-grouse program coordinator for the Kentucky Department

of Fish and Wildlife Resources. “When we had four straight weekends of good weather, that just set the stage.”

As with past years, a lot of turkeys were taken early in the season.

Youth harvested 2,613 turkeys during the April 4-5 youth-only season, 304 higher than the previous record and well above the 10-year average of 1,670. On April 18-19, the opening weekend of the 23-day general season, hunters harvested 13,670 turkeys,

well above the 10-year average of 9,860.

“Our youngest hunters set the tone early, and it never let up,” Danks said.

In many ways, the spring season resembled previous ones: most turkeys were taken with a shotgun, most were taken by Kentucky residents, and counties to the south and west had the most turkeys harvested, while hunters in the counties to the north and middle of the state took more turkeys per square mile.

Breaking the take down by region: The Green River Region led with 10,132 birds harvested, followed by the Southeast (8,045), the Bluegrass (7,895), the Purchase (5,269) and Northeast (5,098).

For the third year in a row, Graves County had the highest total harvest at 778 birds, followed by Muhlenberg (746), Breckinridge (662), Pulaski (659), Christian (639), Hopkins (636), Ohio (593), Hardin (566), Grayson (548) and Logan (538).

Seven of those counties are in the Green River Region.

But when counties are ranked based on harvest per square mile, six of the top 10 are in the Bluegrass Region, with two in the Northeast Region. Pendleton leads the way at 1.82 birds taken per square mile, followed by Robertson (1.81), Anderson (1.59), Muhlenberg (1.56), Bracken (1.48), Owen (1.41), Graves (1.4), Carroll (1.34), Grant (1.34) and Henry (1.34).



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UK to bring one stop shop website to help woodland owners in Kentucky

By Jordan Strickler
University of Kentucky

Lexington, Ky.—
Owning woodland can be a point of pride in Kentucky. It can also raise many questions. Who do you call if invasive plants are moving in? How do you improve habitat for wildlife? What steps make sense if you want to cut timber someday or if you want to leave the land in good shape for your family?

A University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment effort coined Every Acre Counts is working to make those first steps easier, connecting people to the groups that are already providing services to woodland owners across the state.

Developed by the UK Department of Forestry and Natural Resources (FNR) and the Kentucky Division of Forestry, the program will help coordinate and support current statewide efforts to engage woodland owners through partnerships with external organizations. This program will focus on new woodland owners and those without a forest management plan, with the goal of facilitating active management on more Kentucky acres.

“Groups across Kentucky are doing strong work with woodland owners, but a lot of it is scattered,” said Logan Baker, project coordinator for Every



A new website is helping woodland owners find answers to their questions easier
(Graphic by Renee Williams)

Acre Counts and FNR Extension associate at Martin-Gatton CAFE. “Every Acre Counts is pulling together the pieces: Who’s doing what, where people can plug in and how woodland owners who haven’t been reached yet can find a starting point.”

Baker said the program is connecting a statewide network of partner organizations that already work with woodland owners. Those groups offer guidance, workshops, technical help or connections to other services, but they do not always operate in one easy-to-find place.

“Every Acre Counts KY is built on the idea that meaningful forest stewardship starts with relationships, both between woodland owners and the organizations that can help those property owners,” said Jacob Muller, program project leader and FNR assistant professor.

“By bringing together trusted local organizations, agencies, and

community partners, we can connect more Kentucky woodland owners with the tools, knowledge, and opportunities they need to actively manage and sustain their forests for future generations.”

Baker is meeting with partner organizations across the Commonwealth to learn more about their current work.

“From these conversations, I am creating short partner profiles that explain each group’s role and how it connects with woodland owners,” Baker said. “I’m also putting together an asset map and a resource list. All of that material will be posted on the Every Acre Counts website, which will be a central place where partners — and eventually woodland owners seeking help — can find information more easily.”

The idea is not to replace the work those groups are already doing. Instead, the goal is to help them work

more collaboratively so landowners have a clearer path to the help they need.

Management Plans

For many landowners, that help may begin with a forest management plan. A management plan can assist a woodland owner as they think through goals for the land, whether that means improving wildlife habitat, caring

for timber, protecting water quality or simply keeping the woods healthy for the next generation.

Baker said Every Acre Counts is paying special attention to landowners who do not yet have management plans and to others who have been difficult to reach through earlier outreach efforts.

The project is also piloting this approach in parts of Appalachian Kentucky while the partner network and website are being built. Baker said that could lead to local events, such as meetings through Extension offices, where partner organizations can connect directly with woodland owners.

Looking ahead, Muller and Baker said the team hopes to hold a partner summit on UK’s campus in early summer. The meeting would give organiza-

tions a chance to sit down together, talk through their goals and look for practical ways to work more closely.

“Every acre that becomes healthier, more resilient, and more productive strengthens not only our forests, but also the communities and economies that depend on them,” Muller said.

Learn more about the program at <https://eac-ky.mgcafe.uky.edu/>.

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‘You’re in the dirt’: UK soil judging team gains valuable experience, celebrates national success

By Bailey Vandiver
University of Kentucky

LEXINGTON, Ky.— As the University of Kentucky soil judging team waited to hear the results of the 2026 National Collegiate Soils Contest, participant Jose Villanos wasn’t expecting good news.

“We didn’t think we did well at all, and especially I didn’t think I was going to do well,” said Villanos, a rising senior studying Agricultural and Medical Biotechnology at the UK Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, who also competed individually.

Twenty-eight collegiate teams and 112 individuals competed in the contest, which was hosted March 22-27 near Raleigh, North Carolina.

The results came in: UK placed seventh as a team. Villanos placed fifth.

“It was a great day,” Villanos said.

“The best experience” Led by Chris Shepard, associate professor of pedology in the Department of Plant and Soil Sciences, UK’s soil judging team consists of students who first take PLS 396. In that course, students learn soil resource evaluation

that prepares them for the Southeast Regional Collegiate Soils Contest. If the team qualifies for the national level, students who will continue competing take PLS 406.

“Soil judging is teaching students how to describe soils,” Shepard said.

Students analyze the soil’s physical properties, such as its layers, called horizons; composition, including textures of sand, silt and clay; and colors. Students also make soil-use interpretations, such as thinking about construction or streets in the area, and determine how the soil relates to the broader environmental context.

“The goal is to provide them with enough information and knowledge that they’re able to go and independently do this during the competition — and, obviously, hopefully after the competition as well — and that they can do it at the same general level as somebody who’s an expert,” Shepard said.

Shepard said he never participated in soil judging as a student and has been grateful to learn from his graduate students as well as other universities’ coaches since he started coach-

ing UK’s team in 2018.

Grace Bodine is currently the assistant coach and a doctoral student in Integrated Plant and Soil Sciences at Martin-Gatton CAFE.

After becoming “obsessed” with soil, Bodine studied soil science as an undergraduate at Texas A&M, but the university didn’t have an active soil judging team at the time. While getting her master’s degree at the University of Maryland, Bodine worked with one of the soil judging coaches. Knowing she could continue that during her doctorate was “one of the things that made me excited about coming here to UK,” Bodine said.

Bodine said it’s an unmatched learning opportunity for undergraduate students.

“It’s the best experience you can get to learn about soils,” she said. “You’re in the dirt, you’re in the pit.”

