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Fall Meet the Marshals Night















The Fall Meet the Marshals Night was held on Thursday, July 31. Marshall County High School fall sports teams participated in the event.

Marshall County Farm to Fork Honors Award Winners

By Kelsey Edwards
Marshall Times Editor

The 10th Annual Farm to Fork Dinner was held at the beginning of August, and this event brings together local farmers, families, and supporters for a night of fellowship and recognition. The event is hosted by The Benton Partnership along with support from local sponsors which included the City of Benton, Benton Ford, First Kentucky Bank, First Choice Farm and Lawn, and Mutiny Crop Performance. The food for the event was donated by local farmers and prepared by Larry Whitt of Magic Valley Catering. All guests in attendance heard from the past president of the Kentucky Young Farmers Association, Savannah Kirkpatrick, who offered inspiring remarks on the importance of supporting young producers and sustaining farming's future.

This Farm to Fork event distributes five awards each year which includes a junior farmer, a young farmer, a woman in agriculture, an

agribusiness, and the Farmer of the Year. Several local agricultural leaders were recognized with awards during the event: Farmer of the Year went to Jeff Futrell who is a lifelong farmer and 40-year agricultural educator. Futrell was honored for his deeprooted commitment to farming, family, and community. The Agribusiness of the Year went to GCF Angus, Dale Gold who was celebrated for producing high-quality Angus beef and upholding the highest standards in local agribusiness. Teri Ford received the Woman in Agriculture award, where she was recognized for her work with Grace Garden at First Presbyterian Church in Calvert City, by inspiring others through gardening education and community involvement. The Young Farmer of the Year Award went to Tyler McKenty. He was honored for his leadership as Operations Manager at West KY Aquaponics along with his contributions to sustainable agriculture. Tyler was not able to attend the event, so his mother, Tammie McCullough, received the Young Farmer of the Year Award on

behalf of her son. Ryan Brown received the Junior Farmer of the Year, who at just the age of 9 was recognized for his entrepreneurial spirit, and having successfully grown and sold pumpkins, popcorn, and potatoes. The Appreciation Award was given to Ron Davis for his ongoing support of the Farm to Fork Dinner, including securing donations, sponsorships, and serving as a vital link to the local farming community.

Historically the event has given out scholarships to students who are in the Marshall County FFA Chapter, media arts program, and culinary program through teacher recommendations. However, due to the event being held prior to the 2025-2026 school year starting, the scholarships will be available for any MCHS student who is pursuing agriculture, media, or culinary education at the collegiate level to apply for. The Farm to Fork Dinner continues to serve as a reminder of the vital role agriculture plays in Marshall County and for the people who work to sustain it.



Leadership Murray 2025-2026 class includes several Racers

MURRAY, Ky. – The Leadership Murray Class of 2025-2026 includes two Murray State University staff members and a member of the university's Board of Regents.



Blair Bushart Gray, David Meinschein, and Samantha Rudolph

Blaire Bushart Gray, deputy Title IX coordinator and investigator, and Samantha Rudolph, recruitment coordinator for the School of Nursing and Health Professions, join Murray State Board of Regents Vice Chair Dr. David Meinschein, superintendent of the Murray Independent School District.

Leadership Murray, organized by the Murray-Calloway County Chamber of Commerce, is a 10-month leadership development program featuring sessions on economic development, education, government, human services, and community health. The program brings together 19 local leaders from private, public, and nonprofit sectors to address community challenges and foster meaningful connections. Since 1982, it has been a launchpad for civic involvement and leadership growth, including monthly full-day sessions, a two-day opening retreat, and a legislative visit to Frankfort.

Rudolph said her work at Murray State has strengthened her ability to guide and support others, inspiring her to lead with purpose. She credits her dean, Dr. Dina Byers, for modeling leadership with "strength, compassion and vision." Gray echoed the sentiment, highlighting how campus mentorship helped her grow in confidence, responsibility, and empathy.

Dr. Byers praised Rudolph's selection, noting her passion, collaborative nature, and dedication to connecting students with healthcare opportunities. Camisha Pierce Duffy, Executive Director of the Office of Equal Opportunity and Title IX Coordinator, lauded Gray's professional accomplishments and ongoing commitment to community leadership.

Meinschein, appointed to the Board of Regents in July 2022 by Governor Andy Beshear, holds degrees in biology, science education, and leadership, and is a member of Murray State's first P-20 doctoral class.

Murray State President Dr. Ron Patterson congratulated the Racers on their selection, emphasizing the Chamber's role in enhancing community leadership.



Hampton Inn Mayfield opens its doors to Graves County

By Laurna Todd **KPI** Writer

A brand-new Hampton Inn by Hilton is now open in Mayfield, Graves County, Kentucky. The hotel is located at 65 Brien Drive, Mayfield, KY, just off Interstate 69 (Exit 25). It offers convenient access to local landmarks, including the local restaurants. **Graves County Public** Library, Mayfield City Hall and Jackson Purchase Medical Center.

According to the hotel's official website, reservations are already being accepted for arrivals starting August

13, 2025. Although a ribbon-cutting ceremony is expected on opening day, specific timing has not yet been confirmed publicly.

Once operational, the Hampton Inn will provide a range of modern amenities, including free hot breakfast, complimentary Wi-Fi, an indoor pool, a fitness center, meeting rooms, EV charging stations, pet-friendly rooms, and digital check-in (with check-in at 3 p.m. and check-out at 11 a.m.). They also will have a meeting space for events! If you need a space for a social gathering,

business meeting, or even a baby shower reach out.

This new addition is expected to be a significant boost for Graves County, expanding lodging options for travelers and supporting business, academic, and tourism activity. Local organizations, including the Chamber of Commerce and tourism officials, have already previewed the property and praised its highquality facilities. The new hotel is poised to enhance the region's hospitality offerings and contribute positively to its economic growth.

Baptist Health Paducah nationally recognized for commitment to cardiac arrest survival

The American Heart Association presents the Target: Survival award for proven dedication to ensuring survival for patients who experience in-hospital cardiac arrest



PADUCAH, KY - Baptist Health Paducah has received the American Heart Association's Target: Survival quality achievement award for its commitment to treating in-hospital cardiac arrest, ultimately helping to improve survival rates.

Each year, more than 300,000 adults and children experience an inhospital cardiac arrest. Survival from cardiac arrest largely

depends on timely medical emergency team response and effective CPR.

The Target: Survival program was developed to highlight the number of lives a hospital saved by following the most up-to-date, researchbased guidelines for treatment as outlined by the American Heart Association.

The program examines patient survival rates following in-hospital cardiac arrest and

adjusts for multiple factors, including cardiac arrest rhythm, event location within the hospital, and prior illness severity. Awarded sites have a survival rate that places them in the top 40% of all Get With The Guidelines - Resuscitation participating hospitals in the United States.

"Baptist Health Paducah is committed to improving patient care by focusing on cardiac arrest survival and continuous quality improvement," Craig Beavers, Vice President of Operations, Baptist Health Paducah. "The end goal is to ensure more people in Paducah and surrounding communities can experience longer, healthier lives."

"We are pleased to recognize Baptist Health Paducah for its commitment to improving survival rates for patients who experience in-hospital cardiac arrest," said Paul S. Chan, M.D., MSc, volunteer chair of the American **Heart Association** Resuscitation System of Care Advisory Group. "Each life saved is a testament to this team's timely, coordinated and highquality care during an emergency."

To learn more about our heart program and cardiovascular services, visit BaptistHealth.com/ HeartCare.

About Baptist

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Disaster Assistance Simplification Act will help streamline recovery process

By U.S. Senator Rand Paul

As I travel throughout Kentucky, I have heard countless stories of how disasters, including recent floods and tornados, have affected the lives and livelihoods of so many Kentuckians. In the wake of a disaster, nothing is more important than connecting Kentuckians in need with the assistance available to them. Accordingly, my office works diligently on the ground in the hours after these disasters to coordinate assistance with federal agencies. In the aftermath of the devastating tornado outbreak of December 2021, my staff held mobile office hours on the ground and went from site-to-site to help Kentuckians navigate the assistance process. Without a doubt, the most consistent refrain we heard was: "Why is this so hard?"

In fact, in my conversations across the Commonwealth, one consistent thing I hear is that it is too hard to navigate the disaster assistance process. It is slow, complicated, and needlessly bureaucratic. Among those seeking relief from tornado damage, we heard from Small Business Administration (SBA) applicants that had their loan applications delayed by years for technical reasons such as using blue ink instead of black, or because they added their middle initials when they signed documents.

When a disaster strikes, we know that in that moment the response will be fast and efficient. Indeed, our brave first responders reliably swing into action at the first sign of need, providing support, protection, and lifesaving assistance to those in harm's way. A single call to 911 will connect those in need to police, fire, medical, and other emergency

services in an instant. Thankfully, in the midst of disaster, we do not have to make individual phone calls to the police department, the fire department,

the hospital, and other services. To ask people to navigate such an inefficient system, when lives and communities are at immediate risk, would obviously be unconscionable.

Yet for too long, we have accepted this kind of inefficiency in the disaster response process. Once the immediate danger of the disaster gives way and local emergency services return to their base of operations, the federal government steps in to provide relief with what seems to be, based on what I've heard from many Kentuckians, the most convoluted and difficult process imaginable.

Multiple agencies may arrive to the disaster site to provide assistance, or it becomes available soon after, but they each come with separate application processes, information required, and deadlines. It can feel like their forms aren't even written in the same language.

Different agencies

also have different data retention rules which limit their ability to share applications for relief from the same disaster. There are also different policies for how much, or how little, information is shared with applicants about the approval or denial of their relief applications, or how long they should expect to wait. Slight errors can completely derail some applications. Additionally, those eligible for disaster assistance may miss out on some part of the relief available because they did not submit an application for that particular program.

It's fair to say that families who have just lost their homes are effectively handed a giant stack of complex paperwork. While my office will continue to help Kentuckians navigate this relief process to the fullest extent possible, there has to be a way to provide those in need with a single, streamlined application to seek disaster assistance from the federal government.

The good news is that I have proposed a bipartisan bill with Senator Gary Peters (D-MI) to do just that. It's called the Disaster Assistance Simplification Act. This important legislation will create a single application for individuals, businesses, and communities to seek disaster assistance from certified federal agencies like the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the **Small Business** Administration (SBA).

Federal agencies will be authorized to communicate and share application data to avoid duplication subject to stronger data protection requirements—and applicants will be able to check the status of their application, and to receive updates.

Federal assistance is the not the only disaster relief available, and the Disaster Assistance Simplification Act will also let relevant state, local, and Tribal agencies use the newly created application platform to provide access to their own relief services.

Communities devastated by disasters shouldn't have to spend months navigating our complex disaster assistance process, and wait even longer for the actual assistance to arrive. Congress must do its part to improve the application process so that people can get the help they need as fast as possible. That effort starts with passing the Disaster Assistance Simplification Act. As Chairman of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, I guided this bill to committee approval on July 30, 2025, and you can be sure I will press the full Senate to pass the bill without delay.

In the meantime, while I cannot guarantee a favorable result, I am fully committed to helping every Kentuckian in need of assistance in the aftermath of recent disasters. If you need help with any federal agency, please contact my Kentucky offices at 270-782-8303 or visit my website at www.paul. senate.gov.

Kentucky particpates in nationwide campaign to curb impaired driving during Labor Day weekend

FRANKFORT, Ky. — As Labor Day approaches, Kentuckians are reminded to celebrate the end of summer safely by planning for a sober, designated driver if festivities include alcohol.

"Our top priority is keeping Kentuckians safe," said Gov. Andy Beshear. "If you are under the influence and choose to get behind the wheel, you put everyone on the road in danger, including yourself. Let's work together to eliminate preventable crashes by committing to celebrate responsibly."

Although impaired driving enforcement is a vear-round effort. crashes tend to increase over holiday weekends. That's why the Kentucky Office of Highway Safety (KOHS) is joining the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and law enforcement agencies across the country in the "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign, which runs

from Aug. 13 through Sept. 1, 2025.

"It is never acceptable to drive impaired," said **Kentucky Transport** Cabinet (KYTC) Secretary Jim Gray. "Alcohol, drugs and even prescription medications can impair your ability to operate a vehicle safely. You may feel 'OK,' but impairment slows your judgment, coordination and reaction time."

According to the KOHS, last year in Kentucky, there were 4,260 total crashes involving an impaired driver, resulting in 2,062 injuries and 185 deaths. Last year, 45 alcohol related crashes involving only a motorcycle were reported, resulting in 41 injuries and 6 deaths.

During the 2024 Labor Day holiday weekend, there were 76 crashes involving an impaired driver, resulting in 44 injuries and one death.

The following tips are recommended to stay safe:

Before the festivities

begin, plan a way to get home safely at the end of the night;

If you're impaired, use a ride-booking company or taxi, call a sober friend or family member or use public transportation to get home safely;

If you see an impaired driver, safely pull over and contact law enforcement. You may dial the Kentucky State Police toll-free line directly at 1-800-222-5555 or call 911. Provide a vehicle description, license number, location and, if possible, direction of travel;

If you know people who are about to drive or ride while impaired, take their keys and help them make other arrangements to get to their destination

Wear a seat belt! It is not only the law, but it is also the best defense against an impaired driver. Buckling up helps prevent injury and death if you are involved in a crash.

For more information on drunken driving visit kydrivesober.com

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more. It has the region's first heart center and only accredited chest pain center and certified stroke center with 24/7 neurohospitalist coverage, as well as Paducah's only comprehensive cancer center and Level 3 Neonatal **Intensive Care** unit. Baptist Health Paducah has a network of healthcare providers for patients in western Kentucky and southern Illinois — from Baptist

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WEST KY SPORTS







Glisson claims another title

By Tim Taylor

Ballard Memorial golfer Madison Glisson continues to ride early season momentum into her senior season. She claimed the Lady Cal title in Shepherdsville with a 5-birdie day. The tournament used the Stableford scoring system and her score of 64 led all scorers on the day. She looked to go back-to-back with tournament wins as she competed closer to

home at Paxton Park in the Paducah Tilghman Invitational. She had a rollercoaster day finishing in the runnerup finish. Her 4 bogey, and one double bogey day was offset by 7 birdies to provide her with the 2nd best score of the day out of the 61 golfers. Glisson said, "If you can putt and chip, you will score well, and I tried to keep the ball in the fairway and 2-putt." She has been doing that consistently

and will use that momentum heading into next week's All A Regional at Drake Creek on August 21st. She looks for her 4th consecutive All A 1st Region Tournament Championship on her way to try and defending her 3-time All A State Championship.

The boys' golf team also competed in the PTI. Their team total 385 was 17th best with 105 golfers competing. Seniors Ike Miller and Lynden Davis led the way with both finishing with team best 91's. Junior Owen Enfinger was right behind with a 93.

Drew Fickes and Chipper Collins both finished with 110. The Bombers will compete in the Graves County Tournament at Drake Creek on Saturday, August 16th and will use that to help prepare them for their 1st Region All A at Drake

on the 21st.



Boys' High School Soccer Marshals blank Rebels 7-0

Staff Report

BENTON — Marshall County blanked Todd County Central 7-0 in a boys' high school soccer season opener on Tuesday, Aug. 12.

The Marshals moved ahead early and pulled away to win convincingly.

Several players contributed to Marshall County's shutout win.

Lincoln Colburn led Marshall County to the win, scoring two goals and distributing two assists for the Marshals.

Along with Colburn, Marshall County's offensive attack featured John Shadowen (one goal, two assists), Brayden York (one goal), Houston Johnson (one goal), Kason Peterson (one goal), Davis Hunt (one goal), Ethan Upton (one assist) and Maddox Schroader (one assist).

Defensively for Marshall County, goalkeeper Carson Lovett recorded a shutout.

GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER Caldwell Co.shuts out Lyon Co.

Staff Report

EDDYVILLE — Caldwell County shut out Lyon County 8-0 in a girls' high school soccer season opener on Monday, Aug. 11.

Aliya Towns scored six goals to lead Caldwell County to the win. Towns excelled for Caldwell County throughout the girls' high school soccer season opener.

Following Towns, Kinley Rowland scored two goals and dealt out one assist for the Lady Tigers. Aiding in the victory, Nunie Bates (two assists), Ziva Falder (two assists) and Addie Middleton-Mobley (one assist) were Caldwell County's additional offensive contributors.

Defensively for Caldwell County, goalkeeper Shylee Hinchee recorded a shutout. Hinchee logged one save for the Lady Tigers.

GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER Hopkins Co. Central shuts out Union County 9-0

Staff Report

MORGANFIELD — Hopkins County Central shut out Union County 9-0 in a girls' high school soccer season opener on Monday, Aug. 11.

The Lady Storm excelled throughout the girls' high school soccer match, controlling each half.
Emma Vandiver scored two goals and dished out one assist to lead a balanced Hopkins County Central offensive attack.

Eight different Hopkins County Central players netted at least one goal. Along with Vandiver, Hopkins County Central's offensive attack featured Mary Starks (one goal, two assists), Lilly Armour (one goal, two assists), Riley Richardson (one goal, one assist), Jaci Childress (one goal), Destiny Caudill (one goal), Sydney McLemore (one goal) and Abi Greer (one goal).

Defensively for Hopkins County Central, goalkeeper Savannah Barnett recorded a shutout. Barnett logged one save for the Lady Storm.

Lady Bomber Volleyball 2025

By Tim Taylor

Each year comes excitement and anticipation for a new season. Lady Bomber volleyball Coach Adam Solomon has had his share of those emotions in his 18 years as the **Ballard Memorial** head volleyball coach. Solomon said this season may be the deepest team he has had in his coaching career, providing a unique challenge to get all the players involved to make the most of their talents. "That makes practices more competitive," said Solomon adding, "It is holding kids more

accountable and there is so much parity." A pair of seniors will help show some of the newer players the ropes on what is expected to be a Lady Bomber volleyball player and help continue the programs success. Hala Ouderkirk is overcoming a season ending injury last year and looks to put that behind her as she focuses on her senior season. She said, "It is my senior year and trying to give it my all." Giving her all in practice, scrimmages, and game situations will be the mentoring examples she looks to provide for the Ballard

Memorial vollevball team. Fellow senior Keira Shaw has one of the most crucial jobs on the team, being the setter. "One thing about setting is doing it differently based on the hitter I am setting up," said Shaw. One difficulty is knowing each hitter and their preferences, and which ones are on the floor to make the pass in a position that the hitters can maximize their hitting abilities. That is a challenge she accepts and flourishes at accomplishing. Maximizing each player's strengths will be challenges

for coaches as well as teammates. The Lady Bombers have gained attention of coaches as they are tied with Mayfield as the preseasons 4th best team in the 1st Region. They trail only McCracken, Marshall, and the other 3rd District foe Graves County

County.
The Lady Bombers
goal is to grab the 1st
Region All A Title
and compete for a 3rd
District title. The season
begins August 18th at
Hickman followed by
an early season district
matchup on Tuesday
the 19th hosting Graves
County.





The McCracken County High School boys' golf team won the Hopkinsville Invitational title on Thursday, Aug. 7.

photo courtesy of McCracken County High School Athletics



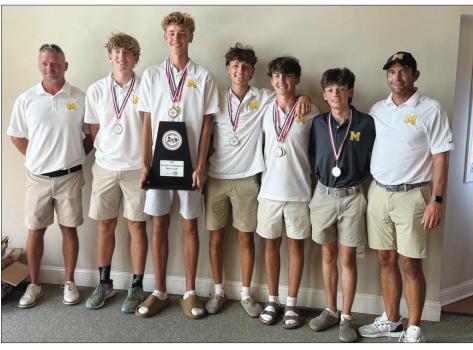


The McCracken County girls' golf team won the 2025 Hopkinsville Invitational title.

photo courtesy of McCracken County **High School Athletics**

McCracken County golfer Harper Hunt shot a 73 and claimed the Hopkinsville Invitational individual

photo courtesy of McCracken County **High School Athletics**



Murray High School won the 2025 2A, Section 1 Boys' Golf Championship. Along with the sectional championship, Murray won the Webster County Invitational title. photo courtesy of Murray High School Athletics

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

McCracken County ranked first in KVCA Preseason Region 1 Top 5 Poll

Staff Report

PADUCAH — Reigning champion McCracken County is ranked first in the **KVCA Preseason** Region 1 Top 5 Poll.

The Kentucky Volleyball Coaches Association released the KVCA Preseason Region 1 Top 5 Poll on Wednesday, Aug. 6.

Behind McCracken County, Graves County and Marshall County are tied for second in the KVCA Preseason Region 1 Top 5 Poll.

Rounding out the **KVCA** Preseason Region 1 Top 5 Poll, Ballard Memorial and Mayfield are tired for fourth.

The 2025 high school volleyball season is

scheduled to open on Monday, Aug. 18.

The KVCA Preseason Region 1 Top 5 Poll follows.

> **KVCA Preseason** Region 1 Top 5 Poll

1. McCracken County T-2. Graves County

T-2. Marshall County

T-4. Ballard Memorial T-4. Mayfield

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Crittenden County ranked first in KVCA Preseason Region 2 Top 5 Poll

Staff Report

MARION — Crittenden County is ranked first in the **KVCA** Preseason Region 2 Top 5 Poll.

The Kentucky Volleyball Coaches Association released the KVCA Preseason Region 2 Top 5 Poll on Wednesday, Aug. 6.

Christian County follows Crittenden

Preseason Region 2 Top 5 Poll, ranked second.

Behind Christian County, Henderson County is ranked third in the KVCA Preseason Region 2 Top 5 Poll.

Reigning champion Heritage Christian is ranked fourth in the KVCA Preseason Region 2 Top 5 Poll while Caldwell County occupies fifth.

Teams from across

to compete in the 2025 high school volleyball season.

The KVCA Preseason Region 2 Top 5 Poll follows.

KVCA Preseason Region 2 Top 5 Poll

1. Crittenden County

2. Christian County

3. Henderson County 4. Heritage Christian

6. Caldwell County

Survey indicates number of high school officials up six percent since last year

Staff Report

INDIANAPOLIS - The number of registered high school sports officials remains above pre-pandemic levels and grew by six percent during the last school year, according to a follow-up survey of 36 NFHS member state associations that originated in 2018-19.

Data compiled by the NFHS from the 36 associations showed the total number of officials'

registrations at 237,811 during the 2024-25 school year, up 14,432 from the previous year, and an eight percent increase from pre-pandemic numbers (220,340) reported in 2018-19.

The growth in officiating continues despite an estimated loss of 50,000 officials during the COVID-19 pandemic. After dipping as low as 189,140 officials in 2019-20, participation has increased each year since the 2021-22 school

year. For the past two school years, officiating totals have surpassed those from 2018-19.

All sports except field hockey and water polo saw a year-overyear increase in official registrations in 2024-25. Eleven sports, including baseball (1%), basketball (4%), football (10%), ice hockey (6%), boys lacrosse (4%), girls lacrosse (28%), soccer (13%), swimming and diving (10%), track and field and cross country

(53%), volleyball (18%), and wrestling (22%), were above their prepandemic levels at the end of the most recent school year.

In addition, 27 states reported they were back above their prepandemic levels in 2024-25.

"With the steady increase of officials' registrations over the past couple of years, the NFHS is not only focusing on how we can bring more officials into the avocation, but we are working to ensure that we are doing enough to retain the officials who have been with us for years," said Dana Pappas, NFHS director of officiating services.

The NFHS has made a concentrated effort to improve the retention and recruitment of officials. The NFHS organized two consortiums to address the drop in officials during the pandemic, and the BecomeAnOfficial and BenchBadBehavior campaigns continue to make an impact nationwide, among other initiatives.

While the number of officials is rising overall, there remains a significant nationwide need. Anyone can apply to become a high school official at www. highschoolofficials.com.



Paducah Tilghman High School junior McCall Moore won the 2A, Section 1 Girls' Golf Tournament individual title on Wednesday, Aug. 6.

photo courtesy of Paducah Tilghman High School

We're Proud of All Student Athletes!! Keep up the great work!



Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
8/22	Webster County	7 PM	Н
8/29	Murray at MSU	7 PM	Н
9/5	at Fulton County	7 PM	Α
9/12	Ballard Memorial	7 PM	Н
9/19	Warren East	7 PM	Н
9/26	at Logan County	7 PM	Α
10/3	at Franklin-Simpson	7 PM	Α
10/17	at Allen CoScottsville	7 PM	Α
10/24	Paducah Tilghman	7 PM	Н
10/31	Marshall County	7 PM	Н



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Ag Update

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

Source: Forrest Wynne, extension specialist for aquaculture, Kentucky State University

Between March and September, the extension office gets a lot of questions about aquatic plant and algae control from owners of private ponds and lakes.

Both tend to form when the water is warm, stagnant and has a lot of excess nutrients, particularly

aquatic plants and algae are beneficial to aquatic environments. However, some types of algae can harm humans and other vertebrates. Too much aquatic growth can cause management problems including human and livestock entanglements. Large amounts of aquatic plants and filamentous algae can cause problems for swimming, fishing,

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In most cases,

Common aquatic plants and algae found in Kentucky ponds and lakes include:

Cyanobacteria
(Blue green algae) –
often forms a green
or bluish green film
visible on the water's
surface and in the
water that is called
an algal bloom. They
may cause the water
to smell like rotting
plants. While not all
forms of cyanobacteria
are dangerous, some
can be harmful to
people, pets and
wildlife when the

toxins they produce reach high levels.

Euglena blooms
– algae-like mobile
organisms that may
form a red or orange
surface film and add
a similar color to the
water. Some types of
euglena blooms can
release toxins that
cause a fish kill.

Filamentous algae (pond moss) – green, hair-like fibers that may form dense surface mats that float up from the pond bottom

Identifying aquatic plants and algae is first step in effective pond management

floating leaves with tiny, hair-like roots attached to the underside.

Watermeal – floating, tiny green, gr itty particles that will feel like sesame seeds or cornmeal when rubbed between the fingers.

Creeping water primrose – a reddish vine, with variable shaped leaves that grows in shallow water. It will eventually get a small, yellow flower and can develop thick, shoreline growth and extend out into the pond.

Pondweeds (actual name) - submersed plants that grow in shallow water and have either long or small oval leaves that grow alternately on the plant's stem.

If you are concerned about the aquatic plant or algae growth in your pond or lake , we in extension can help you identify the type of growth you have as a first step in the management process. We accept close-up, digital images of aquatic plants and algae for identification. To make sure we can clearly see the plant, take the picture while floating a small amount of the fresh plant material in a shallow, white pan filled with water. It helps if you can separate a few strands of the plant sample in the pan. You can email digital plant images for identification to tmiller@uky.edu.

To help us give you the safest and most effective management recommendation, we also need to know your intended use for the water body. Some herbicide and algaecides have label restrictions based on specific intended uses.

More information on aquatic plant control and other pond management topics are available at the Ballard office of the University of Kentucky Cooperative **Extension Service** or by contacting Kentucky State University's Division of Aquaculture. Texas A&M University's website https:// aquaplant.tamu.edu also has a lot of good information about aquatic plants and their control.

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Huddle up for Roundup 2025, celebrating a community like no other The Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and

The Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment community is invited to a lineup of fun events, including the UK football game on Sept. 6.

By Christopher Carney

LEXINGTON, Ky.— The University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment is hosting Roundup 2025—bringing together alumni, faculty, friends, staff and students for a family reunion of events, including the football game between Ole Miss and the Kentucky Wildcats on Sept. 6.

"We invite every member of our community to Roundup to celebrate our shared history and experience the exciting future we're building together," said Laura Stephenson, dean of the Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment and vice president for land-grant engagement. "With innovative facilities underway and a deep commitment to serving Kentucky, we look forward to sharing the next chapter of our story with you."

Roundup 2025 offers a variety of events, activities, reunions and celebrations, including:

Sept. 4 – Build A Better Burger Competition

Think Top Chef, but with burgers. Teams comprised of students, staff and faculty will present tneir custom burger creation to a panel of judges and explain the inspiration behind their ingredients and theme. It's a fun, friendly competition that brings the community together in a delicious way. Register by Friday, Aug. 29, at noon. Location is Roundup tents by Cooper House from 4-7 p.m.

Sept. 5 - Future

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college's programs,
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interested in attending
Martin-Gatton CAFE.
Location is Roundup
tents by Cooper House
from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Sept. 5 – Alumni and Food Sciences Alumni Reception

Reconnect with fellow alumni, meet current faculty and students and celebrate the Department of Animal and Food Sciences community. Location is E.S. Good Barn from 6 – 8 p.m.

