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Calvert City Fall Cleanup Set for September 19th



and volunteers from Public Works will assist you in unloading your vehicle. Calvert City residents must bring proper identification (such as a driver's license or water bill) to verify residency. Accepted items include document shredding, tires (limit 8 per household), old prescription drugs, bulk/ large items, used oils, antifreeze, latex paint, hazardous household waste, fluorescent lamps and bulbs old prescription drugs, and thermostats. SmartPath Technologies will be on-site to assist in wiping computer hard drives. Special thanks to our business sponsors for assisting with this event! Calvert City Public WorksClean Earth Marshall County Sheriff's Office WastePath SmartPath Technologies. For more information regarding the upcoming Fall Cleanup, please call Calvert City Hall at (270) 395-7138 or by email at info@calvertcityky.gov.

From: Blair Travis
Your City News

It's that time of year again! The annual fall cleanup day for Calvert City residents is set for September 19 in Calvert City Doctor's Park. Start going through your belongings and decide what needs to go before the Calvert City Fall Cleanup! This is an opportunity for residents to properly dispose of garbage and household hazardous waste. The free service, rain or shine, will be from 8 AM to 12 PM at Doctor's Park, behind the Marshall County Public Library @ Calvert City. Drive-through



LEGENDS NEVER DIE

DOLLY PARTON
(1946-2026)



YAYOI KUSAMA
(1929-2026)



TIM CURRY
(1946-2026)

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Calvert Citywide Yard Sale Set for Sept. 10-12

From: Blair Travis
Your City News

The Calvert Citywide Yard Sale will return Sept. 10-12, bringing three days of bargain hunting to neighborhoods throughout the community. Residents planning to host a yard sale are encouraged to register now to have their location included on the official citywide yard sale map. The map will help shoppers find participating sales and plan their routes during the event. Maps will be available on September 7. Registration is open to yard sales located within Calvert City. Participants may choose to hold their sale on one, two, or all three days of the event. Organizations and businesses are encouraged to participate. The Calvert Citywide Yard Sale is an opportunity for residents to clear out unused items, make extra money, and welcome shoppers from across the region. Items that are left unsold can be brought to the Fall Cleanup Day in Calvert City Memorial Park on September 19 from 8 AM - 12 PM. For more information, visit calvertcityky.gov

21st Century After School Program off to Fantastic Start

From: Marshall County Schools

We love seeing our students make the most of their afternoons. A big shoutout to our amazing 21st Century staff for creating such a positive and engaging experience for our students at Calvert City, Sharpe, and South Elementary Schools.

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Marshall Co. Repub Women to Meet September 8, Feature Election Board Speaker

From: Marshall County Daily

(BENTON, Ky.) – The Marshall County Republican Women will hold their monthly meeting Tuesday, September 8, at 11:30 a.m. at Republican Headquarters on the Benton Court Square. Keith Travis, a member of the Marshall County Board of Elections, will serve as guest speaker. A light lunch will be provided, and anyone interested is invited to attend.



4th St Bridge Reopens in Hardin After \$450k Replacement Project

From: Marshall County Daily

(HARDIN, Ky.) — 4th Street in Hardin has reopened to traffic east of KY 1824/Murray Highway following the completion of a new bridge over Martins Creek. The bridge, located at mile point 0.1 between Jeffrey Street and Allison Drive, was replaced as part of a project that began in early July and wrapped up ahead of schedule. The City of Hardin received \$450,000 for the project through the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's County-City Bridge Improvement Program (CCBIP). An average of 154 vehicles travel that stretch of 4th Street daily.

Sen. Danny Carroll Proposes Study of More Coordinated Approach to Kentucky Children's Programs

From: Marshall County Daily

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) — Senate Families and Children Committee Chair Sen. Danny Carroll, R-Paducah, said on Wednesday that he intends to file legislation during the 2027 Legislative Session to begin studying whether Kentucky should streamline and unite children's programs currently spread across state government. Carroll said during a meeting of the Interim Joint Committee on Families and Children that his proposal would establish a working group to identify which programs could be better aligned, examine funding and administrative questions and develop a framework for possible

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Legends Never Die: Dolly Parton, Tim Curry, & Yayoi Kusama



Dolly Parton poses for a photo at her office in Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 11, 2005.
(AP Photo/John Russell, File)



Tim Curry attends the Museum of the Moving Image salute to Alec Baldwin in New York on Feb. 28, 2011. (AP Photo/Peter Kramer,, File)



Japanese avant-garde artist Yayoi Kusama, wearing a bright red wig and a Louis Vuitton polka dot scarf, speaks during an interview at her studio in Tokyo, on Aug. 1, 2012. (AP Photo/Itsuo Inouye, File)

By CIRO ASTARITA
KPI Writer

When you lose a loved one, it's the deepest pain a person can feel. Many of us feel the same way when we lose the artists that inspire our lives. They give us motivation to keep on going through these trying times. Imagine that pain multiplied by three. That's what the world felt this week. Famous Country Music Icon

Dolly Parton, International Superstar Actor Tim Curry, and one of the most eclectic and unique Japanese Contemporary Artists Yayoi Kusama all passed away this week. These beautiful souls had a deep impact on modern popular culture and continue to influence working and aspiring creatives. Even though each person hails from a completely different

continent, their work can be seen globally and each artist is well known by everyone in their respective fields. Dolly Parton almost needs no introduction. But for those who aren't aware, Parton was a Country Music singer who grew up in poverty in Sevierville, TN. She had 12 brothers and sisters and moved to Nashville right after graduating high school to start her career. Her

song 'A Coat of Many Colors' is about how her mother—who had scraps of cloth—would sow them together to make dresses and coats because they were too poor to afford new clothes, or even new fabric. She is known for her philanthropic efforts to uplift communities and has emboldened many Tennesseans to be strong, hardworking and respectable Americans. She provided thousands of jobs in the state of Tennessee and continues to be a fixture in the country music scene, being widely considered the Most Famous Female Country Artist of All Time.

Tim Curry was an English Actor most famously known for his role in The Rocky Horror Picture Show(1975). He also acted in Annie(1982) and portrayed Pennywise the Clown in Stephen King's 'It' Miniseries(1990). His early days as a theatre professional set him up for a lifelong career of

acting work. He even voiced Nigel Thornberry in *The Wild Thornberrys*!, a Nickelodeon show from the early 2000's! Curry showed that following your passion will make you successful, regardless of what anyone says. In 2012, he suffered a stroke which left him wheelchair bound, unable speak properly, struggling with managing his short term memory, and had to re-learn to speak. Despite that, he did the most to make his final years on Earth as great as they could be.

Yayoi Kusama(草間彌生)... words can't describe how much she's done for the international community of artists. Kusama was born in 1929 in Nagano, Japan... before WWII. Kusama was born in Matsumoto, a city in Nagano Prefecture in [what at the time was known as] the Empire of Japan. She had an extremely traumatic childhood. One of the tamer things she was forced to do as a child was

sow parachutes for the Japanese military when they were fighting the Allied Forces. She was 13. Later in life, she moved to New York to become an artist and would face many mental health struggles that led her to make an important decision. She decided to voluntarily check into the Seiwa Hospital for the Mentally Ill in Tokyo, Japan in the 70s. With the help of professionals, she was able to spread her wings and become the artist she was meant to be.

One thing to remember in this world is that despite how successful we become and the achievements we attain, the world is still a hard place to figure out. We need to appreciate the artists and entertainers we have today and support them, just like how we support these talented peoples' careers for the past 60+ years. To our beloved creatives who have passed, rest in peace.

ABSOLUTE REAL ESTATE AUCTION

Rustic 3 Bedroom - 2 Bath Home

Tuesday, September 22nd, 2026 | 12:00 PM

747 Blue Ridge Rd, Smithland, KY 42081

PREVIEW DATE:

Monday, September 14th

5:00 - 6:00 PM

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From the moment you arrive, the home's wood exterior, covered front porch, and upper-level balcony create an inviting cabin-style appearance. The mature shade trees and winding paved drive complement the home's natural setting. Also on the property is a storage shed and detached 1-car garage. On the backside of the home is an additional covered deck and balcony.

Inside, you'll find an abundance of natural wood character, including wood-plank walls and wood flooring visible throughout several rooms. The rustic finishes give the home a distinctive look that would lend itself well to a country, cabin, or lodge-style renovation.

The kitchen features abundant cabinetry, countertop workspace, and a peninsula overlooking the adjoining living area. With approximately 2,400 square feet, the home provides generous space and an excellent opportunity for a buyer ready to update and personalize the property.

A PROPERTY WITH POSSIBILITIES - The photos show a home with plenty of rustic charm and original wood character, but also one that presents an opportunity for updating and improvement. That's exactly what can make an absolute auction exciting – buyers can evaluate the property, see the potential, and bid according to their own plans and vision. Whether you're searching for a primary residence, country getaway, investment property, renovation project, or distinctive rustic home, this property deserves a look.

Property Highlights Include:

- 3 Bedrooms - 2 Full Baths
- Fireplace & Wood Burning Stove
- Approx. 2,400 Sq. Ft. of Living Space
- 1-Car Garage • Storage Shed
- Rustic Wood Exterior - Wood-Shingle Roof
- Covered Front Porch
- Upper-Level Covered Balcony
- Natural Wood Interior Walls & Flooring
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- Mature Shade Trees • Paved Drive
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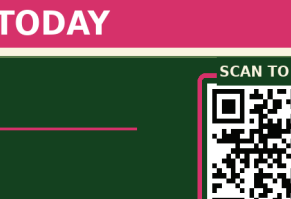
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Hopkinsville Seeks Community’s Help Following Theft of Veteran Grave Markers

The City of Hopkinsville is asking residents to help following the theft of veteran grave markers from Cave Springs Cemetery and Riverside Cemetery. According to city officials, 27 markers are currently known to have been stolen from the two cemeteries.

Officials said the markers represent far more than pieces of bronze. They serve as lasting memorials to veterans who served the country and represent the sacrifices made by those who served. Their theft has caused concern among families and throughout the community.

The city is working with the Hopkinsville Police Department, area salvage yards and other community partners in an effort to identify those responsible and recover the



stolen markers whenever possible.

Additional security measures are also being planned for city cemetery properties. Those measures will include the installation of cameras and increased surveillance to help deter future thefts and protect memorials.

City officials are encouraging families with loved ones buried at Cave Springs Cemetery, Riverside

Cemetery or other cemeteries throughout the county to visit gravesites and check for missing veteran markers or other memorial items.

Anyone who discovers a missing marker, has information about the thefts or witnesses suspicious activity around a cemetery is encouraged to contact the City of Hopkinsville Public Works Department at 270-890-0600.

Public Works is coordinating with the Hopkinsville Police Department to ensure information is properly documented and shared with investigators when appropriate.

Residents are also being asked to remain alert when visiting or traveling near local cemeteries. Unusual activity involving grave markers, memorial items or individuals around cemetery grounds should be reported.

City officials emphasized that community awareness can be an important tool in protecting cemeteries and preventing additional

thefts. Residents who notice suspicious behavior are encouraged to report it rather than attempting to intervene themselves.

Cemeteries serve as places of remembrance, reflection and respect, and officials said the veterans buried there deserve to have their service and sacrifice honored with dignity.

The city said it remains committed to maintaining its cemetery properties, supporting families who have loved ones buried there and taking reasonable steps to protect the memorials honoring those who served the nation.

Officials are asking the community to help watch over these sacred spaces and ensure they remain places of honor and remembrance for generations to come.

Beam Institute students gain global spirits experience in Scotland

By Grace Sowards
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Bourbon is one of the Commonwealth’s signature industries, but Kentuckians aren’t the only group to pride themselves on their whisky. Students from the University of Kentucky James B. Beam Institute for Kentucky Spirits (JBBI) and the Lewis Honors College traveled to Scotland this summer to learn more about how spirits are made and marketed around the world.

Sixteen students from several University of Kentucky colleges spent three weeks in Edinburgh. They experienced tours at distilleries, spent day trips discovering surrounding cities and worked together on their assignments. The Lewis Honors College split the students into groups according to their working and learning styles with the goal of increasing confidence by bringing together students who share communication styles and interests.

One of the student

projects was in partnership with Ballindalloch Distillery, a recent addition to the Estate Whiskey Alliance (EWA). This group’s assignment was to determine a plan for Ballindalloch to promote a new estate product to American consumers. In discussions with the EWA, a representative from Ballindalloch learned that students working on the project were planning to be in Scotland and wanted them to come see the distillery.

“It was a real pleasure to welcome the students to Ballindalloch,” said Aidan Dunn, international sales representative for the distillery. “Their enthusiasm, curiosity and willingness to get involved made them a pleasure to work with, and it was refreshing to see them applying their academic knowledge in a real distillery environment. Partnerships like these strengthen the future of the whisky industry and create lasting connections between education



and the people working within it.”

One student on the Ballindalloch project, Jacob Keaton, is studying landscape architecture at the UK Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment and working toward his Distillation, Wine and Brewing Sciences (DWB) Certificate. In addition to the trip aligning with his interests, he also was hungry for adventure.

“The program was wonderful in exploring the industry as a whole and understanding the different pieces that make up Scottish whisky,” Keaton said. “Travel provided a great chance for me to see a different perspective on things, like how I can interact with unfamiliar places, things and people. I was trying to plan and prioritize my experience, but once we arrived I learned to simply enjoy the ride.”

Ilka Balk, associate director at JBBI, traveled to Scotland with the students. While there, she supervised the project work and curated experiences to appeal to the multidisciplinary student group. Balk is no stranger to Scotland, having traveled there in both personal and professional capacities.

“Everywhere you go in Scotland, Kentucky comes up,” Balk said. “Distilleries over there use our casks for aging and are always friendly and warm to our students. Feels like a little piece of home for us while we’re visiting.”

