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Hunting seasons open soon in Kentucky

By TOM LATEK, **Kentucky Today**

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) - Hunting seasons will be opening soon for more than a dozen game species, and the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) says there have been more opportunities added for deer and bear seasons in the state.

Before going afield, **KDFWR** encourages hunters to reference the 2025-2026 Kentucky **Hunting and Trapping** Guide, available online and at vendors, to update themselves on new season dates and regulations. New regulations are in effect for deer, bear, dove and waterfowl hunting, in addition to changes on some public lands.

Kentucky's archery deer season opens Saturday with crossbow season opening two

weeks later, on Sept. 20. Both seasons close of our deer harvest comes from the mod-

our Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Surditions to the zone for 2025 to go along with

Jan. 19. New in 2025 is an extended youth-only modern gun season. Expanded to nine days from two, the season runs Oct. 11-19. The most popular fall hunting opportunity is the modern gun season, Nov. 8-23.

"The vast majority

ern gun season," said Joe McDermott, the KDFWR deer program coordinator. "With the additional youth opportunity, we are looking for more antlerless deer to be harvested. especially in Zone 1 counties. We've added a special season for

veillance Zone counties as well."

The "special season" is Sept. 27-28 for antlerless deer only and is open only in the fourteen counties in the CWD Surveillance Zone. Henderson. Union and Webster counties are new ad-

Ballard, Breckinridge, Calloway, Carlisle, Fulton, Graves, Hardin, Hickman, Marshall, McCracken and Meade. Modern guns are allowed during the special season, but only antlerless deer may be taken, regardless of equipment

Hunters in the CWD Surveillance Zone are advised to review the hunting and trapping guide as well as the **Chronic Wasting** Disease pages on the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife website for complete information on restrictions for the CWD zone. Updates on baiting, check stations and CWD Sample Drop-off Sites are included.

For questions and more information about the fall hunting seasons, contact the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife information center by calling 1-800-858-2549 or emailing Info.Center@ky.gov. The information center is open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (Eastern), except holidays.

Small business tax credit up to \$25,000 available

By TOM LATEK, **Kentucky Today**

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – Gov. Andy Beshear is encouraging Kentucky's small businesses, which are creating jobs and investing in our communities, to apply for a tax credit of up to \$25,000 through the Kentucky Small **Business Tax Credit** (KSBTC).

"Kentucky's economy is thriving, and our small businesses are a big reason why," Beshear said. "This program helps sup-

port our small businesses, just as they've supported our local communities and our people through strong investments and good-paying jobs. I'm happy to see business owners and entrepreneurs using this program to ensure continued success, because their impact across Kentucky will last for many generations to come."

To receive the KSBTC, qualifying small businesses should apply now to ensure their best chance of approval in time for this year's tax filings. Although approval is not guaranteed, complete applications received by Nov. 1 will be fully reviewed for 2025 tax-credit eligibility. Applications can be submitted at any time throughout the year, but applications received after Nov. 1 may not be eligible for tax credits until the 2026 tax year. Tax credits are available to eligible companies that added at least one net new full-time employee and invested \$5,000 or more in

qualifying equipment or technology within the past 24 months.

"This program is a vital way to support businesses that are investing in themselves and their fellow Kentuckians," said David Brock, executive director of KY Innovation. "The tax credit continues to provide a significant boost to businesses for growing their business and increasing employment across Kentucky. If your business has hired people and purchased equipment in the last

two years, you should see if you are eligible and qualify. We strongly encourage businesses to apply as soon as possible but not later than Nov. 1 to ensure they can claim a tax credit for the current year."

Qualifying small businesses may be eligible to receive a state income tax credit ranging from \$3,500 to \$25,000 per year. The tax credit amount depends on the number of jobs created and the amount invested in new equipment or technology. Most

for-profit businesses with 50 or fewer fulltime employees will qualify, including construction, manufacturing, retail, service and wholesale companies.

To learn more about this program, and others offered by KY Innovation – and to access the current version of the KSBTC application – visit kytaxcredit.org, contact the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development at 800-626-2930, or email info@kyinnovation.com.



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Stabbing suspect arrested after regional law enforcement effort

By Laurna Todd **KPI Writer**

On August 24, 2025, the Mayfield Police Department was dispatched to the 200 block of North 4th Street following reports of a stabbing. The Graves County Sheriff's Office also responded. Upon arrival, officers discovered a 39-yearold male suffering from a stab wound to the back. First aid was administered, and the victim was transported by EMS to Jackson Purchase **Medical Center** before being airlifted to Skyline Medical Center in Nashville, where he remains in stable condition.

Through a joint investigation, authorities identified the suspect as 39-year-old Victor Manuel Moya-Hernandez of Albuquerque, New Mexico. The Cairo

Police Department located his vehicle at a hotel in Cairo, Illinois. With assistance from a Ballard County Sheriff's Deputy with a K-9 unit and an **Alexander County** Sheriff's Deputy, Moya-Hernandez was located inside a hotel room and arrested without incident.

Moya-Hernandez is being held at the Pulaski County **Detention Center** in Illinois, awaiting extradition to Graves County on a charge of First-Degree Assault.

This case highlights the strength of law enforcement cooperation. Agencies from Kentucky and Illinois worked side by side to ensure a safe resolution, reminding us that even in the face of crime, our community remains united and protected.

Dr. Stephen Compton joins Baptist Health **Medical Group Orthopedics & Sports Medicine**

(PADUCAH, KY) - Baptist Health Medical Group (BHMG) Orthopedics & Sports Medicine is proud to welcome orthopedic surgeon Stephen Compton, MD, to the team.

Dr. Compton

specializes in orthopedic surgery and sports medicine needs like carpal tunnel surgery, total knee and hip replacements, as well as pediatric fractures. He provides care for conditions of the musculoskeletal system, including joint dysfunction, degenerative or congenital diseases, sports and traumatic injuries and more.

Dr. Compton earned his medical degree from University of Louisville School of Medicine where he graduated summa cum laude. He furthered his education through a residency in Orthopedics and Rehabilitation at the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine, located in Iowa City, IA.

Dr. Compton is board certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery as well as the American Heart Association in Basic Life Support.

Dr. Compton is now accepting new patients in Paducah and Murray at **Baptist Health** Medical Group Orthopedics & Sports Medicine, 2605 Kentucky Ave., Medical Park 3, Suite 301 or in Murray at 506 N. 12th St.

To schedule an appointment for either location, call 270.415.4825.

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Orthopedic surgeon Stephen Compton, MD, with Baptist Health Medical Group Orthopedics & Sports Medicine.

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

Health Urgent Care and Occupational Medicine locations.

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Western Kentucky high schools invited to join "Paint the Plow" contest

offices to Baptist

By Laurna Todd **KPI** Writer

For the third year in a row, Western Kentucky high schools have the chance to turn highway snowplows into rolling works of art while promoting winter driving safety. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) has opened applications for its annual Paint the Plow program, which lets students design and paint safety-themed murals directly onto the blades of snowplows that will be used this winter.Governor Andy Beshear praised the program for combining creativity with safety awareness.

According to the press release Governor Beshear states "Seeing your child get behind the wheel for the first time is frightening for a lot of parents," said Gov. Andy Beshear, who has

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made transportation safety a top priority of his administration. "Nothing is more important than a child's safety. It's wonderful to see our high schools participating in this program. Many of the participating students are new drivers or will be behind the wheel soon, and this is an excellent opportunity for them to learn and promote the safe driving habits we as parents want them to practice."

The contest isn't just about bold colors and brushstrokes. Each design must include a winter safety message—reminding drivers to slow down, give snowplows plenty of room, and stay alert in icy conditions. Once the blades are painted, they'll be mounted on working plows and seen across Kentucky highways all season long. Kentucky

Transportation Secretary Jim Gray

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said the program highlights both student creativity and public responsibility. According to the press

release Gray states "This program will help us spread safe driving messages for the people working on the road and the people behind the wheel. Practicing these safe habits becomes increasingly important in inclement weather, especially during our snow and ice season, to ensure everyone returns home at the end of the day."

The Kentucky Office of Highway Safety (KOHS) also partners with schools in the program, providing resources like distracted-driving simulators and impairment goggles to reinforce safe driving lessons. KOHS **Executive Director** Bill Bell emphasized the importance of engaging young drivers.

The Paint the Plow contest offers schools more than safety awareness. For art students, it's a chance to create largescale public art that thousands of drivers will see. For schools, it's a way to showcase student talent, build school pride, and connect with the broader community.

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New homeowners in western Kentucky 'celebrating milestones in hope'

By Chip Hutcheson Kentucky Today

Two western Kentucky families — one in Princeton and another in Mayfield — were presented keys to new homes Tuesday. The homes went to people devastated by tornadoes in December 2021.

Gov. Andy Beshear, as well as local officials and representatives in those communities, gathered as The Hope Initiative dedicated the homes. The Hope Initiative is a nonprofit partner which has helped construct 55 new homes in Mayfield. This was the first home by The Hope Initiative in Princeton, but four more are in the works.

"After such heartbreak and loss, today is a day of healing and hope as we see these two families who have been through so much - enter their new homes that will provide the safety and security they deserve," Beshear said. "These home dedications are a reminder of how Kentuckians take care of each other, and we will be here for our neighbors until every structure, home and life is rebuilt."

'Today, we helped a family heal and move forward in the wake of hardship and tragedy,' said Princeton Mayor Brock Thomas, a member of Southside Baptist Church. "We have so many reasons for hope in Princeton, and we're committed to the longterm success and wellbeing of our people. It is wonderful for the family and for the community - I cannot say enough about how The Hope

Initiative and the governor have partnered with our community, working for a common goal.'

Thomas noted that the remanufactured home in Princeton was originally planned to go to Mayfield, but local officials received a phone call saying this brand-new home was available.

"Can you find us a lot?" was the question. That was not a problem, Thomas said, because the city has procured various lots through foreclosures.

The home on Leech Street in Princeton went to Susan McIntosh and was a gift from Samaritan's Purse.

"Being a single mother, I've struggled to stay afloat," she said. "You all have given me the opportunity to live life in a way I've never known. To be able to raise my kids in a safe place that's theirs is a blessing. You all have given me the opportunity to cook homemade meals for my family and actually sit down together at a table and talk about their day. To be able to put them all in their own beds, say prayers together and live a normal life. Thank you for giving us a chance, for believing in us when no one else ever has before. We so greatly appreciate it."

Attending both dedications was Stephen Boyken, lead pastor of His House Ministries in Mayfield and president of The Hope Initiative, based in Mayfield.

"I shared about the woman at the well (John 4) when Jesus must needs go through Samaria," Boyken said. He also



Stephen Boyken, lead pastor of His House Ministries in Mayfield and president of The Hope Initiative, is at far right seated next to Gov. Andy Beshear at this new home given to a family in Princeton.

used Hebrews 12:2 where one reads that Jesus, for the joy set before Him, endured the cross, despised the shame and has sat down at the right hand of God's throne. He pointed out the difference in "I might versus I must. He must go through Samaria, He must go to Calvary — His heart is for humanity. We want to have the same heart."

