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The Sedalia Class of 1957 had a reunion at The Sedalia Cafe recently Clockwise from top left: Donald Jones, Johnny Key, Gerald Lamb, Wayne Simpson, and Lowell Reed.

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## **Mayfield High School SBDM** announces new policies

By Kelsey Edwards **KPI** Editor

The Mayfield High School (MHS) Site-Based Decision **Making Council** held a meeting on Wednesday, July 16, 2025. During the meeting, they highlighted new state legislation which pertains to a daily moment of silence and student cell phone use. Matt McMain, the MHS principal, said a new policy upholds the recently passed Kentucky Senate Bill 19. This bill mandates a brief period lasting between one to two minutes at the beginning of each school day for quiet reflection. McMain told the council, "When I do the announcements every

7:55 and 8:00, my plan is to add that in and it'll probably just be in the middle of announcements so it's factored in." He continued on. "We'll do the intro, go over some stuff, do a moment of silence, do the Pledge of Allegiance and then start the day." Not only is the moment of silence for those with religious beliefs, but it also encourages personal peace, fosters a positive atmosphere, and helps to promote focus by allowing students a short bout of calmness before the hustle and bustle of school gets started. It was stated that teachers will not say anything beyond administering the moment of silence and that this kind of practice does not

impose any specific beliefs on students. It enables them to silently explore their own for a minute or so, contributing to the development of individual identity. McMain mentioned that this is for all grades, kindergarten through twelfth grade and that information will be sent out to parents in order to prepare them for it.

The next discussion was about an amendment in the student handbook that enforces Kentucky House Bill 208. This bill prohibits student use of electronic communications devices like cell phones during class time and aims to reduce distractions and potentially boost test scores. During the meeting, a parent

at the meeting raised a concern if the new rule applies to teachers. McMain did respond stating that teachers are advised to model the behavior and refrain from unnecessary phone use so they are not setting the wrong example. McMain also stated that the bill includes exceptions for emergencies and authorized use from teachers for instructional purposes, among others. McMain said. "Students are allowed to still have them during class changes and lunch and there are some other scenarios, obviously, if they have some type of iPad or device as part of their Individualized

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## **Graves County Tractor Drive Set** for July 26, 2025: Honoring Tradition and

**Cultivating Community** 

By Laurna Todd KPI writer

The 6th Annual **Graves County** Tractor Drive, officially known as the "Dan Dan the Farmall Man Tractor Drive," is set for Saturday, July 26, 2025, beginning at 9:00 AM at the historic Old Ford Richardson dealership, located at 2104 State Route 121 South in Mayfield, KY. A cherished summer tradition, this event draws tractor enthusiasts, farmers, and families from across the region to celebrate the community's deep agricultural roots.

What began as a small gathering of local farmers has grown into a major event highlighting both vintage and modern tractors. Hosted by Independence Bank, the drive includes a scenic route through **Graves County** farmland, a midmorning stop at H&R Agri Power for lunch, and a return to the dealership by noon.

But the Tractor Drive is more than just a parade. It was created to strengthen community ties and

support meaningful causes. Proceeds from the event benefit the Graves County Sheriff's "Shop with a Deputy" program, the Mayfield-Graves **County Community** Christmas Connection, and the Danny Flood Scholarship—raised through a live auction held during the event.

The drive also promotes agricultural education by supporting 4-H clubs, FFA chapters, and leadership initiatives for local youth. It serves as a living tribute to the farming way of life and offers an opportunity for generations to connect—whether it's grandparents teaching grandchildren about tractors or neighbors sharing stories from the field.

In a fast-paced world, the Graves **County Tractor Drive** reminds us of the value of community, history, and tradition. Whether you're riding, spectating, or simply supporting the cause, this event remains a meaningful celebration of the people and practices that help Kentucky thrive.



#### **City of Mayfield holds** first public hearing for city-wide trash service

By Kelsey Edwards **KPI** Editor

The City of Mayfield held an interactive public hearing with local trash services and community members relating to city-wide trash services, as the City of Mayfield is currently evaluating whether to provide a citywide trash service or not. Doing so would eliminate private waste management businesses within its bounds and award the duties to one provider. The city held the interactive public hearing to gather input before taking action on the idea.

Mayor Kathy O'Nan said the city will hold at least two more public forums before solidifying its decision in order to provide a very transparent process to the community

members. The decision on whether to provide a local trash service or not, could take up to nine months or even a year. O'Nan stated that previous mayoral administrations have considered implementing a citywide trash service and that there have been multiple benefits but also several drawbacks that come with it. She also stated that there have been reports of trash being overaccumulated which then leads to excessive litter.

Mayor O'Nan stated during the public hearing, "As we move forward in the process of this possibility, I urge you, as voting people within the city limits of Mayfield, to contact your city council member with your thoughts

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## **Daniel Howard:**

#### Expert breast surgeon with compassion and precision

By Laurna Todd **KPI** writer

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Dr. Daniel Howard, a leading surgeon based in Mayfield, KY, is widely recognized for his expertise in breast surgery, including lifesaving mastectomies and advanced breast reconstruction. With over 105 positive reviews and a 5-star rating on U.S. News & World Report, Dr. Howard stands out not only for his surgical skill but for his compassionate, patient-centered approach.

For women facing breast cancer, Dr.

Howard offers more than just medical treatment—he provides hope, healing, and support. His work plays a vital role in both physical recovery and emotional restoration. Whether performing a mastectomy or guiding a patient through reconstruction, his goal is to help women reclaim their sense of self and confidence. **Breast** 

reconstruction isn't just for cosmetic reasons. It's also part of the recovery that

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## **End-of-Summer adventures in Western Kentucky** fun within a two-hour drive with local dining tips

By LaurnaTodd **KPI** Writer

As summer winds down and the first day of school approaches, families in western Kentucky still have time to squeeze in a few memorable outings. Within a twohour drive of towns like Paducah, Benton, and Mayfield, there are plenty of kidfriendly destinations perfect for a day trip or weekend escape plus great local

restaurants to enjoy along the way.

#### 1. Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area

This 170,000-acre natural wonder offers hiking, swimming, and interactive fun at the Woodlands Nature Station and Homeplace 1850s Farm.

Where to Eat: Patti's 1880's Settlement in Grand Rivers is a local favorite with Southern comfort food, famous 2-inch pork chops, and a charming atmosphere kids will love.

#### 2. Venture River Water Park (Eddyville, KY)

Just an hour away, this water park features slides, a lazy river, and a giant wave pool.

Where to Eat: Try Willow Pond Southern Catfish in Eddyville for family-friendly, down-home cooking

and top-rated fried catfish.

#### 3. Discovery Park of America (Union City, TN)

This award-winning museum offers handson learning, from space exploration to historic artifacts.

Where to Eat: Sammies in Union City serves up gourmet sandwiches, soups, and salads quick, fresh, and perfect for families on

4. Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park (Gilbertsville,

Enjoy kayaking, fishing, and mini-golf by the lake.

Where to Eat: Harbor Lights Restaurant within the resort offers casual lakeside dining with buffet and menu options.

5. The National Quilt Museum (Paducah, KY)

This air-conditioned gem often features kidfriendly art exhibits and creative displays.

Where to Eat: Kirchhoff's Bakery & Deli in downtown Paducah offers delicious sandwiches, pastries, and a cozy, welcoming vibe.

With only a few weeks left of summer break, these nearby spots and tasty local eats are perfect for a final round of family fun.

### AFFORDABLE AND CONVENIENT SPORTS PHYSICIANS IN WESTERN KY: Dr. Butler, Dr. Zetter, and Dr. Stone can help

By LaurnaTodd **KPI** Writer

As fall sports season approaches, families across Ballard, Carlisle, Fulton, Hickman, Graves, McCracken, Livingston, Marshall, and Callaway counties are seeking quick, affordable options for sports physicals. For parents juggling multiple athletes and tight schedules, accessibility, affordability, and trusted providers are key.

Three standout physicians in western Kentucky are helping local families check this task off their list

#### Dr. David R. Zetter - Carlisle, KY

Dr. Zetter provides walk-in and scheduled physicals at his family medicine clinic in Carlisle. Known for friendly, thorough care and efficient service, he's a reliable choice for parents looking to get their student-athletes cleared without the hassle of long wait times.

#### Dr. Stone -Mayfield, KY

Serving Graves County, Dr. Stone is well-regarded for his personalized care and

focus on wellness. He offers comprehensive sports physicals with flexible scheduling and clear, supportive communication with both kids and parents.

#### Dr. Danny Butler -Paducah, KY

Dr. Butler, located in Paducah and also serving nearby Wickliffe, offers affordable physicals in a calm, professional setting. As a boardcertified physician with decades of experience, he provides efficient and trusted care for youth athletes. While appointments are preferred, he is known for accommodating families and offering timely visits—ideal for busy back-toschool schedules.

Additional local options include:

Fast Pace Health Clinics (\$25 walk-in physicals) Mercy Health

Clinics (Paducah & Mayfield)

Purchase District **Health Departments** 

With these convenient and costeffective resources, families throughout western Kentucky can ensure their athletes are ready to play—without breaking the bank.

### **Buying local can have** huge benefits

By LaurnaTodd **KPI** Writer

Buying local grain bins and equipment from established businesses offers several advantages that make it a wise investment.

When it comes to grain bins and farm equipment, the choice of where to buy is as crucial as the product itself. While online deals or new businesses from distant regions may seem appealing initially, purchasing from long-standing, local businesses often provides far greater value in the long run.

Established local dealers have built their reputations over years, sometimes even generations, through years of reliable service, support, and knowledge. They understand the local farming conditions, seasonal demands, and specific needs of regional crops. This knowledge translates into better advice, properly sized equipment, and tailored service options. These businesses are not just selling products; they are actively supporting the long-term success of your operation.

Service is another key reason to choose local businesses. When something breaks down during the harvest, you can't afford to wait days for a part to ship or for a technician to travel from another state. Local businesses typically offer faster service response times, easier access to replacement parts, and on-site maintenance support—all of which are essential for minimizing downtime. Additionally, current

customers may be eligible for better discounts.

Furthermore, longstanding companies often carry trusted brands and maintain strong relationships with manufacturers. This can lead to better warranties. financing options, and post-purchase support. Moreover, it's easier to hold a local, established business accountable for any issues that arise compared to a distant or newly formed one.

Finally, buying local strengthens your rural economy. By supporting a long-time local business, you keep jobs, tax dollars, and knowledge within your community. Jason Workman from Workman Bins Inc. in Mayfield exemplifies this commitment by supporting area schools and events to give back to the communities that do business with him. He believes that investing in the community benefits everyone. Additionally, buying local ensures that the business knows your needs and preferences, allowing them to provide better guidance and support. Workman takes pride in knowing his customers and tailoring his services to their specific requirements.

In essence, while a lower price from a new or distant seller may seem appealing, the peace of mind, exceptional service quality, and local knowledge provided by a trusted, established business are far more valuable. When it comes to critical farm equipment and grain storage, buying local is a wise decision that will undoubtedly lead to satisfaction.





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## Keiler Park Playground expansion project begins Friday

On Friday, July 25, crews will begin a playground expansion project at Keiler Park located at 2900 Broadway. Crews will begin preparing the site for the installation of new playground equipment that is designed for children ages 2 through 5 and includes a play structure with slides, swings, and a rider along with inclusive play elements.

"Keiler Park is one of our most visited parks with lots of shade and a great place for family and friends to get together," said Director of Parks & Recreation Amie Clark. "In 2023, the City received grant funds through the Land and Water Conservation Fund to install a new playground. In the past year, the City installed a new playground with swings and improved accessibility with the addition of sidewalks in the park. However, we needed a play space designed for younger children, ages 2 to 5. This new play area that will be installed in August will provide more places for families with young children to gather and enjoy. One of our roles as a Parks & Recreation Department is to provide safe, inclusive spaces for families. I know the community will enjoy this new play area."

Once the site is

prepared, the new playground equipment will tentatively be installed beginning the week of August 4. Following the installation of the playground equipment, a contractor will install a pour-in-place rubber safety surface. Depending upon contractor scheduling, a temporary mulch surface will be installed until the rubber surface can be poured. The entire project is expected to take approximately four weeks to complete, weather permitting.

During the playground project, the existing playground will remain open. However, please watch for work crews and equipment and temporary fencing.

The pour-in-place rubber surface is funded through a Kentucky Dept of Waste Management grant awarded to the City this year.

Earlier this year, accessibility improvements were made to Keiler Park with the addition of sidewalks around the playgrounds and shelters. In 2024, Keiler Park's playground was replaced with the current, much larger playground that is designed for children ages 5 through 12. That project was funded in part by a Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant through

the Kentucky Department of Local Government and a matching grant from GameTime.

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Upcoming Events Below is a quick look at several upcoming events, activities, and deadlines.