EWA offers membership and product certification, which is what Ballindalloch

Distillery is currently working toward. This classification on a bottle ensures that all production processes occur on the estate distillery and at least two-thirds of all mash bill grains are grown on estate-owned or estate-controlled land.

“Opportunities like this are exactly why the Estate Whiskey Alliance was founded: to foster connections that advance the estate whiskey community,” said Alexa Narel, associate director of the EWA. “Ballindalloch has gone above and beyond as our first EWA member in Scotland, opening its doors to JBBI students for an estate tour and a research collaboration exploring how regions define estate whiskey. We’re excited to build on this momentum, pairing more members with UK students for experiential learning and welcoming new distilleries along the way.”

The DWB certificate is available to all UK students, graduate and undergraduate. View more information about the program here. Visit this site to learn more about the EWA.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 2026 PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Livingston County Conservation District will have a public hearing during the Special Session of Livingston County Conservation District held at **Deer Lakes Golf Course in Salem, KY** on **September 4, 2026 at 8:00 a.m.** for the purpose of obtaining comments from the public regarding proposed tax rate.

The tax rate levied last year was 0.164 and produced revenues in the amount of \$106,622. This year’s compensating rate is 0.160 and will produce revenues in the amount of \$142,312 of .0163, which will produce a total of \$144,980.

Revenue expected from new property is \$371.74
Revenue received in excess of last year’s revenue will be used for general local government Expenditures.

The Kentucky General Assembly requires that the Livingston County Conservation District to publish this notice with the above information contained herein.

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PCS gives public chance to discuss electric, gas affordability

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – The Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) opened a case on Wednesday to provide an opportunity for the public and stakeholders in the state to identify and discuss concerns, and potential measures to improve the affordability of electric and natural gas utility service for residential ratepayers.

The Commission made all regulated electric utilities and the five largest natural gas utilities parties to the proceeding to create a comprehensive record. The

Commission invites interested groups or individuals with a special interest in the affordability of electric and natural gas utility service to participate by seeking intervention to the case or by filing public comments.

The PSC says access to electric and natural gas utility service is fundamental to the health, safety, and well-being of Kentuckians. Today’s order notes that data collected from the Energy Information Administration (EIA) show that the calculated average residential electricity price in Kentucky



was 10.87 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) in 2020 and was 13.24 cents per kWh in 2025, showing a 21.8 percent increase from 2020 to 2025.

Given the current environment of rising utility costs, the Commission believes that a broader examination of electric and natural gas utility

affordability issues would help the Commission better understand the factors affecting affordability across Kentucky and evaluate existing and potential approaches for addressing those concerns. The Commission intends to convene a technical conference in 2027 for parties to examine issues developed in the record. The Commission requests that parties file their initial comments and proposed topics for this case on or before September 30, 2026.

Public comments may be submitted through the Com-

mission’s website at <https://psc.ky.gov/Case/SearchCases-PublicComments>, or by sending an email to: psc.comment@ky.gov.

This order and other records in the case are available on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov. The case number is 2026-00185.

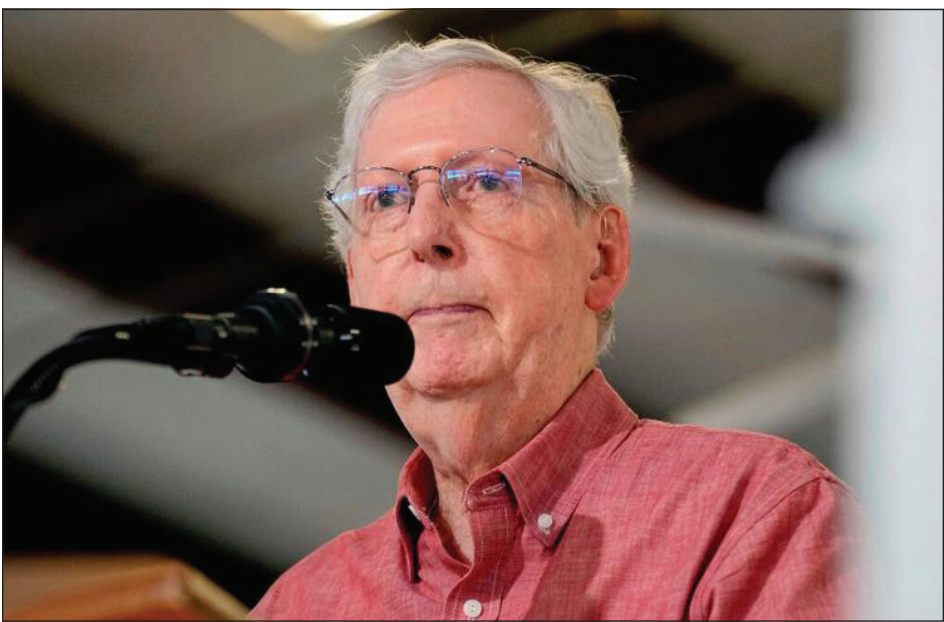
The PSC is an independent agency attached for administrative purposes to the Energy and Environment Cabinet. It regulates more than 1,100 gas, water, sewer, electric and telecommunication utilities operating in Kentucky and has approximately 90 employees.

Mitch McConnell touts \$26.7 million in federal money for UK agriculture research

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

WASHINGTON (KT) – U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell, R-Louisville, has released a statement applauding the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) decision to provide the additional \$26.7 million in federal funding for the construction of the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) Forage-Animal Production Unit at the University of Kentucky.

“I’m honored to have helped secure funding for the establishment and construction of this project over the years, and it’s great to see this final piece go into place for Kentucky’s leading agricultural research lab,” McConnell said. “There is no doubt this funding



Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., speaks at an event, Aug. 2, 2025, in Fancy Farm, Ky. (AP Photo/Mark Humphrey, File)

will help the University of Kentucky continue to solidify itself as the center for agricultural research in the Commonwealth, and I’m grateful for its work in this field. Our shared belief in improving the lives of Kentucky farmers and enhancing our agriculture industry through research has made for a productive working relationship that has delivered results for Kentuckians.”

This announcement from USDA builds upon federal funding McConnell previously helped secure for the UK ARS Lab amounting to \$65.9 Million in Fiscal Year 2020 and another \$10 million in Fiscal Year 2026.

Capilouto said: “The University of Kentucky is deeply grateful to the U.S. Department of Agriculture for this significant investment in agricultural research and to Senator Mitch McConnell for his steadfast leadership in helping make this project a reality. This funding represents a transformative step forward for the Agricultural Research Service Forage-Animal Production Unit and reinforces Kentucky’s position as a national leader in agricultural innovation. The collaboration among USDA, the Agricultural Research Service and the University of Kentucky will expand our ability to conduct groundbreaking research that supports farmers and strengthens rural communi-

ties, advancing the future of agriculture. We are proud to continue this partnership in service to the Commonwealth.”

Groundbreaking was held in June 2024 and the facility was expected to be ready this November, but the project was delayed with no new competition has been announced.

The 263,000-square-foot building will be the college’s central research hub, aligned with its teaching and extension missions, which serve the entire Commonwealth.

The 84-year-old McConnell is still recovering at home from a fall he suffered in June and has not made any public appearances since the accident. He is not seeking re-election in November.

KSP adds patrol boat to enforcement equipment

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – Kentucky State Police (KSP) has obtained a new state-of-the-art patrol boat, allowing the agency to better respond to emergencies and natural disasters on Kentucky’s waterways, Gov Andy Beshear announced Thursday.

The agency recently purchased a 23-foot patrol boat, the Metal Shark 23 Relentless, which is specifically designed for first responders and allows for exceptional maneuverability in all types of waterways. The boat was purchased with grant funding from the FEMA Port Au-



KSP has added watercraft to their equipment.

thority Program and will allow the agency to respond quickly to water-based critical incidents and perform operations on land, on water and in the air.

“The Kentucky State Police continues to raise the bar in its ability to protect our neighbors,” Beshear said. “This new equipment allows the agency to further expand its reach, helping ensure that Kentuckians and visitors are safe no matter the challenge. From lake recreation to flooding and weather events, this patrol boat will better prepare us to respond and protect more lives.”

The Metal Shark 23 Relentless watercraft is a fully equipped law enforcement vehicle,

built to withstand extreme weather conditions with the same tools found in a state police cruiser, including radio, lights and a mobile data terminal, while also utilizing a FLIR Thermal camera and side-scan sonar camera for search operations.

The boat can be deployed during any major critical incident involving water when assistance from the KSP Special Operations Branch is requested, including the Special Response Team and the Aircraft Division. Examples of such instances consist of severe weather situations, water-based search and rescue and recovery missions,

and support for safety during large public events like Thunder Over Louisville.

Members of the Special Response Team have completed specialized training to safely maneuver the vessel and conduct hoist operations involving both the aircraft and boat.

“Our mission is to do everything we can to keep Kentuckians safe,” said KSP Commissioner Phillip Burmet, Jr. “This boat will help our troopers during water rescue situations, explosive dive missions and maritime high-risk operations involving dangerous individuals.”



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Franklin County High School cooks up win in School Garden Challenge

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Aug. 25, 2026) – Franklin County High School cooked up a winner at the Kentucky State Fair. Its squash soup, made with ingredients grown largely in the school garden, earned the top spot among eight teams in the second annual School Garden Challenge.

“With fall right around the corner, Franklin County High School picked the perfect recipe,” Agriculture Commissioner Jonathan Shell said. “These students took an idea from seed to table. They grew the food, developed their recipes, and worked together to bring it all to life. That kind of hands-on learning is what ag education is all about. Congratulations to Franklin County High School on a well-earned win.”

The Kentucky Department of Agriculture’s (KDA) Ag Education and Outreach Division invited schools from across the state to grow produce in their own school gardens, develop an original



The Franklin County High School team had the winning recipe for the second annual School Garden Challenge at the Kentucky State Fair. Pictured are, from left, Agriculture Commissioner Jonathan Shell, team members Gage Click, Adam Alhamdani, Makenzie Ratliff and Gabby Roe, and judges Purchase Region State FFA Vice President Mallory Beliles and Kentucky Pork Producers Executive Director Niki Ellis.

signature squash recipe, and present it for judging at the State Fair.

After judges from the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service reviewed recipes based on food safety, prep guidelines, and the basic knowledge students demonstrated about making the dishes, a blind taste test was held to determine the winner. The taste test was judged by Commissioner

Shell, Kentucky Pork Producers Executive Director Niki Ellis, and Purchase Region State FFA Vice President Mallory Beliles.

The Franklin County High School team, that consisted of FFA members Adam AlHamdani, Gage Click, Makenzie Ratliff, and Gabby Roe, crafted its original recipe using butternut squash, red bell pepper and jalapenos. The team

was coached by Kylene Douglas, Erica Baxter, and Grace McGaughey.

“I enjoyed this contest because it was something different that we have never done before,” Franklin County FFA team member Makenzie Ratliff said. “It was a fun way for our team to be creative and step out of our comfort zones, especially cooking on the stage in front of that many people. Being

an FFA officer and an advocate for agriculture, I enjoyed learning the process to not only grow our food at school but also cook it. We are already looking forward to next year’s contest.

The competition helped kick off the countdown to All in for Ag Education Week, which runs Sept. 21-25. The week is a collaboration between KDA, the Lieutenant Governor’s Office, and the Kentucky Department of Education. As this year’s champion, Franklin County High School will receive a special VIP visit during the week.

Second Street School, out of Frankfort, placed second with its squash salsa Verde with flatbread. Bristow Elementary School, out of Bowling Green, placed third with a squash tot recipe.

Other participating schools included Saratoga Farm School, Barren County Schools, Providence Elementary, Highland Middle School, and Menifee County FFA and 4-H.

Winning Squash Soup Recipe

Simmer in pot
1 tablespoon of olive oil
1 onion diced
2 Cloves Garlic Minced
1 Red Bell Pepper Diced
1 Jalapeno Diced
1 Butternut Squash peeled and cubed
4 Cups chicken stock
Cumin, Salt, Pepper and Chilli Powder (Measure with your heart)

After simmer
Once boiled and soft use immersion blender until all ingredients are smooth and there are no chunks
Add 2 cans of diced tomatoes and simmer
Top with crunchy tortilla strips



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AFBF analyses potential beef import impacts: Urges Trump to reconsider

The President’s plan to facilitate record imports of beef will have a significant impact on farmers and ranchers who are rebuilding their herds devastated by drought. American Farm Bureau Federation economists analyzed the potential consequences of increased imports in the latest Farm Bureau Intel. Also today, Farm Bureau President Zippy Duvall sent a letter to President Trump urging him to reconsider his plan to flood the market with foreign beef.

President Trump announced last week that he plans to import up to 300,000 metric tons of beef over a 90-day period in an attempt to ease record-high ground beef prices. But the timing could work against ranchers who are deciding whether to expand their herds. It’s estimated that 70% of spring-born calves are sold between September and November, which fall within the increased import window. A glut of foreign raised beef could drive down prices paid to ranchers at a time when critical farm business decisions are made. Falling prices

paid to farmers would be the latest blow to a sector that just recently began a fragile recovery. AFBF economists write, “The reason for the historically small beef cow herd is multifaceted. First, drought conditions across much of the U.S. has forced ranchers to liquidate cattle or put cattle on feed because of the lack of homegrown forage. Second, according to USDA’s Economic Research Service’s cost and return data, input costs for cow-calf producers, i.e., ranchers who maintain a herd of beef cows for breeding purposes, reached a record high of \$1,762 per head in 2025. Nearly every line item for cow-calf operators is more expensive today than ever before. Since 2020, prior to the most recent inflationary environment, production costs are up more than \$400 per head, or nearly 30%.”

