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UK offers help for farmers during downturn

LEXINGTON, Ky. (As farmers face rising costs, tighter margins and uncertain markets, University of Kentucky agricultural economists are offering guidance to help producers navigate the current downturn.

Six of the 36 economists who contributed to the Southern Extension Risk Management Education Center's Surviving the Farm Economy Downturn: 2026 Update are based at UK's Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment.

The publication includes 24 peer-reviewed articles covering cattle and row-crop profitability, lender communication, bankruptcy, alternative crops, value-added marketing and long-term farm resilience.

UK Extension professor Jordan Shockley said the updated resource builds on a publication developed about 10 years ago and addresses challenges that have emerged during the latest downturn.

Key recommendations include knowing production costs, communicating early with lenders, protecting cash reserves, carefully evaluating risk and avoiding short-term decisions that could weaken a farm's long-term viability.

The publication is available through UK's Department of Agricultural Economics' Economic and Policy Update e-newsletter.

PADUCAH'S NEW SPORTS PARK

A generational investment for youth and future

By Bill Bartleman,
McCracken Commissioner
Special to West KY News

On Sept. 10, I stood alongside city and county leaders as we cut the ribbon on the Paducah Sports Park by CFSB, and I felt a deep sense of pride for our community. The dream of building a first-class sports complex has been talked about for generations. I've watched Paducah's young athletes pile into cars and vans, traveling hours to compete in tournaments because we simply didn't have adequate facilities here at home. My own family experienced that when my oldest grandson played travel ball—weekend trips were costly and time-consuming. Now, my great-grandsons will have the chance to compete right here at home as well as travel.

We also needed better facilities for our local recreation leagues, especially soccer teams that were playing on a former landfill.

See Paducah Sports/Back Page



The Paducah Sports Park is located at 150 Steve Doolittle Drive, Paducah, KY 42001. The sports park occupies the property that was once home to Bluegrass Downs and is part of the area surrounding Stuart Nelson Park. The new address honors Steve Doolittle, reflecting the community's connection to the site and its continuing evolution into a destination for youth sports, recreation and family activities.

What began as a former horse-racing site has been transformed into a modern sports complex designed to provide young athletes with opportunities to compete, develop their skills and build lasting memories close to home. For Paducah and the surrounding region, the Sports Park stands as a long-term investment — one that can serve generations of children while strengthening the community through sports, recreation and shared experiences.

Photo provided by Bill Bartleman

Christian County HS students able to apply for Youth Council

Hopkinsville Mayor James R. Knight Jr. has announced the return of the Mayor's Youth Council (MYC), now entering its ninth class.

Applications opened Sept. 14 for Christian County high school juniors and seniors, including students attending public, private or home schools. The program gives young people an opportunity to learn about local government, discuss community issues, share their perspectives and develop leadership and service skills.

Applicants must attend school in Christian County, be a junior or senior during the 2026-27 school year, and commit to participating in each MYC session.

Applications are due Friday, Sept. 25, and must include student information, a resume, two recommendation letters and a signed release form.

For the complete program schedule, go to hoptown.org/myc.
For more information, email diane.turner@h-ky.us or call 270-890-0245.

Murray State exhibit features works by Picasso, Warhol and other masters

MURRAY, Ky. — Works by Pablo Picasso, Marc Chagall, Andy Warhol and other internationally recognized artists are on display at Murray State University through Oct. 26.

"An Eclectic Eye: A Curated Selection from the **Dr. Michael E. Porter and Lana G. Porter Fine Art Collection**" is featured in the Eagle Upper Gallery of the Price Doyle Fine Arts Center. The exhibit includes works by Jeff Koons, Alex Katz, Helen Frankenthaler, Robert Rauschenberg, Jim Dine and Elizabeth Murray, among others.

The collection, temporarily loaned by Murray State alumna Lana Porter, represents a portion of the lifetime collection assembled by her late husband, Dr. Michael E. Porter. The works span painting, prints, sculpture and glass, with styles ranging from Modern Art and Abstract Expressionism to Pop Art.

The exhibit is free and open to the public Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A public reception is scheduled for Oct. 16 at 3 p.m. in the Clara M. Eagle Gallery.



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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



Erin Langan
Education & Programs Manager
River Discovery Center

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.

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 ca-

reers 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 Perform New 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 out-patient 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 diag-



nosis 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 Tennes-

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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

Run for the Fallen begins Saturday in Owensboro

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.

On Saturday eve-

ning following the final hero marker of day 1 in Greenville at Veterans Plaza, a special marker will honor the service and sacri-

fice of Kentucky's fallen first responders.

For more information, go to www.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.

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- Approximately 120 feet of Kentucky Lake shoreline
- Private boat dock
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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.

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August unemployment rate unchanged from July

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

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.