At the Mayfield dedication, Trina Cruise received keys to a home. She was a renter but is on the pathway to home ownership. She has two children and described receiving keys to the home as "overwhelming."

Cruise added, "This house means more to me than anyone could ever know. Since the tornado, rent has doubled, and it has been so hard to make ends meet. This home means we have

something we can afford, something we can call our own. I am thrilled to have it. I just can't explain the gratitude in my heart to everyone who has made this possible. I am so excited."

"Mayfield has come such a long way since the tornado of 2021," said Mayfield Mayor Kathy O'Nan. "We've had so many of these home dedications, meaning our people are finding their forever homes after losing so much. Our people have been through the worst, and they deserve the best."

"We're not just celebrating homes that have been finished,' Boyken told the crowd. "We're celebrating milestones in hope. We find gratitude that the pieces and people continue to come together, and we have

the opportunity to show people the love of Christ.'

Boyken said Cruise's home is part of The Hope Initiative's "ironclad series" — which transforms immense shipping containers and environmentally friendly resources into sturdy, fully functional living spaces — expedites individual recovery times and circumvents limited resources.

"They definitely reduce the time frame of a traditional stickframe-built house from 12 or 16 weeks to the six or eight weeks that we really want to shoot for," Boyken said. "Our intention is not just to build these here in western Kentucky but to be able to deploy these to disasters around the country as they continue to be more frequent."

Boyken pointed out the mission of Hope Initiative "is to share the gospel as we help the hurting. In disasters we see a great opportunity – people's hearts are receptive to hear the good news. We show tangible hope, and people want to know why."

He added that The Hope Initiative wants "to coach, collaborate and do construction.'

Among those attending both dedications was the Tony Paulk, mayor of Douglas, Ga., where The Hope Initiative plans on placing nine homes. He and the city manager and a board member who has worked for the city and chamber flew to western Kentucky at their own expense to see firsthand the work being done.

Launched just days after the tornadoes in December 2021, the Team Western Kentucky Tornado Relief Fund raised over \$52 million with donations from over 150,000 individuals and businesses. The money raised helped pay funeral expenses for families of the deceased and provided assistance to survivors as well as local farmers. The remaining funds will be used to build houses.

Donations can now be made at TeamKentucky StormReliefFund.Ky.gov, where all proceeds go directly to Kentucky communities affected by natural disasters.

Last year, Beshear announced 953 affordable rental units are planned for western Kentucky. Next month, crews are expected to break ground on 66 new units in Mayfield.

Murray State University set to roll out new criminal justice concentration for MBA in spring 2026

MURRAY. Kv. -Murray State University is excited to offer a new criminal justice concentration within its Master of Business Administration (MBA).

The new 30-hour degree program will be open in spring 2026.

The MBA offers convenience for students, including classes taught on the Murray State's main campus during the days and evenings, and is offered 100% online, as

This is a great opportunity for law enforcement officials who are looking to transition from a long career in law enforcement or for those looking to advance their careers within the field, according to Director of the Center for Economic and Entrepreneurial Development Chris Wooldridge. The MBA with a criminal justice concentration builds on the education

and experience law enforcement officials gain throughout their careers enhancing their marketability whether they are looking to move up within the field or pursue new opportunities.

Murray State Criminal Justice Department Chair Dr. Katy Hancock added, "This track will benefit students who are interested in a longterm career in criminal justice. Undergraduate students who would like to further their education before going into the field and who envision moving into leadership roles will find this degree a great fit. The same is true for current early stage professionals who are looking to obtain a master's degree to better position themselves for promotion. In addition, later career criminal justice professionals with an eye on retirement would benefit from this



Chris Wooldridge, director of the Center for **Economic** and Entrepreneurial **Development at Murray** State University.

program to transition into alternative criminal justice careers in the private sector or in consultation."

"Chris Wooldridge, Katy Hancock, and others have done tremendous planning and gauging potential market interests in this unique MBA with a concentration



Dr. Katy Hancock, criminal justice department chair at Murray State University.

in criminal justice," said Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Tim Todd. "In conducting multiple needs assessments throughout the Murray State University footprint, the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and this region of the United States, we believe this MBA with the concentration in criminal justice will

vield interest and enrollments. This academic program speaks to the focus Murray State always has with serving our region."

A collaborative effort between the College of Education and Human Services and the Arthur J. Bauernfeind College of Business, the criminal justice concentration is the ninth MBA concentration area that the University offers. Others include accounting, business analytics, cybersecurity, economic development, finance, global communications, marketing and healthcare administration.

To learn more about Murray State's MBA program, visit murraystate.edu/mba. **About Murray** State University:

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WEST KY SPORTS



Red Devils make big plays In shutout over Bombers

By Tim Taylor

Jo Byrns, TN had a slow start but then scored a combined 40 points in the 2nd and 3rd quarters to pull off the 40-0 win over Ballard Memorial in the Bomber's second football game of the season. The Bomber defense forced a fumble on Jo Byrns first offensive play as Melvin Jackson came away with the fumble recovery. The Bombers were their own worse enemy as a couple of negative yardage plays ended the 12-play opening

drive with a turnover on downs at the Red Devil 23-yard line. The defense forced a 3-andout and the Bombers had the ball near midfield with a 4th and 4, but another negative yardage play on 4th down lost 14 yards giving Jo Byrns great field position. The Red Devils capitalized on a 3rd and 4 play to start the 2nd quarter. They scored the first points of the game just over 30 seconds into the 2nd quarter on a 20-yard TD pass. The Bomber defense was poised to get off the field on the Red Devils next

series, but a 3rd and 8 completion turned into a 70-yard scoring pass. The next Jo Byrns possession, facing a 3rd and 9 from the Bomber's 39, they ran a reverse that caught the Bombers off guard, and they raced 39-yard into the endzone with 2:26 left in the half to go ahead 20-0. They added a 42-yard field goal to go up 23-0 at the half. The first Red Devil series of the 2nd half started at their own 41-yard line. A 52-yard gallop set up a 7-yard power run over Bomber defenders to put the game out of reach with just over 9

minutes left in the 3rd quarter. The Red Devils added a 48-yard field goal and a 40-yard TD run to end the scoring in the 3rd quarter. They kept the Bombers off the scoreboard and won their second game of the season while the Bombers dropped to 0-2. Ballard Memorial lost their first two games last season before winning three in a row. They look to start that winning trend again this season, traveling to Massac County, IL Friday, September 5th for a 7:00 kickoff against the Patriots.

Bomber golfers improving heading into final month of the season

By Tim Taylor

Ballard Memorial junior Owen Enfinger fired an even par 36 at the Ballard County Country Club to lead the Bomber golf team to a 165-184 win over Hickman County. The next 3 Bomber golfers finished right behind each other with Ike Miller recording a 42, Lynden Davis finished with a 43, and Drew Fickes scored a 44. In a multiple team match at the Mayfield **Graves County** Country Club, the Bomber golfers finished 3rd in the 9-hole match. Enfinger again paced the Bombers with a 40, Davis finished with a 44, Fickes shot a 49, and Miller had a 53. The Bombers returned to their home course against St. Mary, Carlisle County, and CCA. **Ballard Memorial** finished 2nd with a team score of 170.

You could throw a blanket over the 4 Bomber scorers with Miller leading the way with a 41, both Davis and Enfinger finished with 42's, and Chipper Collins had a 45. The Bomber boys are only scheduled to compete in 3 more matches in September before competing in the 1st Region Tournament the week of September 22nd.

For Lady Bomber golfer Madison Glisson, she is set to compete Saturday, September 6th in the All A State Tournament. The senior golfer is looking for her 4th consecutive All A State title as she competes at the University Club at Arlington in Richmond. She will also follow that up with the KYGCA All State Invitational at the University Club of Kentucky on September 13th and 14th.

Lady Bombers bronze medal champs

By Tim Taylor

The Lady Bombers finished the last week of August with 9 matches. The week began with a productive but not sharp 3-set sweep over St. Mary winning 25-12, 25-12, 25-16 win. They went to Mayfield for an important 3rd District matchup with the Ladv Cardinals. A more focused and effective Ballard Memorial performance led to a 3-1 win. They won the first two sets 25-21. They raced out to a 6-1

lead in the third set, but the Lady Cards rallied to win 25-23. The Lady Bombers responded with the 25-15 win to claim the match victory. They looked to continue the momentum with a match against 1st Region preseason 2nd ranked Lady Marshal team. In a close 5-set match. Marshall County outlasted the Lady Bombers 24-26, 25-18, 25-21, 24-26, 15-13 win. The Lady Bombers then headed off to Owensboro to compete in the Apollo Summer Slam Down Tournament. They competed in 3

pool play matches to determine the bracket placement. After narrowly losing the 1st set 25-23, Ballard Memorial struggled in the 2nd set against **Henderson County** losing the best 2 of 3 match 25-23, 25-15. They tried to respond against Central Hardin but were swept 2-0 losing 25-19, 25-18. Looking to end the 3-match losing streak, they began the next day against Trinity Whitesville. They began a new streak, defeating the Lady Raiders 25-16, 19-25,

15-11. This put the Lady Bombers into the Bronze bracket of the tournament. In the opening bracket play match, Ballard Memorial took care of Muhlenberg County 25-17, 25-23. This moved the Lady Bombers into the semifinal match against Breckinridge County. The Lady Tigers gave the Ballard Memorial a fight to the finish, but the Lady Bombers survived to win 25-18, 22-25, 17-16. The Lady Bombers

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GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Marshall County 2, Murray 0

Staff Report

MURRAY — Marshall County shut out Murray 2-0 in a 2nd District girls' soccer match on Tuesday, Sept. 2.

Addi Wall (one goal, one assist) and Rylee Teague (one goal, one assist) accounted for Marshall County's offense in the district match.

Defensively for Marshall County, goalkeeper Savannah Dodd recorded a shutout. Dodd delivered four saves for the Lady Marshals.
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County 1-0 in a nondistrict girls' soccer
match on Thursday,
Aug. 28.

Addi Wall scored off an assist from Maeci Moryl to lift Marshall County to the win.

Goalkeeper Savannah Dodd paced Marshall County defensively, recording a shutout. Dodd provided six saves for the Lady Marshals.









The Lady Bombers with their bronze bracket championship trophy.

Photo provided by Travis Holder

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advanced into the championship match against Allen County Scottsville. Ballard Memorial lost the first set by 4 but bounced back to a 9-point win in the second set. The Lady Bombers looked

poised for an easy third set win leading 11-3 but had to hang on late. Ballard Memorial won the Bronze bracket championship of the Apollo Summer Slam Down Tournament with a 21-25, 25-14, 15-13 win. Ballard Memorial looks to back up that

championship
with another
championship this
weekend. The Lady
Bombers will host
the 1st Region All A
Regional Tournament
in the Green Palace
on Saturday,
September 6th as they
look to claim their 5th
All A regional title.



