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Marshall County Board of Education Reviews KSA Report

The Marshall County Board of Education held its meeting on November 20, 2025 where they reviewed districtwide results from the 2025 Kentucky Summative Assessment (KSA), hearing from highschool leaders, and addressing a range of district updates.

Jackie Reid, Supervisor of Instruction, opened the meeting with an overview of the KSA report. She explained that this year's data was released later than usual because of adjustments made to the science assessment. According to Reid, the district has shown steady improvement over the past three years, with proficiency rising across every grade and subject except elementary writing.

She noted that writing scores remained level but emphasized that a plan is already in place to strengthen writing instruction. Reid went on to

discuss the state's color-coded rating system. This system compares schools across Kentucky using multiple indicators, including proficiency levels, the percentage of distinguished scores, and year-to-year growth. Individual schools will soon present their own detailed results, she said.

When viewing the district as a whole, Marshall County received green ratings which are considered "high" performance, at the elementary, middle, and high school levels during the consolidation review. Compared with last year's ratings, these scores reflect meaningful gains. Reid credited the district's progress to four key areas: Professional Learning Communities; strengthened core curriculum; the Multi-Tiered System of Supports; and the ongoing commitment of teachers and staff. She said PLCs allow educators

to collaborate consistently, high quality instructional materials have been phased in across classrooms, MTSS has helped schools meet individual student needs, and teachers have

drop challenge, a newspaper fashion show, a "snowball" activity, and a presentation from a guest speaker. The annual conference brings together boys in the gifted and talented program, and a similar event

community partnerships, including a new initiative to introduce mountain biking in physical education classes.

Due to grant funding, the school purchased bicycles to distribute, and district mountain bike coach Jayson Roberts visited classes to teach bike safety and trail riding skills. Local volunteers partnered with Wood-N-Wave Bicycles and Watersports to help secure the bikes at cost. Students now have the chance to ride the MoneyMaker Trail that is located behind the school, on designated days. Several students also spoke about their experiences with mountain biking and the school's character education program.

Director of Pupil Personnel Brent Lovett presented the proposed break schedule for the 2026-2027 school year, setting fall break for the first full week of October, spring break for the first

full week of April, and a two-week break for Christmas. The board approved the schedule, and Lovett said he plans to bring two potential academic calendars for the same school year to the December meeting. During the public comments section, Kevin Holsapple addressed the board about the importance of social-emotional learning programs.

Holsapple, whose son Skyer died by suicide in June, urged the district to prioritize mental health support, especially at the high school level to which Amy Waggoner, a board member, thanked him for his courage and stressed the importance of raising these issues publicly so they can become areas of focus. The next meeting is scheduled for December 18, 2025.



remained committed to sustained growth across the district. The board then heard from the Marshall County High School Leadership students about this year's Marshall Male Conference. Students Kadence Cavitt and Scott Rohrer outlined the planning process and shared highlights from the event, including a balloon-

for gifted girls is scheduled for this spring. Kendra Glenn, the Calvert City Elementary School principal followed with a report on the school's renewed Family Friendly School designation, awarded by the Prichard Committee. Glenn highlighted the school's efforts to build stronger

Jon Case joins FNB Bank as Business Banking Officer

December 1, 2025 (Mayfield, KY) FNB Bank (FNB) is proud to announce that Jon Case has joined FNB as a Business Banking Officer in



Jon Case, FNB Bank

Murray-Calloway County. Jon began his banking career at FNB in 2019 and now brings six years of banking experience back to the organization. He most recently served as a Financial Advisor. "Jon's professional experience and dedication to excellence make him a strong fit for our organization," stated Amy Futrell, FNB's Calloway County Market President. "We are pleased

to welcome him back to FNB and are confident he will serve our business clients with exceptional care." Jon is a 2017 graduate of Marshall County High School and a 2022 graduate of Murray State University where he obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance. Jon resides in Murray with his wife, Kennedy.

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Marshall County Judge Telle Not Seeking Reelection



Jack Telle, Marshall County District Judge

By Kelsey Edwards
Marshall Times Editor

Jack Telle, the Marshall County District Judge, announced that he will not seek reelection in 2026, closing out more than two decades of service on the 58th District bench. Telle, a Marshall County native and University of Kentucky graduate, was first elected in 2002 after several years in private practice.

He began his first term on January 6, 2003, and has since been reelected five consecutive times without opposition. By the conclusion of his current term, Telle will have served 24 years, presiding over thousands of cases spanning paternity, probate, adult disability, small claims, landlord-tenant matters, traffic offenses, DUIs, misdemeanor criminal cases, and preliminary felony hearings—the full scope of district court jurisdiction.

He expressed gratitude to Marshall County residents for their support, including votes, encouragement, and prayers throughout his time in office. Telle and his wife of 39 years, Dr. Terri Telle, share two children: son Christopher Telle and his wife, Heather, along with their son Samuel; and daughter Sarah Telle.

City of Murray current 2026 election filings

By Kelsey Edwards
Marshall Times Editor

As of Wednesday, November 26, 2025 the following individuals have officially filed to run for office in the 2026 election cycle. Party affiliation is listed with each name, marked as R for Republican or D for Democrat. Races for the City of Murray and all judicial positions remain on partisan. Incumbents are noted with an asterisk. Filing for

Murray City Council are Jeremy Bell*, Bonnie Higginson*, Linda Cherry*, and Rose Ross*. Ricky Garland (R) has filed for Coroner*. Paul Rister (R) and Kenny Imes* (R) are seeking the position of Calloway County Judge-Executive. Shane Henley (R), Brad Rowland (R), and Mark McCuiston (R) have each filed for Calloway County Jailor. Ricky Stewart* (R) is running for Calloway County

Magistrate in District 1. Larry Crutcher* (R) and Kenneth Reynolds (R) have filed for Magistrate in District 2. Cole Houston (R) and Don Cherry* (R) are seeking the Magistrate seat in District 3. Darrell Beane (R) has filed for Magistrate in District 4. Danny Hudspeth is seeking the office of Mayor of Murray. Nikki McMillen-Crouch* (R) has filed for Public Valuation Administrator. Nicky Knight* (R) is

running for Calloway County Sheriff. For state and federal offices, Mary Beth Imes* (R) has filed for State Representative in District 5, Chris Hendricks has filed for 42nd Judicial District Judge, and John "Drew" Williams (D) of Benton is seeking the seat for U.S. Representative in District 1.

The filing window for candidates opened on November 5, 2025. Kentucky's primary election is scheduled

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Study wants to learn why community college grads don't seek bachelor's degree

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – The Kentucky Student Success Collaborative (KYSSC), an initiative of the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE), is partnering with the University of Kentucky Research Foundation to better understand why some community college graduates stop short of earning a bachelor's degree.

Led by Dr. Jungmin Lee, associate professor at the University of Kentucky College of Education, this 12-month qualitative research project will explore the experiences of KCTCS associate degree completers who did not transfer to a university the following academic year. The \$25,000 project is funded by a grant from the James Graham Brown Foundation.

