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The Marshall County Sheriff's Office has welcomed Deputy Dustin Bevil to its agency. Deputy Bevil brings six years of Law Enforcement experience and joins the Marshall County Sheriff's Office from the Benton Police Department and has previously served at Murray Police Department. Pictured is Deputy Bevil being sworn in by the District Court Judge Jack M. Telle

# Hardin Council Hears Concerns from Community Members

By Kelsey Edwards Marshall Times Editor

The Hardin City Council held its council meeting on August 11, 2025 where they were met with several public comments. For many months now, the council has been working to send out nuisance property letters in an attempt to make progress on cleaning up the city. The first public comment was a concern that came from Daniel and Debbie Birdsong. The Birdsongs had received one of the nuisance property letters, and had begun cleaning out the building, and had contacted someone about tearing the building down once it was fully cleaned out. However, because of the time required to clean out the building and the schedule of the person involved in tearing it down, the couple asked to have an extension before fines begin to be issued. Mayor Hank Rogalinski went on to approve the extension, because progress had been made and they had a plan in place to take care of the issue. Next, the council heard from Terry Henson, who had concerns about the proposed replacement of the fourth street bridge. Henson shared that he owns the creek and property that surrounds the bridge, and the proposed replacement is anticipated to be a two lane bridge making it wider than the current bridge. Henson's main concern was about the potential

of increased wrecks if the road is to be widened, but said he was not opposed to the bridge, so much as he had concerns about how the traffic would handle the widened bridge. Missy Curry, the City Clerk stated that she would ask Kyle Poat at the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to come address the council about the issues and will let Henson know once the date/time is set but would plan for the September meeting. Henson continued on sharing several concerns about the water ways in the city, which Rogalinski said he would look

into improvements for. After the public comments section finished up, the council went into executive session where no action had been taken after the return to open session. Rogalinski then brought up the suggestion made at the last meeting which was to surplus the old water tower on GovDeals. He spoke to someone with GovDeals and was informed that the only water towers on GovDeals are being sold for scrap. He shared that a 100,000 gallon tower had recently sold for only \$351 to which he stated that the tower in Hardin is only a 30,000 gallon tower. He continued on by saying if the city were to still place it on GovDeals the starting bid would be \$10, and whoever purchased the tower would be responsible for its removal. The council went on to approve the listing of the

tower on GovDeals. After this discussion, the council revisited the discussion of a street legal special purpose vehicle ordinance, that is similar to what Benton, Calvert City, and the Marshall County Fiscal Court have already approved. Rogalinski said, "They have asked us to do this, to follow suit, to make it county wide." Council member Vicki Burkeen shared that she was concerned about the number of children in the county that she has seen driving these special purpose vehicles but that she believed parents may take note of the situation if they are required to license and insure the vehicles to make them street legal. Curry gave the first reading of the ordinance, which explained the requirements. The requirements include the driver must have a valid driver's license, and that the headlights must be on while the vehicle is in the city limits of Hardin. The second reading for this ordinance is expected to be held at the next meeting. Rogalinski shared that he had been approached about holding a city wide yard sale. The dates he suggested were for the first weekend of October which is the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th of the month. He of course was in favor of it, but wanted the council's input to which the council did approve. The next meeting is set for September 8, 2025 at 6 p.m

## UNIVERSITY RACER NEWS REPORT

# Murray State Mourns the Passing of Dr. Jesse D. Jones

MURRAY, Ky. – Murray State
University is mourning the loss of Dr.
Jesse D. Jones, a devoted alumnus,
benefactor, and native of Marshall
County, Kentucky, who passed away
on August 7. A 1964 graduate in
chemistry and mathematics, Dr. Jones
achieved his degree as a nontraditional
student—raising a family, working
nights, and attending classes by day.
His perseverance and dedication to
education were hallmarks of a life
committed to personal growth and



Dr. Jesse D. Jones, with wife Deborah

service to others.

Dr. Jones became the single most generous individual donor in Murray State's history, leaving a profound and lasting impact on the campus. His philanthropy is evident across the University, including the Jesse D. Jones College of Science, Engineering, and Technology (JCSET), the Jones Chemistry Building, and the Jesse L. Jones Family Clock Tower, named in honor of his father. Beyond these landmark contributions, his support extended to programs, facilities, and initiatives that benefitted students and faculty for decades.

He funded the Racer Oral
Communications Center, the Ross
Mathematical Studies and Career
Center—named for his grandmother,
Hattie Mayme Ross—the Hattie Mayme
Ross Science Library, and the Dr. Gary
W. Boggess Science Resource Center.
The Timothy D. Jones Gateway, named
for his son, and equipment upgrades
across science and engineering facilities
exemplify his commitment to providing
state-of-the-art learning environments.
Dr. Jones also established scholarships
and endowed professorships that
continue to support academic excellence.

Throughout his career, Dr. Jones achieved remarkable success as a chemist at Albemarle Corporation, earning more than 30 patents and earning recognition for his professional accomplishments. He received numerous honors from Murray State, including the Distinguished Alumni Award, the Golden Horseshoe Award for service, and an Honorary Doctorate in 2010.

"Dr. Jones left an indelible mark that will forever be part of Murray State," said President Dr. Ron Patterson.
"His generosity created opportunities for students, faculty, and the entire University community." Former President Dr. Bob Jackson added, "From major gifts to scholarships and infrastructure improvements, Dr. Jones' contributions will continue to benefit generations. He will be greatly missed."

Dr. Jones' legacy endures through the institutions that bear his name, the students he supported, and the countless lives shaped by his generosity, vision, and dedication to Murray State University.

## **Calvert City to Hold Suicide Prevention Walk**

By Kelsey Edwards Marshall Times Editor

The Calvert Area **Development Association** (CADA) has invited the community to come together for the Calvert Cares Suicide Prevention Walk. The walk will take place on September 16, 2025 at 7:00 P.M. at the Calvert City Memorial Park, which is located at 1072 5th Ave, Calvert City. This event serves as a citywide acknowledgment that the City of Calvert supporst, remembers and cares for those impacted by suicide. The walk is a .25-mile walk through Memorial Park and will include moments of reflection, storytelling and remembrance,

allowing participants to mourn those they have lost, but also supporting survivors and those struggling with mental health challenges. It was said that the walk is more than just a symbolic journey—but that it is a public expression of compassion, connection and community healing. If you would like more information, or to order T-shirts or luminary signs, you can contact the Calvert Area Development Association. The luminary signs are to honor loved ones and will be placed along the walking route. The deadline to order the t-shirts and signs is August 29, which is next Friday, so be sure to get those

ordered before it is too late. The luminary signs may include names or messages in memory or honor of those affected by suicide.

Local businesses along with churches and organizations are welcome to set up a table at the event to share resources and messages of hope to simply show support. This is a great opportunity for the community of Calvert City to come together to show that you care deeply about the mental wellness of every resident. If you are a business, church, or organization and would like to participate, be sure to reach out to Blair Travis at btravis@ calvertcityky.gov.

## Quilt documentation days set for September 12th and 13th

Paducah, KY — The National Quilt Museum will host Quilt Documentation Days on Sept. 12-13, 2025. This will be the largest and most comprehensive Quilt Documentation Days event ever held by the museum.

"The need for this event is great. After stepping into my role at the museum last year, I noticed an interesting trend. We receive calls almost daily from people who have inherited quilts and want information about their historical significance," said Bonnie Schrock, NQM Executive Director.

Anyone who owns a treasured heirloom quilt will benefit by having their quilt documented to preserve the quilt's story before it is lost to time. Led by



certified appraiser
Vickie Coleman
of Bluegrass
Quilt Appraisal,
participants will
receive documentation
about their quilt that
may include such
information as its
materials, pattern,
creator, and other
unique features of the
quilt.

All quilts documented during

the event will become a part of the historical record in the Quilt Index, a national electronic repository of quilts nationwide. Anyone interested in learning more about Quilt Documentation Days can watch a free on-demand webinar available at this link.

Registration for the event is required, and space is limited. Each appointment is limited to one quilt. Participants may register for up to two appointments. Registration includes access to the museum's galleries on the day of the appointment(s). Register here.

The project is funded in part through an America250KY Grant made possible through the Kentucky Arts Council and the Kentucky Historical Society. A small registration fee is required, which benefits The National Quilt Museum, a nonprofit organization.

"As we approach 250 years as a nation, it is important to document the history of these quilts and their makers," said Schrock. "This event will remove the barriers that often make quilt documentation difficult and unaffordable."

The National Quilt Museum is located at 215 Jefferson Street in Paducah, Kentucky, and is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. General admission is \$15, seniors are \$13, students are \$5, and children under 12 accompanied by an adult are free. Tickets may be purchased on the website or upon arrival. Complimentary parking is available onsite. For additional information, visit quiltmuseum.org or call 270-442-8856.

#### 10-day lane restriction on U.S. 51 in Ballard County, just South of Wickliffe, begins Monday, August 25

PADUCAH, Ky. —
A contractor for the
Kentucky Transportation
Cabinet (KYTC) is
planning a 10-day lane
restriction on U.S. 51 in
Ballard County starting
Monday, Aug. 25, for an
earth stabilization project.

The restriction will be in place near mile point 2.8, just south of Wickliffe, with alternating flow controlled by a temporary traffic signal. The lane closure will remain in effect 24 hours a day.

Work is expected to continue through Wednesday, Sept. 3, weather permitting.

Please use caution in the work zone and stay alert for workers and equipment near the flow of traffic.

To get traffic advisories and alerts for KYTC District 1 counties via email, please go to https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/KYTC/signup/13651. Click on the District 1 counties you regularly drive through, or on any of the specialty corridors you travel. Check your SPAM filtering to ensure Gov Delivery is on your approved list.

Timely traffic advisories for the 12 counties of KYTC Highway District 1 are available by going to www.facebook.com/ kytcdistrict1. Please LIKE or FOLLOW District 1. You do not have to be a Facebook member to access this page.

## \$2,500 Boys and Girls Clubs of Hopkinsville-Christian County

Primary activities include the purchase of 5 VIQRC Competition Robot Sets; 1 game element set; 4 season registration fees; and the league and competition registration fees. These purchases will provide the necessary equipment and opportunities for students to effectively engage with other teams in league play and competition, and learn from their ongoing experiences as collaborative partners with team members and alliance partners. The primary goal is to consistently guide students through the engineering design process as they face problems and devise strategies to complete tasks within the given constraints of the season challenge. Students will also be expected to document their process as mechanics, programmers, designers, etc. We hope to build confidence in each student and assist in growth of abilities and knowledge.

\$5,000 Allen County Schools 570 Oliver St,

Scottsville, Kentucky, 42164
The award funding
will primarily help offset
entry fees for our contests.
We expect to spend about
\$2000 in registration
fees this year for Robot
Drone League and
FTC competitions. The
remainder of the \$2500
will be used to purchase
programmable drones for
the Robot Drone League
competition.
\$2,500 Butler County

High School 1852 S Main Street, Morgantown, KY, 42261

I want to start a competitive robotics program. This will draw interest from the student body to the Computer Science program and hopefully allow it to grow. I think if we set up demonstrations and maybe even a

station where kids can experiment with the robots on a day like Field Day, this would help. I would like to have a team that is competitive within the circuit within 2-3 ye

\$5,000 Calloway County Middle School Robotics 2112 College Farm Rd, Murray, KY, 42071 Caldwell

This funding would pay our entries to competitions. I want students to be able to see other teams and their ideas from their robots. They can make connections and network at these competitions to help our robotics team.

\$5,000 Fulton
Independent Schools 304
West Stateline, Fulton, KY,

There are various costs involved with the robotics team. Team has to buy parts for the competition robot, registration fees to compete at FIRST robotics competitions. Travel and boarding cost for out of state competitions, teacher stipend. All the expenses are collected from the students who register with the dragon robotics team.

We plan to use the funds received from the grant to buy a mobile CNC router and invest any remaining funds into buying a trailer for the club to help support participation in FIRST robotics competitions." \$2,500 GATEWAY ACADEMY TO INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY 705 North Elm Street, Hopkinsville, Kentucky, 42240

With award funding, our team could compete in additional regional competitions. As the saying goes, "practice makes perfect". The best way for our team to prepare for the RDL Championship is to participate in regional competitions and learn

from our experiences. In the past, due to registration fees and travel expenses, I have always limited our participation to a single regional competition. However, with funding, we could double our exposure to these competitions. Additionally, my team has shown interest in the purchase of a VR Drone for competition. Last year, we competed against a team that used a DJI Avata Drone. It was apparent that the pilot was very experienced, but we were also impressed with the capabilities of the drone itself. It was much more nimble and agile than most drones we have seen. We would like to purchase one of these drones to help us with the teleoperation phase of the RDL competition. Kentucky \$5,000 Highland Elementary 164 Scottie Drive, Glasgow, KY

This is a first year team
- Purchase Equipment
for an August Start of
weekly meetings, then
participate in three local
competitions. The desired
goal is to have the team
state eligible by February
2026.

\$5,000 Mayfield Middle School 112 West College St., Mayfield, KY, 42066

For the upcoming 25-26 school year, we would like to use this award funding to support:

-Continuing our after school LEGO and LEGO Robotics clubs

These funds can help us to purchase more LEGO supplies to support more students attending these after school programs. These funds will also help provide a stipend to staff who are coaching robotics clubs.

-Expand and Grow our district level robotics competition

These funds can help us expand the amount of students that participate in our district level competition. We would like to be able to purchase or design our own mission challenges which would need funds for printing mission mats and publication forms. Students would also need money for travel to have transportation to and from competition exemts."

from competition events."

Kentucky \$5,000 Murray

Middle School

Bionic Blue would use this funding to purchase the VEX IQ equipment for the 25-26 competition season, team shirts, cover entry fees for competitions, and any travel costs associated with those competitions. We hope that experience at local competitions will help students reach goals for placing at competions and advancing to regional and state competitions.

\$2,500 North Warren Elementary 420 College Street, Smiths Grove, Kentucky

First and foremost, we hope to use a portion of the funding to cover travel expenses for our students to attend the BEST Robotics competition. A significant number of our team members qualify for free or reduced lunch, and many families are unable to afford the costs associated with competition travel. With hotel accommodations averaging \$125 per room and approximately \$25 per student per day for meals, the uncertainty of funding has made it difficult to guarantee participation for all. By supporting travel, this grant would ensure that every student has the chance to experience the full depth of the competition, including exposure to innovative designs, technical discussions with peers, and the opportunity to represent our school and community on a larger stage. These experiences are critical in reinforcing their interest in STEM and showing them what's possible in the field of

robotics. We also plan to use part of the funding to provide teamwear for all students. Team shirts and gear not only build unity and pride but also recognize our sponsors and present our identity during competitions and community events. As with travel costs, purchasing teamwear can be a financial burden for some families, and we want to make sure no student feels excluded. With proper teamwear, every member can feel like a visible, valued part of the team.

2,500 South Todd Elementary School 4115 Guthrie Road, Guthrie, Kentucky

Established program
We want to grow our team
to continue to compete
in VEXIQ competitions.
Many students want to
join, but we need more
fields and robots. That is
our primary need. We also
need to pay entry fees.

\$5,000 South Warren Middle School 295 Richpond Road, Bowling Green, KY

It will be a start-up for our new Robotics class we are adding to our Enrichment curriculum. We have not had any computer programming/robotics in our curriculum in the past. Along with developing our students' knowledge of robotics, we will establish a team of students to engage in competitive building and coding of robotics.