The Lady Bombers were Bronze bracket champions of the Owensboro Apollo Summer Slam Down Tournament.

Photo provided by Roger Shaw

Boys' High School Soccer

Murray 4, Apollo 0

By Staff Report

OWENSBORO — Murray shut out Apollo 4-0 in a boys' high school soccer match on Saturday, Aug. 23.

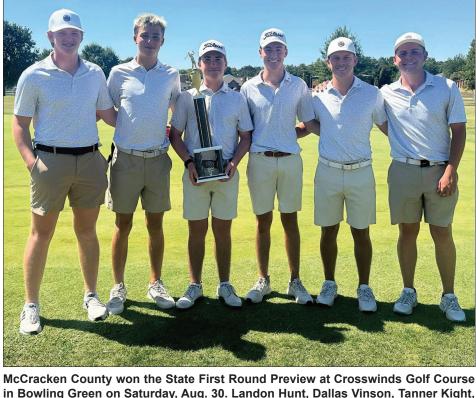
Several players contributed offensively for Murray in its win.

Henri Acreman-Nyamwala (one goal, one assist), Brady Burkeen (one goal), Micah Wyatt (one goal), Brodie Morris (one goal), Drew Foley (one save) and Elias Houck (one save) accounted for Murray's offense in the match.

Defensively for Murray, Cole Morris (five saves) and Hank Fronza (four saves) split time at goalkeeper and combined to record a shutout.

Murray 0, Owensboro 0: Murray and Owensboro battled to a scoreless tie in another boys' high school soccer match on Saturday, Aug. 23.

Goalkeeper Hank Fronza led Murray in the match, recording eight saves for the Tigers.



McCracken County won the State First Round Preview at Crosswinds Golf Course in Bowling Green on Saturday, Aug. 30. Landon Hunt, Dallas Vinson, Tanner Kight, Evan Hack and Jack Farmery (pictured in no particular order) comprised the winning team

Photo courtesy of McCracken County High School Boys' Golf

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Paducah Tilghman 49, Graves County 14

By Staff Report

MAYFIELD — Paducah Tilghman rolled past Graves County 49-14 in a non-district football game on Friday, Aug.

After registering the win, reigning Class 4A champion Paducah Tilghman moved to 2-0.

Quarterback Stone Crowe led Paducah Tilghman to the win, completing 23 passes for 239 yards and three touchdowns. Chipping in on the ground for Paducah Tilghman, Crowe added one rushing touchdown. taki:
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In addition to Thompson, Cameron Wade and Brenden Brown added one touchdown pass reception apiece for

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the Blue Tornado.
Productive on the ground, Paducah
Tilghman rushed 36 times for 156 yards and four touchdowns.
Demarkus Wilson paced Paducah
Tilghman in rushing,

taking 22 carries for 97 yards and two touchdowns.

Following Wison for the Tornado, Mason Copeland rushed six times for 63 yards and one touchdown.

Offensively for Graves County, Brady Rozzell and Jace Houston each provided one rushing touchdown.

Paducah Tilghman is scheduled to host Mayfield for its next game on Friday, Sept.

In another matchup set for Friday, Sept. 5, Graves County is scheduled to visit Murray.

Friday Night Football

High School Football Schedule Friday, Sept. 5

Ballard Memorial at Massac County (Ill.), 7 p.m. Calloway County at Fulton County, 7 p.m. Fort Campbell at Fort Knox, 8 p.m. Graves County at Murray, 7 p.m. Henry Clay at Henderson County, 7 p.m. Madisonville-North Hopkins at Hopkins County Central, 7 p.m.

Marshall County - at Trigg County, 7 p.m. Mayfield - at Paducah Tilghman, 7 p.m. Mckenzie (Tenn.) at Christian County, 7 p.m. Northeast (Tenn.) at McCracken County, 7 p.m. Union County at Caldwell County, 7 p.m. Webster County at Crittenden County, 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6

Prosser (Ill.) at Hopkinsville, 2 p.m.







High School Scoreboard

Results from
Tuesday, Sept. 2
Boys' Soccer
Calloway County 9,
Mayfield 4
Murray 3, Marshall
County 0

Girls' Soccer Calloway County 8, Mayfield 0 Marshall County 2, Murray 0

Volleyball
Carlisle County 3,
Hickman County 0
Fulton County 3,
Fulton City 0
Livingston
Central 3, Christian
Fellowship 2
Mayfield 3, Graves
County 1
2A, Section

1 Volleyball Tournament Webster County 3, Murray 1



The Mayfield Lady Cardinals hosted the Calloway County Lady Lakers in varsity girls' soccer, where Calloway rolled to an 8–0 win in the first half. With the victory, the Lady Lakers improved to a perfect 8–0 on the year and set a new school record with their eighth consecutive regular season victory—the best start in program history.

Photo by Joseph (Peewee)Petty

Seven-figure gift secures naming right for future baseball clubhouse

Murray State
Athletics has received
a generous \$1 million
cash gift from the
Jim and Sue Cash
estate that will have a
significant impact on
the modernization and
growth of the athletics
complex footprint, it
was announced on
Friday.

The gift has secured the naming right for the upcoming Racer baseball clubhouse, which will be the home of Murray State's baseball studentathletes.

"Jim and Sue Cash were tremendous supporters of Murray
State University for
many years and this
continued support is
a testament to their
passion for the Racers,"
University President
Dr. Ron Patterson
said. "We are looking
forward to seeing the
growth that Racer
Athletics will now have
as a result of this gift."
Since 2022 the Racers

as a result of this gift." Since 2022, the Racers have made significant investment into the baseball program that have amounted to nearly \$4 million that helped lead to the team's historic postseason run.

"This investment will immediately allow us to continue and enhance the student-athlete experience within our baseball program and see us further elevate our facility profile as part of our shared vision for excellence," Director of Athletics Nico Yantko said. "Jim and Sue Cash were longtime investors in Racer Athletics, and their continued impact will forever be memorialized through the naming of this new baseball facility."

baseball facility."
Investments have included Alston

Academic Incentive,
Cost of Attendance and
revenue share money
for student-athletes,
the new indoor hitting
facility in Roy Stewart
Stadium, and updates
to the weight room and
training room, while
upcoming projects
include a new outfield
wall, new videoboard
and scoreboard, and
more.
"Low in ovedibly."

"I am incredibly thankful for Jim and Sue Cash and what they mean to our team and our university," head baseball coach Dan Skirka said. "This clubhouse is a game-changer for our program. It is more than just a building, it is a commitment to our players, our alumni, and the future of Racer Baseball. The new space will give our student-athletes every opportunity to grow, develop, and prepare at the highest level, and it's something we have dreamed about for a long time."

In 2025, the baseball team made history by advancing the Men's College World Series in Omaha for the first time in school history, winning two Missouri Valley Conference titles and the Durham Super Regional title along the way.

The Racer Club plays a crucial role in helping support student-athlete scholarships, general operating budget, and facility enhancements. Investors play a critical role in funding the student-athlete experience and the competitive success of Murray State Athletics programs and student-athletes.

For more information on how to join the Racer Club, call (270) 809-3517

A big win for rural America

Why we must embrace the qualified opportunity zones in the One Big Beautiful Bill

Op-ed from **Kentucky Agriculture** Commissioner Jonathan Shell

FRANKFORT, Ky. – It's time to say something loud and clear: rural America matters. For too long, the voices of our farmers, small-town entrepreneurs, and families in flyover country have been muffled beneath the roar of urban-centric policy. That's why the inclusion of Rural **Qualified Opportunity** Zones (RQOZs) in the One Big Beautiful Bill is not just a good policy — it's a gamechanger.

Let's be honest. Rural communities have faced decades of disinvestment. We've seen our young people leave in search of opportunity, watched our main streets wither, and struggled with the reality that broadband, healthcare, and education are still luxuries in places where they should



be ubiquitous. Enter RQOZs — a bold, targeted initiative that finally puts rural communities at the center of the national economic agenda, providing incentives to drive \$100 billion in investments to rural and underserved communities.

Here's What Makes RQOZs So Revolutionary

The RQOZ provision in the One Big Beautiful Bill offers a powerful set of tax incentives for private investors to pour capital into rural communities that need it most. These aren't vague or empty economics promises. They're concrete tools:

deferral and reduction of capital gains taxes for investments in businesses, infrastructure, and housing in federally designated rural zones. That's the kind of carrot that turns dormant capital into jobs, innovation, and hope.

Critics may scoff that this is just another giveaway to special interests. That's nonsense. These incentives are performance-based. Capital only earns tax benefits if it stays in the community — if it builds businesses, creates local jobs, and lifts the local tax base. It's not charity; it's a smart partnership. We're saying to investors: come build with us, not over us.

The early signs are promising. In just months, we've seen groundbreaking investments in ag-tech startups in Kansas, clean energy hubs in rural Georgia, and housing developments in the Appalachian

corridor. Banks that had long ignored these areas are opening satellite branches. Regional colleges are partnering with Opportunity Funds to provide job training tailored to new employers.

The Cultural Dividend

Economic revitalization isn't just about money. It's about restoring dignity to the places that built this country. The RQOZ program acknowledges that potential doesn't only live in skyscrapers — it lives in cornfields, coal towns, and crossroads communities with big hearts and small budgets.

It's also about retention. When young people see a future in their hometowns whether it's starting a drone company for precision agriculture, launching a tech startup focused on rural healthcare, or managing a local

food distribution network — they stay. And when they stay, families grow, schools thrive, and the entire community benefits.

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Governors have a unique opportunity to select which lowincome communities are eligible for this program. We must hold our Governor's office accountable to ensure an open and transparent process for zone selection built on community engagement. Our rural communities must be fairly represented as designated Opportunity Zones. We also must defend this initiative from the usual chorus of cynics who think rural America isn't worth betting on.

They're wrong. The Rural Qualified Opportunity Zones aren't a gimmick. They're a lifeline and a long-overdue recognition that economic development must include all ZIP codes, not just those with skyscrapers and

subway lines. Just look at Harrodsburg, Kentucky. Apple recently announced an astounding \$2.5 billion investment in Corning's manufacturing facility to produce all the cover glass for iPhones and Apple Watches, increasing Kentucky's manufacturing and engineering workforce by 50 percent.

Let's rally around

this provision. Let's encourage our local governments to advocate for RQOZ designation, for our high-net-worth community to invest locally using this program, for our regional banks to create tailored financial products, and for our chambers of commerce to educate local entrepreneurs on how to tap into these funds. This is the moment we've been waiting for.

The One Big Beautiful Bill didn't just talk about unity — it built it. Now let's invest in it.