Sept. 6 – Alumni and Friends Tailgate Let's all rally together to cheer the Wildcats to victory against Ole Miss!

Tents open at 11 a.m. at Cooper House Meal lines open at 12 p.m. Program starts at 1:30 p.m.

Kickoff is 3:30 p.m. at Kroger Field Exclusive hard-

hat tours of the new Martin-Gatton Agricultural Sciences Building will also be offered. Participants will be among the first to explore the future student hub and teaching center, which is set to open in 2026. Wearing close-toed shoes and long pants will be required.

For many graduates, like Melissa Tomblin, alumni association president at Martin-Gatton CAFE, Roundup means more.

"Whether you're meeting up with friends, reconnecting with past professors, or just looking for a fun tailgate, this is the place to be," Tomblin said. "I enjoy coming every year to celebrate our legacy, reignite lifelong connections and experience the spirit, pride and energy that makes CAFE feel like home. I invite you to join me in making memories at Roundup!"

Event registration can be found at https://alumni.ca.uky.

edu/roundup.
For questions,
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contact McKenna Hulette, director of alumni relations at Martin-Gatton CAFE, at mckenna.hulette@ uky.edu or (859) 257-

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Shell meets with Robert Kennedy Jr. to discuss Kentucky's Food is Medicine Initiative



Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner Jonathan Shell, back left, meets with U.S. Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins this week at the U.S. Department of Agriculture headquarters in Washington, D.C. Also attending the meeting were, front from left: Mark Bowling, Commissioner Shell's chief of staff; Jeremy Ferguson, the commissioner's executive assistant; and Jay Hall, executive director of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's

By Chris Aldridge Kentucky Ag News

FRANKFORT -Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner Jonathan Shell had the opportunity to meet with U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr., who has been promoting his national health initiative under the slogan "Make America Healthy Again" (MAHA).

Commissioner Shell shared Kentucky's vision to "Make Kentucky Healthy Again," highlighting the Food is Medicine Initiative – a collaborative effort between the Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA) and the Kentucky Hospital Association. This initiative is focused on improving health outcomes by increasing access to fresh, nutritious, locally grown food across the Commonwealth.

The meeting with Kennedy came at the invitation of U.S. Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins, who welcomed Commissioner Shell to discuss how Kentucky's efforts can serve as a model for integrating agriculture

and health policy. "It was a great honor and privilege to have the opportunity to meet with secretaries Rollins and Kennedy," Commissioner Shell said. "Secretary Kennedy and I had a brief conversation about Food is Medicine and advancing the initiative to benefit farmers and public health in Kentucky and nationwide."

Commissioner Shell met with Rollins and Kennedy while in Washington, D.C.,

with KDA's Kentucky Proud program, which was participating in a national farmers' market event.

Rollins invited all 50 states to celebrate National Farmers' Market Week by participating in the first-ever Great American Farmers' Market in Washington. It is taking place on the National Mall across from U.S. Department of Agriculture's Whitten Building headquarters.

"Of the 50 states, only 26 were able to participate," said Jay Hall, executive director of KDA's Office of Agricultural Marketing. "Only three state marketing brands participated, of which Kentucky Proud was one.

"We had several thousand visitors to the Kentucky Proud booth, all of which were given the opportunity to register to win a small basket full of Kentucky Proud items while we educated them about Kentucky agriculture," Hall added. "We wanted to make sure people understood the impact agriculture has on the economy of our

"We had the great fortune of meeting a lot of Kentuckians vacationing in our nation's capital, all of which expressed their sincere gratitude for Kentucky Proud participating. Congress is on recess, so we invited the staffs of our Kentucky delegation to stop by, and many of them did."

Kentucky Proud had a 10-foot by 20-foot tent, flanked by tents from two Kentucky Proud

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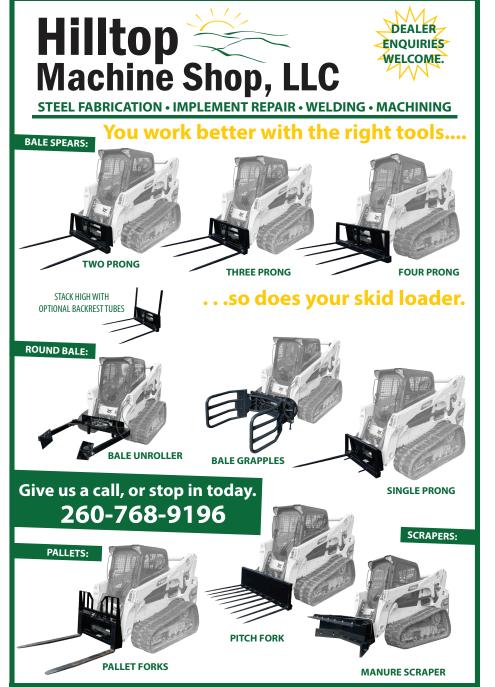
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vendors. Whisky Ridge Farm from Calloway County sold its small batch jams jellies, and pickled products, while Bluegrass Kettle Masters from Madison County peddled its kettle-cooked popcorn, which was also sold at the Kentucky Derby.

"Both of them said the farmers' market exceeded their expectations," Hall said. "They said they were worried about selling out before the end of the week."

The Great American Farmers' Market, which runs through Aug. 8, kicked off Sunday night with a concert by country music artists Big & Rich.

"There was a theme for every day," Hall said. "On MAHA Monday, Secretary Kennedy joined Secretary Rollins in doing a cooking demonstration (using ingredients from the farmers' market), then toured the market."

Rollins said the market "is our opportunity to ... stand shoulder to shoulder with today's producers."

"America was founded by farmers – ordinary citizens who tilled the land, fed their families and neighbors, and built a nation rooted in freedom and selfreliance," Rollins added. "President Trump has stood firmly behind America's farmers by cutting taxes and

strengthening the farm safety net, and now we're bringing the bounty of their hard work to showcase in our nation's capital. Featuring over 50 daily booths from vendors across the country, this market showcases the strength and boundless spirit of American agriculture."

"It was a great experience for Kentucky Proud, especially since not a lot of other states participated," Hall said. "My hope is they do it again next year, and we'll be given more time to plan a bigger show. Given the tremendous success of the vendors' sales, I would anticipate it'll be a highly soughtafter event and all 50 states will participate next year."

University of Kentucky experts set date for Mechanical Weed Control Field Day

By Grace Sowards

LEXINGTON, Ky.— Aug. 1, 2025 – The University of Kentucky Center for Crop Diversification (CCD), housed in the Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, the Organic Association of Kentucky and Glacial Drift Enterprises are proud to host the 2025 Kentucky Mechanical Weed Control Field Day on Tuesday, September 23, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the UK Horticulture Research Farm, 4321 Emmert Farm Lane, Lexington, KY 40514.

This full-day, handson event offers farmers, agriculture professionals and students focused on specialty crops, the opportunity to:

Test a range of weedcontrol and cultivation equipment, from walkbehind models to fourwheel tractor-mounted tools;

Learn best practices for making cultivator and tool adjustments in real-time;

Discover the latest mechanical weed-control innovations suitable for small, medium and largescale production; and

Network with peers, expert practitioners and equipment manufacturers.

Registration is open now, with tickets priced at \$55 per person, including lunch. Group registration for up to five attendees can be purchased via credit card; larger groups or registrants who want to purchase via check can contact CCD co-director Alexis Sheffield at alexis. sheffield@uky.edu.

The deadline to register is September 9, and space is limited.

The event is sponsored by the USDA Midwest Transition to Organic Program Partnership and Southern Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SSARE). Several equipment manufacturers, including Tilmor, Garford, Treffler and Earth Tools, will demonstrate the latest in mechanical weed control-including camera-guided systems, electric cultivators, stale seed bedders and more.

For more information and to secure your placevisit https://ccd.uky.edu/ mwcfd. Join to stay ahead with sustainable, efficient weed-control practices tailored for Kentucky growers.















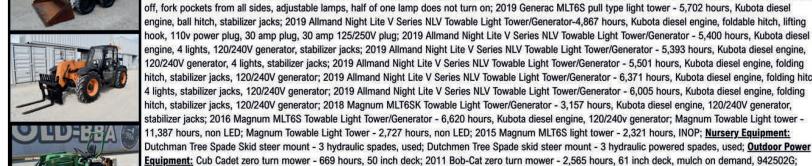












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duals, 300 bu. capacity, bin extensions, yield monitor, heat/AC, radio, beacon light, work lights; Tractors: McCormick Farmall 300 tractor - 540 PTO, wheel weights front hitch; John Deere 755 Compact Tractor - 634 hours, OROPS, rear 3 PT hitch and PTO, hydrostat drive, Model 70 Loader; Gravity Wagons (2) Killbros 375 Grain Wagon-375 bushel capacity, front and rear ladders, rear hitch, wood sideboards, spare tire running lights; J&M 250-7 Gravity Wagon - 250 bushel capacity, front ladder, rear hitch, side boards, side discharge; J&M 250 Gravity Wagon - side discharge, rear hitch, front ladder; Headers: 2014 John Deere 640FD Flex Draper Head-all new draper belts, good cutter bar, fore/aft reel, poly finger reel, single point hook up, PTO hookup; Massey Ferguson 8200-30 Grain Head-30ft long, full finger auger, fore/aft reel, poly finger reel, poly skid plates; Massey Ferguson 8 Row Corn Head - 30 inch row spacing, poly snouts, folding snouts, left side hydraulic hookup, PTO hookup; Tillage Equipment: Brillion 12 Ft Disk Ripper-30 inch wide ripper spacing, 9 shanks, single section, rear single bar spike drag, hydraulic raise and lower; 3PT Field cultivator - single section; Custom Built 28ft Harro Gator-3 section folding, 7ft wings, 12ft main frame rear hitch, hydraulic raise lower; Kewanee 14FT Cultipacker - double cultipacker, pull type, hydraulic raise and lower, single section; Excavators: 2022 Komatsu PC130-11 - 190 hours, quick attach, 36 inch digging bucket, 24 inch wide tracks, 2 speed, pattern changer, heat/AC, radio, roof vent, excellent condition; 2018 Volvo ECR235EL, 3,230hrs. Reduced Tail Swing, Aux Hyd, Camera System, Volvo Tooth Bucket, 32in Pads, 44" bucket, 2018 JD 210G-3,350 hrs. Aux Hydraulics, 32in Pads, 9ft 7in Arm, 24" TAG Tooth Bucket w/Coupler, Pattern Changer, Backup Camera, Two Speed Travel; 2013 John Deere 350G LC Hydraulic Excavator, 8006 Hours, EROPS, heat, ac, quick coupler, aux hydraulics, 48 inch digging bucket; 2015 Komatsu PC360LC-11 Hydraulic Excavator, 9470 hours, EROPS pattern changer, heat, ac, radio, quick coupler aux hydraulics, digging bucket, rear camera; Dozers; 2019 Caterpillar D5K2 LGP Crawler Dozer - 4,936 hrs. 6 way blade, rear drawbar, 26 inch wide track pads, 10ft 6 inch wide, sweeps, work lights, Grade Control Ready; 2015 Komatsu D61 EXI-23 Crawler Dozer 10,604 Hours, EROPS, heat, ac, radio, 6 way blade has mounting hardware for grade system, rear hitch; 2014 Komatsu D39PXI-23 8511 Hours, Inteligent Machine, EROPS, heat, ac, radio, 6 way blade, rear hitch; Loader Backhoes: 2018 Deere 410L - 7,312 hours, EROPS, push button start, 3 speed, left hand reverser, two stick backhoe controls, foot pedal extenda hoe, boom lock, out riggers, heat/AC, 94 inch Loader Bucket, 24 inch Digging Bucket; 2018 Deere 410L 7,664hours, EROPS, push button start, 3 speed, left hand reverser, two stick backhoe controls, foot pedal extenda hoe, boom lock, out riggers, heat, ac, 94 inch Loader Bucket, 24 inch Digging Bucket; Cranes: 1990 Link Belt HSP 8040 rough terrain crane - 9,982 hours, Bi fold JIB, outriggers, EROPS; Skid Steers - Wheel: 2015 Caterpillar 272D2 skid steer - 2,312 hours, quick attach, EROPS, bucket, aux. hydraulics, heat/air, air ride seat; 2016 Case SR240 Wheeled Skid Steer - 876 hours, EROPS, heat/AC, radio, 2 speed hi flow hydraulics; 2018 Caterpillar 262D Wheeled Skid Steer - 6,323 hours, EROPS, hydraulic quick attach, heat/AC, radio, hi flow aux hydraulics, pilot controls, overhead water kit, smooth asphalt tires; 2018 Caterpillar 262D Wheeled Skid Steer - 6,348 hours, EROPS, heat/AC, radio, hydraulic quick attach, hi flow aux hydraulics, 2 speed, overhead water kit, smooth asphalt tires; 2017 Kubota SSV65 Wheeled Skid Steer - 2,012 hours, EROPS, quick attach, pilot controls, aux hydraulics, smooth bucket, pneumatic tires, work lights; 2017 Bobcat S570 Skidsteer, 1,734hrs, Enclosed cab, aux. hyd. hyd. quick-tach; 2017 Takeuchi TS50V Skidsteer, 839hrs, enclosed cab, aux. hyd; 2017 Takeuchi TS50V, Skidsteer, 677hrs. Enclosed cab, aux. hyd; 2020 Kubota SSV65 Skidsteer, 489hrs. Enclosed cab, Aux. hyd. Hydraulic quick tach, Pilot controls; Skid Steers-Track: 2019 Caterpillar 289D Tracked Skid Steer - 3,542 hours, EROPS rubber tracks, quick attach, 2 speed work lights, aux hydraulics, heat/air, radio; 2019 Deere 325G Track Skid Steer - 2,039 hours, OROPS, manual coupler aux hydraulics, push button start, pilot controls, work lights; 2019 Deere 325G - 1,875 hours, OROPS, pilot controls, hydraulic quick attach, rubber tracks, 2 speed, aux hydraulics, work lights; 2021 Caterpillar 259D3 Skid Steer - 1,312 hours, EROPS, rubber track, 2 speed, high flow, hydraulic quick attach bucket, aux valves; Forklifts: 2024 Heli CPQD25 Forklift - 58 demo hours, 5,000 lb capacity, 3 stage mast, side shift, manual adjust forks, 42 inch forks, NEW; 1996 Caterpillar GC-30 forklift-8,514 hours, 48 inch forks, 3 stage mast, side shift, tilt, comes with tank; Case 585E forklift-282 hours, 4 speed, 48 inch forks; Hyster forklift-8,242 hours, 3 stage mast, comes with tank; Boom Lifts-Telescopic: 2007 JLG 600S Telescopic manlift - 2,742 hours, 60 ft boom, basket, ground controls, 4X4, reconditioned by JLG 4/17; 2014 Genie S-85 boom lift -4,916 hours, 4x4, JIB, power to platform, ground controls; 2017 Haulotte HT67RTJ boom lift - 3,013 hours, JIB, diesel engine, basket and ground controls; 2013 Genie S-60X boom lift - 6,778 hours, 4x4, diesel engine, basket and ground controls; Boom Lifts-Articulating: 2016 JLG 450AJ boom lift - 2,161 hours, diesel engine, 45ft platform height, articulating boom, JIB, 500lb lift capacity; 2007 JLG 600AJ telescopic man lift-2,459 hours, 60 ft max height, 500 lb max capacity, JIB, power to basket, ground controls, 2 person, 4X4; Scissor Lifts: 2016 GS-3246-electric powered, 32ft platform height, slide out deck, 500lb lift capacity, batteries are weak; SKYJACK SJIII4632 scissor lift-208 hours, power to platform, 32 ft max platform, 700 lb max capacity; Genie GS-4069DC Electric Rough Terrain Scissor Lift-254 hours, electric powered, 40ft platform height, slide out deck, 500lb lift capacity; Genie GS-3246 scissor lift - 485 hours, 32ft platform height, slide out deck, 500lb lift capacity, power to platform, batteries are weak; Skyjack SJIII4632 Electric Scissor Lift - 38ft max working height, 700lb max platform capacity, extendable platform; 2014 JLG 1930ES scissor lift - 740 hours, power to platform; Telehandlers: 2015 Genie GTH 5519-3,109 hours, EROPS, 5,500lb max lift capacity, 19ft reach, aux hydraulics, solid tires; Farm Attachments: Woods RM59 3PT Finish Mower - PTO Drive, 60 inch wide; 48 Inch 3 Point Rotary Cutter - PTO Drive; 3PT Scraper Blade-manually adjustable angle; 3PT Box scraper- 4ft wide with ripper teeth, used; Woods R107-2 Rotary Mower - 72 inch wide, 3 Pt mount, PTO drive; Hay and Forage Equipment: New Holland 258 Pull Type Rake; Grain Handling Equipment: Hutchinson 45ft Transfer Auger - 8 inch diameter auger, poly trap, towable PTO driven, manual raise/lower; New Holland 353 Feed Grinder - PTO drive, swing away auger; Mini Excavators: Landhonor Mini Excavator-OROPS, rubber tracks, manual adjustable thumb, aux hydraulics, grading blade, NEW/UNUSED; Mini Skid Steers: (2) Landhonor Mini Skidsteer - rubber tracks, gas engine work light, smooth bucket, aux hydraulics, NEW/UNUSED; Heavy Duty Trucks: 1994 Kenworth T600 Sleeper Truck - 869,113 miles, Cat engine, manual trans, wood grain floor, heat/AC, radio, aluminum wheels; 2005 Volvo VNL Sleeper Truck Semi - 794,859 miles, raised roof sleeper, steel wheels, D13 engine, manual trans, heat/AC, radio; Medium Duty Trucks: 1988 SRECO FLEXIBLE HV1600TR sewer flusher - tandem axle, rear hose reel; 2006 International 4300 Box Truck - 114,192 miles, DT466 engine, auto trans, 24 foot dry box, front bench seat, heat/air, radio; 1999 Freightliner FL60 Single Axle Dump Truck-195,461 miles, 12 ft steel dump, air brakes, rear hitch, air, radio, auto transmission; Semi-Trailers: 2007 Doonan Step Deck trailer - fixed spread axle, wood floor, rail mounted straps, tool boxes, 10 ft top deck; Utility Trailers: 2024 Big Tex 48Ft Gooseneck Trailer - 102 wide, tandem axle 5ft long fold over ramps, beaver tail, dual wheels, adjustable neck, dual jacks, wood floor, rub rails stake pockets, sliding rail mount straps, title absent; 10 Ft Utility trailer - wood floor, wood side boards, single axle, spare title; RJ Cox 18 Ft. flat trailer-tandem axle, ramps, pintle hitch, 84 inch wide, tool box on front, wood floor; PLCS coil pipe trailer/straightener-maximum pipe diameter 6 inch, minimum diameter of 2 inch, pintle hitch, no title; Agricultural Trailers: EZ Trail 680 Header Cart - 30ft cart, front steer adjustable tongue, rear hitch; EZ Trail Header Cart - 20ft long, extendable tongue, rear hitch front axle steer; Light Towers: 2022 Generac MLTS Led Light tower - 6,320 hours, manual mast, towable, stabilizers; 2020 Generac CUBE HYPER light tower-6,500 hours, rotating mast, stabilizer jacks, Kubota diesel engine, hydraulic raise and lower, individual lamp shul off, fork pockets from all sides, adjustable lamps, half of one lamp does not turn on; 2019 Generac MLT6S pull type light tower - 5,702 hours, Kubota diesel engine, ball hitch, stabilizer jacks; 2019 Allmand Night Lite V Series NLV Towable Light Tower/Generator-4,867 hours, Kubota diesel engine, foldable hitch, lifting hook, 110v power plug, 30 amp plug, 30 amp 125/250V plug; 2019 Allmand Night Lite V Series NLV Towable Light Tower/Generator - 5,400 hours, Kubota diesel engine, 4 lights, 120/240V generator, stabilizer jacks; 2019 Allmand Night Lite V Series NLV Towable Light Tower/Generator - 5,393 hours, Kubota diesel engine, 120/240V generator, 4 lights, stabilizer jacks; 2019 Allmand Night Lite V Series NLV Towable Light Tower/Generator - 5,501 hours, Kubota diesel engine, folding hitch, stabilizer jacks, 120/240V generator; 2019 Allmand Night Lite V Series NLV Towable Light Tower/Generator - 6,371 hours, Kubota diesel engine, folding hitch, 4 lights, stabilizer jacks, 120/240V generator; 2019 Allmand Night Lite V Series NLV Towable Light Tower/Generator - 6,005 hours, Kubota diesel engine, folding hitch, stabilizer jacks, 120/240V generator; 2018 Magnum MLT6SK Towable Light Tower/Generator - 3,157 hours, Kubota diesel engine, 120/240V generator, stabilizer jacks; 2016 Magnum MLT6S Towable Light Tower/Generator - 6,620 hours, Kubota diesel engine, 120/240v generator; Magnum Towable Light tower 11,387 hours, non LED; Magnum Towable Light Tower - 2,727 hours, non LED; 2015 Magnum MLT6S light tower - 2,321 hours, INOP; Nursery Equipment:



















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Marshall County Fiscal Court Hears from Parks Director & Emergency Management Director

By Kelsey Edwards Marshall Times Editor

The Marshall County Fiscal Court held its meeting on August 5, 2025 and started out with the recognition of Reese Oakley, who is a Marshall County alumni and current Murray State University baseball pitcher. This recognition comes after Oakley's appearance with the Murray State Racers at the College World Series in early summer. Deputy Judge/Executive Andy Pagel said the team's trip to Omaha, Nebraska generated 44.3 billion media impressions for the university.

Following Oakley's recognition, the court heard from Britney Moss, the Marshall

County Parks Director, who shared with the court that for the opening day of the fall Miracle League season, the park has partnered with Murray State. For the opening day festivities, the Racers baseball team will be acting as buddies for the Miracle League players, while the Murray State cheerleaders and mascot Dunker will be in attendance to cheer them on. Moss also introduced two high school seniors to the court, who will be serving as interns at the park for the year. The interns include Audrey Grace Brown who is a senior at Marshall County High School, and plans to make a career in marketing along with Ellie Jo Clark who is a

senior at Graves County High School, and is interested in working to make Miracle League more accessible to Graves County residents.

The court also heard from Curt Curtner, the **Emergency Management** Director. He shared that, under KRS 39F.200, he can appoint a local search and rescue coordinator, with the approval of the fiscal court. Curtner stated that the previous Rescue Squad Chief Kenny Pratt held that position, but due to Pratt having resigned from the rescue squad the authority had fallen back to Curtner. Curtner currently remains chief of the rescue squad, but made the recommendation to appoint Greg Bingham,

a squad member. The court did go on to approve Curtner's recommendation. The court went on to hold the first reading of an amendment to the building code which only saw changes to the building fee schedule. This specific ordinance had not been amended since 2014 and Casey Counce, the Building Inspector said the adjustments brought the fee schedule in line with the state's fee schedule. No vote was held on the ordinance due to it only being the first reading, and no amendments were suggested.

The court went on to approve two resolutions for grant projects, one for the senior citizens building and the other

for a housing grant. The court then approved the high bids of four road department surplus items, along with a bid for a new road department tractor from Ag Revolution. The bid was for \$166,800, which came in under what the court had originally budgeted for which was \$170,000 for the new tractor. The fiscal court also approved the surplus of a secondary coroner's vehicle. Following the ambulance service's receiving a new vehicle in recent months, the coroner's office took the most recently retired ambulance to begin using. The court went on to approve the advertisement of bids for the park pavilion that suffered damage from a

downed tree from some thunderstorms that took place back in May. The court rescheduled the September 16 regular meeting to September 15 at 9 a.m. Prior to the court adjourning, they went into executive session in order to discuss litigation and personnel. Upon their return, the court approved to follow the recommendation of council in the ongoing opioid litigation, the placement of liens on three nuisance properties, and approval to start the foreclosure process on a nuisance property that already had a lien placed on it. The next meeting is set for August 19, 2025 at 9

Marshall County Parks Department to Host Fall Events Leading up to Christmas

By Kelsey Edwards Marshall Times Editor

The Marshall County Parks Department has already begun preparing for its fall programming event though the park still has a variety of summer programs taking place. There will be several returning activities along with some new programs as well. The fall programs are set to kick off with the Miracle League of

Western Kentucky fall season. The fall 2025 season will mark the program's third fall season, and fifth season overall. The addition of two more teams means the program will now see three games on each Saturday, rather than two

Following the Miracle League season, the park will shift towards the infamous Boo Bash which is the park's annual Halloween celebration. The Boo

Bash event is set for October 25, 2025, however, the annual hay bale decorating contest is set to begin sooner. The park is currently working to find hay bales for the event, and once those are found, all individuals, groups, businesses, or anyone else interested may sign up to decorate a bale. The cost of entry is \$50, and this covers the hay bales, the display, and the sign stating who

decorated the bale.

The decorated bales will then be posted on Facebook for the public to vote in order to determine the winner of the competition. The Boo Bash event generally includes a maze, a costume contest, food trucks, a haunted trail, and much much more.

The parks department is adding a new event this year for the month of November, to fill the gap between the Boo Bash and the annual Christmas light display. For the very first time on November 22, there will be a kids Thanksgiving parade. The parade will take place that morning and is open to any kids up to the age of 12. The children can decorate any type of ride-on, including powerwheels, bicycles, scooters, etc. but the parks department is encouraging them to think big, and get creative. Not only do

they get to decorate a ride for the parade, the children will be allowed to throw out candy to others if they want too. The fall programming will lead the park straight into Christmas, with the annual light show beginning just one week after the Thanksgiving kids parade. Details about each event can be found on the Mike Miller Park and Miracle League of Western Kentucky Facebook pages.

MARSHALL COUNTY WEEK IN REVIEW

Calvert City Elementary has once again been named an awardee of "America's Healthiest Schools", specifically recognized for the topic of Increasing Family and Community Engagement!

FNB Bank announced they have donated \$1,500 back to Marshall County Schools through their Spirit Debit Card Program. This donation to the school system is a result of FNB's second quarter 2025 Spirit Debit Card Program.

Benton Elementary School was on the 2025 list of America's Healthiest Schools. They were celebrated by the National Children's Health Organization, Alliance for a Healthier Generation along with 1,119 other K-12 nationwide schools for their commitment to advancing whole child health.

MURRAY / CALLOWAY COUNTY WEEK IN REVIEW

Calloway County Fire-Rescue was assisted by the Marshall County firefighters after a burn pile got out of control. A landowner on the 2000 block of Highland Road had been clearing the land and started burning a couple of piles of brush and tree limbs before the fire got out of control.

A Kentucky Division of Forestry employee responded to the area after seeing smoke and unsuccessfully tried to get it under control before calling CCFR for help.

The Murray-Calloway County Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting to celebrate something special in the heart of the Murray-Calloway County community: the new Historic Downtown Murray billboards. They are owned by Mark and Karen Welch, and are more than just a welcome — they're a reminder of Murray's rich heritage and the legacy that's being built each and everyday.

Scott Pile ('02, '06),

in the classroom and is currently teaching 7th grade science. Pile also

coaches the Academic Team at Calloway

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Helping Children Wake Up for School

A Smooth Start for Students and Families

By Wilbur Jackson KPI Writer

The start of a new school year brings the challenge of shifting children from relaxed summer mornings to early school-day wakeups. For many families, those first few weeks are filled with sleepy faces, slow-moving routines, and a rush out the door. With a bit of planning and consistency, mornings can be calmer, more efficient, and even enjoyable.

1. Start the Adjustment Early

A week or two before school begins, gradually move bedtime earlier by 15– 20 minutes each night until the desired sleep schedule is reached. Do the same with wake-up times so the change feels less abrupt. This helps reset a child's internal clock and makes early mornings less of a shock.

2. Create a Consistent Bedtime Routine

A predictable, calming bedtime routine signals to the body that it's time to rest. Activities like reading, taking a warm bath, or listening to soft music can help children wind down. Avoid screens at least 30–60 minutes before bed, as the blue light can interfere with melatonin production and delay sleep.

3. Prepare the Night Before

Reduce morning chaos by laying out clothes, packing lunches, and setting out backpacks before bedtime. Knowing everything is ready makes mornings smoother and eliminates last-minute stress that can slow children down.

4. Use Gentle Wake-Up Methods

Instead of abrupt alarms, consider waking children with natural light from an open curtain, a sunrise alarm clock, or soft music. Gradual wake-ups help prevent grogginess and start the day on a positive note.

5. Make Mornings Pleasant

A warm greeting, a favorite breakfast, or a few minutes of quiet conversation can help children feel cared for and more willing to start their day. Rushed or tense mornings can create negative associations with waking up for school.