We are hoping to bring modern technology and science to our students. For them to be able to learn coding, and see it work through hands on experiences. As students are exposed to the program, we will discover who is interested in taking it to a new level and developing a team to take to competitions. And which students would want to enroll in CTE coursework that centers around STEM and Technology.'

Kentucky \$5,000 Warren Elementary 1846 Loop Road, Bowling Green, KY

Our primary goals for the 2025–26 school year are to expand opportunities and increase inclusivity within our robotics program. Put simply, additional funding enables us to support more teams, which in turn allows more students to participate and grow. By expanding team capacity, we aim to remove barriers to entry and ensure that every interested student has the chance to engage in meaningful STEM learning.

The impact goes beyond simply increasing numbers. As more students participate, we foster a culture of equity, collaboration, and innovation across campus. Students gain hands-on experience with robotics design, coding, and problem-solving while developing critical skills in teamwork, communication, and leadership. These experiences prepare students for future academic success and build a foundation for career readiness in STEM

\$5,000 Calloway County Robotics Team (High School)

This year, we're excited to expand our robotics program to include a third team of all-female competitors. We are proud to create and dedicate a space and opportunity to empower our female students in STEM. To support this new team, we are seeking grant funding to cover the cost of essential equipment, including a robot, expansion pack, registration and tournament fees, and a new practice table. Additionally, our existing teams are in need of updated expansion packs to continue competing. All three robotics teams are led by dedicated volunteer coaches who are also full-time teachers at our school. As a recognition and appreciation of their time and commitment over the past three years without compensation, we hope to use a portion



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## **Money Moves That Matter:**

#### How Judd Malone Helps 20-Somethings Avoid the Top 5 Financial Mistakes

By Laurna Todd **KPI** Writer

Your 20s are a time of major transitionsstarting a career, moving out on your own, and managing finances without much experience. It's easy to make financial mistakes during this stage, but with the right guidance, you can set yourself up for longterm success. Edward Jones financial advisor Judd Malone offers personalized strategies to help young adults avoid costly pitfalls and build a strong financial foundation.

#### 1. Not Saving for Retirement Early

Many young adults delay investing because retirement seems far off. Judd recommends starting small but starting early, especially with a Roth IRA, which

offers tax-free growth and flexibility—ideal for young investors. Harnessing the power of compound interest now can make a huge difference later.

#### 2. Living Beyond Your Means

Easy access to credit cards and buy-now-paylater options can tempt overspending. Judd helps clients build realistic budgets that balance necessary expenses, fun, and saving—so debt doesn't spiral out of control.

#### 3. Skipping an **Emergency Fund**

Unexpected expenses happen. Without savings, emergencies can cause serious setbacks. Judd encourages starting with small monthly contributions toward a three-to-six-month safety net, giving peace of mind.

4. Ignoring Your

#### Credit Score

A healthy credit score affects loans, housing, and even job prospects. Judd guides clients on managing debt responsibly, paying bills on time, and checking credit reports regularly to maintain strong credit.

#### 5. Not Setting Clear Financial Goals

Whether buying a home, launching a business, or traveling, clear goals guide better money decisions. Judd works with clients to define their dreams and create actionable plans to

perfect time to develop smart money habits. With Judd Malone and Edward Jones by your side, you can avoid common mistakes and invest confidently in your

#### reach them. Your 20s are the

## **Kentucky Transportation Cabinet launches 'Paint the Plow' School Art Program**

High schools paint snowplow blades to promote safe driving in snow and ice

FRANKFORT, Ky. Class is in session, Kentucky.

High school students across the Commonwealth are sending the public safe driving messages for snow and ice season through the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's new statewide Paint the Plow program.

The cabinet provides snowplow blades, which students decorate with messages that promote safe driving habits during inclement winter weather and prepare students to operate vehicles responsibly as they become eligible to drive.

Schools in all 120 counties across Kentucky's 12 highway districts are eligible to participate. Plow blade availability varies, so most districts have decided to select applicants on a firstcome, first-served basis. Interested schools must contact their district's **Public Information** Officer to apply. If selected, the plow blade design should focus on road safety and winter weather. More guidelines

specifications are on the KYTC website.

'Seeing your child get behind the wheel for the first time is frightening for a lot of parents," said Gov. Andy Beshear, who has made transportation safety a top priority of his administration. "Nothing is more important than a child's safety. It's wonderful to see our high schools participating in this

program. Many of the participating students are new drivers or will be behind the wheel soon, and this is an excellent opportunity for them to learn and promote the safe driving habits we as parents want them to

practice." The Kentucky Office of Highway Safety (KOHS) will also contact participating schools to further promote and educate students on safe driving habits. Highway safety liaisons can engage with students through the following

options: Educational pamphlets

• Impairment goggles

activities Rollover crash

simulator · Drunk driving

simulator · Distracted driving simulator

• Ghost out program "Teenagers may be eager to start driving and become more independent. However, motor vehicle crashes

are the leading cause of death for teens in the United States," said **KOHS Executive Director** Bill Bell. "Driving is a lifelong learning process and those first years are vital in building a solid foundation of safe driving habits."

On average over the last five years, 32% of crashes statewide, 29% of injuries, and 28% of fatalities have occurred between December and March - Kentucky's snow and ice season. Fourteen percent of those crashes, 15% of the injuries and 8% of the fatalities involved a teenage driver, aged 16-19.

"From Day 1 I've said this job is about the people," said Kentucky Transportation Secretary Jim Gray. "This program will help us spread safe driving messages for the people working on the road and the people behind the wheel. Practicing these safe habits becomes increasingly important in inclement weather, especially during our snow and ice season, to ensure everyone returns home at the end of the day.'

Once designs are submitted and approved, public information officers will coordinate with schools to drop off and pick up plow blades. The following guidelines will be in place to ensure the safety of all who participate:

· Plow blades will be placed in an area that KYTC can access if equipment is needed for inclement weather

· No persons other than qualified KYTC

staff may move the blades

· If movement is required, the school must contact their public information officer to make arrangements

· No person should climb, sit, lean on or otherwise apply force to the plow

For additional snow and ice information, videos and resources, priority routes and more go to transportation. ky.gov/sites/snowky

The Kentucky Office of Highway Safety works tirelessly to uphold its mission to support effective and collaborative partnerships to advance traffic safety awareness, education and enforcement in an effort to save lives on Kentucky roadways. Take a moment to learn more about the Office of Highway Safety.

Kentuckians are eligible to receive learner permits at age 16. Intermediate licenses are awarded 180 days after holding a permit and 60 hours of driving practice. After 180 days with an intermediate license, and after completing the graduated driver licensing course, an appointment can be scheduled at any Driver Licensing Regional office to have a fullunrestricted license issued.

Links to schedule a written or driving test with KSP, a printable Kentucky Driver Manual, and other information needed to obtain a standard license or REAL ID can be found on the KYTC drivers page.

## **BlueOval 5K battery plant** begins production

By TOM LATEK Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – Gov. Andy Beshear announced on Tuesday that production of electric vehicle (EV) batteries officially began in Glendale at the BlueOval SK Battery Park, the largest economic investment and jobs announcement in state history.

The production milestone comes after the September 2021 announcement, where the governor and company leaders celebrated the transformative \$5.8 billion investment by Ford Motor Co. and SK On that is set to create 5,000 jobs -1,450 of which are already filled.

"Today, Kentucky marks a historic milestone four years in the making as production officially begins at two of the largest battery

plants in the world, set to deliver EV batteries that will transform the automotive industry and the future of our Commonwealth," Beshear said. "This remains the single largest investment in the history of our state, and it sparked a surge of new investment and job announcements that placed Kentucky at the center of EVrelated innovation. I am grateful to Ford and SK On leaders for believing in Kentucky and our workforce. Now is the time to do what we do best as Kentuckians: deliver results." In September 2021,

Gov. Beshear, Ford Motor Co. and SK On announced plans to build two electric battery plants on the 1,551-acre economic development site near Interstate Highway 65 in Glendale. Officials broke ground on the site late in 2022. To

support workforce development for the site, the state committed \$25 million to support the Elizabethton Community and Technical College (ECTC) Blue Oval SK Training Center, which leaders broke ground on in May

The production news comes just days after Gov. Beshear joined Ford Motor Co. CEO Jim Farley, other company executives and local officials to announce a nearly \$2 billion investment – the third largest in state history - at the Louisville Assembly Plant (LAP) to serve as the platform for an all-new, yet to be unveiled, electric mid-

size pickup truck. An additional \$13.1 billion in EVrelated investments has come from companies across the globe, following the BlueOval-SK On announcement.

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# WEST KY SPORTS



## Lady Bombers ace their season opener

By Tim Taylor

**Ballard Memorial** took their game to another gear nearing the end of the first set in their season opener at Hickman County to defeat the Lady Falcons 3-0. Hickman led 14-11 in the opening set and continued leading at 18-17 toward the end of the opening set. The match was tied at 21 all when freshman Gracie Glisson got a point to help give **Ballard Memorial** the lead. Senior Keira Shaw ended the opening set with a pair of aces to give the Lady Bombers a 25-21 opening set win. In the second set, the Lady Bombers lead was 6-4 when Glisson rotated to start serving. She served up the perfect recipe

as she and Emma Morrow combined to serve the next 19 points with the Lady Bombers dominating the 2nd set 25-4. In the 3rd set, Ballard Memorial raced out to an 11-4 lead. The Lady Falcons rallied for 6 unanswered points to pull within one. The Lady Bombers accelerated from there, going on for the 9-point win in the 3rd

set to win the season opener 25-21, 25-4, 25-16. Glisson recorded 13 aces and the team scored nearly 1/3 of their total points in the match on aces as they ended with 24 total aces in the 3-set match. Hala Ouderkirk led the team with 7 kills, Shaw had 11 assists, Liyah Holman added 2 blocks, and Aubrev Alexander had 9

digs. "Our first ball contact was great," said Solomon adding, "We pass the ball really well when Hickman was serving and we served the ball aggressively." Remaining aggressive offensively and working on being more reactive on tips will be areas that will dictate wins and losses as the season progresses.





#### HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL **McCracken County** ranks 14th in the KVCA preseason top 25 poll

**Staff Report** 

PADUCAH — The Kentucky Volleyball Coaches Association (KVCA) released its preseason poll for the 2025 and perennial 1st Region frontrunner McCracken County is ranked 14th.

Reigning state champion Assumption is ranked first in the poll. Following Assumption in the top five are Sacred Heart, Elizabethtown, Ballard and Mercy.

The 2025 high school volleyball season started on Monday, Aug. 18.

The KVCA Preseason Top 25 Poll follows

KVCA Preseason Top 25 Poll Rank / School 1. Assumption

- 2. Sacred Heart
- 3. Elizabethtown 4. Ballard
- 5. Mercy
- 6. Notre Dame
- 7. Ryle
- 8. South Warren 9. Lexington Catholic
- 10. St. Henry
- 11. Bowling Green 12. DuPont Manual
- 13. West Jessamine
- 14. McCracken County
- 15. Holy Cross (Louisville)
- 16. Christian
- Academy-Louisville 17. Central Hardin
- 18. North Oldham
- 19. Bryan Station
- 20. Great Crossing 21. Paul Laurence
- Dunbar 22. Frederick
- Douglass 23. Greenwood
- 24. Henry Clay 25. Beechwood

#### **Boys' High School Soccer** Marshall County 3, Ohio County 3

Staff Report

BENTON — Marshall County and Ohio County battled to a 3-3 tie in a boys' high school soccer match on Tuesday, Aug. 19.

The Marshals and Eagles challenged each other throughout the boys' high school soccer match.

Houston Johnson, Maddox Konrad and Davis Hunt each scored one goal for the Marshals. Johnson and Hunt distributed one assist apiece for Marshall County in the match.

Goalkeeper Carson Lovett (three saves)

paced Marshall County defensively.

JJ Pacheco (two goals), Jaden Sandria (one goal) and Caleb Coppage (one assist) accounted for Ohio County's offense.

Defensively, goalkeeper Alex Brooks (eight saves) paced the Eagles.

#### **Preseason High School Football Rankings**

Class 1A

- 1. Raceland
- 2. Kentucky Country
- 3. Campbellsville
- 4. Pikeville
- 5. Hazard
- 6. Newport Central Catholic
- 7. Holy Cross
- (Louisville) 8. Sayre
- 9. Newport
- 10. Russellville

#### Class 2A

- 1. Beechwood
- 2. Mayfield
- 3. Lexington
- Christian
- 4. Belfry
- 5. Owensboro
- Catholic 6. Somerset
  - 7. Bracken County
  - 8. Breathitt County
- 9. Hancock County 10. Monroe County

#### Class 3A

- 1. Christian
- Academy-Louisville
- 2. Central 3. Lexington
- Catholic
- 4. Bell County
- 5. Murray
- 6. Rockcastle County
- 7. Bardstown
- 8. Union County 9. DeSales
- 10. Lloyd Memorial

#### Class 4A

- 1. Paducah
- Tilghman 2. Covington
- Catholic 3. Highlands
- 4. Boyle County
- 5. Franklin County
- 6. Corbin
- 7. Johnson Central
- 8. Ashland 9. North Oldham
- 10. Franklin-Simpson

#### Class 5A

- 1. Bowling Green
- 2. Cooper
- 3. Owensboro 4. Pulaski County
- 5. Scott County
- 6. Atherton
- 7. Woodford County 8. Madisonville-
- North Hopkins

#### 9. Graves County 10. Apollo

#### Class 6A

- 1. Trinity
- 2. Ryle
- 3. Manual 4. St. Xavier
- 5. Male

#### 6. South Warren 7. Frederick

Douglass

8. Ballard

9. Madison Central 10. North Hardin



Mayfield is currently competing in the 2025 boys' high school soccer season.







The Country Club of Paducah Ladies Golf Association's Memorial Scramble raised \$3,000 for Paducah Tilghman, St. Mary and McCracken County girls' golf teams. Each girls' golf team received \$1,000 for equipment, fees and supplies.

photos courtesy of Country Club of Paducah



Graves County participated in Meet the Eagles prior to the start of the 2025 boys' high school soccer season. photo courtesy of Graves County High School Boys' Soccer



## **Glisson runner**up GCEI

By Tim Taylor

The Bomber golfers took to the golf course in the first full week of classes. The boys defeated Mayfield in a 9-hole match as senior Lynden Davis earned medalist honors at the Mayfield Graves **County Country** Club. His 41 in the 9-hole match was best among the Ballard and Mayfield golfers. The Bombers won the match 186-207. Ike Miller was next in line for the Bomber scorers with a 47, Owen Enfinger with a 47, and Drew Fickes scored a 51. The team went to Drake Creek to compete in the Graves County Eag Invitational. They finished with a team score of 383 with Miller leading the way with a 90. Teammate Davis was right behind with a 91, Enfinger finished with a 95 and Fickes ended with 107.

In girls' competition, Lady Bomber golfer Madison Glisson found herself trailing by 4-strokes at the halfway mark of the **Graves County Eagle** Invitational. She fought back to within one-stroke heading into hole 15. Her birdie putt danced around the lip of the cup and made a right turn instead of dropping in. She lost a stroke to 2-time KHSAA State Champion Trinity Beth on hole 16. She picked a stroke back up on 17 and trailed by a stroke entering the final hole. She put her 2nd shot even with the pin on the par 5. She showed no signs of pressure and drained the eagle putt to force a playoff with Beth as both golfers finished with a 3-under par 69. Beth was able to par the first playoff hole to capture the win leaving Glisson with another competitive runner-up finish.



#### **Boys' High School Soccer** Calloway County 6, Graves County 0

#### **Staff Report**

MURRAY — Calloway County shut out Graves County 6-0 in a 2nd District boys' soccer match on Thursday, Aug. 14.