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August 26 through September 19, 2025

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Application Availability:

McCracken Co Soil Conservation District anytime in the box on the office door **McCracken Co Cooperative Extension Office** Monday - Friday, 8:00 - 4:30

For More Information:

Contact Amanda Tilford at (270) 554-5242 or email mcccd@vci.net

All applications are scored, based on the scoring criteria set by the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board.

***Youth Program for ages 9 and up also available

Horse owners invited to hands-on Farm and Facilities Expo in **Bourbon County Sept. 16**

The free workshop has become a centerpiece of equestrian facility learning.

By Jordan Strickler

The University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment is inviting horse owners, producers and enthusiasts to the 2025 Horses and Horsemen: Farm and Facilities Expo, set for Sep. 16 near Paris. The event will be held at Big Creek Livestock located at 1310 Thatchers Mill

The evening program begins at 5 p.m. ET with registration and a trade fair where attendees can meet vendors and connect with experts in the equine industry. A dinner will be served at 6 p.m., followed by a welcome and farm overview at 6:15 p.m. The evening will feature a series of demonstrations and

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Ag Update Submitted by Tom Miller, **Ballard County Extension Agent**

for Ag and Natural Resources

Mums the Word

As we make our way to fall it is time for the queen of fall flowers, the chrysanthemum or "mum" as they are known now. They are often a focal point of fall decorations with the blooms being cold tolerant and very long lasting. They have also become more of a local crop with producers in every area of the state. It is estimated that over a million mums will grown in the state this year.

They got their start in China. They have been cultivated as far back as 1500 BC as a flower and an herb used in tea and salads. They were very similar and kin to daisies. They moved to Japan sometime about the 8th century and there they were greatly improved. The imperial seal for Japan had a chrysanthemum flower in it. Dutch traders brought them to Europe in the late 1600s and they made a big impact in France. They finally came to America in 1798 in New Jersey with a variety named "Dark Purple".

Those early chinese growers would not recognize a Mum today. It is estimated that there are now more than 20,000 different cultivars across the world. They are grown in almost every area around the globe.

Pyrethrum is a naturally occurring



(photo from UK extension publication CCD-CP-71)

pesticide produced by some families of Mums. This natural insecticide led to the development of pyrethroids such as permethrin that are synthetic insecticides made to copy the natural product. They are used in many of our current insecticide products used on the farm.

Yellow, white, purple, maroon, lavender and bronze are just some of the colors that you may see of these flowers. While the kind we see in Ky are called hardy mums, most will not stand up to the dramatic changes in temperature we see in the state throughout winter. Farther north, where it stays colder without the warm periods we often get, they will often grow year-round.

When you get your mums this fall, they will need sunlight and water. If you leave them in the original container then you may need to set them down in another pan that will hold water so the water you add does not run right back out. You can also pick the drying flowers off to make those left showier. The plants should flower for at least 4 to 6 weeks and still be good for Thanksgiving.

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Kentucky Office of Agriculture Policy announces September meetings

FRANKFORT, Ky. – The following meetings in September involving the Kentucky Office of Agricultural Policy will take place in person and by videoconference.

Friday, Sept. 12 The Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corp. (KAFC) Loan **Review Committee** will meet in person at 9 a.m. EDT at the Franklin County Extension Office, 101 Lakeview Court in Frankfort.

KAFC's monthly business meeting will follow at 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 17 The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board (KADB) **Program Evaluation** Committee will meet at 9:30 a.m. EDT by videoconference with committee members participating at remote locations.

The videoconference can be accessed at: zoom link

Meeting ID: 869 0744 0424

Passcode: PEC0917

Friday, Sept. 19 The Kentucky Agricultural **Development Board** (KADB) will have its monthly business meeting in person at 9 a.m. EDT at the Franklin County Extension Office, 101 Lakeview Court in Frankfort.

KADB's **Application Review** and Compliance Committee will meet immediately following the adjournment of the business meeting.

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educational sessions designed to give horsemen and women practical tools for their farms.

"This event will be a great opportunity for horsemen to learn more about farm infrastructure, facility design and forages," said Linda McClanahan, Mercer County extension agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources. "The Equine Agent Working Group is looking forward to seeing everyone at Big Creek Livestock."

One of the primary topics will be arena footing and maintenance, presented by Robert Coleman, UK equine extension specialist. Arena footing is a key factor in horse health and performance. Coleman will share guidance

on how to manage surfaces to reduce injuries and improve performance.

"For horse owners looking to improve their facilities and management practices, the Horses and Horsemen Expo is an excellent opportunity to gain knowledge. network and see demonstrations all in one evening," Coleman said.

Coleman will lead another important session for horse owners: Heavyuse areas and farm infrastructure. These are spaces on farms, such as feeding areas or gates, that can quickly become muddy or overused. Learning how to manage them properly helps protect pastures, reduce erosion and improve animal well-being.

Participants will also take part in a pasture walk led by Central

Kentucky agriculture and natural resources agents. This portion of the program will focus on forage ID, general pasture management and weed control.

Attendees can also view a horsemanship demonstration from Mike and Chris Stokley, showcasing practical handling skills and techniques beneficial to horse owners at every level.

The event is made possible by the UK Cooperative Extension Service and the UK Ag Equine Programs.

The event is free of charge. Organizers are encouraging anyone interested in attending to RSVP through the Bourbon County Extension Office at 859-987-1895.

To learn more, visit https://equine.ca.uky. edu/events/2025horses-horsemen-farmfacility-expo.



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Labor Day Weekend Delivers a Perfect Summer Send-Off at Kentucky Lake

By Wilbur Jackson KPI Writer

Labor Day weekend brought thousands to Kentucky Lake, delivering one last burst of summer fun before the region eases into the cooler pace of fall. With clear skies, calm waters, and daytime temperatures in the low 80s, the long holiday weekend was tailor-made for outdoor adventure and lakeside relaxation.

As one of the largest man-made lakes in the eastern United States, Kentucky Lake stretches across more than 160,000 acres, providing a vast playground for boating, fishing, swimming, and camping. Over the Labor Day holiday, that playground was buzzing. From early Friday morning through Monday afternoon, boat ramps stayed busy as pontoons, bass boats, jet skis, and sailboats took to the water. Popular coves became gathering points for floating parties and tubing runs, while others sought quieter stretches to fish, kayak, or simply soak up the sun.

Campgrounds and resorts across the region reported near-capacity crowds. Families and friend groups set up tents and campers, grilled out, and spent the evenings gathered around fire pits. The slower pace of lake life was in full effect, with laughter, music, and the smell of campfire smoke filling the air.

For many, the weekend was about more than just the water. Fishing tournaments brought added excitement, with bass and crappie anglers competing in friendly yet spirited contests. Bait shops and outfitters did steady business, and local boat rentals were in high demand.

Off the water,

surrounding communities like Benton, Aurora, and Hardin also benefited from the influx of visitors. Restaurants and cafes stayed busy throughout the weekend, especially those offering lake views or outdoor patios. Ice cream parlors, general stores, and souvenir shops saw consistent foot traffic, as travelers browsed for local goods and keepsakes.

Lakeside
entertainment also
played a role, with
several venues
offering live music,
karaoke nights, and
family-friendly events.

Fireworks displays on Saturday night lit up the water in some areas, adding an extra layer of celebration to the weekend's activities.

Many visitors extended their stay through Monday, taking full advantage of the holiday before the school year and fall routines resumed. Local officials and business owners noted that while Labor Day marks the unofficial end of the summer tourism season, it also highlights the lake's lasting appeal into the fall months.

As the sun set on Labor Day at Kentucky Lake, it

brought with it the close of a season not just of weather, but of shared memories. Whether it was the thrill of a first boat ride, a quiet morning on the water, or a sunset spent with loved ones, Labor Day weekend offered the kind of moments that make Kentucky Lake a cherished destination year after year. And while summer may be ending, the lake's beauty and recreational opportunities remain a draw for visitors throughout the fall and beyond.





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Post-Labor Day Fun in Western Kentucky

Exploring Autumn Adventures and Local Charm

By Wilbur Jackson KPI Writer

As the Labor Day weekend fades into memory, western Kentucky enters one of its most enjoyable seasons. The air begins to cool, the leaves prepare for their colorful transformation, and communities across the region come alive with festivals, local events, and outdoor adventures. While summer may be winding down, the fun is far from over.

Western Kentucky's natural beauty truly shines in early fall. Land Between the Lakes **National Recreation** Area (LBL) is a top destination during this time, offering scenic hiking and biking trails, wildlife viewing,

Saturday, September 13 Pistol Shoot:

Beauty Pageant Registration

All Week - Pontotoc Park | 10am - 4pm

Sunday, September 14

Photo Contest Entry Dropoff 1pm - 5pm Pontotoc Park

Monday, September 15 Ladies' Night | 6pm

Photo Contest Entry Dropoff

Tuesday, September 16

9am - 4:30pm - Fancy Fannie's | Judging @ 5pm

6pm - Under the Twin City Sign
Faith & Family Night Activities

Chalk Art | 5:30-7:30 - Unity Park

Kiddie Parade | 6pm - Parade Route

5pm - Pontotoc Park | Presented by Tyson Foods

Banana Cabana | 5pm-9pm - Pontotoc Park

Faith & Family Night Entertainment

Provided by Local Churches & the Ministerial Alliances

The Amazing Banana Race Scavenger Hunt

5:30pm - Unity Park | Ages 12-18, Individual or Groups

9am - 5pm - Pontotoc Build

State Line Dance

4pm - Pontotoc Park

7pm - Unity Park

Community Meal

Bake Off

9am - Fulton High School

Banana Soiree

6pm - The Meadows Hotel

Kids Day 11 am-2pm - Pontotoc Park **Photo Contest Entry Dropoff**

8:00am - Fulton PD | Range Park Rd. | Reg. at 7:30

and peaceful lake access. With Kentucky Lake to the west and Lake Barkley to the east, the area provides endless opportunities for boating, kayaking, and fishing. Fewer crowds post-Labor Day make it ideal for visitors looking to relax and connect with nature. Campgrounds remain open and offer a more tranquil experience than the busy summer season.

Small-town festivals continue to thrive throughout the region in September and October. In Murray, the annual Ice Cream Festival brings families downtown for live music, sweet treats, inflatables, and local vendors. In Aurora, music

lovers can catch the tail end of the **Hot August Blues** Festival, a favorite tradition that sometimes stretches into early fall. Farmers' markets in towns like Cadiz, Benton, and Paducah stay open well into the season, providing fresh produce, handmade crafts, baked goods, and a taste of local

Fall also marks the return of high school football, a beloved tradition across western Kentucky. Friday nights are filled with the energy of marching bands, packed bleachers, and hometown pride. Schools in Mayfield, Murray, Paducah, and beyond draw loyal crowds who enjoy the crisp air

spirit. For those seeking a collegiate atmosphere, Murray State University's football season kicks into gear with tailgating, food trucks, and fun for fans of all ages.

