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Beshear budget provides \$100 million to lower health care cost

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – Since Congress has not had a final vote to extend tax credits for affordable health care, Gov. Andy Beshear says his proposed budget fully funds Medicaid and provides \$100 million to lower the cost of coverage on kynect. Since Nov. 1, employees of the state-based Marketplace Contact Center have answered more than 85,000 inbound calls, according to the Governor. They also made over 12,700 outbound calls to households that are facing monthly premium increases of \$100 or more. The state helped connect Kentuckians with an independent, licensed insurance agent to help review plan options for 2026. Local kynectors have also hosted more than 1,600



outreach and enrollment events across Kentucky. “At a time when rising costs for everyday needs are hurting Kentuckians and all Americans, I believe we should be expanding health-care access, not making it more

difficult to afford,” Beshear said. “I am so proud of these folks who are going above and beyond to help our fellow Kentuckians during this stressful time. Health care is a basic human right – and this team is working to make sure

everyone can access coverage.” The Governor said that, so far, 88,000 Kentuckians have enrolled in a Qualified Health Plan for 2026. Time is running out, however, as Kentuckians only have until Jan. 15 to enroll for 2026 health

insurance coverage. Visit kynect.ky.gov or call 855-459-6328 to learn about your insurance options. Going against Republican leadership, the U.S. House passed legislation, 230-196, that would extend expired health care sub-

sidies for those who get coverage through the Affordable Care Act as 17 GOP lawmakers joined every Democrat in voting for the measure. Supporters are rushing to resolve the standoff over the enhanced tax credits that were put in place during the COVID-19 crisis but expired late last year after no agreement was reached during the government shut-down. “The affordability crisis is not a ‘hoax,’ it is very real — despite what Donald Trump has had to say,” said House Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries, invoking the president’s remarks. There is no word on when the Senate may take up the measure.

\$3M split between seven Ky. counties will finance industrial access, railway projects

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – Gov. Andy Beshear announced Thursday the awarding of nearly \$3 million in grant funds to railroads and local governments to finance nine projects for industrial access and railway infrastructure improvement in seven Kentucky counties. Projects will address rail line expansion and access road construction, as well as signal and lighting upgrades at public crossings, all of which will boost safety for drivers, attract new business and support economic activity. Local matches are required for the grants. “In our New Kentucky Home, we’re building a transportation system that works for families, businesses and communities,” Beshear said. “These investments focus on vital railway safety and connectivity upgrades that will help keep everyone safe while continuing to boost Kentucky’s booming economy.” The Kentucky Industrial Access and Safety Improvement



grants awarded include nearly \$1.4 million to rehabilitate and reactivate 6,400 feet of track in Jefferson County; and the Owensboro Riverport Authority will benefit from paving 26,500 square feet of asphalt for an access road, and pouring 41,700 square

feet of concrete for an area designated for storage, as well as loading and unloading railcars. The Owensboro Riverport, whose mission is to provide efficient, reliable multimodal access that supports economic growth across the region and

the Commonwealth, received \$1.12 million to construct an access road and an additional storage and loading area for trucks. The rail crossing improvement (KRCI) grants, totaling \$1.6 million, were awarded to three private railroad companies

– Paducah and Louisville Railway, Norfolk Southern and R.J. Corman – and the Bourbon County fiscal court for projects in Central and Western Kentucky. Improvements range from signal and light enhancements at crossings to adding raised curb medians

with delineators to improve traffic flow. Paducah and Louisville Railway was awarded a total of \$776,831 in funding to enhance safety and reliability at three key crossings in Hardin and Grayson Counties. P&L President and CEO Tom Grenne stated, “These upgrades will not only help protect motorists and rail crews but also strengthen the infrastructure that supports Kentucky’s economy – improving efficiency for freight movement, reducing delays, and strengthening Kentucky’s connection to national and global markets. By investing in modern technology and contributing our own matching funds, P&L remains committed to ensuring safe, efficient rail service that helps drive growth, attract industry, and keep Kentucky competitive. P&L is grateful to Gov. Beshear and the General Assembly for their continued support of the KRCI program.”

Chronic Wasting Disease detected in Ballard County wild deer

Staff Report

FRANKFORT, Ky. - The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources has confirmed a new case of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in a wild deer in Ballard County. This is the third case of CWD confirmed in Kentucky's wild deer population, and the second case in Ballard County.

Two independent types of tests were performed on tissue collected from a 2-1/2-year-old male white-tailed deer that was hunter-harvested on Nov. 16. The preliminary screening test indicated the tissue was considered a suspect positive. The secondary test agreed with the first test and confirmed the presence of the abnormal proteins that cause CWD.

Chronic Wasting Disease is an always-fatal neurologic disease that affects deer, elk and other species in the deer family. It has previously been confirmed in a wild deer in Ballard County in December 2023, a wild



deer in Pulaski County in October 2025 and nine deer from a captive cervid facility in Breckinridge County, with one in October 2024 and eight in August 2025.

With Ballard and surrounding counties already within the CWD Surveillance Zone due to the previous detection of the disease in 2023, no changes are expected to the surveillance zone counties or management requirements. Counties in the CWD Surveillance Zone include Ballard, Breckinridge, Calloway, Carlisle, Casey, Fulton, Graves, Hardin, Henderson, Hickman, Laurel, Lincoln, Marshall, McCracken, McCreary, Meade, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Union, Wayne, Web-

ster and Whitley.

Discovered through the department's routine CWD surveillance efforts during modern gun deer season this fall, this most recent detection was found in the vicinity of the original detection in Ballard County from 2023.

"Our team continues to work hard to monitor the health of the state's wild deer herd," said Ben Robinson, director of the Wildlife Division for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "Through routine surveillance and monitoring, we are able to closely track any new detections of CWD, both within existing surveillance zone counties and around the state. While we are always disappointed

to learn of new detections, we will continue to closely monitor the disease and keep hunters informed."

Due to the nature of the prions that cause the disease, additional CWD detections in locations where it was previously confirmed is likely. Prions, which are misfolded proteins, are highly contagious.

"Unfortunately, this new CWD-positive detection was not unexpected," said Dr. Christine Casey, wildlife veterinarian for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "CWD-infected animals shed infectious prions into the environment, where they can survive for years, making additional detections in the immediate vicinity of previous detections more likely."

Since 2002, Kentucky Fish and Wildlife has CWD-tested more than

70,000 deer and elk from across the state. A CWD Response Plan has been in place most of that time. Hunters can aid Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's statewide monitoring efforts by dropping off the heads of legally harvested and telechecked deer for CWD testing and aging at self-serve CWD Sample Drop-off sites or via sample mail-in kits. This service is provided at no cost to hunters. Detailed location information, instructions and additional resources may be found on the CWD Sample Drop-Off Sites and CWD Sample Mail-in Kitwebpages on the department's website (fw.ky.gov).

There is no known cure or vaccine for CWD, and the disease is always fatal in infected animals. The disease is not known to be transmissible

to people, but as a precaution the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends not consuming meat from deer that test positive for the disease. Kentucky Fish and Wildlife always recommends not consuming meat taken from animals that appear to be sick or in poor condition.

More information about CWD, the surveillance zone and the agency's response plan can be found at fw.ky.gov/cwd. For questions, or to report sick or dead deer, the public may contact the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Information Center at 800-858-1549 or at info.center@ky.gov, weekdays 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.(Eastern), excluding holidays, or use the Sick or Dead Deer Online Reporting Form on the department's website.

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Prepare to file in 2026: Get Ready for tax season with key updates, essential tips

WASHINGTON — With the 2026 filing season quickly approaching, the Internal Revenue Service is urging taxpayers to take a few simple steps now to prepare for filing their 2025 federal income tax returns. Visit [Get Ready on IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov) for checklists, updates and no-cost filing options.

One of the most important steps taxpayers can take is to access their IRS Individual Online Account. IRS Individual Online Accounts are available 24/7, to view account information, make payments, manage communication preferences and protect tax information.

Use direct deposit

Due to the presidential executive order, Modernizing Payments To and From America's Bank Account the IRS is phasing out paper tax refund checks. The IRS encourages taxpayers who do not

have a bank account to open one so they can receive refunds by direct deposit.

Review new 2025 tax law changes

Recent legislation, such as the provisions in the One, Big, Beautiful Bill, includes several new deductions and credits that may reduce tax bills or increase refunds. Beginning in 2025, to be eligible to claim certain credits for other dependents, the taxpayer and their spouse, if filing jointly, must have valid Social Security numbers or Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers issued on or before the due date of their returns (including extensions).

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Calloway County Basketball Homecoming will take place on Friday, Jan. 9. Pictured are members of the Calloway County Basketball Homecoming Court: Morgan Robinson, Jaidan Koch, Olivia Perkins, Saylor Lowe, Hailee Jones, Halle Allred. *(Photo courtesy of Calloway County High School)*



Marshall County student-athlete Trinity Beth has won the Kentucky High School Coaches Association Outstanding Senior Award for Girls' Golf. *(Photo courtesy of Marshall County High School)*

Mustangs notch win over Eagles

Staff Report

PADUCAH — McCracken County pulled way to defeat Graves County 74-62 in a mid-season boys' high school basketball game on Friday, Jan. 2.

The Mustangs excelled offensively throughout the matchup.

McCracken County shot 54.4 percent (31-of-57) from the field. The Mustangs shot 36.4 percent (four-of-11) from three-point range.

McCracken County shot 72.7 percent (eight-of-11) from the free throw line.

Owning an advantage inside, McCracken County outrebounded Graves County 25-19.

Miles Woodfork led McCracken County to the win, pouring in a game-high 30 points for the Mustangs. Woodfork connected on 11 of 20 two-point field goal attempts.

Accompanying Woodfork in double figures for McCracken County, Jackson Klope and Jay Martin netted 10 points apiece.

Klope recorded a double-double, clearing out 11 rebounds for the Mustangs.

Eight different players entered McCracken County's scoring column. The additional scorers for McCracken County were Maxx Tanner (six points), Jackson Diaz (six points), Aaron Adams (six points), Owen Grogan (four points) and Garrett Miller (two points).