In his letter to President Trump, Mr. Duvall wrote, “A key tenant of your reelection campaign was affordability, including the costs of essentials like groceries and gas. Bringing down the price of cattle will not bring the price of beef down for American families. Instead, it will discourage American farmers and ranchers from making long-term investments in herd rebuilding, extending the cycle of tight cattle supplies, high production costs and elevated beef prices for consumers. To put it simply, allowing 300,000 metric tons—equivalent to more than 660 million pounds—of foreign beef into the United States at a 25% discount ‘below market prices’ will undermine America’s ranchers who work tirelessly to grow food for American families.”

America currently has the lowest beef cow inventory in more than 50 years.



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A Blow to U.S. Agriculture

American Farm Bureau President Zippy Duvall commented on the presidential proclamation issued today by President Trump that allows beef imports to increase by 300,000 metric tons – more than 660 million pounds – over a 90-day period, undermining the U.S. cattle sector’s recovery.

“One of the few bright spots for U.S. agriculture right now – the cattle sector – just became dimmer because of today’s

presidential proclamation. The timing of this proclamation is a gut punch to ranchers’ bottom line. The claim of ensuring these added imports do not ‘disrupt the orderly marketing of commodities in the U.S.’ falls flat when ranchers are now selling their cattle into a market in sharp decline. It’s not too late to reverse this decision, and we urge the president to consider the economic harm this causes America’s ranchers.

“A strong domestic food supply is easy to take for granted ... until it’s gone. We also urge the administration not to make any changes to the renewable fuel standard that would further destabilize farmers who raise corn, soybeans and other crops. Farmers and ranchers are proud to raise the food, fiber and fuel America’s families rely on, but pride doesn’t pay the bills in an upside-down farm economy.”



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Apple picking pointers for fall

Visiting a local apple orchard and picking one's fill of apples is a quintessential fall activity. Apple picking is an ideal way to spend time outdoors when the weather tends to be cool and pleasant. Gathering fresh-from-the-tree fruit to turn into favorite fall desserts like cobblers and pies is irresistible.

According to the Economic Research Service, Washington state is the leading apple producer in

the United States. It is followed very distantly by New York and Michigan. Apples were first cultivated in Canada by early French settlers, with the first trees planted in Nova Scotia's Annapolis Valley around 1633. Today, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, and British Columbia have become strong players in the apple business. While other areas may not be apple meccas, those looking to pick their own have plenty of options across North

American to enjoy this pastime.

Prior to an apple picking adventure, people can do a little preparation to ensure the afternoon is fun and fruitful.

- Do some research. Before individuals head out, they should do research into the available orchards and which apple varieties they specialize in. Ripening seasons vary, so certain varieties may not be available at all times. Call ahead to learn which apples are ripe

and when.

- Visit early. The best apples are often available early in the season before the trees have been heavily picked over. It's also a good idea to visit the orchard early in the day, which means cooler temperatures and smaller crowds.
- Dress appropriately. Orchards can be dusty, muddy and buggy. The ground also may be uneven. Individuals can wear comfortable clothes and closed-toed shoes

that can get dirty. Also, they should dress in layers, as it can be chilly early in the day and then warmer later on.

- Pick correctly. Instead of yanking on the apples, which can damage the tree and apples, people should gently roll or twist the apple upwards from the branch. If the apple is ripe it will detach easily with stem intact.
- Avoid bruising. It's wise to inspect the apples to make sure they are firm and brightly colored.

Those with bruising or insect damage should be left behind.

- Don't overload. Only pick what you need. Apples are delicate, and overloading the apples into bags can crush or bruise the ones on the bottom. Plus, over-picking means that the apples may spoil before they can be eaten.

After a day at the orchard, apples can be stored unwashed in a cool, dark place, which will help them stay fresher, longer.

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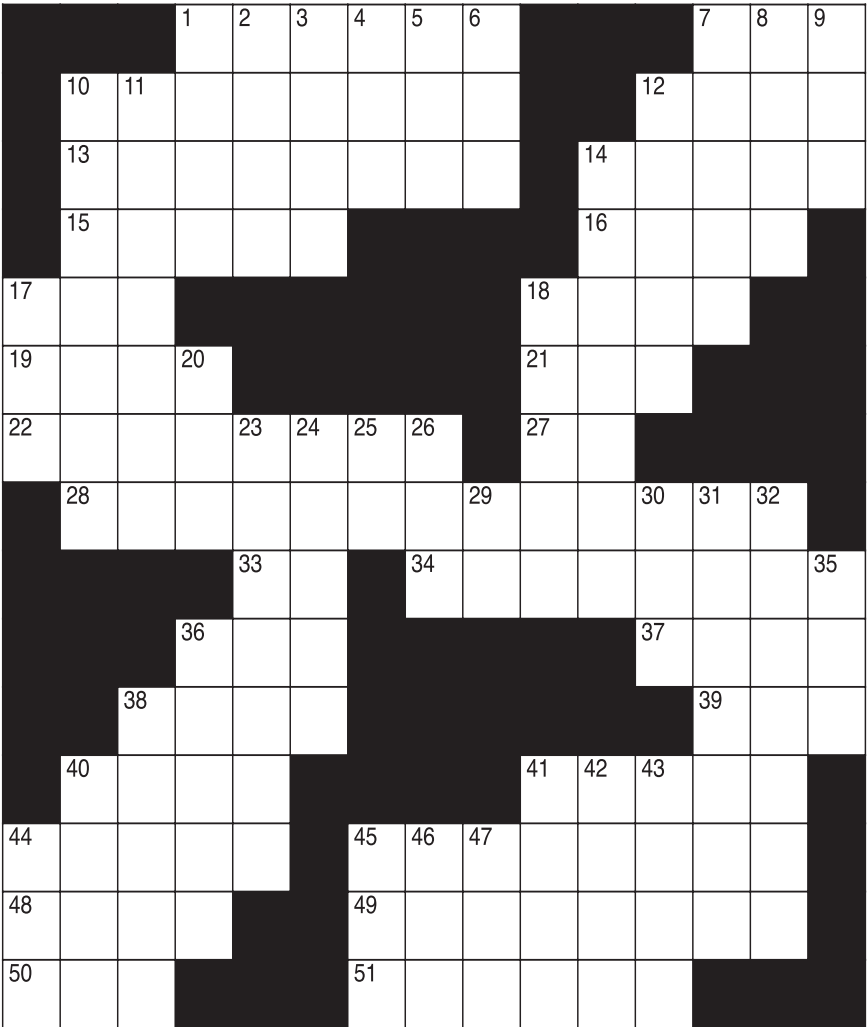
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Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

1. A vast desert in Africa

7. Reciprocal of a sine

10. Type of phone

12. Biblical figure

13. One who renounces a religious belief

14. Warren and Monroe are two

15. Wild ox

16. Dismounted a horse

17. Cave dweller

18. Where infants sleep

19. Popular type of shoe

21. Clumsy large person

22. Evil-like

27. Integrated circuit
28. Austin-based athlete

33. Postscript

34. Follows 18

36. People of Gambia

37. Popular actor Nicolas

38. Platform for a lectern

39. Taxi

40. American songwriter Sammy

41. Iranian city

44. Heavy clubs

45. One who is expelled

48. In bed

49. Lifelessness

50. Former CIA

51. Most slick

CLUES DOWN

1. Slovenly person

2. In addition

3.hovels

4. Pie __ mode

5. Subway rodent

6. They __

7. Indigenous S. American people

8. Fine sand

9. Central nervous system

10. Nightclub entertainment

11. The perfect example of something

12. Supreme Islamic leader

14. Pain

17. Binary-coded decimal

18. Projecting corner of an angle

20. “Succession” actor Brian

23. Dinner table decor

24. Ancient settlement in modern Turkey
25. You can call Paul Simon this

26. Opposite of a pro

29. Atomic #28

30. Type of drug (abbr.)

31. Arrives at

32. Nullifies

35. Bird’s beak

36. Partner to “oohed”

38. Ray-finned fishes

40. Taxis

41. Sat on and controlled

42. Sea eagles

43. Remain as-is

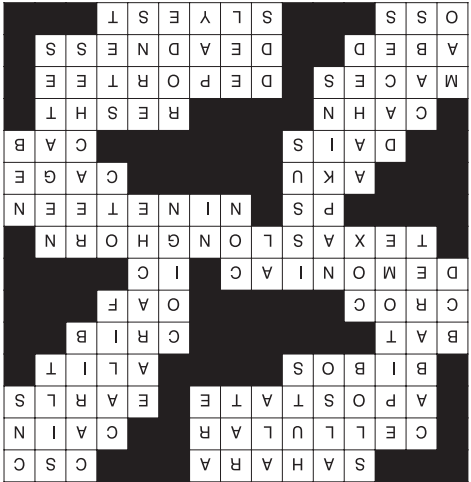
44. Chinese revolutionary

45. Tooth caregiver

46. Snakelike fish

47. Compensate

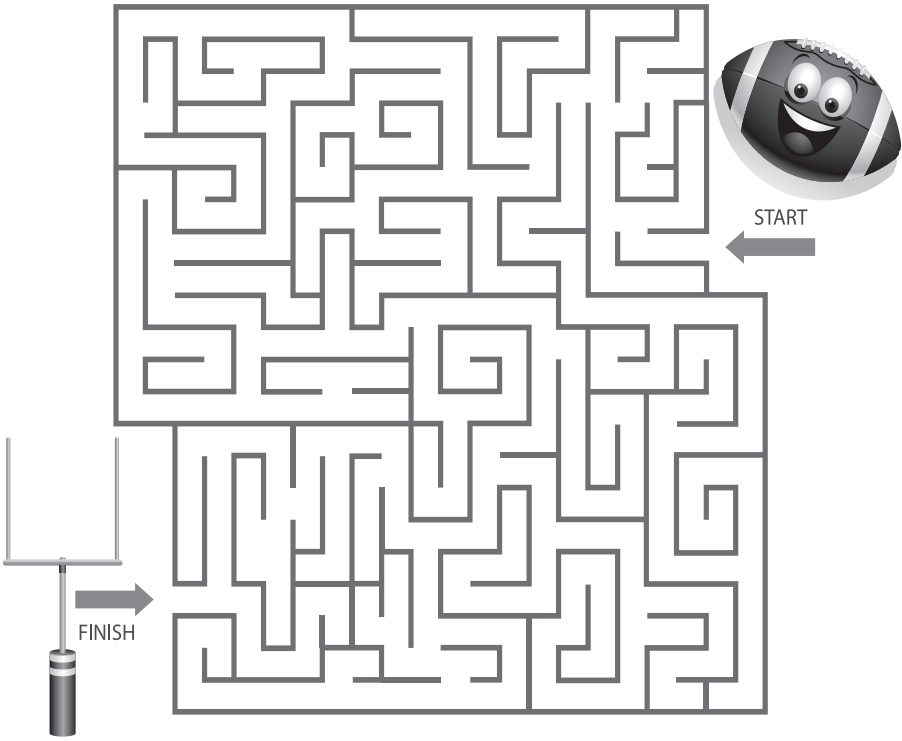
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

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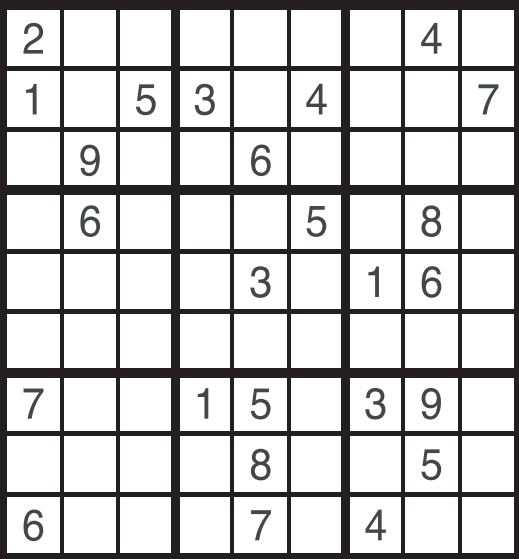
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Sudoku Puzzle

How it Works:

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

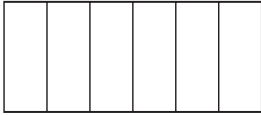
ANSWERS IN THE B SECTION



Word Scramble

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to golf.

BEIIRD



Answer: Birdie

Guess Who?

GUESS WHO?

I am an actor and musician born in California on August 28, 1969. I attended UCLA with fellow actor Tim Robbins, and we were in a theater troupe. I've had a very successful movie and music career, and was once nominated for a Golden Globe Award for Best Actor for my role as a substitute teacher teaching rock.