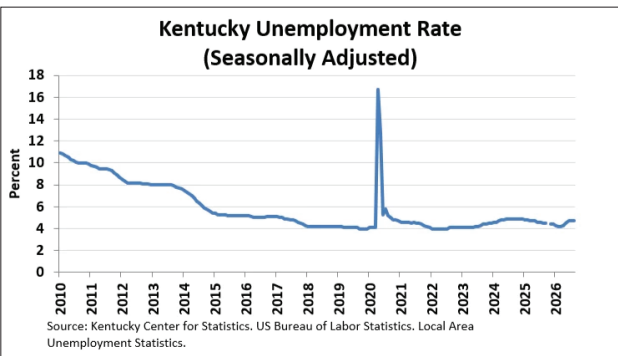
The preliminary August 2026 jobless rate was unchanged from July and up 0.2 percentage points from one year ago.

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.

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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 high-

lights 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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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-Burgdorf, 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 Abigail 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



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

Lone Star tick range, is among the hardest-hit states.

“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 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.

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

By DERRICK MEADS
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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



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.

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 ex-

panding 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.”

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Those teams will now use the new complex on weekdays when tournaments aren’t scheduled, giving them a safe, modern place to play and grow.

For decades, proposals came and went, each one hitting the same wall—funding. We knew what we needed, but we didn’t have a way to pay for it. That changed when the McCracken Fiscal Court, led by Commissioner Eddie Jones, recognized that we could implement a sports-tourism transient room tax, paid by hotel guests rather than local residents. Today, that tax generates more than \$1 million a year for sports tourism and covers most of the construction bond payments and operating costs for the new park.

I said it at the ribbon cutting, and I’ll say it again: this facility simply would not exist without the transient room tax. It provided the financial foundation we had been missing for decades.

Another turning point came when VICI Properties Inc., parent company of Caesars Entertainment, donated the former Bluegrass Downs harness-racing track to the county. That gift—negotiated by Judge-Executive Craig Clymer—gave us an ideal 58-acre site that connected directly to the 70-acre city-owned Stuart Nelson Park.

A third key to making the project a reality was the agreement with the City of Paducah to donate Stuart Nelson Park and share construction costs. It’s a powerful example of what can happen when elected officials work together. The resulting 130-acre complex sits in an ideal location—near ho-

tels, restaurants, and just a couple of miles from I-24.

To oversee construction and operations, the fiscal court appointed a sports tourism commission made up of volunteers. These men and women spent more than two years—and hundreds of hours—planning, coordinating, and guiding the project from concept to completion.

The park can host 40 or more weekend tournaments every year, drawing teams from Louisville, Memphis, Nashville, St. Louis, and beyond. During the week, it serves our local leagues—kids who finally have a first-class place to play, practice, and develop their skills.

The facility itself is impressive:

- 10 synthetic-turf fields that can be configured into more than 20 fields for soccer, football, rugby, lacrosse, baseball, and softball
- An 18-hole disc golf course
- Large parking areas
- Full-service concessions
- And—most importantly—convenient restrooms

It’s modern, flexible, and built to last.

But what matters most to me, and to other county and city leaders, is what this means for our young people. This park gives them a place to grow, compete at higher levels, and showcase their abilities as they pursue college scholarships and future opportunities. It also strengthens our local economy by bringing in visitors who stay in our hotels, eat in our restaurants, and shop in our stores.

This project was a true partnership—between the City of Paducah, McCracken County, and the

McCracken County Sports Tourism Commission. At the opening, we honored the late Steve Doolittle, whose dedication helped move this project forward, and Deputy Judge Steve Ervin, who oversaw construction from start to finish. Their work is woven into every inch of this park.

During the ceremony, I shared a story that still makes me smile. Several years ago, I met Dr. Ben Carson, then U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services. He had visited Paducah earlier and remembered our community vividly. He told me Paducah was the home of the “eighth wonder of the world”—the Carson Center where he spoke. He said that for a city our size to have such a modern performing arts center was extraordinary, and he praised the hospitality and friendship of our people.

With the opening of the Paducah Sports Park by CFSB, I truly believe we’ve added another achievement to our legacy and quality of life. For a community our size, this sports park stands as the “ninth wonder of the world.”

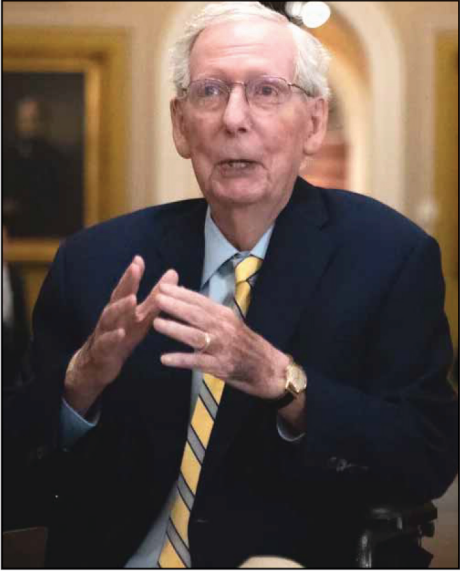
But this park is more than fields and fences. It’s an investment in our youth, our economy, and our future. It enhances the quality of life that makes our community great. And as I stood there on opening day, gazing over the massive, pristine complex, I felt confident that we made the right investment—one that will pay dividends for generations.

