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Gaming, grooming and impaired driving among new laws in Kentucky



(KT) – The majority of the 190 bills enacted by the 2026 General Assembly took effect on Wednesday, as Kentucky’s constitution specifies that new laws take effect 90 days after the legislature adjourns, which was April 15.

Exceptions include those with special effective dates or have emergency clauses that make them effective immediately upon becoming law. The new laws include:

Gaming – House Bill 904, among its many provisions, increases the age to participate in sports wagering from 18 to 21 and bans anyone on the attorney general’s child support arrearage list from betting on online platforms. The bill also forbids negative

outcome bets – also known as “under” bets – on college athletes who play on in-state teams.

Grooming – House Bill 4 criminalizes efforts to manipulate a minor into sexual contact with an adult, a practice known as “grooming.”

Impaired Driving – Under Senate Bill 66, an impaired driving suspect who refuses a blood test will have their driver’s license suspended at the time of arraignment. If the person is convicted, their license will be subsequently suspended by the Transportation Cabinet. It also requires the cabinet to maintain records of moving traffic convictions for 10 years and adds clonazepam,

cyclobenzaprine and fentanyl to the list of drugs that, when detected in a driver’s blood, could lead to an impaired driving conviction.

Impeding a First Responder – Senate Bill 104 seeks to prevent interference or harassment of first responders. It creates a 25-foot safe zone around police, firefighters and others while they are performing their official duties. Individuals who remain in the zone could face criminal charges if they ignore an initial warning to move back and intend to impede, threaten or harass a first responder.

Kentucky-Grown Agricultural Products – Senate Bill 5 makes it easier for Kentucky schools to purchase locally grown food for student meals. It lifts some procurement requirements and better connects students with the agricultural economy.

License Plate Readers – House Bill 58 limits the use of license plate readers largely to public safety purposes and conducting criminal investigations. The Transportation Cabinet can also use readers for toll and revenue collection and enforcement needs. also will require data captured by automatic license plate readers to be deleted after 90 days, with limited exceptions for criminal investigations and other needs.

Recent high school graduate injured in boating accident; charge lodged against family member

BFriends and community members are rallying to show support for Rylee Owens and her family following a boating accident that occurred Friday afternoon in Trigg County, leaving the Christian County High School grad with serious injuries.

The accident happened on Lake Barkley near Bachman Turner Drive. Trigg County Emergency Personnel said a 20-year-old woman, who was identified in a post on Spotfund as Rylee Owens, suffered severe leg injuries from a boat propeller and was found unconscious. She was transported to Trigg County Hospital with CPR in progress and was later transferred to another hospital that has not been listed.

According to the post on Spotfund Rylee has a long road to recovery ahead.

Since the Spotfund account was started more than \$36,000 has been raised. A goal of \$50,000 has been set for the fundraiser.

T-shirts that say “Rylee’s Rally Squad” are also being sold to help the family at Race Ranch on Facebook.

Roundies Rock Cafe in Hopkinsville will donate all the money from the sale of spaghetti meals during the month of July. Restaurant operators say they chose the spaghetti meal because that is one



Rylee’s favorites. The restaurant serves spaghetti meals Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of each week.

A friend of Rylee Owens has started the Rylee Strong t-shirt fundraiser. Mallory Neighbors is selling t-shirts with the family’s permission for \$20 each. The shirt is available through Mallory Neighbors Facebook page. She says the money raised by the t-shirt sales will go directly to the Owens’ family.

And Crofton Baptist Church is planning a blood drive in support of Rylee in the near future. No date

for the blood drive has been announced.

Rylee was a standout volleyball player at Christian County High School and was a multi-time winner of the YourSportsEdge.Com ‘Fan Fave’ award.

UPDATE: A Crofton man has been charged in connection with this accident.

According to an arrest citation by Kentucky Fish and Wildlife, 49-year-old Scotty Owens was operating a boat when the woman got out of the boat to secure a jet ski that was loose.

The citation states that Scotty Owens showed signs of being under the influence of alcohol and was arrested by law enforcement.



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Citizen Kane 85th Anniversary:

Classics back on the big screen

By **CIRO ASTARITA**
KPI Writer

(PADUCAH, KY)- On July 5th and 8th at Cinemark in Paducah, one of the films heralded as the ‘THE GREATEST FILM OF ALL TIME’ was shown. This special feature is a part of a series of classic movies being shown at theatres across the country hosted by Fathom Events.

This iconic movie (to many) needs no introduction. Orson Welles created Citizen Kane after his breakout success of his 1938 radio adaptation of The War of the Worlds. This radio adaptation became infamous for convincing people there was an actual alien invasion! It instantly skyrocketed Welles into superstardom. Just three short years later at only 26 years old, Welles would create what is considered



Citizen Kane playing at Cinemark in Paducah

to be one of the best works of fiction from the 20th century. The film is loosely based on the life of William Randolph Hearst, an American newspaper publisher and politician(what a coincidence!). Hearst was responsible for creating the Hearst

Corporation, a multi-national mass media conglomerate that is currently operating at the Hearst Tower in Midtown Manhattan, New York. Welles directed and starred in the lead role, taking inspiration from Hearst’s life as well as his

own along with other influences like Joseph Pulitzer. This character’s name is Charles Foster Kane, a bitter old newspaper tycoon on his deathbed. The film pioneered nonlinear storytelling, with the plot and mystery of the movie slowly unraveling as the

events of Charles Foster Kane’s life play out of order. These events are told through the narrative device of an investigator trying to find out the meaning of his final words... “rose bud”. Fathom’s Big Screen Classic has classic movies playing on a

regular schedule at Cinemark, Paducah located at 5159 Hinkleville Rd Unit #010, Paducah, KY 42001 in Kentucky Oaks Mall. The next two movies in this series are The Fifth Element(1997)–a classic action sci-fi romp featuring Bruce Willis– along with Willy Wonka & The Chocolate Factory(1971)–the classic tale about a boy who wins a trip to a magical candy factory. The Fifth Element will be playing Sunday July 26 at 4:00PM and Monday July 27 at 7:00PM. Willy Wonka will be playing on Sunday August 2 at 4:00PM and Wednesday August 5 at 7:00PM. If you are interested in booking tickets for these future showings of classic films, visit www.cinemark.com to reserve your seats.

U.S. 51 Ohio River “Cairo” Bridge Expected to Reopen to Traffic Late Friday, July 17

Staff Report

PADUCAH, Ky. (July 16, 2026) – Repairs are underway on the U.S. 51 Ohio River “Cairo” Bridge which connects Wickliffe, Ky., and Cairo, Ill. The bridge is expected to reopen to traffic late Friday afternoon, July 17, pending any unforeseen delays. In conjunction with this week’s repairs, crews have also conducted a walk-through inspection. The bridge’s biannual Nonredundant Steel Tension Member (NSTM) inspection was originally scheduled for August, separate from bearing pad repair

operations. To help minimize future traffic disruptions, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet District 1 leadership coordinated with the state to move the inspection into July, aligning it as closely as possible with the current bridge repair closure. However, a portion of this federally required inspection requires a specialized team of rope-access climbers. Many of these team members are traveling to Kentucky from locations across the United States and are not scheduled to arrive until late July 19. Climbers and specialists using an un-

der-bridge inspection vehicle (UBIV) will perform a thorough, hands-on inspection next week, Monday, July 20, through Friday, July 24. Motorists should expect one-lane, alternating traffic on the bridge between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily, July 20-24. Drivers are urged to watch for signs, follow directions from flaggers, and expect some delays. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet appreciates the public’s patience as crews work to restore this critical route to full capacity as quickly and safely as possible.

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2 Caldwell-Lyon Baptist Association pastors recognized for honoring veterans

Kentucky Today

Two pastors in the Caldwell-Lyon Baptist Association have been recognized for their efforts in honoring veterans as well as acknowledging the Christian heritage of this country during America’s 250th birthday.

Presley Lamm, pastor of Fredonia First Baptist Church, and Jerry Horine, pastor of Princeton First Baptist Church, were honored by the General John Caldwell Chapter of the Daughters of the

American Revolution. Lamm was recognized for his efforts over the years in supporting area veterans and others who have and continue to serve the Fredonia community. Carolyn Traum, representing the Daughters of the American Revolution, took the America 250th celebration to recognize him with the presentation of a medal and certificate. “I am not easy to surprise,” Lamm told WPKY radio.

“Carolyn and DAR pulled one over on me. I sure appreciate them and that organization bringing attention to history ... preserving old cemeteries. They do a lot of great work.” The DAR noted that the 250th celebration was not a one-time effort for Lamm to organize recognition for those who have fought for freedom and served in other ways for their community. “From the very first one 10 years ago we wanted to recognize veterans from every year, communities, service and sacrifice ... it brings attention to things we should appreciate and remember,” he said. Lamm added that he was humbled by the honor and appreciated the recognition given to him by the group during Thunder in the Valley (a July 3 event in Fredonia that included fireworks, concessions, bounce houses, live music, numerous activities and contests). “It is humbling because it is a great organization — I am humbled by them,” Lamm said. “I just do the small things for our community. I’ll cherish that certificate the rest of my

life.” In addition to his community involvement and pastoring, Lamm also serves on the Fredonia city council. Horine was recognized for his part in leading First Baptist in a special service honoring America. “I love America — I love the depth of the beauty of the Christian foundation of America,” he told WPKY. He said the service was a time to “plead and beg for American ... for God to have His hand on American and to have a great movement again.” Horine told his congregation some information about the actual foundation of the country and its Christian roots. “Benjamin Rush started Sunday school in American and was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. John Hancock asked for people to pray for the country, to pray that would understand who Christ is. There is a strong foundation for Jesus in the Founding Fathers. We give thanks for what God has done for the last 250 years and ask Him to continue to move.”



Presley Lamm, pastor of Fredonia First Baptist Church, is presented a certificate recognizing his work in supporting veterans and with a Fredonia celebration honoring America’s 250th birthday. Carolyn Traum with the Daughters of the American Revolution made the presentation. Photos by WPKY Radio



Carolyn Traum with the Daughters of the American Revolution presents a certificate to Jerry Horine, pastor of Princeton First Baptist Church, who was recognized for leading his church on the 250th birthday of America, focusing on the faith of the country’s founders. Photos by WPKY Radio

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SUMMARY OF KEVIL CITY ORDINANCE ENTITLED:

An ordinance of the City of Kevil, Kentucky, Prohibiting Unsafe, Unfit Or Hazardous Structures in the City of Kevil

On July 10, 2026, the Kevil City Commission enacted an ordinance prohibiting unsafe, unfit, or hazardous structures in the City of Kevil. A summary of this Ordinance is as follows:

This Ordinance prohibits unsafe, unfit, or hazardous structures in the City of Kevil, Kentucky, including residential, commercial, and mobile homes, defined by those which have been damaged, have significant decay, or pose health hazards. Owners must remedy deficiencies or face demolition. Any debris resulting from demolition shall not be buried on the premises.

The City Manager shall serve as the enforcement officer. The enforcement officer shall have the authority to inspect the structure, issue written notice of deficiencies, order the structure to be demolished if the deficiencies are not remedied, and impose liens on the property for costs and expenses for labor and materials incurred by the City.

Any owner receiving Notice of Deficiencies from the City Manager is entitled to appeal the Notice to the City Commission within 30 days, with a hearing being held within 60 days. The owner shall have the right to appeal the City Commission’s decision to Ballard Circuit Court within 30 days after the City Commission’s decision.

Penalty: Whoever violates any provision of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor or shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine of not more than \$500 or imprisonment for not more than thirty (30) days or both, for each offense. Each day that a violation continues after written notice has been served shall be deemed a separate offense.

This summary has been prepared and certified by Stacey A. Blankenship; an attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

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West KY Sports

Three-time Super Bowl champion Darren Woodson to speak at Murray State University

Press Release

MURRAY, Ky. — Murray State University welcomes three-time Super Bowl champion and five-time Pro Bowl selection Darren Woodson for an engaging program focused on leadership on Tuesday, Aug. 25 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Lovett Auditorium.

The event is part of a premier leadership speaking series titled “Leadership by Design,” hosted annually on Murray State’s campus by BFW/Marcum Engineering, a firm led by Murray State alumnus and CEO, Mark Workman.

The event is free, but registration is required at <https://bit.ly/4gteFSk>.

BFW/Marcum invites the public to join Woodson for an extraordinary evening in historic Lovett Auditorium. Woodson is often recognized as one of the greatest players to wear a Dallas Cowboys uniform. His message will be on “Creating Cultures of Excellence” and what it takes to be competitive in today’s market.

A native of Phoenix, Woodson played football at Maryvale High School as a running back and linebacker. He attended Arizona State University, where he was a converted linebacker for the Sun Devils and earned his Bachelor of Science in Justice Studies.

In the 1992 NFL Draft, the Dallas Cowboys selected Woodson in the second-round (37th overall). Throughout his 12 seasons (1992-2004)



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with the Cowboys, he earned a reputation as one of the hardest hitters and most ferocious safeties in the NFL.

Woodson retired in 2004 as the Cowboys’ all-time leading tackler with 1,350 career stops and registering career totals of 11 sacks and 23 interceptions. Throughout his NFL career, his dependability, athleticism and aggressiveness helped lead the Cowboys to three Super Bowl Championships (Super Bowl XXVII, XXVIII and XXX) — securing him an elite position in the club’s history. In 2015, Woodson was inducted into the prestigious Cowboys “Ring of Honor.” He was also named to the Arizona Sports Hall of Fame (2009) and the Texas Sports Hall of Fame (2017).

Upon retiring from the NFL, Woodson joined ESPN as an NFL analyst in 2005.

He appeared on “NFL Live” and “SportsCenter” and also participated on the network’s coverage of the Super Bowl, NFL Draft and NFL training camp specials. After 14 years with the network and commuting weekly to Bristol, Connecticut, Woodson announced his retirement in 2019.

Transitioning from the NFL to a post-playing career is not easy for most athletes — but Woodson has found consistent success. Woodson joined ESRP Advisory Dallas, LLC, “esrp”, in 2017 and bridged his storied football career and entrepreneurial spirit with commercial real estate. In May of 2022, esrp merged with Cresa, the world’s only global commercial real estate advisory firm that exclusively represents occupiers and specializes in the delivery of fully integrated real estate solutions operating from over 380 offices

in 15 territories.

Woodson is an Executive Managing Principal at the Dallas Cowboys World Headquarters - The Star, Cresa’s primary office in the Dallas-Fort Worth region, and is directly involved with the firm’s overall vision, growth and strategy. Woodson focuses on locating, developing and defining business relationships across a variety of industries and markets. He brings his innate leadership skills and passion for creating winning strategies to meet clients’ real estate needs, while delivering a high-level of service. Clients include NTT DATA, Argo Data, ExamSoft and MTX Group.

“We are proud to partner with Murray State University for the fourth consecutive year to host our Leadership by Design event,” said Mark Workman, CEO of BFW/Marcum

Engineering. “This collaboration reflects our commitment to investing in the next generation of leaders. Excellence is a core value at BFW/Marcum, and we’re excited to welcome Darren Woodson, whose championship-caliber approach to building a culture of excellence will inspire everyone in the room to bring that same winning standard to their own leadership.”

“We are honored to welcome Darren Woodson to Murray State University as part of our continued commitment to providing exceptional leadership learning opportunities for our students, faculty, staff and the broader community,” said Murray State University President Dr. Ron K. Patterson. “His remarkable achievements on the field, combined with his success as a business leader and mentor, demonstrate

the lasting impact of character, teamwork and servant leadership. We are grateful to BFW/Marcum Engineering and Murray State alumnus Mark Workman for making this outstanding event possible and for their continued investment in leadership development at Murray State.”

For event questions, please contact the Murray State Office of Development at 270-809-3001.

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After 20-plus years in office, Marshall County Athletic Secretary Vicki English retired on Tuesday, June 30.
(Photo courtesy of Marshall County High School Athletic Department)

Follis named Paducah Tilghman High School baseball head coach

Staff Report

PADUCAH — Paducah Tilghman High School has chosen Taylor Follis to be its baseball head coach.

Follis was born and raised in Germantown, Tenn. He was a member of the baseball team at Germantown High School. After high school, Follis continued his baseball career playing at Motlow State Community College for two seasons (2010-2012) before transferring to Bethel University in the fall of 2012.

Follis has 10 years of coaching experience

at the high school level, coaching baseball, softball, and football. He was an assistant baseball and football coach at Ripley High School from 2015-2016 and the assistant baseball and football coach at Covington High School from 2016-2018. From 2019-2021, he served as an assistant coach for baseball and football at McCracken County High School before taking over the head baseball position at Trigg County High School in 2021. He then coached on the collegiate level at Dyersburg State Community College before

coming to Paducah to serve as assistant coach for PTHS Baseball.

“We are excited to welcome Taylor Follis as the new head baseball coach,” said PTHS Athletic Director David Dobbins. “Coach Follis brings a wealth of knowledge and experience with a focus on student excellence. He has shown the willingness to work with our student-athletes, parents, coaches, and community partners. We look forward to seeing his vision come together as he moves the baseball program forward.”

Win a kayak prize package by mentoring eligible new anglers this summer

Staff Report

FRANKFORT — Experienced anglers can “Mentor to Win” a kayak prize package each time they take a new, eligible angler fishing this summer. Hosted by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, the contest is free to enter and open to anyone licensed to fish in Kentucky for the 2026-2027 license year.

The contest winner will receive a new kayak, paddle, personal flotation device and two spinning rod and reel combos. Complete contest details are available on the department’s website (fw.ky.gov).

Anglers 16-years-old and older can mentor a new angler, also age 16 or older, at least once this summer through Aug. 31 to be eligible for the prize package. Both mentor and mentee must possess a valid Kentucky fishing license for their outing. The new angler must have never purchased a Kentucky fishing license or must have not purchased an annual Kentucky fishing license in the last three years.

“Our goal with this program is to get as many people engaging in the outdoors as possible,” said



Rachel Crume, Conservation Education Program coordinator for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. “We know that’s where most people are healthiest and happiest and it’s our privilege to share this service with both seasoned anglers and the next generation.”

The mentor should use the MyProfile portal on the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife website to enter the name and identification number of the person that they took fishing. Mentors can enter as many times as they like by taking multiple people fishing.

Excellent fishing opportunities are available year-round on waterbodies across Kentucky and can easily be found on the Waterbodies Search page. In addition to many large lakes and streams, more than 40 Fishing in Neighborhood (FINs) lakes are located across the commonwealth to pro-

vide excellent fishing close to home.

Additional resources are available to help mentors and beginners alike learn anything they need to know to get started fishing. The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Fishing landing page provides entry to many other digital resources including a quick start guide to Recreational Fishing, weekly Fishing Reports, statewide Fish Stocking schedules and fishing advice and stories from seasoned pros.

The Fish Boat KY app, available for both Apple and Android phones, is a handy fishing tool that helps anglers find waterbodies, boat ramps and other water access on the fly, and lets anglers buy a license, review the Kentucky Fishing and Boating Guide, get the Fishing Forecast, stocking locations and more.

KHSAA Spring Sports Officials of the Year nominees, winners announced

Staff Report

LEXINGTON — Each year, the Kentucky High School Athletic Association honors the top officials in the sports it licenses. Finalists in each sport are selected based on a combination of on-field performance, local association activity and leadership, training efforts, and mentoring of newer officials.

One official in each sport is named Outstanding Official of the Year in appreciation of their dedication and service to schools and student-athletes across the state. Winners are selected following consultation with local assigning secretaries, veteran officials’ observers, and coaches throughout the state, as well as additional staff review.

To finish out the 2025-26 schoolyear, the KHSAA has announced its spring sports nominees and overall winners.

The 2025-26 KHSAA Outstanding Spring Officials follow (winners listed first).

Baseball: Kirk Drago (Madisonville), Jordan Blair (Columbia), Mark Harvey (Lexington).

Softball: Larry Thompson (Marion), Jared Combs (Glasgow), Gregg Martin (Wurtland).

Boys’ Volleyball: Logan Gilbert (Louisville), Randy Stone (Lexington).

Track & Field: Mark Roche (Louisville), Aaron Teegarden (Falmouth).

Girls’ Lacrosse: Matt Sallee (Louisville), Mary Brainard (Lexington).

Boys’ Lacrosse: Chris

Bray (Louisville), Greg Schuler (Lexington).

Officials Assigner of the Year: Rick Browning, (Louisville).

Each finalist receives a desk clock and certificate courtesy of the Officials Trust Fund.

The Official of the Year receives an additional recognition award.

With officiating numbers declining nationwide, the KHSAA is always accepting applications from individuals interested in giving back to their communities. Officiating remains a tremendous avenue to stay active, earn extra spending money, and ensure that high school athletics are preserved for the current and future generations. To get involved as an official, visit khsaaofficials.org.

Langan signs with Murray State men’s golf program

Staff Report

MURRAY — Murray State University men’s golf head coach Jacob Miller announced the signing of Dawson Langan on Monday, July 6.

