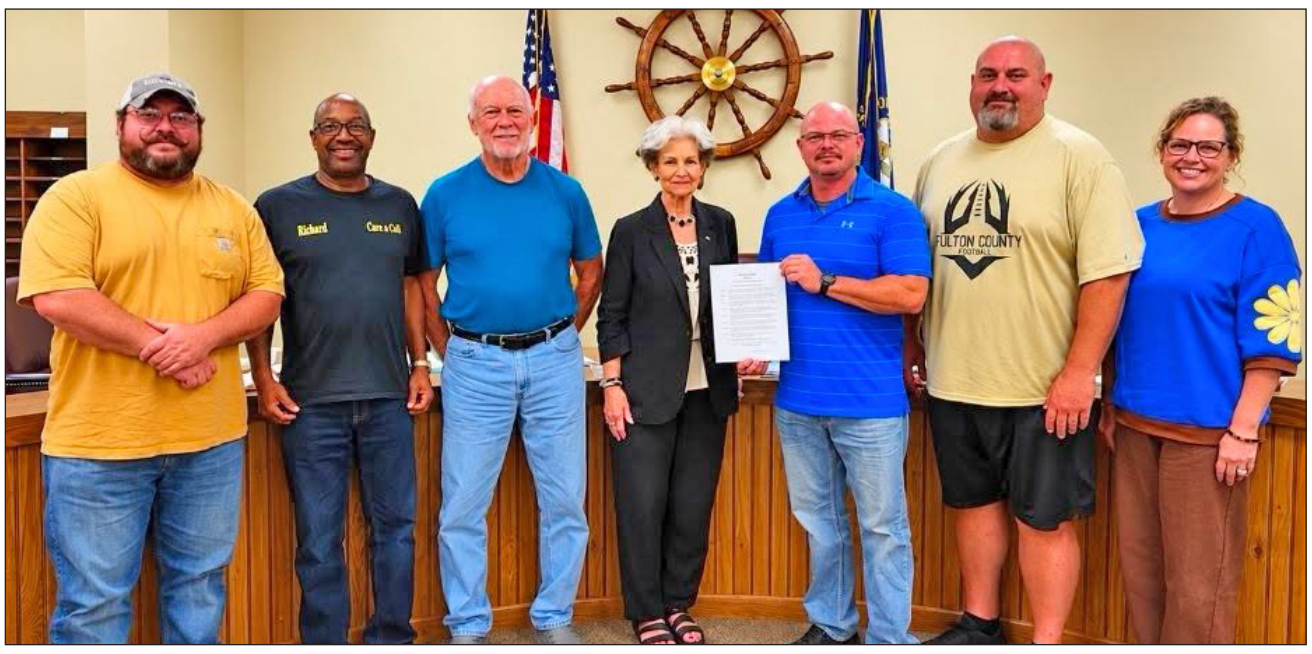


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Kentucky Retired Teachers' Appreciation Week recognized



Hickman Mayor Heath Carlton signed a proclamation recognizing the third week of October as Kentucky Retired Teachers' Appreciation Week during a recent City Commission meeting. Susan Caldwell Black accepted the proclamation honoring retired educators for their service and lasting contributions to schools and communities. Pictured from left are Commissioner John Wiley Gannon, Mayor Pro Tem Richard Holloway, David Gallagher, Susan Caldwell Black, Carlton, Commissioner James Bridges and Commissioner Robin Amberg.



Attention Four River Counties High School Juniors and Seniors! Applications are NOW OPEN for the second class of the Four River Counties 4-H Teen Leadership Academy!

KY 1371 in Carlisle County to Close for Three Months

By Wilbur Jackson
KPI Writer

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) has announced plans to close a section of KY 1371 in Carlisle County for approximately three months, with the closure scheduled to begin Monday, October 26, 2026.

The closure is expected to affect local motorists who regularly travel the route, and drivers are encouraged to plan ahead and allow additional time for their trips while the roadway is unavailable.

KYTC periodically closes roadways to accommodate construction, repairs and other infrastructure projects that require crews to work safely within the roadway. A closure lasting several months can require motorists to adjust their daily commutes, particularly those who depend on the affected route for access to nearby homes, businesses and other destinations.

Drivers should watch for posted signs and follow any designated detours or alternate routes established during the closure. Motorists are also encouraged to exercise caution when traveling near construction areas and to remain alert for changing traffic patterns.

Residents who regularly use KY 1371 may want to consider alternate travel plans before the closure begins to avoid unexpected delays. Those traveling through Carlisle County should also remain aware of possible changes to local traffic conditions as work progresses.

The announced October 26 start date gives motorists time to prepare for the temporary disruption. KYTC encourages drivers to pay attention to official transportation updates for additional information about the project, including the exact limits of the closure, the recommended detour and the anticipated reopening date.

The three-month closure is expected to remain in effect into late January 2027, depending on the project's progress and any weather-related delays.

Motorists can find current road conditions, traffic advisories and other transportation updates through KYTC's official communication channels and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's District 1 office.

Drivers should verify the latest information before traveling in the area, as construction schedules and roadway restrictions can change.

Carlisle 4H had a productive weekend



Carlisle had a fun filled 4-H weekend! Saturday their woodworkers built two picnic tables that will be donated to our West Kentucky 4-H Camp. Sunday they got crafty and painted Halloween scenes on brick pavers.

Multi-Agency Law Enforcement Effort Leads to Arrest

By Wilbur Jackson
KPI Writer

Multiple law enforcement agencies, including the Paducah Police Department, Ballard County Sheriff's Office and Carlisle County Sheriff's Office, assisted in a pursuit and arrest involving a suspect identified as Ellis who had fled from deputies.

The multi-agency response brought together officers from several jurisdictions to help locate and apprehend the suspect following the initial flight from law enforcement. Cooperation among local police departments and sheriff's offices can be essential when suspects flee, particularly when incidents extend beyond the jurisdiction where they began.

The agencies involved worked together during the pursuit and subsequent arrest. Their assistance highlighted the importance of communication and coordination among law enforcement officers responding to incidents that may require support from neighboring communities.

Multi-agency cooperation allows departments to share resources and personnel when circumstances call for additional assistance. Such coordination can help officers respond to developing situations while working to protect public safety.

The Paducah Police Department, Ballard County Sheriff's Office and Carlisle County Sheriff's Office each contributed assistance during the incident.

Additional details about the pursuit, including where it began, the circumstances surrounding the suspect's flight, the location of the arrest and any charges filed against Ellis, were not immediately available.

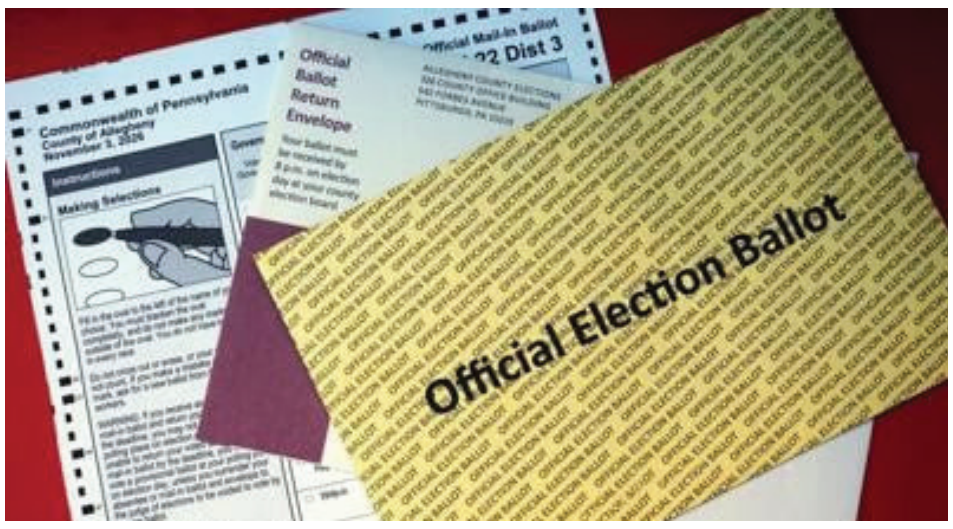
Information regarding whether anyone was injured or whether other agencies participated in the response also was not provided.

Authorities may release further information as details surrounding the incident become available. Any formal charges and related court proceedings would be documented through the appropriate law enforcement and judicial agencies.

The incident underscores the role of interagency partnerships in addressing law enforcement situations that cross jurisdictional boundaries throughout western Kentucky.

Kentuckians, request your absentee ballot by Oct. 20

By Tom Latek
Kentucky Today



FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – The deadline to request an absentee ballot for the November General Election is just around the corner on October 20.

"Absentee ballots give voters who may be sick, out of town during in-person voting, or folks with special circumstances a chance to vote and make their voice heard," said Fayette County Clerk Susan Lamb. "Make sure to request your ballot no later than October 20 by 11:59 p.m. to receive your absentee ballot."

To make an absentee request, go to GoVote.Ky.Gov. You must meet one of the eligibility requirements to vote absentee. Those include:

—Voters covered under the Kentucky Uniform Military and Overseas Act, KRS 117A.010.

—Students who temporarily live outside the county of their residence.

—Incarcerated individuals who have not been convicted of the crime they are charged with.

—Voters temporarily living outside of Kentucky who are still eligible to vote in Kentucky.

—Voters who will be absent on Election Day and during all in-person absentee or no-excuse early voting days.

—Participants in the Secretary of State's crime victim address confidentiality program.

—Voters who are not able to appear at the polls on Election Day or on the days in-person voting is conducted, on account of age, disability or illness and have not been declared mentally disabled by a court of competent jurisdiction.

Completed absentee ballots must be returned your local county clerk's office no later than 6 p.m. on November 3, which is Election Day. Voters can either drop their ballots off at the ballot drop boxes provided by your county clerk or send in the completed ballot by mail.

Contact your local county clerk for more information.

November 3 is the mid-term election, where voters will have plenty of races to decide. Among them, the U.S. Senate seat currently held by Republican Mitch McConnell of Louisville, who is not seeking re-election.

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



Book sale will keep library services available

By Laurna Pruett
KPI Writer

LA CENTER — A used book purchased for as little as 50 cents can help support internet access, summer reading activities and other services at the Ballard-Carlisle Public Library.

More than 1,000 used books will be available during the library's Oct. 23–24 sale at the former Damron Appliance Store, 593 W. Kentucky Drive in La Center.

Library Director Alita Rogers said the sale will help cover everyday expenses at a library funded by donations and grants rather than taxes.

"Any funds received from the sale will contribute to being able to continue having a public library available to the public," Rogers said.

Proceeds will help pay telephone and internet bills, fees for the photocopier available to the public and expenses associated with the Summer Reading Program.

Rogers has been inventorying books in storage, including duplicates, donations and titles removed from circulation. She said those withdrawn include books more than 15 years old that are outdated and are not part of a well-known series.

Several volunteers will assist Rogers and library board members with the sale. The library does not have a Friends of the Library group.

The former Damron store offers space to display the books, available parking and a convenient location along the main road through the county, Rogers said. It is on Highway 60, across from Dollar General and Mi Rancho restaurant.

Sale hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23, and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24. Hardcovers and large paperbacks will be $1 each, and small paperbacks will be 50 cents each.

After noon Saturday, shoppers can fill a plastic bag with books for $5.

The sale does not signal a library move. Rogers said the library will remain at its current location and will be open Friday during regular hours.

Applications open for 4-H Teen Leadership Academy

By Laurna Pruett
KPI Writer

For high school students thinking about life after graduation, meeting the right people and finding the confidence to take the next step can make a difference.

The Four River Counties 4-H Teen Leadership Academy offers juniors and seniors in Ballard, Carlisle, Fulton and Hickman counties a chance to do both. Applications are now open for the program's second class, with a deadline of Oct. 21, 2026.

The academy brings students together to explore leadership, communication, civic engagement and agriculture through experiences beyond the classroom. Participants will tour farms and agricultural businesses, connect with community leaders and build their resumes while developing valuable leadership skills.

Those visits will give students a closer look at the people and businesses working in their communities. Along the way, they will also have opportunities to build friendships and expand their networks with students from neighboring counties.

Whether students already have a career in mind or are still exploring their options, the academy offers a chance to ask questions, discover interests and practice skills they can carry into college, the workplace and community involvement.

Students do not have to be current 4-H members to apply. Interested juniors and seniors should contact their local Extension office for an application or more information.

OCTC Workforce Solutions to host TechX information sessions October 21st

By Katie Powers

OWENSBORO, KY — Owensboro Community & Technical College (OCTC) will host a TechX information session for individuals interested in fast-track training for high-demand manufacturing and industrial careers.

The sessions will be held on Wednesday, October 21, at 5:30 p.m. in the Industry Innovation Center (IIC) Lobby on OCTC's main campus, located at 4800 New Hartford Rd.

TechX is an accelerated training program designed to help students earn industry-recognized credentials in as little as two semesters through hands-on, industry-driven instruction. Participants train with experienced instructors while building practical technical skills aligned with workforce needs.

The program offers an employer-driven evening track that allows many students to continue working while completing their training. Credentials earned through TechX may also be stacked toward an Associate in Applied Science degree.

During the information sessions, attendees will learn about program structure, scheduling, credential opportunities, degree pathways, and available support services.

The TechX Info Sessions are open to current and prospective students, as well as community members interested in exploring career advancement opportunities in advanced manufacturing.

For more information about TechX, visit: https://owensboro.kctcs.edu/education-training/program-finder/tech-x.aspx.

RSVP for the information sessions by emailing James.cecil@kctcs.edu or calling 270-231-7749.

Owensboro Community & Technical College is one of the sixteen community and technical colleges that make up the Kentucky Community & Technical College System. OCTC serves the KY counties of Daviess, Hancock, Ohio and McLean. OCTC has three campuses in Daviess County and a Center and Annex in Hancock County. OCTC strives to serve the communities in the service area by providing associate degree education for transfer, state of the art technical education for students focusing on entering the workforce, customized business and industry solutions through the Workforce Solutions division, and adult education and business and industry testing through the SkillTrain unit.

The Kentucky Community and Technical College System is the Commonwealth's largest postsecondary institution with 16 colleges and more than 70 campuses. We also are Kentucky's largest provider of workforce training and online education. Through partnerships with business and industry, we align our programs to meet the needs of local employers. We help students fulfill their dreams of creating a better life through programs that lead directly to jobs or help them transfer to one of our four-year partners.

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Honoring Breast Cancer Awareness MONTH



The effects of cancer on the body

The World Health Organization reports that breast cancer was the most common form of the disease among women in 164 of 186 countries in 2024. The footprint of breast cancer is significant, and millions of women and their families confront that impact each year.

Breast cancer affects women in different ways. While each woman's experience will be different, the following are some of the ways breast cancer can affect the body.

• Increased feelings of tiredness: Fatigue is a side effect of breast cancer and the treatments for it. WebMD notes that the fatigue women may feel while battling breast cancer can last for months after treatment, and sometimes even longer than that. But women may not be helpless against breast cancer-related fatigue. In fact, WebMD notes that eating a well-balanced diet, getting sufficient sleep and staying as physically active as possible are some ways women may be able to alleviate the tiredness that can appear during and even after treatment.

• Changes to the skin: According to Breast Cancer Trials, which is an organization made up of breast cancer doctors and researchers devoted to finding better treatments for the disease, the underlying tumor can affect the skin, blood vessels and the lymphatic system. That can lead to an assortment of skin changes, including some that might be the first sign of breast cancer. Redness, dimpling, thickening of the skin on the breast or underarm, scaliness, and persistent itching are some of the skin changes women may experience while battling breast cancer.

• Swelling in the upper body: WebMD notes that the lymph nodes from the arm near the breast containing the tumor are sometimes removed during surgical treatments. That removal may be vital, but it also can contribute to a buildup of fluid that leads to swelling in the arm, chest, and even abdominal region. Stiffness and soreness in these areas also may develop. Chemotherapy drugs also can lead to the buildup of fluid that eventually can contribute to swelling in the arms and legs.