6. Encourage Responsibility

As children grow, give them more control over their own morning routine. Using a simple checklist — get dressed, brush teeth, eat breakfast, grab backpack — can foster independence and reduce nagging.

7. Keep Sleep Needs in Mind

School-aged children typically need 9–11 hours of sleep per night. If mornings are consistently difficult, evaluate whether bedtime is late enough to allow for adequate rest. Lack of sleep is often the root cause of morning struggles. 8. Stay Consistent on Weekends

While it's tempting to let children sleep in late on weekends, drastic changes can throw off their weekday rhythm. Aim to keep wake-up times within an hour of the usual schedule.

A Smoother Start
Helping children adjust
to early wake-ups is about
more than setting an
alarm — it's about creating
a healthy rhythm that
supports both sleep and
school readiness. With
consistency, preparation,
and a positive atmosphere,
mornings can shift from
frantic to functional, giving
children the best possible
start to their school day.



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The End of Kentucky Lake Season

Saying Goodbye to Summer on the Water

By Wilbur Jackson KPI Writer

As the last warm days of September fade into the cool, crisp air of October, the Kentucky Lake region begins to wind down its busiest time of year. For locals and visitors alike, the end of lake season is bittersweet — a mix of gratitude for the memories made and reluctance to pack away the gear that's defined the summer.

A Summer Hub

Kentucky Lake, stretching over 160,000 acres along the western edge of Kentucky and Tennessee, is a haven for boating, fishing, swimming, and waterfront relaxation. From Memorial Day through Labor Day, marinas bustle with activity, campgrounds are full, and the water shimmers with the

wake of pontoons, bass boats, and jet skis. Vacationers flock to the lake's small towns — Benton, Murray, and Grand Rivers — filling cabins, restaurants, and tackle shops.

Signs of the Season's Close

By late September, the pace begins to change. The busy hum of motors on the water grows quieter. Seasonal businesses shorten their hours, and marinas prepare to haul boats out for winter storage. Anglers shift their focus from leisurely summer fishing to the fall bite, when crappie and bass feed heavily before the cold sets in.

Fall's Quiet Charm

While peak season ends, fall brings its own magic to Kentucky Lake. The shorelines explode

with red, orange, and gold leaves. Cooler temperatures make hiking, kayaking, and camping more comfortable. The crowds thin, leaving a peaceful stillness for those who linger past the summer rush. For many locals, this is the best time to enjoy the lake — a slower pace, fewer lines at boat ramps, and sunsets that seem even more vivid.

Closing Traditions For lake-goers, the end of the season often means one last boat ride, a final cookout on the dock, or a weekend of fishing with friends. Some marinas host "end of season" gatherings, giving boaters a chance to celebrate before winterizing their vessels. Campers might mark the close with a bonfire and s'mores, sharing stories from the summer's adventures.

Looking Ahead

While Kentucky
Lake's summer season
is iconic, it's not
the end of outdoor
life in the region.
Hunters, hikers, and
birdwatchers make
the most of the cooler
months. Winter
fishing still draws
dedicated anglers. And

as spring approaches, preparations begin again — docks are repaired, boats are cleaned, and vacation rentals are booked.

A Lasting Connection

The end of Kentucky Lake season is a reminder that summer's beauty is fleeting, but the sense of community and connection to the water lasts all year. For those who've spent time on its shores, Kentucky Lake is more than just a summer destination — it's a place woven into the rhythm of life, patiently waiting for the next season to begin.



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Faith in Western Kentucky

Tradition, Community, and Resilience

By Wilbur Jackson KPI Writer

In the hills, small towns, and river valleys of

belief — it's a central part of community life. From rural clapboard churches to historic brick sanctuaries, religion has values, and the way

neighbors support each other.

Deep Roots Christianity, denominational traditions, has been the foundation of the region's religious life for generations. Many congregations trace their origins to the 1800s, when

the church served as both a spiritual home and a social center. Today, these historic congregations often stand alongside newer churches meeting in storefronts or community buildings.

In many towns, Sundays still bring families together for worship, hymns, and fellowship. While church attendance trends have shifted nationally, participation in Western Kentucky often remains strong.

Community Anchor Churches here are more than places of worship. They host potlucks, youth groups, seasonal celebrations, and Vacation Bible School. These gatherings unite people across generations and create lasting bonds.

Faith communities also play a vital role in crisis response. After the devastating December 2021 tornadoes, churches became shelters, distribution centers, and counseling hubs. Volunteers provided meals, clothing, and rebuilding help — living out the values they

Changing Landscape While Christianity is still dominant, diversity is growing. Immigrant communities have added new traditions, from Catholic parishes with Hispanic congregants to small Muslim and Hindu gatherings in towns like Paducah and Murray. Interfaith cooperation is slowly increasing, often centered on shared charitable work.

College towns contribute to this shift, as universities host ministries from many denominations and support international student religious groups. This exposure broadens understanding, particularly among younger residents.

Faith in Daily Life

Religion often blends with everyday life. Prayers before ball games or community meetings are common. Local businesses may display scripture or crosses. Individuals lean on faith during challenges — a farmer praying for rain, a teacher finding comfort in scripture, or a nurse reciting a psalm on a difficult night shift.

Adapting to Change Churches face familiar challenges: generational differences, competing schedules, and the impact of online life. The pandemic accelerated livestream worship, which remains useful for homebound members. Younger generations sometimes prefer less formal settings, prompting churches to offer contemporary services, coffee shop study groups, or community outreach events outside traditional walls.

Resilience and Hope Faith's greatest role may be in fostering resilience. When faced with economic hardship, personal loss, or natural disaster, residents often find strength in both their beliefs and the relationships within their faith communities. Pastors, priests, and lay leaders serve as spiritual guides and practical helpers.

The church bell ringing across a small town still signals constancy: compassion, fellowship, and shared hope.

Looking Forward Western Kentucky's faith communities work to nonor tradition while embracing change. Old hymns still echo in country chapels, but praise bands and multicultural choirs are increasingly common. Revival tents still rise in summer fields, alongside online prayer groups linking members across counties.

Faith here is a living, evolving presence that binds communities together. In moments of joy and seasons of hardship, many residents turn first to their faith and to each other — for strength, guidance, and belonging.

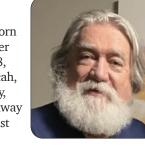




Funeral Notice Obituaries furnished to Kentucky Publishing

Larry Watson Jones

Larry
Watson
Jones, born
December
28, 1948,
in Paducah,
Kentucky,
passed away
on August
7, 2025,
in Hixson,



Tennessee. He was 76 years old.

A devoted family man and respected professional, Larry built a life marked by dedication and quiet compassion. He retired as an Operations Duty Specialist with the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), where his commitment and work ethic left a lasting impression on colleagues and the organization alike.

Larry shared nearly four decades of companionship with his beloved significant other, Sue Donilon. Together they built a life filled with love and mutual respect. He was a proud father to three children: Larry William Jones and his wife Lisa: Donald Keith Jones and his wife Kristi; and Melanie Renee Jackson and her husband Joe. His legacy continues through seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren who brought him immense

Born to William

Artel Jones and Mary Elwanda Watson, both of whom preceded him in death, Larry carried forward the values instilled

in him from an early age—integrity, kindness, and a deep sense of responsibility.

Larry had a special place in his heart for animals. A lifelong lover of Basset Hounds and cats, he never met a stray cat he didn't love. His gentle nature extended to all creatures great and small, reflecting his generous spirit.

He was of the Baptist faith, drawing strength from his beliefs throughout his life.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of donations to your local animal shelter—a tribute that honors Larry's enduring compassion for animals.

May his memory bring comfort to those who knew him.

Arrangements are by Legacy Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 8911 Dallas Hollow Road, Soddy-Daisy, TN 37379. (423) 843-2525. To share memories, photos or condolences, please visit www. legacyfuneralhome.com.

BALLARD •

Patrick Romaine, age 67, passed away on August 9, 2025. Graveside services were held on Wednesday, August 13, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at Oscar Community Cemetery with Rev. Ryan Baker officiating.

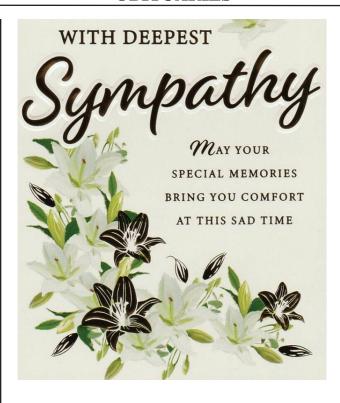
Lindy Sue (White) Gholson, 96, of Lovelaceville, Kentucky, passed away on Monday, August 4, 2025, and ran with joy into the arms of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Memorial Service was held at Morrow Funeral Chapel in LaCenter, KY on Saturday, August 9, 2025.

Ruth Wallis Smith Nelson, 84, of Kevil, passed away on Thursday, August 7, 2025, at her residence with her family by her side. Memorial services was held Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at Park Avenue Baptist Church with Rev. Bob Barr officiating.

• CALDWELL •

David Towery, 72, passed away on Friday, on August 8, 2025, in the comfort of his home in Princeton, Kentucky. Funeral services were held Monday, August 11, 2025, at Morgan's Funeral Home with Bro. Dean Ray and Bro. Jimmy Sigler officiating. Burial in Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Caldwell County.

Beverly Jane Hulsey, a cherished wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend to many, passed away peacefully on August 7, 2025, in Evansville, IN, at the age of 77. Funeral services will be held Saturday, August 16, 2025 at Morgan's Funeral Home at 2:00 pm with Samuel Haulk officiating. Burial will follow in Lakeview Cemetery in Providence.



Tammy G. Lynch, age 63, of Princeton, passed away Wednesday, August 6, 2025 at her home. Arrangements were incomplete at Morgan's Funeral Home.

Gerald W. Oden, a life-long resident of Caldwell County, Kentucky, and a cherished patriarch of his loving family, passed away on August 4, 2025, at the age of 82. Funeral services were Friday, August 8, 2025 at Morgan's Funeral Home with Bro. Roger Mitchell officiating. Burial in Rogers Cemetery in Christian County, KY with military honors.

• CALLOWAY •

Palmer G. Keathley, 81, of New Concord, KY, passed away on Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at his home. A celebration of life will be held at a later date in Tennessee.

Nancy J. Keathley, 80, of New Concord, KY, passed away on Sunday, August 10, 2025, at her home. A celebration of her life will be held at a later date in Tennessee.

Debra Jean Peck, 65, of Fredonia, KY, passed away on Friday, August 8, 2025. A celebration of Debra's life will be held at a later date.

Harold Wayne Moss, age 84, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away, Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at his home. Arrangements were incomplete at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

Ruetta Overby Turner, age 85, of Murray, Kentucky passed away on Wednesday, August 6, 2025, at the Murray-Calloway County Hospital in Murray, Kentucky. A funeral service was held Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services with Pastor Jeff Rudy and Bro. Jim Stahler officiating. Entombment in the Murray Memorial Gardens.

Gregory Keith Wood, age 63, of Ellsinore, Missouri passed away on Sunday, August 10, 2025, at the Murray - Calloway County Hospital. A funeral service will be held on Friday, August 15, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home and Cremation Services. Randy Stevenson will officiate, and burial will follow in the Wadesboro Cemetery in Hardin, Kentucky. Visitation will be held prior to the funeral service on Friday, August 15, 2025, from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

David L. Morgan, age 78, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away on Sunday, August 10, 2025, at the Murray – Calloway County Hospital. A visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m., Friday, August 15, 2025, at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services. A funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, August 16, 2025, at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Pastor Chris Morgan will officiate, and an interment service will follow at 2:00 p.m. in the Oakwood Cemetery in Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

Joyce Evelyn Olson, age 84, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away, Monday, June 9, 2025, at the Baptist Health Hospital in Paducah, Kentucky. Ms. Olsons cremains will be scattered at the Fairdealing Cemetery in Marshall County, Kentucky at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, September 13, 2025. A reception will follow at the Four Little Pigs Restaurant in Benton, Kentucky.

Ramona Villeneuve, age 78, of Murray, Kentucky passed away on Wednesday, August 6, 2025. A graveside service was held Monday, August 11, 2025, at Murray Memorial Gardens. with Chris King officiating.

Samuel E. Willett, age 85, of Murray, Kentucky passed away, Wednesday, August 6, 2025, at the Anna Mae Owen Residential Hospice House in Murray, Kentucky. A funeral mass was held Saturday, August 9, 2025, at the St. Leo Catholic Church in Murray, Kentucky with Father Josh McCarty officiating. Burial in the Murray City Cemetery.

Jack H. Michael, 81 of Murray, KY, passed away Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at the Anna Mae Owen Residential Hospice House, Murray, KY. Arrangements were incomplete at this time at Blalock-Coleman Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Murray, KY.

Curtis C. Warner, 67 of Murray, KY, passed away Sunday, August 10, 2025, at his home. Arrangements were incomplete at this time at Blalock-Coleman Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Murray, KY.

Donnie Ray "Boone" Thomas, Sr., 73, of Murray, KY, passed away Friday, August 8, 2025, at the Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice House in Paducah, KY. Funeral services were Wednesday, August 13, 2025 in the chapel of the Blalock-Coleman Funeral Home, with Reverend Michael Pickens of New Life Church and Reverend Henry Greer officiating. Burial at the Mt. Sinai Church Cemetery in Oakton, KY.

• CARLISLE •

Karen Case Calvert, age 61, of Olmsted, Illinois, formerly of Bardwell, Kentucky, passed away on Monday, August 4, 2025, at her home. A visitation was held Thursday, August 7, 2025, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Bardwell.

• CHRISTIAN •

Ronald "Ronnie" F. Abbott, 70, Greenville Road, Hopkinsville, KY, passed away Wednesday, August 6, 2025 at his home. Funeral services were Monday, August 11, 2025 at Lamb Funeral Home with Chaplain Reed Shepherd officiating. Burial in Peaceful Meadows Cemetery.

Gary Gossett, 72, Morgan Lane, Hopkinsville, KY passed away on Wednesday, August 6, 2025 at Linda E. White Hospice House, Evansville, IN. Funeral services were Saturday, August 9, 2025 at Lamb Funeral Home with Rev. Roy King officiating and Rev. Vince Farrell assisting. Burial in H & M Cemetery.

Scarlette "Marley" Witherspoon, 10 months old, Boyle Street, Earlington, KY, passed away Sunday, August 3, 2025. Funeral services were Saturday, August 9, 2025 at Lamb Funeral Home with Rev. Kim Combs officiating and Rev. David Brown assisting. Burial in Flat Lick Cemetery.

Betty Lou Stevenson passed away on Friday, August 8, 2025 at the age of 89. Funeral services were Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home with her great grandson, Trey Moore, officiating. Burial in Green Hill Memorial Gardens.

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Anne Cooke Adams Embry, 99, of Hopkinsville, KY died at 6:30 a.m. Thursday, August 7, 2025 at her residence. Funeral services were Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at First United Methodist Church with Rev. Dan Huck officiating. Burial in Rosedale Cemetery in Pembroke, KY.

Mary Lee Maassen, 90, of Hopkinsville, KY died at 10:00 p.m. Sunday, August 10, 2025 at her residence. No services will be held at this time. Dogwood Funerals & Cremations of Hopkinsville is assisting with the arrangements.

Victor John Gigliette, III, 53 of Hopkinsville, KY died at 8:15 p.m. Friday, August 8, 2025 at his residence. Memorial service was held. Thursday, August 14, 2025 at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West. Dogwood Funerals & Cremations of Hopkinsville is in charge of the arrangements.

Gregory Rhoads, 54, of Hopkinsville, KY passed away on Tuesday, August 5, 2025 at his residence. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Dogwood Funerals & Cremations of Hopkinsville is assisting with arrangements.

Jack Hopson Bridges, 88, Hopkinsville, passed on Tuesday, August 5, 2025. Visitation was held Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at Gamble Funeral Home. Burial: at KVCW.

• CRITTENDEN •

Janice V. Wright, age 90, of Marion, KY, passed away on Monday, August 11, 2025, at Lake Barkley Health and Rehabilitation in Kuttawa, KY. Visitation for Janice Wright will be held on Friday, August 15, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Funeral services will follow at 1:00 PM at Gilbert Funeral Home with Bro. Chris Lowery officiating. Burial will follow in Mapleview Cemetery in Marion.

Walter "Roger" Phelps, age 80, of Crittenden County, passed away on Friday, August 8, 2025, at his home. Funeral services were Monday, August 11, 2025, at Gilbert Funeral Home with Bro. Gary Murray officiating. Burial in Mt. Zion Cemetery.

Minnie Wanda Ditty, fondly known as Wanda, gracefully departed this world to be with the Lord on Sunday, August 3, 2025, at the age of 93. Funeral services will be held at 3:00 PM on Saturday, August 16, 2025, at Gilbert Funeral Home with Bro. Tom Easley officiating. Burial will follow Mapleview Cemetery in Marion.

Timmy Glenn Penn, age 67, of Marion, KY, passed away on Monday, August 4, 2025 at his home. Funeral services were Friday, August 8, 2025, at Gilbert Funeral Home with Bro. Don Beverly officiating. Burial in Deer Creek Cemetery.

Kristie Rene Grimes age 51 of Carrier Mills, Illinois passed away August 5, 2025 at her home. Graveside funeral were Sunday August 10. 2025 at Love Cemetery under the direction of Myers Funeral Home, Marion, KY.

• FULTON •

Debbie Kay Ward, age 71, of Hickman, KY passed away Thursday, August 7, 2025, at her home. A memorial visitation for Ms. Debbie Kay Ward will be held at the Hornbeak Funeral Chapel in Hickman, KY from 5pm until 7pm Friday, August 15, 2025.

James Kenneth Maxwell, age 81, of Fulton, Kentucky, passed away peacefully on August 7, 2025, surrounded by the love of his family. A memorial service will be held at 11:30am Saturday, August 16, 2025, in our funeral chapel. Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 10am Saturday, August 16, 2025, until the hour of service.

• GRAVES •

Linda Gail Gossum Faughn, age 71, passed away in her home in Mayfield, Ky, Tuesday August 5, 2025. Linda's life was celebrated with her family and friends, Saturday, August 9, 2025 at the Calvary Presbyterian Church in Mayfield, KY

Ray C. Warmath, age 92, of Mayfield passed away on Sunday, August 10, 2025 at Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah, KY. Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 13, 2025 at Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY. Joel Crider and Randy Warmath officiating. Interment at Highland Park Cemetery.

Gary Jones, age 72, of Lovelaceville, formerly of Sedalia, passed away on Sunday, August 10, 2025 at Baptist Health in Paducah, KY. Funeral services were Thursday, August 14, 2025 at Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY. Bro. Dennis Zimmer officiating. Interment at Lynnville Baptist Church Cemetery.

Robert Dunkin, age 75, of Mayfield, KY formerly of Dyersburg, TN passed away Wednesday, August 6, 2025 at the Jackson Purchase Medical Center in Mayfield, KY. A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY is in charge of arrangements.

Anna Flood, age 90, of Mayfield passed away on Tuesday, August 5, 2025 at her residence. Graveside services were Saturday, August 9, 2025 at Farmington Cemetery. Rev. Andrew Clapp officiating.

Jerry "Bill" Max Foy age 84 of Mayfield, KY passed away at 3:25 PM Thursday, August 7, 2025 at the Baptist Health Hospital in Paducah, KY. Funeral Services were Monday, August 11, 2025 at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY with Bro. Dennis Zimmer officiating. Burial in the Lynnville Baptist Cemetery where the American Legion Post #26 conducting military rites.

Ronald James Morris, age 78, of the Hickory Community passed away at 5:10 AM Wednesday, August 6, 2025 at Baptist Health in Paducah, KY. Graveside services were Saturday at the Highland Park Cemetery. Rev Brandon Mason and Bro. Lamar Futrell officiating.

Edward L. Rogers, age 98 and a resident of Mayfield, passed away at 9:33 P.M. Tuesday, August 5, 2025 at Baptist Health in Paducah. Funeral services were Monday, August 11, 2025 at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield with Rev. Mark Burnett officiating.

Ladonna House, age 70, of Sedalia, KY passed away at 4:00 AM Monday, August 4, 2025 at the Vanderbilt Medical Center in Nashville, TN. Funeral services were Saturday, August 9, 2025 at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY with Rev. Marshall Ivey officiating.

• HENDERSON •

William B. "Bob" Wilson, age 82, of Henderson, KY, passed away on Sunday, August 10, 2025, at Deaconess Henderson Hospital. The funeral service will be held at 10:00 am Friday, August 15, 2025, at Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home in Henderson, KY, with Reverend Tony Payne and Reverend Mark Carter officiating. Burial will follow at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Henderson, KY. Military honors will be rendered by the American Legion Worsham Post #40.

Melanie Elaine Wright, age 48, of Henderson, KY, went to her heavenly home on Tuesday, August 5, 2025, at her home. A memorial service for Melanie was held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 10, 2025, at the church.

Margaret Hilda Thompson McCormic of Corydon, Kentucky passed away August 5, 2025, at her home in the company of her children and under the care of St. Anthony's Hospice. Relatives and friends are invited to Hilda's Life Celebration from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m. on Friday, August 15, 2025, and from 4:00 p.m. until service time on Saturday, August 16, 2025, at Chapel Hill Church in Henderson, KY. The memorial service will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday at the church.

Eichel Lindel "Ike" Warren, 86, of Providence, Kentucky, formerly of Sebree, passed away Sunday, August 10, at Palmer Place Assisted Living in Providence. Services were Wednesday August 13, 2025 at Tomblinson Funeral Home Sebree Chapel with Brother Brad Tucker officiating. Burial in Shady Grove Cemetery.

Diane Nellis, a vibrant and loving soul, born on March 25, 1949, in Henderson, Kentucky, peacefully passed away on August 8, 2025, at the age of 76. Funeral services will be held on August 16, 2025, at 11:00 AM at Tomblinson Funeral Home, with Pastor Phil Waggoner officiating. Prior to the service, there will be visitation hours at the same location from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM on August 16, as well as an evening visitation on August 15 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Diane will be laid to rest at Springdale Cemetery in Sebree, KY.

Barney Whitfield Stevenson, 73, of Cairo, KY passed away in his home on August 8, 2025. A Celebration of Life Service was held Wednesday, August 13,

2025 at Cairo Methodist Church, 13510 US 41A, Henderson, KY, officiated by Pastor Joe Cox.

Benjamin F. Weaver III, 93, of Henderson, Kentucky, passed away peacefully on Thursday, August 7, 2025, at St. Vincent's Hospital in Evansville after complications from a fall. Services were Monday, August 11, 2025, at Rudy-Rowland Funeral Home. Heath Farmer officiating. Burial in Fernwood Cemetery with full military rites performed by American Legion Worsham Post No. 40 Honor Guard Burial Detail.

• HICKMAN •

Tommy Joe Osteen Sr., 78, of Clinton, Kentucky, passed away at Clinton Hickman County ICF on Saturday, August 9, 2025. Graveside Services were Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at Springhill Cemetery in Clinton, Kentucky, with Bro. David Dixon officiating.

George Muscovalley of Columbus, Kentucky died peacefully on August 9, 2025. Funeral services were Wednesday, August 13, 2025 at the Brown Funeral Home in Clinton with Rev. Chad Frizzell officiating. Burial in the Columbus Cemetery.

Ricky Gene Pyle, 70, of Clinton, Kentucky, passed away peacefully on August 5, 2025, in Dryden, Canada. Graveside services will be held Saturday, August 16, 2025 at 11:00 AM at Mt. Moriah Cemetery. Friends are asked to meet at the cemetery at the service time. Arrangements entrusted to Brown's Funeral Home.

Arnisha Fuller Williams, age 72 of Clinton, passed away Monday, August 4, 2025 at her residence. A memorial service for Arnisha will be held at a later date in Chicago. Brown Funeral Home in Clinton is in charge of local arrangements.

• HOPKINS •

Joanna Gail Osburn Lovan, 83, of Mortons Gap, KY passed away on August 7, 2025 Deaconess Gateway in Newburgh, IN. Funeral services were Sunday, August 10, 2025 at Reid-Walters Funeral Home in Earlington, KY with Bro. Jerry Brewer officiating and burial at Salem Church Cemetery in Mortons Gap.

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Michael Dean Lear, 70 of Crofton passed away Friday, August 8, 2025, at Jennie Stuart Medical Center. Service was held Tuesday at Bandy Funeral Home in Nortonville with Stan Howard officiating. Burial at Mt. Carmel Cemetery in White Plains.

Sue Jones, 78, of Nebo, KY passed away Tuesday, August 5, 2025, at her residence in Nebo. Funeral services were Friday, August 8, 2025, at Barnett-Strother Funeral Home Madisonville Chapel with Bro. Jamey Daugherty officiating. Burial in Silent Run Cemetery.

Karen Marie Howard, 77, of Madisonville, KY passed away Monday August 4, 2025, at The Heartford House in Owensboro, KY. A Memorial service was held Tuesday August 12, 2025, at the First Presbyterian Church in Madisonville with Pastor Jen Evens officiating.

Sophia "Christine" King (Oakley) Dimmick, 87, of Greenville, KY formerly of Madisonville, KY passed away on Sunday, August 10, 2025, at Maple Health and Rehabilitation in Greenville, KY. A private memorial will be held at a later date. Harris Funeral Home in Madisonville was entrusted with care.

Robert "Rob" J. Foe, 48, of Madisonville, KY passed away on Sunday, August 10, 2025, at the Lucy Smith King Care Center in Henderson, KY. Arrangements are currently pending.

Robert Stanley Brack, 67, of Madisonville, KY, passed away peacefully on August 9, 2025, at his home. A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Harris Funeral Home in Madisonville was entrusted with care.

Frances Lee Craddock Brown, 88, of Madisonville, KY, went home to be with her Lord on Saturday, August 9, 2025, at Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville. A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, August 16, 2025, in the chapel of Harris Funeral Home with Bro. Kellan Lamb officiating. Burial to follow at Walnut Grove Cemetery in Dawson Springs, KY.

James Allen, 66, of Madisonville, KY passed away on Friday, August 8, 2025, at the Lucy Smith King Care Center in Henderson, KY. A funeral service was held on Thursday, August 14, 2025, in the chapel of Harris Funeral Home with Bro. Ronnie Hendricks officiating and Bryan Allen assisting. Burial at Hanson Cemetery.

Stephen Allen Moore passed away August 8, 2025. Funeral Services will be Saturday, August 16, 2025 Starts at 1:00 pm (Central time) at Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church 108 Burton Lane, Earlington, KY 42410. Visitation starts at 11 am. Burial in Westside Oddfellows.

• LYON •

John Seay, aged 60, passed away on August 9, 2025 at his home in Kuttawa. Funeral services were held Thursday, August 14, 2025 at Lakeland Funeral Home with Bro. Mike York officiating.

• MCCRACKEN •

Glenda Joy Grace Ezell passed away on August 8, 2025, at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center. A funeral service was held Monday, August 11, 2025 at the Milner and Orr Funeral of Paducah with Dr. Kevin Ezell and Rev. Russ Wilson officiating.

Sammy "Sam" K. Brookshire, 78 of Paducah, passed away on Thursday, August 7, 2025, at Parkview Nursing & Rehabilitation in Paducah. A private family burial will occur in the future. Milner & Orr Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Paducah is in charge of all arrangements.

Paul Thomas Nelson, of Paducah, Kentucky, who was known affectionately as Tom to his loved ones, passed away on Wednesday, August 6, 2025, at the age of 88. A memorial service was held Sunday, August 10, 2025, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Paducah with Rev. Grace Pardun officiating.

James David McCauley, 71, of Paducah, Kentucky passed away on Tuesday, August 5, 2025 at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee. Memorial services were Friday, August 8, 2025 at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah with Rev. Katie Minnis officiating.

Lesia Wells, 68, a lifelong resident of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, August 5, in Nashville, Tennessee, surrounded by her family. Memorial services will be at 1:00 pm Friday, August 15, 2025, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Paducah. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens in Paducah. Visitation will be from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm on Friday, August 15, 2025, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Paducah.

Dorothy Ann Scheer, age 92, Paducah, Kentucky passed away at 3:24 a.m. Monday, August 4, 2025 at her home. Services were held Thursday, August 7, 2025 at the St. John Catholic Church with Rev. Bruce Fogle officiating. Burial at the St. John Cemetery.