From Stanford Le Hope, England, Langan joins the Racers after competing in the junior college ranks at Weatherford College.

“We are extremely excited to have Dawson join our program

this fall,” said Miller. “He has excelled since being at Weatherford College both on and off the course. From being recognized as an Academic All-American, to earning All American status for his golf, to qualifying for national championships, and even winning at the collegiate level, he has created a fantastic resume for himself. We can’t wait to get him

here in the Blue and Gold!”

While with Weatherford, Langan reached 14th nationally in the NJCAA individual rankings last season as the team finished fourth in the nation.

Langan has finished inside the top 15 on 11 different occasions including five top 10 finishes and one individual college win.

All “A” Classic alignment set for 2026-27 schoolyear

Staff Report

OWENSBORO — The All “A” Classic alignment for the 2026-27 schoolyear has been finalized and released.

Numerous area high school sports teams contend for All “A” Classic championships annually.

The 2026-27 alignment for the All “A” Classic follows.

All “A” Classic 2026-27 Alignment

Region 1: Ballard Memorial, Carlisle County, Christian Fellowship, Community Christian (Paducah), Fulton County, Hickman County, Mayfield, Murray, St. Mary.

Region 2: Caldwell County, Crittenden County, Dawson Springs, Fort Campbell, Heritage Christian, Livingston Central, Lyon County, Trigg County, University Heights.

Region 3: Cloverport, Edmonson County, Hancock County, McLean County, Owensboro Catholic, Trinity (Whitesville).

Region 4: Clinton County, Cumberland County, Foundation Christian Academy, Metcalfe County,

Monroe County, Russellville, Todd County Central.

Region 5: Bethlehem, Campbellsville, Caverna, Fort Knox, Green County, Washington County.

Region 6: Brown, DeSales, Grace James, Holy Cross (Louisville), Presentation Academy, Shawnee, W.E.B. DuBois, Western.

Region 7: Evangel Christian, Francis Parker, Highlands Latin, Kentucky Country Day, Louisville Collegiate, Newcomer Academy, Portland Christian, Walden, Whitefield Academy.

Region 8: Community Christian (Independence), Cornerstone Christian, Eminence, Gallatin County, Henry County, Owen County, Trimble County, Walton-Verona, Williamstown.

Region 9: Beechwood, Bellevue, Dayton, Heritage, Holy Cross (Covington), Ludlow, Newport, Newport Central Catholic, St. Henry, Villa Madonna.

Region 10: Augusta, Bishop Brossart, Bracken County, Calvary Christian, Nicholas County, Paris, Robert-

son County, St. Patrick.

Region 11: Berea, Frankfort, Frankfort Christian, Lexington Christian, Model, Sayre.

Region 12: Burgin, Danville, Danville Christian, Somerset, Somerset Christian, Trinity Christian Academy.

Region 13: Barbourville, Harlan, Jackson County, Lynn Camp, Middlesboro, Oneida Baptist Institute, Pineville, Red Bird Christian, Williamsburg.

Region 14: Breathitt County, Buckhorn, Cordia, Hazard, Jackson City, Jenkins, June Buchanan, Knott County Central, Lee County, Leslie County, Owsley County, Powell County, Wolfe County.

Region 15: Belfry, Betsy Layne, East Ridge, Floyd Central, Magoffin County, Martin County, Paintsville, Phelps, Pike County Central, Pikeville, Prestonsburg, Shelby Valley.

Region 16: Bath County, Elliott County, Fairview, Lewis County, Menifee County, Morgan County, Raceland, Rose Hill Christian, West Carter.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES Supplementary Information - Regulatory Basis For The Year Ended June 30, 2024				
GENERAL FUND				
	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amount	Variance with
	Original	Final	(Budgetary Basis)	Final Budget Positive (Negative)
RECEIPTS				
Taxes	\$ 1,273,000	\$ 1,273,000	\$ 1,491,821	\$ 218,821
In Lieu Tax Payments	270,000	270,000	439,014	169,014
Excess Fees	147,325	147,325	100,801	(46,524)
Licenses and Permits	18,650	18,650	21,390	2,740
Intergovernmental	103,250	103,250	183,581	80,331
Charges for Services	15,000	15,000	14,308	(692)
Miscellaneous	17,950	195,561	372,634	177,073
Interest	10,000	10,000	21,141	11,141
Total Receipts	1,855,175	2,032,786	2,644,690	611,904
DISBURSEMENTS				
General Government	663,640	742,637	692,438	50,199
Protection to Persons and Property	21,000	68,151	65,156	2,995
General Health and Sanitation	7,500	11,027	7,424	3,603
Recreation and Culture	6,500	8,736	8,551	185
Debt Service	143,369	143,369	131,628	11,741
Administration	989,918	1,092,154	886,909	205,245
Total Disbursements	1,831,927	2,066,074	1,792,106	273,968
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)				
	<u>23,248</u>	<u>(33,288)</u>	<u>852,584</u>	<u>885,872</u>
Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)				
Transfers From Other Funds	325,714	325,714		(325,714)
Transfers To Other Funds	(1,248,962)	(1,248,962)	(1,153,624)	95,338
Total Other Adj. to Cash (Uses)	(923,248)	(923,248)	(1,153,624)	(230,376)
Net Change in Fund Bal.	(900,000)	(956,536)	(301,040)	655,496
Fund Balance Beginning	900,000	1,130,758	1,137,873	7,115
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ -	\$ 174,222	\$ 836,833	\$ 662,611
A copy of the complete audit report of Livingston County Fiscal Court for the year ending June 30, 2024, including financial statements and supplemental information, is on file at the Livingston County courthouse and is available for public inspection during normal business hours.				
Any citizen may obtain from the Livingston County courthouse a copy of the complete audit report, including financial statements and supplemental information, for his personal use.				
Citizens requesting a personal copy of Livingston County’s audit report will be charged for duplication costs at a rate that shall not exceed twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per page.				
Copies of the financial statement prepared in accordance with KRS 424.220, when a financial statement is required by KRS 424.220, are available to the public at no cost at the Livingston County courthouse located at 321 Court Street, Smithland, KY.				
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University of Kentucky launches 6th annual Military Family Readiness Academy

By Jordan Strickler
University of Kentucky

LEXINGTON, Ky.— The University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment (CAFE) is launching its sixth annual Military Family Readiness Academy, a free professional development series designed to help community leaders, service providers and educators better support military families. This year’s theme,

“Building Strong Communities for Military Family Readiness,” focuses on building the partnerships and systems that communities need to more fully help those who serve.

Kentucky has strong ties to the military. The state is home to Fort Knox and Fort Campbell and ranks 11th in the nation for its active-duty military population. More than two-thirds of soldiers at Fort Campbell live off base, meaning they depend on local schools, nonprofits and community orga-



Each weekly session tackles a different challenge facing military families.

nizations for everyday support. Across Kentucky, there are 235,000 veterans and more than 34,200 military-connected children and youth, making community-based support systems more important than ever.

The Academy runs throughout August and is hosted through OneOp, an online platform that offers research-based learning opportunities for professionals who work

with military families. The program is backed by the U.S. Department of Defense’s Office of Military Family Readiness Policy and funded in part by a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

“Military family readiness is strengthened when communities work together to create systems of support,” said Nichole Huff, Ph.D., assistant

professor in family and consumer sciences Extension and principal investigator of the subaward to UK.

“Whether a family is dealing with a move, job challenges, childcare needs or access to basic services, strong partnerships make sure they don’t have to face those challenges on their own,” Huff said.

The four-week series brings together experts, community

leaders and practitioners from UK and seven other university partners. Each weekly session tackles a different challenge facing military families and the professionals who support them.

The series opens on Aug. 5 with a session on building meaningful partnerships and connecting military families to the right resources, with a focus on Guard and Reserve members and those who live far from a base. Aug. 12 covers federal nutrition assistance programs and financial readiness tools. Aug. 19 digs into childcare barriers and how they affect military spouses looking for work, offering cross-sector solutions for professionals in education, health and workforce development. The series closes on Aug. 26 with a panel discussion on community-based policy and how local action supports military families at the state and national level.

“The Military Family Readiness Academy gives service providers

practical strategies they can use right away,” said Kristen Jowers, Extension specialist for OneOp at UK. “What makes this series especially valuable is the chance to learn alongside professionals from across the country. When we equip the people who support military families, we improve outcomes for those families throughout their entire military journey.”

All sessions are free and available online to everyone, with flexible, self-paced options. Continuing education credits are available at no cost, and participants gain access to a network of professionals working across disciplines nationwide.

To register and learn more, visit oneop.org/building-strong-communities-for-military-family-readiness. For information on Martin-Gatton CAFE’s broader programs supporting military families, visit extension.mgcfe.uky.edu/programs/kentucky-extension-military-collaborative.

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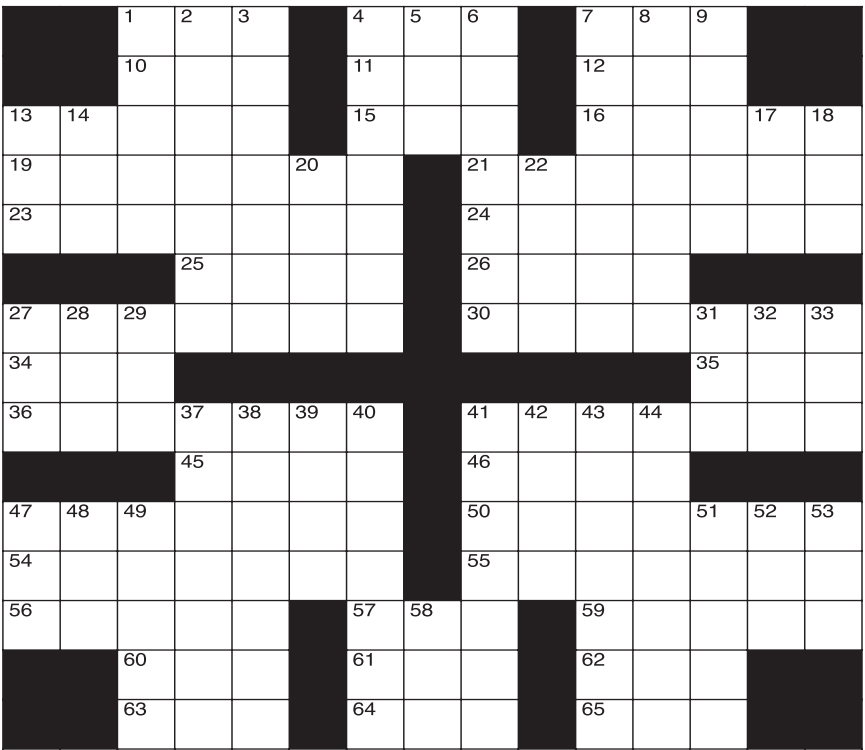
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Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

1. Tire pressure measurement

4. Request

7. Clairvoyance

10. 007's creator

11. Adult male

12. God of battle (Scandinavian)

13. Cloths spread over a coffin

15. Breeze through

16. Ladyfish genus

19. We all take them

21. Earl's jurisdiction

23. Members of U.S. Navy

24. Rummy-like card game

25. Affected by injury

26. Member of a Semitic people

27. Withdrew from a union

30. Woman's cloak

34. Spanish river

35. Prohibit

36. Something you can take

41. Dish soap brand

45. Ottoman military commanders

46. Ancient Italian-Greek colony

47. Makes somber

50. Discuss again

54. A tool to inject

55. Support

56. Informal term for money

57. Catch doing something wrong

59. Prehistoric people

60. Large African antelope

61. Vehicle

62. Georgia rockers

63. High resolution microscope

64. Pitching statistic

65. Attempt

CLUES DOWN

1. Indoor plant

2. Marketable

3. Rather

4. Collected

5. A bag-like structure in a plant or animal

6. Irish hip-hop trio

7. Ageless

8. Course requirements

9. Pokes at

13. TV channel

14. They ____

17. Cooking material

18. Investment account

20. Iron-containing compound

22. Swiss river

27. Small coin (French)

28. Electronic countermeasures

29. Taxi

31. Helps little firms

32. Unhappy

33. Midway between northeast and east

37. Glowing

38. Item to be addressed

39. An informal body of friends

40. Intrinsic nature of something

41. Neural structures

42. Brews

43. A place for ships

44. One who sings holiday songs

47. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)

48. Scottish town

49. The most worthless parts

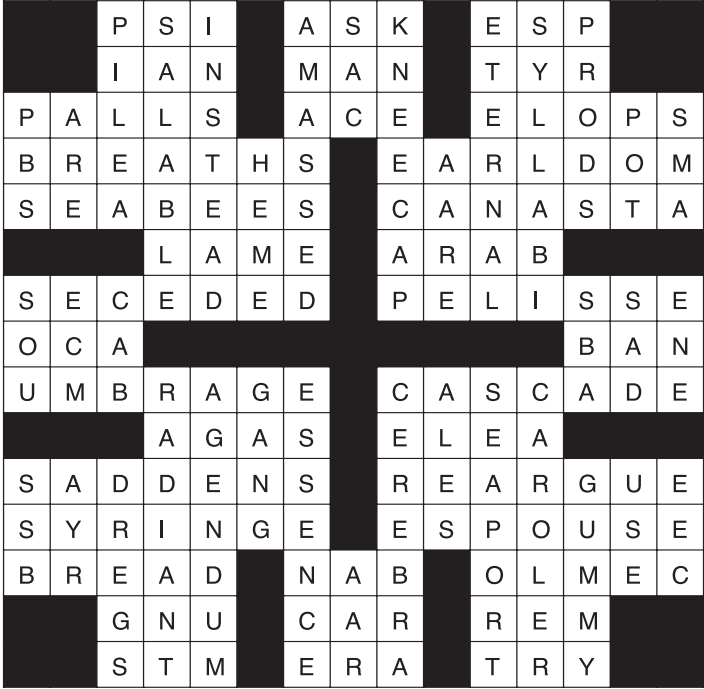
51. Sticky

52. Put to work

53. Precursor to the EU

58. Retrospective analysis (abbr.)

PUZZLE SOLUTION



Word Search

AT THE GRILL

WORD SEARCH



ANSWERS IN THE B SECTION

WORDS

BACKYARD
BARBECUE
BURGER
CHARCOAL
CHICKEN
DELICIOUS
FLAME
FLAREUP
GRATE
HEAT
MARINADE
PROPANE
SAUSAGES
SEAR
SEASONING
SIZZLE
SKEWERS
SMOKE
SPATULA
STEAK
SUMMER
TEMPERATURE
TONGS
VEGETABLES

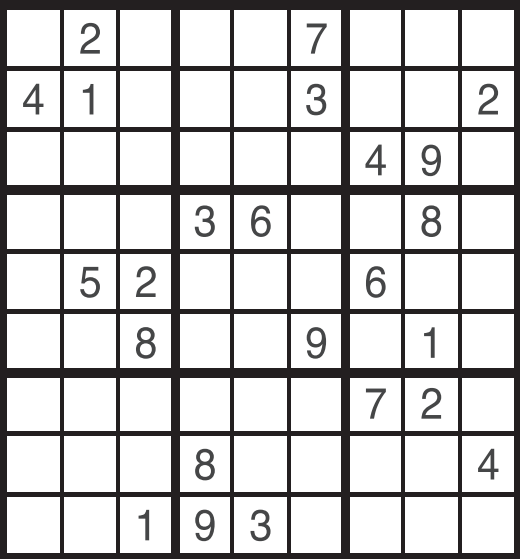
Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

Sudoku Puzzle

How it Works:

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

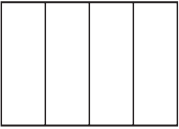
ANSWERS IN THE B SECTION



Word Scramble

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to grilling.

SBNU



Answer: Buns

Guess Who?

GUESS WHO?

I am an actor born in California on July 18, 1940. I have a son who also is a prominent Hollywood actor. I have been in hit movies and won a Golden Globe and Emmy Award for my role on a TV show about a doctor.

Answer: James Brolin

IF IT MATTERS TO YOU, IT MATTERS TO US. THANKS FOR READING!

Crypto Fun



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

A. 16 14 17 21 2 17 15

Clue: Popular grill food

B. 3 26 23 25 2

Clue: Fire

C. 7 6 23 17 7 20 23 26

Clue: Grill fuel

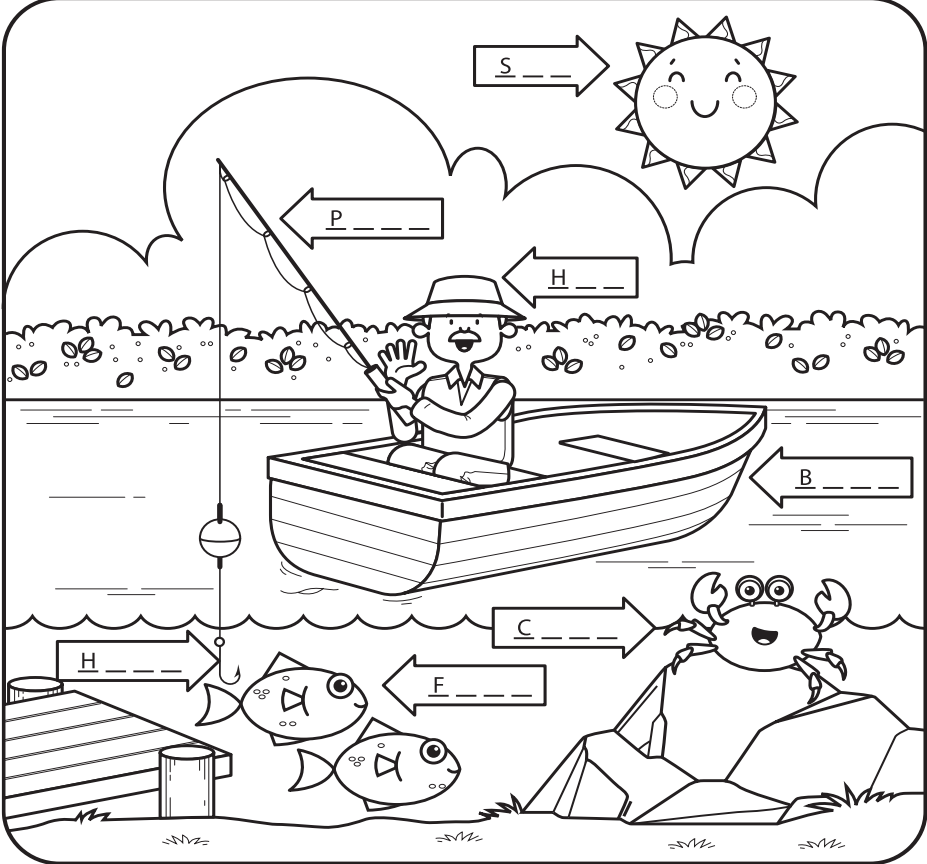
D. 20 14 22 10 20 20 17 15

Clue: Not in the house

Answers: A: burgers B: flame C: charcoal D: doudoos

Coloring Fun





S ____

P ____

H ____

B ____

C ____

F ____

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To the People of Kentucky
The Honorable Andy Beshear, Governor
Finance and Administration Cabinet
The Honorable Teris Swanson, Former Livingston County Judge/Executive
The Honorable Garrett Gruber, Former Livingston County Judge/Executive
Members of the Livingston County Fiscal Court

Holly M. Johnson, Secretary
The Honorable Michael Williams, Livingston County Judge/Executive

Independent Auditor’s Report - Report on the Financial Statement

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Balances – Regulatory Basis of the Livingston County Fiscal Court, for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statement, which collectively comprise the Livingston County Fiscal Court’s financial statement as listed in the table of contents.

Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the accompany financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the receipts, disbursements, and changes in fund balances – regulatory basis of the Livingston County Fiscal Court, for the year ended June 30, 2024, in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky as described in Note 1.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles section of our report, the financial statements do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of each fund of the Livingston County Fiscal Court, for the year ended June 30, 2024, or the changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the year then ended.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS), the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Fiscal Court Audit Guide issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement section of our report. We are required to be independent of Livingston County Fiscal Court and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

As described in Note 1 of the financial statement, the financial statement is prepared by the Livingston County Fiscal Court on the basis of the accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Department for Local Government to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky’s regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effects on the financial statement of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statement

Livingston County Fiscal Court’s management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Department for Local Government to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky’s regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws. This includes determining that the regulatory basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statement in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of a financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Livingston County Fiscal Court’s ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor’s report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS, and Government Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statement.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and Government Auditing Standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Livingston County Fiscal Court’s internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement (Continued)

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statement.
 - Conclude whether, in our judgement, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Livingston County Fiscal Court’s ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.
- We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Matters - Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statement taken as a whole of the Livingston County Fiscal Court. The Budgetary Comparison Schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statement; however, they are required to be presented in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Department for Local Government to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky’s regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws.