· July 25 - Noble Park Summer Music Series -Douglas P Band at 5:30; Jazz Patrol at 6:30

· July 31 - Movies in the Park - Wall-E

· July 31 -Registration opens for Fall Ball Youth League

· August 1 - Noble Park Sumer Music Series, Sam Lynn at 5:30; Paducah Tilghman High School Jazz Combo at 6:30

· August 7 - Movies in the Park - Moana · August 10 - Final

Day for Noble Park Pool Season, open 12-7 · August 14 - Early bird deadline for Paddle Up Paducah

Pickleball Tournament
· August 16 Tennessee RiverLine
Free Paddling Event

· August 21 -Registration deadline for Adult 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament (to be held September 6)

· August 22 - Park Night Out, 5-7 at Brockenborough Rotary Health Park

· August 25 - Tennis Draw Your Partner Doubles at 6 p.m.

· August 26 -Registration deadline for Fall Ball Youth League

## **JLS Library Notes**

"Libraries are one of the last noncommercial spaces we have where everyone is welcome."

~ Jenny Offill

What's happening at the library:

Don't forget the 2025 Reading Challenge for July: the challenge is to read a book with a color in the title

Summer Reading theme, "Color Our World!" Open to all ages. See the front desk for more information. Wednesdays in July at 10:30 & 12:30

Paint Party: July 24th 3:00-6:00 for Adults

Bad Art Night: July 29th 6:00 for all ages We have a Reading

We have a Reading Challenge for all ages. Complete your reading log for entries into our Prize Drawings

Pam's Pick this week is: "A Mother's Love" by Danielle Steel, this is the moving story of a woman determined to give her daughters what she never had, a mother's love. This book is also in large print.

New Fiction: "Beach Reads and Deadly Deeds" by Allison Brennan, "Don't Forget Me, Little Bessie" by James Lee



Burke, "Proof" by Jon Cowan, "Look Before You Leap" by Virginia Heath, this is the second book in the Miss Prentice's Protegees series, "Don't Let Him In" by Lisa Jewell, "The Lost Masterpiece" by B. A. Shapiro, and "Edge of Honor" by Brad Thor.

New Christian
Fiction: "Legends
of Gold" by Mary
Connealy, this is
the second book in
the Golden State
Treasure series and
"The Light on Horn
Island" by Valerie
Fraser Luesse.

New Biography: "JFK: Public, Private, Secret" by J. Randy Taraborrelli.

New Non-Fiction: "The Idaho Four: an

American Tragedy"
by James Patterson,
"The Great American
Retro Road Trip:
a Celebration of
Roadside Americana"
by Rolando Pujol,
"The Sisterhood of
Ravensbruck: How
an Intrepid Band
of Frenchwomen
Resisted the Nazis in
Hitler's All-Female
Concentration Camp"
by Lynne Olson.

New Audio Book:
"South of Nowhere"
by Jeffery Deaver.

New Movies: "Sister of the Bride," and "Snow White."

New TV Season: "Chicago Med" season 1.

Happy Summer Reading! Pam Metts, Director

## HistoriCorps and the Shawnee National Forest seek volunteers for Preservation Project

Paducah, KY-HistoriCorps and the Shawnee National Forest are seeking volunteers of all skill levels to help rehabilitate the Duck Bay Shelter, with three weeklong volunteer opportunities running from September 14 -October 3. Those interested in volunteering can visit www.historicorps. org to register for the project and learn more about other HistoriCorps volunteer opportunities. HistoriCorps is a national 501(c)(3)nonprofit dedicated to engaging volunteer workforces to preserve historic places and provide free mentorship in the preservation trades.

The Shawnee National Forest is an area located in the

Ozark and Shawnee Hills of Southern Illinois. The forest spans 289,000 acres of federal land and lies in nine counties within the state. Established in 1933, the inception of the forest is credited to the lobbying efforts of a local regional newspaper editor named Lindloph Oscar Trigg, who believed that a national forest could revive the local economy and drive tourism. The forest is the largest portion of land owned by a single entity within the state and is home to diverse landscapes that make the Shawnee National Forest an area filled with unique geological features. From oak-hickory forests to expansive wetlands, the forest is a space that provides both environmental connection

and recreation opportunities to its visitors.

The centralized Lake Glendale Recreation Area is a prime location for hiking, camping, swimming, boating, fishing, and bicycling within the forest. The recreation area is set against a backdrop of tall pine trees and mixed hardwood forests, making it an ideal spot for both first time visitors and longtime guests of the Shawnee National

Forest alike. The Duck Bay Shelter is a unique feature of the Lake Glendale Recreation Area, located in the Shawnee National Forest within Southern Illinois. This CCCera recreation area consists of a lake and beach area, picnic pavilions, and a campground. The Duck Bay Shelter was constructed during the late 1930s. The structure and shake roof were replaced during the 1960s, but the shelter still retains the original CCC-constructed fireplace, chimney, concrete floor, 3 ft. sandstone apron, and two sets of sandstone stairs. Participants will restore Duck Bay Shelter to its complete 1930's CCCera appearance.

More volunteers are still needed to ensure the success of this project. HistoriCorps welcomes but does not require any experience in the trades; mentorship and all necessary tools are provided. Volunteer sessions are scheduled Sunday evening through Friday morning, and volunteers can expect all meals to be provided by expert field staff. Tents, truck campers, campervans, trailers, and RVs can be accommodated at this project location.

Project Details: Location: About 30 miles away from Paducah, KY.

Tasks: Perform concrete work on the shelter, log framing for the shelter, apply appropriate treatment methods for new log and timber, roofing work, such as roofing structure and cedar shingle installation, complete window work on the shelter, and perform log carpentry work.

Dates: Session 1: September 14-19, Session 2: September 21-26, and Session 3: September 28 – October 3

For more information or to register for a volunteer session, visit www. historicorps.org, or contact us at info@ historicorps.org





## Kentucky Proud to represent Kentucky agriculture at Great American Farmers Market in Washington, D.C.

#### Event celebrates American agriculture on national stage

FRANKFORT, Ky. – Kentucky Proud, the state's official agricultural marketing brand, is participating in the Great American Farmers Market taking place on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., Aug. 3-8, Agriculture Commissioner Jonathan Shell has announced.

The weeklong celebration showcase of American agriculture brings together more than 50 vendors each day, representing 28 states across the country as a tribute to the creativity and resilience of farmers, growers, and producers who embody the heart of America's agricultural heritage.

"Here in Kentucky,

we know agriculture is the true backbone of our heritage and we are proud of it," Commissioner Shell said. "Having our Kentucky Proud products represented on a national stage will bring muchdeserved attention to Kentucky producers

and farm families. We are beyond excited to participate in a celebration that highlights agriculture and the strength and grit of our American farmer."

The Kentucky
Department of
Agriculture's
Kentucky Proud
program, which
has been around
for more than two
decades, raises
awareness of the
state's ever-expanding
agricultural efforts to
promote Kentucky's
farmers, farm
families, and farm

impact products grown, raised, or processed in Kentucky by Kentuckians.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's **Great American** Farmers Market is held in celebration with America 250 – the countdown to America's 250th anniversary. U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins announced the market will kick off with a ribbon cutting, live music, and opening ceremony Aug. 3 and continue

"America's farmers, ranchers, and producers dedicate their lives to feeding their fellow citizens, and the Great American Farmers Market gives us the perfect opportunity to showcase the rich bounty of our agriculture on the National Mall. No President has supported farmers more than President Trump. Every single day we are fighting for our farmers and ranchers by cutting taxes, strengthening the farm safety net,

and delivering huge wins in the One Big Beautiful Bill so producers can continue feeding our nation for generations to come," Secretary Rollins said. "This historic farmers market will give visitors to our nation's capital opportunities to learn, shop, snack, and explore."

For more information about the Great American Farmers Market and programming updates, visit www.usda.gov/gafm.



#### **Ag Update**

Submitted by Tom Miller, Ballard County Extension Agent for Ag and Natural Resources

#### Rainy year so far

After a good start to our planting season in April, the rest of the season has been extremely wet. I wrote a month ago about how wet May was and it has not let up since then. Early corn looks good, later corn is looking better and there are many fields that never got planted at all, just stayed too wet. Soybeans are all across the board from good to bad, with delays in

weed control causing problems. The rain hurt the test weight on wheat again, but we dodged a bullet with any vomitoxin issues. Wheat yields were OK to good.

I have pulled some numbers from our weather mesonet site near Bandana and also the National Weather Service at Barkley Airport. To date, we have had 40.8 inches of rain at Bandana and 39.07 inches of rain at

Shop: 812-594-8410 (Please leave message)

the airport. In an average year, Ballard County will see 47.9 inches of rain. We are only 7 inches below our total yearly rainfall with almost half the year to go.

Looking back at records from Barkley field that go back to 2000 in the data I found, our 40.8 inches so far is more than the entire rainfall in 2004, 2005, 2010, and 2012. Since 2000, the most rainfall has

been in 2011 with 74.85 inches. If you remember we had a horrible drought in 2012 following the most rain ever. Let's hope that does not happen next year.

through Aug. 8.

Looking back in the records from the internet, I could not find yearly totals, but I was able to find some monthly data going back to 1895 for Ballard County. Let's look at the month of June. From 1901-2000 the average precipitation is 4.09 inches, this June we had 9.3 inches. The record came in 1928 with 16.86 inches, in 1964, we only had 0.01 inches for the low. Since 2001, the average in June has staved about the

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same at 4.05 inches. After this year, the next highest June rainfall came in 2013 with 9.11 inches. The lowest came in 2002 with 0.83 inches.

The truth about rainfall and temperature is that every year is different. There have been 6 Junes that have been wetter than this year since 1895. That seems hard to believe. We seem to have a recency bias as it comes to weather. We only tend to remember what has happened in the last few years, but there have been many high rainfall years and many dry years with everything in between. The final

truth about the weather is we still have to take what we can get. Science is still being done on cloud seeding to make rain, but the results have been very mixed and there is still not a consensus that it changes rainfall amounts in a statistically significant way.

Programs of the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of race, age, sex, color, religion, disability or national origin. For additional information, contact the Ballard County Extension Office, 110 Broadway, LaCenter, 665-9118.



# Hummingbird Festival will Celebrate Avian Art at the Woodlands Nature Station

Land Between the Lakes, KY — The Woodlands Nature Station in Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area will host their 29th annual Hummingbird Festival Aug. 2-3, 2025, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Hummingbird lovers will delight in a natural spectacle as hundreds of ruby-throated hummingbirds visit the native gardens to fuel up for their migration south to Central America.

Visitors can celebrate this year's theme of Avian Art by exploring our pollinator art gallery, browsing nature art from local artisans, and creating hummingbird crafts. The festival will also feature a hummingbird banding demonstration with Southeastern Avian Research, a native plant sale with Ironweed Nursery, hummingbird and pollinator presentations, kid's activities, and more. A flyer detailing the event schedule and guests can be found here.

The Woodlands
Nature Station is located
within Land Between
the Lakes National
Recreation Area at 3146
Silver Trail Road, Cadiz,
Kentucky, 42211. Special
event admission is \$9
for ages 16 and up, \$7
for ages 5 – 15, and free
for ages 4 and under.
For more information,
call 270.924.2299
or visit www.
landbetweenthelakes.us.

## WEST KY SPORTS



# Kentucky Football Fan Day set for August 2nd

**Staff Report** 

LEXINGTON
— Kentucky
Football Fan Day
will take place on
Saturday, Aug. 2.

The main attraction for the popular annual event will be open practice on the practice fields at the Joe Craft Football Training Center from 11 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

Fan Day is open to the public and admission is free. Free parking will be available in the blue lot at Kroger Field. Fans can begin entering the facility at 10 a.m. at the practice field gate in the plaza outside Gate 12 of Kroger Field.

The clear bag policy will be in effect.

Fan Day will be the first Saturday practice of fall camp, marking one of the first on-field practice sessions for the 2025 season.

In the case of inclement weather, Fan Day will be cancelled. If the weather is in question on the day of the event, check ukathletics.com and the @UKathletics X, formerly Twitter for updates.

Fans will be asked to stay behind the rope line on the perimeter of the practice field, which will be controlled by UK event management staff.

Free Kentucky Football posters for the 2025 season, presented by Kroger, will be available at Fan Day. The UK Bookstore will be selling UK merchandise in the plaza as well.

UK's ticket sales staff will be available to discuss ticket packages for the 2025 season with interested fans.

UK concessions will sell pre-packaged snacks and bottled water.

The University of Kentucky football team is preparing to compete in the 2025 college football season.

# New Hire: Director of Operations

Trigg County
Public Schools is
proud to announce
the appointment of
Mr. Michael Stinnett
as the district's new
Director of Operations.
With a proven track
record in educational
leadership and a strong
connection to the Trigg
County community,
Mr. Stinnett brings
both experience and
enthusiasm to his new
role.