Yoni Damian scored three goals to lead Calloway County to the victory.

Accompanying Damian in Calloway County's scoring column, Colton Tennyson, Walker Bell and Brandon Vanmetre netted one goal apiece for the Lakers.

Chipping in

offensively for Calloway County, Ivan Damian, Cole Thomas, Isael Damian and Weston Raspberry each distributed one assist.

Defensively for Calloway County, goalkeepers Maximus Milburn and Peyton Vanmetre combined to record a shutout. Milburn and Peyton Vanmetre each posted

two saves for the Lakers. Calloway County is scheduled to visit Graves County for a late-season district match on Tuesday, Sept. 30.



St. Mary is among the 1st Region teams competing in the 2025 high school volleyball season. photo courtesy of St. Mary School



#### **WKCTC Fall 2025 semester** begins with multiple start dates to serve student needs

West Kentucky Community and Technical College kicked off the fall 2025 semester today, offering students three start dates to better accommodate the schedules of traditional and adult learners.

The first session began Monday, Aug. 18. Additional start dates are scheduled for Monday, Sept. 15, and Monday, Oct. 13, allowing students more opportunities to enroll throughout the semester.

"These multiple entry points are designed to provide flexibility for our students, whether they are recent high school graduates, working adults or returning learners," said Dr. Anton Reece, President of WKCTC..

The official enrollment census date for the fall semester is Nov. 1, 2025. College officials anticipate an increase in enrollment this term, continuing an upward trend as WKCTC expands programs and services to meet workforce and academic demands across the region.

West Kentucky Community and Technical College is part of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System and is consistently recognized for its excellence in education and commitment to student success.

For more information about enrollment, visit westkentucky.kctcs. edu.

#### **NOTICE**

"In accordance with Chapter 65A and 424 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, the financial information listed below may be inspected by the general public at the Livingston County Extension Office, 803 U.S. 60 East, Smithland, KY on August 25th 2025 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Financial Information Available: \*FY24 Year-End Budget Summary \*FY25 Budget Summary \*Most Recent Audit or Attestation" (8-22-25\_1x LL)

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#### **NOTICE**

Mantle Rock Solar LLC is proposing to develop, construct, own, and operate to develop the Mantle Rock Solar project near the intersection of Maxfield and Carrsville Road in Livingston County, KY. The 42-Megawatt solar project will be approximately 562 acres. The facility will consist of solar photovoltaic panels and the associated racking systems, electric equipment, project substation and transformer, utility switching station, battery storage, and underground electrical connection lines.

The Project is required to file an application for construction and operation of the proposed facility. This application is subject to the approval of the Kentucky State Siting Board on Electric Generation and Transmission Siting, which can be reached at P.O. Box 615, 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0615, or via phone at (502) 564-3940.

A person who wishes to become a party to a proceeding before the board may, by written motion filed no later than thirty (30) days after the application has been submitted, request leave to intervene. A party may, upon written motion filed no later than thirty (30) days after an application has been filed, request the board to schedule an evidentiary hearing at the offices of the Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0615.

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## **OCTC** welcomes Windy **Hollow Cafe to campus**

OWENSBORO, KY — Owensboro Community & Technical College (OCTC) is excited to announce the arrival of Windy Hollow Cafe, opening August 18, 2025 on OCTC's Main Campus in the Campus Center, located at 4800 New Hartford Road, Owensboro, KY 42303.

Windy Hollow Cafe will offer a variety of menu items for breakfast, lunch, and snacks, including fresh-made lattes, smoothies, and signature favorites from their well-loved restaurants. Students, faculty, staff, and campus visitors will now have convenient access to great food and drinks right on campus.

"We are excited to be partnering with OCTC to bring restaurant quality food back to OCTC," said Evelyn Miller and Hallie McCarty, owners of Windy Hollow Restaurant and Windy Hollow Biscuit House. "Having a variety of fresh-made lattes and smoothies is something that we are really looking forward to offering."

Although Windy Hollow Cafe is a new concept, its roots run deep in the Owensboro community. "Windy



Hollow Cafe may be brand new, but it can trace its roots back 61 years in our community," said Miller and McCarty. "I know our founders, Hal & Tom Miller, would be especially proud of serving students items that can be found in our restaurants as well as offering items never offered at Windy

Hollow!" The cafe will be managed by Hallie McCarty, who will also serve as head barista. "Making lattes is my happy place!" said McCarty, who uses locally roasted beans from Gene's Beans to craft each drink.

Windy Hollow Cafe will be open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. To celebrate their opening, anyone who brings an OCTC cup or mug can enjoy a free iced tea or lemonade (limit one per day) through August 28, 2025.

The cafe is also hiring. Interested applicants can apply by emailing rooster@ visitwindyhollow.com.

## Owensboro Community & Technical College is one of the sixteen community and technical colleges that make up the **Kentucky Community** & Technical College System. OCTC serves the KY counties of Daviess, Hancock, Ohio and McLean. OCTC has three campuses in Daviess County and a Center and Annex in Hancock County.

OCTC strives to serve

the communities in

the service area by providing associate degree education for transfer, state of the art technical education for students focusing on entering the workforce, customized business and industry solutions through the **Workforce Solutions** division, and adult education and business and industry testing through the SkillTrain unit.

The Kentucky Community and Technical College System is the Commonwealth's largest postsecondary institution with 16 colleges and more than 70 campuses. We also are Kentucky's largest provider of workforce training and online education. Through partnerships with business and industry, we align our programs to meet the needs of local employers. We help students fulfill their dreams of creating a better life through programs that lead directly to jobs or help them transfer to

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#### **Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corp. approves** more than \$3.1 million in loans

Financing bolsters beef, horticulture, poultry, and grain farmers across the state

**FRANKFORT** - The Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corp. (KAFC) approved 14 agricultural loans totaling \$3,133,563 for projects across the Commonwealth today at its monthly board meeting.

Agricultural Infrastructure Loan

Program (AILP) Four Agricultural

Infrastructure loans totaling up to \$808,613 were approved. Loan recipients were in Butler (\$250,000), Calloway (\$58,613 and \$250,000), and Fulton (\$250,000) counties.

**KAFC** participates with lenders to provide financing to producers making capital expenditures for agricultural projects through the AILP. Eligible projects include permanent farm structures with attached equipment that improves the profitability of farming operations. Producers may be eligible for up to

\$250,000 not to exceed 50 percent of the project.

#### Beginning Farmer Loan Program (BFLP)

Nine Beginning Farmer loans totaling up to \$2,074,950 were approved. Loan recipients were in Anderson (\$250,000), Grayson (\$74,950), Hardin (\$250,000), Hart (\$250,000), Hickman (\$250,000 and \$250,000), Logan (\$250,000), Todd (\$250,000), and Wayne (\$250,000) counties.

The BFLP is designed to assist individuals with some farming

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

*Horticulture* Incentives Loan Program (HILP) One Horticulture

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#### NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Final Settlement of the Estate of Eric A. Osborne, deceased, Case No. 22-P-00079, has been filed with the Livingston District Court, by Ashley Wadlington, Administratrix of the estate, and a hearing on same will be held on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at 1:00 p.m., Livingston District Court, in District Courtroom, at the Livingston County Justice Center, Smithland, KY. Any exceptions to the settlement must be filed prior to the hearing.

This the 19th day of August, 2025.

DEBBIE HARP KNOTH, CLERK Livingston District Court (8-22-25\_1x\_LL)

## 'Ag Tag' donations set another record in 2025

FRANKFORT, Ky. – Kentucky farmers donated nearly a million dollars for the Ag Tag Program in 2025. The total, \$995,440.74, is the largest amount ever donated in a single year, topping last year's total by more than \$60,000, Commissioner of Agriculture Jonathan Shell announced.

"For that last three years the Ag Tag Program has seen new record-breaking amounts every year,' Commissioner Shell said. "This couldn't be possible without the wonderful support from our Kentucky farmers. They see value in supporting the next generation of farmers through their donations to the Ag Tag fund. It's that generosity that will help ensure Kentucky agriculture has a bright future."

The voluntary donations are divided equally among Kentucky 4-H, Kentucky FFA, and the Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA). This year, each group will receive \$331,813.58 Since 2016, Kentucky FFA and Kentucky 4-H have received, collectively, more than \$4 million from donations made by ag producers renewing their vehicles each year.

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Incentives Loan was approved in Calloway County totaling \$250,000.

KAFC participates with lenders to provide financing to make working capital available to horticulture producers to get crops from the field to buyers through the HILP. Producers may be eligible for up to \$250,000 not to exceed 50 percent of the project.

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

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and the Kentucky
Agricultural
Development Fund
(KADF).

The KADF is administered by the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board. **KOAP** ensures Kentucky is being good stewards of dollars from the 1998 Tobacco Settlement Agreement by overseeing the boards' investments into diversifying and supporting Kentucky agriculture.

Half of the 4-H and FFA donations are returned to local councils and chapters, meaning leaders in the donating community can use those funds to cover the cost of 4-H and FFA camp and other leadership programs for youth. County 4-H councils regularly use Ag Tag dollars to provide 4-H camp scholarships and travel for lifechanging, educational experiences to enable local 4-H youth to grow as leaders and engaged citizens. FFA chapters were free to use the money to meet the greatest needs in their community, such as FFA jackets for students in need or helping cover travel costs to leadership events.

The KDA uses its share of the Ag Tag funds for various programs such as the Ag Athlete of the Year awards, the Kentucky Leopold Conservation Award, Kentucky Women in Agriculture, and the University of Kentucky Grain and Forage Center of Excellence.

"Kentucky FFA celebrates the continued success of the Ag Tag Program," said Sheldon McKinney, executive director of the Kentucky FFA



Kentucky farmers donated a record-breaking \$995,440.74 to the Ag Tag Program for 2025, the largest amount ever donated in a single year. Ag Commissioner Jonathan Shell presented representatives from Kentucky 4-H (top) and Kentucky FFA (bottom) checks for \$331,813.58 for each of their programs from the Ag Tag Funds.

(Kentucky Department of Agriculture)

Foundation. "As donations grow, the opportunities we can provide our members in FFA chapters across Kentucky grow. We have a record-breaking number of Kentucky FFA members, young people who are desiring a career in agriculture. It's so special that they've found champions in Kentucky farmers supporting the Ag

Tag program."

"We are so grateful for the Ag Tag Program and the opportunities 4-H youth are being exposed to through these funds gaining new experiences, leadership training, and personal development, positively impacting their confidence, skills and longterm success." said Melissa Miller,

executive director of the Kentucky 4-H Foundation. "Looking ahead, I hope to see continued growth in the Ag Tag Program. The funds raised are not just donations they are investments in Kentucky 4-H's future. The program is helping youth build skills, gain leadership experience and thrive in their communities."

Kentucky motorists

who buy or renew farm vehicle license plates, or "ag tags," may make a voluntary donation of up to \$10 to the Ag Tag Fund. Half of the 4-H and FFA funds go back to the county where the tag is purchased, where both organizations use the funds to support local programming, awards, and scholarships.



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#### **Kentucky Agricultural Development** Board approves more than \$500,000 for projects across the Commonwealth

Funded projects focus on agricultural diversification, rural development

LOUISVILLE-TheKentucky Agricultural **Development Board** approved \$533,249 for agricultural diversification and rural development projects across the Commonwealth Friday at its monthly board meeting.

"The Agricultural **Development Board** invests in projects that strengthen our ag community," Commissioner of Agriculture and Board Chair Jonathan Shell said. "These projects are helping to diversify our agricultural landscape and grow our economy, which is a benefit to all of Kentucky.'

County and State Funded Projects 5000 Animal Care Veterinary Center, LLC was approved up to \$60,191 in state funds and \$12,038 in multi-county funds to purchase a truck and a vet box as part of the Large & Food Animal **Veterinary Incentives** Program. For more information, contact Jacob R. Feese at acvcdvm@gmail.com.

**Graves County** Farm Bureau, Inc was approved up to \$5,000 in Graves County funds to purchase grain bin safety harnesses. For more information, contact David J. Cherry at j4grt@yahoo.com.

Jarrod Cornett was approved up to \$3,750 in state funds for consultation fees as part of the Food Safety and **Efficiency Incentives** Program. For more information, contact Katelyn L. Fortney at katiefortney81@gmail.

**Lowes Produce** was approved up to \$127,797 in state funds to build a watermelon processing facility. For more information, contact Shea Lowe at lowefarms@gmail.com.

Pennyrile Resource Conservation and Development Area, Inc was approved up to \$2,500 in Christian County funds for a community garden. For more information, contact Mark Cansler at turner1224@gmail.com.

County Programs County Agricultural **Incentives Program** (CAIP)

CAIP provides Kentucky agricultural producers with costshare assistance on practices to allow them to improve and diversify their current farm operations. CAIP covers a wide variety of agricultural enterprises in its 11 incentive areas, including, but not limited to, beef and dairy cattle; farm infrastructure, fencing, and water enhancement; equine; forage; goats and sheep; horticulture; poultry; swine; bees and honey; timber and technology, as well as energy efficiency and

production; marketing; and value-added production.

Four CAIPs, totaling \$259,873, were approved by the board in the following counties:

Anderson (\$5,000)\* Carlisle (\$112,739) Lyon (\$60,000) Perry (\$82,134)

Deceased Farm Animal Removal (DAR)

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

Three DARs, totaling \$34,400, were approved by the board in the following counties: Marion (\$15,000) Mercer (\$15,000)

Youth Agricultural Incentives Program (YAIP)

Spencer (\$4,400)

YAIP encourages youth to engage in and explore agricultural opportunities.

Three YAIPs, totaling \$27,700, were approved by the board in the following counties:

Caldwell (\$2,600)\* Mercer (\$20,000) Spencer (\$5,100)

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

\* Existing programs receiving additional funding

Beef Bash combines social, educational and industry interactions, offering something for everyone interested in beef and the Kentucky beef industry.

Beef Bash 2025 provides education, research and

fellowship for Kentucky's cattle producers

By Jennifer Elwell

VERSAILLES, Ky.— The University of Kentucky Beef **Integrated Resource** Management team and the Kentucky Cattlemen's Association are proud to host Beef Bash at the UK C. Oran Little Research Center (LRC) in Woodford County on Saturday, Sept. 20, 2025.

The event combines social, educational and industry interactions, offering something for everyone interested in beef and the Kentucky beef industry. The event moved to Saturday this year to encourage more youth participants.

"We have several sessions designed for hands-on experiences for kids interested in learning more about beef cattle," said Les Anderson, professor and beef extension specialist in the Department of Animal and Food Sciences.

The staging area will be under the big tent near the Intensive Research Building.

"We will have live cattle demonstrations, research presentations, commercial and educational exhibits," Anderson said. Attendees will have opportunities to take various tours or can simply sit on a bale of straw and visit with university or industry leaders, commercial representatives or your fellow cattle

producers." Several UK beef, forage and research specialists will be available for presentations and answering questions. Anderson also explained that Beef Bash visitors will learn

about the farm's 150-

head cow herd due to

calve in mid-September.

"Most of the cows are commercial Angus with some Hereford and Simmental influence," Anderson said. "We'll have several cattle exhibits to illustrate various management practices and discuss

the breeding program." Additional educational topics include cooking demonstrations, beef cattle nutrition, forage management tips, incorporating precision agriculture in beef cattle systems and estrus synchronization

Anderson also said that another crucial part of Beef Bash is to showcase the cutting-edge research conducted at the LRC to improve beef herds of Kentucky and beyond.

techniques.