The accompanying Budgetary Comparison Schedules are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statement. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statement and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statement or to the financial statement itself, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Budgetary Comparison Schedules are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statement as a whole.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in this report. The other information is comprised of the schedule of capital assets but does not include the financial statement and our auditor’s report thereon. Our opinions on the financial statement do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon. In connection with our audit of the financial statement, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the financial statement, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated March 23, 2026, on our consideration of the Livingston County Fiscal Court’s internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the Livingston County Fiscal Court’s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Based on the results of our audit, we present the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses included herein, which discusses the following report findings:

- 2024-001 The Livingston County Fiscal Court Lacks Segregation Of Duties, Compensating Controls, And Oversight Over Accounting Functions
- 2024-002 The Livingston County Fiscal Court Failed To Properly Approve 4th Quarter Report And Treasurer’s Settlement
- 2024-003 The Livingston County Fiscal Court Failed To Properly Approve Transfers
- 2024-004 The Livingston County Fiscal Court Failed To Account For Three Bank Accounts In The 4th Quarter Report And Perform Bank Reconciliations
- 2024-005 The Livingston County Fiscal Court Failed To Properly Account For The Payroll Revolving Account
- 2024-006 The Livingston County Fiscal Court Failed To Implement Adequate Controls Over Debt Related Transactions That Resulted In Exceeding The Approved Budget
- 2024-007 The Livingston County Fiscal Court Did Not Have Adequate Controls In Place To Accurately Report Amounts For Debt On The Fourth Quarter Financial Report
- 2024-008 The Livingston County Fiscal Court Has Inadequate Controls Over Disbursements
- 2024-009 The Livingston County Fiscal Court Failed To Approve Pay Rates For County Employees On An Annual Basis
- 2024-010 The Livingston County Fiscal Court Lacks Adequate Segregation of Duties And Internal Controls Over Cash, Receipt, Reconciliation Processes, And Disbursements

Respectfully submitted,
Tammy R. Patrick, CPA Patrick & Associates, LLC

March 23, 2026

See Financial Statement on page A5

AG UPDATE

for Ag and Natural Resources

Tom Miller,
Ballard County Ext. Agent

The Day After
WAVE AG Day

Last week I talked about WAVE AG Day at Columbus Belmont Park on July 30. This week I am going to tell you about a new event called Agriculture – A past to Uphold a Future to mold. This event will be held at the Ballard County Fairgrounds on July 31. This event is free and open to the public and will start at 10:00 am until 1:00 pm.

There will be an antique tractor show honoring the heritage that built our farms and communities. All makes and models are welcome with cash prizes for best restored tractor, best original tractor, People’s choice, longest distance travelled and Judge’s Choice. The judge will be Machinery Pete, from RFD and Farm Journal. He is hanging around one more day to be the judge. The antique tractor show will begin at 10:00 am.

At 11:00 am, there will be presentations on all kinds of future technology, from GPS to Ai and robotics. There will be a sponsored meal at noon and at 12:30 pm, Quint Pottinger will be on hand to discuss his experiences with autonomous tractors and equipment. I saw him at the Wheat meeting in Hopkinsville in February and his talk is very “eye-opening”. With driverless equipment, he is able to run longer each day, get more done with smaller equipment, and cut his labor costs. This change will not be overnight, but it may be around the corner.

The program will conclude with an awards ceremony at 1:00 pm. This event is the first of its kind in our area, put together by the Purchase Area Young Farmers and Wave Ag and I would love to see many of you there.



‘Furthering our knowledge’: UK student pairs classroom learning with experience in cattle industry

By Bailey Vandiver
University of Kentucky

LEXINGTON, Ky.— After growing up on her parents’ and grandparents’ farms, Whitney Peck knew a lot about the “what” of cattle farming. Studying Animal Sciences at the University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment has helped her learn the “why.”

“I had a little bit of background knowledge of everything I was learning, which made me want to learn more about the little things,” Peck said. “So, I knew that we had to give our cows mineral, but I never knew why. Then going through the animal science program, I learned you give mineral for these certain reasons.”

A rising senior from Fredonia, Kentucky, Peck has continued to pair classroom and experiential learning. This summer, she is interning with Pratt

Feeders Group in Pratt, Kansas.

Anne DeMott, Martin-Gatton CAFE director of transfer and graduate recruitment, helped Peck connect with this opportunity through mutual friends in the cattle industry.

“Whitney exemplifies what happens when preparation meets initiative and the courage to pursue goals,” DeMott said. “Her story is one I hope encourages other students to be proactive in investing in relationships — you never know where connections might lead.”

After being around the Kentucky cattle industry for years, Peck wanted to work in Kansas.

“It’s nothing but cows, which I think is why I like it,” she said.

Peck said she’s doing “a little bit of everything” during long days at her internship. In the mornings, she works in shipping and receiving with the feedlot’s bunk reader, weighing and



Whitney Peck worked at Bluegrass Stockyards in Spring 2026. (Photo by Sabrina Hounshell)

documenting cattle that arrive at the feedlot.

Then she spends her afternoons helping the head cowboy “doctor” the cattle, addressing issues like rectal prolapses and foot rot. To help with those “pre-vet” tasks, Peck said they use a computer system that accesses the particular animal’s records and recommends a treatment plan.

When she works with the cattle manager, Peck helps make the show list of cows that are available to be sold, whether through grid-

based marketing, cash sales or trades.

“I’ll go look at the cows and see if they are ready to be sold,” Peck said. “Look at their frame, their disposition, and are they fat enough, with fat on the topline?”

Peck said working across the feedlot has shown her what she likes and hopes to do in the future.

“I really like the management side because of how all the pieces fit together,” Peck said. “But I also like working with people. I’d like to end up in a cattle asso-

ciation working with producers, but also I see myself on the cattle manager side.”

Additional work experiences have also shaped Peck’s goals for her future, including working at Bluegrass Stockyards in Lexington this past spring and being part of the UK Cooperative Extension Service internship program in Summer 2025.

Working with the Warren County Extension Office, Peck was grateful that she got to work with cattle, which she already knew she liked, but also got to learn new things when farmers called for help with weeds, for example.

“That made me realize that yes, if you’re a cattle farmer, cattle’s a part of it, but there are also 14,000 other things that go into it,” Peck said. “And I also realized how UK Extension is in the community so much. We were going to district court meetings and local radio sta-

tions.”

As she begins her senior year at UK in Fall 2026, Peck will be supported for the second time by a scholarship from The Bill Gatton Foundation, part of the Scholarships and Student Success pillar of the Foundation’s \$100 million gift to the Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment.

The scholarship is specifically for students with an agriculture background, which Peck said is “pretty neat.”

“It’s an opportunity for those farm kids to keep furthering our knowledge and maybe be something in the industry, with that college education behind it,” Peck said. “We can always be advocates of this industry — not just the beef industry but agriculture as a whole.”

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**John Deere owners
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new FTC settlement**



By SARAH RAZA
AP

It looks like John Deere owners can soon feel free to fix their own machines.

The Federal Trade Commission and attorneys general from several states secured a right-to-repair settlement Wednesday with agriculture equipment giant Deere & Co. — commonly known as John Deere — that requires the company to let farmers and independent shops fix their own equipment.

The Illinois-based manufacturer has faced complaints for years for withholding the software needed for repairs and forcing customers to use authorized dealers instead of independent ones.

This marks the second right-to-repair settlement Deere has reached this year, following a separate \$99

million class-action settlement with farmers in April. Though the class-action compensated consumers, the FTC's settlement instead requires Deere to make its repair services available to equipment owners and independent shops.

The FTC and attorneys general from Arizona, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin brought the antitrust lawsuit in January 2025, arguing that Deere had illegally restricted farmers and independent shops that might otherwise service them from repairing farm equipment such as tractors. Deere also makes engines and equipment for forestry, landscaping and construction.

Under the order filed in Illinois, Deere will now be required to make diagnostic and repair tools available to equipment

owners and independent repair shops, not only its own network of authorized dealers. It also prevents Deere dealers from retaliating against equipment owners or repair shops who choose to fix their own equipment instead of paying for Deere's services. The order is headed to Judge Iain D. Johnston for his approval.

“For too long, Arizona farmers and independent mechanics have been at the mercy of Deere’s monopoly over repair tools, forced to wait — and pay — for authorized dealers just to fix broken tractors and other equipment,” Arizona Attorney General Kris Mayes said in a statement Wednesday.

Deere must pay \$1 million collectively to the five states for antitrust enforcement costs and will be subject to strict compliance oversight for the



next 10 years.

In the complaint, the FTC argued that Deere provides a service software tool to authorized dealers but does not provide the full version to equipment owners or independent shops. Deere had said the lawsuit was baseless, denied that its distribution of service tools was anticompetitive and argued that it

could not monopolize services since it does not directly provide them.

Deere maintained its commitment to independent repair in a statement Wednesday, adding that the agreement with the FTC reinforces its innovation of more flexible repair options.

"This is good news for our customers and for the future of

how Deere equipment is supported," said Denver Caldwell, vice president of after-market and customer support.

Right-to-repair has become an increasingly common issue over the years, especially for tech products, with consumers complaining that even simple repairs can only be done by company-authorized dealers.

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Concealed carry, education tax credit among new laws taking effect

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – Several new laws enacted during the 2026 session of the Kentucky General Assembly, including ones on gambling, first responders, schools, criminal justice, grooming and concealed carry take effect this week.

More than 190 bills passed during this year’s 60-day session, most of which take effect on Wednesday. The state constitution specifies that new laws take effect 90 days after the legislature adjourns, which was April 15, unless they have special effective

dates, are general appropriation measures, or include emergency clauses that make them effective immediately upon becoming law. Laws effective Wednesday include:

Concealed Carry – House Bill 312 will allow Kentuckians ages 18 to 20 to obtain a provisional concealed carry permit after a background check and firearms training.

Crystal Rogers Act – House Bill 305 seeks to preserve the integrity of grand jury proceedings by strengthening penalties for illegally recording or sharing information on a grand jury pro-



Kentucky House of Representatives
ceeding.

Death Penalty Regulations – Senate Bill 251 will give the Kentucky Department of Corrections the option to implement execution protocols and procedures through internal policy, memorandum or similar action. Right now, the

department is required to promulgate administrative regulations to prescribe and implement execution protocols. Supporters say the change could help resolve long-term delays surrounding Kentucky’s death penalty regulations.

Federal Educa-

tion Opportunity Program – House Bill 1 will clear the way for Kentucky to participate in the new federal educational tax credit program established by the U.S. Congress last year in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. The program allows taxpayers to contribute up to \$1,700 to scholarship organizations that assist K-12 students in public and private schools. Families can use the funds for a wide range of education-related expenses, and taxpayers can receive a matching federal tax credit for contributions.

Food is Medicine Initiatives – Senate

Joint Resolution 23 declares Kentucky as a “Food is Medicine” state and directs state agencies to advance Food is Medicine initiatives.

Fraudulent Contractors – Senate Bill 153 will help protect Kentucky homeowners from abusive and fraudulent contractors following severe weather. It will clarify that vandalism committed for the purpose of an insurance claim is fraud. It will also create a post-disaster registry for roofing, siding and tree-removal businesses and prohibit door-to-door solicitations during declared emergencies.



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Gaming, grooming and impaired driving among new laws in Kentucky

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – The majority of the 190 bills enacted by the 2026 General Assembly took effect on Wednesday, as Kentucky’s constitution specifies that new laws take effect 90 days after the legislature adjourns, which was April 15.
Exceptions include those with special effective dates or have emergency clauses that make them effective immediately upon becoming law. The new laws include:

Gaming – House Bill 904, among its many provisions, increases the age to participate in sports wagering from 18 to 21 and bans anyone on the attorney general’s child support arrearage list from betting on online platforms. The bill also forbids negative outcome bets – also known as “under” bets – on college athletes who play on in-state teams.

Grooming – House Bill 4 criminalizes efforts to manipulate a minor into sexual contact with an adult, a practice known as “grooming.”

Impaired Driving – Under Senate Bill 66, an impaired driving suspect who refuses a blood test will have their driver’s license suspended at the time of arraignment. If the person is convicted, their license will be subsequently suspended by the Transportation Cabinet. It also requires the cabinet to maintain records of moving traffic convictions for 10 years and adds clonazepam, cyclobenzaprine and fentanyl to the list of drugs that, when detected in a driver’s blood, could lead to an impaired driving conviction.

Impeding a First Responder – Senate Bill 104 seeks to prevent interference or harassment of first responders. It creates a 25-foot safe zone around police, firefighters and others while they are performing their official duties. Individuals who remain in the zone could face criminal charges if they ignore an initial warning to move back and intend to impede, threaten or harass a first responder.

Kentucky-Grown Agricultural Products – Senate Bill 5 makes it easier for Kentucky schools to purchase locally grown food for student meals. It lifts some procurement requirements and better connects students with the agricultural economy.

License Plate Readers – House Bill 58 limits the use of license plate readers largely to public safety purposes and conducting criminal investigations. The Transportation Cabinet can also use readers for toll and revenue collection and enforcement needs. also will require data captured by automatic license plate readers to be deleted after 90 days, with limited exceptions for criminal investigations and other needs.

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Speakers starting to line up for Fancy Farm

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

FANCY FARM, Ky. (KT) – The 146th annual Fancy Farm Picnic and political stump speaking at St. Jerome’s Roman Catholic Church in that small Western Kentucky town on Aug. 1 is only a few weeks away.

Some of the speakers for the Saturday afternoon event have already committed to appearing, while festival organizers are still working to add to the present lineup that has already been confirmed.

Among those planning to be there are the local legislative office holders, State Sen. Jason Howell, R-Murray and Rep. Kim Holloway, R-Mayfield.

U.S. Senator Rand Paul, R-Bowling Green, has committed to be there, while Kentucky’s Senior U.S. Senator, Mitch McConnell, R-Louisville, who remains hospitalized and is not seeking re-election in November, has not responded to organizers of the event.

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The speakers for the 146th annual Fancy Farm event are beginning to reserve their spots. Fancy Farm will be Aug. 1. (KT file photo)

Senate candidate Andy Barr, R-Lexington, who is currently the 6th District Congressman, has agreed to attend, while his Democratic opponent, Charles Booker of Louisville is listed as pending.

Republican 1st District Congressman James Comer and his Democratic challenger, John Drew Williams, have both agreed to participate.

While Democratic Gov. Andy Beshear has not yet announced whether he will attend, Lt. Gov. Jacques

line Coleman, who has announced she will run for Governor in 2027, will be on hand.

Other statewide office holders who

say they plan to be there include Attorney General Russell Coleman and Agriculture Commissioner Jonathan Shell, both

Republicans.

Secretary of State Michael Adams, State Auditor Allison Ball and State Treasurer Mark Metcalf, all with

the GOP, have not said yes or no at this point.

Although the Fancy Farm picnic started in 1880, it did not become Kentucky’s top political event until 1931. That’s when A.B. “Happy” Chandler made an appearance while campaigning for Lieutenant Governor. Since then, it has served in every election year as the traditional kick-off to the fall campaign season.

Thousands of people head to the Graves County community annually, where they enjoy Western Kentucky barbeque, play games, and, of course, listen to the political stump speeches.

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BALLARD

Sue Abernathy, aged 87, passed away peacefully on July 14, 2026, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Paducah, KY. Graveside services will be held on Friday, July 17, 2026, at 10:00 AM at LaCenter Cemetery, officiated by Rev. Russ Wilson. Interment will follow at the same location. Sue’s life was a testament to love, devotion, and kindness.

James Aaron Ingram, aged 85, of Wickliffe, Kentucky, peacefully passed away at his home on July 10, 2026. A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date. Morrow Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

CALDWELL

Barbara “Bobby” Blane Morse, age 87, of Princeton, passed away Saturday, July 11, 2026 at Princeton Health and Rehabilitation Center. Visitation will be held Saturday, July 18, 2026, from 11 AM until 1 PM at Morgan’s Funeral Home in Princeton, KY. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 PM Saturday, July 18, 2026, at Morgan’s Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Cedar Hill Cemetery in Princeton, KY.

Tony Allen Sewell, born on May 9, 1957, in Princeton, Kentucky, passed away peacefully on July 14, 2026, at Baptist Health Deaconess in Madisonville. Visitation will be held at Goodman Funeral Home on Monday, July 20, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. A graveside service will follow at 1:00 p.m. at Cedar Hill Cemetery. Relatives, friends, and all whose lives Tony touched are invited to gather in remembrance.

CALLOWAY

David Vanarsdall, 72, of Stewart, TN passed away on Monday, July 13, 2026 at his home. Arrangements are currently incomplete at Imes Funeral Home & Crematory.

Myra Beth Haneline, 69, of Murray, passed away on Sunday, July 12, 2026 at Murray Calloway County Hospital. Per her wishes, services will be held at a later date. Imes Funeral Home is entrusted with caring for her family.

Lori Hornsby, 60, of Murray, KY, passed away on Saturday, July 11, 2026 at her home. er Lori’s wishes no services are planned at this time. Imes Funeral Home is entrusted with caring for her family.

Patricia Bumby, 88, of Paducah, KY, passed away on Saturday, July 11, 2026 at Passion and Purpose Assisted Living. Arrangements are currently incomplete at Imes Funeral Home & Crematory.

Dallas Monroe Dickerson, 2 months old, of Murray, passed away on Friday, July 10, 2026 at Murray Calloway County Hospital. The family received friends for a time of visitation on Wednesday, July 15, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Imes Funeral Home, 311 North 4th Street, Murray, KY 42071.

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of **Mary Betty Johnston**, who passed away peacefully on July 10, 2026, after a lifetime of creating beauty wherever she went. A celebration of her life will be held at a later date.

Mary Ruth Saywell, age 56, of Murray, Kentucky passed away on Saturday, July 11, 2026, at her caregiver’s home. A funeral service was held at 1:00 p.m., on Wednesday, July 15, 2026, at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services with Rev. Jim Stahler and Bro. Ricky Cunningham officiating. Burial followed in the Maple Springs United Methodist Church Cemetery in Fairdealing, Kentucky.

Todd Brooks, age 53, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away Monday, July 13, 2026, at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah, Kentucky. A funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m., Friday, July 17, 2026, at the University Church of Christ. Burial will follow in the Murray Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be held from 10a.m. till 1p.m., Friday, July 17, 2026, at the University Church of Christ.

Gerard “Jerry” Dericks, age 75, of Murray, Kentucky passed away on Sunday, July 12, 2026, at the Anna Mae Owen Residential Hospice House in Murray, Kentucky. In accordance with Mr. Dericks wishes there will be no public services or visitation held. Online condolences can be made at, www.jhchurchill.com.

Edna Ruth (Futrell) Butler, 85 of Murray, KY, passed away, Wednesday, July 15, 2026, at Spring Creek Health Care, Murray, KY. Arrangements are incomplete at this time at the Blalock-Coleman Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Murray, KY.

Dale “Claude” Franklin Lovett, 67, of Benton, Kentucky, passed away Thursday, July 9, 2026, at Baptist Health in Paducah, Kentucky. In accordance with Claude’s wishes, his family will honor his life privately, and no public visitation or funeral services will be held. Blalock-Coleman Funeral Home & Cremation Services is privileged to be entrusted with the care of Mr. Lovett.

Brenda Lee Williams, 70 of Murray, Kentucky, passed away Thursday, July 9, 2026, at Lake Way Rehabilitation and Healthcare in Benton, Kentucky. Arrangements are incomplete at this time at Blalock-Coleman Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Murray, KY.

CARLISLE

Josiah Len Burnett, age 28, of Gulfport, Mississippi, entered into the presence of his Lord and Savior on Friday, July 10, 2026. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 16, 2026, at 1:00 p.m., with burial to follow at Trinity Holiness Church Cemetery in Cunningham, Kentucky.

CHRISTIAN

David Carline Smith, age 84, passed gently into the arms of his Savior, at the home of his daughter, on Monday, July 13, 2026, in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Memorial Celebration of Life Services will be held at 12:00 PM with Father Stephen Spicer officiating at Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home on Saturday, July 18, 2026, with a private family interment at Ancestral Haven Memorial Gardens at a later date. Visitation will be at the funeral home that morning from 10:00 AM until the service hour at 12:00 PM. Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home has been entrusted by the family to handle the arrangements.

Charles E. “Charlie” Powell, age 83, of Hopkinsville, KY, passed away from natural causes on Saturday, July 11, 2026, at his home surrounded by his family. Funeral Services were held at 2:00 PM on Thursday, July 16, 2026, at Casky Baptist Church with Pastor Jesse Brown and Pastor Will Stone officiating and burial followed in Rosedale Cemetery with full military honors.

Marlena Deason, age 83, of Clarksville, TN, formerly of Hopkinsville, passed away on Thursday, July 9, 2026, at Signature Healthcare in Clarksville, TN of natural causes. Funeral Services will be at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home with Pastor Joseph Reed officiating and burial to follow in Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West. Visitation will be on Monday, July 20, 2026, at Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM and then again on Tuesday, July

21, 2026, from 12:00 Noon until the service hour at 1:00 PM. Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home has been entrusted by the family to handle the arrangements.