For outdoor enthusiasts, scenic drives through the region offer stunning views as leaves begin to change. Routes through Trigg County, Calloway County, and along the lakes offer photo-worthy moments and

peaceful escapes. Many locals take advantage of the season for weekend getaways in cabins, lodges, or lakeside rentals.

Families with kids can find plenty of activities as well. Local pumpkin patches, corn mazes, and petting zoos begin opening in late September, offering wholesome weekend fun. Several regional farms begin their fall programming just after Labor Day, with hayrides,

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seasonal produce, and outdoor games.

Whether you're looking for a quiet walk in the woods, live music under the stars, a football game under bright lights, or simply a scenic drive with the windows down, post-Labor Day in western Kentucky is a celebration of everything autumn has to offer. It's a time to slow down, reconnect, and explore the culture, beauty, and spirit of this unique region.



11am-10pm - Pontotoc Park

Hope to see you there!!



Celebrating Autumn in Western Kentucky

A Look at the Region's Best Fall Festivals

By Wilbur Jackson KPI Writer

As the calendar turns to fall, Western Kentucky comes alive with vibrant foliage, crisp air, and a series of festivals that showcase the region's culture, hospitality, and deep agricultural roots. From historic small towns to lakeside communities, fall festivals in this part of the state are more than just seasonal celebrations — they're treasured traditions that bring neighbors together and welcome visitors from far and wide.

Whether you're craving homemade apple pie, looking for the perfect pumpkin, or simply want to enjoy live music and handmade crafts, Western Kentucky's fall festivals offer something for everyone.

Trigg County Ham Festival – Cadiz, KY

Arguably the most well-known fall festival in Western Kentucky, the Trigg County Country Ham Festival in Cadiz draws tens of thousands of visitors every October. The downtown area transforms into a bustling fairground featuring food trucks, arts and crafts booths, live music, carnival rides, and, of course, a celebration of all things ham. At the heart of the festival is the world's largest

country ham and biscuit — a quirky and beloved tradition that highlights the area's agricultural heritage.

The festival also includes parades, beauty pageants, a car show, and a wide range of familyfriendly activities. For many, it marks the unofficial start of the fall season in the region and is a can'tmiss event on the local calendar.

Aurora Autumn Festival – Aurora, KY

Nestled near the shores of Kentucky Lake, the Aurora Autumn Festival offers a charming, laid-back alternative to the bigger events. Known for its strong community spirit and focus on local artisans, the festival features a craft fair with handmade items. local food, and live bluegrass and gospel music. Attendees can stroll beneath the changing leaves, shop for fall-themed decor, and enjoy apple cider or a slice of homemade pie.

Aurora's festival also benefits from its proximity to Land Between the Lakes, giving visitors the chance to pair their festival experience with a nature hike or lakeside picnic.

Murray Fall Festival – Murray, KY

The Murray Downtown Farmers Market Fall Festival is a harvest-season

favorite, bringing together vendors, families, and farmers in the heart of downtown. The event typically features fresh produce. homemade jams and baked goods, handcrafted items, and local food trucks. For kids, pumpkin painting stations, hayrides, and petting zoos add an extra layer of fun.

The festival reflects the agricultural roots of Calloway County while embracing Murray's creative and family-friendly atmosphere. It's a relaxed, welcoming event that celebrates the community's local talent and seasonal abundance.

Maple Hill Fall Festival – Mayfield,

Over in Graves County, the Maple Hill Fall Festival in Mayfield offers classic small-town charm. Held in early October, the festival includes local vendors, craft booths, live music, games for kids, and plenty of food. One highlight is the strong emphasis on handmade goods from woodworking and quilts to soaps and baked goods. The festival provides a great opportunity to support local businesses and artists while enjoying a festive, familyoriented atmosphere.

Calvert City Apple

Festival – Calvert City, Paducah even more

The Calvert City Apple Festival is another longrunning event that draws crowds for its unique blend of entertainment and tradition. From homemade apple butter and fried apple pies to carnival rides. car shows, and live bands, the festival has become a beloved fall staple in Marshall County.

The apple-themed treats are a big draw, but the event also includes community booths, church groups, local civic organizations, and school performances. It's an event that truly feels like a hometown celebration — warm, familiar, and full of flavor.

River's Edge International Film Festival – Paducah,

While it's not vour traditional fall festival, Paducah's River's Edge International Film Festival in November adds a unique, artsy flair to the region's seasonal offerings. Hosted in the city's historic downtown, the event celebrates independent filmmakers from around the world with screenings, Q&A panels, and networking opportunities. The fall backdrop makes downtown

picturesque, and the event attracts film enthusiasts and creatives alike.

For those looking for a slower-paced, cultural experience this fall, this festival provides a refreshing change of pace from the typical pumpkins and hayrides — while still delivering the seasonal charm.

More to Explore In addition to the major festivals, Western Kentucky is filled with smaller fall events that add even more character to the region. Church harvest festivals, trunk-or-treats, school carnivals, and craft shows fill community calendars from September through November. Whether it's a chili cook-off at a local park or a scarecrow contest in a town square. these local events foster connection and showcase the tightknit spirit that defines this part of the state.

A Season to Remember

Fall in Western Kentucky is a season rich with tradition, celebration, and community pride. These festivals do more than entertain — they honor the region's agricultural legacy, support local creators, and bring generations together to share in the joy of the season.

Whether you're a

lifelong resident or a first-time visitor, fall festivals in Western Kentucky offer an unforgettable way to experience the heart and soul of the region. From the savory taste of country ham to the sound of live bluegrass echoing through autumn air, the memories made at these events will warm hearts long after the leaves have fallen.

Wickliffe Harvest Festival September 5

'Planting Memories' at the annual Wickliffe Harvest festival starts on Thursday, Sept. 4 at 6 pm with a Faith & Family Night with music and a message brought by Bro. Daniel Fraser.

The festivities continue on Friday, Sept. 5 at 6 pm with the announcement of the Grand Marshall, Jethro the Clown and The Under-dogs. Food trucks will be set up for lunch and dinner.

On Saturday Sept. 6 the Harvest Festival Parade will begin at 9 am with line up at 8 at the Wickliffe City

Breakfast and lots of family fun begin at the park at 10 am. The festivities will continue throughout the day and night with vendors, food, Bingo, games, blow ups, contests, give-aways, raffles, pageants, talent shows and

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• BALLARD •

Kiara Marie Throgmorton, infant daughter of Bryson and Keisha Throgmorton, passed away on Monday, August 25, 2025, at Norton Children's Hospital in Louisville, KY. Private family services will be held at Lindsey Funeral Home in Paducah.

Philip R. Thompson, 74, of Lovelaceville, Kentucky, passed away from this life on Saturday, August 30, 2025. Services for Philip will be held at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Cunningham, Kentucky, on Saturday, September 6, 2025, with visitation at 10 a.m.

James Byerley, 53, of Lovelaceville, Kentucky, passed away on August 30, 2025, at his residence. He was born on November 11, 1971, to Elbert Ray Byerley and Marilyn Parker. A funeral service will be held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, September 6, 2025, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Wickliffe.

• CALDWELL •

Alma Deane Pickering, age 86, of Princeton, Kentucky passed away on August 30, 2025 at her home. Funeral services at Lebanon Baptist Church, Princeton, KY on Tuesday, September 2, 2025 with Brother Roger Mitchell and Brother Mike Boyd officiating. Burial in Lebanon cemetery.

William P. Darst, II, (Bill) age 70 of Princeton, passed away peacefully on August of 29, 2025 at Princeton Health and Rehab. Private services were held.

Marianne Gill, 95, of Princeton, passed away on Wednesday, August 27, 2025, at her home in Fredonia. Funeral services were held on Sunday, August 31, 2025, at Morgan's Funeral Home with Bro. Justin Ramey officiating. Private burial will take place in their family cemetery on Gill Farm in Caldwell County.

Phyllis Stevens Robertson, passed away peacefully on August 26, 2025, at the age of 87 at her home. Funeral Services were held Saturday, August 30, 2025 at Morgan's Funeral Home with Bro. Troy Jent officiating.

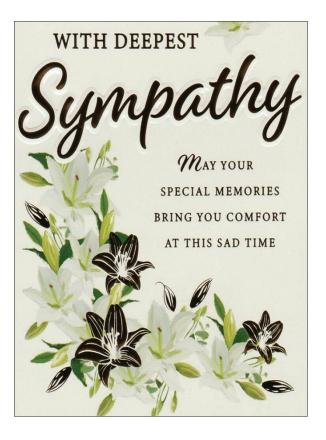
Stanley McKinney, a cherished husband, father, grandfather and brother, passed away peacefully on August 24, 2025 surrounded by his loving family. Funeral services were held Thursday, August 28, 2025 at Morgan's Funeral Home with Bro. Bill Bruce and Bro. Dean Ray officiating. Burial in Blue Spring Church Cemetery.

Alice Marie Foe, 77, of Princeton, Kentucky passed away on Sunday, August 31, 2025, at Tradewater Nursing Home in Dawson Springs, Kentucky. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Harris Funeral Home was entrusted with care.

• CALLOWAY •

Thomas Loyal Smith, 86, of Murray, KY, passed away Sunday, August 31, 2025, at Spring Creek Health Care in Murray. Blalock-Coleman Funeral Home & Cremation Services is privileged to be entrusted with the care of Mr. Smith.

Delores Dee Page, 71, of Dexter, passed away at 10:23 on Sunday, August 31, 2025 at Murray Calloway County Hospital. Funeral services were Thursday, September 4, 2025 at Hughes Funeral Home in Paducah with Bro. Rocky Hill officiating. Entombment at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens Mausoleum in Paducah.



George M. Elmore, 90, of Murray, KY, died peacefully at his home on August 29, 2025. A private family celebration will take place at a later date.

Ronald Tecoma, 79, of New Concord, KY, passed away on Sunday, August 31, 2025 at West Tennessee Healthcare Henry County Hospital in Paris, Tennessee Arrangements are currently incomplete at Imes Funeral Home.

Charles J. Carroll, 82, of Hazel, KY, passed away on Monday, September 1, 2025 at Spring Creek Health and Rehab in Murray. A graveside service was held on Thursday, September 4, 2025 at McDaniel Cemetery.

Michael Paul "Tiny" Hale, 47, of Murray, KY, passed away Saturday, August 30, 2025, at the Murray-Calloway County Hospital. A private graveside service will be held at Murray Memorial Gardens, Murray, KY, with Bro. Sammy Cunningham officiating. Honoring Michael's wishes, no public visitation or services will be held.

• CARLISLE •

Jim Wright, 83, of Arlington, Kentucky, passed away suddenly on August 25, 2025. A funeral service was held on Saturday, August 30, 2025, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Arlington with Rick Brazelton speaking. Burial at Columbus Cemetery.