“We want to understand what factors — personal, institutional, or systemic

— prevent students from continuing their education after successfully earning an associate degree,” said Lee, the project's principal investigator.

The National Student Clearinghouse Tracking Transfer Report found that about a third (34.3 percent) of all entering students who started at a community college in fall 2017 transferred to a four-year institution within six years. Of those who transferred, just over half (52.2 percent) earned a bachelor's degree. In Kentucky, the transfer-out rate for the fall 2017 cohort was 33.2 percent, on par with the national average. The bachelor's completion rate of transfers was 46.0 percent, which lags the national average by about six percentage points.

Through the project, KYSSC hopes to gain a better understanding of transfer intentions, and potential

statewide strategies to improve student transitions, retention and degree completion. The project will provide a comprehensive picture of the transfer student experience. The research team will:

--Survey recent KCTCS graduates who completed an associate degree but did not transfer.

--Conduct focus groups with academic advisors, faculty and transfer personnel at all of Kentucky's public colleges and universities.

--Interview at least 30 KCTCS graduates across the state to capture nuanced experiences and barriers.

--Review institutional websites to ensure transfer-related information is clear and accessible.

“This work reflects our ongoing commitment to access and student success across Kentucky,” said Dr. Lilly Massa McKinley, KYSSC ex-

ecutive director and assistant vice president at CPE. “When

we center student voices in policy and design, we build sys-

tems that better serve all learners.”

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Wrongful death lawsuits to be filed from UPS crash

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (KT) – Internationally recognized Clifford Law Offices of Chicago, along with Sam Aguiar of Louisville, will file the first wrongful death lawsuits on Wednesday against multiple parties in the Nov. 4 crash of a UPS cargo jet shortly after takeoff from Louisville's Muhammad Ali International Airport.

The plaintiffs' firms will file two lawsuits on Wednesday morning in Kentucky state court on behalf of families who lost loved ones when the MD-11 crashed into a nearby industrial park.

Among the plaintiffs are the families of Angela Anderson, a 45-year-old mother who was a customer at a local business when the MD-11 cargo jet lost its left engine and crashed into the industrial park, causing a massive explosion, and Trina-dette 'Trina' Chavez, a 37-year-old mother of two employed at Grade A Auto Parts, one of the businesses destroyed in the crash.

Fourteen people were killed, and at least 23 others were injured. The MD-11 aircraft was on its way to Honolulu, Hawaii, carrying approximately 38,000 gallons of jet fuel.

The lawsuits allege negligence against UPS, UPS AIR, and name GE, the engine manufacturer; Boeing, which acquired McDonnell Douglas, the original

manufacturer of the MD-11; and VT San Antonio Aerospace, Inc., the company responsible for certain inspections and maintenance before the crash.

Bradley M. Cosgrove, a partner at Clifford Law Offices, stated, “When an engine detaches from a large cargo jet during takeoff, and the aircraft bursts into a fireball visible for miles, an entire community is affected. Innocent lives are lost, leaving deep holes in families. Impacted survivors are left with injuries and lifelong scars, with their normal lives shattered by an explosion that many people compared to a bomb going off next door. This tragedy is an unacceptable event that indicates a catastrophic failure across numerous safety systems. Clifford Law Offices is committed to securing justice and providing answers for the affected families.”

Agular noted, “Through these lawsuits, we aim to get the answers that these family members deserve for their heartbreaking losses.”

“The aviation industry needs to learn not to repeat its mistakes,” Clifford said. “Families who lost loved ones in this crash deserve the truth and full accountability. Clifford Law Offices has launched a comprehensive investigation to ensure those

responsible face the consequences of their preventable failures.”

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The McCracken County High School baseball team helped the Community Kitchen prep for its Thanksgiving dinner. The team cut and packaged over 900 pieces of pie.
(Photo courtesy of McCracken County High School)



Community Christian (Paducah) is among the teams competing in the 2025-26 archery season.
(Photo courtesy of Community Christian (Paducah))

High School Football Schedule

Friday, Dec. 5
2025 UK HealthCare Sports Medicine Class
1A State Football Finals
Noon - Raceland vs. Kentucky Country Day

2025 UK HealthCare Sports Medicine Class
2A State Football Finals
4 p.m. - Owensboro Catholic vs. Lexington Christian

2025 UK HealthCare Sports Medicine Class
4A State Football Finals
8 p.m. - Boyle County vs. Franklin County

Saturday, Dec. 6
2025 UK HealthCare Sports Medicine Class
3A State Football Finals
Noon - Christian Academy-Louisville vs. Murray

2025 UK HealthCare Sports Medicine Class
6A State Football Finals
4 p.m. - South Warren vs. Trinity (Louisville)

2025 UK HealthCare Sports Medicine Class
5A State Football Finals
8 p.m. - Pulaski County vs. Owensboro

Christian Fellowship 53, Community Christian 13

Staff Report

BENTON — Christian Fellowship rolled past Community Christian (Paducah) 53-13 in a girls’ high school basketball season opener on Monday, Dec. 1.

The Lady Eagles controlled the girls’ high school basketball season opener.

Christian Fellowship shot 40.0 percent (four-of-10) from three-point range in its winning effort.

Kylee Hines led Christian Fellowship with a game-high double-double, scoring 19 points and pulling down 12 rebounds.

Recording a double-double of her own for Christian Fellowship, Kyndal Owen netted 12 points and claimed 12 rebounds.

Accompanying Hines and Owen in double figures in scoring for Christian Fellowship, Meleah Grigg also scored 12 points.

Chipping in offensively, Bekah Wright (four points), Trinity Carrigan (three points), Michaela Wyatt (two points) and Anna Craig (one point) accounted for the rest of Christian Fellowship’s scoring.

Houston named 2025-26 KHSAA Soccer Official of the Year

LEXINGTON — Each year, the Kentucky High School Athletic Association honors the top officials for the sports in which it licenses officials.

Finalists in each sport are selected through a combination of not only on-field performance but also local association activity and leadership, training efforts and the mentoring of newer officials.

One official in each sport is named Outstanding Official of the Year in appreciation of their dedication and service to schools and student-athletes across the state. Winners are selected following consultation with local assigning secretaries, veteran officials’ observers and coaches throughout the state, as well as additional staff review.

The Outstanding Official of the Year for the 2025-26 in the sport of soccer is Jordan Houston of East Bernstadt. Each finalist will receive a commemorative watch and certificate courtesy of the Officials Trust Fund, with the Official of the Year receiving an additional recognition award.

With officiating numbers declining at the national level, the KHSAA is always accepting applications from individuals interested in giving back to their community. Officiating remains a great avenue to stay active, earn extra spending money and ensure that high school athletics are preserved for the current and future generations. To get involved as an official, visit khsaaofficials.org.