Answer: Jack Black

Crypto Fun



Solve the code to discover words related to golf. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 18 = S)

A. 6 15 17 21 18 13

Clue: Place to play golf

B. 9 17 16 16

Clue: Precise shot

C. 6 24 17 11 18

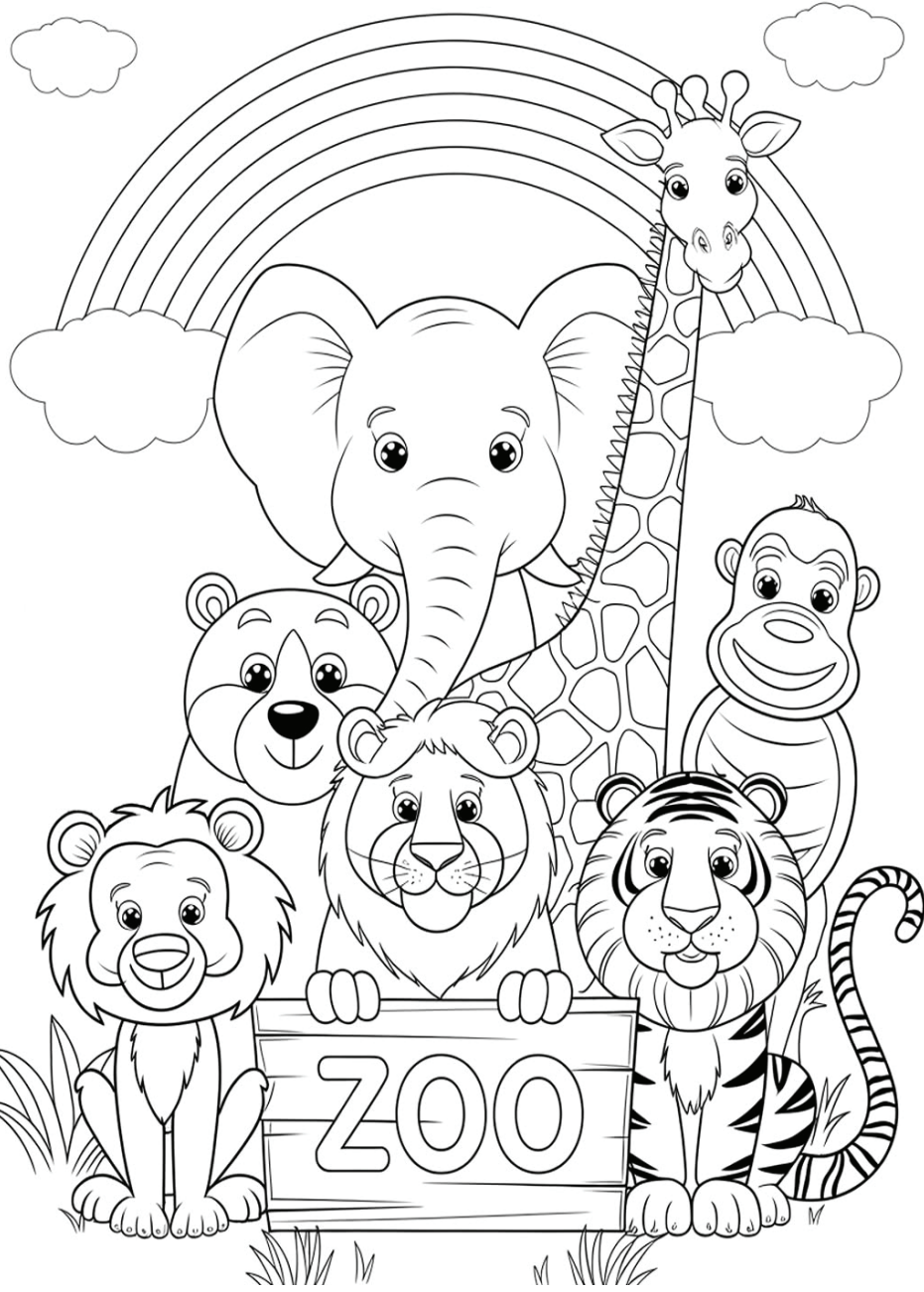
Clue: Golf equipment

D. 18 16 21 15 20 13

Clue: Attempt to hit the ball

Answers: A. course B. putt C. clubs D. stroke

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College Station, Texas

2:30 pm

ESPN/ESPN2



SAT. SEP 26

VS. South Alabama

Lexington, Ky.

11:45 am

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SAT. OCT 3

AT South Carolina

Columbia, SC

2:30 PM OR LTR

FLEX



SAT. OCT 10

VS. LSU

Lexington, Ky.

5:00 PM



SAT. OCT 17

AT Oklahoma

Norman, OK

2:30 PM OR LTR

FLEX



SAT. OCT 24

VS. Vanderbilt

Lexington, Ky.

5:00 PM



SAT. NOV 7

AT Tennessee

Knoxville, Tenn.

5:00 PM



SAT. NOV 14

VS. University of Florida

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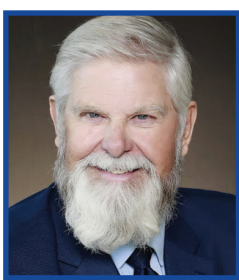
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SEC adopts strict policy regarding professional athletes returning to college competition

By KEITH TAYLOR
Kentucky Today

LEXINGTON, Ky. (KT) — The South-eastern Conference is taking a firm stance regarding the league’s professional sports eligibility rule adopted on Tuesday.

A program found in violation of the policy will face penalties, which include the head coach being suspended for 50 percent of the season, a fine equal to the sport’s yearly operating budget, and league voting privileges on business matters being revoked.

Earlier this week,

the league adopted new rules regarding professional athletes returning to college competition. The rule applies to athletes who declared for the NFL, NBA or WNBA Draft and didn’t appropriately withdraw from the draft; signed a contract with an NFL or another league associated with the NBA or G League or listed on a professional roster, which includes the NFL, NBA, G League or WNBA squad.

Southeastern Conference Commissioner Greg Sankey is authorized to impose penalties on any school that

violates the policy.

It’s unclear how the new policy will affect former Missouri star Mark Mitchell, who committed to the Wildcats last weekend. Mitchell played in a summer league with the Denver Nuggets, but didn’t sign an Exhibit 10 contract.

The court system has cleared Mitchell to compete next season. Kentucky’s Asja Sivka was drafted by the Chicago Sky in the 2025 WNBA Draft, but didn’t sign a contract and neither declared for or withdrew from the draft.

During the SEC

football media days in Tampa last month, league commissioner Greg Sankey said one of the league’s greatest responsibilities is “to establish a stable national framework for college athletics.”

“For more than six years, those of us in the conference office, the leaders on our university campuses, Southeastern Conference student-athletes and policy makers have worked in good faith seeking the return of national standards through federal legislation,” he said. “These efforts have demonstrated not only how

complex these issues have become, but also have reinforced my belief that Congressional action remains a needed path to provide that long-term stability.”

Sankey also urged legislators to pass the “Save College Sports Act.”

“The legislation moves us in the right direction, but it should more fully replace the growing patchwork of state laws that are conflicting and create competitive differences based upon state borders,” he said. “Remember that quote from our student-athletes: we just want to

know that others are held to the same standards.”

There have been discussions regarding the SEC breaking away from the current college structure and Sankey admitted last month the conversations are real.

“People have talked about that,” he said. “They’ve opined about the frustrations that bring them to the point of saying we should look at something significantly different. I do not believe that is a leverage point. I think that’s just honest communication.”



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8/28	@ Jo Bryns	7 PM	A
9/11	Calloway County	7 PM	H
9/18	Vienna/Goreville	7 PM	H
9/25	@ South Fulton	7 PM	A
10/2	@ Russellville	7 PM	A
10/16	@ Fulton County	7 PM	A
10/23	Caverna	7 PM	H



CHRISTIAN COUNTY TIGERS

8/21	Cooper	7 PM	H
8/28	@ Mayfield	7 PM	A
9/4	@ McKenzie, TN	7 PM	A
9/11	@ Daviess County	7 PM	A
9/18	@ South Warren	7 PM	A
9/25	Frederick Douglass	7 PM	H
10/2	@ Harlan County	7 PM	A
10/9	Henderson County	7 PM	H
10/16	McCracken County	7 PM	H
10/23	Somerset	7 PM	H
10/30	Paducah Tilghman	7 PM	H



FULTON COUNTY PILOTS

8/14	@ Webster County	6 PM	A
8/21	@ Gleason	7 PM	A
8/28	South Fulton	7 PM	H
9/4	@ Calloway County	7 PM	A
9/18	Calloway County	7 PM	H
9/25	Lake County	7 PM	H
10/2	@ Caverna	7 PM	A
10/16	Ballard Memorial	7 PM	H
10/23	Russellville	7 PM	H
10/30	@ Trigg County	7 PM	A



HOPKINS COUNTY CENTRAL STORM

8/21	@ Caldwell County	7 PM	A
8/28	Todd County Central	7 PM	H
9/4	@ MNHHS	7 PM	A
9/11	Fort Campbell	7 PM	H
9/18	Kentucky County Day	7 PM	H
9/25	Russellville	7 PM	H
10/2	@ Union County	7 PM	A
10/16	Webster County	7 PM	H
10/23	Murray	7 PM	H
10/30	@ Crittenden County	7 PM	A



MARSHALL COUNTY MARSHALS

8/21	@ Crittenden County	7 PM	A
8/28	Caldwell County	7 PM	H
9/4	Trigg County	7 PM	H
9/11	Murray	7 PM	H
9/18	@ MNHHS	7 PM	A
10/2	Owensboro	7 PM	A
10/16	@ Graves County	7 PM	A
10/23	@ Apollo	7 PM	A
10/30	Calloway County	7 PM	H



MURRAY TIGERS

8/21	Apollo	7 PM	H
8/28	@ Calloway County	7 PM	A
9/4	@ Graves County	7 PM	A
9/11	@ Marshall County	7 PM	A
9/18	Russellville	7 PM	H
10/2	Webster County	7 PM	H
10/16	Union County	7 PM	H
10/23	@ Hopkins County Central	7 PM	A
10/30	@ Caldwell County	7 PM	A



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8/21	Caverna	6 PM	H
8/28	@ Hart County	7 PM	A
9/4	@ Marshall County	7 PM	A
9/11	Rockcastle County	7 PM	H
9/18	Caldwell County	7 PM	H
9/25	@ Crittenden County	7 PM	A
10/2	Fort Campbell	7 PM	H
10/16	@ Mayfield	7 PM	A
10/23	Todd County Central	7 PM	H
10/30	Fulton County	7 PM	H



CALDWELL COUNTY TIGERS

8/21	Henderson County	7 PM	H
8/28	@ Marshall County	7 PM	A
9/4	@ Union County	7 PM	A
9/11	Webster County	7 PM	H
9/18	@ Trigg County	7 PM	A
9/25	@ Fort Campbell	7 PM	A
10/2	@ Mayfield	7 PM	A
10/9	BYE	N/A	N/A
10/16	@ Todd County Central	7 PM	A
10/23	Crittenden County	7 PM	H
10/30	Murray	7 PM	H



CRITTENDEN COUNTY ROCKETS

8/21	Marshall County	7 PM	H
8/28	@ Union County	7 PM	A
9/4	@ Webster County	7 PM	A
9/18	Mayfield	7 PM	H
9/25	Trigg County	7 PM	H
10/2	@ Todd County Central	7 PM	A
10/16	Fort Campbell	7 PM	H
10/23	@ Caldwell County	7 PM	A
10/30	Hopkins County	7 PM	H



GRAVES COUNTY EAGLES

8/21	Mayfield	7 PM	H
8/28	@ Paducah Tilghman	7 PM	A
9/4	Murray	7 PM	H
9/11	@ Union County	7 PM	A
9/18	@ Owensboro	7 PM	A
9/25	MNHHS	7 PM	H
10/2	Apollo	7 PM	H
10/16	Marshall County	7 PM	H



MAYFIELD CARDINALS

8/21	@ Graves County	7 PM	A
8/28	Christian County	7 PM	H
9/4	Paducah Tilghman	7 PM	H
9/18	@ Crittenden County	7 PM	A
9/25	Todd County Central	7 PM	A
10/2	Caldwell County	7 PM	H
10/18	Trigg County	7 PM	H
10/23	@ Fort Campbell	7 PM	A
10/30	@ Central	7 PM	A



PADUCAH TILGHMAN BLUE TORNADO

8/14	@ Owensboro Catholic	7 PM	A
8/28	Graves County	7 PM	H
9/4	@ Mayfield	7 PM	A
9/11	MNHHS	7 PM	H
9/18	@ Franklin Simpson	7 PM	A
9/25	@ Allen County-Scottsville	7 PM	A
10/2	@ Logan County	7 PM	A
10/16	Warren East	7 PM	H
10/23	Calloway County	7 PM	H



UNION COUNTY BRAVES

8/21	@ MNHHS	7 PM	A
8/28	Crittenden County	7 PM	H
9/4	Caldwell County	7 PM	H
9/11	Graves County	7 PM	H
10/2	Hopkins County Central	7 PM	H
10/16	@ Murray	7 PM	A
10/23	@ Webster County	7 PM	A
10/30	Greenwood	7 PM	H



CALLOWAY COUNTY LAKERS

8/21	@ Webster County	7 PM	A
8/28	Murray	7 PM	H
9/4	Fulton County	7 PM	H
9/11	@ Ballard Memorial	7 PM	A
9/18	@ Warren East	7 PM	A
9/25	Logan County	7 PM	H
10/2	Franklin Simpson	7 PM	H
10/16	Allen Co-Scottsville	7 PM	H
10/23	@ Paducah Tilghman	7 PM	A
10/30	@ Marshall County	7 PM	A



FORT CAMPBELL FALCONS

8/28	@ Clarksville Academy	6 PM	A
9/4	Fort Knox	6 PM	H
9/11	@ Hopkins County Central	6 PM	A
9/18	@ Todd County Central	6 PM	A
9/25	Caldwell County	6 PM	H
10/2	@ Trigg County	6 PM	A
10/9	Franklin County	6 PM	H
10/16	@ Crittenden County	6 PM	A
10/23	Mayfield	6 PM	H



HENDERSON COUNTY COLONELS

8/21	@ Pulaski County	8 PM	A
8/28	MNHHS	7 PM	H
9/4	@ Henry Clay	8 PM	A
9/11	Gibson Southern	7 PM	H
9/18	@ Daviess County	7 PM	A
9/25	Central Hardin	7 PM	H
10/2	George Rogers Clark	7 PM	H
10/9	@ Christian County	7 PM	A
10/23	@ McCracken County	7 PM	A
10/30	Owensboro	7 PM	H



MADISONVILLE-N HOPKINS MAROONS

8/21	Union County	7 PM	H
8/28	@ Henderson County	7 PM	A
9/4	Hopkinsville County Central	7 PM	H
9/11	@ Paducah Tilghman	7 PM	A
9/18	Marshall County	7 PM	H
9/25	@ Graves County	7 PM	A
10/9	@ Apollo	7 PM	A
10/23	@ Owensboro	7 PM	A
10/30	Warren Central	7 PM	H



MCCRACKEN COUNTY MUSTANGS

8/22	@ Paducah Tilghman	7 PM	A
8/28	Logan County	7 PM	H
9/4	@ Clarksville NE (TN)	7 PM	A
9/11	Mayfield	7 PM	H
9/18	Union County	7 PM	H
9/25	@ Murray	7 PM	A
10/2	@ Brighton 9TN)	7 PM	A
10/16	@ Christian County	7 PM	A
10/23	Henderson County	7 PM	H
10/30	Graves County	7 PM	H



TODD COUNTY CENTRAL REBELS

8/20	Ballard Memorial	7 PM	H
8/28	@ Hopkins County Central	7 PM	A
9/4	Butler County	7 PM	H
9/11	@ Jo Bryns	7 PM	A
9/18	Fort Campbell	7 PM	H
9/25	@ Mayfield	7 PM	A
10/2	Crittenden County	7 PM	H
10/16	Caldwell County	7 PM	H
10/23	@ Trigg County	7 PM	A
10/30	@ Webster County	7 PM	A



WEBSTER COUNTY TROJANS

8/21	Calloway County	7 PM	H
9/4	Crittenden County	7 PM	H
9/11	@ Caldwell County	7 PM	A
9/18	@ McLean County	7 PM	A
9/25	Ohio County	7 PM	H
10/2	@ Murray	7 PM	A
10/16	@ Hopkins County Cental	7 PM	A
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CARROLL from Front Page

future action. The proposal would not immediately create a new cabinet or department.

