

## 4-H Junior High Welding Class Held at SIC

HARRISBURG, Ill. (June 9, 2026) -- Southeastern Illinois College recently welcomed local youth to campus for a 4-H Spin Club Welding Class held in the SIC Welding Lab. Over the course of five evenings, students

learned welding safety, basic welding procedures, and skills used in the welding and farm industries. For many of the students, this was their very first experience with welding. By the end of the class, they had built projects they

are proud to display this summer at their county fairs. Some individual projects included boot racks, camping grates, welded names, and horse-shoe art. The class was led by Mr. Doug Mayfield, Dean of Career and

Technical Education (CTE) at SIC. Mayfield, a Hardin County resident and former high school and college welding instructor for 30 years, enjoyed introducing students to

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4H kids with welding projects: Pictured with their welding projects (l-r) are Case Rash (Eldorado), Cash Payne (Raleigh), Seth Brown (Galatia), Bryden Stricklin (Eldorado), Ben Vinyard (Herod), Logan Warren (Elizabethtown), Weston Stone (Norris City), and in the back, Instructor Doug Mayfield.

## KY Police Recognized for Impaired Driving Enforcement Efforts



Left to right: Trooper Max Dikin, Trooper Kelly Underhill. Not Pictured: Trooper Landon Stewart.

MAYFIELD, Ky. (June 3, 2026) – Three (3) Kentucky State Police (KSP) Post 1 troopers were recognized last week at the annual Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Kentucky Law Enforcement Recognition Ceremony for their efforts in impaired driving enforcement. Troopers Landon Stewart, Max Dikin,

and Kelly Underhill were each recognized for their commitment to eliminate impaired driving on the roadways of Kentucky in support of MADD's mission. Congratulations to each of these troopers on this well-deserved recognition, and thank you for your continued commitment to protecting our communities.



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## GRAVES: Yard of the Month



Laurel Oak Garden Club's June 2026 Yard of the Month Award Goes to Tim & Debra Wallis, 1583 Bellemeade, Mayfield, KY

## Preserving History in Jackson Purchase

By: **Laurna Todd**  
KPI Writer

The Mayfield Rotary Club welcomed Bill Mulligan, President of the Jackson Purchase Historical Society, as the featured speaker during its June 8 meeting.

Mulligan provided an overview of the Jackson Purchase Historical Society, which was established in 1958 and serves the eight counties of Kentucky's Jackson Purchase region, along with several neighboring counties in Tennessee. He discussed the organization's mission of preserving and promoting local history while making historical information accessible to the public.

The society hosts educational programs throughout the year on a variety of historical topics at locations across the region. Mulligan noted that six programs remain on the schedule for the remainder of the year, including a book signing event at Discovery Park in Union City, Tennessee. All programs are

free and open to the public. Attendance varies by topic and location, with some events drawing small groups and others attracting more than 100 participants. In addition to its educational programming, the society publishes a historical journal, which Mulligan edits.

During the meeting, Stacy Overby led members in singing "God Bless America," while Sergeant-at-Arms Dale Usher conducted the traditional fines and happy dollars portion of the program. John Carrico and Fred Biggs presented an update on the club's scholarship program. Carrico reported that most scholarship recipients have submitted thank-you notes and shared several that had recently been received.

Biggs discussed memorial contributions made to the scholarship fund following the passing of longtime Rotarian Fred Nesler. Donations have been received from individ-

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# Clinics Bring Smiles Closer to Home

By **Laurna Todd**  
KPI Writer

Children across the Purchase Area will have additional opportunities to receive preventive dental care this summer as the Floss & Gloss Dental Clinic visits local health centers throughout the region.

The program serves Kentucky children ages 3 to 20 who are uninsured or covered by Medicaid and offers services designed to prevent dental problems before they become more serious. Available services include dental assessments, professional cleanings, fluoride varnish treatments, sealants, silver diamine fluoride treatments, and community health worker services.

According to Kaitlyn Krolikowski,

MPH, Public Health Director for the Purchase District Health Department, preventive dental care plays a vital role in a child's overall health, even when no dental problems are apparent.

"Preventative oral health services are an important part of our children's overall health," said Krolikowski. "These services help prevent cavities and gum disease. Sealants can prevent 80 percent of cavities in children, and Silver Diamine Fluoride can arrest a cavity, stopping the decay from getting worse while a child waits to receive restorative dental care."

While many people think of dental visits as simply protecting teeth, Krolikowski said the benefits reach much further.

"Routine oral health



care supports proper eating, speech, jaw development, mental health, and can even improve educational outcomes and reduce missed school days," she said. "Poor dental hygiene can contribute to chronic conditions later in life

such as heart disease, stroke, and diabetes." The clinic is being offered at health department locations throughout the Purchase District to help address barriers that may prevent some families from receiving regular dental

care.

"Providing preventive dental services directly in our health departments lets us reach children and young adults ages 3 to 20 who may not have a regular dentist or are not receiving these services elsewhere," Krolikowski explained. "We still provide these services in schools during the school year, but this adds an extra layer of access for our residents, especially those who are not in school, such as recent graduates or children who are not yet school-aged."

Upcoming clinic dates include:

Ballard County Health Center

June 8-11  
July 6-9  
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July 27-30  
Hickman County Health Center

June 22-25  
July 13-16  
Fulton/Fulton City Health Center

June 15-18  
July 20-23  
Fulton/Hickman City Health Center

June 29-July 2  
August 3-6  
Additional clinic dates are scheduled throughout June and July at the McCracken County Health Center.

Health officials encourage parents and guardians to schedule appointments as openings are still available.

"A healthy mouth leads to a healthy life," said Krolikowski.

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# Bluegrass on the Bluff Draws Strong Crowd to Columbus-Belmont State Park



L to R; Lee Jackson, Park Manager at CBSP, David Allison, Assisted with Stage, Lindsay Bowles, KYGRRO Director, Sherry Allison, KYGRRO Board Member and Tim Batts, Batts Music and Media (Photo By Karen Hargrove)

By Laurna Todd  
KPI Writer

COLUMBUS, Ky. — The inaugural Bluegrass on the Bluff Festival proved to be a hit as hundreds of visitors gathered at Columbus-Belmont State Park to enjoy a day of music, food, and community along the scenic Mississippi

River. According to organizer Lindsay Bowles, community response to the free event exceeded expectations, with many attendees already asking for the festival to return next year. “We had wonderful responses from the community about Bluegrass on the

Bluff,” Bowles said. “So many people have said how they want us to have another one next year, which is our plan.” Festival-goers enjoyed performances from bluegrass bands throughout the day while taking in the park’s historic setting and river views. Bowles estimated

attendance reached approximately 500 people or more at the event’s peak. Despite a brief rain shower, the crowd remained strong. Local food vendors stayed busy throughout the day, with several selling out of their offerings before the festival ended. For Bowles, one of

the most memorable moments was watching families enjoy the event together. “A highlight of my day was seeing all the kids playing in the creek and mud after the rain and people just enjoying the music,” she said. “Bluegrass is a huge part of Kentucky, so to be able to celebrate it at

a historical site was really special.” Organizers plan to bring Bluegrass on the Bluff back next year, building on the success of its first year and continuing to celebrate Kentucky’s rich bluegrass heritage.

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# WEST KY SPORTS



The McCracken County High School baseball team is pictured prior to leaving to compete in the opening round of the KHSAA Baseball State Tournament presented by UK HealthCare. (Photo courtesy of McCracken County High School)

## Mustangs shut out Purples

### Staff Report

LEXINGTON — McCracken County blanked Bowling Green 6-0 during the opening round of the KHSAA Baseball State Tournament presented by UK HealthCare at Legends Field on Thursday, June 4.

Following the win, McCracken County advanced to the quarterfinals of the KHSAA Baseball State Tournament presented by UK HealthCare.

Caden Kern pitched

a three-hit shutout for McCracken County and earned the win on the mound. Kern recorded four strikeouts.

McCracken County scored six runs on 10 hits. Kern (one hit, two RBIs), Brady Thompson (two hits, two RBIs), William Fox (two hits, one RBI), Briar Hall (two hits), Lucas Gagnon (one hit, one RBI), Kendrick Dunning (one hit) and Gage Dugan (one hit) accounted for McCracken County's offense. Dugan legged

out a triple while Kern, Hall and Gagnon each doubled.

In the other opening round games in the KHSAA Baseball State Tournament presented by UK HealthCare it was Sayre 13, Johnson Central 4; Boyd County 5, South Oldham 1; University Heights 9, Wolfe County 1; Campbell County 6, LaRue County 1; Apollo 5, Whitley County 3; Beechwood 6, West Jessamine 2 and Trinity (Louisville) 5, Bullitt East 0.

## Paducah defeats Hoptown via walk-off

### Staff Report

PADUCAH — Paducah outlasted Hoptown 8-7 in 10 innings in an Ohio Valley League game at Brooks Stadium on Sunday, June 7.

The game was tied 7-7 in the bottom half of the 10th inning when Troy Dooley singled and plated the winning run.

Dooley drove in four runs in Paducah's winning effort. He went 4-for-6 at the plate.

Paducah opened the scoring in the bottom half of the second inning thanks to three singles. The Chiefs crossed home plate first when Jase England singled, scoring one run.

Three more Chiefs runs crossed home plate in the sixth inning to extend the lead to 6-0. Jevan Andrews hit a solo home run to left field, Jack Robinson scored after tagging up,

and Maddox Cope drew a walk, scoring one run.

However, Hoptown scored five runs on four hits in the top half of the seventh inning. Dom Hartman singled, scoring one run, an error scored two runs, Seth Harris induced Evan Jacob to hit into a fielder's choice, but one run scored, and Ryan McCartan drew a walk, producing one run.

Paducah scored one run in the bottom half of the eighth inning on a solo home run to left field by Dooley.

Hoptown tied the game in the top half of the ninth inning following a single by Cole Reynolds, and a passed ball.

Caysen Mitchell earned the win on the mound for the Chiefs. Mitchell surrendered zero hits and zero runs over six innings, striking out eight and walking one.

Zach Hampton took the loss on the mound for the Hoppers. The starting pitcher hurled five innings, giving up three runs on 11 hits, striking out three and walking one.

Jhett Long picked up the save for the Hoppers.

Nathan Bodenbergh tossed one inning of no-run baseball in relief for the Chiefs. Bodenbergh struck out one and walked one.

Paducah connected for 16 hits. Andrews, Robinson, Landon Gilbert and Jackson Supsky each collected multiple hits for the Chiefs. Defensively, Paducah turned two double plays.

McCartan, Jacob, Reynolds and Hartman each drove in one run for the Hoppers. Sweeney went 2-for-4 at the plate to lead Hoptown offensively.

## Mustangs defeat Spartans

### Staff Report

LEXINGTON — McCracken County defeated Sayre 6-1 during the quarterfinals of the KHSAA Baseball State Tournament presented by UK HealthCare at Legends Field on Saturday, June 6.

Joshua Penrod started on the mound for McCracken County and earned the win. Penrod pitched six innings and recorded five strikeouts.

Closing out he game, William Fox pitched the final inning in relief for the Mustangs.

McCracken County scored six runs on nine hits. Fox (one hit), Lucas Gagnon (two hits, two RBIs), Caden Kern (two hits), Gage Reeves (one hit, one RBI), Gage Dugan (one hit, one RBI), Lane Grace (one hit) and Brady Thompson (one hit) were each productive offensively for the Mustangs. Gagnon legged out a triple while Grace doubled.

Following the win, McCracken County advanced to the semifinals of the KHSAA Baseball State Tournament presented by UK

HealthCare.

In the other games played in the quarterfinals of the KHSAA Baseball State Tournament presented by UK HealthCare it was Boyd County 9, University Heights 3; Apollo 14, Campbell County 10 and Trinity (Louisville) 11, Beechwood 0.

McCracken County is scheduled to meet Boyd County in the semifinals of the KHSAA Baseball State Tournament presented by UK HealthCare at Kentucky Proud Park at 10 a.m. on Friday, June 12.

## Dixon leads Chiefs to win over Railroaders

### Staff Report

FULTON — Andrew Dixon hit two home runs and drove in four runs as Paducah edged Fulton 6-5 in an Ohio Valley League game at Lohaus Field on Saturday, June 6.

Dixon homered in both the third inning and the seventh inning.

Starting pitcher Aiden Smith paced Paducah on the mound. Smith struck out 10 batters.

Fulton worked its way onto the scoreboard in the bottom half of the opening inning after JR North singled to right field, and Ellis Hurt sin-

gled to right field, each scoring one run.

But Dixon homered to right field, which helped Paducah tie the game 3-3 in the top half of the third inning.

A solo home run to right field by Jackson Supsky gave Paducah the lead, 4-3, in the top half of the fourth frame.

Nick Causey walked, which helped Fulton tie the game 4-4 in the bottom half of the sixth inning.

Paducah managed to regain the lead in the top of the seventh inning. Dixon homered to right field, scoring two runs, to put the Chiefs

ahead 6-4.

Troy Joslin started on the mound for the Railroaders. The Fulton starting pitcher allowed four hits and four runs over four innings, striking out one and walking three.

Evan Dillworth pitched one inning in relief for the Chiefs. Dillworth struck out three Fulton batters.

Dixon and Austin Wilson each collected two hits for the Chiefs.

Defensively, Paducah turned in an error-free performance.

North, Causey and Caleb Warren each drove in one run for the Railroaders.

## PADUCAH CHIEFS BASEBALL

# 2026 CHIEFS SCHEDULE





**SATURDAY, JUNE 13**  
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**MONDAY, JUNE 15**  
Paducah @ Hoptown - 6:30 PM

**TUESDAY, JUNE 16**  
Paducah @ Fulton - 6:30 PM

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17**  
Madisonville @ Paducah - 6:30 PM

**FRIDAY, JUNE 19**  
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# Soulhac signs with Murray State

## Staff Report

MURRAY — Talis Soulhac, one of the highest-rated U19 point guards in the world, has signed with Murray State men's basketball. He will join the Racers now that his club season with France's ADA Blois Basket 41 French ProB has concluded.

He joins fellow countrymen Roman Domon, Mathis Courbon and Jonas Boulefaa on the Racers' roster for 2026-27.

"Talis is an exceptional young point guard with a tremendous feel for the game and

maturity well beyond his years," head coach Ryan Miller said. "He brings a high basketball IQ, outstanding play-making ability and a competitive spirit that fits perfectly with the culture we are building at Murray State. His experience competing at a high level internationally and representing France has helped shape him into a poised leader who makes those around him better. We are excited to welcome Talis to Racer Nation and look forward to watching him continue to develop in our program."

After averaging 8.5 points and 2.9 assists in his first year, Soulhac had a career year in 2025-2026 with 12.2 points and 3.8 assists per game in league's regular season. He helped guide the team to a deep playoff run into the quarterfinals.

As a result of his standout year, he was named the Best Young Player in ELITE 2.

While representing Team France at the U19 World Cup in 2025, he helped guide France to a spot in the Round of 16 with 9.5 points, 2.8 rebounds and 3.5 assists in six games played.

# A Season to Remember for the Lady Falcons and Lady Bombers



The Ballard Memorial Lady Bombers show off temporary softball-themed tattoos sponsored by Shelter Insurance agent Monica Glisson prior to taking the field for the program's first-ever appearance in the KHSAA State Softball Tournament. The historic season saw the Lady Bombers capture the Region 1 championship and earn a trip to Lexington, creating memories that will last a lifetime for players, coaches, and fans alike.

(Photo provided by Monica Glisson)

By Laurna Todd  
KPI Writer

The 2026 season will be remembered as one of the most successful in the history of both the Hickman County Lady Falcons and Ballard Memorial Lady Bombers softball programs.

While Ballard Memorial earned a historic trip to the state tournament and Hickman County finished as Region 1 runner-up, both teams gave their communities plenty to celebrate and proved that small-school programs can compete on the biggest stage.

For Hickman County Head Coach Lisa Britton, the regional championship game carried special meaning. A Ballard Memorial graduate and former Lady Bomber player herself, Britton watched her alma mater achieve a milestone that had eluded previous generations while also leading her own team to its deepest postseason run in school history.

"Though I'm at Hickman County, being a Lady Bomber alumna always holds a special place in my heart," Britton said. "During my time as a player at BMHS, we had some very good basketball and softball teams but never achieved this goal, so watching the Lady Bombers achieve this historical moment was bittersweet."

Britton noted the significance of having two small-school programs reach the regional finals.

"Both Ballard and Hickman County had

never achieved this goal, so having both single-A schools in the regional finals was a huge accomplishment for both programs," she said. "I'm proud and excited for Coach Scott Alexander and his team to get to experience that amazing opportunity and represent Region 1."

While the regional final did not end the way the Lady Falcons had hoped, Britton said her team's determination throughout the postseason is something she will always cherish.

"My girls played with heart and grit throughout the regional tournament, and for that I could not be prouder," Britton said. "To overcome injuries, weather challenges, and battle some of the region's top programs to reach the finals is something that I'll always remember."

Britton praised her players for refusing to quit, even when facing adversity in the championship game.

"There were plenty of times they could have folded and given up, but they didn't," she said. "They continued to fight because they knew what that moment meant."

At the beginning of the season, the Lady Falcons set goals of winning the All 'A' Classic, a district championship, and a regional championship. While they fell just short of the final goal, reaching the regional championship game provided motivation for the future.

"This is a special

team," Britton said. "I know these girls will remember this season for the rest of their lives. It will also give extra motivation to the players we have returning, though our seniors will be truly missed."

The 2026 team also secured its place in school history as the first Hickman County softball team to reach a regional championship game.

"These girls have opened the eyes and excitement of younger players who can't wait to proudly wear the Lady Falcon uniform," Britton said. "That's what it's all about. Keep that fire burning and continue setting the bar high for future teams."

Although Ballard Memorial's state tournament run ended in the opening round, the Lady Bombers accomplished something no previous softball team at the school had achieved by reaching the state tournament. Their success, combined with Hickman County's historic regional run, created a memorable season for western Kentucky softball.

Both teams gave their communities reason to be proud, proving that hard work, dedication, and belief can turn dreams into history. The Lady Bombers and Lady Falcons may not have finished with a state championship trophy, but their accomplishments in 2026 have left a lasting legacy that future players will strive to match.

# Comets Earn Memorable 6-5 Victory at Busch Stadium



Members of the Carlisle County Comets pose for a team photo at Busch Stadium following a 6-5 victory over Neoga, Illinois. The win highlighted a total team effort and gave the Comets another memorable experience on a Major League field, thanks in part to the continued support of the Carlisle County community.

(Photo provided by Ember Wright)

By Laurna Todd  
KPI Writer

ST. LOUIS — The Carlisle County Comets made the most of a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, defeating Neoga, Illinois, 6-5 at Busch Stadium, home of the St. Louis Cardinals.