· CHRISTIAN ·

Kohen Austin Davis, 2-month-old, of Herndon, KY died Saturday, August 30, 2025 at Jennie Stuart Medical Center. Funeral services were Thursday, September 4, 2025 at Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home with Pastor Ryan Austin officiating. Burial in Morris Cemetery.

Darren Keith Shelton, 54, Woody Shelton Road, Hopkinsville, KY, passed away Saturday, August 30, 2025. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, September 5, 2025 at Lamb Funeral Home with Buddy Weatherford officiating. Burial will follow in Fruit Hill Baptist Church Cemetery.

Michael "Mike" Hayes, 73, Pembroke, KY, passed away Saturday, August 30, 2025 at his home of natural causes. Funeral services were Wednesday, September 3, 2025 at Lamb Funeral Home with Jeremy Hayes officiating and Freddie Harrison assisting. Burial in New Ebenezer Cemetery.

Tomiko Furukawa Cansler, 93, Springmont Drive, Hopkinsville, KY, formerly of Crofton, KY, passed away peacefully Saturday, August 30, 2025 at her home. The family has chosen cremation and no immediate services to be held.

Ben Robin Ray, age 85, of Hopkinsville, passed away on Thursday, August 28, 2025, at his home. Services were Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at Ridgetop Cemetery with Pastor Clayton Miller officiating.

Phyllis Ann Shields, age 82, of Hopkinsville, KY passed away Saturday, August 23, 2025, at Trigg County Hospital. Funeral Services were Friday, August 29, 2025, at Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Home with burial in Green Hill Memorial Gardens.

Diana Marie Grace, 57, of White Plains, Kentucky passed away on Thursday, August 28, 2025 at her residence. Dogwood Funerals & Cremations of Crofton is assisting with arrangements.

Deborah Kaye Wallace, 67 of Hopkinsville, KY died at 1:50 a.m. Monday, August 25, 2025 at Shady Lawn Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Cadiz, KY. Memorial Services were Tuesday, September 2, 2025 at Dogwood Funerals & Cremations of Hopkinsville with Rev. Dwight Wallace and Rev. Tony Moore officiating.

James Allen Northington, 65, Hopkinsville, passed away on Wednesday, August 27, 2025, in Murfreesboro, TN. Funeral Service was held Wednesday, September 3, 2025 at Gamble Funeral Home Hopkinsville, Ky 42240. Burial at KVCW.

• CRITTENDEN •

Noble Cook Travis, age 91, passed away on Monday, August 25, 2025, at Livingston County Hospital in Salem. Funeral services will be held on Friday, August 29, 2025, at 1:00 PM at Gilbert Funeral Home. Burial in Love Cemetery in Crittenden County.

Marlene Sue (Kaegi) Lewis left this world peacefully on August 31, 2025, at the age of 92. A private family service will be held this fall to honor her life. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you plant something beautiful in her memory or share a favorite book with someone you love.

• FULTON •

James A. Vinson, age 87, of Fulton, KY, passed away on Tuesday, August 26, 2025, at his residence. There will be no services held at the funeral home for Mr. James A. Vinson.

• GRAVES •

Rebecca Newberry, age 60 and and a resident of Mayfield, Ky passed away at 6:38 A.M. Tuesday, September 2, 2025 at her residence. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield, Ky.

Shawn Gourley, age 52, of Melber, Kentucky, passed away Sunday, August 31, 2025. Funeral Services were September 4, 2025, at Trinity Holiness Church in Cunningham, Kentucky, with Brothers Aaron Burnett and Andrew Generaux officiating. Burial at the Bethel Holiness Cemetery.

Theresa Thompson, age 62, of Fancy Farm, KY passed away Sunday, August 31, 2025 at her residence. Funeral arrangements for Teresa are incomplete at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY.

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Thomas "Hambone" Hamlin, 83, of Mayfield, Kentucky, passed away at his home on Saturday, August 30, 2025, at 4:00 PM, surrounded by love and memories from a life well lived. A celebration of life was held on Wednesday, September 3, 2025, at Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield, with Rev. Paul McWherter officiating. He was laid to rest with military honors at New Liberty Baptist Church Cemetery.

Curtis Wayne Cox, age 74, of the Hickory Community passed away at 11:30 AM Friday, August 29, 2025 at his residence. Private family graveside memorial services will be held at a later date. The Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY is in charge of the arrangements.

Floyd Odell Luckey age 55 of Pryorsburg passed away Wednesday August 27, 2025 in Pryorsburg. Funeral service were Tuesday September 2, 2025 at the Pryorsburg Independent Methodist Church with Rev. Mickey Fowler and Bro. Joey Green officiating, burial in the Highland Park Cemetery.

Darnell Watson Jr., age 66 of Louisville, KY formerly of Mayfield, KY passed away on Wednesday, August 27, 2025 at the Norton's Hospital in Louisville, KY. Graveside services were held Wednesday, September 3, 2025 at the Peaceful Valley Cemetery with Rev. Leroy Brent officiating. The Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY is in charge of the arrangements.

Phyllis Claudette Nadvornik, age 82 of Mayfield, KY passed away on Tuesday, August 26, 2025 at her residence. A private family memorial service will be held at a later date. The Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield is in charge of the arrangements.

Howard Riley, age 86 of Mayfield, KY, passed away at 8:57 PM on Sunday, August 24, 2025 at Baptist Health Paducah. Funeral Services were held Wednesday, August 27, 2025 at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY with Rev. Billy Sizemore and Rev. Jerry Rollins officiating. Burial in the Miller's Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery.

Richard A. Adams, age 84, of Mayfield, KY passed away Saturday, August 30, 2025 at the Anna Mae Owen Hospice House in Murray, KY. A funeral service was held Monday, September 1, 2025 at the Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, Ky. Rev. Ronnie Stinson, Sr. officiating.

Horace Dwain Yates, age 85, of Pilot Oak, KY passed away on Tuesday, August 26, 2025 at Jackson Purchase Medical Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, August 30, 2025 at Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY. Rev. Rick Walker and Rev. Brian Overstreet officiating. Interment at Pilot Oak Baptist Church Cemetery. Military graveside rites were conducted by American Legion Post #26.

• HENDERSON •

Stephanie Pippin, age 58, of Henderson, KY, passed away on Monday, September 1, 2025, surrounded by her family. Relatives and friends are invited to Stephanie's Life Celebration from 10:00 a.m. until the service time on Friday, September 5, 2025, at Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home in Henderson, KY. The funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home with Reverend Kevin Stone officiating. Burial will follow at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in



Henderson, KY.

Jeffer Ranae Slaughter, age 61, of Henderson, KY, decided she had had enough of this old world on Friday, August 29, 2025. A private family memorial and inurnment in Fernwood Cemetery will be held at a later date.

Glenna Dean "Deannie" Newman Luntsford, age 75, of Henderson, KY, went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Thursday, August 28, 2025, at the Lucy Smith King Care Center under the care of St. Anthony's Hospice. Life Celebration was held Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home with Pastor Jeremy Faughn officiating. Burial at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Henderson, KY.

LaVonne Kathryn Dykstra Kloet went to be with her Lord and Savior on August 26, 2025. She died peacefully at her home. Life Celebration was held Saturday, August 30, 2025, at First Presbyterian Church in Henderson, KY with Reverend Eric Hoey officiating. Burial at Fairmont Cemetery in Henderson, KY.

Julia Zehner Farley Billings of Henderson was called home to her heavenly Father on August 28, 2025 at Redbanks Nursing Facility under Hospice care. A celebration of Ma Judy's life was held Wednesday, September 3rd at Zion Baptist Church.

Ana Griselda Velasquez Vargas 19, of Sebree, KY passed away on Monday August 25, 2025 at St. Vincent Medical Center in Evansville, IN Services will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday September 6, 2025 at Iglesia Palabra De Fe Church in Sebree. Pastor Daniel Gonzalez will officiate. Burial will be in Springdale Cemetery in Sebree, KY

Robert Hansford Gregory known as "Rob", "Robbie", "Bob", "Papa Rob", and "Papaw", died Tuesday, August 26, 2025. Private family services will be held at a later date

Tonya Darlene Cosby, 64, of Henderson, Kentucky, passed away peacefully at 12:20 p.m. Sunday August 24, 2025 at Deaconess Gateway Hospital in Newburgh, Indiana with her family being by her bedside. Darlene's life was celebrated Saturday August 30, 2025 at First Missionary Baptist Church in Henderson with Pastor James Hickerson. Burial in Fernwood Cemetery in Henderson.

• HOPKINS •

Beverly Napier-Beach, 76 of Madisonville, Kentucky passed away on Monday, August 25, 2025 at Baptist Deaconess Madisonville in Madisonville, Kentucky. A funeral service was held Saturday, August 30, 2025 at Collier Funeral Home with Bro. Mac Walls officiating. Interment at Landrum Cemetery, Grand Rivers, KY.

Hugh "HW" Wayne Offutt, 83, of Earlington, KY passed away on August 26, 2025 at his daughter's home in New Albany, IN. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, September 2, 2025 at Reid-Walters Funeral Home in Earlington, KY with Father David Kennedy officiating and burial with military rites performed by the United States Army 101st Airborne and the Hopkins County Honor Guard at Grapevine Cemetery in Madisonville, KY.

Steve Douglas Stanley, 66 of White Plains passed away August 25, 2025, at his home. Graveside service were held Saturday, August 30 at Stanley Cemetery in White Plains.

Leonard Parish, 91, of Madisonville, KY, passed away on Monday, September 1, 2025, at Baptist Health Deaconess in Madisonville. Arrangements are currently pending.

Rita Lisa "Granny" Cartwright, 83, of Madisonville, KY, passed away on Monday, August 25, 2025, at Baptist Health Deaconess in Madisonville. A funeral service was held on Wednesday, August 27, 2025, in the chapel of Harris Funeral Home with Pastor Josh Bumpus and Pastor Bill Bursztynski officiating. Burial at Odd Fellows Cemetery in Madisonville.

Barbara Kay Harris Tilton, 75, of Earlington, KY, passed away on Saturday, August 23, 2025, at Baptist Health Deaconess in Madisonville. A private burial will be held at Oaktown Cemetery in Knox County, IN. Harris Funeral Home was entrusted with care.

Katie Slaton, age 37 of Madisonville, KY passed away Monday August 25, 2025 at Linda White Hospice House in Evansville, IN. Funeral service were Friday, August 29, 2025 at Whitsell Funeral Home in Morganfield. Rev. Cole Caven officiating.

• MCCRACKEN •

Steven D. Doolittle, known affectionately as Steve to his friends and colleagues, passed away on Monday, August 25, 2025, in Paducah, Kentucky, at the age of 61. A celebration of Steve's life was held Saturday, August 30, 2025, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Paducah.

Nancy M. Mancuso, passed away on August 25, 2025, at the venerable age of 95 The family will hold a private memorial service at a later date.