Now, let’s PLAY BALL.

Bill Bartleman is a retired reporter for the Paducah Sun and has been the 1st District McCracken County Commissioner for nearly 12 years.

McConnell returns to the Senate, first time since June hospitalization

By MARY CLARE JALONICK
Associated Press



Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., speaks to reporters at the U.S. Capitol, Monday, Sept. 14, 2026, in Washington.
(AP Photo/Allison Robbert)

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky returned to the Senate to vote on Monday for the first time in three months, looking noticeably more frail after he was hospitalized for a June fall in his home.

McConnell's lengthy absence from the Senate generated a flood of criticism and online speculation, as he initially remained quiet for weeks about his condition. The 84-year-old senator eventually disclosed a month later that he had been “briefly unconscious” due to the fall and had also been treated for mild pneumonia in the hospital.

He briefly addressed reporters Monday from a wheelchair outside the Senate chamber, smiling but speaking slowly and with some difficulty. McConnell joked that he wasn't sure how many reporters would be there after dodging so many questions during his almost two decades as leader.

He said he was back in the Senate to work on a pending farm bill and because he has an ongoing interest in NATO and “backing up our good friends who are totally in the fight against the Russians.”

Reporters and photographers were told by Senate staff not to take video of his remarks in the second-floor hallway, even though video is often permitted in that area. Still images were

allowed.

McConnell, who holds the distinction of being the longest-serving Senate leader, is in his final months of his four decades in office. He is retiring at the end of January after one of the most consequential careers in modern politics.

Republicans have nominated U.S. Rep. Andy Barr to replace him, while Democrats have nominated former state lawmaker Charles Booker. McConnell has said he is determined to finish out his term.

McConnell suggests he's still recovering

In a statement issued before his remarks, McConnell made clear that he may still miss some votes due to his health issues.

He said that he is "still not quite back to 100%, but I've assured Leader (John) Thune that, as I continue with physical therapy on the advice of my doctors, I will do my best to be present for tough votes when our Conference needs me."

"My recovery has been a long and often frustrating process, and the lingering effects of childhood polio haven't made it any easier," McConnell said in the statement.

The senator's extended leave highlighted increasing public concern about the age of lawmakers and their capacity to carry out their duties. Speculation about his condition grew so intense at one point that Kentucky's Democratic Gov. Andy Beshear took the extraordinary step of issuing a public letter asking McConnell to update the public in a “transparent manner."

McConnell's absence was also felt over the summer as Republicans were unable to advance a farm bill out of committee. His return could give GOP leaders a needed vote as they try to advance legislation on cryptocurrency regulation and college sports.

A history of health problems

McConnell had polio in his early childhood and has long acknowledged difficulty as an adult in walking and climbing stairs.

A statement from the Capitol physician that was included with McConnell's July release said that the senator has “experienced several falls through the year” due to his “post-polio condition.” The office said his physical therapy was aimed at reducing the risk of him falling again.

“A comprehensive evaluation by a multidisciplinary team determined that he had no fractures, cardiac abnormalities, stroke, tumor, or hemorrhage,” the physician’s office said.

McConnell was first elected to the Senate in 1984 and was the Republican leader from 2007 until last year, serving as both majority and minority leader during that period.

Toward the end of his time as leader and in the last two years as a rank and file senator, McConnell's health has visibly declined.

He was hospitalized with a concussion in March 2023 and missed several weeks of work after falling in a Washington hotel. He twice froze up during news conferences after he returned, staring vacantly ahead before colleagues and staff. A year later, he fell and sprained his wrist while walking out of a GOP luncheon.

Meadowview Farms named “Legacy Farm” by KFB



PRINCETON, KY — Caldwell County Farm Bureau recently announced that Meadowview Farms has been named a “Legacy Farm” by Kentucky Farm Bureau (KFB). Meadowview Farms was recognized as a Legacy Farm for its long-standing commitment to farming, contributions to the local community, and involvement in KFB.

KFB's Legacy Farm designation is awarded to farmers who have demonstrated a commitment to agriculture and the strengthening of rural communities. County Farm Bureaus across the state can nominate three local farms for the honor each year.

Meadowview Farms has been active in production agriculture for 213 years. Today, the farm is run by John and Bonnie Brown and produces corn, wheat, soybeans, alfalfa,

tobacco and beef cattle.