A 2007 graduate of Murray State University, Mr. Stinnett holds a bachelor's degree in Middle School Education. He began his career that same year with Trigg County Public Schools, teaching math and science and coaching basketball at Trigg County Middle School. In 2019, he became Assistant Principal at Millbrooke Elementary School, overseeing day-to-day operations, safety protocols, and student discipline.

"Mr. Stinnett is the kind of leader who embodies the core values we hold as a district," said Superintendent Dr. Rex Booth. "He has a strong desire to be in Trigg County and clearly understands the importance of consistent practices, transparent communication, and systems that promote accountability. I expect him to lead by



being present in our buildings, working alongside our staff, and building meaningful relationships rooted in trust. I am confident he will sustain the strength of our operational efforts to ensure our schools run safely and efficiently to support student success.

"I'm looking forward to working in Trigg County again. This is where my educational journey started, and hopefully this is where it will end," said Mr. Stinnett. "I formed many meaningful relationships over my first 12 years teaching in Trigg County Public Schools and look forward to creating many more. Mr. Booth has an exciting vision for the district, and I'm excited to play a part in helping bring that vision to life."

Mr. Stinnett and his wife, Ashley, live in Trigg County with their children, Hensley (5th grade) and Haddie (3rd grade), who attend Trigg County Schools.

## Summer Collegiate Baseball Railroaders outlast Miners

#### Staff Report

MADISONVILLE
— Determined Fulton
outlasted Madisonville
5-4 in an Ohio Valley
League game on Sunday,
July 20.

The game was tied 4-4 in the bottom half of the ninth inning when Jacob Lott doubled, scoring one run.

Ellis Hurt collected three hits in four at-bats in Fulton's win. Hurt hit a solo home run to right field in the fourth inning, doubled in the eighth inning and singled in the second inning.

Madisonville struck first in the opening inning when Noah Berning grounded out, scoring one run.

But the Railroaders answered.

Thomas Kuhn homered to right field, which helped Fulton tie the game 1-1 in the bottom of the first inning.

A solo home run to right field by Hurt gave Fulton the lead, 2-1, in the bottom of the fourth frame.

Berning homered to right field, which helped Madisonville tie the game 4-4 in the top of the ninth inning.

Brady Davis earned the win on the mound for the Railroaders.

Davis allowed zero hits and zero runs over one-third of an inning, striking out one and walking none.

Alex Fisher took the loss on the mound for the Miners. Fisher pitched one inning, surrendering one run on two hits, striking out two and walking none.

Hayes Melville started on the mound for the Railroaders. Melville gave up two hits and one run over six innings, striking out 10 and walking three.

Caden Wooldridge started on the mound for the Miners. Wooldridge surrendered five hits and two runs over three and two-thirds innings, striking out three and walking two.

Another pitcher, Blake Althuisius, appeared in relief for the Railroaders.

Fulton connected for nine hits in the matchup. Hurt and Kuhn each collected three hits for the Railroaders. Lott, Hurt, Kuhn, Shane Carnes and Caleb Warren each drove in one run as part of Fulton's offensive attack.

Berning helped to pace Madisonville offensively, delivering four runs batted in. The left-handed hitter went two-for-five at the plate.

# Bluegrass State Games cross country meet registration open through Aug. 1

Staff Report

LEXINGTON — Registration for the Bluegrass State Games cross country meet is open through Friday, Aug. 1.

Runners of all ages and skill levels are welcome to participate in the Bluegrass State Games cross country meet, which will have distances ranging from 2K to 5K.

The Bluegrass State Games cross country meet will be held at Masterson Station Park in Lexington on Saturday, Aug. 2.

The entry fee for the Bluegrass State Games cross country meet is \$15 per individual and \$50 per team.

The Bluegrass State Games cross country meet does not count against the KHSAA limit of 13 meets or two scrimmages.

The schedule for the Bluegrass State Games cross country meet will be as follows: 5K-6 p.m., 4K-6:35 p.m., 3K-7 p.m., 2K-7:20 p.m.

Athletes/teams have the choice of entering ONE of the following events: 2,000 Meters, 3,000 Meters, 4,000 Meters, 5,000 Meters.

The divisions for the Bluegrass State Games cross country meet (male and female for each) follow.

Elementary: 10 & Under, Elementary: 12 & Under, Middle School (13-14 years old), High School (15-18 years old), 19-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-70, 80 & Over.

More information and registration are available online at https://bgsg. org/2018/11/30/crosscountry/.

## Summer Collegiate Baseball Hoppers edge Railroaders

#### Staff Report

HOPKINSVILLE — Hoptown edged visiting Fulton 10-9 in an Ohio Valley League at Christian County High School on Saturday, July 19.

Jordan Carter delivered a two-run single in the bottom half of the ninth inning to lift Hoptown to the win.

Hoptown outhit Fulton 10-9 in the highscoring matchup.

Fulton got on the scoreboard in the top of the third inning after Hoptown committed an error, Ellis Hurt singled down the left field line, and AJ Armstrong was struck by a pitch, each scoring one run.

But Hoptown responded, plating five runs in the bottom half of the seventh inning to move ahead 6-3. A single from Grady Broughton drove in two runs for Hoptown during the seventh inning.

Answering, Fulton erupted for six runs on three hits in the top half of the eighth inning to move ahead

However, Hoptown took the lead, 10-9, in the bottom of the ninth thanks to singles by Carter and Eli Laurent.

Troy Joslin started on the mound for the Railroaders. Joslin allowed three hits and one run (zero earned) over six innings, striking out five and walking four.

Robert (Thomas)
Forehand started on
the mound for the
Hoppers. Forehand
surrendered five hits
and three runs (one

earned) over three innings, striking out three and walking two.

Fulton connected for nine hits. Leadoff hitter Thomas Kuhn led Fulton's offensive effort, delivering three hits in six atbats. Aiding Fulton offensively, Hurt added two hits and two RBIs.

Hoptown collected 10 hits in the game. Carter led Hoptown with two hits in four at-bats. Carter, Broughton and Gavin Powell each drove in two runs for the Hoppers.

## **Coming Soon!!**Football Preview

## WEST KY SPORTS

## Glisson's accomplishments continue to grow

By Tim Taylor

Madison Glisson continues to add to her trophy collection heading into her senior season at Ballard Memorial. An American Junior **Golf Association** championships has alluded her over the years as she entered the AGJA event at her home course at the Country Club of Paducah for a 3-day tournament July 15-17.

With female golfers from 15 different states along with competitors from the countries of Canada, China, New Zealand, and Taiwan entered in the McCracken **County Sports** Tourism Commission Tournament, Glisson knew the challenges facing her. Having the home crowd support and home course familiarity advantage,



she made the most of her opportunity. Despite trailing by 5-strokes following the first day of play, her confidence remained

strong. Glisson said she likes playing from the lead, but showed she is more than capable of playing from behind. She rallied back with a 3-under par 69 on the 2nd day of play and pulled to within one stroke of Mia Hammond.

It would be the Big East vs ACC down the stretch. With Glisson verbally committing to Xavier and Hammond verbally committing to play her collegiate golf at Duke, those two separated themselves from the pack. They had to wait through a

couple hour weather delay on the final round. Glisson finished the day with a one over par 73 while Hammond finished with a 2 over par 74. They both finished the 54-hole tournament tied at even par and 4 shots ahead of their next competitor. The duos long day extended to an even longer day as the pair headed into a playoff.

It took 4 playoff holes to determine the winner. As Hammond left her 2nd shot in the bunker on the par 4, fourth hole, Glisson arched her 2nd shot onto the green leaving her about 10 feet from the pin. Hammond shot out of the bunker leaving her just a couple of feet away for a par attempt. Glisson calmly drained the birdie putt, giving a couple celebratory fist pumps as she secured her first **AJGA Tournament** championship. "I am happy that I was able to show that I can win a big tournament like this," said Glisson who added about playing an extra 4 playoff holes, "I just wanted to stay focused on every shot."

She now turns her focus to her senior season for the Bomber golf team and looks to add to her trophy collection.

### **SUMMER COLLEGIATE BASEBALL** Chiefs upend Flash

**Staff Report** 

**HENDERSON** – Paducah topped Henderson 7-5 in an Ohio Valley League game at Park Field on Wednesday, July 16.

Henderson got on the scoreboard first in the bottom half of the opening inning after Hayden Jones singled to center field, and Colton Evans grounded into a fielder's choice, each scoring one run.

Henderson extended its early lead with two runs in the bottom of the second inning thanks to RBI ground outs by Hunter Vaughn and Jones.

Providing another lift for the Flash, Milo Obradovich belted a solo home run to center field in the bottom of the third inning.

Paducah tied the game in the top half of the fourth after a single by Joey Ruiz and an error.

The Chiefs took the

lead in the top of the fifth inning after Noah Wagster grounded out and TK Madera walked, each scoring one run. Nathan Bodenberg

pitched five innings in relief for the Chiefs. Bodenberg surrendered two hits and zero runs, striking out two and walking none.

Brevin Scott started on the mound for the Chiefs. Scott allowed seven hits and five runs (four earned) over three innings, striking out three and walking none.

Cade Darby started on the mound for the Flash. Darby surrendered four hits and four runs (three earned) over three innings, striking out four and walking three.

Wagster drove in two runs for the Chiefs. Aiding Paducah in its win, Ruiz collected two hits in four at-bats.

Henderson connected for 10 hits. Dane DeWees led Henderson at the plate, delivering three hits in four atbats from the leadoff position in the Chiefs' batting rder.

Jones, Evans, Vaughn and Obradovich each drove in one run for the Flash. Another batter, Jaxon Sparks, collected two hits for Henderson in five at-bats.



HENDERSONVILLE - Paducah suffered a setback as Full Count pulled away to win 9-6 in an Ohio Valley League game at Drake Creek Park on Saturday, July

Full Count opened the scoring in the bottom half of the second inning after Blake Carter singled, plating one run.

However, Paducah moved ahead in the top half of the fourth inning when Tyler Humphrey singled, scoring two runs, and Joey Ruiz grounded out, pushing across one run.

Carter singled to center field, which helped Full Count tie the game 6-6 in the bottom of the seventh inning.

In the bottom of the eighth inning, Full Count moved back ahead after Devyn McEachron singled down the right field line, Jake Merrick singled to center field. and Trace Simmons

Reese Oakley started on the mound for the Chiefs. Oakley gave up one hit and zero runs over one inning, striking out none and walking none.

Tate Riggs stepped on the mound first for the Rhythm. Riggs allowed zero hits and zero runs over two innings, striking out four and walking two.

Humphrey, Brayden Baker and Kobe Watson each collected two hits for the Chiefs. **Humphrey** and Brett Haas drove in two runs apiece for the Chiefs.

Full Count connected for 14 hits. Merrick led Full Count at the plate, providing four hits in four at-bats. As part of a balanced attack, Carter and Merrick each drove in two runs for the Rhythm. Aiding Full County offensively, Elijah Stockton and John Paul Head each collected multiple hits.



The Marshall County High School softball program held its banquet to celebrate the 2025 season on Tuesday,

Photo courtesy of Marshall County High School Athletics



New Graves County High School boys' basketball head coach Matt Kimbler was introduced during a press conference on Thursday, July 17.

Photo courtesy of Graves County High School



The Marshall County High School girls' soccer team won each of its three matches during the 2025 Bluegrass State Games. Chaney Green, Addi Wall, Harper Smith, Rylee Teague, London Lockhart, Lily Hays and Addison Peterson all scored goals for the Lady Marshals during the Bluegrass State Games.

Photo courtesy of Marshall County High School Girls' Soccer

## Kentucky Agricultural Development Board approves more than \$34 million for projects across the Commonwealth

Funded projects focus on agricultural diversification, rural development

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board approved \$3,433,566 for agricultural diversification and rural development projects across the Commonwealth today at its monthly board meeting.

"Kentucky's agricultural sector is growing and that is due, in part, to the work of the Agricultural Development Board," Commissioner of Agriculture and Board Chair Jonathan Shell said. "The Board invests in projects that grow our agricultural community and help farm families strengthen rural communities across the Commonwealth."

County and State Funded Projects Berea College, Grow Appalachia was approved up to \$440,953 in state funds to run the Eastern **Kentucky Direct** integrated Grower Support Program (EKY-DIGS) to help Eastern Kentucky farmers adopt efficient production practices, which will lead to growth in the agriculture sector and more profitable farms in the region. For more information, contact Chris M. McKenzie at mckenziec@berea.edu.

Creekside
Veterinary Clinic
was approved up
to \$55,280 in state
funds and \$11,056 in
multi-county funds
to purchase new
medical equipment
and livestock facilities.
For more information,
contact Ashlee M.
Page at docashlee@
creekside-vet.com.