“The group my proposal would establish—much like what we did with the Nuclear Energy Development Working Group—would make decisions on what change would look like,” Carroll said. “It is a long, tenuous process, and it’s not something that will be accomplished overnight, but I think it’s worth it.”

Carroll introduced the proposal as the committee heard from Kara Wentte, director of the Ohio Department of Children and Youth. Ohio created the department in 2023 after finding that a cabinet-level coordination model could not consistently align programs, funding and staffing across six agencies.

Ohio ultimately moved nearly 60 programs and approximately 600 employees into the department. Wentte said the state added no new positions or administrative funding and left more than 40 positions unfilled as part of the reorganization.

Wentte stressed that

consolidation alone was not the goal.

“Just moving them under one roof was not going to be enough,” Wentte said.

Ohio connected previously separated data and referral systems and established measurable goals involving infant mortality, kindergarten readiness and entry into foster care. Wentte reported that the state’s preliminary infant mortality rate declined from 7.1 to 6.4 and kindergarten readiness increased from 35.4 percent to 44.8 percent. She cautioned that the state still has more work ahead and will need additional years of data.

Carroll said Kentucky’s study would examine its own programs, needs and governance structure. Ohio’s approach can serve as a model, but any reforms would need to take into account Kentucky’s existing agencies and programs.

Carroll noted that the work could also complement House Concurrent Resolution 108 from the 2026 Legislative Session, which proposed a study of early childhood governance.

“My hope is we can work together on this, as we were before,” Carroll said.

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Grand Rivers Arts & Crafts Festival Returns for Labor Day Weekend

GRAND RIVERS, Ky. — The Grand Rivers Arts & Crafts Festival will return to Little Lake Park over Labor Day weekend, bringing three days of handmade crafts, food and entertainment to the Western Kentucky community.

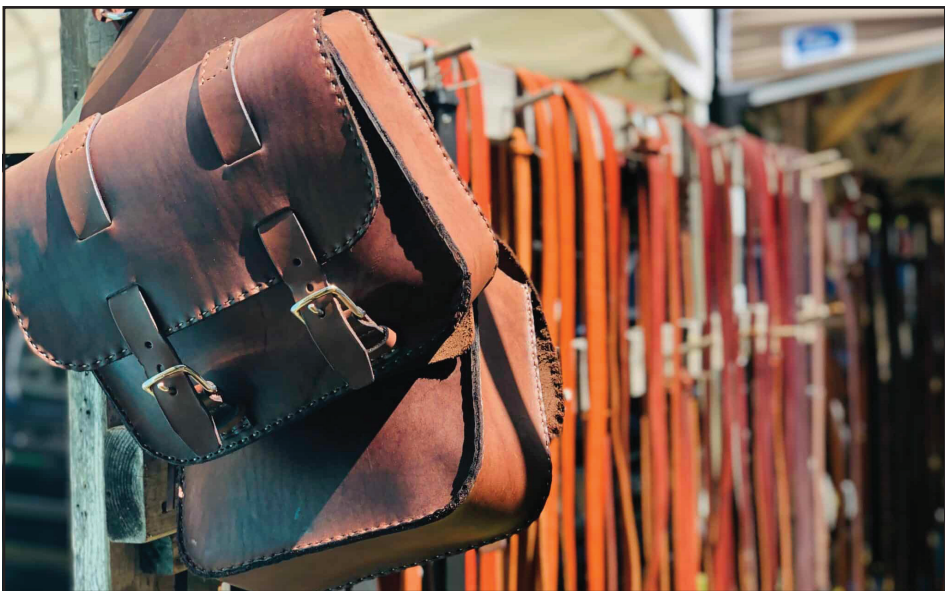
The festival is scheduled for Sept. 5-7, 2026, at Little Lake Park, located at 156 East Cumberland Ave. in Grand Rivers. The annual event is expected to attract visitors from across the region for a weekend featuring more than 125 juried craft and artisan vendors.

Vendors from

around the country will showcase handmade goods, artwork and other unique creations, giving shoppers an opportunity to find one-of-a-kind items while supporting independent artists and craftspeople.

Specialty food vendors will also be available throughout the festival, offering visitors a variety of options while they browse the vendor booths and enjoy the festivities.

Live entertainment is planned throughout all three days, providing additional activities for families and visitors during the



live performances and enjoying the atmosphere of Little Lake Park.

With more than 125 juried vendors expected, organizers are preparing for another busy weekend as residents and visitors gather in Grand Rivers to celebrate the arts and the Labor Day holiday.

The festival offers an opportunity for attendees of all ages to enjoy local attractions while discovering handmade artwork, crafts and specialty products from vendors representing communities throughout the country.

holiday weekend.

Festival hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, and Sunday, Sept. 6. On Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 7, the festival will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The combination of arts, crafts, food and entertainment has made the festival a

longtime Labor Day weekend tradition in Grand Rivers. Visitors can spend the day exploring the vendor booths, listening to

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ZIGGY

Ballard Schools Raise Bus Driver Starting Pay by 11 Percent

By Julie A. Thomas
Ballard County Schools

The Ballard County Board of Education voted to increase starting school bus driver pay by 11 percent, from \$18.02 to \$20 an hour, at its regular meeting on Aug. 17.

The increase took effect immediately, and will make Ballard's drivers the highest paid in the Purchase area.

"Our Board of Education has made significant commitments to the salaries of positions all across our district," said Superintendent Dr. Casey Allen. "Bus

driver continues to be one of the hardest positions to fill. Being a driver requires specified training, a commitment to pass continuing health and skill requirements, and a high level of patience."

Drivers work six hours for 182 days, and receive full benefits: health insurance with dental and vision, life insurance, and enrollment in the KPPA retirement system. Under the new salary schedule, drivers who stay for five years will be paid \$20.85, instead of \$18.85; in 10 years, pay will be \$21.70

instead of \$19.69. Top pay goes to \$25.10, instead of \$23.02.

"We really appreciate the board's help in making this a better-paying job for all of our existing drivers,

and our prospects. If you are a credentialed bus driver, you can pretty much start to-day as a full-time sub," said Leigh Ann Green, director of transportation. "If you don't

have your CDL and endorsements, we'll train you, and pay you for the training when you get your permit."

"This new rate recognizes our appreciation of the existing

team who makes our wheels turn every day," Dr. Allen continued. "It also sends the message that we are still looking for new faces to join that great team! We welcome new applicants to come check out what our district has to offer."

For more information, contact Green at leighann.green@ballard.kyschools.us, or go straight to the "Employment" page of the district website at <https://www.ballard.kyschools.us/employment>.

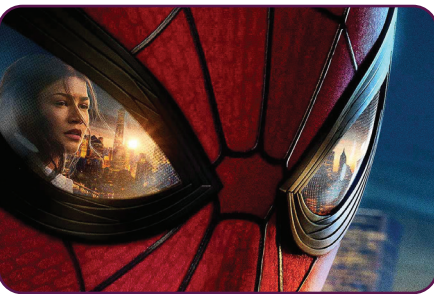
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Dolly Parton, an Appalachian legend, mourned across Kentucky and beyond

By Mark Maynard
kentucky Today

From her Appalachian beginnings to international stardom, Dolly Parton became one of the most recognizable and beloved figures in American life. But for many in Kentucky and throughout Appalachia, she remained something even more personal: one of their own.

Her music, generosity and unmistakable spirit crossed generations, while her commitment to literacy ensured that her legacy would continue in the hands of children opening books across the commonwealth.

Gov. Andy Beshear ordered flags lowered to half-staff in honor of the music legend and Appalachian icon who died Tuesday at age 80.

Beshear said Parton was “an American icon who brought people together and spread joy.”

“In Kentucky, she shared her love of reading through her Imagination Library, sparking brighter futures for thousands of children across our commonwealth,” he said in a statement. “There aren’t enough words to sum up the impact and legacy Dolly leaves behind, but it is clear that it will continue for generations to come. Britanny and I are praying for Dolly’s family and all those hurting from this enormous loss.”



Beshear directed flags at state office buildings to be lowered to half-staff from 6 p.m. Tuesday until sunset Sept. 1. He also asked individuals, businesses and organizations across the state to participate in the tribute.

Parton’s influence in Kentucky extended beyond her music and her roots in Appalachia. In August 2024, Beshear named her a Kentucky Colonel during her visit to Lexington’s Lyric Theatre, where she celebrated the expansion of her Imagination Library program to every Kentucky county.

The board and staff of the Imagination Library of Kentucky issued a statement following her death.

“We are deeply saddened by the passing of our founder and inspiration, Dolly Parton. We were so proud to

realize her dream of the Imagination Library across the entire Commonwealth, and we will forever be grateful that she came to celebrate with us in 2024. She leaves a legacy unlike any other in American life, and it will live on every time a Kentucky child receives her gift of reading.”

Actor and musician Billy Ray Cyrus, a former Kentuckian whose daughter Miley Cyrus is Parton’s godchild, shared a personal memory of the beloved entertainer.

“In 1992, I’ll never forget walking into her dressing room to apologize for all the tabloid stories which claimed I was having an affair with her,” he wrote. “In true Dolly fashion, she just looked at me, winked and said, ‘Honey, this trash sells records!’”

Cyrus said he “grew up loving Dolly Parton. She was a part of our

lives, on our TV’s, right in our living rooms.” The family of Loret-

ta Lynn also shared its grief in a post on Lynn’s Facebook page, saying members were “devastated” by Parton’s death.

“She was mom’s friend. She was her ‘mountain sister.’ They understood each other,” the post stated. “Our hearts go out to all of Dolly’s family and team. We take comfort in knowing the Honky Tonk Angels are together again and that one day, we will hear them live again.”

For Appalachia, and for Kentucky, Dolly Parton was more than a music legend. She was an Appalachian legend whose impact will endure for generations.

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BALLARD

Charles Ray Redden, 85, of Wickliffe, Kentucky, passed away on Saturday, August 22, 2026. A funeral service will be held at 1:00 PM on Friday, August 28, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Wickliffe with Bro. Zeke Hobbs officiating. A private burial will follow at Hillcrest Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 11:00 AM until the service hour of 1:00 PM on Friday, August 28, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Wickliffe.

CALDWELL

Peggy Oliver, age 78, of Princeton, passed away Sunday, August 23, 2026 at her home surrounded by her loved ones. Visitation will be held Monday, August 31, 2026 at Morgan’s Funeral Home from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm. Memorial services will be held at 12:00 pm Monday, August 31, 2026 at Morgan’s Funeral Home with Bro. Troy Jent officiating. Burial will follow at 2:00 pm in Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West.

Roy Edward Spain, age 79, of Hopkinsville, passed away on Saturday, August 22, 2026, at his home. Graveside services were held at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 27, 2026, in Meeks Cemetery in Caldwell County, with Bro. Brad Chalfin officiating.

Ledley Lee Hughes, born on October 16, 1949, in Princeton, Kentucky, passed away on August 20, 2026, at the Caldwell County Medical Center in Princeton, Kentucky. Visitation will be held from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm on Saturday, August 29, 2026, at Morgan’s Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 pm on Saturday, August 29, 2026, at Morgan’s Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Edna Teague Hamby, age 94, of Princeton, Kentucky, passed away on August 18, 2026, at her residence. She was born on December 9, 1931, to her late parents Lenoard and Jessie Jackson Teague in Lyon County. Funeral services were held Saturday, August 22, 2026, at 1:00 pm at Morgan’s Funeral Home, with Bro. Ragon Grimes officiating and John Rowell assisting, burial followed at Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Thomas C. “Tommy” Bealmear, age 74, of Princeton, Kentucky, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah. Visitation was held on Thursday, August 27, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. at Goodman Funeral Home, 1032 W. Main St., Princeton, Kentucky. A memorial service followed at 3:00 p.m. at the funeral home, with Pastor Troy Jent officiating.

CALLOWAY

Donald Lee Harris, 70, of Murray, passed away on Monday, August 24, 2026 at Stone Creek Nursing Facility in Paducah, KY. Per his wishes no services will be held. Imes Funeral Home is entrusted with caring for his family.