Dorothy "Tommie" Harper, passed away peacefully on August 4, 2025, at the age of 97. A private family chapel service was held Thursday, August 7, 2025, at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens, with Bro. Rob Ison officiating.

Mary Lou Yates, lovingly known as Sue. She passed away peacefully on Saturday, August 9, 2025, in Paducah, KY at the age of 80, just a few weeks shy of her 81st birthday. Funeral services were Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at Lindsey Funeral Home with Bruce Chester officiating. Cremation followed.

Sandra Karyl Sisk, 79, of Paducah, KY passed away on Saturday, 9, 2025 in Southaven Hospice Center in Mississippi. Memorial Service was held Wednesday, August 13, 2025.

Ralph Harlan Burnett Jr. passed away on August 6. Lindsey Funeral Home is Honored to serve the Burnett family. There are no events scheduled at this time.

Leon Vancil, 90, of Paducah, KY, passed away peacefully on August 8, 2025, in Calvert City, KY. Visitation will be held Friday, August 15, 2025, at Hughes Funeral Home, Paducah, KY, beginning at 12:30 PM. Celebration of Life will be held immediately following visitation.

Barbaro F. Diaz, 69 of Paducah, Kentucky passed away on Friday, August 8, 2025, at Baptist Health in Paducah, Kentucky. A memorial service was held Wednesday, August 13, 2025 at 12:00 PM at Collier Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Benton.

• MARSHALL •

Mark Steven Smith, of Benton, KY, passed away Wednesday, August 6, 2025, at the Anna Mae Owen Residential Hospice House, Murray, KY A service celebrating Mark's life was held Monday, August 11, 2025, in the chapel of the Blalock-Coleman Funeral Home in Murray, with Bro. Brett Miles officiating. Burial in the Mt. Olive Cemetery, Kirksey, KY.

Robert "Bobby" Ross, 45, of Benton, Kentucky, passed away on August 5, 2025, at his place of residence. There are no services scheduled at this time.

Lula B. Hartle, 89 of Gilbertsville, Kentucky passed away on Sunday, August 10, 2025 at Lake Way Nursing & Rehabilitation in Benton, Kentucky. Burial will take place at a later date at The Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield, MO. Collier Funeral Home & Cremation Services are handling arrangements.

Alma B. Darnall, 88, of Benton, KY passed away on Tuesday, August 5, 2025, at Parkview Nursing & Rahab Center in Paducah, KY. A Funeral service was held Monday, August 11, 2025 at Collier Funeral Home, located at 211 West 5th St., Benton, KY 42025 with the Bro. Nathan Ruggles officiating. Interment in Marshall Co. Memory Gardens, Benton, KY.

• TRIGG •

William Edgar Maynard, 88 of Cadiz passed away on August 6, 2025. Graveside services were Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West in Hopkinsville, KY with Rev. Reed Shepherd officiating with full military honors. Burial in the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West.

Mary Glynn Braswell Skaggs, age 86, a longtime resident of Cadiz, Kentucky, passed away on Thursday, August 7, 2025, at Lexington Premier Nursing & Rehab in Lexington, Kentucky. Arrangements are being handled by Goodwin Funeral Home, Inc., 138 Main Street in Cadiz, where the family will receive friends from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM on Friday, August 15, 2025. A graveside service will follow at 1:30 PM at East End Cemetery, 171 Main Street in Cadiz.

Arnold Frank Nicholson, age 83, of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, passed away on Thursday, August 7, 2025, at Shady Lawn Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Cadiz, Kentucky. A memorial service with military honors will be held at a later date at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West in Hopkinsville.

• UNION •

Cindy Lea Sutton, age 66 of Morganfield, KY passed away Sunday August 10, 2025 at her home. Funeral service was held Wednesday August 13, 2025 at Whitsell Funeral Home in Morganfield, KY. Rev. Dwight Jackson and Rev. Geoffrey Deibler officiating

Barbara Dean Starkey, 89, of Sturgis died Wednesday, August 6th at her home. The graveside service was held Friday, August 8th 2025 at Pythian Ridge Cemetery in Sturgis, KY. Cody Crowell officiating. Burial at Pythian Ridge Cemetery in Sturgis, KY.

• WEBSTER •

Brenda Kay Daniel 70, of Robards, KY passed away on Wednesday August 6, 2025 at her home. Funeral service was held Sunday August 10, 2025 at Townsend Funeral Home in Dixon, KY.

Charleen Jones 73, of Liberty, KY passed away Wednesday August 6, 2025 at her home. Funeral service was held Saturday August 9, 2025 at Townsend Funeral Home in Dixon, KY.

Our deepest condolences to those who have lost loved ones.

Prayers of comfort and peace.

VICTORIOUS Juring ... in a troubled world

Praise enhances love———

By Teresa LeNeave Leneave2@comcast.net

I once read an African proverb that said, "Even an old hen raises its head to heaven when it swallows its grain." I'm wondering, do we take too many blessings for granted? Recently, while studying the book of Revelation, I suddenly realized when my heart cries for God (expresses great love), feelings of gratitude seem to grow. It's like praise enhances love.

In the Bible, created beings praise Him for two things: because he is the Creator and because Jesus was slain for our redemption.

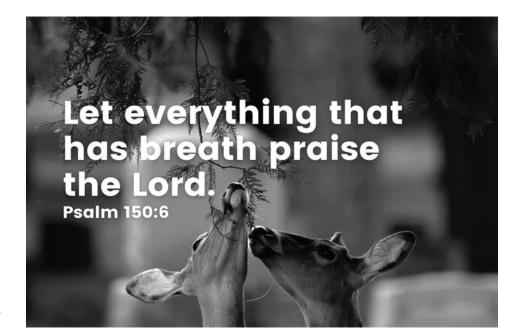
Have you ever loved someone so much that you struggled to put your feelings into mere words? The closest thing we can come up with is, "I love you SO much". Or, when someone does something really nice for us, the most we can say is: "I just can't thank you enough". Somehow, we have no words to express our deepest gratitude to another person.

In the history of the United States we read where George Washington was immensely popular after the Revolutionary war. Everyone was ready for him to be king or dictator. He could have taken any title he wanted, but instead he chose to share his glory and go a different route that involved a democracy that gave all the people a voice. That was his way of showing gratitude for freedom. He had the political backing

to be a dictator, but he chose to show his thankfulness by sharing his glory.

From what I understand in scripture, Jesus actually wants to share His glory with us, too. He has already won the victory for Himself, but He wants to share His glory by making us rulers as well. That's what Revelation 5: 9-10 says: He has made us kings and priest.

In Revelation 4, heavenly beings sing with great devotion and adoration to God as their voices ring in unison, "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power. For YOU CREATED all things. And, by Your will, they were created and have their being (Rev: 4:11). These beings sing this



over and over and over.

The next scene unfolds as another song of devotion is being sung: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because You were slain, and with Your blood You purchased men for God - from every tribe

and language and people and nation. You made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth" (Rev. 5 9-10).

What a wonderful thing to praise God for: Because He created us. Because He was slain for us. Because He has a future plan for us. We often hear how far gratitude takes us toward a better life on earth. The same is true with God. Praise enhances love – love that goes both ways. God to you and you to God. Praise is like a sponge dipped in warm water. ...it swells and swells until the heart is filled with love.



Next week I'm going on my annual trip to Missouri. I've been hunting deer there for years and have some wonderful friends there. My memories are many. I think about everything from the times of extreme weather (one time I hunted without a shirt) to trying to find my lost deer with a famous deer dog, that happened to be a dachshund. I can remember seeing some monster bucks just out of range and missing some within

range. But no matter what the past held; I still look forward to going back each year. My present memory, however, is one of only a couple of years ago. I was a few weeks away from knee surgery to repair a torn meniscus. My memory is of constant pain, especially as I walked to and from my tree stand. Even though the walks were not long, the effort it took to make them seemed especially difficult and slow.

As I made those trips each day, I was always reminded of a title to a book I saw one time. It was called "Leading With A Limp." And while I never read that book (I probably should) I imagined a plethora of subjects the author might be trying to convey. Here's what leading with a limp means to me.

It means every leader is imperfect. We have difficulties, inabilities, failures, discouragements, disappointments,



and insecurities. And while none of these stop us, they cripple us enough to cause us to lean on something we could not do without. They also humble us, making us realize the possibility of any success comes from places beyond ourselves. Limping leadership also slows us done in order to make sure we never outpace those we are called to lead. After all, leaders are only leaders if they have followers. And Limping leaders love more because we become more patient

and understanding with everyone else's disability. Our example of this kind of leadership in the New Testament is Paul. He had a limp and asked God to take it away. God didn't for some of the same reasons I mention above. Here's how Paul recalls his prayer.

Three times I
pleaded with the
Lord to take it away
from me. But he said
to me, "My grace is
sufficient for you, for
my power is made
perfect in weakness."
Therefore, I will boast
all the more gladly

about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong. (2 Corinth 12:8-10 NIV)

It is believed Paul wrote most of the New Testament. He did it with a limp. That means your limp does not disqualify you. It is the most important part of your resume.

Fearless warriors do not hide under the bed

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It's not really a secret about there being such a thing as good and evil. Yes, I know for every statement there is a counter argument, as even a few people deny the earth is round. But, generally speaking, the masses are to some degree aware of the good God, bad devil concept. Within the Christian faith, it's believed that God is infinite, perfect, represents the light and everything good, and is in total control of all things. On the dark side, Satan is a destructive spiritual entity who works around the clock trying to disrupt God's plans. This includes unleashing a relentless barrage of damaging attacks and evil influences against the human race. What do you think about this summary? Do you accept this view of what is happening

in the spiritual realm?

We see in the Bible how this battle was happening in the Garden of Eden, and it has never stopped. Again, one needs to settle within their conscience whether or not the Bible instructions and accounts are true or not. For those who embrace the Bible as the truth of God's promises and warnings, there is good news in knowing that Jesus went to the cross and rose from the dead in order to save us from sin and prove that God is the ultimate authority over everything. This gives us Christians peace and security to know that even though the war is intense, we can be victorious over the darkness because light overcomes darkness and greater is the Lord who lives in us than he that is in the world.

For those who are more experienced, knowledgeable, and involved with spiritual warfare, they have learned the closer the Christian walks with God, the more intense the battle. We can see this in the life of Christ as the devil knew who Jesus was and the purpose of His mission. However, when Satan thought he had defeated Jesus and prevented Him from establishing His kingdom, he was deceived. The devil realized he had lost when Christ rose from the dead, and that dying on the cross was actually the intention of God from the beginning. No one took Jesus' life, He gave it willingly to open the way of redemption through His blood sacrifice. Satan laughed at Jesus on the cross, but trembled in fear when he realized God's plan of salvation had

worked perfectly.

This is why the Christian can boldly declare that trusting God is choosing the winning side. In Matthew chapter 4 we read where Satan and Jesus actually had a conversation. The devil was trying to offer Jesus a deal so that he could keep spreading his negative influences. Jesus stood against Him which allows us to see the importance of understanding the responsibilities of spiritual authority. You see, with God we are a majority no matter how many demons fight against us. I think it's odd that with so many who claim to be God's soldier, yet when spiritual warfare is mentioned they become afraid and want to change the subject. The same is true when asked about demonstrating spiritual gifts or casting our demons.

Very few have ever personally engaged combat against the enemy. Why is this?

If the average Christian truly believes the dark side is real, but avoids praying against it, something is wrong. Most realize they have not developed their faith or discernment and thus are not confident in this area. Others think that what happens will happen and that God will fight for them. Whatever the excuses people hide behind, the reality of John 10:10 rarely crosses their mind. It seems the enemy of our soul reminds them of a hornets nest to which as long as they do not poke at him. he will leave them alone. Hosea 4:6 mentions that people suffer from the lack of understanding spiritual knowledge and sadly our clever human nature has figured out

that pretending to be ignorant is much easier than being accountable. Ephesians 6:12 reminds every Christian why we are commanded to use the armor of God. The helmet. sword, and shield is for fighting on the front lines of intercession, but most followers have stored these in the closet, seeing that it's more comfortable to read war stories than to enlist. So, when will God's warriors awaken and confess they have fallen asleep on their watch? When will the followers of Christ turn away from meaningless distractions and respond to the trumpets of war?

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

FAREWELL TO THE FLESH

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The house was deserted and devoid of life. The front door was cracked open, the once-attractive exterior color had retired to a glum grayish-brown, and the silence of death packed the halls. The bubbling tide washed this abandoned residence right up to my feet—it was a suntanned shell, formerly occupied by a hermit crab that vacated it during molting. There comes a moment in every hermit crab's life

when they must depart their old shell in search of a new one. These tenlegged crustaceans do not typically die when they surrender their obsolete housing to the ocean—they simply move on and move into an upgraded version.

The time will come when every Christian must say goodbye to the shell of their old flesh as well. The body is merely a temporary residence and the tide of death will bury your mortal frame six feet beneath a

headstone. But the real you—your soul, that is—will live on. If you believe that the death of Christ was the deathblow to death, the earthen vessel of your body is all that truly dies (cf. John 11:25). You will bid adieu to your old shell and live in the eternal presence of the Author of life (Phil. 1:23), and the Lord shall grant you a new and improved body when He returns: "[Jesus] will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him

even to subject all things to himself" (Phil. 3:21).

A believer's death, therefore, is not the end. It is simply the end of living in the fragile shell of the flesh. "For we know," promised Paul, "that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling" (2 Cor. 5:1-2). And the new shell will be unlike

anything you have ever known before: "Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality" (1 Cor. 15:51-53).

A now-omitted stanza in the cherished hymn Sweet Hour of Prayer, written by William W. Walford (1772-1850), puts it splendidly:

"May I thy consolation share,

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- people in Asia
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- 13. Not moving 15. Cool!
- 16. Plants of the arum family
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- 23. Monetary units
- 24. Art 25. Cardinal number
- 26. Dueling sword
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- 30. Fixed in one place
- 34. Pie _ __ mode

- 35. Moved on foot
- 36. Passenger's spot on a motorcycle
- 41. A way through
- 45. "Rule, Britannia" composer
- 46. Leader
- 47. Flowing
- 50. Common greetings in Arabic countries
- 54. Solution for all difficulties
- 55. Soft clothing fabric
- 56. Building material
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- 59. A way to cause to be swollen
- 60. One and only
- 61. Skin color
- 62. Wreath
- 63. Nevertheless
- 64. They 65. Sea eagle

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Policemen (French)
- 2. Toy dog
- 3. Inflamed colon disease
- 4. Muscular weaknesses
- 5. Helps little firms
- 6. References
- 7. Takes down
- 8. Facilitates
- 9. One-time empress of the Roman Empire
- 13. Engine additive
- 14. Chemistry solution
- 17. Written account
- 18. Consumed
- 20. Coming after all others
- 22. No (slang)
- 27. Government lawyers
- 28. Super Bowl winner Manning 53. Very fast airplane
- 29. Small amount

- 31. A way to save for your future
- 32. A way to travel behind
- 33. Midway between northeast
- and east
- 37. Head pain 38. Loud lawn insect
- 39. Actress Hathaway
- 40. Boat race
- 41. About fish
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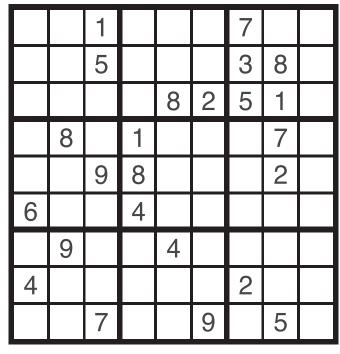
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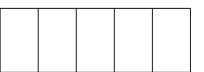
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Word Scramble

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Answer: Cara Delevingne

Easing Into the School Year

A Smooth Start for Students and Families

By Wilbur Jackson KPI Writer

The transition from summer break to a new school year can be both exciting and challenging. Long, relaxed days give way to early alarms, structured schedules, and fresh academic expectations. Whether a child is starting kindergarten or heading into their senior year, a thoughtful approach can make easing into school far less stressful for students - and parents too.

1. Start the Routine

One of the biggest hurdles in August and September is shifting from

summer sleep patterns to schoolready schedules. A week or two before the first day, begin adjusting bedtimes and wake-up times in small increments. This gradual change helps the body and mind adapt, reducing those groggy first mornings.

2. Organize Supplies and Spaces

A clean, prepared workspace at home sets the tone for productive study habits. Stock up on necessary school supplies early and involve kids in choosing their notebooks, backpacks, or planners. This gives them a sense of ownership and excitement about the adjusting to new

year ahead. 3. Focus on Communication

Keeping open lines of communication with teachers, counselors, and coaches can make a big difference. Parents should share any relevant information about their child's learning style, strengths, or concerns early in the term. Likewise, encourage students to speak up when they need help or clarification.

4. Set Realistic **Expectations**

It's tempting to jump straight into high performance goals, but the first few weeks are best spent re-establishing routines and

demands. Celebrate small successes, whether it's completing the week's assignments on time or joining a new club.

5. Maintain a Balanced Schedule

Schoolwork is important, but so is rest, family time, and physical activity. Overloading a student's calendar with extracurriculars can lead to burnout. Choose activities carefully, leaving room for downtime and flexibility.

6. Keep a Positive Mindset

Transitions can be stressful, but framing the school year as an opportunity for growth helps reduce anxiety. Talk about

what students are looking forward to, whether it's a favorite subject, seeing friends, or trying something

7. Build Healthy Habits Early

Nutritious breakfasts, regular exercise, and consistent sleep routines all contribute to better focus and mood. Families can also set limits on screen time, especially before bed, to support healthy sleep cycles.

8. Stay Involved, But Not Overbearing

Parents play a crucial role in supporting learning without micromanaging. Show interest in what children are learning, attend school events, and check in regularly but allow space for independence and problem-solving.

A Fresh Start A new school year is like a blank notebook: full of possibilities. By preparing ahead, creating supportive routines, and maintaining balance, families can turn the sometimesbumpy transition into a smooth, confident start. The key is to approach the change with patience, flexibility, and optimism qualities that will serve students well throughout the year and beyond.

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September Events Near Paducah, Kentucky

A Month of Music, Art, and Small-Town Charm

By Wilbur Jackson KPI Writer

As summer fades into autumn, the Paducah, Kentucky, area comes alive with a colorful mix of festivals, live music, and cultural gatherings. Whether you're a local looking for weekend plans or a visitor eager to explore western Kentucky's charm, September offers a full calendar of events worth marking down.

1. Paducah Riverfront Concerts & Live Music Early September often brings live music to Paducah's scenic riverfront. The Paducah Parks & Recreation department, along

with local venues like

Dry Ground Brewing

and Maiden Alley Cinema, hosts a rotating schedule of free or low-cost shows. From bluegrass to blues, these performances are a perfect way to soak up the late-summer evenings with the Ohio River as a backdrop.

2. Barbecue on the River (Late September)

One of Paducah's most beloved annual events, Barbecue on the River typically takes place the last weekend of September. Dozens of pitmasters line the downtown streets, filling the air with the irresistible scent of hickory smoke. Teams compete for bragging rights in categories like pulled pork, ribs, and chicken — but the real

winner is the crowd, which gets to sample plates while supporting local charities. Live music, craft vendors, and family-friendly activities make this a true community celebration.

3. Lower Town Arts & Music Scene

While the official Lower Town Arts & Music Festival takes place in the spring, September still offers plenty of art-centric happenings in the historic Lower Town Arts District. Galleries and studios open their doors for special exhibits, and the Paducah School of Art & Design frequently hosts workshops and public events. The crisp air and golden sunlight make it a perfect time for an art walk.

4. Farmers Markets & Harvest Fairs

September is peak harvest season in western Kentucky, and the Paducah Homegrown Farmers' Market is in full swing on Saturdays. Visitors can browse fresh produce, baked goods, artisan crafts, and seasonal flowers. Nearby communities such as Benton, Mayfield, and Murray host their own harvest festivals, complete with hayrides, local music, and homemade jams.

5. Quilt City Celebrations As a UNESCO Creative City for Crafts & Folk
Art, Paducah has deep
quilting roots. While
the massive American
Quilter's Society (AQS)
Spring QuiltWeek
happens earlier in the
year, September often
sees quilting workshops
and smaller guild shows
pop up at places like the
National Quilt Museum.
For quilting enthusiasts,
these events offer a more
intimate experience with

6. Day Trips & Outdoor Fun

local artists.

If you're up for a short drive, September is an ideal month for visiting nearby Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area. Events there range from prairie days at the Homeplace 1850s Farm to star parties at the Golden Pond Planetarium. Hiking trails, wildlife viewing, and paddling trips are especially enjoyable before the fall chill sets in.

Final Notes September near Paducah blends the warmth of late summer with the first hints of autumn color. From smoky barbecue competitions to soulful riverfront concerts, the month offers something for every taste. Whether you're sipping sweet tea at a street fair or wandering through a gallery in Lower Town. you'll find the season's laid-back joy woven into every event.

Beating the Endof-Summer Blues

By Wilbur Jackson KPI Writer

As the long, sunsoaked days of summer fade into earlier sunsets and cooler evenings, many people experience a dip in mood known as the end-of-summer blues. After months of vacations, outdoor adventures, and a lighter daily routine, the transition back to school schedules, work deadlines, and shorter days can feel jarring.

This seasonal shift often brings a mix of nostalgia and reluctance. We miss the freedom of warm-weather activities – swimming, backyard barbecues, late-night gatherings — and feel the weight of responsibilities returning. For students, the start of a new school year can bring added stress, while adults may notice a heavier workload as businesses shift into fall mode.

Experts suggest that these feelings are a natural response to change. The brain thrives on sunlight, which boosts serotonin levels, and the reduction in daylight during late summer and early fall can subtly impact mood.

To ease the transition, it helps to carry some "summer spirit" into autumn. Plan outdoor activities like weekend hikes, farmers market visits, or evening walks to soak up lingering sunlight. Start a new hobby or class to keep your mind engaged. Social connection is also key — even a casual coffee with a friend can help combat feelings of isolation.

Most importantly, remember that each season brings its own joys. Autumn's crisp air, colorful leaves, and cozy traditions can be just as rewarding as summer's adventures — if we allow ourselves to embrace the change rather than mourn what's passed.



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Local Fall Sports

Energy, Rivalries, and Community Pride

By Wilbur Jackson KPI Writer

As September rolls in and the Ohio River breeze carries the first hints of autumn, schools across the Paducah region gear up for a busy fall sports season. From the roar of the crowd at McCracken County High's football stadium to the focused silence at a Lone Oak cross country meet, the energy is unmistakable.

Friday Night Lights

High school football remains the centerpiece of fall athletics in western Kentucky. McCracken County, Paducah Tilghman, and surrounding schools draw big hometown crowds each week. Local rivalries bring extra excitement, with families and alumni filling the stands to cheer for their alma maters. Marching

bands and cheer squads keep the atmosphere electric, turning every game into a community-wide celebration.

Soccer, Volleyball, and Cross Country

Beyond football, the area's soccer programs are thriving, with boys' and girls' teams from Graves County to Marshall County competing for regional titles. Volleyball courts are just as intense,

with teams like St. Mary High School delivering fastpaced matches that showcase skill and teamwork. Meanwhile, cross country runners from local schools take to wooded trails and park courses, representing their teams with endurance and determination.

Character Beyond the Scoreboard

For many studentathletes, fall sports

are more than just competition – they're opportunities to learn time management, sportsmanship, and leadership. Balancing practices, games, and academics requires dedication. Coaches, teachers, and families work together to support students in both their athletic and academic goals.

A Season to Remember

In the Paducah area, fall sports are about more than wins and losses. They strengthen community bonds, create lifelong friendships, and inspire pride in local schools. Whether it's the crack of shoulder pads under the lights or the final sprint to a cross country finish line, these moments capture the heart of the season.

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Missing 10-year-old boy from eastern Ky. found dead, mother charged with manslaughter

By MARK MAYNARD Kentucky Today

After an exhaustive almost one-week search, the body of a missing 10-year-old boy from Breathitt County was found Tuesday afternoon in a shallow grave in a wooded area of Canoe Road in Breathitt County, state police said.

At a press conference later Tuesday, Kentucky State Police Trooper Matt Gayheart said Jayden Spicer's body was recovered around 3 p.m.

Jayden's mother,

Felicia Gross, 33, was charged with second-degree manslaughter, abuse of corpse, tampering with evidence and falsely reporting an incident. She was lodged in the Kentucky River Regional Jail.

The search for Jayden began Aug. 6, after his family reported him missing from his home on Panbowl Branch Road in the Jackson community on Aug. 5.

Multiple agencies were involved in the search, using



Jayden Spicer was found dead Tuesday nearly a week after family members reported him missing in Breathitt County.

aircraft, drones, dogs, sonar, thermal imaging and "boots on the ground," state police said.

The entire

community was involved in the search for the young boy, said state Sen. Brandon Smith, R-Hazard.

"My deepest prayers are with all who loved Jayden and with our communities that came together in hope, now united in sorrow. While few details are available regarding this innocent child's death, we will be committed to ensuring he receives justice if the facts demand it," he said in a statement. "My prayers and support are with KSP Post 13 and those who will oversee this investigation and prosecution."

Smith said the outpouring of compassion throughout the area in the past week during the search for Jayden has been overwhelming to witness.

"As Jayden now rests in the arms of our Lord and Savior, may we hold close the example of unity and care shown by so many. Let us continue to lift one another in prayer, and may the peace of God's love bring comfort to every heart that is broken," he said.

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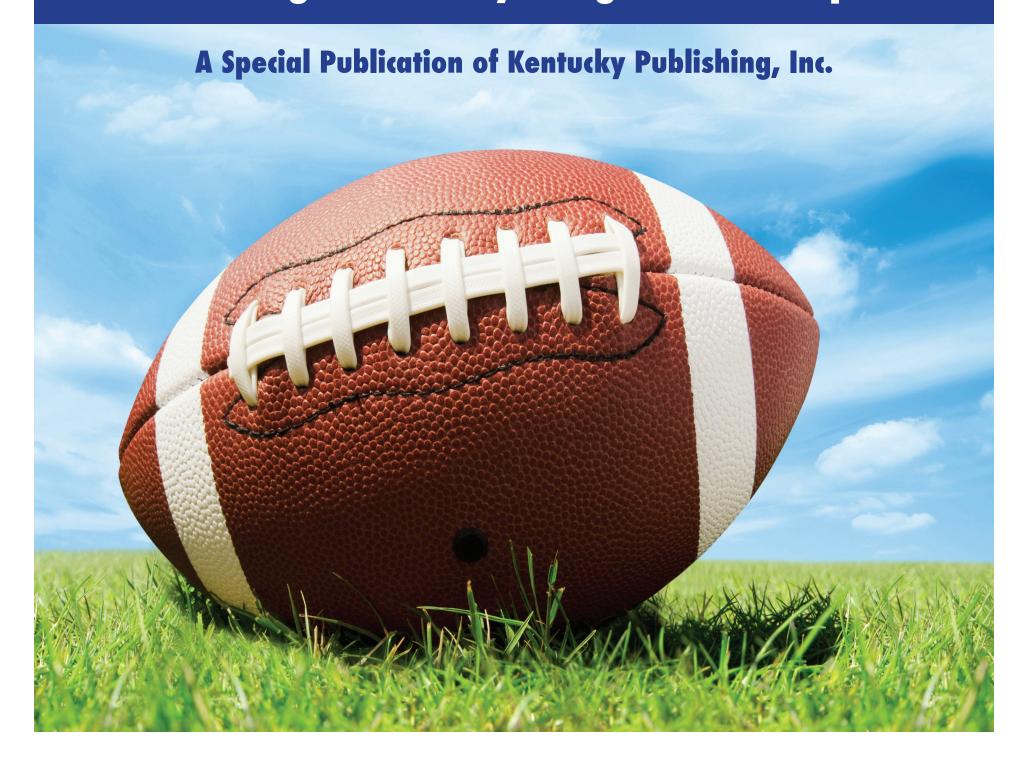
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Webster County Trojans

PLUS: Fletcher Long's Kentucky's High Schools Top Fives









Coach Brooks Named KFCA District 1 Coach of the Year

By: Laurna Todd **KPI** Writer

Tyler Brooks, the head football coach at McCracken County High School, has received the prestigious title of Kentucky Football Coaches Association (KFCA) Class 6A, District 1 Coach of the Year for 2024. This honor recognizes his exceptional leadership, strategic impact, and unwavering dedication to Mustang football.

Coach Brooks has been involved with the McCracken football program since 2020, initially serving as an assistant coach and later as the offensive coordinator under former head coach Jonathan Smith. His promotion to head coach represents a smooth transition for a program that is on the rise, led by someone who intimately understands its culture and players.