"This is a key opportunity to interact with our researchers and ask questions pertaining to their research," Andersor said. "Our beef nutrition researchers are the best in the world, and Beef Bash is an excellent opportunity to get a taste of the work that is being done here in

Kentucky."

Anderson said that visitors may register on-site, but pre-registration is preferred by visiting https://www. eventbrite.com/e/beefbash-2025-registrationtickets-1478821267219 or by contacting their local county extension office at https:// extension.ca.uky. edu/county. Those with questions should contact Maggie Ginn at maggie.ginn@uky.edu.

To learn more about Beef Bash, visit https:// afs.ca.uky.edu/events/ beef-bash.

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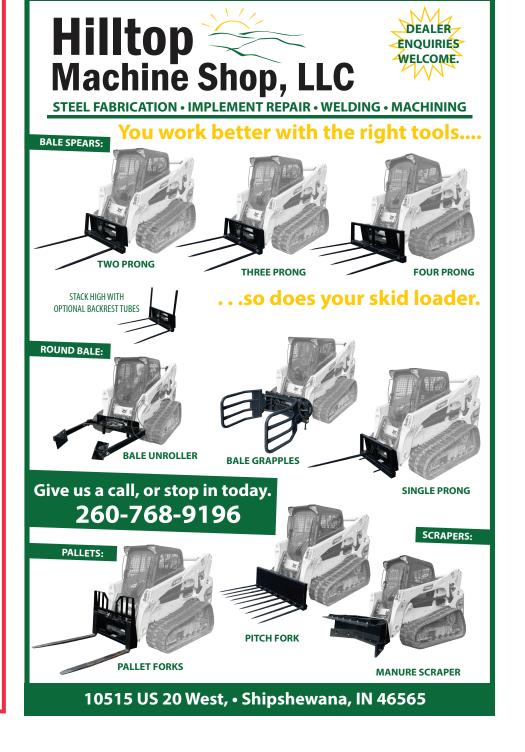
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Source: John Grove, research and extension soils specialist; and Edwin Ritchey, extension soils specialist, UK Research and Education Center at Princeton

To maximize yield and economic return on every acre, begin with a soil test. A current soil test from the University of Kentucky ensures you will receive more accurate fertilizer recommendations, optimized for your crop, field history and production methods.

University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service publication AGR-1, Lime and Nutrient Recommendations, was recently updated for the 2025-2026 crop seasons, and new recommendations are a result of a review of soil fertility research and soil test data collected across the state. It covers nutrient recommendations for grain crops, forages, tobacco and several specialty crops.

To get reliable recommendations, it is important that the submitted soil sample accurately

# A soil test is the first important step for updated lime and fertilizer recommendations

primary tillage (plow, chisel plow, big disc, etc.), usually six to eight inches. With pastures, lawns, notilled areas and turf, take soil cores to a depth of four inches.

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Field research yield and soil test relationships measured by the Kentucky Agricultural Experiment Station were used to establish the phosphate and potash recommendations contained in AGR-1. Those recommendations strive to enable each soil/field to supply a sufficient level of available plant nutrients, regardless of seasonal weather and assuming good management practices.

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665-9118.

## Rudy received the 2025 Friend of Ag award

By Wave River Counties Ag Initiative

Farmer of the Year is Ben Rudy, and was presented by Nutrien Ag Solutions!

This year's WAVE AG Friend of Agriculture is Ben Rudy, and was presented by Nutrien Ag Solutions!

Ben was born in Henderson, Kentucky and raised on the family farm. He attended Henderson County High School and graduated in 1998. After graduation he went to the University of Tennessee at Martin on a Varsity Rifle Scholarship. He majored and graduated with a degree in Agriculture Education. While in college he worked for

Syngenta Seeds helping with their seed plots. Ben took a job teaching high school agriculture in Trenton, Tennessee at Peabody High School.

He taught ag classes, managed 2 greenhouses, and was an FFA Advisor for 11 years. In 2009 Ben received his Master's in Agriculture Leadership from UTM. In 2014 Ben and his family moved to Fulton County, Kentucky

where he became the ag and natural resources

agent for the
University of Kentucky
extension. He hosts
and provides various
programs including
pesticide trainings,
container gardening,
yield contests, women
in ag seminar, winter
ag conference, as well
as many others.

This summer Ben was awarded a Search for Excellence award for his work with the Winter Ag Conference. In his current position he has had the pleasure of working with

Fulton County's farmers. Ben has been a part of WAVE Ag since it started. He is always willing to answer farmer questions, His family will tell you, he will answer his phone when it rings if it's one of his farmers.

The only time you can't get Ben on the phone is...when you are asleep. He truly understands that a farmer's work is never done, and he will always take the time for them.

Ben is married to his wife, Jessie, of 21 years and they are the proud parents of Will and Alex.

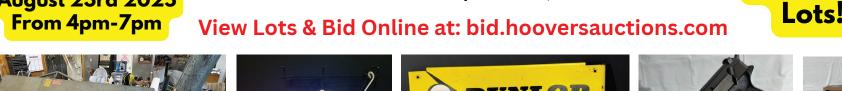




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## General matter announcement proves Kentucky's nuclear efforts are delivering results

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Sen. Danny Carroll, R-Benton, issued the following statement in response to General Matter's announced plans to develop a private uranium enrichment facility in Paducah. It is the first of its kind in the United States and a historic investment in American nuclear infrastructure.

"This is exactly the

toward. Paducah is once again being recognized as a national strategic asset, not just for its history, but for its future. The announcement by General Matter represents a significant milestone for Kentucky and marks the beginning of a new era

in American energy

kind of momentum

we've been working

leadership.

"From lifting the moratorium in 2017 to establishing the Kentucky Nuclear **Energy Development** Authority and creating targeted state grant programs, we've made it clear that Kentucky is serious about advanced nuclear development. This private-sector investment confirms that vision and validates the work we've done to build the right policy and regulatory environment.

"When the U.S. Department of Energy named Paducah a potential site for AI and energy infrastructure just days ago, it was another step in the right direction. We're seeing the private market respond, and respond in a big way.

"We are not only attracting attention. We're attracting action. Global Laser Enrichment's (GLE) June announcement of a laser-enrichment facility next to the DOE site signaled Paducah's return to the national stage. General Matter's announced investment builds on that momentum and positions Kentucky as

a launch pad for the future of American nuclear energy.

"I want to thank everyone who helped lay the foundation to make this possible. The positive impacts of this will ripple from the coal fields of western Kentucky to the coal mining regions in eastern Kentucky, and far beyond the borders of the Bluegrass."

## Law enforcement and child passenger safety experts recognized for **Excellence in Seat Belt and Child Restraint Enforcement**

FRANKFORT, Ky. - Today, state officials recognized nearly 100 state and local law enforcement officers, along with child passenger safety personnel, for their outstanding efforts to save the lives of drivers and passengers on Kentucky highways.

The annual Governor's

Occupant Protection Enforcement Awards, held in Lexington, recognized the dedication of individuals from across Kentucky who are committed to protecting travelers through seat belt and child seat enforcement efforts.

protecting the lives of our people and I'm proud to recognize leaders who show up every day dedicated to this important work," said Gov. Andy Beshear. "Through their efforts, more Kentuckians are safe on the road and able to return home to their

Transportation Cabinet's (KYTC) Office of Highway Safety (KOHS) presented the awards to those with the most occupant protection citations in each agency and in each division from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. Award recipients received a plaque, while the

top division winners were presented with the Highway Safety All-Star Award - a commemorative baseball bat from Louisville Slugger. There are six divisions, broken down by number of officers within the agency, and a division for Kentucky State Police:

- Division I 1-10 officers
- Division II 11-25
- officers • Division III 26-50
- officers • Division IV 51-100
- officers
- Division V 100+ officers

 Division VI Kentucky State Police In addition to honoring law enforcement, KOHS also presented awards for Technician, Instructor and CPS

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Secretary Jim Gray addressed the attendees and praised their efforts to save lives in their communities.

Team of the Year.

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"The work vou do for the state is critical to protecting Kentuckians, especially our most vulnerable citizens who depend on an adult to keep them safe

with every ride," said Gray. "We appreciate your dedication, professionalism and heart to save lives."

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), seat belts, when worn correctly, are proven to reduce the risk of fatal injuries to frontseat occupants by 45% and by 60% in pickup trucks, SUVs and minivans. Also, according to NHTSA, properly installed child restraints reduce the risk of fatal injuries by 71% for infants and by 54% for toddlers in passenger cars. In light trucks, SUVs and minivans, properly deployed child restraints reduce the risk of fatal injuries by 58% for infants and 59% for toddlers.

In Kentucky, 86.9% of drivers and passengers buckle up. Annually, more than half of all highway fatalities involving a vehicle reported unbelted occupants.

Child Passenger Safety Awards

Tasha Higgins The

Instructor of the Year

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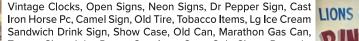














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# Kentucky businesses receive grants to secure food supply chain KDA grant funds awarded through USDA funds

FRANKFORT, Ky. - More than \$2 million in grants was awarded recently to 27 Kentucky agricultural businesses to build resilience in the middle of the supply chain and strengthen local and regional food systems, Commissioner of Agriculture Jonathan Shell announced.

"Creating greater protection for our food supply chains provides an increased level of confidence in the food and products we grow and sale in Kentucky," Commissioner Shell said. "These proactive steps are just one way we protect what we eat and create better lives for Kentuckians and beyond."

This first set of awarded grants is a portion of the \$8.6 awarded to the Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA) through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure (RFSI) program. USDA awarded an overall \$420 million across the nation for the program, which is aimed to

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build resilience in the middle of the food supply chain, to provide more and better markets to small farms and food businesses, to support the development of value-added products for consumers, and to provide fair prices, fair wages, and new and safe job opportunities.

Eligible projects included those that expand capacity for aggregation, processing, manufacturing, storing, transporting, wholesaling, and distribution of food products, for specialty crops, dairy, grains for human consumption, aquaculture, and other food products, excluding meat and poultry.

The funds for RFSI come out of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) for states and territories via formula funding. To award its share, KDA worked in partnership with USDA to make competitive subawards to support infrastructure and equipment grants. A five-member panel combed through 138 applications

requesting more than \$32 million for infrastructure projects and more than \$7 million for equipment-only projects to determine the ones best suited for the guidelines of the program. The most recently awarded Kentucky grants were all equipment-only grants.

The equipment only grant applicants could apply for costshare support from a minimum of \$10,000 to a maximum of \$100,000 for eligible equipment. Successful applicants can receive 100 percent funding for approved equipment.

The recipients are: Wise Bird Cider Co., Lexington -- \$100,000 for in-line, tunnel pasteurization system

Circle G. Farms, Danville -- \$100,000 for equipment to aid in grain cleaning, stone mill, sifter, scale and bagger, and vacuum elevator

Haney's Appledale Farm LLC, Nancy -- \$100,000 for apple peeler, commercial fruit pie oven and large refrigerator

Cecil Farm Produce

LLC, Owensboro -- \$100,000 for refrigerated truck

Maple Crest Farm, Manchester -- \$100,000 for egg washer and grader and refrigerated truck

Lowe's Produce, Murray -- \$100,000 for commercial refrigeration units and a watermelon sort/grade/packing line

Tardigrade Alliance, Frenchburg -- \$100,000 for cold storage, wash/pack line, and refrigerated

Legacy Dairy LLC, Cave City -- \$100,000 for refrigerated truck and liftgate

Mulberry Orchard LLC, Shelbyville --\$99,700 for bin tipper, conveyor and washing line, and electronic sorter

CANE (Community Agricultural Nutritional Enterprises) Inc, Letcher County --\$98,508.50 for freeze and refrigerator, cup packing machine, and trailer

My Harrodsburg Honey, Harrodsburg -- \$98,439 for honey extractor, freezer, barrels and bottling tank

Elmwood Stock

Farms, Georgetown --\$95,461.81 for walk-in refrigerator, conveyor washer, and salad/ vegetable dryer

Cornett Enterprises LLC, London -- \$93,996 for refrigerated box truck and trailer and macro-bins

Obenchain Farms, Hawesville --\$93,587.05 for walk-in freezers

Allen Farms Produce, Monticello -- \$92,599.16 for cooler, pallet jack, vegetable washer, freezer and refrigeration merchandiser

Local's Food Hub, Frankfort -- \$91,574.27 for an oven, 30-gallon kettle and a blast chiller/freezer

**Evans Orchard** and Cider Mill Georgetown --\$87,939.11 for fruit and produce wash and walk-in freezer installation

Barr Farms Organic Produce, Rhodelia -- \$82,622.20 for conveyor, maple evaporator, refrigerated trailer and container unit

Sustainable Harvest Farm LLC, London -- \$79,880 for refrigerated box truck and trailer

On Tapp Dairy, LLC, Springfield, -- \$75,337

for cream, butter and ice cream equipment

Penn's Country Hams, Campbellsville -- \$37,569.25 for uncapping machine, extractor, filter, wax separator and bottling equipment

Salad Days Farm LLC, Versailles --\$30,692.30 for dicer, dehydrator, freezers, and blast chillers

Kentucky Maple Sugarwoods Farm LLC, Olaton -- \$27,820.63 for evaporator, bottlers, tank and pump, ice cream machine, water pump and osmosis system

River Bend Farm, **Clark County** -- \$25,705.20 for refrigerated van

Scarbro Farm, Grayson-- \$24,995 for a cooler trailer and a portable generator

Pink Elephant Farm, Smithfield -- \$22,394.68 for equipment for value added production (butter churn, dehydrators, food processors)

Flourishing Herbs, Scottsville -- \$10,434.85 for processing tables, dehumidifier, filling machine, freeze dryer, scales, and labeling machine

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## Calvert City Council Extends Alcoholic Sale Discussion to Gain Community Members Opinions

**By Kelsey Edwards** Marshall Times Editor

Back in July, the Calvert City Council not only introduced but also had the first reading of a new ordinance that would extend the hours for the sale of alcoholic drinks. Adopting the ordinance after the second reading was to take place during the August meeting, but that has been delayed and Churchill Downs Inc. will have to wait another month to learn whether Calvert City Council will extend alcoholic drink hours from midnight to 2 a.m. Monday through Sunday with package sales continuing to

end at midnight. However, after the second reading with a discussion, Councilman Dustin Brown said he would like to consider other options like offering permits to certain businesses for extended drink hours. Brown indicated that since last month opposition has arisen and he moved to table further action on the ordinance to allow more time to research what the community members thoughts and feelings are on the issue. Councilman Ralph Howard seconded the motion along with Councilwoman Denae Shelton joining in on tabling the

action for more time. Council members Neeta Hale, Jeremy Rowe and Kevin Stokes dissented. which created a tie but ultimately the action was tabled due to Mayor Gene Colburn breaking the tie by voting to table the issue. The longer hours were requested by Churchill Downs Inc. for Marshall Yards, which will be a gaming center that is currently under construction by Churchill Downs on U.S. 62 off Interstate 24 at exit 27.

After the discussion of extending the alcoholic sales was tabled, a five-member team of science and medical experts from

the University of Louisville attended the meeting in order to explain an ongoing study of health risks in Marshall, Livingston and McCracken counties. Perceived health risks from the Calvert City Industrial Complex, along with public requests prompted the study. The fivemember team wants to sample untreated wastewater in Calvert City and other communities to determine whether there is evidence of a chemical health risk. Dr. Ted Smith, who is a professor of environmental medicine and affiliated with the

Center for Integrative

Environmental Health Sciences at U of L, explained the reasoning behind the study. Dr. Matthew Cave, a gastroenterologist, at U of L. added that by conducting the study, the scientists are not out to get anybody or to paint Calvert City as an unsafe place to live. Other team members at the meeting were Lark Reynolds, who is the director of integrative environmental health services at U of L; Collette Gorga, who is a medical student at the university; and Dr. Ohuwalainni Dade, a researcher at Murray State University.