2025-26 KHSAA OUTSTANDING OFFICIALS (Winners listed first)
Soccer: Jordan Houston (East Bernstadt), Paige Hurst (Morehead)

Field Hockey: Lauren Bauer (Louisville), Matt Sallee (Louisville)

Girls’ Volleyball: Amye Adams (Cox’s Creek), LuAnne Craig (Butler)

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WKU’s Boone Claims Third Consecutive CUSA Freshman of the Week Selection



DALLAS — Freshman guard Armelo Boone has been named Conference USA Freshman of the Week for the third consecutive week, the league office announced Monday afternoon.

Boone put together an impressive three-game stretch this week in Battle 4 Atlantis in The Bahamas, averaging 17.0 points, 4.7 rebounds, 2.7 assists, 0.7 blocks and 0.3 steals while shooting 45.9% from the field and 82.3% from the free throw line.

Boone opened the week with a season-best outing at the time, posting 16 points and seven rebounds while going 4-of-11 from the floor and 6-of-7 at the charity stripe in just 23 minutes against the #23/24 Commodores. His performance was highlighted by a thunderous alley-oop dunk that was featured in the SportsCenter Top 10 plays from the day, coming in at #6.

He followed that with another

strong effort against South Florida, tallying 13 points, four rebounds, three assists and one block in 26 minutes. He shot 5-of-12 from the field and 3-of-4 from the line.

Boone capped the week with a career night in his first start, leading the Hilltoppers with a career-high 22 points on 8-of-14 shooting and a 5-of-6 mark at the line. He added three rebounds, three assists, one steal and one block in a career-high 35 minutes to lead WKU to a 75-70 victory over Wichita State.

So far this season, Boone is averaging 12.9 points, 4.4 rebounds, 2.4 assists and 1.9 steals while shooting 44.7% from the field in seven games.

Boone and the Hilltoppers return to action Saturday afternoon, Dec. 6, against Evansville. Tipoff is set for 3 p.m. CT at E.A. Diddle Arena, with coverage live on ESPN+.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission to hold quarterly meeting

Staff Report

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission has scheduled a meeting starting at 8:30 a.m. (EST) on Friday, Dec. 5.

The meeting will take place in the Schaff Room at the Salato Wildlife Education Center on the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources campus in Frankfort, and it is open to the public.

The meeting will be livestreamed and archived on the department’s YouTube channel at youtube.com/FishandWildlifeKY. A link to the livestream will be posted on the department’s homepage at fw.ky.gov before the start of the meeting.

Among the Action Items on the meeting agenda that the commission will consider is:

- Approve the minutes from the Sept. 19, 2025, quarterly commission meeting.
- Amend 301 KAR 6:030 – Waterway safety requirements to create regulations to define the waterbodies and area of some waterbodies where wakesports will be allowed.
- Amend 301 KAR 1:201 – Taking of fish by traditional fishing methods to modify Black Bass size and daily limits, Shovelnose Sturgeon daily limit, Skipjack Herring daily limit and additions to the Fishing in Neighborhoods (FINs) Program.
- Consider the addition of nine counties to the CWD Surveillance Zone to include Pulaski, Wayne, Whitley, McCreary, Lincoln, Laurel, Rockcastle, Russell and Casey counties, with accompanying related restrictions.
- Amend 301 KAR 3:010 – Public use of Wildlife Management Areas to clarify that the guiding of hunters on a WMA for profit constitutes commercial activity and would therefore be prohibited, and to clarify that fishing tournaments that launch at a Wildlife Management Area (WMA) boat ramp is not a commercial activity under the current WMA regulations. Also, amend 301 KAR 3:001 – Definitions for 301 KAR Chapter 3 to define commercial activity and modify the group definition.
- Amend 301 KAR 2:178 - Deer hunting on public properties to modify deer hunting regulations to allow hunting on properties owned by county or local governments to include wildlife management areas, state parks, other public lands and federally controlled areas.
- Amend 301 KAR 4:090 - Taxidermy and the buying and selling of inedible wildlife parts to incorporate by reference applications and reporting forms for Resident Fur Buyer, Resident Fur Processor, Non-Resident Fur Buyer, and Non-Resident 3-Day Fur Buyer licenses.
- Amend 301 KAR 5:210 - Special agency fundraising permits to update the special fundraising permits drawing regulation to modify definitions and re-order permit drawing sequence. Also, amend 301 KAR 5:022 – License, tag, registration, and permit fees for conformity.
- Consider commission member request to allow for the formation of a limited number of Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission committees.

Several Discussion Items and New Business Items will also be presented, but action on those items is anticipated at future meetings of the commission.

The full meeting agenda can be found on the department’s Commission Meeting Dates webpage on our website at fw.ky.gov or search “Commission Meeting Dates” on the homepage.

The next quarterly meeting date following the December meeting is to be determined.

The Salato Wildlife Education Center is located on the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife main campus at 1 Sportsman’s Lane (formerly 1 Game Farm Road) in Frankfort, and the center is a one-story building located at the end of the drive. The main entrance is located off U.S. 60, approximately 1 1/2 miles west of U.S. 127.

Gov. Beshear Announces \$6 Million In Awards To Improve Local Bridges

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Dec. 4, 2025) – Today, Gov. Beshear announced over \$6 million for 12 critical bridge projects across nine Kentucky counties and one city. The funding will help Kentuckians get where they need to go quicker and more safely through repairs, replacements and reopenings of locally owned bridges.

This was the latest round of funding from Team Kentucky’s County and City Bridge Improvement Program, which has awarded \$38.7 million to local governments since the first round in 2025. A list of the newly awarded projects can be viewed here.

“These bridges connect Kentuckians to their jobs, doctors, school, and more and it’s important that we ensure they are safe and modern for folks to travel on,” said Gov. Beshear. “Once these projects are completed, Kentuckians will have safer travel, fewer delays and quicker commutes.”

This fifth round of awards funds 10 bridge replacements and two

bridges that will be repaired or preserved to extend the life of existing structures. All 12 bridges are closed or currently posted with weight restrictions.

Each project was reviewed and validated by Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) engineers to ensure the most effective solutions.

“Our focus is simple: Repair what’s failing and restore access where it’s been lost,” said KYTC Secretary Jim Gray. “These projects eliminate long detours, reopen safe routes for heavy vehicles, and strengthen the transportation network our communities rely on every day.”

Among the latest awards are projects in Ballard, Hickman and Crittenden counties and in the city of Flemingsburg that address long-standing needs.

The city of Flemingsburg received \$510,000 to replace the Cemetery Lane bridge over Town Branch Creek. The funds will cover the demolition and construction of the new 56-foot structure, as well as the installation of 100 tons of

channel lining to protect from erosion and improve the creek’s water flow.

“I just want to say thank you to Gov. Beshear and his team, Commissioner Bobbi Jo Lewis, and the legislature for putting this City-County Bridge Improvement Program together and providing much-needed help to counties and cities in our state,” said Flemingsburg Mayor Van Alexander. “This is an important project for those that we serve – our citizens. This improvement makes sure there is safe and reliable access to the Fleming County Cemetery just beyond this bridge.”