Graves County suffered the double-digit loss despite shooting 58.3 percent (28-of-48) from the field. The Eagles shot 30.0 percent (three-of-10) from three-point range.

Graves County shot 50.0 percent (three-of-six) from the free throw line.

Ty Cavette (19 points), Trevor Frick (17 points) and Bodie Veucasovic (16 points) each reached double figures in scoring for the Eagles.

Aiding Graves County offensively, Caden Fulcher (eight points) and Coleman Amis (two points) combined for double figures.

Falcons turn back Heritage (Hopkinsville)

Staff Report

CLINTON — Continuing to win, Hickman County defeated Heritage (Hopkinsville) 68-29 on Saturday, Jan. 3.

The Falcons won on the final day of the Hickman County New Years Bash.

Hickman County notched its second straight win, prevailing for the third time in four games. The Falcons improved to 6-5 after registering the win.

Hickman County excelled offensively and defensively throughout the matchup.

Defensively, Hickman County held an opponent to less than 30 points for the second straight game.

Hickman County shot 55.6 percent (30-of-54) from the field. The Falcons shot 30.8 percent (four-of-13) from three-point range.

Hickman County shot 66.7 percent (four-of-six) from the free throw line.

Nyiahez Irons led Hickman County to the win, scoring a game-high 17 points for the Falcons. Irons made eight of 11 shot attempts from inside the arc.

Brendan Rosas accompanied Irons in double figures for Hickman County, netting 11 points.

Boston Boaz scored nine points for Hickman County, barely missing reaching double figures.

Hickman County received scoring from 10 different players. The additional scorers for Hickman County were Brec Byassee (seven points), Jack Byassee (six points), Lee Polsgrove (six points), Wes Workman (five points), Elijah Ware (three points), Logan Grimmitt (two points) and Trigg Deweese (two points).

Cardinals roll past Rockets

Staff Report

MARION — Mayfield rolled past Crittenden County 68-28 in a mid-season boys' high school basketball game on Friday, Jan. 2.

The Cardinals thrived both offensively and defensively throughout the match-up.

Mayfield shot 55.8 percent (29-of-52) from the field. The Cardinals shot 29.4 percent (five-of-17) from three-point range.

Mayfield, which benefitted from a balanced offensive attack, connected on five of 14 free throw attempts in its convincing victory.

Mailk Kirby led Mayfield to the win, scoring a game-high 16 points for the Cardinals. Kirby made each of his six two-point field goal attempts.

Accompanying Kirby in double figures for Mayfield, Gabriel Morris netted 10 points.



Narrowly missing double figures, Owen Byrd scored nine points for the Cardinals.

A total of 10 different players entered Mayfield's scoring column. The additional scorers for Mayfield were Ashton Flint (eight points), Mak Hoover (six points), Will Shultz (four points), Draevyn Davis (four points), Gray Robbins (four points), Deric Todd (three points), Christian Taylor (two points) and Jalal Islam (two points).

Emmitt Ellington paced Crittenden County, scoring a team-high 11 points for the Rockets.

The other scorers for Crittenden County were Roane Topp (six points), Brayden Poindexter (four points), Drake Young (three points), Brady Dayberry (two points) and Conner Poindexter (two points).

Brummett named 2025 KHSAA Football Official of the Year

Staff Report

LEXINGTON — Each year, the Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) 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 season in the sport of football is Daniel Brummett of Walton.

Each finalist will receive a commemorative desk clock 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 NOMINEES (Winners listed first)

Football: Daniel Brummett (Walton), John Smoot (Lexington), David Pentecost (Greenville)

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)

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife increases incentive for invasive carp removal



Staff Report

FRANKFORT — Commercial fishers now have more incentive to catch and remove invasive carp from Kentucky waters.

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources has increased the commercial fishing incentive from \$.10 to \$.15 per pound for the harvest of invasive carp from Kentucky Lake and Barkley Lake.

This change aims to keep pressure on invasive populations of silver carp, bighead carp, black carp and grass carp, which threaten native fish and aquatic habitats.

“We have several lines of evidence suggesting our management strategy is reducing invasive carp populations in both lakes,” said Joshua Tompkins, coordinator for the Aquatic Invasive Species Program. “To keep that trend going, we’re adapting our efforts to maintain harvest at effective levels. Our success is due to the hard work of our commercial fishers and strong federal support.”

In 2024, commercial fishers harvested more than 15 million pounds of invasive carp through Kentucky’s Invasive Carp Harvest Program, bringing the total to more than 74 million pounds since 2013.

Recent data show signs of population decline: no young silver carp have been detected in either reservoir since 2015 and average catch rates have dropped

sharply since 2019. Another indication of lower population numbers is that invasive carp are showing improved body condition, indicating less competition for food.

The use of deterrent technology is also paying off. The BioAcoustic Fish Fence at Barkley Dam along the Cumberland River, which uses sound, light and bubbles to deter fish movement, has reduced upstream migration by about 50 percent.

In addition, the department’s Experimental Commercial Fishing Methods Program is testing new gear and techniques that allow large-scale removal of invasive carp while minimizing impacts on native species. Some commercial fishing crews have proven capable of removing more than 60,000 pounds of invasive carp per day from Kentucky waterways.

“Increasing the incentive to commercial fishers will help ensure we keep suppressing invasive carp numbers,” said Dave Dreves, director of the Fisheries Division for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. “It’s a big win for anglers and boaters that recreate on Kentucky and Barkley lakes, as well as for the vital \$940-million tourism economy of the Western Waterlands Region.”

For more information about invasive carp eradication efforts visit the Invasive Carp Information webpage on Kentucky Fish and Wildlife’s website (fw.ky.gov) or call 1-800-858-1549, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (ET) weekdays, excluding holidays.

Ballard Elementary’s Braylee Thomasson Shines at National Softball Tournament

Staff Report

PALM BAY, FL — Fifth-grader Braylee Thomasson of Ballard Elementary made her mark this week at the USSSA National Softball Tournament in Palm Bay, Florida. Chosen to represent Kentucky, Braylee not only hit the winning run to secure the championship, but she was also honored as National All-Around MVP.

Braylee’s parents, TJ and Brandy Thomasson, and her older sister, Kylee, who is one of her biggest fans, celebrated her incredible accomplishment. The Ballard County community is proud to cheer on such a talented young athlete.

National All-Around MVP, Braylee Thomasson — National Champs!



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

Staff Report

LEXINGTON — The nomination process for the Midway University/KHSAA Male and Female Student-Athlete of the Year among wrestling participants for 2025-2026 is now open.

This award is based on athletic and academic achievement as well as community service and leadership. The link to the application contains additional criteria and a form to nominate one participant from each 2025-2026 team. Nominations must come from a member school, but can be submitted by an administrator, guidance counselor, or coach. Nominations may only be submitted online at <https://khsaa.org/ge35-midway-university->

[khsaa-female-student-athlete-of-the-year-nomination-form/](#).

The winner will be announced early in the postseason and recognized at an awards event at Midway University in early summer 2026. From the winners selected for each KHSAA championship, one student-athlete will be selected as the 2025-2026 Midway University/KHSAA Student-Athlete of the Year announced at the event. All individual winners will also receive their recognition awards at that time.

The deadline for nominations for the Midway University/KHSAA Student-Athlete of the Year in the sport of Wrestling is Friday, Jan. 30.

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Loss to Missouri leaves Cats in ‘hard space’ with 0-2 start in SEC

By Keith Taylor
Kentucky Today

LEXINGTON, Ky. (KT) — Kentucky hasn’t been known for its 3-point shooting this season, but there have been some memorable moments produced by the Wildcats as the program celebrates the 50th anniversary of Rupp Arena.

Senior guard Otega Oweh provided a memorable moment when he connected on a 3-pointer from behind the arc on the opposite end of the court, a trey measuring nearly 74 feet as time expired at the end of the first half, giving the Wildcats life after trailing by seven to Missouri in the first half.

Despite the long-distance three that helped the Wildcats overcome another sluggish start, Kentucky dropped its second straight Southeastern Conference encounter with a disappointing 73-68 loss to Missouri on Wednesday night.

Oweh finished with 20 points, the fourth

time in the past six games he’s eclipsed the 20-point plateau, but it wasn’t enough to defeat the gritty Tigers, who overcome an eight-point deficit in the final four minutes to notch their first win at Rupp Arena.

The loss left the Wildcats (9-6, 0-2) in a “hard space” in Mark Pope’s second season at Kentucky and searching for answers. Winless in the SEC one week into the league schedule, Pope hasn’t lost hope in his squad.

“It’s a hard space,” he said. “This is tough. It’s not the way we intended to start SEC and really is exactly what we have in our hands right now. When you go through a hard time, which everybody does, the question is, how much does it take to break you? I’m not about to break. This group’s not about to break. We’re no place there.”

Largely behind preseason Player of the Year Oweh, the Wildcats were able to provide some bright



Otega Oweh scored 20, the only Cat in double figures, in a 73-68 home loss to Missouri on Wednesday. (Photo by Les Nicholson)

moments against the Tigers. In one sequence in the second half, Oweh fed Brandon Garrison with an ally-oop assist for a slam and then Garrison returned the favor with an assist to Oweh on a 3-pointer as part of a 6-0 run that gave Kentucky its largest lead of the game at 66-58 with 4:34 remaining.

From that point on it was all Missouri as the Tigers (12-3, 2-0) outscored the

hosts 8-0 in the final 1:14 and scored 15 of the last 17 points to secure a memorable victory.

“I thought our guys came to try to compete the best they could,” Pope said. “Our execution down the stretch was poor. You have to be able to execute better to win games.”

Missouri coach Dennis Gates dedicated the program’s first-ever win at Rupp

Arena to former Wildcats assistant coach Leonard Hamilton. Gates served as an assistant coach under Hamilton at Florida State.

“(I) had a long conversation with Leonard Hamilton (Tuesday) night,” Gates said. “Obviously, we know who he is around these parts. (He) gave me some great wisdom. He’s an unbelievable mentor to me. This game was dedicated to him.”

Behind his team’s steady play and Kentucky’s inability to execute when it mattered, Gates and the Tigers made history of their own.

“We call it a fire drill when we get under the two-minute mark with out of bounds plays and things like that,” Gates said. “We didn’t turn the ball over, and that’s the part that won the game for us.”