“You all are very good at this”

The Southeast region, which Bodine described as “very competitive,” includes universities from Kentucky, Virginia, West Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and

Florida. The 2025 regional competition was also hosted by North Carolina State, near Raleigh.

UK placed sixth at regionals, claiming the last qualifying spot for nationals.

“We all freaked out,” Bodine said. “That helped boost the confidence of the students from that point on.”

Other than those who graduated, the team continued to prepare for the national competition. The following students competed:

Michaela Cobb, Agricultural Ecosystem Sciences. Grant Feese, Agricultural Education and Advocacy. Aydin Khosrowshahi, Natural Resources and Environmental Science. Allie Reagan, Agricultural Education and Advocacy. Avery Ritchey, Agricultural and Medical Biotechnology. Ella Shields, Horticultural Science. Jose Villanos, Agricultural and Medical Biotechnology.

The national competition lasts two days, but teams arrive early to spend about four days studying pits and soil descriptions provided by the host.

“Sometimes these are things that are really important for the competition, but other

times they’re just cool features of the soil in the particular area,” Shepard said. “It’s a nice way to teach students.”

On the first competition day, four students from each team judge three pits individually, which determines the individual ranking and contributes to the team scores. On the second day, the entire team judges two pits as a group — with only an hour per pit.

“They do all their interpretations, any sort of calculations that are required, any of the taxonomy — they do all that within an hour,” Shepard said. “And then they move on and do another one.”

Shepard said he is continually impressed by the students because the competition is very intense. He said he always tells his students, “You all are very good at this.”

Villanos appreciates the intensity — he found soil judging because he was looking for agriculture-related competitions.

During the competition, Villanos was waiting for more results. He was in the running for a Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship, a prestigious scholarship that

awards up to \$7,500 per year to students planning to pursue research careers in mathematics, engineering or natural science.

As Villanos and his teammates were in a pit, judging the soil, the 2026 Goldwater awardees were announced. Once he finished competing, Villanos learned he was one of them.

Soon after, he learned about his and his team’s success at the National Collegiate Soils Contest. Though he isn’t able to travel to China for the international competition this summer, Villanos is still excited to have qualified.

It was a day, he said, that will be “stuck in my head forever.”

Because soil judging offers such valuable experiential learning, Shepard said, enrollment in the courses has been growing. And it’s not just the undergraduate students who benefit, Bodine said — she and Shepard continue to learn, too.

“Every time a new soil pit is open,” she said, “you have something you can learn from the soil.”

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HIGHLIGHTS


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- Excellent Building Opportunities
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BALLARD

Brenda Ruth McManus Webb, 81, of La Center, Kentucky, passed away on May 13, 2026, at Life Care Center of La Center. There are no services scheduled at this time. Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Lone Oak are in charge of arrangements.

Babe Ruth Austin, 93, of Wickliffe, Kentucky, passed away on May 12, 2026, at Life Care Center of La Center. A Memorial Service will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, May 22, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Wickliffe, with Dee Hazelwood officiating. Visitation will take place from 5:00 p.m. until the service time of 6:30 p.m. on Friday, May 22, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Wickliffe.

Denise Kay (Foster) Chenoweth, 71, of Kevil, KY, passed away on May 15, 2026. Born in Galesburg, IL on January 14, 1955, Denise dedicated her life to family, faith, and service for others. Funeral Services were held on Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. at Morrow Funeral Chapel in LaCenter, KY with Rev. Jared Hayes officiating. Interment followed at Newton Creek Baptist Church Cemetery.

Westen Lane Andrews, 8, went home to be with Jesus in heaven on May 15, 2026 after a 3 1/2 year battle with cancer at St Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis Tennessee. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at Morrow Funeral Chapel with Brother Letoun Bledsoe officiating. Interment followed at LaCenter Cemetery.

Norma Jean Taylor, 84, passed away on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at Life Care Center in LaCenter. She was born May 31, 1941, in Livingston County to the late Herman Lee and Inez (Dristall) Hill. Graveside services were held Monday, May 18, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at LaCenter Cemetery with Brother Joey Donelson officiating.

CALDWELL

Dennis W. "Denny" Brasher, age 84, of Fredonia, passed away Saturday, May 16, 2026 at his home. A memorial service for Dennis Brasher will be held Friday, May 22, 2026 at 11:00 am at Fredonia Cumberland Presbyterian Church. There will be a meal to follow in the Fredonia Cumberland Presbyterian Church activities building.

Sue Simms, 78, of Princeton, passed away on Thursday, May 14, 2026, at her home. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, May 18, 2026, at Morgan's Funeral Home with Rev. Steve Fortenberry officiating and Bro. Jeff Boone assisting. Burial followed in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Peggy Jane Wynn, age 78 of Princeton, a devoted caregiver known for her caring, empathetic, loving, and kind nature, passed away peacefully at her residence on May 18, 2026. A graveside service to honor Peggy's life was held on May 21, 2026, at 1:00 PM at the Friendship United Methodist Church Cemetery, located at 2906 Friendship Road in Eddyville, Kentucky.

CALLOWAY

Benard Louis "Shorty" Withnell, 76, of Murray, passed away on Monday, May 18, 2026 at his home. Per his wishes, no services will be held. Imes Funeral Home is entrusted with caring for his family.

Elizabeth Jane Calabrese, 50, of Murray, passed away on Monday, May 18, 2026 at Murray Calloway County Hospital. Arrangements are currently incomplete at Imes Funeral Home & Crematory, downtown Murray.

Carolyn Gail Bebber, 74 of Murray, passed away on Sunday, May 17, 2026 at Anna Mae Owen Residential Hospice House following a short illness. A memorial service is set for 10 AM on Friday, May 22, 2026, at Imes Funeral Home, 311 North 4th Street, Murray. Sammy Cunningham will officiate. No visitation will be held.

Danny Graves Ferguson, Sr., 62 of New Concord, KY, passed away on Saturday, May 16, 2026 at Murray Calloway County Hospital. Per his wishes no services will be held. Imes Funeral Home is entrusted with his care.

Otis Jefferson Elkins, age 98, of Murray, Kentucky passed away on Monday, May 18, 2026, at the Murray-Calloway County Hospital in Murray, Kentucky. A funeral service was held at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, May 21, 2026, at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services with John Dale and Bro. Kerry Lambert officiating. Burial followed in the Murray Memorial Gardens.

Billy Dan Orr, age 87, of Murray Kentucky, passed from this life, gaining his eternal reward on Monday, May 18th, 2026, at the Passion and Purpose Home in Murray, Kentucky. A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 23rd, 2026, at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Officiating will be Mike Orr and David Williams. Burial will follow in the Murray Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be held from 11a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday May 23rd, 2026, at the JH Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

Myrtle Willoughby, age 95, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away on Sunday, May 17, 2026, at the Passion and Purpose HomeCare in Almo, Kentucky. A private graveside service will be held at Mrs. Willoughby's request.

CARLISLE

Cynthia Ford Rodgers, 76, passed away on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at Passion & Purpose in Almo, Kentucky. Visitation was held from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM on Monday, May 18, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Bardwell.

CHRISTIAN

Billy Dorris Young, 88, of Hopkinsville, Kentucky died at 1:20 a.m., Thursday, May 14, 2026 at Baptist Health Deaconess Hospital in Madisonville, Kentucky. Funeral service was held at 1:00 p.m., Monday, May 18, 2026 at Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home with Michael Gamble officiating. Burial followed in Riverside Cemetery.