In other council business, a resolution

was passed that authorizes the mayor to apply for a grant from the Delta Regional Authority and to sign documents pertaining to the grant. The grant will be for nearly \$1 million. The council members heard the first reading and introduced an ordinance amendment excluding special purpose vehicles from city streets along with voting to sell or otherwise dispose of surplus equipment and supplies no longer used by different city departments.

#### MARSHALL COUNTY WEEK IN REVIEW

Wacker Chemical recognized two men who work at its Calvert City, Kentucky, facility as two of the global company's longest-serving employees. The two men are Kevin Diamond and James Eaves, who have dedicated a combined 112 years of service to the company.

The Marshall County High School football team and Special Olympics program got together to hold a flag football camp, the first of its kind between the two programs. Throughout the day, Marshall's Special Olympians worked alongside players and coaches from the Marshals' varsity football team, practicing football fundamentals, drills, and scrimmaging towards the end of the day.

## MURRAY / CALLOWAY COUNTY WEEK IN REVIEW

The Murray-Calloway County Chamber of Commerce held two ribbon cuttings. One for Thriving at Home Senior Care and the other for Women's Health of Murray. The Thriving at Home Senior Care relocated and its new location is at 306 S. 12th Street in Murray. Their team provides compassionate, personalized in-home care services to help seniors thrive with dignity and independence. From memory care to daily support, they're making a meaningful difference in our community. The Women's Health of Murray, is part of Murray-Calloway County Hospital and is located in the Medical Arts Building, 300 S 8th St., Suite 480 West. The specialist team is Abigail Akers, MD; Dawn Nabavi Deeter, MD; Karla Turley, MD; Christina Darnell, FNP; and Whitney Pugh, PA-C.

The Murray Independent School Board approved the new tax rate for 2025-26 at its monthly meeting. The tax rate will be lower than this year's tax rate, putting the new tax rate at 69.3 cents per \$100 valuation for real estate property. This past year it was at 72.6 (cents).

West Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation (WKRECC) recently donated \$15,000 to Murray-Calloway Economic Development Corporation to support its mission to retain, expand and attract quality manufacturing, distribution, and service industries to Calloway County. The money is earmarked to support MCEDC recruiting and marketing efforts.

#### **MARSHALL COUNTY UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Aug 23, Benton Farmers Market, HH Lovett Park

Aug 23, CFSB Community Event, Maggies Jungle Golf, 10 am - 2 pm

Aug 25, Chair Yoga, Benton Library, 10 am

Aug 25, Bingocize, Hardin Library, 1:30 pm

Aug 26, Senior Bingo, Benton Branch, 1 pm

Aug 26, 4-H Livestock Club, MC Extension Office, 5:30 pm

Aug 26, Yoga in the Park, Calvert City Civic Center, 6 pm

Aug 28, Brick Builder Lab, Benton Library, 10 am

Aug 28, Bunco Night, Benton Library, 5:30 pm

Aug 29, Chair Yoga, Calvert Library, 10 am

Aug 29, Food Truck: Date Night, CC Memorial Park, 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Aug 29, Kentucky Dam Glow Run, Ky Dam Beach, 7:26 pm

#### **MURRAY/CALLOWAY COUNTY UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Aug 23, Downtown Farmers Market, Downtown Murray, 7 am - 12 pm

Aug 23, Murray Lions Club, Stuff the Truck, Murray Court Sq, 7 am - 12 pm

Aug 23, Little Landscapes Painting Night, Murray Art Guild, 1 pm

Aug 23, Woofstock Concert Fundraiser, The Woods Music Venue, 4 pm

Aug 23, Sound Therapy-Intention Workshop, The Barre Murray, 5:30 pm Aug 23, Dinner with Hummingbirds, Woodlands Nature Station, 6 pm

Aug 23, Playhouse in the Park: Our Town, Playhouse in the Park, 7 pm

Aug 25, SINGO, The Big Apple Bar & Grill, 7 pm

Aug 26, Homemakers Arts Competition, Calloway Co. Ext.Office, 9 am

Aug 26, Trivia, Tap 216, 7 pm

Aug 26, Tuesday Night Darts, The Big Apple Bar & Grill, 8:30 pm

Aug 27, Calloway Co. Annual Day, Calloway Co. Ext. Office, 9:30 am - 3 pm

Aug 27, American Mahjong Open Play, Pogue Library, 2 pm

Aug 28, Karaoke Night, Tap 216, 9 pm

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## Animal drugs approved to combat New **World Screwworm**

By TOM LATEK Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) - The U.S.Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) issued a declaration on Tuesday that will allow the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to issue **Emergency Use** Authorizations (EUAs) for animal drugs to treat or prevent infestations caused by the New World Screwworm (NWS).

This declaration applies only to drugs for animals.

According to the FDA, NWS infests warm-blooded animals, including livestock, pets, wildlife, and, in rare cases, humans, causing severe tissue damage and sometimes death. The risk to human health in the United States remains very low, but the potential future threat to animal populations and the food supply chain requires proactive action.

Although eradicated from North America and Central America decades ago, NWS

since 2022 and is now approaching the U.S. border with Mexico. This parasite poses an emerging threat to livestock and food security, with potential impacts on both national security and animal health.

"We are taking decisive action to safeguard the nation's food supply from this emerging threat," said HHS Secretary Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. "This authorization equips FDA to act quickly, limit the spread of New World Screwworm, and has progressed north protect America's

livestock."

Currently, there are no FDA-approved drugs for NWS in the United States. The FDA through an EUA can authorize the flexible, faster use of certain animal drug products that may be approved for other purposes, or available in other countries, but not formally approved for NWS in the U.S. This ensures veterinarians, farmers, and animal health officials have timely access to the tools they need to protect pets, livestock, and the nation's food supply.

"This emergency use authorization is another tool we can use in the fight against New World Screwworm," said Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins. "Our cattle ranchers and livestock producers are relying on the Trump Administration to defend their livelihoods. Stopping this pest is a national security priority and we are linking arms across President Trump's cabinet to defend our borders and push back this threat."

"Our priority is to safeguard both animal health and the nation's food supply," said FDA Commissioner Marty Makary. "FDA is acting swiftly and responsibly to help ensure we have the necessary tools to prevent and control New World Screwworm, minimizing risks to agriculture and public health."

FDA will provide future guidance to veterinarians and stakeholders on the appropriate use of any products authorized for emergency use.





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## Church at the River splashes to more than 40 baptisms

**By MARK MAYNARD,** Kentucky Today

WEST POINT, Ky. (KT) – What makes a good day? Try 40plus baptisms, 22 professions of faith, and more than 1,000 people coming together for an unforgettable worship experience. That was the scene Sunday afternoon at the second annual Church at the River, hosted by GracePointe Baptist and Beechland Baptist.

Despite sweltering heat, GracePointe Pastor Mark Bishop could hardly contain his excitement after personally baptizing more than 20 people.

"A good, good day," he said. "We had 250 people here who had nothing to do with the church walk in today. It was unbelievable and there was some awesome moments."

This was the second year for the river baptism day for GracePointe Baptist and the event keeps getting bigger. Many people who gathered on Sunday came ready with umbrellas for shade while others took refuge from the heat under tents

provided

The city of West Point contributed as well, providing the portable bathrooms. Bishop said donations from Kentucky Baptist Foundation, Kentucky Baptist Convention and the Louisville Regional Baptist Association deserve a hat tip for making the day possible.

He didn't preach but Bishop and associate pastor Luke Lesmeister did the baptizing in rapid fire. He said once it got into the 20s, people stopped counting. There were more than 40 baptized, probably closer to 44, he said.

As for the attendance, he said they lost about 150 senior adults because of the hot weather but more than made up for the total with first-time visitors.

The preaching was provided by Mark McClelland of Willowbrook Baptist Church in Huntsville, Ala., who pastors one of the top baptizing churches in the state. Bishop said his friend was the one who convinced him that the river baptisms can add up to a big day. "I

wanted to get him here to speak," Bishop said.

The group The Chosen provided the

It all took place at Veterans Memorial Park, the same park that was practically under water because of flooding in May. The river baptism event was supposed to happen then, Bishop said, but had to be moved to August.

There was no rain, but he said it may have been the hottest day of the year. But it was also one of the best. He said the crowd gathered in a horseshoe shape, staying away from the areas where the sun was beating down. Some were under the tents and other under trees

"I told them nobody gathered there because offering buckets were in the middle," he joked.

Thirty-seven baptisms and 31 professions were part of a Super Sunday last year at the river.

Recently the church also held its annual Beast Feast with more than 20 salvations over 500 attending.

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## September Activities Around Kentucky Lake

A Perfect Blend of Summer and Fall

By Wilbur Jackson KPI Writer

September is a magical time at Kentucky Lake. As the summer heat fades and cooler breezes begin to roll in, this expansive body of water—stretching across western Kentucky and into Tennessee offers the perfect setting for outdoor adventure peaceful retreats, and family fun. With fewer crowds and more comfortable weather, September is one of the

everything the Kentucky Lake region has to offer. Fishing Frenzy

For anglers, September marks a golden opportunity. As water temperatures begin to drop, fish activity increases dramatically. Largemouth bass, crappie, catfish, and bluegill are all in abundance, especially during the early morning and late afternoon hours. The lake's thousands of coves, submerged ledges, and winding shorelines offer a variety of fishing environments, from shallow banks to deeper waters. Whether you fish from a boat or a dock, the catch is well worth the effort.

Boating and Paddling

**Boating on Kentucky** Lake in September is a dream. The water is still warm, the skies are mostly clear, and traffic on the lake is significantly lighter than during peak summer months. From pontoon boats to kayaks and paddleboards, there are endless ways to get out on the water. Many local marinas offer rentals and supplies, so whether you're seeking high-speed fun or a slow, scenic paddle, you'll find what you need.

Hiking and Biking in Land Between the Lakes

Just west of the lake lies Land Between the Lakes (LBL), a 170,000acre national recreation area filled with trails, wildlife, and natural beauty. September is an ideal time for hiking and biking here. Trails like the Hematite Lake Trail, Honker Trail, and the Canal Loop provide shaded pathways, lakeside views, and the first glimpses of fall color. Biking trails

cater to all skill levels, and horseback riding is also popular, especially around Wrangler's Campground.

Wildlife and Birdwatching

Kentucky Lake sits along the Mississippi Flyway, making it a hotspot for migratory birds during September. The Woodlands Nature Station in LBL is a great place to spot hummingbirds, herons, owls, and even bald eagles. Deer, wild turkeys, and other native wildlife are active in the early fall as well. Bring your binoculars and a camera—this is a nature lover's paradise.

Camping and Outdoor Living

Cooler nights and mild days create the perfect setting for camping.
Whether you prefer lakeside tent camping or the comfort of an RV, sites at Kentucky Lake State Park, Hillman Ferry, and Energy Lake Campground are scenic and relaxing. The crackle of a campfire under a starlit sky is one of September's simplest pleasures.

Festivals and Local Culture

Local towns like Grand Rivers and Murray host early fall events such as the Grand Rivers Arts & Crafts Festival over Labor Day weekend. You'll also find farmers markets, live music, and harvestthemed activities popping up throughout the month.

From outdoor thrills to tranquil retreats, September at Kentucky Lake is a perfect blend of seasons. It's a time when nature invites you to slow down, soak in the scenery, and savor the last warm days before fall fully arrives.





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#### Funeral Notice

Obituaries furnished to Kentucky Publishing

#### John R Ross

John R Ross departed this life into the arms of Jesus on Tuesday, August 12, 2025.



his daughters, Krista
Ross Smith (Paul) and
Lisa Ross Ivins (Greg),
sisters Geraldine "Sis"
Holt (James) and Ann
Bahil (Bob.) He also
leaves behind the "Best
Granddaughter in the
Universe," Ashley
Renee Ivins (Isabel
– children Ashley,



Benjamin and Giancarlo Cuevas) and Aunt Marjorie Ogle. He is

Ogle.
He is preceded in death by his wife - Judith Ann Ross, father - John

Ross, mother - Othie Ross and his sisters - Dorothy Broadnax, Lee Chadwick, Betty Jeannie Lovett (Bill) and Bobby Lou Baker (Jerry).

Details can be found at www.clickfh.com.

#### • BALLARD •

**JoLee Smith**, age 49, passed away at Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center on August 17, 2025. Visitation Services will be held on Saturday, August 23, 2025, at Morrow Funeral Chapel from 1:00 until 3:00 p.m.

Gary Wayne Curtis, age 78, of Wickliffe, Kentucky, passed away on Sunday, August 17, 2025, at Clinton Place Nursing Home in Clinton, Kentucky. Funeral services were held on Thursday, August 21, 2025, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Wickliffe with Dee Hazlewood officiating. Burial at Bethlehem Church Cemetery in Wickliffe.

Shirley Williams, lovingly known as "Granny Shirley", 88, of Barlow, Kentucky, passed away on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at Life Care Center of La Center. A funeral service was held Saturday, August 16, 2025, at Milner and Orr Funeral Home in Wickliffe, with Dee Hazelwood officiating. Burial at Wickliffe City Cemetery.

#### • CALDWELL •

Betty Sue Coleman Grubbs, 85, of Princeton, passed away on Sunday, August 17, 2025, at Providence Pointe Healthcare in Paducah, Kentucky. Funeral services were Thursday, August 21, 2025, at Morgan's Funeral Home with Rev. James Shuck officiating. Burial in White Sulphur Cemetery in Caldwell County.

**Lena Conger**, peacefully passed away on August 15, 2025, at the age of 86. Funeral services were held Monday, August 18 at Morgan's Funeral Home with Rev. Danny Sherrill officiating. Burial in the Fredonia Cemetery.

Rachel Wilson, 70, of Princeton, passed away on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at Baptist Health Madisonville. Funeral services were Sunday, August 17, 2025, at Morgan's Funeral Home with Bro. Robert Allen and Bro. Seth Shephard officiating. Burial in Fredonia Cemetery.

Rose Stanley Lander Copeland, 77, of Princeton, Kentucky, passed away on Monday, August 11, 2025 at Baptist Health Paducah. Funeral services will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 16, 2025, at Morgan's Funeral Home with Rev. Carl Copeland officiating. Burial will follow in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

**Karen Smith Dunning**, age 60, of Princeton, Kentucky, passed away on Sunday, August 17, 2025, at her home in Princeton. Funeral services will be at Goodwin Funeral Home, on Wednesday, August 20, 2025.

#### • CALLOWAY •

Walter Walls, 87, of Murray, KY, passed away on Sunday, August 17, 2025 at Murray Calloway County Hospital. A funeral service will be held at 11 AM on Saturday, August 23, 2025 at the Heritage Chapel of Imes Funeral Home, 1804 Highway 121 Bypass North, Murray. Burial will follow at Murray City Cemetery.

**Diana Louise Mishica**, 73, of Murray, KY, passed away on Friday, August 15, 2025 at her home. A graveside service honoring her life was held Wednesday, August 20, 2025 at Murray City Cemetery.

Mark L. Kennedy, 77, of Murray, KY, passed away on Friday, August 15, 2025 at Murray Calloway County Hospital. A funeral mass honoring the life of Mr. Mark Kennedy is set for 10 AM on Monday, August 25, 2025 at St. Leo Catholic Church, 401 North 12th Street, Murray, KY 42071. Fr. Josh McCarty will officiate. Burial with military honors will follow at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West, 5817 Fort Campbell Blvd, Hopkinsville, KY 42240. His family welcomes visitors from 4 pm – 7 pm on Sunday, August 24, 2025 at St. Leo Catholic Church.

