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GLO draws record golfers, supports 15&B Neighborhood Garden

By: Laurna Pruett
KPI Writer

The Greater Lynnville Open brought golfers together for a day of friendly competition, fellowship and support for a local cause.

Now in its 27th year, the annual fall golf outing welcomed the largest field of players in the event's history. This year's tournament raised $3,000 for 15&B Neighborhood Garden, located at the corner of 15th Street and Broadway in Mayfield.

Tournament director Keith Lowry said the GLO is held once a year and primarily brings together people connected to farm-related businesses. Approximately half of the tournament's players are farmers.

Lowry said the event gives everyone an opportunity to come together, have fun and support a worthy cause. Organizers select a different local recipient each year.

Golfers, volunteers and sponsors all played an important role in making this year's tournament a success and helping the longtime event continue to grow.

Penny Wade started 15&B Neighborhood Garden following the December 2021 tornado after recognizing a need in the neighborhood surrounding Wade Farm Financial Services. The garden produces fruits, vegetables, herbs and flowers to help provide healthy food to people in need.

What began as an effort to assist neighbors affected by the tornado has grown into an outreach serving people throughout Graves County. The organization holds events throughout the year and operates a year-round food pantry.

Lowry said he was glad the GLO could support the cause and help 15&B Neighborhood Garden provide approximately 100 families with turkeys and all the fixings for a holiday meal.

Together, the Greater Lynnville Open and 15&B Neighborhood Garden are bringing different parts of the community together with one shared purpose—helping others.

District 1 Chief District Engineer Jason Looper (far left) speaks with attendees during KYTC's Sept. 15 public information meeting for the Rebuild Mayfield Project.
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Rebuild Mayfield project moves into right-of-way phase

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The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet held a public information meeting Sept. 15 at the Graves County Public Library to update residents on planned improvements included in the Rebuild Mayfield Project.

Attendees had an opportunity to review project plans, speak directly with KYTC staff and project team members, and ask questions about the work ahead.

The 2.5-mile project will rebuild key downtown roadways while addressing infrastructure challenges that existed before the December 2021 tornado. Plans are designed to make downtown safer and more accessible for motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists.

Streets will be redesigned to provide more dedicated space within the public right-of-way for walking and biking. Project officials said the improvements are also intended to reduce vehicle speeds and create a safer, more welcoming environment for everyone traveling through downtown.

During the planning process, the project team considered multiple design options for Seventh and Eighth streets, as well as nearby roads and intersections. Following an April public meeting and feedback from the community, Alternative 1 was selected as the preferred alignment.

The selected design includes roundabouts intended to improve traffic flow and safety. It also includes a shared-use path that will provide dedicated space for both pedestrians and cyclists.

The project is currently in the right-of-way acquisition phase. Utility relocation is expected to begin in 2027. Following a projected late-2027 construction letting, work is estimated to begin in 2028.

Those who were unable to attend the meeting may submit comments by emailing info@rebuildmayfield.com. Comments must be received by Wednesday, Sept. 30, to become part of the official meeting record.

Project team member Chad Bourke speaks with attendees during KYTC's Sept. 15 public information meeting for the Rebuild Mayfield Project. photo provided

Mayfield Sets Limb Pickup Deadlines

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The City of Mayfield has announced deadlines for its curbside limb pickup.

Residents south of Broadway must place limbs next to the curb by Thursday, Sept. 17. Pickup in that area will be completed this week. Limbs placed out after the deadline will be the resident's responsibility to remove.

Pickup for residents north of Broadway is scheduled for Sept. 21–25. Limbs must be placed at the curb by Thursday, Sept. 24. Any limbs placed out after that date will not be collected by the city.

Leadership Takes Center Stage at Mayfield Rotary

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Frank Bennett with The Leadership Center in Paducah was the guest speaker at the Mayfield Rotary Club's Sept. 14 meeting.

The Leadership Center operates under the Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce and serves 15 counties. Bennett said the center provides professional development to prepare leaders to support businesses, economic development and community organizations.

Programs include public, corporate and organizational training, corporate retreats and keynote presentations. Bennett said leadership training is especially important as economic development continues throughout the region.

During the meeting, Stacy Overby led the club in singing "How Great Thou Art," and Sergeant-at-Arms Dale Usher collected fines and happy dollars. Kemp introduced the September Rotary Students of the Month.

John Carrico reported that only 10 raffle tickets remained to be distributed and $1,450 had been deposited with the club treasurer.

Members also signed up to help with the FNB Glow in the Dark Halloween Parade on Oct. 24.

Kemp reminded members about the Tombstone Bike Ride set for Oct. 17. Proceeds from the event will help provide scholarships for area high school seniors.

Pictured from left are Rotarian Chris Kemp, Bennett and Rotarian Amanda England. Photo provided

Mayfield Independent Planning San Antonio Enrichment Trip

By: Kim Martin,
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Reservations for students and chaperones are now being accepted for the 2027 Mayfield Enrichment Trip heading to Texas, featuring San Antonio along with stops in Dallas, Waco, and Austin.

The proposed action-packed itinerary includes visits to iconic Lone Star State destinations across four major cities. In Dallas, planned stops under consideration include Dealey Plaza and a VIP guided tour of AT&T Stadium. While traveling through Waco, participants are slated to visit the Dr. Pepper Museum and Magnolia Market. The primary destination, San Antonio, will feature historic private tours of The Alamo, plus the Natural Bridge Caverns Discovery Tour, the San Antonio Museum of Art, the Natural Bridge Twisted Ropes and Zip Line, and a river cruise. An optional NBA game featuring the San Antonio Spurs is also available at an additional cost.

The cost of the trip is $950 for students and $995 for adults. The price includes round-trip air travel, charter bus transportation, hotel accommodations, scheduled activities, and most meals. The first payment of $300 will be accepted beginning Friday, September 25. The price does not include the optional NBA game ticket.

The trip is strictly limited to the first 55 paid participants. Priority will be given to high school students in grades 9 through 12 on a first-come, first-served basis, with middle school students considered if space remains available. Adult chaperones are encouraged to sign up, determined on the combinations of students participating and the type of hotel rooms books.

Participating students must remain in good academic and behavioral standing, as all school code of conduct rules will be strictly enforced.

Interested families should complete the official Google Form to ensure accurate contact information. Please contact Sarah Dunn (sarah.dunn@mayfield.kyschools.us) or Mary Seay (mary.seay@mayfield.kyschools.us) for questions, concerns, or suggestions regarding the trip.

River Discovery Center Welcomes Erin Langan as Education & Programs Manager

Press Release

PADUCAH, KY — As students across the Paducah area return to the classroom, the River Discovery Center is beginning a new chapter in its own educational programming with the addition of Erin Langan as Education & Programs Manager. Langan joined the museum's team on Monday, August 3, 2026.

Langan brings more than seven years of hands-on experience in museum education, public programming, historic interpretation, conservation, and community engagement. She earned a bachelor's degree in anthropology and previously served as a park interpreter and naturalist at Wickliffe Mounds State Historic Site.

During her time at Wickliffe Mounds, Langan developed and facilitated educational programs focused on archaeology, Mississippian culture, native wildlife, environmental conservation, and historic preservation. Her experience includes leading presentations for students and community groups, facilitating programs about native snakes and wildlife preservation, and collaborating with organizations including the USDA Forest Service.

Langan also created the B.A.R.K. Ranger Program at Wickliffe Mounds, making it the first Kentucky State Park to implement the initiative. The program encourages responsible recreation and helps visitors safely enjoy public spaces with their dogs.

As Education & Programs Manager, Langan will oversee the River Discovery Center's educational programming, school field trips, outreach initiatives, summer camps, public programs, and community partnerships. She will also help develop new opportunities for learners of all ages to explore the history, science, culture, and industries connected to America's inland waterways.

"We are thrilled to welcome Erin to the River Discovery Center team," said Executive Director Lindsey Launius. "She brings an incredible combination of experience, creativity, and enthusiasm that will elevate our educational programming in exciting new ways. Erin understands how to turn history, science, and conservation into experiences that are meaningful, accessible, and memorable. She is an exceptional fit for our mission, and we know she will be a tremendous asset to our organization and the community we serve."

Langan joins the River Discovery Center following a record-breaking summer camp season in which participation grew by more than 340 percent over the previous year.

Her hiring represents an important investment in the continued growth of the museum's educational programming. As demand increases for camps, school field trips, outreach programs, and interactive learning experiences, Langan will help the River Discovery Center build on that momentum while developing sustainable, high-quality opportunities for schools, families, and community partners throughout the region.

Erin Langan
Education & Programs Manager
River Discovery Center

That work has already begun. Langan and the River Discovery Center team are developing a wizarding-themed fall break camp, along with new field trip experiences for schools throughout western Kentucky and the surrounding region. The new programs are being designed to complement classroom learning while giving students opportunities to explore history, science, culture, conservation, and river-related careers through engaging, hands-on experiences.

"This record-breaking summer demonstrated that families are looking for educational experiences that connect children to our community, our environment, and the rivers that shape our region," Launius said. "As a new school year begins, adding Erin to our team gives us the experience and capacity to continue growing thoughtfully, strengthen our partnerships with educators, and provide even more opportunities for students across our region."

Langan's arrival comes as the River Discovery Center continues to expand its educational offerings, introduce new interactive exhibits, and strengthen partnerships with schools, cultural organizations, and members of the maritime industry. Her leadership will help advance the museum's commitment to inspiring curiosity about rivers and helping visitors understand their influence on history, commerce, science, culture, and everyday life.

Please join the River Discovery Center in welcoming Erin Langan to the team.

About the River Discovery Center

Located on Paducah's historic riverfront, the River Discovery Center celebrates the history and ongoing significance of America's inland waterways. Through interactive exhibits, educational programs, special events, and community partnerships, the museum connects visitors of all ages to the people, commerce, culture, science, and natural resources that shape our nation's rivers.

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West Tennessee Healthcare Neurosurgeon First in Jackson to PerformNew Endoscopic Spine Procedure

Press Release

JACKSON, TN. A new, less-invasive option for treating certain spine conditions is now available in Jackson after West Tennessee Healthcare neurosurgeon Robert Dunwoody, MD, became the first physician in Jackson to perform an endoscopic spine procedure using advanced endoscopic spine technology.

Dr. Dunwoody, a neurosurgeon with West Tennessee Medical Group Neuroscience & Spine, specializes in minimally invasive spine surgery, including endoscopic spinal procedures. The new technique allows him to reach and treat areas of the spine through a very small incision while minimizing disruption to the surrounding muscles and tissue.

The procedure uses specialized technology from Arthrex, including an endoscope approximately the width of a pencil and a high-resolution camera that gives the surgeon a direct view of the area being treated.

For patients, the smaller approach can mean less disruption to the muscles surrounding the spine, less postoperative pain and the potential for a faster recovery and return to normal activities. Depending on the procedure and the individual patient, most endoscopic spine surgeries can also be performed on an outpatient basis.

"This gives us another option for treating patients who may benefit from spine surgery without having to use a more traditional open approach," said Dunwoody. "Being able to see and treat the problem through such a small opening allows us to minimize the impact on the healthy tissue around it, which can make a real difference for patients as they recover."

Endoscopic spine surgery can be used to treat certain conditions including herniated discs and spinal stenosis, two common causes of back pain and nerve-related symptoms. Not every patient or spine condition is appropriate for an endoscopic approach, and treatment is determined based on each patient's diagnosis and individual needs.

For Dunwoody, bringing this procedure to Jackson is part of a larger focus on using advanced surgical techniques to help patients recover more quickly, minimize discomfort and improve their quality of life.

Dunwoody sees patients at West Tennessee Medical Group Neuroscience & Spine, located at 700 West Forest Avenue in Jackson.

About West Tennessee Healthcare:

West Tennessee Healthcare is a public, not-for-profit healthcare system with locations serving 19 counties in West Tennessee and Southeast Missouri. The mission of West Tennessee Healthcare is to improve the health and well-being of the communities we serve while providing exceptional and compassionate care.

For more information, visit www.wth.org.

Run for the Fallen begins Saturday in Owensboro

OWENSBORO, Ky. (KT) - The eighth annual Kentucky "Run for the Fallen" will begin Saturday, kicking off a two-day, 110-mile run to honor and remember Kentucky military service members who died as a result of serving during the War on Terror.

The run will include a team of more than 20 active duty military members from bases in Kentucky and other locations, as well as patriots from across the U.S. It is in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom and New Dawn.

Run for the Fallen begins Saturday in Owensboro.

Each marker on the route will be dedicated to one or more Kentucky military heroes. The run team will stop at each "hero marker" to give tribute to waiting family members, friends and comrades of the fallen service members. The goal for the event is to create a 110-mile memorial trail through Kentucky. Each hero marker will include the name and rank, date of death and branch of service of the hero, along with the American and "Honor and Remember" flags.

The run begins at 7 a.m. at the Shelton Memorial in Owensboro. The run goes through Owensboro and Rome in Daviess County, Calhoun, Ramsey and Sacramento in McLean County; Bremen, Central City, Powderly and Greenville in Muhlenberg County; White Plains and Nortonville in Hopkins County, and Crofton and Hopkinsville in Christian County. It will finish at Veterans Cemetery West in Hopkinsville at approximately 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20. More than 350 heroes will be honored during the run.

Run for the Fallen begins Saturday in Owensboro

On Saturday evening following the final hero marker of day 1 in Greenville at Veterans Plaza, a special marker will honor the service and sacrifice of Kentucky's fallen first responders.

For more information, go to ww w.kentucky.runforthefallen.org.

Understanding food labels

Nutritious food is necessary to sustain life, and that's one reason why food packages contain lists of ingredients. But all ingredients are not created equal. A growing number of consumers desire greater transparency about the foods they are eating, including sourcing, production, preparation details, and nutritional content. While that can be challenging to ascertain when dining out, people have more control over what they eat at home.

According to the plant-based food advocacy company ProVeg International, 62 percent of people are paying more attention to ingredient lists now than they did five years ago. In addition, nearly two-thirds of adults say the ingredients in a food or beverage have at least a moderate influence on whether they buy it.

One of the ways to be mindful of food ingredients is to understand food labeling. Pertinent information is included on the label, and it pays to study these labels when choosing foods. Here's how to navigate the Nutrition Facts Label, according to the U.S. Food & Drug Administration.

• Servings per container: The first thing people will come across is the servings per container. This tells a person how many servings are in the package.

• Serving size: The serving size indicates how much of the food equates to one serving. It maybe measured in cups, grams, ounces, or even pieces.