William Francis McGee passed from this life on Monday, August 25, 2025, at Southgate Care Home in Metropolis, Illinois, at the age of 80. Bill was interred with military honors at the Smithland Cemetery on Thursday, August 28, 2025, followed by a private family graveside service.

Anne Wilson Terry Thurman, passed away peacefully on Thursday, August 28, 2025, at the age of 75. Funeral services were Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Paducah with Rev. Tommy Tucker officiating.

Mary Ann (Pardon) Mitchell, 83, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away peacefully on Thursday, August 28, 2025, at her home

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in Paducah, KY. A memorial service will be held at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in Paducah, KY, on September 20, 2025. Additional funeral arrangements are underway with Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah and will be shared once finalized.

Martha Reece Hall Calhoun Curtis passed away on Thursday, August 28, 2025 at Mercy Health Lourdes at the age of 81. Funeral services were held Tuesday, September 2, 2025 at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah with Rev. Bob Martin officiating. Burial at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens.

Charles Raymond Davis Sr. of 1008 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., Paducah, KY departed this life on Sunday, August 24, 2025. Funeral Services were held Saturday, August 30, 2025, at Lindsey Funeral Home.

Anthony Poe, 71, of Paducah passed away on Wednesday, August 27, 2025, at Parkview Nursing & Rehab with his family by his side. Private family services will be held with burial at Pleasant View Cemetery in Fulton, KY.

Doris Lou (Doom) McGuins, 91, of Paducah, passed away peacefully at her home on Thursday, August 28, 2025. A graveside service was held on Sunday, August 31, 2025 at Benton Cemetery in Marshall County, KY, with Jonathan Goodman officiating.

Ida Mae Girten, 91, of Paducah passed away at 9:55 PM on Monday, August 25, 2025 at Southgate Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Metropolis, IL. There will be no service or visitation held at this time.

Ella K. Merritt age 74 of Paducah, entered into eternal rest on Wednesday, August 27, 2025 at approximately 9:01 a.m. at Baptist Health Paducah. Arrangements are pending at this time.



Robert (Bob) Story, owner of Symphony Supply and Story Electric, passed away peacefully at home on Friday, August 28, at the age of 70. Visitation begins at 11:00 a.m. Friday, September 5, 2025 followed by the funeral service at 1:00 p.m. Friday, September 5, 2025at Milner and Orr Funeral Home with Reverend Justin Ramer of Broadway United Methodist Church presiding. Burial will be after the service at Mt. Kenton Cemetery next to his wife and parents.

Brayden Toy Willis, age 5, of Paducah, KY, passed away on August 31, 2025, at Baptist Health Paducah Hospital. Funeral Services will be held at 1:00 pm on Monday, September 8, 2025, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah. Burial will follow at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

James Darin Langston, 43, of Lexington, formerly of Paducah, passed away on August 30, 2025, at UK Healthcare Hospital in Lexington. Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 am on Friday, September 5, 2025, at the Lone Oak Chapel of Milner & Orr Funeral Home with Rev. Bruce McCarty officiating.

Clifton "Cliff" E. McReynolds, known affectionately as Cliff to his friends and family, was a lifelong native of Kentucky A funeral service will be held at 12:00 noon on Friday, September 5, 2025, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah with Bro. Terry Tipton and Bro. Jared Hayes officiating. Burial will follow at Spring Bayou Baptist Church Cemetery.

• MARSHALL •

Tammi Dorine Tidwell, 63, of Marshall County passed away Saturday August 30, 2025. Services will be held at a later date.

James Gipson Sr. 65 of Symsonia passed

away Sunday August 24, 2025, at his home. Family planning memorial services at later date.

Leeman Howard Fish, 61, of Benton, Kentucky, passed away on August 22, 2025, at his home. A memorial service was held at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at the Life Celebration Center of Filbeck-Cann.

Philip Canestrino, Jr., 89 of Benton, Kentucky passed away on Thursday, August 28, 2025, at his home. A memorial service will be held at 7:00 PM on Saturday, August 30, 2025 at Collier Funeral Home.

Glen A. Dudley passed away at the Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah on August 27, 2025 after a brief battle with cancer. It was his wish to be cremated.

Isaac "Ike" Poole on Monday, August 25, in Bowling Green, Kentucky. A graveside service was held on Wednesday, August 27,2025 at Marshall County Memory Gardens.

"Dusty" Forrest B. Downey Jr., passed away peacefully on Sunday, August 24, at the UK Medical Center in Lexington, Kentucky. Funeral services were held on Thursday, August 28, 2025, at Collier Funeral Home in Benton, Ky.

· UNION ·

Jesse Slaton, age 40 of Morganfield, KY passed away Saturday, Aug 30, 2025 at his home. Funeral service will be 1:00 PM Friday, Sept 5, 2025 at Whitsell Funeral Home in Morganfield, KY. Rev Billy McKendree will officiate. Visitation will be 4-8 PM Thursday and 10 AM until service time Friday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Odd Fellows Cemetery in Morganfield, KY.

Rodney Shelton, age 64 of Morganfield, KY passed away Tuesday, Aug 26, 2025 at Deaconess Gateway Hospital in Newburgh, IN. The service was held Friday, August 29 at Whitsell Funeral Home in Morganfield, KY. Burial in Corydon Cemetery in Corydon, KY.

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.

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ton, Tuesdays, 6 p.m.

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- AA Meetings, Tuesday nights at 6 p.m. at 1st Baptist Church, 5th & Olive in LaCenter.
- AA Meetings, Friday nights at 6 p.m. New Covenant Community Church on Coffee Dr. in LaCenter.
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Hillvue Heights shatters own baptism record with 846 (and counting)

By Chip Hutcheson Kentucky Today

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. (KT) — After a record year of baptisms last year, Hillvue Heights Church has exceeded that total by more than 100 this year.

The church will celebrate that kingdom work on Sunday, Aug. 31, with "Risen Sunday" everyone who has been baptized in the past year is asked to wear a "Risen" shirt. "We will have baptisms Sunday, but it is mainly a day to celebrate what has happened this year," said Jamie Ward, colead pastor.

"It's a work of God," he added. "Our people have more and more bought in on sharing the gospel with lost friends and family."

Ward said he and lead pastor Steve Ayers allow others to be included in the times of baptisms. "We always say the fewer we baptize the more the church baptizes. We let family members, co-

workers and friends be involved — as long as they are a baptized believer."

Risen Sunday will be the prelude to the church's annual Godstock event, which is the weekend after Labor Day. It is weekend of praise, worship and baptisms at Barren River State Park.

There are services scheduled Friday and Saturday evenings as well as Sunday, and the weekend ends with a baptismal service at the lake. This will be the 32nd year for Godstock, which has had consistent growth and draws people from various states while others watch it online.

"The biggest thing we do is preach the gospel," Ward noted.
"Every service people hear the gospel. We also challenge our people by telling them the whole mission of Jesus is to seek and save that which is lost. We tell our people that the great end run of discipleship is seeing



Pastor Steve Ayers baptizing at Hillvue Heights Church. Hillvue has baptized 846 with one Sunday remaining in the fiscal year.

people come to Christ. We walk with people and they share the gospel. Sometimes we forget that part of the end fruit of discipleship is seeing other people coming to Christ."

The church wastes

no time in equipping new believers to share the gospel. For our new believers, there is a big emphasis on that. "We tell them that their feet are in a world full of people who don't know Christ, and we ask



Those who lead the new believer to Christ has the honor of baptizing them at Hillvue Heights, which has baptized nearly 850 in the fiscal year.



them who can they share Christ with."

Hillvue Heights previous record of 745 baptisms last year eclipsed the previous high of 641 in 2019. With one Sunday left in the church's fiscal year, there have been 846 baptisms, pushing the total baptized there to 14,260 since Ayers became the pastor in 1991. Ward has been on the church staff for 21 years.



We are quickly coming to everyone's favorite time of year. The signs of summer's close are the start of school, Labor Day, and another hunting season. Autumn in most states brings cool mornings and warm evenings. It's the days that country folks enjoy the screen door and open windows. The air seems cleaner and fresher, and the once hazy skies are now as clear as a mountain stream.

The most prominent signs of fall are the leaves that are changing from hues of green into colors as different as the trees themselves. My part of the country is known for the beautiful fall colors that cover the mountains like Joseph's coat of many colors. During the summer months. from a distance. every tree looks the same. The hills seem covered with one big blob of green. And while the evergreens

may stand out from their needles, the rest of the landscape is uniform. Each tree has thrived under the good conditions of spring and summer. When the pressure of fall comes each tree begins to show its own unique colors. Fall is not the time of plenty; it is the time of lack. This lack is what causes the leaves to turn. We might say that when each tree is under the pressure of a lack of sustenance it begins to show its



life, we are forced under some pressure. One of the most common pressures is the one that comes from a perceived lack of what we need. As with any pressure we are squeezed to the point that what is inside comes out. We show our true colors. Now this doesn't mean that one bad moment is the determining factor of who we really are. But pressure that is put on us over time

will reveal what we are made of. What we need to understand is that many times it is God who is applying the pressure to us. He is not doing it so He can find out what we will do -He already knows; but He is doing it so we can know and so that we can see what is truly in our heart and if we really trust in God who has promised to provide everything we need. Thankfully, these difficult times are only seasons. Although they seem

permanent at times, one day they will give way to another time of growth and prosperity. And I pray that while autumn is in the air, your summer of blessings is just arriving.