The Comets showcased timely hitting and a strong pitching effort to secure the victory on one of baseball's most iconic stages.

Leading the offense was Kasen Perez, who finished 2-for-3 with two runs scored, an RBI, a triple, and a hit-by-pitch. Tae Warren also had a big day at the plate, going 2-for-3 with a run scored, an RBI, and a hit-by-pitch. Maylon Hafford added a hit, a run scored, and an RBI, while Myles Fourshee contributed a hit, a run scored, and an RBI.

Jonah Bruer recorded a hit, Gavin Webb drove in a run, Cooper Wright drew a walk, Owen Hayden reached base with a walk, and

Camden Rogers scored a run and earned a walk.

On the mound, Carlisle County relied on a complete team effort. Kase Kelly started the game and struck out four batters over two innings while allowing just one unearned run. Jonah Bruer, Maylon Hafford, Tae Warren, Cooper Wright, Justice Gill, and Camden Rogers each provided valuable relief innings.

Rogers earned the win, allowing one run while striking out two in his inning of work. Karmine Vela closed out the contest, tossing a scoreless final inning with one strike-out to earn the save.

When asked about the key moments in the game, Head Coach Hunter Burge pointed not to any one play, but to the collective effort of his team.

"Overall, it is a great experience to play at a major league stadium," Burge said. "Everyone played and contributed to the victory. I'm thankful for the community

support in allowing us to go now four times since 2016."

The victory capped an unforgettable day for the Comets, who had the chance to compete on a Major League field while creating memories that will last a lifetime. The win also reflected the depth, teamwork, and determination that have defined Carlisle County baseball throughout the season.

Carlisle County's Busch Stadium roster included Gavin Webb (#00), Tae Warren (#2), Myles Fourshee (#4), Brooks Hayden (#5), Kase Kelly (#7), Aden Perlowski (#8), Karmine Vela (#10), Jonah Bruer (#12), Hudson Wilson (#16), Kasen Perez (#18), Gage Dixon (#19), Jaxon Rogers (#20), Maylon Hafford (#21), Jarren Moore (#23), Joshua Burns (#24), Ben Little (#25), Cooper Wright (#27), Owen Hayden (#28), Harper Graves (#30), Lane Martin (#32), Camden Rogers (#34), and Justice Gill (#46).

# NCAA DI Cabinet modifies age-based eligibility concept

## Staff Report

INDIANAPOLIS — The NCAA Division I Cabinet continued to discuss elements of the age-based eligibility model that could be considered for a formal vote as early as the end of this month on Friday, June 5.

The Cabinet modified the age-based model to start a student-athlete's eligibility clock upon initial full-time enrollment in college or at the beginning of the academic year following their 19th birthday, whichever occurs earlier. This adjustment would be applicable for

all sports if the model is adopted.

The adjustment follows recommendations from stakeholders in men's ice hockey, men's basketball and the U.S. national service academies.

During its May meeting, the Cabinet outlined the anticipated implementation process for student-athletes with eligibility remaining who have already enrolled in college, as well as prospects who turned 19 prior to 2026 and who have not yet enrolled in college. Those implementation models will continue to apply to student-ath-

letes and prospects with eligibility remaining after the 2025-26 academic year and will be updated to reflect the adjustment made today by the Cabinet.

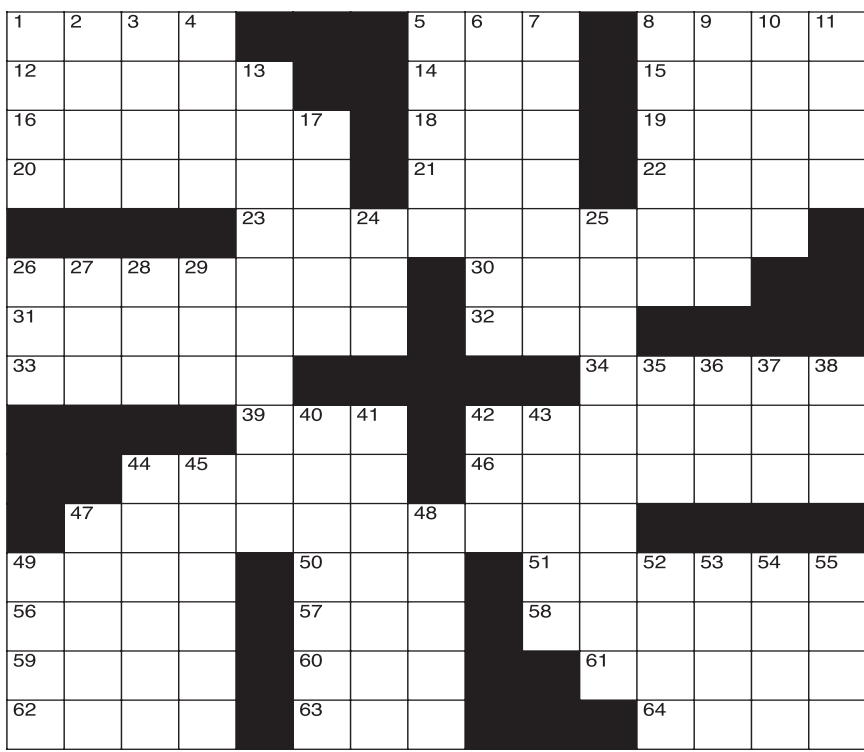
The Cabinet also reiterated that for current student-athletes, any waivers pertaining to eligibility under current rules (based on circumstances that impacted the student-athlete during or before the 2025-26 academic year) must be submitted by schools and conferences no later than July 31.

The Cabinet plans to consider the age-based eligibility model at its June 23-24 meeting.

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### Crossword Puzzle



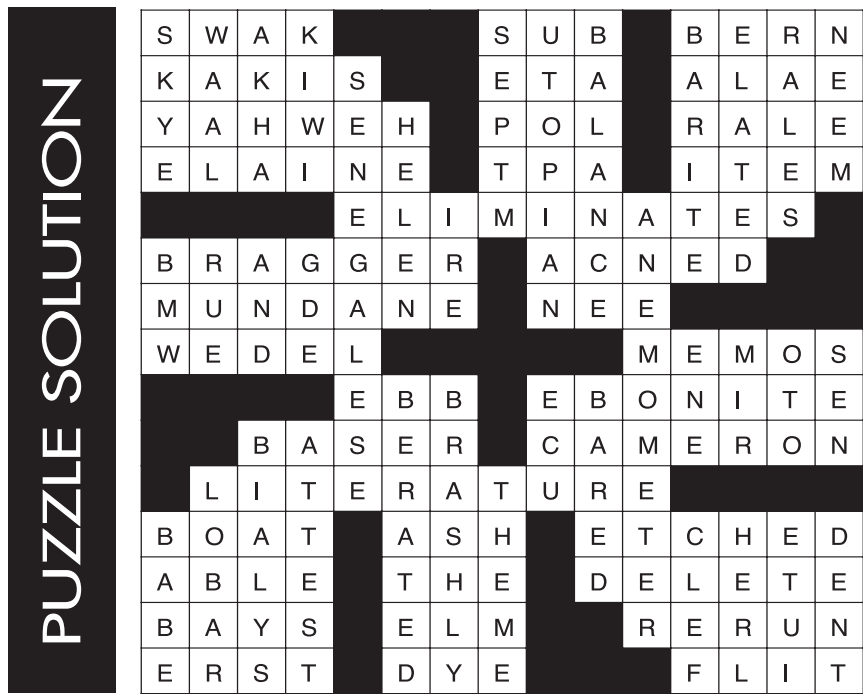
#### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Sealed with a kiss
- 5. Large sandwich
- 8. Swiss city
- 12. Japanese persimmons
- 14. When you hope to get somewhere
- 15. Wings
- 16. A name of God
- 18. Elected official (informal)
- 19. Abnormal breathing
- 20. "Seinfeld" character
- 21. Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
- 22. Something for sale
- 23. Gets rid of
- 26. One who touts
- 30. Blemished
- 31. Less than exciting
- 32. Born of
- 33. N. German town
- 34. Notes
- 39. Move away from land
- 42. Vulcanite
- 44. More ignoble
- 46. Child actor Kirk
- 47. Written works
- 49. Sea vessel
- 50. Residue
- 51. Engraved
- 56. Having sufficient skill
- 57. One and only
- 58. Erase
- 59. Broad inlets
- 60. Nightmarish street
- 61. Play again
- 62. Formerly (archaic)
- 63. Add a color to change the color
- 64. Move swiftly and lightly

#### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Scottish island
- 2. River in the Netherlands
- 3. Asian people
- 4. Fuzzy fruit
- 5. Ninth month (abbr.)
- 6. An idealistic social reformer
- 7. What you owe
- 8. Colorless mineral
- 9. Overjoyed
- 10. Rattling breaths
- 11. Tropical Old World tree
- 13. A citizen of Senegal
- 17. Greek mythological beauty
- 24. Wrath
- 25. Instrument to measure wind speed
- 26. Luxury carmaker
- 27. Bitterly regret
- 28. Not or
- 29. Google certification
- 35. Midway between northeast and east
- 36. Space station
- 37. Relating to the ears
- 38. Congressman
- 40. Yelled at
- 41. Rudely assertive
- 42. Defunct European money
- 43. Shared one's soul
- 44. Onion rolls
- 45. A way to state clearly
- 47. Relating to a lobe
- 48. Underlying message
- 49. Hollywood pig
- 52. Indicates pitch
- 53. Filament of a feather
- 54. Small ornamental ladies' bag for small articles
- 55. Diminish

**Puzzle Solutions on B7**



### Crypto Fun



Solve the code to discover words related to the great outdoors. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 16 = I)

- A. 21 23 13 3 22 11 16 3**  
Clue: Large natural elevation
- B. 10 7 5 6 1**  
Clue: Clean
- C. 6 13 3 6 1 16 3 5**  
Clue: Bright light
- D. 8 16 24 20 24 16 10 5**  
Clue: Animals

Answers: A. mountain B. fresh C. sunshine D. wildlife

### Word Search

#### GREAT OUTDOORS WORD SEARCH

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

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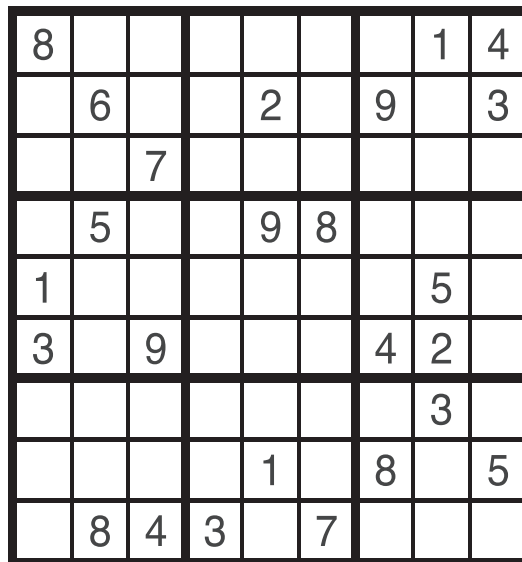
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- MESA
- OVERLOOK
- PLATEAU
- PRECIPICE
- RAVINE
- RIDGE
- SUMMIT
- TERRAIN
- THICKET
- TRAILHEAD
- VALLEY
- WILDERNESS
- WOODLAND

### 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!

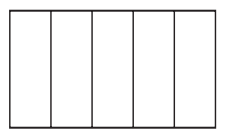
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### Word Scramble

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to the great outdoors.

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Answer: Birds

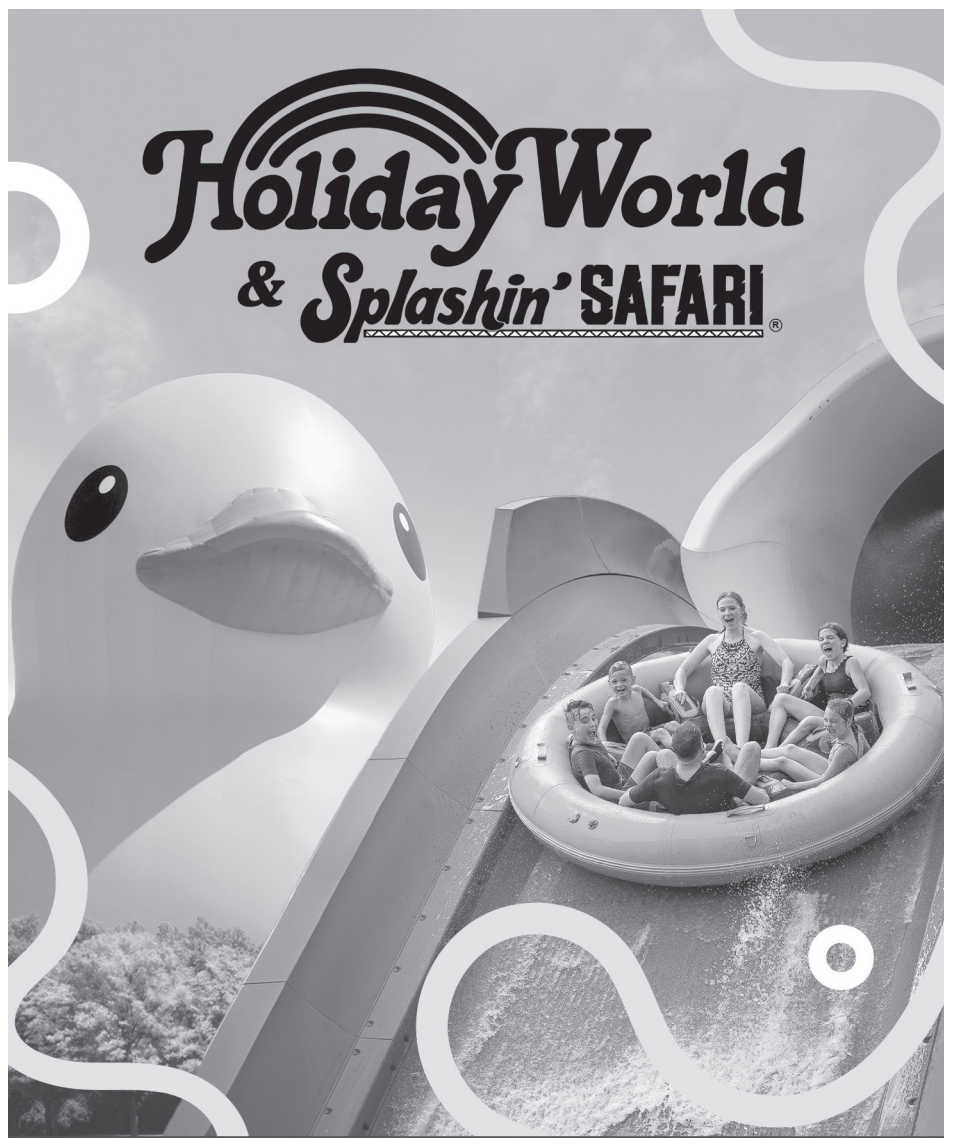
### Guess Who?

GUESS WHO?

I am an actor born in Boston on June 13, 1981. I studied acting at the Lee Strasberg Theatre and Film Institute. I starred on a TV series in 2000, but I'm better known as a movie actor. I've played leading roles in various films based on comic books.

Answer: Chris Evans

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# Barnhart: ‘God provided and protected our family’

By KEITH TAYLOR  
*Kentucky Today*

LEXINGTON, Ky. (KT) — Mitch Barnhart’s tenure as athletics director at Kentucky is nearing an end.

Barnhart’s retirement will become official on June 30, ending his 24-year run as the face of the athletics department at Kentucky. During his tenure, the Wildcats have won 63 team conference titles, six NCAA titles, and numerous individual achievements academically and athletically.

Numerous athletic facilities and venues were renovated, while new structures were erected under his guidance and leadership. Barnhart has supported the entire

athletics program at Kentucky and has adapted to the changing landscape of college athletics during the past two decades.

Barnhart has built a program that goes beyond football and men’s basketball. Barnhart didn’t fully understand the “sacred cloth” adorned by the student-athletes at Kentucky, but leaves with a full understanding of Big Blue Nation.

“I don’t ever really know that I understood what it meant for the people of this state, and how much it meant to the people of this state when I first came here., I got it now,” he said. “I know that the emotions and the heartbeat of this state run through this program and through this university, and

so we have a great responsibility to that. And I think it’s really important.”

Behind the scenes, Barnhart has endured the ups and downs of running an athletics program and what it takes to be successful. During the good times and the bad, Barnhart has leaned on his faith countless times to carry him through the stormy seas of change.

“There’s nothing that gets us through without the support system of our church, the people of our church, our pastors, the waking up every morning to my wife’s insistence early on, and then the rhythm of waking up every morning, spending time in the word was the only thing that got us through ...” he said.

“But our faith and the people that poured into us and prayed over us, I will never ever be able to repay that, and I’m thankful that God provided and protected our family. That’s the only way we made it. It was not us; we had nothing to do with it. We showed up, and He provided.”

Barnhart specifically recalled a 45-7 loss to Florida in 2016 when the Wildcats “got our absolute head handed to us,” and the locker room resembled a “train wreck.” Near the end of his service, the following Sunday morning, Barnhart received an encouraging text from his son during a troubled time. His text centered on “preparing for rain.”

“(He said), you’ve

been putting in work to prepare for rain for a long time, and you can’t stop now. I know you won’t stop, because that’s not who you are,” Barnhart recalled. “God’s people are blessed when they continue to prepare for His blessings, even when it seems impossible. Noah continued to build the ark, Moses continued to approach Pharaoh, Joshua continued to march around Jericho, Gideon continued on, even though his army continued to shrink in numbers, and the list goes on and on of people who can’t continue to keep, quote unquote, preparing for rain, despite everyone else around them who called them incapable, foolish, and crazy. “They knew that

God kept calling them to keep preparing for His plan and His blessings. You have prepared for rain long before you built the stadium and practice facilities, and you have constantly believed that rain will come. Keep preparing and keep believing. I refuse to believe that God will let His people continue to prepare for rain in His name and then not provide it. I’m going to keep on praying. My prayer for you is that you keep believing, keep preparing, and keep praying for rain, because I believe that when the time comes for God to let it rain, he’s going to let it pour.”

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Carlisle County, Kentucky Tax-Exempt Solid Waste Disposal Revenue Bonds, Series 2026 (AMT)  
(Green Energy Parks, LLC Renewable Natural Gas Production Plant Project)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on June 23, 2026, beginning at 8:30 a.m., local time, a public hearing will be held by the County of Carlisle, Kentucky (the “County”) at the Courtroom for the County Fiscal Court, 985 US Highway 62 Bardwell, Kentucky 42023, as required by Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), regarding the proposed issuance, by the County, as issuer, of the **Carlisle County, Kentucky Tax-Exempt Solid Waste Disposal Revenue Bonds, Series 2026 (AMT) (Green Energy Parks, LLC Renewable Natural Gas Production Plant Project)** or other identifying name, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$150,000,000 (the “Bonds”).