• Calories: The calories pertain to the number of calories in one serving. As a general guide for nutrition advice, 2,000 calories a day is used. A person's calorie needs may be higher or lower depending on variables like age, sex, height, weight, and physical activity level.

• % daily value: These numbers will appear next to the various nutrients in the product and show the percentage of each nutrient's recommended daily value is in the food. Daily values are listed in grams, milligrams or micrograms. By understanding daily values, one knows how many nutrients to consume each day. As a general rule, 5% DV or less of a nutrient per serving is considered low, while 20% DV or more of a nutrient per serving is considered high.

Many older adults do not get the recommended amount of nutrients each day and can use food labels to create a more nutrient-rich diet. It's essential for seniors to look for foods that contain adequate dietary fiber, calcium, vitamin D, and potassium. Individuals also should consume less saturated fat, sodium and added sugars.

ABSOLUTE REAL ESTATE AUCTION

Kentucky Lake Waterfront Home

Friday, September 25th, 2026 | 10:00 AM

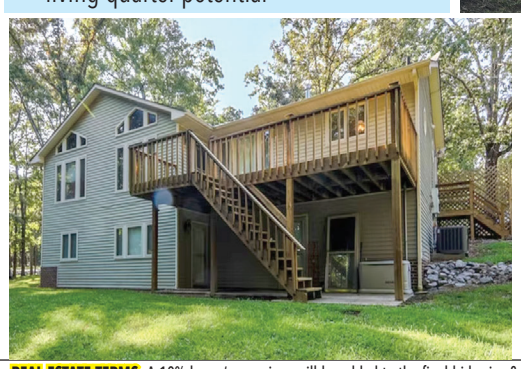
34 Leadline Rd, Gilbertsville, KY 42044

KENTUCKY LAKE WATERFRONT HOME ON 2.58± ACRES!

Enjoy waterfront living, boating and the beauty of Kentucky Lake from this versatile property in Gilbertsville. Situated just minutes from the popular Moors Resort & Marina, this waterfront property offers approximately 120 feet of Kentucky Lake shoreline and a private boat dock. The home features four bedrooms and three bathrooms with multiple living areas across the main floor and walkout basement. The main floor includes two bedrooms and two bathrooms. The finished walkout basement offers a full kitchen, living room, utility room, two additional bedrooms and one bathroom–an excellent arrangement for guests, extended family or separate living quarters.

Property Highlights Include:

- Situated on 2.58± acres
- Minutes from Moors Resort & Marina
- Approximately 120 feet of Kentucky Lake shoreline
- Private boat dock
- Four bedrooms and three bathrooms
- Finished walkout basement
- Full kitchens on both levels
- Elevator
- Whole-home Generac generator
- Gas water heater
- Gas furnace replaced in 2021
- Two-car detached garage
- Upstairs area above the garage with living-quarter potential



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Built in 1975, the home features an updated interior with a functional, open layout. The kitchen offers updated cabinetry, granite countertops, stainless steel appliances, garbage disposal, and a walk-in pantry and opens directly into the dining area. Wood ceiling beams, a built-in desk, updated light fixtures, and LED lighting throughout add character and functionality to the home.

The home features waterproof vinyl flooring throughout and updated PEX plumbing. A designated laundry room includes an electric dryer hookup, and a half bath is conveniently located just off the dining area. The primary suite features a private attached bath and ample storage, while two additional bedrooms provide space for family, guests, or a home office.

A bonus room located off the attached single-car garage provides additional usable space. The garage also includes a storage closet that could be utilized for storage or as a small workshop area. Outside, a concrete patio provides space for grilling, outdoor seating, and entertaining.

Additional improvements and utilities include an electric water heater installed in 2023, a 2017 Ruud unit, natural gas, city water, septic system, and attached one-car garage. The property also features a barn situated on Tract 6, providing useful space for equipment, storage, agricultural purposes, or other needs.

TRACT DETAILS – More Details Coming Soon!

TRACT 1 – 1.01 ACRES - Approx. 1.01 acres with road frontage on Jones Sparkman Rd / Rob Mason Rd.
TRACT 2 – 1.01 ACRES - Approximately 1.01 acres with road frontage on Jones Sparkman Road.
TRACT 3 – 1.05 ACRES - Approximately 1.05 acres with road frontage on Rob Mason Road.
TRACT 4 – 3.20 ACRES - Approximately 3.20 acres with road frontage on Jones Sparkman Road.
TRACT 5 – 2.08 ACRES - Approximately 2.08 acres with road frontage on Rob Mason Road.
TRACT 6 – 2.47 ACRES & BARN - Approximately 2.47 acres featuring the barn, providing additional utility for equipment, storage, agricultural use, or other needs.
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August unemployment rate unchanged from July

By TOM LATEK
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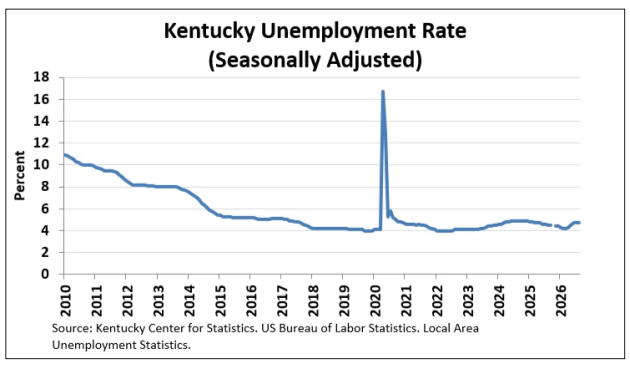
FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – Kentucky's seasonally adjusted preliminary August unemployment rate was 4.7 percent, according to data released Thursday by the Kentucky Center for Statistics (KYSTATS), an agency within the Kentucky Education and Labor Cabinet.

The preliminary August 2026 jobless rate was unchanged from July and up 0.2 percentage points from one year ago.

The U.S. seasonally adjusted jobless rate for August 2026 was 4.1 percent, which was unchanged from July and down from the 4.3 percent recorded in August 2025, the U.S. Department of Labor reported.

Labor force statistics, including the unemployment rate, are based upon estimates from the Current Population Survey of households. The survey is designed to measure trends in the number of people working and includes jobs in agriculture and individuals who are self-employed.

Kentucky's civilian labor force was 2,109,516 in August,



an increase of 5,625 individuals from July. The number of people employed in August was 2,010,261, an increase of 6,005 from July. The number of unemployed was 99,255, a decrease of 380 from July.

"Both the number of workers in the labor force and the number employed increased in August," said University of Kentucky's Center for Business and Economic Research (CBER) Director Mike Clark. "After declining for the first five months of 2026, Kentucky's labor force has now increased for the past three months as workers appear to be entering and returning to the labor force. The number of workers employed increased faster than the labor force, which led to a slight decline in the number of people unemployed."

In a separate federal survey of business establishments that excludes jobs in agriculture and people who are self-employed, Kentucky's seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment increased by 200 jobs to 2,034,200 in August compared to July. Kentucky's nonfarm employment was down 1,800 jobs or 0.1% compared to August 2025.

"While the household survey suggests more of Kentucky's workers were employed in August, businesses reported little change in the number of total jobs," Clark noted. "Employers in Kentucky's construction, education and health services, and manufacturing sectors expanded their payrolls in August. These gains were mostly offset by declines in sectors such as trade, transportation and utilities; leisure and hospitality; and professional and business services."

How to find a car that fits your budget

Drivers in the market for a new or pre-owned vehicle over the last couple of years likely discovered that the process of buying a car or truck is as difficult as ever. Prior to and during the COVID-19 pandemic, factory closures, supply chain issues, semiconductor chip shortages, and a bevy of other complications led to fewer vehicles on lots and much higher sticker prices on cars that were on the lot. That has caused people who are on strict budgets to reevaluate priorities and timelines.

According to Ivan Drury, Edmunds' senior manager of insights, consumers can't expect to walk into the dealership thinking they're going to find incentives or bargains right now. Plus, they may not even be able to see or test drive a vehicle they want. That reality makes now a great time for car shoppers to rethink their buying strategies.

Choose a different vehicle class

Tyson Jominy, Vice President of Data and Analytics at J.D. Power, says vehicle inventory in November 2021 reached record lows. Although there has been some improvement in 2022, consumers may still have to make some concessions if they need a vehicle promptly. SUVs and pick-up trucks have been some of the hardest inventory to find. Considering a sedan or even a compact car may be the only way to get a new car quickly.

Wait it out

Those with the luxury of time may continue to wait for inventory to increase and prices to decrease. Tech experts, including Intel CEO Pat Gelsinger, expect chip shortages to persist into 2024. If a person's vehicle is in good condition, it may be more economical to hold on to it a little longer and do the maintenance required.

Seek out no-markup dealerships

It may take some investigation, but there are certain dealerships that are not adding astronomical markups, also called "market adjustments," to the costs of their vehicles. These dealers may advertise online, and car buyers can always call ahead to ask about markups.

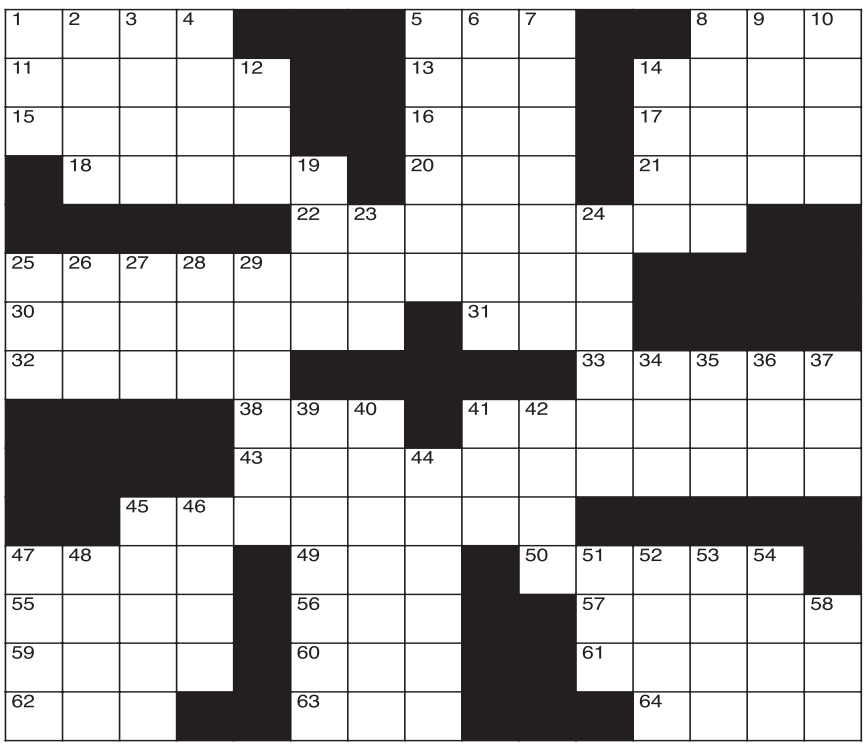
Take what you can get

Lots filled with a variety of makes, models, colors, and features are no longer the norm. Shoppers will be afforded more flexibility in price if they're willing to take what's available.

Check with different lenders

The Federal Reserve increased interest rates in the middle of 2022 and it initially planned to increase rates a few more times throughout the year. People, particularly those who do not have the best credit, can do themselves a favor and shop around at different banks for the best loan rates — the loan may be less costly than what's offered through the dealership. Also, certified pre-owned vehicles tend to come with promotional interest rates that are lower than the average APR, which makes them a viable alternative.

Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

1. Egyptian bull god
5. A young canine
8. North Carolina university
11. "Oddbod" actor Tom
13. Midway between northeast and east
14. A place to shop
15. Mysterious "Severance" family
16. Single Lens Reflex
17. Malaria
18. Informal loan organizations
20. Twitching
21. Holm oak
22. Willing to consent
25. In an early way
30. Stuck it out
31. Language in Ghana
32. Obtain
33. Ancient Greek currency
38. One point east (clockwise) of due north
41. Popular baseball movie
43. Group of islands
45. Church building
47. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
49. Late AC/DC frontman Scott
50. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
55. Thick piece of something
56. Breakfast food
57. One mole of solute per kilogram of solvent
59. Ancient Greek City
60. Bitterly regret
61. Don't forget it
62. Dishonorable man
63. Affirmative
64. "__ and flows"

CLUES DOWN

1. Bridge-building degree
2. Expression of sorrow or pity
3. Lizard species
4. Turkish leader title
5. A way to bother
6. Blank
7. A fine, closely woven cotton fabric
8. Sports broadcaster Ian
9. Popular whodunit board game
10. Alkali flats mineral
12. Large African antelope
14. It's delivered most days
19. Satisfy
23. Water soaked soil
24. Of a past era
25. Chest muscle (slang)
26. Ribonucleic acid
27. Doctor of Education
28. Coffee receptacle
29. Where rockstars work
34. International airport in Connecticut
35. Russian river
36. It's used to make cabins
37. OJ trial judge Lance
39. A means to persuade
40. Short poem
41. A way to begin hostilities
42. Multi-function radar (ab
44. Joints
45. Blatted
46. Swedish rock group
47. Millisecond
48. __ podrida: Spanish stew
51. Doctors' group
52. Trunk of a tree
53. Tattle
54. Metrical foot
58. __ Angeles

Puzzle Solutions on B14

PUZZLE SOLUTION

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Word Search

SAFE SPORTS WORD SEARCH

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

ANSWERS IN THE B SECTION

WORDS

ATHLETE
BRACE
CLEATS
CONCUSSION
CONDITIONING
CONTUSION
COOL DOWN
ERGONOMICS
GOGGLES
HELMET
HYDRATION
IMPACT
INFLAMMATION
MOUTH GUARD
PADDING
REFEREE
REHABILITATION
SPORTSMANSHIP
SPRAIN
STAMINA
STRAIN
SUPERVISION
TEAMWORK
WARM-UP

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

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Word Scramble

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to sports.

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Answer: Field

Guess Who?

GUESS WHO?

I am an athlete born in Texas on September 17, 1995. I played football, basketball and baseball while in high school. But football is where I eventually gravitated, despite my father playing professional baseball. I have led the Kansas City Chiefs to several Super Bowl victories.

Answer: Patrick Mahomes

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

Crypto Fun

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to sports safety.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 22 = E)

A. 2 22 17 19 22 10
Clue: Protects head

B. 23 22 15 6
Clue: Equipment

C. 6 25 17 22 13
Clue: Govern play

D. 21 22 5 15 17 10 26
Clue: Punishment

Answers: A. helmet B. gear C. rules D. penalty

Coloring Fun

Color the picture in your favorite fall colors.