In an effort to jumpstart his squad after a 89-74 loss at No. 13 Alabama last Saturday, Pope revamped his lineup and started Jaland Lowe and Jayden Quaintance for the first time this season.

Lowe finished with nine points and four assists, while Quaintance had one point and four rebounds.

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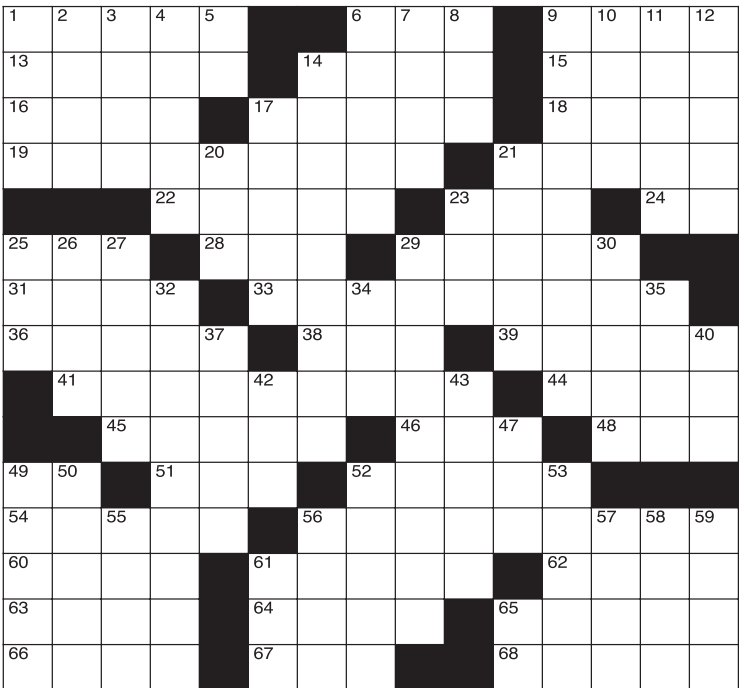
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Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

1. Lakes
6. Electromotive force
9. Invests in little enterprises
13. Longtime Utah Jazz coach
14. Small sailboat
15. Actor Idris
16. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
17. System that detects objects under water
18. Harsh, grating noise
19. Steward
21. A fencing sword
22. Infections
23. Actress Ryan
24. Sodium
25. Swedish castle
28. A lump of slime
29. African antelope
31. Insurance providers
33. Choosy
36. Ringworm
38. Unpolished
39. Drenches
41. Pant style
44. Son of Noah
45. Spiritual being
46. Upton Sinclair novel
48. Journalist Tarbell
49. Popular sports highlight show
51. Born of
52. Rich tapestry
54. S. China seaport
56. State of being unclothed
60. Surrounded by
61. Residue
62. Away from wind
63. Dried-up
64. Visionary
65. A very large body of water
66. Garden tools
67. Screen type
68. Ancient Scandinavian poet

CLUES DOWN

1. Millisecond
2. Spanish city
3. A sudden very loud sound
4. “The Indiana Jones of beer”
5. Tin
6. Sea eagles
7. Volcanic crater
8. Type of coat
9. Women’s apartments in Ottoman palace
10. Divulge a secret
11. Norwegian playwright
12. “It’s a Wonderful Life” director
14. Poisonous perennial plant
17. 18-year astronomical period
20. Clothes
21. Places to sit
23. Family of regulator genes
25. New York ballplayer
26. Impressive in size or scope
27. Jacques __, French biologist
29. One from the Big Apple
30. Genus of woolly lemurs
32. Songs to one’s beloved
34. Indigenous person of N.E. Thailand
35. Supplemented with difficulty
37. Farewell
40. Investment account (abbr.)
42. One from Utah
43. Begets
47. A male child
49. Break apart
50. Brief appearance
52. Partner to “oohed”
53. A light informal meal
55. Fabric with smooth, shiny surface
56. One billionth of a second
57. Ancient Italian-Greek colony
58. Close tightly
59. Mail out
61. Language
65. Computer characteristic

Puzzle Solutions on B9

PUZZLE SOLUTION

M	E	R	E	S			E	M	F		S	B	I	C	
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Crypto Fun



Solve the code to discover words related to the new year.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 21 = O)

- A. 24 11 8 21 23 22 4 13 21 16
Clue: Made on January 1
- B. 20 24 21 2 13 8 11
Clue: Pledge
- C. 25 11 3 23 4 25 17
Clue: Good for you
- D. 15 21 3 23
Clue: Objective

Answers: A. resolution B. promise C. healthy D. goal

Winter Jokes

- What does a Starbucks employee’s job title change to in winter? A brrrrr-ista!
- What did the police officer say when he saw the snowman stealing? Freeze!

Word Search

RESOLUTIONS WORD SEARCH

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

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

ANSWERS IN B SECTION

WORDS

- ACCOUNTABILITY
ACHIEVEMENT
ASPIRATION
CHANGE
COMMITMENT
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FOCUS
GOAL
HABIT
IMPROVEMENT
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Sudoku Puzzle

How it Works:

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		4		2				
		6					1	3
			8	4		7		
								1
9					3	5		
5				6		3		4

Word Scramble

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to food service.

TCIDRE

Answer: Credit

Guess Who?

GUESS WHO?

I am an actor born in Pennsylvania on January 5, 1975. I received an honors degree in English from Georgetown University. I made my acting debut in a TV series on HBO about a group of women. I've been in several hit films, and starred opposite Lady Gaga in a movie remake.

Answer: Bradley Cooper

WHAT’S THE DIFFERENCE?

There are four differences between Picture A and Picture B.



Answers:
1. Book is an e-reader 2. Muffin on plate 3. Missing teacup
4. Man in middle wearing glasses

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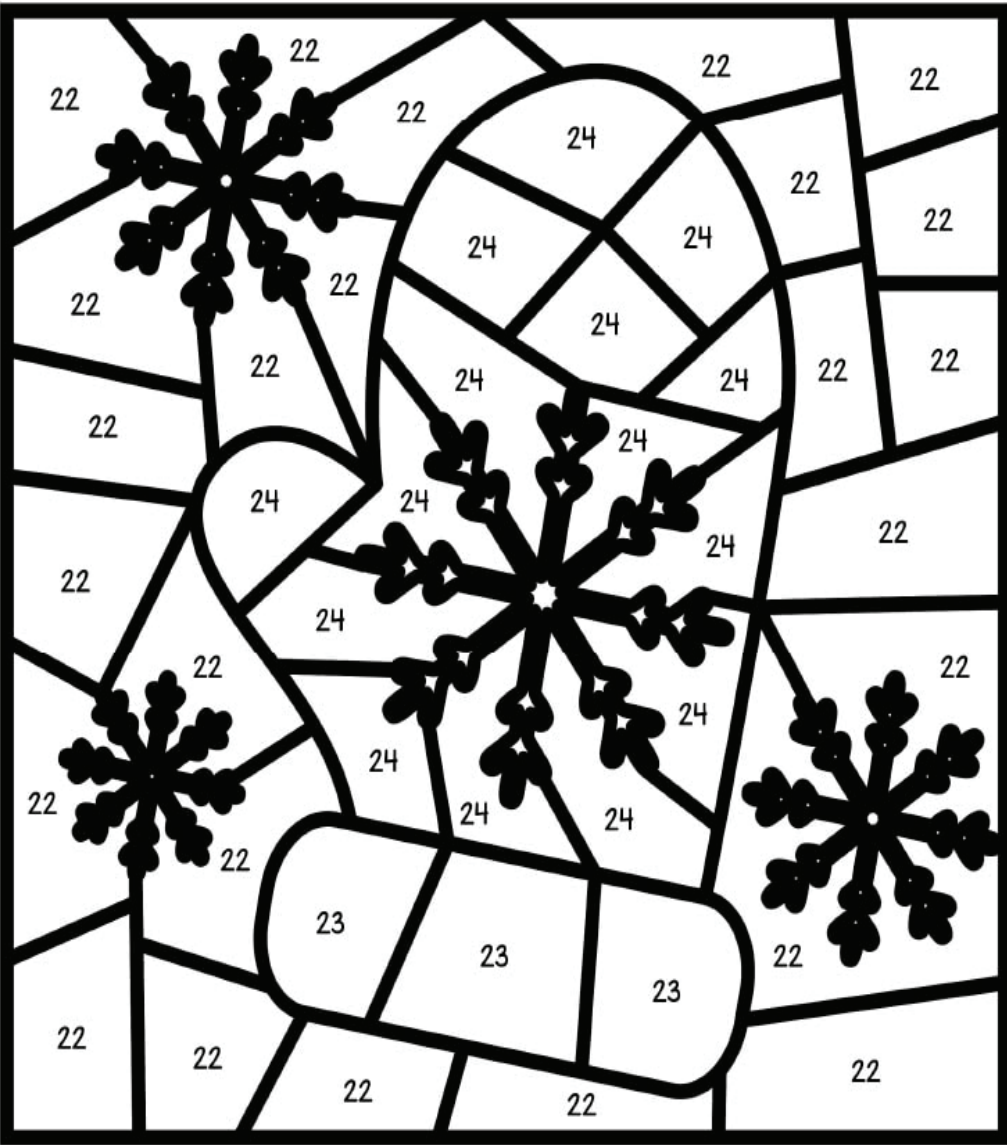
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Putting farm waste to good use

Agricultural waste poses a challenge for farmers, even if the subject does not garner a lot of attention outside of rural areas. Farms generate enormous amounts of organic waste, including crop residues, fruit peels, sawdust, and livestock manure. Farmers must decide how to get rid of agricultural waste legally and economically.

If not disposed of properly, farm waste can pollute the environment, particularly the air and waterways like rivers and streams. It is best for everyone to mitigate agricultural waste to create further hazards. Farmers may not have considered re-

cycling some agricultural waste, but it is a way to transform this potential hazard into something that can be used on the farm itself or sold commercially. The following are some considerations for putting farm waste to good use.