The Bonds are industrial building revenue bonds authorized pursuant to KRS §103.200 to §103.285 (the “Act”). Proceeds from the sale of the Bonds will be used to finance (i) the design, development, acquisition, construction, and equipping of a processing facility, which is an Industrial Building, for converting agricultural waste into pipeline-quality biomethane and liquid CO2 and which will constitute a solid waste disposal facility and may include a carbon dioxide capture facility, as each are defined in §142(a)(6) and §142(a)(17) of the Code, respectively, (ii) the payment of accrued and/or capitalized interest, if any, (iii) the reimbursement of expenditures made prior to the issuance of the Bonds in accordance with a Declaration of Official Intent, (iv) the funding of debt service reserve and/or operating and maintenance reserve funds and such other funds established by the Indenture, and (v) payment of Cost of Issuance relating to the issuance of the Bonds (the “Project”).

Proceeds from the sale of the Bonds will be loaned to Green Energy Parks LLC, a limited liability company, organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware and authorized to conduct business in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, its affiliates, successors, and/or assigns (the “Company”), pursuant to a Loan Agreement by and between the County and the Company, as borrower. Payments due under the Loan Agreement (“Loan Repayments”) will equal the principal, interest, and premium if any, due on the Bonds (“Debt Service”).

The Bonds are a special, limited obligation of the County and Debt Service is payable solely out of the Loan Repayments due under the Loan Agreement, and other funds pledge and assigned for the payment of Debt Service in accordance with the Loan Agreement. The Bonds are issued pursuant to an Indenture of Trust by and between the County, as issuer and UMB Bank N.A., the Trustee. The Bonds do not constitute an indebtedness of the County within the meaning of the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and neither money raised by taxation, nor any other general or special revenues of the County, are pledged for the payment of Debt Service due on the Bonds. THE BONDS DO NOT CONSTITUTE A GENERAL OBLIGATION OF THE COUNTY NOR IS THE GOOD FAITH, CREDIT, OR TAXING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY PLEDGED TO THE PAYMENT OF THE BONDS.

The Industrial Building will be located on approximately 26 +/- acres located at the crossroad of County Road 1130 and 1100 Arlington, Carlisle County, Kentucky 42023 (the “Real Property”). The Company will enter into a ground lease for the Real Property (the “Lease”) and will construct and operate thereon a commercial-scale biogas manufacturing and production facility comprised of an anaerobic digestion system, for the production of methane gas and other co-products and beneficial use which is intended to convert feedstock into a saleable renewable natural gas and carbon dioxide.

At the time set for the public hearing interested persons will be given the opportunity to express their views for or against the proposed plan of financing. Written comments may also be submitted to the Judge/Executive via email at judge@carlislecounty.gov, the County Fiscal Court Clerk, Becky Martin at becky.martin@ky.gov, or by regular mail addressed to the Judge/Executive or the Fiscal Court Clerk at 985 US Highway 62 Bardwell, Kentucky 42023, until 5:00 p.m., local time on June 22, 2026, (subject to the timing limitations of mail delivery).

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## Murray State women’s soccer program signs six players

### Staff Report

MURRAY — The Murray State women’s soccer program has signed six new players, adding four transfers and two freshmen.

First-year head coach Ben Madsen will guide Murray State in the 2026 women’s college soccer season.

Gabi Signorino, a sophomore from Wooster, Ohio, signs to play for Madsen after a freshman campaign at Northern Kentucky that featured 11 appearances with 167 minutes logged and one goal in a win over Mount St. Joseph. Signorino continues her collegiate career in Murray after an accomplished high school career. She led her team to Ohio Cardinal Conference championships during her freshman and junior seasons, earning three varsity letters overall. As a freshman, Signorino earned First Team All-Conference, First Team All-District and Ohio Report MVP honors. During her senior campaign, she was named First Team All-Ohio Cardinal Conference, First Team All-District and First Team All-Ohio Division III. As a junior, she was named the Division I All-District Player of the Year, alongside First Team All-Ohio Division I honors and a spot on the 2023 United Soccer Coaches Fall Girls High School All-Central Region team.

Sophomore midfielder Jillian Kluth joins Murray State as a transfer from UAB, where she saw action in one match. Hailing from Marietta, Georgia, Kluth was a decorated athlete in high school, serving as a four-year varsity starter at Lassiter High School. During her prep career, she led her team to a GHSA Class 6A Region and State Champion-

ship in 2022, followed by Final Four appearances in 2023 and 2024 and an Elite Eight run in 2025. As a senior captain in 2025, Kluth tallied 18 goals and 20 assists, breaking the single-season assist record while ranking third in program history for goals. She was ranked as the eighth overall player in Georgia by the United Soccer Coaches Association during her senior campaign. Kluth collected numerous individual accolades, including three All-Region and All-Cobb County selections, two All-State honors and two pre-season All-State nods. She was also named Lassiter Midfielder MVP twice and the overall Lassiter MVP in 2025. On the club circuit, she played for Atlanta Fire ECNL and helped guide the team to two straight ECNL National Playoff appearances.

Sophomore Gabby Ramdeen also signs as a transfer from Lipscomb, where she appeared in six matches, logging 94 minutes. Ramdeen, hailing from Toronto, Ontario, was an honor roll student all four years of high school. Ramdeen competed as a member of the Trinidad and Tobago under-20 national team and the Ontario Provincial Team in 2023 and 2024. She put together a highly decorated prep career, highlighted by being named Senior Female Athlete of the Year and earning team MVP honors in 2023. She led her squad to a LOSSA AA Championship in 2024 and a LOSSA AAA title in 2022. Ramdeen guided her team to two consecutive OFSAA tournament appearances in 2023 and 2024, culminating in a quarterfinal run during her final season.

Sophomore goalkeeper Hannah

Dike-Lawlor signs as the final transfer addition to join the Racers after a freshman campaign at Queens University of Charlotte. Dike-Lawlor started 18 matches in goal at Queens, logging four shutouts and 93 total saves. She was nominated five times for ASUN Goalkeeper of the Week. In high school, Dike-Lawlor played for West Ham United U21 and Chelsea FC U21, and she received a call up to an Ireland U19 training camp.

Two high school recruits signed to play for Madsen at Murray State, Kendyll English and Kai LaBarrie.

English, who hails from Murray, put together a dominant career at Murray High School, recording 44 goals, 28 assists and 39 shutouts. She earned KHSAA First Team All-State honors three times from 2023 to 2025. English was named the First Region Player of the Year in 2023 and 2025, while also earning three First Team All-Region selections. She led the Tigers to a pair of District 2 championships and two All-A Region titles. English served as team speaking captain in 2025 and was twice named team MVP. She was a decorated multi-sport athlete, earning a combined eight varsity letters across tennis, basketball and track, highlighted by an All-District nod in basketball and a state runner-up finish in the 800-meter track relay.

Kai LaBarrie rounds out the spring signing class for Murray State Soccer. LaBarrie, from Smyrna, Georgia, had a strong academic career at The Lovett School, earning the Nancy Frazier Parker Award, holding National Honor Society membership, and making the Principal’s List all four years.

# UK researchers find excess nitric oxide blocks plant immune signals

By Jordan Strickler  
University of Kentucky

Lexington, Ky.—  
A new study from the University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment helps explain how plants can lose track of their own disease warnings.

Plants do not have blood, nerves or immune cells like people do, but they still have ways to protect themselves. When one leaf is attacked by a pathogen, the plant can send warning signals to other leaves and stems. That gives the rest of the plant time to prepare for another attack.

The Martin-Gatton CAFE study shows how that warning system can break down when a molecule called nitric oxide builds up too much.

The study, titled “Excess nitric oxide alters cellular pH to restrict salicylic acid movement and systemic immunity,” was published in Science Advances.

Nitric oxide (NO) is a tiny molecule found in

both plants and animals. In people, it helps blood vessels relax and plays a role in immune defense. In plants, it helps control growth, stress responses and disease resistance. But the new study found that plants need the right amount. Too little or too much NO can weaken plants’ defenses.

### Systemic immunity is like plant memory

Researchers studied Arabidopsis, a small plant often used in laboratory research. They focused on specimens with a mutation in a gene called GSNOR1, which is conserved in both plants and humans. These mutant plants build high levels of NO and struggle to activate systemic acquired resistance (SAR). SAR is a whole-plant immune response: Once a single part of a plant becomes infected, SAR helps warn the rest of the plant to prepare for another attack.



**Huazhen Liu is working to help explain how plants can lose track of their own disease warnings.** (Photo provided by Pradeep Kachroo)

A key messenger in that process is salicylic acid, which is chemically related to aspirin. In plants, it helps carry immune signals from infected leaves to other parts of the plant.

“Systemic immunity is like plant memory,” said Huazhen Liu, first author of the work. “After one leaf survives an attack, the plant needs to warn the rest of its body. Salicylic acid helps carry that alert signal.”

The research team found that high levels

of NO changed the pH balance inside and outside plant cells.

In the mutant plants, the space outside the cell became too acidic, while the inside of the cell became too alkaline. That shift made it harder for salicylic acid to move into the plant’s transport system.

Liu described the problem as a kind of “pH traffic jam.”

“When nitric oxide levels become too high or uneven, they change the acidity around the cell,” Liu said. “That

creates a barrier for salicylic acid. The signal gets trapped, and the rest of the plant does not get the warning.”

The team also tested whether the plant could still respond if salicylic acid entered via another avenue.

When salicylic acid was sprayed on leaves, the mutant plants still struggled to respond. However, when salicylic acid was delivered through the roots, the plants regained immune signaling and SAR. That result helped show that the plant’s immune system was not fully broken. The problem was delivery. The signal could work, but it had to reach the right place.

### What this research means for One Health

“For crops, this gives us a new way to think about disease resistance,” said co-author Pradeep Kachroo, a professor in the Department of Plant Pathology and a Fellow of the American Association

for the Advancement of Science and the American Society of Plant Biologists.. “It is not enough for a plant to make a defense signal. That signal also has to move.”

The finding could help researchers better understand how plants move chemical signals during disease, drought, heat and other stress. That knowledge may matter for agriculture, where crops face constant pressure from pathogens and changing growing conditions.

It may also help scientists study how similar signaling systems work across living organisms. Nitric oxide affects transport and communication in animals, too, suggesting that plants and people may share some basic rules for moving chemical messages through living tissue.

Visit the Department of Plant Pathology at Martin-Gatton CAFE to learn more or visit [plantpathology.mgcafe.uky.edu](http://plantpathology.mgcafe.uky.edu).

AG UPDATE

Tom Miller,  
Ballard County Ext. Agent

New World Screwworm  
WHAT IT MEANS FOR YOU

Most of you have seen the news that a beef animal in Texas has been identified with NWS. This is the first time that the insect has been found in the USA since 1966. There are several types of flies that lay eggs in open wounds of animals and then the maggots, when they hatch, feed on the necrotic tissue around the wound. The NWS is a little different because it burrows deeper into healthy animal flesh and begins to feed on this healthy flesh. I’m sorry, but as you can imagine, this is much more painful and damaging for the animal than feeding on flesh that is already decayed.

The first major effect will be on the

movement of animals across state lines. If you are not hauling animals, mainly beef, bison or horses, you will not notice anything. There may be some slight effect on beef prices, but the markets did not react very much the day of the announcement. There is currently a ban on importing cattle from Mexico, and while we never imported huge numbers, this ban has been a small part of the huge price increases at the grocery store.

I would like to reassure you about the disease and leave you with some facts that should make this problem a little easier to understand. Shortly after the announcement from USDA, every state



then went into action on a plan for when the insect showed up in the USA. Historically, there have been several infestations in the past and they have all been managed effectively. My email box has been hit by emails from different organizations talking about the insect and trainings for personnel that will be coming up in the near future.

The only way for a human to get NWS is for the female fly to lay her eggs in a body opening or an open wound on that person. You will not get it from eating infected meat, from coming in contact with an animal. Unlike with many other diseases, the entire herd does not need to be culled. The infected animal if caught in time, can

be treated, cured and go back into the herd. That premise will be put under quarantine and no animals can be moved until they are all checked and the needed animal are treated and seen to be free from NWS for 21 days. It will not pass from animal to animal unless that fly lays eggs in another open wound on another animal.

This is not a food safety issue. There is no danger from humans getting this from food. This is strictly an animal health and comfort problem. It is possible that this could show up on wild animals. Surveillance is the key. You need to watch for maggots or white egg masses in wounds on animals.

You will probably smell a foul smell. The animal will show signs of pain including irritated behavior, depression, not eating, and isolating themselves from other animals or people. If you suspect NWS contact your veterinarian.

I don’t expect that we will ever see this insect so far north. There is a possibility of it being a problem in the border areas, but there are surveillance programs, sterile insect programs and other programs to slow and stop its spread. I just wanted to make you a little more aware as it is something that would be highly unlikely to ever be a problem for this area.

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# Pennyroyal Hospice's Kamp Sunrise provides support for grieving children

By **WILLIAM BATTLE**  
*WKDZ Radio*

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. — Children who have experienced the death of a loved one often carry their grief quietly, sometimes without spaces designed for them to talk about it openly. Kamp Sunrise, an annual program hosted by Pennyroyal Hospice, aims to fill that gap by giving children and teens a structured, supportive day focused on healing through shared experience.

The free day camp Friday serves children ages 6 to 17 and is part of Pennyroyal Hospice's bereavement services in the Pennyroyal region. While the

organization is known for hospice and end-of-life care, it also provides grief support to families and members of the community.

Campers receive meals, snacks and a full day of activities at no cost. The event is hosted at Living Hope Baptist Church on the Eagle Way Bypass in Hopkinsville, which has partnered with Pennyroyal Hospice for several years to provide space for the program.

The camp runs from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is open to the community, not just families previously served by hospice care.

Bereavement Coordinator Kim Baggett

said the program is built around helping children process loss in ways that match their age and emotional development.

Kamp Sunrise focuses primarily on grief related to death, though Baggett acknowledges that children experience other types of loss as well. The goal, she said, is to help them understand grief and the emotions that come with it.

The camp includes structured activities such as art, music, games and dedicated memory and memorial sessions designed to help children reflect on and honor loved ones who have died.

Baggett said one of the biggest challenges is that grieving children are often overlooked because they appear to be coping.

"Children are a lot of times forgotten because they look like they're doing fine," she said. "They're out playing and, and we just tend to kind of push them to the side."

Kamp Sunrise also groups participants by age so they can interact with peers facing similar experiences. Baggett said that connection is often one of the most meaningful parts of the day.

She recalled moments when children realized they shared similar losses and

were able to talk openly with one another, sometimes for the first time.

Baggett said children often hesitate at first, especially older participants, but many leave with a changed perspective.

"It seems like the older ones, you know, like middle school and high don't want to be there," she said. "A lot of times, you know, their parents said, this will be good for you."

She said that shift is often visible by the end of the day as participants begin to open up and connect with others.

Kamp Sunrise typically serves around 10 children each year,

though participation has varied, with some years exceeding 20.

Baggett also shared that grief does not follow a timeline and can reappear at different stages of life.

"I think kids grieve as they grow up, like as they reach certain milestones in their life," she said. "Maybe their dad died when they were newborn and they never knew him really. But when they're graduating from high school, they're grieving. My dad's not here."

Families can contact Pennyroyal Hospice at 270-885-6428 or visit [pennyroyalhospice.com](http://pennyroyalhospice.com) for more information.

# Kentucky sets tourism record for 4th consecutive year

By **TOM LATEK**  
*Kentucky Today*

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – Gov. Andy Beshear announced Wednesday that 2025 was the best year ever for Kentucky tourism, with \$14.6 billion generated in economic impact supporting 96,993 jobs, and making it four straight record years for the industry.

"Kentucky has the best experiences," Beshear said during a press conference at

the Ashbrook Hotel in Frankfort. "From climbing and hiking at the Red River Gorge, to witnessing the rare moonbow at Cumberland Falls State Resort Park."

According to a study by Tourism Economics, 81.1 million travelers visited Kentucky in 2025, an increase of 1.1 million from the previous year. Those travelers spent a total of \$10.4 billion across the state, a \$300 million increase from

2024. The breakdown of spending is as follows:

\$2.7 billion on food and beverages

\$2.4 billion on lodging

\$2 billion on transportation

\$1.9 billion on retail

\$1.4 billion on recreation and entertainment for tourism

"If we look at the best year to the fourth best year, it's 2025, 2024, 2023 and 2022," Beshear noted. "Tourism helps fuel our economy. It creates great jobs for our people. It is, it is essential!"

Mike Mangeot, commissioner of the Department of Tourism, stated, "We have continued to bring more visitors to our state o experience our New Kentucky Home than ever before. In

2025 we faced several tourism challenges, particularly when you look at international inbound travel. We were forced to make strategic and we are pleased to have been successfully able to pivot and drive more domestic visitation throughout the year."

"Tourism is about more than visitation – it's about telling Kentucky's story. A strong tourism industry highlights our people, our culture and our

authentic visitor experiences," said Louisville Tourism CEO Cleo Battle. "Visitation drives economic impact, leading to tourism investment and supporting a thriving future for Louisville and our state."

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# Common financial scams that target seniors

Financial scams are as old as the concept of currency. But consumers' vulnerability to scams has seemingly increased in the twenty-first century, when the Internet and devices like smartphones have enabled scammers to gain access to potential victims' financial information and even gain virtual entry into their homes.

Seniors are targeted by financial scammers with such frequency that the term "elder fraud" has entered the English lexicon and is now widely recognized as a notable threat to individuals age 60 and older. In recognition of that threat, the Elder Justice Initiative aims to support and coordinate U.S. Department of Justice efforts to combat financial fraud that targets older adults. Those efforts are ongoing and include a number of initiatives to educate older adults about elder fraud, including warning seniors about some notable scams that criminals use to target older adults.

• **Social Security Administration Impostor Scam:** When perpe-



trating this scam, criminals typically contact prospective victims via telephone and falsely claim that suspicious activity has prompted the suspension of their Social Security number. Scammers may also indicate money must be withdrawn from a potential victim's bank and stored on gift cards for security's sake. It's important to note caller ID spoofing is often utilized when perpetrating this scam so an incoming call appears to be coming from the Social Security Administration.

• **Tech Support Scam:** This scam involves criminals claiming to be representatives from widely recognized companies who are calling to inform seniors that viruses or malware have been detected on their devices. Some also may claim a target's

computer has been hacked. The Federal Trade Commission notes perpetrators of this scam pretend to be tech support and request victims enable them to remotely access their devices or computer. Granting such access provides an avenue to view sensitive information, but scammers also may diagnose nonexistent problems and charge a fee. But the scam does not always stop there. Some call back later and offer a refund to account for services that can no longer be rendered or to correct an overcharge. The scammers then request victims' specific banking details under the guise of "correcting" these alleged oversights.