Bill J. Crass, age 96, of Murray, Kentucky passed away peacefully from this life into eternity at his home on Monday, August 17, 2026. A memorial graveside will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, August 29, 2026, at the Murray City Cemetery with Father Tom Hiter, Bro. Kerry Lambert, and Rick Riggins officiating. Full military honors will be provided by the V.F.W. Post 6291. Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m., Saturday, August 29, 2026, at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

Johnny Lee Shaw - January 1, 1949 - August 20, 2026 - Services are incomplete at this time. You can still show your support by sending flowers directly to the family, or plant a tree in memory of Johnny Lee Shaw. Blalock-Coleman Funeral Home & Cremation Services are in charge of arrangements.

CARLISLE

Mirah Elizabeth Harrison - March 27, 1940 - August 24, 2026 - Funeral services for Mirah were held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, August 26, 2026 at the Brown Funeral Home in Wingo, KY. Rev. Ralph Austin will officiate with burial to follow in the Arlington Cemetery in Arlington, KY.

Belinda Turner, age 94, of Bardwell, died Friday night at Countryside Health Care in Bardwell. A funeral service will be held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, August 29, 2026, at St. Charles Catholic Church in Bardwell, Kentucky, with Rev. Sinoj Pynadath HGN officiating. Burial will follow at St. Charles Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 11:00 AM until the service hour of 1:00 PM on Saturday, August 29, 2026, at St. Charles Catholic Church.

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Theresa “Terry”
Tucker Yates

Theresa “Terri” Tucker Yates, age 74, of Lexington, Kentucky, formerly of Arlington, Kentucky, passed away on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, at her home in Lexington.

Theresa was born in Clinton, Kentucky, on September 24, 1951 to the late Billy Joe and Oradell Tucker. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Lexington. Theresa graduated from Murray State University in 1973, where she received her Bachelors of Science in Nursing. Shortly after graduation, Theresa and her husband moved to the Lexington area where she began her 48-year career as a Registered Nurse. She had a heart for helping others, and enjoyed working at many hospitals and offices through the Lexington Area. Theresa had the pleasure to work alongside Dr. Alberto Castellanos and Dr. James Pezzi who held a special place in her heart during her time working alongside both doctors.

Outside of work, Theresa could often be found cooking. It was a passion she excelled at and loved to try new and exotic recipes for friends and family to enjoy. Theresa also enjoyed traveling. Whether it be Caribbean cruises or the sandy beaches of Florida, Theresa

loved to explore new, tropical places with family and friends.

Theresa not only loved caring for her patients and family, but also animals. She loved cats and dogs, and often pet sat for friends and neighbors.

Theresa is survived by her two sisters, Valeria (Reno) Bodell of Cunningham, Kentucky and Phyllis (Danny) Whitlock of Clinton, Kentucky; her brother, Michael Joe (Geneva) Tucker of Arlington; two nieces, Katy (Rob) Eddleman and Mindy (Kris) Garrett; two great-nieces, Rorey Eddleman and Reese Eddleman, and a great-nephew, Dax Garrett.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Michael Yates; her brother, Randy Tucker; and her parents.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 30, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Arlington, with Bro. David Sphinx officiating. Visitation will be from 12:00 p.m. until the service time of 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 30, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Arlington.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Arlington First Baptist Church Building Fund, PO Box 250, Arlington, KY 42021.



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CHRISTIAN

Billy Anderson Gross - July 26, 1941 - August 20, 2026 - Billy Gross was called home to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, leaving behind a legacy of faith, family, love, and service. Visitation was held on Monday, August 24, 2026 from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM at Morgan’s Funeral Home. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, August 25, 2026 at 10:00 AM at Morgan’s with military graveside services to be held at Kentucky Veteran’s Cemetery West in Hopkinsville at 12:00 PM with Bro. Ryan Scott officiating.

William Bart Charles, age 67, of Hopkinsville, KY, passed away on Monday, August 24, 2026, at his home of natural causes. There are no events scheduled at this time. You can still show your support by sending flowers directly to the family, or plant a tree in memory of William Bart Charles. Maddox-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral and Cremation Services are in charge of arrangements.

Billy Travis O’Neal, 67, of Hopkinsville, Kentucky died August 23, 2026, after a short illness. Visitation will be Friday, August 28th from 4:00 – 8:00 P.M. and from 9:00 A.M. until service time on Saturday. Services will be conducted on Saturday at 10:00 A.M. with burial to follow in Riverside Cemetery. The funeral will be held in Hopkinsville at Hughart, Beard and Giles Funeral Home.

Walter B. “Sonny” Cook, 95, of Hopkinsville, KY died at 4:30 A.M. Friday, August 21, 2026, at Jennie Stuart Medical Center. Funeral services will be 1:00 P.M. Sunday, September 6, 2026, at Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home with burial to follow in Riverside Cemetery. Visitation will be Sunday from 11:00 A.M. until the funeral hour. Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Phil Camp, 69, of Hopkinsville, KY died at 8:39 P.M. Thursday, August 20, 2026, at Tristar Skyline Medical Center in Nashville, TN. Graveside services will be 10:00 A.M. Friday, August 28, 2026, at Riverside Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday from 4:00 – 7:00 P.M. at Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home. Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Barbara “Barbar” Clifford, 72, Richard Street, Hopkinsville, KY passed away Tuesday, August 18, 2026 at her home of natural causes. Memorial services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, August 29, 2026 at Lamb Funeral Home. Visitation will be from noon until the service hour on Saturday, August 29, 2026 at the funeral home.

James Leslie Torian, beloved father, brother, and friend, passed away on August 22, 2026, at the age of 85. Family and friends are invited to gather and remember James at a memorial gathering on August 29, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at Gamble Funeral Home, 1311 S Liberty St., Hopkinsville, KY. Together, those who knew James will find comfort in sharing stories and honoring a remarkable life that touched so many.

With heavy yet grateful hearts, we remember the life of **Sarah Elaine Cager**, who departed this world on August 19, 2026. We invite friends and loved ones to join us in honoring Sarah’s remarkable journey. Visitation will be held at Gamble Funeral Home, 1311 S Liberty Street, Hopkinsville, KY 42240, on August 28, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Following, a graveside service will take place at 1:00 p.m. at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West, 5817 Fort Campbell Blvd, Hopkinsville, KY 42240.

CRITTENDEN

Kenneth “Dolittle” Shelley, age 60, of Marion, KY passed away on Thursday, August 20, 2026, at his home. Funeral services for Kenneth Shelley were held on Saturday, August 22, 2026, at 6:00 PM at Gilbert Funeral Home with Bro. Keith Lovell officiating.

FUNERAL NOTICES continued

James Clinton Riley, 88, of Marion, KY passed away August 18, 2026 at his home. Services were held at 2 PM Thursday, August 20, 2026 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion, KY with interment in Frances Cemetery.

FULTON

William Riley Hodge Jr. “Corky,” age 67, passed away on Monday, August 24, 2026, at his home in Paducah, KY. Friends and family are invited to pay their respects at the visitation on Friday, August 28, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at Sassafras Ridge Baptist Church in Hickman, KY. Funeral services will follow at 1:00 p.m., officiated by Rev. Billy Crowell. Interment will take place at Hickman City Cemetery.

Dannie Lynn Henderson, age 64, of Hickman, KY, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, August 18, 2026, with his loving wife and son by his side. Memorial services will be held at a later date. Hornbeak Funeral Chapel in Hickman was in charge of cremation arrangements.

GRAVES

Anna Lee Miller Sims, age 97, of Mayfield passed away on Saturday, August 22, 2026 at Anna Mae Owen Residential Hospice House in Murray, KY. Funeral services for Mrs. Anna Lee Miller Sims were held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 25, 2026 at Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY. Dean Doster will officiate. Interment will follow at Cuba Church of Christ Cemetery.

Dennis “D” Swope passed away peacefully at home on August 20, 2026, after a brief battle with cancer, with his family by his side. D was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother and Uncle. He cherished his time spent at home and held his family above all else. Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY is in charge of arrangements.

Charles Wesley Bugg, age 94 of Wingo, KY passed away at 7:00 AM Tuesday, August 25, 2026 at his residence. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY.

Brian Wilson age 51 of Mayfield passed away at 6:00 AM Saturday at his residence. Funeral service were held at 7:30 PM Tueday August 25, 2026 at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield with Rev. Elic Whited officiating.

Frances “Ruthie” Ellegood, age 69, of Fancy Farm, KY passed away at 7:40 AM Thursday, August 20, 2026 at her nieces residence in Fancy Farm. A Funeral Mass for Ruthie was held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, August 22, 2026 at the St. Denis Catholic Church with Father Darrell Venters officiating. Burial followed in the St. Denis Cemetery.

Shirley Maxine Heath passed peacefully at home at 1:26 a.m. on Wednesday, August 19, 2026. Per Maxine’s wishes, no services are being planned. The Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield is in charge of arrangements.

HICKMAN

Brenda Sue Jackson McClure, age 80 of Clinton, passed away Monday, August 24, 2026 at the Clinton-Hickman Co. ICF. She was a homemaker and a member of the Jackson Chapel Community Church. A Celebration of Life service for Brenda was held Thursday, August 27, 2026 at 4:00 PM at the Jackson Chapel Community Church with Rev. Bobby Barnett officiating.

Dorothy McBride Frizzell Langston, age 88 passed away peacefully at the Clinton-Hickman Co. ICF on Friday, August 21,2026. Funeral services for Dorothy were held Tuesday, August 25, 2026 at 1:00 PM at the Brown Funeral Home in Clinton with Rev. Ray Klages officiating. Burial followed in the Zion Cemetery.

HOPKINS

Mandi Elaine Lee Maxberry, 40 of Madisonville, Kentucky passed away on Tuesday, August 25, 2026 at her home. A memorial service will be at 3:00 PM on Saturday, August 29th, 2026 at Collier Funeral Home with Bro. Daniel Vandiver officiating. Visitation will begin at 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM on Saturday, August 29, 2026 at Collier Funeral Home, 211 West 5th, Benton, Kentucky.

LIVINGSTON

Daniel Lee Cowen, 74, of Salem, passed away Tuesday, August 25, 2026 at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services. Funeral services will be Thursday, September 3, 2026 at 2PM in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Service with Bro. Howard Jones officiating. Friends may visit with the family from 12PM until the funeral time in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Condolences may be left online at boydfuneraldirectors.com.

MARSHALL

Martha Reyna age 86 of Benton passed away at 2:27 AM Sunday August 23, 2026 at her residence. Private family services will be held at a later date. Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield in charge of arrangements.

Dennis Wayne Farmer, 79, of Benton, Kentucky passed away on Sunday, August 23, 2026 at Marshall County Hospital in Benton. A visitation will be held at Union Hill Church of Christ on Saturday, August 29, 2026 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. A celebraton of life will be at Union Hill Church of Christ on Saturday, August 29, 2026 at 1:00 PM.

James “Jimmy” William Seaford, 84 of Marshall County, was welcomed into Heaven on the morning of Thursday, August 20, 2026 at his home. A funeral service was held on Sunday, August 23, 2026 at 2 PM at the Collier Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Dale Taylor and Bro. Johnny Coffenberry officiating. Burial followed at Hillcrest Cemetery in Benton, KY.

Dexter Douglas, 83 of Aurora, Kentucky passed away on Wednesday, August 19, 2026, at Mercy Health - Lourdes Hospital in Paducah, Kentucky. A funeral service was held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, August 22, 2026 at Collier Funeral Home. Interment followed at Union Ridge Cemetery, Benton, KY

McCRACKEN

Betty Sue Sumner, age 87 of Paducah, KY passed away at 2:39 PM Wednesday, August 19, 2026 at Mercy Health Paducah. Graveside Services will be held at 11:00 AM Friday, August 28, 2026 at the Maplewood Cemetery with Rev. Jeff Collins officiating. Friends are asked to meet at the cemetery. The Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY is in charge of the arrangements.

Dr. Donald Ray Garrison, 89, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed peacefully into the presence of his Lord and Savior after a life devoted to faith, family, ministry, and service to others. Funeral services will be at 1:00 PM on Friday, August 28, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah, with Rev. Chris Wooley and Dr. Kenneth Brown officiating. Visitation will be from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM on Friday, August 28, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah. Burial with military honors will be on Monday, August 31, 2026, at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West in Hopkinsville, KY.

Carol Frances Brooks was born June 11, 1934, in Reidland, Kentucky, to James “Polk” Brooks, Sr., and Saidee Bell James Brooks. She died on Saturday, August 22, 2026, in Owasso, Oklahoma, at the age of 92. Carol will be transported overland to her hometown of Paducah, Kentucky, where funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, August 31, 2026, at the Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah, with Rev. Gregory Waldrop officiating. Entombment will follow at Brook Hill Memorial Park & Mausoleums in Paducah. Visitation will be from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 30, 2026, at the Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah.

Truman Gene Hays, 89, of Melber, Kentucky, went to be with his Lord and Savior on August 22, 2026. Services were held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday,



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FUNERAL NOTICES continued

August 27, 2026, at Lone Oak Chapel of Milner & Orr Funeral Home, with Revs. Jeff Cruse and Gary Cruse officiating. Burial followed at the New Concord Baptist Church Cemetery in Melber, Kentucky.

Betty Alexander McKinney, 77, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away at Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center on Friday, August 21, 2026, in Paducah, Kentucky. There are no services scheduled at this time. Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah will be handling arrangements.

Ernest “Ernie” Pruitt Mitchell, Jr., 78, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away peacefully on August 21, 2026. Funeral Mass will be celebrated Friday, August 28, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Thomas More Catholic Church with Rev. Mike Clark officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

Oliver Morgan, age 62, of Paducah, passed away on Friday, August 21, 2026, at Baptist Health Paducah. Per Oliver’s wishes, no services will be held at this time. Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah is in charge of arrangements.