Compost
Animal waste, crop residues and additional organic material can be combined to create nutrient-rich compost. Compost is utilized to improve soil structure, fertility and water retention. This helps reduce reliance on chemical fertilizers. By investing in large-scale composting tools, farmers can process hundreds



or even thousands of tons of organic matter each year. While some can be used on the farm, the excess can be sold at a profit.

Biogas
Biogas production is carried out through a process known as anaerobic diges-

tion (AD). The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says AD involves bacteria breaking down organic matter, such as animal manure, wastewater biosolids and food wastes in the absence of oxygen. As the bacteria digest the waste, they gen-

erate biogas, which is mostly comprised of methane. Capturing biogas can reduce greenhouse gas emissions on a farm, and the biogas can be turned into a renewable energy source to power electricity, heating or transportation, according to Prime Dumpster Incorporated.

Digestate
Anaerobic digestion does not only produce biogas. Digestate is the solid and liquid effluent remaining after the process, says the EPA. Digestate can be used in many applications, including animal bedding, fertilizers and a foundation material for creating

bioplastics and other bio-based products.

Recycling
Certain items used on farms cannot be turned into compost or fertilizer. However, recycling containers, tires, cardboard, rubber, and plastics offers the potential for these products to be made into new items. Western Packaging says recyclable items can be kept separate from other waste so they can have new life outside of landfills.

Seeing farm waste as an asset and not a problem can help farmers save money and resources.



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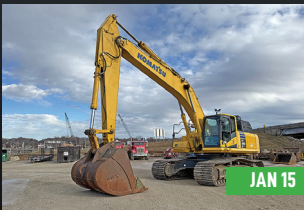
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How rising food demand is affecting farming

The population is growing and so is its demand for food to fuel those extra bodies. Harvard Business Review reports the global population has quadrupled over the last century. It's predicted that, by 2050, the population will exceed nine billion people.

The world is not able to feed all of its inhabitants, according to Penn State. There are more than one billion people who are estimated to lack sufficient food, and two billion who do not receive adequate nutrition. Researchers from the Institute on the Environment at the University of Minnesota concluded that, to feed the world by 2030, yields on maize, rice, wheat, and soybeans will have to rise by 60 to 110 percent. At the start of 2023, projections show them only increasing by 45 to 60 percent. There are a few reasons why food supply may not meet up with demand.

• Climate change: Climate change is predicted to cause issues to crop yields, especially in portions of the world where



the population is growing the fastest. For example, a recent NASA study published in the journal Nature predicts that high greenhouse gas emissions may cause corn output to decline as early as 2030, but wheat output would increase. Farmers may need to roll with the punches and shift operations to cope with the environmental changes.

• Decreased commercial farming interest: Fewer people are working in farming. Land prices for expansion, new government mandates and regulations, and the impact

of immigration and trade policies have made farming less attractive than it once was. Fewer commercial operations result in a diminished food commodity output.

• Consumer waste: Food loss and waste (FLW) is a widespread issue, posing a challenge to food security. The World Bank estimates 30 percent of all food across the globe is wasted, amounting to 1.3 billion tons of food per year. The average global household wastes 74 kg of food each year, according to the United Nations Environment

Programme's 2021 Food Waste Index. Food waste is an issue that needs a solution as the world looks for ways to feed an expanding population in the decades to come.

In order to improve output, farmers have to make some changes. These can include investment in tools and technologies that enable farmers to

apply nutrients more precisely and at lower cost, advises the Environmental Defense Fund. Seeds that need less water and fewer nutrients, as well as new fertilizers that are less likely to be lost to air and water, are some additional ideas. Farmers also may want to employ green practices, such as hydroponics and drip irrigation, if they haven't already, to improve efficiency and cut costs. The public also may need to petition their lawmakers to make it easier for farm workers arriving on working visas to man the fields.

Food demand continues to rise, and it has become challenging for agricultural operations to keep up.

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BALLARD

Jane Hall Russell, 92, of Wickliffe, Kentucky, passed away at Charter Senior Living Center of Paducah on December 30, 2025. Funeral Services were held at 2:00 pm on Saturday, January 3, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Wickliffe with Bro. Butch Latta officiating. Burial followed at Bethlehem Cemetery in Wickliffe, Kentucky.

Debra L. Ogletree, 68, of Kevil passed away on Friday, January 2, 2026, at Baptist Health Paducah. She will cremated per her wishes an no services are scheduled at this time.

Hong T. Newton, 82, of Wickliffe, passed away on Sunday, December 28, 2025 at her residence. Funeral services were held at 11:00 am on Saturday, January 3, 2026, at Hughes Funeral Home in Paducah with Barry Rucker officiating. Burial followed at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens.

Mark W. Walters, age 55, passed away at his home Saturday, January 3, 2026, in West Paducah, KY surrounded by his loving family. Funeral service were held Thursday, January 8, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. Morrow Funeral Chapel in LaCenter, KY. with Rev. Larry Fraser officiating. Interment followed at North Ballard Cemetery.

Cynthia Dawn Boulton lovingly known as Cindy, age 60 passed away on Friday, January 2, 2026, at Norton Hospital in Louisville, KY. Cindy’s celebration of life was held Tuesday, January 6, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. at Fairview Baptist Church with Minister Grayling Baucom and Rev. Ryan Hedrick officiating.

Roger Allcock, age 73, passed away at his home on Friday, January 2, 2025. Funeral service was held on Monday, January 5, 2026, at New Hope Baptist Church at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Guy Johnson officiating.

CALDWELL

Donna Gray Williams, 79, of Eddyville, passed away on Saturday, January 3, 2026, at Baptist Health Hospital in Paducah surrounded by her family. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 8, 2026, at Lakeland Funeral Home with Bro. Jay Brown and Bro. Justin Wesson officiating. Burial followed in Rolling Hills Cemetery in Eddyville.

Ashley Renea Gibson, age 38, of Princeton, passed away January 3, 2026 at her home. Visitation will be held from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm Friday, January 9, 2026 at Morgan’s Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 pm Friday, January 9, 2026 at Morgan’s Funeral Home.

Shirley Compton Greene, 88, of Eddyville, passed away on Friday, January 2, 2026, at her home. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, January 5, 2026, at Lakeland Funeral Home with Bro. Mike Boyd officiating. Burial followed in Rolling Hills Cemetery in Eddyville.

Leola “Lee” Anderson, passed away at the age of 96 on the last day of the year 2025, at Baptist Health of Paducah. Funeral services were held Sunday, January 4, 2026 at 2:30 PM at Morgan’s Funeral Home with Rev. Bobby Noel officiating. Burial followed in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Tristian “Trissy” Rayeanne Frost, age 27, of Fredonia, passed away December 29, 2025 at Crittenden County Hospital. Funeral services were held at 6:00 pm Monday, January 5, 2026 at Morgan’s Funeral Home with Bro. Troy Jent officiating.

Jerry “Spike” Patterson, a man known for his spirited zest for life and his need for speed, passed away on December 28, 2025, in Greenville, KY, at the age of 84. Funeral services were at 1:00 PM, Friday, January 2, 2026 at Morgan’s Funeral home. Burial followed in Princeton Memorial Gardens with military honors.

CALLOWAY

Pamela Kay Zeglicz, 66, of Murray, KY, passed away on Monday, January 5, 2026 at Spring Creek Healthcare in Murray. No services are planned at this time. Imes Funeral Home is entrusted with caring for her family.

Patti Jean Pierson, 59, of Murray, passed away on Sunday, January 4, 2026 at Anna Mae Owen Residential Hospice House. A memorial service will be held at 12:30 PM on Thursday, January 15, 2026 at Imes Funeral Home & Crematory, 311 North 4th Street, Murray, KY 42071 with Kerry Lambert officiating. Her family welcomes visitors from 11 AM - 12:30 PM at the funeral home.

Jeffrey Church, 73 of Paris, TN, passed away on Wednesday, December 31, 2025 at TriStar Centennial Medical Center in Nashville, TN. Arrangements are currently incomplete at Imes Funeral Home, downtown Murray.

Joyce Jeanette Rushing, 82, of Murray, passed away on Monday, December 29, 2025 at her home. The funeral service honoring the life of Mrs. Rushing was held at 1 pm on Sunday, January 4, 2026 at Imes Funeral Home, 311 North 4th Street, Murray. David Cunningham and Kerry Lambert will officiate and burial will follow at Stewart County Memorial Gardens.

Myrna Newman, 76, of Hazel, KY, passed away on December 29, 2025 at Lourdes Hospital in Paducah, Kentucky. No services are planned at this time. Imes Funeral Home is entrusted with caring for her family.

Jeanne (Lovins) Mathis, age 78, of Lexington, Tennessee, formerly of Murray, Kentucky, passed away on Tuesday, December 30, 2025, at her home. A funeral service was held at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, January 8, 2026, at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Rev. Kerry Lambert and John Dale will officiate and burial will follow in the Murray Memorial Gardens.

John M. Clark, age 84, of Murray, Kentucky, entered eternal life Wednesday, December 31, 2025, at the Murray-Calloway County Hospital. A funeral mass will be held 12:00 p.m., Friday, January 9, 2026, at the St. Leo Catholic Church. Burial will follow in the Murray City Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. on Thursday, January 8, 2026, at the St. Leo Catholic Church with a Prayer Service being held at 6:30 p.m. Visitation will also be held 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Friday, January 9, 2026 at the church.

Robert Ray Grizzard, age 71, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away on Saturday, January 3, 2026, at the Jackson Madison General Hospital in Jackson, Tennessee. A graveside service will be held at 12:00 p.m., Saturday, January 10, 2026, at the Hicks Cemetery with Pastor Darrell Young officiating.

James Dale Parker, 81, of Whitestown, Indiana, formerly of Henderson and Murray, Kentucky, passed away at 2:33 p.m. on Tuesday, December 30, 2025, at Ascension St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2026, at Chapel Hill Church in Henderson, Kentucky. Visitation will be held at 10:00 a.m. CT, with the service beginning at 11:00 a.m. CT.

John “Johnny” Thomas Gingles, age 74, of Murray, Kentucky passed away on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at his home. Arrangements are currently incomplete at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

Virginia Inez Galloway, age 98, of Almo, Kentucky, passed away Sunday, January 4, 2026, at the Anna Mae Owen Residential Hospice House. A private family graveside will be held at Temple Hill Cemetery with Rev. Tim. Palmer officiating.