Keith Cornelius, 97, Crofton-Dawson Road, Crofton, KY passed away Saturday, May 16, 2026 at his home of natural causes. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Friday, May 22, 2026 at Lamb Funeral Home with Bradley Cornelius officiating. Burial will follow in Hamby Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11:00 a.m. until the service hour on Friday, May 22, 2026 at the funeral home.

Robert Howard Watt Radford was born on September 23, 1935, in Hopkinsville, KY to the late Marion Sanders and Frank "Parker" James Radford. He departed his earthly life on May 18 2026, at 2:06 a.m. in the care of Jennie Stuart Health. Visitation will be Thursday, May 28, 2026 - from 10 am - 11 am at the Gamble Funeral Home, 1311 S. Liberty St., Hopkinsville, KY. Graveside Service to follow at 11:30 am at the Green Hill Memorial Gardens (Ancestral Haven), 5325 W. Hopkinsville Rd., Hopkinsville, KY 42240.

Kathleen Barnett East, 96, of Crofton, KY died at 8:07 a.m. Monday, May 18, 2026, at Christian Health Center. At Kathleen's request, there will be no services. Dogwood Funerals & Cremations of Crofton is in charge of the arrangements.

Richard Barnett, 88, of Crofton, KY died at 5:55 a.m. Sunday, May 17, 2026, at the Western Kentucky Veterans Center in Hanson, KY. Funeral services were held at 12:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at the Crofton Christian Church with Barney Bishop officiating. Burial followed in Lanier Cemetery.

Robert "Dale" Miller, Sr., 86, of Crofton, Kentucky passed away peacefully surrounded by family at 7:00 a.m., Thursday, May 14, 2026, at Continue Care Hospital in Madisonville, Kentucky. Visitation was held at 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 17, 2026, until the hour of service at 2:00 p.m. at Dogwood Funerals and Cremations of Crofton, KY. Burial followed at Ridgetop Cemetery in Crofton.

Colleen Nora Mason, 92, of Owensboro, KY died on Thursday, May 14, 2026, at 7:40 p.m. Colleen was born on June 27, 1933, in Harlan County, KY. She was a registered nurse and of Baptist faith. She loved to travel and spend time with family, especially her granddaughter and great-grandchildren.

She was known to many as "Ms. Hollywood", because she loved her dressing up. There are no events scheduled at this time. Dogwood Funerals & Cremations are in charge of arrangements.

CRITTENDEN

Carol Clark LeNeave, 83, of Marion, KY passed away May 17, 2026 at Salem Springlake Care Center. Services are scheduled for 11 AM Saturday, May 23, 2026 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion, KY. The family will receive visitors from 5-8 PM Friday and from 9 AM until service time Saturday at the funeral home.

Richard Alvin Binkley Jr. - September 24, 1975 ~ May 18, 2026 (age 50) - An obituary is not available at this time for Richard Alvin Binkley Jr.. We welcome you to provide your thoughts and memories on our Tribute Wall.

FULTON

Clarence L. Gilbert was born on December 20, 1944, to the late Neoplis Gilbert and Mary Eliza Ware Gilbert. He departed this life on May 12, 2026, at Deaconess Midtown Hospital. Funeral Services were held on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, 12:00 Noon, at Lake Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Hickman, KY. Reverend Johnny Jones will officiate.

Jacalynn "Jackie" Suzan Williams, passed away Thursday, May 14th, 2026, at Fulton Nursing and Rehab. Jackie was born July 28th, 1972, to the late Eric "Mickey" Williams and Judy Martin Taylor. Ms. Williams was a graduate the 1990 Class of Fulton County High School and worked as a correctional officer for the Northwest Tennessee Correctional Facility. There will be no services held at this time.

GRAVES

Teddy M. Youngblood, age 91, of Mayfield passed away on Saturday, May 16, 2026 at Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah, KY. Funeral services for Mr. Teddy M. Youngblood were held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, May 18, 2026 at Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY. Rev. Richard Dowdy will officiate. Interment followed at McKendree Cemetery.

Fred L. Nesler, 81, passed away on May 14, 2026, surrounded by the love of his family. Visitation was held Thursday, May 21, 2026 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Byrn Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held Friday, May 22, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. at Byrn Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Liberty Baptist Cemetery. Dr. Micah Spicer will be officiating.

Rickey L. Jackson age 62 of Wingo passed away at 7:22 PM Tuesday May 19, 2026 at the Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice Center in Paducah. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at the Brown Funeral Home in Wingo.

Phyllis Land Green age 87 of Mayfield passed away Sunday May 17, 2026 at the Vanderbilt Hospital In Nashville, TN. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 PM Tuesday May 26, 2026 at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield with Rev. Barry McGarch officiating, burial will follow in the Mayfield Memory Gardens, visitation will be after 11:00 AM Tuesday at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield.

Bertheal Bill Yates age 88 of Mayfield passed away at 9:15 AM Wednesday May 13, 2026 at Green Acres Health Care in Mayfield. He was of the Methodist Faith and retired from General Tire in Mayfield. Funeral services were held at 1:00 PM Saturday May 16, 2026 at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield with Bro. Craig Yates officiating, burial followed in the Highland Park Cemetery.

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 were held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at The Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY. with burial followed in the Peaceful Valley Cemetery.

FUNERAL NOTICES continued

Gregory Brent Black, 56, of Farmington, KY, passed away on Friday, May 15, 2026 at Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah, KY. Per Mr. Black's wishes, no services will be held. Imes Funeral Home is entrusted with caring for his family.

HENDERSON

Randal Baxter, age 81, of Henderson, KY, passed away on, Sunday, May 17, 2026, at Deaconess Henderson Hospital. Relatives and friends were invited to Randal's Life Celebration from 11:00 A.M. until service time on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at Benton-Glunt and Tapp Funeral Home in Henderson, KY. The funeral service was held at 2:00 P.M. on Wednesday at the funeral home with Alan Baxter officiating. Inurnment will be at a later date at Roselawn Memorial Gardens.

Zarina Luisa Barcenas, age 20, of Henderson, KY, passed away at 9:55 P.M., Friday, May 15, 2026, at Henderson Deaconess Hospital. Relatives and friends were invited to Zarina's Life Celebration from 3:00-9:00 pm on Thursday May 21, 2026 and again on Friday from 9:00 a.m. until service time at Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home, Henderson, KY. The service was held at 10:00 a.m. Friday with Sarah Adamson officiating.

Jaylee Zoe Allison and Ivory Elrina Allison, infant twin daughters, passed away on May 15, 2026 at Deaconess Women's Hospital. A private graveside service will be held at Fernwood Cemetery.

Ramona Lee Wheeler passed into the presence of our Lord on May 15, 2026. Visitation for Ramona Lee Wheeler was held at Tomblinson Funeral Home Henderson Chapel on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. The funeral service began at 1:00 pm. A private burial took place at Lola Pentecostal Cemetery in Lola, Kentucky.

James "Jimbo" Clark, passed away peacefully at his home on May 13, 2026. Memorial Service was held on May 18th from 2-3 pm at Tomblinson Funeral Home, 325 First St., Henderson, KY 42419.