Crittenden County Fiscal Court received \$780,000 for a total replacement and 30-foot extension of the Copperas Spring Road bridge and \$590,000 for replacement of the Nunn Switch #2 bridge. The projects will restore a dependable connection for residents and daily travelers.

“I am deeply grateful to our state legislators for implementing the funding neces-

sary to support the City-County Bridge Improvement Program through which we can ensure pieces of our critically failing infrastructure can be replaced, providing the utmost safety to those traveling our roads and bridges,” said Crittenden County Judge/Executive Perry Newcom. “I thank Gov. Beshear and his staff for their implementation of this program that is providing solutions to serious challenges at the city and county levels. This funding will replace two bridges on our critical condition list. On behalf of all cities and counties, I stress the importance of legislators’ approval to continue funding this highly successful and needed program.”

Hickman County received \$570,000 to replace and nearly double the length of the Springhill Road bridge. The new 64-foot connection will improve safety for school buses and farm equipment that rely on the route.

“We’re very appreciative here in Hickman County to be awarded a new bridge that will go right here on Spring Hill Road. Thank you to Gov. Beshear, to Rural and Municipal Aid Commissioner Bobbi Jo Lewis, and to our District One chief district engineer, Kyle Poat,” said Hickman County Judge/Executive Kenny Wilson. “The old wooden piles had deteriorated, and the funds for this new bridge will be our

third from the program to improve the safety for residents, and we look forward to applying again.

Ballard County received \$372,000 for a new Morning Meadows bridge that will replace the old structure and restore traffic.

“I just want to thank the State of Kentucky and KYTC for their hard work, and the state legislature for taking this pot of money and carving it out and making it available for counties,” said Ballard County Judge/Executive Todd Cooper. “We also want to thank the governor for his partnership and his care for the people of Kentucky. It is the season of Thanksgiving, so we are thankful and grateful.”

PUBLIC NOTICE

“Pursuant to TC 96-159M and KRS 376.280, this is an advertisement of the motor vehicle sale. The vehicle in question is a 2023 Dodge Charger, VIN: 2C3CDXHG1PH697622, owner is Jordan Jackson and lienholders are Chrysler Capital. This sale will take place at Parkest Body Shop, 1885 Brown Badgett Loop, Madisonville, (270)871-2698 and this sale will conclude on 12/18/2025.”

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Tigers advance to state 3A title game

Staff Report
Murray Ledger and Times
Special to WKN News

ERLANGER — Murray High punched its first ticket to a Kentucky high school football state championship game since 1994 tonight with a gutty 27-20 win over Erlanger Lloyd Memorial in the Cincinnati suburbs. Murray High (14-0) seemed to have total command of this game, ip 17-6 at halftime on

the host Juggernauts (13-1). A five-yard run by quarterback Wyatt Robbins opened the scoring about three minutes into the game, followed by a short field goal from Hank Fronza and a one-yard plunge from Simon Rickman with about eight minutes left in the second quarter, after the Tigers recovered a fumble after Fronza's kick. The Jugs, though, were able to stay in the game as the

Tigers were not able to capitalize on other Lloyd miscues and this appeared to turn the game toward the home team in the third quarter. Lloyd scored on a 98-pass play to cut the lead to 17-14. Then, the Jugs took their first lead of the game on a short score off a Tiger turnover in Murray High territory and, at 20-17, seemed in position to notch their own ticket to Lexington. Instead, a Murray High team now without the services of starting quarterback Wyatt Robbins found extra strength. Freshman quarterback Kenyon Cunningham hit a huge pass to classmate Braylon Patterson that put the Jugs' 5-yard line and senior receiver Isaiah Martin finished the drive by taking a wildcat play into the end zone from a yard to regain the lead at 24-20 not half-a-minute into the final quarter. Tiger defensive end De'Erik Jackson then recovered a Lloyd fumble in Tiger territory and led to Fronza's 20-yard field goal with 6:22 left to raise the lead to 27-20. That led to the final blow.

Kentucky Class 3A State High School Football Playoffs; Against all odds ...; Tigers survive all kinds of adversity to earn 3A title shot

By Steve Springer
Sports Reporter
Murray Ledger and Times
Special to WKN News

ERLANGER —If last week's Murray High football drama was not enough to elevate Tiger fans' blood pressure, Friday night's game sent those readings off the chart at Dees Memorial Stadium

in the Cincinnati suburbs. Undefeated Murray High needed every bit of junior running back Gage Chapman's 206 rushing yards and a few breaks that it created to survive a gut-wrenching third quarter and, somehow, power through to a 27-20 win over undefeated host Erlanger Lloyd Memorial in a

Kentucky Class 3A Playoffs Sub-State championship game. The reward for the Tigers' resilience is the program's first state championship appearance in more than three decades with Murray High remaining perfect this season at 14-0 and Lloyd Memorial ending its season at 13-1.

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Friday, December 5

Class 1A (Noon ET) | RV Raceland vs. Kentucky Country Day

Class 2A (4:00 ET) | No. 13 Owensboro Catholic vs. No. 9 Lexington Christian Academy

Class 4A (8:00 ET) | No. 4 Boyle County vs. No. 5 Franklin County

Saturday, December 6

Class 3A (Noon ET) | No. 2 Christian Academy-Louisville vs. No. 22 Murray

Class 6A (4:00 ET) | No. 3 South Warren vs. No. 1 Trinity

Class 5A (8:00 ET) | No. 10 Pulaski County vs. No. 8 Owensboro



The road to Lexington

The Murray Tigers will play in the KHSAA state championship on Saturday, December 5 at 12 PM ET at the Kroger Field in Lexington.

This is their first appearance in state play since 1994.

The Tigers will take

on Christian Academy of Louisville in the 3A State title game.

Murray has had to overcome a lot adversities to get to the state championship.

The Tigers won in overtime against Lexington Catholic for the state quarterfinals

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four more scores.

Isaiah Martin is his favorite target, recording 1,230 yards and 19 touchdowns through the air.