Elisabeth Enger Godar, age 69, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away Friday, January 2, 2026, at the Murray-Calloway County Hospital. A memorial service will be held via zoom. Day and time to be determined.

Betty Jean Bryson, age 81, of New Concord, Kentucky, passed away Friday, January 2, 2026, at the Anna Mae Owen Residential Hospice House. There will be no public services held at this time. The J.H. Churchill Funeral Home and Cremation Services are in charge of arrangements.

Kenneth Warren Thomas, age 95, of Murray, Kenucky, passed away Monday, December 29, 2025, at his home. A funeral mass was held on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at the St. Leo Catholic Church with Father John Thomas officiating. Burial followed in the Murray City Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Monday, January 5, 2026, from 5:00 7:00 p.m. at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

CARLISLE

Maude Sims, 91, of Cunningham, Kentucky, passed away on January 4, 2026, at Mercy Health Compassus in Paducah. Funeral Services were held at 12:00 pm, Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Bardwell with Dan Bowles and Glenn Reid officiating. Burial will follow at Bethlehem Cemetery in Cunningham.

Charlotte Owens, 73, of Cunningham, Kentucky, passed away at her residence on December, 29, 2025. Funeral Services were held at 1:00 pm, Friday, January 2, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Bardwell with Bro. Adam Rogers officiating. Burial followed at Cunningham Memorial Gardens in Cunningham, Kentucky.

CHRISTIAN

Julia Brooks, age 82, of Hopkinsville, KY, passed away peacefully with her son by her side on Wednesday, December 31, 2025, at Auburn Nursing and Rehab of natural causes. The family has chosen cremation with a Celebration of Life Service to be held at a later date.

TSGT Charles Edward “Chub” Morgan, Jr., beloved husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, December 31, 2025, at the age of 86, at Ahava Healthcare of Clarksville. The family has chosen cremation with a Graveside Committal Service to be held at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West with full Military Honors with Rev. Scott Leveque officiating and entombment to follow. Service dates and times will be available in the near future.

Mary Haddock, 93, of Hopkinsville, KY died at 11:15 p.m. Thursday, January 1, 2026 at her residence. Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. Monday, January 5, 2026 at Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home with Rev. Darrell Crawford officiating. Burial will follow in Green Hill Memorial Gardens.

Mark Albert Hildreth, 78, of Pembroke, KY died at 1:49 PM Wednesday, December 31, 2025 at his residence. Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Mark Alton Wells died peacefully at Skyline Medical Center in Nashville, TN surrounded by his family on Wednesday, December 31, 2025. A celebration of life will be held at 12:00 p.m. Saturday, January 10, 2026 at First Christian Church with Pastor Glen Schory, Rev. Dr. Thomas Steiner, Rev. Catherine DeMoss, and Rev. Ward Carver officiating. Visitation will be Saturday from 10:30 a.m. until the service hour at First Christian Church. Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Melissa Hancock, 58, of Oak Grove, KY died at 11:03 a.m. Wednesday, December 31, 2025 at her residence. Funeral services was held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, January 4, 2026 at Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home with Rev. Ben Prevette officiating. Burial will follow in Flat Lick Cemetery.

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Patricia Ann Majors was born on February 11, 1962, in Christian County, KY to the late Louise Young, she departed her earthly life on December 30, 2025, in Evansville, IN. Funeral service was held on Thursday, January 8th @ 12:00 pm at the Gamble Funeral Home. Burial followed at Cave Springs Cemetery.

Doris Evelyn Collins,75, Clarksville, TN, passed away on Tuesday, December 30, 2025, in Russellville, KY. Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, January 10, 2026 at 12 PM, St. Paul Baptist Church, 103 Merriweather St., Guthrie, KY - Visitation is one hour before the service.

Anita Dunning Grabara, 84, of Crofton, Kentucky died at 12:15 p.m., Tuesday, December 30, 2025 at Bradford Heights Nursing and Rehab in Hopkinsville, Kentucky. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, January 3, 2025 at Crofton Baptist Church with Rev. Jim Gifford officiating. Burial followed in Ridgetop Cemetery in Crofton.

CRITTENDEN

Beatrice Collins Tomlin passed away December 29, 2025 at Salem Springlake Health and Rehab Center. She was cremated per her wishes and there are no services scheduled at this time.

FULTON

Fred Richard Kemp, Jr., age 77, of Union City, Tennessee, passed away on Sunday, January 4, 2026, at the Baptist Memorial Hospital Emergency Room in Union City. A memorial Mass for Mr. Kemp was held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 7, 2026, at St. Edward Catholic Church. A private inurnment will take place at a later date.

James Thomas “Tom” Parks, age 98, a lifelong resident of the Ruthville community, passed away on Sunday, January 4, 2026, at the Weakley County Nursing Home in Dresden, Tennessee. Funeral services for Mr. Tom Parks were held at 1 PM Wednesday, January 7, 2026, in Hornbeak funeral chapel with burial to follow in the Sandy Branch Cemetery.

GRAVES

Stephanie Ann Cruse, 59, of Fancy Farm passed away on Monday, January 5, 2026, at Baptist Health Paducah. Graveside services will be at 11:00am on Saturday, January 10, 2026 at St. Jerome Catholic Church Cemetery with Fr. Darrell Venters officiating. Burial will follow.

Robetha “Beth” Battles, age 75, of Mayfield, KY passed away Saturday, January 3, 2026 at the Lake Way Rehabilitation Healthcare Center in Benton, KY. A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY is in charge of arrangements.

Robert “Bob” Wayne McClain, age 78, of Sedalia, KY passed away Saturday, January 3, 2026 at the Jackson Purchase Medical Center in Mayfield, KY. A funeral service for Robert “Bob” Wayne McClain was held at11:00 AM Wednesday, January 7, 2026 at the Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY. Mykel Tidwell will officiate, Interment followed in the Lebanon Church of Christ Cemetery.

Randy Douglas Lamm, age 69, of Melber passed away on Friday, January 2, 2026 at his residence. Funeral services for Mr. Randy Douglas Lamm will be 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 10, 2026 at Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY. Rev. Al Chandler will officiate. Interment will follow at Lowes Cemetery.

Melody Sharon Smith Burgess, age 70, of Mayfield passed away on Tuesday, December 30, 2025 at her residence. Funeral services for Mrs. Melody Sharon Smith Burgess were held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 3, 2026 at Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY. Rev. Keith Allred and Rev. Ronnie Stinson, Sr. will officiate. Interment followed at Milburn Cemetery.

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Maude Sims

Maude Sims, 91, of Cunningham, Kentucky, passed away on January 4, 2026, at Mercy Health Compassus in Paducah. Maude was born on June 26, 1934, to the late Earley and Ivy DeJar-natt.

A lifelong member of Beth-lehem Baptist Church, Maude’s faith was the foundation of her life. She lived her beliefs daily through quiet service, kindness, and an unwavering commitment to God and family.

Family always came first for Maude. Her home was a place of warmth and welcome, where there was always room for one more at the table. She was known for the large family gatherings she lovingly hosted, preparing meals for everyone and making sure no one ever left hungry. Supper was always hot and ready at 4:30, a simple tradition that reflected the care, consistency, and love she poured into her family.

Maude found joy in quilting, crocheting, and gardening, creating beauty and comfort with her hands. Her husband was truly the love of her life, and their bond was the heart of her home. Growing up, Maude was raised in a household with her six siblings, and there was always a houseful of family and friends. That early sense of togetherness shaped the welcoming spirit she carried throughout her life. Maude Sims will be remembered for her steadfast faith, generous

heart, and the way she made everyone feel at home. Her legacy lives on through the family she loved so deeply.

Maude is survived by her two daughters, Valerie Davis of Cunningham and Libby Keller of Paducah; one sister, Jo June Woodford of Blandville; two granddaughters, Whitney Marie Keller of Paducah and Taylor Ivy Davis of Bardwell; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, William Howard Sims; two sisters, Velma Arington and Dorothy Solomon; three brothers, Leon DeJar-natt, Glenford DeJar-natt, and Eugene DeJarnatt; and her parents.

Funeral Services will be held at 12:00 pm, Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Bardwell with Dan Bowles and Glenn Reid officiating. Burial will follow at Bethlehem Church Cemetery in Cunningham.

Visitation will be held from 10:00 am until the service time of 12:00 pm on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Bardwell.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of a donation to St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, Mercy Health Hospice with Compassus, 1530 Lone Oak Rd, Paducah, KY, 42003, or Bethlehem Baptist Church, PO Box 468, Cunningham, KY, 42035.

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2:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 4, 2026, at St. Jerome Catholic Church Cemetery, with Father Darrell Venters officiating.

Pam Rohrer, age 78 of Mayfield passed away peacefully on Thursday, January 1, 2026 at Clinton Place nursing home in Clinton, KY. The family received friends on Thursday, January 8, 2026 from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield. Graveside services immediately followed at Highland Park Cemetery with Bro. Bobby Crittendon officiating.

Jimmy Dale Gamble age 70 of Mayfield passed away peacefully on Monday December 29, 2025 at his residence. Graveside Services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday January 3, 2026 at The Unity Baptist Church Cemetery.

Wayne Lewis Birchler, 73, of Sedalia, KY, passed away on Monday, January 5, 2026 at his home. Burial with military honors will be held at Sunset Cemetery in Columbus, OH. Imes Funeral Home is entrusted with caring for his family.

HENDERSON

Bruce Alan Swanson, age 76, of Henderson, KY, passed away on Monday, January 5, 2026, at the Lucy Smith King Care Center under the care of St. Anthony’s Hospice.

Relatives and friends are invited to Bruce’s Life Celebration from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, and from 10:00 a.m. until the service time on Thursday at Corydon Missionary Baptist Church in Corydon, KY. The funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 15, 2026, at the church with Reverend Rick O’Daniel officiating. Burial will follow at Fairmont Cemetery in Henderson, KY.

Mary Lee McCormick Duncan Lawton, age 83, of Henderson, KY, passed away on Thursday, January 1, 2026, at home surrounded by her loved ones under the care of St. Anthony’s Hospice.