“Kentucky Farm Bureau is proud to recognize the history, perseverance and hard work of our commonwealth’s farm families,” said Eddie Melton, KFB President. “We’re grateful for everything Meadowview Farms contributes to its community and to Kentucky agriculture, and we’re pleased to honor the generations of dedication that earned them this recognition.”

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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 health-care,” Undue Medical Debt Vice President of Government Initiatives Courtney Werpy Story stated. “We hope this relief encourages Kentuckians to re-engage with the health-care 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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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.

“Our goal is always for 100 percent of eligible residents to vote. But in order to

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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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

FUNERAL NOTICES continued

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 Johannis, 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

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Class 1A	Class 4A
1. Pikeville	1. Highlands
2. Raceland	2. Boyle County
3. Sayre	3. Covington Catholic
4. Middlesboro	4. Corbin
5. Bethlehem	5. Paducah Tilghman
6. Louisville Holy Cross	6. Ashland
7. Kentucky Country Day	7. Logan County
8. Paintsville	8. Johnson Central
9. Covington Holy Cross	9. Spencer County
10. Campbellsville	10. Nelson County
Class 2A	Class 5A
1. Owensboro Catholic	1. Scott County
2. Beechwood	2. Pulaski County
3. Lexington Christian Academy	3. Woodford County
4. Mayfield	4. Owensboro
5. Belfry	5. Atherton
6. Somerset	6. Bowling Green
7. Danville	7. Apollo
8. Caldwell County	8. West Jessamine
9. W.E.B. DuBois	9. Madisonville-North Hopkins
10. Prestonsburg	10. Collins
Class 3A	Class 6A
1. Christian Academy-Louisville	1. Trinity
2. Lexington Catholic	2. Frederick Douglass
3. Murray	3. Saint Xavier
4. Lloyd Memorial	4. Manual
5. Lawrence County	5. Madison Central
6. Glasgow	6. South Warren
7. Central	7. George Rogers Clark
8. Rockcastle County	8. Male
9. Bourbon County	9. Bullitt East
10. Russell	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.
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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

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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.

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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 Piccoro, Dick Gabriel)

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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.”

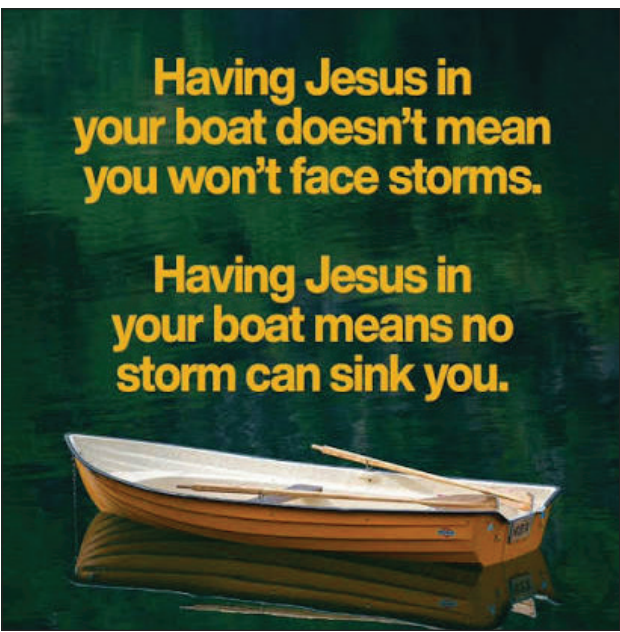
Faith requires determination and perseverance. It means choosing to trust God even when circumstances give us every reason to doubt. Doubt tells us that God is absent or that

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 bro-



ken, 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.



By Gary Miller
Outdoortruths.org



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.

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If you confess with your mouth “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead you will be saved. - Romans 10:9

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 commit-

ted 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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THE OLD LIGHTHOUSE

Bro. Brandon G. Bramlett
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The old lighthouse may be crumbling, but it continues to beam guiding light across the stormy sea. The Hooper Island Lighthouse in Chesapeake Bay has been steering seafarers since 1901, but many people think it’s time for the old beacon to retire to the junkyard. What used to be a brilliantly towering cylinder of hope is now a worn out and rusty hunk of metal. However, according to the Washington Post, the lighthouse isn’t going anywhere since it remains as an “active aid to navigation for the U.S. Coast Guard.” Even though it is old and frail, it still has a pivotal purpose: lighting the way.

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

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1875 St Rt 384 Mayfield, Ky \$312,000.00. MLS#: 26019260. Beautiful Absolutely Private home on 2.5 impressive acres with 4 bedrooms and 3 full baths! Extremely well built! Only 5 miles to I-69 and Mayfield. Large updated kitchen with gor-

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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.”

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Rustic 3 Bedroom - 2 Bath Home

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

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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 36-00-00-016 and 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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