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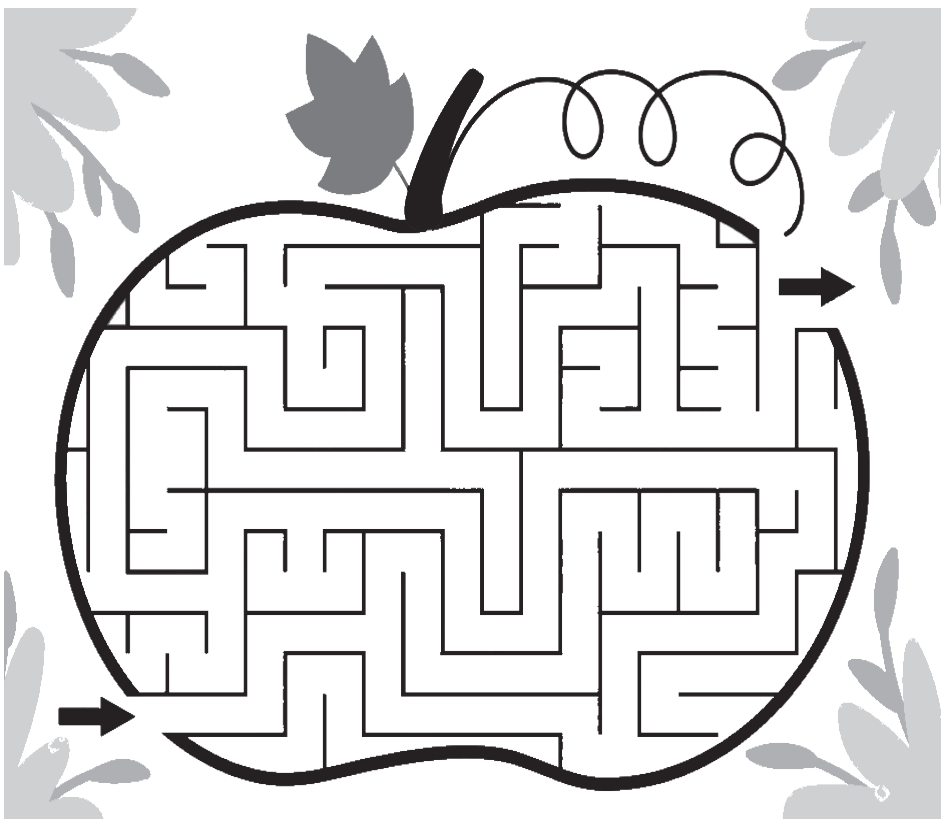

KSP part of multi-state initiative to track illegal firearms

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – The Kentucky State Police (KSP) are taking part in a multi-state initiative this week, which is aimed at reducing crime and keeping illegal firearms out of local communities throughout the state.

Now through September 20, state troopers from Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia join forces for the latest installment of the "6-State Trooper Project."

Each of the 6-State Trooper Project's enforcement periods targets a specific traffic or criminal safety concern, according to the KSP. September's effort concentrates on criminal patrol operations, specifically on identifying illegal firearms carried by felons traveling on Kentucky roads. Troopers will use traffic enforcement to detect and disrupt illegal activity while also ensuring compliance with state and federal laws prohibiting certain individuals from carrying firearms.

Captain Tim Adams, commander of KSP Post 3 in Bowling Green, says the 6-State Trooper Project highlights the agency's ongoing commitment to local, state and national safety.

"By joining forces across state lines, we are able to work together to ensure our communities are safe," he stated. "It is all about protecting families and communities throughout the commonwealth and beyond."

The KSP says they are encouraging citizens to play a role in helping keep communities safe. If you see suspicious or illegal activity, contact your local KSP Post or call 911, in the event of an emergency.

By coordinating enforcement, agencies are able to share resources, intelligence and strategies to maximize their impact, according to the KSP. Multi-state partnerships like this initiative strengthen the collective fight against crime and help ensure Kentucky's roads and communities are safer for everyone.

Kentucky Court of Appeals orders former Gov. Matt Bevin released from jail

By MARK MAYNARD
Kentucky Today

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (KT) - The Kentucky Court of Appeals on Wednesday granted emergency relief for former Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin, allowing him to be released from Louisville Metro Corrections where he was serving a 60-day jail sentence for contempt of court.

Online records on Wednesday night showed the court granted Bevin's request for emergency release.

Bevin was in jail after a Jefferson County family court judge held him in contempt for repeatedly failing to disclose financial records in relation to a divorce and child support case. Bevin also repeatedly failed to show up to court in person.

Multiple media outlets reported Appeals Court Judge Allison E. Jones said Bevin needed a way to purge himself from being held in contempt.

"If the Respondent Judge intended Matthew's incarceration to remain a coercive civil-contempt sanction, Matthew must have a presently available means by which he can purge the contempt and obtain his release," Jones wrote, according to media outlets. "Yet, on the limited record presently before this Court, no such mechanism is apparent."

Bevin's attorneys filed the emergency motion arguing that his incarceration was an unlawful deprivation of liberty without an opportunity to purge the contempt.

Bevin had been in jail since Sept. 3 when he was arrested in Paris, Ky., while being an extra during filming of a Christmas television show.

He was no longer in custody as of Wednesday evening, according to the jail's online listing of inmates.

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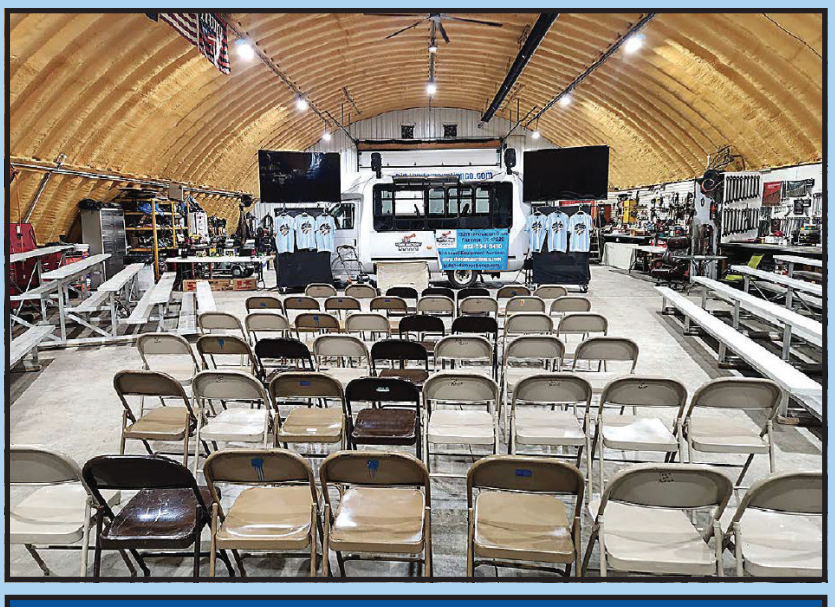

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UK dietitians release first nutrition-focused guide for alpha-gal syndrome

By Jordan Strickler
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Lexington, Ky.—

A tick-borne food allergy that was almost unheard of years ago is now so common in Kentucky that many residents know someone living with it. To help patients, families, clinicians and the community make sense of it, registered dietitians at the University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment (CAFE) have published one of the first nutrition-focused guides to the condition.

The paper, "Nutritional considerations for alpha-gal syndrome: a mini-review," appeared in Frontiers in Allergy and was supported with funding from The Bill Gatton Foundation. Heather Norman-Burgdolf, Ph.D., assistant Extension director for Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) and part of FCS Extension, and Anna Cason, also from FCS, played roles as second authors.

"Not only is it a new syndrome, it's also just one of a kind," said Abbigail Pace, Ph.D., UK Department of Dietetics and Human Nutrition assistant professor, one of The Bill Gatton Foundation Early-Career Professors and the paper's lead author. "That's why it's been challenging to really characterize it and get the information out there broadly."

Alpha-gal syndrome (AGS) is triggered by bites from certain ticks, most commonly the Lone Star tick in Kentucky. The bite sensitizes the body to a sugar called galactose-alpha-1,3-galactose, or "alpha-gal," found in the meat of most mammals — beef, pork, lamb, venison, rabbit and squirrel among them — and in dairy products, gelatin, some medications and a long list of food additives.

"Unlike most food allergies, which are reactions to proteins, alpha-gal syndrome is a reaction to a carbohydrate," Pace said. "That distinction is part of what makes it so difficult to diagnose and manage."

An estimated 15,000 new cases are identified in the United States each year, according to the review, with many more believed to go undiagnosed. Kentucky, sitting in the heart of Lone Star tick range, is among the hardest-hit states.

Rather than a blanket recommendation to avoid all mammal products, the paper lays out a tiered elimination approach. Photo by Sabrina Hounshell.

"We're seeing such an explosion of it right now," Pace said. "You can ask a group of people, and several of them will say, 'Yes, I know someone with alpha-gal syndrome,' especially in rural areas. Kentucky is just inundated with it."

Reactions typically appear two to eight hours after exposure, a delay that separates AGS from most food allergies and often leaves patients waking in the middle of the night with hives, swelling or, in severe cases, anaphylaxis. The severity of a person's reaction can also be pushed higher by factors such as exercise, alcohol consumption, dietary fat intake, and use of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs like ibuprofen.

lone star tick

Lone Star ticks account for a majority of alpha-gal syndrome. Adobe Stock photo.

AGS Guidance

Rather than a blanket recommendation to avoid all mammal products, the paper lays out a tiered elimination approach.

The first tier targets the highest-risk foods for someone with AGS: mammalian meats, especially fatty cuts. The second tier includes dairy, broths, gelatin, lard and other mammalian-derived ingredients. The third covers additives such as carrageenan, glycerin and magnesium stearate, which may or may not be sourced from mammals depending on the product. Highly sensitive patients may need to eliminate all three tiers; others can stop after one.

"There are people who have alpha-gal syndrome who don't necessarily react to dairy and other mammalian-based food ingredients," Pace said. "That gives people more options and a little more autonomy to create a diet that is reasonable for them in their lifestyle."

The safest protein sources include poultry, eggs, fish, seafood, beans, lentils, nuts and seeds. Some individuals with alpha-gal syndrome turn to less common proteins such as emu, ostrich and duck.

The review devotes substantial attention to label reading, an area where alpha-gal syndrome patients face unusual challenges. For example, chicken sausage may be packed in pork casing. "Plant-based" and "vegan" claims are not always reliable safety nets. Mammalian-derived ingredients also show up in everything from gel caps to gravy. The paper includes a reference table of common food additives that may contain alpha-gal.

Pace's core advice for anyone newly diagnosed is short: Be prepared, not scared.

"Do your research, communicate that you have a food allergy and that it's very serious, and bring your medication," Pace said. "Keep your EpiPen and antihistamine on you."

Because the syndrome touches diet, gastroenterology, dermatology and mental health—and because tick prevention is central to keeping it from worsening—the authors recommend a team-based approach that includes an allergist, a registered dietitian, a mental health provider and a tick-prevention expert. There is also hopeful evidence in the literature that, without additional tick bites, alpha-gal antibody levels can decline over time, and a small group of patients has been able to reintroduce mammalian products under medical supervision.

Kentucky is currently in peak tick season, and every life stage of the Lone Star tick, from larva to adult, can transmit alpha-gal sensitization.

To learn more about FCS Extension at Martin-Gatton CAFE, visit fcs.mgcafe.uky.edu.

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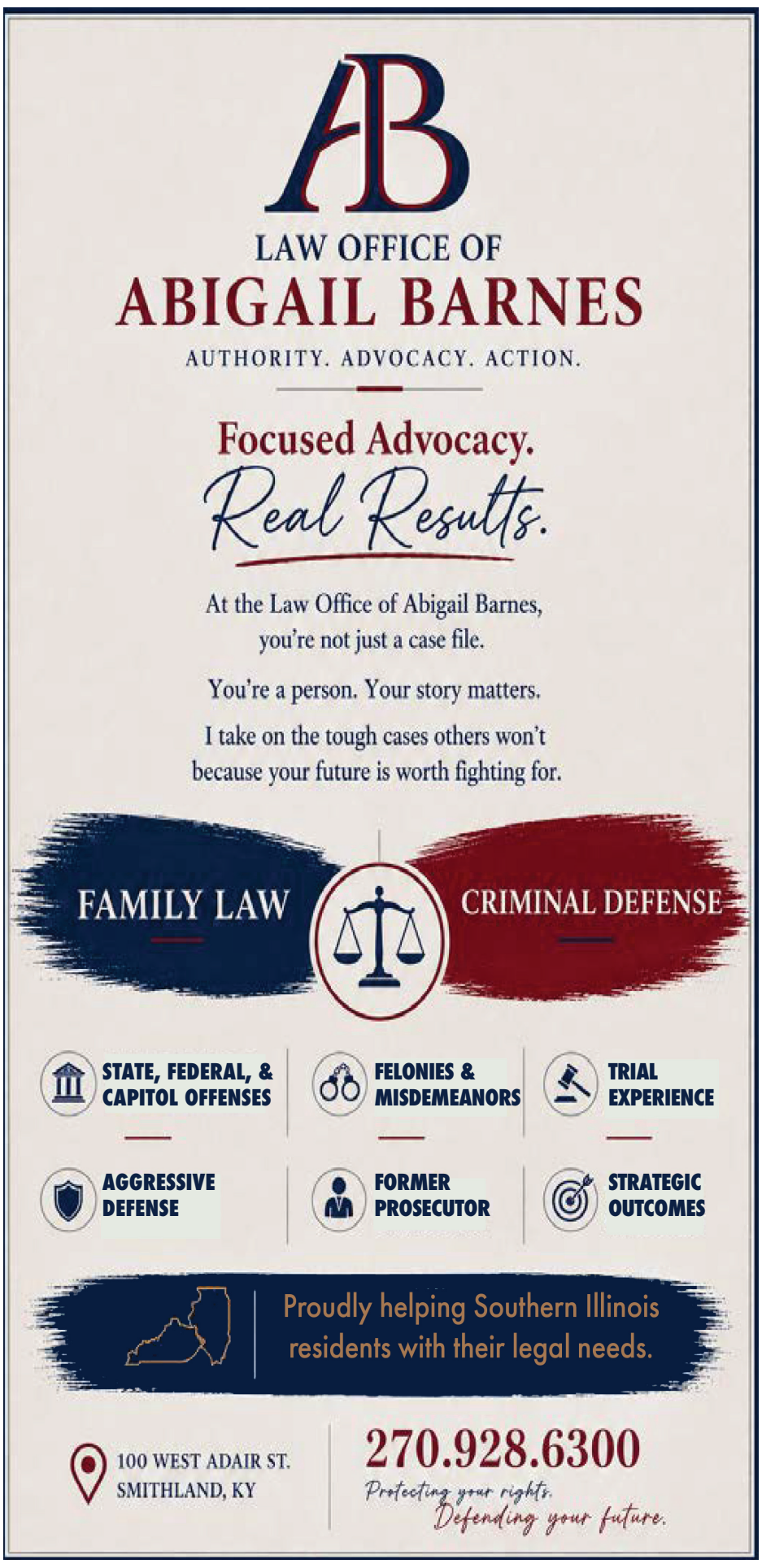

UK opens Meats and Foods Industry Advancement Center to strengthen Kentucky agriculture

By DERRICK MEADS
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The Meats and Foods Industry Advancement Center ribbon-cutting ceremony invited distinguished guests and the community to the C. Oran Little Research Center in Woodford County. Photo by Sabrina Hounshell.