Dino's Farm LLC was approved up to \$250,000 in state funds as a forgivable loan and \$10,000 in Gallatin County funds as a cost reimbursement grant to purchase a meat processing facility and its equipment in Warsaw, KY. For more information, contact Nadia Ghazawi at

nadia@nadiaisk.com.
Hancock County
Cattleman's
Association LTD
was approved up to
\$5,000 in Hancock
County funds for
the Hancock County
Youth Agriculture
Production Cost-Share
Program. For more
information, contact
Evan Tate at evan.
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County Programs
County Agricultural
Incentives Program
(CAIP)

CAIP provides Kentucky agricultural producers with costshare assistance on practices to allow them to improve and diversify their current farm operations. CAIP covers a wide variety of agricultural enterprises in its 11 incentive areas, including, but not limited to, beef and dairy cattle; farm infrastructure, fencing, and water

enhancement; equine; forage; goats and sheep; horticulture; poultry; swine; bees and honey; timber and technology, as well as energy efficiency and production; marketing; and valueadded production.

Nineteen CAIPs were approved by the board in the following counties, totaling \$2,527,839:

Bullitt (\$82,500) Christian (\$150,000) Clinton (\$110,222) Elliott (\$141,916) Garrard (\$42,000)\* Graves (\$37,526) Hart (\$250,000) Henry (\$264,000)\* Hickman (\$45,500) LaRue (\$125,000) Laurel (\$157,500) McCracken

(\$124,831) Metcalfe (\$191,565) Pendleton (\$175,981) Pike (\$40,000) Rockcastle (\$120,416)\*

Russell (\$208,224) Taylor (\$125,000) Warren (\$135,658)

Deceased Farm Animal Removal (DAR)

The Deceased Farm Animal Removal Program serves as a measure to facilitate the coordination of environmentally sound and costeffective disposal of deceased livestock for Kentucky producers.

Three DARs were approved by the board in the following counties, totaling

\$39,625:

Bourbon (\$10,000) Hart (\$15,000) Taylor (\$14,625)

Shared-Use Equipment Program

The Shared-Use Equipment Program assists broadbased community organizations with the purchase of farm equipment. The equipment purchased is made available for producer use in a specific county on a leased basis.

One Shared-Use Equipment Program totaling \$26,063 was approved by the board in Metcalfe County.

Youth Agricultural Incentives Program (YAIP)

YAIP encourages youth to engage in and explore agricultural opportunities.

Four YAIPs were approved by the board in the following counties, totaling \$67,750:

Fayette (\$6,800) McCracken (\$10,600) Taylor (\$15,350) Warren (35,000)

All application periods and deadlines for CAIP and YAIP will be advertised locally.

\* Existing programs receiving additional funding

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of Agriculture,
provides staff support
to the Kentucky
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and the Kentucky

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about this". She did add that community members can voice their concerns at city council meetings as well, which are held on the first Monday of each month at the Purchase Area Development District office in Mayfield.

Aaron Blount, the Mayfield Public Works Superintendent, talked about one motivation behind the proposed city-wide trash service which is to mitigate the effects of "street rolling." He went on to say that an overabundance of heavy trucks and machinery, such as waste vehicles, has gradually damaged the roads, while a streamlined city-wide service fleet would reduce that exposure.

Justin Carrico, the Mayfield City Projects Administrator added, talked about another benefit which is in performance clauses, where the franchise winner is bound by contract to be reliable or face penalties. He stated that a prospective bidder would need to accommodate roughly 4,300 residential properties and 795 commercial properties. furnishing them with waste bins estimated at a total between \$200,000 to \$300,000. He went on saying that trash services would bid based on the cost they would charge per can, while the city would add a franchise fee for road maintenance. All these fees would be factored into citizens' monthly water bills.

There were several

local business owners that described their companies as small to mid-sized and during the public hearing, they highlighted potential difficulties when going for the contract against large waste management corporations. The small business owners said the financial bandwidth and the loans that would be needed to expand their operations through additional employees, street equipment, and landfill expenses would be high. In order to grant a

fair opportunity for smaller businesses to compete, Blount stated that the city could potentially negotiate with private landfills for a fixed rate in the contract. Bruce Sanderson, the owner of Quality Disposal spoke up during the hearing and stated, "There's three giants in this thing, and they're the ones who own the landfills. It's a financial strain on me, for sure." Sanderson's business serves around 500 Mayfield clients, which accounts

for approximately 30% of its revenue. Sanderson stated, "If it's not broken, don't fix it. We don't have the resources. The bigger companies own landfills and have the equipment in place to take on a contract like this." He continued by saying, "I've lived here my entire life. and to take something away from someone who's trying to make a living is just heartless. I agree that the roads need work, but blaming them on the garbage trucks is not a legitimate reason."

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POLICIES, from front page

Education Program."
McCain went on
to discuss another
addition to the student
handbook, which
is required by the
Kentucky Department
of Education, and

it underlines the opportunity for students to complete the Early Graduation Program (EGP). The EGP is an optional academic pathway in which a student may receive a high school diploma, Early Graduation

Certificate, and any scholarship award from the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority. The Kentucky General Assembly outlines the extensive set of requirements in 704 KAR 3:305, Section 5. It was said that MHS will disclose further information upon request from students and parents. McMain went on to state a few key points with this program, which is that students have to meet with a certified teacher, be accepted into college and be on track to graduate and that they have to declare they're interested at the beginning of their sophomore year. McMain did add, "Students who graduate early are still technically juniors, not seniors."

## Reduce the risk of lost pets this summer

Pets bring a lot of joy to people's lives. Is it any wonder that, as of 2024, 66 percent of households in the United States, or 86.9 million homes, owned a pet, according to the American Pet Products Association? In fact, 97 percent of pet owners consider their pets to be family members. And according to Made in CA, 77 percent of households in Canada own at least one type

Introducing a pet into a home is not a decision to take lightly. In addition to the considerable financial investment associated with pet ownership, owners must devote time and energy into safeguarding the wellbeing of their pets. That includes reducing the chances the animal becomes lost. The Animal Humane Society says it's estimated one in three pets will go missing in their lifetime. Many of those pets will not be reunited with their owners.

But people can do their part to protect pets from escaping or getting lost. Here are some proactive steps to take

take. • Get pet identification. Take a multi-layered approach to identifying the pet, such as name and contact information printed on a collar tag. In addition, have the pet microchipped. A microchip is a small device about the size of a grain of rice that is implanted just under the skin. The microchip can be programmed to emit identification information about the animal when scanned. Pet parents should routinely check and update the chip's data if they move or if there is a change in phone number or pet ownership.

• Consider a GPSenabled collar. Another great tool is attaching a GPS-enabled device to a pet collar. In the event the pet cannot be found, pet owners can track the animal's



location using a mobile phone.

• Secure the home and vard. Check for any apparent points of weakness around the home or yard. Is there a large gap between the bottom of the fence and the lawn that needs remedying? Is the gate latching securely or does it pop open? Are all window screens secure, or could they be pushed out from the inside? Curious animals can quickly turn into escape artists, especially if there is a wild animal

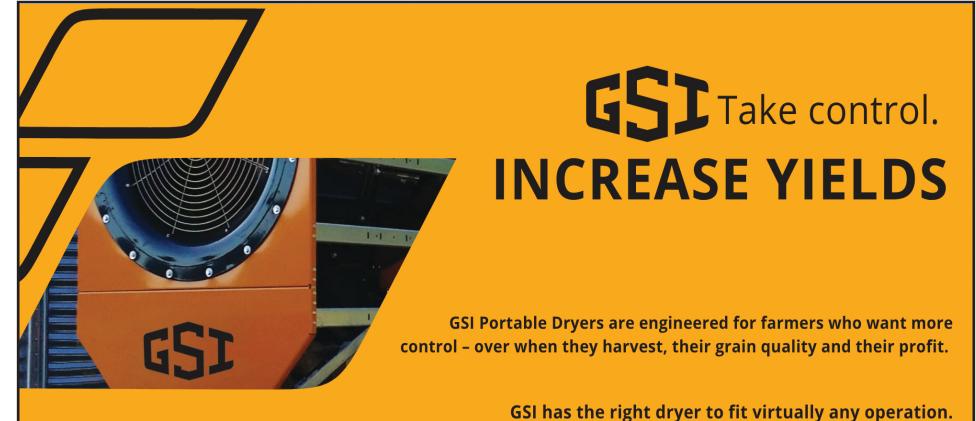
to chase or a scent they want to investigate. Securing the home can cut down on potential

problems. • Utilize obedience *training*. Working with a certified dog trainer or cat behaviorist can teach the pet to curb an instinct to bolt. If they start to run off, training can help pets develop adequate recall skills to come back when called. Trainers also can teach techniques to quell pets' desires to dart when a house or fence door is open.

 Choose wellfitting collars and harnesses. A collar can be rendered useless if the pet is able to slip its head out, especially when a little pressure is applied. A martingale collar is a special collar that will safely tighten when the dog tries to pull away. When the dog loosens up the pull, the collar goes back to its comfortable position. Harnesses may be even more secure for escape artists because they attach around the midsection rather than the neck.

• Use leashes on pets. The animal should be on a leash whenever it is taken outdoors where there is no fence or secured area. Even the most well-trained pets may run off from time to time. Not to mention, leash laws exist in many areas for both the dog's and people's protection.

It's important that pet owners take steps to prevent their furry friends from running away and getting lost.



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## Western Ky. endures intense Summer heatwave

By Wilbur Jackson KPI Writer

Western Kentucky has been experiencing an intense stretch of summer heat, with temperatures soaring into the upper 90s and heat indices topping 110 degrees in several counties. The National Weather Service issued heat advisories across the region for much of the past week, urging residents to take precautions to avoid heat-related illnesses.

The extreme temperatures have taken a toll on both people and

the landscape. **Emergency** responders in areas like Graves, Marshall, and McCracken counties reported an increase in heat exhaustion and dehydration cases. Cooling centers were opened in some towns to provide relief for vulnerable populations, including the elderly and those without air conditioning.

"This kind of sustained heat is dangerous," said Dr. Mark Collins, a local health official in Paducah. "We're encouraging everyone to stay hydrated, limit outdoor activities, and check on neighbors who might be at risk."

For the agricultural community, the heatwave has brought new challenges. Livestock producers are working overtime to ensure animals have access to shade and water, while crop farmers worry about heat stress on corn, soybeans, and tobacco. High temperatures during key growth stages can reduce yields, especially if paired with dry conditions.

"We've had to adjust our schedules," said Samantha Brown, a farmer in Calloway County. "We're feeding and checking on the cattle early in the morning and after sunset to avoid the worst of the heat."

Lawns, gardens, and pastures are also showing signs of stress, with many areas turning brown and dry. Extension agents are advising homeowners and farmers to water strategically and avoid mowing during the hottest parts of the day.

The heatwave

comes on the heels of heavy rainfall earlier this summer, illustrating the weather extremes Kentucky has faced in recent months. While some scattered storms are expected to return soon, forecasts suggest temperatures will remain above average into the following week.

Residents are urged to remain vigilant, take breaks during outdoor work, and never leave children or pets unattended in vehicles. As Western Kentucky pushes through another

summer marked by climate extremes, preparedness and community support remain essential for staying safe and resilient.

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## Recent heavy rains bring relief and challenges to Western Kentucky

By Wilbur Jackson KPI Writer

Western Kentucky has experienced a significant shift in weather over the past two weeks, as a series of slowmoving storm systems brought widespread rainfall across the region. After an extended period of dry conditions throughout much of early summer, the recent rain has been both a welcome relief for farmers and a source of concern for local communities.

In counties such as Graves, McCracken, Calloway, and Marshall, rainfall totals have ranged from 3 to 7 inches since early July. For many farmers,

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especially those dealing with parched fields and struggling crops, the moisture arrived just in time. Soybean and corn fields that had begun showing signs of drought stress are now seeing improved growth, and pastures are beginning to recover.

"This rain was a blessing," said David Green, a corn and cattle farmer in Mayfield. "We were starting to worry about having enough hay for the cattle this fall. Now, our fields are greening up again."

However, the sudden and heavy downpours have not come without complications. Low-lying areas and

poorly drained fields have experienced localized flooding, and several small creeks in the region briefly rose above their banks. Some rural roads were temporarily closed due to standing water, and flash flood warnings were issued in parts of western Kentucky during the most intense storms.

"There's definitely some crop loss where water pooled too long," said Sarah Phelps, a Marshall County agricultural extension agent. "And while the rain helped break the dry spell, it also made it difficult for farmers to get into their fields to finish spraying or harvesting early crops.'

Beyond agriculture, the rain also impacted local events and daily life. Outdoor summer festivals in Benton and Paducah were forced to cancel or reschedule due to muddy conditions and lightning threats. Despite the inconvenience, most residents recognize the long-term value of the rain, especially after a dry start to the growing

The National Weather Service reports that the recent rainfall was part of a larger

pattern affecting much of the southeastern United States, fueled by moist air from the Gulf of Mexico and a stalled frontal boundary over the region. More rain is possible in the coming days, though forecasters expect the storms to become more scattered.

For now, Western Kentucky's landscape is benefiting from the return of consistent moisture. Lawns, gardens, and crops are rebounding, and livestock farmers are hopeful for a productive hay harvest later this summer.