Wayne Martin, passed away on May 13, 2026, at St. Anthony's Hospice Lucy Smith King Care Center. Friends and family were invited to pay their respects during a visitation on May 19, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at The Fathers House, located at 1800 Cinema Drive in Henderson, Kentucky. The funeral service immediately follow at 6:00 p.m. at the same location.

HOPKINS

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of **Tina Marie Allen**, 66, of Madisonville, KY who passed on Sunday, May 17, 2026, at Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville. Tina's care under the direction of Barnett-Strother Funeral Home - Madisonville.

Mildred Oldham Whitfield, 97, of Madisonville, KY, passed away Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at Baptist Health Deaconess. Funeral services were held at 1:00 P.M. Monday, May 18, 2026, at Barnett-Strother Funeral Home - Madisonville Chapel with Dr. John Kalz officiating. Burial followed in Odd Fellows Cemetery.

Joseph "Joe" Welsh, 75, of Madisonville, KY, passed away on Monday, May 18, 2026, at Baptist Health Deaconess in Madisonville. A graveside service was held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, May 21, 2026, at Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens with Bro. Danny Wix officiating. Harris Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Military Honors will be conducted by the United States Army and the Hopkins County Honor Guard.

Peggy Jean Pittman Downing, 85, of Madisonville, KY, passed away on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at her home. A private burial will be held at Hanson Cemetery in Hanson, KY, with Bro. Lawrence Richardson officiating. Harris Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Louise Gillum Leavell, 76, of Madisonville, KY, passed away on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at Ridgewood Terrace Health and Rehab in Madisonville. A memorial service will be held at 12 p.m. on Saturday, May 23, 2026, at Wesley Chapel CME Church, 179 N. Kentucky Avenue in Madisonville with Rev. Michael Reed officiating. Harris Funeral Home was entrusted with care. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until the service hour at the church.

Jewell Ann Campbell Wint, 82, of Henderson, KY, formerly of Madisonville, KY, passed away on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at her home. A funeral service was held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 16, 2026, in the chapel of Harris Funeral Home with Pastor Bill Crabtree officiating. A private burial was held at Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens.

TRIGG

Sundae Sue Oakley - September 3, 1961 - May 18, 2026 - Memorial Services for 64 year old Sundae Sue Oakley of Cadiz will be Thursday, May 28, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. at King's

Funeral Home with Rev. Rick McGowan officiating. Visitation will be from 10:00-11:00 on Thursday, May 28, 2026 at King's Funeral Home.

Raymond Ellis Stewart - April 6, 1943 - May 14, 2026 - Funeral Services for 83 year old Raymond Ellis Stewart of Cadiz were held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. at King's Funeral Home with Bro. Greg Creekmur and Bro. James Cox officiating. Burial followed in Jones Cemetery.

Donna Ford Kranz, age 71, of Cadiz, Kentucky, passed away on Thursday, May 14, 2026, at her home in Cadiz. A memorial mass will be held at 10:00 AM, Saturday, May 23, 2026, at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 902 E 9th St, Hopkinsville, Kentucky, with Father Emmanuel Udoh officiating. Burial will be at a later date in Green Hill Memorial Gardens (Ancestral Haven).

UNION

John Harris Jr., son of the late John Harris Sr. and Willie Mae Richard, departed this life at 6:00 A.M. on May 15, 2026, at Midtown Hospital in Evansville, Indiana. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, May 22, 2026, at Macedonia Freewill Baptist Church in Morganfield, Kentucky, with Reverend James Cole officiating. Burial will follow at Odd Fellows Cemetery in Morganfield, Kentucky. Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. until the time-of-service Friday at the church.

Mark Bradley Sheffer, 70 years old, passed away peacefully at Jackson Purchase Medical Center in Mayfield, KY on May 16, 2026. Visitation was held on Tuesday, May 19 from 9:00-11:00 AM at Whitsell Funeral Home in Morganfield, KY followed by a private graveside service at Odd Fellows Cemetery in Morganfield, KY.

WEBSTER

Kenneth Darrell Barnhill - Born October 29 1980 passed away from this life unexpectedly at home May 17 2026 in Providence Kentucky at the age of 45. There will be no service, however there will celebration of life at a later date.

Kelly Jo Conner, age 45, of Clay, peacefully passed away on Friday, May 15, 2026, at Baptist Health Deaconess in Madisonville. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at 1:00 PM at Vanover Funeral Home in Clay, with Brother John Robertson officiating. Burial followed at Curry Cemetery in Blackford.

In Memory. Forever Thankful.

Greater love has no one than this:
to lay down one's life for one's friends.

JOHN 15:13

*Remembering our heroes this Memorial Day 2026
and always.*

Kroger recalls croutons in 17 states, including Kentucky

By **TOM LATEK**
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – Sugar Foods of California has issued a recall of specific lots of Kroger Homestyle Cheese Garlic Croutons in Kentucky and 16 other states, due to a possible health risk, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced on Tuesday.

The recall is due to

the potential for Salmonella contamination associated with milk powder used as an ingredient in the product.

Salmonella is an organism that can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with Salmonella may

experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting, and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with Salmonella can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis, and arthritis.

The affected milk powder was sup-



plied by California Dairies, Inc. to their

seasoning supplier, Solina USA, and incorporated into the seasoning blend that Sugar Foods purchases from Solina USA and applies to the croutons. The affected seasoning batches tested negative for Salmonella prior to use.

This action follows a third-party supplier-initiated recall by California Dairies, Inc. due to concerns regarding

potential Salmonella contamination in milk powder. Out of an abundance of caution, and because this milk powder was used in a seasoning ingredient supplied to Sugar Foods, the company is initiating this recall. Sugar Foods is recalling this product based on the ingredient supplier's recall.

VICTORIOUS *Living* ...in a troubled world

Faith: It's not the size that matters

By Teresa LeNeave
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Why is it so hard for people to accept a better life? For sure, this better life still has its troubles, but you don't have to walk it alone and that's a good thing. When the sky feels like it's falling in on you, you have Someone bigger than yourself to go to for help. That Someone is God and that is who we put our faith in.

In scripture, Jesus explained several reasons why some people fail to put faith in Him. One major reason, is a preference for "darkness instead of light." Jesus taught that his message exposes wrongdoing, causing some individuals to resist accepting it.

"Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil," Jesus said in John 3:19. Following Jesus requires personal change, and that's



something many people are unwilling to do.

Another reason some people have trouble trusting in God is fear. Fear is a powerful emotion. In John 5:44, Jesus questioned how

people could truly believe while seeking praise from others yet make no effort to obtain the praise that comes from God. To often we fear what people think and not what God thinks. The Bible also

describes what Jesus called "spiritual blindness." In several passages, he said some people hear his teachings without truly understanding them. Quoting the prophet Isaiah, Jesus described people

who "hear but do not understand" and "see but do not perceive."

Additionally, Jesus warned that attachment to worldly things can prevent people from accepting spiritual truth. He taught that excessive

focus on wealth, status, and comfort may interfere with faith. One example appears in the story of the rich young ruler, who walked away saddened after being unable to give up his possessions to follow Jesus.

There are times in life when you're coming to the end of your rope, but hold onto faith, no matter how small you may think it is. The Bible teaches that faith no larger than a grain of mustard seed has the power to move mountains. (Matthew 17:20).