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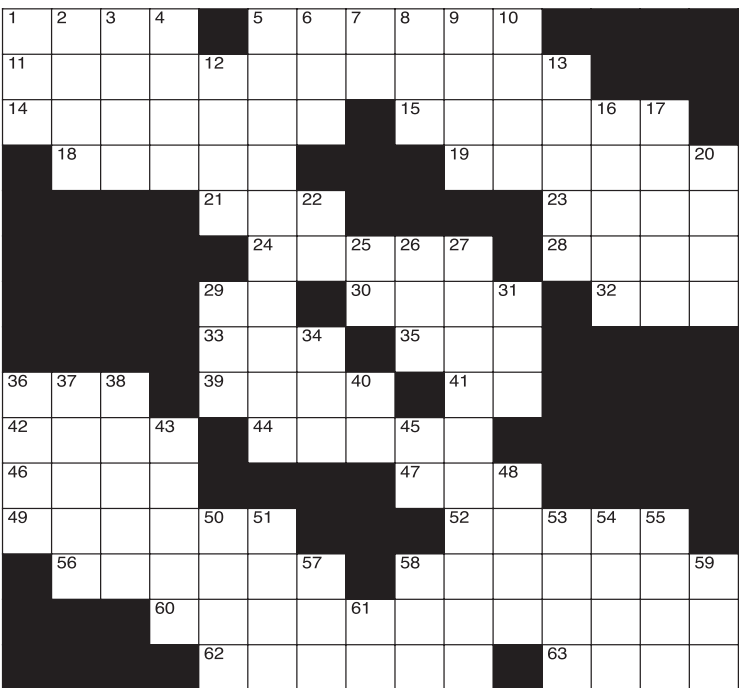
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Crossword Puzzle



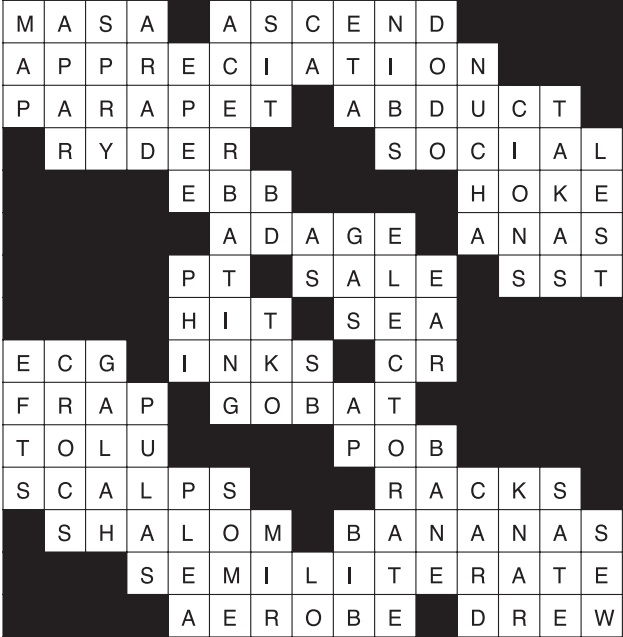
CLUES ACROSS

1. Dough made from corn flour
5. Rise
11. Gratitude
14. A low wall
15. Kidnap
18. A cup golfers want to win
19. Outgoing
21. “Partner” to flow
23. Former Michigan coach Brady
24. Proverb
28. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
29. Helps a body recover
30. Baseball Cy Young winner
32. Very fast airplane
33. Offensive baseball stat
35. Body of water
36. Record of one’s heartbeat
39. Signs a contract
41. Atomic #24
42. Bind securely
44. French Jesuit theologian
46. Fragrant brown balsam
47. Post office box
49. Sells tickets at inflated prices
52. Places to hang coats
56. Jewish salutation
58. Yellow fruits
60. Poorly educated
62. Microorganism
63. Talk show host Barrymore

CLUES DOWN

1. A way to plan
3. Mobile
4. Romanian city
5. Making sour
6. Take a seat
7. “The Golden State”
8. When you hope to arrive
9. Pointed ends of pens
10. Extinct flightless bird
12. Sharp-pointed dueling sword
13. Nape of neck
16. Problems (Spanish slang)
17. Narrow carpet
20. To avoid the risk of
22. Spiritual academic degree (abbr.)
25. Equally
26. Traditional cars still need it
27. Eligible voters
29. Greek alphabet letter
31. Body part
34. Referee-declared outcome
36. Means to moving money
37. Popular footwear brand
38. Cockatoo
40. NFL’s big game
43. Botswana currencies
45. News-reporting organization
48. Batman villain
50. Urgent request
51. Not all
53. Hallmark’s specialty
54. Knot in a tree
55. Satisfy
57. Notable space station
58. Baby’s dining accessory
59. Stitch clothing
61. ___ and behold

PUZZLE SOLUTION



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

ANSWERS IN THE B SECTION

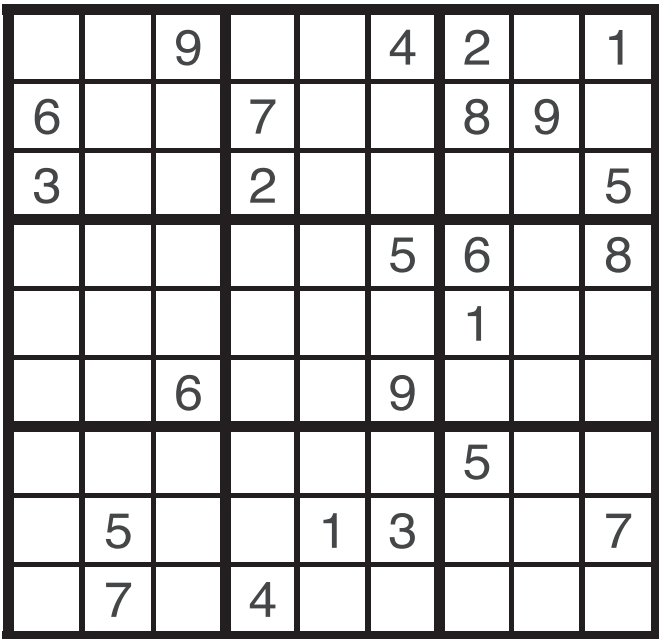
WORDS

- ACQUISITION
- ANALYSIS
- ASSETS
- BRAND
- CASH FLOW
- COMMUNITY
- ENTREPRENEUR
- EQUITY
- GLOBAL
- INNOVATION
- INVESTMENT
- LIABILITIES
- LOCAL
- MARKET SHARE
- MERGER
- OUTSOURCING
- PERFORMANCE
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- SCALABILITY
- STAKEHOLDER
- SUPPLY CHAIN
- VALUE

Sudoku Puzzle

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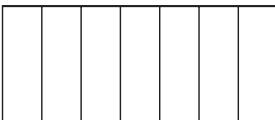
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric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



Word Scramble

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to business.

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Answer: Payroll

Guess Who?

GUESS WHO?

I am an actor born on December 3, 1968 in Indiana. I made my acting debut in a crime reenactment for “America’s Most Wanted.” I’m a star who made it big in the 1990s with various action movies, including a trilogy about mummies. After a hiatus, I made a strong comeback and even won an Academy Award.

Answer: Brendan Fraser

Winter Jokes

What are little snowmen called? Chill-dren.

What did one snowman say to the other? Do you smell carrot?

How do polar bears make their beds? With sheets of ice and blankets of snow.

What can you catch in the winter, even with your eyes closed? A cold.

What is the Mexican dish that snowmen like? Burrrito.

Where does a snowman get the weather report? The winternet.