VERSAILLES, Ky.— The University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment celebrated the opening of the Meats and Foods Industry Advancement Center today with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the C. Oran Little Research Center in Woodford County.

The nearly 30,000-square-foot center brings research, teaching, Extension and industry support together to advance meat science, food safety, workforce development and value-added production. Designed with processors supporting local producers in mind, it includes a 56-seat classroom connected directly to the processing area, providing students with hands-on learning throughout the product development process.

"This center reflects what it means to be Kentucky's land-grant university," said University of Kentucky President Eli Capilouto. "Everything we do is to advance the state we were created to serve. By connecting our research and Extension expertise with the needs of producers and industry partners, we can help strengthen businesses, develop our agricultural workforce and create new opportunities for communities across the Commonwealth."

Specialized spaces will support the development of products such as hams, sausages and other value-added foods. A sensory laboratory will allow researchers and businesses to evaluate consumer response to new products, while an on-site market will offer meat products developed at the center and other Kentucky agricultural products.

The facility will operate under U.S. Department of Agriculture inspection for cattle, pigs, sheep, goats and poultry. These capabilities will help businesses improve food safety, develop and test new products, train employees and explore opportunities to increase the value of agricultural products grown in Kentucky.

"This center demonstrates what is possible when we lock arms and move forward together," said Kentucky Lt. Gov. Jacqueline Coleman. "It is going to prepare our workforce, support our local processors, unlock new opportunities for our producers and strengthen the agricultural economy of the Commonwealth for generations to come."

The Meats and Foods Industry Advancement Center will also strengthen the college's ability to serve Central Kentucky by housing members of its Central Region Extension team.

"This center gives our faculty, specialists and Extension professionals another important place to work directly with producers, entrepreneurs and industry partners," said Jennifer Hunter, associate dean for Extension and director of the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service. "The knowledge and resources available here will help Kentuckians address real-world challenges, explore new ideas and move promising products from concept to market."

The facility was designed by Morris Workshop Architects and Kirksey Architecture and constructed by Messer Construction.

"The opening of the Meats and Foods Industry Advancement Center marks an exciting new chapter for the C. Oran Little Research Center and Kentucky agriculture," said Kentucky Rep. Daniel Fister. "As vice chair of the House Agriculture Committee and a representative of Woodford County, I am proud to see this investment strengthening the University of Kentucky's commitment to research, education and innovation that supports our farmers, livestock producers and food industries. This facility carries forward Dr. Little's vision while preparing the next generation of Kentucky agricultural leaders for the opportunities ahead."

The new center is part of a broader series of transformational capital investments across Martin-Gatton CAFE. The Martin-Gatton Agricultural Sciences Building opened in May, followed by the reopening of Scovell Hall in July. The college is also rebuilding research facilities at the Robinson Center in Jackson and the UK Research and Education Center in Princeton.

"Kentucky has made important investments in meat-processing infrastructure, and this center will build on that progress through research, training and food-safety expertise," said Laura Stephenson, vice president for land-grant engagement and dean of Martin-Gatton CAFE. "Our role is to listen and provide the expertise Kentucky producers and processors need to solve problems, develop new products and create more value here in Kentucky."

Construction continues on the Agricultural Research Building, which is expected to open next year and become one of the nation's premier agricultural research facilities.

Together, these investments are expanding the college's capacity to educate future leaders, advance research, strengthen Kentucky's agricultural and food industries and improve lives in communities across all 120 counties.

"Agriculture has always been a cornerstone of Kentucky's economy and our way of life. With investments like this, Kentucky will remain at the forefront and be strong for years to come," said Kentucky Sen. Donald Douglas. "The Meats and Foods Industry Advancement Center builds on more than a century of agricultural research and education at the University of Kentucky while giving our students, producers and industry leaders access to the modern facilities they need to compete and succeed. I'm proud of the General Assembly's continued commitment to UK and Kentucky agriculture, and I look forward to seeing the opportunities this facility creates across the Commonwealth."

COUNSELORS ATTEND STATE CONFERENCE — Mayfield Independent Schools counselors recently attended the 2026 Kentucky School Counselor Association Fall Conference, themed "Illuminate the Path: Counselors as Beacons of Hope." Counselors help students navigate challenges, overcome obstacles and find a positive path forward through their support, advocacy and encouragement. Pictured, from left, are Taylor Collins, Mayfield High School; Michelle Overstreet, Mayfield Middle School; Lori Bewley, Mayfield High School; and Lori Grantham, Mayfield Middle School.

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Cross Country 2 Mile - Middle School Record

By: Kayla Wilson
Graves County Coach

What an incredible performance from Jaxon Veatch on Saturday at McCracken!

In brutal heat, running a 2-mile race on grass and hills, Jaxon finished in an incredible 11:23, setting a new Graves County Middle School record.

The previous record was held by Chris Toon, who ran 11:31 in 2012.

What makes this accomplishment even more impressive is the work Jaxon has put in this season. Last year, Jaxon's 2-mile time was 13:22. This season, he has worked hard, continued to improve, and dropped nearly two full minutes from that time.

To go from a 13:22 last season to an 11:23 this season, while setting a middle school record in the process, is a huge accomplishment.

"I think it's a blessing that I am able to wake up every day and do something that I love. I would say my competitiveness is what motivates me to keep doing these things." Jaxon Veatch

GROWING LEADERS — Graves County FFA members Callie Smith and Sarah Pierce represented their chapter at the Kentucky FFA Rising Sun Conference. The students developed leadership skills, built confidence and connected with fellow agriculture students from across Kentucky. They returned home with new ideas to help strengthen their chapter while continuing to learn, lead and serve through FFA.

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K&S SHOCKERS CLAIM CHAMPIONSHIP — The K&S Shockers baseball team won the September Slugfest held Sept. 12–13 at the Jackson Sportsplex. Jett Clark was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player. Pictured from left are Jakobe Scott, Charlie Thomas, Sam Kendall, Asher Kendall, Blake Clapp, Audi Lammon, Jett Clark, Jackson Allen, Jack Manring and Emmitt Pruitt.

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IT PROFESSIONALS RECOGNIZED — Graves County Schools recently recognized its IT professionals for the countless hours they devote to keeping the district's technology safe, secure and running smoothly. Their behind-the-scenes work helps prevent disruptions and ensures students and staff have access to the technology they need each day. Taking time to thank these employees shows that their hard work, dedication and important role in student learning do not go unnoticed.

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ONE COUNTY COMES TOGETHER FOR A GREAT CAUSE — The Mayfield Lions Club hosted its third annual Battle of the Badges softball game at the Mayfield-Graves County Ballpark. The friendly competition brought together the Mayfield Fire and Police departments and the Graves County Sheriff's Office, Jail and Restricted Custody Center. Proceeds benefited Camp Rendezvous, a local nonprofit organization serving veterans. The total amount raised had not been confirmed as of press time.

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Beshear announces Team Kentucky Medical Debt Relief Program

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – Gov. Andy Beshear signed an executive order on Tuesday establishing the Team Kentucky Medical Debt Relief Program, which will provide relief to more than 130,000 Kentuckians from $250 million in medical debt.

In the executive order, Beshear directed $2.5 million to Undue Medical Debt, a national nonprofit that has erased more than $49 billion in debt nationwide. The nonprofit acquires medical debt from participating hospitals and collection agencies, relieving debt for a fraction of the cost. For Kentucky, the breakdown equals $100 erased for every $1 spent.

"Medical debt isn't a choice – it's what people are faced with after a serious accident, cancer diagnosis and more," Beshear said in announcing the program. "Relieving this debt is the right thing to do to help Kentuckians who are overwhelmed by these extreme costs, which can cripple families for years, if not a lifetime."

There is no application process for the program, and debt relief cannot be requested. Eligible Kentuckians will receive an official medical debt relief letter from Team Kentucky and Undue Medical Debt. The letter will notify recipients of what debts have been erased and from which creditors. No further action is required of Kentuckians who receive a letter; however, it is recommended that the letter is kept for proof of debt erasure.

"No one chooses to get sick, get injured or face financial hardship simply because they needed healthcare," Undue Medical Debt Vice President of Government Initiatives Courtney Werpy Story stated. "We hope this relief encourages Kentuckians to re-engage with the healthcare system, and we're grateful for Gov. Beshear's leadership as we continue this work."

Medical debt can be purchased for pennies on the dollar, allowing nonprofit organizations like Undue Medical Debt to purchase large amounts of medical debt.

Beginning this week, the first 46,000 qualified Kentuckians will have up to $100 million in medical debt erased. Official debt relief letters will go out in the mail beginning next week to notify individuals included that some or all of their medical debt has been erased.

To qualify for the program, one must be a resident of Kentucky who owes at least 5 percent of their annual income for outstanding medical bills or earns at or below 400 percent of the federal poverty level, which is around $100,000 for a family of three.

For more information on the program, go to MedicalDebtRelief.ky.gov.

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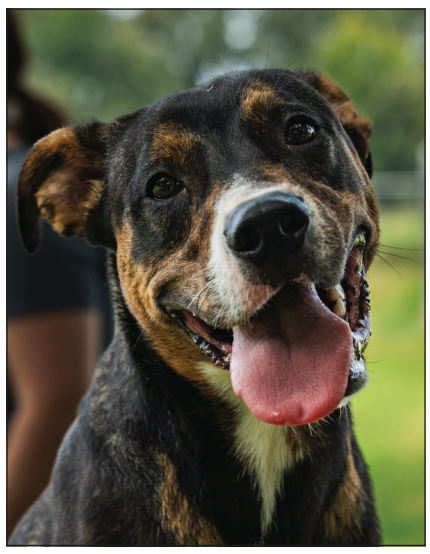

This week's pet of the week is Freddie. Freddie is a little over 1 year old. He is super friendly. He has been in the shelter since February of this year. He is neutered, microchipped and up to date on all of his vaccinations. Please come visit Freddie and make him a part of your family. His adoption fee is only $25.

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Kentucky Wildlife Officials Strengthen CWD Prevention Efforts

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources is continuing efforts to monitor and prevent the spread of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) during the 2026 fall hunting seasons.

CWD is an infectious and always-fatal disease affecting white-tailed deer, elk and other members of the deer family. Kentucky's CWD Surveillance Zone includes 23 counties where the disease has been detected in Kentucky or nearby bordering states.

New and continuing measures include restrictions on transporting deer carcasses, limits on certain feeders, mandatory sampling requirements in some areas and a special antlerless-only hunting season.

From Sept. 25-28, hunters in CWD Surveillance Zone counties within Deer Zones 1-3 may harvest antlerless deer using firearms, bows or crossbows. Only antlerless deer may be taken during the four-day season.

CWD can spread through infected bodily fluids, contaminated food, soil and water, as well as through the movement of live deer and carcasses or high-risk carcass parts.

Wildlife officials say the measures are intended to detect new cases and limit the disease's spread while protecting Kentucky's deer herd for future generations. Hunters are encouraged to review current CWD regulations, surveillance-zone maps and sampling requirements before heading into the field.

Kentuckians have just over two weeks left to register to vote

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – As communities around the country recognize Tuesday, Sept. 15 as National Voter Registration Day, election officials are reminding eligible Kentuckians to register to vote ahead of the November 3rd General Election.

"Voting is a sacred right in the United States," said Fayette County Clerk Susan Lamb. "We encourage every eligible resident to register to vote by the October 5 deadline to ensure they can make their voice heard when voting begins."

According to the State Board of Elections, Kentucky had 3,381,901 registered voters in August 2026. The World Population Review in 2024, the latest year data is available, estimated the state's voting age population was 3,531,795, a number which is now undoubtably higher. So there continues to be a gap between the number of registered voters and the total number of those who are eligible to register.

(Kentucky Today/Tom Latek)

"Our goal is always for 100 percent of eligible residents to vote. But in order to vote, you must register first," Lamb said. "Whether you'll be 18 just in time for the election or you're 65 and you've never voted, we encourage you to register and exercise your right to vote."

The registration deadline in order to be able to vote in the November General Election is October 5 at 4:00 p.m., local time.

November is the all-important mid-term election, where voters will have plenty of races to decide. Among them, the U.S. Senate seat currently held by Republican Mitch McConnell of Louisville, who is not seeking re-election.

In addition to the US Senate race, Kentucky's six Congressional seats, all 100 in the Kentucky House and the even-numbered state Senate districts, will also appear on the ballot, along with district judge races. There will also be many local city and county races up for grabs.

To register to vote, you can go online to: https://vrsws.sos.ky.gov/ovrweb or visit your local county clerk's office.

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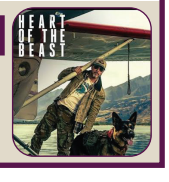

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FEMA giving public assistance awards in Kentucky

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has announced $11.2 million in funding for seven recovery and mitigation projects to help Kentucky communities recover from recent severe weather.

More than $10 million to fund five projects under FEMA's Public Assistance program, which helps communities cover costs for debris removal and restoring public infrastructure after a disaster. These projects include:

--$9.4 million to Kentucky Emergency Management for debris removal.

--$637,900 to Breathitt County for road base, surface, culvert and embankment repair or replacement.

--$232,900 for Kentucky Department of Parks for electrical panels, switchgear, meters and pedestals repair or replacement.

--$213,900 to Carroll County for embankment, fill and surface repairs or replacement.

--$117,800 to Owsley

County (Fiscal Court) for road base, rail and cribbing and culvert repair or replacement.

FEMA also awarded the state $600,000through Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities projects, to promote resilience and reduce future disaster costs.

--$280,000 to Wet Woods Creek Basin for project scoping to evaluate a proposed regional detention facility.

--$320,000 to the Western Flood Pump Station Resiliency Project for scoping and design activities.