• Bone loss and vulnerability to fractures: The Endocrine Society notes that hormonal therapy for breast cancer can make patients vulnerable to fractures. Fracture rates may be as high as 20 percent, and post-menopausal women may be particularly vulnerable to broken bones after hormonal therapy for breast cancer. Bone loss also may occur because treatments for breast cancer can decrease estrogen. Lower levels of a type of estrogen hormone known as estradiol has been linked to osteoporosis.

No two women experience breast cancer in the same way. But the disease and treatments for it can produce some similar side effects that women can work to address with their health care teams.



Breast cancer screening FAQ



Preventive health care emphasizes healthy lifestyle choices like eating a nutritious, well-balanced diet and avoiding a sedentary lifestyle. Screening for various diseases, including cancer, is another important component of preventive health care that encourages individuals to be proactive in relation to their overall health.

Women may hear about breast cancer screening as early as adolescence. Despite that, it's not uncommon for women of all ages to have questions about breast cancer screening.

When should breast cancer screening begin?

This is not a one-size-fits-all answer. The American Cancer Society advises women at average breast cancer risk to begin screening between the ages of 40 and 44. Women are considered at average risk if they have no personal history or strong family history of breast cancer. Women also are considered at average risk if they do not have gene mutations linked to breast cancer or a history of chest radiation therapy prior to age 30. While the ACS notes women at average risk have the option to begin screening prior to age 44, the organization advises women to schedule annual mammograms beginning at age 45 and to continue getting them through age 54. If screenings do not show anything by age 54, women can then choose to get a mammogram every other year beginning at age 55.

What if I am at elevated risk for breast cancer?

Women who do not meet the criteria for average risk due to personal or family history will need to begin screening much earlier. The ACS recommends women at high risk for breast cancer get a breast MRI and a mammogram every year beginning at age 30. But the ACS also advises women to make this decision after careful discussion with their health care team. It's also notable that the ACS indicates an MRI should never be substituted for a mammogram, as it's possible an MRI will miss cancers a mammogram will find.

What is a 3D mammogram?

3D mammography is a relatively new screening option that has piqued many women's curiosity in recent years. Brown University Health reports that a 3D mammogram rotates in an arc and takes X-rays of the breast at different angles, ultimately producing a more detailed view of the breast for radiologists to examine. By contrast, a 2D mammogram takes single X-rays at two different angles. But the ACS notes many breast imaging centers do not have 3D mammography. If given the choice between a 2D mammogram or none at all, women should always get the 2D mammogram. If 3D imaging is available, then that might be the way to go, as Brown University Health notes 3D mammography tends to detect more cancers and produce fewer false positives.

Are mammograms foolproof?

While mammograms are highly effective at detecting breast cancer, they are not perfect. The O'Neal Cancer Center notes that dense breast tissue can make breast cancer detection more difficult. Because no screening is perfect, it's imperative that women adhere to screening guidelines even if results are consistently negative and they do not feel anything unusual during self-examinations.

Screening for cancer is an integral component of preventive health care. Women are urged to make breast cancer screening part of their preventive health care routine.

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Carlisle County High School senior Wyatt Rickard announced his commitment to the University of Southern Mississippi men's basketball program on Monday, Oct. 12.

(Photo Courtesy of University of Southern Mississippi Men's Basketball)

HIGH SCHOOL GOLF

Falcon Golf Tournament to be held Oct. 24

Staff Report

CLINTON — The Falcon Golf Tournament is set to be held at Oak Hill Golf Course on Saturday, Oct. 24.

The tournament will serve as a fundraiser for the Hickman County golf team.

The registration fee for the Falcon Golf Tournament is $160 per four-person team.

Mulligans, skirts and string will be available to purchase at the scramble.

In addition, lunch will be available for $10 per person.

Registration for the Falcon Golf Tournament is available at the Oak Hill Golf Course Pro Shop.

The Falcon Golf Tournament will start at noon.

Proceeds from the event will support the Hickman County golf team.

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Carlisle County tied for fifth in KVCA Region 1 Top 5 Poll



(Photo Courtesy of Carlisle County High School)

Staff Report

BARDWELL — Carlisle County is tied for fifth in the KVCA Region 1 Top 5 Poll.

The Kentucky Volleyball Coaches Association (KVCA) released the KVCA Region 1 Top 5 Poll on Tuesday, Oct. 6.

Murray is tied with Carlisle County for fifth in the KVCA Region 1 Top 5 Poll.

Marshall County (T-3), Graves County (T-3), McCracken County (T-1) and Ballard Memorial (T-1) are ranked ahead of the Lady Comets.

Carlisle County is a perennial title contender.

Teams are currently competing in the final week of the 2026 high school volleyball regular season.

The KVCA Region 1 Top 5 Poll follows.

KVCA Region 1 Top 5 Poll

T-1. Ballard Memorial

T-1. McCracken County

T-3. Graves County

T-3. Marshall County

T-5. Carlisle County

T-5. Murray

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Bomber Football Playing For 1st Place



(Photo by Tim Taylor)

By Tim Taylor

It has been many years since Ballard Memorial's football team has been in position to play for first place in the district regular season race. They are in that position heading into the Friday, October 16th matchup at Fulton County. The Pilots and Bombers both enter the game with 1-0 records in the 4-team district race, and the winner will hold their own destiny to a district title. Ballard Memorial is coming off a 42-13 win over district foe Russellville while Fulton County enters with an equally impressive 58-7 district win over Caverna. The Bombers in 2001 entered their matchup with Mayfield with a perfect 9-0 record and lost to the Cardinals to finish that season as district runner up. Since the Cardinals have moved up to Class 2A, that has made the district title for both teams more attainable.

Bomber Head Coach Jon Hedges realizes the importance of the Friday night matchup but wants his players to focus on the game itself instead of the potential of a district title. Keeping that focus on the game at hand and game plan is what Coach Hedges will be instilling into his players. If the Bombers can execute the game plan, Friday night could very well be a historical night for Ballard Memorial football.

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Fulton County drops match to Murray

Staff Report

MURRAY — Fulton County couldn't battle back from behind as Murray prevailed 3-0 in a late-season non-district volleyball match on Monday, Oct. 12.

Murray won in straight sets, 25-17, 25-23, 25-8.

With the win, Murray improved to 15-12.

As a result of the loss, Fulton County slipped to 7-15.

Familiar foes Fulton County and Murray are longtime 1st Region rivals.

Aubrei Wilson, Tamaria Fitzpatrick, Zola Cheirs, Ava Wheeler, Sydnee Whitten, Brooklyn Owens, Maci Curry and Taylan Hendrix each contributed for Fulton County in the non-district match,

Fulton County continues to compete in the final week of the 2026 high school volleyball regular season.

HIGH SCHOOL GOLF

Knox Kelly Represents Carlisle County at State Golf Championship

Staff Report

Knox Kelly represented Carlisle County High School at the Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) State Championship golf tournament under head coach Brett Johnson.

The state tournament brought together some of Kentucky's top high school golfers, providing Kelly an opportunity to compete against a strong field of players and represent the Comets on a statewide stage.

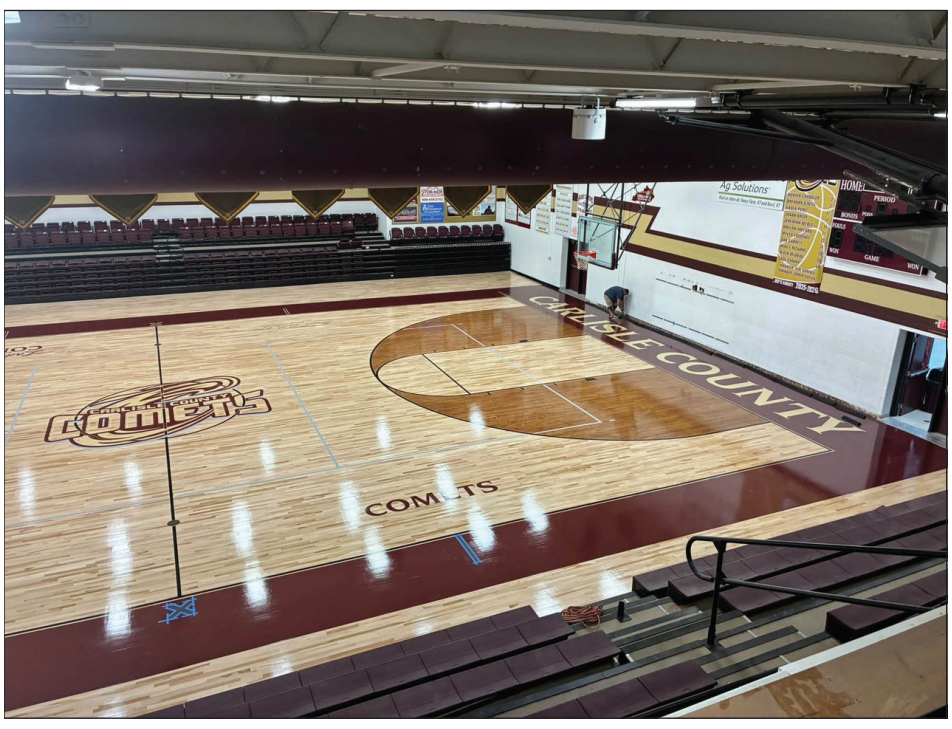
Reaching the state championship is a significant accomplishment, requiring dedication, consistency and preparation throughout the golf season. The competition challenges players to demonstrate accuracy, patience and mental toughness while navigating demanding course conditions.

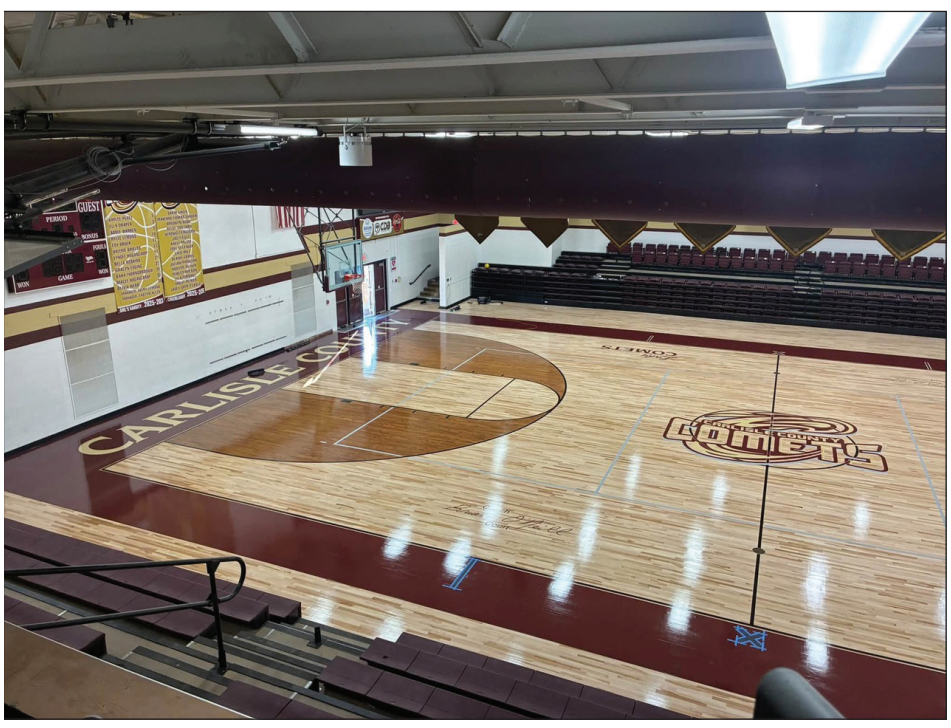
Golf requires athletes to make strategic decisions throughout each round, manage pressure and remain focused despite changing circumstances. Competing at the state level also provides valuable experience for student-athletes as they continue developing their skills.

Kelly's participation highlighted Carlisle County's presence in Kentucky high school golf and recognized the commitment required to compete among the state's best players. His appearance at the championship marked an opportunity to represent his school and community in one of the season's premier competitions.



Carlisle County High School has a new gym floor. The first high school volleyball match, Volley for a Cure Night, was held on the new gym floor Tuesday, Oct. 13. *(Photo Courtesy of Carlisle County High School)*





HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Marshall Ends Lady Bombers Winning Streak



(Photo by Tim Taylor)

By Tim Taylor

The Ballard Memorial Lady Bomber volleyball team won 6 straight matches after the All A State Tournament appearance. They entered Fall Break and looked to continue that strong late season play coming out of the 11 day break in their schedule. Things did not materialize in their return to the court as Marshall County defeated Ballard Memorial in 3 sets winning 25-17, 25-16, 25-12. The first quarter of each match the Lady Bombers were in contention. But once things went bad for Ballard Memorial, they escalated quickly. Marshall County came out of the small break in action trailing by 5 but then took control. The Lady Bombers still led 9-6 before the Lady Marshals went on an 11-1 run to go ahead 17-10. They never looked back winning the opening set by 8 points. It was the same script in the 2nd set with the Lady Bomber committing errors, and Marshall County capitalizing on those miscues. Ballard Memorial led 8-6 before Marshall went on a 13-1 run to win going away by 9 points. In the final set, just when they did not think things could get worse, they did. It was a 7 all tie before the Lady Marshals ended the match outscoring the Lady Bombers 18-5. The loss leaves Ballard Memorial with a 24-9 record. They will regroup as they head into district tournament play. The Lady Bombers enter the 3rd District Tournament as the 2 seed after losing the points allowed tie breaker to Graves County as both teams finished district play at 3-1. Ballard Memorial will play Mayfield Monday, October 19th at Graves County at 6:00 in the 3rd District Tournament semifinals. The winner advances to Tuesday's 3rd District Championship match against the host Lady Eagles with the championship match also starting at 6:00 on the 20th.

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Carlisle County Lady Comets Host Annual Volley for a Cure Game

Staff Report

The Carlisle County Lady Comets volleyball team recently hosted the Mayfield Lady Cardinals for its annual Volley for a Cure game, bringing the community together for an evening of volleyball and fundraising in support of cancer awareness.

The event combined the excitement of high school athletics with an opportunity for players, families and fans to contribute to a meaningful cause. Through the annual game, the Lady Comets helped raise awareness about cancer while encouraging community members to participate in fundraising efforts.

As part of the event, organizers held silent auctions featuring fans and supporters to bid on. Auction items were also listed on the Carlisle County Lady Comets' Facebook page, allowing people to follow the fundraising activities online.

Bidding updates were provided during the game and through the team's Facebook page, giving interested participants opportunities to keep track of the auctions and stay informed as bids changed. The combination of in-person activities and online updates helped make the fundraiser accessible to members of the community who wanted to support the effort.

Volley for a Cure games have become a way for high school volleyball programs to use the sport to bring attention to cancer-related issues while also supporting local families affected by the disease. Events such as this one offer student-athletes and their supporters a chance to come together beyond the competition on the court.

The matchup between Carlisle County and Mayfield provided the setting for the annual fundraiser, with both teams participating in an evening that emphasized community involvement alongside athletic competition.

By organizing the game and silent auctions, the Lady Comets continued the tradition of using volleyball to encourage support for cancer awareness and fundraising. The event also highlighted the role local schools and athletic programs can play in bringing people together for causes that affect families throughout the

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

1st District Volleyball Tournament slated for Oct. 19-20



(Photo Courtesy of Carlisle County High School)

Staff Report

CLINTON — Hickman County is set to host the 2026 1st District Volleyball Tournament Monday, Oct. 19-Tuesday, Oct. 20.

The 1st District is comprised of Hickman County, Carlisle County, Fulton City and Fulton County.

Hickman County is slated to meet Fulton County in the second match of the 1st District Volleyball Tournament Monday, Oct. 19.