Crypto Fun



Solve the code to discover words related to business. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 16 = S)

A. 2 10 16 24 5 14 16 16

Clue: A company

B. 13 18 18 15 10 5 22 16

Clue: Records or statements

C. 14 3 21 4 15 26 14 14

Clue: Worker

D. 21 4 13 5

Clue: Map of how to proceed

Answers: A. business B. accounts C. employee D. plan

COLORING FUN



HAPPY DECEMBER!

From linguist to landscape: Air Force veteran finds a new mission at the University of Kentucky

By Jordan Strickler
University of Kentucky

When Liz Feight raised her right hand in 2007 to take the Air Force oath of enlistment, she expected a 20-year military career. Ten years later — after learning Arabic and French, managing logistics in fast-paced operations and serving at posts from Monterey, California to Wiesbaden, Germany — she set her sights on a different kind of mission: reshaping areas where people live, work and gather.

Today, Feight is a second-year student in the University of Kentucky Department of Landscape Architecture (UKLA), bringing the precision of a linguist and the practicality of a logistics planner to design solutions across the Commonwealth.

Feight’s Air Force path began at the Defense Language Institute, where she trained as an Arabic linguist before adding French as U.S. attention shifted toward North Africa. As her career progressed, she moved into financial logistics and administration — disciplines that required clear communication, careful scheduling and respect for constraints.

In 2017, after 10 years of service, Feight hung up her uniform and transitioned to civilian life. “I thought I’d do 20 years so that I could earn my retirement,” Feight said. “After I reenlisted at year six, I realized even if I did make it that long, I’d only be 38 and would still want to work. I thought about the things that matter the



Feight showing design work to community leaders

(Photo by Sabrina Hounshell)

most to me and knew that I wanted to start making a difference more immediately.”

That line of thought led her home to Ithaca, New York, to obtain her associate’s degree in environmental science, followed by a year at Cornell. The pandemic disrupted that plan, and Feight and her husband — also a veteran, now a city planner — moved to Lexington to be closer to family.

A pause for health and family needs became a reset. When Feight returned to school in the fall of 2024, the Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment offered a clear fit: Science she could apply, drawings that led to buildable solutions and clients with tangible needs.

“Policy is interesting, but I didn’t want to be a lawyer,” Feight said. “Full-time field research matters, but it wasn’t the right path to start at 35. Landscape architecture offers a tangible way to apply my science background

to solve real-world problems.”

Putting landscape architecture and military skills to use

This semester, Feight’s second-year studio is working with the Kentucky Horse Park on water and drainage challenges near the older dressage grounds by the visitor center. The collaboration began with a department-wide, three-day visit in late September. Students walked the site, met with park staff, mapped constraints and presented early concepts. The solution is straightforward to describe and complex to execute — reduce water use for dust control and wash areas, capture rain where it falls and fix storm drainage within tight physical and budget limits.

“You can’t move arenas or relocate buildings,” Feight said. “The task is to find practical ways to capture and re-use water, improve drainage and respect

how the site already works. It’s a good test of listening first and drawing second.”

Ask what skills transfer from the Air Force, and Liz offers a short list that reads like a designer’s toolkit.

First, a deliberate study. Intensive language training taught her how to learn in layers and retain information over time.

Second, clear briefings.

“What’s the goal, what’s the status, what’s next?” Feight said. “That pattern still works, whether you’re updating a commander or pinning up a site plan.”

Third, the designers need a working relationship with feedback from those who need assistance.

That mindset has shaped how Feight takes critiques, revises drawings and helps a team move from concepts to viable options.

All roads lead to Kentucky

At 36, Feight is a nontraditional student who balances studio deadlines with family commitments. She and her husband help care for family in need, and she stops by the UK Veterans Resource Center gatherings when schedules align.

“It helps to meet other students who are juggling more than classes and around your same age,” she said. “You see that your busy week is normal for a lot of people.”

Feight says the draw of the UKLA program is simple: Kentucky sites, Kentucky problems, Kentucky partners. She also points to the range of faculty experience, from public parks to private residential work to scholars who study the history of designed landscapes, as a strength.

“You can stand on a site, talk with the people who use it, and test assumptions,” Feight said. “That changes the solutions you propose. It’s not an abstract exercise. It’s useful to hear

from people who’ve sat across the table from a parks department, a homeowner, or a community group. The questions are different, but the need for clear thinking is the same.”

To UKLA department lecturer Jordan Phemister, Feight’s background is a strong bonus.

“I was fortunate to have Liz in my Introduction to Landscape Architecture class during her first semester,” Phemister said. “She brought an invaluable perspective as a non-traditional student, with a positive presence and sense of leadership within our class. Liz possesses a wonderful combination of curiosity, intellect, passion and a strong work ethic that reminded me of how rewarding teaching can be and will serve her well in our program, as well as her future career.”

After graduation, Feight and her husband hope to open a small practice that blends urban planning and landscape architecture. Their focus is pragmatic: Water, streetscapes and public spaces where small design decisions make daily life better.

“Kentucky is home for us, and we want to both care for it and improve it,” she said. “We’re passionate about helping to translate (no pun intended) academic theory into solutions that address the environmental and social challenges facing all of us. It’s a really exciting time to a student, especially in landscape architecture.”

18 Kentucky families receive new homes from Samaritan’s Purse after deadly 2022 flood

By Keith Taylor
Kentucky Today

LEBURN, Ky. — Three years ago, catastrophic flooding tore through eastern Kentucky — claiming more than 40 lives and leaving entire communities devastated. On Friday, Dec. 5, Franklin Graham, president and CEO of Samaritan’s Purse, will be in Knott County to welcome 18 families into brand-new homes built and provided at no cost by the Christian, international disaster relief organization.

The dedication will mark a significant milestone in the region’s long road to recovery and a powerful example of God’s love and hope for the families still recovering, according to a Samaritan’s Purse news release.

Samaritan’s Purse

constructed these homes in the Chestnut Ridge neighborhood, “a 57-lot subdivision being built from the ground up to restore stability, hope and to show these families who lost everything that God has not forgotten them. Thirteen homes are move-in ready, with five additional homes scheduled to be dedicated next week after final inspections. Each fully furnished home — built by Samaritan’s Purse staff and dedicated volunteers — stands as a tangible expression of God’s love and faithfulness. Samaritan’s Purse has committed to fully furnishing every home in the Chestnut Ridge community.”

“We thank God for the opportunity to dedicate these 18, newly built homes in Jesus’ Name,” said Graham. “These families have



An aerial shot of the 2022 flooding in eastern Kentucky. Recovery efforts continue in areas that have been hit with disaster in Kentucky

(Photo courtesy of Kentucky Today!)

endured unimaginable loss and many fled with only the clothes on their backs. We want them to know they are not forgotten. God loves them and He has not left their

side. I pray each of these homes becomes a blessing to their families for generations to come.”

Samaritan’s Purse and its army of volunteers responded to

the flooding in 2022, helping more than 620 families mud out flooded homes, clear debris and recover from the storm. More than 2,000 volunteers served over 54,000

hours over the course of three months. Following the disaster response, Samaritan’s Purse launched its rebuild program.