After learning of the award, Gov. Andy Beshear said, "We are grateful that President Trump and FEMA agreed to public assistance for our most recent flooding. That's going to help a lot of counties, especially two that were hit really hard. It's going to help That's going to help the state with the roads and bridges that were washed out."

However, Beshear added, he hopes more than public assistance will be awarded.

"We had enough families that were impacted to qualify for individual assistance, and I hope the Administration will take another look, and that our federal delegation will continue to push. I would also encourage the Trump Administration to start granting hazard mitigation relief, which they pretty much haven't been doing in any state. That's when we are able to use dollars to purchase peoples' property so they can have the money to move somewhere safer."

ABSOLUTE LAND AUCTION
Beech Grove Rd, Ory Road, Farmington, KY 42040
Thursday, September 24th, 2026 - 6:00 PM CST

AUCTION LOCATION: HARRIS AUCTION FACILITY – 3855 ST. RT. 45 N, MAYFIELD, KY 42066

Don't miss this outstanding opportunity to purchase approximately **260 acres located on Beech Grove Road and Ory Road in the Farmington area.** The property will be offered in 8 individual tracts and combinations, providing buyers with the opportunity to purchase the acreage that best fits their needs. Whether you're looking for a smaller tract, a larger agricultural property, investment acreage, or the opportunity to combine adjoining tracts, this auction offers multiple possibilities.

REAL ESTATE TRACTS:

Tract 1	4.88 Acres
Tract 2	5.25 Acres w/Well
Tract 3	1.32 Acres
Tract 4	1.33 Acres
Tract 5	119.67 Acres
Tract 6	1.46 Acres
Tract 7	123.69 Acres
Tract 8	2.16 Acres (Located on Ory Road)

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Saturday, September 26th, 2026 | 10:00 AM
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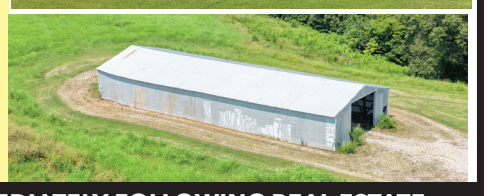
Tract Details Include:
TRACT 1 - 8.58 Acres - Home, Barn, and Shop along Bethlehem Ch. Rd.
TRACT 2 - 21.59 Acres along Bethlehem Ch Rd
TRACT 3 - 46.58 Acres - Rural Tract
TRACT 4 - 59.74 Acres along Bethlehem Ch Rd
TRACT 5 - 27.38 Acres - Wooded acreage along Martin Road
TRACT 6 - 119.95 Acres with Multiple Ponds
TRACT 7 - 66.91 Acres along Martin Road
TRACT 8 - 41.62 Acres along Martin Road



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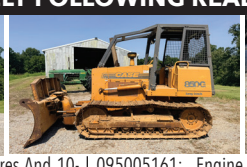

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1972 Domor Lowboy, Model Lba-25t, 50,000 Lb Cap, Vn 251117103.
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Case 850g Bulldozer – Long-Track, 6-Way Blade; Model 850g, S/N Jjg0217994; Blade No. 19057981.
John Deere 1550 Power Till Seeder – 8' Unit, 3-Point Hitch; S/N 000272n.
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BALLARD

Lunette Price Spinks, 85, of Kevil, Kentucky, passed away on September 13, 2026, at Baptist Health Paducah. A graveside service was held on Wednesday, September 16, 2026, at 11:00 am at Newton Creek Baptist Church Cemetery.

Jackie Allen, of Paducah, KY, passed away peacefully at Mercy Health Hospital on September 13, 2026, surrounded by her loving family. Graveside were held on Thursday, September 17, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, officiated by Rev. Chris Cooper.

Nancy Jean Golightly Griffin, 85, of Kevil, Kentucky, passed away surrounded by the love and memories of the family who meant so much to her. Visitation was held Saturday, September, 12, 2026 at Morrow Funeral Chapel in LaCenter from 10:00 a.m. until funeral time at 2:00 p.m. Rev. Glen Crowe officiated the service followed by interment at Providence Baptist Church Cemetery.

CALDWELL

Twyman H. Boren, age 96, of Princeton, passed away September 12, 2026 at Baptist Hospital in Paducah. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 19, 2026, at Morgan's Funeral Home with Bro. Ken Cummins officiating. Burial will follow in Cedar Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m. until service time on Saturday, September 19, 2026, at Morgan's Funeral Home.

Theresa Griffith, 69, of Eddyville, passed away on Saturday, September 12, 2026, at her home. A funeral Mass will be celebrated for Theresa at St. Agnes Catholic Church, 204 St. Clair Avenue in Mingo Junction, Ohio on Saturday, September 19th at 11:00 a.m. Burial will follow at Mount Calvary Catholic Cemetery in Steubenville, Ohio.

Jeffrey Alan Jones, 64, of Princeton, Kentucky, passed away on Thursday, September 10, 2026, in his home. Services are incomplete at Morgan's Funeral Home in Princeton, Kentucky.

Eugene Ellis "Papaw" Meadows passed away on September 8, 2026, at the age of 68. There will be a memorial meal at Northside ROC building in Princeton, KY. It will be held on Saturday, September 19, 2026 at 1 PM.

CALLOWAY

Vickey Morefield, 55, of Murray, passed away on Saturday, September 12, 2026 at Spring Creek Healthcare. Arrangements are currently incomplete at Imes Funeral Home & Crematory.

Shirley Ann Murray, age 81, of Murray, Kentucky passed away on Monday, September 14, 2026, at the Murray-Calloway County Hospital in Murray, Kentucky. A public graveside service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, September 19, 2026, at the Murray City Cemetery. Bro. Mike White will officiate. There will be no public visitation held prior to the graveside service.

Vivian Star Lewellyn, age 78, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away on Wednesday, September 16, 2026, at her home. Arrangements are currently incomplete at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

Kevin Dane Lamb, 58, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away on Monday, September 14, 2026, at his place of residence. A funeral service was held at 1:00 PM on Thursday, September 17, 2026, at the Olive Community Church, with Bro. Rick Miller officiating. Burial followed at Horn Cemetery.

Aubrey Moore, Jr., 95 of Murray, KY, passed away Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at the home of his son. Funeral services were conducted Monday, September 14, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. in the chapel of the Blalock-Coleman Funeral Home in Murray, KY with John Dale officiating. Burial followed the service in the Murray City Cemetery, Murray, KY.

CARLISLE

David "Fuzz" Chadduck, 73, passed away on September 13, 2026, at Baptist Health Paducah. Memorial Service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 19, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Arlington. Visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m. until the service time of 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 19, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Arlington.

CHRISTIAN

Ronnie Holt, age 75, of Hopkinsville, passed away surrounded by his family on Friday, September 11, 2026, at his home of natural causes. Funeral Services will be at 2:00 PM on Saturday, September 19, 2026, at Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home with Brother Jimmy Stewart and Brother David Harrison officiating and burial to follow in Lakeview Baptist Church Cemetery. Visitation will be that day at the funeral home from 10:00 AM until the service hour at 2:00 PM. Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home has been entrusted by the family to handle the arrangements.

Eloise Goodin Miller, age 90, of Hopkinsville, passed away on Wednesday, September 9, 2026, in her home surrounded by her loving family. Funeral Services were at 1:00 PM on Monday September 14, 2026, at Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home with Rev. Jamus Redd officiating and burial followed in Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West.

Mike Johnson, 58, of Hopkinsville, KY passed away on Wednesday, September 9, 2026. A funeral service will be held at a later date. Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home is assisting with the arrangements.

"Downtown" Neal Brown, 63, Avalon Blvd., Hopkinsville, KY, passed away Monday, September 14, 2026 at Deaconess Gateway Hospital, Newburgh, IN of natural causes. Visitation will be from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Friday, September 18, 2026 at Lamb Funeral Home.

Carolyn Espinoza-Smith, 78, Doane Drive, Clarksville, TN passed away on Monday, September 14, 2026 at her home of natural causes. Funeral services will be held at 12:00 p.m. Friday, September 18, 2026 at Lamb Funeral Home with Jeff Kellogg officiating and Tracy Guerra assisting. Burial will follow in Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West.

Joseph "Joey" Garland, 37, Michele Court, Hopkinsville, KY passed away on Sunday, September 13, 2026 at his home of natural causes. Graveside services were held 11:00 a.m. Thursday, September 17, 2026 at Ancestral Haven Memorial Gardens with Dr. Joe Bufford officiating. Lamb Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Marvin Emillio Sellers, born December 9, 1959, passed away on September 14, 2026. Family and friends are invited to gather for visitation on September 21, 2026, from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 801 East 4th Street, Hopkinsville, Kentucky 42240. The funeral service will follow at 12:30 p.m. at the church. Burial will take place at 2:00 p.m. at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West, 5817 Fort Campbell Blvd, Hopkinsville, Kentucky 42240.

James Henry "Catifsh" Jordan, born December 22, 1947, departed this life on September 11, 2026. Visitation for James Henry "Catifsh" Jordan will be held on September 19, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at Gamble Funeral Home, 1311 S Liberty St., Hopkinsville, KY 42240. Funeral service will follow at 12:00 p.m. at Gamble Funeral Home. Burial will take place on September 19, 2026, at McCarroll Hill Baptist Church, 10217 Princeton Road, Cerulean, KY 42215.

Barry Glen Francis, 57, of Hopkinsville, KY died at 4:40 p.m. Friday, September 11, 2026 at his residence. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Dogwood Funerals & Cremations is assisting with the arrangements.

Gary Andrew Joiner, 62, of Hopkinsville, KY died at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at his residence. Graveside services were at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, September 16, 2026, at Powell Cemetery in LaFayette, KY with Mike Higgins and Rev. Mike Bullard officiating.

CRITTENDEN

Terry Brantley, age 70, of Marion, KY, passed away on Monday, September 14, 2026, at his home. Funeral services will be held on Sunday, September 20, 2026, at 2:00 PM at Gilbert Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Rose Bud Cemetery. Friends may call from 1:00 PM till service time on Sunday.

James "Jim" Thomas Morrison, age 86, of Marion, KY, passed away on Friday, September 11, 2026, at Crittenden Health and Rehabilitation. Services for Jim Morrison were held on Sunday, September 13, 2026, at 12:00 PM at Gilbert Funeral Home with Bro. Donnie Winders officiating. Burial followed in Whites Chapel Cemetery.

Glendell Dean Cummings age 63 of Marion, KY passed away September 10, 2026 at Heartford House Hospice Care Center, Owensboro, KY. Friends and relatives were invited to a Celebration of Life for Glendell on Monday, September 14, 2026 between the hours of 4 and 8 PM at Myers Funeral Home, Marion, KY. Myers Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Glendell Dean Cummings.

GRAVES

Roger Lee Klapp, 73, of Palmersville, Tennessee, passed away surrounded by family on September 14, 2026, in Paducah, Kentucky. Per Dad's wishes no formal service will be held. A gathering to celebrate his life will take place later this fall. Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY is in charge of arrangements.

Linda Lou Vaughn Johnson, age 81, of Mayfield passed away on Wednesday, September 9, 2026 at Mercy Health Lourdes in Paducah, KY. Funeral services for Ms. Linda Lou Vaughn Johnson were at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, September 14, 2026 at Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY. Rev. Keith Allred will officiate. Interment followed at Wingo Cemetery.

Kristi Lain Oliver Dublin, age 56, of Wingo, Kentucky, passed away Sunday, September 13, 2026, at Jackson Purchase Medical Center in Mayfield, Kentucky. A Memorial service for Mrs. Kristi Lain Oliver Dublin will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday September 19, 2026: at the Baltimore Baptist Chuch with visitation starting at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Terry Wilson, age 83 and a resident of Fancy Farm, KY passed away at 2:40 PM Saturday, September 12, 2026, at Lourdes Hospital in Paducah, KY. A Funeral Mass for Terry was held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, September 15, 2026 at the St. Jerome Catholic Church in Fancy Farm with Father Darrell Venters officiating. Burial was in the St. Jerome Cemetery.

HICKMAN

Norma Agnes Lynch, age 95, of Fulton, KY, formerly of Breckinridge, KY, passed away Tuesday, September 15, 2026, at the Clinton-Hickman County I.C.F. Graveside services for Mrs. Norma Agnes Lynch will be held at 12:30 PM CST Monday, September 21, 2026, at the Bennett Cemetery in Custer, KY. There will be no visitation held at the funeral home and friends are asked to meet at the cemetery at the hour of service.

Tim Guess, age 61, of Hickman, KY, passed away Sunday, September 13, 2026, at his residence. Funeral services for Mr. Tim Guess were held at 11

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AM Thursday, September 17, 2026, at the Hornbeak Funeral Chapel in Hickman with burial to follow in the Sunset Cemetery in Dresden, TN.

LIVINGSTON

David Wayne "Wayno" Taylor, 56, of Marion, KY, passed away Saturday, September 12, 2026 at Crittenden Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Graveside funeral services were held on Thursday, September 17, 2026, at 11 AM, at White's Chapel Cemetery, with burial to follow.

Jackie Linda Riley Doom, age 78, of Burna, Ky. passed away at home Friday September 11, 2026 in her sleep. At this time there will be no services. Possibly a memorial service at a later date. Condolences may be left online at boydfuneraldirectors.com.

LYON

Terry Dwaine Waters, age 75, of Lyon county, passed away Wednesday, September 9, 2026 at his home. Funeral services were held on Saturday, September 12, 2026 at 2:00 pm at Lakeland Funeral Home with Bro. Andy Walker officiating. Burial followed in Rolling Hills Cemetery.

Roddy Dupe Robertson, age 77 of Gilbertsville Ky, a native of Lyon County who moved to Marshall County in the late 60's, passed away on Sunday, September 13, 2026 at Lake Barkley Health and Rehabilitation in Kuttawa, Ky.

MARSHALL

Fannie Mae Ford, 90, of Benton, Kentucky, passed away surrounded by family on Thursday, September 10, 2026, at Marshall County Hospital. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, September 15, 2026, at the Life Celebration Center of Filbeck-Cann, with Bro. Joel Frizzell and Bro. Greg Wells officiating. Burial followed at Benton Cemetery.

Steven "Snake" Hobbs, 64, of Benton, Kentucky passed away Monday, September 14th, 2026 surrounded by his loved ones at his residence. A funeral service will be held at 2:00 pm on Friday, September 18, 2026 at Collier Funeral Home with Cory Westerfield officiating. Burial will follow at Benton Church of Christ Cemetery.

Timothy Mark Dillon, 70 of Benton, Kentucky passed away peacefully on Saturday, September 12, 2026, at his home. Visitation will be held on Saturday, September 19, 2026, from 11 AM until 1 PM at Collier Funeral Home. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, September 19, 2026, at 1 PM at Collier Funeral Home.