Still, experts urge caution. "It's important to monitor field conditions carefully," said Phelps. "Too much rain can lead to root rot and disease issues if fields stay saturated. The key now is balance."

As Western Kentucky dries out and prepares for the next phase of summer, farmers, residents, and emergency officials remain watchful. While the rain has brought relief, it has also served as a reminder of how quickly weather can shift in the region—bringing both help and hardship to those who depend on the land.



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## Road construction projects underway across Western Kentucky

By Wilbur Jackson KPI Writer

Western Kentucky is seeing a flurry of road construction activity this summer as the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) works to repair aging infrastructure, improve traffic flow, and enhance safety across the region. Several major projects are underway in counties including McCracken, Graves, Marshall, and Calloway, with more scheduled in the coming months.

In McCracken County, a longanticipated resurfacing of sections of U.S. Highway 60 has begun, with crews working to repair potholes, improve drainage, and apply new asphalt. Lane closures and temporary detours are in effect, especially during daylight hours, and drivers are encouraged to plan for delays.

"We understand it's inconvenient, but these upgrades are necessary," said KYTC District 1 spokesperson Keith Todd. "This stretch of road sees heavy traffic, and the improvements

will make a real difference in ride quality and safety."

In Marshall County, a bridge replacement project on KY 402 near Brewers is moving forward after being delayed earlier this year due to weather and supply chain issues. The new structure is designed to accommodate modern farm equipment and withstand increased flooding risks.

**Graves County** is also seeing significant improvements, with new signage and shoulder work along KY 121 and KY 94 to enhance rural road safety. In Calloway County, resurfacing on portions of KY 80 is causing brief traffic slowdowns but is expected to be completed before the start of the fall school semester.

Many of these projects are funded through a combination of state and federal infrastructure grants, part of Kentucky's broader initiative to modernize its transportation network.

While the upgrades are welcomed by many residents and businesses, the shortterm disruptions have sparked some frustration. Officials

urge drivers to be patient, observe posted speed limits

in construction zones, and remain alert for workers and

For updates on current construction zones, lane closures,

equipment.

the KYTC District 1 website or follow their social media channels. With and project timelines, careful planning and community

cooperation, Western Kentucky's road improvements are expected to bring lasting benefits for years to come.





## August events in Paducah Promise a Month of arts, music, and community fun

By Wilbur Jackson KPI Writer

PADUCAH, Ky. -As summer begins to wind down, Paducah is heating up with a full calendar of events throughout August. From live music and outdoor festivals to art exhibitions and cultural gatherings, the city is offering something for residents and visitors of all ages to enjoy.

#### **Riverfront Concert Series Returns**

One of Paducah's most anticipated summer traditions, the Riverfront Concert Series,

continues every Thursday evening in August at the Wilson Stage along the Ohio River. This free, familyfriendly event features regional and national acts spanning genres from bluegrass to rock. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy the scenic sunset views alongside great music. Food trucks and local vendors are also on site, making it a complete night out downtown.

LowerTown Arts District Hosts August Art Walk

The LowerTown Arts District will come alive on Friday, August 9, with its monthly Art Walk, showcasing open studios, gallery exhibits, and handson art activities. This month's theme, "Hot August Art," highlights local talent working in painting, sculpture, and mixed media. Live music, food, and street performers make this a lively evening perfect for art lovers

#### BBQ on the River Sneak Peek Event

and families alike.

While Paducah's famous BBQ on the River doesn't officially happen until September, an August "Sneak Peek" Fundraiser will give residents a flavorful preview. Scheduled for Saturday, August 17, at Noble Park, the event will feature select vendors offering samples, live music, and a community cook-off. Proceeds support local nonprofits, just like

the main festival.

#### Movies in the Park at Noble Park Amphitheater

The Movies in the Park series continues on Saturday, August 10, with a screening of The Super Mario Bros. Movie. The event is free to the public, with concessions available for purchase. Families are invited to bring picnic blankets and enjoy an evening under the stars in Paducah's largest public park.

#### Paducah Farmers' Market in Full Swing

Every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday morning throughout August, the Paducah Homegrown Farmers' Market continues at 306 North Second Street. Shoppers can find fresh produce, handmade crafts, baked goods, and live entertainment. Special themed market days in August include

"Kids Day" on August 13 and "Farm to Fork" on August 24, which celebrates local chefs using market ingredients in their recipes.

#### Quilt Museum Offers New Exhibit

The National Quilt Museum unveils a new exhibit on August 15 titled Stitched Stories: Quilts of Community and Culture. Featuring work from artists around the world, the exhibit explores how quilts serve as visual storytelling tools, reflecting family, heritage, and social issues. Museum admission is free for Paducah residents on Wednesdays throughout August.

#### Paducah Beer Werks Anniversary Bash

Local brewery Paducah Beer Werks celebrates its 9th anniversary with a weekend bash from August 23–25. Live music, limited-edition brews, food trucks, and games are on the schedule. The event highlights the brewery's continued role in supporting Paducah's downtown revitalization and live music scene.

#### **Final Thoughts**

Paducah in
August is a vibrant
celebration of
community spirit,
local creativity, and
summertime fun.
Whether you're
interested in music,
art, food, or just
enjoying a warm
evening outside, the
city offers countless
ways to connect and
unwind.

For a full list of events and updates, visit the Paducah Convention & Visitors Bureau website or follow local venues on social media. With something happening nearly every day, there's no better time to experience everything Paducah has to offer.





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#### **Funeral Notice**

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### **Robert Alan Kelsey**

Mr. Robert Alan Kelley, 87, of Smithland, Kentucky, went to be with his Lord and Savior on July 20, 2025,

surrounded by the love and comfort of his devoted family.

Born September 29, 1937, in Clifton, Tennessee, Robert was the cherished son of the late Myrtle Bunch and Ebb Kelley. In the 1950s, he made Ken-

tucky his home—a place where he would lay down deep roots, build a life of purpose, and begin a legacy of love and hard work that now stretches five generations strong.

Affectionately known as "Bob" by many, Mr. Kelley began a lifelong career in the limestone industry, dedicating decades of service at Reed's Crushed Stone from the 1960s until his retirement in 1995. More than just an employee, Mr. Kelley was a cornerstone of the operation, known for helping many Livingston County residents find stable employment—jobs that supported local families across generations.

It was in Livingston County where he met and married the love of his life, Jo Rudd Kelley. Their marriage of 63 years was a true testament to partnership, faith, and devotion. Together, they raised a family filled with laughter, strength, and enduring values.

In addition to his career, Mr. Kelley was a passionate cattle farmer, skilled outdoorsman, and an avid hunter and crappie fisherman. After retirement, he and Jo spent their winters at their beloved Florida home, where Robert could be found fishing nearly every day—doing what brought him peace and joy.

A member of Smithland United Methodist Church, Mr. Kelley was a man of deep faith and unwavering principles. He lived by a code of hard work, quiet strength, humility, and love for family above

all else. His life's work extended far beyond his career—he was a builder of people, a provider of opportunity,

and a steady hand through every sea-

son.
Mr. Kelley
is survived
by his
daughter,
Bobbie
Smith
(Allen), and
his son,
David Kelley
(Loretta),
both of
Smithland;
his grandchildren

**Bridget Houston** (Brent) of Henderson, Julie Gavin of Henderson, Hannah Thacker (Corey) of Dallas, Texas, and Jason Bryant of Ellington. Missouri; his beloved sister, Sue Rudd of Smithland; 15 greatgrandchildren; and 9 great-great-grandchildren, his loving caregiver, now family, Leonard Leslie and his caregiver, running and fishing buddy, Candice Draper -each a shining reflection of his legacy.

He was preceded in death by his cherished wife, Jo Rudd Kelley; precious granddaughter, Tanya Jo Smith; his three brothers, Hillard Kelley, Billy Kelley, and Terry Kelley; and his loving parents.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, July 23, 2025, at 12 Noon, in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial will follow in Scott's Chapel Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family on Tuesday, July 22, 2025, from 5 to 8 PM, in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services.

To know Robert Alan Kelley was to know quiet strength, fierce loyalty, gentle wisdom, and unconditional love. His hands shaped more than stone—they shaped a family and a future. His presence will be missed beyond measure, but the echoes of his life's work will continue for generations to come.

"Well done, good and faithful servant." – Matthew 25:23

#### • BALLARD •

Jimmie Holt, age 81, of Wickliffe, Kentucky, passed away peacefully on July 18, 2025, and fulfilled his final wish to be at home surrounded by the love of his friends and family. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, July 22, 2025, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home in Wickliffe with Bro. Larry Fraser and Bro. Brian Overstreet officiating. Burial at Bethlehem Cemetery in Wickliffe.

#### • CALDWELL •

Milladean Stallins Peek, known to all as Milladean, graced this world with her gentle, kind, and loving presence on October 17, 1933, and departed peacefully on July 18, 2025, at Princeton Health and Rehab. Funeral services will be held Saturday, July 26, 2025 at 1:00 PM at Morgan's Funeral Home with Rev. Jerry Holeman officiating. Burial will follow in the Sugar Creek Cemetery.

Walter Hayes Bingham, a cherished brother, uncle, and friend, passed away on July 16, 2025, in Kuttawa, KY, at the age of 86. Funeral services were Sunday, July 20, 2025 at Morgan's Funeral Home. Burial with military honors at Meeks Cemetery.

Mary R. Hancock, of Princeton, a cherished figure in the community of Princeton, Kentucky, entered eternal rest on July 17, 2025, at the age of 98. A visitation was held on July 24, 2025, followed by a funeral service at 1:00 p.m. at Goodman Funeral Home.

#### • CALLOWAY •

Helen M. Mallon, 79, died on July 18, 2025, in Paris, TN. Arrangements are currently incomplete at Imes Funeral Home and Crematory, Downtown. Please join family and friends in honoring the life of Helen M. Mallon by visiting www.imesfh.com and posting your tributes and memories.

Kathy Britt, 70, of Farmington, KY, died on July 18, 2025 at her home. Kathy was a member of Coldwater Baptist Church in Coldwater and enjoyed her time with family and friends. Visitation was held Thursday, July 24, 2025, with the funeral service to begin at 10:00 AM. Burial to follow at Story Chapel Cemetery.

Ada Beth Geurin, age 80, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away Sunday, July 20, 2025, at Spring Creek Health care in Murray, Kentucky. A graveside service was held Thursday, July 24, 2025, at the Murray Memorial Gardens, John Dale officiating.

Martha Sue Trimble, age 86, of Marion, Kentucky, formerly of Murray, Kentucky, passed away Sunday, July 20, 2025. A funeral service will be held at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, July 27, 2025, at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Bro. Heath Martin and Rev. Richard Burkeen will officiate, and burial will follow in the Jeffery Cemetery.

Thomas "Tom" W. Allen, father of two, loving husband, and accomplished musician passed away at his home on Monday, July 14, 2025, at the age of 67. A funeral mass was conducted Saturday, July 19, 2025, at St. Leo Catholic Church in Murray, KY with Fr. Josh McCarty officiating. Inurnment in the Murray City Cemetery Mausoleum, Murray, KY

Dale Brian Arnold, age 70, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away peacefully on Monday, July 14, 2025, at Murray-Calloway County Hospital, surrounded by the love of his family. Honoring Dale's wishes, a private family burial will take place at West Fork Cemetery; no public services will be held.

Mary Christine "Chris" (Montgomery) Anderson, 65 of Murray, KY, passed away Thursday, June 19, 2025, surrounded by her loving family at home. A funeral mass honoring Chris was held Friday, June 20, 2025, at St. Leo Catholic Church, with Fr. Josh McCarty officiating. Burial at the Murray City Cemetery. **Patricia Nieman**, 70 of Murray, KY, passed away Thursday, June 19, 2025, surrounded by her loving family at home. In accordance with her wishes, no public visitation or services will be held.

Larry Earl Turner, 76 of Murray, passed away Monday, June 16, 2025, at Baptist Health in Paducah, KY. A service was held Saturday, June 21, 2025, in the chapel of the Blalock-Coleman Funeral Home, with Rev. Matt Erxleben officiating.

**Deana French Running**, 67 of Mansfield, TN, passed away Monday, June 23, 2025, at Murray-Calloway Co., Hospital, Murray, KY. Arrangements are incomplete at this time at Blalock-Coleman Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Murray, KY.

#### • CARLISLE •

Robert "Bobby" Edward Lee, 76, of Cunningham, Kentucky, went to be with his Lord and Savior on July 18, 2025, at 9:30 AM at Baptist Health Hospital in Paducah, Kentucky. Funeral services were held at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Cunningham on Tuesday, July 22 with Pastor Tim Harvey officiating. Burial at Bethlehem Cemetery in Cunningham, KY.