Arthur R. Price, Sr., 77, Pembroke Oak Grove Road, Oak Grove, KY passed away Sunday, July 12, 2026 at his home of natural causes. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Friday, July 24, 2026 at Lamb Funeral Home with Rev. Clayton Millsip officiating. Burial will follow in Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West with full military honors.

Celesta Ann (McGregor) Williams, 70, passed away Wednesday, July 8, 2026, at her home in Hopkinsville, Kentucky, surrounded by her family. Funeral services were held Monday, July 13, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at Life Tabernacle Church with Bro. Chris Nicholson officiating. Burial followed in Johnson’s Chapel Cemetery. Lamb Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Dorothy Mae Payne, born Dorothy Mae Coleman on September 3, 1946, in the tranquil surroundings of Herndon, Kentucky, left this world peacefully on July 12, 2026. Vistation will be on Saturday, July 18th from 10 - 12 pm, with funeral service to follow at 12:00 pm at the Gamble Funeral Home, 1311 S. Liberty St., Hopkinsville, KY. Burial will follow at Green Hill Memorial Gardens (Ancestral Haven) 5325 W. Hopkinsville Rd., Hopkinsville, KY.

CRITTENDEN

Ronald Garrett Shinall, age 79, passed away in the early morning hours on Wednesday, July 15, 2026, at home in Crittenden County. No services are scheduled at this time. Gilbert Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Austin Valentine, Sr., 77, of Paducah, Kentucky died in the early morning hours of Monday, July 13, 2026, at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center. Services are scheduled for 1 PM Saturday July 18, 2026, at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion, KY with interment in Mapleview Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from 11 AM until service time Saturday at the funeral home.

Barbara Lynn Gross, age 66, of Fredonia, KY, passed away on Friday, July 10, 2026, at Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah, KY. Graveside services were held on Monday, July 13, 2026, at 2:30 PM at Frances Cemetery in Frances, KY.

Jerry Thomas Thurman age 80 of Glasgow, KY formerly of Marion, KY passed away Saturday July 11, 2026 at the Shanti Niketan Hospice House. Funeral services for Jerry Thurman were held at 1 PM Thursday, July 16, 2026 at Myers Funeral Home with burial to follow in Mapleview Cemetery.

Patricia Kay Lynch, 55, passed away Saturday July 11, 2026 at her home in Marion, Ky. Funeral Services were held on Wednesday, July 15, 2026 at 4 PM in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial followed at Deer Creek Cemetery.

FULTON

Alta Lee Perry, age 95, of Union City, Tennessee, passed away on Wednesday, July 15, 2026, at Magnolia Ridge Care in Union City. Funeral services for Mrs. Alta Perry will be held at 11 AM Saturday, July 18, 2026, in our funeral chapel with burial to follow in the Palestine Cemetery. Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 5-7 PM Friday, July 17, 2026, and after 9 AM Saturday until the hour of service.

FUNERAL NOTICES continued

Margaret Bradley of Fulton, passed away Saturday, July 11, 2026 at Mercy Health in Paducah. Services for Ms. Margaret Bradley were held at 2:00 p.m.Tuesday, July 14th 2026 at the Hornbeak Funeral Chapel in Fulton. Bro. Johnny Dalton will be officiating, with burial following in the Oak Grove Cemetery.

Guynell Pierce, 85, of South Fulton, Tennessee, passed away on Friday, July 10, 2026, at Magnolia Ridge Care in Union City, Tennessee. Funeral services for Mrs. Guynell Pierce will be held at 12 Noon Tuesday, July 21, 2026 at the South Fulton Baptist Church with burial to follow in the Obion County Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be held at the South Fulton Baptist from 10 AM Tuesday, July 21, 2026 until the hour of service.

BALLARD

Keith Edward Bugar, age 78, of Mayfield passed away on Friday, July 10, 2026 at Mercy Health Lourdes Hospital in Paducah, KY. A private family memorial service for Mr. Keith Edward Bugar will be held at a later date. Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY is in charge of arrangements.

James Timothy Brown, 67, of Mayfield, passed away peacefully at 2:36 a.m. on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at his home, surrounded by his family and the people he loved most. Funeral services for Tim Brown will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, July 18, 2026, at Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield with Bro. Jared Swift and Bro. Randy Swift officiating. The family will receive friends from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m. Friday, July 17, 2026, and again Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until the service hour.

Gary McGill, age 78 of Mayfield, KY passed away on Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at the Anna Mae Owen Hospice House in Murray, KY. Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 AM Friday, July 17, 2026 at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield with Bro. Bill Ingrum and Rev. Ronnie Stinson Jr. officiating. Burial will follow in the Highland Park Cemetery. Friends are invited to call from 5:00PM until 8:00PM Thursday, July 16, 2026 at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY.

Eltis Prather, age 90 of Mayfield, KY passed away at 5:20 AM Monday, July 13, 2026 at the Green Acres Nursing Facility. He was a member of the Trace Creek Baptist Church and had retired from General Tire. Funeral Services were held at 2:00 PM Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY with Rev. Keith Allred officiating. Burial followed in the Mt. Olive Church of Christ Cemetery.

Connie Lynn Morales, age 61, of Mayfield, passed away peacefully at her residence on Friday, July 10, 2026. A memorial visitation was held from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Monday, July 13, 2026, at Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield, Kentucky.

Beverly Sue Ford, age 79 and a resident of Mayfield, passed away at 12:00 A.M. Thursday, July 9, 2026 at the Mills Health and Rehab Facility in Mayfield. Funeral services for Beverly were held on Sunday, July 12, 2026 at 2:00 P.M. at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield. Rev. Ben Stratton and Rev. Paul Wilkerson will officiate. Entombment followed in the Highland Park Mausoleum.

Wilma “Cricket” Toler, age 91, of Sedalia, Kentucky, went home to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Thursday, July 9, 2026, at her residence. A Celebration of Life will be held at Louisa Church of God, 9 Swan Ln, Louisa, KY 41230 at 12:00PM Saturday, July 18, 2026 with Pastor Paul Stepp presiding. A burial of her ashes will follow at Mills Horn Crum Cemetery, Crum Branch Road Inez, KY.

Dale Roberts, age 64, of Mayfield, Kentucky,

passed away on July 8, 2026, at Baptist Health Paducah. Private Memorial Services will be held at a later date. The Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY is in charge of the arrangements.

Charles “Rudy” Carrico age 95 of Fancy Farm, KY passed away at 1:09 PM Wednesday July 8, 2026 at the Oakview Nursing Home in Calvert City, KY. A Funeral Mass for Rudy was held at the St. Jerome Catholic Church in Fancy Farm at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, July 14, 2026. Father Brian Johnson officiated with burial following in the St. Jerome Cemetery.

HICKMAN

Edna Bee O’Neal Pittman, age 94 of Clinton, passed away Thursday, July 9, 2026 at Clinton Place in Clinton. Graveside services was held Thursday, July 16, 2026 at 11:00 AM at the Oakwood Cemetery with Rev. David Gossum officiating. Burial followed.

Robert Wayne Tarver, age 74 of Clinton, passed away Thursday, July 9, 2026 at Baptist Health in Paducah. Funeral services for Robert were held Sunday, July 12, 2026 at 2:00 PM at the Brown Funeral Home in Clinton with Father Anthony officiating. Burial followed in the Salem Cemetery.

Mrs. Bobbie J. Pickett of Hickman, KY passed away Monday. July 13, 2026, at the Obion County Nursing Home in Union City, TN. Funeral services for Mrs. Bobbie J. Pickett will be held at 2PM Sunday, July 19, 2026, at the Hornbeak Funeral Chapel in Hickman with burial to follow in the Hickman City Cemetery. There will be no visitation, and friends are asked to meet at the Hornbeak Funeral Chapel in Hickman at the hour of service.

Michael “Mike” Lee Jackson, 63, of Clinton, Kentucky, passed away peacefully on Monday, July 13, 2026, surrounded by family at his home. No services are scheduled at this time. Keeling & Goodman Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Jackson family.

LIVINGSTON

Eddie Hampton Newman, age 93, of Grand Rivers, KY, passed away July 9, 2026 at his home. There will be no public services held at this time. Lakeland Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements

Evelyn Kaye Jones, 82, of Smithland, Ky., passed away , Saturday, July 11, 2026 at Oakview Nursing Home in Calvert City, Ky. Funeral services were held at 1PM Tuesday, July 14,2026 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services, with Bro. Wayne Jones officiating. Burial followed in Paradise Cemetery in Grand Rivers, Ky.

LYON

Terri Robyn Kilgore Jones, age 67 of Eddyville, died at 10:02 am Saturday, July 11, 2026 at her home in Eddyville. Graveside services were held at 11:00 am Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at Lamasco Baptist Church Cemetery with John Reed officiating assisted by the Kentucky Nurses Honor Guard. Dunn’s Funeral Home in Eddyville is in charge of the arrangements.

Michael Lee Chandler, age 79, of Kuttawa, Kentucky, passed away on July 14, 2026. Visitation will be held from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm Saturday, July 18, 2026 at Lakeland Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 pm Saturday, July 18, 2026 at Lakeland Funeral Home with Bro. Sam Hawke officiating. The rendering of military honors will follow the service.

MARSHALL

Jerry Don Cloud, age 79, of Palma, KY, passed away July 12, 2026, at Calvert City Nursing & Rehab. Funeral service took place at 3:00 PM on Thursday, July 16, 2026, at Zion’s Cause Baptist Church with Bro. Charles Frazier and Bro. Wesley Morehead officiating.

Stephen Dwain Greer, 79, of Benton, Kentucky, passed away on Thursday, July 9, 2026, at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, July 15, 2026, at the Life Celebration Center of Filbeck-Cann with Bro. Charles Frazier and Danny Jo Hawes officiating. Burial followed at Leonard Cemetery.

Franklin “Lyndell”Gray, age 85 of Benton, KY passed away on Monday, July 13, 2026, at Calvert City Convalescent Center in Calvert City, KY. A memorial service will be held at 1:00 PM on Friday, July 17, 2026 at Collier Funeral Chapel located at 211 West 5th St. Benton, Kentucky 42025 with Rev. Lynn McWherter officiating. Visitation will be held between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Friday, July 17, 2026 at Collier Funeral Home.

Phyllis “Phil” Darlene Poe, 91 of Benton, Kentucky passed away on Sunday, July 12, 2026 at Baptist Health in Paducah, Kentucky. A graveside service was held at 1:30 PM on Wednesday, July 15, 2026 at Marshall Co. Memory Gardens with Gary Knuckles officiating.

McCRACKEN

Larry Gene Trabucco, 80, met his Savior on July 14, 2026. Funeral services will be held on Friday, July 17, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah with Rev. Bob Martin officiating. Burial will follow the service at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be held on Thursday, July 16, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah.

Charles Roy Manchester, 93, of Paducah, passed away Sunday, July 12, 2026, at the Anna Mae Owen Hospice House. A graveside service for family and friends will be held Saturday, July 18th at Mt, Kenton Cemetery. Milner and Orr Funeral Home of Paducah is in charge of arrangements.

Cora Sue “WYNA” Burnett Brown, age 88, of Paducah, went home to be with her Lord at 4:30 AM, Saturday, July 11, 2026, at Baptist Health in Paducah, Kentucky. Funeral services will be at 1:00 PM Saturday, July 18, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah with Rev. Marshall Ivey officiating. Burial will follow at the Mount Kenton Cemetery in Paducah. Visitation will be from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Saturday, July 18, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah.

TRIGG

Mark Daniel Mitchell, born on September 21, 1962, in Cadiz, Kentucky, passed away peacefully at his home on July 3, 2026. The family of Mark Daniel Mitchell is seeking assistance with funeral expenses during this difficult time. Contributions can be made at goodmanfuneral.com/obituaries/mark-mitchell. There are no services scheduled at this time.

Doris June McCraw Tooley - March 15, 1942 - July 11, 2026 - A Celebration of Life for 84 year old Doris June McCraw Tooley of Cadiz will be held on Saturday, August 1, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. at the McCraw Cemetery. King’s Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

VICTORIOUS

Living...in a troubled world

The road to peace: Practice managing the moments

By Teresa LeNeave
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This world seems to create an atmosphere of anxiety. I'm convinced, a lot of things that people feel are brought on by things we hear. We hear speakers, both religious and political, saying things that are meant to get under our skin. And we let it! People feel overwhelmed. I feel it too, but I think I bring some of it on myself.

What we focus on can overwhelm us. I'm reminded of how Apostle Paul warned us about this topic when he said we should think on whatever is true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and of good report. He said to look for things of virtue (good moral qualities) and of ways to praise (Philippians 4:8). That tells me I have some control over my mind and what I allow to dwell

on.

The point is, not everything we hear is beneficial. In fact, some of it is downright detrimental. I saw something someone shared on Facebook that said, "Sometimes, I just have to turn off the news and put on a true crime documentary so I can relax". That's a little drastic, but it does say we have a responsibility to protect our own minds.

We say we want good things in our lives but science and the Bible, both, say our thoughts influence and support how we live our lives. The question is, "what are we thinking about?" Where do our thoughts lead us? Are they directing us toward good things or harmful things? Proverbs 4:23 says, "Above all else, keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues



of life".

How do we "keep our heart with all diligence"? For starters, diligence is not giving up. Diligence is to keep on keeping on. It's impossible to stop "hearing" things that are harmful to our hearts, but we can be diligent about NOT dwelling on it. I've had people who have deeply hurt my

feelings, but if I let myself dwell on it, I would definitely end up with emotional pain that wouldn't go away. I think managing the moments really matter.

I'm continuing to learn how to manage the moments ... the moments that bring me excess stress and even anger. I think that's what Solomon

often about guarding both the heart (our inner thoughts) and the mind (how we think, discern and focus). God's message for "managing the moments" is not just to avoid harmful influences, but to actively cultivate a life centered on God.

2 Cor. 10:5 says, "... we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ." This suggests actively evaluating thoughts and opinions rather than automatically accepting them. Just because the world creates an atmosphere of anxiety, we don't have to be caught in its trap. We can actively, and intentionally, practice managing the moments of our lives by renewing our minds through God's truth. His words have more power than we realize and it can help us manage the moments.

Dreams are empowered with perseverance

By William F Holland Jr.
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Disappointment is a familiar feeling, especially to the ambitious. The more a person strives, the more failures they will face, but this doesn't mean that every door is always locked. Learning self-control and patience is a part of the advancement process. It is said that "True success is going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm," and we certainly do not have the time to feel sorry for ourselves - there is work to do. Sometimes diligence brings success, while other times, for some reason, our dreams are not fulfilled. Though this is painful, it doesn't mean we should shut down or place our dreams on the shelf. On the contrary, Churchill said, "Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to con-

tinue that counts."

Where there are many roads of possibilities, there are also many intersections, and the directions we choose always make a huge difference. Unfortunately, many stand in these crossroads, but cannot seem to figure out which way to go. These places of decision are normal as we take time to pray and rest, and seek wisdom, but there is a problem when a person decides to live there. It was never God's plan for anyone to go through life drifting on a miserable sea of doubt, confusion, and discouragement. I have sympathy for those who have never had peace and confidence about where God is leading them. We are reminded in the first chapter of James about those who have settled for mediocrity and are trapped within an

indecisive mentality: "For he that wavers is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. Let not that man think that he shall receive anything from the Lord. A double-minded man is unstable in all his ways."

Continuing to ask, seek, and knock, even if we have missed the mark, is better than giving up and fantasizing that an amazing opportunity is going to just fall out of the ceiling. I'm reminded of those who place all their hope in winning a lottery instead of finding their true destiny. Being honest with ourselves and trusting God as our source can clarify our perspective, and this will go a long way toward adjusting our attitudes. Number 1: Sometimes our failures are trying to reveal the truth that our ideas and dreams are not a part of God's original plan. If we

have made this mistake and our vision is not His will, we can simply ask Him to show us what is and keep going. Number 2: If we are convinced we are still on the right track, then let us patiently keep working as we keep our eyes on the prize. Anything worth having is worth waiting for.

Let's consider Thomas Edison. He was responsible for over 1000 patents and became famous for his ideas, but he is equally respected for his perseverance and his perspective concerning failure. It's true that humans have variations when it comes to mental "wiring," and in Edison's brain, there was evidently a bulldog determination that gave him the ability to view consistent failure as simply another stepping stone on the pathway to success. Most people, after sev-

eral valiant attempts, are more than willing to throw in the towel, but not Edison. With years of research and experimenting, it's estimated that it took 10,000 failures before he finally perfected the light bulb. He is quoted as saying, "I did not fail, I merely discovered 9,999 ways that do not work!"

Mr. Edison made up his mind and was simply never going to give up. Whatever the obstacles, reasons, or excuses, we must face the sobering reality that everyone has a choice to know their destiny. When we finally discover our true calling, we will then decide if we are willing to pay the price it takes to accomplish it. A river cuts through a rock not because of its power, but because of its persistence." Whatever is holding you back from being serious about your future is the very

obstacle that only you can overcome. To succeed, one must come to the point where fear cannot prevent, and discouragement cannot persuade. Michael Jordan, considered one of the greatest basketball players of all time, missed over half the shots he attempted. However, the important fact to remember is that he was never afraid to shoot. Success will NOT be achieved by those who are paralyzed with doubt, but victory awaits the bold and courageous who will relentlessly keep pressing toward the mark.

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I have to admit I can’t stand going too long without checking my trail cameras that are outside of cell service. This is true especially this time of year. Even though the experts tell me to leave them alone until hunting season, I know I’m probably not even going to hunt some of these spots until the November rut anyway. So, I check away. I figure any buck that has gotten spooked by my presence now will undoubtedly be dumbstruck early in the rut by a hot doe, forgetting all traces of human activity that I left in July

and August. So, I’ll wait a few weeks and make my way back to the camera to see if there are any surprises that might cause me to set up a stand early. This is especially helpful for me on my Kentucky property since only one buck is allowed for the whole year. I have two good eight pointers showing up right now but I’m not about to waste my only tag on one of these. They need one and maybe even two more years before they become a Kentucky trophy. For now, I will keep waiting and watching to see if a bigger deer shows up con-

sistently or to see if I’ll just need to take my chances that a stray happens to make a visit during November or December. There have been several years when the tag I bought in September was still in my pocket in January – when the season ended. For some it was considered wasted. For me, it was not. That tag didn’t represent a deer but an opportunity for a deer. That’s all a hunting license is. It’s an opportunity to hunt within certain parameters. If I stay within those guidelines, I can harvest anything I want. But there are also

other parameters that are self-imposed. We each have them. They involve anything from the size of deer to the time of year. For instance, I won’t shoot a doe if it has a fawn with it, or I’m not going to shoot a doe if it’s too late in the afternoon. I’m just not interested in being out at 10:00 processing deer. I prefer to be home and even in bed by then. These are only my parameters. But I don’t expect everyone to follow them. I find this a great picture of the Christian life and how we are meant to interact with each other. There are

some things that are parameters for everyone and then there are some self-imposed convictions that others may not hold. These self-imposed ones are the grey areas where we sometimes disagree. Paul, the writer of most of the New Testament, dealt with how we are to live with fellow Christians who may not see things the same way we do. His overall admonition is to make every effort to live in harmony with each other. (Romans 14) And there is no doubt these words still ring true. In a world where there is so much

disunity, Christians must strive to be the answer to Jesus’ last prayer. “May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me.” (John 17:23 NLT)

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DRIFTING

Bro. Brandon G. Bramlett
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After a short stretch of swimming in the salty sea, I realized how swiftly one may drift away from the shore. I distinctly remember being yanked back at least fifty feet in less than five minutes while scouring for seashells underwater. Even when I stood still on the soggy sand, the slow tide seized my ankles like ropes dragging me backwards. This is because the waves that slam the sandy beaches rapidly retreat back to the abysmal ocean, sweeping you away with their aquatic claws. And unfortunately, many people are unaware of how far they’ve drifted until it is fatally too late.