Marlene J. Stone, 88, of Benton, passed away on Friday, September 11, 2026, at Calvert City Convalescent Center. A funeral service was held on Wednesday, September 16, 2026, at 1 PM at Collier Funeral Home. Bro. Joe Ed Brooks will be officiating. Burial followed in Cole Cemetery.

McCRACKEN

Mary Elizabeth (Burnett) Draffen, 86, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away peacefully on September 12, 2026. A private funeral service will be held with immediate family to honor and celebrate Mary's life. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly asks that friends consider making a donation to Sunrise Children's Services (sunrise.org/donate/) in Mary's memory, in support of its mission to provide care and hope for families and children through Christ-centered ministries.

Larry R. Buchanan, 76, of Athens, AL, formerly of Paducah, KY, passed away at Huntsville Hospital in Huntsville, Alabama, on Monday, September 14, 2026, at 11:04 a.m., surrounded by his loving family. A Celebration of Life will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 19, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah with Rev. Bob Martin officiating.

Linda Dukes Young passed away on Tuesday, September 14, 2026, at Baptist Health Hospital in Paducah, Kentucky, at the age of 75. A Funeral service will be held at 1:00 PM on Friday, September 18, 2026, at Oaklawn Baptist Church with Bro. Jarry Merritt officiating. Burial will follow at Tiline Cemetery in Livingston County. Visitation will be held from 11:00 AM until the service hour of 1:00 PM on Friday, September 18, 2026, at Oaklawn Baptist Church.

Jerry McElya, 89, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away at 1:30 p.m. Monday, September 14, 2026, at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Friday, September 18, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah with Rev. Keith Tilford officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Kenton Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Roy Lee Parvin, passed away on September 13, 2026, in Paducah, Kentucky, at the age of 79. A funeral service was held at 1:00 PM on Thursday, September 17, 2026, at the Lone Oak Chapel of Milner & Orr Funeral Home with Rev. John Smithmier officiating. Burial followed at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens.

Emily Richardson Newman, born to William (Babe) and Mary Louise Richardson, passed from this world on Sunday, September 13th, 2026, at the age of 86, after a vigil of family and caregivers. A funeral service was held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, September 17, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah with Bro. Bud Russell officiating. A private entombment will be held at Memorial Park Cemetery in Evansville, Indiana.

Michael Knighten, 62, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away on September 11th, 2026, at Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center. A memorial service will be held at 1:00 pm on Friday, September 25, 2026 at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah with Rev. Larry Buchanan officiating. Visitation will be held from 11:00 am until the 1:00 pm service time on Friday, September 25, 2026 at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah.

MariAnn Johanns, 71, of Bardwell formerly of North Adams, Michigan, passed away on Sunday, September 13, 2026, at the Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah. According to her wishes she will be cremated. Online condolences may be left at www.lindseyfuneral.com.

Our family and friends, It is with profound sadness and sorrow, we gather to announce the heavenly transition of our beloved father, brother, uncle, nephew, cousin and friend, **Herbert Lymar Bradford** on September 9, 2026 at 10:10 p.m. at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center at Mercy Health Lourdes Hospital. (Graveside service to be announced at later date).

TRIGG

Shirley "Jeanie" Cavanaugh Hendrix - November 14, 1949 - September 11, 2026 - Funeral services for 76 year old Shirley "Jeanie" Cavanaugh Hendrix of Cadiz will be held on Saturday, September 19, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. at Second Baptist Missionary Church. Burial will follow in Crown Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5:00-7:00 p.m. on Friday, September 18, 2026 at King's Funeral Home and on Saturday, September 19, 2026 from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. at Second Baptist Missionary Church.

Brian Joseph Rogers - December 2, 1976 - September 11, 2026 - uneral Services for 49 year old Brian Joseph Rogers of Cadiz will be Thursday, September 17, 2026 at 12:00 noon at King's Funeral Home. Private Family Burial will follow in the Patterson Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10:00-12:00 on Thursday at King's Funeral Home.

James R. Wynn, age 64, of Fulton, Missouri, a native of Cadiz, Kentucky, passed away on Wednesday, September 9, 2026, at University Hospital in Columbia, Missouri. Funeral services were at Goodwin Funeral Home, 138 Main Street in Cadiz, at 1:00 PM, Tuesday, September 15, 2026, with Bro. Wesley Curtis officiating. Burial followed in Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Cadiz.

To place a full obituary, including a photo, call 270-442-7389 for details and pricing.
Obituaries and funeral notices should be received by 9 a.m. Wednesday for inclusion in that week's paper.

WEST KY SPORTS

TOP 10 RANKINGS BY CLASS

Class 1A
1. Pikeville
2. Raceland
3. Sayre
4. Middlesboro
5. Bethlehem
6. Louisville Holy Cross
7. Kentucky Country Day
8. Paintsville
9. Covington Holy Cross
10. Campbellsville

Class 2A
1. Owensboro Catholic
2. Beechwood
3. Lexington Christian Academy
4. Mayfield
5. Belfry
6. Somerset
7. Danville
8. Caldwell County
9. W.E.B. DuBois
10. Prestonsburg

Class 3A
1. Christian Academy-Louisville
2. Lexington Catholic
3. Murray
4. Lloyd Memorial
5. Lawrence County
6. Glasgow
7. Central
8. Rockcastle County
9. Bourbon County
10. Russell

Class 4A
1. Highlands
2. Boyle County
3. Covington Catholic
4. Corbin
5. Paducah Tilghman
6. Ashland
7. Logan County
8. Johnson Central
9. Spencer County
10. Nelson County

Class 5A
1. Scott County
2. Pulaski County
3. Woodford County
4. Owensboro
5. Atherton
6. Bowling Green
7. Apollo
8. West Jessamine
9. Madisonville-North Hopkins
10. Collins

Class 6A
1. Trinity
2. Frederick Douglass
3. Saint Xavier
4. Manual
5. Madison Central
6. South Warren
7. George Rogers Clark
8. Male
9. Bullitt East
10. Bryan Station

Ballard Memorial won the 1st Region All "A" Classic Volleyball Championship on Saturday, Sept. 12.
(Photo Courtesy of Ballard Memorial High School)

Carlisle County finished runner-up in the 1st Region All "A" Classic volleyball tournament on Saturday, Sept. 12.
(Photo Courtesy of Carlisle County High School)

The Community Christian Academy baseball program honored its eighth graders and notched a win over Northside on Monday, Sept. 14.
(Photo Courtesy of Community Christian Academy)

Marshall County graduate Jay Nimmo earned his first win as a professional golfer on Sunday, Sept. 13. Nimmo won the 2026 Fendrich Open in Evansville, Ind. *(Photo Courtesy of Marshall County High School)*

Paducah Tilghman won the 2A, Section 1 Volleyball Championship at Hopkins County Central on Saturday, Sept. 12. The Lady Tornado shut out Union County 3-0 (25-10, 25-17, 25-15) in the 2A, Section 1 Volleyball Tournament title match. *(Photo courtesy of Paducah Tilghman High School)*

Murray State Athletics officially unveils Owens Family Field

Staff Report

MURRAY — In recognition of the generous support and transformational leadership of Leon Owens and the Owens Family, Murray State Athletics has officially announced Owens Family Field as the new home of Racer Softball during a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Friday, Sept. 11.

The naming of Owens Family Field represents another significant milestone in the continued advancement of the softball program and celebrates a family whose commitment to Murray State has helped create opportunities for generations of Racers.

"Leon and the Owens Family have demonstrated an incredible commitment to Murray State University, and we are tremendously proud that their name will be connected through the home of Racer Softball," President Dr. Ron Patterson said. "We are deeply grateful to the Owens Family for their continued investment in Murray State and the lasting impact they continue to make across our campus, community, and region."

"Murray State has always held a special place in our family, and we are humbled to have our name associated with the home of Racer Softball," Leon Owens said. "We believe deeply in Murray State, its student-athletes and the direction of Racer Athletics. It is exciting to see the continued growth of this program, and our family is proud to support the young women who will represent our institution at Owens Family Field today and for years to come."

Owens Family Field will provide Murray State Softball with a home that reflects the championship aspirations of the program while enhancing the experience for student-athletes, coaches, and recruits through the newly-installed FieldTurf that now bears the name of the family.

"The naming of Owens Family Field is a tremendous moment for Racer Athletics and an opportunity to recognize a family whose belief in Murray State has made a meaningful difference throughout our community," Vice President and Director of Athletics Nico Yantko said. "Leon and the Owens Family share our vision for creating a championship-caliber experience for our student-athletes, and their leadership and generosity continue to help us transform the future of the department and institution. We could not be more grateful for their partnership, and we are incredibly proud that Racer Softball will compete at Owens Family Field."

"This is an incredibly special day for Murray State Softball and everyone who has helped build this program," head softball coach Kara Amundson said. "Our student-athletes work every day to represent Murray State with pride, and having the opportunity to call Owens Family Field home is something our program will never take for granted. We are incredibly thankful to Leon and the entire Owens Family for believing in our student-athletes and helping create our new home."

The naming of Owens Family Field continues the momentum surrounding Murray State Athletics as the department recently broke ground on the Sandra Hartmann Press Box at the facility.

The press box will feature a main media area and additional auxiliary space, all of which will be ground level to make Racer Field tournament-host ready. Grandstands will be fixed to the top of the facility, providing a spectacular vantage point for fans to enjoy the game.

Other investments into the softball program have included revenue share money for student-athletes, the new indoor hitting facility in Roy Stewart Stadium, updates to the weight room and training room, and more.

Murray State Athletics has raised $52.75 million dollars in support of new facilities, initiatives and championship resources as part of the department's bold, comprehensive $100 million fundraising campaign, Leading The Pack, which was created to further position itself for the future by investing in student-athlete success and wellness, revenue share and competitive resources and world-class facilities.

Cross country nominations sought for Midway/KHSAA Student-Athlete of the Year

Staff Report

LEXINGTON — The nomination process for the Midway University/KHSAA Male and Female Student Athlete-of-the-Year among cross country participants for 2026-2027 is now open.

This award is based on athletic and academic achievement as well as community service and leadership. The link to the application contains additional criteria and a form to nominate one participant from each 2026-2027 team. Nominations must come from a member school, but can be submitted by an administrator, guidance counselor, or coach. Nominations may only be submitted online at https://khsaa.org/ge35-midway-university-khsaa-female-student-athlete-of-the-year-nomination-form/.

The winner will be announced early in the postseason and recognized at an awards event at Midway University in early summer 2027. From the winners selected for each KHSAA championship, one male and one female student-athlete will be named the overall 2026-2027 Midway University/KHSAA Student-Athlete of the Year, to be announced at the event. All individual winners will also receive their recognition awards at that time.

The deadline for nominations for the Midway University/KHSAA Student-Athlete of the Year in the sport of Cross Country is Tuesday, Oct. 6.

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Second KVCA Region 1 Top 5 Poll released

Staff Report

PADUCAH — The second KVCA Region 1 Top 5 Poll of the 2026 high school volleyball season was released on Thursday, Sept. 10.

The Kentucky Volleyball Coaches Association released the KVCA Region 1 Top 5 Poll and additional regional rankings.

Reigning champion McCracken County remains ranked first in the KVCA Region 1 Top 5 Poll.

The teams that accompany McCracken County (1) in the KVCA Region 1 Top 5 Poll are Graves County (2), Marshall County (3), Ballard Memorial (4) and Mayfield (5).

Teams continue to compete in the 2026 high school volleyball season, which opened on Monday, Aug. 17.

The KVCA Region 1 Top 5 Poll follows.

KVCA Region 1 Top 5 Poll

1. McCracken County
2. Graves County
3. Marshall County
4. Ballard Memorial
5. Mayfield

BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Marshals shut out Tigers

Staff Report

BENTON — Marshall County shut out 1st Region rival Murray 3-0 in a non-district boys' soccer match on Tuesday, Sept. 15.

The Marshals improved to 10-2-1 after notching the win.

The Tigers dropped to 9-1-2 after suffering the loss.

Trent Jackson, Hudson David and Davis Hunt each scored one goal for the Marshals.

Aiding Marshall County offensively, Maddox Konrad, Lincoln Colburn and Levi Hayes each dished out one assist.

Goalkeeper Cason Lovett paced Marshall County defensively, recording a shutout. Lovett logged five saves.

Marshall County and Murray aren't scheduled to meet again in the 2026 boys' high school soccer season.

Murray shut out University Heights Academy 8-0 in an All "A" Classic sectional match on Saturday, Sept. 12. *(Photo Courtesy of Murray High School)*

Graves County is among the teams competing in the 2026 girls' high school cross country season. *(Photo Courtesy of Graves County High School)*

Graves County Middle School runner Jaxon Veatch set a cross country 2-mile record at McCracken County on Saturday, Sept. 12. Veatch finished the event in 11:23, setting a new Graves County Middle School record. The previous record was held by Chris Toon, who ran a time of 11:31 in 2012. *(Photo Courtesy of Graves County Middle School)*

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife welcomes game warden recruit Class 31

Staff Report

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources' Law Enforcement Division welcomed Class 31 of game warden recruits at the new, permanent home of the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Game Warden Recruit Academy at Green River Lake near Campbellsville on Tuesday, Sept. 8.

Out of 1,179 applicants, nine recruits were selected to join a long tradition of conservation law enforcement in the Commonwealth. Class 31 will be the first to complete their entire academy training at the Green River Lake facility, leased from Kentucky State Parks. Classes 29 and 30 were the first to receive partial training at the facility in 2025.

The recruits will complete a comprehensive training program designed to prepare them for the unique responsibilities of serving as Kentucky game wardens. Training includes the 14-week Game Warden Recruit Academy and the 20-week Department of Criminal Justice Training Academy in Richmond.

Following academy training, recruits will complete 12 weeks of field training, working alongside experienced game wardens before being released to perform their duties independently.

"The men and women of Class 31 represent the future of the Law Enforcement Division," said Lt. Bryan Hill, training coordinator for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement. "Their commitment to service is a powerful reminder of the honor, integrity, personal courage and selfless service embodied every day by Kentucky game wardens."

Kentucky game wardens carry forward a law enforcement tradition that spans generations. Kentucky Fish and Wildlife is recognized as the oldest state law enforcement agency in the Commonwealth. Today's game wardens continue that legacy by protecting Kentucky's wildlife and natural resources, enforcing conservation laws and supporting public safety across the Commonwealth's waterways, forests and fields.