Relatives and friends were invited to Mary Lee’s Life Celebration from 11:00 a.m. until service time on Monday, January 5, 2026, at Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home. The funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home with Brother Ron Gish officiating. Burial followed at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Henderson, KY.

Nancy Laverne Turner, 87, of Henderson, passed away Monday, January 5, 2026 at Deaconess Henderson. Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. on Saturday, January 10 at Tomblinson Funeral Home in Henderson with Rev. Jeff Burke officiating. Visitation will be at the funeral home on Saturday, January 10, from 12 p.m. until the funeral time.

Dwight Eldon Chaney, 75, of Henderson, passed away Monday, January 5, 2026 at Lucy Smith King Care Center. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, January 9 at Henderson’s First Baptist with Bro. Kenny Noblett officiating. Visitation will be at the church Friday, January 9 from 10 a.m. until service time.

Johanna (Dickson) Galloway, a cherished member of the Henderson community and a dedicated registered nurse, passed away on January 3, 2026, at the age of 80. A private memorial service will be held at a later date, with interment to follow at Fairmont Cemetery.

Marsha Kay Lubcke (Nunn), 72, a beloved wife and mother, passed away peacefully on January 3, 2026, surrounded by her family. A private burial will take place at a later date. The family would like to extend their deepest gratitude to the staff of St. Anthony’s Hospice.

Donna Sue Kloke - June 14, 1951 — January 2, 2026 - It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Donna Kloke, who left this world on January 2, 2026. A cherished mother, grandmother, and friend, Donna will be lovingly remembered for her warmth, creativity, and unwavering spirit. Funeral Service will be at 2:00 PM on Friday, January 9, 2026 at Tomblinson Funeral Home with Brother Tim Burdon officiating.

Visitation will be 10:30 AM until service time

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on Friday, January 9, 2026 at Tomblinson Funeral Home.

Sofia Perez De Barco of Washington, IN and formerly of Sebree, KY passed away Friday January 2, 2026 at Daviess Community Hospital in Washington, IN. A funeral Mass will be held at 2:00 PM Saturday January 10, 2026 at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Sebree, KY. Father Jose Carmelo will officiate. Burial will follow in Springdale Cemetery in Sebree.

Stacy “Stoney” Stone, a cherished member of the Henderson, Kentucky community, passed away peacefully on January 1, 2026, at the age of 67. In honor of his life, a Celebration of Life will be 2:00 PM-5:00 PM January 18th at Thomasons Banquet Hall in Henderson Kentucky , where family and friends will gather to remember the joy, laughter, and love that Stacy shared with all.

Nellie Faye Davis, 93, of Henderson, KY, passed away on December 30, 2025, at Rebanks Nursing and Rehab in Henderson, KY. A private burial will take place at a later date.

Darrell Wayne Utley, 65, of Smith Mills, passed away Tuesday, December 30, 2025 at Deaconess Henderson. Services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, January 8 at Tomblinson Funeral Home in Henderson with Pastor Stephen Hale and Bro. Dennis Williams. Burial will be private at a later date.

HICKMAN

Valerie Ann Sevene (Place), 71, of Clinton, Kentucky, passed away peacefully in her home with her loving family by her side, after a short battle with lung cancer. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to New Harmony Baptist Church, 73 Brent Road, Clinton, Ky 42031, in Valerie’s memory.

Teresa “Terri” Jane Workman, age 64 of Clinton, passed away Monday, January 5, 2026 at Alive Hospice in Nashville. Funeral services for Terri will be held Saturday, January 10, 2026 at 11:00 AM at the Brown Funeral Home in Clinton with Rev. Chad Frizzell officiating. Burial will follow in the Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Friday, January 9, 2026 from 4:00 – 7:00 PM at the Brown Funeral Home in Clinton.

HOPKINS

William “Bill” Lambert Turnier, 57, of Madisonville, KY passed away, Monday January 5, 2026, in Hanson, KY. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 P.M. Friday, January 9, 2026, at Barnett-Strother Funeral Home – Madisonville Chapel with Jeff Calhoun officiating. Visitation will be from 11:00 A.M. until service time Friday at the funeral home.

Danny Edward Kirkwood, age 84, of Madisonville, KY, passed away on Monday January 5, 2026, with family at Baptist Health Deaconess in Madisonville. Funeral Services were held at 11:00 A.M. Wednesday, January 7, 2026, at Praise Temple with Bro. Phillip Cook officiating. Burial will follow at Rose Creek Cemetery.

Cleates Earl “PeeWee” Purdy, 88, of Madisonville, passed away on Saturday, January 3, 2026, at Baptist Health Deaconess in Madisonville, Kentucky. A celebration of PeeWee’s life will be held at a future date.

Gary Lee Hall, “Poppy”, an American Hero through his service in Vietnam, a devoted husband, loving father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and faithful pastor, peacefully went home to be with his Lord and Savior on January 3, 2026. He was embraced by family at Missouri Veterans Home in Mt. Vernon, MO, at the age of 79. Visitation and Receiving of Friends will be held on Friday evening, January 9th from 5:00-7:00 PM (CST) at Barnett-Strother Funeral in Madisonville, Kentucky, where family and friends are invited to

gather, share memories, and celebrate Gary’s life. Funeral Services will take place on Saturday, January 10th at 11:00 AM (CST) at Island Ford Baptist Church in Madisonville, Kentucky, honoring Gary’s life, faith, and legacy of service to God, family, and country. Burial Services will be held on Sunday, January 11th at 1:00 PM (CST) at New Providence Baptist Church – 2529 N. Slab Road, Austin, Indiana. Full military honors will be rendered at the graveside in recognition of his honorable service to the United States Army during the Vietnam War. In Gary’s own words: “Keep looking up. Jesus may come tonight. Bye for now.”

Roberta Lee Ford, age 55, of Princeton, KY, passed away on Friday, January 2, 2026, at her residence. Celebration of Life was held at 11:00 A.M., Monday, January 5, 2026, at Barnett-Strother Funeral Home in Madisonville.

Lovda Jane Messamore, age 75, passed away peacefully on December 31, 2025, at Baptist Health, surrounded by the loving support of her family and friends, after a courageous battle with cancer. Funeral services were held at 3:00 P.M. Saturday, January 3, 2026, at Barnett-Strother Funeral Home with Pastor Ryan Avery and Bro. Michael Powers officiating. Burial will follow at Hanson Cemetery.

Carolyn Marie Wills - May 12, 1945 — January 2, 2026 - Funeral service was held on Thursday, January 8th, 2026 from 11-12 pm. Burial followed at Oak Hill Cemetery, 1400 East Virginia Street, Evansville, IN 47711.

Leslie Ann Davis Johnson, 56, of Madisonville, passed away peacefully at 7:25 p.m. Tuesday December 30, 2025 at her home. Private Memorial Services will be held by the family at a later date at Eastside Odd Fellows Cemetery in Madisonville.

James Alan Brasher, 67 of Nortonville passed away Friday, January 2, 2026, at Baptist Health Deaconess. Funeral Service was held on Monday, January 5th, 2026 at Bandy Funeral Home, Nortonville, KY. Burial followed at the New Salem Cemetery.

Aquilla Jane Johnson, 73 of Nortonville passed away Thursday, January 1, 2026, at the Lucy Smith King Care Center in Henderson with her family at her side. Funeral service was held Sunday, January 4th, 2026, at the Bandy Funeral Home in Nortonville. Burial followed at Shaw/Gamblin Cemetery.

Kathy Sue Matheny, 65 of St. Charles passed away Thursday, January 1, 2026, at Deaconess Henderson Hospital. Services will be private for family at a later date.

Boyd Earl Nance, 83, of Madisonville, KY passed away on Sunday, January 4, 2026, at his home. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Harris Funeral Home in Madisonville was entrusted with care.

Patricia Ann Sumner Duarte, 79, of Madisonville, KY passed away on Saturday, January 3, 2026, at Deaconess Midtown Hospital in Evansville, IN. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Harris Funeral Home was entrusted with care.

Jerry “Gator” Ray Lynch, 72, of Madisonville KY, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Saturday, January 3, 2026, at Owensboro Health Hospital. A funeral service wase held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, January 8, 2026, in the chapel of Harris Funeral Home with Patti Lynch, David Lynch, Chris Ball, and Jeremy Hatfield officiating. Burial to follow at Odd Fellows Cemetery in Madisonville.

Roger “Scott” Noffsinger, 62, of Madisonville, KY, passed away on Saturday, January 3, 2026, at his home. A memorial service was held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, January 7, 2026, in the chapel of Harris Funeral Home. Burial will be held at a later date.

LIVINGSTON

Joanna Marie (Croft) Grimes, 89, of Calvert City, passed away Friday, January 2, 2026 at the University of Tennessee Medical Center in Knoxville. Funeral services were held on Thursday,

January 8, 2026, at 1 PM, in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services, with Pastor’s Ragon Grimes and Katie Minnis officiating. Burial followed in Salem Cemetery.

Keith Woodall, 54, of Smithland, passed away January 1, 2026 in Salem, Ky. Funeral Services were held on Tuesday, January 6, 2025 at 2:00 PM in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Bro. Gary Hardesty officiating. Burial followed at Crayne Cemetery.

Richard Romeo Shelby, 60, was born in Omaha, Nebraska on August 2, 1965. He passed away from this life and joined his Savior on December 28, 2025. Graveside Services were held at 1 PM Sunday, January 4, 2026 at Salem Cemetery.

Garnet L. “Bumpy” Hensley, 93, of Dayton, OH, formerly of Salem, KY, passed away Sunday, December 28, 2025 at Wellington Assisted Living in Dayton. Graveside funeral services were held on Thursday, January 1, 2026, at 10 AM, at Salem Cemetery. Burial will follow. There will be no visitation.

LYON

James Leslie Dunning, age 84, of Kuttawa, passed away December 29, 2025 at Riversbend Retirement Community. Graveside services will be held at 1:00 pm Friday, January 9, 2026 at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church Cemetery with military honors. There will be no public visitation.

MARSHALL

Dan Lee Moore, Jr., 63, of Benton, Kentucky, passed away on Wednesday, December 31, 2025, at his residence. Filbeck-Cann Funeral Home of Milner & Orr is handling the arrangements. There are no services scheduled at this time.