James Larry Calhoun Sr, age 79, of Paducah, KY passed away on Monday August 24, 2026, at River Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Paducah Kentucky. Mr. Calhoun wanted a private service so there will be no visitation or funeral service. Online condolences may be left at www.lindseyfuneral.com.

Jessie Daniels passed away on August 22, 2026 at Countryside Nursing Home, in Bardwell,

Kentucky. There are no events scheduled at this time. Lindsey Funeral Home is honored to serve the Daniels family.

Randell Milton Dawson, 92, of Paducah passed away on Saturday, August 22, 2026 at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. A memorial visitation will be held on Thursday, September 3, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Lindsey Funeral Home. A memorial service will follow at 1:00 p.m. at the funeral home, with Rev. Todd Hawkins officiating. Interment will take place at a later date.

Paducah native **Lisa Gay McKinney Asaro**, 69, peacefully entered into the Kingdom of Heaven on Saturday, August 22, 2026, surrounded by her beloved family and friends at Baptist Health Paducah. A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, September 5, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at The Vineyard Church of New Orleans, 4340 Sal Lentini Pkwy, New Orleans, Louisiana with entombment to immediately follow at St. Louis Cemetery No. 3, 3421 Esplanade Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana. In honor of our mother’s favorite color, the family asks that you wear something blue.

Margaret Amy Hartmann Wilkey, affectionately known as Amy, passed away peacefully at her home in Paducah, Kentucky, on August 22, 2026. Visitation will be held on Saturday, August 29, 2026, at Southland Baptist Temple, 927 Yarbrow Ln., Paducah, Kentucky, 42003, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The funeral service will follow at 2:00 p.m., also at Southland Baptist Temple, with Bro. Homer Fletcher and Bro. Jonathan Goodman officiating. Interment will take place at Edmonds Cemetery, Silver Mine Road, Smithland, Kentucky.

Carol J. Powell, age 79, passed away peacefully at her residence in Paducah, Kentucky, on August 22, 2026. Services will be announced at a later date. Keeling & Goodman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Powell family.

TRIGG

Jeff Futrell - September 18, 1970 - August 26, 2026 - Funeral arrangements are incomplete for 55 year old Jeff Futrell of Cadiz. He passed away, Wednesday morning, August 26, 2026 at Princeton Nursing and Rehabilitation. Please check back later for complete service details.

Janet Harris Joiner - February 4, 1937 - August 24, 2026 - Funeral services for 89 year old Janet Harris Joiner of Cadiz were held on Wednesday, August 26, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. at King’s Funeral Home with Bro. Mark Harris and Bro. Chris Downing officiating. Burial followed in the Harris Cemetery in Tobacco Port, TN.

Barbara Ann Ladd, age 86, of Cadiz, Kentucky, passed away on Saturday, August 22, 2026, at Bradford Heights in Hopkinsville, Kentucky. A private family graveside service was held at Hurricane Baptist Church Cemetery. Goodwin Funeral Home, 138 Main Street in Cadiz, is in care of the arrangements.

Gina Nicole Cottrell, age 54, of Cadiz, Kentucky, passed away on Thursday, August 20, 2026, at Baptist Health Deaconess in Madisonville, Kentucky. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Goodwin Funeral Home, 138 Main Street in Cadiz, is in care of the arrangements.

TOP 10 RANKINGS BY CLASS

CLASS 1A

- 1. RACELAND
- 2. PIKEVILLE
- 3. SAYRE
- 4. MIDDLESBORO
- 5. KENTUCKY COUNTRY DAY
- 6. CAMPBELLSVILLE
- 7. BETHLEHEM
- 8. HAZARD
- 9. NEWPORT CENTRAL CATHOLIC
- 10. LOUISVILLE HOLY CROSS

CLASS 2A

- 1. LEXINGTON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
- 2. OWENSBORO CATHOLIC
- 3. BEECHWOOD
- 4. MAYFIELD
- 5. BELFRY
- 6. SOMERSET
- 7. DANVILLE
- 8. PRESTONSBURG
- 9. MONROE COUNTY
- 10. CALDWELL COUNTY

CLASS 3A

- 1. CHRISTIAN ACADEMY-LOUISVILLE
- 2. LEXINGTON CATHOLIC
- 3. MURRAY
- 4. LLOYD MEMORIAL
- 5. LAWRENCE COUNTY
- 6. BELL COUNTY
- 7. ROCKCASTLE COUNTY
- 8. GLASGOW
- 9. CENTRAL
- 10. RUSSELL

CLASS 4A

- 1. BOYLE COUNTY
- 2. CORBIN
- 3. HIGHLANDS
- 4. COVINGTON CATHOLIC
- 5. JOHNSON CENTRAL
- 6. PADUCAH TILGHMAN
- 7. FRANKLIN COUNTY
- 8. ASHLAND
- 9. LOGAN COUNTY
- 10. JOHN HARDIN

CLASS 5A

- 1. OWENSBORO
- 2. WOODFORD COUNTY
- 3. SCOTT COUNTY
- 4. PULASKI COUNTY
- 5. ATHERTON
- 6. BOWLING GREEN
- 7. COLLINS
- 8. NORTH LAUREL
- 9. APOLLO
- 10. COOPER

CLASS 6A

- 1. TRINITY
- 2. MANUAL
- 3. FREDERICK DOUGLASS
- 4. SOUTH WARREN
- 5. SAINT XAVIER
- 6. MADISON CENTRAL
- 7. MALE
- 8. SIMON KENTON
- 9. BRYAN STATION
- 10. BALLARD



Ballard Memorial won the 9th Annual Comet Classic at Carlisle County on Saturday, Aug. 22. The annual high school volleyball tournament consisted of several area teams. (Carlisle County High School)



The Marshall County mountain bike team opened its season on Saturday, Aug. 22. Marshall County freshman Chloe Sharp won the JV3 Division race during the season opener. The Marshall County riders are as follows: Juniors - Amelia Miller, Dalton Powell, Nathan Downs; Sophomores - Gabriel Rob, Mason Hall, Nate Boone; Freshmen - Blake Reed, Chloe Sharp, Cooper Thompson, Gracen Newnum, Hudson Atkins, Jaclynn Foxx, Molly Morris. (Marshall County High School Athletics)

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WEST KY SPORTS



Marshall County High School senior Matthew Langhi committed to the Bellarmine University men’s basketball program on Monday, Aug 24.
(Marshall County High School Athletics)

Racers headed to 2026 Baha Mar Championship

Staff Report

NASSAU, The Bahamas — The Murray State men’s basketball team will take a trip south this November for a pair of non-conference contests as part of the 2026 Baha Mar Championship, with the field announced on Thursday. The sixth-annual event will be played on Thursday, November 19 and Friday, November 20 at the Baha Mar Convention, Arts & Entertainment Center on-site at the resort. Murray State will face NC State on November 19 in a 5 p.m. CT tipoff before battling either Wisconsin or Seton Hall on November 20 at 6 p.m. CT or 8:30 p.m. CT, with all games of the Baha Mar Championship televised on CBS Sports Network.

“This is an exciting opportunity for our program and an incredible experience for our student-athletes,” head coach Ryan Miller said. “Playing against high-level competition in the Baha Mar Championship will challenge our team, help us continue to grow, and give us

another opportunity to showcase Racer Basketball. We’re appreciative and thankful to our administration, Murray State alumni, fans, investors, and BD Global for helping make this opportunity possible. We are looking forward to the experience and the competition against historic basketball programs like NC State, Wisconsin, and Seton Hall. This will be another chance to represent Murray State on the national stage and showcase what Racer Basketball is all about.”

Fan VIP packages are available and include a three-night stay at the Grand Hyatt Baha Mar, two general admission tickets to all games of the Baha Mar Championship, two tickets to the tournament’s VIP reception on November 18 with dinner and open bar included, round-trip ground transportation from the airport and resort, two daily breakfast vouchers, welcome gifts and personal concierge service. Airfare is not included in the packages. A passport is required for travel to the Bahamas. General admission tickets and

hotel rooms can be purchased separately from the VIP packages at bahamarhoops.com.

The November 19 meeting will be the second time Murray State and NC State have met, with the Racers winning the only other matchup back in 1988. The Racers also have a pair of wins in three previous meetings with Seton Hall from the 1950s and 1960s, while Murray State and Wisconsin have never met on the hardwood.

Murray State is coming off a 20-13 season in year one under Ryan Miller, finishing with 12 wins and a third-place finish in the Missouri Valley Conference, both new highs for the program in the MVC. Reigning Missouri Valley Conference Freshman of the Year Roman Domon, who averaged 14.1 points and 5.1 rebounds last season, highlights a roster that includes nine newcomers and six returners from 2025-26. The Racers are coming off a European Tour that saw them go 4-0 in competition across Spain, Greece and France as they averaged 101.5 points per game while holding opponents to 63.5 points per game on the trip.



Marshall County defeated McCracken County 2-1 in the inaugural MCHS Ryder Cup earlier in the month. The Lady Marshals are excelling in the 2026 girls’ high school golf season. *(Marshall County High School Athletics)*



BACK-TO-BACK CHAMPION: The Calloway County girls’ soccer team won its second straight Smoky Mountain Cup Championship on Sunday, Aug. 23.
(Calloway County High School Girls’ Soccer)



Host Carlisle County finished runner-up in the 9th Annual Comet Classic on Saturday, Aug. 22.
(Carlisle County High School)



Fulton City defeated visiting South Fulton (Tenn.) 3-1 (25-20, 13-25, 25-18, 25-22) in a high school volleyball season opener on Monday, Aug. 17. The Lady Bulldogs are scheduled to host Lake County (Tenn.) for their next match in the 2026 high school volleyball season on Monday, Aug. 31.
(Fulton City High School)



Graves County golfer Emilie Miller placed second in the Western Kentucky Invitational hosted by Paducah Tilghman High School on Saturday, Aug. 22. Miller shot a 72. (Graves County High School)



The Graves County High School girls' golf team won the Western Kentucky Invitational hosted by Paducah Tilghman High School on Saturday, Aug. 22. The Lady Eagles shot a 343. (Graves County High School)

Time limits for field event warmups approved

Staff Report

INDIANAPOLIS — The NCAA Division II and Division III Playing Rules Oversight Panel and the Division I Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Oversight Committee approved a rule that all preliminary warmups for horizontal jumps and throwing events can be no longer than 30 minutes per flight. If all athletes in the flight are ready to compete before the allotted time ends, competition can start immediately. All warmups for the final in horizontal jumps and throwing events cannot be more than 15 minutes. If all

the athletes are ready to compete before the allotted time ends, competition can start immediately. Other rules changes: - In cross country, turns should have distinct barriers located along the course. - Rules regarding calibration of equipment will return to rules established in the 2023 and 2024 NCAA Track and Field/Cross Country Rules Book. - If a competitor is suspected of using an illegal shoe, a protest is allowed. - Current collegiate coaches or enrolled track and field student-athletes from any competing school in a meet cannot officiate a

competition. - A flagrant action is now defined as an evident, clear or decisive act that infringes upon or impedes another competitor. Scoring option The Division I Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Rules Subcommittee and the Division II and Division III Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Rules Committee rescinded the optional indoor and outdoor team scoring proposals. Committee members will continue to discuss this topic, but it will not be an option for the 2026-27 academic year.

BOY'S HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Blue Tornado shut out Storm

Staff Report

MADISONVILLE — Paducah Tilghman shut out Hopkins County Central 9-0 in a boys' high school soccer match on Monday, Aug. 24. Productive Paducah Tilghman notched its first win in the 2026 boys' high school soccer season.

The Blue Tornado improved to 1-3-2 after registering the win. Paducah Tilghman thrived both offensively and defensively. Anderson Ballert (two goals), Charlie Wolfrom (one goal, three assists), Oliver Townsend Eck (one goal, one assist), Silas Williams (one goal),

Rex Gay (one goal), Michael Onuoha (one goal), Daniel Escobar Acena (one goal), Grey Edwards (one assist), and Joseph Ulrich (one assist) each contributed offensively for the Blue Tornado. Goalkeeper Nolan Black paced Paducah Tilghman defensively, recording a shutout.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Technology rules approved for college baseball

Staff Report

INDIANAPOLIS — Rules addressing technology in baseball were approved by the NCAA Division I Baseball Oversight Committee and the Division II and Division III Playing Rules Oversight Panel earlier in the month. The technology rules include giving teams the option, when available, of implementing a system to challenge called balls and strikes that could be used in regular-season and postseason games for the upcoming season. This will be an experimental rule in all divisions for the 2027 season. The Southeastern Conference experimented with a challenge system during its conference tournament in May. Teams also have the option of using bat sensor technology for in-game data collection. Division I teams experimented with this rule the past two seasons. One area where

the Division I Rules Subcommittee wanted to take a step back is the use of technology to communicate offensive signals. Division I teams no longer will be allowed to use electronic devices to communicate with their offensive players during a game. Subcommittee members wanted to avoid any situations where a batter could have an advantage due to an electronic communication device before a pitch is thrown. Other rules changes - The use of 18-inch square bases for next season will be permitted at all facilities in all three divisions, while 15-inch square bases remain the standard. - A double first base is required for all games. - The number of allowable offensive conferences in a game will increase to six. This includes batters' request to reset the action clock. Like defensive conferences, a coach will be allowed to be involved in a maximum of three

offensive charged conferences, plus one additional conference in the event of an extra-inning game. - In games using video review, teams can make a video challenge to see any play that could result in a fair ball call being overturned to foul and any tag play, regardless of the location. - In Division I only, a 30-second timer will be used between batters, as well as during mound visits and offensive timeouts. Additional experimental rules Conferences in all three divisions could receive approval to experiment with allowing pitchers only two disengagements from the pitcher's plate per batter. A third disengagement would be considered a balk unless the pickoff attempt results in an out. Also, pitchers entering a game would be required to face at least three batters unless the inning ends before three batters could be faced.