• **Lottery Scam:** The lottery scam involves scammers calling potential victims and informing them they

have won a foreign lottery or sweepstakes. Perpetrators of this scam typically identify themselves as lawyers, customs officials or lottery representatives. The telemarketers behind this scam may be based in Jamaica, but the U.S. Embassy in Jamaica warns that those behind the scam will ask winners to pay various fees, including shipping and customs

duties, until victims' funds are exhausted.

• **Romance Scam:** The FTC warns that wildly popular dating sites, social networking platforms and chat rooms provide opportunities for scammers to identify and exploit potential victims. The aim of these scams, which many victims are too ashamed to report even after they realize they've been victimized, is

to convince targets to send money in the name of love. But the EJI warns that online love interests who ask for money are almost certainly scam artists.

These are just a handful of the many ways that modern scammers target seniors. More information about these and other scams is available at [justice.gov/elderjustice](https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice).

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## Andrew Fox Elected to Kentucky Funeral Directors Association Board

Andrew Fox, owner of Boyd Funeral Directors, Cremation Services, and Monuments, was elected to the Board of Directors of the Funeral Directors Association of Kentucky on June 10, 2026, during the association's annual convention in Louisville.

"I am deeply honored to have been elected to the Board of Directors of the Funeral Directors Association of Kentucky, representing the Western District," Fox said. "Being chosen by my peers is a privilege that I do not take lightly. I look forward to working alongside fellow board members to strengthen our profession, support funeral directors throughout the Commonwealth, and continue serving the families and communities that place their trust in us every day."

Fox is a graduate of Livingston Central High School and John A. Gupton College of Mortuary Science. He owns Boyd Funeral Directors, Cremation Services, and Monuments in Salem.

Founded in 1902, Boyd Funeral Directors, Cremation Services, and Monuments is a 124-year-old family-owned funeral home with a legacy spanning five generations. The firm brings more than 220 years of combined experience serving families throughout Livingston, Crittenden, and surrounding counties, providing funeral, cremation, and memorial services with compassion and professionalism.

Fox's election reflects his commitment to funeral service and his dedication to serving both the profession and the communities of Western Kentucky.



Medicare fraud is big business for criminals. Medicare loses billions of dollars each year due to fraud, errors, and abuse. Estimates place these losses at approximately \$60 billion annually, though the exact figure is impossible to measure.

Medicare fraud hurts us all. When thieves steal from Medicare, there is less money for the health care you really need. You pay for things you might never get. You can get hurt when you get tests, medicine, or care you don't need. Doctors, pharmacies, and medical suppliers can make mistakes and bad choices. Sometimes they straight-up steal from Medicare. Medicare is trying to crack down.

### How You Can Help

Be the first line of defense in protecting your Medicare benefits.

- **Treat your Medicare card like a credit card.** Your Medicare number can be valuable to thieves who want to steal your medical identity or bill Medicare without even seeing you.
- **Don't take advice or offers of medical services** from people you don't know who call, come to your house, or approach you in public.
- **Read your Medicare Summary Notice or Explanation of Benefits.** Look for services or equipment you didn't receive, double charges, or things your doctor didn't order.
- **Ask questions and report problems.** Call the doctor or company and ask them about mistakes. Call the insurance company if you still have questions. Get help from your local SMP.
- **Volunteer.** No one cares more about keeping criminals out of Medicare than the people who need it. Become a part of your local SMP program. Help protect your friends and neighbors.

### How Your Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) Can Help

Your local SMP is ready to provide you with the information you need to PROTECT yourself from Medicare fraud, errors, and abuse; DETECT potential fraud, errors, and abuse; and REPORT your concerns. SMPs and their trained volunteers help educate and empower Medicare beneficiaries in the fight against health care fraud.

Your SMP can help you with your questions, concerns, or complaints about potential fraud and abuse issues. It also can provide information and educational presentations. To locate Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) use 270-816 6650 or the [SMP State Locator](#) or call 1-877-808-2468.

# Protecting Seniors: Key Steps to Prevent Fraud and Financial Scams

Older adults are often targeted by scammers who use deception, fear, and urgency to steal money and personal information. As fraud schemes continue to evolve, seniors and their families can take several important steps to reduce the risk of becoming victims.

One of the most effective ways to prevent fraud is to remain cautious of unsolicited phone calls, emails, text messages, and social media messages. Scammers frequently pose as government agencies, financial institutions, utility companies, or even family members in distress. If a caller demands immediate payment or requests personal information, it is important to hang

up and verify the request through official channels.

Seniors should also protect sensitive information, including Social Security numbers, bank account details, passwords, and Medicare information. These details should never be shared with unknown individuals or organizations. Strong passwords and two-factor authentication can provide additional security for online accounts.

Family members can play a critical role in fraud prevention by maintaining regular communication with older relatives. Discussing common scams and encouraging seniors to report suspicious contacts can help identify threats before financial losses occur.

Reviewing bank statements and credit card activity regularly can also help detect unauthorized transactions early.

Another important safeguard is to avoid making financial decisions under pressure. Scammers often create a sense of urgency to prevent victims from thinking carefully about a situation. Taking time to consult a trusted family member, financial advisor, or attorney can help prevent costly mistakes.

Community education programs, local law enforcement agencies, and organizations such as the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and AARP offer valuable resources on recognizing and avoiding scams.

By staying informed, protecting personal information, and seeking advice when something seems suspicious, se-

niors can significantly reduce their risk of fraud and maintain greater financial security and peace of mind. Vigilance

remains one of the strongest defenses against today's increasingly sophisticated scams.



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## Wingo Goes Country

By: Laurna Todd  
KPI Writer

WINGO, Ky. — The Wingo Lions Club is inviting the community to dust off their boots and head downtown for the kickoff of Wingo Summer Nights on Friday, June 27, from 6 to 9 p.m.

The evening will feature an All-American Country Western Night filled with family-friendly entertainment, food, and community fun.

Attendees can enjoy line dancing led by a group instructor, test their skills with lasso practice, challenge friends to a game of cornhole, and participate in a variety of activities designed for all ages. Food trucks and vendors are encour-

aged to join the event, offering visitors a wide selection of food, drinks, crafts, and specialty items while helping create a lively festival atmosphere in downtown Wingo.

Organizers hope the event will bring together residents and visitors for an evening of fun, fellowship, and small-town charm. Families are encouraged to attend, invite friends, and enjoy a summer night filled with music, laughter, and western-themed activities.

The event is free to attend and serves as the first installment of the Wingo Summer Nights series. For information about vendor opportunities, contact the Wingo Lions Club.

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uals throughout Kentucky and across the country. He also reported that a local water conservation board is considering a \$2,500 contribution to the scholarship program. Carrico added that the program is expected to receive an additional \$1,000 through a charitable bequest.

Club President Chris Kemp announced that the Rotary Board will meet on June 15 and reminded members that the annual installation dinner is scheduled for June 22 at the Mayfield Country Club.



Pictured from left are Mayfield Rotary Club President Chris Kemp, Rotarian Jason Kendall, Jackson Purchase Historical Society President Bill Mulligan, and Rotarians Traci Kendall, Stacy Overby, and Fred Biggs following Mulligan's presentation to the club on June 8.

## US 45 S Closes Near Water Valley for Bridge Replacement Project



By: Laurna Todd  
KPI Writer

GRAVES COUNTY — Motorists traveling through southern Graves County will need to plan an alternate route for the remainder of 2026 as construction begins on a new bridge over Jackson Creek.

According to the Graves County Sheriff's Office, a section of U.S. 45 South just north of Water Valley closed on June 8 to allow crews to

begin replacing the existing bridge structure.

The closure will remain in effect while construction crews build a new bridge spanning Jackson Creek. Drivers are expected to follow self-detour routes around the work zone during the project.

Officials say the bridge replacement is part of an effort to improve transportation infrastructure and provide a safer, more reliable crossing for motorists in the area.

Construction is anticipated to continue throughout the year, with the project expected to be completed by the end of 2026.

Motorists are encouraged to use caution when traveling near the construction zone and allow extra travel time when planning trips through the area.



Mayfield helps student Cash Payne with his project: Doug Mayfield, Dean of Career and Technical Education at Southeastern Illinois College, assists Cash Payne of Raleigh with a welding project during a 4-H Spin Club Welding Class at SIC.

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a trade that continues to be in high demand across the region.

"It was great to watch the students gain confidence each night through hands-on experience," Mayfield said. "They were eager to learn, worked hard, and were a lot of fun to teach." Mayfield also thanked Mr. Jerry Jones and Mr. Johnathon Vinyard for assisting in the welding lab throughout the class.

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## More than a symbol: Honoring the American flag on the road

By **Laurna Todd**  
KPI Writer

As Americans prepare to celebrate Flag Day, community leaders and veterans are encouraging citizens to remember that the American flag represents far more than patriotism—it stands as a reminder of the freedoms, principles, and sacrifices that have shaped the nation.

Karen Presson, President of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 3 in La Center, said the Stars and Stripes serves

as a lasting symbol of the values upon which the United States was founded.

“The flag of the United States is a precious symbol of our nation founded on the ideals of justice, freedom, and democracy,” Presson said. “Teaching proper flag etiquette ensures respect and honor.”

She noted that veterans often have a special appreciation for what the flag represents because of their commitment to protecting those freedoms.

“A veteran, whether active duty, retired, discharged, or reserve, is someone who at one point in his life wrote a blank check payable to the United States of America for an amount up to and including his life,” Presson said. “That is honor.”

Displaying the Flag on Your Vehicle  
Few images are as distinctly American as a flag waving from a pickup truck, motorcycle, or classic car. While such

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## Red, white and blue: Honoring the American flag

By **Laurna Todd**  
KPI Writer

Flag Day is a time for Americans to pause and reflect on one of our nation’s most recognizable symbols—the American flag. More than just red, white and blue fabric, the flag represents our freedoms, our history, and the sacrifices made by those who have defended our country.

Many people have heard the story that a 17-year-old student named Robert G. Heft designed the

current 50-star American flag in 1958. While Heft did submit a design as part of a national contest, historians now believe the final design was likely influenced by several submissions rather than the work of a single person.

The American flag has changed throughout our nation’s history. The first flag, adopted in 1777, featured 13 stars and 13 stripes representing the original colonies. As new states joined the Union, additional

stars were added. Today’s flag has 50 stars, one for each state, and has remained unchanged since Alaska and Hawaii joined the United States in 1959.

The colors of the flag each carry a special meaning. Red symbolizes courage and valor, white represents purity and innocence, and blue stands for vigilance, perseverance, and justice.

Proper flag etiquette is also

see **FLAG**, page B3

## Famous American flags and the stories they tell

By **Laurna Todd**  
KPI Writer

Throughout our nation’s history, certain American flags have become powerful symbols of courage, sacrifice, perseverance, and patriotism. Today, many of these historic flags are preserved in museums across the country, allowing visitors to experience firsthand some of the most memorable moments in American history.

### **The Star-Spangled Banner**

One of the most famous flags in American history is the original Star-Spangled

Banner, which is displayed at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. This was the flag that inspired Francis Scott Key to write the words that would later become the United States National Anthem.

The massive flag was sewn by Mary Pickersgill, along with the help of her daughter, nieces, and Grace Wisher, a young African American servant. More than 200 years later, it remains one of the nation’s most treasured artifacts.

### **The Betsy Ross Flag**

While historians continue to debate whether Betsy Ross

actually created the first American flag, her name remains closely tied to the nation’s earliest banner. Ross did sew flags during the Revolutionary War, including several for the Pennsylvania Navy.

Visitors to Philadelphia can see a replica of the famous 13-star flag at the Betsy Ross House, which also serves as a focal point for many Flag Day celebrations.

### **Old Glory**

The original “Old Glory” is preserved at the Smithsonian National Museum of

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## A seat at the table:

By **Laurna Todd**  
KPI Writer

LACENTER, Ky. — Area veterans and their families are invited to enjoy a morning of fellowship and a hearty breakfast during the monthly Veterans Breakfast hosted by the

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 3 of LaCenter.

According to Karen Presson, President of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 3, the buffet-style breakfast will be held on Saturday, June 13, at the American Legion Post 3 located

at the Ballard County Fairgrounds, 152 Fairground Drive in LaCenter. Serving will begin at 9 a.m.

The event is open to all veterans, and family members are encouraged to attend as well. Organizers say the breakfast provides an opportunity for

veterans to connect with one another while enjoying good food and community fellowship.

Following the breakfast, members of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 3 will hold their monthly business meeting at 10 a.m. Agenda items will include planning

## American Legion Auxiliary hosts veterans breakfast

for the upcoming July 4th Parade and participation in Ballard County Fairactivities.

Presson encourages all local veterans to attend and take part in the gathering.

For additional information, contact Karen Presson at 270-

642-2116.

“We invite every veteran to join us for breakfast and fellowship,” Presson said. “It’s a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow veterans and stay involved in community activities.”

# How the Pledge of Allegiance has changed through the years

By Laurna Todd  
KPI Writer

For generations, Americans have stood, placed their hand over their heart, and recited the Pledge of Allegiance as a way of showing respect for the American flag and the nation it represents. While the pledge is familiar to most of us today, its wording and traditions have changed several times over the years.

The original Pledge of Allegiance was written in 1892 by Francis Bellamy. The first version read, "I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible,

with liberty and justice for all."

In 1923, the wording was updated to specifically mention the United States of America, making it clear which flag was being honored. The revised version became, "I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

The way Americans salute the flag has also evolved. When the pledge was first introduced, citizens often used a military-style salute before extending their arm

toward the flag. Over time, that practice was replaced with the tradition we know today—placing the right hand over the heart while reciting the pledge.

The United States Flag Code provides guidance for properly saying the pledge. Citizens are encouraged to stand facing the flag with their right hand over their heart. Those wearing hats should remove them and hold them over the left shoulder so the hand remains over the heart. Members of the military in uniform render a formal military salute.

Another significant

change came in 1954 when President Dwight D. Eisenhower encouraged Congress to add the words "under God" to the pledge. Since then, Americans have recited the version familiar today:

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

More than 130 years after it was first written, the Pledge of Allegiance continues to serve as a reminder of the freedoms, values, and unity that Americans share.



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displays are common, many motorists may not realize there are established guidelines for properly exhibiting the nation's colors.

According to the U.S. Flag Code, a single American flag displayed on a vehicle should be mounted on the right side. When more than one U.S. flag is displayed, each should be flown at the same height and in the same manner.

The blue field of stars, known as the union, should always be positioned in the place of highest honor. On a moving vehicle, the union should face forward. Motorcycles should display the flag either at the center rear or on the rider's right side.

When flown with another banner, such as a state or foreign

flag, the American flag should maintain the position of prominence and should never be smaller than accompanying flags.

**Decals, Stickers, and Vehicle Displays**

Patriotic decals and stickers are generally acceptable when used respectfully. However, the Flag Code considers it improper to drape an actual flag across a vehicle's hood, trunk, roof, or truck bed.

Any printed representation should accurately reflect the flag's design, including the proper number of stars and stripes.

**Safety and Respect**

In addition to proper etiquette, safety remains an important consideration. Flags should not obstruct a driver's vision, cover license plates, block lights, or interfere with the operation of a vehicle.

Larger displays should be secured to prevent them from becoming hazards for other motorists. As with any display of the American flag, it should never be allowed to touch the ground.

Presson said Flag Day offers an opportunity to reflect on the history of the nation's most recognizable symbol and the sacrifices made under it.

"Flag Day is one day set aside to honor and reflect on the history of the national flag," she said. "Veterans continue to be at the forefront educating the public about sacrifice, courage, and the price of freedom."

By learning and practicing proper flag etiquette, Americans can demonstrate respect for both the Stars and Stripes and those who have served to defend the freedoms it represents.

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important. The U.S. Flag Code recommends displaying the flag from sunrise to sunset. However, it may be flown around the clock if it is properly illuminated during nighttime hours.

The American flag has even made its

way beyond Earth. During the Apollo missions, astronauts placed six American

flags on the moon, creating a lasting symbol of American achievement and exploration.

As we celebrate Flag Day, the Stars and Stripes serve as a reminder of our nation's past, the freedoms we enjoy today, and the generations who will carry its legacy into the future.



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American History. The flag belonged to Capt. William Driver, who carried it on voyages around the world.

During the Civil War, Driver reportedly hid the flag from Confederate troops who wanted to destroy it. Thanks to those efforts, the historic flag survives today as a symbol of American resilience.

**The Iwo Jima Flags**

Few images are more recognizable than the photograph of U.S. Marines raising the American flag atop Mount Suribachi during the Battle of Iwo Jima in World War II.

The two flags used during that historic day are now displayed at

the National Museum of the Marine Corps in Virginia. The photograph captured by Associated Press photographer Joe Rosenthal became one of the most iconic images of the war and earned a Pulitzer Prize.

**The 9/11 Flag**

One of the most powerful modern symbols of American strength is the flag raised by firefighters at Ground Zero following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

The flag became a national symbol of hope and determination during a difficult time in American history. After mysteriously disappearing, it was rediscovered nearly 15 years later and is now preserved at the 9/11 Memorial and Museum

in New York City.

**Flags That Reached the Moon**

The American flag has even traveled beyond Earth. During the Apollo missions, astronauts planted six U.S. flags on the moon as symbols of exploration and achievement.

While the original lunar flags remain on the moon, replicas are displayed at the National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C., reminding visitors that the Stars and Stripes has flown not only across our nation, but beyond our world.

From battlefields and historic moments to the surface of the moon, these famous flags continue to tell the story of America and the people who helped shape its history.

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# Facts about the American flag

- 1. First Flag Design:** The Grand Union Flag, used during the American Revolutionary War, featured 13 alternating red and white stripes with the British Union Jack in the corner, symbolizing the colonies' connection to Britain while asserting their desire for independence.
- 2. Stars and Stripes:** The current design of the flag, adopted in 1777, symbolizes the union of the states. The 13 stripes represent the original colonies, while the 50 stars represent each of the current 50 states, symbolizing unity and statehood.
- 3. Five Rows of Stars:** Before 1912, the stars on the flag were arranged in different patterns, often in circular arrangements. The current arrangement was standardized by President Taft to ensure clarity and uniformity as states were added.
- 4. Flag Act of 1818:** This Act established a guideline for adding stars to the flag whenever a new state joined the Union. It ensured that the flag would maintain the addition seamlessly on the Fourth of July, symbolizing growth and change.
- 5. Flag Day:** Instituted in 1916 by President Woodrow Wilson and later made a national observance in 1949, Flag Day commemorates the adoption of the flag by encouraging citizens to celebrate with parades and ceremonies that honor the flag's history.
- 6. Betsy Ross Myth:** Although the story of Betsy Ross crafting the first flag is popular, historical documentation and research suggest that while she was a flag maker, there is little evidence to confirm that she created the first official flag.
- 7. Colors' Meaning:** The color symbolism reflects American ideals: red for courage and sacrifice, white for purity and innocence, and blue for justice and perseverance, enhancing the flag's role as a symbol of national values and identity.
- 8. Height and Proportions:** The official proportions of 2:3 ensure that the flag is recognizable and visually balanced. Different sizes of flags can be made, but this proportion must be maintained for all national flags.
- 9. Old Glory:** The term "Old Glory" is believed to have originated from Captain Driver in 1831. Over time, it has come to symbolize the flag's resilience and the spirit of patriotism.
- 10. Protocol for Display:** The flag should be displayed from sunrise to sunset, should never be tokened or draped on objects, and in ceremonies, it should always be positioned of honor. This protocol reinforces the respect and dignity the flag represents.
- 11. Flag Code:** The U.S. Flag Code, established in 1923, provides guidelines on how to handle, display, and care for the flag. This includes saluting the flag and the proper procedures during ceremonies, reflecting patriotic respect.