Many times, we drift from God in the same way. God knows that we like to splash in the waters of carelessness and float away from Him (cf. Heb. 2:1). Slowly but surely, we sail away from the coast of closeness to God, until eventually we can no longer make out His distant form. The invitingly warm waters of temptation, the drowning waves of busyness, and the relaxing ocean of spiritual lethargy all drag us away from the Lord and down into a suffocating ocean of disobedience (cf. Matt. 26:41; 2 Thess. 3:11; Rev. 3:15-16). And tragically, some drift so far that they sink the ship of their faith beyond all hope of rescue:

“Cling to your faith in Christ, and keep your conscience clear. For some people have deliberately violated their consciences; as a result, their faith has been shipwrecked” (1 Timothy 1:19, NLT).
If you are slowly drifting from the Lord, swim back to Him in repentance, get out of sin’s soothing sea, and don’t look back. Return to the God who beckons you from the shore of mercy. “Return to the LORD your God,” commanded Joel, “for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster” (Joel 2:13b). Wandering believer, you may be far from Him, but He is actually not far from you:

“Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God far away?” (Jer. 23:23). Return to Him and He will return to you: “Turn ye unto me, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will turn unto you, saith the LORD of hosts” (Zech. 1:3b; cf. James 4:8).
The Lord will raise you from the choking waters of iniquity when you cry out to Him for help (cf. Psalm 130:1-4). It is no wonder, then, that hymn-writer James Rowe (1865-1933) was inspired to pen the humility-producing words of Love Lifted Me which begins like this:
“I was sinking deep in sin, Far from the peaceful shore, Very deeply stained within, Sinking to rise no more;

But the Master of the sea, Heard my despairing cry,
From the waters lifted

me—
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Grand Rivers, World Famous Patties Restaurant, antique shops & more! CALL Jennifer Palmer Realty at 270-519-9000

738 Marina Village Dr., Grand Rivers, Kentucky • \$799,000.00 MLS # 136804. Quality Custom built 3 bedroom 3 full baths ,1/2 bath and 9 ft ceilings throughout. Built in 2006 in Prestigious Gated Marina Village Subdivision! Stunning Great room features wonderful brick fireplace, 25 ft high ceiling with beams, porch with stone gas stove, wood flooring, unique character open to kitchen for perfect entertaining! Large Kitchen plenty of cabinetry, pantry, bar stools & dining area. Primary bedroom suite on main level! Beautiful tray ceilings, walkout deck, bath has huge walk-in shower, walk-in closet, Jacuzzi tub, and double vanity. Half bath & utility room on main level. Guest bedrooms up, full bath, walk-in closet plus massive attic storage. Family room down, full bath, wine cellar, walkout patio, outdoor Kitchen, Pellet grill and BIG GREEN EGG grill built-in. Garage and workshop. APHW home warranty. Everything stays with full price offer!

643 Whitney Dr., Paducah, Kentucky • \$450,000.00 - MLS # 137569. Unique 3 bedroom 3 full bath West End home located in the desirable Pines Subdivision loaded with captivating character! Impressive living room features gas log fireplace , very tall valuted ceiling & large stylish windows for plenty of light. Kitchen has plenty of cabinets, island, breakfast area, and pantry. Excellent primary bedroom with spacious bath, jacuzzi tub, double vanity, walk-in closet, surround sound, balcony overlooking deck & backyard. Ample storage space throughout the home. New refrigerator & microwave in 2026. Massive deck perfect for entertaining!

Beautiful yard, trees and landscaping. Well insulated home so utility bills are low. Convenient to the mall area, I-24 and downtown Paducah. Underground Dog fence. CALL Jennifer Palmer Realty 270-519-9000

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)

5.75 Acres, Paradise Haven. I-77 & Hwy 52. Bland County Va. Hunting and surveyed, septic tank and well permits. Wooded and cleared building sies with roads. Taxes under \$200.00 per year. \$69,000.00 Ph. 270-226-2908 (tfn)

REAL ESTATE FOR RENT

For rent pasture grazing for cattle in McCracken County, available now. 270-519-3567

CAMPERS FOR SALE

2021 JAYCO JayFlight SLX, 195 RB Travel Trailer (21-foot) Never been lived in. Bath tub - Show-er combo. Closet, Queen size bed, Refrigerator, Microwave, 2-Burner Stove, Electric Awning, Radio & TV Hookup, Fold-Out stairs, Storage, 2-Water Tanks. KEVIL AREA. Asking \$18,000 Call 270-349-4962

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, Minko-ta 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.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

INGEVITY VIRGINIA CORP – WICKLIFFE CARBON PLANT
TENTATIVE DECISION TO GRANT A REGULATION VARIANCE
WICKLIFFE, BALLARD CO., KY
EPA I.D.: KYR-000-009-266
AI: 59

The Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet, Division of Waste Management (Division) has made a tentative decision to grant a regulation variance to Ingevity Virginia Corp – Wickliffe Carbon Plant (Ingevity) for an exception to a Kentucky Administrative Regulation (KAR) requirement to store hazardous wastes in containers or tanks. Additional details of the variance follow. Ingevity’s carbon plant is located at 2025 Beech Grove Rd, Wickliffe, Ballard County, Kentucky 42087. The site contact person is Ms. Jenny Buckman, and she can be reached at (270) 936-6762.

Why does Ingevity need a variance from the Division?

Ingevity is requesting a site-specific variance to allow temporary accumulation (for 60 days or less) of a D002 hazardous waste in a curbed area on a concrete slab instead of in a tank or container. D002 is the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) code for wastes having the characteristic of corrosivity. The variance is sought to more easily manage large (approximately 2-foot diameter by 24 foot long) spent filter elements generated onsite. According to the submittal for the variance, the alternative will provide relief from the difficult logistics of moving the unwieldy filter elements described in and out of any container. Additionally, the variance will allow human interaction with the acidic liquids drained from the filter elements to be minimized.

The Division has tentatively determined that this change will likely pose an insignificant change in potential hazard to public health or the environment. This conclusion is further supported by positive results historically achieved through nearly identical variances previously issued to this same facility. On March 21, 2023, May 22, 2000, May 14, 2018, April 13, 2016, and December 15, 2006, current or previous owners of the facility (Ingevity, WestRock and MeadWestvaco) were granted variances. Those variances nullified requirements to temporarily accumulate (for 90 days or less) hazardous wastes in a tank or container. These variances are currently expired, but the Division is unaware of any additional human health or environment problems that resulted from the previous variances. Since Ingevity is basically seeking renewal of the above-described expired variances, history seems to support the Division’s tentative determination. Please note that the proposed variance is from provisions of 40 CFR 262.232(a)(4) incorporated in 401 KAR 39:080 Section 1(1) and a requirement of 401 KAR 39:080 Section 1(7)(a) which are essentially the current equivalents (or superiors) for the requirements that were codified at 401 KAR 32:030 Section (5) prior to 2018.

How can I tell the Division what I think about this tentative decision?

The Cabinet encourages public involvement and welcomes comments. Anyone wishing to comment on our tentative approval of this variance should submit their written comments to the Division on or before July 27, 2026, the close of the public comment period. Comments should be submitted to April Webb, P.E., Manager, Hazardous Waste Branch, Division of Waste Management, 300 Sower Boulevard, 2nd Floor, Frankfort, KY 40601, or by email at April.Webb@ky.gov.

Where can I review the documents used to make and otherwise associated with this tentative decision?
Ballard-Carlisle County Public LibraryMs. Alita Rogers257 North Fourth Street Wickliffe, KY 42087Phone: (270) 335-5059Hours of Operation:Friday 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM (except holidays) Division of Waste Management300 Sower BoulevardFrankfort, KY 40601Point of Contact: Tina FisherPhone: (502) 782-6357Email: tina.fisher@ky.govHours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Division of Waste Management Website:
https://eec.ky.gov/Environmental-Protection/Waste/Pages/public-notices.aspx
(Waste Management Public Notices – Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet)

What will the Division do with the comments they receive?

The Cabinet will consider all comments, received by the close of the public comment period on July 27, 2026, in making a final decision. Anyone submitting comments will be mailed a “response to public comments” document specifying any changes made or not made (with reasons why) as a result of the comment(s) submitted.

Any person who may be aggrieved by the Division’s final decision may file a petition with the Cabinet which sets forth the grounds of the objection and demands a formal hearing pursuant to KRS 224.10-420(2). This type of hearing is held before a hearing officer, and all parties are advised to have legal counsel present.

The Division of Waste Management does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, disability, sex, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, ancestry, or veteran status. The division provides, on request, reasonable accommodations necessary to afford an individual with a disability an equal opportunity to participate in all services, programs and activities. To request materials in an alternate format contact John Moore at (502) 782-6419 or johnf.moore@ky.gov. Hearing and speech impaired persons may contact the agency by using the Kentucky Relay Service, a toll-free telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD). For voice to TDD, call 800-648-6057. For TDD to voice call 800-648-6056.

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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 transmission 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

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

Goodman 4 ton central heat & air split unit, hardly used. Call thomas 270-247-7589. (tfn)

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

Glass Top Coffee Table, 2 matching end tables, and sofa table, great condition. Trimmed with brass. \$150 Call 270 519-7604

Kinfai Electric Kitchen Stand Mixer – \$50 Gently used only a few times and works great! This Kinfai Electric Kitchen Stand Mixer includes: Stainless steel mixing bowl Dough hook Y-beater Wire whisk Splash guard with feeding port Sealing ring to help prevent messes The large stainless-steel bowl with convenient handles and V-shaped pouring spout makes mixing and pouring easy. The included attachments let you mix everything from bread dough to cake batter and whipped cream. Price: \$50 Pickup: Paducah or Mayfield 270-519-3395

A Guardian/Conservator has been appointed to the following estate:

Name of Estate:
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Name/Address of Guardian/Conservator:
Kristy Douglas
456 N. Ballard Church Rd
Wickliffe, KY 42087

Date of Appointment:
04/10/2026

Name/Address of Attorney & Process Agent:
Andrew K AsBridge
817 Broadway Street
Paducah, KY 42001

Persons having claim against the estate must present verified claims to the fiduciary at the address shown no later than:
10/10/2026

Charissa Harris, Clerk
Ballard District Court
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A Guardian/Conservator has been appointed to the following estate:

Name of Estate:
Ronald Craig Thompson

Name/Address of Guardian/Conservator:
Brandon Chase Thompson
4030 Olivet Church Rd
Paducah, Ky 42001

Date of Appointment:
04/16/2026

Name/Address of Attorney & Process Agent:
Bard Brian
P.O Box 9491
Paducah Ky 42002-9491

Persons having claim against the estate must present verified claims to the fiduciary at the address shown no later than:
10/16/2026

Charissa Harris, Clerk
Ballard District Court
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Public Notice
Carlisle Co. Probate

Name of Estate:
JAMES E CARTER
459 ST RT 80 E
ARLINGTON, KY 42021

Name/Addr. of Fiduciary:
REGINA WEBB,
EXECUTRIX
1231 ST RT 877
ARLINGTON, KY 42021

Date of Appointment:
JULY 13, 2026

Name/Addr. of Attorney:
BRYAN E WILSON, ESQ
230 N 7TH ST STE F
MAYFIELD, KY 42066

Persons having claim against The estate must present verified claims no later than:
January 13,2027

COURTNEY BURGE,
CLERK CARLISLE DISTRICT COURT
(7-17-26_CCN_1X)

Public Notice
Settlements in the following Estate have been filed in the Carlisle District Court:

Name of Estate:
Granville Lynn Dunn

Name/Addr. of Fiduciary:
Donna Lynn Cooksey
10 Martin Circle
Paducah, KY 42001

Type of Settlement:
Final

Date/Time of Hearing:
August 24, 2026 @ 9:00 am

Exceptions and/or Objections to settlements must be filed in the Carlisle Circuit Clerk’s Office before the scheduled hearing date.

COURTNEY BURGE,
CLERK CARLISLE DISTRICT COURT
(7-17-26_CCN_1X)

Public Notice
Settlements in the following Estate have been filed in the Carlisle District Court:

Name of Estate:
Joyce Marie Dunn

Name/Addr. of Fiduciary:
Donna Lynn Cooksey
10 Martin Circle
Paducah, KY 42001

Type of Settlement:
Final

Date/TIme of Hearing:
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KSP invites public behind the scenes with new podcast

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – The Kentucky State Police (KSP) is inviting all Kentuckians to pull up a seat and join the conversation with the Tuesday launch of its new podcast, called Trooper Talk. Each episode will give listeners an exclu-

sive behind-the-scenes look at the agency through candid conversations with the men and women who serve while also offering crime prevention tips, public safety insights and information about career opportunities with KSP. Trooper Talk will feature officers and employees from across the state, with two

20-plus-year veterans hosting the debut episode. Trooper Corey King, Post 16 Henderson, joins Trooper Scottie Pennington, Post 11 London, to pull back the curtain on their journeys as state troopers. “Trooper Talk goes beyond the flashing lights and headlines to talk about the people behind the badge,”

said King. “Every member of the Kentucky State Police has a story to tell – what inspired them to serve, the challenges they’ve faced, and the moments that have shaped their careers. Through real conversations, we hope listeners gain a better understanding of who we are and why serving Kentucky means

so much to us.” Episode one of Trooper Talk, titled “Shining the Brass,” is now available on the KSP’s website, Apple Podcasts and Spotify. Episodes will be released every other Tuesday, with episode two, “The Great Honey Bun Fail,” being available starting July 28. Future episodes will expand to highlight

historic solved cases and to revisit current cold cases. This will showcase KSP’s investigative successes while encouraging the public to share information that could help bring long-awaited answers to unsolved cases. The KSP says it hopes the podcast continues building trust in law enforcement.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY CARLISLE CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 26- CI- 00004

KAR TAX LIEN PORTFOLIO, LLC
VS
Plaintiff

ADVERTISEMENT PURSUANT TO KRS 426.200 AND KRS 426.560
And
KENTUCKY ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES AP IV AS AMENDED
JUNE 29, 2017

GEORGE D. HANNAH, ET AL
Defendants

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale in Case No. 26-CI-00004 in Carlisle Circuit Court, entered May 7, 2026, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Courthouse door in Bardwell, Carlisle County, Kentucky, to the highest bidder at public auction on the 3rd day of August, 2026, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the following described property:

Property Address: 5590 State Route 1203, Bardwell, KY 42023
PVA Map# 015-00-00-004.04

For greater certainty see Deed Book 147, Page 558, records of the Carlisle County Court Clerk.

The property will be sold under the following terms and conditions:

- At the time of sale the successful bidder shall either pay full cash or make a deposit of ten {10%} per cent of the purchase price with the balance on credit for 30 days. If the purchase price is not paid in full, **the successful bidder shall execute a bond at the time of sale with sufficient surety approved by the master commissioner two (2) business days prior to the sale** to secure the unpaid balance of the purchase price. The bond shall bear interest at the rate the judgment bears from the date of sale until paid. In the event the successful bidder is the plaintiff, then in lieu of the deposit the plaintiff shall be allowed to bid on credit up to the judgment amount.
- The bond shall have the same force and effect as a Judgment and shall remain, and be a lien on the real property sold as additional security for the payment of the purchase price until the purchase price, plus interest and costs, are full paid. On executions issued upon them no replevy shall be allowed, and sales shall be for cash.
- The property shall be sold free and clear of the claims of the parties to this action, but it shall be sold subject to the following:
 - All current year (2026) ad valorem real estate taxes not yet due and payable and all taxes due thereafter. Buyer shall pay 2026 ad valorem taxes.
 - Easements, restrictions and stipulations of record affecting the Real Property.
 - Any assessments for public improvements properly levied against the Real Property.
 - Any matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the Real Property.
 - Any right of redemption that may exist in favor of the Defendants.
- The Master Commissioner will retain a lien on said property to secure payment of said bond, if issued.
- This Sale may be cancelled, and any announcements made at the sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.**

The undersigned commissioner does not have access to the inside of the above-mentioned property.

Dated this the 8th day of July, 2026.

Sue Ellen Morris
Master Commissioner - Carlisle Circuit Court
636 Hickman Road
Clinton, Kentucky 42031
270-207-0103

(7-17-26_CCN_2x)

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CARLISLE CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 26- CI- 00005

KAR TAX LIEN PORTFOLIO, LLC
VS
Plaintiff

ADVERTISEMENT PURSUANT TO KRS 426.200 AND KRS 426.560
And
KENTUCKY ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES AP IV AS AMENDED
JUNE 29, 2017

TRAVIS L. HOSKINS, ET AL
Defendants

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale in Case No. 26-CI-00005 in Carlisle Circuit Court, entered May 7, 2026, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Courthouse door in Bardwell, Carlisle County, Kentucky, to the highest bidder at public auction on **the 3rd day of August, 2026**, at the hour of 10:30 a.m., the following described property:

Property Address: 439 State Route 80 East, Arlington, KY 42021
PVA Map# 029-10-02-052.00

For greater certainty see Deed Book 171, Page 103, records of the Carlisle County Court Clerk.

The property will be sold under the following terms and conditions:

- At the time of sale the successful bidder shall either pay full cash or make a deposit of ten (10%) per cent of the purchase price with the balance on credit for 30 days. If the purchase price is not paid in full, the successful bidder shall execute a bond at the time of sale with sufficient surety approved by the master commissioner two (2) business days prior to the sale to secure the unpaid balance of the purchase price. The bond shall bear interest at the rate the judgment bears from the date of sale until paid. In the event the successful bidder is the plaintiff, then in lieu of the deposit the plaintiff shall be allowed to bid on credit up to the judgment amount.
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 - Any assessments for public improvements properly levied against the Real Property.
 - Any matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the Real Property.
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Healing reins celebrates new pavilion with ribbon cutting

By Michael Dupre
WEVV
Special to the Farmers' Quarterly

HENDERSON, Ky. (WEVV) — Healing Reins in Henderson marked a major milestone Tuesday with a ribbon-cutting ceremony for a new outdoor pavilion that will expand programs and create more opportunities for participants to connect with horses in a natural setting.

Healing Reins is a therapeutic equine program dedicated to helping people of all abilities grow, learn and develop through interactions with horses. The new pavilion will provide a dedicated outdoor space for classes and activities, allowing participants to experience the sights, sounds and atmosphere of the farm

while engaging in meaningful equine education.

Founder Stacy Denton said the new space will enhance the organization's mission by giving visitors a more immersive experience.

"Come and experience the actual sounds, smells and feel of the farm, to really immerse themselves into the different senses that the farm brings to them," Denton said.

Healing Reins serves participants ranging in age from 4 to 84, with a special emphasis on supporting children both with and without special needs. Programs are designed to move at a pace that is comfortable for each individual, allowing them to observe, learn about and

interact with horses in a supportive environment.

For many families, the impact of the program extends far beyond the farm.

Missy Vanderpool, whose child has Tourette syndrome, said Healing Reins has been life-changing for their family.

"They just learn a lot of self-confidence. The whole community here, or as Stacy calls it, 'the herd,' just embraces every participant and makes them a part of their family," Vanderpool said.

Leaders at Healing Reins say the addition of the new pavilion will allow the organization to serve even more families and continue building a welcoming community centered around healing, learning and connection through horses.

"Farm & Fun" Agritourism Guide invites the public to connect with agriculture in any season

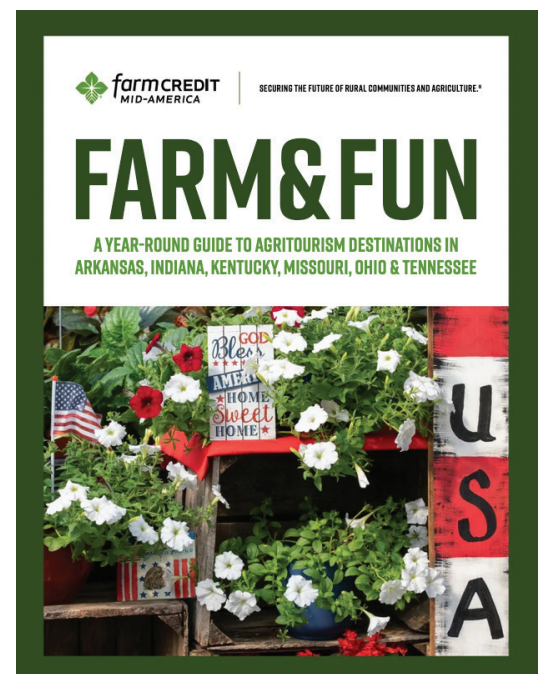
Farm Credit Mid-America's new online guide highlights agritourism destinations across six states, inviting visitors to explore agriculture year-round.

Autumn often draws families outdoors to enjoy farms, pumpkin patches and hayrides. That same seasonal spirit inspired Farm & Fun, a new digital guide to agritourism destinations in Arkansas, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, Ohio and Tennessee published by Farm Credit Mid-America.

Agritourism is a growing industry that connects agriculture with tourism and helps farmers diversify their income while supporting local

economies and strengthening rural communities. Farm & Fun highlights more than 120 farms and markets that open their gates and invite visitors to come on site and experience seasonal activities and produce, all while getting a closer glimpse of the hard work that goes into producing our food, fiber and fuel.

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Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corp. approves more than \$1.4 million in loans

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corp. (KAFC) approved eight agricultural loans totaling \$1,483,476 for projects across the Commonwealth at its monthly board meeting.

Beginning Farmer Loan Program (BFLP)

Seven Beginning Farmer loans totaling up to \$1,233,476 were approved. Loan recipients were in Breckinridge (\$141,151 and \$112,500), Clinton (\$232,000), Madison (\$117,500 and \$130,325), McCreary (\$250,000), and Russell (\$250,000) counties.