**Dwight Timothy Caughlin**, of Bardwell, Kentucky, affectionately known as Timmy or Cannonball by those who loved him, passed away at home on Friday, July 18, 2025, at the age of 61. Funeral services were Tuesday, July 22, 2025 at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Bardwell with Rev. Gaylon Bruer officiating. Burial at Cunningham Cemetery.

#### • CHRISTIAN •

Chelsea Dawn Wyatt Gilford of Hopkinsville passed away Wednesday, July 16, 2025 at Jennie Stuart Medical Center. Memorial Services for 33 year old Chelsea was held Wednesday, July 23, 2025 at King's Funeral Home with Dustin Glass officiating.

Shirley A. Whitaker Chidsey, age 88, of Hopkinsville passed away on Monday, July 21, 2025, at Baptist Health Deaconess in Madisonville. Graveside Services will be at 10:00 AM on Friday, July 25, 2025, at Riverside Cemetery with burial to follow. Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home has been entrusted by the family to handle the arrangements.

**Richard Allen Parrill**, 61, of Hopkinsville passed away Saturday, July 19, 2025, at his home. The family has chosen cremation with a Celebration of Life to be held at a later date.

Larry T. Jackson, age 76, of Christian County, passed away on Friday, July 18, 2025, at his home. Services were Tuesday, July 22, 2025, at Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home with Brother Eddie Mitchell officiating and burial in New Ebenezer Cemetery.

Carolyn Harris, age 67, of Hopkinsville passed away on Friday, July 18, 2025, Princeton Nursing Home. Funeral services were Wednesday, July 23, 2025, at Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home with burial in Riverside Cemetery.

Linda Bell Banton, 82, of Hopkinsville, KY died at 5:15 p.m. Sunday, July 20, 2025 at Jennie Stuart Medical Center. Funeral services were Thursday, July 24, 2025 at Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home with Rev. Dr. Joe Bufford officiating. Burial in Green Hill Memorial Gardens.

#### **FUNERAL NOTICES** continued

Randy Owen Hightower, 68, of Hopkinsville, KY died at 9:48 a.m. Thursday, July 17, 2025 at Baptist Health Deaconess in Madisonville, KY. Funeral services were Monday, July 21, 2025 at Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home with Rev. Darrell Crawford officiating. Burial in Macedonia Cemetery.

Joseph Charles Puckett, Sr., 63, of Hopkinsville, KY died at 3:08 p.m. Thursday, July 17, 2025 at U.K. Medical Center, Lexington, KY. Visitation was held Tuesday, July 22, 2025 at Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home. Cremation followed.

Ronnie Jerome Wills, 69, Hopkinsville, passed away on Sunday, July 20, 2025, in Hopkinsville, KY. Funeral Service will be Tuesday, July 29, 2025 at 11:30 AM. Visitation at 10:30 am at Gamble Funeral Home and Burial At KVCW.

Barbara Jean Chambers Burrus, 82, Hopkinsville, passed away on Friday, July 18, 2025, in Hopkinsville, KY. Funeral Service will be Friday, July 25, 2025 at 11:00 AM. Visitation at 10 am at Gamble Funeral Home. Burial at Green Hill Memorial Gardens.

#### • CRITTENDEN •

**Sandra Sue McDowell**, 79, of Marion, KY passed away Friday July 18, 2025 at Livingston Hospital. Graveside services were Sunday July 20, 2025 at Mt. Zion Cemetery.

Gloria Jean Carter, age 63, of Sturgis. KY, passed away Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at Salem Springlake Health & Rehab. Funeral services were Wednesday, July 23, 2025, at the funeral home with burial in Baker Cemetery.

#### • FULTON •

Charles Wayne Terrett, age 80, passed away Friday, July 18, 2025, at the Mercy Lourdes Hospital in Paducah, KY. A memorial visitation for Mr. Charlie Terrett was held Tuesday, July 22, 2025 at the Hornbeak Funeral Chapel in Hickman.

Anne L. Peterson, age 92, formerly of Fulton, KY passed away Sunday, July 20, 2025, in Louisville, KY. Visitation will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Fulton from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 26, 2025, followed by the funeral. Burial will follow in the Water Valley Cemetery.

Margie Ann Evans, age 78, of Fulton, KY passed away Friday, July 18, 2025, at the Jackson Madison County Hospital in Jackson, TN. A private family service was held. Visitation was held at the Cayce Methodist Church, Monday, July 21, 2025.

Janice Connell, age 78, of Fulton, KY, passed away on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at the Martin Volunteer General Hospital ER in Martin, TN. Funeral services were Sunday, July 20, 2025, in our funeral chapel. Burial in the Oak Grove Cemetery with Bro. John Dacus officiating.

#### • GRAVES •

**George S. Dunevant**, age 84 and a resident of Mayfield, passed away at 8:19 AM Tuesday, July 22, 2025, at his residence. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield.

Walter John Anderson age 77 of Mayfield passed away on Sunday, July 20, 2025 at Baptist Health of Paducah. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at Byrn Funeral Home. Alice Nichols Elliott, age 91, a resident of Fancy Farm, passed away at 5:32 A.M. Thursday, July 17, 2025 at Life Care Center in LaCenter, KY. Funeral mass was held Saturday, July 19, 2025 at 1:00 P.M. at the Saint Jerome Catholic Church in Fancy Farm, KY. Father Darrell Venters officiating. Interment in the Saint Joseph Cemetery.

Tim J. Clark, age 66 of Mayfield, KY, passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by his loving family on Wednesday, July 16, 2025. Tim was a long-time member of Pryorsburg Community Fellowship Church where a Celebration of Life service will be held at 12:00 PM Saturday, August 2, 2025. The family will receive friends at 11:00 AM.

Dolly Marie Puckett, age 83, of Mayfield, KY, passed away peacefully at 6:42 AM on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at the Providence Pointe Healthcare Center in Paducah, KY, surrounded by her loving family. Funeral services for Mrs. Dolly Puckett will be held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, July 26, 2025, at Little Cypress Baptist Church, 10261 US-62, Calvert City, KY. The service will be officiated by Rev. Jim Keeling and Dr. Kenneth Puckett. Burial will follow in the Lowes Cemetery in Lowes, KY.

Charlotte Marie Riley Irvan, age 88, of the Golo Community passed away Saturday, July 19, 2025 at the Baptist Health of Paducah. A funeral servicewas held Wednesday, July 23, 2025 at the Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY. Bradley Smith officiating. Interment in the Mt. Olive Cemetery in Golo.

**Doris A. Colley**, age 86, of Mayfield passed away on Wednesday, July 16, 2025 at her son's home. A memorial service was held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, July 21, 2025 at Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY. Stan Colley officiating. Burial at Farmington Cemetery at a later date.

**Levon Stokes**, age 81, of Beadle Town passed away on Wednesday, July 16, 2025 at her residence. A memorial visitation was held Sunday, July 20, 2025 at Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY.

#### • HENDERSON •

Nina Jo (Jones) Qualls, 99 of Slaughters, KY passed away on Sunday July 20, 2025 at Shemwell Nursing Home in Providence, KY. Services will be held at 2:00 PM on Thursday July 24, 2025 at Tomblinson Funeral Home in Sebree. Burial will follow in Springdale Cemetery in Sebree, KY.

Lori Hensley passed away peacefully on July 20, 2025, at the age of 47. In celebration of Lori's life, a visitation will be held at Tomblinson Funeral Home Henderson on July 25, 2025, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM followed by a memorial service officiated by Alec and Chad Hensley, commencing at 4:00 PM.

**Scotty Sorrells** left this world on July 20, 2025, at the age of 58. Funeral sercices will be held on Friday, July 25, 2025, 3:00 PM at Tomblinson Funeral Home, Henderson Chapel. Visitation will begin at 10:00 AM.

James Donal Alderson, lovingly known as "Buck," passed away peacefully at home on July 18, 2025, surrounded by the deep love of his family under the care of St. Anthony's Hospice. Funeral services were Thursday, July 24, 2025, at Tomblinson Funeral Home Henderson Chapel with burial in Corydon Cemetery.

**James Roger Head, Jr.**, 85, of Henderson, Kentucky, passed away Sunday, July 20, 2025, at St. Anthony's Hospice Lucy Smith King Care Center. Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, July 25, 2025, at Rudy-Rowland Funeral Home. Burial will be in Fairmont Cemetery with full military rites performed by American Legion Worsham Post No. 40.

Mary Louise Sellars, 101, of Henderson, Kentucky, passed away on Thursday, July 17, 2025. Services were Tuesday, July 22, 2025, at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church. Father Shibu Cheriyankunnel officiating. Burial in St. Louis Cemetery.

#### HOPKINS

Thula Mae Brooks, 97, of Madisonville, KY passed away on July 10, 2025 at Ridgewood Terrace Nursing Home. Graveside services were Thursday, July 17, 2025 at Oakwood Cemetery in Earlington, KY with Kenneth Blevins officiating.

**Steven Wayne Carter**, 61, of Madisonville, KY passed away Thursday, July 17, 2025, at Baptist Health Deaconess in Madisonville, KY. Close family and friends gathered Thursday July 24, 2025 at Hanson Cemetery.

Grady Thomas "Tommy" Weaver, Jr., 82, of Hanson, KY passed away Thursday, July 17, 2025, at Baptist Health Deaconess in Madisonville, KY. Funeral services were Monday, July 21, 2025, at Covenant Community Church in Madisonville with Dr. Michael Knight officiating. Burial at Odd Fellows Cemetery.

Donald Ray Killough, 73 of Nortonville passed away Friday, July 18, 2025, at Baptist Health Deaconess. Service was held Thursday at Bandy Funeral Home in Nortonville. Entombment at Forest Lawn Memorial Mausoleum.

William Franklin Hook, 85, of Madisonville, KY, passed away on Tuesday, July 22, 2025, at Baptist Health Deaconess in Madisonville. Arrangements are currently pending.

**Pamela Kay Lane**, 74, of Madisonville, KY , passed away on Tuesday, July 22, 2025, at her home. Arrangements are currently pending.

**Deborah Lynn Thomas**, born Deborah Lynn Bryant, 66, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Monday, July 21, 2025, at her home in Madisonville. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Harris Funeral Home was entrusted with care.

#### • LIVINGSTON •

**Shirley Cothran,** age 86, of Grand Rivers, KY passed away on Tuesday, July 22, 2025 at her residence. Arrangements are incomplete at this time.

Matthew "Tyler" Young, 34 of Grand Rivers, Kentucky passed away on Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at Mercy Health-Lourdes Hospital in Paducah, Kentucky. A funeral service was held Sunday, July 20, 2025 at Collier Funeral Home with Pastor Brian Small officiating. Interment in McNatt Cemetery, Benton, KY.

#### · LYON ·

**Perry Lee Stanley**, age 73, of Kuttawa, KY, passed away on Friday, July 18, 2025. No services are scheduled at this time.

#### • MCCRACKEN •

**Kenneth David Crice**, age 83, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away peacefully on July 20, 2025, just days shy of his 84th birthday.

FUNERAL NOTICES continued

#### **FUNERAL NOTICES** continued

Graveside Services were held Wednesday, July 23, 2025, at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in LaCenter, KY, with Pastor Randy Rains officiating.

Lee Martin Johnson, age 66, of Paducah, KY (formerly of Henderson, KY), passed away peacefully on Sunday, July 20, 2025, at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center after courageously battling cancer for eight years. Share a memory or leave a message for the family at www.milnerandorr.com

Patricia "Pat" Holliday, age 88, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away at 3:15 p.m. Friday, July 18, 2025, at Parkview Nursing & Rehab Center. Services will be held Saturday, July 26, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. at the Milner & Orr Funeral Home with Dr. Kenny Cooper officiating. Burial to follow at the Hardmoney Cemetery.

Elizabeth M. Sullivan Miller, 78, of Paducah, Kentucky passed away at 6:00 a.m. Friday, July 18, 2025 at Oakview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Private services are scheduled.

**Kymberli KenDraé Sawyer** passed away on July 17, 2025, with her loved ones by her side. Funeral services were Monday, July 21, 2025 at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah with Rev. Leroy Brent officiating.

Mark Todd Gruber, known affectionately by friends and family as "Turd", passed away on Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at the age of 65. A memorial celebration of Mark's life will be held by the family in the near future.

Randall "Randy" Lee Scheer, 58, of Paducah, passed away on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, in Paducah. A memorial visitation was held Monday, July 21, 2025, at the Milner & Orr Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Lone Oak.

Helen Daniels Ames, passed away peacefully on July 14, 2025, at the age of 98, in Paducah, Kentucky. A memorial service was held Saturday, July 19, 2025, at The Greenhouse of Paducah, 2839 North Friendship Road, Paducah, KY 42003, with Rev. David Fackler officiating.

Grace R. Sims, 93, of Paducah passed into the arms of Jesus, on July 20th 2025 surrounded by her loving family. Friends may visit with the family from 12 noon to 2 p.m. Saturday July 26, 2025 at Lindsey Funeral Home. Funeral services to follow at 2 p.m. The Rev. Jarry Merritt is officiating. Interment will be at Cothran Cemetery in Livingston County.