Carlisle County and Fulton City are due to meet in the first match of the 1st District Volleyball Tournament at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 19.

The winners from the Hickman County-Fulton County and Carlisle County-Fulton City matches will meet in the 1st District Volleyball Tournament title match on Tuesday, Oct. 20.

Hickman County is the defending 1st District volleyball champion. The Lady Falcons outlasted Carlisle County 3-2 (16-25, 25-23, 25-21, 17-25, 15-12) in the 2025 1st District Volleyball Tournament title match.

Hickman County will host the entire 2026 1st District Volleyball Tournament.

Both the champion and the runner-up from the 1st District will advance to the 1st Region Volleyball

AG UPDATE
for Ag and Natural Resources



Tom Miller,
Ballard County Ext. Agent

ARC - Co or PLC Decision for 2026 Crop Year

As we set here at the beginning of the marketing year for 2026 corn and soybeans, wheat's marketing year started in June, this is the first time that we know or have a good idea about the yield of the 2026 crop. Remember the Big Beautiful Bill gave you a break on the Arc-Co/PLC election in 2025 by giving you whatever will pay the most. For the 2026 crop year, that decision deadline has been pushed back to December 15. The Big Beautiful Bill allowed a Base Acre Update, which is finally done forcing the extension of the Arc-co/PLC decision until the base acres were known.

We know that for the 2025 crop year, all 3 of our crops qualified for a PLC payment. It is the first time that soybeans have ever qualified. The estimated PLC payment for corn is $0.26 a bushel, based on the farm's program corn yield, it's corn base acres and you get 85% of that number. Soybean will pay about $0.21 per bushel. Wheat is more at $1.29 per bushel. I have not seen estimates yet of county level ARC payments but you will get whatever is higher and it would not surprise me to see ARC- Co payments for corn and soybeans higher than the PLC level. This payment is supposed to come sometime in October 2026.

Prices for all 3 commodities have come up quite a bit since the start of the 2026 marketing year. Where are they going to go before next September, that is the question you have to answer? We already know the yield of the wheat crop and we have a good idea of the status of the corn and soybean crop, both are above average, corn more than soybeans. The good news is that it looks to me like neither program is going to pay in 2026. That is good news because we have very good yields and the prices have come up.

Since there is almost no chance that ARC-Co will pay in 2026, our yields are just too high, I would probably switch all 3 crops to PLC. I don't think it will pay either for 2026, but you would get some protection from the prices going down drastically.

Programs of the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of race, age, sex, color, religion, disability or national origin. For additional information, contact the Ballard County Extension Office, 110 Broadway, La Center, 665-9118.

UK student gains recognition, experience as plant breeding 'independent researcher'

Ella Shields, who participates in undergraduate research at the University of Kentucky, was recognized by the National Association for Plant Breeding.

By Bailey Vandiver

LEXINGTON, Ky.— Ella Shields, a University of Kentucky student graduating in December with a horticultural science degree from the Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, was recognized by the National Association for Plant Breeding (NAPB) as a 2026 Borlaug Scholar.

Shields has gained valuable experience through undergraduate research in plant breeding at UK, through which she combines hands-on work with research aimed at solving production challenges.



Ella Shields holds a tray of small strawberry plants in a greenhouse.
Ella Shields conducts strawberry research at the University of Kentucky Horticultural Research Farm (South Farm) in Lexington, Kentucky, on Friday, Aug. 7, 2026.

Photo by Sabrina Hounshell

'Always came back to horticulture'

At her grandmother's house, Shields' favorite snack was strawberries, cut up and sugared — "the best thing ever in the whole world," Shields said. So when she joined a UK research lab, studying strawberry breeding was a perfect fit.

"I love strawberries," Shields said. "My Mimi is not surprised at all that I'm working with them."

From Lexington, Shields earned her associate degree in science from Bluegrass Community and Technical College before attending UK.

"I wasn't sure what I wanted to do yet, but I just always came back to horticulture," Shields said. "I looked at different avenues, but I thought that it would bring me a lot more satisfaction to work with plants."

In 2025, Shields joined the Sapkota Horticultural Breeding and Genetics Lab, soon after Manoj Sapkota, Ph.D., joined UK as an assistant professor of horticulture crop breeding for nutrition. The lab seeks to improve horticultural crops, like tomatoes and strawberries, and develop practical tools for crop research.

Sapkota said Shields has grown from a research assistant who was eager to learn the basics to an "increasingly independent researcher" who conducts experiments and helps train other undergraduate researchers.

"She now has become an essential part of our lab's daily operations and research culture," Sapkota said.

While also helping with the lab's other projects, Shields has primarily worked on strawberry resistance to Neopestalotiopsis, an emerging and severe disease that affects multiple parts of the strawberry plant. By identifying genetic material in strawberries with greater resistance to Neopestalotiopsis, the researchers hope to breed more disease-resistant varieties.

Strawberries are a popular and high-value crop, so new varieties can help both producers and consumers.

"We can hopefully make strawberries more available for all consumers, who can be a little healthier because they have access to fresh strawberries," Shields said.

This summer, Shields continued her strawberry research as a UK Sustainability Summer Research Fellow and a Tracy Farmer Scholar. Her summer project focused on developing and optimizing a detached-leaf bioassay, in which strawberry leaves are inoculated with Neopestalotiopsis and evaluated for disease development and severity.

In the future, Shields plans to move the research into field trials and study the whole strawberry plant.

'An honor' to be a Borlaug Scholar

Named for Nobel Peace Prize laureate Norman Borlaug, the NAPB Borlaug Scholar program recognizes students pursuing careers in plant breeding.

"He did a lot — he started the Green Revolution; he made wheat varieties that helped solve a lot of hunger issues across the world," Shields said of Borlaug. "So it was an honor to be part of that."

As a Borlaug Scholar, Shields received financial support to attend the NAPB Annual Meeting at Texas A&M in June 2026, where she met others who work in breeding and toured horticulture facilities. Each scholar is also assigned a mentor who can help students connect with colleagues and companies.

"You have a lot of networking opportunities that you wouldn't get otherwise," she said.

Sapkota worked with Shields on her application to show that the Borlaug program was an opportunity not only for Shields' professional development but also to strengthen plant-breeding capacity in Kentucky.

"If you support or train this new generation of scientists, that's how the field will flourish," Sapkota said.

Sapkota said he knew Shields would be a good applicant, but he was still thrilled when she was selected.

"For a young lab, seeing one of our undergraduate researchers recognized nationally was incredibly meaningful," Sapkota said. "More importantly, it showed Ella that the work she is doing here can connect her to the broader plant-breeding community."

'The next great opportunity'

After graduating, Shields will begin her master's degree at UK in integrated plant and soil sciences with a horticulture focus.

She will continue her strawberry research as a graduate student, building on the collaborative mentorship she has received from Sapkota, Namrata Maharjan, Ph.D., a research analyst in the Department of Horticulture, and Nicole Gauthier, Ph.D., professor and Extension plant pathologist.

Maharjan, who recently finished her doctorate, said her graduate training taught her the importance of persistence, independent problem-solving and learning through research challenges. Now, as a mentor, she enjoys helping undergraduate researchers develop those same skills while providing the guidance they need as they become more independent.

"When I'm working with these undergrad students, and when I'm capable of teaching them what I learned, it's very rewarding," Maharjan said.

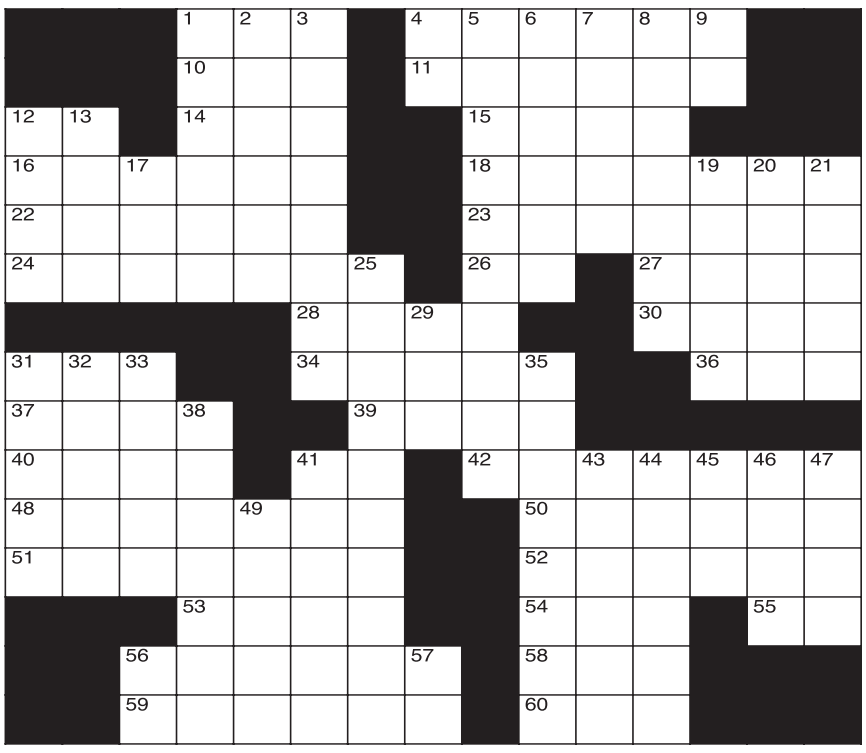
Shields said she feels very grateful to the lab and her mentors.

"I need to take advantage of the opportunities that have been given to me and use them wisely," Shields said. "They should take me to the next great opportunity and research that hopefully has bigger and bigger impacts."

Learn more about the horticultural science program and the Sapkota Horticultural Breeding and Genetics Lab at mgcafe.uky.edu.

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Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

1. Small Eurasian deer
4. Province in Northern Ireland
10. A major division of geological time
11. Broadway actor Lane
12. Canadian province (abbr.)
14. Human gene
15. Two
16. A notable one was "blue"
18. Utter repeatedly
22. Ring-shaped objects
23. Sullies
24. Occurs
26. Commercial
27. Near
28. Tools you may need
30. A pledge
31. They start the alphabet
34. Silk garments
36. Soviet Socialist Republic
37. Longtime mayor of Rio
39. Hot meal
40. A type of gin
41. Atomic #84
42. $10 bill
48. About ground
50. Medicine man
51. Seedless raisin
52. National capital of Albania
53. Appendage
54. OJ trial judge
55. European government entity (abbr.)
56. Bike parts
58. Friend to "Barbie"
59. Stretched to see or hear
60. Commercials

CLUES DOWN

1. Make up for
2. Baltimore ballplayer
3. Wages
4. International organization of countries
5. Engravers of gems
6. Declared as fact
7. One who steals
8. Jewelry
9. Hospital worker
12. Nonsense (slang)
13. Town in Galilee
17. Value
19. Alternative identity
20. Sheep in their second year
21. Town in Surrey, England
25. Appropriate to a time of year
29. Creative work
31. Recesses
32. Largely forested municipality in Germany
33. Rider of Rohan
35. Ancient symbol co-opted by Nazis
38. Pioneer
41. Scribe
43. Painted a bright color
44. Member of British nobility
45. "Pulp Fiction" actress Thurman
46. Helps people walk
47. Crest of a hill
49. People of southeastern Alaska
56. One's own device
57. The Mount Rushmore State

PUZZLE SOLUTION

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Word Search

AT THE CHIROPRACTOR WORD SEARCH

A	M	N	V	J	V	G	I	S	U	B	A	C	U	T	E	I	T	A	E
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N	J	R	N	I	C	T	B	E	R	G	O	N	O	M	I	C	S	D	W

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

ANSWERS ON THE CLASSIFIED PAGE

WORDS

ADJUSTMENT
BIOMECHANICS
CAVITATION
DECOMPRESSION
DISC
DOCTOR
ERGONOMICS
HERNIATION
INFLAMMATION
JOINT
MANIPULATION
NERVE
PALPATION
POSTURAL
RELIEF
SACRUM
SCIATICA
SPINE
STENOSIS
SUBACUTE
SUBLUXATION
TRACTION
VERTEBRAE
WELLNESS

Sudoku Puzzle

How it Works:

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

ANSWERS ON THE CLASSIFIED PAGE

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

Word Scramble

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to chiropractic care.

NIOJT

Answer: Joint

Guess Who?

GUESS WHO?

I am an actor born on October 12, 1968, in Australia. I attended the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts, turning down a role on a soap opera to do so. I am best known as an action star, but I'm also an accomplished singer and performer, having appeared in musicals.

Answer: Hugh Jackman

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

Crypto Fun

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

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to chiropractic care.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 24 = N)

A. 7 8 22 6 26 2
Clue: Move into place

B. 26 16 9 24 21
Clue: Holds up the body

C. 16 7 9 24
Clue: Discomfort

D. 24 21 20 19
Clue: Supports the head

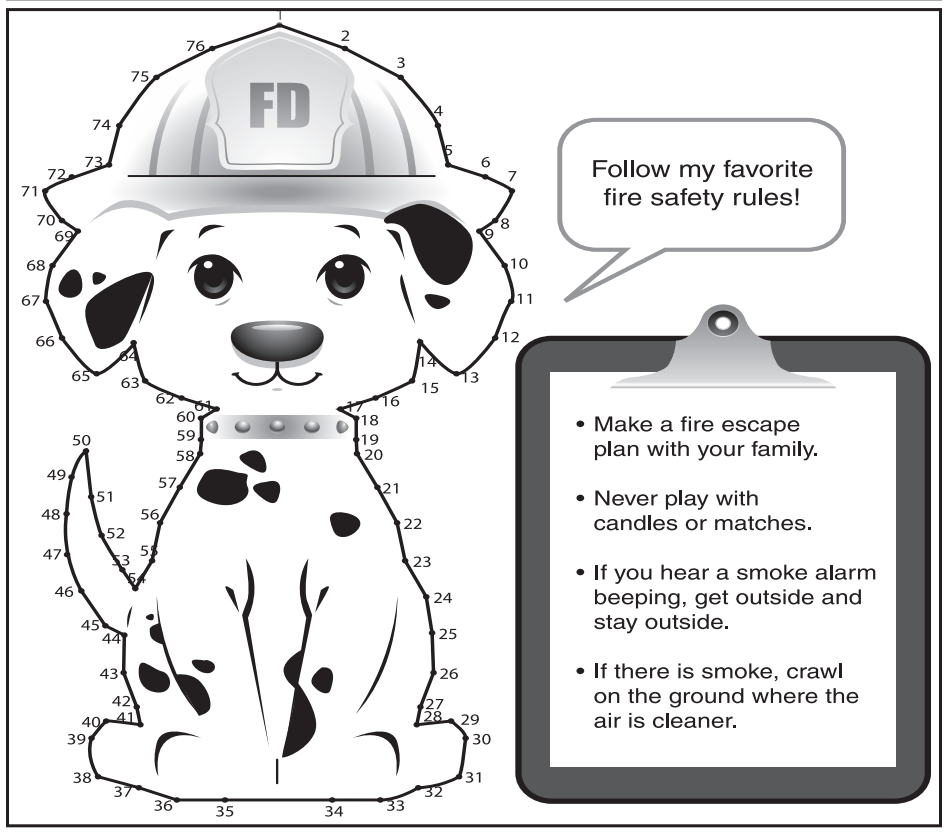
Answers: A. adjust B. spine C. pain D. neck

Coloring Fun

Color the picture in your favorite Fall colors.



Connect the Dots



POWERS,
from page 1

enlisted soldier and a noncommissioned officer.