The Ingram Distillery Opening for Tours in 2026, Including The Chartered Experience

By Thomas Mulgrew
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COLUMBUS, KY – The Ingram Distillery announced today that it is officially opening its grounds in Columbus, KY to the public in April 2026. Visitors can tour the only floating barrelhouse in the country with a Barge to Bottle Tour or The Chartered Experience and get a glimpse into the unique River Aging process that has produced numerous award-winning whiskies. Guests will also take in stunning views of the mighty Mississippi from the grounds of The Ingram Distillery. Climb aboard the original floating barrelhouses – your lifejacket awaits!

For those that are feeling online shopping fatigue, The Chartered Experience represents something off the beaten path just in time for the holidays. This elevated private tour will give visitors an exclusive behind-the-scenes view of not only Ingram’s barge and distillery but also a tasting of curated whiskeys, all with the grounds to themselves. The Chartered Experience is now available to book for \$250 for parties of up to ten people.



The historic grounds of The Ingram Distillery

“When we purchased this pristine acreage overlooking our aging operations on the Mississippi, the goal was to always turn it into the hospitality arm of The Ingram Distillery,” said Founder Hank Ingram. “After making some needed restoration to the property, we are now ready for the public to experience the magic of River Aging for themselves. Whether you’re a bourbon aficionado or simply interested in the beauty

and history of Western Kentucky, our tours, just like our bourbon, are uniquely Ingram.” Those interested in booking tours can go to The Ingram Distillery’s Visit page to learn more about the different offerings. Availability is limited, so parties are encouraged to make their booking sooner than later. The launch of hospitality experiences continues an especially exciting year for The Ingram

Distillery. It released its latest vintage of the ultra-premium O.H. Ingram Flagship Bourbon in October, and added Uncharted, a new Kentucky wheated bourbon, to its fleet in September. The Ingram Distillery also added distribution in Alaska and Texas, making its award-winning whiskies now available in eight states. To learn more about The Ingram Distillery and to sign up for updates, please visit IngramWhiskey.

com. You can also follow on Facebook and Instagram. About The Ingram Distillery The Ingram Distillery was founded in 2015, when Hank Ingram pioneered the first permanent floating rickhouses to age award-winning whiskies in Western Kentucky. Moored on the banks of the Mississippi River in Columbus, KY, The Ingram Distillery’s barrelhouses were custom built inside former

(Photo provided)

grain barges. They now house a 2-story barrel maturation operation that never leaves the water. While having a similar look to those on land, Ingram’s barrelhouses have a very different feel. The Ingram Distillery creates the only bourbon in the world that spends its entire life on the water – years of exposure to the microclimate and humidity of the river, along with its constant motion, creates complexity through a unique interaction between whiskey and oak. Presently available on shelves in Alaska, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Minnesota, Tennessee, Texas and Wisconsin, as well as online through Ingram’s shop page.

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Did you know?

Advent calendars are a common sight in many households each December, and some historians believe this unique tradition can be traced to a creative nineteenth century German housewife. Though Britannica notes the precise origins of Advent calendars are still debated, one theory behind the popular tradition suggests a woman in Munich created the Advent calendar as a way for her young and impatient yet excited son to count down the days to December 25. Though details are fuzzy and difficult if not impossible to confirm, this legends suggests the crafty German mother filled 24 different small boxes with a baked treat, allowing her son to open one each day during Advent, the nearly monthlong period of preparation for Christmas that begins on the fourth Sunday before the holiday and ends by Christmas Eve. While this origin story connects Advent calendars with Christianity, and many Christians still make it part of their Christmas celebrations, many modern people with no such affiliation also incorporate the calendars into their holiday season routines.

OCTC Announces Winners of RAD Scholarships Supported by CPE and OH



Roxy Cunningham



Baylie Mitchell



Sarah Houston

By Bernie Hale

OWENSBORO, KY Last December, Owensboro Community and Technical College (OCTC) announced a new \$150,000 boost for its Radiography Technology program. The Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education awarded OCTC a \$75,000 grant, which was matched dollar-for-dollar by Owensboro Health, to provide comprehensive scholarships for radiography students.

“We are thrilled to partner with Owensboro Health and the Council on Postsecondary Education to make this significant investment in our

Radiography Technology program,” said Dr. Scott Williams, President of OCTC. “These scholarships will open doors for talented students to pursue rewarding careers in healthcare and help meet the growing demand for skilled radiography professionals in our region.”

Today, we are excited to announce that Roxy Cunningham, Sarah Houston, and Baylie Mitchell were selected to receive this award. They will each receive \$5,000 a semester for a total of \$10,000.

Roxy Cunningham is from Owensboro,

KY, and a graduate of Greenwood High School, Bowling Green, KY. She works in the Radiology Department at Owensboro Health. She is on track to complete the program and sit for the national exam in 2026. Roxy has accepted a postgraduate position at Owensboro Health and states that she is grateful for this opportunity to continue serving her community.

Sarah Houston is from Owensboro, KY, and is a graduate of Owensboro Catholic High School. She is on track to complete the program and sit for the national exam

in 2026 and is excited to begin her career in radiology in her home community.

Baylie Mitchell is from Owensboro, KY, and is a graduate of Daviess County High School. She is on track to complete the program and sit for the national exam in 2026 to begin her work in the profession here in Owensboro.

“Our radiography program offers students the opportunity to gain in-demand skills and hands-on experience to excel in this dynamic field,” said Michelle Tudor, Radiography Program Coordinator at OCTC.

“These scholarships will enable more aspiring radiographers to access the education they need to launch fulfilling careers. We look forward to seeing Roxy, Sarah, and Baylie thrive in our program and beyond.”

Eligible candidates had to be Kentucky residents entering their second year of the Radiography program. The scholarships will cover reasonable educational expenses, including tuition, books, fees, and other attendance-related costs.

Recipients will receive support in the fall 2025 and spring

2026 semester. As part of their commitment, scholarship recipients will be required to work in their field at Owensboro Health for a designated period after graduation. Applications were open and taken through April 2025. The grant, funded through the Kentucky General Assembly’s Healthcare Workforce Investment Fund, aimed to strengthen Kentucky’s healthcare workforce by supporting students pursuing careers in radiography.

For more information please contact Michelle Tudor at michelle.tudor@kctcs.edu.

Toy types to avoid when gifting kids under 5

The holiday season presents plenty of opportunities to spread cheer and bring joy into the lives of others. That’s particularly true for parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles of young children. Few things are more enjoyable come the holiday season than watching a youngster’s eyes light up upon receiving a sought-after gift.

Well-meaning adults and even older kids anxious to give a younger sibling or cousin a coveted gift must remember to keep safety in mind when shopping for especially young children. Certain toys may pose a threat to children age five and under. As holiday shoppers begin to search for gifts for children in that age group, they might want to avoid the following types of toys.