David Edward Chester, 67, of Paducah passed away on Saturday, July 19, 2025, at Ray & Kay Center of Paducah. Funeral Services were Thursday July 24, 2025, at Lindsey Funeral Home with Bro. Rick Fountain, Bruce Chester, Burial in Mt. Kenton Cemetery.

**Donald Eugene Copeland Sr.**, 82, of Paducah passed away on Thursday, July 17, 2025, at Baptist Health Paducah. Graveside services were Monday, July 21, 2025, at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens with Rev. Barry Perkins officiating.

Morris Wood, 90, of West Paducah passed away on Thursday, July 17, 2025 at Baptist Health in Paducah. Funeral services were Wednesday July 23. 2025 at Lindsey Funeral Home with the Rev. Bill Ogden officiating. Burial with military honors and masonic rights were held at Kansas Cemetery in Melber.

Harlyn Hilton Barnes, 86, of Paducah passed away at 9:10 AM on Sunday, July 20, 2025 at Stonecreek Health and Rehabilitation in Paducah. Funeral services were held on Thursday, July 24, 2025 at Hughes Funeral Home in Paducah with Dane Hodges officiating. Burial at Wallace Cemetery in Symsonia.

**Dennis Murl Jackson**, age 84 of Paducah, passed away on Friday, July 18, 2025 at Baptist Health Paducah. Family will receive friends on Friday from at St. John Missionary Baptist Church from 10:00 a.m. until the service hour. Burial will follow in Murray City Cemetery.

Penny Carol Hughes Milner, 63, of Paducah, Kentucky passed away peacefully at home on the afternoon of Wednesday, July 16, 2025. Visitation was held on Sunday, July 20, 2025 at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY.

#### • MARSHALL •

**Judy Todd**, age 77, passed away at her home in Benton, Kentucky, on July 15, 2025. Funeral services were Friday, July 18, 2025, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home in Bardwell with Bro. Adam Rogers officiating. Burial at Roselawn Cemetery.

**Daniel David Govern** age 61 of Hardin, Ky passed away on Thursday July 17, 2025. Memorial Services will be held Sunday July 27, 2025 at the Pirates Cove Resort Activity Center in Hardin KY.

**Jeff Story**, 67, of Benton, Kentucky, passed away on Saturday, July 19, 2025. Funeral services were Thursday, July 24, 2025, at the Life Celebration Center of Filbeck-Cann. Bro. Joel Frizzell officiating, and burial at Fooks Cemetery.

**Ellen Turner**, 86, of Benton, Kentucky, passed away on Saturday, July 19, 2025, at her place of residence. There are no services scheduled at this time.

**JoAnna Walker**, 32, of Hardin, Kentucky, passed away on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at Marshall County Hospital. Funeral services were Friday, July 18, 2025, at the Life Celebration Center of Filbeck-Cann. Burial in Fairdealing Cemetery.

Lynda Fields, 79, of Benton, Kentucky, passed away on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at Lourdes Mercy Health Hospice Center in Paducah, Kentucky. A funeral service was held Saturday, July 19, 2025, at the Life Celebration Center of Filbeck-Cann. Dr. Calvin Bryant officiating with burial at Marshall County Memory Gardens in Benton, KY.

**Arlene Fowler**, 82 of Symsonia, Kentucky passed away on Saturday, July 19, 2025, at Mills Nursing and Rehabilitation in Mayfield, Kentucky. A funeral service was held Monday, July 21, 2025 at Collier Funeral Home.

Chasity Ann Ross, age 44, of Hardin, passed away on Friday, July 18, 2025 at her home. Arrangements for a memorial service are currently pending at Collier Funeral Home.

**Eddie Turner**, 85 of Benton, Kentucky passed away on Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at Baptist Health in Paducah, Kentucky. A funeral service was held Saturday, July 19, 2025 at the Collier Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Brad Walker and Joe Ed Brooks officiating. Burial at Union Ridge Cemetery in the Aurora Community.

#### • TRIGG •

Charles Douglas "Scooter" Ezell, Jr., 63, of Cadiz, passed away Saturday, July 19, 2025 at his home. There will be no services. King's Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Patricia "Patsy" Sue Cart Morris, 75, of Cadiz, died on Friday, July 18, 2025 at her home. There will be no services. King's Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

**Lindle Boyce Williams**, 78, of Cadiz, passed away Friday, July 18, 2025 at his home. There will be no services. King's Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Amos Gray Morris, 86, of Cadiz died on Thursday, July 17, 2025 at the Tennessee State Veterans Home in Clarksville, TN. Funeral services were Sunday, July 20, 2025 at King's Funeral Home with Rev. John Mitchell officiating. Burial with military honors in the Joiners Chapel Church of Christ Cemetery.

Virginia Ann French of Cadiz, passed away on Wednesday, July 16, 2025 at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, TN. A Celebration of Life for 88 year old Virginia will be held on Wednesday, August 20, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West in Hopkinsville, KY.

Carol Barnett Noel, age 63, of the Buffalo community, passed away on Friday, July 18, 2025, at her home, surrounded by her loving family. Funeral services were Monday, July 21, 2025. Burial in Marvin Oliver Cemetery in Trigg County.

#### • UNION •

Margaret Ann Stone Stodghill passed away peacefully on Monday July 21, 2025 in Franklin, TN. She was born September 10, 1931 in Sturgis, KY. Graveside services were Thursday, July 24, 2025 at Odd Fellows Cemetery

Robert Edward (Bob) Adkins (85) of Sturgis, passed away at Breckinridge Place in Morganfield, KY on July 18, 2025. Funeral was Tuesday, July 22, 2025 at Whitsell Funeral Home in Sturgis, KY. Tim Adkins and Steve Adkins officiating. Burial in Pythian Ridge Cemetery in Sturgis, KY.

#### • WEBSTER •

Ronald Dale Hopper, 71 of Wheatcroft passed away Sunday, July 20, 2025 at his home after a long illness under the care of St. Anthony's Hospice. Funeral services were Thursday, July 24, 2025 at Vanover Funeral Home in Clay with Chaplain Bert Montgomery officiating.

Sarah Louise Wallace 62, of Clay, KY passed away on Thursday July 17th, 2025 at her home. Funeral services were Tuesday July 22, 2025 at 1pm at Townsend Funeral Home in Dixon, KY. Minister Audie Cherry officiating. Burial in Lisman Cemetery in Lisman, KY.

## VICTORIOUS Juving ... in a troubled world

## Don't wait until it's too late

By Teresa LeNeave Leneave2@comcast.net

Why is it that we don't have time for the things we need to do, but find the time to do the things we want to do? A few years ago, I had a friend who was not feeling well. Something was not feeling right and she kept saying she needed to go to the doctor, but she'd always say she never had time. One day she woke up with severe heart pains. She found the time to go to the doctor that morning, but it was too late. The doctor couldn't save her.

Isn't that what we all do? We need to go visit a friend in the hospital who just had surgery, but every time we pass the hospital we think, "I don't have time right now".

Don't wait until it's too late.

In my life, I've found I usually find time to do what we really want to do. Emergencies do occur and snap us out of our usual busyness, but most of us 'never have time' - we take time. And, we take it for the things we really want to do. Take church, for example. We all know going to church takes a lot of time and effort. We come home from work and we're tired. What better excuse is there than to miss a church service because we're too tired?

We all have 24 hours, but no one has time. We take it. We take it for what we want to do the most.

There are plenty of things that I always take time You can't turn back the clock, but you can make today count.

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for. I always take time to read. I always take time to play my favorite card game with a group of friends. What do you take time for? Or, better yet, what steals your time?

Time is precious.

Most of us have to be choosy about how we divvy up our time, but do you see how we often

waste time that we could spend on things we really need to do like visit the hospital or at least send a card?

There is an old song we used to sing: Only one life and soon it will pass, only what's done for Christ will last". The older I get, the more of a sobering thought that is. It stirs in me

an urgency to look for opportunities to be diligent. To be faithful to God. To pay attention to priority.

My friend waited too late to go to the doctor and she didn't survive the heart attack. Don't let, "I don't have time" be an excuse for "don't want to". I've found if I don't choose

what I give my time to; something comes along and takes it from me. I challenge you to take time for things that have lasting value. Don't wait until it's too late.

We have a helper: My help cometh from the Lord, which make heaven and earth – Psalm 121:2



Ever since I can remember hunting deer, I have dreaded July and August. Not because the deer season is not here vet, but because it soon will be. And if I am going to be ready for the cooler mornings of September and the colder days of October and November, I have to force myself into the heat of summer to shoot my bow, put out my cameras, and hang tree stands. For the past several weeks

the temperatures around here have been in the 90's with humidity hovering around insanity. I mow my grass 30 minutes before dark and weed eat the next morning at daylight. Every other hour is sweltering. If I do have to work outside during the day, I usually do so in short increments to keep me from dying of heat stroke! Have I made my point? Yet, I know if I am going to be able to make an accurate shot, I need to be shooting

my bow every day no matter what weather I'm faced with. I'll do it but I don't have to like it.

It really is amazing to me that just about everything in life points to one unchangeable principle - you hardly every reap in the same season as you sow. In fact, the term itself has been hijacked from the farmer. He knows, like none other, that truth. I imagine it has given him not only wisdom in other areas but patience

in them as well. It also has given him a deep awareness of the uncontrollable period between those two seasons where he neither reaps nor sows but simply trusts. This is the longest season. It is the one that seems to have the most inactivity. It is the one that moves the work of reaping from the hand to the heart and from an aching back to a bended knee. The lesson to be learned in the principle of

reaping and sowing

need to be careful as to what we sow but it is to remember that none of our work or our harvest. or our successes. can come without a season where God waters the seeds we have planted. It is and always has been His way of saying that our life's work is a partnership with Him and that sometimes our job is to put our hand on the plow of trust and let God do the work that only He can do.

Gary Miller has written Outdoor Truths articles for 21 years. He has also written five books which include compilations of his articles and a father/ son devotional. He also speaks at wild-game dinners and men's events for churches and associations. Stay updated on Outdoor Truths each week by subscribing at Outdoortruths.org



## All glory to God for this milestone

By William F Holland Jr. billyhollandministries.com

I wanted to take a moment to say how much I appreciate you, the reader, for taking time each week to read "Living On Purpose." I've written sermons, songs, and books, for over 40 years, but only started this faith column on January 2016. Each of my columns have file numbers, and as several editors have noticed, this week is number 500. It's hard to believe that 10 years has gone by so quickly. We know that 500 weeks of messages is small compared to many pastors and teachers who have presented thousands of sermons. Sharing my heart with you is very special, and this week I'm celebrating God and grateful to Him for making it possible.

The inspiration to

write began in the eighties and nineties in the form of writing Christian music. While in my twenties, I was working in our church as a praise and worship leader. In this particular style church back in the early eighties. they called us song leaders or ministers of music which is fine. I've always enjoyed playing and singing, but after a few years of singing what others had written, I began to write my own songs with a passion to express what I wanted to say. I traveled around and played them when doors would open, and I eventually recorded several studio albums and later some compact discs. Occasionally I will offer them as a free gift.

I rarely plan what I'm going to discuss each week, I just go into my office,

pray, and begin to communicate what comes to me. There's a sign in my office that says, "You do not write because vou want to sav something; you write because you have something to sav." I'm not implying that every word I type is God speaking, but I am mindful about what I relay. I have my own opinions and interpretations like everyone else, but it's also interesting to note that if we are dedicated truth seekers, it's not impossible for us to change our views after analyzing a particular subject. I've come to the conclusion that none of us really know as much as we think we do. This is proven by the amount of differing ideas and opinions there are about the same Bible passages. It's said, the more we learn the more we discover we do not know.

In the late nineties I enrolled in a 2-year Bible training school, and from there I applied and was accepted into Christian Bible College and Seminary where I completed 3 degrees there including a doctorate of divinity in Christian Counseling. I then earned a doctorate in Christian Education from from Andersonville Theological Seminary. As time went on, I felt compelled to write a book about worship. With years leading congregations, along with my personal Bible studies, I sensed the Lord was revealing that worship is more than singing songs, it's developing an awareness of His constant presence. The personal intimacy was something I believed God was more interested in than

the public programs. So, in 2015 I released, "A Lifestyle of Worship – Living in The Awareness of God's Presence." Two more books followed, Convictions and Considerations - Encouragement for the Soul" and in 2021, Receiving Our Healing - Going to War on Our Knees." Also in the last 5 years I've completed a PhD in Church History and one in Biblical History from Northwestern Theological Seminary.