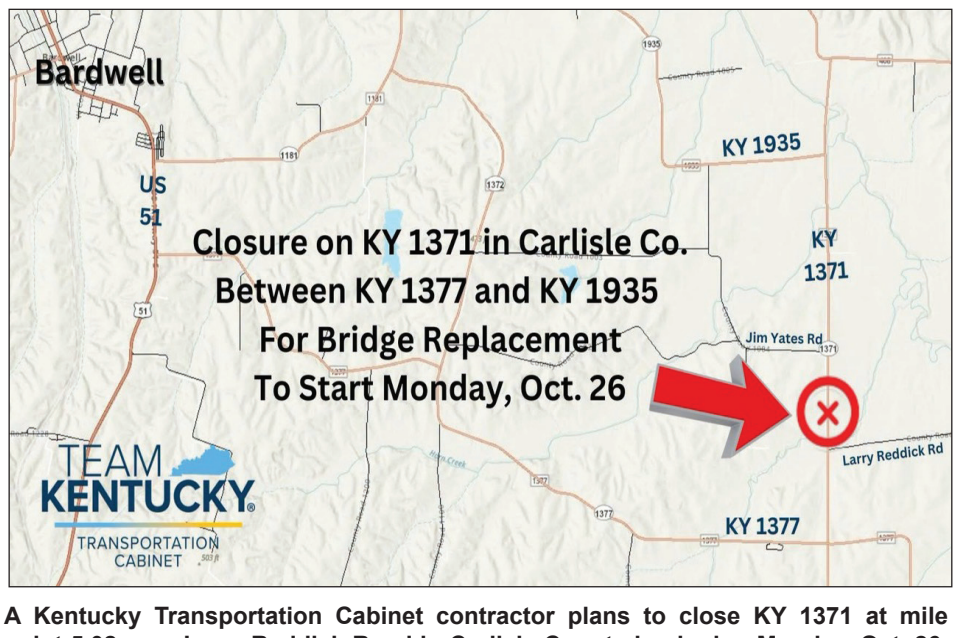
"As a leader in the military you learn to depend on your peers to help you with problem solving," Powers said. "Problem solving is something that was a daily occurrence."

Powers said he received an honorable discharge and left the Army as a highly decorated noncommissioned officer. He said the training and knowledge gained during those years would guide his approach to leading Bardwell.

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The Carlisle County Ag Development Board will meet on October 23, 2026. The time will be 7:30 a.m. at the Carlisle County Extension Office.
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ROAD CLOSING



A Kentucky Transportation Cabinet contractor plans to close KY 1371 at mile point 5.02 near Larry Reddick Road in Carlisle County beginning Monday, Oct. 26, weather permitting, for a bridge replacement. The site is between KY 1377 and KY 1935. Work is expected to take about three months, and motorists should use an alternate route.

PURSUANT TO KRS 424.290, "MATTERS REQUIRED TO BE PUBLISHED," THE FOLLOWING RACES AND QUESTION WILL APPEAR ON THE VOTING MACHINES AND PAPER BALLOTS IN THE PRECINCTS LISTED IN CARLISLE COUNTY FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 3, 2026.

STRAIGHT PARTY
- ☐ Republican Party
- ☐ Democratic Party
- ☐ Kentucky Party

UNITED STATES SENATOR
(Vote for One)
- ☐ Andy BARR — Republican Party
- ☐ Charles BOOKER — Democratic Party
- ☐ Christopher CAMPBELL — Kentucky Party
- ☐ Write-in

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE in CONGRESS
1st Congressional District
(Vote for One)
- ☐ James R. COMER — Republican Party
- ☐ John "Drew" WILLIAMS — Democratic Party
- ☐ Write-in

STATE SENATOR
2nd Senatorial District
(Vote for One)
- ☐ Danny CARROLL — Republican Party
- ☐ Write-in

STATE REPRESENTATIVE
1st Representative District
(Vote for One)
- ☐ Steven Jack RUDY — Republican Party
- ☐ Write-in

COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY
1st Judicial Circuit
(Unexpired Term)
(Vote for One)
- ☐ Grace E. STEWART — Republican Party
- ☐ Write-in

PROPERTY VALUATION ADMINISTRATOR
(Vote for One)
- ☐ Jonathan BRUER — Republican Party
- ☐ Write-in

COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE
(Vote for One)
- ☐ Jessica GALLOWAY — Republican Party
- ☐ Write-in

COUNTY ATTORNEY
(Vote for One)
- ☐ Michael Boyd STACY II. — Democratic Party
- ☐ Write-in

COUNTY CLERK
(Vote for One)
- ☐ Lindsey LEMONS — Republican Party
- ☐ Write-in

SHERIFF
(Vote for One)
- ☐ Kyle WEBB — Republican Party
- ☐ Write-in

JAILER
(Vote for One)
- ☐ David "Pearhead" WEBB — Republican Party
- ☐ Kelly R. LAIRD — Democratic Party
- ☐ Write-in

ALL PRECINCTS

CORONER
(Vote for One)
- ☐ Holly CURTSINGER — Republican Party
- ☐ Write-in

COUNTY SURVEYOR
(Vote for One)
- ☐ Write-in

ALL PRECINCTS

MAGISTRATE
1st Magisterial District
(Vote for One)
- ☐ Lisa Mantle ADAMS — Republican Party
- ☐ Garrett TERRY — Democratic Party
- ☐ Write-in

CONSTABLE
1st Magisterial District
(Vote for One)
- ☐ Carey WEBB — Democratic Party
- ☐ Write-in

WEST BARDWELL and NORTH BARDWELL

MAGISTRATE
2nd Magisterial District
(Vote for One)
- ☐ Matt OLIVER — Republican Party
- ☐ Write-in

CONSTABLE
2nd Magisterial District
(Vote for One)
- ☐ Dan M. BOWLES — Democratic Party
- ☐ Write-in

CUNNINGHAM and KIRBYTON

MAGISTRATE
3rd Magisterial District
(Vote for One)
- ☐ Keith CRIDER — Republican Party
- ☐ Write-in

CONSTABLE
3rd Magisterial District
(Vote for One)
- ☐ Russell Scott ELLEGOOD — Republican Party
- ☐ Write-in

MILBURN and ARLINGTON

NONPARTISAN JUDICIAL BALLOT
(Vote for One in Each Division)

DISTRICT JUDGE
1st Judicial District
(Vote for One)
- ☐ Mark Stephen MEDLIN
- ☐ Write-in

ALL PRECINCTS

NONPARTISAN "SCHOOL CANDIDATES"

MEMBER BOARD of EDUCATION
2nd Educational District
(Vote for One)
- ☐ Kirk ARNOLD
- ☐ Write-in

KIRBYTON and MILBURN

MEMBER BOARD of EDUCATION
5th Educational District
(Vote for One)
- ☐ John Matt FOURSHEE
- ☐ Write-in

CUNNINGHAM

NONPARTISAN CITY BALLOT

MAYOR
City of Arlington
(Vote for One)
- ☐ Bobby L. McGEE
- ☐ Write-in

CITY COMMISSIONERS
City of Arlington
(Vote for up to Four)
- ☐ Evelyn WEST
- ☐ Nancy DODGE
- ☐ Wayne WEATHERSPOON
- ☐ Paul GADDIE
- ☐ Write-in
- ☐ Write-in
- ☐ Write-in
- ☐ Write-in

ARLINGTON

MAYOR
City of Bardwell
(Vote for One)
- ☐ James E. POWERS II.
- ☐ Philip D. KING
- ☐ Write-in

CITY COUNCIL
City of Bardwell
(Vote for up to Six)
- ☐ Diana SMITH
- ☐ Steve PERRY
- ☐ Ronnie CANARY
- ☐ Mahlon THOMAS
- ☐ Cody YATES
- ☐ Write-in
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- ☐ Write-in

WEST BARDWELL and NORTH BARDWELL

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 1

Are you in favor of limiting a Governor's ability to grant pardons or commute sentences by prohibiting him or her from granting pardons or commuting sentences during the time period beginning 60 days prior to the general election at which the Governor is elected, and ending when the Governor is sworn in for that term by amending the Constitution of Kentucky as stated below?

It is proposed that Section 77 of the Constitution of Kentucky be amended to read as follows:

(1) The Governor shall have power to:
(a) Remit fines and forfeitures; and
(b) Commute sentences and grant reprieves and pardons, except:
1. In case of impeachment; or
2. For the period beginning sixty days prior to the date of the gubernatorial election and ending the fifth Tuesday succeeding the election.

(2) The Governor shall file with each application therefor a statement of the reasons for his or her decision thereon, which application and statement shall always be open to public inspection.

(3) In cases of treason, the Governor shall have power to grant reprieves until the end of the next session of the General Assembly, in which the power of pardoning shall be vested; but he or she shall have no power to remit the fees of the Clerk, Sheriff, or Commonwealth's Attorney in penal or criminal cases.

- ☐ YES
- ☐ NO

ALL PRECINCTS

I, Lindsey Lemons County Clerk of Carlisle County, do hereby certify that the above facsimile is a true copy of the ballot on the voting machines and paper ballot in various precincts in Carlisle County, Kentucky, for the General Election Tuesday, Nov 3rd, 2026.

/s/ Lindsey Lemons, Clerk Carlisle County, KY

Beshear sends letter of concern about SNAP program

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – Gov. Andy Beshear sent a letter to Brooke Rollins, the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture and to Kentucky's congressional delegation raising concerns that federal changes to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) have resulted in more than 80,000 Kentuckians losing access.

The Governor highlighted that the number includes 24,655 children and 6,572 seniors who are hungrier today because of President Trump's actions to cut SNAP benefits.

"We should be fighting hunger, not causing it; yet the President's cruel and unnecessary changes to SNAP are causing more than 80,000 Kentuckians – and millions of Americans across our country – to face hunger," Beshear said. "I am calling on both the U.S. Department of Agriculture and members of Kentucky's congressional delegation to take action to ensure our most vulnerable citizens, including children and seniors, do not go hungry for reasons beyond their control."



The Governor noted that the alarming loss of SNAP coverage is a result of what he has termed the President's "Big, Ugly Bill," which significantly reduced benefits, expanded work requirements and shifted costs to states. It is estimated that around 5 million Americans, including more than 1 million children, have lost SNAP benefits since July 2025.

Beshear also pointed out that, for children, SNAP eligibility is tied to other meal programs, including free and reduced lunches and summer electronic benefit transfer (EBT) cards, noting that children will face hunger in multiple areas, not just at home.

"School meals and summer programs are what so many children depend on for food," Beshear noted. "Because of the President's actions, now even those dependable sources of food will be taken from our most vulnerable kids. It's wrong, and action needs to be taken."

He points out that he has made fighting hunger a priority and recognizes the critical role food services and support play in helping Kentuckians.

During the pandemic, the Beshear administration doubled the number of meals produced each week for the senior meals program, eliminating an existing waitlist and ensuring no seniors went hungry. Since then, he has directed more state funding toward the program than any other administration in the state's history.

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Charity scams regarding death of Dolly Parton popping up

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today



FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – Charity scams are popping up following the death of country music star Dolly Parton, in which these scammers use her name and image to target mourning fans with fake donation requests.

According to stopscams.ky.gov in its monthly newsletter, a post to official social media accounts by her family is asking that fans wishing to memorialize Parton should donate to Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. They add, make sure you are using the official website, ImaginationLibrary.com, and not sending money to a scammer.

The website also warns that with open enrollment for Medicare starts Oct. 15, scams associated with that annual topic are on the rise. You can encounter a Medicare scam by phone, email, text, social media—or even at your front door.

Scammers pretend to represent Medicare, an insurance company or a doctor's office to get their hands on your Medicare number and other personal information. The official website to join, drop or switch your Medicare plan is online at medicare.gov.

Stopscams.ky.gov notes that October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month, so you should protect your phone to protect yourself.

Your cellphone is a wallet, ID, bank and gateway to all of your accounts. Securing it is a major part of protecting yourself from scams. Their advice:

--Lock your phone. Create a strong passcode or turn on fingerprint/facial recognition. You should also enable multifactor authentication for all accounts and apps on your phone.

--Recognize and report phishing emails and text messages. Do not answer unknown phone calls.

--Update your software. This should be done regularly and quickly when a new update is released.

Finally, the holiday shopping season is right around the corner, so scammers are getting ready, too. As you begin searching for gifts, watching for deals and ordering packages, keep an eye out for scams designed to catch shoppers off guard.

That includes fake shopping websites, package delivery scams and gift card scams. The Better Business Bureau suggests you learn how to protect your personal information and spot red flags, so you can shop confidently online during the busiest time of year.

Find out more at https://stopscams.ky.gov/scams/browser/.

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Ky. colleges awarded record 98,347 degrees in 2025-26 academic year

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – Kentucky's colleges and universities awarded 98,347 degrees and credentials in 2025-26, the most in state history, according to the 2025-26 Degree Report, released Tuesday by the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE).

The total is up nearly 4,600 awards, or five percent from the previous year, representing a 21 percent increase from five years ago.

The report covers awards conferred by the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS), the state's public universities, and institutions affiliated with the Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities (AIKCU). If current momentum holds, Kentucky could soon award 100,000 degrees and credentials in a single year for the first time.

"Kentucky's progress toward a more educated workforce depends on one thing done well, year after year: helping students earn postsecondary credentials of value," said CPE President Aaron Thompson. "This record reflects sustained effort from faculty and staff across all three sectors, and from students who balance coursework with the demands of work and family."

Bachelor's degree production rose 5% to 24,661, the highest one-year growth rate on record and the first time since COVID-related declines that the state has exceeded pre-pandemic levels. Public universities led the gain with a 6% increase, reversing several years of decline, while AIKCU institutions grew nearly 3%.

"Every one of these graduates makes Kentucky's workforce stronger," Thompson said. "Bachelor's degree holders fill the technical, clinical, managerial and professional roles that let employers grow right here at home. This year's record growth shows Kentucky is doing more than ever to equip its people with the degrees that power our economy. But we still have room to grow, especially in bachelor's degrees."

Each of these 98,347 awards represents a measurable return, according to the CPE. A 2025 study by the University of Kentucky's Center for Business and Economic Research found that Kentuckians with a bachelor's degree earn about $1.2 million more over a lifetime than those with a high school diploma. For every dollar the state invests in higher education, Kentucky realizes a return of $4.50 in tax revenue and $17 in consumer spending.

Most students reach that payoff without borrowing, the report notes. About 6 in 10 graduates of Kentucky's public colleges and universities earn their credential with no student loan debt.

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BALLARD

Ada Lou Hook, 89, of Kevil, KY, passed away peacefully on October 11, 2026, at Baptist Health in Paducah, KY. Graveside services were held at Woodville Cemetery in Kevil on Wednesday, October 14, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., officiated by Rev. Jonathan Althoff.

CALDWELL

Wayne E. Boyd, Jr., age 78, of Princeton, passed away Thursday, October 8, 2026 at Baptist Health Hospital in Madisonville. A proud Army veteran, Wayne was the recipient of two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star. A memorial visitation will be held from 12:00 pm until 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 11, 2026, at Morgan's Funeral Home.

Larry Joe Winn, 74, of Fredonia, passed away on Thursday, October 8, 2026, at Baptist Health in Paducah, Kentucky. There are no public services scheduled at this time. Morgan's Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

James Christopher Morris, age 64, of Princeton, passed away Tuesday, October 6, 2026, at his residence. There are no public services scheduled at this time. Morgan's Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Nelda Jean Towery, age 87, of Princeton, KY, recently of Austin, TX, passed away peacefully October 5, 2026 at her daughter's home. A graveside service will be held at 11:00 am Saturday, October 17, 2026 at Towery Cemetery in Caldwell County with Brother Mark Faughn officiating.

James Christopher Morris, age 64, of Princeton, passed away Tuesday, October 6, 2026, at his residence. There are no public services scheduled at this time. Morgan's Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

CALLOWAY

James David "J.D." Elkins, age 87, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away on Monday, October 12, 2026, at his home. A funeral service was held on Thursday, October 15, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home and Cremation Services. Dale Sheridan will officiate, and burial followed in the Salem Cemetery in Lynn Grove, Kentucky.