A 2012 graduate of Henderson County High School and a 2016 graduate of Georgetown College, Brooks was an accomplished player himself, earning Mid-

South Conference All-Conference honors twice and serving as team captain in 2015. After coaching at Henderson County from 2017 to 2019, he joined McCracken County, quickly establishing himself as a rising star within Kentucky's coaching ranks.

The KFCA award not only honors his successful 2024 campaign but also highlights the positive culture and offensive identity he has fostered within the team. Known for his sharp football intellect, playerfirst approach, and high-energy leadership style, Brooks is expected to bring a disciplined yet innovative edge to the Mustangs as they head into the 2025 season.

His ability to connect with players, uphold high standards, and creatively utilize their strengths distinguishes him as a coach. Mustang fans can anticipate a program built on accountability, toughness, and excitement under Coach Brooks' guidance. With a solid foundation in place, the future looks bright for the Mustangs in 2025.

Sean Thompson Named Courier Journal Kentucky High School Football Coach of the Year

By: Laurna Todd **KPI** Writer

Sean Thompson, head coach of Paducah Tilghman, has been recognized as the Courier Journal Kentucky High School Football Coach of the Year for 2024 following a historic season that has reestablished the Blue Tornado as one of the premier football programs in the state.

Under Coach Thompson's leadership, Tilghman achieved a perfect 15-0 record, marking the school's first undefeated season since 1973. The season culminated in a Class 4A State Championship victory against Franklin County, with a score of 27-20—Tilghman's first state title since 2009. The team showcased its prowess on both sides of the ball, averaging over 49 points per game on offense while the defense held opponents to just 9.1 points per game.

However, Thompson's impact extends far beyond the scoreboard. His ability to foster a culture rooted in accountability, unity, and high

expectations has garnered praise from players, parents, and coaches throughout the state. In a short time, he transformed Tilghman into a disciplined, confident, and resilient team that thrived



under pressure. The Courier Journal panel referred to this as a "culture of excellence" and credited Thompson with elevating Paducah Tilghman to become one of the most dominant teams in Kentucky football. Thompson said, "Winning coach of the year is a

big deal to me because there are so many good coaches in our state that do a phenomenal job. To be considered as one of them is special, but there is still work to be done!"

As a mentor, Thompson's influence is equally significant. He has guided players such as quarterback Jack James and defensive back Martels Carterboth of whom garnered Division I interest—not only toward athletic success but also toward personal growth and leadership. His players credit him with teaching vital life lessons through football: hard work, self-discipline, and a belief in one another.

We asked Coach Thompson his best moment coaching he said, "There isn't a best moment. Though winning a state championship was great, it's more so the many athletes we have been able to get to college with an opportunity to continue their playing careers that I am most proud of. We have just under 25 who have played college football in our 4 years together."

Coaches and Assistant Coaches set visions for their players

By: Laurna Todd KPI Writer

High school football coaches play a vital role in mentorship, motivation, and friendship, helping young players grow on and off the field in western Kentucky counties.

At Ballard Memorial High School, Head Coach Jon Hedges, promoted in January 2024, emphasizes fundamentals and weightlifting while fostering confidence and

unity among players. In Marshall County, Head Coach Nick Bloodworth focuses on off-season training, creating a fun and competitive atmosphere. Coach Tyler DeBarndini at Graves County emphasizes character development, while Sean Thompson at Paducah Tilghman led the team to a perfect 15-0 record in 2024, winning the state championship and earning Coach of the Year honors.

High school coaches build trust through genuine care, attending school events, and being accessible beyond practice. They support player success through structured training and accountability, promoting resilience, discipline, teamwork, and self-confidence.

Assistant coaches also play a crucial role, working closely with specific positions and providing personalized mentoring. They reinforce team culture and ensure accountability, helping players thrive without getting lost in the team

dynamic. Across western Kentucky programs, assistant coaches run off-season training, lead film sessions, and offer life advice, often being the first to notice when players need help.

While head coaches set the vision, it is the assistant coaches who guide players through improvement, making them essential to every athlete's journey.

Together, the coaching staff collaborates to help each player reach their full potential.



2024 Final Record: 4 wins, 7 losses

District Record: 1-2



2025 Senior Players: Luke Sullivan, Jalen Smith, Noah Byrd, Jackson Laster, Logan Brown, Trevor Bondurant, Trevor Elliot, Hayden Hector and William Dowdy

Q. What has the focus been in preparing for this season?

A. We hired a new Offensive Coordinator, John Adams. So we have been installing our new offense this summer. We have been in the weight room since January. We've seen tremendous growth in our players.

Q. Who are some key returning players, and what roles will they play this year? A. Senior Luke Sullivan, Luke played

every snap last year on all three phases of

> Q. What are some of the biggest strengths or improvements you've seen in your team compared to last year?

the game. He is outstanding young man with great leadership skills. Senior Noah Byrd, I'm excited to see what he can do for us this year with being a Running back this year. Junior, Mayson Crowley is our team leader. Mayson is the hardest worker on the team. He will be our starting quarterback this season.

been the team dedication to the weight room. Each player has met their summer goal for the weight room.

strength this year has

A. Our biggest

Q. Do you have any players drawing attention from college programs or who fans should keep an eye on?

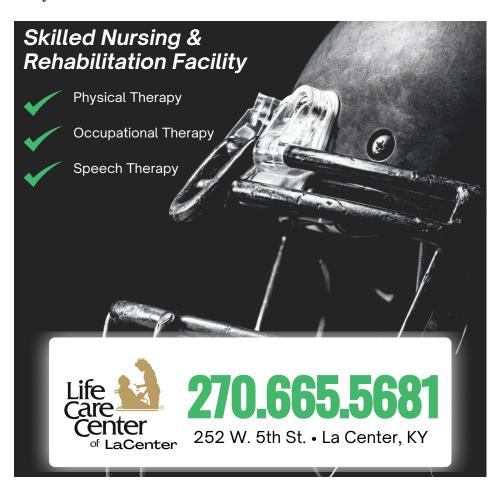
Coaches Corner

A. Keep an eye on these kids Logan Brown, Luke Sullivan, Jackson Sutton, Mayson Crowley and Noah Byrd.

Q. What are the biggest challenges or tough matchups you see on your schedule this year? A. District opponents



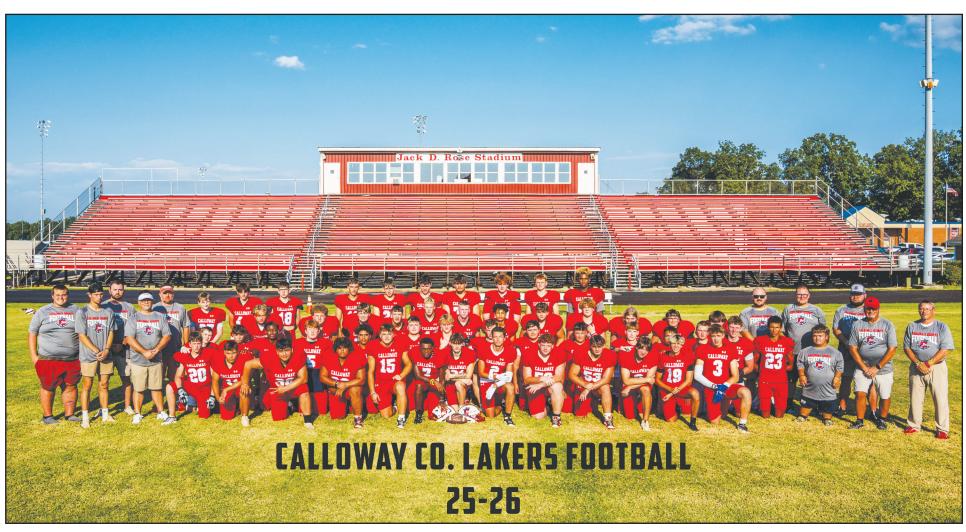






2024 Final Record: 0 wins, 10 losses

District Record: 0-5



Coaches Corner

2025 Senior Players: Ty Lewis, Sinjin Gesler, Jay'Dynn Darcus, John Brear Jr., Ivan Damian Camarena, Logan Smith, Yoni Damian Camarena, Zechariah Gloasow, Sebastian Diaz, Shaun Phillips, Logan McKnight, Caiden Godby and Luis Lira.



Q. What has the focus been in preparing for this season?

A.Building through numbers, developing depth. With me being a new coach we have a complete revamp of

Coaches Corner

Q & A with

Coby Lewis

Calloway Co. Football head coach

the Offense and Defense with new schemes on both sides.

Q. Who are some key returning players, and what roles will they play this year?

/ LB (4 year starter), Mathew Briedwell QB, Shaun Phillips WR / DB, Jay'Dynn Darcus WR / DB, Caiden Godby -Center, Luis Lira - OG Logan McKnight DE

A.Logan Smith - RB

Logan McKnight DE and Addition of Ty Lewis WR

Q. What are some of the biggest strengths or improvements

you've seen in your team compared to last year?

A.We feel really good with our box play.
The strength is our offensive and defensive lines.

Q.Do you have any players drawing attention from college programs or who fans should keep an eye on?

A. Logan Smith has a few offers already - Bethel and KWC Others - Mathew Briedwell QB , Keller Aycock OL , Brayden Winchester DE, Marcus Hamilton NG

Q.What are the biggest challenges or tough matchups you see on your schedule this year?

A.Overcoming the lack of success in the past.

I am new to the program and we are taking on a new motto BTB Burn the Boats





Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
8/22	Ohio County	6 PM	Н
8/29	Hart County	7 PM	Н
9/5	Marshall County	7 PM	Н
9/12	Hopkinsville	7 PM	Н
9/19	at Caldwell County	7 PM	Α
9/26	Crittenden County	7 PM	Н
10/3	at Fort Campbell	7 PM	Α
10/17	Mayfield	7 PM	Н
10/24	at Todd County Central	7 PM	Α
10/31	at Fulton County	7 PM	Α





Football highlights

Caldwell County Tigers

PRINCETON — Caldwell County exited the 2024 high school football season with a 5-7 record.

The Tigers reached the second round of the 2024 high school football postseason. Caldwell County defeated Fort Campbell in the opening round of the 2024 KHSAA Class 2A Playoffs. But Mayfield dealt Caldwell County a season-ending loss one week later in a second round matchup.

The Tigers compete in Class 2A, District 1. Head coach Aaron McClung guides the Tigers. Caldwell County is scheduled to visit Hopkins County Central for its opening game in the 2025 high school football season on Friday, Aug. 22.

Hopkins County Central Storm

MADISONVILLE
— Hopkins County
Central entered the
win column four of 10
times during the 2024
high school football
season. The Storm
compiled a 4-7 record
in 2024.

Hopkins County Central suffered a season-ending loss to title contender Hart County in the initial round of the 2024 KHSAA Class 3A Playoffs

The Storm compete in Class 3A, District 1. Head coach Chris Manning guides the Storm.

Hopkins County Central is slated to host Caldwell County for its opening game in the 2025 high school football season on Friday, Aug. 22.

Todd County Central Rebels

ELKTON — After making appearance in the 2024 KHSAA Class 2A Playoffs, Todd County Central exited last season with a 2-9 record.

Perennial state title contender Mayfield defeated Todd County Central in the first round of the 2024 KHSAA Class 2A Playoffs.

The Rebels compete in Class 2A, District 1. Head coach Willem Cohen guides the Rebels.

Todd County Central is scheduled to visit Ballard Memorial for its opening game in the 2025 high school football season.

Trigg County Wildcats

CADIZ — Trigg County won three of seven regular season games in 2024 and missed out on advancing to the KHSAA Class 3A Playoffs.

Following

realignment, Trigg County has dropped down one class.

The Wildcats compete in Class 2A, District 1. Head coach Chris Ezell guides the Wildcats.

Trigg County is scheduled to host Ohio County for its opening game in the 2025 high school football season during the Wildcat Chevrolet Bowl on Friday, Aug. 22.

Union County Braves

MORGANFIELD
— Union County
finished as the 2024
KHSAA Class 3A
Runner-up and
remains a tittle
contender.

The Braves are looking to reload for the 2025 high school football season.

Christian Academy-Louisville defeated Union County in the 2024 KHSAA Class 3A title game.

Following the loss in the KHSAA Class 3A title game, Union County exited the 2024 high school football season 12-3.

The Braves compete in Class 3A, District 1. Head coach Derek Johns guides the Braves.

Union County is scheduled to host Madisonville-North Hopkins for its opening game in the 2025 high school football season on Friday, Aug. 22.

High School Preseason Top-Fives

By Fletcher Long Special to Kentucky Publishing

1A

No. 1, Raceland Rams

10-5 in '24, lost by five (5) to Sayre in the title game (27-22)

This may be the year of the Rams. Coach Salmons club lost in the finals to Sayre in '24 by five points (27-22); lost to Pikeville in the finals in '22 and '23, and to Pikeville again in the semis in '21. Point is, the Rams have been historically knocking on the door. It may be time to knock down the door.

The Rams lost superstar defender, Lindon Sammons to graduation. Sammons led the club with 15-TFLs, nine (9) sacks, four (4) FFs, and five (5) FRs. Outside of Sammons, the roster is pretty intact.

Jacob Waller will be a junior. Waller threw for 1,500-yards and 11-TDs as a sophomore against four (4) picks and ran for another four (4) scores.

Shannon Marushi ('26) returns, as does Landen Stiltner ('27), and Jonah Arnett. The trio gained over 1,500 yards rushing, together in '24, and scored a combined 25-rushing TDs. Marushi led the team in scoring in '24 with 72 points and Jacob Waller was a reliable conversion on PATs (38) and scored 68-points himself with four (4) TDs rushing, the 38-PATs, and a pair of three pointers (FGs) on four (4) attempts.

Arnett led the team with 41-receptions while Bryson Rowsey ('26) and Parker Ison ('26) contributed 51-receptions between them and 5-TDs receiving

In addition to offense, Arnett was a top defender. Arnett registered 76-tackles, nine (9) TFLs, a-FR, and three (3) picks.

Logan Lockwood hopes to replace Sammons as the Rams top defender in '25. Lockwood is a '26 prospect who had 80-tackles a year ago with eight (8) TFLs, seven (7) sacks, a FF, and a FR. Lockwood is a '26. Lockwood is a stud!

No. 2 Kentucky Country Day

10-3 in '24, lost in the Semis to Raceland in Louisville

Every year KCD is in our top five and, seemingly every year, the preseason pronouncement seems warranted before it is all said and done. The Bearcats have virtually the entire accoutrement returning and the roster will be senior laden when the season opens. If you don't like KCD and enjoy it when they struggle, your year is a year away. For now, you would be wise to avert your eyes in '25 as they will be very good and this won't be a fun year for the Bearcat Hater's Club.

Caden Long is back for his senior year and he was a reliable signal caller who was about as dangerous with his feet as he was throwing the football. He is a slick ball handler in that offensive backfield and one of the ball club's better athletes.

Parker Rudolph is a '26 kid, like Long, and he gained over a thousand yards a year ago rushing the football and was the team's leading scorer. Parker, Long, MacLean Cantley ('26), and Tyler Wilson ('26) give the Bearcats four very viable rushing options who combined for around 2,500-combined rushing yards and 29-rushing TDs. It is called "strength in numbers" or "running back by committee."

All of the top receivers return in Miller Bates, Tyler Wilson, Miles Bahe, and Brohm Garlove. Of the four, Garlove is the youngest and he will be a junior ('27).

Colt Mizuguchi was automatic at PK in the PAT game (95.2%) and he is a '26 kid like much of the roster. Having a reliable kicker who can automatically convert PATs is worth a ton in the high school game come crunch time. Take our word for it.

Rocco Huffman (pictured) may be among the best defensive players in the KHSAA at any level. The '26 defender had 132-stops, 11-TFLs, Eight and a half (8.5) sacks, five (5)-FFs, and a pair of FRs. Huffman separates ball carriers from the ball, gets regularly downhill, and makes plays.

Bowen Johnson is also a '26 prospect and he had 100-stops, nine (9) TFLs, and four (4) sacks in '24. Johnson contributed both a FF and a pair of FRs.

and a pair of FRs.

Of the six top
defensive statistical
contributors from a
season ago, five are
returning this year and
10 of the top 11.

Jackson Miles is the
only defensive stalwart
not returning for
another tour of duty.

Deon Davidson is a rising star. He was a freshman in '24 ('28) and led the team with 3-picks and 109-IRNYs. Davidson also had 50-tackle and three (3) TFLs to go along with his back-third success. Brohm Garlove also had three (3) picks and he housed the only "pick six" of the season.

These guys are freaking loaded. Before the smoke clears, the private school from Louisville will have a say in who gets the 1A hardware. You can believe that!

No. 3 Campbellsville Eagles

'24 record 11-3, lost to Sayre in the Semis in Lexington

This ball club was a year away in '24 and still won 11-games. They should be really good in '25 and a likely challenger for the title. If they were to win it all, it really wouldn't surprise us.

Kace Eastridge is back for his senior year ('26) and he threw for 2,000 yards and 17-TDs a year ago with a nearly 2:1, TD:INT ratio. Eastridge gained 1,346-yards rushing and scored 21-TDs on the ground making him the premier, dual threat guy in the classification and a "Mr. Football" candidate. Eastridge scored 146-points for an average of 10.4 per contest. It has been our experience, particularly in 1A football, that a dual threat weapon like Eastridge can carry a team to a title.

Cross Watson also exceeded the thousand yard threshold last year rushing. He gained 1,018-yards and scored 15-rushing TDs providing a potent one-two, backfield punch with Eastridge. Watson was second on the team in "scoring," tallying 132-points for the year.

Gabriel Noyola and Watson are the two top returning receivers. Nayola ('26) caught 50-balls in '24 and gained 885-yards receiving with 10-TDs. On defense, Noyola picked a pair of passes, and accumulated 60-IRNYs with a "pick six."

Kade Somerville registered 17-PATs in '24. Somerville is back in '25 hoping to increase his 58.6% conversion rate.

Nine of the 11 top statistical defenders return. Shaiden Calhoun ('27) returns and he tied for the club lead with Cole Kessler ('26) with 96-registered tackles. The pair combined for 23-TFLs. KeKe Miller ('26) is also back and he led

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Football

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the club with 15-TFLs and a pair of sacks among his 54-stops. Julian Smith ('28) proved to be among the better freshmen DL in the KHSAA in '24, contributing seven (7) TFLs and a pair of sacks among his 45-stops.

Braylon Beard ('26) had three (3) INTS, 55-IRNYs, and a pair of "pick sixes." Chris Hart ('27) took an INT back 66-yards for a score contributing 46-stops and five (5) TFLs while forcing a fumble. Hart is an emerging star.

No. 4 Sayre

15-0, 1A champions in '24

When it comes to Sayre, these guys have an elite coaching staff and the type program which attracts talent. This program hasn't been around too long but it doesn't appear it is going anywhere.

The independent, private, co-educational school in Lexington, Kentucky, which has approximately 610 students from age two through twelfth grades enrolled and 68 full-time, faculty members, has punched its ticket into the elite class of 1A football programs in the KHSAA. It looks to be a mainstay at this level of play.

With the "Spartans," it appears to be an analysis of what talent graduated versus what talent returns. You have to begin the analysis with the departing skill guys and the production which just walked

across the graduation stage

Fans like to act like graduation doesn't happen. It does. It can really shake up a roster.

How do you replace a quarterback (Luke Pennington) who, over his junior and senior years, completed 382 of 533 passing attempts, for a 72% completion rate, with 103-TD passes thrown against four (4) picks? I don't know that one can. Remember too, with Luke Pennington at the controls, over the past two years, the Spartans logged an overall 27-1 record with a title ('24).

Pretty dad-burn impressive. A program can't lose production like that and not feel it, particularly at the 1A level.

In addition to
Pennington, Charlie
Slabaugh and his
113-carries for
850-yards and 13-TDs a
year ago has
graduated. Slabaugh
was a defender too;
registering, in '24,
110-tackles, seven (7)
TFLs, a sack, a pick,
and a pair of FFs. Try
saying all that really
fast, five times.

Sayre also graduated Brock Coffman and his 101-receptions, 1530-yards and 27-TDs; not to mention Coffman's 12.5 points a game, five (5) INTs and a "pick six." The receiving corp will also miss Chase Parker's 28-receptions, for 420-receiving yards, and eight (8) TDs as well as Kemonte Braxton's 35-receptions for 395-yards and seven (7) receiving touchdowns not to mention

Braxton's five (5) picks on defense.

Like we said, the Spartans had a ton of talented seniors in '24. Most championship rosters are so constructed if we are being honest.

The cupboard isn't completely barren. Coach Pennington will have some useful roster pieces back for '25.

Gannon Rice ('26) attempted a single field goal in '24. That is the bad news. Rice did make it. That is the good news.

Carson Graves ('26) returns to kick the PATs. Graves made 47 of those a year ago. Graves is reliable.

There are several young guns on defense returning. Harrison Phillips ('27) tallied 96-tackles, five (5) TFLs, five (5) QB sacks, a pick, a FF, and a pair of FRs in '24. John Luke Minner ('26) registered 40-tackles, three (3) TFLs, 12-sacks, and two (2) FFs. Minner is a dynamic, explosive defensive playmaker.

The same may be said about Jackson Stuart ('26). Stuart, in '24, registered 51-tackles, five (5) TFLs, a sack, a FF, and three (3) FRs including a 51-yard scoop and score. Rumble, big man, rumble...

Beau Perry picked a pair of passes as did Caden Jones. Perry and Jones are both rising seniors and return to patrol the defensive back third.

Now it is important to point out Sayre is a private school and we have no idea what students from Lexington, or surrounding areas, decided to transfer there this offseason. We don't report on transfers until they are declared "cleared" by the KHSAA and some of those matters are still pending. Based on what we do know, Sayre will have to replace some "hard to replace" type players on the offensive side of the ball.

No. 5 Hazard Bulldogs

8-5 in 2024, lost to Raceland in the regions

This will be Matt Chandler's second year at the helm at Hazard. What a job he did in his first season.

Hazard was a two point loss on the road to Breathitt (2A) from a nine (9) win campaign. Hazard knocked an always tough Williamsburg squad out of last year's playoff, and convincingly.

Max Pelfry has graduated and that will be a huge miss (196/312, 2,444-yards, 26-TDs, six (6)-picks, 11-rushing TDs). William Shoptaw was a freshman a year ago and threw five (5) TDs to 0-INTs and the job may be his to lose. Memphis Blankenship will be another big loss as he was a thousand yard ground gainer in '24

Now for the good news, Gavin Johnson ('27) returns and he may be a "Mr. Football" candidate in a few years. Johnson caught 85-balls for 1,069-yards and 13-TDs in '24 as only a sophomore.

Johnson scored 108-points in '24 to lead the team and scored in all three phaes of the game (two (2) TDs rushing, 13-receiving, a KO return, six (6) two (2) point conversions). Johnson also had 51-tackles, a-FF, a-FR, and a pair of INTs.

Conner Holbrook ('27) housed a pick-six from 51-yards out in '24 and registered 92-tackles on the year with four (4) sacks.

Race Lindon returns. Lindon led the club with 127-stops, a-FF, and two (2)-FRs. Caden Brewer has a bright future as the '28 prospect registered three and a half (3.5) sacks in limited run a year ago.

Before you point out Hazard made this poll position based largely on the strength of the Johnson kid, we would point out a kid like that, who is a three (3) phase contributor, makes a huge difference in 1A football. The Bulldogs have more than just Johnson. However, having one Gavin Johnson will get a bunch of lower classification type teams a preseason ranking.

The next five

6. Pikeville, The Panthers boast a WR in Mikey Hager who runs consistent 4.4, 40's. We probably have the Panthers too lightly regarded this preseason! Oh well, no one's perfect...

- 7. Middlesboro 8. Williamsburg 9. Holy Cross (Lou.) 10. Ludlow
 - **2A**

No. 1, Beechwood High (tie)

2024 record, 14-1, 2A Champions

Clay Hayden is gone and that is a big miss. Hayden threw for close to 3,000 yards a year ago and 46-TDs while completing over 67% of his passing attempts and throwing only 6-picks. Cole Coppage and Tyler Fryman, a pair of sophomores, look to fill those large shoes.

Chase Flaherty is also departed by graduation. He gained close to 1,456 yards on the ground and scored 30-rushing TDs. The most lethal receiving threat, James Cusick, who caught 61-passes a year ago with 14-TDs and over a thousand receiving yards likewise graduated.

Nathan Pabst (three INTs) a Tyler Fryman (five INTs) will plug into to lead the ball club as the pair accounted for three (3) of the team's five (5) "pick sixes" a year ago. Colson Lair is among the best PKs in the game.

Bo Sowder returns on defense and Sowder had 13-TFLs and three (3) sacks as only a sophomore. If you are looking for an off the radar type, keep an eye on rising sophomore, Garrison Wilson ('28). Wilson housed a 37-yard, "pick-six" in '24 as a freshman. Teams like Beechwood reload, never rebuild.

They lost a ton to graduation. They will

still be in the title hunt regardless. They are Beechwood!

No. 1 Belfry Pirates (tie)

2024 record, 11-3, made the 3A semis; lost to finalist, Union County

Belfry was 11-3 a year ago and lost to Union County in the semis, the 3A, not the 2A, semis. Belfry has been re-classified into 2A.; Whether they find the sledding any easier is anyone's guess; but, to be fair, the Pirates were doing just fine in 3A

Belfry lost its alltime coach in Phillip Haywood. How does any program replace 491-wins and 8-titles? It's impossible.

New coach Matt Varney was on the staff and has been handling the defensive side of the ball for years. What will he do with the reigns to the entire team of horses? How will the kids respond? Those are the 64-dollar questions. We just don't know for sure.

Belfry didn't lose much off the '24 team. Chase Varney is back at the controls of the offense. Varney, '26 QB, threw for nearly 1,500-yards and 16-TDs a year ago running for another 8-scores on keepers. Varney also recovered 6-fumbles while the "other Varney," Cayden, picked three passes. Cayden Varney caught 18-balls in '24 and the '26 receiver also tallied six scores.

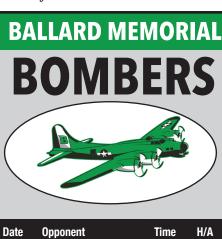
Jeremiah Austin is back at RB. Austin, also a '26 prospect, gained 1,574-yards and scored 16-TDs in 206 carries. JB Woolum was a weapon too as the '27 prospect gained nearly 900-yards a year ago and scored 16-rushing TDs to go along with his 32-receptions and 6-receiving TDs. Ace Caudill, '26, gained 553-yards with 11-sores to go along with 21-receptions.

Cayden Varney caught 18-balls in '24 and the '26 receiver also tallied six scores.

Nick Savage returns at PK and the '26 player tallied 67-PATs in '24 on 71-attempts.

We don't talk enough about quality linemen in this online publication. That being

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Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
8/22	Todd County Central	7 PM	Н
8/29	Jo Byrns (TN)	7 PM	Н
9/5	at Massac County (IL)	7 PM	Α
9/12	at Calloway County	7 PM	Α
9/19	Charleston (MO)	7 PM	Н
9/26	South Fulton (TN)	7 PM	Н
10/3	Russellville	7 PM	Н
10/17	Fulton County	7 PM	Н
10/24	at Caverna	7 PM	Α
10/31	at Muhlenber County	7 PM	Α





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said, guard/tackle Bo Wolford, a rising senior is as good as they come in the KHSAA. Wolford anchors an offensive front known for its prowess.

No. Prestonburg

2024 record, 11-2, lost in the regional championship game to Somerset

The Blackcats are back baby! Here is the thing, they were 11-2 in '24 and were supposed to be a year away then.

QB, Bryce Holbrook was a sophomore last season and returns with a 2:1 TD to INT ratio from a year ago. Sure, Dalton Elliot and Alex Harris graduated, but Colin Hatfield is a '27 guy, like Holbrook, and he scored in multiple phases a year ago, with TDs rushing and points scored in special teams as both a PK and 2-point conversion specialist.

Defensively, Maddox Pugh ('27) returns and he registered 140-stops in '24, with 8-TFLs, a pair of sacks, 2-FFs, and 2-FRs. Kain Patton is back with his 124-stops, 18-TFLs, with a pair of picks, and Noah Price led the team in QB-sacks, FFs (5), with a FR and returns for his junior season.

Logan Stumbo is a stud. He had 158-tackles, 31-TFLs, 2-sacks, 1-FF, and 2-FRs with a "scoop and score." Stumbo will be a senior in '25.