I also want to express a special thank you to all the editors and publishers that presents the column in your hard copies and websites. I also want to say I sincerely appreciate those of you that send encouraging letters and emails. With the column going to 1100 publications each week, the last

I checked, it's being published in multiple papers within 37 states. This does not include the giant global news agencies that pick it up from newspapers and post it for their subscribers to read - for free of course. Yes, this means my weekly readership is in the millions, but 98 percent of the papers that publish my work do not compensate me. I'm currently a magazine content coordinator for Best Version media, the chaplain for our County Fire District, a singer and actor in our local theatre, we distribute food through our nonprofit charity, and I'm honored to help with baptizing and serving communion in our local jail ministry led by Mrs. Barbara Burton, And, of course I'm happy and excited to continue with this column for as long as the Lord wants!

## THE SIN-FORGIVING SAVIOR —

**Bro. Brandon G. Bramlett**Bandana Baptist Church

The air carried the sound of the Savior's voice to the crowded multitude, but the sound of crashing debris abruptly cut Him off in the middle of His sermon (Luke 5:17-19). There was no earthquake or riot—just a group of hopeful and determined friends who were removing roof tiles from the house where Jesus was speaking (Matt. 9:3-4). Then there was silence, as all

eyes were fixed on Jesus. Everyone was curious about what He would do: the nosy crowds, the faith-filled friends of the paralytic, and certainly, the paralytic himself, who hoped that Jesus would reward their efforts by healing him. And gasps must have rippled through the crowd when Jesus, rather than restoring the man's ability to walk, declared to him, "Man, your sins are forgiven you" (Luke

5:20).

The man came seeking physical healing, but received spiritual healing. It is not as though Jesus did not pity his physical condition—He did, and that is why He delivered him from paralysis as well (Matt. 9:6-7). However, the remission of sins was far more important to Jesus than the removal of suffering. Indeed, it is eternally more significant; man's

greatest need is for salvation and the forgiveness of sins, and there is no greater sin-forgiver than Christ. And only He can forgive the multitude of our sins because He is God, as even His enemies attested: "Who can forgive sins but God alone?" (Mark 2:7).

To this day, anyone who comes to Christ in repentance and faith will be delivered from spiritual paralysis

and empowered to walk in obedience. Any sinner who comes to the Savior can walk away from the "mats and beds" of their former life of wickedness, and leave their gargantuan sin debt at Jesus' feet. And this is possible because Christ not only prayed for the forgiveness of sinners on the cross—He paid for it (Luke 23:34; 1 Peter 1:18-19). As Paul said, "In him we have redemption through his blood,

the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace" (Eph. 1:7). And when Jesus declares to saved sinners, "Your sins are forgiven," He means all of them. He blots them out by His blood, remembers them no more, and "as far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us" (Psalm 103:12; cf. Isaiah 43:35; Micah 7:18-19).

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### Horses play vital role in Western Kentucky's culture and economy

By Wilbur Jackson KPI Writer

Horses have long been an important part of life in Western Kentucky, where rolling pastures, a deep agricultural tradition, and a love for equestrian sports come together to make the region one of the most horse-friendly areas in the state. From family-owned farms to competitive show rings, horses contribute not only to the local economy but also to the region's identity and lifestyle.

Western Kentucky is home to a wide variety of horse operations, including breeding farms, riding academies, boarding stables, and therapeutic riding centers. While Thoroughbreds and Quarter Horses are the most common breeds, the region also sees growing interest in gaited horses such as Tennessee Walkers and Missouri Fox Trotters, prized for their smooth ride and calm demeanor. Many local youth

participate in 4-H horse programs and county fairs, learning horsemanship, responsibility, and care from an early age. Events like barrel racing, trail riding, and horse shows are held

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regularly across the region, including at fairgrounds and equestrian centers in counties like Calloway, Graves, and Marshall.

"These programs are about more than riding," said Emily Hardin, a 4-H leader in McCracken County. "They teach teamwork, discipline, and the importance of animal care. Plus, they build confidence in kids that stays with them for life."

Horses also contribute to local tourism and business. Annual horse shows and rodeos draw visitors from neighboring states, while tack shops, feed stores, and veterinary services benefit from equinerelated commerce. Some farms even offer agritourism experiences, such as riding lessons, guided trail rides, or farm stays. In rural areas, horses continue to play a practical role on farms and in recreation. Many residents keep horses for pleasure riding, hunting, or light work around the property.
As Western
Kentucky continues
to grow and
modernize, its strong
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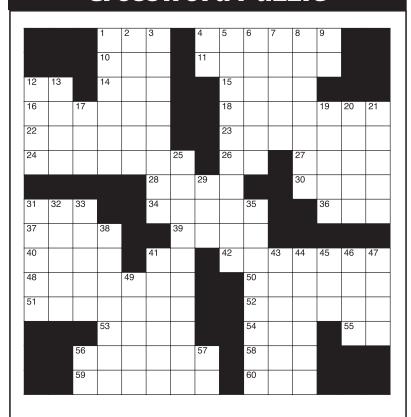
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### Crossword Puzzle



#### **CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Pacific standard time
- 4. Extracts through heating and melting
- 10. Express delight
- 11. More curvy
- 12. Expression of uncertainty
- 14. Indicates before
- 15. Daughter of Hera and Zeus
- 16. Southwestern CA city
- 18. Unified
- 22. Less attractive
- 23. Base of jellies
- 24. A large and noisy party
- 26. He was traded for Luka
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- 31. Student environmental group (abbr.)

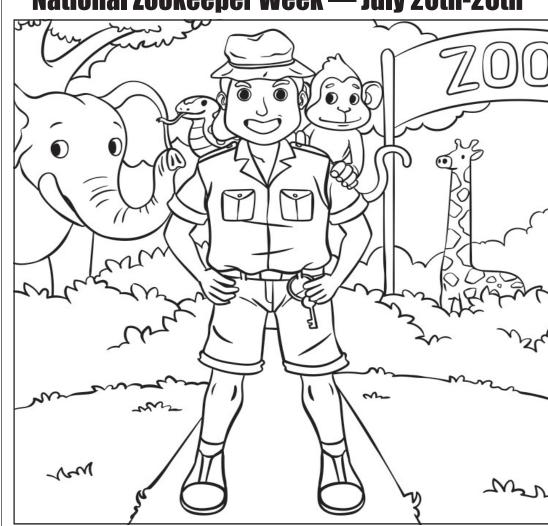
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- 37. Ray Liotta cop film
- 39. Leak slowly through
- 40. Notion
- 41. Atomic #55
- 42. Fixed in one place
- 48. About heat
- 50. Type of baseball pitch
- 51. Seedless raisin
- 52. Large wading birds
- 53. Similar
- 54. Time zone
- 55. Atomic #34
- 56. Program
- 58. Old world, new 59. Contrary belief
- 60. "To the \_\_ degree"
- **CLUES DOWN** 
  - 1. Plain-woven fabric
  - 2. Classed 3. Suppositions
  - 4. Midway between south and west
  - 5. Tropical American trees
  - 6. Leveled
  - 7. Published false statement
  - 8. Adolescent
  - 9. Junior's father
- 12. Aurochs 13. Not low
- 17. Boxing's GOAT
- 19. Short musical composition 20. Small immature herrings
- 21. Eavesdropper

- 25. Parcels of land
- 29. Anger
- 31. Irritations
- 32. Hindu holy man
- 33. Wicker basket for fish
- 35. Natural object 38. Transporting in a vehicle
- 41. A dog is one
- 43. Smaller portion
- 44. Sew
- 45. Belonging to a thing
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- 47. Scottish language
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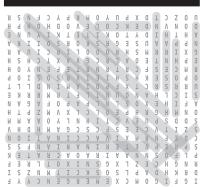
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## Lawn Care in Kentucky

## Tips and Challenges for a Healthy, Green Yard

By Wilbur Jackson KPI Writer

Maintaining a lush, healthy lawn in Kentucky requires more than just regular mowing. The state's unique climate, with its hot, humid summers and unpredictable rainfall, presents both opportunities and challenges for homeowners who take pride in their yards. Whether you're managing a small suburban lawn or several acres of rural property, understanding Kentucky's growing conditions and seasonal needs is essential for successful lawn care.

#### **Choosing the Right Grass**

The first step in good lawn care is selecting the right type of grass. Kentucky falls into a transition zone, meaning it supports both cool-season and warm-season grasses. Popular choices for cool-season grasses include Kentucky bluegrass, tall fescue, and perennial ryegrass. These varieties thrive in spring and fall but may struggle during extreme summer heat without proper care. For warmer areas of the state, zoysiagrass and bermudagrass are commonly used due to their heat tolerance and drought resistance.

#### Fertilization and Soil Health

Fertilizing at the right time is key to maintaining vibrant grass. In Kentucky, experts recommend fertilizing cool-season grasses in early spring and again in the fall. Warmseason grasses benefit from fertilization during late spring and summer. Soil testing through your local University of **Kentucky Extension** Office can help determine pH levels and nutrient needs, allowing for more precise treatment and reducing the risk of over-fertilization.

Adding organic matter and aerating compacted soil can improve drainage and root growth. Core aeration, especially in heavy clay soils common in parts of Western Kentucky, should be done in the fall or spring to reduce compaction and promote healthy turf.

#### **Mowing Tips**

Proper mowing is one of the most important and overlooked parts of lawn care. Grass should generally be cut no shorter than 2.5 to 3.5 inches, depending on the species. Taller grass shades the soil, retains moisture, and reduces weed growth. Mowing too short weakens the grass and encourages pests and disease. Always mow with a sharp blade, and avoid removing more than one-third of the grass blade in a single cutting.

#### Watering Wisely

Kentucky's summer weather can be unpredictable, ranging from droughts to sudden heavy rains. Lawns typically need about one inch of water per week, either from rain or irrigation. It's best to water deeply and infrequently preferably in the early morning—to encourage deep root growth and prevent fungal disease. Avoid watering during the heat of the day or in the evening, which can increase evaporation or disease risk.

#### Weed and Pest Control

Common Kentucky lawn weeds include crabgrass, clover, dandelions, and wild violets. A combination of pre-emergent herbicides (applied in early spring) and targeted post-emergent treatments can help control unwanted plants. Proper mowing and fertilization can also help grass outcompete weeds naturally.

Chinch bugs, grubs, and fungal diseases such as brown patch can cause serious lawn damage. Early identification and treatment are crucial. Insecticides and fungicides are available, but proper lawn management often reduces the

need for chemical intervention.

#### **Seasonal Care**

Fall is the ideal time for overseeding and renovation. Seeding in late August or early September gives grass time to establish before winter. Spring is good for general cleanup and fertilization, while summer is all about watering, mowing, and monitoring for stress. Winter requires less maintenance, though keeping lawns clear of heavy debris like branches or leaves will prevent mold and bare patches.

#### **Final Thoughts**

A well-maintained lawn in Kentucky is a source of pride and adds value to your home. With the right approach to grass selection, fertilization, mowing, and seasonal care, you can keep your yard green and healthy year-round. By working with local extension agents, lawn care professionals, or simply staying informed, Kentucky homeowners can meet the challenges of their region's climate while enjoying the benefits of a thriving lawn.



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## KSP joins multi-state effort to promote "Move Over" Law Awareness

By Wilbur Jackson KPI Writer

ELIZABETHTOWN, Ky. (KT) – The Kentucky State Police (KSP) is teaming up with law enforcement agencies from five neighboring states as part of a major initiative to promote driver safety and protect emergency personnel. The campaign, known as the 6-State Trooper

Project, runs now through Saturday, July 26, and focuses on raising awareness and enforcing Move Over

This coordinated effort includes state police from Kentucky, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia, all working together to reduce roadside crashes that involve law enforcement officers, emergency

responders, and roadside service workers. The high-visibility campaign is designed to remind drivers of a straightforward but critical safety rule: when you see flashing lights on the roadside, move over or slow down

Kentucky enacted its Move Over law in 2003, requiring drivers to change lanes when approaching a stopped emergency or public safety vehicle with flashing lights. If switching lanes isn't possible or safe, drivers must slow down and proceed with caution. Violations can result in hefty fines, jail time, or both.

Captain Jeremy Smith, commander of the KSP Elizabethtown Post, emphasized that this law exists to save lives. "Whether a trooper is on the shoulder, or a firefighter has blocked one lane of traffic during an emergency, they are just trying to do their job and go home safely," Smith said. "Slowing down and moving over gives them that chance. It's a simple act that can prevent a tragedy."

The Kentucky State Police encourages all drivers to remain alert and make room for emergency vehicles. They also urge citizens to report dangerous or reckless driving to their local KSP post. A complete list of post locations is available on the Kentucky State Police website.

While enforcement is a key part of the campaign, education plays a major role. Many drivers may be unaware of the law or unclear on what action is required. Initiatives like the 6-State Trooper Project help reinforce these rules and highlight their importance.

KSP officials say the campaign reflects the agency's broader commitment to promoting public safety through both education and enforcement. Every year, dozens of first responders across the country are injured or killed in roadside crashesaccidents that are often preventable with greater driver awareness and caution.

As summer travel increases and more motorists take to Kentucky's highways, the message is clear: move over, slow down, and help protect those who protect us.



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