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

## The Lasting Influence of Fathers

By Teresa LeNeave  
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Scripture tells us that one of God's first instructions to humanity was to "be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it" (Genesis 1:28). Beyond populating the earth, this command carries with it the responsibility of raising children who understand faith, purpose, and character. For young couples who want children, there is no greater joy than to hear the doctor say, "You're going to have a baby".

When a couple becomes prospective parents, few stop to consider the tremendous responsibility they are about to assume. From the moment a child is born, parents are entrusted with raising stable, productive, kind, and loving individuals. It is a task that is both inspiring and, at times, overwhelming.

Fathers, in particular, play a vital role in shaping the lives of their children. They are among God's greatest gifts to



**Todd and his two kids, Cohen and Maggie Adams, enjoying the day catching fish. A father's influence teaches the art of social skills, hobbies and the love of sports that last a life. Todd is also a coach for both, Maggie and Cohen.**

families. I often think of my own father. Though he has long since passed on, his lessons, guidance, and wisdom continue to influence my decisions. A father's impact can last a

lifetime—for better or worse. The example he sets follows his children throughout their lives.

A father's responsibility extends beyond teaching good manners and citizenship.

He is also called to teach the value of work and responsibility. A strong work ethic is one of the most important gifts a father can pass on to his children.

That is not to

diminish the importance of mothers. There is no more important person in a child's life than a loving mother, and her influence is immeasurable. But fathers have a special role as

well. They provide strength, stability, and leadership within the family.

Every father's story is different. Some men carry wounds and disappointments from their own fathers. Nevertheless, every father has the opportunity each day to create a better future for his children than the one he experienced himself.

How can fathers make that future better? The answer is simple: teach children to love God and serve Him. Provide spiritual, emotional, mental, and financial stability. Invest in the generation you have been entrusted to raise.

Whether the memories they leave behind are good or bad, fathers are not forgotten. That reality should remind every father of the importance of his role. The way fathers raise their children influences not only their families, but also the future of our communities and our world.

## WHEREVER HE LEADS

Bro. Brandon G. Bramlett  
Bandana Baptist Church

The boy was abruptly abducted. Convinced he would make a good slave, his kidnapers forced him to tend sheep in the extreme conditions of a remote land beyond the sea. Although not particularly religious, the excruciating ordeal compelled the young lad to pray.

Finally, after five arduous years, he escaped from captivity by boarding a vessel that carried him home to the embrace of grateful parents who implored him never

to leave again. But the runaway slave would eventually undertake the unthinkable: return to the

land of his captors with the gospel of Christ—Saint Patrick of Ireland was his name.

The Lord constrained him to return to his nightmare of a life when an Irishman appeared in his dreams, pleading, "We beg you to come and walk among us once more." Go back to the land that stole his freedom? Relive the past he fought so hard to forget? Saint Patrick said yes. He traded his own safety

for service to his Savior and convenience for compliance with Christ's calling on his life.

The results were miraculous. His evangelistic efforts contributed to the conversion of practically the entire population. An ancient painting of Patrick says it all. It depicts him driving out snakes—the "snakes" of idolatry and dark superstition, which he expelled by proclaiming the Man who crushed the head of the serpent (cf. Gen. 3:15). Even the Celtic slave trade that had once ensnared him diminished

because of the transforming power of the message he preached.

A willing believer saying "yes" to a difficult task plus a wonder-working God is a powerful combination. As a matter of fact, the Lord's greatest works are rarely accomplished the easy way. Moses had to repeatedly stand before an intimidating Pharaoh before Israel was delivered. Gideon had to defeat the Midianites with a significantly decreased fighting force (Judges 7:1-3). The first church had to endure severe persecution in order to multiply (Acts 8:1-

4). Even Christ had to suffer and die upon the cross before being raised on the third day (1 Cor. 15:1-4).

God is most active in the hard places: the difficult conversation you don't want to have, the uncomfortable sacrifice you don't want to make, and the frightening step of faith you hesitate to take. This is why the Lord delights in servants who answer His sometimes-challenging calls and commands like Isaiah: "Here am I; send me" (Isa. 6:8). Indeed, the path of obedience might bring you face-to-face with

your fears, but it will also lead directly to the breathtaking purposes of God. Therefore, the anthem on every believer's lips ought to be that which is found in B. B. McKinney's well-known hymn which says, "It may be through the shadows dim, or o'er the stormy sea, I take my cross and follow Him; wherever He leadeth me. Wherever He leads I'll go, wherever He leads I'll go, I'll follow my Christ who loves me so, wherever He leads I'll go."

# OUTDOOR Truths

By Gary Miller  
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When I first began bass fishing as a young adult, I didn't have the luxury of a bass boat and all its frills. I fished with a friend who had a "V" hull aluminum boat. The trolling motor was small, and the outboard was even smaller. He owned a small cabin on the lake, so our fishing always started from the same location. Because of the limited horsepower we rarely traveled very far away. We always

fished in the same places and seldom went home empty-handed. It seems as I got older and better equipped, I traveled farther up and down the lake to find those illusive bass, only to have pretty much the same results. You see now I spend more of my time moving than I do fishing and while I can see what's below now with all the sonar, I once knew what was below by experience. I had fished Straight Creek

Hollow so many times, under so many situations, that I knew where the bass were probably hiding. I was simply forced to bloom where I was planted. Oh, there were times that I wished I were up in the river or down beside the bridge; but I was forced to learn to succeed where I was at the time. I think about this same scenario when I deer hunt. I know that I will be better off if I will just come to

know the 50 acres I've been given instead of trying to hunt 400 acres.

I can remember taking a picture of a young pine tree. It was growing from the middle of a huge rock, and it was thriving. What it couldn't go around, above, or under, it just went through. I knew it was not supposed to grow there but it didn't. I knew it was out of place but it didn't. I could have explained to it every

reason why it would never become a fruitful tree, but the only thing that would have been unfruitful were my words. Because, you see, it bloomed where it was planted.

Don't let anyone tell you that you will never succeed where you are. Don't let anyone add you to the average or make you fit into a certain research demographic. When God is with you, what you can't go around, above, or under, He will take

you through.

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## What we think about matters to God

By William F Holland Jr.  
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Are we ashamed of God? Is God ashamed of us? Do we not realize that God knows our thoughts? Yes, the spiritual atmosphere within society has changed in the last 75 years, and one of the reasons is the older generations who stood fervently for God have passed on, and many of the younger ones do not have the same passion for Christ. Do we care about developing an awareness of His presence? Look at the technology that has evolved in this period of time, and it's easy to see the minds and hearts of the masses have allowed themselves to be tempted to adopt a different way of thinking and believing. A tsunami of knowledge has been released upon the world, and with more information, we have more dis-

tractions. There was a time when families would gather in the evenings and read and discuss the Bible and pray together. What happened?

Television in its early days was closely monitored and not allowed to be consumed night and day. This is when kids played outside, parents read the newspapers, neighbors were friendly, and family and people enjoyed each other's company. Compare this to today's world, where many choose isolation, where they are mesmerized by some type of electronic device. Are we trading our individual thoughts, creativity, and personalities for the sake of artificial intelligence? Instead of developing spiritual discernment and quietly listening to learn what God wants us to do, we are deliberately being controlled by "Pied piper" devices

luring us into mental captivation. We have the choice to decide how we use our time, which also includes a responsibility to reject being willingly governed by any spiritual force other than God.

Romans 12:2 says, "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will." Shouldn't we be guarding our minds from evil persuasions, and how high on our priority list is knowing God and standing with him? Maybe some people use distractions as a way of hiding from Him. Have you noticed that many people dislike silence and prefer to have something playing in the background? We don't always need to

have the television on or the car radio on. The silence is a secret place because it helps us to hear God's voice. If we constantly need background noise, something is wrong. Are we afraid to be alone with God? Do some feel convicted or guilty because they are not walking with Him in obedience and holiness? Life is filled with distractions we cannot help, but we surely do not need to intentionally make it worse. We notice in Luke 5:15-16 that the more Jesus gave of Himself, the more time He spent praying in secret for clarity to maintain His relationship with the Father.

Be encouraged today, for since Christ accomplished His mission on the cross and rose from the dead, those who are partakers with Him are preserved by the greatest power and authority in heaven and earth.

He is the creator of all things, the Alpha and Omega. Let us not place our confidence in this earthly realm; instead, let us actively and intentionally trust the one who knows, created, and controls everything. Humans strive to build the perfect life, but only Christ embodies true perfection. His desire is for us not to worship the material, but to set our hearts on the spiritual realm. The message for this hour is urgent: a dark enemy seeks to deceive, kill, steal, and destroy. But you are not powerless. Resist this attack by saying no to fleshly desires. Draw the line today—determine in your heart that you will not give your heart to the world. Choose to be a living sacrifice: holy and acceptable. Take this stand now and commit fully to God.

What we consume through our eyes and

ears acts as "food" for our souls, ultimately shaping our thoughts. I John 2:15 declares, "Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them." A few chapters over, God says, "For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith." "You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world has become an enemy of God."

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## BALLARD

**Lori Hite**, a cherished member of the Bandana Community Church and a devoted volunteer at His House Ministries, passed away peacefully on June 7, 2026, at Baptist Health in Paducah, KY. A visitation to honor Lori's memory was held on June 10, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Morrow Funeral Chapel in LaCenter, KY. Funeral service began at 2:00 p.m. with Brother Bob Cain officiating. Interment followed at Barlow Cemetery.

**Clyde Cooper**, 96, passed away on Wednesday, June 3, 2026, at Metropolis Rehabilitation and Health Care in Metropolis, IL. In his younger years, he worked in a sawmill and was a jack of all trades who could fix just about anything. Clyde retired after 28 years in maintenance at Lourdes Hospital in Paducah. A farmer at heart, he raised cows, chickens, goats, and peacocks, and was also a beekeeper. Visitation was held on Sunday, June 7, 2026, after 12:00 p.m. at Morrow Funeral Chapel in LaCenter, KY. Funeral services followed at 2:00 p.m., with Rev. Neil Eidson officiating. Interment followed at Oscar Community Cemetery in Oscar, KY.

## CALDWELL

**Carla Pendleton**, age 70, of Princeton, passed away Sunday, June 7, 2026 at Baptist Deaconess Hospital in Madisonville. A memorial visitation will be held from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm Saturday, June 13, 2026 at Morgan's Funeral Home. A private graveside service will follow the visitation on Saturday, June 13, 2026.

## CALLOWAY

**Dan Glover**, age 80, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away Saturday, June 6, 2026, at Brookdale Assisted Living in Murray. Graveside service will be held at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, June 11, 2026, at the Cedar Hill Cemetery in Princeton, Kentucky with Bro. Ralph Austin officiating. No public visitation will be held.

**Robert Lee "Bob" Ross**, age 74, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away Friday, June 5, 2026, at the Calvert City Convalescent Center. Graveside service will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, June 20, 2026, at Sugar Creek Baptist Church Cemetery. Pastor Mike Donald will officiate and burial will follow. No public visitation will be held.

**Paul Leo Dennis**, age 64, of Kirksey, Kentucky passed away on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at the Murray-Calloway County Hospital

in Murray, Kentucky. Arrangements are currently incomplete at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

**Wanda Ruth Robbins**, age 65, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away on Monday, June 8, 2026, at the Spring Creek Healthcare in Murray, Kentucky. There will be no public service or visitation held. The J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services are in charge of arrangements.

## CARLISLE

**James "Jimmie" Edward Carter**, age 101, passed away peacefully on Friday, June 5, 2026, at Baptist Health Paducah. A funeral service was held at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Arlington with Bro. Rick Burton officiating, beginning with Masonic Rites. Burial followed with military rites at Arlington Cemetery.

## CHRISTIAN

**Gary Myers Sr.**, age 80, of Hopkinsville, KY, passed away on Saturday, June 6, 2026, at his home of natural causes. The family has chosen cremation with a Celebration of Life Service to be held at 12:00 Noon at Gary's Home on Saturday, June 13, 2026. Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home has been entrusted by the family to handle the arrangements.

**Thomas Jesse "Tommy" Yates**, age 79, of Pembroke, KY, passed away on Friday, June 5, 2026, at Christian Heights Nursing and Rehab in Pembroke of natural causes. The family has chosen cremation with a Celebration of Life Service to be held at a later date. Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home has been entrusted by the family to handle the arrangements.

**Elmer "J" Corley**, 82, Harmony Grove Road, Hopkinsville, KY passed away on Monday, June 8, 2026 at Christian Heights Nursing and Rehab Center, Pembroke, KY of natural causes. Graveside services were held at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 10, 2026 at Bainbridge Grove Cemetery. Lamb Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

**Mark Aaron Carlross**, 59, of Hopkinsville, KY died Thursday evening, June 4, 2026, at his home surrounded by his friends and family. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, June 7, 2026, at Dogwood Funerals & Cremations of Hopkinsville. Burial followed in Riverside Cemetery.

## FULTON

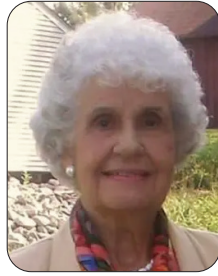
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### Mary F. "Dolly" Williamson

Mary F. "Dolly" Williamson Travis-Gresham, age 98, of Paducah, formerly of Lyon County, passed away Saturday,



June 6, 2026 at her daughter's residence.

Dolly was born March 14, 1928 in Lyon County near the Cumberland river. She was born to the late Leona Gray Williamson and Minus "Mike" Williamson. Her sister at 15 months old said, "Oh my little, Dolly". It was from then on that family and friends knew her as "Dolly". She attended Dewey School and Saratoga Grade School through the 8th grade. She then went on to graduate from Old Eddyville High School in 1945. Her family moved to Evansville, IN and she and her sister went to Dayton, OH to work at Wright Patterson Air Force Base doing clerical work.

Dolly was a devoted Christian wife, mother, grandmother, and friend whose life was marked by faith, service, and love for her family. As the wife of a Baptist minister, she faithfully served alongside her husband wherever he pastored, including at Lamasco Baptist Church and Mt. Zion Baptist Church, teaching Sunday School for generations of children and adults. Her dedication to Christian education continued until the remarkable age of 92.

Dolly loved music and especially enjoyed singing in the church choir. During the 1970s and 1980s, she and her family were well known throughout the area as the "Travis Family Quartet," sharing their faith through song at churches and community events. She was a faithful member of Reidland Baptist Church.

Above all, Dolly dearly loved her family and treasured every moment with her children and grandchildren. She took great pride in her roots as a Lyon County native and carried that pride throughout

her life. Her legacy of faith, service, music, and family devotion will be remembered by all who knew and loved her.

She is survived by her daughters, Carla (Bill) Bartleman of Paducah and Bonita (Jim) Holloway of Paducah; brother, Jerry (Liz) Williamson of Alaska; grandchildren, Jeni (Steve) Drake, Chris (Shelley) Holloway, Leslie (Scott) Williams and Terri (Adam) Nance; great-grandchildren, Austin (Alyssa) Drake, Tristin Drake, Cadin Drake, Jessica Holloway, Erica (Alex) VanVoriss, Michael (Stephanie) Holloway, Kalesha Williams; great-great-grandchildren, Bentlee Drake, Beckett Drake, Parker Holloway, Brooklyn Holloway, Roman VanVoriss; step-children, Ron Gresham of Illinois and Gena (Andy) Allen of Cadiz; step-grandchildren, Hunter Allen and Tyler Allen; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, James R. "Rev. Jim" Travis; second husband, Genie Gresham; daughter, Mariann Travis; sister, Margaret VonArx; brother, Luby Williamson; step-son, Joel Gresham.

Visitation will be held from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm Saturday, June 13, 2026 at Lakeland Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 pm Saturday, June 13, 2026 at Lakeland Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Lamasco Baptist Church Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy may be made towards Mercy Health Hospice, 225 Medical Center Dr, Suite 203, Paducah, Kentucky 42003 and Thriving at Home Senior Care, 306 S 12th St, Murray, KY 42071.

You may light a candle or share a message with the family at [www.morgansfuneralhome.com](http://www.morgansfuneralhome.com).

## GRAVES

**Vivian Ann Goatley**, age 91, of Mayfield, KY, passed away Tuesday evening, June 9, 2026, at her residence. Funeral arrangements for Mrs. Vivian Ann Goatley are incomplete at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield.

**Kathy A. Howard**, age 67, a resident of Mayfield, Kentucky, passed away at 5:55 AM on Saturday, June 6, 2026, at her home. Funeral services for Mrs. Kathy A. Howard were held at 1:00 PM Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield with Rev. Kerry Lambert officiating. Entombment followed at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens.

**Linda Jane Bisher**, age 83, a resident of Mayfield, passed away at 3:29 A.M. Friday, June 5, 2026 at Baptist Health Hospital in Paducah. Memorial services were conducted at 2:00 P.M. Monday, June 8, 2026 at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield with Rev. Presley Lamb officiating.

**Charles Albert Morris**, age 78, of Mayfield, Kentucky, passed peacefully into eternal life at his home on June 5, 2026, surrounded by the love of his family. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 11, 2026, at Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield with Bro. Antonio Sherrill officiating. Burial followed in the Highland Park Cemetery.

## HENDERSON

**Vera Nell Isbell Gish**, age 81, passed away peacefully at her home on June 8, 2026, surrounded by loved ones. Graveside services were held at 10:00 AM Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at Roselawn Memorial Gardens with Chaplain Dayne Bogard officiating.

**Pearl (Hicklin) Quinn**, 86 of Calhoun, KY passed away on Sunday June 7, 2026. Services will be held at 11:00 AM, Saturday, graveside at Onton Cemetery. Jeff Hawkins will officiate. Visitation will be Friday from 4:00 until 7:00 and Saturday 9:00 AM until 10:30 AM at Tomblinson Funeral Home, Sebree Chapel.