The BFLP is designed to assist individuals with some farming experience who desire to develop, expand, or buy into a farming operation. Beginning farmers may qualify for financing to purchase livestock, equipment, or agriculture facilities; to secure permanent working capital; for the purchase of farm real estate; or to invest in a partnership or LLC.

Large/Food Animal Veterinary Loan Program (LFAVLP)

One LFAVLP loan totaling \$250,000 was approved for a recipient

in Bourbon County.

LFVALP is designed to assist individuals licensed to practice veterinary medicine in Kentucky who desire to construct, expand, equip, or buy into a practice serving large animal producers, including goat, sheep, swine, and other smaller food animals.

For more information on KAFC participation loans, contact your lender or Bill McCloskey at Kentucky Office of Agricultural Policy at (502) 382-6093 or email kafc@ky.gov.

The Kentucky Office of Agricultural Policy (KOAP), a division

within the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, provides staff support to the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation (KAFC) and the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund (KADF). The KADF is administered by the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board. KOAP ensures Kentucky is being good stewards of dollars from the 1998 Tobacco Settlement Agreement by overseeing the boards' investments into diversifying and supporting Kentucky agriculture.

Secretary Rollins announces \$500M for fertilizer expansion

(Washington, D.C.) – U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins recently announced the launch of the \$500 million Fertilizer Investment & Expansion for Long-Term Domestic Supply (FIELDS) Program, a new initiative administered through USDA Rural Development to expand domestic fertilizer manufacturing, strengthen America's fertilizer supply chain, and improve long-term affordability for



American farmers. Utilizing the authorities of the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC), USDA will make \$500 million available through the FIELDS Program to support construction and expansion of domestic fertilizer production facilities. The program prioritizes shovel-ready, financially viable projects capable of increasing production of critical crop nutrients. “For decades, American farmers were forced to rely on unstable foreign suppliers for one of the most important inputs needed to feed our nation. Today we are announcing a plan to end this consolidation and bring competition back to the American fertilizer industry,” said Secretary Brooke L. Rollins. “Under President Trump’s leadership, USDA is rebuilding America’s fertilizer manufacturing base, strengthening supply chains, and ensuring our producers have reliable and affordable access to the fertilizer they need to remain competitive. The previous administration chose to prioritize their radical climate agenda when searching for fertilizer projects, and as result let this problem exacerbate by not getting shovels in the ground and only building 6% of their stated goal. The Trump Administration’s FIELDS program is solely focused on producing fertilizer leading to lower costs for American farmers and consumers, as well as restoring a critical supply chain for our

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“Agritourism is one way many farmers and their families share traditions and create enjoyable farm experiences for the public. It reminds us that agriculture touches every part of our lives,” said Tara Durbin, chief lending officer, agriculture at Farm Credit Mid-America. “Farm & Fun was created to celebrate and support the people and places responsible for producing so many of the goods and products we enjoy every day. We hope this guide will help others discover new places to go and increase their appreciation for our farmers and rural communities.”

A Year-Round Invitation to Explore Agriculture

Cover page of agritourism guide showing fall foliage. While autumn is most often associated with agritourism, many farms offer seasonal experiences for visitors throughout the year. Farm & Fun is a year-round resource for anyone seeking authentic and educational ways to connect with agriculture. Spring afternoons selecting blooms, summer mornings gathering blueberries, fall visits to pumpkin patches and winter evenings around farm-to-table dinners are just a few examples of the experiences included.

The Farm & Fun agritourism destinations were recommended by Farm Credit Mid-America team members who live and work in the rural communities the cooperative serves. Inside the guide, potential visitors can: Explore more than 120 destinations in a six-state area divided into regions to help them easily identify agritourism attractions close to home or plan visits to destinations further away. Review short descriptions highlighting the experiences each listing offers. These include information about year-round events or activities so visitors can plan memorable experiences in any season. Access interactive links to websites and/or social media pages to confirm important details such as dates, hours of operation and pricing. The launch of Farm & Fun reflects how Farm Credit Mid-America is securing the future of rural communities and agriculture®. “This project reflects who we are,” Durbin said. “We live out here too, and we’re proud to support the farmers and rural businesses who make our rural communities stronger.” View or download at, <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/293678110/>

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USDA celebrates one year anniversary of the Working Families Tax Cuts Act, delivers final ‘Farmers First’ Program improvements

Significant enhancements to Disaster Assistance and Commodity Loan Programs

(Washington, D.C.) – U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins today announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is making significant improvements to its disaster assistance and commodity loan programs as outlined in the Working Families Tax Cuts Act to celebrate the one-year anniversary of President Donald J. Trump signing the Act into law on July 4, 2025. As part of the commitment to put Farmers First, USDA’s Farm Service Agency (FSA) is strengthening disaster assistance support for livestock producers, orchardists and nursery tree growers, increasing Marketing Assistance Loan rates, and expanding Marketing Assistance Loans to better help cotton and sugar producers.

“As we celebrate our nation’s 250th birthday, we also celebrate our all-important farmers,” said Secretary Rollins. “The Trump administration is committed to ensuring the economic success of farmers and ranchers who rely on a strong safety net when natural disasters impact their infrastructure or when market prices affect their profitability. These producers need and deserve assistance that works for them, not against them.”

Cumulatively, the changes outlined in the Working Families Tax Cuts Act provide a significant investment in American agriculture. Last month, FSA announced expanded payment limitation and payment eligibility provisions and the opportunity to increase base acres on eligible farms. FSA also previously announced that producers will benefit from increased reference prices for major commodities starting this fall. Today, additional policy enhancements for FSA disaster and commodity loan programs are taking effect.

Disaster Assistance Programs

USDA is expanding disaster assistance coverage and increasing benefits to help producers recover from eligible losses.

Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP): ELAP helps producers with losses due to disease, certain adverse weather events, and qualifying conditions that are not covered by other USDA disaster assistance programs. Retroactive to Jan. 1, 2026, ELAP is providing benefits to farm-raised fish losses due to birds that feed on fish and has established a payment rate of \$600 per acre of farm raised fish. Also, effective for 2026 losses, FSA will use a normal mortality rate of 15% for eligible honeybee colony losses.



Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP): LFP provides financial assistance to livestock producers who suffer eligible grazing losses due to a qualifying drought or fire. Retroactive to Jan. 1, 2026, the threshold has been lowered for producers to qualify for a one-month payment with payments now triggering after four consecutive weeks of qualifying severe drought (D2 on the U.S. Drought Monitor) conditions instead of eight weeks. And producers may receive a two-month payment if D2 drought conditions continue for seven out of eight consecutive weeks during the normal grazing period.

Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP): LIP helps livestock owners and contract growers who suffer livestock losses beyond normal mortality levels due to

eligible adverse events. Starting this year, retroactive to Jan. 1, 2026, LIP rates increase to 100% for predation from animals listed as endangered or protected (compared with 75% of market value), and producers have the option to document regional price premiums that exceed the national average market price for eligible livestock losses. Additionally, LIP will also cover unborn livestock losses that occurred on or after Jan. 1, 2024. In most cases, the payment will be automatic for 2024 and 2025 losses based on LIP data on file with FSA with no action required by the producer.

Tree Assistance Program (TAP): TAP helps orchardists and nursery tree growers replant or rehabilitate trees, bushes, and vines that were lost due to an eligible natural

disaster. Retroactive to Jan. 1, 2026, FSA is removing the 15% normal mortality rate, increasing the reimbursement rate for activities like pruning and removal, and extending the implementation period to 24 months with an option to extend.

Marketing Assistance Loans

Marketing Assistance Loans (MALs) help producers manage cash flow needs and provide marketing flexibility until market prices improve. Producers who choose to forego an MAL can receive a Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP) that provides immediate financial support without taking out a loan. Both are reauthorized through crop year 2031 and, starting in 2026, loan rates will increase for all eligible commodities. FSA is improving MALs for cotton and sugar

producers by:

- Increasing cotton storage credit cap starting with the 2026 crop.
- Updating prevailing world market price for upland cotton, using the three lowest-price growth quotes instead of five. This change is retroactive to July 4, 2025.
- Calculating a new prevailing world market price for extra-long staple cotton, which will be announced weekly, similar to upland cotton.
- Authorizing refunds of upland cotton loan redemptions when the Adjusted World Price (AWP) declines within 30 days of the loan repayment date. Producers who request an LDP may be eligible for an additional LDP disbursement if a lower AWP is announced. This change is retroactive to July 4, 2025.
- Extending sugar program through 2031 and increasing raw cane and refined beet sugar loan rates. Additionally, sugar marketing allotments will be adjusted for beet sugar processors.
- More Information

For more information on these updates to FSA programs, visit the respective program webpage on fsa.usda.gov or this Federal Register notice. Producers interested in applying for disaster assistance, Marketing Assistance Loans, or other FSA programs should contact their local FSA office.

USDA makes American children healthier, agriculture stronger with more Farm to School investments

Department Awards Second Cohort of Grants, Completes Year of Record-Breaking Funding

(Washington, D.C.) – Today, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Brooke L. Rollins announced the second cohort of fiscal year (FY) 2026 Patrick Leahy Farm to School

Grants, completing the largest ever single-year financial investment in the history of the grant program. This year, USDA awarded a total of nearly \$20 million to 68 projects that will

empower more American farmers, producers, ranchers, and fishers to serve their local foods in school meals, summer meals, and childcare settings.

“Without a doubt,

farm to school is one of the most powerful ways to Make America Healthy Again by bringing real food back to the heart of America’s food culture and onto kids’ lunch

trays,” said Secretary Rollins. “Our historic investment in farm to school projects is a win-win-win for kids, farmers, and communities – students are nourished with farm-

fresh, nutrient-rich foods; producers access dependable markets through schools; and local



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economies are strengthened. USDA is committed to putting American agriculture at the center of our nutrition programs and that starts with our children.”

The Patrick Leahy Farm to School Grant Program increases the availability of local foods in child nutrition programs and connects children to the sources of their food through local procurement, education, taste tests, school gardens, and field trips. A few spotlights from the grantees in Cohort 2 include:

Jefferson County School District will establish a comprehensive farm to school program serving high school students in Mississippi’s Delta region. This project transforms underutilized greenhouses into thriving hydroponic production systems where students grow

fresh vegetables and herbs year-round for school cafeteria meals. Beyond student-grown food, the school’s child nutrition programs will establish purchasing relationships with four local farms, which students will visit for educational field trips. This initiative prepares students for careers in Mississippi’s number one industry, agriculture, while immediately improving their daily nutrition through increased access to fresh local foods.

The WSBZ Farm to School Implementation Project will fully integrate farm to school practices across all 11 schools within Bryant Public Schools. By embedding Arkansas-grown specialty crops into child nutrition program menus, the project will result in increased access to fresh, locally produced foods in school meals, improved nutrition and agricultural literacy among

students, and strengthened economic opportunities for more growers in Arkansas.

USDA announced the first cohort of FY 2026 grantees in April. Project descriptions for all of this year’s grantees can be found on the Patrick Leahy Farm to School Program website.

USDA reimaged the FY 2026 Farm to School Grant program to prioritize innovative, large-scale projects built on strong partnerships, resulting in the highest number of applicants and the most money awarded in a single year of the program. Since the Farm to School Grant program first launched in 2013, USDA’s Food and Nutrition Administration has awarded more than \$119 million in grants, funding more than 1,265 projects throughout all 50 states, the District of Columbia, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, and Puerto Rico.



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country. Farm security is national security.”

“American natural resource extraction is the safest and most environmentally friendly in the world. It makes zero sense to import fertilizer from foreign competitors when we can make it right here while fueling our economy and protecting human health and the environment,” said Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Lee Zeldin. “This is an obvious win-win for Americans farmers, families, and businesses. The Trump EPA stands ready to help rebuild this vital arm of American manufacturing while ensuring each facility adheres to the strict environmental standards required by law.”

“President Trump’s promise to restore commonsense to America’s energy and climate policy continues to deliver. While past leaders harmed America’s agriculture industry with anti-hydrocarbon policies that drove up the cost of our food, the Trump administration will continue to take actions across the federal government to make fertilizer more accessible and affordable,” said Secretary of Energy Chris Wright. “I’m proud to be working hand-in-hand with Secretary Rollins on these important initiatives.”

FIELDS builds upon USDA’s review of more than 120

fertilizer projects inherited from the previous Administration. The Department worked alongside project developers, lenders, farmers, and federal partners to identify barriers to construction and financing, using those lessons to develop a program focused on implementation-ready projects capable of delivering measurable production increases.

Administered by USDA Rural Development’s Rural Business-Cooperative Service, the program will support projects that expand domestic production of nitrogen, phosphate, potash, sulfur, and other critical crop nutrients, strengthen competition, improve supply chain resilience, and increase fertilizer availability for American farmers. Unlike previous fertilizer funding efforts, FIELDS emphasizes project readiness, financial strength, realistic construction timelines, and measurable production outcomes.

The FIELDS Program complements the Administration’s broader fertilizer strategy to lower input costs and strengthen domestic production. In recent months, President Trump suspended countervailing duties on phosphate fertilizer imports to improve fertilizer availability and lower costs for farmers, designated phosphate and potash as Critical Minerals, established a USDA-Department of Justice Memorandum of Understanding to address anti-competitive practices

affecting agricultural input markets, improved fertilizer transportation flexibility during supply disruptions, and created USDA’s first dedicated Agricultural Economist focused on fertilizer markets and crop inputs.

The FIELDS Program is designed to support projects that are:

- Made in America
- Independent and Competitive
- Farmer Focused
- Innovative
- Energy Dominant and Secure
- Capable of Delivering Measurable Production Increases

“Food security is national security,” Rollins added. “A strong domestic fertilizer industry is essential to a strong agricultural economy. This investment will help ensure American farmers have access to a secure, reliable, and domestically produced fertilizer supply for generations to come.”

Individual awards will range from \$15 million to \$150 million, with funding focused on projects that strengthen domestic fertilizer manufacturing and deliver meaningful benefits to American agriculture.

Applications must be submitted electronically through Grants.gov by 11:59 p.m. on August 15th, 2026. Additional information, including eligibility requirements and application materials, is available through USDA Rural Development at www.rd.usda.gov and on Grants.gov.



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EXCAVATORS: 2022 Case CX75CSR Excavator, 815 hrs, Oriel coupler and hydr thumb, 36 in bucket, blade, EROPS, heat/AC; (3) 2016 Komatsu PC55MR-5 Mini Excavators, 5,522-6,745 hrs, Werk-Brau couplers and 24 in buckets, aux hydr, boom swing, rubber tracks, blades, EROPS, heat/AC; 2017 Case CX57C Mini Excavator, 3,114 hrs, quick coupler, aux hydr, boom swing, 18 in bucket, rubber tracks, blade, EROPS, heat/AC, missing lower door glass; 2023 CAT 303 CR Mini Excavator, 3,013 hrs, quick coupler, aux hydr, 12 in bucket, rubber tracks, blade, EROPS; (4) 2020 JD 35G Mini Excavators, 3,107-4,835 hrs, manual quick attach, aux hydr, 12 in buckets, rubber tracks, blades, EROPS; **DOZERS:** 2020 Komatsu D61PXL-24 Dozer, 4,817 hrs, 6-way 152 in blade, 34 in tracks, EROPS, heat/AC; 2022 Komatsu D51PXL-24 Dozer, 5,997 hrs, intelligent machine control, 11 ft blade, 28 in tracks, EROPS, heat/AC; **WHEEL LOADERS:** 2019 Volvo L90H Wheel Loader, 5,640 hrs, JRB quick coupler, aux hydr, bucket, rear camera, EROPS, heat/AC; 2019 Volvo L70H Wheel Loader, 4,308 hrs, JRB quick coupler, aux hydr, 104 in bucket, EROPS, heat/AC; **SKID STEERS:** (3) JD 333G Tracked Skid Steers, 2017-2024, 1,141-2,689 hrs, 2-spd, hi-flow, quick attach, rubber tracks, EROPS, heat/AC, 1 RENTAL RETURN UNIT; (3) CAT 299D3 Tracked Skid Steers, 2019-2023, 2,915-4,713 hrs, 2-spd, quick attach, rubber tracks, buckets, EROPS, heat/AC; 2019 CAT 299D2 Tracked Skid Steer, 5,653 hrs, 2-spd, quick attach, 18 in tracks, 84 in bucket, EROPS, heat/AC; 2024 CAT 289D3 Tracked Skid Steer, 2,074 hrs, 2-spd, hi-flow, quick attach, 78 in bucket, EROPS, heat/AC; 2018 CAT 257D Tracked Skid Steer, 1,928 hrs, quick attach, 14 in tracks, 80 in tooth bucket, EROPS; (2) 2023 CAT 242D3 Skid Steers, 202 and 262 hrs, 2-spd, quick attach, buckets, rear cameras, EROPS, heat/AC; 2021 Kubota SVL97-2 Tracked Skid Steer, 620 hrs, 2-spd, quick attach, EROPS; Kubota SVL97-2 Tracked Skid Steer, 2,092 hrs, 2-spd, quick attach, EROPS; Takeuchi TL10V-2 Tracked Skid Steer, 2,608 hrs, manual quick attach, EROPS; 2016 Bobcat T740 Tracked Skid Steer, 3,208 hrs, pilot controls, 18 in tracks, EROPS; 2019 Bobcat T595 Tracked Skid Steer, 1,431 hrs, 2-spd, quick attach, enclosed cab, heat/AC; 2014 JCB 190 Skid Steer, 674 hrs, quick attach, 84 in bucket, EROPS, heat/AC; **TELEHANDLERS:** 2018 JCB 512-56 Telehandler, 7,018 hrs, 12,000 lb capacity, 56 ft reach, outriggers, 72 in forks, EROPS, heat/AC; Xtreme XR1147 Telehandler, 10,580 hrs, 11,000 lb capacity, 47 ft reach, frame leveling, EROPS, heat/AC; JCB 510-56 Telehandler, 6,683 hrs, 10,000 lb capacity, 56 ft reach, outriggers; 2012 JLG G9-43A Telehandler, 6,386 hrs, 9,000 lb capacity, 43 ft reach, Cummins, 4x4; 2014 Genie GTH1844 Telehandler, 3,001 hrs, 8,000 lb capacity, 44 ft reach; 2024 Bobcat TL619 Telehandler, 246 hrs, 5,500 lb capacity, 19 ft reach, quick attach, EROPS, like new; **CRANES & FORKLIFTS:** 1992 Grove AP308B Carry Deck Crane, 2,689 hrs, Cummins diesel, 24 ft boom, 15 ft jib; CAT V50D Forklift, 2,309 hrs, LP powered, 5,000 lb capacity, 3-stage mast; **BOOM & SCISSOR LIFTS:** 2015 JLG 600S Boom Lift, 5,419 hrs, diesel, 60 ft height, 500 lb capacity; 2018 Genie S-45 Boom Lift, 2,762 hrs, 45 ft height, 500 lb capacity; 2007 Genie S-40 Boom Lift, 2,955 hrs, gas, 40 ft height, 31 ft reach; 2005 JLG S400 Boom Lift, 5,065 hrs, 40 ft height, 1,000 lb capacity; 2014 Genie GS5390RT Scissor Lift, 1,413 hrs, 53 ft height, 1,500 lb capacity, 4x4, outriggers; 2008 Genie GS5390 Scissor Lift, 2,531 hrs, 53 ft height, 1,500 lb capacity, 4x4, outriggers; Skyjack 9250RT Scissor Lift, 2,230 hrs, 50 ft height, 1,500 lb capacity, 4x4, outriggers; (2) 2023 JCB S4550E Scissor Lifts, 2.7 and 2.9 hrs, 45 ft height, 500 lb capacity, NEW/UNUSED; 2000 JLG 2646E2 Scissor Lift, 26 ft height, 750 lb capacity; **COMPACTION EQUIPMENT:** Wacker Neuson RD12A Double-Drum Roller, Honda gas engine, 36 in drums; 2021 Wacker Neuson RTSC-3 Trench Compactor, 403 hrs, diesel, 33 in drums; 2019 Wacker Neuson RTSC3 Trench Compactor, 255 hrs, Kohler diesel, 23 in drums; **TRACTORS & BACKHOES:** 1996 JD 5500 Loader Tractor, 7,051 hrs, JD 540 loader, 540 PTO, 3 pt, 2 hydr remotes, EROPS, heat/AC; 1991 JD 2555 Loader Tractor, 5,067 hrs, 2WD, JD 245 loader, 86 in bucket, 3 pt, 540 PTO; Ford 4500 Loader Backhoe, 2,633 hrs, 72 in loader bucket, 16 in digging bucket; **OFF-ROAD TRUCKS:** 1989 Euclid R50 Off-Road Haul Truck, 42,306 hrs, 50-ton capacity, powershift trans, dual rear wheels; **SEMI TRUCKS:** 2005 Peterbilt 378 Sleeper Semi, 503,000 mi, rebuilt engine with approx 37,000 mi, rebuilt 13-spd trans, new 3.73 rears, wet kit, adj fifth wheel; 2013 Freightliner Columbia Sleeper Semi, 1,109,901 mi, Detroit 60 Series, 10-spd Eaton trans, aluminum wheels; 2017 International ProStar Semi, 413,991 mi, auto trans, aluminum headache rack; 2010 International ProStar Day Cab Semi, Cummins, manual trans, tandem axle, fuel in oil and needs injectors; **BOX, SERVICE & WORK TRUCKS:** 2015 Freightliner Flatbed Truck, 467,479 mi, Cummins, auto trans, 30 ft bed, toolboxes; 2020 Ford F-650 Box Truck, 94,540 mi, 18 ft box, roll-up door; 2017 Ford F-550 XL Service Truck, 270,009 mi, 4x4, diesel, Reading body, Tiger crane, Polar Air compressor; 2012 Ford F-450 Enclosed Service Truck, 174,168 mi, 6.7L Power Stroke, ext cab, check-engine light on; 2008 Ford F-450 Service Truck, 106,175 mi, service body and toolboxes; 2019 Ford Transit 350 HD Box Truck, 94,440 mi, 12 ft box; 2000 Ford E-350 SD Box Truck, 115,058 mi, dually, INOPERABLE; 1997 Chevrolet GMT-400 Service Truck, 179,660 mi, 6.5L diesel, 8 ft service body, 4x4; 2014 Ford E-250 Work Van, 187,594 mi, check-engine light on; **PICKUP TRUCKS & AUTOS:** 2022 RAM 3500 HD Crew Cab Pickup, 331,684 mi, Cummins diesel, 4x4, dually, gooseneck hitch, aux fuel tank; 2018 RAM 2500 HD Pickup, 158,539 mi, crew cab, long bed, gas, 4x4, Ranch Hand bumper; 2013 Ford F-150 Platinum Pickup, 191,093 mi, crew cab, 4x4, leather, cracked exhaust manifold; 2008 Ford F-150 XLT Pickup, 210,218 mi, crew cab, 5.4L V8, bed cover, frame rust; 2004 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Pickup, 139,527 mi, 4x4, Boss V-plow, in-bed dump box; 1999 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Z71 Pickup, 229,791 mi, 5.3L gas, short bed, toolbox, same owner over 20 years; 2012 Chevrolet Captiva Sport, 162,171 mi, 5-passenger, leather; **TRAILERS:** 2019 BTR 44 ft Belt Trailer, tandem axle, rear swinging door, tarp; 2001 Strick 53 ft Van Trailer, tandem axle, roll-up door, sliding axle, air ride; **CAMPERS:** 2021 Forest River Silver Lake 27 ft Camper, tandem axle, bumper pull, mid kitchen; 2019 Keystone Springdale 2200BH Travel Trailer, rear bunkhouse, front bedroom, rear bath, 1 slide; 2022 Riverside Retro 19BH Travel Trailer, 21 ft 10 in, rear bunkhouse, single axle, bath and kitchen; 2018 Keystone Passport ROV 17RKR Travel Trailer, single axle, front bedroom, rear kitchen, mid bath, 1 slide; **ATVS, UTVS & MOTORCYCLES:** (2) 2023 Arctic Cat Prowler Pro LTD UTVs, 1,203 and 1,778 hrs, 4x4, winches, windshields, manual dumps; 2020 Polaris Ranger 570 UTV, 4x4, 3-passenger, lift kit, oversized tires, winch, roof and snowplow; Suzuki Vinson 500 4x4 ATV, 2,100 mi, high/low range, racks, NO TITLE; 2011 Harley-Davidson Electra Glide Peace Officer Edition, 34,715 mi, saddlebags and rear storage; **GOLF CARTS:** 2024 Spark Limousine Golf Cart, 164 mi, 6-passenger, lithium powered, charger, NO TITLE; (4) 2022 EZGO TXT Golf Carts, gas, 4-passenger, hardtops, windshields and rear flip seats; **MOWERS:** 2006 JD 757 Zero-Turn Mower, 583 hrs, 60 in 7-Iron deck, 25 HP, ROPS; 3 pt Sickle Bar Mower, PTO drive; **LIGHT TOWERS:** 2011 Terex AL4000 Towable Light Tower, 10,516 hrs, Kubota diesel engine; 2016 Generac MLT3060 Towable Light Tower, 9,672 hrs; (3) Magnum MLT3060 Towable Light Towers, 4,718-9,297 hrs, Kubota diesel engines; **ATTACHMENTS & FARM EQUIPMENT:** 2021 Quick Attach 66 in Brush Cutter, skid steer mount, hydr driven, RENTAL RETURN UNIT; Industrias America H1100 Box Grader, hydr lift, rear wheels; JD 3 pt Quick Hitch; Fertilizer Tank Brackets; (2) Walsh Saddle Tanks; Poly Tanks with Mounts; Rebuilt Hitachi EX400 Hydraulic Cylinder; 150 gal Chemical Tote with hose and pump; **CONTAINERS, TANKS & SHOP EQUIPMENT:** 40 ft One-Trip Shipping Container with 4 side doors; (2) 20 ft Shipping Containers; 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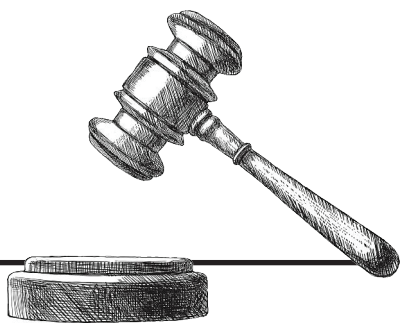
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Auctioneer Q & A