**Johnnie Wayne Freeman**, 69, of Hardin, KY, passed away on Wednesday, August 13, 2025 at his home. No services are planned at this time.

**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.

Jack Henry Michael, Jr., 81 of Hazel, KY, formerly of Hinckley, IL, passed away Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at the Anna Mae Owen Residential Hospice House in Murray, KY. A graveside service will be held at a later date, at the Greenwood Cemetery in Hinckley, IL, no local services will be scheduled.

Curtis Clayton Warner, 67 of Murray, KY, passed away Sunday, August 10, 2025, at his home. A funeral service was held Saturday, August 16, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. in the chapel of the Blalock-Coleman Funeral Home in Murray, with John Dale officiating. Entombment at the Murray Memorial Gardens Mausoleum.

Byron Junior Furgerson, age 83, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away on Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at the Murray-Calloway County Hospital in Murray, Kentucky. A graveside service was held Monday, August 18, 2025, at the Coldwater Church of Christ Cemetery with Rev. Tim Palmer officiating.

Hugh Allen Leslie, of Murray, Kentucky, went home to be with the Lord on August 14, 2025. A funeral service was held Thursday, August 21, 2025, at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services with Bro. Sammy Cunningham officiating. Burial in the Coles Campground Cemetery.

**Robbie Cruse (Chaney) Fisher**, age 100, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away on Friday, August 15, 2025, at Passion and

Purpose HomeCare Assisted Living in Murray, Kentucky. A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, August 23, 2025, at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services with John Dale and sonin-law, Randy Doores officiating. Burial will follow at the Elsey Cemetery in Bardwell, Kentucky at 3:30 p.m., Saturday, August 23, 2025

**Sheila A. Harrison**, age 74, of Sedalia, Kentucky, passed away Friday, August 15, 2025, at her home. Graveside service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, August 23, 2025, at McGuire Cemetery. Bro. Robert Harwell will officiate. No public visitation will be held

#### • CARLISLE •

**Donnie Ray Ellis**, age 73, of Bardwell, Kentucky passed away peacefully at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center on August 15, 2025. Per his wishes, Donnie will be cremated, and there will be no services.

#### • CHRISTIAN •

Cotton Grace, 86, Greenville Road, Hopkinsville, KY passed away Saturday, August 9, 2025 at Bradford Heights Nursing & Rehabilitation, Hopkinsville, KY. A private family graveside was held on Wednesday, August, 13, 2025 at Hale Cemetery with Bro. Larry Chapman officiating. Lamb Funeral Home assisted with arrangements.

Sarah Bush "Sadie" Bardwell, 96, of Hopkinsville, KY passed away Sunday, August 17, 2025. Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Friday, August 22, 2025 at Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home with Rev. Bobby Spurlin officiating. Burial will follow in Riverside Cemetery. Visitation will be Friday from 9:00 a.m. until the funeral hour. Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

**Debbie Smith**, 72, of Hopkinsville, KY died at 6:20 p.m. Saturday, August 16, 2025. Funeral services were Wednesday, August 20, 2025 at Second Baptist Church with Rev. David Tucker officiating. Burial in Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West.

Larry Ray Stroud, 79, of Hopkinsville, Kentucky died at 4:50 p.m., Thursday, August 14, 2025 at Christian Health Center in Hopkinsville, Kentucky. Funeral services were Wednesday, August 20, 2025 at Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home with Rev. Rick McGowan officiating. Burial in Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West.

Serene Rose Braxton, 5 months, Hopkinsville, passed away on Saturday, August 16, 2025, in Nashville, TN. Funeral Service was held Thursday, August 21, 2025 at Gamble Funeral Home. Burial At Cave Springs Cemetery.

**Kathy Elizabeth White Major**, passed away on Wednesday, August 13, 2025, in Hopkinsville, KY. No services were scheduled at this time.

Lawrence Daniel Thomas "Quarles", Jr., 34, Oak Grove, passed away on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, in Clarksville, TN. Funeral Service will be Saturday, August 23, 2025 at 12:00 PM at Gamble Funeral Home in Hopkinsville, Ky 42240. Burial at Pembroke Union Cemetery

Mary Lee Maassen, 90, of Hopkinsville, KY died at 10:00 p.m. Sunday, August 10,

#### **FUNERAL NOTICES** continued

2025 at her residence. No services will be held at this time. Dogwood Funerals & Cremations of Hopkinsville is assisting with the arrangements.

#### • CRITTENDEN •

**Edna McConnell**, 77, of Rosiclare, IL passed away Thursday August 14, 2025 at her home. Private memorial services will be held at a later date, Hardin County Funeral Service is handling arrangements.

**Donna Jo Johnson**, 72, of Marion, KY passed away August 11, 2025 at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. Services were Thursday August 14, 2025 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion, KY with interment in Mexico Cemetery.

Janice V. Wright, age 90, of Marion, KY, passed away on Monday, August 11, 2025, at Lake Barkley Health and Rehabilitation in Kuttawa, KY. Funeral services were August 15 at Gilbert Funeral Home with Bro. Chris Lowery officiating. Burial in Mapleview Cemetery in Marion.

#### • FULTON •

JoAnn Dowdy Malone, age 87 of Fulton, KY passed away Friday, August 15, 2025 at her residence. Funeral Services were Wednesday, August 20, 2025 at the Brown Funeral Home in Clinton with Matthew Dixon officiating. Burial in the Pleasant View Memorial Gardens.

**Dewey Wayne Busby**, age 69, of Hickman, KY passed away Friday, August 15, 2025, at the Fulton Nursing and Rehab in Fulton, KY. There will be no services held at the funeral home and private family services will be held.

#### • GRAVES •

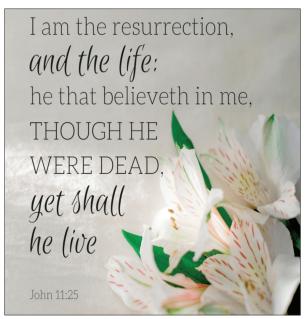
Carol Gossum Gream, age 68, of Mayfield, KY went home to heaven, with her family near, to be with her Savior Jesus Christ. Carol's life will be celebrated with her family and friends, Saturday, August 23, 2025 at 4:00 pm at the Little Obion Baptist Church, 8970 St Rt 339 W. Wingo, Ky.

Jerry Wright Jewell, age 83, of Mayfield, KY passed away at 10:15 AM Saturday, August 16, 2025 at Clinton Place Nursing & Rehab in Clinton, KY. Funeral services were Wednesday, August 20, 2025 at the Brown Funeral Home in Wingo, KY. Bro. Joey Green officiating with burial in the Calvary Community Cemetery.

Larry Joe Morris (aka "Big Poppy" or "Injun") passed away on August 14, 2025, at his home in Mayfield. Services at Brown Funeral Home were held on August 19, 2025, led by Keith Allred. Burial at Saxon Cemetery in Pryorsburg.

Richard Dean Morefield, age 68 and a resident of Mayfield, KY, passed away Thursday, August 14, 2025, at Countryside Healthcare in Bardwell. Funeral services were Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield. Bro. James Stovall and Rev. Aaron McAlpin officiating and burial in the Oak Grove Baptist Church Cemetery.

Gladys Marie Sadler, age 90, of Sedalia, KY passed away Friday, August 15, 2025 at the Mills Health and Rehab in Mayfield, KY. A funeral service for Gladys Marie Sadler was held Tuesday, August 19, 2025 at the Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY. Bro. Stephen Peal officiating. Interment in the Old Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery in



Palmersville, TN.

#### • HENDERSON •

Patricia R. "Trish" Gibson, age 58, of Henderson, KY, passed away at 11:52 p.m., Sunday, August 10, 2025. Life Celebration was held August 16 at Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home Henderson, KY 42420.

Shirley Jean Hagan, age 86, passed away on Saturday, August 16, at her home. Funeral services were held at Community Baptist Church on Wednesday, August 20th, with Rev. Chuck Summers and Rev. Lauren McDuffie offiacting. A private entombment afterward.

#### • HICKMAN •

Vera Izera Crider, age 72 of Clinton, passed away Friday, August 15, 2025 at Clinton Place in Clinton. A memorial service for Vera will be held at a later date and announced from the Brown Funeral Home in Clinton.

#### • HOPKINS •

**Danny L. Harris**, 78, of Madisonville, KY, passed away on Monday, August 18, 2025, at Baptist Health Deaconess. Arrangements are currently pending.

Harry O. DeBandi, MD, 88, of Madisonville, KY, passed away peacefully on August 17, surrounded by his loving family. Services will be held at a later date.

Thomas Brent Bandy, 57, of Madisonville, KY passed away Friday, August 15, 2025, at his residence in Madisonville. A Funeral Service was held August 20, 2025, at Barnett-Strother Funeral Home in Madisonville with Pastor Bobby Todd officiating. Burial at Evergreen Cemetery in Greenville, KY.

MAJ Brian Richard Porr, 80, of Hanson, KY passed away Thursday August 14, 2025 at Baptist Health Deaconess in Madisonville, KY. Memorial services was held Wednesday, August 20, 2025 at The Western Kentucky Veterans Center chapel with Rev. Erica Whitaker officiating.

Sam Earl Beeny, Sr., 78, of Hanson, KY, departed this world and went to be with his beloved Heavenly Father on Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at Baptist Health Deaconess in Madisonville, KY. The funeral services was held Sunday, August 17, 2025, at Barnett-Strother Funeral Home in Madisonville. Bro Bill Egbert officiating. Following the service, Sam was laid to rest at Slaughters Cemetery.

**Leonard Oris Thurston, Jr.**, 94, of Madisonville passed away Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at Ridgewood Health & Rehab. Funeral services were Thursday, August 14 at Barnett-Strother Funeral Home conducted by Bro. Michael Knight and his grandsons, Kyle Long and Brad Long officiating. Burial in Pleasant Grove Cemetery.

Walter Bryan Hart, 55, of Nebo, KY, passed away on Friday, August 15, 2025. A graveside service was held Wednesday, August 27, 2025, at Odd Fellows Cemetery in Madisonville. Harris Funeral Home was entrusted with care.

Jackie Lee Winders, 89 of Providence passed away Friday, August 15, 2025, at Baptist Health Deaconess. Service were Thursday at Bandy Funeral Home in Nortonville with Bro. Terry Bowman officiating. Burial at Old Salem Church Cemetery in Mortons Gap.

#### • MCCRACKEN •

Sergeant Ryan Keith Hudson, a member of the Paducah Police Department passed away on Tuesday, August 12, 2025. Funeral services are scheduled for Saturday, August 23, 2025, 11:00 a.m. at Heartland Worship Center 4777 Alben Barkley Drive Paducah. KY with Reverend Dr. K. Edward Copeland, Senior Pastor of New Zion Missionary Baptist Church of Rockford, IL and Reverend Lamar Classberry, Pastor of Rushing Spring Baptist Church of Birmingham, AL officiating. Entombment will follow in Maplelawn Park Cemetery. Family will receive friends on Friday, August 22, 2025 from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Paducah Tilghman High School Gymnasium 2400 Washington Street Paducah, KY.

Donzella Marie Gaines, age 89 of Cypress, Texas formerly of Paducah, KY passed away on Friday, August 15, 2025 at Baptist Health Paducah. Funeral Service was held Thursday, August 21, 2025 at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, Paducah, KY 42003.

Lloyd Jewell Pullen age 67 of Paducah, passed away on Wednesday, August 13, 2025 at Mercy Health Lourdes Hospital. Family will receive friends for a visitation service on Friday, August 22, 2025 at Pettus Rowland Funeral Home from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Martha Nell Robinson Campbell, 94, of Mount Juliet, Tennessee, and a native of Paducah, died Sunday night in Nashville. A graveside service was held on Thursday, August 21, 2025, at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens with Dr. Kerry Robinson and Rev. Todd Capps officiating.

Larry Wayne Reeves, 77, of Paducah, Kentucky passed away at 10:25 p.m. Thursday, August 14, 2025 at the Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center at Mercy Health Lourdes. No services are scheduled at this time.

**Tanya Lee Bradford**, a lifelong member of the Paducah community, passed away at Providence Point on August 13, 2025, just two days shy of her 77th birthday. There will be no services at this time.

Rhodney Dale Darnell, 75, passed away on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at his residence. A private family burial will be held at Oak Grove Cemetery.

Marsha Sue Wills, 72, passed away on August 11, 2025, at her home in Paducah,

#### **FUNERAL NOTICES** continued

KY. A funeral service was held Saturday, August 16, 2025, at Fountain Avenue United Methodist Church in Paducah, KY, with Rev. Dan Leslie and Rev. Gregory Waldrop officiating.

Barbara Jean Clark, age 85 of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away at 7:05 pm Sunday, August 10, 2025 at her home. Graveside services were Friday, August 15, 2025 at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens with Rev. Bobby Strong officiating.

Betty Kathleen Moore, age 78, passed away peacefully on August 11th, 2025, at Baptist Health Paducah. A celebration of life will be held at 1185 Sherwood Road, Paducah, KY on September 20th at 1pm.

Beulah Irene (Gee) Edging, 77, of Paducah passed away at 1:35 PM on Sunday, August 10, 2025 at her residence. There will be no service or visitation held at this time.

#### • MARSHALL •

Chris G. Lovett, 55, of Benton, Kentucky, passed away on August 13, 2025, in Benton, Kentucky. Funeral services was held Sunday, August 17, 2025, at the Life Celebration Center of Filbeck-Cann. Bro. Mark Thweatt officiating, and burial at Benton Cemetery.

Ashley "Mrs. Ashley" Morton, 42, of Benton, Kentucky, passed away on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at her place of residence. A funeral service was held Saturday, August 16, 2025, at the Life Celebration of Filbeck-Cann.

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,

#### • TRIGG •

William Larry Huddleston, age 75, of Cadiz, Kentucky, passed away on Friday, August 15, 2025, at his home in Cadiz. Arrangements are being handled by Goodwin Funeral Home, Inc., where the family received friends on Wednesday. August 20, 2025. Funeral services were Thursday, August 21, 2025, with Bro. Reed Shepherd officiating. Burial in Siloam Cemetery.

#### • UNION •

Lloyd Leslie "Gip" Gibson Jr. age 74 of Waverly died Saturday, August 16 at his home. Funeral service were Thursday August 21, 2025 at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Waverly, KY. Fr. Freddie Byrd officiating. Burial in St. Peter's Cemetery in Waverly, KY

Robert "Bobby" Cheatham age 70 passed away August 17th, 2025 at Baptist Health Deaconess in Madisonville. The funeral was held Tuesday August 19th at Saint Ann Catholic Church in Morganfield, KY. Father Freddie Byrd officiating. Burial in Saint Ann Cemetery.

Paul Omer Griggs, 73, husband of Janice Berry Griggs, died Thursday, August 14, 2025, at home. There was a visitation on Monday, August 18, 2025, at the United Methodist Church of Morganfield. A memorial service followed led by Pastor Sarah Kate Cox.



Mildred Hallman White, age 88 of Morganfield, KY passed away Wednesday, Aug 13, 2025 at Gateway Hospital in Newburgh, IN. Funeral service was held Wednesday, August 20, 2025 at Whitsell Funeral Home in Morganfield, KY. Rev. Tony Anguish officiating. Burial in Odd Fellows Cemetery in Morganfield, KY.