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of **Jerry L. Ligon**, who left us on June 5, 2026, at Deaconess Gateway. Funeral service was held on June 10, 2026, at 2:00 PM at Tomblinson Funeral Home Henderson Chapel. Brother Alan Butler will officiate. Burial to follow at Basket Cemetery.

**Sharron Overfield Young**, 63, of Henderson, Kentucky, passed away on Saturday, June 6, 2026, at her home. Services will be at noon Saturday, June 13, 2026, at Rudy-Rowland Funeral Home. The Reverend David Petrie will officiate. Burial will be in St. Louis Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until service time Saturday at the funeral home.

**Forrest Everett Cates**, 95, of

Corydon, Kentucky, passed away on Friday, June 5, 2026, at the Joseph "Eddie" Ballard Western Kentucky Veterans Center in Hanson, Kentucky. Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at Rudy-Rowland Funeral Home. The Reverend Nick Duvall (Chaplain at Western Kentucky Veterans Center) and Brother Byron Williams will officiate. Burial followed in Corydon Cemetery in Corydon, Kentucky.

## HOPKINS

**Larry Michael Berry** (1944-2026) - With deep heartbreak and countless cherished memories, we celebrate the life of Larry Berry, 82, of Madisonville, KY, who passed away at his home in Madisonville, with his wife, Maureen C. Berry, and Cooper, their wire fox terrier, at his side. No services are scheduled at this time. Barnett Strother Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**Edwin Nathan Lacy**, 60 of Dawson Springs passed away Friday, June 5, 2026, at Heartford Hospice House in Owensboro with his family at his side. Memorial Service will be held at 2:00 pm on Saturday, June 13, 2026, at Living Word Christian Center in St. Charles. Visitation will begin at 1:00 pm at the church. Burial will follow at Gilland Ridge Cemetery in St. Charles.

**Christopher Lee Johnson**, 48 of Madisonville passed away Thursday, June 4, 2026, at Baptist Health Deaconess. Memorial Service was held Sunday, June 7th at noon at Bandy Funeral Home in Nortonville with Bro. Dennis Mosby officiating. Burial will be private for family only at a later date.

**Lucille Kelley Vandiver**, 90, of Madisonville, KY, passed away on Monday, June 8, 2026, at Redbanks in Henderson, KY. A funeral service was held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, June 11, 2026, in the chapel of Harris Funeral Home with Pastor Andy Couch officiating. Burial followed at White Oak Cemetery in Clay, KY.

**Naomi Pearl Fuller Tyson**, 66, of Madisonville, KY, passed away on Sunday, June 7, 2026, at Baptist Health Deaconess in Madisonville. A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. on Friday, June 12, 2026, in the chapel of Harris Funeral Home with her family conducting the service. A private burial will be held at Lafayette Cemetery in Dawson Springs, KY. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. until the service hour on Friday at the funeral home.

**Patricia Faye Massey**

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**Garrison**, 60, of Madisonville, KY, passed away on Wednesday, June 3, 2026, at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville, IN. A graveside service will be held at a later date at Masonic Cemetery in Raleigh, IL. Harris Funeral Home was entrusted with care.

## LIVINGSTON

**Sara Rebecca “James” Dunn**, age 46, passed away on Sunday, June 7, 2026, at Vanderbilt Hospital in Clarksville, Tennessee. Sara’s memory will live on in the hearts of her family, friends, and all whose lives she touched. Arrangements and service information may be added when available. Boyd Funeral Directors are in charge of arrangements.

## LYON

**Mary F. “Dolly” Williamson Travis-Gresham**, age 98, of Paducah, formerly of Lyon County, passed away Saturday, June 6, 2026 at her daughter’s residence. Visitation will be held from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm Saturday, June 13, 2026 at Lakeland Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 pm Saturday, June 13, 2026 at Lakeland Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Lamasco Baptist Church Cemetery.

## MARSHALL

**Jerry Sue Waldrup**, 84 of Benton, Kentucky passed away on Friday, June 5, 2026, at Calvert City Convalescent Center in Calvert City, Kentucky. A graveside service was held on Tuesday, June 9, 2026 at 2:30 PM at Fairdealing Church of Christ

Cemetery with Mark Ray officiating.

**Glen Thomas Hobgood**, 80, of Benton, Kentucky, passed away on Friday, June 5, 2026 at Skyline Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee. Visitation will be held at the Collier funeral home on Friday, June 12, 2026 from 10:00 AM until the funeral hour at 2:00 PM. Jason Jackson, minister at Walnut Grove Church of Christ, will be officiating. Burial will be in the Birmingham Cemetery.

## MCCRACKEN

**James “Jimmy” Wilson**, known to many as Jim, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away peacefully at his residence on Sunday, June 7, 2026, at the age of 89. A Funeral Mass was held at 11:00 am on Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church with Rev. Bruce Fogle officiating. Burial followed at St. Charles Catholic Church Cemetery in Bardwell, Kentucky.

**Sue Clark**, born on August 11, 1933, in Paducah, Kentucky, passed away on June 7, 2026, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. A memorial service will be held at 6:00 pm on Friday, June 26, 2026 in the Carson Chapel of First Baptist Church Paducah with Rev. Tommy Tucker officiating. Visitation will be held from 4:00 pm until the 6:00 pm service time on Friday, June 26, 2026 in the Carson Chapel of First Baptist Church Paducah.

**Susan Jones Lanier**, age 64, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away Saturday, June 6, 2026, at 1:18 p.m. at the Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice

Care Center. Services were held Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at the Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah, with Freddy Daack and Thomas Blackford speaking. Burial followed at the Bethel Cemetery in Gage, Kentucky.

**Linda “Little” Culp**, 66, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away on June 3, 2026, at Baptist Health Paducah. Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. Monday, June 8, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah with Bro. Rick Miller officiating. Burial followed at Maplelawn Cemetery.

**Phillip Antonio Hall**, a man whose life was defined by love, humility, and unwavering dedication to family, passed away on June 2, 2026, in the Vanderbilt Medical Center of Nashville, TN. A Funeral Service will

be conducted on Saturday, June 13, 2026, 11:00 AM, at the Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church, 1915 North 10th Street, here in Paducah. Bishop Jonathan McReynolds and Bishop LaRita Horton Addison will officiate. Friends may also call on the family at the church on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until the funeral hour. Burial will follow in the Green Lawn Memorial Garden in Villa Ridge, IL.

**Thomas “Tommy” Coreau**, age 57, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, and cherished member of the Paducah community, passed away on June 7, 2026, at Lourdes Hospital in Paducah, Kentucky. A Celebration of Life service will be held at a later time to honor Tommy’s memory and the incredible legacy he leaves behind. Those who had the privilege to know him will remember

a man of great heart and soulful spirit—a beacon of love, laughter, and genuine connection. His memory will live on in the hearts of all who were fortunate to know him. Keeling & Goodman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Coreau family.

**Robert Lynn Strickland**, 65, of Paducah passed away on Thursday, June 4, 2026, at Baptist Health Paducah. No services are scheduled at this time. Keeling & Goodman Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Strickland family.

**Mary F. “Dolly” Williamson Travis-Gresham**, age 98, of Paducah, formerly of Lyon County, passed away Saturday, June 6, 2026 at her daughter’s residence. Visitation will be held from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm Saturday, June 13, 2026 at

Lakeland Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 pm Saturday, June 13, 2026 at Lakeland Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Lamasco Baptist Church Cemetery.

## TRIGG

**Carol Ann Courtney** - July 3, 1962 - June 10, 2026 - A Celebration of Life for 63 year old Carol Ann Courtney of Hopkinsville will be held at a later date. King’s Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

**Joseph “Joe” Phillips** - November 1, 1967 - June 6, 2026 - A Celebration of Life for 58 year old Joseph “Joe” Phillips of Elkton will be held at a later date. King’s Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.



# A tangible symbol of sacrifice: Honoring the American Flag

By Laurna Todd  
KPI Writer

Few sights are as patriotic as an American flag waving proudly from a pickup truck, motorcycle, or classic car. But did you know there are official guidelines—and even federal laws—governing how the flag should be displayed on a vehicle?

The American flag is more than a decoration; it is a cherished symbol of our nation and should always be treated with dignity and respect.

### Proper Flag Placement

According to the U.S. Flag Code, a single American flag displayed on a vehicle should be mounted on the vehicle’s right side. If multiple American flags are displayed, they should be flown at the

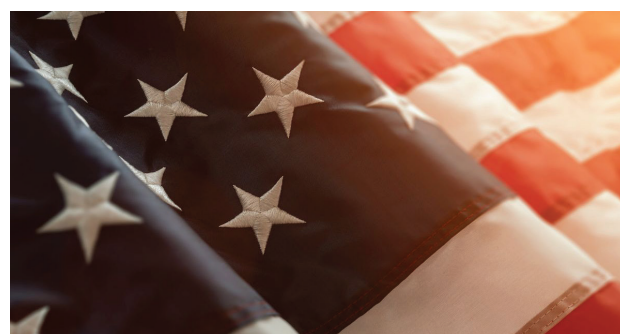
same height and in the same manner.

The blue field of stars, known as the union, should always occupy the position of highest honor. When mounted on the right side of a moving vehicle, the stars should appear toward the front of the vehicle. On motorcycles, the flag should be mounted either at the center rear or on the rider’s right side.

When displayed alongside another flag—such as a state flag or a foreign flag—the American flag should never be smaller and should always hold the position of prominence.

### Flags, Decals and Stickers

Patriotic decals and flag stickers are generally acceptable when displayed respectfully. However, draping an actual flag



across a vehicle’s hood, trunk, or truck bed is considered improper under the Flag Code.

Any printed or adhesive representation of the flag should accurately depict the correct number of stars and stripes and maintain proper proportions.

### Safety Comes First

Whether using a cloth flag, decal, or other display, safety should never be compromised. Flags should not obstruct a driver’s view, cover license plates, block turn signals, or

interfere with the safe operation of the vehicle.

Large flags should also be secured properly so they do not become a hazard to other motorists. And as always, the American flag should never be allowed to touch the ground.

Displaying the Stars and Stripes on your vehicle is a proud expression of patriotism. By following proper flag etiquette, motorists can honor the flag while ensuring both respect and safety on the road.

As Americans

prepare to celebrate Flag Day, organizations such as the Veterans of Foreign Wars continue to emphasize flag education and proper respect for the nation’s most recognized symbol.

Shane Draper of VFW Post 5409 in Bardwell said the importance of honoring the flag can be summed up in one simple sentence:

“The flag is a tangible symbol of sacrifice.”

“For veterans, it isn’t an abstraction,” Draper said. “It is directly related to our fallen friends and brothers and sisters.”

Draper also believes it is important for Americans—especially younger generations—to understand the distinction between the flag and the government.

“There is currently a bit of confusion

between the flag and our government,” he said. “There should always be a distinction between the two. Respect for the flag isn’t the same as unquestioning support for our government or its officials.”

Instead, Draper encourages Americans to view the flag as a symbol of the freedoms and principles that unite the nation.

“We as Americans should look to the flag as a symbol of the ideal of recourse and respectful debate because of what it means,” he said.

As Flag Day approaches, veterans hope that learning the history, symbolism, and proper etiquette of the American flag will help preserve the respect and appreciation it deserves for generations to come.

# FLAG ETIQUETTE AT PARADES



When an American Flag passes:

- Stand Up
- Remove your hat
- Place your right hand over your heart
- Stop any conversation you are having

**Note: It is not necessary to salute every American Flag that passes.**

- If it is carried by an honor guard or in a group with other flags, stand up and salute (veterans) or pay respect to the Flag.
- Do not salute small hand-held flags carried by attendees & participants

Teach children to respect our nation's Flag. If they are given a small Flag, please do not throw it on the ground or in the street.



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# FNB Bank Strengthens Lending Team with Addition of Roman Harris and Kelty Carlson

**Staff Report**

MAYFIELD, Ky. — FNB Bank has announced the addition of two experienced banking professionals, Roman Harris and Kelty Carlson, as the institution continues to expand its lending and business banking services across western Kentucky.

Harris joined FNB as a Construction and Residential Mortgage Specialist, returning to the bank where he began his banking career in 2018. During his career, Harris has held a variety of positions, including Teller, Universal Banker, Indirect Lending Underwriter, Consumer Loan Officer, and Mortgage Loan Originator.

“Bringing Roman back to FNB is a win for our customers and our mortgage team,” said Josh Adams,



Roman Harris

FNB’s Residential Mortgage Leader. “His experience spans every part of the lending process and gives him a well-rounded perspective that benefits our customers.”

A 2016 graduate of Graves County High

School, Harris earned an associate degree from West Kentucky Community and Technical College before completing a bachelor’s degree in business administration from the University of the Cumberlands in



Kelty Carlson

2022. He is active with Young Professionals of Murray, serves on the Murray-Calloway County Chamber of Commerce Membership Committee, and assists with coaching football at Sedalia Elementary School.

FNB bank also welcomed Kelty Carlson as a Business Banking Officer serving Paducah and McCracken County. Carlson brings 15 years of experience in banking and agricultural finance, having worked

as a Commercial Agricultural Loan Officer, Commercial Lender, and Credit Training Specialist.

“We’re excited to have Kelty join our team in McCracken County,” said Ike Nichols, FNB’s McCracken County Market President. “Her experience and dedication to local businesses will strengthen our ability to serve the community.”

Carlson earned a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from Murray State University in 2010 and remains active in community and church organizations throughout the region.

Founded in 1875, FNB Bank operates 10 locations across western Kentucky and manages assets exceeding \$740 million.

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# Murray State Employee's Death Investigated as Homicide in Henry County

### Staff Report

MURRAY, Ky. — Members of the Murray State University community were notified June 5 of the death of a university employee whose case is now being investigated as a homicide.

MSU President Ron Patterson informed faculty, staff and students through a university notice that a member of the campus community had passed away. The individual was later identified as Angela Claxton, 49, an administrative assistant in the university's

Branding, Marketing and Communication Office.

Claxton, who lived in Buchanan, Tennessee, was also a member of Fairview Baptist Church in Tennessee.

According to a press release issued June 5 by Henry County Sheriff Josh Frey, deputies responded to a call regarding a deceased person at a residence on Cay Lawrence Road in Buchanan. Upon arrival, authorities identified the victim as Claxton, who was found inside her home.

Investigators have



Angela Claxton

since determined that Claxton's death is being treated as a homicide. Her body was transported to the

medical examiner's office in Nashville for further examination.

The Henry County Sheriff's Office is

working alongside the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation as the case remains active. Authorities are seeking assistance from the public as they work to determine the circumstances surrounding Claxton's death.

Sheriff Frey asked residents living on or near Cay Lawrence Road, Buchanan Road and Cowpath Road to review any available security camera footage from the evening of June 3 through June 4. Investigators are particularly interested in identifying vehicles, motorcycles

or other forms of transportation that may have traveled through the area between 9 p.m. on June 3 and June 4.

Officials are also asking anyone who was traveling in the area during that time and observed unusual activity or encountered suspicious vehicles to contact investigators.

Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the Henry County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Division at 731-642-1672, option 7, or call 1-800-TBI-FIND.

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**OFF-HIGHWAY TRUCKS:** 2006 Volvo A40D 40 ton haul truck-17,752 hrs, cab, heat/AC, tailgate; 2007 Volvo A40D 40 ton articulated haul truck-15,430 hrs, cab, heat/AC.



**EXCAVATORS:** 2019 CAT 336 excavator-6,277 hrs, cab, heat/AC, aux hydr, 48 in bucket; 2010 Deere 350D LC excavator-10,177 hrs, cab, heat/AC, hydr thumb, 52 in bucket; 2015 Komatsu PC308US LC-3E0 excavator-9,831 hrs, cab, heat/AC, aux hydr, hydr coupler, 55 in bucket; 2014 Kobelco SK260SR LC-3 excavator-8,428 hrs, cab, heat/AC, aux hydr, hydr quick coupler, 48 in bucket; 2005 CAT 320CL excavator-15,357 hrs, cab, heat/AC, aux hydr, quick coupler, bucket; 2007 Ingersoll-Rand ZX125 excavator-865 hrs, cab, rubber tracks, swing boom, hydr thumb, blade; 2020 Komatsu PC88MR-10 excavator-5,165 hrs, cab, heat/AC, aux hydr, rubber pads; Hitachi ZX85USB-5N excavator-2,279 hrs, cab, heat/AC, aux hydr, hydr thumb, quick coupler, blade.



**MINI EXCAVATORS:** 2021 CAT 305.5E2 mini excavator-783 hrs, cab, heat/AC, aux hydr, hydr thumb, blade; 2019 CAT 305E2 CR mini excavator-3,055 hrs, OROPS, aux hydr, angle blade, bucket; 2016 CAT 305E2 CR mini excavator-367 hrs, OROPS, aux hydr, bucket, blade; CF Industry QK16R mini excavator, gas, rubber tracks, blade, hydr thumb; CFG Industrial mini excavator, gas, rubber tracks, aux hydr, thumb, bucket, blade, NEW/UNUSED; CFG, ZJG & ATS mini excavators, gas and diesel options, buckets, blades, thumbs, LED lights, toolboxes, several NEW/UNUSED.



**WHEEL LOADERS:** 2021 Komatsu WA380-8 wheel loader-5,778 hrs, cab, heat/AC, 124 in rock bucket, rear camera; 2019 Volvo L90H wheel loader-5,640 hrs, cab, heat/AC, JRB quick coupler, aux hydr, bucket; 2019 Volvo L70H wheel loader-4,308 hrs, cab, heat/AC, JRB hydr quick coupler, bucket; 2021 Deere 524 P-Tier wheel loader-3,414 hrs, cab, heat/AC, hydr quick coupler, aux hydr, bucket.