Evelyn "Jane" McCuiston, age 85, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away Monday, October 12, 2026, at the Farms in Puryear, Tennessee. A graveside service will be held at 2:30 p.m., Friday, October 16, 2026, at the Murray City Cemetery. Rev. Sammy Cunningham will officiate and burial will follow. Visitation will be held from 11a.m. till 2 p.m., Friday, October 16, 2026, at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

Joey Scott Ramsey, age 58, of Dexter, Kentucky, passed away on Thursday, October 8, 2026, at Murray Calloway County Hospital after an abrupt battle with cancer. A public Celebration of Life will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on October 18, 2026, at the Brooks Chapel Church Annex. A private family burial will follow at Brooks Chapel Cemetery.

Ruth Augusta Vaughan, age 92, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away on Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at her home. Arrangements are currently incomplete at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

Wanda Ruth (Todd) Scott, 92, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away Thursday, October 8, 2026, at Murray-Calloway County Hospital in Murray. A service celebrating Wanda's life was held Monday, October 12, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. in the chapel of Blalock-Coleman Funeral Home, with Rev. Kim Reeder officiating and Chad Hughes. Burial will follow in Murray City Cemetery.

CHRISTIAN

Garland Ray Tucker, age 92, of Christian County, passed away of natural causes on Monday, October 12, 2026, at Christian Health Center. Funeral Services will be at 1:00 PM on Friday, October 16, 2026, at Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home with Brother Eddie Mitchell officiating and burial to follow in Hale Cemetery. Visitation will be that morning at the funeral home from 11:00 AM until the service hour at 1:00 PM. Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home has been entrusted by the family to handle the arrangements.

David Ray Hale, age 60, of Cerulean, KY, passed away peacefully in his sleep of natural causes on Sunday, October 11, 2026, at his home. Funeral Services were at 1:00 PM on Thursday, October 15, 2026, at Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home with Brother Ryan Scott officiating and burial to follow in Bainbridge Grove Cemetery.

Charley Croft, 65, of Crofton, Kentucky, passed away on Wednesday, October 7, 2026, at 1:51 p.m. at Deaconess Henderson Hospital. Though her absence will be deeply felt, the love she gave, the memories she created, and the legacy she leaves behind will live on in the hearts of those who loved her. Memorial contributions may be made to the Micah Mission or a charity of the giver's choice.

Larry Wayne Greenfield, 73, of Hopkinsville, KY died at 4:12 p.m. Tuesday, October 6, 2026 at his residence. Memorial services were at 12:00 p.m. Saturday, October 10, 2026 at Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home with the Revs. Bobby Spurlin and Billy Cason officiating.

Peggy Ross, 87, Sanderson Drive, Hopkinsville, KY passed away Tuesday, October 6, 2026 at her home of natural causes. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, October 9, 2026 at Lamb Funeral Home with Rev. David Harrison officiating. Burial followed in Riverside Cemetery.

Claude Edward Cason, born February 3, 1953, passed away on October 7, 2026, at the age of 73. Visitation was held on October 12, 2026, from 12:00 PM until 1:00 PM at Gamble Funeral Home, 1311 S Liberty St., Hopkinsville, Kentucky 42240. The funeral service began at 1:00 PM at Gamble Funeral Home. Burial took place on October 12, 2026, at Cave Springs Cemetery, 2120 Greenville Road, Hopkinsville, Kentucky 42240.

Benjamin Franklin May, born May 10, 1944, departed this life on October 6, 2026. Visitation will be held on October 23, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at Gamble Funeral Home, 1311 S. Liberty St., Hopkinsville, Kentucky 42240. Masonic Rites will follow there from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. The funeral service will be held at Gamble Funeral Home on October 23, 2026, at 12:30 p.m. Burial will follow at 2:00 p.m. at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West, 5817 Fort Campbell Blvd, Hopkinsville, Kentucky 42240.

Roy Thomas Russell, born March 25, 1939, passed away on October 6, 2026, leaving behind a life marked by faith, hard work, devotion, and love for family. Visitation will be held on October 17, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Edgefield Baptist Church on Pembroke Road, Pembroke, Kentucky 42266. The funeral service will follow at 12:00 p.m. at Edgefield Baptist Church. Burial will take place on October 17, 2026, at Green Hill Memorial Gardens (Ancestral Haven), 5325 Cadiz Road, Hopkinsville, Kentucky 42240.

Mary Rose Weatherwax, 90, of Oak Grove, KY died at 9:06 a.m. Wednesday, October 7, 2026 at Christian Health Center. Funeral service were at 12:00 p.m. Monday, October 12, 2026 at Dogwood Funerals & Cremations of Hopkinsville with Bro. Jim Gifford officiating. Burial followed in Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West.

CRITTENDEN

Allen Don McDermott was born April 19, 1942, in Cave In Rock, Illinois, and at the age of 84, he passed from this life on October 11, 2026, at Deaconess Hospital, in Evansville, Indiana. A graveside service will be held on Sunday October 25, 2026, 2:00 p.m., at Cave Hill Cemetery.

Shirley Faye Byford, born on November 20, 1936, passed away peacefully on October 9, 2026. Public graveside services were held on Sunday, October 11, 2026, at 3:00 PM at Mapleview Cemetery with Rev. David LeNeave officiating.

Jennifer Diane Belt, age 45, of Marion, Kentucky, passed away on October 9th, 2026 after a courageous battle with cancer. Funeral services were held 1 PM Tuesday October 13, 2026 at Myers Funeral Home. Burial followed at Whites Chapel Cemetery.

FULTON

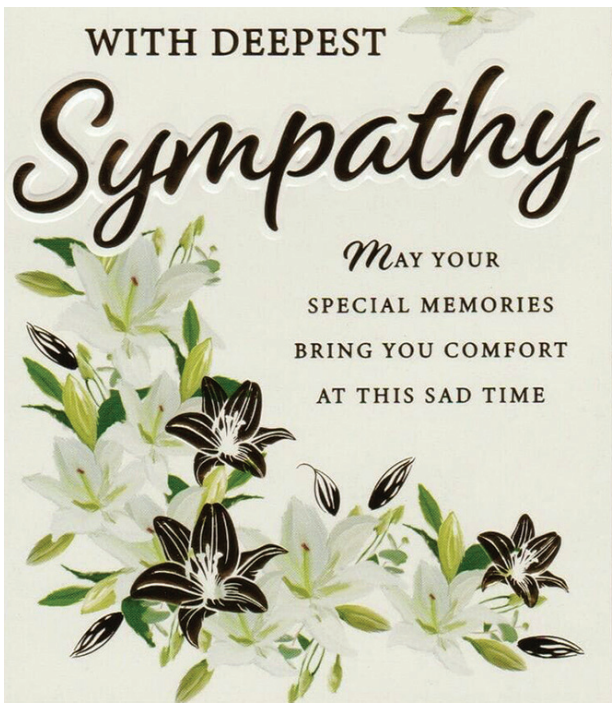
Marsha Newton, age 78, of Clinton, Kentucky, passed away on Saturday, October 10, 2026, at her residence. Marsha was a member of the Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Hall in Fulton and worked as a self-employed house cleaner. She moved to the area from Byesville, Ohio, 12 years ago. There will be no services held at the funeral home.

Jody Lynn Yonts, age 52, of the Brownsville community, passed away peacefully at his residence on Tuesday, October 6, 2026. Funeral services will be held at 11 AM Saturday, October 10, 2026 at the Hornbeak Funeral Chapel in Hickman with burial to follow in the Brownsville Cemetery.

GRAVES

Rev. Alfred S. Cobb of Mayfield passed away on Monday, October 12, 2026 at his home. He was 89 years old. Funeral services for Alfred Cobb will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, October 16, 2026 at Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY. Rev. Kerry Lambert will officiate. Interment will follow at 3:30 pm at Little Wabash Cemetery in Crossville, Illinois. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, October 15, 2026 at the funeral home.

Glenda Perry Gough, age 85, of the Westplains, KY Community passed away Sunday, October 11, 2026 at the Oakview Nursing and Rehab in Calvert City, KY. A funeral service for Glenda Perry Gough is scheduled for 1:00 PM Wednesday, October 14, 2026 at the Trace Creek Baptist Church in Mayfield, KY. Rev. Ronnie Stinson, Sr. and Rev. Ronnie Stinson, Jr. will officiate. Interment will follow in the Trace Creek Cemetery.



FUNERAL NOTICES continued

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Janie Williams, age 79,of Mayfield, KY passed away at 11:43 PM Saturday, October 10, 2026 at the Jackson Purchase Medical Center in Mayfield. Funeral services for Janie were held at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, October 14, 2026 at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY. Rev. Mark Burnett and Rev. MIchael Farmer will officiate with burial to follow in the Oak Grove Cemetery.

Treyson Craig Standifer, infant son of Jacob Wes Standifer and Laura Stark Standifer of Sedalia, Kentucky, passed away on Wednesday, October 7th, 2026, at Jackson Purchase Medical Center in Mayfield, Kentucky. A private family graveside service will be held at a later date.

LIVINGSTON

Orbin Grimes, Jr., age 89, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away on October 6, 2026. Funeral services will be held at 12:00 p.m. Monday, October 12, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah with Rev. Jason Browning and Randy Grimes officiating. Burial will follow at Salem Cemetery in Salem, Kentucky.

LYON

Brenda Galusha, 75, of Eddyville, Kentucky, passed away on Saturday, October 10, 2026, at Princeton Nursing and Rehab in Princeton, Ky. Funeral services will be Thursday October 15, 2026 at Dunn's Funeral Home in Eddyville at 2:00 pm with Rev. Jerry Driver and Rev. Steve Burkeen officiating and burial will follow in Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be from 12:00 pm till 2:00 pm on Thursday as well.

Louise Knoth, 81, of Kuttawa, Kentucky, passed away on Tuesday, October 6, 2026, at Vanderbelt Hospital in Nashville. Funeral services were on Monday October 12, 2026 at Dunn's Funeral Home in Eddyville at 1:00 pm with Rev. Bryan Grigg officiating and burial will follow in Macedonia Cemetery.

MARSHALL

Willard Junior Doughty, 82, of Calvert City, Kentucky, passed away on Saturday, October 10, 2026, at Baptist Health Paducah. Visitation will be held from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM on Friday, October 16, 2026, at the Life Celebration Center of Filbeck-Cann, 1003 Poplar Street, Benton, Kentucky. Funeral services will be held at 12:00 PM on Friday, October 16, 2026, at the Life Celebration Center of Filbeck-Cann, with Bro. Jeremy Short officiating. Burial will follow at Dee's Cemetery.

Betty Lou Robison, 88, of Calvert City, KY passed away on Thursday, October 8, 2026 at her residence. A funeral service was held on Sunday, October 11, 2026 at 12 PM. Burial followed in Dees Cemetery.

John "Jay" R. English, Jr., 63 of Benton, Kentucky passed away on Thursday, October 8, 2026, at his home in Benton, Kentucky. A funeral service will be held on Tuesday, October 20, 2026 at 12:00 PM at the Collier Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Dennis Lawrence officiating. Burial to follow at Mt, Carmel Cemetery in Paducah, KY with Military Rites. Visitation will be Tuesday, October 20, 2026 from 10:00 AM until 12:00 PM at Collier Funeral Home Located at 211 West 5th Street Benton, KY 42025. 270-527-3141.

McCRACKEN

Melissa Ann Dowell, known lovingly as Melissa, passed away on Sunday, October 11, 2026, at her residence, leaving behind a legacy of faith, devotion, and quiet strength. Funeral Services will be held at 1:00 pm on Thursday, October 15, 2026, at the Lone Oak Chapel of Milner & Orr Funeral Home, with Pastor Kristie Myrick and Pastor Howard Jones officiating. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be held from 11:00 am until the service hour of 1:00 pm on Thursday, October 15, 2026, at the Lone Oak Chapel of Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah.

Lanita Gail Draffen Hayes, 71, of Paducah, passed away on October 10, 2026, at St. Thomas Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee. A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 17, 2026, at the Lone Oak Chapel of Milner & Orr Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Houser Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m. until the 1:00 pm service time at the Lone Oak Chapel of Milner & Orr Funeral Homes.

Lola Williams, 82, of Arlington, Kentucky, passed away on Friday, October 9, 2026, at Southgate Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Metropolis, Illinois. A funeral service was held at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Bardwell. Burial followed at Shiloh Baptist Church Cemetery in Arlington, Kentucky.

David Wayne Downs, age 65, passed away surrounded by the love of his family. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the GoFundMe account established by his daughter, Jessica, to assist Penny during this difficult time. https://gofund.me/451f5a5e9. Milner & Orr Funeral Home and Cremation Services are in charge of arrangements.

Joseph Kmiec, 69, of Metropolis, Illinois, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, October 7, 2026, with his loving wife by his side. A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, October 30, 2026, with Father Mujule as celebrant. Inurnment will follow at Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Paducah, Kentucky.

Joyce Rinella, born on November 27, 1931, in Herrin, Illinois, passed away on October 7, 2026, on the very day she and Joe would have celebrated 76 years of marriage. A Memorial Service was held on Saturday, October 10, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah with Rev. Bob Martin officiating.

Syd Arne Bennett, 71, rode the Rainbow Bridge on Wednesday, October 7, 2026, at Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center. There are no services scheduled at this time. Milner & Orr Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Bardwell is in charge of arrangements.

TRIGG

Rowena Mae Miller Rawlins - December 17, 1932 - October 11, 2026 - Graveside services for 93 year old Rowena Mae Miller Rawlins of Gracey were held on Wednesday, October 14, 2026 at 11:30 a.m. at Rawlins Cemetery with Todd Deason officiating. Burial will follow in Rawlins Cemetery. King's Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.



Gail Chilton - April 15, 1945 - October 9, 2026 - There will be no services for 81 year old Gail Chilton of Hopkinsville, KY. King's Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Eugenia Jenny Louise Randall - August 19, 1977 - October 9, 2026 - There will be a Private Family Celebration of Life for 49 year old Eugenia Jenny Louise Randall of Clarksville, TN at a later date. King's Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Sharon Rae Clements McMican - October 7, 1955 - October 8, 2026 - There will be a private Celebration of Life at a later date for 71 year old Sharon Rae Clements McMican of Crofton, KY. King's Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

William Herbert White - November 13, 1946 - October 6, 2026 - There will be a private memorial service at a later date for 79 year old William Herbert White of Guthrie, KY. King's Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Bill Jones, age 83, of Cadiz, Kentucky passed away on Sunday, October 11, 2026 at Jennie Stuart Medical Center in Hopkinsville, Kentucky. A memorial service was held at 2 PM, Wednesday, October 14, 2026, at Goodwin Funeral Home, 138 Main Street in Cadiz, with Rev. Jamus Redd officiating.

Dear Dad, On October 11, 2026, I said goodbye to you, and you crossed over into your next adventure. Most people knew you as **"Texas Jim Knight."** To me, you were Dad—a man whose life was filled with western movies, music, stages, and stories from a lifetime of adventures. A graveside service was held at 11 AM, Thursday, October 15, 2026, at Rosedale Cemetery in Pembroke, Kentucky, with Bro. Reed Shepherd officiating. Arrangements are being handled by Goodwin Funeral Home, Inc., 138 Main Street in Cadiz, Kentucky.

Bryant Perkins Holder, age 84, of Cadiz, Kentucky, passed away on Saturday, October 10, 2026, at his home in Cadiz. Funeral services will be held at 1 PM, Friday, October 16, 2026, at Goodwin Funeral Home, 138 Main Street in Cadiz, with Bro. Ronnie Sivells officiating. Burial will follow in Trigg Memory Acres. Visitation will precede the service on Friday from 11 AM to 1 PM.