Connie Ashby, 75 years young of Uniontown, Ky, went to her eternal home on Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at Deaconess Henderson Hospital. Funeral service was held Saturday, Aug 16, 2025 at Whitsell Funeral Home in Morganfield. Rev. Eric Crowley officiating. Burialin Uniontown City Cemetery.

#### • WEBSTER •

Michael Ray Hanor, 66 of Clay passed away at his home. Graveside Services was held Friday, August 15, 2025 at 10:00 AM at Oddfellows Cemetery in Clay with Brother Dale Williams officiating.

Donna Gregory Oldham, age 61, passed away on August 12, 2025. Visitation was held Saturday, August 16, 2025, from 11AM to 2PM with the service at 2PM at Vanover Funeral Home in Clay, KY. Pastor Dale Williams officiating the services. Interment at Oddfellows Cemetery in Morganfield, KY.

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#### **GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS-ZOOM MTGS**

\*THURSDAY\* Lexington, KY 6:30 p.m. EST, Zoom https://us02web.zoom. us/j/7097833052 \*SUNDAY\* Lexington, KY 6:30 PM EST, Zoom https://us02web.zoom. us/j/7097833052

#### CELEBRATE RE-**COVERY**

- · Grace United Methodist Church, Celebrate Recovery on Hwy 60 in LaCenter. Thursdays 7 p.m.
- · Benton Campus, Celebrate Recovery 1001 Main Street, Ben-

ton, Tuesdays, 6 p.m.

- Murray Campus, Celebrate Recovery 915 Arcadia Cir., Murray, Thursdays, 6 p.m.
- · Bardwell Campus, Celebrate Recovery Marris Valley Church St., Hwy 1181, Fridays, 6 p.m.
- New Life Community Church in Bardwell, Celebrate Recovery, 6:30 p.m., Fridays. For all hurts, habits and hang ups. Celebrate Recovery is a safe place to find community and freedom from the issues that are controlling our life. Everyone welcome.
- Clinton First Baptist Church, Celebrate Recovery Mondays, 6p
- · Grace Life Church, Celebrate Recovery Graves County, Sunday

Nights, 6:30 p.m.

- · Paducah Brown St. Club: Clean Living NA, Mon., Tue., Fri. 6
- · AA Meetings, Tuesday nights at 6 p.m. at 1st Baptist Church, 5th & Olive in LaCenter.
- · AA Meetings, Friday nights at 6 p.m. New Covenant Community Church on Coffee Dr. in LaCenter.
- · Arlington City Hall, AA Meetings, Tue. & Fri. 6 p.m.
- First United Methodist Church, AA Meetings, Mondays, 8 p.m.
- Turning Point Recovery Center, Paducah, (270) 444-3621 AA Meetings: Sun. 9

a.m., Sat., 9 a.m. NA Meetings: Sun-Noon and 6 p.m., Mon-Noon and 6 p.m., Tue-6 p.m., Wed-Noon, Thur-6 p.m., Fri-Noon, Sat-Noon and 6 p.m.

#### • A Recovery Support Group called OVER-COMERS.

Christian Fellowship Ministries, 1343 US Hwy 68 East Benton, KY. Meeting are Tuesdays 6-8 p.m. - Call to confirm meeting beforehand Jada McWilliams 270-205-5294 270-527-8369

#### **Grief Share**

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welcome to join in at any time. \$20 includes workbook Monica L Rogers, facilitator, 270-705-2421 www.griefshare.org

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## VICTORIOUS wing ... in a troubled world

## One of God's greatest gifts is rest———

By Teresa LeNeave Leneave2@comcast.net

"Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going" (Eccl 9:10).

We all want rest. We need rest. I find it really hard to not stay busy. Our parents (who were both great parents), did seem to have a bit of the same problem. They worked, and worked hard. But, when they played, they played hard. We didn't sit around and watch TV at night and God knows we couldn't watch it during the day! We went to church four times a week, every week. Unless, of course, if there was a revival then it was every night. We were busy.

In the summers, we spent our days helping out with the "farm", or playing in the creeks, in the pond or even climbing trees. We read books. Especially, the Bible. Every night our parents read the Bible, out loud, to the entire family.

In the winter, we went to school and did our chores, but nights were for relaxing with family, books, and Bible reading. Unless, of course, we were in church, which in those days could last well into the night. We were taught, whatever your hand finds to do, do it, with all your might. We didn't always do that and certainly was not always obedient, but still it was a good life.

Another verse I remember well was: The soul of the sluggard desires, and hath nothing but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat" (Prov. 13:4). We stayed busy because our parents stayed

busy, and I guess I've carried that with me throughout my life. Not always productive, but busy.

Although, I think that's been a greater benefit than detriment, I've learned that both physical and spiritual work can be difficult. Sometimes the busyness of life can be demanding, but even then, I've found it hard to "do nothing".

My grandmother used to say, "Idle hands are the devils workshop." Growing up, I don't think I ever knew what boredom was, so when my grandchildren say they are bored my first response is, "If you're bored, I have a job we'll do together." It works every time. (As you know, even secular psychology teaches when we do something for someone else, it dissipates boredom



and loneliness).

When we're too busy; or too lonely; or too tired; or too bored; there is always something we can find to do. As I've gotten older, I'm learning to not let busyness consume my life.

Psalm 34:3 says, "O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name altogether". Magnify. The word means to make great or powerful. It's about making God the most important thing in our lives. Sometimes we make busyness the most important thing in our lives.

So, the message for today is, relax. Accept the Sunday's God gives us to relax. God knew we could be workaholics so he said, "On the

7th day, rest". Don't take your time off, lightly. It's one of his greatest gifts to you, and to your family. Everybody needs a breather and God so graciously, gave us one: "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath" (Mark 2:27). Whatever day your Sabbath is, take advantage of it and rest.



Preparation for deer season is in full swing. Just check out any of your favorite groups or people on social media and you'll see that we're all doing the same thing. Checking stands and cameras. Making food plots. Shooting bows and guns. Gathering clothes, boots, and other gear. It's all happening right now. In some places the season will open in a few days. In others, it's just around the corner.

And nothing brings a greater sense of peace than being prepared before the season gets here. The rest that comes from readiness is unparalleled. Sure, there will be unseen frustrations, but these always add flavor to our hunting stories.

I heard a story about a farmer looking for a hired hand. One person that applied didn't look especially strong or skilled. And when asked what made him qualified for the position, he simply said, "I can sleep in a storm." The farmer didn't understand the answer, but something about this man, drew the farmer to give him the job. He turned out to be a good worker. As it often does, one night a violent storm swept across the farm. The farmer jumped out of bed in a panic and rushed to wake his hired hand but found him sound



One of the lessons of this story is that much of our concern is wasted energy. It comes because we didn't

prepared well before

bad weather arrived.

because he had

prepare beforehand. But there's an even greater truth here. It's not just about our preparation. It's about God's. The Bible tells of another storm, one that came suddenly while Jesus and His disciples were on a boat. The wind howled and the waves crashed, and the disciples panicked. And when they looked for Jesus, He was asleep. He could sleep in the storm because He controlled the storm. And that's the real

encouragement for us. While we do our best to prepare for the things in life, there will always be unexpected storms. It's then that our deepest peace won't come from what we do or even from how well we have prepared. It will come from trusting the One who has taken care of the storm even before we knew it was coming. There's never been a storm that has kept Jesus awake. And yours won't either.

## Do we really want spiritual maturity?

By William F Holland Jr. billyhollandministries.com

As a messenger who presents the word of God, it's an honor to serve. My goal in communicating is to ask the Lord what He wants me to say and to use me to do His will. For those of you who are dedicated Christians that love Jesus and follow Him, I'm sure you also pray for this every day. I believe that we should be a lighthouse filled with God's love and all the fruits of His Spirit, however, this does not mean we should be afraid or intimidated to speak the truth no matter how uncomfortable or unpopular. We all enjoy inspiring stories and encouraging messages, but there is more to spiritual maturity than just selecting content that makes us feels good. There needs to be an understanding that seeking God's truth

includes a balance of faith to accept all of His commands simply because we love Him.

In the realm of Biblical instruction, we have the charismatic fiery style that boldly addresses the consequences of disobeying God, while the more modern methods calmly teach Bible stories that reflect situations within our everyday lives. With listening to all types of expository, textual, and topical preaching through the years, I believe we need all of it. To me, what's being said is more valuable than how it is delivered. I will agree that a gifted orator is much more interesting to listen to, however it's what we can glean from the message and apply to our lives that is most important.

A true messenger of God can serve chocolate cake if

that is what God has placed on their heart, but they should also not avoid serving broccoli because they fear rejection from those who might be offended. It's necessary for the follower of Christ to remember that we have a responsibility to relay the message as we have heard it the same as the writers of the Bible recorded what they heard the Holy Spirit speak. If we make known our own thoughts, it will not have the anointing to convict the minds and souls of the listener, but if we are determined to obey God's voice, His life-changing words will not return void as His perfect intentions will be accomplished. We are reminded that His words are just sounds and scribbles unless we allow them to transform us into His image. William Law is quoted,

"Read whatever chapter of scripture you will, and be ever so delighted with it, yet it will leave you as poor, as empty and unchanged as it found you unless it has turned you wholly and solely to the Spirit of God, and brought you into full union with and dependence upon him."

I've noticed over the years that if an individual is not a serious truth seeker, they are not as enthusiastic about learning and generally do not really care about reading or even listening. For example, if a Christian goes to church without a notebook and pen, they are not desperately concerned about remembering what they are about to hear. Since it's been proven the average person maybe retains maybe five percent of a

speech, obviously

they are alright with this. When college students attend lectures by their professors, do you think they record and take as many notes as possible? Of course. A major reason we attend church is to learn and develop our spiritual understanding as this is how knowledge and wisdom not only increases our intelligence, but also gives us the maturity and ability to teach others. Second Timothy 2:15 is not an option, "Study to present thyself approved unto God. a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

I conclude that a lack of interest in Biblical instruction reveals a lukewarm attitude toward God and our accountability to know and obey Him. We have no problem staying busy with

things we want to do, but could these be intentional distractions in order to live in denial of what we need to be doing? Have we not learned that our flesh avoids the thought of selfexamination and repentance, and would much rather live in deception than submit to His conviction? Satan does not care what we do, as long as we continue to live in a self-induced comfortable coma of spiritual slumber. In this late hour, the sobering truth is there is only one objective for the believer, and that is to lay down our agenda and do everything exactly as He says.

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

## THE DIVINE DRAWBRIDGE

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The man was sickly, impoverished, and defenseless. The apothecary gave him a cordial, but it was watered-down liquor. A landowner lent him coins, but they slipped through the holes in his satchel. When wolves encircled his home, he drove them away with sticks and stones, only to suffer greater wounds each night. But his dwindling hope revived with a promising thought: "Perhaps the king shall take pity upon me."

Legends of the

king's wisdom in medicine, abundance of wealth, and vast armory spread among the villages. The king was also known to be generous. In desperation, the man boldly sought the king's help—something peons would never entertain. And after journeying three days, he beheld the king's towering castle with relief, only to find the drawbridge raised. With no way inside, the man began hiking home—until he heard a horse galloping behind him.

Its rider drew close and asked,

"Friend, I saw you at the entrance of the king's castle, appearing vexed. What burdens you?" The man initially hesitated, but finally confessed: "I am dying, famished, and plagued by wolves each night. I believed the king could help, but I dared not force my way in." The rider nodded and said, "I shall see what may be done." The man's eyes glimmered with hope, and he asked: "Truly? And may I ask—who are you?" The rider smiled and answered, "I am the king's son. Return tomorrow." And the horse-mounted prince rode off into the dusk.

At daylight, he returned—and there stood the king's son beside the drawbridge. He commanded the drawbridge to lower, and sat the man on his own horse and proceeded inside. When they reached the throne room, he began to petition the king: "My lord and king, I," but the king's son raised his hand to silence him. "Father, this man is poor," said the prince, "He is sick and beset by foes. And he has come seeking your mercy." Immediately, the king answered,

"Let it be done. Fill his pockets with my own gold. Give him the healing cordial I have prepared. And arm him plentifully, that he may ward off the wolves."

The Bible speaks of another needy man, another King, another Son, and another drawbridge. As sinners, we are impoverished beggars—sick because of sin, spiritually bankrupt, and defenseless against the wolf, Satan. But God can heal our souls, enrich us with His grace, and equip us with weapons to withstand

the devil. And we can enter the throne room of the King to receive what we need, so long as we believe that Jesus, the Prince of Peace, can bring us into God's presence (John 14:6). God lowers the drawbridge of prayer to those accompanied by His Son. That is why the Scripture says, "Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need" (Heb. 4:16).

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By Wilbur Jackson KPI Writer

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digital age. Whether you're looking to sell a used car, rent an apartment, find a job, or promote a local service,

classifieds offer a simple and direct solution. These listings are typically organized by category, making it easy for users to find

exactly what they need without sifting through unrelated content. Print publications still feature

classifieds, but

online platforms

have expanded their

reach dramatically. Websites like Craigslist, Facebook Marketplace, and local newspaper portals allow users to post and browse ads instantly, often for free or at a low cost. This accessibility has made classifieds popular with individuals and small businesses alike.

One of the key benefits of classifieds is their local focus. Because most platforms use location-based listings, transactions are often faster and more convenient, especially for services, rentals, or secondhand items.

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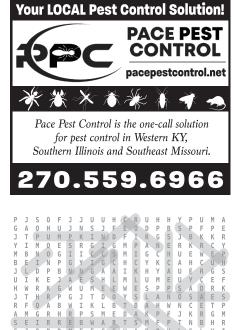
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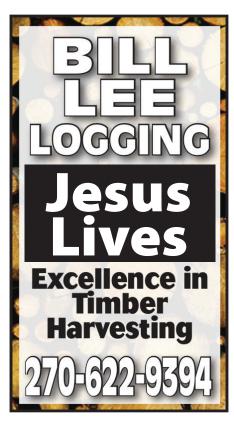
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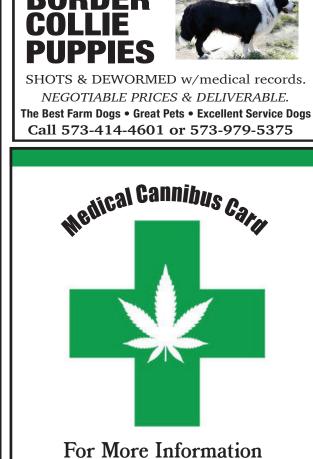


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## **Business & Services:**

The Backbone of Local Economies

By Wilbur Jackson KPI Writer

Businesses and services form the foundation of any thriving community. From small, familyowned shops to professional services like plumbing, landscaping, accounting, and healthcare, these enterprises are essential for meeting everyday needs and keeping local economies vibrant.

In today's fast-paced world, consumers value convenience, trust, and quality. That's why local businesses that offer reliable, personalized services often stand out. Whether it's a mechanic who knows your car's history or a local contractor who understands regional building codes, these service providers offer more than just expertise—they offer peace of mind.

The digital age has also transformed how businesses operate and connect with customers. Many now use websites, social media, and online directories to showcase their offerings, build credibility, and attract new clients. Online reviews and word-of-mouth recommendations remain

powerful tools in influencing consumer decisions. A single five-star review can bring in several new customers.

Additionally, the "support local" movement has gained momentum in recent years, encouraging communities to invest in nearby businesses rather than large national chains. Supporting local services not only strengthens the economy but also creates jobs and fosters a sense of community pride.