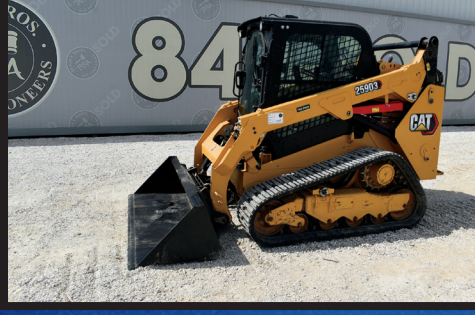


**SKID STEERS / TRACK LOADERS:** 2019 CAT 299D2 tracked skid steer-6,557 hrs, cab, aux hydr, bucket; 2024 CAT 289D3 tracked skid steer-2,053 hrs, cab, heat/AC, hi flow XPS, hydr attach, bucket; 2019 Deere 333G tracked skid steer-2,516 hrs, cab, heat/AC, hi flow, quick attach; 2019 Deere 333G tracked skid steer-2,151 hrs, cab, heat/AC, hi flow, 2 spd, quick coupler; 2018 Deere 333G tracked skid steer-1,996 hrs, cab, heat/AC, hi flow, hydr quick attach; 2024 Yanmar TL100VS tracked skid steer-745 hrs, cab, heat/AC, 2 spd, bucket; 2020 JCB 3TS-8T TeleSkid-2,062 hrs, cab, heat/AC, hi flow, telescopic boom, bucket; Kubota SVL90-2 tracked skid steer-3,584 hrs, OROPS, aux hydr, bucket; 2023 Bobcat T76 tracked skid steer-2,005 hrs, cab, heat/AC, 2 spd, hydr quick attach; 2023 CAT 259D3 tracked skid steer-3,200 hrs, cab, heat/AC, 2 spd, hydr quick attach; 2023 CAT 259D3 tracked skid steer-1,056 hrs, cab, heat/AC, 2 spd, hydr quick attach; 2019 CAT 259D tracked skid steer-2,928 hrs, cab, heat/AC, aux hydr, hydr quick attach; 2020 Bobcat T650 tracked skid steer-3,680 hrs, cab, heat/AC, 2 spd, hydr quick attach; 2020 Case TV370B tracked skid steer-4,225 hrs, cab, heat/AC, 2 spd, quick attach; 2019 Deere 317G tracked skid steer-2,077 hrs, cab, heat/AC, aux hydr; 2019 Deere 317G tracked skid steer-1,944 hrs, cab, heat/AC, aux hydr; 2019 Deere 317G tracked skid steer-1,840 hrs, cab, heat/AC, aux hydr; 2023 JCB 270 skid steer-870 hrs, cab, heat/AC, aux hydr, 2 spd, quick attach; 2024 CAT 226D3 wheeled skid steer-1,009 hrs, cab, heat/AC, aux hydr, hydr quick attach; 2021 CAT 262D3 skid steer-5,848 hrs, cab, heat/AC, 2 spd, hydr quick attach; 2016 Bobcat S570 skid steer-2,638 hrs, OROPS, heat/AC, aux hydr, 2 spd; 2007 Bobcat S250 skid steer-3,590 hrs, OROPS, aux hydr, bucket; 2014 JCB 190 skid steer-668 hrs, cab, heat/AC, aux hydr, quick attach.



**MINI SKID STEERS:** 2021 Bobcat MT100 mini track loader-1,128 hrs, diesel, aux hydr; 2019 Bobcat MT85 mini track loader-779 hrs, aux hydr, bucket, diesel; ATS & ZJG mini skid steers, gas, aux hydr, buckets, toolboxes, several NEW/UNUSED.

**CRANES:** 1992 Grove AP308B carry deck crane-2,689 hrs, Cummins diesel, 24 ft boom, 15 ft jib; 2020 Hiab K-Hipro 505 truck crane, 82 ft horizontal reach, 91 ft vertical reach, 6,400 lb cap.



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# How the body changes with age

Aging is an inevitable component of life. Young children often cannot wait until they get older because of the freedoms that seemingly come with being more mature. On the flip side, adults often wish they were young again. Time waits for no person, and with aging comes many changes, many of which manifest physically.

The following are some components of healthy aging that go beyond graying hair and wrinkling skin.

### Bones, joints and muscles

According to the

Mayo Clinic, with age bones may become thinner and more fragile. Joints will lose their flexibility, while muscles lose mass and strength, endurance and flexibility. These changes may be accompanied by a loss of stability that can result in balance issues or falls. It's common for the body frame to shrink, and a person may lose a few inches from his or her height.

A doctor may suggest a bone-density test or supplementation with calcium and vitamin D to keep bones as strong as possible. Physical activity that

includes strength training can help keep muscles strong and flexible.

### Body fat

As muscle mass diminishes, body fat can increase. The Merck Manual indicates that, by age 75, the percentage of body fat typically doubles compared with what it was during young adulthood. The distribution of fat also changes, which can adjust the shape of the torso.

### Heart

Organs in the body also age, and cells begin to die off, making those organs work less efficiently. The heart is one such organ that changes with age. It pumps more than 2.5 million beats during one's lifetime. As a person gets older, blood vessels lose their



elasticity, and the heart has to work harder to circulate blood throughout the body, reports Johnson Memorial Health. Exercise can help keep the heart as strong as possible.

### Urinary tract and kidneys

The kidneys become smaller as a person ages,

which means they may not be able to filter urine as effectively. Urinary incontinence may occur due to hormonal changes or because of an enlarged prostate. Furthermore, the bladder may become less elastic, leading to an urge to urinate more frequently.

### Memory and

### thinking

Older adults experience changes to the brain as they age. Minor effects on memory or thinking skills are common and not usually cause for worry. Staying mentally active by reading, playing word games and engaging in hobbies can help. Following a routine and making lists (as multi-tasking may become challenging) are some additional ways to address memory issues.

These are just some of the changes that can come with aging. Generally speaking, exercising, using the brain and adhering to a balanced, healthy diet can help keep the body functioning well into one's golden years.

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# Health care costs and seniors



The burden on health care costs in retirement could be a significant hurdle for retirees without a sizable nest egg or effective strategy to cover such expenses. According to the Fidelity Retiree Health Care Cost Estimate, an average retired couple aged 65 in 2022 could need around \$315,000 after taxes to cover their health care expenses in retirement. Thought traditional retirement goals like financing travel or relocating to a warmer climate are worthy pursuits, it's vital that individuals of all

ages, including those on the cusp of retirement, recognize the importance of saving for health care expenses as well. Such expenses, which include medication costs, are easy to take for granted when individuals are still working. However, Fidelity notes that generics, branded drugs and specialty drugs account for roughly 17 percent of retirement health care expenses. That equates to around \$53,500 that might be needed to pay for medication alone.

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# Potential dangers of mixing herbal and prescription meds

Medications improve the lives of billions of people across the globe every day. Without access to medication, millions may die while countless others would experience a dramatic decline in their quality of life.

Though there's no denying the positive effects of medication, the efficacy of herbal supplements and prescription drugs does not mean each are risk-free. Risks may even be compounded when individuals take herbal supplements and prescription medications concurrently. According to the Mayo Clinic, herbal supplements do not always interact well with prescription medications. For example, herbal supplements can interact with medicines utilized to treat issues affected the heart and blood vessels. That includes conditions like high blood pressure, which estimates from the World Health Organization indicate affects nearly 1.3 billion adults between the ages of 30 and 79.

Mixing medications has always been risky, but a growing reliance on herbal medicines has potentially



elevated that risk. That's perhaps due to perceptions of herbal supplements as wholly natural, leading some to conclude that a substance that's wholly natural cannot jeopardize the human body. However, an analysis published in the British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology detailed more than a dozen instances of adverse drug reactions affecting individuals who took herbal medicines alongside various prescription medications. The

medications taken, some of which were antidepressants, were prescribed to treat various conditions, including HIV, epilepsy and heart disease.

The potential dangers of mixing herbal and prescription medications underscore the need to engage in honest and open discussions with a physician before taking any herbal or prescription medications. Individuals currently taking a prescription medication should consult with their

physician before taking any herbal supplements, while those who take herbal medicines and supplements should bring that up with their physicians if they are prescribed a new medication.

*What are some symptoms of herbal and prescription interactions?*

The Mayo Clinic notes that a fast heartbeat and changes in blood pressure are two indicators of drug interactions. But many additional side effects can indicate a potentially dangerous or unhealthy interaction is taking place. For example, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration notes that increased dryness or irritation of skin when taking more than one topical acne drug at the same time indicates an unhealthy interaction is taking place.

Herbal and prescription medication interactions can be dangerous. Individuals are urged to contact their physicians before combining medications and to bring up their existing medication regimen whenever they are issued a new prescription.

# Receding vision after 40 is common

Adults in their early 40s who feel as though their vision has begun to recede should know that slight changes in vision are common at this point in life. According to the American Optometric Association, problems seeing clearly at close distances, such as when reading or working at a computer, are common between the ages of 41 and 60. Known as presbyopia, this problem will progress over time.

*How does age-related vision loss affect daily life?*

The AOA notes that individuals who are developing presbyopia may need to hold reading materials farther away than normal to see them clearly. Still others

might feel the need to remove their eyeglasses so they can see better up close. Words may appear blurred, especially in dimly lit environments like restaurants.

Another way age-related vision loss affects daily life concerns driving. Many individuals begin to experience increasing difficulty with glare when driving at night after they turn 40.

*Are all adults over 40 equally vulnerable to eye and vision problems?*

Individuals with preexisting conditions are at a higher risk of developing vision problems after 40. Such conditions include diabetes and high blood pressure. The AOA also notes that individuals over 40 may be more vulnerable if they take

medications for health conditions related to high cholesterol, thyroid problems, anxiety or depression, and arthritis. A family history of glaucoma and macular degeneration also increases the risk that individuals over 40 will develop problems with their eyes and vision.

*Does everyone over 40 have the same experience with receding vision?*

The symptoms of age-related vision changes like presbyopia are not the same for everyone, so the lack of common symptoms does not necessarily mean individuals' vision isn't receding. That's one reason why the AOA urges all individuals between the ages of 40 and 64 to schedule eye exams at least every

two years. Individuals in this age group who have been deemed "at-risk" should get annual exams.

Eyeglasses (or new prescriptions for individuals who

already wear them), contact lenses and surgical procedures can help individuals with presbyopia overcome the condition. It's important that adults over 40 recognize that

the changes sparked by presbyopia typically stop around age 60.

More information about receding vision after 40 can be found at [www.aoa.org](http://www.aoa.org).



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**27 Paradise Point Road • Gilbertsville, Kentucky \$369,000.** 3 beautiful lots, over 1/2 acre sitting up HIGH on a hill with a SPECTACULAR BREATHTAKING VIEW OF KY LAKE in Cambridge Shores Subdivision! Build your Dream Home! Magnificent Stunning view of KY Lake! Enjoy all the amenities that Cambridge Shores has to offer. This quiet KY Lake neighborhood is the perfect place to call home! CALL Jennifer Palmer Realty at 270-519-9000

**135 Allighany ----Unique Custom Built 2015 property.** Stunningly Luxurious with Captivating Elegance across the road 1000 yards from Ky Dam Village State Park, Dam, Marina ,Restaurant/Lodge. 2000 yards to Golf course! Less than 2 miles to Aviation Airfield, & I-24/69. 5 total bedrooms, 4 full baths,2 half baths, 2 laundry areas & 3 gas log fireplaces! Vaulted & Cathedral ceilings, detailed woodwork, polished marble, with unique characteristics! Primary suite offers custom tiled bath, heated floor & walk-n closet! Kitchen island & beautiful cabinetry! Music room, sun room & office! Basement has family room, kitchen, bedroom, storage room & bath. Covered patio with wood burning FP. In-ground pool ,privacy fence, & gated concrete drive, 2 & 1/2car Gar, ,apartment, additional lot & massive stately privacy wall. Can be a VRBO! Jennifer Palmer Realty at 270-519-9000

**718 Marina Village Dr. ----Beautiful Custom Built 3 bed 3 & 1/2 bath 2006,** looks like a new Home sitting on 2 private lots in Prestigious Gated Marina Village Subdivision! Hardwood Floors,9 ft ceilings , many updates, large family room open to Kitchen! 2 Bedrooms on main level & one HUGE bedroom up. All bedrooms have a full bath. Kitchen has custom cabinetry! NEW HEAT/AIR UNITS IN

2023. Upstairs-2019. NEW DECK, 4 car garage heated & cooled, Storm Shelter, ALL FURNITURE, DECOR, TABLEWARE, BEDDING, LIGHTHOUSE PICTURES, Towels STAY PLUS NEW flooring that has not been installed. Take a golf cart ride to Grand Rivers, world famous Patties Restaurant, antique shops & more! Jennifer Palmer Realty at 270-519-9000

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2836 James Sanders Blvd., Paducah, KY. MLS #134672. High traffic location, Approximately 3+ acres off exit #4 I-24 on James Sander's BLVD between Texas Road House and Academy Sports. Great location for commercial development. Approximately 450 feet of road frontage, level, with all utilities. \$2,450,000, Carla Bridges @ REMAX at 270-559-8425

6330 Burchell, Paducah, KY. MLS #136950. Premier custom home in one of Paducah's most prestigious neighborhoods, The Grove, privately set on a cul-de-sac. Grand entry, open kitchen with butler's pantry, spacious living room with fireplace, office, craft room, and luxurious primary suite with his and hers baths and sitting area. Enjoy a large, covered porch with outdoor kitchen, screened porch and 3 car garage. Upstairs offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, playroom/bedroom and bonus room. The walkout basement includes 2 bedrooms, full kitchen, family room, patio, storage, mechanical room and concrete safe room. Elevator serves

all floors. French country exterior, stone/brick/extensive landscaping and circle drive. \$1,595,000. Contact Carla Bridges @ REMAX at 270-559-8425

500 S 17th • Paducah, KY 42003 Commercial/Industrial - \$1,399,000 MLS Number • 125918 • 18,900 sq. ft. Outstanding professional office building in the heart of Paducah featuring approximately 15,600 sq. ft. of office space with 26 private offices, 4 bullpens, 2 conference rooms, kitchen/breakroom, 2 IT rooms, 3 laboratory rooms, multiple work areas, and storage closets along with 2300 sq. ft. warehouse area. Also has an approximately 1000 sq. ft. detached storage building. Contact Carla Bridges @ REMAX at 270-559-8425

1114 Broadway, Paducah, KY. MLS #132732. Excellent opportunity for a client in need of a nice office building in midtown Paducah, centrally located in the heart of Paducah's business district with high traffic location. Dual access from Broadway and Kentucky Avenue. Current tenants are expected to move by late fall. \$459,900. Contact Carla Bridges @ REMAX at 270-559-8425

House For Sale Ranch style, 3 bedroom, 2 full baths, Cedar siding. Sits on 6 acres. 116 Darnell Rd. Benton 42025. Call 270-404-6972 for appointment.

100 Acres sold all together. Livingston County, near Elementary school. store, fire department. Can be used for residential or commercial. 10 miles from Ky Lake 270-210-6697 (tfn)

37 Acres, Beautiful Building Site. 5050 Metropolis Lake Rd, W. Paducah. \$10,000 per acre. Call 270-210-4666 tfn

4 Adjacent 1 acres lots in Peninsula Subdivision on Lake of Egypt. Great year round fishing with no carp, barges, or big boats. 50 minutes from Paducah. \$29,995 for all four. Might divide into 2 parcels. Call owner 314-239-6676.

Large Ky Lake lot Mature trees, utilities, restricted to new construction or double wide. \$24,900. 270-970-8000 (tfn)

Beautifully and totally renovated condo in exciting Lower Town, Paducah, KY. Stainless steel and granite kitchen, original wood floors, two master suites with attached baths. Carport with storage. 2/3 -2,140

sq. ft. \$247,500. (972) 816-8766 (tfn)

401 E 12th St., Benton Charming and spacious 2,240 sq. ft. home. Immaculate property centrally located in Benton on a well landscaped corner lot. 3 Bedroom / 2 Bath. Expansive basement includes interior and exterior entrances. Workshop with additional outbuilding with concrete flooring for mower etc. \$269,900 Call Carla Bridges REMAX Realty Group at 270-559-8425

1.6 acres with hookups septic and well. 2357 State Rt 384 Mayfield Ky. \$20k FIRM 270-564-6774(TFN)

**CAMPERS FOR SALE**

Camper For Sale. 2019 Heritage Glen 26.5 ft

For sale Pop camper 2001 Coleman Grand Tour Utah; \$3,000. 270-519-7849 TFN

**BOATS FOR SALE**

REDUCED 2008 20 ft. Crestliner 1950 SF series, easy load trailer, 175 HP Mercury motor, canopy, travel cover, 2 fish finders, radio FM/AM, much more, garage stored, valued at \$15K, sell for \$12,000. 270-665-0010 / leave a message.

14' Polar Craft Boat,Like new motor, electric start, trailer 1 fuel can, Minkota trolling motor, canopy, fish finder, battery. Benton Ky \$5,500.00. OBO 815-236-9455 (TFN)

**AUTOS FOR SALE**

For Sale. 2009 Mercury Milan 82000 miles. Bought August 2024 for commuting to work. No longer needed. Last Service June 2025 78,500 miles New Tires June 2025 78,800 miles. Price \$7500.00. Call 615-430-7544.

2015 Mercedes E-350 104,000 miles, Light grey Real nice vehicle, drives real nice. \$13,000 OBO call 270-493-2176

2007 Red Chevy Avalanche Truck, needs transmission and frame rusted.Selling truck for parts. \$3000. Please call 270-217-4980

2017 GMC Sierra Denali Crew Cab pickup, 99,000 miles, loaded, Beautiful truck, \$23,500. Please call... 270-519-3674 or 270-519-1254

1986 Chevrolet 4 x 4 Pickup, wrecked but a/c works \$2,000 cash or OBO. 327 Motor and 3 speed trans-

mission out of 1980 Impala \$1,000 cash or OBO. Call 270-804-5399.

REDUCED 2010 Black Honda Fit Sport 4 door hatchback. Excellent mechanical condition minor cosmetic damage clear title \$4,500.00 OBO Cal 812-631-3921

**GOLF CART FOR SALE**

REDUCED 2019 EZGO Golfcart 48V. Flame Red with Black seating. very good condition in Salem, Ky area 4,200.00. Call 812-483-1116 (tfn)

**FARM & LAWN EQUIPMENT**

1996 8570 MF Combine Big motor, 30' GH, SCH Knife & drive, Maurer bin ext, flotation rears, second owner. C-Tech maintained. Approx. 3,000 hrs \$50,000 OBO. 419-615-0950

REDUCED 1987 John Deere Combine 7720 Titan 2, 4 wd, long auger, 30.5 x 32 tires, always kept inside shed. \$11,000 OBO 270-254-0318 3.2 Prong Hay Fork \$150; B275 Diesel International project tractor \$1,250. Call 731-487-7062.

1953 Farmall Cub Woods Belly Mower. to ad for 1950 8n Ford Tractor \$1250.00. 270-832-1281

1950 8N Ford tractor \$1,250.00, Call 270-832-1281. W0.5x32

King Kutter Bushhog 48" w/ PTO Connector, Like New. \$900 OBO. Benton, KY. 815-236-9455 (TFN)

**MISC. FOR SALE**

For Sale: New and Used Christmas Toys and Tools. Rosanna's Place Salem Ky. Thurs -Fri. 8-4. Sat. 8-1

For Sale: Baldwin Upright Piano In Good Condition \$300.00 Call 270-564-1860

Fiddle/Violin (Karl Knilling), Hand-Made in Germany, 2 Bows & Hard Case. Very Good Condition. \$300, 270-328-8801 (tfn)

Roofing supplies left over a job. GAF shingles, under lay, edging, nails. Retail value \$700. Your cost for lot \$250 cash and carry. 270-559-8467

Hunting equipment, trophy deer heads, tools, household horse and Indian items, thousands of like new items priced to sell. Traders Mall Flee Market June 13th

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# Spay and neuter grants available for local governments

By **TOM LATEK**  
*Kentucky Today*

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – The Kentucky Animal Control Advisory Board (KACAB) is inviting all Kentucky county and metro governments to apply for grants that are available to spay and neuter dogs and cats.