Geneva Bowling, 80, of Calvert City, Kentucky, passed away on Friday, January 2, 2025, at Marshall County Hospital in Benton, Kentucky. A private family service will be held at a later date.

William “Bill” Young, 91, of Benton, Kentucky passed away on Monday, January 5, 2026, at Marshall County Hospital. A visitation will be from 1:00PM until 2:30 PM on Saturday, January 10, 2026 at Collier Funeral Home. A graveside service will be held at 3:00 PM on Saturday, January 10, 2026 at McNatt Cemetery with Military Honors.

Myron W. Collier was called home to be with his Lord and Savior on Sunday, January 4, 2026. There will be no public services.

James Craig Copeland, age 66, od Benton, went home to be with the Lord on New Year’s Day 2026. There will be a private graveside service at Stice Cemetery at a later date.

Ruby Ward Egner, 79 of Calvert City, Kentucky passed away on Wednesday, December 31, 2025 at her home. A funeral service was held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, January 3, 2026 at Mt. Moriah Primitive Baptist Church with Elder Danny Ferrell officiating. Interment will follow in Fooks Cemetery, Benton, KY.

John D. Roberts, 85 of Benton, Kentucky passed away on Tuesday, December 30, 2025 at his home. A funeral service was held at 1:00 PM on Friday, January 2, 2026 at Three Crosses Church with Pastor Leah Degolia officiating. Interment followed at Benton Cemetery, Benton, KY.

David Newlon, 44, of Benton, KY passed away on Monday, December 29, 2025 at Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah, Kentucky. There are no services scheduled at this time.

McCRACKEN

Glen Eugene Mallory lived a life marked by service, dedication, and a love for simple joys. Born on January 1, 1947, in Paducah, Kentucky, Glen

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embraced others with kindness during his seventy-nine years. On January 5th, 2026, he completed his earthly journey, leaving behind a legacy filled with stories, laughter, and an unwavering spirit of generosity. A graveside funeral service was held at 10 A.M. on Thursday, January 8, 2026, at the Woodlawn Memorial Gardens.

Charles Anthony “Tony” Raymond, 69, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away at 9:55 a.m. Monday, January 5, 2026, at Baptist Health Paducah. Graveside services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, January 11, 2026, at the Benton City Cemetery with Rev. Rob Ison officiating. There will be no public visitation.

Kim Brittain, 68, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away on January 4, 2026, at Baptist Health Paducah. There will be no services. Milner & Orr Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Paducah is in charge of arrangements.

David K. Sanders, age 73, of Paducah, Kentucky passed away at 9:17 a.m. Saturday, January 3, 2026 at his home. Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, January 7, 2026 at the Lone Oak Chapel of Milner & Orr Funeral Home with Paul Wingfield officiating. Private family burial will be later at Maplelawn Park Cemetery.

Aaron Arant - It is with profound solemnity and an enduring sense of loss that we record the passing of Aaron Arant, a man of quiet strength, steadfast integrity, and gentle spirit. Mr. Arant departed this life on Friday, January 2, 2026, at the age of 51. Friends and family were invited to pay their respects during the visitation on Thursday, January 8, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m., followed immediately by interment at Mt. Carmel Cemetery, where Aaron was laid to rest.

Shirley Ann Mueller of Paducah passed away surrounded by family on January 2, 2026, at the age of 89. Memorial services were held at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, January 8, 2026, at the Lone Oak Chapel of Milner & Orr Funeral Home with Rev. Greg Waldrop officiating. Urn burial will follow the service at Houser Grove Church of Christ Cemetery.

Marolyn Molesworth, 84, passed away on Monday, December 29, 2025, at her home in Paducah, Kentucky. A funeral service was held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, January 3, 2026, at Lone Oak Church of Christ with Paul Wingfield, Jamey Boone, and Doug Knott officiating.

Lucinda Jean Rhea, 63 of Paducah, Ky passed away on Sunday, 4, 2026 at Lourdes Hospital in Paducah. Services will be held on a later date.

Dwain Lee Goss, 88, of Paducah formerly of Eldorado passed away on Friday, January 2, 2026, at his home with his family by his side. Graveside services were held at 2:00pm on Monday, January, 5,

2026, at Lindale Cemetery in Eldorado, IL with the Rev. Jack Russell officiating. Burial followed.

Roger Leo Johnson, 80, of Paducah passed away on Friday, January 2, 2026, at Baptist Health Paducah. Funeral services will be at 12:00pm on Friday, January 9, 2026, at Lindsey Funeral Home with the Rev. Jim Calhoun officiating. Cremation will follow. Friends may visit the family from 11:00am to service hour on Friday at the funeral home.

John Leo Haslbeck, age 76, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away peacefully on Monday, December 29, 2025, surrounded by the love of his family. No services are scheduled at this time. A celebration of John’s life will be held at a later date.

Patty “PJ” Jo Drew, a cherished soul and beloved matriarch, left this world on December 31, 2025, at the age of 61. A memorial service to honor PJ was held on January 8, 2026, at Pettus Rowland Funeral Home in Paducah, KY, at 1:00 PM.

Trudy Miatkowski, 93, of Paducah, passed away at 12:33 AM on Saturday, January 3, 2026, at Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah. A graveside service was held at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, January 7, 2026 at Maplelawn Park Cemetery in Paducah with Rodney Hays officiating.

Peggy Ann Moody, 92, of Stewart, TN, passed away peacefully on Sunday, January 4, 2026, in Shelbyville, KY. Visitation will take place on Saturday, January 10, 2026, from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm at the Keeling & Goodman Funeral Home, located at 2410 Jackson Street, Paducah, KY, 42003. Graveside services will follow that day at New Liberty Cemetery, 1902 TN-119, Buchanan, TN, beginning at 1:30 pm.

TRIGG

Janet Marie Downing - May 20, 1950 - January 2, 2026 - Private Memorial Services for 75 year old Janet Marie Downing of Hopkinsville will be held at a later date. King’s Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Wayne Walker, age 83, of Cadiz, Kentucky, passed away on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at Trigg County Hospital in Cadiz. Funeral services will be at Goodwin Funeral Home at 10:00 AM, Friday, January 9, 2026, with Bro. John Mitchell and Bro. Tim Smith officiating. Burial will follow in Green Hill Memorial Gardens in Hopkinsville.

Jean Burnam Calhoun, age 87, of Cadiz, Kentucky, passed away on Sunday, January 4, 2026, at Christian Health Center in Hopkinsville, Kentucky. Funeral services will be at Goodwin Funeral Home, 138 Main Street in Cadiz, at 1:00 PM, Saturday, January 10, 2026, with Bro. Brad Chalfin and Bro. Tim Smith officiating. Burial will follow in Trigg Memory Acres. Visitation will precede the service from 11:00 AM until the service hour of 1:00 PM.

Jeannie Malone Gray, age 76, of Cadiz, Kentucky, passed away on Wednesday, December 31, 2025, at Jennie Stuart Medical Center in Hopkinsville, Kentucky. Funeral services were held at Goodwin Funeral Home, 138 Main Street in Cadiz, at 2:00 PM, Saturday, January 3, 2026, with Bro. Justin Carter and Bro. Kyle Noffsinger officiating. Burial will follow in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Richard “Dick” Gust, age 88, of Cadiz, Kentucky, passed away on Tuesday, December 30, 2025, at Murray Calloway County Hospital in Murray, Kentucky. Arrangements are being handled by Goodwin Funeral Home, 138 Main Street in Cadiz, where the family received friends after 4:00 PM on Friday, January 2, 2026, with a prayer service to begin at 6:00 PM.

UNION

Bradley Joseph Alvey, age 50 of Morganfield, KY passed away on December 31, 2025 at his home. A private family service will be held at a later date.

Paul Louis Smock, Jr., age 78 of Morganfield, KY went to his Heavenly Father Wednesday Dec 31, 2025 at Lucy Smith King Care Center in Henderson, KY. Funeral Service was held at 1:00 pm Tuesday, Jan 6, 2026 at St. Ann Catholic Church in Morganfield, KY. Fr. Freddie Byrd officiated. Burial followed in St. Ann Cemetery in Morganfield.

Kelly Davis, age 64 of Morganfield, KY passed away Wednesday, December 31, 2025 at his home. Services will be held at a later date.

WEBSTER

Billy Lane Blankenship, 102, of Lisman, KY passed away peacefully, leaving behind a legacy of faith, service, music, and deep love for family and friends. Funeral services were held on Wednesday January 7th, 2026 at 11am at Townsend Funeral Home in Dixon, KY. Minister/Great-grandson Tyler Wunderlich will officiate the service. Burial will be in Lisman Cemetery in Lisman, KY. Fort Campbell Honor Guard will provide Military rites at the graveside.

Jeffrey “Jeff” Ken Daniel, 65, of Poole, Kentucky, passed away at his home on Wednesday, December 31, 2025. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on January 4, 2026, at Townsend Funeral Home in Dixon, Kentucky, with longtime family friend Bro. Gary Ashby officiating. Burial followed at the Daniel Family Cemetery in Poole, Kentucky.

Jo Ann Scales, age 90, passed away on December 30, 2025. Visitation was held on Saturday January 3 at 10:00 am in Dixon KY at Townsend Funeral Home, 140 US-41, followed at 11:00 am by the funeral service and final burial at Slover Cemetery in Dixon.

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At this time of year, we begin planning our intentions, as January marks a new beginning and is the ideal opportunity to implement physical, emotional, and spiritual lifestyle changes. CS Lewis is quoted, “You are never too old to set another goal, or dream a new dream.” You notice I used the word developing, because whatever our goals, including drawing closer to God, is a process like losing weight, exercising, or any other vision we are focused on. For example, eating a salad today and resisting the pie is not going to automatically make us skinny, but it’s a positive first step. Likewise, being determined to succeed is how we become more aware of God’s voice. Are we spiritually

in control of how we speak and act, or do our carnal emotions control us? Are we seeking the easy way to solve our problems, or a lifestyle change that surrenders our thoughts over to God’s will?