Sue Stewart, age 66, of Christian County, Kentucky, passed away on Thursday, October 8, 2026, at Elkton Nursing & Rehabilitation in Elkton, Kentucky. Arrangements are being handled by Goodwin Funeral Home, Inc., 138 Main Street in Cadiz, where the family received friends from 10 AM to 12 PM on Monday, October 12, 2026. Funeral services were at 12 PM, with Bro. Jimmy Stewart officiating. Burial followed in Rosedale Cemetery in Pembroke.

Gracie Jean Allen, age 92, of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, passed away on Wednesday, October 7, 2026, at Christian Health Center in Hopkinsville. Funeral services were at Goodwin Funeral Home at 1 PM, Tuesday, October 13, 2026, with Bro. Tim Smith officiating. Burial followed in Ancestral Haven Memorial Garden in Hopkinsville.

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

WEST KY SPORTS

Kentucky High School Football Media Poll

CLASS 6A RANKINGS

School	Record	Pts	
1. Trinity (16)	7-1	160	
2. Frederick Douglass	7-0	142	
3. Manual	6-1	128	
4. South Warren	5-2	103	
5. Madison Central	6-1	99	
6. St. Xavier	2-5	58	
7. Male	4-3	54	
8. Bryan Station	4-3	33	
9. Bullitt East	5-2	31	
10. George Rogers	5-3	23	
10. McCracken Co.	5-2	23	NR

Others receiving votes: Eastern 13, Lafayette 9, North Hardin 2, Oldham County 2.

CLASS 5A RANKINGS

School	Record	Pts
1. Pulaski Co. (16)	7-0	160
2. Scott County	7-1	139
3. Woodford County	6-1	119
4. Owensboro	5-2	117
5. Atherton	6-1	91
6. Cooper	5-2	70
7. West Jessamine	7-0	64
8. North Hopkins	7-1	51
9. Bowling Green	3-4	33
10. Collins	5-3	22

Others receiving votes: Fairdale 6, South Laurel 6, Muhlenberg County 1, North Laurel 1.

CLASS 4A RANKINGS

School	Record	Pts
1. Highlands (13)	6-2	157
2. Boyle County	6-1	143
3. Pad Tilghman (3)	7-0	131
4. Ashland Blazer	8-0	105
5. Corbin	5-2	94
6. Covington Catholic	4-4	82
7. North Oldham	7-1	51
8. Logan County	5-2	37
9. Spencer County	6-2	24
10. Johnson Central	3-5	24

Others receiving votes: Nelson County 11, Elizabethtown 7, Boyd County 6, Warren East 6, Franklin County 5.

CLASS 3A RANKINGS

School	Record	Pts
1. Christian Academy	8-0	160
2. Lexington Catholic	5-2	133
3. Murray	6-1	127
4. Glasgow	7-0	112
5. Rockcastle County	7-0	82
6. Lloyd Memorial	7-1	70
7. Lawrence County	5-1	60
8. LaRue County	7-0	46
9. Bourbon County	6-1	38
10. Bardstown	6-2	25

Others receiving votes: Central 10, Russell 9, Hart County 7, Estill County 1.

CLASS 2A RANKINGS

School	Record	Pts
1. Beechwood (15)	7-0	159
2. Owensboro Catholic	7-1	142
3. Lexington Christian	5-2	121
4. Mayfield	6-1	105
5. Belfry	6-1	102
6. Danville	8-0	75
7. Somerset	6-1	72
8. Breathitt County	6-1	36
9. Prestonsburg	6-1	27
10. Caldwell County	6-1	24

Others receiving votes: DuBois 14, Martin County 1, St. Henry 1.

CLASS 1A RANKINGS

School	Record	Pts
1. Pikeville (16)	6-1	160
2. Sayre	7-0	136
3. Raceland	5-2	126
4. Middlesboro	7-0	99
5. Paintsville	8-0	88
6. Bethlehem	7-0	80
7. KY Country Day	5-2	63
8. Louisville HC	5-2	50
9. Dayton	7-0	34
10. Eminence	6-1	21

Others receiving votes: Williamsburg 11, Covington Holy Cross 7, Hazard 4, Nicholas County 1.



With its win over Fulton City on our senior night Tuesday, Oct. 13, Hickman County improved to 13-9 overall and 5-1 in the 1st District. The Lady Falcons have fared well throughout the 2026 high school volleyball season. *(Photo Courtesy of Hickman County High School Volleyball)*



Mayfield doubled up Calloway County 8-4 during the semifinals of the 2nd District Boys' Soccer Tournament on Tuesday, Oct. 13.
(Photo Courtesy of Mayfield High School Boys' Soccer)



Calloway County hosted Volley for a Cure for breast cancer awareness earlier in the month. *(Photo courtesy of Calloway County High School)*

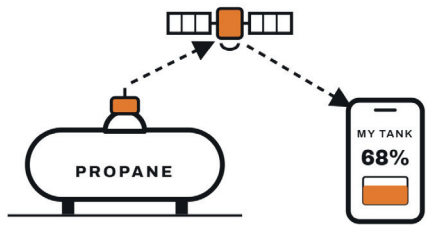
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Tigers double up Mustangs

Staff Report

PADUCAH — Murray doubled up McCracken County 4-2 in a boys' soccer regular season finale on Tuesday, Oct. 6.

With the win, Murray improved to 15-3-2.

Following the loss, McCracken County fell to 9-11-2.

Micah Wyatt led Murray to the win, scoring all four goals for the Tigers. Wyatt thrived offensively throughout the boys' soccer match.

Chipping in offensively for Murray, Knox Poynor, Elias Houck, Henri Acreman-Nyamwala and Eli Wallace each dealt out one assist.

Goalkeeper Cole Morris paced Murray defensively, holding McCracken County to a pair of goals. Wallace logged eight saves.

Maks Hazel (two goals) and Eli Riley (one assist) accounted for McCracken County's offense in the regular season finale.



Marshall County won the District 1 Junior Varsity Girls' Soccer Championship on Saturday, Oct. 3.

(Photo Courtesy of Marshall County High School Girls' Soccer)

ORDINANCE NO. 679
AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR THE TAX YEAR 2026

WHEREAS, KRS 92.280 requires that a city establish ad valorem taxes anticipated to obtain revenue each year;

WHEREAS, the costs of goods and services have significantly increased due to inflationary pressures;

WHEREAS, after publication, a public hearing was held concerning the proposed tax rates on September 29, 2026 for an ad valorem tax of 34.4 cents on each $100 of assessed valuation of all real and personal property having a taxable situs in the City of Wickliffe, Kentucky;

WHEREAS, errors in printing of the tax bills resulting in tax rates indicating an ad valorem tax of 34.4 cents on each $100 of assessed valuation of all real and person property having a taxable situs in the City of Wickliffe, Kentucky;

WHEREAS, the cost of reprinting and mailing, together with the waiver of the pending charges for this and all prior years for services by the PVA justify a rate of 34.4 cents on each $100 of assesses valuation;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED AND DETERMINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WICKLIFFE, KENTUCKY that

Section 1. That the tax rate for the City of Wickliffe, Kentucky for tax year 2026 shall be as follows:
(a) An ad valorem tax of 34.4 cents on each $100 of assessed valuation of all real property having a taxable situs in the City of Wickliffe, Kentucky;
(b) An ad valorem tax of 34.4 cents on each $100 of assessed valuation of all personal property having a taxable situs in the City of Wickliffe, Kentucky.

Section 2. The revenue derived from the taxes levied herein are to be credited to the General Fund and are to be expended for general operating expenses.

Section 3. Payment of all valorem is due by January 1, 2027 with a two percent discount for those paid by December 1, 2026, and a five percent penalty for late payments made before January 31, 2027, and a twenty-one percent penalty for late payments thereafter.

APPROVED:
Lynn Lane
Mayor

ATTEST:
Debbie Lawrence
City Clerk pro tempore

Passed on 1st reading the 8th day of September 2026.

Passed on 2nd reading, after public hearing, on the 29th day of September 2026.

Passed and approved as amended on 3rd reading, on the 13th day of September 2026

Ordinance published in the Advance Yeoman on October 16, 2026.

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OCMS Cross Country Girls Capture State Runner-Up Honors in Program's First Year



Back L-R: Haegan Eaves, Nora Wilds, Emrie Hicks, Bella Ross, Davie Wilds, Addie Easterwood, Lynlee Butts. Front: Coach Jason Pate

Staff Report

In its first year of competition, Obion County Middle School Cross Country nearly reached the top of the state, as the girls' team finished runner-up at the state meet. The boys' OCMS Cross Country team also made its mark, earning a 10th place finish.

The OCMS girls came within just five points of capturing the state championship, an outstanding accomplishment for a program in its inaugural season. The team's performance showcased the determination, hard work and growth of its runners, many of whom recorded personal records during the state race.

Bella Ross led the OCMS girls with a 10th-place finish, followed by Davie Wilds in 21st place. Haegan Eaves placed 28th, and Nora Wilds finished 29th. Emrie Hicks crossed the finish line in 51st place, followed by Addie Easterwood in 60th and Lynlee Butts in 83rd. Eighth- grader Kinley Burress served as the Coach's Assistant on race day.

In addition to finishing as State Runners-Up, the girls' team also compiled an impressive list of championships including: Bulldog Invitational Champions, Obion County Invitational Champions, Captain's Classic Champions, Tomcat Invitational Champions, and The Best of the West Champions.

The boys' team earned several championships throughout its season including: Obion County Invitational Champions, Captain's Classic Champions, and Tomcat Invitational Champions. These championships, combined with the team's 10th-place finish at the state competition, capped an impressive first season for the program.

Coach Jason Pate praised the runners for their commitment and effort throughout the season and their performance on the state stage.

"I'm incredibly proud of what these kids have accomplished, especially in our first year as a program," Pate said. "To have the girls finish just five points away from a state championship and the boys place 10th is a tremendous accomplishment. So many of our runners set personal records at state, which shows how hard they've worked and how much they've improved. These athletes have laid a great foundation for OCMS Cross Country, and I'm excited to see what the future holds for this program."

The state results reflect a season of dedication, perseverance and steady improvement for the OCMS runners. The team's performance in its inaugural season set a promising course for the future and positions OCMS Cross Country as a program to watch in the years ahead.



KHSAA adopts basketball shot clock guidelines

Staff Report

LEXINGTON — At its meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 16, the KHSAA Board of Control finalized the guidance for shot clocks for the 2027-28 basketball season. This guidance is posted online and includes both the necessary regulatory pieces (since this is a state association adoption by NFHS rules), and the NFHS Rules Book current guidance. The document is posted at https://www.khsaa.org/basketball/regularseason/Shot%20Clock%20Parameters%20Final%20Compiled.pdf.

The missing pieces finalized at the meeting were two reset times: the defense kicking the ball or defensive fouls, each of which would reset the clock to 20 if they occurred with 20 seconds or less on the shot clock. These are obviously to prevent the defense from gaining an advantage with one of these acts while the clock is winding down and are standard among most states that have adopted the shot clock.

In addition, the Board of Control had previously approved a recommended 70% standard fee for schools or associations that wish to use a licensed official as the shot clock operator. As a practical example, if a normal varsity fee for an official were $70 (the $65 base plus $5 local policy board add-on), this recommended fee would be $49. This aligns with the fee should a school choose to have an alternate official at their game for other reasons.

This regulatory language will be incorporated into the association's competition rules and will remain in effect unless further modified by the Board or a formal nationwide rule for the shot clock is adopted in a future year.

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Falcon Golf Tournament to be held Oct. 24

Staff Report

CLINTON — The Falcon Golf Tournament is set to be held at Oak Hill Golf Course on Saturday, Oct. 24.

The tournament will serve as a fundraiser for the Hickman County golf team.

The registration fee for the Falcon Golf Tournament is $160 per four-person team.

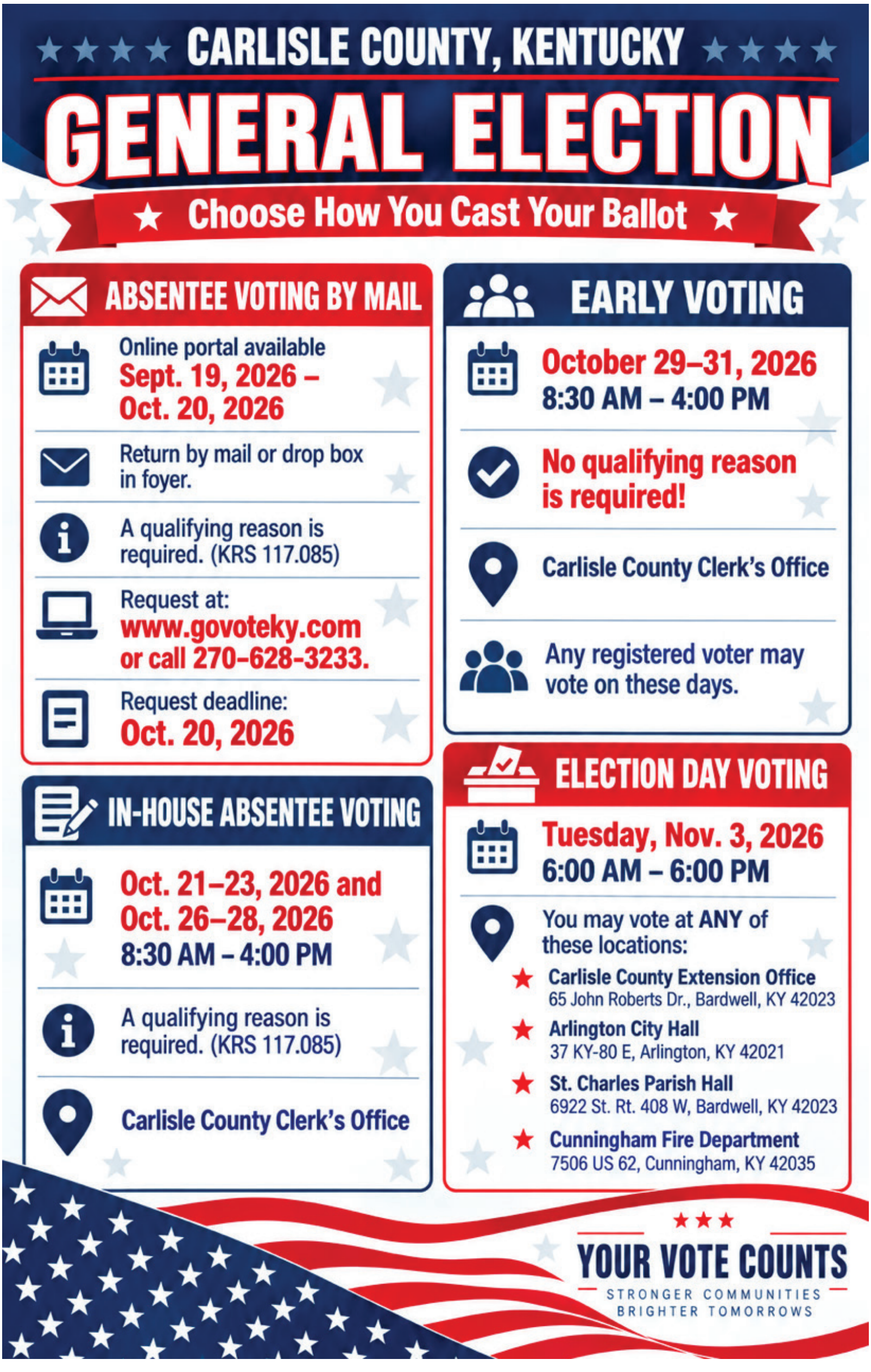
Mulligans, skirts and string will be available to purchase at the scramble.

In addition, lunch will be available for $10 per person.

Registration for the Falcon Golf Tournament is available at the Oak Hill Golf Course Pro Shop.

The Falcon Golf Tournament will start at noon.

Proceeds from the event will support the Hickman County golf team.



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THE LAST HUG

By Teresa LeNeave
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This quote reminded me of something I experienced a few years ago: "When we realize that a day is not simply another day added to our lives, but one less day we have to live, we began to appreciate our time more, and focus on the people, moments, and little things that truly matter" (Countryside Therapy, Facebook).