Grant Bussey Bussey Bros. Auctioneers

What inspired you to become an auctioneer?

I attended farm auctions with my dad from a young age and quickly developed a love for the auction business. I grew up in a large family as the second of five boys, and I realized early on that continuing the family farming operation could be challenging with so many of us interested in agriculture. I knew I wanted a career that would keep me connected to the agricultural community, and auctioneering felt like a natural fit. After attending auctions, I would come home and “practice” selling all of my John Deere toy equipment. People often say that when you do what you love, you never work a day in your life. I can honestly say that has been true for me.

Who has influenced



your career the most, and why?

Mike Baker, a local auctioneer, has had the greatest influence on my career. He helped me from the ground up and has extensive experience selling real estate, machinery, personal property, and Standardbred racehorses. Mike not only taught me the auction business, but we now have the opportunity to work together. He has played an important role in helping us grow our company, streamline

our operations, and improve the way we serve our clients. Most importantly, he taught us to always put ourselves in the seller’s shoes and make decisions with their best interests in mind.

What’s your auction specialty, and what do you enjoy most about it?

My auction specialties are heavy equipment, agricultural machinery, real estate, and farm retirement auctions. I enjoy working closely with sellers to understand their goals, organize the sale, and present their assets in a way that attracts serious buyers. What I enjoy most is bringing buyers and sellers together and creating the competition that drives strong results. Every auction is different, whether we are selling a piece of equipment, an entire farm operation, or a property that has been in a family for generations. It is

especially rewarding to help farmers, contractors, business owners, and families successfully transition into the next chapter of their lives.

What’s your auction specialty, and what do you enjoy most about it?

My advice would be to find your niche and stay focused on it. Learn everything you can about the products you are selling, the market they sell in, and the people you are representing. A successful auctioneer needs to understand more than just how to call bids. You need to know your sellers, understand their goals, and earn their trust. The more knowledgeable and prepared you are, the better job you can do for them.



Russell Mills Mills Real Estate & Auction

What inspired you to become an auctioneer?

I was inspired to become an auctioneer while working at the mammoth cave dairy auction and smiths grove horse auction

Who has influenced your career the most, and why?

Long time auctioneer Bud Greenup influenced my auction career. He taught me a

tremendous amount about the auction business.

What’s your auction specialty, and what do you enjoy most about it?

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What’s your auction specialty, and what do you enjoy most about it?

My advice for the upcoming auctioneer is treat everyone fair ,be honest and put God first.

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Joe, Brittney, Lori, and Steve Bunch

Bunch Bros.

What inspired you to become an auctioneer?
I used to attend auctions as a child with my father. I watched and decided that was what I wanted to do as a career. I thought it would be a good way to make a living.

Who has influenced your career the most, and why?
I always looked up to James R. & Cindy Cash. I worked for them for several years and learned so much from him. I had to stop helping him when my

own business was so busy I just couldn't do both.

What's your auction specialty, and what do you enjoy most about it?

My auction specialty would probably be heavy equipment. We conduct a 2 Day Heavy Equipment Auction in Louisville, KY every year and have been for 20 years. I also do equipment auctions in KY, TN, IN, IL, OH, and more. I also do all types of auctions, Real Estate, Estate, Heavy Equipment, Farm Equipment, Personal Property, & more.

What's your auction specialty, and what do you enjoy most about it?
My advice to someone wanting to be an auctioneer is you have to be willing to work. It is not an easy career path. If you run your own business, it is pretty much 24-7. You have to be honest with people, trustworthy and care about the people you are working for. Lots of times the situation for an auction is hard for families and you and you have to be sympathetic to the situation.

Phillip Traylor
Phillip Traylor Auctions & Land

What inspired you to become an auctioneer?
I grew up on a farm so I was always at farm and livestock sales. I became intrigued by the auction business and pursued that path.

Who has influenced your career the most, and why?
I've had many mentors. One or two



from each genre of the business. If I had to name one it would be Robin Treadway in the car auction industry.

What's your auction specialty, and what do you enjoy most about

it?
I actually conduct 350 auctions per year. Cars make up the majority of those sales. If I had to name a specialty it would be equipment. I love machinery and enjoy that facet the most.

What's your auction specialty, and what do you enjoy most about it?
My advice to an aspiring auctioneer is to spend time paying attention to those you want to emulate. They are the best teachers in the world.

Zach Taylor
Taylor Auction Company

What inspired you to become an auctioneer?
I grew up in the auction business. As a third-generation auctioneer, I was fortunate to watch my father and grandfather build a reputation based on honesty, hard work, and treating people the right way. Auctions became more than a career—they became a way of life. Seeing how our profession helps families through major life transitions, assists businesses with growth



and change, and creates true market value inspired me to carry on the family tradition while continuing to modernize the business for the next generation.

Who has influenced
Continued on A12

your career the most, and why?
Without question, my father and grandfather have had the greatest influence on my career. They taught me that your reputation is your most valuable asset and that success comes from doing what's right, even when no one is watching. They've shown me that an auctioneer isn't simply selling assets—you're earning trust, solving problems, and serving people during some of the most important moments of their lives. Those lessons continue to guide every decision I make.

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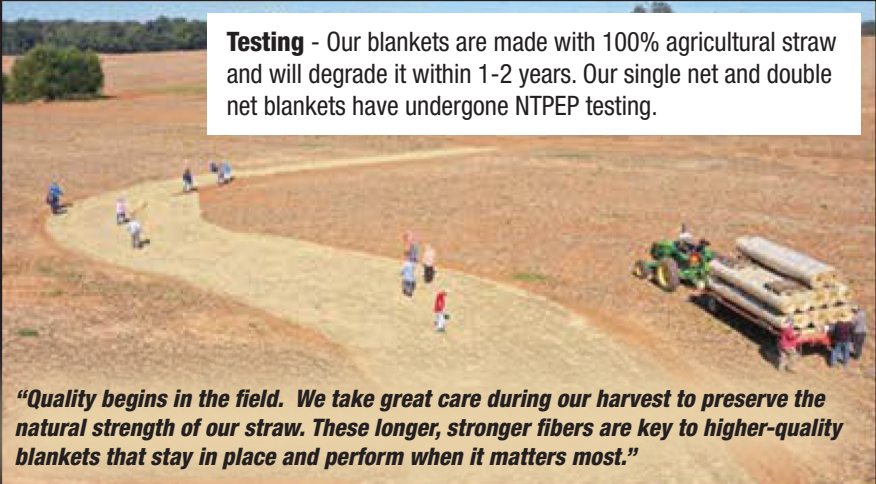
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Auctioneer Q & A

Zach Taylor continued from A9

What's your auction specialty, and what do you enjoy most about it?

Taylor Auction & Realty specializes in commercial and industrial liquidations, heavy equipment, farm machinery, real estate, business liquidations, and estate auctions across the country. While we truly believe we "Sell the Earth & Everything On It," I especially enjoy helping businesses maximize the value of their assets and seeing buyers from across the nation compete in a transparent marketplace. Every auction is different, and the challenge of creating a successful marketing strategy for

each client is something I genuinely enjoy.

What advice would you give someone who wants to become an auctioneer?

Learn far more than bid calling. A great chant may get people's attention, but integrity, marketing, communication, and business knowledge are what build a lasting career. Never stop learning, seek out mentors, invest in continuing education, and always remember that people are trusting you with assets they've often spent a lifetime building. If you take care of your clients, your reputation will take care of your future.



Robert Dimmett
DAM Auction Company

What inspired you to become an auctioneer?

When I was seven years old, I went to a pig auction with my dad and older brother to buy 4H pigs and that's when I decided I wanted to be an Auctioneer.

Who has influenced your career the most, and why?

My father taught me to work hard, be honest, and to be able to succeed, you have to do your very best, no matter what.

What's your auction specialty, and what do you enjoy most about it?

Since I have a agricultural background, I enjoy doing Farm equipment Auctions. On the flipside of that I do not like seeing the small farms being sold out because I wanna keep American Farm dream alive.

What advice would you give someone who wants to become an auctioneer?

If you're not tech savvy, you need to hire someone that is.



Matt McCaskill
Kerr Auction

What inspired you to become an auctioneer?

There's 4 generations of auctioneers in our family. I've always enjoyed the live auction setting from calling to ringing. So it was a natural avenue to make it part of life.

Who has influenced your career the most, and why?

I grew up primarily in the Livestock section of Auctioneer so there are several over the years. Eddie Sims, Eddie Burks, Cody Lowderman, Dan

Sullivan and Matt Lowery were all key influences. Be it from style, tempo, filler or presentation I've been fortunate to be surrounded by great people to learn from and mentored by.

What's your auction specialty, and what do you enjoy most about it?

I would say currently it would be equipment and semi truck and trailers. I enjoy most the people. I have the opportunity to meet folks from across the country and beyond in this business. It makes you realize how small the world is.

What advice would you give someone who wants to become an auctioneer?

GO FOR IT!! It's never too late. Study, watch videos and practice, find an auctioneer school to attend. It's like everything in life. Practice, practice, practice because there's very few that it just comes naturally to.



Farmers appreciate EPA approval of new tools

American Farm Bureau Federation President Zippy Duvall commented today on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) finalizing the registrations of new pesticide products that provide farmers with additional tools to protect their crops.

"We appreciate EPA's rigorous review process and ultimate approval of new products that will help

farmers grow crops for food, fiber and renewable fuel while also contributing to sustainability goals. Administrator Lee Zeldin promised comprehensive vetting, which we welcome. Farmers are dedicated to caring for our land and natural resources, so new tools that help us do that are important.

"Pesticides undergo years of rigorous

testing, with very few making it through the approval process. Farmers trust and rely on EPA's science- and risk-based regulatory process. These new products, backed by the best available science, will enable farmers to do more with less and provide more tools in the toolbox to help ensure an abundant and safe food supply for America's families."

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Summer Heat and Agriculture Safety:

Protecting farmers, livestock and crops

Summer is one of the busiest seasons in agriculture, but it is also one of the most challenging. Long days in the fields, high temperatures, intense humidity, and strenuous physical labor can create dangerous conditions for farmers, farm workers, and livestock. Heat-related illnesses can develop quickly, and prolonged periods of extreme heat can also affect crop production and animal health.

By understanding the risks and taking preventive measures, agricultural producers can maintain a safe working environment while protecting the health of their animals and preserving crop yields.

Heat Risks for Farm Workers Agricultural workers often spend hours outdoors performing physically demanding tasks such as planting, harvesting, baling hay, repairing equipment, and caring for livestock. During the summer months, these activities increase the body's internal temperature, especially when combined with direct sunlight and high humidity.

Heat-related illnesses range from mild conditions to



life-threatening emergencies. Common heat illnesses include:

Heat cramps: Painful muscle spasms caused by dehydration and electrolyte loss.

Heat exhaustion: Symptoms include heavy sweating, weakness, dizziness, nausea, headache, and rapid pulse.

Heat stroke: A medical emergency that occurs when the body's temperature

rises above 104 degrees Fahrenheit. Symptoms include confusion, loss of consciousness, hot skin, and the absence of sweating in some cases.

Without immediate treatment, heat stroke can lead to permanent organ damage or death.

Staying Safe in the Heat

Preventing heat illness begins with preparation. Farmers

should make hydration and rest a priority throughout the workday.

Drink water before feeling thirsty. During periods of heavy labor, workers should consume water every 15 to 20 minutes. Sports drinks may help replace electrolytes during extended periods of strenuous work, but water should remain the primary source of hydration.

Schedule the most

physically demanding jobs during the cooler parts of the day, such as early morning or late evening. Mid-afternoon is often when temperatures and humidity reach their highest levels.

Take regular breaks in shaded or air-conditioned areas. Even short rest periods allow the body to cool down and reduce the risk of overheating.

Wear lightweight, light-colored clothing that allows sweat to

evaporate. Wide-brimmed hats, sunglasses, and sunscreen also help protect against sun exposure.

Recognizing Warning Signs

Everyone working on the farm should know the symptoms of heat-related illness—not only for themselves but also for coworkers.

Warning signs include:

- Excessive sweating
- Muscle cramps
- Dizziness
- Headache
- Nausea
- Fatigue
- Confusion
- Fainting

If someone shows signs of heat exhaustion, move them to a cool location, loosen clothing, provide cool water if they are alert, and apply cool cloths to the skin.

If heat stroke is suspected, call emergency medical services immediately. While waiting for help, move the person to shade, cool them with water, fans, or ice packs placed around the neck, armpits, and groin, and monitor their breathing.

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Secretary Rollins announces growing momentum behind USDA's Product of USA label with 10 new companies

(Washington, D.C.,)
– U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins today announced that ten additional meat and poultry companies have adopted USDA's voluntary Product of USA label, marking continued momentum behind the Administration's efforts to help consumers easily identify products that are truly born, raised, harvested, and processed in the United States.

Since USDA launched its nationwide awareness campaign earlier this year, more processors across the country have committed to using the Product of USA label, giving consumers greater confidence that when they purchase products bearing the claim, they are directly supporting American farmers, ranchers, processors, and rural communities.

"President Trump has made it clear that



when American families buy American products, they should know exactly what they're getting," said Secretary Brooke Rollins. "The Product of USA label gives consumers confidence that the meat, poultry, and egg products they purchase come from animals born, raised,

harvested, and processed right here in the United States. Every new company that adopts this label represents another win for America's ranchers, processors, and rural communities. USDA will continue working every day to strengthen domestic food production and ensure American

agriculture remains the strongest in the world."

The newest companies to adopt USDA's Product of USA label include:
Harris Ranch – California
One World Beef – California
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American Foods

Group (AFG) – Multiple locations
Agri Beef – Idaho
FPL Food – Georgia
Hadrick Farms – South Dakota
Fort Worth Meats – Texas
Wholestone Farms – Nebraska
Harrison's Poultry – Illinois

"Origin should never be a mystery. Consumers deserve labels they can trust, U.S. producers deserve recognition for what they produce, and every meat product should be represented honestly for what it is. Working from pasture to package gives us a unique appreciation for the responsibility behind every label. Honest representation honors the work of producers and gives consumers the confidence to know exactly what they're buying," said Juan Ramos, Founder and CEO, Fort Worth Meats.

"We're a four-generation family business, and since

1893 supporting this community has been at the heart of how we operate. As one of the smaller, family-owned names in the program, we're proud to commit to the Product of USA label. It says plainly what's always been true for us: our poultry is sourced and prepared right here in America, by a business that invests in the people and place it comes from," said Kyle Zimmerman, Co-President and Co-Owner, Harrisons Poultry.

"Now more than ever, consumers deserve to know where their food comes from and to have confidence in the integrity of the products they purchase. The USDA Product of USA program creates a meaningful connection between American ranchers and the families they

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Gaming, grooming and impaired driving among new laws in Kentucky

By TOM LATEK,
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – The majority of the 190 bills enacted by the 2026 General Assembly took effect on Wednesday, as Kentucky’s constitution specifies that new laws take effect 90 days after the legislature adjourns, which was April 15.

Exceptions include those with special effective dates or have emergency clauses that make them effective immediately upon becoming law. The new laws include:

Gaming – House Bill 904, among its many provisions, increases the age to participate in sports wagering from 18 to 21 and bans anyone on the attorney general’s child support arrearage list from betting on online platforms. The bill also



forbids negative outcome bets – also known as “under” bets – on college athletes who play on in-state teams.

Grooming – House Bill 4 criminalizes efforts to manipulate a minor into sexual contact with an adult, a practice known as “grooming.”