I know it's hard to understand that kind of unseen power. But you can have it with Jesus in your life. The Bible says we can do all things THROUGH Christ which strengthen us. He's the hand we must continue to hold on to. So just hold on. There is a gospel song that says, just hold on, our Lord will show up and He will take you through the fire again.

For the love of family and country

By William F Holland Jr.
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Memorial means to "remember" and every year on the last Monday in May, we honor those who sacrificed their life in the line of active military service. The first Amendment was not only signed into existence with ink, but with the blood of over 1.3 million Americans who have died in U.S. wars since 1775, along with multitudes of wounded who have suffered with physical and mental difficulties. Truly, our privilege and freedom to openly live and speak what we believe are liberties that have come at the highest expense.

We live a couple of miles from Camp Nelson National Military Cemetery, and as you drive past, you can see many rows of the over 16,000 perfectly lined white marble tombstones. I admit that I've often driven past without hardly thinking about how each of these individuals, at one time or another, accepted the call of sacrificial duty. And what is that call? To defend and protect our liberties - whatever the cost! Each one of these brave soldiers was willing to give their life for their country, as all gave some and some gave all. My family



has suffered loss from war and has a deep appreciation for the men and women who have served to protect our country. Each of my Mother's brothers and her Father served, and one of her brothers, Kenny Maye, was killed in Korea. I have his tags, casket flag, and a rare military photo of him. He was only 20 years old in 1950, and his body was never found. Sadly, his existence is nearly unknown, and I often wonder about the life he could have had.

Originally called Decoration Day, from the early tradition of decorating graves with flowers, wreaths, and flags, Memorial Day is a day for remembrance of those who have died in service to our country. It was first widely observed

on May 30, 1868, to commemorate the sacrifices of Civil War soldiers, by proclamation of General John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of former Union sailors and soldiers. During that first national commemoration, former Union General and sitting Ohio Congressman James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, after which 5,000 participants helped to decorate the graves of the more than 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers who were buried there. From 1861-1865, approximately 620 thousand soldiers perished in the Civil War, by far the most devastating conflict in America's history.

In 1971, Congress

passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act and established that Memorial Day was to be commemorated on the last Monday of May. Memorial Day is commemorated at Arlington National Cemetery each year with a ceremony in which a small American flag is placed on each grave. Traditionally, the President or Vice President lays a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Each soldier has their own story, but all are highly esteemed for their conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of their lives above and beyond the call of duty. This is a quote from the Congressional Medal of Honor Society. "Private George Watson distinguished himself by extraordinary her-

oism on 8 March 1943, while serving in the Pacific Command with the 2d Battalion, 29th Quartermaster Regiment, near Porlock Harbor, New Guinea. Private Watson was on board a troop ship, the Dutch Steamer 'Jacob' (United States Army Transport), when it was attacked and hit by enemy bombers. Before it sank, the ship was abandoned. Private Watson, instead of seeking to save himself, remained in deep waters long enough to assist several soldiers who could not swim to reach the safety of a life raft. This heroic action, which subsequently cost him his life, resulted in saving the lives of several of his comrades.

Weakened by continuous physical exertion and overcome by mus-

cular fatigue, Private Watson drowned when the suction of the sinking ship dragged him beneath the surface of the swirling waters. His demonstrated bravery and unselfish act set in motion a series of compelling events that finally led to American victory in the Pacific. Private Watson's extraordinary valorous actions, his daring and inspiring leadership, and his self-sacrificing devotion to his fellow man exemplify the finest traditions of military service."

"We do not know one promise these men made, one pledge they gave, one word they spoke; but we do know they summed up and perfected, by one supreme act, the highest virtues of humanity. Because of their love for country, they accepted death, and thus resolved all doubts, and made immortal their patriotism and their virtue." – James A. Garfield, May 30, 1868, Arlington National Cemetery.

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OUTDOOR Truths

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It was the last few days of the season, and this gobbler had outwitted me for days. He roosted in the same place nearly every night. Almost every morning he would let me know he was there. And in turn I would let him know I was there too, even though I would hide my true identity with a soft cluck, purr, or yelp. Because he was older, he never got out of character. After all, it was the hen's obligation to come to where he was. Therefore, he never moved from

his area. He would gobble on the roost, fly down, then gobble and strut until the hen joined him. This particular morning, I decided to push the envelope and get as close as possible, knowing that I might get too close and be seen either by him or a hen. I was hopping the new spring foliage would block my movement. It did. And there I sat, as close as I had ever set up to him before. He gobbled. I purred. Then another hen decided that she was not going to let me have any chance at

her man. So, for the next several minutes, she made every sound a turkey can make. And every time she did, my tom would respond. I tried to compete, but I knew she would eventually fly down and go straight to him. Sure enough, down she came only about 50 yards in front of me and went directly to where he was waiting. My plan was thwarted again. As I sat there, analyzing what just happened, I remembered that I knew where they were going. I knew where

he was leading her. I switched to plan B. I knew the small farm road behind me would lead around a steep corner to where they would be. And sure enough, as I made the turn, I could see them just over a small rise. As the hen made her way up the hill to my right, the tom began to follow in full strut and pursuit. I raised my gun and dropped him about 40 yards away. Those are actually the kinds of hunts that are not only the most enjoyable, but also the most memorable.

When I think about it, most of my plans are of the B sort. Rarely do things happen as I originally plan. Rarely do situations and circumstances go as I predict. And people's responses are not always what I expect. The truth is, life rarely follows plan A. Solomon put it this way. "A man's heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps." (Prov 16:9) What he is saying is this. It is good to make plans, but success is not in the plans. It's in the direction that comes

from God, which might come from plan B. And plan B with God will always be the most memorable – and the most successful. Gary Miller has written Outdoor Truths articles for 23 years. He has also written five books which include compilations of his articles and a father/son devotional. He also speaks at wild-game dinners and men's events for churches and associations. Stay updated on Outdoor Truths each week by subscribing at Outdoortruths.org

STRANGE CHRISTIANS

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Zebras aren't exactly known for blending in, and Tennesseans couldn't help but notice the runaway zebra trotting in their backyard in June of last year. When the Murfreesboro Police Department received calls about a zebra galloping along the interstate, officers thought someone was horsing around. But after several neighborhood sightings, a week-long chase ensued and, "Ed the Zebra was captured safely after being located in a pasture near a subdivision," according to the Associated Press.

The Volunteer State instantly recognized that while there is plenty of wildlife in Tennessee (and no

shortage of folklore creatures), this black-and-white cousin of the horse was a foreigner in strange territory. Because he belonged to a land across the Atlantic, he stood out too much to blend in.

Similarly, believers in Christ belong to land lying beyond this life and above the skies, "a land that is fairer than day," called heaven.

Because of this, Christians should stand out in the world too much to blend in—much more than a zebra in the backwoods of Tennessee. The Scripture teaches that there should be a black-and-white difference between those of this world and those who belong to the "kingdom not of this world" (John



18:36). Disciples of Christ should not camouflage themselves within the culture like chameleons or live under cover like secret agents, which is why Peter exhorted Christians, "Beloved, I urge you

as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul" (1 Peter 2:11). Sojourners are strangers passing through—exiles living away from their homeland—and both are true of Je-

sus-followers who are "citizens of heaven" (Phil. 3:21).