"We are gratified to continue to make advancements in our law enforcement recruitment, training and retention," said Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement Division Director Col. Jeremy McQueary. "In addition to a new permanent home for the Game Warden Recruit Academy, the number of game wardens has increased 37 percent, from 84 in 2018 to 115 now, and the average salary of sworn-in game wardens has grown by 78 percent, keeping them competitive with surrounding states wildlife law enforcement agencies."

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources remains committed to developing professional, dedicated game wardens who serve with integrity, protect the public and safeguard Kentucky's natural resources for future generations.

Information about a career as a Kentucky game warden is available on the department's website (fw.ky.gov) on the Career in Law Enforcement webpage.

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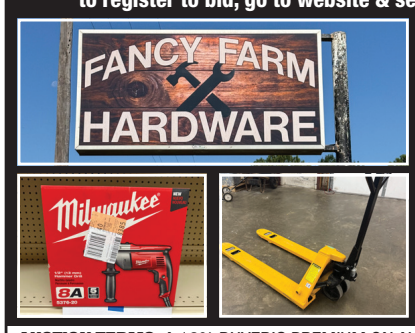

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Stein, Cats turn the page on Tide, set sights on No. 9 Texas A&M

By KEITH TAYLOR
Kentucky Today

LEXINGTON, Ky. (KT) — Kentucky coach Will Stein liked the way the Wildcats performed in the first half of a 45-17 loss to No. 10 Alabama on Saturday. Everything went as planned until the Crimson Tide scored 32 unanswered, putting an exclamation point on a successful comeback.

"I thought it was an amazing atmosphere," Stein said Tuesday. "They've really set the standard for what we need every single home game. That was incredible. Our players felt it. I felt it. It was infectious all week and I really appreciate them. But on the flip side, we got to play better for them. There's a lot to learn from the tape and it really starts with me. I've got to do a better job as head coach, getting these guys really prepared to finish games. I think that the big thing is finishing games."

Stein was disappointed in his team's offense in the final two quarters in the loss to Alabama. The Wildcats managed just 40 yards and failed to emulate the success they enjoyed in the opening half.

"We did not show up on offense in the second half," Stein said. "It's almost impossible to win with three turnovers and being 1-14 on third downs. We've got to generate explosive plays and move the ball down the field. I think that's obvious."

Stein has been pleased with his team's response after going to the "doctor" on Monday and Tuesday.

"We got beat in the last game (and) now it's time to turn the page and move on," Stein said. "We have to continue to compete and finish. That's the big thing. Can we finish? But a great opportunity ahead against a really good opponent."

The task certainly won't be any easier this week when Kentucky takes on No. 9 Texas A&M in the team's first road contest of the season. The Aggies have outscored the opposition 98-20 in the first two games, including a 50-0 shutout of Missouri State in the opener.

"It's going to be an elite atmosphere; we've got to be ready

(Les Nicholson/Kentucky Today)

for," Stein said. "It's still about us. It's our ability to play one snap at a time for four quarters. That's our mentality going into this. There's no poor me's, no shoulda, coulda, woulda's."

CJ OKAY

Kentucky running back CJ Baxter had some issues with his hand in the loss to Alabama, but Stein said Baxter has been participating in drills this week.

"He went every single rep (Tuesday)," Stein said. "(We) taped it up. It popped out on him like three times (and on a) critical third and one. He wasn't in there because of that. That was unfortunate for us. He went every single snap today."

Baxter has rushed for 77 yards and two touchdowns this season. Jason Patterson leads the Wildcats with 131 yards on 22 carries in the first two contests.

NICHOLS BACK

Stein expects Terhyon Nichols in the lineup this week. Nichols has missed the first two games because of an undisclosed injury.

"He was available all week," Stein said. "He practiced all week, and then really late in the process, Friday night, Saturday morning, it was a little bit as to how far he can go, but we felt like it was best to not put him out there in those situations. He went every single rep today. I know that, watch it with my own eyes, and he was running around fast and had to hop into steps. My expectation is that with that he's going to play this Saturday."

HOME AGAIN

Kentucky defensive coordinator Jay Bateman will be returning to College Station after spending the previous two seasons as the Aggies' defensive coordinator. Bateman praised Aggies coach Mike Elko during media day last month.

"He's one of the best football coaches, I think, that walks the planet right now," Bateman said. "I think the way we practice, the way you attack opponents, the overarching, hey, what's really important, man, we'd be here for a long time. He's a tremendous coach. He's a really good friend. I learned a ton from him, and we'll try to do a lot of the same things here that we did there."

Elko expects to see a similar style of defense Bateman used while with the Aggies.

"(It will be) probably a mixed bag," Elko said/"Certainly there are some philosophical things that were important to me that we ran on defense that maybe weren't things that Jay had, and some things that we did that maybe Jay liked, so I think you have kind of a mixed bag of what Jay has traditionally been, or wanted to be in his career, combined with maybe a couple of things that he picked up here that he liked and thought fit."

GAMETRACKER: Kentucky at Texas A&M, 3:30 p.m., Saturday. TV/Radio: ESPN (Joe Tessitore, Jesse Palmer, Kris Budden). UK Radio Network (Tom Leach, Jeff Piecoro, Dick Gabriel)

Ticket distribution for Big Blue Madness set for Friday

By KEITH TAYLOR
Kentucky Today

LEXINGTON, Ky. (KT) — Tickets for Big Blue Madness will be available at 5 p.m. Friday through Ticketmaster.

The yearly event, sponsored by Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Bluegrass, is set for 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 2, at Rupp Arena.

Tickets can be obtained through Ticketmaster online and the app. There is a limit of two tickets per household. A limited number of student tickets will be distributed, and members of BBN United will have access to tickets before public distribution.

Big Blue Fan Fest is set for Saturday, Oct. 3.

VICTORIOUS Living ...in a troubled world

Jesus is still in the boat - you're not alone

By Teresa LeNeave
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There is an old song many of us once sang: "Troublesome times are here; filling men's hearts with fear." Those words have been echoed throughout generations, because troubled times are nothing new. Yet while the world may give us reason to be concerned, this is not a time to panic. Instead, it is a time to embrace the promises of God; promises that never fail.

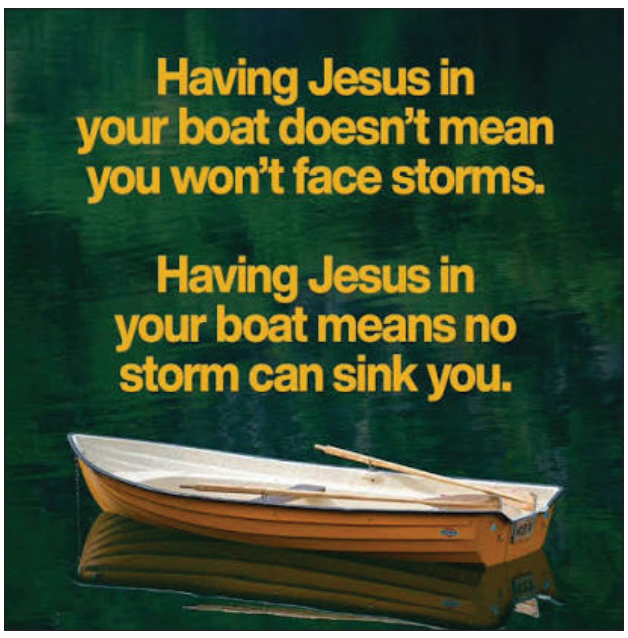
Hebrews 11:6 reminds us, "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that comes to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

Faith requires determination and perseverance. It means choosing to trust God even when circumstances give us every reason to doubt. Doubt tells us that God is absent or that our circumstances are beyond His control. Faith tells us otherwise.

The Bible gives us a powerful picture of this kind of faith in the account of Jesus and His disciples caught in a violent storm. While the disciples feared that the ship would sink, Jesus was asleep. When they woke Him, He simply spoke to the wind and the waves, and the storm became calm. But Jesus did more than calm the troubled sea. He also calmed the troubled hearts of His disciples.

That is good news for us today. The same God who brought peace to the disciples in the midst of a storm is still able to bring peace to people facing storms of their own. Psalm 91 speaks of finding "rest in the secret place of the Most High."

We are living through difficult times. Hearts are broken, and people everywhere are facing circumstances that can seem overwhelming. Cancer has touched countless families, and many are fighting for their lives. My own family has experienced this struggle. My sister has stage 4 lung cancer, and I recently learned that my cousin has also been diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer. The struggle is real.



Yet cancer is not the only battle people are facing. Every person carries some kind of burden. It may not be a disease. It may be grief, financial hardship, loneliness, broken relationships, fear, uncertainty or a battle that no one else can see. Whatever the struggle, people everywhere need comfort, healing and hope.

We know that when circumstances look bleak, God is neither surprised nor afraid. Nothing catches Him off guard. He knows what will happen before it happens. He has all authority and all power, and He remains sovereign over His creation.

That does not mean we will always understand why He allows certain things to happen. There are questions for which we may never have answers in this life. But perhaps that is where faith becomes most important. In times of struggle, we learn to trust the Creator even when we cannot understand His ways.

If God can keep the universe in motion, surely He is capable of taking care of us. Jesus said in John 20:29, "Blessed are those who have not seen, and yet have believed." Though we cannot see faith with our eyes, but that does not make it unreal. Faith is a confidence in the God we cannot physically see but who has revealed Himself through His Word and through His Son. First John 5:4 declares, "Faith is the victory that overcomes the world." He sees what we cannot see. He understands what we cannot understand. And He knows how to bring His people safely through the storms of life.

That kind of peace does not come from pretending that problems do not exist. It does not come from blindly ignoring reality. True peace comes from believing God's Word and knowing why we believe it.

We believe because God sent His Son to redeem us, to heal us and to restore troubled souls. The storm may be raging, but like the disciples, we do not have to face it alone. Jesus is still in the boat.

OUTDOOR Truths

By Gary Miller
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The last time I mowed my grass, I think it had reached about 10 inches tall. It didn't look that bad, but I had let it go. The time before that, I mowed but didn't take time to weedeat. And the bushes around my house need a little shaping. A few of them need elimination. There are some holes in my yard as well. They have appeared where trees used to be – trees that had been cut down. Now the roots have rotted and left some unwanted cavities that need to be filled.

I had planned to clean the garage so I could get at least one car in there, but I put that off for another, more suitable time. The same goes for my storage shed. I have been meaning to do an extreme makeover on it for the last couple of years. Add shelves and hangers and replace the door.

Maybe it will happen this year.

Maybe not.

The fence needs staining. It's looking a little sun-parched. I need to replace a few boards as well. I'm not sure when I'll get to that. And let's not talk about the inside of my house. There's enough there to keep me busy for months. Blinds hung. Doors painted. A few pieces of tile replaced where they have released their hold from my kitchen counter.

Age and atrophy go hand in hand.

And what goes for a house of brick and mortar goes also for a house of skin and bones.

And that's why I went fishing.

Gary Miller Outdoortruths.org

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Choose to keep your face toward the light

By William F Holland Jr.
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Since before the world was made, God has known you and loved you. He has never taken His eyes away or ignored you. If you were to write down all the blessings and victories He's provided, they would prove He has called you, saved you, and has been guiding and helping you every day of your life. You might say, it doesn't seem like it, but remember, many times we made decisions that were not a part of His plan.

It's common to be filled with a mixture of emotions. Worry, stress, sadness, and anxiety are everywhere, but just because there is a tornado of events going on around us does not mean we have to allow them to control us. Our minds are like sponges that absorb the constant sights and sounds of our chaotic world, but remember we are called to be guardians of what we think about. It's in the quiet secret place of God's presence that fills us with His hope, peace, and contentment.

Has disappointment in the past caused you to not be as confident or excited as you once were? Of course, we all have times in our lives when we are upset and wonder why things happen or didn't happen. Stop beating yourself up; you are perfectly normal. Life is a series of ups and downs, and no matter how charismatic a personality you may have, there will be seasons when we search deep within our soul to see if we are being attacked, or if maybe we are just not following God. Whatever the case, it's easy to wallow in our sorrows, but if we will turn our attention away from ourselves and focus on listening to the Lord, the dark clouds of confusion will begin lifting, and the joy and compassion of God's presence will fill us with hope.

I want to share a word with you from Psalm 42:5, and repeated again in verse 11: "Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise Him, my Savior and my God." It is said that David wrote these words, and if you study his relationship with God, you know he had his share of sorrows, but he also learned how to encourage himself. He wrote this when his son Absalom committed treason, but even with something as devastating as this, he expresses that faith in God can generate hope when everything seems hopeless. He examines his own heart and understands there are times we will not comprehend why we are going through trials, but we are to obey and glorify God while we are waiting for our answer.

Instead of going to bed and covering our heads, let us look beyond our pity party and focus our eyes on the prize of the high calling in Christ Jesus. Sometimes we are so absorbed with what we are going through, we just simply forget how much He cares about us. I had two situations a while back that could have been tragic, but God intervened in them both. I was driving on the bypass and was getting ready to change lanes when, at the last second, I saw a car beside me out of the corner of my eye. If I had made that mistake, it probably would have been my last. The second situation involved me being on a ladder on my front porch the same day. I thought I was on the bottom step, but I was actually on the step above and fell onto the concrete and into the storm door. I broke the door and have a few bruises, but miraculously I was not seriously injured.

Throughout our lives, we've had some ups and downs, but all in all we have a lot to be thankful for. I know it's easy at times to feel sorry for ourselves, but instead of feeling cast down, may we consider where we would be without God's grace. Hope is a small word like love and joy, but it's the power within the human soul to trust God and to know that His will CAN be fulfilled in our lives. Depression and discouragement come upon us when we are focused more on our emotions than our spiritual armor, so don't forget, optimism and pessimism are hourly choices we make within our conscience. Many times we are our own worst enemy. Keep your face toward the light – and the shadows will always be behind you.

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Similarly, all Christians are called to be a lighthouse for sinners sailing in the darkness of depravity. The "children of light" are commanded to radiate the light of the glory of Christ in order to direct wayward sinners to the "Father of lights" (cf. 1 Thess. 5:5; James 1:17). As Jesus said, "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:14-15).

The harsh elements of life will eventually cause you to rust and wither away, but this is your eternally significant purpose as long as you remain standing. The "outer self" is wasting away, and it's not as vigorous as it used to be (cf. 2 Cor. 4:16). Indeed, you will fade like flowers of the field, and your radiance will dim with time (Isaiah 40:7). Moreover, with each passing day, you are closer to the dust from which you came (Eccl. 12:7). But, as long as God keeps you upright in the world's waters, your critical mission is to shine gospel light to those who grope in the darkness of sin (cf. 2 Cor. 4:6).

"O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds. So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come" (Psalm 70:17-18).