Impaired Driving – Under Senate Bill 66, an impaired driving suspect who refuses a blood test will have their driver’s license suspended at the time of arraignment. If the person is convicted, their license will be subsequently suspended by the Transportation Cabinet. It also requires the cabinet to maintain

records of moving traffic convictions for 10 years and adds clonazepam, cyclobenzaprine and fentanyl to the list of drugs that, when detected in a driver’s blood, could lead to an impaired driving conviction.

Impeding a First Responder – Senate Bill 104 seeks to prevent

interference or harassment of first responders. It creates a 25-foot safe zone around police, firefighters and others while they are performing their official duties. Individuals who remain in the zone could face criminal charges if they ignore an initial warning to move back and intend to impede, threaten or harass a

first responder.

Kentucky-Grown Agricultural Products – Senate Bill 5 makes it easier for Kentucky schools to purchase locally grown food for student meals. It lifts some procurement requirements and better connects students with the agricultural economy.

License Plate Readers – House Bill 58 limits the use of license plate readers largely to public safety purposes and conducting criminal investigations. The Transportation Cabinet can also use readers for toll and revenue collection and enforcement needs. also will require data captured by automatic license plate readers to be deleted after 90 days, with limited exceptions for criminal investigations and other needs.

Speakers starting to line up for Fancy Farm

By TOM LATEK,
Kentucky Today

FANCY FARM, Ky. (KT) – The 146th annual Fancy Farm Picnic and political stump speaking at St. Jerome’s Roman Catholic Church in that small Western Kentucky town on Aug. 1 is only a few weeks away.

Some of the speakers for the Saturday afternoon event have already committed to appearing, while festival organizers are still working to add to the present lineup that has already been confirmed.

Among those planning to be there are the local legislative office holders, State Sen. Jason Howell, R-Murray and Rep. Kim Holloway, R-Mayfield.

U.S. Senator Rand Paul, R-Bowling Green, has committed to be there, while Kentucky’s Senior U.S. Senator, Mitch McConnell, R-Louisville, who remains hospitalized and is not seeking

re-election in November, has not responded to organizers of the event.

Republican U.S. Senate candidate Andy Barr, R-Lexington, who is currently the 6th District Congressman, has agreed to attend, while his Democratic opponent, Charles Booker of Louisville is listed as pending.

Republican 1st District Congressman James Comer and his Democratic challenger, John Drew Williams, have both agreed to participate.

While Democratic Gov. Andy Beshear has not yet announced whether he will attend, Lt. Gov. Jacqueline Coleman, who has announced she will run for Governor in 2027, will be on hand.

Other statewide office holders who say they plan to be there include Attorney General Russell Coleman and Agriculture Commissioner Jonathan Shell, both Republicans.

Secretary of State Michael Adams, State



The speakers for the 146th annual Fancy Farm event are beginning to reserve their spots. Fancy Farm will be Aug. 1.

(KT file photo)

Auditor Allison Ball and State Treasurer Mark Metcalf, all with the GOP, have not said yes or no at this point.

Although the Fancy Farm picnic started in 1880, it did not become Kentucky’s top

political event until 1931. That’s when A.B. “Happy” Chandler made an appearance while campaigning for Lieutenant Governor. Since then, it has served in every

election year as the traditional kick-off to the fall campaign season.

Thousands of people head to the Graves County community annually, where they enjoy Western

Kentucky barbeque, play games, and, of course, listen to the political stump speeches.

This year’s emcee will be Dave Baker of WKYT-TV in Lexington.

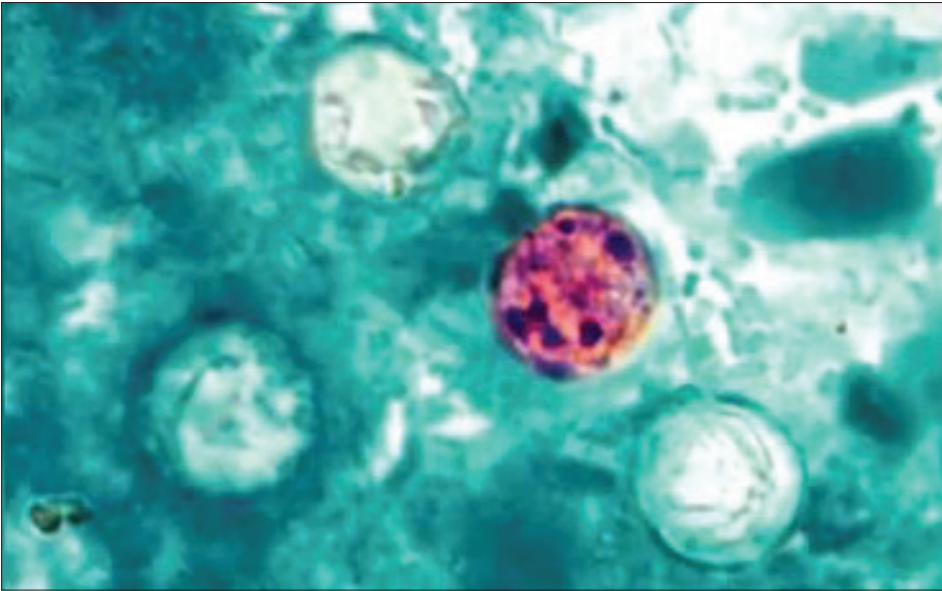
Cyclospora Infection

Foods to stay clear of

Cyclospora is a microscopic parasite that causes an intestinal illness known as cyclosporiasis. The infection has earned attention because it can trigger severe, prolonged diarrhea that often begins about a week after consuming contaminated food or water. While the illness is treatable with prescription antibiotics, managing symptoms through diet is also an important part of recovery.

If you have been diagnosed with Cyclospora—or are experiencing symptoms while awaiting medical care—certain foods can worsen diarrhea, increase dehydration, and make recovery more difficult.

One of the first foods to avoid is dairy products. Milk, ice cream, soft cheeses, and creamy sauces can be difficult to digest when the



intestines are inflamed. Even people who normally tolerate dairy well may develop temporary lactose intolerance during or after a gastrointestinal infection.

Fatty and fried foods should also be limited. French fries, fried chicken, pizza, bacon, and greasy fast foods can be harder for the digestive system to process, potentially leading to increased cramping and

diarrhea. Spicy foods are another common trigger. Hot peppers, spicy sauces, and heavily seasoned meals may irritate an already sensitive digestive tract. Choosing milder foods until symptoms improve can help reduce discomfort.

Foods high in fiber, while generally healthy, may temporarily worsen diarrhea. Raw vegetables, salads, beans, whole grains, popcorn, nuts, and

seeds can stimulate bowel activity. During recovery, many healthcare providers recommend lower-fiber options until normal digestion returns.

Sugary foods and drinks should also be avoided. Candy, pastries, soda, fruit juices with added sugar, and sports drinks containing large amounts of sugar may draw more water into the intestines, making diarrhea worse. Instead, focus on water or oral rehydration solutions that replace lost fluids and electrolytes. Alcohol and

caffeinated beverages can contribute to dehydration. Coffee, energy drinks, certain teas, beer, wine, and liquor may worsen fluid loss and should be avoided until recovery is complete.

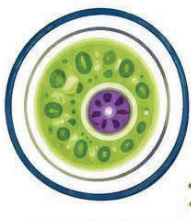
Because Cyclospora is commonly linked to contaminated fresh produce, people should always thoroughly wash fruits and vegetables before eating them. During active outbreaks, public health officials may issue recalls or advisories involving specific products such as leafy greens, herbs, or berries. Following those recommendations can reduce the risk of infection.

While recovering, many people tolerate a bland diet better. Foods such as bananas, white rice, applesauce, toast, plain crackers, boiled potatoes, oatmeal, plain pasta, and baked or boiled chicken are generally easier on the digestive system. Eating smaller meals throughout the day rather than large

portions may also help.

Hydration is one of the most important aspects of recovery. Frequent diarrhea can lead to dehydration, especially in young children, older adults, and individuals with weakened immune systems. Drinking water, oral rehydration solutions, or clear broths can help replace lost fluids and electrolytes.

Cyclospora infections can last for several weeks if left untreated, and symptoms may improve and then return. Anyone experiencing persistent diarrhea lasting more than a few days, severe abdominal pain, fever, bloody stools, or signs of dehydration should seek medical attention promptly. With appropriate treatment, plenty of fluids, and a gentle diet, most people make a full recovery and can gradually return to their normal eating habits.



CYCLOSPORIASIS

FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW

A PARASITE. A RISK. PREVENTABLE.



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feed by recognizing producers who are committed to raising and processing livestock entirely within the United States. We are grateful for USDA’s leadership in strengthening transparency, supporting American agriculture, and helping preserve the future of independent ranching for generations to come,” said Eric Brandt, President, One World Beef.

The continued expansion of the Product of USA label complements President Trump’s and Secretary Rollins’ broader strategy to strengthen America’s beef industry by supporting independent

ranchers, family farmers, and small- and mid-sized meat processors. By creating new market opportunities for products that are fully American from pasture to plate, USDA is helping ensure producers and processors can compete, grow, and meet rising consumer demand for American-raised meat.

Last month, Secretary Rollins announced the Strengthening Processing for U.S. Ranchers (SPUR) Program, a new USDA initiative providing up to \$500 million to help eligible small- and mid-sized beef processors preserve and expand domestic processing capacity. Together, SPUR and the Product of USA initiative represent complementary efforts to strengthen

America’s meat supply chain, expand market opportunities for independent producers, and increase consumer access to high-quality American-raised products.

Several companies participating in the Product of USA initiative are also expected to benefit from USDA’s SPUR Program, further strengthening their ability to invest in American processing capacity and expand marketing opportunities for U.S. ranchers.

USDA continues to receive strong interest from additional processors across the country, with more companies expected to adopt the Product of USA label in the coming months as consumer demand for authentic American-produced meat continues to grow.



WHAT IS IT?

Cyclosporiasis is an intestinal illness caused by the microscopic parasite *Cyclospora cayetanensis*.

You can get infected by eating or drinking food or water contaminated with the parasite.

It is **not usually spread directly from person to person** because the parasite must first mature in the environment before it becomes infectious.



SYMPTOMS

Symptoms usually begin about 1 week after exposure and may include:



Frequent, watery diarrhea



Loss of appetite



Weight loss



Stomach cramps or bloating



Nausea or vomiting



Fatigue



Low-grade fever (sometimes)



Increased gas

Without treatment, symptoms may last days to several weeks and can come and go.



TREATMENT

Cyclosporiasis is usually treated with a prescription antibiotic called trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole (TMP-SMX). People who develop persistent diarrhea or dehydration should contact their healthcare provider promptly.



WHAT CAUSES IT / HOW IT'S SPREAD

Cyclospora is most commonly spread through:



Fresh produce contaminated during growing, harvesting, or processing (such as leafy greens, cilantro, basil, berries, or salad mixes).



Contaminated drinking or recreational water.



Food handlers who are infected are unlikely to directly spread Cyclospora because the parasite is not immediately infectious when passed in stool.



PREVENTION STRATEGIES



Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water before preparing or eating food and after using the restroom.



Wash fresh fruits and vegetables before eating them. While washing may reduce contamination, it may not remove all Cyclospora parasites.



Drink water from safe, approved sources, especially when traveling.



Follow proper food safety practices when preparing and storing food.



Avoid food or water from sources that may be contaminated when traveling to areas where Cyclospora is more common.



WHEN TO SEEK MEDICAL CARE

Seek medical attention if you experience:



Diarrhea lasting more than a few days



Signs of dehydration (dry mouth, dizziness, decreased urination)



Bloody diarrhea



Severe abdominal pain



Fever with persistent diarrhea



Symptoms after eating recalled food or after travel

 **GOOD HABITS. SAFE FOOD. CLEAN WATER.**
Small steps today can prevent illness tomorrow! 

Alison Davis receives Bonnie Teater Lifetime Achievement Award

Honored by the Southern Rural Development Center, Alison Davis was recognized for important contributions to Extension community development.

By Jennifer Elwell

LEXINGTON, Ky.— Alison Davis, executive director of Blueprint Kentucky and assistant vice president of land-grant engagement, received the 2026 Bonnie Teater Community Development Lifetime Achievement Award from the Southern Rural Development Center (SRDC) in June.

Davis received the award —named for Extension veteran Bonnie Teater — during the 2026 National Association for Community Development Extension Professionals Annual Meeting in Wichita, Kansas. Davis is the first person to receive both of SRDC’s Bonnie Teater honors, having received the Early Career Achievement Award in 2011.

“Dr. Davis’s career reflects the very best of Cooperative Extension,” said Jennifer Hunter, associate dean for Extension and director of the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service. “She has dedicated her work to helping Kentucky communities identify opportunities, solve complex challenges and build stronger

local economies through collaboration and innovation. Her leadership has strengthened Extension’s impact across the Commonwealth while also advancing community development nationally.”

Davis has served as a UK Cooperative Extension Service professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics since 2006. Throughout her career, Davis has provided resources for Extension professionals and rural Kentucky communities and has been actively involved in collaborative research and project-based initiatives such as CREATE BRIDGES (Celebrating REtail, Accommodations, Tourism, and Entertainment by Building Rural Innovations and Developing Growth Economies), SET (Stronger Economies Together), REAP (Regional Entrepreneurship Acceleration Program), AccelerateKY, the Business Retention and Expansion Program, Recovery and Resilience Project, and the Kentucky Downtown

Revitalization Program. Notably, she spearheaded the expansion of the Community and Economic Development Initiative of Kentucky (CEDIK) program, now known as Blueprint Kentucky, into a nationally recognized center for community and economic development by the American Agricultural Economics Association. Since 2019, Davis has secured more than \$19 million in extramural funding as a principal investigator or co-principal investigator on more than 20 projects. She has also contributed to books, peer-reviewed curricula and journal articles, and her Extension programs have received national recognition for collaboration and impact.

“Alison is a shining representative of the type of person and career we seek to honor with the Bonnie Teater Lifetime Achievement Award,” said John Green, former director of the Southern Rural Development Center, when he presented the award.

Bonnie Teater, for whom the award is



Davis was presented the 2026 Bonnie Teater Lifetime Achievement Award by Southern Rural Development Center Director, John Green, at the National Association for Community Development Extension Professionals Annual Meeting in Wichita, Kansas.

named, provided 30 years of support to the SRDC and its rural development research

and Extension outreach mission among Southern land-grant

universities. She is a long-time Kentuckian and resides in Harrison County.

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Back to school is near – Kentucky Soybean Board rolls out new classroom resources



The Kentucky Soybean Board promotes the adage that soy touches every life, every day, and with the help of our national partners at the United Soybean Board we have added new resources to our website, KySoy.org, to show some of the many ways that students encounter soy in their daily lives, whether at home or in the classroom.

When many people think of soy, they think of tofu and edamame, but these dishes are a tiny fraction of what our renewable, sustainable, and versatile crop can provide. On the education page of KySoy.org, teachers and parents can find resources ranging from our Soy Much Fun with Buddy the Bean Activity Book, which has something for pre-K through sixth grade, to The Spectacular Life of a Soybean, which is a more science-based offering that walks young learners through the growing season, from germination to harvest and beyond with domestic and export markets.

High school students studying family and consumer science will find a handy link to USB's Seed Oil Hub, which answers popular questions (and dispels myths!) about seed oils and their effects on human health. This hub provides scientific evidence and citations rather than social media conspiracy theories and anecdotal comments that seem to dominate this conversation.

For those interested in videos, we have something for all ages, from a Kentucky Farms Feed Me virtual field trip to Soy Many Uses starring Jonathan and Gracie Reynolds to Soybeans Through the Seasons. New for 2026, visitors to our site can take a virtual walk through a kitchen to see how soy is found in many items aside from food, feed, and fuel.

Finally, we are pleased to offer More to Soy Than Meets the Eye worksheets for home and for school. These downloadable resources point out numerous places in homes and schools that soy and soy components may be found, from the paint on your walls to the cleaning products in the janitor's closet and the ink in your textbooks!

All these resources are downloadable and available at no charge, courtesy of Kentucky soybean farmers through their checkoff contributions. Public and private school educators, homeschoolers and co-ops, and parents are encouraged to visit our exhibit in AgLand at the Kentucky State Fair, August 20-30 in the Expo Center in Louisville to pick up free educational resources and visit with farmers.

There is truly SOY MUCH to learn, and the staff and volunteer farmer-leaders of the Kentucky Soybean Board wish students of all ages a safe and educational return to the classroom.



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Machinery Safety
During Hot Weather

Extreme heat can also affect farm equipment. Engines are more likely to overheat, hydraulic systems may operate under increased stress, and tire pressure rises as temperatures climb.

Before beginning work each day:
Check engine coolant levels.
Inspect belts and hoses.
Monitor tire pressure.
Clean radiators and air filters.
Watch temperature gauges while operating machinery.

Operators should never attempt repairs on overheated equipment without allowing it to cool first.
Dust generated during dry weather can reduce visibility and create respiratory hazards. Wearing appropriate respiratory protection when conditions warrant and keeping equipment clean can improve both safety and performance.

Livestock Need Heat
Protection Too



Animals are highly susceptible to heat stress, particularly cattle, poultry, pigs, sheep, goats, and horses.

Signs of heat stress include:
Rapid breathing
Panting
Reduced feed intake
Lethargy
Increased water consumption
Reduced milk production in dairy cattle
Lower weight gain in beef cattle

Producers should ensure animals have constant access to fresh, clean water. Water tanks should be checked frequently because animals drink significantly more during hot weather.
Shade is essential. Trees, shelters, shade cloths, and barns with good ventilation provide relief from direct sunlight. Fans, misters, and sprinkler systems can further reduce heat stress in confined animal operations.

Whenever possible, move or transport livestock during the early morning or evening when temperatures are cooler.

Crop Considerations
During Heat Waves

Crops also experience stress during prolonged periods of high

temperatures.
Corn may suffer poor pollination if excessive heat occurs during tasseling. Soybeans can experience flower abortion, reducing pod formation. Vegetable crops may wilt rapidly and require additional irrigation. Fruit crops can develop sunscald, reducing market quality.

Efficient irrigation practices become increasingly important during hot weather. Watering early in the morning reduces evaporation losses and allows plants to absorb moisture before the hottest part of the day.

Mulching around vegetables and fruit plants helps retain soil moisture while reducing soil temperatures.
Farmers should regularly scout fields for signs of drought stress, insect infestations, and disease, as stressed plants are often more vulnerable to pests.

Fire Prevention

Hot, dry conditions greatly increase the risk of farm fires.

Dry hay, crop residue, dust accumulation, and overheated machinery create ideal conditions for ignition.

To reduce fire risks:
Remove crop residue from combines and tractors daily.

Keep fire extinguishers readily available and fully charged.

Inspect bearings and moving parts for excessive heat.

Avoid parking hot machinery in tall dry grass.

Monitor hay moisture before baling to reduce the risk of spontaneous

combustion.

Having an emergency response plan ensures workers know what to do if a fire occurs.

Protecting Mental and
Physical Well-Being

Summer farming often involves long hours, tight schedules, and weather-related stress. Fatigue increases the likelihood of accidents and poor decision-making.

Adequate sleep, nutritious meals, hydration, and regular breaks improve concentration and reduce injury risks. Farmers should also

communicate openly with family members and employees about work expectations during extreme weather.

Checking on elderly farmers, seasonal workers, and those with medical conditions is especially important, as they may be more vulnerable to heat-related illness.

A Season of
Productivity and
Preparedness

Summer is a rewarding time in agriculture, bringing visible crop growth and the promise of harvest. However, extreme heat requires careful planning and

constant awareness. By staying hydrated, recognizing the signs of heat illness, maintaining equipment, protecting livestock, conserving soil moisture, and practicing fire prevention, farmers can reduce risks while maintaining productive operations.

Agriculture has always depended on adapting to changing weather conditions. With preparation, teamwork, and smart safety practices, farms can continue operating successfully even during the hottest days of summer, ensuring the well-being of workers, animals, and crops alike.

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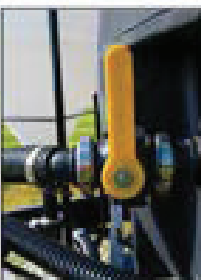
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NURSE TRAILERS - 1010



1010 Nurse Trailer w/Inductor and Chem Rack



1010 Standard Features

- 1010 UV stabilized full drain leg tank (black, white or light blue)
- Heavy duty powder coated channel frame
- Pump options: poly or cast iron in 2" or 3" • Six bolt hubs
- 11L x 15 (12 ply) implement tires • Slipper leaf-spring suspension
- Adjustable height clevis hitch • Two (2) safety chains with hooks
- Two (2) tank access steps • 2" Or 3" plumbing
- Recirculating plumbing w/quick fill tank, Clean load system



1010 Nurse Trailer w/Inductor

Additional Options:

Electric brakes, Lights, Fenders, Ball Coupler, Pintle Coupler, High speed axles, wheels and tires, Shuttle platform, 15 or 30 gal. mix and fill tank, Clean load system

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