The believer's speech should sound like a foreign language to everyone else—upbuilding rather than destructive and seasoned with grace rather than

spoiled with obscenity (Eph. 4:29; Col. 3:8). A Christian's conduct should make other people think, "They must not be from around here." Saints saved by grace ought to forgive in a world that desires revenge, pursue godliness in a society that applauds immorality, and live humbly in a culture inflated by pride (Eph. 4:32; Gen. 6:9; Col. 3:12). Paul the apostle said it best: "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind" (Rom. 12:2a). The children of God are called to be "without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world" (Phil. 2:15).

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An unpredictable economic climate coupled with the rising cost of education can make soon-to-be graduates curious about what awaits them after graduation. According to the market data reporting firm Gitnux, 86 percent of college graduates can expect to find jobs within six months of graduation.

While the economy can affect how quickly new grads begin their careers, it's not the only variable that affects where grads go after tossing their caps in the air. Students on the cusp of graduation can employ various

strategies to increase their chances of finding a job.

- **Start while in school.** It's never too early to think about the hiring process and what can be done to improve your profile as a candidate. Maintain a grade point average that will impress employers, suggests Indeed. Also, part-time jobs and internships in your field will help you gain valuable experience and determine if working in a particular field is a good fit.

- **Select an off-peak time to search for a job.** Many people start searching and applying for jobs at the same time, typically after graduation ceremonies in December and May. That floods the market with applicants. Increase the chances



your résumé is read by staggering when you apply for jobs and sending out inquiries before you graduate.

- **Streamline your résumé.** Many companies receive thousands of applications per position, so it is essential to cater your résumé to the specific job to which you are applying. Include key words that match those in

the job listing and will attract the attention of hiring managers. If you do not yet have experience, replace that section on the résumé with your accomplishments or special projects you have worked on.

- **Network as much as possible.** Many job openings are learned about through personal relationships. Employers may not advertise widely

and hope that word of mouth will bring applicants to their doors, or through recommendations from other employees. Reach out to academic advisors, former professors and colleagues in your academic department. Be sure to maintain these networking relationships.

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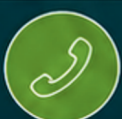
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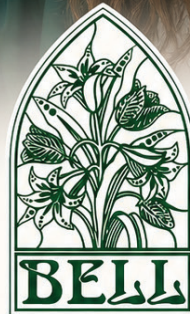
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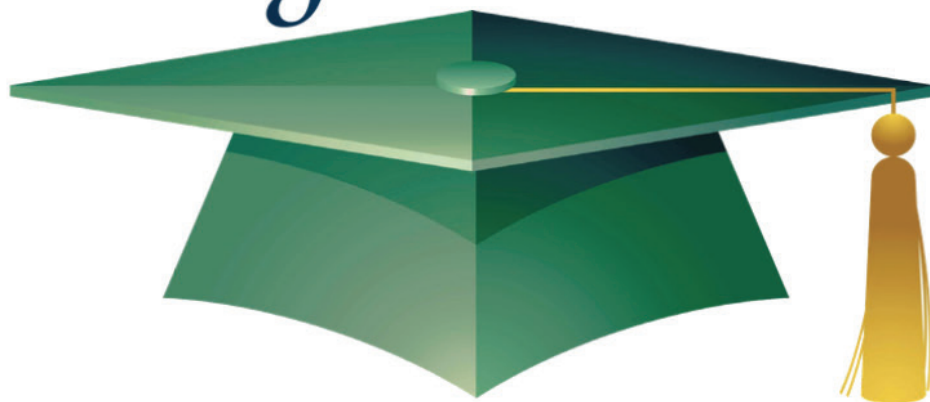
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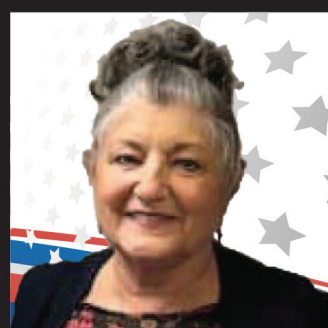
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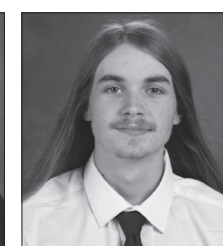
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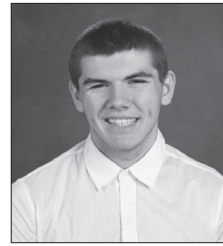
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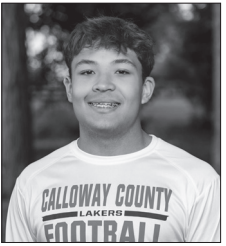
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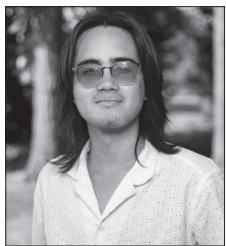
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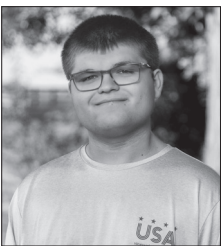
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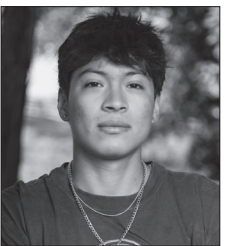
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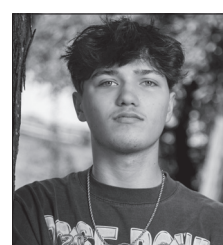
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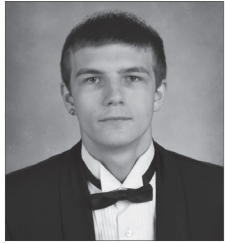
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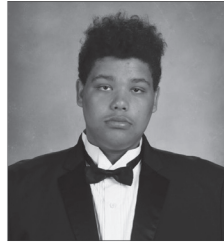
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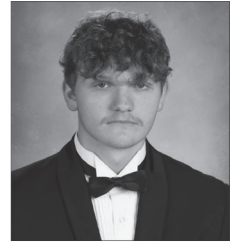
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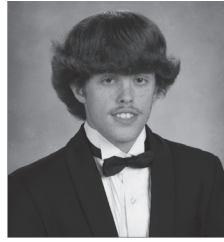
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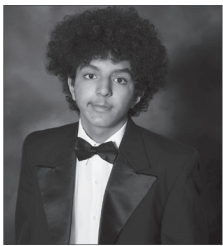
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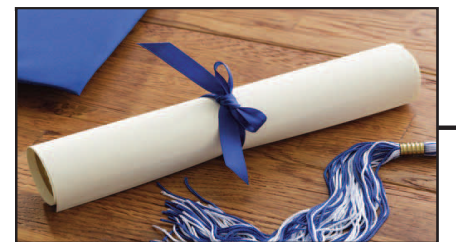