No. 4 Breathitt High (tie)

2024 record, 6-6, lost in the second round to Beechwood, 56-28, in Fort Mitchell

Breathitt came on at the end of the year in '24 and finished 6-6, scoring 28-points on Beechwood in round two in Fort Mitchell, Kentucky. Miles Hollon ('28) improved with every game, throwing for 1,949-yards and 21-TDs.

The Bobcats are really tough on the ground as '28 Eli Thomas may be among the elite running backs in his graduating class across Kentucky. Rising senior, Jayden Gibson, gained just a tad under 700-yards in '24 and scored 12-rushing TDs. The tandem of Thomas-Gibson will be a load

for any defense to handle.

The Bobcats will have to find a replacement for PK Braxton Terry. Terry made nearly 90% of his PATs in '24. Preston Turner looks to be the likely replacement.

Brayden Barnett, Austin Barker, Alex Strong, and Waylon Abner all return for '25 promising the defense will be a stout one and much improved over last year's unit. Sawyer Hall is back, along with Abner, and those two are as good of combo OG/DT types you will see.

Kylan Combs looks like he is ready to go, coming off a traffic accident with considerable injury from last season. The last time we saw Kylan Combs in a uniform he established himself as the (probably) the best freshman safety in Kentucky at any level of play. Combs registered 109-tackles as a freshman and his junior year should be a special one.

Sometimes having to lay out a year reminds a player what makes the high school game of football so special in the first place. Combs will play with an edge, with a vengeance, you may take that to the bank.

No. 4 Somerset (tie)

2024 record, 9-5, lost to Owensboro Catholic, 27-14, in Owensboro in the Semis

Somerset is coming off a 9-win season and a trip to the semis. The Briarjumpers have Kris Hughes returning and Hughes is a sure-fire "Mr. Football" candidate a year from now.

Hughes, as a junior, gained 1,651-yards and 24-rushing TDs. He also caught 36-passes and scored 174-points, good for 12.4 a game. Hughes scored a year ago in all three phases of the game, including housing an INT.

Josh Bruner has graduated but Jacob Estep ('28) looks able to fill those shoes. Estep is the QB of the future; but, the future looks to be right now

be right now.
Austyn Lawless was just a sophomore in '24 and the '27 prospect had 100-tackles, 13-TFLs, and 10-sacks with 3-FRs. Corban Cimala and Hughes tied for the team lead in picks with a pair a piece.

This is a very well coached team.
Somerset isn't going anywhere for all of you out there pulling against the Bad Bunnies from Pulaski.

No. 5 Mayfield

2024 record, 9-3, lost to LCA in the regional championship 47-7 in Mayfield

Good news, bad news scenario here is this: Mayfield has a ton returning from last year's 9-win team. That is certainly the good news.

The bad news is the Cardinals were pretty pedestrian, by their standards, a year ago. Mayfield lost to Lexington Christian Academy, at War Memorial, by 40 in the regions. That will leave a bad taste in any program's mouth.

Gray Robbins was a handy quarterback, if not spectacular, a year ago as only a sophomore. Robbins threw for close to a couple thousand yards and 21-TDs with a 3:1 TD to INT ratio. Jace Houston will bank him up and the pair are both '27s.

Josiah England returns for his junior campaign. England rushed for 1,568-yards and 17-TDs on 188-carries. England led the team in scoring with 108-points or nine points a game.

Mak Hoover and Malik Kirby provide the 1/2 punch in the passing game from the receiving corp. Both of them will be seniors and Hoover caught 44-balls, eight (8) of which were for TDs and Kirby caught 42-passes, nine (9) of which were for scores. We should also mention Kirby led the ball club with 6-picks, a "pick-six," 37-tackles, three (3)-TFLs, a FF, and a FR.

Owen Byrd was 92% on PATs nailing 48 of his 52-attempts going two (2) for five (5) on three-pointers. Diego Torres, along with Malik Kirby, is among the more versatile talents on the roster.

Torres, a rising senior, had 47-stops, two (2)-TFLs, three (3)-FRs, picked a pass, and was third on the ball club in receiving with 20-receptions for 349-yards and a TD. Torres was also among the leaders in scoring with a receiving TD and a scoop and score on defense.

Five more to watch

6. Owensboro
Catholic

7. Lexington Christian Academy (LCA)

8. Caldwell County 9. Bracken County 10. Washington County

3A

No. Christian Academy Louisville (CAL)

'24 record, 13-2, 3A State Champions

CAL just won its third consecutive state title and their fifth overall. Connor Hodge, who transitioned over from WR to QB, threw for 3,659-yards and 40-TDs against nine (9) picks completing just shy of 70% of his passing attempts.

Hodge has moved on to college to rejoin his brother (Cole) who played QB at CAL before him. Look for Jackson Burke to attempt to fill those shoes and the Burke kid ('28) can flat spin it. Burke threw for 452-yards and 6-TDs to one INT in '24 in a largely mop-up role.

It is Burke's turn. We believe Burke will flourish.

Garyon Hobbs transferred to Atherton and he was the leading rusher a year ago not playing QB. Look for Jeffrey Vanzzana ('26) to step up from the eight (8) games he played a year ago.

Vanzanna gained over 600-yards as a sophomore and scored 11-rushing TDs. If he isn't a thousand yard ground gainer in '25, we will be shocked.

Gabriel Lumpkin ('28) was a freshman who showed considerable promise in brief action up with the varsity. Lumpkin averaged close to eight (8) yards a carry.

Darwin Cotton will be a huge miss. Cotton caught 76-passes for 1,460-yards and 21-TDs in '24.

JaHyde Brown will hope to lead the downfield passing attack. Brown ('27) caught 51-balls as a sophomore for 532-yards and 5-TDs.

Gains Howard ('27) is another top-flight rising junior who picked up nearly 30-receptions in '24 for over 500-yards and four (4) TDs.

Madden Miller ('27) is a point scoring machine at PK. Miller converted 98% of his PATs (53 of 54) and was two (2) for four (4) on FGs

Garrett Augustine is the back-up at PK. Augustine converted 98% of his PATs too (14 of 15).

Jackson Settle ('26) returns and he registered 85-tackles with 19-TFLs and five (5) sacks in '24. Micah Newsome ('27) looks ready to lead.

Newsome registered 75-tackles, 13-TFLs, a pair of FFs, a FR, and a sack.

Kellan Hall ('28) may have been the best freshman defender in the commonwealth a year ago. Hall had 61-tackles, 21-TFLs, a pair of sacks, and a FF.

There wasn't a better freshman DB than Man Robinson ('28) in '24. Robinson picked four (4) passes, returning one for a "pick-six."

This team is still teeming with talent. CAL will be in the hunt again and probably the favorite.

No. Bell County

'24 record, 11-2, lost regional championship to Lexington Catholic

Bell County is coached by the single, most successful and winningest active coach in the KHSAA. Dudley Hilton is less than 50 or so wins shy of Phillip Haywood's 491-career victories, by our count which may be off but is certainly close.

Having Coach Hilton on the sidelines guarantees any team title contention. All-timers, like Hilton, make a huge difference.

Of course, Hilton does develop talent. His Bell County roster has quite a bit of talent returning from an 11-2, '24 season.

Bell County's QB returns in Blake
Burnett ('26). Burnett is a dual threat guy and between his
1,204-yards passing,
517-yards rushing, and
19 all-purpose TDs,
Burnett has proven himself a versatile and lethal offensive weapon.

Burnett plays defense too. On defense, Burnett picked six (6) passes, registered 44-tackles, made a pair of TFLs, and recovered a fumble.

Kaleb Miller ('26) is a 2,100-yard rusher from a year ago with

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Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
8/22	Webster County	7 PM	Н
8/29	Murray at MSU	7 PM	Н
9/5	at Fulton County	7 PM	Α
9/12	Ballard Memorial	7 PM	Н
9/19	Warren East	7 PM	Н
9/26	at Logan County	7 PM	Α
10/3	at Franklin-Simpson	7 PM	Α
10/17	at Allen CoScottsville	7 PM	Α
10/24	Paducah Tilghman	7 PM	Н
10/31	Marshall County	7 PM	н



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29-rushing TDs. Miller caught a TD pass in '24, among his seven receptions, swinging out of the backfield. Miller is also the PKer where he made as many PATs as he missed.

Leading receiver Joseph Brigmon ('26) returns. Brigmon caught 21-balls for 565-yards and five (5) scores last season. Brigmon played defense where he forced a fumble, recovered a pair, registered 57-stops, four (4) TFLs, a sack, and picked a pass.;Logan Greene ('28) can spin it but was just a freshman a year ago. Greene spent more time at WR than QB and more time on defense than on offense.

Greene caught five (5) balls for 65-yards at receiver. Green registers 70-tackles, a pair of TFLs, a sack, forced a fumble, and picked off a pass while on defense.

The top defender for Bell County, this coming season, may prove to be Joshua Owens ('26). Owens registered 103-tackles, six (6) TFLs, forced a fumble, and recovered a pair of fumbles.

Two things you will have to know about any Dudley Hilton ball club. 1. The Bobcats will run the football as well as anyone. 2. They will be fundamentally sound and play football with a high IQ.

That sounds like a recipe for success and title contention to us. What do you think?

No. 3 Central High (Louisville)

'24 record, 9-4, lost the regional championship game to CAL

The Central you watch play this Fall won't be last year's Yellow Jackets. Cortez Stone has run out of eligibility.

Stone gained 1,882-yards on 181-carries with 30-rushing TDs in '24. Stone led the team in scoring.

Stone even registered 15-tackles. He may have also played the snare drums in the Marching Band. We aren't certain about the drums. We may have to check on that one.

However, as long as there are some Dantzler's on hand, Central will compete for a 3A title. Last time we checked we still have some "Dantzlers" around the program. Jalen Dantzler ('27) and head coach, Marvin Dantzler, are two of the foremost among the clan.

Jermaine Walker looks to fill the QB's role in the offense. Walker threw as many TDs a year ago as the QB-1. Walker is deft with his feet as he gained 248-yards rushing on 29-carries, with a pair of rushing TDs.

Rashad Johnson and Phillip Baker are a pair of '27s who both showed promise in '24. Look for those young guys to come on as the season progresses.

Defensively, you know the Jackets will be tough. Defense is kind of a Dantzlerthing.

Destin Basemore ('27) had 64-tackles and six (6) sacks in '24. Jaylon Wyatt Benning ('26) had 57-tackles and a pair of sacks.

Zavion Meads ('27) is a young guy with considerable promise. Meads registered 56-tackles, a pair of sacks, and a FF.

Lookout for Jalen Datzler ('27). He was set to start last season and succumbed to injury.

Dantzler made the most of his limited opportunities, registering 15-tackles and an INT while shutting down his side of the back third. No telling what Jalen would have done had the young man had a full season of reps in which to have done it.

Jalen is a 4.54-second, 40-yard dash guy who is also 6'2," 180-pound corner with an 80-inch wingspan. Before we forget, Dantzler is a 3.3-GPA guy.

Dantzler is a projected corner with back-end closing speed, an enviable frame, and incredible length. He is also crazy athletic and a full-academic, NCAA Clearinghouse qualifier.

Who isn't looking for corners like that?

No. 4 Rockastle County High

'24 record, 10-2, Lost to Belfry 21-13 in round two at Belfry

The last time Rockcastle County ("The Rock") was this good Tom Larkey was coaching the boys from Mt. Vernon. Chris Larkey is at the reigns and he has brightened the program's fortunes considerably.

The Rock won 10-games in '24 and bowed out of the playoffs in a one score margin playing the boys from Belfry in the CAM on Pond Creek. This was a semis-good caliber ball club with an unfortunately tough playoff draw.

QB Caden Lovell ('27) will be a junior in '25 and he was steady at the controls last season. Lovell passed for 10-scores and ran for another three (3).

The backfield featured a pair of thousand yard rushers and the leading rusher, Isaiah Jackson ('26) returns. Jackson gained 1,266-yards and scored 16-rushing TDs.

Jackson was also the leading receiver tying for the team lead in TD receptions with Blake Mullins ('27). Jackson was additionally the team's leading scorer. Jackson averaged over 10-points a game.

All but two (2) of the TDs receiving return for '25. The Rock will be solid when (or if) it decides to air it out.

In addition to Jackson's offensive play, Jackson led the defense with four (4) picks, 45-IRNYs, 43-tackles, four (4) TFLs, a QB-sack, a FF, and a FR. Basically, Jackson was all over the field in multiple phases for "The Rock" in '24 and should be in '25 as well.

As for Blake Mullins, in addition to his receiving skills, Mullins registered 65-tackles on defense with 16-TFLs and a team leading 10-sacks. Mullins recovered a fumble as well, so we are talking about one Heck of a versatile skill set on young Mullins.

Benjamin Brenda graduated and that will hurt. He converted 38-PATs and made three (3) of his six (6) FGs attempted. Identifying a PK in camp prior to the season's commencement will be paramount.

paramount.

Most of the top
defenders return.
Hunter Singleton
registered 134-stops,
17-TFLs, four (4)-sacks,
a pair of FFs, and a
pair of FRs, including
a "scoop and score" in
'24. The defense will
look for continued
leadership out of this
'27 prospect.

Jaydon Bowles ('26)

is a stud. Bowles registered 47-stops, 12-behind enemy lines, sacked the opponent's QB half a dozen times (6) while recovering a fumble in '24.

Caden Lovell ('27) s a back-third, young guy to watch going forward (2 INTs) as is Brayden Thacker ('28). Thacker got run in seven (7) games and picked a pass and registered 10-stops, making the most of limited time. Thacker will have a "breakout season," in our humble opinion.

Lovell registered 23-tackles, recovered a fumble, recorded a TFL, to go with the pair of picks we above disclosed. Lovell will be joined in the backfield with a classmate, Conner Wright ('27).

Wright registered 39-tackles, four (4) TFLs, a FF, a FR, and two (2) INTs. Wright recorded one of the ball club's two "picksixes" in '24 (the other was senior Carter Powell).

This is a ball club which lost two games a year ago; one to an 11-win Bell County team, the other to a now 2A, 11-win, Belfry team. This is a very good ball club with a ton of production returning.

The surname
"Larkey" is back on
the Rockcastle County
sideline. If that doesn't
concern you, you may
not know enough
about KHSAA football
history to coach it.

No. 5 Lloyd Memorial

'24 record, 9-3, lost to Russell at Russell in round two by a single point (21-20)

The boys from Erlanger have always been a problem. They were a problem which required solving in '24. The aptly called "Juggernauts" figure to be back in the title chase in '25.

Kaleb Evans is back at QB and the '26 prospect had a solid year at the controls in '24, his junior season. Evans threw for over 2,000-yards, 24-TDs, against only three (3) INTS, while rushing for another four (4) scores. We wouldn't describe him as "dual threat," but he is slippery and elusive enough to prolong plays.

The top three rushers from a year ago graduated.

However, the way the Juggernauts manage the rushing attack, it was balanced and didn't lean on any one guy that much any way.

Alijah Griffin ('26) will be a senior and he averaged 14-yards a carry in a limited role. Griffin also picked three (3) passes on defense, registered 32-tackles, recorded a TFL, and forced a fumble while recovering a fumble. Griffin can play anywhere you slot him.

Colten Barger ('28) was among the better freshmen, at the WR slot, there was anywhere in Kentucky in '24. Barger caught 30-balls for 415-yards and five (5) TDs.

Billy Lewis ('26) will align across from him. This will insure the defense has more than the one guy on whom to game plan.

Barger played "both ways." On defense, the talented freshman recorded 27-tackles. Pulling double duty, as a freshman, and delivering 30-receptions, five (5) receiving TDs, and 27-stops is what we would term "an impressive debut."

Ryan Miller ('26) is back to handle the PK duties. Miller converted 39-PATs in '24 and will look to improve on his close to 70% conversion rate. Miller also converted a critical two-pointer and was among the club's leading scorers.

Lloyd Memorial had another top-flight, Kentucky-wide freshman performer, apart from Barger. Lincoln Tomlinson ('28) had an incredible freshman season on defense.

Tomlinson registered 107-tackles, 19-TFLs, five (5) sacks, a FR, and a "pick-six" taken both to the house and covering 28-yards. They don't make freshmen like they used to and guys like Barger and Tomlinson prove it.

This is a team which sustained some losses to graduation but return enough talent to make this top-five. The difference between this team and some of the "Nevt Five" is fairly minimal.

The Next Five Union County-Union

see **Top Five (3A)**, page FB17





2024 Final Record: 1 wins, 7 losses

District Record: 0-3



2025 Senior Players: Fulton County senior players: Vincent Scott, Kalon McCauley, Zayden Kinney and Keaton Goodson



Q. What has the focus been in preparing for this season?

Coaches Corner

Q & A with

James Bridges

A.Putting the right players in the right position to make plays and to be more successful is the focus this year.

Q. Who are some key returning players, and what roles will they play this year?
A. Kalon McCauley RB /WR, Preston Smith QB, Davarius Freeman RB,

Wesley Goodman CB,

Cooper Scott OL, CJ Keys DL, Zayden Kinney WR/ LB,

Brayden Eakes LB, Drake Thorpe DE and Hunter Stonecipher DE are key returning players this year.

Q. What are some of the biggest strengths or improvements you've seen in your team compared to last year?
A. We are More focused on being a TEAM.

Q. Do you have any players drawing attention from college programs or who fans should keep an eye on?
A. Keep an eye on Zayden Kinney and Kalon McCauley this

Q. What are the biggest challenges or tough matchups you see on your schedule this year?

A. The biggest challenge we have is winning our district and hosting a playoff game that hasn't been done since 1998.











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GRAVES CO. HIGH SCHOOL

2024 Final Record: 9 wins, 3 losses

District Record: 4-1, finishing 2nd in district standings

Postseason Performance: Advanced to the Class 5A playoffs, winning in the first round before falling in the second round to South Warren, 35-14, ending the season 9-3



2025 Senior Players: Kyle Cole, Hunter Ditto, Malachi Frazier, Lane Lunsford, Aiden Pate, Drake Ramey, Patrick Roberts, Landon Stephens, Kobe Thomas, Adam Wilkey, Spencer Hopwood and Lorenzo Montez Arellano

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Coaches Corner Q & A with Tyler DeBernardi Graves Co. Football head coach

Q. What has the focus been in preparing for this season?

A.The focus has been to take it one play at a time, one practice at a time, and one day at a time. We have a lot of new starters on both sides of the ball so there has been a lot of moving around to see where each player fits in order to benefit the team the most.

Q. Who are some key returning players, and what roles will they play this year?

A.Ty Cavette WR- Will

be a player to watch out for. We will try to get the ball to him as often as possible in the passing game.

Raygon Mathis DB/WR-One of the best athletes in the entire region. Had an excellent Sophomore season with 7 interceptions on defense but will have an expanded offensive role at WR this season.

Bodie VeuCasovic WR- Will be a huge redzone target and possession WR due to his size and strength. Is a mismatch problem for DBs at the high school level.Brady Rozzell RB-Took over as the starting RB last season against Apollo and never looked back. He will be our feature RB this season and is an excellent pass catcher out of the backfield.

Luke Jones DB-Returning starter in the secondary that was one of the best in 5A in interceptions last season. Max Ivy DB-Returning starter in the secondary but will have an expanded role on offense this season.

Coleman Amis LB-Should emerge as the leader of the defense at Outside LB.

Kobe Thomas DL- Only returning starter on the defensive line. Is the leader of the position group and has had an excellent offseason.

Parker Wilson WR/ DB- excellent offseason and will play all over the field on offense and defense.

Wilson Thomas WR/ DB- Great athlete and football player. Jack of all trades on the football field and provides a ton of versatility to our offense and defense.

Keegan Hopwood OL/DL-Emerging as the leader on the offensive line and does a great job of showing up ready to work everyday.

Q.What are some of the biggest strengths or improvements you've seen in your team compared to last year?

A. Players have really come together as a team and have worked tirelessly to improve.

There is a desire to be great and a work ethic that is something to see. We have also had a few players return to playing that will be a big help on the defensive side of the ball in Aiden Pate LB and Hunter Ditto LB. Both have had excellent offseasons and have improved every practice.

Q. Do you have any players drawing attention from college programs or who fans should keep an eye on?

A. We have a lot of extremely talented players that everybody should keep an eye on as far as fans and colleges. It will never be about a single individual at Graves County but the team as a whole.

Q. What are the

biggest challenges or tough matchups you see

tough matchups you see on your schedule this year?

A. Every game on our schedule is a challenge. We open our first 7 games with teams that may all be ranked in the top 10 in their respective classes and we play in one of the deepest districts not just in 5A but all of Kentucky. Every team we play has excellent coaching staff and talented players so there is no off game on the schedule. But the biggest challenge we face is ourselves. We must be able to battle every week not only physically but mentally as well. The season will be filled with highs and lows. How we navigate those will determine how successful we are at the end of the season.







2024 Final Record: 3 wins -7 losses

District Record: 2-3





Q. What has the focus been in preparing for this season?
To develop depth on both sides of the football.

Coaches Corner

Q & A with

Dustin Lopez

Hopkinsville Football head coach

Q. Who are some key returning players, and what roles will they play this year?
A. ATH James Bradley Jr- Will Start at QB after totaling over

1,000 yards rushing & receiving last fall. WR Aiden Jesse- Long lean WR who transferred from Christian County. Will be the top Receiving target this fall.

Q. What are some of the biggest strengths or improvements you've seen in your team compared to last year? A. Depth & Speed

Q. Do you have any players drawing attention from college programs or who fans should keep an eye on?
A. De'Andre Watkins DB/RB- NAIA Offers

A. De'Andre Watkins DB/RB- NAIA Offers James BRadley Jr-Southern Miss Aiden Jesse- Southern Miss & UT Martin Q. What are the biggest challenges or tough matchups you see on your schedule this year?

Playing 6A football with a school enrollment of 950 kids, which is a 4A enrollment. South Warren, McCracken County, Madisonville, Henderson County will all present major challenges for us this fall.



CRITTENDEN COUNTY

ROCKETS



Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
8/22	at Marshall County	7 PM	Α
8/29	Union County	7 PM	Н
9/5	Webster County	7 PM	Н
9/12	Union City (TN)	7 PM	Н
9/19	at Mayfield	7 PM	Α
9/26	at Trigg County	7 PM	Α
10/3	Todd County Central	7 PM	Н
10/17	at Fort Campbell	7 PM	Α
10/24	Caldwell County	7 PM	Н
10/31	at Hopkins County Cen	7 PM	Α

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	MAKSHALL COUNTY										
2	Sylas Winding	WR,	СВ	So.		59	Jerrek Harris			So.	
3	Cash Henson	CB,	WR		6'2" 172	60	Conner Gibson	G		So.	
3	Kaden Mohler	WR		Sr.	5'11" 170	61	John Kenady	DE,	T	So.	6'0" 189
5	Aidan Roy	FB,	MLB	Sr.	5'11" 200	64	Landon MacKey	DT,	G	Jr.	5'8" 220
6	Wyatt Holley	DE		Sr.	6'0" 180	68	Blake Powell	T,	G	Fr.	
8	Levi Jetton	WR,	CB	So.	5'7" 140	71	Alex Robinson	C,	LS	So.	6'3"
11	Neyland Jezik	QB		Sr.	6'3" 185	74	Landen Thorn	LS,	G	Jr.	6'2" 225
14	Kolten Winsett	QB,	SS	So.	5′10″ 147	75	Carson Burton	G,	NG	Jr.	5′8″
16	Kam Brown	TE,	DE	Sr.	6'5" 205	78	Alan Agee	T,	NG	So.	6'5"
20	Mason Joyce	RB		So.		79	Elijah Holt	G,	NG	Sr.	6'3"
24	Jake Thomasson	RB,	OLB	So.	5′11″ 155	81	Noah Carroll		WR	Fr.	
25	Jett Jones	WR,	SS	So.	5′11″ 157	85	Andre King	WR,	CB	Fr.	
30	Skyler Jones	WR,	CB	Sr.		86	Reece Reid	RB,	OLB	So.	5'9" 155
33	Kayson Holland	RB,	CB	Sr.	5'10" 160	87	Cody Haynes			Jr.	6'1" 175
36	Jasper Jones	MLB,	FB	So.	5′7″ 155	89	Riley Brewer	MLB,	OLB	So.	5'11"
39	Nathan Knight	OLB,	FB	Sr.	5'11" 200						
50	Collin McLean	C	DE	Sr.	6'0" 215	Eva	n Merrick Head Co	ach			

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2024 Final Record: 6 wins, 6 losses

District Record: (3-0 in district play)

1st place in 6a District 1. Advanced to class 6a 2nd round losing to central hardin



2025 Senior Players: Cayden Anderson, Reed Brookshire, Kasey Chandler, Mason Clark, Sam Goodman, Isaac Hart, Dawson Hayden, Lucas Hoffman, David Keeling, Hunter Neely, Landon Newman, Braedyn Noland, Maddox O'Neil, Ashton Ollivierre, Kaine Rose, Monte Rush, Jeffery Tindall, Alex Wilham and Nolan Winstead. Photo by: Matt Hernandez Creative



Coaches Corner

Q & A with

Tyler Brooks

McCracken Co. Football head coach

Q. What has the focus been in preparing for this season?

A. Our focus this year has been improving on our end of season success last year. Last year was the first time we won our district since 2020. It was a big step for our program and we are looking to take the next step this Q. Who are some key returning players, and what roles will they play this year? A. Key Returning Players: SR. QB Maddox O'Neal, SR. WR/DB Reed Brookshire, SR.RB/ DB Dawson Hayden SR. RB/LB Landon Newman, SR. WR/LB Nolan Winstead, SR. DL Lukas Hoffman, SR. DL Kaine Rose and SR. TE/DL Sam

Goodman

Q. What are some of the biggest strengths or improvements you've seen in your team compared to last year?

A. Our Biggest strength is our depth on both sides of the ball. We can play a lot of kids and keep our guys fresh.

Q. Do you have any

players drawing attention from college programs or who fans should keep an eye on?

A. Players Drawing College Attention SR. Maddox O'Neal: Murray St. University/Eastern Kentucky University Jr. Max Watson: Wofford So. Jude Lanier: Nichols State University Fr. Cole Presswood: Murray St. University/Eastern Kentucky University/ Nichols State University

Q. What are the

biggest challenges or tough matchups you see on your schedule this year? A. Biggest Challenges: Week 1 vs Paducah Tilghman





TILGHMAN HIGH SCHOOL

2024 Final Record: 15-0 A perfect season

District Record: 5-0 in Region 4A,
District 1 - Unbeaten in district play
State Title: Champions of Class 4A, defeating Franklin
County 27-20 at Kroger Field to secure their
4th state championship



2025 Senior Players: Jaron Anderson Jr., Brenden Brown, Mason Copeland, Stone Crowe, Javin Dukes, Nate Gregg, Aiden Hilton, Camdin Isom, Taveus Jackson, Hank James, Blane Kolb, Elias McPike, Ben Myers, Je'Marion Purdiman, Corde' Rawlind, Blair Sains, Jarvis Strickland Jr., Braden Talbert, Canden Thomas, Cam Wade, Jayven Williams and DJ Wilson.

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Coaches Corner

Q & A with

Sean Thompson

Q. What has the focus been in preparing for this season?

A. Focus has been on getting better each day. We lost a large senior class and have a lot of positions to fill. We are also looking for

guys to step into leadership roles, thats the biggest void left by the loss of a 26 man senior class.

Q. Who are some key returning players, and what roles will they play this year? A. Jarvis Strickland and Ben Myers -Offensive line. Stone Crowe - Quarterback. DJ Wilson - Running back and linebacker. Hank James -Defensive Back. Brady Sanderson -Linebacker. Isaac James - Linebacker. Avery Thompson -Wide receiver and Defensive back. Cam Wade - Wide receiver and Defensive back. Chance McPike - Wide receiver and Defensive

back. All these will be key players this year.

Q. What are some of the biggest strengths or improvements you've seen in your team compared to last year?

last year?
A.This team will be different from last.
Hard to tell what they are at this point. This team is fast

Q. Do you have any players drawing attention from

college programs or who fans should keep an eye on? A.Jarvis Strickland

and Ben Myers Offensive line. Hank
James - Defensive
Back. Avery
Thompson - Wide
receiver and Defensive
back. Cam Wade Wide receiver and
Defensive back.
Chance McPike - Wide
receiver and Defensive
back. All these are
drawing attention that
is well deserved.

Q. What are the biggest challenges or tough matchups you see on your schedule this year?

A.McCracken will be improved. Mayfield is always tough and Madisonville will be a tough opponent as well.