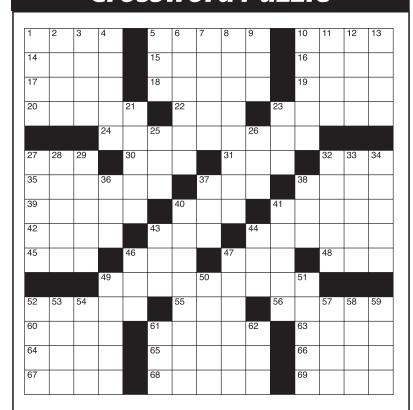
From home repair to personal care, technology consulting to tutoring, the range of business services available is vast and ever-growing. As needs evolve, so too do the opportunities for entrepreneurs to fill gaps in the market.

Ultimately, business and service providers are more than just sellers—they're problem solvers, community members, and often the first place people turn when they need help. Whether you're launching a new venture or seeking a dependable service, investing in local business connections is always a smart move.





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- 1. Mongolian politician
- 5. Coconut palms
- 10. Rounded knob
- 14. Japanese city
- 15. Covers in soft material
- 16. Walk around 17. Ancient region in Syria
- 18. French painter
- 19. Grandmother
- 20. Cow part 22. Rocky peak
- 23. Secret plan
- 24. Sings to one's lover
- 27. More (Spanish)
- 30. Father
- 31. Chinese philosophical principle
- 32. Hat
- 35. In agreement
- 37. A person's brother or sister
- 38. Evil spirit
- 39. Monetary units
- 40. Partner to cheese

- 41. About Sun
- 42. A place to dance
- 43. Performer \_\_ Lo Green
- 44. Beach accessory
- 45. Recipe measurement (abbr.)
- 46. Partly digested food
- 47. Pooch
- 48. Honorific title added to family name
- 49. Salts
- 52. Lichens genus
- 55. Lowest point of a ridge
- 56. Type of sword
- 60. Albanian language
- 61. Gold measurement
- 63. Italian seaport
- 64. Longtime late night host
- 65. Extremely angry
- 66. U. of Miami mascot
- 67. Mid-month day
- 68. Omitted from printed matter
- 69. Upper body part

#### **CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Two-toed sloth
- 2. Cooking ingredient
- 3. Iranian city
- 4. Publicly outs
- 5. Steep-sided hollow 6. Spoke
- 7. General law or rule
- 8. Extravagantly theatrical 9. Very fast airplane

11. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea

- 10. Arm bones
- 12. fide: legitimate
- 13. Gemstone 21. Counsels
- 23. Top exec
- 25. Cool!
- 26. Touch lightly
- 27. Extract money via taxation

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- 28. Dyes
- 29. Cloying sweetness
- 32. Soft drinks
- 33. Capital of Guam

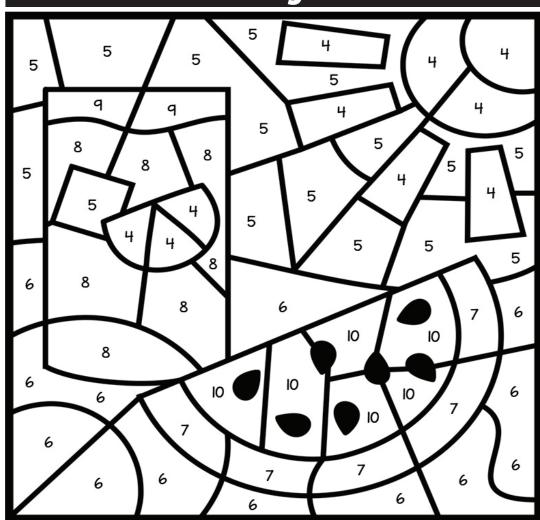
- 34. Chemical compound
- 36. The bill in a restaurant
- 37. Car mechanics group
- 38. Late comedian Newhart
- 40. Health care for the aged
- 41. Wise individuals
- 43. A passage with access only at one end
- 44. Trim
- 46. Former OSS
- 47. The upper surface of the mouth 49. Edible lily bulbs
- 50. Type of reef
- 51. Vaccine developer
- 52. Mottled citrus fruit 53. A place to store lawn tools
- 54. Rare goose native to Hawaii
- 57. Hollywood pig
- 58. Musician Clapton
- 59. Take a chance
- 61. Spanish soldier
- 62. Mark Wahlberg comedy

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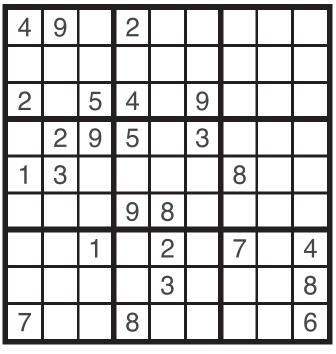
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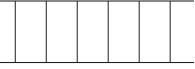
Sudoku puzzles are fomatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues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



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Answer: Beach

#### **Guess Who?**

I am an actor born on August 19, 1963 in California. I earned my first role on a popular soap opera set in a hospital despite not reading for a specific part during my audition. I'm best known as a TV uncle with great hair and for having impressive skills behind a drum kit.

Answer: John Stamos

## **Kentucky Home Sales During the Summer**

## A Season of High Activity and Opportunity

By Wilbur Jackson KPI Writer

Summer is traditionally one of the busiest times for real estate in Kentucky, and 2025 has been no exception. With longer daylight hours, warm weather, and families looking to relocate before the new school year, the summer monthsespecially June through August often mark a peak in both home listings and sales across the state.

In markets from Louisville to Lexington, Bowling Green to Paducah, summer consistently brings a surge in buyer activity. One key driver of this seasonal uptick is the convenience of moving in warm, dry weather. Many families also prefer to make transitions during the summer to minimize disruption to school schedules, making it a preferred time to close on homes.

Another factor contributing to strong summer sales is the visual appeal of homes during this season. Lush green lawns, blooming gardens, and clear skies make properties more attractive, helping homes show better and often sell faster. Curb appeal is critical, and summer provides sellers with the best chance to present their homes in the most favorable light.

In 2025, Kentucky's real estate market has continued to

show resilience. While interest rates have fluctuated slightly, they remain relatively affordable compared to national averages, and demand for single-family homes remains strong. Inventory has increased slightly compared to the winter and spring, giving buyers more optionsbut well-priced homes in desirable neighborhoods are still seeing quick sales, often with multiple offers.

Rural and suburban areas around Kentucky Lake, Elizabethtown, and northern Kentucky have also seen growing interest, particularly from out-of-state buyers seeking a slower pace of life, lower cost of living, or access to nature and recreation. Waterfront properties, in particular, have performed well during the summer season, drawing in buyers who want to take advantage of lake life.

However, it's not just buyers who benefit from summer's strong housing activity. Sellers are in a prime position to list their homes during this high-traffic season. Pricing is often more favorable due to

increased demand, and with more buyers actively looking, properties tend to spend less time on the market.

Realtors across Kentucky have been busy hosting open houses, coordinating showings, and helping clients navigate a fast-paced market. Digital tools, including virtual tours and online listings, continue to play a vital role in connecting buyers and sellers, especially in rural markets where in-person showings may be less frequent.

In summary, summer in Kentucky

remains a hot season—not just in temperature, but in real estate activity. Whether buying or selling, it's a time of opportunity, momentum, and movement. While competition can be fierce, proper preparation, local market knowledge, and the guidance of a skilled real estate agent can help buyers find the right home and help sellers get top dollar for their property. As the season winds down, all signs suggest continued strength in Kentucky's housing market heading into the fall.

## Selling Your Home in Kentucky

Tips for a Successful Sale

By Wilbur Jackson KPI Writer

If you're thinking about selling your home in Kentucky, especially after the busy summer market, now is still a great time to act. While summer sees peak activity, the early fall market can be just as strong—driven by motivated buyers looking to close before the holidays.

To sell successfully, preparation is key. Start by enhancing your home's curb appeal. A wellmaintained lawn, fresh mulch, clean siding, and a welcoming entryway can create a strong first impression. Inside, declutter and depersonalize your space to help buyers imagine themselves living there.

Next, consider investing in minor upgrades that offer high return—such as fresh paint, updated light fixtures, or modern cabinet hardware. Even small improvements can make a big difference in how your home is perceived.

Pricing your home correctly is crucial. A local real estate agent can help you analyze recent comparable sales and current market trends to set a competitive, attractive price. Overpricing may cause your home to sit too long on the market, while strategic pricing can generate interest and even multiple offers.

Finally, make sure your home is well-marketed. Highquality photos, virtual tours, and strong online listings help attract buyers in today's digital-first real estate landscape.

Selling your home doesn't have to be stressful. With smart preparation, professional guidance, and attention to detail, you can take full advantage of Kentucky's active market and sell your home quickly—and for the best possible price.



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## SEC's longest-tenured coach, Mark Stoops back to rebuilding at Kentucky

Mark Stoops faces a major challenge at Kentucky after a tough 4-8 season, the Wildcats' worst since his debut in 2013

**By Teresa M. Walker** AP Sports Writer

Mark Stoops faces his biggest challenge at Kentucky going into his 13th season as the longest-tenured coach in the Southeastern Conference.

The Wildcats are coming off a 4-8 record that is their worst since going 2-10 in Stoops' debut season in 2013. Stoops also lost associate head coach Vince Marrow, who had been with him since he came to Kentucky, to in-state rival Louisville in June.

Stoops believes he's looked at what went wrong to fix everything.

"We didn't want to just move past it," Stoops said. "We had to look at everything, turn over every stone and make sure that we were doing things to the best of our ability. I feel like we've done that."

Stoops has nine starters back. He also went into the transfer portal for 26 more along with 11 incoming freshmen.

Stoops' future
The coach should
be secure at Kentucky
with the extension
he got in November
2022 enough to keep



Kentucky head coach Mark Stoops looks on during the first half of an NCAA college football game against Mississippi, Sept. 28, 2024. In Oxford, Miss.

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him around. Stoops hasn't had back-toback losing seasons since his first three at Kentucky, and he would be due about \$37.5 million within two months if officials wanted to make a coaching change.

Stoops also likes what Kentucky has done investing in football. He said it feels the Wildcats are on the same playing field as other programs with funding and support for the first time in his tenure.

 $Painful\ loss$ 

Marrow is considered one of the top recruiters in college football. When he left Kentucky, he was Stoops' associate head coach since 2019 and also the recruiting coordinator and NFL liaison. Louisville made him executive director of player personnel and recruiting. When Louisville announced the hiring, Marrow said his ultimate goal is winning a national championship. That's a tough path for Kentucky in the 16team SEC.

New QB

Brock Vandagriff retired from football after last season, and Cutter Boley is back after appearing in four games with one start last season.

That leaves a big starting job open. Stoops brought in Zach Calzada who led the Football Championship Series with 35 touchdown passes and 3,791 yards passing at Incarnate Word last season. The 6-foot-4, 230-pound Calada is 23-9 as a starter, spending 2022

at AUburn and starting his career at Texas A&M.

Whoever wins the job will be helped by having three starters back on the offensive line, though Kentucky needs a new starting center and left tackle.

The schedule The Wildcats open with Toledo on Aug. 30 followed by two more home games, including No. 21 Mississippi on Sept. 6. The slate gets tough with a trip to No. 13 South Carolina on Sept. 27 and No. 5 Georgia on Oct. 4. Another open date offers a break before hosting topranked Texas on Oct. 18 followed by No. 24 Tennessee and Florida is the final SEC home game Nov. 8. Kentucky goes to Auburn on Nov. 1 and Vanderbilt on Nov. 22 before the regular season finale Nov. 29 at Louisville.

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#### In final scrimmage, Brohm likes progress Cards' defense has made

**By Russ Brown** Kentucky Today

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (KT) -- Louisville's third and final scrimmage prior to its season opener against Eastern Kentucky on Aug. 30 in L&N Stadium was a mixed bag for coach Jeff Brohm, who praised the progress of his defense but is still looking for more consistency from the offense.

"I think we really made some strides here lately, especially on defense,' Brohm said. "You know, the last three days of practice have been our best days on defense. So really building on that and making sure we're sharp on that side of the ball has been an emphasis. And I think that we've made strides and I think people are understanding what we're doing and we got to continue to push forward.

"Offense, it's been up and down. But our playmakers normally show up. They've got to show up every game, they've got to do it in practice. We've got to get the other ones ready to go. We've got to figure out ways to protect the quarterback as much as we can. We've got to get the running game going. But I think, you know, good learning experience throughout the camp and we know what things we need to work on to get better.

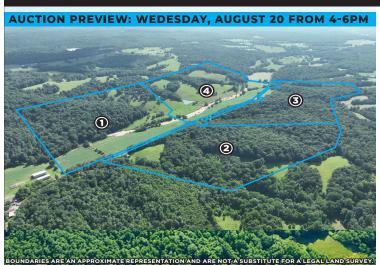
"This camp has really been ones on ones and twos on twos for the most part and we've gone good on good. We wanted to challenge our guys to be sound and consistent and make plays. I think progress was made. Now we'll start to back off a little bit and concentrate on our opponent while continuing to mix that in and being smart with that. We've got to get game ready."



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# Cats' football team finds some relief with 2-day retreat at Crossings camp

**By KEITH TAYLOR** Kentucky Today

LEXINGTON, Ky. (KT) — Kentucky's football took a break last week and enjoyed a retreat at Crossings at Cedarmore.

The Wildcats enjoyed a time of fun and games and most of all, fellowship during the team-bonding retreat last week. For a team that's taking a business-like approach to the season, Kentucky enjoyed

Kentucky enjoyed nearly two days of fun and games during the getaway that allowed them time away from the grind of the season starting.

"When you cross
the white lines, when
you're on the field, it's
your it's a business,
it's your job,"
Kentucky offensive
lineman Josh Braun
said. "Once you're past
the field, and you're
in a team situation,
like we did (last)
Wednesday night.
That's where the fun

begins.

While away from the practice field and film study rooms, the Wildcats took advantage of what Crossings at Cedarmore had to offer during the retreat.

"We were on a lake, we were swimming most of the afternoon and just breaking bread with each other, getting outside of the walls of this facility," Braun said. "I mean, it's a great facility, but it doesn't beat the lake with your boys."

Braun's hangout crew included fellow offensive linemen Shiyazh Pete,
Jagger Burton and quarterback Zach Calzada. In addition to cooling off in the lake, Braun and some of his teammates played a game of Risk Europe.

"None of us had ever played Risk Europe, and it took us about 30 minutes to get it all set up," he said. "We realized that it was



Kentucky's football team enjoyed two days of relaxation last week at the Crossings at Cedarmore camp.

(UK Athletics photo)

going to take about three to four hours if we played by the rules. We kind of played Risk Europe on the board, but with just regular Risk rules for battle."

Braun credited Pete for drawing the team's attention to traditional board games, including chess, which he says helps bring the

he says helps bring the team closer together in person. Chess has been a regular routine for Braun during preseason camp.

"I love playing chess," Braun said. "I never thought to bring it into the facility, and he (Pete) did, so

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Darren Bok

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credit to him. We've
been playing chess all
throughout training
camp. Me, him,
Calzada, Coach Ed.
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games, and that's all
fun. But I think there's
a level of intimacy
when you're across the

screen in the headset." Braun was glad

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board from someone,

and it's different than

just being on the

Pete took a "risk" and brought a blast from the past.

"Some guys brought their PS5, only to find out that there are no TVs in the cabins we're staying in," he said. "I don't know what they thought was going to happen, but good thing for us, Pete bought Risk."

This much is for sure: Kentucky did

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not take a risk in choosing Crossings at Cedarmore to get off the grid and take some time to themselves before the long college season begins in less than two weeks..

Crossings at Cedarmore was the perfect place to clear their heads before the season begins Aug. 30 against Toledo at Kroger Field.



Kentucky players swing over the lake last week at Cedarmore.

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