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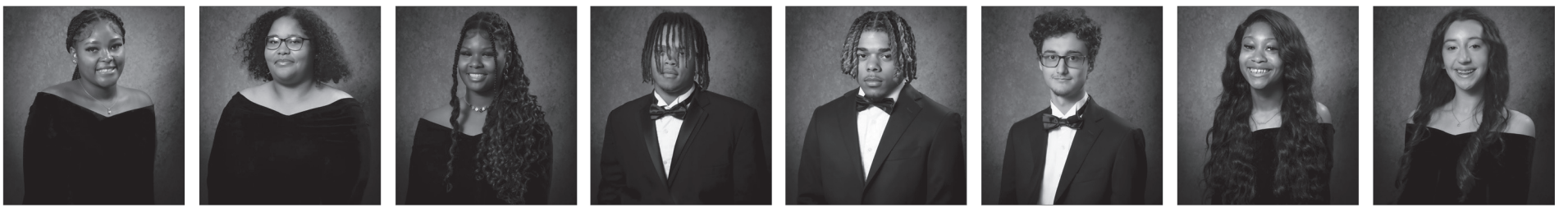
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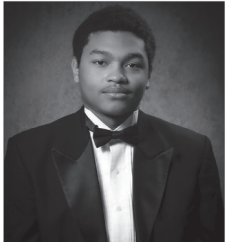
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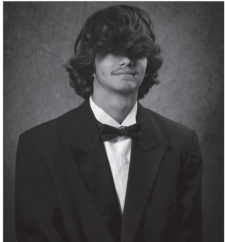
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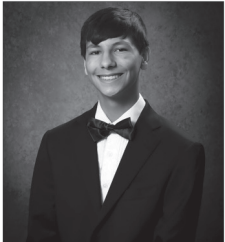
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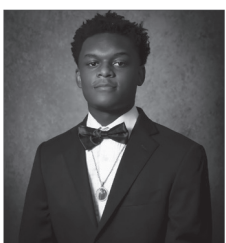
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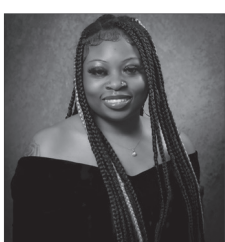
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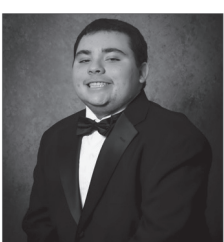
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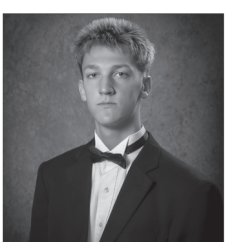
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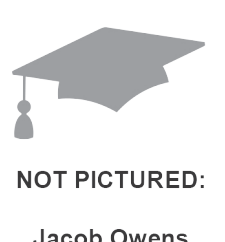
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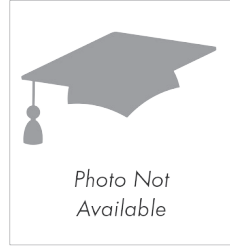
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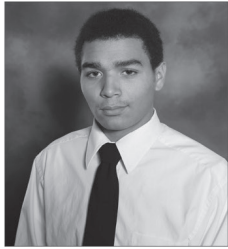
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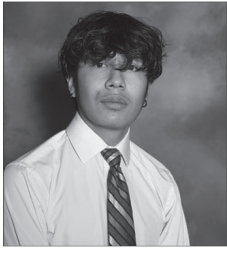
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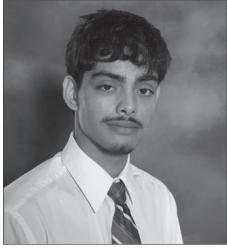
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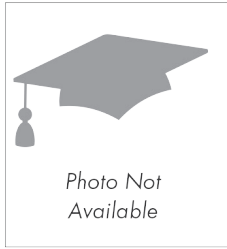


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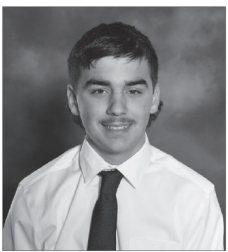
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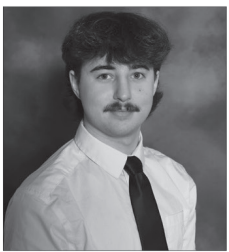
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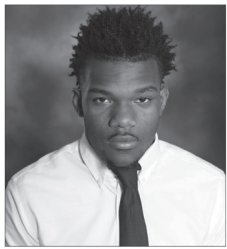
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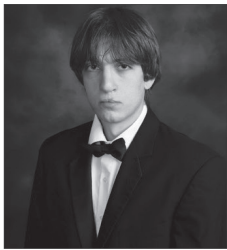
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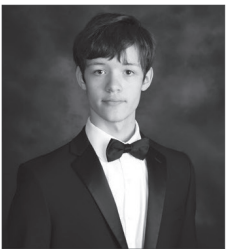
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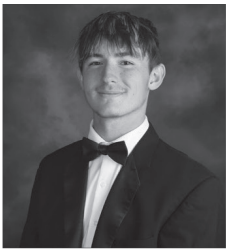
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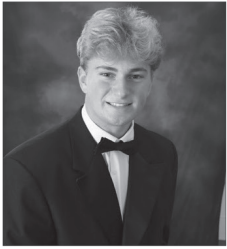
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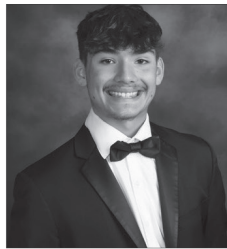
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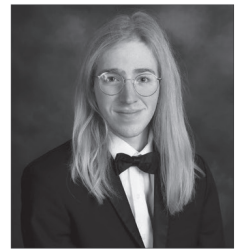
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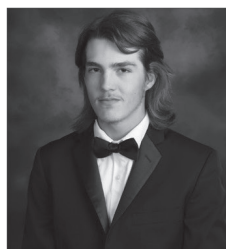
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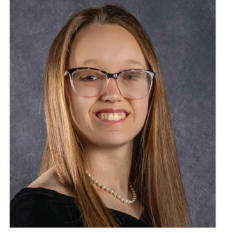
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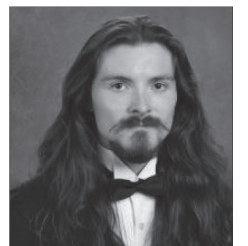
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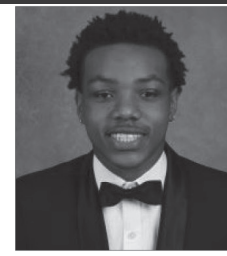
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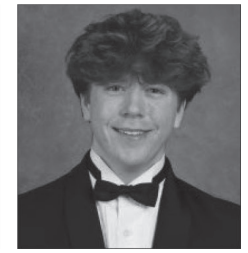
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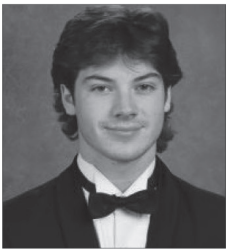
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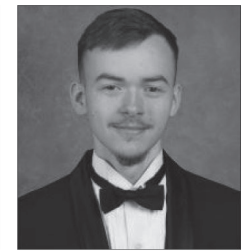
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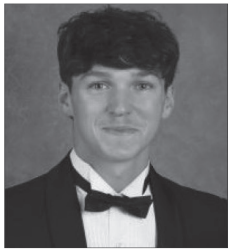
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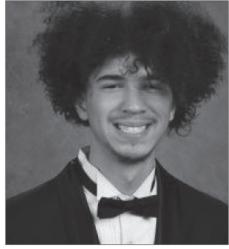
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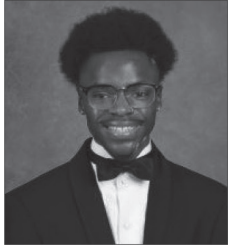
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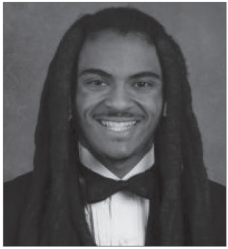
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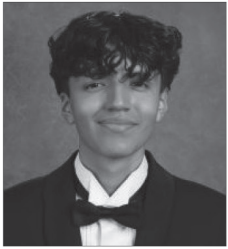
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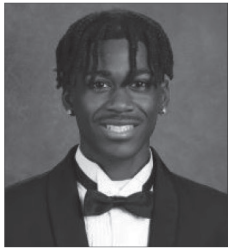
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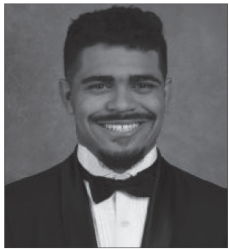
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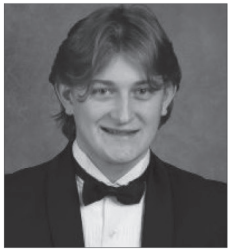
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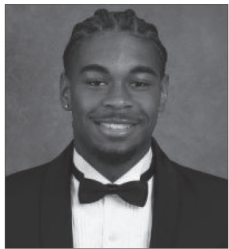
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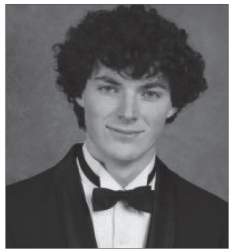
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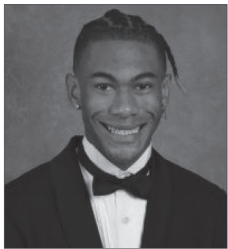
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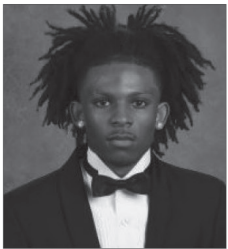
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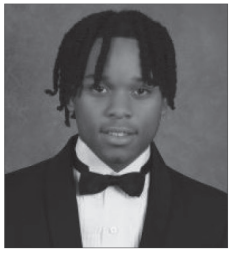