The board will award up to \$3,000 to each government on a competitive basis. Spay/neuter grant candidates can learn more about the program and download the grant application at [kyspayneuter.com](http://kyspayneuter.com). The application can be found under “Resources” at the top of

the page.

Governments may also partner with non-profit organizations to obtain the best use of resources. Applicants are encouraged to seek out the best price possible for the average anticipated cost per alteration. Grant amounts will be based in part on alteration costs.

Grant applications must be received by email no later than July 15. Please email all documents and required attachments to [michael.grant@ky.gov](mailto:michael.grant@ky.gov). No faxed or mailed applications will be accepted.

In addition, the board encourages Kentucky vehicle



owners to purchase spay/neuter license plates when buying or renewing their vehicle registrations,

as funds for this program come from the sale of spay/neuter license plates.

The Animal Control

Advisory Board was established in 1998 by the Kentucky General Assembly. The duties of the board include

making recommendations to the Kentucky Commissioner of Agriculture relating to animal control issues, evaluating applications for disbursement of animal care and control funds, establishing shelter standards, and creating training programs. It is attached to the Kentucky Department of Agriculture for administrative purposes.

For more information or questions, go to [kyspayneuter.com](http://kyspayneuter.com) or contact Michael Grant at [michael.grant@ky.gov](mailto:michael.grant@ky.gov).

# Simple ways to lessen your financial load after 50

By the time people reach their fiftieth birthday, many have begun to imagine what their life in retirement may look like. Though data from the U.S. Census Bureau indicates the number of people working into their 70s increased significantly during the first two decades of the twentieth century, the vast majority of professionals still call it a career sometime during their 60s.

Retirement may still be a long way off for people who are 50 or in their early 50s, but around this time thoughts of what retirement could be compel many people to seek ways to reduce their financial load in anticipation of the day when they will no longer be working. Cutting back needn't be complicated, and the following are some simple ways for individuals 50 and over to save money.

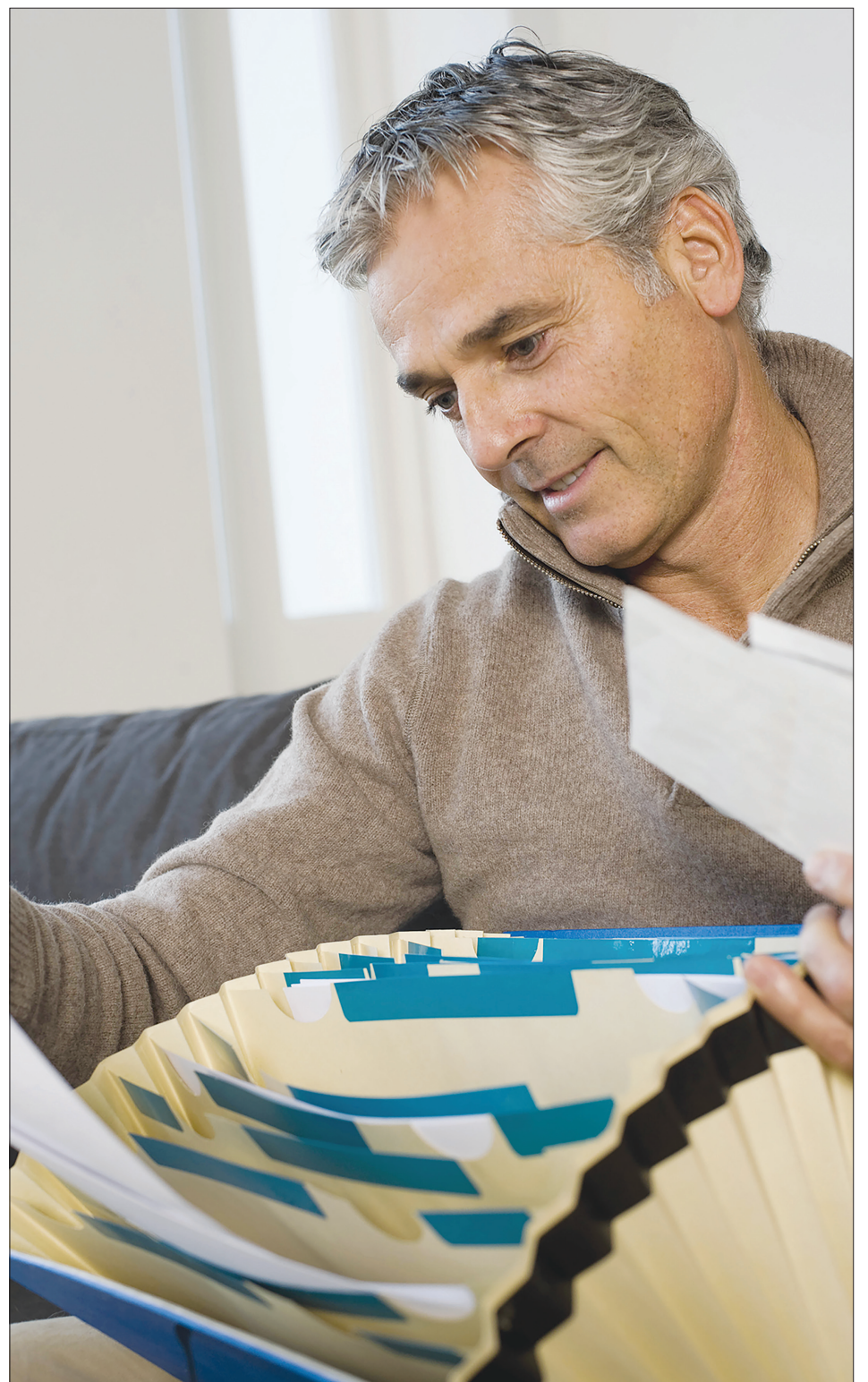
- **Address unsecured debt.** Unsecured debt, which can include credit card balances and medical bills, tends to carry higher interest rates than debts that carry a collateral requirement. According to the Federal Reserve, roughly 12.5 percent of individuals over 50 still have student loan debt, which is another type of unsecured debt. If possible, people over 50 should pay off these debts immediately or make their best effort to pay extra each month so they are paid off as soon as possible.

- **Pay in “cash.”** It's not enough to simply pay off unsecured debt like consumer credit. It's also important to stop accruing additional debt. Individuals over 50 should resist the temptation to use their credit cards, instead paying with cash or debit cards. Credit card debt is often characterized as a problem for

young consumers, but a 2021 report from ValuePenguin found that the median credit card debt among individuals between the ages of 55 and 64 was higher than it was for consumers aged 35 to 44. Paying in cash, whether it's with paper currency or a debit card, ensures you're not digging yourself into debt.

- **Reexamine your housing situation.** Adults 50 and over who purchased their home in their late 20s or early 30s are likely nearing the maturity date on their mortgages. If so, paying a little extra toward the principal each month will help you pay off that mortgage a good deal earlier than if you keep paying the same amount you've been paying for years. Though paying extra money each month may not seem like reducing your financial load, it will do so considerably over time. For example, the financial experts at Wells Fargo note that individuals with a fixed-rate mortgage loan of \$200,000 at 4 percent can cut the term of that loan by more than 4.5 years by paying as little as \$100 extra each month toward their principal. Homeowners over 50 who have already paid off a significant percentage of their mortgage loans could reach maturity much sooner if they start paying more toward principal now. Since housing costs are many people's greatest expense, removing a mortgage payment from your financial ledger by the time you reach 55 could create significant financial flexibility as you get closer to retirement.

Individuals over 50 can utilize some simple yet effective strategies to reduce their financial obligations as retirement nears.



# What seniors should know about red meat

As people age, their dietary habits may need to be modified in protection of their long-term health. Seniors may be advised to avoid certain foods, including red meat. The consensus regarding seniors and red meat now emphasizes balance. Red meat, which consists of beef, lamb and pork, offers bioavailable nutrients that are difficult to get from plants alone. Red meat contains vitamin B12, which is crucial for cognitive function and nerve health. Since absorption of B12 often declines with age, according to UCLA Health, it can be challenging to get enough. Red meat contains heme iron, which is more easily absorbed by the body than the non-heme iron found in beans or spinach. Iron helps ward off age-related anemia, according to UMass Memorial Health. High-quality protein also is essential to combat age-related muscle loss, a condition known as

sarcopenia. Despite the benefits of red meat, the American Heart Association and the World Cancer Research Fund suggest moderation because of the impact it may have on cardiovascular health. Many cuts of red meat are high in saturated fats, which have the potential to elevate LDL (bad) cholesterol. For seniors with a history of elevated lipid panels or heart disease, leaner cuts of red meat are key. Alternative protein sources also should be chosen more often than red meat. Limiting red meat also can help combat digestive system concerns. As a person ages, the digestive system produces less stomach acid, says Cary Gastroenterology Associates. That makes it harder to break down heavy proteins like red meat. This can lead to bloating or discomfort if too much is consumed. Certain studies have explored the link between



high red meat consumption and systemic inflammation that can aggravate conditions like arthritis. Baylor College of Medicine says high levels of saturated fat and omega-6 fatty acids could elevate inflammatory markers like C-reactive protein, exacerbating autoimmune conditions and

other health issues. Best practices for seniors concerning red meat involve looking for cuts with “loin” or “round” in the name, as they have the highest protein-to-fat ratios. Seniors also should discuss the newest federal Dietary Guidelines for Americans with their doctors or nutritionists, as the 2026 guidelines represent a

significant shift that promotes higher consumption of red meat, full-fat dairy and animal proteins, rather than restricting them to one to two times per week, despite advising limiting saturated fat intake. These contradictory

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**Energy-saving tips**

The weather and how we use energy are two major factors that can affect utility bills. LG&E and KU are encouraging customers to keep

a few simple tips in mind to help beat the heat:

- Make sure your system is ready. Have a certified professional service your air conditioning unit annually to make sure it's ready to perform in extended high temperatures. Set a reminder to change your filter each month, or according to the manufacturer's instructions, to keep your system operating properly.
- Program your



Follow campground and local guidelines while outside and do not build a campfire in hazardous, dry conditions, which could start a fire.

- Take steps for fire safety. Find out if the campground has an existing fire ring or fire pit you can use, and have a source of water, a bucket and a shovel nearby at all times.

Visit lge-ku.com for important safety information and more ways to save energy this summer.

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thermostat. Setting the thermostat to the highest comfortable setting during the day will help manage cooling expenses. Raising your thermostat setting by one degree can save as much as 4-7 percent on the cooling portion of your energy bill. Customers also can purchase a smart thermostat using the LG&E and KU Online Marketplace, which offers instant rebates up to \$75. Visit [shop.lge-ku.com](http://shop.lge-ku.com) to explore available options.

- Open and uncover vents. Be sure vents are open and clear, unblocked by furniture or other

obstructions that could prevent air from circulating through your home.

- Pull the shade. Closing curtains, drapes and blinds on sun-facing windows helps block rays that naturally increase indoor temperatures.

**Summertime safety tips**

Summer weather also means increased outdoor activities, including camping and hiking, and traveling. Here are some helpful tips to remember while outside or on the go:

- Assemble an emergency

kit. Include essential items such as water, nonperishable foods, first-aid items, a cell phone charge, weather radio and extra batteries.

- Keep at least a half tank of gas in your car.

- Take frequent breaks to hydrate and cool down.

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## Outfit your golf cart with must-have accessories

Golf carts are not necessarily reserved for those hitting the links. While it's true that a cart makes it easier for golfers to make their way around a course, golf carts are quite popular in and around many residential neighborhoods as well.

Global Market Insights says the golf cart market was valued at \$2.5 billion in 2023, with an estimated growth of more than 7.5 percent expected between 2024 and 2032. These carts are regularly

utilized in residential communities, retirement villages, university campuses, and even across campgrounds and small towns. Many homes in suburban communities, like those being built in Texas, Florida and Georgia, now boast additional, smaller garages designed specifically for golf carts. Designated golf cart parking also has turned up in town centers and other retail locations around the country.

As the popularity

of golf carts surges and more people rely on them as a second vehicle, outfitting these carts with the right gear can help them stand out.

- Cover: For those without the benefit of a special garage for the golf cart, a golf cart cover protects the vehicle against sun and weather damage. Look for a cover that is water-repellent.

- Cup holders: Whether it's for a morning cup of coffee

see **outfit**, page B23

# Tips to help seniors travel safely

Travel was once a key component of the picture working professionals created of their ideal retirements. While the COVID-19 pandemic put many retirement travel plans on hold in recent years, jetting off to distant locales is once again on retirees' radars.

A 2022 survey from AARP found that individuals 50 and over were poised to not only get back on the road, but also spend significantly more money on travel. Prior to the pandemic, Americans 50 and over spent \$7,314 annually on travel, according to data from AARP. By spring 2022, individuals in that same age bracket indicated a readiness to spend \$8,369 on travel.

Eagerness to get back on the road, in the air or on the high seas could make it easy to overlook some principles of safe travel. However, such an oversight could lead to complications that could make it hard to enjoy time away from home. The following tips can reduce the likelihood that seniors encounter trouble while traveling.

- Determine if any health issues are affecting your desired destinations. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has a website devoted to travel vaccines ([cdc.gov/travel/page/travel-vaccines](https://www.cdc.gov/travel/page/travel-vaccines)), and that page can be an invaluable resource for individuals planning a vacation. What's more, the CDC even provides a specific



list of destinations and the latest travel health notices for each of those nations. That list, accessible at [cdc.gov/travel/destinations/list](https://www.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/list) can help seniors determine if there are any health-related safety issues in countries they hope to visit.

- Speak to your physician. A pre-trip consultation with a physician can uncover any issues that might arise while you're away. Such issues may be easily managed for domestic travelers who are not planning to visit any especially remote locations, but they will not necessarily be as easily navigated when traveling overseas. Physicians can recommend certain vaccinations or measures to ensure your health while away. In addition, a pre-trip doctor visit is a great time to refill prescriptions that you will need while you're

away.

- Take financial precautions as well. Of course, not all travel-related concerns are medical. Finances also require some pre-trip attention. Inflation has caused a sharp spike in the price of various commodities since the start of 2022, so travelers should study up on the cost of food and attractions at their destination to ensure they have enough money to enjoy themselves. Baggage costs have risen significantly in recent

years, so seniors traveling on a budget may want to pack less and do laundry while traveling in an effort to save money. In addition, the unpredictable nature of travel since the onset of the pandemic has underscored the utility of travel insurance. Seniors can look into travel insurance that could reimburse them in the case of delays or cancellations.

- Privately share your itinerary. Prior to departing, share your itinerary with friends and family. Avoid sharing the itinerary on social media platforms, which can make you a target for criminals at home and at your destination. The itinerary should include where you're staying, the dates you're visiting certain locations and the dates of activities you'll be engaging in on your trip.

Seniors rediscovering the joy of traveling can take various measures to make their trips more safe.

## OUTFIT,

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or an insulated water tumbler, cup holders are must-haves on the golf cart. Many cup holders attach easily to the rear accessory bar and elsewhere.

- Upgraded tires: Tires that come standard on most golf carts are not the most durable, says Matt's Custom Golf Carts. Therefore, replacing the tires with ones designed to traverse the terrain you travel the most can be a wise investment.

- New lighting: Improve on visibility and style by customizing lighting accessories on the golf cart. Many golf carts are being used to get around town, so it pays to have brighter headlights to see roadways and

increase your visibility to oncoming traffic and pedestrians.

- Anti-slip mats: These mats can help ensure passengers stay safe and secure when stepping in and out of the golf cart, particularly on rainy days. Custom floor mats are available so you can put even more style into your ride.

- Side mirrors: Improve on safety with the addition of side mirrors. Icon Electric Vehicles says most factory golf carts feature just one small, center-mounted mirror to view the rear. While adequate for the golf course, it is not safe for the open road. Adding side mirrors helps elevate the safety factor.

- Tinted windshield: Some golf carts do not come with windshields. The addition of one,

particularly a tinted version, can help reduce glare and protect against debris and bugs while driving.

- Rear flip seat kit: This kit increases the seating capacity of the golf cart. When not in use, the seat can be flipped down to carry cargo.

- Speakers: No ride is complete without music. Adding speakers to the golf cart can make the ride even more enjoyable. Bluetooth speakers may not require any special wiring and can work immediately with your smartphone.

Golf carts are turning up well outside of golf courses, making them a go-to second vehicle for people in various communities. Accessorizing a golf cart can improve the driving experience.



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# Kentucky is part of UVA sugary beverage research

By TOM LATEK  
*Kentucky Today*

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (KT) – University of Virginia researchers are testing a digital program designed to help rural families in Kentucky and four other states reduce their consumption of sugary drinks.

Backed by a \$669,251 grant from the National Cancer Institute, the team from the UVA School of Medicine and UVA School of Education and Human Development have rolled out the weSIPsmarter program to eight Head Start programs – which support children’s development from birth

through age five – in Kentucky, Alabama, Georgia, Ohio and Virginia.

Sugary drinks are the largest single source of added calories for Americans and account, on average, for about eight percent of children’s daily calories and seven percent among adults, said researcher Jamie Zoellner, PhD, RD, a registered dietician with UVA’s Department of Public Health Sciences. Nearly half of American children ages 2-5 consume sugary drinks every day, Zoellner said. Sugary drink consumption increases the risk for a range of health conditions, including cancer, heart disease



and diabetes.

Sugary drink consumption among adults is higher in rural areas than in urban areas, she added, which is why the study evaluating weSIPsmarter is targeting both adults and their young children.

“Research shows that helping parents

build knowledge, confidence and healthy attitudes about sugary drinks can improve what young children drink,” stated Zoellner the study’s principal investigator. “Factors such as parents’ understanding of healthy beverages, their own drinking habits and how they

offer drinks to their children can all influence a child’s intake of sugary drinks. “This is especially important because adults ages 18 to 34, the age group that includes many preschool parents, consume the highest amounts of sugary drinks themselves.”

The program has six online “cores” that provide information and activities designed to motivate families who volunteer for the study to reduce their sugary drink consumption. Automated reminder emails, along with text messages and phone calls as needed, encourage families to complete all six cores. Families

report their daily sugary drink intake either by responding to a text message or by logging into a study website. Parents also have the option to track their weight daily by stepping onto a digital scale with cellular connectivity provided free as part of the program.

Researchers will evaluate the program on whether it reduces sugary drink consumption among children, as well as parents’ sugary drink consumption, overall beverage and diet quality, body mass index and families’ quality of life.



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