• **Toys with lots of small pieces:** Toys with small, detachable pieces can be hazardous



to kids age five and under because kids might intentionally or mistakenly put the tiny pieces into their mouths, which increases their risk of choking. Legos are a wildly popular gift come the holiday season, but it’s important that shoppers read the package and purchase a Lego set that’s age-appropriate. According to a recent

report from Consumer Product Safety Commission, 9 percent of toy-related injuries in kids age four and younger occurred while the children were playing with building sets. Though building sets provide a host of benefits, not the least of which is the fun children get from playing with them, it’s imperative to purchase age-appropriate sets.

• **Toys with an electronic component:** Toys with electronic components can pose a number of dangers to children five and under. Such products can heat up, potentially causing burns. And wire coverings can fray over time and thus expose children to electrical currents. When shopping for children five and

younger, skip toys with an electrical component.

• **Motorized gifts:** Motorized gifts like scooters, cars and non-traditional bicycles also pose a threat to children five and younger. Motorized gifts may reach speeds that kids cannot safely manage, as youngsters’ motor skills are not fully developed by age five.

• **Toys with sharp points:** Sharp points also pose a threat to children five and younger. Kids can easily suffer lacerations, eye injuries or other issues that pose a threat to their physical safety when playing with toys with sharp points or edges. Toys with soft, rounded edges and no points are ideal for children age five and under.

• **Projectile toys:** Toys that shoot projectiles pose a danger to children and anyone who happens to be in the room with youngsters playing with such items. Eye injuries and bruises are two injuries that can occur when children five and under play with projectiles.

The chance to light up a child’s eyes with the perfect gift is part of what makes the holiday season such a special time of year. But it’s imperative that shoppers find age-appropriate toys for children.

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MARSHALL COUNTY WEEK IN REVIEW

Albert Walker and Cheyenne Driver have made a number of appearances in Marshall County Circuit Court since the January 2025 death of their daughter, Breanna Walker. The case has been set for trial to start on December 2 of next year, 2026. The trial is expected to last for three days before concluding on December 4, 2026. However, when Walker and Driver’s attorneys requested the trial date, they noted that they hoped to resolve the case through mediation

prior to the trial date. Walker and Driver are charged with murder; criminal abuse first degree, child 12 or under; failure to report child dependent neglect or abuse, first offense; and endangering the welfare of a minor.

MURRAY / CALLOWAY COUNTY WEEK IN REVIEW

The Murray High School Speech team took second overall at the Graves County Tournament with Calloway coming in third place. Murray High School Speech Team students placed in the following events in the senior high division: Broadcasting - Lydia Smith, second; Declamation - Lydia Smith, first; Chyanne Miller, third; Roman Anderson, fourth; Dramatic interpretation - Faith McCafferty, second; Extemporaneous speaking - Prajna Pathak, first; Humorous interpretation - Faith McCafferty, first; Emma Bailey, third; Improvisational duo - Emma Bailey and Zoey Mason, second; Program oral interpretation - Alexis Ray, second; Emma Bailey, third; Prose - Zelda DeYeso-Danz, second; Arlo Vance, sixth; and Storytelling - Laney Like, first; Kush Patel, third.

The Murray-Calloway County Hospital expects to announce the naming of the Regional Cancer Center in the first few months of 2026 after it collects at least \$1.5 million from the sale of an estate left to the Foundation at MCCH. Lisa Shoemaker, senior philanthropy officer for the Foundation at MCCH, told the hospital’s Board of Trustees during its monthly meeting that the foundation had recently received just under \$1.2 million

from an estate sale. She also expects the foundation to earn anywhere from \$300,000 to \$500,000 more once the tax return on the estate is filed and the estate is settled.

Murray’s Playhouse in the Park won several awards at the 2025 Kentucky Theatre Association (KTA) State Conference’s Community Theatre Festival with its performance of the one-act play “Trifles,” including the top prize. During the awards ceremony, Shields Hogue was also named as a new member of the KTA board, which is a six-year appointment and will begin January 1, 2026.

City of Murray elections continued from front page

for May 19, 2026. Because Kentucky operates under a closed primary system, voters must be registered with the party whose primary they intend to vote in, and that registration must be updated by December 31 of the preceding year. Residents may

update their voter registration in person at the County Clerk’s Office before the December 31 deadline. Mailed registration forms are accepted as long as they are postmarked by December 31. Voters may also update their party affiliation,

address, or personal information online at govoteky.com. Anyone with questions about filing may contact the County Clerk’s Office at 270-753-3923 during weekday business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

MARSHALL COUNTY UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Dec 5, Light Up Calvert, Calvert City Memorial Park, 4:30 pm
- Dec 5, Bluegrass Night, Kentucky Opry Theater, 7 pm
- Dec 6, Christmas Bazaar, Calvert City Civic Center, 9 am - 5 pm
- Dec 6, Luv to Crochet, Hardin Library, 10 am
- Dec 6, Coffee & Hot Chocolate Bar, Calvert Library, 10 am
- Dec 6, Christmas Ornaments Craft, Hardin Library, 1 pm
- Dec 6, Country Christmas Matinee, Kentucky Opry Theater, 2 p
- Dec 6, Calvert City Christmas Parade, 6 pm
- Dec 8, Chair Yoga, Benton Library, 10 am
- Dec 8, Senior Bingo, Benton Library, 1 pm
- Dec 8, Bats and Your Backyard, MC Extension Office, 5:30 pm
- Dec 9, Clarks River Beekeepers, MC Extension Office, 6 pm
- Dec 9, Yoga in the Park, Calvert City Civic Center, 6 pm
- Dec 9, Adult Farmer Beef & Storage, MC Extension Office, 6:30 pm

MURRAY/CALLOWAY COUNTY UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Dec 5-7, Wizard of Oz, Playhouse in the Park
- Dec 6, Holiday Open House, Murray Peddler’s Mall, 9 am - 4:30 pm
- Dec 6, Visit Santa, 208 Main St. Murray, 10 am - 2 pm
- Dec 6, The Murray Bank Ice Rink, Downtown Murray, 10 am - 5 pm
- Dec 6, Holiday Downtown Farmers Market, Downtown Murray, 10 am - 2 pm
- Dec 6, Creative Crafts Workshop: Tealight Lantern, Calloway Extension Office, 1 pm
- Dec 7, Fiber Friends, Calloway Extension Office, 1 pm
- Dec 7, Murray Women’s Club Open House, Murray Women’s Clubhouse, 2 pm
- Dec 7, The Nutcracker Remix, Lovett Auditorium, 4 pm
- Dec 9, Open Mic Night, Wits End Records, 6:30 pm - 9 pm
- Dec 10, Multi-Age Storytime, CCPL, 10:30 am
- Dec 10, Cookies & Carols, First Baptist Church Murray, 5:30 pm
- Dec 11, Cozy Bread Creations: Parker House Rolls, Calloway Extension Office, 10 am
- Dec 12, Santa Visits the Murray Bank, The Murray Bank South Office, 3:30 pm - 5 pm
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