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MAYFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

2024 Final Record: 9 wins, 3 lossesDistrict Record: 4-0 (undefeated in district play)

Finished 1st in Class 2A Region 1 with a 7-2 regular-season record and a perfect 3-0 district slate. Advanced into the Class 2A playoffs, winning multiple games, including a second-round win over Caldwell County (48-21), before being eliminated



2025 Senior Players: Owen Byrd, Zane Cook, Reggie Dowell, Maxon Fisher, Mak Hoover, Thayer Henley, Jalal Islam, Malik Kirby, Will Morris, Ashton Rodgers, Kyler Simpson, Angel Torres, Diego Torres, Grandon Townsend, Garin Wilson and Maurice Johnson



Q. What has the focus been in preparing for this season?

A.The focus has been on improving and preparing for another long season. We expect to be playing in December so we

Coaches Corner

Q & A with

Cliff Dew

Mayfield Football head coach

have a long way to go.

Q. Who are some key returning players, and what roles will they play this year?
A. Malik Kirby - WR and CB Returning starter with huge potential Mak

Hoover - DB and WR Special skill set makes him versatile and a threat any time, Will Morris - TE and DL Could be a dominate player at both positions, Josiah England - RB and CB Top returning rusher and has embraced the CB role on defense, Zane Cook - OL and DL Leader and anchor of our offensive line, Ashton Rogers - DL Returning starter on

the defensive line who could be a force to have to deal with.

Q. What are some of the biggest strengths or improvements you've seen in your team compared to last year? A. The biggest

last year?
A. The biggest
difference in this
team is experience.
So many of our
players last year were
first year guys and
now with a year
under their belt they

have improved in all facets of the game.

Q.Do you have any players drawing attention from college programs or who fans should keep an eye on?
A.Mak Hoover, Will Morris, Zane Cook, Malik Kirby, and Ashton Rogers have all gotten college looks.

Q. What are the biggest challenges

or tough matchups you see on your schedule this year? A.The first 4 games are always a tough stretch with big rivalries and playing big schools. The challenge is to get through that part of the schedule healthy before going into district play. Adding Louisville Central at week 11 will give us a good measuring stick before the playoffs start.





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MURRAY LHIGH SCHOOL

2024 Final Record: 8 wins, 3 losses

District Record: 2-1 in district play, placing 2nd in their region behind Mayfield

Playoffs: Advanced to the Class 2A second round **Defeated Edmonson County in the first round (48-7)** Lost to Owensboro Catholic in the second round (14-49)



2025 Senior Players: Amarion Bomar, Will Burkeen, Meech Carman, Julian Figueroa, Hank Fronza, Deerik Jackson, Nate Johnston, Isiah Martin, Simon Rickman, Wyatt Robbins, Nemo Robinson and Josh Bridges.



Q. What has the focus been in key returning players, and what preparing for this roles will they play season?

A. Our focus has been on discipline, communication, and physicality. These three qualities are non-negotiable when defining success.

Melvin Cunningham Q. Who are some

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Coaches Corner

this year? A. Returning players are Isaiah Martin, Wyatt Robbins, Simon Rickman, Meech Carman, Ryan Walls, Gage Keeling, Gage

Chapman, Zaye Richardson, Jesse Clark are among a few. Their role is to be culture drivers. The have to hold teammates accountable to the standard.

Q. What are some of the biggest strengths or improvements you've seen in your team compared to last year?

A.The biggest improvement has been with our leadership. We did a good job this

summer with our leadership development program and seeing the growth of some of our players has already had an impact on our team.

Q. Do you have any players drawing attention from college programs or who fans should keep an eye on?

A. Ryan Walls has multiple offers-Florida State, Isaiah Martin has multiple offers-UT Martin, Gage Chapman has multiple offers-Murray State, Simon Rickman and Wyatt Robbins-Bethel

Q. What are the biggest challenges or tough matchups you see on your schedule this year?

A. One of our biggest challenges is ourselves. Most games are lost not won. Health is a huge factor. When coaching this size of school, one injury creates multiple moves. The tough match-ups on our schedule is Graves

County, McCracken County, Union, to name a few. To win at any level is hard so we have 10 must win games in the first season and it starts over in the play-offs. Our toughest game on the schedule is Apollo because it is the only game we play in week





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8/22	at Apollo	7 PM	Α
8/29	Calloway County @MS	7 PM	Н
9/5	Graves County	7 PM	Н
9/12	Marshall County	7 PM	Н
9/19	at Russellville	7 PM	Α
9/26	at McCracken	7 PM	Α
10/3	at Webster County	7 PM	Α
10/24	Hopkins Co Central	7 PM	Н
10/31	Caldwell County	7 PM	Н

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2024 Final Record: 3 wins, 7 losses

District Record: 1-4



2025 Senior Players: Ethan Webber, Cheston Townsend, Aidan Roy, Clayton Ordunez, Nate Oakley, Luke Nimmo, Kaden Mohler, Collin MClean, Carson Lichtenberg, Nathan Knight, Neyland Jezik, Wyatt Holley, Kayson Holland, Grant Franklin, Deegan Croley, Kam Brown, Eli Holt, Jayden Holland, Kaleb Byars and Skylar Jones



Q.What has the focus been in preparing for

this season? A. We have been working on continuing to build our culture and come together as a team. Q.Who are some key returning players, and what roles will they play this year? A.We have several returning starters on both side of the ball

and are lucky to return several Sophomores that logged key snaps last season.

Q.What are some of the biggest strengths or improvements you've seen in your team compared to last year? A. Having the same coaching staff coming back has been very helpful throughout the offseason and summer camp. This has helped to further create our culture for hard work, teaching players our schemes, and building relationships. We also return several

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Crittenden County

at Caldwell County

Madisonville-N Hopkins

at Muhlenberg County

at Trigg County

at Owensboro

Graves County

at Calloway County

Apollo

at Murray

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players that logged some big time snaps for us last year. Having these guys coming back will help us get over the hump in close games.

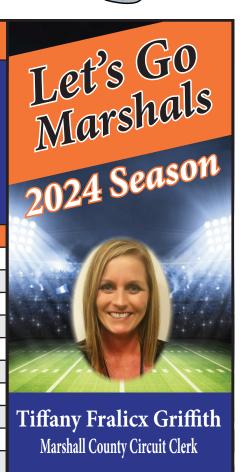
Q.What are the biggest challenges or tough matchups you see on your schedule this year?

A.There isn't a team on our schedule that we can afford to overlook. Every team

we play is very competitive and has coaching staffs that do a great job of having their teams prepared. We also play in a very competitive district, where each team is aiming for competing for the region. We are looking forward to the challenge and playing our best football when we start our district schedule.







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Top Five (3A), continued from page FB8

lost Jarren Johnson, Amare Black, and Kamden Davis to graduation plus many, many more off the 3A finalist club we saw in '24. They are Union County and are excellently coached; but will need some shoes filled.

McLean County-McLean has the best running back, not named Evan Hampton, on the western end of KY (Aden Bolden, '26, 1,439-yards rushing and 13-TDs in '24). Zach Wagner does a fine job and McLean is always hard to handle.

Lexington Catholic-David Clark is among the best coaches in the KHSAA and the turn around the Knights experienced in '24 was a testament to that fact. When you only win 7-games but made the semis that says something about the coaching staff most administrations admire. It says something about the teams you schedule as well. This team experienced heavy losses to graduation but don't feign surprise if they figure out a way to get in contention in

Mercer County-Craig Yeast has brought in a young coach named Chuck Collins to run his weight program and help on Friday nights. The Collins family is amongst the "first families" of the KHSAA. It is like hiring a "Jaggers." They hired a Jaggers once at Mercer and that seemed to work out pretty well if my memory isn't failing

Hopkins County Central-Central has one of the better multi-phase guys around in Sylas Gunn ('26). Gunn threw nine TDs, rushed for a TD, and registered 104-tackles, six (6) TFLs, a sack, and picked a pair of passes as a junior. Kristan Scott will be a "difference maker" along the scrimmage lines and Dallas Kinlaw will come out of nowhere to contribute mightily. This ball club figures to do much better than the four (4) wins it experienced in both '23 and '24. Chris Manning (HFC) does an excellent job coaching and promoting his program.

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4A

No. 1 Boyle County

'24 record, 12-1, lost to Covington Catholic at home in the regional championship game by three points (31-28).

Baylor Murphy ('26) was solid under center in his junior campaign. Murphy completed 77% of his passing attempts (135/176) for over 2,000-yards with 30-TDs against a lone INT.

Murphy has the best TE prospect in the South/Midwest, in the '27 class, to target down the field in Randy Driver's son, and Tony Driver's nephew. His name is Seneca Driver and he is a grown man.

Driver is 6'7," and weighs 240-pounds. We were told Driver stuck the landing on a back flip at practice the other day just for giggles (because he wanted to try it).

Driver caught 24-balls in '24 for 353-yards and seven (7) TDs. Driver also scored 50-points.

Driver played defense too. Driver registered 36-tackles, seven (7) TFLs, a pair of sacks, and forced a fumble. Many people believe him to be Kentucky's top rated prospect in any graduating class.

Driver has 37-FBS offers presently. Driver is a 5.8-rated, Four (4)-Star on most all the national recruiting services.

Driver has an 80-inch wingspan, 10" hands, runs the 40 in 4.66-seconds, and shuttles in 4.5-seconds. Driver has a broad jump of 9'9."

Nathaniel Schepman is a "big play" threat. As a sophomore, he averaged over 16-yards a reception and scored a TD every 4.5-receptions.

Cliffton Yocum ('26) looks ready to lead defensively. Yocum registered 43-tackles, five (5) TFLs, and five (5) sacks. Kain Logan ('27) pitched in a pair of TFLs and Jakeem Ray and JiDyn Smith-Hisel each contributed a pair of INTs.

There is no way around this single fact which keeps putting Boyle in yearly championship discussions. Justin Haddix is among the best in the business in Kentucky's coaching fraternity.

Haddix has compiled a 145-42 record with four (4) titles (2020, '21, '22, '23) in six (6) attempts (Corbin, played for the title in 2017, 2018). Any team which trots out onto the field with Justin Haddix as its head football coach has a chance, a very good one.

No. 2 Covington Catholic

'24 record, 11-3, lost to Franklin County in the semis

There can't be a better dual threat guy, at QB, than Covington Catholic's Cash Harney. This guy is 5'10," 170-pounds of dynamite and a solid "Mr. Football" candidate.

Harney threw for 1,303-yards and 13-TDs in '24 and rushed for 1,476-yards and 19-TDs. Cash led the team in scoring with 116-points and none of his 13-TDs passing were credited to him. Harney even recovered a fumble.

Most importantly, Harney led his team to an 11-win season and a berth in the semifinals. Harney is "Lexington or Bust" in 2025.

Dylan Gaiser ('26) is back to form a potent 1-2 punch in the offensive backfield with Harney. Gaiser gained 1,378-yards from scrimmage with 15-TDs on 131-carries. Gaiser played a little defense too. Gaiser had 35 stops and three (3) INTs.

We like Owen Pitzer ('27) a great deal as an up and comer. In addition to his work at RB in a limited capacity, 65-yards and five (5) rushing TDs, one TD swinging out of the backfield and a two-point conversion; Pitzer did some outstanding work on defense registering 57-tackles and a sack.

Logan Sanning ('26) is back for the '25 defense and Sanning had a productive junior season. Sanning registered 47-stops, half a sack, a FF, a FR, and three (3) INTs. Matter of fact, the Colonels in blue picked 25-passes a year ago

and approximately 20 of those picks return in '25. Thrown on them if you wish, but you do so at your own peril.

Football

No. 3 Corbin

'24 record, 12-2, lost to Tilghman (Paducah) in the semis

Much like Paducah Tilghman's losing Jack James, Corbin lost Kade Elam and he (also) was a once in a generation-type talent at the QB position for the Redounds. Elam passed for 3,411-yards and 40-TDs, in '24, while completing 75% of his passes (200/268). Elam only threw three (3) picks.

Elam rushed for nearly 500-yards and 16-rushing TDs. You just need to fully appreciate what losing a Kade Elam actually means and how good Elam actually was.

We get tired of fans critiquing our preseason polls with "We're coming of a 12-2 record and we lost to Freddy D and Tilghman. How can you rank us third, or fourth, or whatever?"

Fans don't like to acknowledge graduation. Not all these guys who walk across the graduation stage are easily replaced.

Cole Stevens ('26) is back at RB and he came close to gaining a thousand yards a year ago. He also scored 10-rushing TDs.

Cam Estep ('26) returns and he is as talented as any passcatcher across the commonwealth. Estep caught 63-passes for 1,027-yards and nine (9) TDs a year ago. Estep also caught five (5) passes not even targeting him (INTs). Estep registered 43-tackles in '24.

Eli Pietrowski ('26) and Cole Stevens ('26) both return and they will keep defenses from doubling Estep. Pietrowski faced a pair of fumbles last year.

Pietrowski's unafraid to hit. Pietrowski's 37-registered tackles, three (3) TFLs, and four (4) sacks tells me my impression is entirely accurate.

Bryson Hopkins ('28) is a young guy who should be monitored this coming year. Just a word to the wise, this kid is a playmaker.

Noah Cima will be a huge miss. Cima scored 13-TDs receiving, converted a FG, converted 76-PATs to contribute 157-points to the team in '24. Add him to the list of talent, with Kade Elam, which may be hard to replace.

Mason Salmons ('27) looks to be a star in the making. Salmons had 76-tackles a year ago with a TFL and a sack. Salmons forced a fumble and recovered a pair.

Malachi Brown ('27) is one of the better players in Kentucky at his slot and in his graduating class. Brown registered 46-tackles, 10-TFLs, and eight (8) sacks. You don't see young guys get "down hill" like Brown very often.

This isn't last year's team. They won't be quite as good this year as last. That said, they are still the Corbin Redhounds. That is a name we have come to fear, around the KHSAA, and with good

reason.

No. 4 Paducah Tilghman

'24 record, 15-0, won the 4A title

Sure, "The Blue Tornado" touched down in Lexington last December. Sure, Tilghman High (Paducah) polished off a 15-0 overall record and a 4A title in '24. However, that was then...this is now.

Say whatever you want, but graduating a QB who threw for over 4,100-yards, 57-TD passes against only nine (9) picks, and completed close to 70% of his 438-passing attempts (304) all in one season will be far from simple. Quarterbacks like Jack James don't come around too often in a coach's career.

There is still some talent on "The Blue Tornado" roster. We don't bring up linemen enough but Jarvis Strickland ('26) may be among the best OL I have seen since I began covering KHSAA football.

Strickland has the size (6'6," 290) and disposition to take over ball games from his tackle slot. Strickland is the highest rated recruit in Kentucky.

Demarkus Wilson ('26) gained 828-yards rushing in '24 and scored 11-rushing TDs to go with his 66-points he put up on the scoreboard. Avery Thompson ('28) is a budding super star in the receiver corp. Thompson caught

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36-balls in only nine (9) games for 454-yards receiving and eight (8) TDs.

Russell Hancock and Tate Kirchoff were both seniors a year ago. Between them, they made 90 of 94-attempted PATs for a conversion rate approaching 96%. Hancock made a FG. That is quite a bit of scoring which will have to be found elsewhere.

Defensively, look for Brady Sanderson ('27) to answer defensive coordinator's Steve Lovelace's call for service. Sanderson registered 61-tackles, six (6) TFLs, and a sack last season.

Keep an eye on Isaac James ('28). James was only a freshman and played in 9-games.

Limited playing time aside, James register 23-tackles, a TFL, recovered a fumble, and picked a pass. You don't see that type production from a freshman defender on a roster which went 15-0 and won it all in the 4A classification that often.

Gae'lon Spivey-Nunn ('28) was a freshman in '24 too. He only saw run in four (4) varsity games in '24. However, Spivey-Nunn registered five (5) tackles and a pair of INTs. We call that making the action count.

If we are being honest, and we strive to be, Tilghman lost quite a bit from off of last year's team. That being said, they are still excellently coached and have enough pieces remaining to warrant this preseason ranking.

No. 5 Ashland (tie)

'24 record, 11-2, was pasted by Corbin in the Regional Championship

Like so many teams listed herein, there isn't a person left on this roster who has ever completed (nor thrown) a varsity forward pass. On top of that, leading rusher Braxton Jennings also graduated.

Between LaBryant
Stader's 25-TD passes a
year ago with Jennings
20-rushing TDs, that is
a ton of scoring the
Tomcats will have to
find somewhere else. If
I were going to have to
come up with that level
of offensive
production, I would
like to have Chad
Tackett coaching my
team.

Paul Blazer High will feed the ball to Cameron Davis ('26) and Maverick Ashby ('27). Davis gained over 500-yards last yard and scored nine (9) TDs rushing while Ashby gained close to 500 (452) on only 73-carries, scoring six (6) rushing TDs while catching eight (8) passes swinging out of the backfield.

Davis also contributed 47-tackles, a TFL, and picked off six (6) INTs. Davis maybe the most versatile player in 4A.

Davis was the leading receiver in '24, catching 35-balls for 615-yards and eight (8) TDs receiving. Davis will get "Mr. Football" attention this Fall.

Sam Lyons ('26) returns and he caught 35-balls for 514-yards and five (5) TDs to go along with his pair of INTs he snagged on defense. Lyons forced a fumble, recovered a pair, and logged 32-tackles with three (3) TFLs to augment his offensive production.

Troy Barnett ('26) has a final year of eligibility and that is huge for the Tomcats. Barnett converted 46-PATs, of his 53-attempted, and was perfect in FGs, although he only attempted one. Hey, better to make the single attempt than miss it, right?

Seth Morris ('28) is waiting in the wings. He made seven of his 13-attempted PATs. To see much action, Morris has to improve on that 54% conversion rate.

Keyshawn Newman ('26) registered 56-tackles, six (6) TFLs, and four (4) QB-sacks a year ago. Newman will figure prominently in the Tomcats's defensive plans in '25.

The bottom line is this, Blazer will be in the hunt because they are Blazer and the coach is Chad Tackett. However, that aside, we can't just pretend they didn't suffer significant losses. They most certainly did.

No. 5 Fort Thomas Highlands (tie)

'24 Record: 11-3 in 5A, Lost in the Semis to Cooper

The Bluebirds are among the more decorated programs in

KHSAA history. While Fort Thomas Highlands has won 23-titles, they haven't won a title since 2014.

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Man, that is over 10-years ago (not counting '25 which we haven't yet played). If you would have told me in 2014 Highlands wouldn't win another title over the next decade or so, I would have walked away from the conversation thinking you're crazy.

The Bluebirds have a chance this season, coming off an 11-win campaign and semis loss to state finalist, Cooper. They are sliding down to 4A and 4A may end up being an even tougher nut to crack than 5A, particularly this season. Not easy to get through any classification that hosts teams like Boyle, Paducah Tilghman, Covington Catholic, Corbin, Franklin County, Paul Blazer, etc.

QB Rio (Mario)
Litmer ('26) is another of those 4A "Mr.
Football" candidates.
Litmer threw for nearly 3,000-yards in '24 with 33-TDs while rushing for another five (5) scores. Litmer completed 69% of his passing attempts and had a smidgen over 4:1 touchdown to interception ratio.

Gabe Williams will be the top returning rusher and the '27 prospect had a decent enough year for a kid getting on the field for Highlands as only a sophomore. Williams rushed for 344-yards and four (4) touchdowns and looks to improve on those numbers dramatically. Gabe Williams paced the DBs with five (5) INTs in '24.

Tayden Lorenzen is a '27 guy with an eerily familiar surname. He caught 31-balls in '24, eight (8) of which were for TDs. Lorenzen also scored 74-points a year ago.

Kai Anderson ('27) appears to be the heir-apparent at PK. Anderson was a perfect seven (7) for seven (7) in PATs a year ago.

Isaac Neimann will be counted on to lead the defense. Neimann had 57-tackles last year with seven (7) TFLs, three (3) sacks, six (6) FFs, and a pair of FRs.

How much better is Highlands than Franklin County, Johnson Central, DeSales, and Perry County Central? At the end of the day, I suppose will shall see. I believe the line to be rather thin though

Rounding out the Top-10

Franklin County, No. 7, had huge losses on defense and will have many untested players on that side of the ball. Knox Barrett ('28) should improve quite a bit and Jack Oldham will get the lion's share of the carries. This is an excellently coached ball club (Eddie James, HFC) which could easily slip up into the top five.

top five.
Johnson Central, No. 8, is coming off an 8-4 worksheet in '24.
Losing a 2300-yard rusher in Zack
McCoart won't be easy as this offense depends more on RB than QB.
Logan Music is very, very good. Seth Davis is a huge loss on defense.

Perry County Central, No. 9, just kind of fell apart a year ago, plummeting to four (4) wins on the year. That won't happen again is our wager. Mark Dixon is as good as it gets as a head football coach and the Johnson brothers, Aaron David "AD" ('26) and Bryson ('28), are both heady, knowledgeable, and talented ball players who both worked extensively with a speed trainer this offseason. Bryson Johnson is as good of a young LB as you will ever see at the HS level.

North Oldham, No. 10, and its head football coach, Brock Roberts, has the Mustangs hitting on all cylinders coming off a nine (9) win campaign. QB Colin Daniels ('26) is a really fine player and last year threw for over 2,300-yards with 30-TDs against five (5) INTs. Daniels completed a smidgen over 67% of his passes (184/274). Lucas Thompkins is a "Mr. Football" candidate and led his team as a junior in scoring. Additionally, Thompkins caught 50-passes for 887-yards and 14-TDs, scored four (4) TDs rushing, and converted three (3), two-pointers on special teams. Thompkins played defense and picked five (5) passes and accumulated 90-IRNYs. We call that three (3) phase utility and it is a

prized commodity at the 4A, 5A, and 6A levels.

5A

No. Cooper

'24 Record: 14-1, State Runner-up, lost to Bowing Green 37-20

Cooper, under Randy Borchers, has been to the 5A title game the last two seasons, losing both times to Bowling Green. We believe the third time may be the charm.

Cooper has some weaponry returning. QB, Cam O'Hara is a real threat. O'Hara is a '26 prospect and a "Mr. Football" candidate. He threw for 3,617-yards and 52-TDs in '24 against only three (3)-INTs. O'Hara completed over 65% of his attempts (212/325) and ran for four (4) scores. This might be Kentucky's elite player at the QB-position in '25 among all KHSAA schools regardless of classification.

Talk about your running threats, Keagan Maher returns and he will vie for the coveted "Mr. Football" distinction before it is all said and done. Maher is dangerous out of the backfield in passing routes as he caught 22-balls in '24. Cooper graduated two fine receivers in Isaiah Johnson and Jaiden Combs and one of Kentucky's all-time TEs in the high school ranks in Austin Alexander, but O'Hara will find someone to target down the field and Maher will be among his choices.

Look for Ryker Campbell to develop in the passing game. Ryker is already a leading returning defender (102-tackles, 2-TFLs, 1-FF, and eight (8) picks including a pair of "pick-sixes"). Don't be surprised if the '26 prospect doesn't get involved more heavily on offense in '25. Campbell ran the ball from scrimmage some as he averaged around 11.5-yards a carry in '24 and scored a rushing TD every fifth carry.

Keagan Maher gained 1,433-yards and scored 22-rushing TDs in '24 and the '26 prospect proved himself to possess a versatile, multi-phase

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skill set. Maher was the team's leading scorer (150-points) in addition to being among the leading receivers and leading return threats on special teams.

Eyler Tibbs ('26) was something a year ago, converting 75-PATs, and making two of his three FG attempts. Corey Freihofer ('27) can kick it too, as he converted 87.5% of his PATs with limited opportunities and even recovered a fumble. Freihofer registered 15-tackles in '24 playing for one of Kentucky's most talented rosters. Keep you eye on this young man.

Max Wethington returns at the "Mike" or MLB slot. The '26 second level guy registered 75-tackles, 3-TFLs, and picked off a pass.

Dax Bolen also returns as the '26 prospect registered 70-tackles, 3-TFLs, a QB sack, and a pair of INTs. Carson Clark ('27) has demonstrated a penchant for big plays. Clark had three (3) sacks a year ago amongst his 14-stops. Clark forced a fumble too. That amounts to quite a few "specialty stats" for someone who played limited snaps spread out over 11-games of action.

No. 2 Bowling Green (Senior High)

'24 Record: 13-2, State 5A champions

First of all, let's get this out of the way. The Purples are working on a three-peat and have won three of the past five titles in 5A football.

Picking Bowling Green (right now, anyway) to win the 5A title is a sexy pick. That doesn't mean we will do it. Should another publication do so, we would hardly blame them.

Bad News doesn't improve with time. The bad news is Bowling Green High's Deuce Bailey is out of eligibility.

Bailey threw for close to 3,200-yards in '24 and 45 passing TDs. The "Deuce" also ran for over 400-yards and 5-rushing TDs.

Losing that level of production from such a prime-time position is tough on any program regardless of the program's classification. It looks to us like Embree Dotson ('27) will get the first crack at filling those shoes.

They can always snap the ball to Trevy Barber. He attempted a pass a year ago and certainly knows where he's headed with the ball in his hands.

Barber ('26) caught 79-passes a year ago for 1,327-yards receiving and 22-TDs. Barber scored 138-points in '24 averaging 9.2-points scored per game.

That is major, major down field production. Barber will vie for "Mr. Football" along with several other of his 5A compatriots.

Jaxen Smith ('26) will insure opposing defenses don't overly focus on Barber. Smith caught 48-balls in '24 for 700-yards and 11-TDs. If Smith were playing for any team other than Bowling Green, he would be the marquee guy split out wide.

The kicking game lost Braden Widener to graduation. Widener converted on 98.5% of his PATs (67/68) and knocked through nine of 14 FG attempts.

Widener scored 94-points a year ago and he will be sorely missed. Kale Phelps looks to inherit the job.

Phelps, '28 PK, was perfect on PATs making both of his attempts. Sure, that is a limited sample size; but, it could have been worse. He might have missed them both instead.

Montez Trussell ('26) returns and he is among the more devastating defenders in the KHSAA. Trussell registered 121-tackles, 27.5 TFLs, and 16-sacks in '24.

Malik Coburn is a classmate of Trussell ('26) and he is nearly as devastating. Coburn registered 92-tackles, 19.5 TFLs, and nine and a half sacks (9.5).

If you are looking for a young gun to keep an eye on, may we suggest Kyle Sledge ('28). The Sledge-Hammer (couldn't resist) registered 31-tackles over his freshman year playing 5A ball for the classification's premier program.

Sledge-Hammer also picked three (3) passes and accumulated 45-IRNYs. Arlando Jones ('27) and Miles Richey ('27) each had an INT a piece getting varsity PT along the Purples' third level.

It kind of boils down to Cooper has an established superstar at both QB and RB returning in '25. Deuce Bailey is gone and Jaxen Smith hasn't shone, to date, he is quite a Keagan Maher.

That and that alone is why we picked Cooper and BG in that order instead of the reverse. We literally went back and forth on these two.

No. 3 Atherton High

'24 Record: 10-3, lost to Bowling Green in the regional championship

This biggest news this offseason for The Big A-Train was the transfer of Garyon Hobbs to Atherton from Christian Academy Louisville (CAL). We usually don't discuss transfers but we have heard Hobbs has been cleared for play.

Hobbs has been ranked as high as the number two (2) overall football prospect in Kentucky in the '27 class by On3.com. The 6'1," 220-pounder is listed as an "Athlete" by the service. Talk about your accurate descriptions.

Last year at CAL, in helping the Centurions win the 3A title, Hobbs gained close to 400-yards rushing and scored a pair of TDs. Hobbs caught 16-passes for 184-yards and three scores.

On defense, Hobbs registered 79-tackles, 13-TFLs, a sack, and picked three (3) passes including 83-IRNYs and a "pick-six." That isn't shabby.

Atherton will have some pieces to plug in along with Hobbs when the season arrives. Deairus Smith is a '27 and will be back to run the offense. He threw for close to a 1,000-yards and 12-TDs last year.

For what this prospect lacks in flash and pizzaz, he makes up for with heady play. Smith is a winner and gets his team in the "right play."

Du Zye Grundy will try to fill the huge shoes of Michael Curry's graduation. Grundy gained 669-yards and scored 8-rushing TDs in only 64-carries a year ago. Grundy also had 31-tackles, 5-TFLs, and 4-sacks.