VICTORIOUS

Living...in a troubled world

No sustainable joy without spiritual joy

By Teresa LeNeave
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I recently attended the wedding of my granddaughter and as I watched the faces of everyone who attended, it left me thinking about the connection between joys of this life and spiritual joy. I was asked the question, “What advice do you want to give them?” My response was, “Remember to keep a relationship with God throughout the years.” I am confident there can be no sustainable and continual joy without spiritual joy. A wedding is so precious and so full of hope, but when the honeymoon is over, we still need God.

Putting our lives and hopes in God is important. The psalmist said, “Hope thou in God” (Psalm 42:11). Like King David we cannot always control what happens to us,



but we can choose how we respond. It’s easy for kids, jobs and life in general to distract us from our most important connection. When prayer, Bible study and worship become neglected, faith can gradually give way

to troubles of life. It’s very important to keep a connection with God because hopelessness can become overwhelming. Isaiah 50:7 declares, “I have set my face like a flint.” This picture reminds me of the determination

required to remain faithful during difficult seasons. Flint is a very hard type of rock. It’s a form of quartz and traditionally was used to make arrowheads and other tools. Isaiah’s readers would have known the analogy of flint to

determination. Believers are called to stand firm when trials, fear and doubt attempt to persuade them to weaken their relationship with God. God offers stability, perseverance, peace and joy to those who seek His presence.

Too often, however, we remain at “pool-side,” occasionally touching the water when stress or crisis becomes unbearable. Instead, we are invited to wade deeper into His presence and allow His Spirit to transform us. One of the best ways to maintain a healthy spiritual perspective is through daily prayer and the study of God’s Word. I also a good church home is important to a happy life. Personally, I believe it helps keep us conscious of God’s constant presence, love and protection. Jesus is our vine, and we are His branches. His strength, hope and peace are available to us every day. We believe in Him, but perhaps we should also remember something even more powerful: He believes in us.

OUTDOOR

Truths

By Gary Miller
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In the early 1900’s, gun ownership for most families might have included a .22 rifle, a double barrel shotgun, a .30-30 lever action rifle, and a pistol. Many only had one or two of these. A pistol was often the last firearm on the list. A farmer looked at these guns not as something to collect or trade, but as tools. That same farmer would look at the collection that many individuals have today, and ask “What’s all them for?” He believed that a gun had a purpose and if the purpose was met with one firearm, you really didn’t need another one. He also kept his gun a long time. He became

comfortable with how it handled and how it shot and therefore felt no reason to trade it for a different one, no matter how much better the newer model was. Yes, that is different from today. Many of us think we need a gun for every type of hunt and for every situation in life. And then we need one to defend the house and the country – just in case. And all of that is fine. But when it comes down to it, the gun, no matter how it is used, still has one purpose -to fire a projectile from a barrel. That gun can be worth a lot of money or a just few dollars, but it is still made to fire a bullet or shell. This purpose doesn’t

change. It never has and it never will. What changes, however, is the object of its purpose. In war, the object is the enemy. In hunting, the object is game. In that same hunting scenario, the object might be a duck, a deer, a grouse or a gobbler. But the purpose of the gun remains. Only the object changes. When I think about the purpose God has given His followers, I think we can say the same thing. Our purpose doesn’t change. Only its object does. I believe the purpose for each believer is the same: to love and serve God and, to love and serve the people He puts in front of us. What’s neat about

this is that we never have to ask God what purpose He has for us. He has already told us. What changes over our lifetime, and even from one day to another, is the object of that purpose. For me, the object was once a church where I was the pastor. Today it’s a group of diverse men. But even those descriptions are too broad. One day the object of my purpose might be hundreds of people I’m speaking to. The next day it might be one person who needs a listening ear and a little encouragement. The size of the opportunity may change. The purpose doesn’t. And there are plenty of other examples as well. These

changes occur as we experience different things in our lives. Death, divorce, disease, defeat, and disappointment can all change the people and opportunities that are placed in front of us. And all of this does a few things. First, it settles the question of what my purpose is. Secondly, it takes away the pressure of trying to figure out some great calling for this particular period of my life. Instead, I can simply ask: Who has God put in front of me today? And was I a good steward of that opportunity? But it also does a third thing. It shows us that no matter how bad we’ve been, no matter how difficult

and disappointing our past, as long as we are here on earth, God has people for our purpose. Sin, suffering and setbacks may redirect the object of our purpose, but they can never eliminate it. Gary Miller has written Outdoor Truths articles for 23 years. He has also written five books which include compilations of his articles and a father/son devotional. He also speaks at wild-game dinners and men’s events for churches and associations. Stay updated on Outdoor Truths each week by subscribing at Outdoortruths.org



Victorious living includes praying for discernment

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As I awakened this morning and opened the shades, the sun was shining, and the sky was clear. I'm very blessed that I could stand and walk without pain. We seldom think about how often we take the basic functions of life for granted. I walked around outside and looked at the temperature on my watch: 70 degrees. I enjoyed the gentle breeze as I took a deep breath. Being able to breathe is another amazing gift that God gives. I went to the donut shop and enjoyed a chocolate-covered selection and a small coffee. More thoughts came to me. I can see; I have a vehicle and can drive; I have enough money to buy a donut; I can taste, chew, swallow, and appreciate the entire process of digestion. I can go on, but you get the point of just slowing down and concentrating on being aware of God's presence and all the things He blesses us with every moment. Gratitude for what we have is a sure way to stop whining

about what we lack. Even though I'm retired, I stay involved with working on something or going somewhere most every day. I love to write and create, and one thing I've learned over the years is to be very cautious about what I read and listen to. I'm not saying there is anything wrong with trying to learn and gather knowledge, but once we receive something into our minds, we are then left to decide if we will believe it or not. I'm sure that most of you who read this column understand the importance of prayer and are convinced that God listens when we talk to Him. You also realize that asking for wisdom and spiritual discernment is critical if we are to walk in His truth. As technology has opened up opportunities for every person with an idea to have a global microphone, it's important to not allow the ever-increasing sea of voices to distract, overwhelm or confuse our conscience. Those who are considered truth



seekers love to absorb knowledge and listen to people who are recognized and respected as being wise. The question is whether what is being said is true. For those who have not heard of the "illusion of truth effect", it's the tendency to accept certain information as reality, based on repeated exposure. When we listen to an idea over and over, our brain decides whether the information agrees with our current level of understanding. This repetitive confirmation is how many of our personal worldviews have been established. By faith, we believe that

what we know is truth (whether it is or not). Building our worldviews is a choice, as our interpretations continue to enhance our confidence; however, everyone's personal truth (including our own) is not always true truth. I personally believe it's good to step away from the chaos each day and find a quiet place where we can talk to God and listen to His voice. As I mentioned last week, "political news" is hardly more than tiny shreds of facts mixed with an abundance of biased opinions. This is exactly what the master of manipulation and persuasion

wants. No one has enough discernment to filter the truth from the daily tsunami of political garbage, so instead of allowing our minds to be filled with hopelessness, realize that mainstream media and news talk shows don't care about carrying the torch of the truth; it's about ratings and popularity. The masses already know what they believe, so the instigators and accusers try to please the listeners. It's all about giving the multitudes what they want to hear and see, which is how they stay in business. Sadly, many churches operate the same way.

I'm reminded today that God knows everything about us, what we are going through, and even what we are thinking. The best part is that He loves you and wants to live with you forever. He can cleanse our conscience, forgive us, and give us clarity from all the lies and deceptions. In Psalm 100, God invites us to enter His gates and courts with praise, to walk in His peace and rest. Or we can live in a state of discouragement, depression, disappointment, and confusion. As the Lord will never force us to love Him, He also does not make us pray. If what we believe, and who we trust is a deliberate free-will decision we make every moment, then we can know that prayer and discernment are the difference between surviving and thriving! *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*

WHEN THE WAY IS UNCLEAR

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Only thirty miles from freedom, four runaway slaves stopped in their tracks beneath the starlit darkness. Behind them was a life of slavery, but before them was a frigid creek that appeared impassable—one they were instructed to wade through by the woman who promised to lead them to liberty. They had no lamps, no map, and no clear path ahead—just faith in Harriet Tubman and confidence that she knew the path to freedom. On the other side of the bitter stream was an abolitionist-friendly safehouse that would send them toward independence,

but they didn't know that. They didn't know what Tubman knew, and they couldn't see what she saw—so, not knowing the way to go, they trusted in the one who did. And this is what the Scripture instructs believers to do when the way in life is unclear: "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Prov. 3:5-6, KJV). Life sometimes brings you to a creek you don't want to cross—a tumultuous tribulation, a season of unanswered prayer, or a consequential decision that is nearly impossible to make.

But remember, only the Lord sees what is on the other side. You do not know what He knows, nor can you see what He sees. Therefore, when you do not know the way to go, trust in the One who does. King Jehoshaphat once stood where the water looked deep. Advancing upon him were the mighty Moabites and the aggressive Ammonites, and he was severely outnumbered—or so he thought. With nowhere else to look, he looked up, and prayed, "O our God, will you not execute judgment on them? For we are powerless against this great horde that is coming against us. We do not know

what to do, but our eyes are on you" (2 Chron. 20:12). This is what faith says in times of uncertainty: "I don't know what to do, but I know where to look. I don't know where to go, but I know who to follow. I don't know how this will work out, but I know the God who works all things together for good." The guiding Shepherd is also the way-making Lord, and He will either lead you the right way or make a way when there isn't one. When the Israelites fled from Egypt, they came to a standstill at the Red Sea with no way forward, and the Egyptians were hot on their heels. And al-

though Moses did not know how they would escape, he trusted in God and said with bold faith, "Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD"

(Ex. 14:13a). And the Creator parted the sea. The God who knows the way and makes the way is worthy of your trust when the way is unclear.



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Kentucky Agricultural Development Board approves more than \$2.5 million for projects across the Commonwealth

FRANKFORT – The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board approved \$2,583,685 for agricultural diversification and rural development projects across the Commonwealth Friday at its monthly board meeting.

“Diversification equates to strength for our agricultural communities,” Commissioner of Agriculture and Board Chair Jonathan Shell said. “Kentucky Agricultural Development Board recognizes this need for strength. The projects awarded today will create a stronger farming community for our state and our farmers.”

County and State Funded Projects

Berkshire Farms LLC 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 Morgan Berkshire at morganberkshire@gmail.com.

Creekside Veterinary Services, LLC was approved up to \$16,667 in multi-county funds and up to \$83,333 in state funds as part of the Large & Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Program to purchase a vet box and truck, and to upgrade the existing facility. For more information, contact Travis Sulfridge at sulfridget@gmail.com.

Prime Poultry Partners LLC was approved up to \$4,000 in Taylor County funds and a forgivable loan, up to \$162,755 to purchase equipment for a poultry processing facility in Taylor County. For more information, contact Ervin Lee at ervinalee1993@gmail.com.

Southern States Glasgow Cooperative, Inc was approved up to \$62,500 in multi-county funds committed, and up to \$937,500 as a participation loan to construct a new fertilizer plant. For more information, contact Billy Beckham at billy.beckham@glasgow-coop.com.

Webster County Fiscal Court was approved up to \$1,000 in Webster County funds and up to \$59,277 in state funds to con-

struct a farmers’ market pavilion. For more information, contact Steve Henry at steve.henry@websterco.org.

County Programs

County Agricultural Incentives Program (CAIP)

CAIP provides Kentucky agricultural producers with cost-share assistance on practices to allow them to improve and diversify their current farm operations. CAIP covers a wide variety of agricultural enter-

prises 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.

Ten CAIPs, totaling \$1,178,723 were approved in the following counties:

Carter (\$93,575)
Clinton (\$117,365)
Edmonson (\$75,000)
Elliott (\$160,627)
Knox (\$94,212)
LaRue (\$110,000)
Owsley (\$112,000)*
Russell (\$175,144)
Taylor (\$130,000)
Wayne (\$110,800)

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.

Two DARs, totaling \$18,230, were approved in the following counties:

Hart (\$15,000)
Spencer (\$3,230)

Youth Agricultural Incentives Program (YAIP)

YAIP encourages youth to engage in and explore agricultural opportunities.

Four YAIPs, totaling \$55,950, were approved in the following coun-

ties:

Edmonson (\$10,000)
Spencer (\$5,100)
Taylor (\$21,350)
Wayne (\$19,500)

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

For more information on KADB projects, contact Bill McCloskey at Kentucky Office of Agricultural Policy at (502) 382-6093 or email koap@ky.gov.

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Ky. drivers raise more than \$940,000 for Ag Tag fund

By Tom Latek
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FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – Kentucky drivers donated more than \$940,000 for the Ag Tag Program in 2026, bringing the amount raised for agriculture youth since 2024 under Commissioner of Agriculture Jonathan Shell to more than \$2.8 million.

“Kentucky farmers and agricultural enthusiasts have helped us reach another fantastic total for the Ag Tag Program this year,” Commissioner Shell said. “This couldn’t be possible without the wonderful support of those who 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.” This year’s total, \$941,630, includes funds generated by the purchase or

renewal of Kentucky’s farm vehicle license plate and the new “Friends of Agriculture” special license plate that became available in February. Each plate includes a fee that goes into the “Ag Tag” fund. The farm license plate generated \$927,585, while the

“Friends of Agriculture” special plate generated \$14,045. The fees are divided equally between Kentucky 4-H, Kentucky FFA and the Kentucky Department of Agriculture. This year, each group will receive \$313,876.67.

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 life-changing 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 drivers who buy or renew the farm vehicle or the special “Friends of Agriculture” license plates may make a voluntary donation of up to \$10 to the Ag Tag Fund.



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