Gary Miller has written Outdoor Truths articles for 23 years. He has also written five books which include compilations of his articles and a father/son devotional. He also speaks at wild-game dinners and men's events for churches and associations. Stay updated on Outdoor Truths each week by subscribing at Outdoortruths.org

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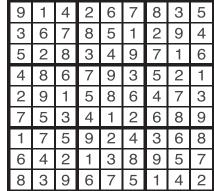
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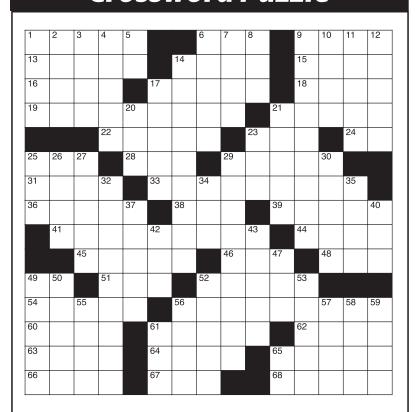
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Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Fairly large
- 6. Barrels per day (abbr.)
- 9. Cover the entirety of
- 13. Leafy appetizer
- 14. Showy ornament
- 15. Norse personification of old age
- 16. Athletes
- 17. Closes tightly
- 18. Attack via hurling items
- 19. Where the reserves stand 21. Sword
- 22. Begat
- 23. Damage another's reputation
- 24. Northeast
- 25. Turf
- 28. For each 29. Hours (Spanish)
- 31. Western state
- 33. One who offers help 36. Flanks
- 38. A woolen cap of Scottish origin

- 39. Free from drink or drugs
- 41. Tunnels
- 44. Mature
- 45. More dried-up
- 46. News organization
- 48. Steal something
- 49. Forms one's public persona (abbr.)
- 51. Female fish eggs
- 52. Small petrel of southern seas
- 54. Edible starches
- 56. Historical
- 60. In a place to sleep
- 61. Horse grooms
- 62. Off-Broadway theater award
- 63. Chinese dynasty
- 64. Resembling a wing
- 65. Small projection on a bird's wing
- 66. Of the Isle of Man
- 67. Derived unit of force (abbr.)
- 68. Plate for Eucharist

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Vipers
- 2. Ancient city in Syria
- 3. Slog
- 4. Emits coherent radiation
- 5. "Pollock" actor Harris 6. Bleated
- 7. Monetary units of Afghanistan
- 8. Tooth doctor
- 9. One who takes apart 10. Commoner
- 11. Beat poet Ginsberg
- 12. Cave deposit material 14. Home energy backup
- 17. Begets
- 20. Face part
- 21. Frocks
- 23. Hill or rocky peak 25. Giving the impression of
- dishonesty

- 27. Male parents
- 29. Popular grilled food
- 30. Vaccine developer
- 32. Not conforming
- 34. Polite address for women
- 35. 1970 U.S. environmental law
- 37. Astronomical period of 18 years 40. One who fights the government
- 42. Center for Excellence in Education
- 43. Watches discreetly
- 47. An electrically charged atom 49. Hymn
- 50. Arabic given name
- 52. Popular pie nut
- 53. City in Zambia
- 55. Species of cherry
- 56. John , British writer 57. Be next to
- 58. Make angry
- 59. Give birth to a lamb or kid

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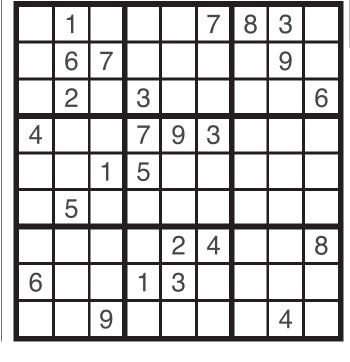
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Answers on Classified Page

Sudoku Puzzle

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



Word Scramble

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to hiking.

PCKA

Answer:Pack

Guess Who?

I am an actress born in New York on September 6, 1964. I attended Los Angeles City College, and debuted as an actress in a 1989 film directed by Spike Lee. I also worked as a choreographer for Janet Jackson. I'm known for my prominent New York City accent.

Answer: Rosie Perez

Labor Day Weekend Lights Up Western Kentucky

High School Football Showcases Rivalries, Resilience, and Rising Stars

By Wilbur Jackson KPI Writer

As Labor Day weekend swept across western Kentucky, so did a fresh wave of high school football excitement. Week 2 of the 2025 season brought packed stadiums, fierce rivalries, and signature wins as teams across the region looked to establish their identity early in the year. Whether in thrilling comebacks or dominant performances, the weekend delivered all the drama and passion fans have come to expect under the Friday night

Mayfield Cardinals Edge Beechwood in Top-Tier Clash

In what many dubbed the "game of the week," the Mayfield Cardinals hosted northern Kentucky powerhouse Beechwood in a nondistrict matchup that lived up to the hype. Both teams traded punches in a backand-forth contest, but Mayfield's home-field energy and fourthquarter resilience proved the difference in a thrilling 31-28

Senior quarterback Eli Starks continued his strong start to the season, throwing for two touchdowns and rushing for another. Running back Jeremiah Carr added 120 yards on the ground, helping control the pace. Defensively, Mayfield sealed the game with a key interception in the final two minutes.

"This was a playoffcaliber opponent, and our guys responded," said coach Joe Morris. "Games like this test your character, and tonight we passed."

Paducah Tilghman Rolls Over Caldwell County

Paducah Tilghman kept the momentum rolling with a decisive 42-14 win over Caldwell County, showcasing their athleticism on both sides of the ball. Quarterback Malachi Rider led the Tornadoes with three passing touchdowns,

while wideout Quincy Davis had a breakout game, catching two scores and returning a punt for a touchdown.

On defense,
Tilghman forced
two turnovers
and held Caldwell
County scoreless
through the first
half. The dominant
performance gives
Tilghman a 2-0 record
heading into a stretch
of key district games.

Coach Sean
Thompson praised
his team's focus.
"We didn't take them
lightly. We've got big
goals this season, and
that means showing
up every week ready
to dominate."

Graves County Overcomes Slow Start to Beat Madisonville-North Hopkins

Graves County improved to 2-0 with a 28-17 win over Madisonville-North Hopkins. The Eagles trailed 10-0 early before quarterback Jayden Lewis found his rhythm, tossing two touchdown passes in the second quarter. The defense tightened up in the second half, holding the Maroons to just one score while the offense ground out long drives to seal the win.

"We had some adversity early, but I'm proud of how we responded," said coach Lance Gregory. "That's the kind of game that builds character for the season ahead."

Murray Tops Calloway in Crosstown Classic

The annual "Crosstown Classic" between Murray High and Calloway County lived up to its billing once again, as the Tigers claimed a hardfought 20-14 victory. The game remained close throughout, with both defenses making big plays and the lead changing hands three times.

Murray quarterback Jacob Fields scored the go-ahead touchdown midway through the fourth quarter on a designed quarterback run. Calloway had a chance to tie late but was stopped on fourth down at the Tigers' 25-yard line.

"This game is always special," said Murray coach Aaron Doughty. "Both programs left it all out there tonight. I'm proud of the grit our guys showed."

Marshall County Finds the Win Column

Marshall County bounced back from a Week 1 loss with a 26-12 victory over Fulton County, thanks to a strong defensive effort and a revitalized run game. Running back Luke Simmons rushed for 140 yards and two touchdowns, while the Marshals' defense forced three turnovers and blocked a punt that led to a

score.

Coach Steve Etheridge said the win was exactly what the team needed. "It's great to get that first one. We played with intensity and took a step forward tonight."

Other Notable Scores Across Western Kentucky

Henderson County continued its early-season dominance with a 40-6 rout of Owensboro Catholic. The Colonels' ground game again proved too much, racking up over 250 rushing yards.

Crittenden County edged Ballard Memorial 14-12 in a defensive slugfest that came down to a missed two-point conversion in the final minute.

Christian County picked up its first win of the season, defeating Fort Campbell 35-21 behind a standout performance from senior quarterback Jamari Boyd.

Takeaways from Week 2

1. Mayfield and Tilghman Look Like Early Favorites

Both programs are showing championship-caliber form early, handling tough opponents with poise. Their inevitable district meeting later in the season could have major playoff implications.

2. Rivalries Still Matter

From Murray vs. Calloway to Crittenden vs. Ballard, rivalry games continue to deliver drama. They also provide key early-season tests, especially for younger squads.

3. Depth Will Be Key Moving Forward

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Graves County and
Henderson County
are beginning to
show they can win
in multiple ways — a
trait that separates
good teams from great
ones as the season
wears on.



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New PTO Officers Ready for 2025–26 School Year

Bv Laurna Todd KPI Staff

Carlisle County Schools is excited to welcome a brandnew team of Parent-**Teacher Organization** (PTO) officers for the 2025–26 school year! Taking on leadership roles this year are President Blaine Galloway, Vice President Jessica Galloway, Secretary Jessica Curlin, and Treasurer Kendra Jeffords.

The PTO is all about bringing families, teachers, and students together to make school a better place. Whether it's planning fun family events, organizing fundraisers, or helping teachers with extra classroom needs, the PTO makes a big difference in the day-to-day life of our schools. Their work helps create the kind of warm, supportive environment where kids can succeed.

This year, parents can look forward to plenty of activities that bring our community closer together. From school carnivals to holiday events, the PTO helps make sure there's always something special for families to enjoy. The new officers encourage anyone who wants to get involved to reach out—there's always room for more helping hands and smiling faces.

But the PTO's role goes deeper than just events. They represent the heart of Carlisle County Schools by showing what can happen when families and schools work side by side. Their leadership reflects the pride our community takes in its students and the commitment we all share to helping them grow and succeed.

Vice President Jessica Galloway also shared her thoughts about serving in this important role.

When asked to give a personal quote as Vice President, she explained, "For me personally, I want to be a strong role model for my daughters. By getting involved, I feel that I am showing my girls that I value

their education and am committed to making their school a better place and a fun environment. I strive to motivate them to do well and to boost their confidence."

> When asked why she feels parent involvement in PTO matters, Galloway said, "Parents getting involved with PTO

can directly benefit a child's education and well-being. PTO helps provide resources schools can't always cover, such as new technology, classroom supplies, and field trips. It also allows parents to build relationships with teachers and administrators, keeping

communication open and strong."

And when asked what inspired her to step into a leadership role, she shared, "Truthfully, I enjoy public service. I want to make a difference and help wherever I can. PTO isn't just about fundraising—it's about strengthening

community and being involved in your child's education." With this new team at the helm, the 2025–26 school year is shaping up to be full of energy, involvement, and community spirit. Here's to another great year at Carlisle County Schools!



ALLISON BALL AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Independent Auditor's Report

To the People of Kentucky The Honorable Andy Beshear, Governor Holly M. Johnson, Secretary

Finance and Administration Cabinet

The Honorable Greg Terry, Carlisle County Judge/Executive The Honorable Will Gilbert, Former Carlisle County Sheriff

The Honorable Eric Perry, Carlisle County Sheriff

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Report on the Audit of the Financial Statement **Opinions**

We have audited the accompanying former Carlisle County Sheriff's Settlement - 2023 Taxes for the period September 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024 - Regulatory Basis, and the related notes to the financial statement, which collectively comprise the former Carlisle County Sheriff's financial statement as listed in the table of

Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statement presents fairly, in all material respects, the taxes charged, credited, and paid for the period September 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024 of the former Carlisle County Sheriff, in accordance with the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky as described in Note 1.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles section of our report, the financial statement does not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the taxes charged, credited, and paid of the former Carlisle County Sheriff, for the period September 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Audit Program for Sheriffs' Tax Settlements. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement section of our report. We are required to be independent of the former Carlisle County Sheriff and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

As described in Note 1 of the financial statement, the financial statement is prepared by the former Carlisle County Sheriff on the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effects on the financial statement of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial StatementManagement is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of a financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the former Carlisle County Sheriff's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any

currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter. Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not an absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgement made by a reasonable user based on the financial

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

· Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement.

· Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the former Carlisle County Sheriff's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

• Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statement.

• Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the former Carlisle County Sheriff's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time. We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated June 6, 2025, on our consideration of the former Carlisle County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the former Carlisle County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Respectfully submitted,



Auditor of Public Accounts

Allison Ball

June 6, 2025

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