Aiden Wilson ('27) returns at WR. Wilson caught 35-balls in '24 for 608-yards and 3-TDs. On defense Wilson picked a pair of passes, including a "pick-six" while also accumulating 75-IRNYs.

Bruce Leisten converted over 70% of his PATS in '24, converting 31 of 44. Leisten is a '27 guy who is off to a good start and has plenty of time to further develop.

Donee Sutton had 85-tackles and 9-TFLs with three (3) sacks in '24. James Allen Briscoe picked 4-passes for 78-IRNYs and a pick-six in '24. The '26 prospect also chipped in 42-tackles, a TFL, and a FF.

As for coaching, Anthony "Nino" White has done an incredible job reinvigorating the football fortunes of The Big A-Train, including branding Atherton football as "The Big A-Train."

Getting players like Hobbs to come over from CAL is an indication of the "buy-in" into the program of top-flight, Derby City football playing talent. Over the past two years, Atherton is 21-5.

Can you believe it?
Well, you better get to believing. The Big
A-Train is pulling into your station with plenty of talent to compete for championships.

No. 4 Owensboro Senior High

No. 4 Owensboro Senior High '24 Record: 8-4, Lost to BG, at home, in RD

Jay Fallin stepped down at the end of the year and DaMarcus Ganaway has taken the reigns. Ganaway is a former All-American receiver at Kentucky Wesleyan and played a couple years in the league (NFL).

The first thing Ganaway will have to do is replace Trevor Delacey at QB. He will turn to a pair of underclassmen, both of whom are talented. Ty Ashley ('27) threw a TD pass in '24 as did Zeke Beehn ('28). Both of these guys have talent and lack experience so it will be interesting to see who can be brought around for this Fall.

Ashley plays defense and was the leading tackler a season ago. Ashley registered 116-stops, five (5) TFLs, three (3) sacks, and a FR

Evan Hampton may be the best RB in Kentucky and a bone fide "Mr. Football" candidate who has committed to Louisville. Hampton gained 1,549-yards in '24 and scored 20-rushing TDs. Hampton caught four TD passes, led the team in scoring (148-points), and played a little "spot defense" where he registered a hand full of tackles.

Kingston Dillard ('28) is a sure-thing, bone fide, Friday Night star. Dillard caught 41-passes, for close to 600-yards, with four (4) TDs as only a freshman. Dillard also registered 11-tackles.

Romar Payne graduated and that will hurt. Payne converted 46-PATs and four of his five FGs. Hard to find a PK any better than that at the HS level.

Omarian Tee Green ('27) was a monster in '24 as only a sophomore. Green had 56-tackles, a TFL, but forced five (5) fumbles, recovering four (4).

Guess what? Green also picked a pair of passes and accumulated 75-IRNYs. Green played offense too.

Green gained 238-yards on 32-carries, scored six (6) rushing TDs, and caught a TD pass on top of everything else. There seems to be literally nothing this kid can't

Classmate Kalil Shemwell ('27) had a year in '24. Shemwell picked four (4) passes, housed a "pick six," and registered

17-tackles.
Now for the
Hampton who gets
overlooked, Evan
Hampton's brother
Elijah Hampton ('26).
This kid is a terrific
player who reports
wherever you wish to
deploy him and just
excels.

Elijah had 104-tackles, three (3) TFLs, recovered a fumble, picked a pass, carried the football a couple times, and played along the OL, blocking for his twin, for much of the year. This kid can play and is worth a look independent of his being Evan Hampton's brother.

Here is the bottom line for you fans out there. The Red Devils will contend. Welcome to the KHSAA. This happens all the time.

The "Red Devils" won eight (8) games a year ago and it wasn't a particularly good year. Owensboro is used to winning double digit games a season and making deep playoff runs. We expect to see much of the same out of the DaMarcus Ganaway edition as we have grown accustomed to seeing out of teams with Owensboro blazoned across the chest.

No. 4 Woodford County High (tie)

'24 Record: 10-2, lost to Highlands in the second round

Woodford County is an excellently coached football team. Hiring Tony McCombs to help with the defense was a really good idea.

High school programs don't get opportunities to add former NFL players, and one of EKU's all-timers every day. Dennis Johnson, Woodford's HFC, being one of UK's greatest all time DEs would be the perfect guy to appreciate such a pedigree.

Justus Wertzler is out of eligibility. This hurts as he passed for nearly 3,000-yards with 32-TDs a year ago in leading the Yellow Jackets to another 10-win campaign.

The Jackets will be unproven at RB.
Darrian Tomlin has talent and youth ('27).
Tomin averaged a little over 9-yards a carry in '24 but in limited opportunities.

Omari Jointer ('27) has big-play potential. Jointer had 10-TDs receiving in '24 to lead the ball club. Jointer also averaged over 21-yards a reception he wasn't getting tossed a ton of slip screens if you catch what I am laying down. Jalen Johnson caught 31-passes in '24 so he will balance out the edge attack down the field.

Logan Ford gradated and he was a real weapon at PK. Ford made 58 of 59-PATs and nine (9) of 10-FGs. We don't know whether the Yellow Jackets turn to now as no one not named "Logan Ford" tallied a single point kicking the

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football in '24.

Thurman Wade ('27) looks like he will be a real defensive star for the Jackets. Wade registered 41-tackles, 8-TFLs, a sack, a pair of FRs, 90-FRNYs, and a "scoop and score."

Wyatt Peters is a terror on the back end. Peters ('27) had 57-tackles, half a TFL, three (3) INTs, a FF, and a FR in '24. Christopher Reed, Jr. ('27) housed a "pick-six" from 33-yards out a season ago to go with his 29-stops.

This will be a solid ball club. It is a well coached one.

No. 5 Madisonville-North Hopkins (tie)

'24 record: 7-4, lost to 5A Champion, BG, in the first round

This may be the "surprise team" of the classification. It was down between Owensboro Senior and these guys for the last spot. Why did we go with North Hopkins? Two words: star power!

One thing is painfully obvious when North Hopkins comes off the bus. These guys, year in and year out, dress some filthy athletes. I mean it is sick the type of athletic talent Madisonville rosters from year to year.

This year doesn't appear to deviate.

Kanyon Johnson is playing college ball now. He was an example of athleticism we were discussing. That said, the Maroons have sank or swam on its run-game through the years over its

passing attack.

We believe Kirk
LaGrange ('26) may get
the first chance to fill
Johnson's shoes at QB.
Make no mistake,
LaGrange is a DAWG.
Whether he will make
a serviceable QB is
another question but
we like the
deployment.

If you're a defensive lineman, you may pass rush LaGrange and get your face ripped off. Better be careful back there. LaGrange picked four (4) passes, registered 64-stops, with a pair of TFLs, a sack, and a FR a year ago. That is a mighty big defensive piece to take over to offense and slot at QB. If anyone can do it, it is LaGrange.

Markezz Hightower ('26) is the best RB in class 5A if not the entire KHSAA. He has been offered by MTSU and they would prefer me not mention him any further. They would love top sign him and don't want me hurting their chances by "blowing him up."

Hightower gained 1,604-yards and scored 20-rushing TDs last year in 11-games. He caught 15-balls swinging out of the backfield and scored a TD receiving. Markezz led the team in scoring, putting 138-points up on the board, or 12.5 a game. Before we forget, Hightower had an INT on defense he returned 29-yards. Just saying...

With Austin Alexander graduated, we like Jayden Travis as perhaps the best TE playing high school football in the 5A classification. Travis is 6'3," 230-pounds caught 25-passes in a run-first attack in '24 with three (3) TDs receiving. Travis finished fifth on the team in "scoring."

Travis also was instrumental in a rushing attack which gained over 3,200 yards and scored 42-rushing TDs. Travis accounted for three (3) of the team's 11 TDs through the air. That is approximately 28% production out of that one player.

Travis bench presses 250, squats 365, pulls or "deadlifts" 440, and power cleans 280. Strong, powerful, and explosive are lethal combinations for HS TEs.

Travis has soft, receptive hands; a thick and long enough frame to effectively work the middle of the defense with considerable advantage, and is fast enough (4.9-second, 40-yard dash) to create match-up problems with opposing defensive coordinators hoping their 2nd line of defense can contain this offensive weapon. As for smarts, how about his 3.6-GPA

Ryder Sandridge ('27) caught 21-balls last season for 321-yards. Sandridge caught three (3) TDs to tie Travis for the team lead as well as forcing a fumble, recovering three (3) fumbles, registering 71-tackles, and picking a pair of passes from his DB post. This is a versatile, multi-phase threat.

Noah Mays was a steady hand converting PATs a season ago. Mays had an 80% conversion rate.

Skylar Minton is gone and his 130-tackles and 11-sacks will be tough to replace. That being said, Mark McNary ('26) believes he's the man for the job. McNary had six (6) sacks and eight (8) TFLs amongst his 54-tackles a year ago.

The team had 26-sacks a year ago. Minton and McNary were 17 of them.

Clayton Gunkel ('27) is a talented DB for the Maroons. Gunnel had a pair of kicks in '24 as did classmate Ryder Sandidge.

Joseph Gunn ('27) took his one INT to the house. His "pick six" covered 60-yards.

Overall this is a seven win team from a season ago which was a play here, play there from nine (9) wins. This team has some really good talent and the right components in place to make a run like it did in 2019. Oh yeah, the running back for the '19 team was also a "Mr. Football" candidate with the surname of "Hightower."

Rounding out the top-10

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10. Southwestern Beware: Look out for Muhlenberg County. They are excellently coached and have some really nice young players coming up through the ranks. If the Mustangs can keep the talent in-county and in-place, you are looking at a program on a definite "heater!" They may be a year or two away, but they are arriving.

6A

No. 1 Trinigh High (Louisville)

'24 Record: 13-2;

Reining 6A Champions
Zane Johnson will be
starting his third year
at the helm of the
mighty Shamrock
offense. Johnson is the
class of the '27s across
the state, especially at
QB, and threw for over
2,000-yards a year ago
and had a nearly 2:1
touchdown to
interception ratio

Jamaurion Berry gained close to 800-yards in '24. The '27 RB scored 12-rushing TDs and scored another two (2) TDs swinging out of the backfield in pass routes. Berry was the team's leading scorer a

(18-TDs, 10-INTs).

year ago as only a sophomore.

Jason Hagan figures to be among Johnson's top downfield targets and he is a '27 like so many other stars on this roster. Hagan caught 23-passes, five (5) of which were for TDs.

Carson Hilbert graduated and that is a big miss for the 'Rocks. Hilbert made 47-PATs and 12-FGs a year ago.

It appears Christopher Kehdy ('27) is poised to take over. He was 100% on PATs in '24 (five for five). Carson's little brother Peyton Hilbert ('28) was four (4) for four (4) on PATs so he isn't surrendering the job to Kehdy or anyone else for that matter.

Trinity suffered some heavy losses defensively. Bailey Vance, in '24, had 10-TFLs and nine and a half (9.5) sacks but is out of eligibility. Keandre Thompson will lead the defense in '25 and the rising senior ('26) had 12.5-TFLs and five (5) QB-sacks his junior season. Thompson also recovered a fumble.

Look out for Sebastian Blue. Blue, a '27 guy, had seven (7) sacks and a pair of TFLs, forced a pair of fumbles, and recovered one, among his 21-stops in limited action in '24. This kid is flying under the radar but won't be for long.

Jahbarri Frost ('26) as superstars go is the worst kept secret in the commonwealth. Frost is 6'2," 270 and holding offers from Eastern Michigan, Iowa State, and Western Illinois. Frost had over seven TFLs and four sacks a year ago fighting every form of double and triple team the opponent could throw his way.

Myles Howze is another '27 guy who is killing it at Trinity. Howze had five picks in '24 with 66-IRNYs, among his 29-tackles and four and a half (4.5) TFLs. Sonny Bratcher Gray, a '26 DB, also returns and he picked four (4) passes last year. Gray also had 29-stops, three and a half (3.5) TFLs, a QB-sack, and a FR to sort of top it all off his junior year.

Over all, this is Louisville Trinity. If history has taught us anything, it has taught us Trinity will be in the title hunt even in years following way more defections than the ball club experienced last spring to graduation. Like Beechwood, these guys are picked to finish first, preseason, till someone proves to us the 'Rocks can be beaten.

No. 2 Ryle High

'24 Record 12-3, State 6A Finalist

Mike Engler's
Raiders were tough all
last season and no one
was surprised when
they ended the year in
Lexington playing for
the 6A title. They have
some key components
back for another tour
of duty and should be
very stout, yet again.

Nathan Verax returns for his senior year and, provided he has a year similar to his junior season, looks to be a solid "Mr. Football" candidate. Verax completed close to 60% of his passing attempts (186/317) and threw 30-TDs against only 12-INTs. Verax threw for close to 2,400-yards while running for another 600 or so and scoring seven (7) TDs rushing. Verax is a dual threat weapon.

Jacob Savage returns and he scored 22-TDs rushing in '24. Savage gained over a thousand yards and caught 29-passes swinging out of the backfield for another four (4) scores.

Savage led the team in scoring with 158-points or over 10 a game. Savage is also the team's top defender, something you see very rarely at the 6A level.

Last season, Savage registered 141-tackles, nine and a half (9.5) TFLs, three (3) sacks, and an INT to go along with his offensive numbers. Jacob Savage has a message for you...Nathan Verax isn't the only "Mr. Football" candidate playing for the Raiders.

Dylan Lee returns to fill the shoes of the departed Landon Lorms. Lee caught 46-balls in '24 for 608-yards and seven (7) scores. That isn't all Lee did. Lee also picked off six (6) passes and racked up 173 IRNYs and a pick-six along the way.

Gavin Moses is back at PK and Moses converted four (4) FGs and 60-PATs for 72-total

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points on the board. Moses is a difference maker in the allimportant third phase.

Mason Clark, '28 PK, may be the heir apparent to Moses. He was two (2) for two (2) on PATs and converted his only FG attempt. This man needs more opportunities.

Bo Gay is tough on defense for the Raiders. Gay registered 15-TFLs and nine (9) QB-sacks among his 42-total tackles.

The Raiders ain't going no where soon. Engler's crew will challenge again in '25.

No. 3 Frederick Douglass

'24 season 9-5, lost to Trinity in the Semis There may not be a roster in Kentucky which has more D-1 talent routinely cycle through its rolls with any more regularity than the Broncos from Frederick Douglass. Nate Mcpeek has built a consistent challenger in Lexington in the KHSAA's largest classification.

To our point, the Broncos had a down year in '24 and still made the 6A semis. The Broncos conceivably ended last season the second best team (arguably) in 6A.

Jaxon Strautman returns at QB.
Strautman ('26) threw for 20-TDs and ran for three (3) more as a junior. He's starting to figure this whole thing out and that is very bad news for the rest of the KHSAA.

Dakari Talbert gained close to 850-yards a year ago and scored 11-rushing TDs and he was only a sophomore ('27). Talbert was the team's second leading receiver out of the backfield and registered a receiving TD to go with his rushing numbers. Talbert scored

Kenoxie "Tay Tay" Allen has a lot of promise. Allen is among the better athletes on the roster.

72-points last year.

Cionne Conn looks to be a rising star. The '27 defender had 38-tackles, a pair of TFLs, half a sack and forced a fumble as a sophomore. Conn also picked a pair of passes.

Tacori Fields is another talented '27 prospect who registered 51-tackles, half a sack, and picked a pass. Look out for cornerback Elijah Ward ('26). He is diminutive, at 5'8," 145, but he is holding a Louisville offer and is fast as greased lightening.

Football

No. 4 St. Xavier

'24 record, 7-5, lost to Ryle in round two

St. Xavier had what amounted (for that program) to an uncharacteristically poor season a year ago. Kevin Wallace, the Hall of Fame worthy head coach of the Tigers, says he is bowing out at the end of the season. St. Xavier wouldn't dare send him out any other way than in a 6A title hunt.

QB Mason Trimble ('26) is returning for his senior year.
Trimble threw for 2,300-yards and 21-TDs in '24 as a junior.
Trimble also ran for 315-yards and four (4) more scores.

Marlon Harbin III

('26) was the leading rusher a year ago and scored 12-TDs on the ground while catching 47-balls for 639 and another 6-scores. Harbin accounted for 1,343-total yards and 18-TDs leading the team with 108-points scored. He played defense too, leading the ball club with three (3)

INTs.
Lucas Shelton ('26) is returning. Shelton caught 38-passes a year ago.

Karsten Busch, 6'3," 223 LB committed to Louisville and is Kentucky's highest regarded LB. Busch ('26) registered 59-tackles, 12-TFLs, and seven (7) sacks in '24.

Luka Bentz isn't a bad defender in his own right. He lead the Tigers with 71-tackles, nine (9) TFLs, and three (3) sacks. Look out for Benjamin Pinkston ('26). Pinkston had 50-tackles, three (3) TFLs, and a pair of QB-sacks all while playing with his hand in the dirt.

St. Xavier was a seven win team in '24. However, they lost to Manual by one score and were in most of their games until late in the second half; so, they weren't just any seven win team. Any team coached by Kevin Wallace has a chance.

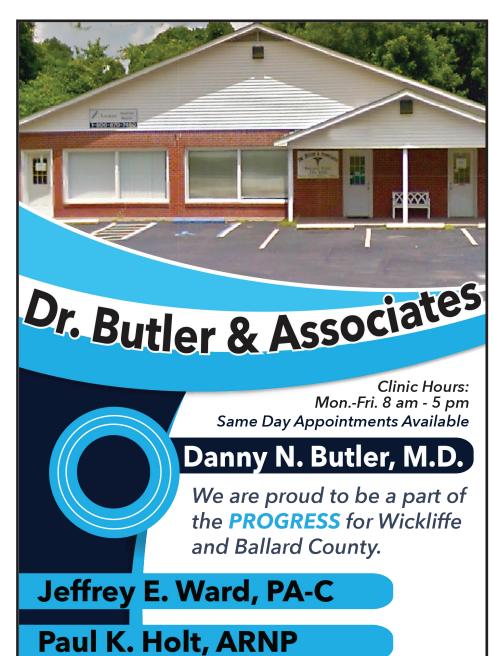
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No. 5 McCracken County

'24 record, 6-6, lost to Central Hardin in round two

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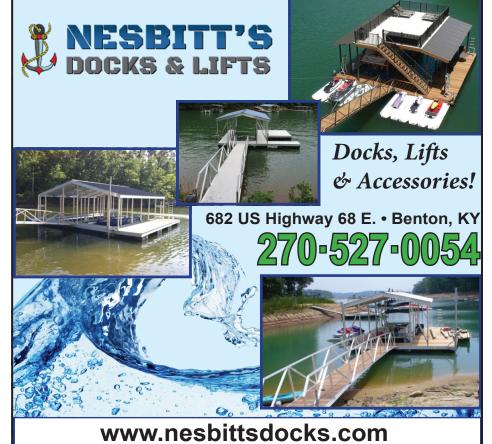
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9/5	Union County	7 pm	н
9/12	at Webster County	7 pm	Α
9/19	Trigg County	7 pm	Н
9/26	Fort Campbell	7 pm	Н
10/3	Mayfield	7 pm	Н
10/17	Todd County Central	7 pm	н
10/24	at Crittenden County	7 pm	Α
10/31	at Murray	7 pm	Α





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Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
8/23	Clarksville NE (TN)	7 PM	Н
8/29	Mayfield	7 PM	Н
9/5	McKenzie (TN)	7 PM	Н
9/12	Daviess County	7 PM	Н
9/26	at Caverna	7 PM	Α
10/3	at S Pittsburg (TN)	7 PM	A
10/10	at Henderson County	7 PM	Α
10/17	at McCracken County	7 PM	Α
10/24	Hopkinsville	7 PM	Н
10/31	at Paducah Tilghman	7 PM	Α

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9/19	Daviess County	7 PM	Н
9/26	at Central Hardin	7 PM	Α
10/3	at George Rogers Cl.	8 PM	Α
10/10	Christian County	7 PM	Н
10/17	at Hopkinsville	7 PM	Α
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9/12	Union City (TN)	7 PM	Н
9/19	at Mayfield	7 PM	Α
9/26	at Trigg County	7 PM	Α
10/3	Todd County Central	7 PM	Н
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as far as studying who is likely to do what around the KHSAA. We think this is a year one might see a team come from no where to have a banner season and possibly contend. That team might well come from the first district.

The Mustangs return Maddox O'Neal at QB and the '26 prospect had quite the junior season. O'Neal threw for nearly 3,000 yards and 41-TDs against 16-

Sure the 16-picks is a lot. However, a 2.5:1, touchdown to interception ratio, is nothing at which to sneeze. O'Neal picked up over 200 yards rushing so O'Neal can't be discounted regarding his feet, speed, elusiveness in

the pocket, and overall athleticism.

All three (3) of the Mustangs top rushers are back for another go. Landon Newman, Dawson Hayden, and Kayden Wahl were all juniors in '24 and gained a combined 1,600 rushing yards and 16-rushing TDs between the three.

Jude Lanier was a freshman ('28) in '24 and was the ball club's third leading receiver. He will make tremendous strides and the club will need it. Cooper Falconite and Daivon Dunbar both graduated.

Brock Wilson is a weapon at PK. Wilson, a rising Jr., converted 52-PATs and made all four (4) of his FG attempts. This cat is money in the bank kicking a football through uprights. That will win you ball games, trust me.

Charlie Higdon ('27) understands the concept of "getting downhill." Higdon had 15-TFLs with five and a half (5.5) QBsacks in '24. Higdon forced three (3) fumbles, recovering two (2).

Hunter Neely ('26) added 53-tackles with 4-TFLs. Sam Goodman ('26) had seven (7) stops behind the line of scrimmage.

Keep your eye on Jaxon Schackleford. He is a '27 DB and registered 67-tackles, four and a half (4.5)TFLs, a sack, a FF, and a pair of FRs.

Schackleford flies around and makes big defensive plays. There is always room on any defense for a guy like that.

Coaching wise, Tyler Brooks has impressed us. Brooks arrived with a pretty barren cupboard left

by his predecessor and has inspired the McCracken squad to exceed expectations.

Football

This team scores a ton of points (438 in 12 games last season). If the Mustangs can stop some people, look out! They may not even have to stop opponents; just slow them down a bit.

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8. George Rogers Clark

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9/6	Prosser (Chicago)	2 PM	Н
9/12	at Trigg County	7 PM	Α
9/19	South Warren	7 PM	н
9/26	at Carterville (IL)	2 PM	Α
10/3	McCracken County	7 PM	н
10/17	Henderson County	7 PM	Н
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9/12	at Webster County	7 PM	Α
9/19	Trigg County	7 PM	Н
9/26	Fort Campbell	7 PM	Н
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10/17	Todd County Central	7 PM	Н
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9/5	Clarksville NE (TN)	7 PM	Н
9/12	at Mayfield	7 PM	Α
9/19	at Union County	7 PM	Α
9/26	Murray	7 PM	Н
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OCT. 3	MAYFIELD	7 P.M.
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OCT. 3	TODD COUNTY CENTRAL	7 P.M.
OCT. 17	AT FORT CAMPBELL	7 P.M.
OCT. 24	CALDWELL COUNTY	7 P.M.
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	AUG. 29	AT CRITTENDEN COUNTY	7 P.M.
	SEPT. 5	AT CALDWELL COUNTY	7 P.M.
	SEPT. 12	AT GRAVES COUNTY	7 P.M.
	SEPT. 19	MCCRACKEN COUNTY	7 P.M.
	SEPT. 26	HANCOCK COUNTY	7 P.M.
	OCT. 3	AT HOPKINS COUNTY CENTRAL	7 P.M.
	OCT. 17	MURRAY 👣	7 P.M.
	OCT. 24	WEBSTER COUNTY	7 P.M.
Ĺ	OCT. 31	AT GREENWOOD	7 P.M.
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AUG. 22	WEBSTER COUNTY	7 P.M.
AUG. 29	MURRAY	7 P.M.
	(AT MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY)	
SEPT. 5	AT FULTON COUNTY	7 P.M.
SEPT. 12	BALLARD MEMORIAL	7 P.M.
SEPT. 19	WARREN EAST	7 P.M.
SEPT. 26	AT LOGAN COUNTY	7 P.M.
OCT. 3	AT FRANKLIN-SIMPSON	7 P.M.
OCT. 17	AT ALLEN COUNTY-SCOTTSVILLE	7 P.M.
OCT. 24	PADUCAH TILGHMAN	7 P.M.
OCT. 31	MARSHALL COUNTY	7 P.M.

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	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
	AUG. 22	NORTHWEST (CLARKSVILLE, TENN.)	8:30 P.M.
		(AT TRIGG COUNTY)	
	AUG. 29	CLARKSVILLE ACADEMY	7 P.M.
	SEPT. 5	AT FORT KNOX	8 P.M.
	SEPT. 12	HOPKINS COUNTY CENTRAL	7 P.M.
	SEPT. 19	TODD COUNTY CENTRAL	7 P.M.
	SEPT. 26	AT CALDWELL COUNTY	7 P.M.
	OCT. 3	TRIGG COUNTY	7 P.M.
	OCT. 10	WHITE STATION (TENN.)	7 P.M.
	OCT. 17	CRITTENDEN COUNTY	7 P.M.
	OCT. 24	AT MAYFIELD	7 P.M.

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AUG. 23	PULASKI COUNTY	7 P.M.
SEPT. 5	HENRY CLAY	7 P.M.
SEPT. 12	AT GIBSON SOUTHERN	7 P.M.
SEPT. 19	DAVIESS COUNTY	7 P.M.
SEPT. 26	AT CENTRAL HARDIN	8 P.M.
OCT. 3	AT GEORGE ROGERS CLARK	8 P.M.
OCT. 10	CHRISTIAN COUNTY	7 P.M.
OCT. 17	AT HOPKINSVILLE	7 P.M.
OCT. 24	MCCRACKEN COUNTY	7 P.M.
OCT. 31	AT OWENSBORO	7 P.M.

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AUG. 22	AT UNION COUNTY	MAROONS	7 P.M.
AUG. 29	HOPKINSVILLE		7 P.M.
SEPT. 5	AT HOPKINS COUNT	Y CENTRAL	7 P.M.
SEPT. 12	PADUCAH TILGHMA	N	7 P.M.
SEPT. 19	AT MARSHALL COUN	VTY	7 P.M.
SEPT. 26	GRAVES COUNTY		7 P.M.
OCT. 2	AT MUHLENBERG CO	YTNUC	7 P.M.
OCT. 17	APOLLO		7 P.M.
OCT. 24	OWENSBORO		7 P.M.
OCT. 31	AT WARREN CENTRA	AL 7:	30 P.M.

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AUG. 22	PADUCAH TILGHMAN	7 P.M.
AUG. 29	AT LOGAN COUNTY	7 P.M.
SEPT. 5	CLARKSVILLE NORTHEAST (TENN.)	7 P.M.
SEPT. 12	AT MAYFIELD	7 P.M.
SEPT. 19	AT UNION COUNTY	7 P.M.
SEPT. 26	MURRAY	7 P.M.
OCT. 3	AT HOPKINSVILLE	7 P.M.
OCT. 17	CHRISTIAN COUNTY	7 P.M.
OCT. 24	AT HENDERSON COUNTY	7 P.M.
OCT. 31	AT GRAVES COUNTY	7 P.M.
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TODD COUNTY CENTRAL REBELS

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DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
AUG. 22	AT BALLARD MEMORIAL	7 P.M.
AUG. 29	HOPKINS COUNTY CENTRAL	7 P.M.
SEPT. 5	AT BUTLER COUNTY	7 P.M
SEPT. 12	JO BYRNS (TENN.)	7 P.M.
SEPT. 19	AT FORT CAMPBELL	7 P.M.
SEPT. 26	MAYFIELD	7 P.M.
OCT. 3	AT CRITTENDEN COUNTY	7 P.M.
OCT. 17	AT CALDWELL COUNTY	7 P.M.
OCT. 24	TRIGG COUNTY	7 P.M.
OCT. 31	WEBSTER COUNTY	7 P.M.

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AUG. 22	AT CALLOWAY COUNTY	7 P.M.
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SEPT. 5	AT CRITTENDEN COUNTY	7 P.M.
SEPT. 12	CALDWELL COUNTY	7 P.M.
SEPT. 19	MCLEAN COUNTY	7 P.M.
SEPT. 26	AT OHIO COUNTY	7 P.M.
OCT. 3	MURRAY	7 P.M.
OCT. 17	HOPKINS COUNTY CENTRAL	7 P.M.
OCT. 24	AT UNION COUNTY	7 P.M.
OCT. 31	AT TODD COUNTY CENTRAL	7 P.M.

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