A few years ago, I went to an in-home estate sale where I bought a coat that looked brand new. I was quite proud to find the trash someone else no longer wanted, or needed, had become my treasure.

As you know, yard sales happen in the summer so I did not wear, or even try on the coat, until winter time.

Months later when I tried the coat on, I got quite the surprise and a memory that I will never forget. Tucked in one of the pockets was $78 folded neatly. However, the other pocket is what I've thought of several times over the years.

In the second pocket was a neatly folded to-do list which read, "Go to Kroger. Go to post office. Organize desk. Write. Pay bills." The first three items on the list were marked through with a black line. The last two were not. I wonder why they were never marked as "done".

I've often thought, "Did she ever write what she wanted to write? What was she writing about? Was it a book? Was the book ever finished? Was



it a poem or maybe a newspaper article? Did she have time to pay her bills before her life was taken?

I can't help but think, one day we will all leave an unfinished to-do-list.

The Bible says life is but a vapor. James 4:14 says: "Yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes."

Many times, the Bible describes the fleeting nature of life on earth as short. Like a breath. A vapor. Barely seen. Not so we'll be sad or worried but so we'll think about eternity and where we will spend it.

Jesus said He came to give us eternal life (John 10:28). It's a gift from God when we believe in His Son, Jesus Christ. Accept that gift while you can. Life is short. It's unpredictable. One diagnosis can change everything.

Give the hug. Laugh when you can. Make that call. We never know when it will be the last hug. The last laugh. The last call. The last note that will be left in our coat pocket.

Outdoor Truths

By Gary Miller
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One thing I notice each deer season is how much more aware of my surroundings at the beginning of the season than I am in the middle or toward the end. The first few times I'm in a treestand, I am quick to notice everything about my environment. I take notice not because I'm trying to gain a hunting advantage, but because it has been months since I was last in this place. The sights, sounds, and smells are new again. And their effect on my senses is overwhelming. At the beginning of the season, I find myself more aware of creation than of the creature I came to hunt. But by the middle or end of the season, it seems I spend more time focused on the task at hand and as a result miss some really beautiful things. I was reminded of this by the app that tracks my cycling trips. My most common ride this year involves an extreme climb. After each ride, my app records it and then gives me this message. "Did you even stop to enjoy the view?" And the truth is, much of the time I didn't. I just rode with my head down, my heart pumping, and my mind on something I needed to do when I finished. What's worse is that this ride takes place somewhere people come from all over the world just to enjoy the view. Yet I get so wrapped up in myself that I don't even stop to enjoy what others have traveled thousands of miles to see.

What happens on my bike and toward the end of my deer season, also happens far to often in my day-to-day life. I get so wrapped up in my to-do list, my appointment schedule, and my projects that I lose sight of the really beautiful things and the people around me. I fail to notice the trees and the birds or even stop to consider what wonderful and complex gifts my eyes and ears are that allow me to see and hear them. I think about my "stuff" and forget about my own mind, and the health of that mind, that allows me to even think about all that stuff. While millions come to witness the beauty of the national park where my bike ride takes place, we can all marvel at the works of God simply by considering how we are fearfully and wonderfully made. We just have to choose each day to see it all in a new way. Just like the first day of deer season.

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How about some good news for a change?

By William F Holland Jr.
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Here are some encouraging truths filled with spiritual hope and peace. May you enjoy the Lord's presence today. God knows: The Almighty is Omniscient and fully aware of when we are going through difficult times, our worries, fears, and even what we are thinking. Actually, He is the only one who really knows how we feel, and we can always trust that He has the perfect plan to help us. There are three answers to our prayers; yes, no, and keep waiting, so whatever the situation, we can know that He is in total control and always wants the best for us. He can make things work out in your favor, no matter how the situation looks or what stands in the way.

God loves: God's love and grace are greater than all our sin. Jesus died a cruel and painful death in order to save us, and the good news is that whoever embraces this gospel about God's love and receives it into their life by faith can obtain His mercy and be redeemed and transformed into a child of the King. Nothing can stop your love for God, and nothing can stop God's love from saving you! "For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" Romans 8:37-39.

God cares: He sees every tear and knows all about the mountains and giants we are facing. Do not be intimidated or deceived by the enemy – he is a liar! Jesus wants everyone to know that with God you are always a majority – He has ALL authority. His word promises that his eye is watching every sparrow, which allows us to realize how much more He is watching over us. Trust Him. He is concerned and compassionate about our circumstances and longs to have a close personal relationship with you. "Casting all your care upon him; for he cares for you." I Peter 5:7.

God provides: The Lord always supplies peace, joy, or whatever material provisions we need. God can create miracles and open doors that seem impossible; just believe His promises are true! We can place all of our trust in Him and believe with all of our heart that He will do above and beyond all that we could ask or imagine. Philippians 4:19 declares, "But my God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

God desires: What is God's desire? Simply for us to love Him and obey Him. He also wants us to succeed, and be an overcomer who lives a confident, abundant life. When we were born, he designed our personal blueprint, and within this wonderful plan is a destiny of victory and joy! Read Deuteronomy 31:8. "Everyone has inside of them a piece of good news. The good news is that you don't know how great you can be! How much you can love! What you can accomplish! And what your potential is." Anne Frank.

God heals: Jesus is the great physician and has all power and authority in heaven and earth. He gives instruction and wisdom to doctors; He creates medicines and knows the solutions to every problem. God has the miracle power to take care of all of our health issues including physical, mental, emotional, or spiritual. Whether in this life or in heaven, we can know that our Heavenly Father will eventually heal all of His children perfectly and completely. In Exodus 15:26 God declares, "I am the Lord that heals you."

God delivers: Whatever the bondage, temptation, crisis, or fear, the King of kings can lift you out of your anxiety and set your feet upon a solid rock. Embrace His promises and allow His absolute truth to break down your walls of doubt and set you free! Invite Him today to come into your life and give you a fresh new beginning. Praise Him for who He is! He is worthy of all worship and exaltation! Lift up your heart and sing, "O come let us adore Him!" "The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower. I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from my enemies." Psalm 18:2-3.

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REMEMBER TO REST

Bro. Brandon G. Bramlett
Bandana Baptist Church

She slept like a baby and awoke $14,000 richer. She was the well-rested champion of Japan's unusual "sleep competition" held in Tokyo, where contestants hit the hay to hit the jackpot. According to Yahoo News, "dozens of participants [are] fitted with sleep tracking devices [and] sprawl on comfy mattresses to slumber for up to 90 minutes," and the deepest sleeper walks away with deeper pockets. In a nation notorious for its sleep deprivation, the competitive event was established to awaken an interest in the importance of rest. Who would have dreamed that a contest would have to be designed to encourage something as fundamental as getting some shut-eye?

However, those most in need of a wake-up call about rest are not the Japanese, but Jesus-followers. The real nightmare is that many believers work too much and rest too little. Gallup recently reported that only three in ten Americans rest on the Lord's Day. LifeWay Research similarly found that 25% of Christians today do not believe in Sabbath-keeping at all. But the truth is, the God who neither sleeps nor slumbers graciously set apart and sanctified a day of much-needed rest for the souls and bodies of His people.

The Creator ceased His work on the seventh day to set a standard for human beings created in His image (Gen. 2:2-3). The Lord similarly commanded that labor should be completed in six days, while the seventh should be reserved for doing nothing but resting (Ex. 20:8-11). And as Jesus taught, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath" (Mark 2:27). The God who made you instituted this redeeming rhythm of work and rest because you are not a machine. Your body grows tired, your soul needs recharging—and your gracious God has provided you with a day to lay aside labors and rest in Him.

Moreover, resting on the Lord's Day is an act of resting in the Lord. Leaving your work behind and laying down your head on Sunday is a way of saying, "God is in control—I am not. He can handle the universe without me. He will order my life according to His will while I sleep, and I will awake to His faithfulness." Refusing to rest declares the opposite: "I am like God—I don't need rest. He cannot operate the world without me."

Take time to rest, and rejoice with the redeemed of the Lord on Sunday. You will find that the reward for restful Sabbath-keeping is far greater than $14,000: "If you turn back your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on my holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, or seeking your own pleasure, or talking idly; then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth" (Isa. 58:13-14a).



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1875 St Rt 384 Mayfield, Ky $308,000.00. MLS#: 26019260. Beautiful Absolutely Private home on 2.5 impressive acres with 4 bedrooms and 3 full baths! Extremely well built ! Only 5 miles to I-69 and Mayfield. Large updated kitchen with gorgeous tile, corian countertops and abundant cabinetry. Quality bar stools stay plus all appliances. All 3 full baths are updated with extra nice tile and countertops. There are 2 large living areas. Kitchen open to Living room. Utility room. Primary bedroom and bath separate from other bedrooms ! NEW paint , blinds and appliances since 2019. NEW roof in 2020. 2 car attached carport and 2 car detached garage. Large metal barn 80 x 32 great for any animals, hay, equipment storage, RV and more! It does have a few stalls in it. Door is 11 FT 7 in tall. Land is rolling and lays pretty. Plenty of road frontage. Paved driveway. Geothermal HVAC. Appraisal done in March of 2026 available upon request. Seller is providing a one year home warranty at closing ~~ APHW.com Utility room or Guest bath would make great storm shelter! CALL Jennifer Palmer Realty 270-519-9000

606 Tortuga Dr. $210,000 MLS # 26024150 CALL Jennifer Palmer Realty 270-519-9000

2836 James Sanders Blvd., Paducah, KY. MLS #134672. High traffic location, Approximately 3+ acres off exit #4 I-24 on James Sander's BLVD between Texas Road House and Academy Sports. Great location for commercial development. Approximately 450 feet of road frontage, level, with all utilities. $2,450,000, Carla Bridges @ REMAX at 270-559-8425

6330 Burchell, Paducah, KY. MLS #136950. Premier custom home in one of Paducah's most prestigious neighborhoods, The Grove, privately set on a cul-de-sac. Grand entry, open kitchen with butler's pantry, spacious living room with fireplace, office, craft room, and luxurious primary suite with his and hers baths and sitting area. Enjoy a large, covered porch with outdoor kitchen, screened porch and 3 car garage. Upstairs offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, playroom/bedroom and bonus room. The walkout basement includes 2 bedrooms, full kitchen, family room, patio, storage, mechanical room and concrete safe room. Elevator serves all floors. French country exterior, stone/brick/extensive landscaping and circle drive. $1,595,000. Contact Carla Bridges @ REMAX at 270-559-8425

500 S 17th • Paducah, KY 42003 Commercial/Industrial - $1,399,000 MLS Number • 125918 • 18,900 sq. ft. Outstanding professional office building in the heart of Paducah featuring approximately 15,600 sq. ft. of office space with 26 private offices, 4 bullpens, 2 conference rooms, kitchen/breakroom, 2 IT rooms, 3 laboratory rooms, multiple work areas, and storage closets along with 2300 sq. ft. warehouse area. Also has an approximately 1000 sq. ft. detached storage building. Contact Carla Bridges @ REMAX at 270-559-8425

1114 Broadway, Paducah, KY. MLS #132732. Excellent opportunity for a client in need of a nice office building in midtown Paducah, centrally located in the heart of Paducah's business district with high traffic location. Dual access from Broadway and Kentucky Avenue. Current tenants are expected to move by late fall. $459,900. Contact Carla Bridges @ REMAX at 270-559-8425

For Sale By Owner! 20 acres in Calloway County, Ky 000 Hale Road, Murray, KY 42071. 5 miles northwest of Murray, Ky. 50 miles from Paducah, near Kentucky and Barkley Lakes. Minutes away from Murray State University. Easy access to hwy 80. All tillable, currently in crops. WKRECC Electric, Natural gas available. Call or Text 270-293-2064. Price $350,000.00

House For Sale Ranch style, 3 bedroom, 2 full baths, Cedar siding. Sits on 6 acres. 116 Darnell Rd. Benton 42025. Call 270-404-6972 for appointment.

100 Acres sold all together. Livingston County, near Elementary school. store, fire department. Can be used for residential or commercial. 10 miles from Ky Lake 270-210-6697 (tfn)

4 Adjacent 1 acres lots in Peninsula Subdivision on Lake of Egypt. Great year round fishing with no carp, barges, or big boats. 50 minutes from Paducah. $29,995 for all four. Might divide into 2 parcels. Call owner 314-239-6676.

Large Ky Lake lot Mature trees, utilities, restricted to new construction or double wide. $24,900. 270-970-8000 (tfn)

Beautifully and totally renovated condo in exciting Lower Town, Paducah, KY. Stainless steel and granite kitchen, original wood floors, two master suites with attached baths. Carport with storage. 2/3 -2,140 sq. ft. $247,500. (972) 816-8766 (tfn)

401 E 12th St., Benton Charming and spacious 2,240 sq. ft. home. Immaculate property centrally located in Benton on a well landscaped corner lot. 3 Bedroom / 2 Bath. Expansive basement includes interior and exterior entrances. Workshop with additional outbuilding with concrete flooring for mower etc. $269,900 Call Carla Bridges REMAX Realty Group at 270-559-8425

1.6 acres with hookups septic and well. 2357 State Rt 384 Mayfield Ky. $20k FIRM 270-564-6774 (TFN)

5.75 Acres, Paradise Haven. I-77 & Hwy 52. Bland County VA. Hunting and surveyed, septic tank and well permits. Wooded and cleared building sites with roads. Taxes under $200.00 per year. $69,000.00 Ph. 270-226-2908 (tfn)

6,970 sq. ft. Commercial Retail lot with a 3,400 sq. ft. Building. 50' x 140' Lot Size. Built in 1983. 409 Court Street, Wickliffe, KY. MLS #: 26017434. $149,000. The building was recently a pharmacy. Across for the courthouse one way, across from FCB Bank the other way. Great location! Shelving can stay or seller will remove. For more info call Betty Higdon Century 21 Service Realty at 279-519-6991 (TFN)

FARM FOR RENT

For rent pasture grazing for cattle in McCracken County, available now. 270-519-3567

CAMPERS FOR SALE

2021 JAYCO JayFlight SLX, 195 RB Travel Trailer (21-foot) Never been lived in. Bath tub - Shower combo. Closet, Queen size bed, Refrigerator, Microwave, 2-Burner Stove, Electric Awning, Radio & TV Hookup, Fold-Out stairs, Storage, 2-Water Tanks. KEVIL AREA. Asking $18,000 Call 270-349-4962

For sale Pop camper 2001 Coleman Grand Tour Utah; $3,000. 270-519-7849 TFN

BOATS FOR SALE

REDUCED 2008 20 ft. Crestliner 1950 SF series, easy load trailer, 175 HP Mercury motor, canopy, travel cover, 2 fish finders, radio FM/AM, much more, garage stored, valued at $15K, sell for $12,000. 270-665-0010 / leave a message.

14' Polar Craft Boat,Like new motor, electric start, trailer 1 fuel can, Minkota trolling motor, canopy, fish finder, battery. Benton Ky $5,500.00. OBO 815-236-9455 (TFN)

AUTOS FOR SALE

For Sale. 2009 Mercury Milan 82000 miles. Bought August 2024 for commuting to work. No longer needed. Last Service June 2025 78,500 miles New Tires June 2025 78,800 miles. Price $7500.00. Call 615-430-7544.

2015 Mercedes E-350 104,000 miles, Light grey Real nice vehicle, drives real nice. $13,000 OBO call 270-493-2176

2007 Red Chevy Avalanche Truck, needs transmission



Sudoku Answers

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and frame rusted.Selling truck for parts. $3000. Please call 270-217-4980

2017 GMC Sierra Denali Crew Cab pickup, 99,000 miles, loaded, Beautiful truck, $23,500. Please call... 270-519-3674 or 270-519-1254

1986 Chevrolet 4 x 4 Pickup, wrecked but a/c works $2,000 cash or OBO. 327 Motor and 3 speed transmission out of 1980 Impala $1,000 cash or OBO. Call 270-804-5399.