One of our most powerful vows would be to dedicate time each day to prayer and meditation. If we are serious about personal transformation, we will seek God’s help to guide us in the things we know we need to do, or that we need to stop doing. For example, I heard someone say the other day that if a person is serious about conquering bad eating habits, they would ask God to help adjust their cravings. I agree, but what if the love of food is more powerful than their desire to become healthy? What if the

person does not really want to surrender this powerful addiction? What if a person loves money, pornography, being lazy, selfish, abusive, or smoking, or alcohol, more than they care about what God thinks? Until the desire to change becomes more important than staying the same, our visions are nothing more than dreams. When the mind changes, the deeds and actions of the body will follow. No matter what people say, our body is God’s temple, and the way we treat it is very important to Him.

Do you believe that if we asked God to deliver us from our weaknesses, He would get involved? What if we sincerely asked the Lord that for every time we lusted to do something we know is a sinful negative behavior, that He

would make us nauseated? Too extreme, you might say? I believe this is how desperate we must become in order to break free from the chains that hold us in spiritual and mental bondage. Let’s go ahead and try it, I dare us. The reverential fear of God includes having an awareness of His authority. Do we care that when we defy Him and allow sin to govern our lives, we are hurting Him? Do we care what He thinks or how much He’s concerned about our wrong decisions? How much do we meditate on the reverential fear of God, and the price He paid to redeem us from an eternal death?

Spiritual obedience to God and accomplishing His desires come from the inside out. To change what is on the outside, we

must first rearrange what is on the inside. When Christ is invited to sit on the throne of our hearts to be the King and Master of our lives, only then can we comprehend what it means to take up our cross and follow Him. The refiner’s fire is not just a religious slogan; it is a requirement to comprehend the difference between a religious masquerade and a personal, intimate relationship with Jesus. His salvation is not just Him being a Savior; this heavenly concept is founded on His desire to become our Lord. The question we are faced with is do we really want to be a living sacrifice for Him? (Read Romans 12:1-2).

Our lives are filled with as many distractions as we allow, and we can be as filled and

as close to God as we want. We are servants to whom we obey, Romans 6:16. How bad do we want God? Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, “What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.” Romans 8:31 declares, “What then shall we say of these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?” Well, we know the devil is against us, but at the end of the day, our free will to choose is the only thing that can prevent what Christ died for us to be.

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I can’t remember when I was so happy at the end of a deer season. Not that I was happy it was over, but I was happy it ended in such a memorable way. Let me tell you about it. I spent four days in the Midwest as I do every year. During this time of the year, the deer are coming to food – including the big bucks. They’re trying to put back on all the weight they lost during the rut.

If you are where the food is, you will see deer. Sometimes you’ll see a nominal amount and other times an above average amount. This was the year for an above average amount. But what was so intriguing to me was to be able to watch how the deer acted under different weather conditions, wind directions, and even a bit of human intervention. Let me say first, I didn’t

harvest a buck. I shot one on the second day and watched a skiff of snow cover all the signs. The next morning we were still not able to find any sign or any deer. So, that kept the trip from being perfect. But it did not keep it from being a time I will never forget.

The most unforgettable day was when we decided to drive the side by side all the way up to

the blind because of some gear we needed to unload. We parked it about 20 yards behind the blind, but in full sight of most deer. About 2 hours before dark, the deer began to wander into the 25-acre corn field. The does noticed the side by side, were a little squeamish, but decided it was just the farmer running around the farm. Most stayed in the field throughout the evening. The bucks’ reactions were altogether different. Some stayed at the edge of the field, some refused to come in, and others hurried to a distance in the field far enough away from any perceived danger. It really was amazing to me to watch all the different ways these bucks responded to this strange but

stationary piece of equipment. I’m sure their different reactions came about according to their age, maturity, past experiences, and genetics. Each one responded in a way they thought was right. And in a way they thought was best for everyone. Even though many of the other deer did not agree. I wish humans could learn this lesson.

Have you ever wondered why some people react differently from you? Have you ever wondered why someone can see the scene, and tell the story from a different perspective? Have you ever wondered how someone can see a problem and decide the best way to solve

it is totally different than how you would solve it? Maybe they’re not wrong. Maybe they are just coming from another place. And instead of assuming the worst, maybe the better response from all of us is grace.

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Light Exposure

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Skunk spray is easy to smell, but difficult to see. When we lived in Murray, Kentucky, our dogs were sprayed by the gag-inducing gas (nothing out of the ordinary), and I had difficulty expelling the odor from our home because I couldn't tell where it was. I could

no longer endure identifying it with my nose, so I purchased an ultraviolet flashlight to do so. Because the flashlight emits fluorescent rays that detect mold, pet urine, and other stains, I thought skunk spray (which is an oil) would undoubtedly glow neon green under its light. Unfortunately, it did not. However, when

I strolled around the house with the hand-held light, it uncovered spots and stains I never saw before. It highlighted tiny specks of food residue near the trash can and small drip lines of condensation by the stovetop fan. The light exposed grime I could not see with the naked eye. And, while I was frustrated to discover that

we had even more to clean than before, I am grateful that the light revealed previously unseen dirt. Don't buy an ultraviolet flashlight unless you are prepared to break out the Clorox for a thorough cleaning!

The blazing light of holy Scripture also exposes grime we cannot see with the naked eye. The Holy Spirit uses the Bible to reveal stains that we would never detect by ourselves. When you read and study God's word,

it shines a brilliant beam on sin's residue in your heart and life. Paul wrote, "But all things become visible when they are exposed by the light, for everything that becomes visible is light" (Ephesians 5:13).

Apart from Scripture's radiant light of truth shining upon us, we will stumble in the darkness of evil and error. The psalmist declared, "The unfolding of your words gives light" (Psalm 119:130). Solomon likewise

proclaimed, "For the commandment is a lamp and the teaching a light, and the re-proofs of discipline are the way of life" (Proverbs 6:23).

The light of Scripture does not uncover our sins so the Lord may see them, for even "our secret sins [are] in the light of your presence" (Psalm 90:8). Instead, the Bible's gleaming light exposes our sins so we can see them for what they truly are.

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International Field Cultivator - Hydraulic folding, hydraulic raise and lower, 5 bar drag harrow
John Deere 922F Platform Head - 22 Ft. cutting width, metal snouts, poly reel, SN:H00922F635286
Custom Built Header Dart - Lights, rear hitch
1978 Ford 8000 Grain Truck - 260,988 miles, tri axle, 1 lift axle, Cat engine, tarp, VIN:U80DVBA8541
Ficklin 400 Gravity Wagon - Center dump, front & rear ladder, Pro-Lock tarp, lights, Killbros running gear
Bradford 225 Gravity Wagon - Side dump, lights, rear hitch
Ficklin 400 Gravity Wagon - Center dump, lights, rear ladder, Killbros running gear with hitch
HAMMER & GUMP 225 Gravity Wagon - Side dump, unload auger, rear lights, rear hitch
1989 Ford C8000 Truck - 29,599 miles, Cab and chassis truck, Cat 3208 Engine, manual transmission, this truck is from the Pittsburg fire department, dually, cab, heat, air, VIN:1FDYD80UXKVA29435
White 6100 28% Applicator - 8 row, 36in spacing, 500gal poly tank
Hay Wagon - 16 Ft X 7 Ft, rear rack
Remlinger 500 Harrowgator - 16 Ft working width, 3 Ft wings, hydraulic raise and lower
Brillion Cultipacker - 14 Ft. working width, end transport
9 Row Cultivator - 3 Point, hydraulic folding wings
International 55 Chisel Plow - 3 Point hookup, 36 In shovel spacing, 13 Ft working width
3 Point Chisel Plow - 13ft working width
John Deere Rotary Hoe - 13ft working width, 3 Point hookup
White 6138 Planter - 8 row 36in spacing, with 5 row splitter for 18in rows, gauge wheels, row firmers, custom made closing wheels, liquid fertilizer, SN:608591
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Kentucky Launches Mobile ID to Enhance Travel and Security

FRANKFORT, Ky. – Kentucky residents now have a new, secure option for proving their identity while traveling. Gov. Andy Beshear today announced the launch of Kentucky Mobile ID, a voluntary digital version of a standard or REAL ID driver’s license or state ID that can be used at Transportation Security Administration (TSA) checkpoints at more than 250 airports nationwide.

The new Mobile ID aligns with Team Kentucky’s ongoing commitment to modernize licensing

services while helping protect residents from identity theft. Stored securely on a smartphone, the digital ID allows users to verify their identity while sharing only the information required for a specific transaction. Officials emphasized that Mobile ID does not replace a physical driver’s license or ID card, which Kentuckians should continue to carry at all times.

“Mobile ID offers Kentuckians more options for air travel, while further protecting them from identity theft or having their private information

shared,” Gov. Beshear said. “We want our families to be safe and feel safe while they are traveling, and this is just another step Team Kentucky is taking to increase safety for our people.”

Kentucky Mobile ID is protected by a phone’s PIN, Touch ID or Face ID, making it more secure if a device is lost or stolen than a physical wallet. Its authenticity is verified through the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) using existing driver licensing records. The digital ID can be used for air travel, age-restricted purchases or identity verification at participating businesses and agencies.

Kentuckians with a valid state license, permit or ID card can request a Mobile ID through the app. Those who apply with a standard license but later upgrade to a REAL ID will see their updated status reflected in the app within days, even before the physical card arrives. Federal REAL ID enforcement began May 7, 2025, requiring REAL ID-compliant identification for commercial air travel and access to military

bases.

KYTC Secretary Jim Gray highlighted the privacy benefits of the technology. “A digital ID serves as an addition to a physical ID, allowing Kentuckians convenience when proving their identity,” Gray said. “One of the biggest benefits is limiting how much personal information you have to show during a transaction.”

Kentucky joins 18 other states and Puerto Rico in offering IDEMIA’s Mobile ID app. In the Commonwealth, Mobile ID is accepted at TSA checkpoints at Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport, Louisville Muhammad Ali International Airport, Blue Grass Airport in Lexington and Barkley Regional Airport in Paducah.

Officials noted that not all businesses or agencies accept Mobile ID, and state law still requires drivers to present a physical license during traffic stops. More information about Kentucky Mobile ID is available at drive.ky.gov/mobile-id.

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