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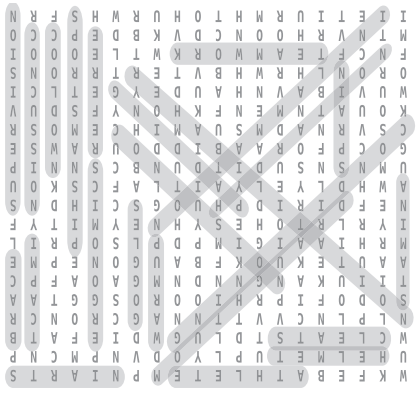

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LIVESTOCK • FARM EQUIPMENT • SHOP TOOLS
HOUSEHOLDS • COINS • FIREARMS • COLLECTIBLES

Join us for an outstanding Absolute Non-Real Estate Auction featuring an exceptional selection of livestock, farm equipment, shop tools, household furnishings, antiques, coins, firearms, knives, and collectibles. Whether you’re a farmer, collector, craftsman, or homeowner, you’ll find quality merchandins throughout this large estate auction.

Everything Sells to the Highest Bidder Regardless of Price!

LIVESTOCK
- Black 12-Year-Old Percheron Mare With 4-Month-Old Stud Colt
- Gray 8-Year-Old All-Purpose Mare
- 10-Year-Old Jersey Cow
- 2-Year-Old Jersey Bull
- Yearling Jersey Heifer
- (2) Jersey Heifer Calves
- (1) Jersey Bull Calf

FARM EQUIPMENT
Pequea Manure Spreader, Reliable Hochstetler Farm Wagon, New Idea Hay Loader, Tractor-Type Hay Rake On Steel Wheels, Crossroads Cultivator, Pioneer Tooth Harrow, Pioneer Forecart, Pioneer Grader Blade, Pioneer Potato Plow, Fertilizer Spreader On Wheels, Hay Spear On Wheels, Stalk Cutter, Double Disk, Soilmaster Riding Plow, Mccormick No. 7 Hay Mower, Mccormick No. 7 Hay Mower (To Rebuild), Mccormick No. 9 Hay Mower (For Parts), John Deere Corn Planter, Single Garden Disk, Pull-Type Lime Spreader, Hammer Mill, Hay Trolley, Hay Hook, Approximately 70’ Hay Track, Triple Trees, Double Trees, Single Trees

SHOP TOOLS & WOODWORKING
(2) Air Compressors, Delta Drill Press, 12’ Foley Belsaw Planer, Grizzly Drum Sander, Oliver Dust Collector, Roll-Around Tool Chest, Several Toolboxes With Tools, Wood Clamps, Barrel Dolly, Lister Diesel Engine (Needs Repair), Wisconsin Engine With Clutch, Approximately 800 Board Feet Of Cedar Lumber, Breast Drills, And A Large Assortment Of Hand Tools

SHOP, FARM & MISCELLANEOUS
(4) Vises, Railroad Jack, Ladder Jacks, Roll-Around Scaffold, Log Chains, Chain Binders, Come-A-Longs, Wrenches, Sockets, Bearings, Pulleys, V-Belts, Pipe Wrenches, Several Step Ladders, Straw Fork, Pitch Forks, Manure Forks, Sledge Hammers, Shovels, Hoes, Rakes, Concrete Bull Float, Live Traps, Gear Pullers, Pallet Jack, Backpack Sprayers, Several Post Hole Diggers, Steel Wheelbarrow Wheels, John Deere Planter Plates, Goat Hay Feeder, Rabbit Cages, Gondola Shelving, Small Stainless Pig Feeder, 10+ Metal/Wire Shelving Units, Shop Stove, Greenhouse Stove, Approximately 280 Packs Of Concrete Fiber, Fireproof File Cabinet, File Cabinets, Picnic Tables, Hobart Meat Grinder/Mixer (Line Shaft Ready), Three-Bay Stainless Vat, Stainless Work Tables, Pea Sheller, Several Poly Folding Tables

HOUSEHOLD • ANTIQUES & PRIMITIVES
Gem Pac Wood Cook Stove, Three-Door Wood-Fired Bake Oven/Cook Stove, 40+ Cast Iron Skillets And Pots, (3) Cast Iron Kettles, 50+ Oil Lamps, Corelle Dishes, Stainless Cookware, Singer Sewing Machine, Dry Sink, Several Dressers, Wood Box, Several Wall Clocks, A Large Collection Of Canning Jars, And Maytag Wringer Washers.

COINS
(3) 2013 Proof Quarter Sets, (2) 2012 Proof Quarter Sets, (2) 1999 Proof Quarter Sets, 1984 Proof Coin Set, 2008 Presidential Dollar Proof Set, 25 Silver Quarters, 50 Silver Dimes, 6 Silver Half Dollars, 11 Forty-Percent Silver Half Dollars, 75+ Buffalo Nickels, (4) V Nickels, 18 Susan B. Anthony Dollars, 35 Bicentennial Half Dollars, 40 Bicentennial Quarters, 20 Indian Head Cents, 500+ Wheat Cents, 1914 Canadian Silver 5-Cent Piece, 1944 Australian Silver Florin, 1943 Australian Silver Shilling, 1942 Australian Silver Sixpence, 1943 Australian Silver Threepence, (4) Canadian 80% Silver Coins, (2) Canadian 50% Silver Quarters, And Assorted Foreign Coins

FIREARMS, KNIVES & COLLECTIBLES
Mossberg .410 Gauge Pump Shotgun, (11) Case XX Pocket Knives, Fighting Rooster Knife, Assortment Of Collectible Knives, And 60+ Zippo Lighters

PERSONAL PROPERTY TERMS: A 10% Buyer’s Premium Will Be Added To The Final Bid And Included In The Sales Price. Full Settlement Date Of Sale. Check Or Cash Only.

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Absolute Real Estate Auction
Thursday, October 1st, 2026 | 6:00 PM
2499 Highway 58 East, Mayfield, KY 42066
3 BDRM 3 BA HOME
24 ± ACRES
in 4 Tracts & Combinations

Don’t miss this opportunity to purchase a versatile country property at Absolute Auction! Situated on 24± acres offered in 4 tracts, this property features a 1,973+/- sq. ft. home, attached 2-car garage, detached shop, stocked pond, hardwood plantation, open acreage, and mature wooded areas. The home offers 3 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms and features a spacious living area with exposed wood ceiling beams and a brick fireplace, a screened in patio, an eat-in kitchen with ample cabinetry, a separate dining area, and comfortable bedrooms. An attached 2-car garage provides convenient parking and additional storage. The detached shop adds even more versatility to the property and includes a bathroom, workshop area, and storage space. Whether you’re looking for room for equipment, hobbies, projects, or additional storage, this building offers plenty of possibilities.

Property Highlights Include:
- 24± Acres Offered in 4 Tracts
- 1,973+/- Sq. Ft. Home
- 3 Bedrooms • 3 Bathrooms
- Screened In Patio
- Spacious Living Room with Brick Fireplace
- Exposed Wood Ceiling Beams
- Eat-In Kitchen • Dining Area
- Attached 2-Car Garage
- Two Detached Shops - One w/Bathroom
- Workshop Area • Add’l Storage Space
- Large Stocked Pond & Hardwood Plantation
- Open Acreage - Mature Trees & Wooded Areas
- Beautiful Country Setting

REAL ESTATE TRACTS

Tract 1	3.68 Acres *with Home & Shops*
Tract 2	3.51 Acres *with Road Frontage on KY Hwy 58*
Tract 3	9.01 Acres *with Access Road from Fox Road, Large Stocked Pond, & Hardwood Plantation*
Tract 4	8.18 Acres *with Access Road from Fox Road & Hardwood Plantation (Split with Tract 3)*

REAL ESTATE TERMS: A 10% buyer’s premium will be added to the final bid price & included in contract price. A 15% deposit is due day of auction, balance due in 30 days. The property is being sold on an “AS IS, WHERE IS” basis, and no warranty or representation, either express or implied, concerning the property is made by the Seller or Auction Company. Each potential bidder is responsible for conducting his or her own independent inspections investigations, inquires, and due diligence concerning the property. The property will be sold by a new survey, buyer responsible for 50% of the survey costs. Make Inspections Prior To Date Of Sale.

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CERS outperforms peer public pension plans with 13% returns

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – The Kentucky Public Pensions Authority (KPPA) has announced that strong 2026 fiscal year investment returns have helped the County Employees Retirement System (CERS) top $22 billion in assets.

The KPPA reports that all CERS pension and insurance portfolios returned more than 13 percent, which is significantly more than their 6.5 percent actuarial assumed rate of return. CERS also bested the median return of 12.6 percent for public pension plans with more than $1 billion in assets as tracked by Wilshire Associates.

This marks the fourth consecutive year that CERS pension and insurance portfolios have achieved returns near or above 10 percent. As a result, total assets in the systems overseen by the CERS Board of Trustees reached a record $22.3 billion in Fiscal Year (FY) 2026, which ended June 30, driven by strong investment returns and employer contributions.

The primary drivers of returns in FY 2026 were allocations to public equities and real return investments.

KPPA notes that over the past 10-, 20- and 30-year periods, all CERS pension and insurance portfolio returns exceeded their actuarial assumed rates of return and have either nearly met or surpassed their benchmarks. Furthermore, when considering the level of risk in each portfolio, all system pension and insurance funds rank in the top 5 percent of peer public pension funds in terms of Sharpe ratio over the most recent five-year period. The Sharpe ratio is a key measure of how much investment return each portfolio earns relative to the amount of risk taken.

"The CERS Board has worked deliberately over the past several years to establish a target asset allocation that reflects both the long-term return needs of the system and the level of risk we believe is appropriate for our members and employers," said CERS Board of Trustees Chair George "Lisle" Cheatham. "Setting that allocation is only part of the job—the real test is having the discipline to adhere to it through different market cycles rather than chasing whichever asset class happens to be performing best at the moment. These results, particularly our strong risk-adjusted performance relative to our peers, demonstrate the value of that disciplined approach."

The more than 303,000 members of CERS are current and former employees of county and city governments, eligible local agencies, and nonteaching school board staff.

ABSOLUTE REAL ESTATE AUCTION

Rustic 3 Bedroom - 2 Bath Home

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

747 Blue Ridge Rd, Smithland, KY 42081

RUSTIC 3 BEDROOM HOME • 2 BATHS • 2,400± SQ. FT.

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
- Spacious Kitchen with Peninsula
- Mature Shade Trees • Paved Drive
- Private, Wooded Setting
- Tremendous Renovation & Investment Potential

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ABSOLUTE REAL ESTATE AUCTION

Tuesday, September 29th, 2026 | 10:00 AM

Auction Location: Marshall County UK Extension Office

23 ACRES in 4 Tracts

BENTON, KENTUCKY

PRIME REAL ESTATE ADJOINING WALMART

RESIDENTUAL LOT ON MAYFIELD HWY

PROPERTY LOCATIONS: W 5th St., Benton, KY & Old Mayfield HWY, Benton, KY 42025

A tremendous opportunity to purchase four tracts of well-located Benton, Kentucky real estate, including three tracts adjoining or in the immediate Walmart area plus a separate residential Mayfield Highway lot. Whether you're looking for commercial development potential, investment property, additional acreage, or a smaller tract in a convenient location, this auction offers an outstanding opportunity.

4 TRACTS – ONE OUTSTANDING AUCTION
Tract 1 – 0.58 Surveyed Acre
Tract 2 – 2.76 Surveyed Acres
Tract 3 – 19.28 Surveyed Acres
Tract 4 – 0.41 acre mayfield highway lot

TRACT 1 – 0.58 ACRE • ADJOINING WALMART

0.58 surveyed acre adjoining the Walmart property and situated immediately south of Tract 1. The same boundary survey separately identifies this tract as 0.58 acre, with the Walmart property shown directly along its eastern side. Don't overlook the possibilities of a smaller tract in a strong commercial location. This property offers an opportunity for investors, developers, adjoining owners, and business interests looking to secure additional real estate near one of Benton's major retail destinations.

TRACT 2 – 2.76 ACRES • ADJOINING WALMART

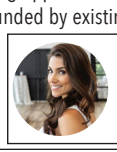
2.76 surveyed acres situated immediately adjacent to Walmart in Benton. The July 31, 2026 boundary survey identifies this tract as 2.76 acres and shows Wal-Mart Stores East, Inc. directly adjoining the property along its eastern boundary. The survey is associated with Tax Parcel 0B-04-00-005.01C00. This is a highly visible and strategically positioned tract in one of Benton's established commercial areas. Its proximity to Walmart makes it an excellent property for investors, developers, business owners, and buyers looking for long-term commercial potential.

TRACT 3 – 19.28 ACRES • BEHIND & ADJOINING WALMART

19.28 surveyed acres located directly behind and adjoining the Walmart property in Benton. The August 3, 2026 boundary survey identifies the property as 19.28 acres and shows a substantial shared boundary with Wal-Mart Stores East, Inc. The survey also shows Interstate 69 immediately west of the property area, making this an especially noteworthy location for a tract of this size. The survey identifies the property with Tax Parcel 36-00-00-016and lists Benton, Kentucky 42025 as the location. Nearly 20 acres in this location represents a rare opportunity. With Walmart immediately adjacent and I-69 nearby, this tract deserves serious consideration from developers, investors, commercial buyers, and land buyers seeking a substantial holding in the Benton market.

TRACT 4 – MAYFIELD HIGHWAY LOT • 0.41 ACRE

A conveniently located 0.41-acre lot in the Mayfield Highway/Circle Drive area of Benton. Marshall County PVA records identify this property as Map No. 0B-05-05-003, containing approximately 0.41 acre. The PVA aerial map shows the tract along the Mayfield Highway/Circle Drive area, surrounded by existing development and convenient to the heart of Benton. This smaller tract provides an affordable opportunity for investors, adjoining owners, or buyers looking to add a well-located Benton property to their holdings.



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REAL ESTATE TERMS: The property will be offered in multiple tracts. A 10% Buyer's Premium will be added to the final bid and included in the deed transaction sale price. 15% as down payment on the day of the auction with balance in cash at closing on or before 30 days. The down payment may be in the form of cashier's check, personal check, or corporate check. YOUR BIDDING IS NOT CONDITIONAL UPON FINANCING, SO BE SURE YOU HAVE ARRANGED FINANCING, IF NEEDED, AND ARE CAPABLE OF PAYING CASH AT CLOSING. Make Inspections Prior To Date Of Sale. Closing shall take place on or before 30 days from auction date. All 2026 ad valorem taxes will be prorated at closing. The property will be sold by a new survey. Buyer is responsible for 50%.

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