REDUCED 2010 Black Honda Fit Sport 4 door hatchback. Excellent mechanical condition minor cosmetic damage clear title $4,500.00 OBO Cal 812-631-3921

GMC Yukon, 2 Wheel drive, 2010 ,has third row seating, 120,xxx miles, perfect condition, good tire tread. $9,800. TEXT with serious inquiries only 270-519-3962 Text ONLY

1991 Chevyrolet Silverado 350 V8, 4 speed transmission, long wheel base, 2 door, garage kept, excellent shape, 206,000 miles. $11,000.00 OBO call Margaret A. Moore 270-875-3126

AUTO MISC.

27 ft Car Hauler Cargo Trailer. Used once, 2-7,000 lb axels, 4,000 lb rear door ramp, Call for extras 303-775-0310, $11,300 (tfn)

For Sale: 2025 Diamond Trailer - 7' x 14', Enclosed, Fold Down Back Door, Side Walk-In Door, Tandom Axle, Electric Brakes, $4,500. Call Don: 386-559-7004

Adult Trike W/ Electric Battery for sale $450.00. 1 Year Old. Call 270-331-2527.

FARM & LAWN EQUPMENT

1996 8570 MF Combine Big motor, 30' GH, SCH Knife & drive, Maurer bin ext, flotation rears, second owner. C-Tech maintained. Approx. 3,000 hrs $50,000 OBO. 419-615-0950

REDUCED 1987 John Deere Combine 7720 Titan 2, 4 wd, long auger, 30.5 x 32 tires, always kept inside shed. $11,000 OBO 270-254-0318 3 . 2 Prong Hay Fork $150; B275 Diesel International project tractor $1,250. Call 731-487-7062.

1953 Farmall Cub Woods Belly Mower. to ad for 1950 8n Ford Tractor $1250.00. 270-832-1281

1950 8N Ford tractor $1,250.00, Call 270-832-1281. W0.5x32

MISC. FOR SALE

For Sale: New and Used Christmas Toys and Tools. Rosanna's Place Salem Ky. Thurs -Fri. 8-4. Sat. 8-1

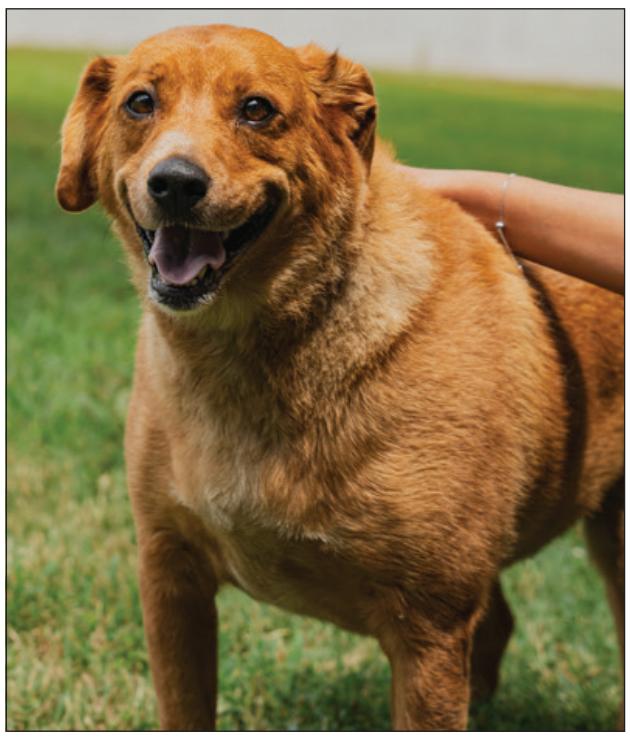
Goodman 4 ton central heat & air split unit, hardly used. Call thomas 270-247-7589. (tfn)

Roofing supplies left over a job. GAF shingles, under lay, edging, nails. Retail value $700. Your cost for lot $250 cash and carry. 270-559-8467

Hunting equipment, trophy deer heads, tools, household horse and Indian items, thousands of like new items priced to sell. Traders Mall Flee Market June 13th

Glass Top Coffee Table, 2 matching end tables, and sofa table, great condition. Trimmed with brass. $150 Call 270 519-7604

Pet of the Week



Meet Frito, this week's pet of the week. Frito has been returned to the shelter twice, through no fault of his own. His owner's found themselves in a situation where they could no longer care for him. Frito is a super sweet boy that loves being around humans. Like many of us humans, Frito could stand to lose a few pounds so he would make a great companion to go on walks. Frito is neutered, microchipped and up to date on all of his vaccinations. Frito is 6 years old so he is considered a senior dog. His adoption fee is only $25 and comes with a few other perks made available by a generous donor. Please come in and meet Frito, we are sure you will fall in love.

For more information please contact: McCracken County Humane Society 4000 Coleman Road, Paducah, KY 42001 - (270)443-5923

RIVER CITY MISSIONS

has been operating in Paducah, KY since 1975

River City Mission Homeless Shelter in Paducah, Ky has never closed the doors since 1975, and continues to provide 24 hour services to the homeless men and families of Western Kentucky. River City Mission provides housing, and 3 meals daily to roughly 35 – 40 men & families on a daily basis. This is made possible by the caring & sharing residents of the Western Kentucky area. Thank you to all those who continue to support River City Mission.

GIANT INDOOR YARD SALE

Thurs. Oct. 15, Fri. Oct 16 & Sat. Oct. 17, 2026

FROM 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. EACH DAY

Carson Park, Floral Hall • Joe Clifton Dr. • Paducah

HELP THE HOMELESS

DONATE ITEMS FOR THE UPCOMING GIANT INDOOR YARD SALE



ALL PROCEEDS GO TO CARE FOR THE HOMELESS

(DRUG & ALCOHOL FREE FACILITY) AT RIVER CITY MISSION. THE MISSION HOUSES MEN AND FAMILIES.

DONATIONS URGENTLY NEEDED!

DROP OFF DONATIONS AT RIVER CITY MISSIONS

OR CALL 270-442-7921 FOR PICK-UP

SUBSCRIBE OR ADVERTISE TODAY! 270.442.7389

ABSOLUTE REAL ESTATE AUCTION

Tuesday, October 20th, 2026 | 10:00 AM

138 Boatwright Lane, Paducah, KY 42003



TWO TRACTS • 4.49± TOTAL ACRES • PADUCAH, KENTUCKY

INVESTMENT PROPERTY • MULTIPLE RESIDENCES • INCOME POTENTIAL

An excellent opportunity to purchase income-producing real estate in Paducah, Kentucky! This property offers **4.49± total acres across two tracts,** including multiple residences, established rental income, separate water meters, and additional potential for an investor, landlord, or buyer looking to expand their real estate portfolio.

TRACT 1 – 4.20± ACRES THREE RESIDENCES

138, 154 & 155 Boatwright Lane • Paducah, KY

Tract 1 features 4.20± acres with three residences, offering immediate rental income along with additional income potential.

138 BOATWRIGHT LANE - 2-bedroom, 1-bath home featuring a living room, kitchen, central forced-air natural gas heat, and window air conditioning. This residence is currently rented for $700 per month.

154 BOATWRIGHT LANE - 2-bedroom, 1-bath mobile home featuring a living room, kitchen, and window air conditioning. This residence is also currently rented for $700 per month.

155 BOATWRIGHT LANE - Older mobile home offering the potential for additional rental income or other future use.

Each residence has its own separate water meter, providing added convenience for a multi-unit rental property.

With 138 and 154 Boatwright Lane each renting for $700 per month, these two residences alone provide $1,400 in combined monthly rent – or $16,800 in potential gross annual rental income before expenses. And that's before any potential income from 155 Boatwright Lane.

For investors looking to add doors to their portfolio, buyers seeking multiple residences on one property, or those interested in acreage with existing improvements, Tract 1 deserves a closer look.

TRACT 2 – 0.29± ACRE LOT

150 Boatwright Lane • Paducah, KY

Tract 2 consists of a 0.29± acre lot on Boatwright Lane with its own water meter already in place. Offered separately from Tract 1, this tract provides buyers with an opportunity to purchase an additional piece of property with existing utility access and potential for future use.

Annual rental income calculation assumes 12 months of rent from the two residences currently renting for $700 per month, before expenses. The calculation excludes any potential income from 155 Boatwright Lane. Property information is provided for marketing purposes and should be independently verified by prospective buyers.

REAL ESTATE TERMS: The property will be offered 2 tracts. A 10% Buyer's Premium will be added to the final bid and included in the deed transaction sale price. 15% as down payment on the day of the auction with balance in cash at closing on or before 30 days. The down payment may be in the form of cashier's check, personal check, or corporate check. YOUR BIDDING IS NOT CONDITIONAL UPON FINANCING, SO BE SURE YOU HAVE ARRANGED FINANCING, IF NEEDED, AND ARE CAPABLE OF PAYING CASH AT CLOSING. Make Inspections Prior To Date Of Sale. Closing shall take place on or before 30 days from auction date. All 2026 ad valorem taxes will be prorated at closing. The property will be sold by the existing deed.

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Measles outbreak surpasses 100 cases in Kentucky

By Tom Latek
kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – The number of confirmed cases of measles in Kentucky continues to rise, with the case count standing at 105 as of Tuesday morning.

The daily update from the Kentucky Department of Public Health (KDPH) indicates Christian County still has reported the most cases with 45, with neighboring Trigg County in second place with 25. Laurel County reports 7, while Barren, Carroll and Washington counties each have had five. There have been four in Jessamine County, three in Caldwell County, two apiece in Lewis and Owen counties, and pen each in Todd and Trimble counties.

According to KDPH 103 of the 105 cases involved people who were unvaccinated, or whose vaccination status was unknown. One person had received one dose of the two-dose MMR vaccine, while the other case involved an individual who had received the two doses. The MMR vaccine also protects against rubella and mumps.



Breaking down the number of cases by age group, 12 have been five years of age or younger, the largest group has been those ages 5-17 with 48 cases, while those 18 or older had the remaining 45 confirmed cases.

While Kentucky has had nine measles patients require hospitalization, the state has had no deaths. Compare that to Pennsylvania, which has seen six deaths among the more than 1,100 cases, according to health officials there.

State health officials continue to ask parents to ensure their children receive the MMR vaccine.

KPH says coverage among kindergartners dropped to 86.9 percent in the 2024-2025 school year but increased to 91.1 percent during the 2025-2026 school year. That remains below the national average of approximately 93 percent during both school years. Comparatively, MMR vaccination rates for 7th and 11th grade students remained stable at greater than 95 percent in 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years, highlighting the success of catch-up opportunities in middle and high school.

ABSOLUTE REAL ESTATE AUCTION
Thursday, October 22nd, 2026 | 6:00 PM
775 Meridian Road • Hickory, KY 42051



TWO TRACTS • 2.19± TOTAL ACRES • MAYFIELD, KENTUCKY
AUCTION HELD AT HARRIS AUCTION FACILITY
3855 St. Rt. 45 North, Mayfield, KY 42066



Situated on **1.631± acres,** the home offers a comfortable and functional floor plan with multiple living and gathering spaces. The spacious kitchen features white cabinetry, ample counter and storage space, tile backsplash, and breakfast bar seating, with the dining area conveniently located nearby. A separate living area features a corner fireplace, adding warmth and character to the home.

The home includes two bedrooms and two full bathrooms, with crown molding, wood trim, ceiling fans, and a combination of hard-surface flooring and carpet throughout. Outside, the property features an inviting covered front porch, spacious lawn, established landscaping, and a detached garage with an attached covered carport, providing plenty of room for vehicles, storage, hobbies, or workshop use.

An adjoining 0.56± acre lot will be offered separately as Tract 2, providing buyers with an opportunity to purchase additional land alongside the residence or acquire the lot independently.

TRACT 1 –1.631± ACRES
Includes the 2-bedroom, 2-bath home, detached garage with attached carport, covered front porch, landscaping and surrounding yard.

TRACT 2 – 0.56± ACRE LOT
Adjoining lot being offered separately, providing an opportunity to purchase additional land alongside the home tract or purchase the lot independently.

HOME HIGHLIGHTS
- 2 Bedrooms • 2 Full Bathrooms
- Spacious kitchen with white cabinetry, ample counter space & breakfast bar
- Adjoining dining area
- Multiple living and gathering spaces
- Corner fireplace
- Wood trim throughout
- Covered front porch
- Spacious yard with established landscaping
- Detached garage with attached covered carport
- Additional space for parking, storage or workshop use



PUBLIC PREVIEW:
Monday, October 19th from 4:00 - 5:00 PM

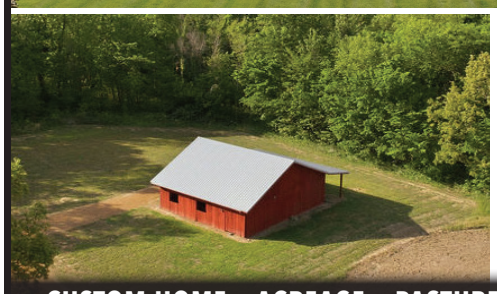
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ABSOLUTE REAL ESTATE AUCTION
2500 Biggs Road • Kevil, KY 42053
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH, 2026 at 10:00 AM



4,380± SQ. FT. COUNTRY HOME
HORSE BARN
17.85 ACRES
OFFERED IN 2 TRACTS





CUSTOM HOME • ACREAGE • PASTURE • WOODED LAND • HORSE BARN

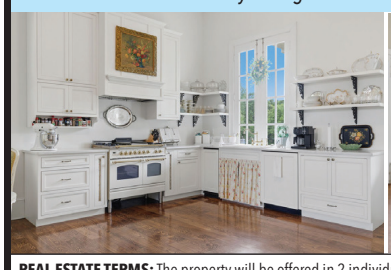
Don't miss this opportunity to purchase an exceptional Western Kentucky country property. Situated on 17.85± acres, the property will be offered in two tracts: **Tract 1 – 9.57± acres with the home** and improvements, and **Tract 2 – 8.28± mostly wooded acres.**

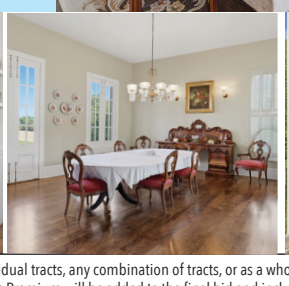
The impressive **4,380± sq. ft. home offers 3 bedrooms and 3.5 bathrooms,** featuring 10- and 12-foot ceilings, hardwood flooring, custom cabinetry and 16 solid mahogany doors. A French mantel with gas fireplace adds timeless character, while a spacious bonus room offers flexible additional living space.

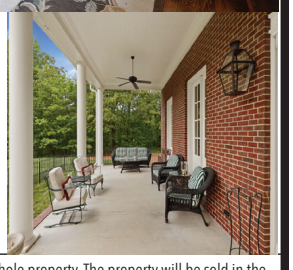
Enjoy approximately **1,536± sq. ft. of covered porches accented by Bevolo gas lanterns.** Additional improvements include a horse barn and 500-gallon underground propane tank, surrounded by an attractive blend of open ground, pasture and wooded acreage.

HOME & PROPERTY HIGHLIGHTS
- ***4,380± sq. ft. home***
- *3 bedrooms • 3.5 bathrooms*
- *10' & 12' ceilings • Hardwood flooring*
- *Custom cabinetry*
- *16 solid mahogany doors*
- *French mantel & gas fireplace*
- *Large bonus/flex room*
- *1,536± sq. ft. of covered porches*
- *Bevolo gas lanterns*
- *Horse barn • 500-gallon buried propane tank*
- *Open ground, pasture & wooded acreage*
- *Private Western Kentucky setting*









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