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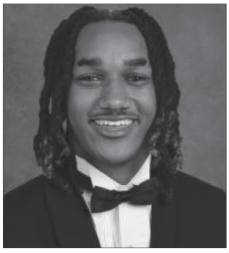


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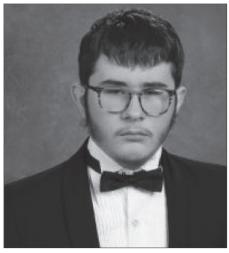
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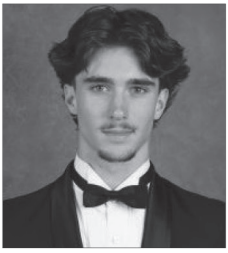
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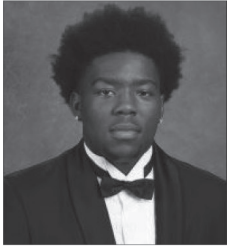
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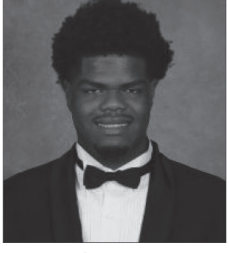
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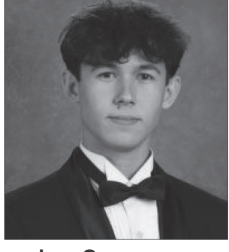
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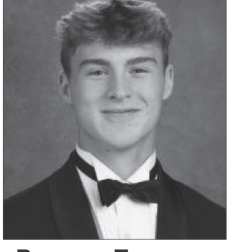
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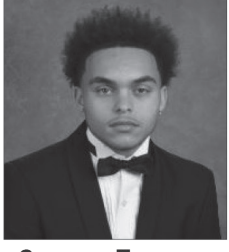
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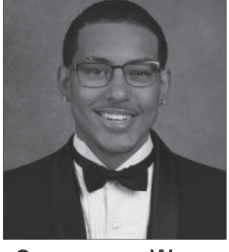
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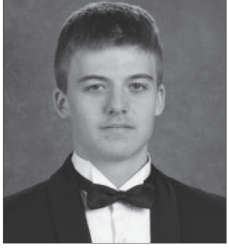
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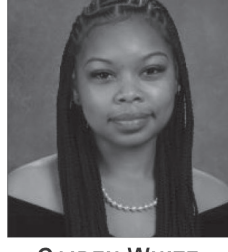
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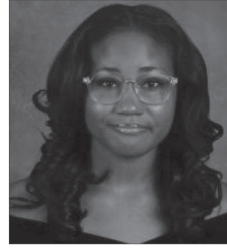
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Graduation season is on the horizon. This time of year is often a frenetic time for students and their families, with the promise of celebrations to come. Graduation is preceded by prom for high schoolers, and for those bidding farewell to the hallowed halls of higher education, it may mean last-minute interviews and pre-commencement résumé-building. This whirlwind of activity culminates in a degree or diploma to wrap up years spent in the classroom.

Graduates have many things to look forward to this time of year, not the least of which are gifts from close friends and family. Those tasked with coming up with graduation gifts can take inspiration from these ideas that break the mold.

• **Retirement account funds:** Helping a new graduate get started is a popular sentiment among gift givers, but it's also possible to give grads a leg up on the future. Helping them to fund an individual retirement account can

be a thoughtful gift. Keep in mind that parameters for IRAs differ between a traditional and a Roth IRA, and it is best to speak with a financial advisor to determine the best fit. Starting a retirement account early on can provide solid footing for financial security later in life.

• **Quality luggage:**

A good set of luggage can often last a person a lifetime if properly cared for. Whether the grad is taking a much-needed trip after graduation or will be traveling for his or her career, the luggage will serve well.

• **Student loan**

interest payment: Many students must rely on federal or private loans to offset the costs of attending college or even trade schools. Although a loved one may not be able to pay off the loans in their entirety, a good gift can be to make payments toward the interest on the loans so that the bill is reduced come graduation.

• **Roadside assistance service:** The road may take graduates near and

far. A membership to a roadside assistance service can be a practical gift that ensures grads get from point A to point B with fewer hiccups. These services offer towing, tire changing, gas delivery, and more. Plus, they often come with additional perks, such as discounts on travel services and lodging.

• **Professional course or tickets to a conference:** Help support a graduate's career growth and professional development with a subscription to a course, a book about their industry or tickets to a relevant conference or trade show.

• **Travel:** Grads can be treated to the gift of travel. An overseas adventure or an epic road trip across the country may be the perfect way to unwind after years of schooling.

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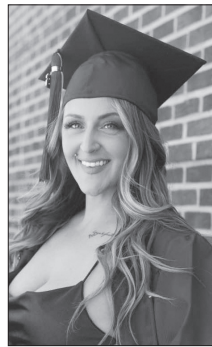
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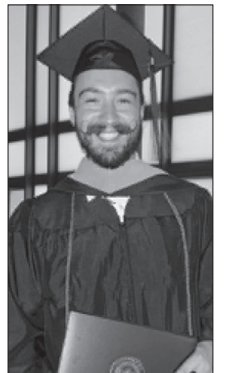
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