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# NTSB blame Fulton-Area Plane Crash on Wrong Fuel

**By Wilbur Jackson**  
*KPI Writer*

An airplane crash near Fulton on Aug. 21 that injured four people was caused by the aircraft being fueled with the wrong type of fuel, according to findings released by the National Transportation Safety Board.

The NTSB investigation found that a Cessna 421, registration N28RH, was fueled with 145 gallons of Jet-A before departing the Fulton area shortly after 1 p.m. The aircraft was designed to operate on aviation gasoline, commonly known as avgas or 100LL.

The NTSB investigation docket was publicly released Oct. 1.

After takeoff, the pilot reported that the No. 1 cylinder on the right engine began running hot. The pilot leveled the aircraft at approximately 5,000 feet, but the problem continued. He eventually feathered the propeller and shut down the right engine while



attempting to reach an airport. The remaining engine later began losing power, leaving the airplane unable to maintain altitude. Approximately two miles from the airport, the pilot made a forced landing in a cornfield.

The aircraft sustained substantial damage to the right engine mount, fuselage and empennage. Four people were aboard. Two suffered serious injuries and two sustained minor injuries. No

fatalities were reported.

Investigators determined the aircraft had been fueled with Jet-A after a first responder noticed that fuel at the crash site appeared clear rather than blue and smelled like diesel fuel. A paper-towel sample also lacked the blue staining typically associated with aviation gasoline.

The fueler told investigators he had topped off the aircraft with what he described as “pre-mixed Jet-A.” The airport manager confirmed Jet-A had been dispensed, while a fuel receipt signed by the pilot documented the purchase.

The pilot told investigators he had not specifically requested 100LL from the fueler. Although he read the receipt after fueling, the group was anxious to return home and departed without inspecting or sampling the fuel tanks.

The NTSB findings identify the improper fueling as the key factor in the crash.

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## Fulton Independent Schools to Host Track Team Fundraiser

**By Wilbur Jackson**  
*KPI Writer*

Fulton Independent School District will host a fundraiser Friday, Oct. 9, to support its track team and provide community members with an opportunity to enjoy a meal while helping local student-athletes.

The fundraiser will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the parking lot of the Fulton Independent School District Board Office, located at 304 West State Line Road in Fulton.

Plates will be available for \$10 each and will include a choice of one meat, chips and a drink. Meat selections will include fish, pulled pork and chicken wings, giving supporters several options to choose from.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Fulton Independent School District track team. Funds raised will help support the program and provide resources for student-athletes as they participate in practices, competitions and other track-related activities.

**TRACK TEAM FUNDRAISER**  
**Oct. 9, 2026**  
**11:00 - 4:00**  
Board Office Parking Lot

Each plate comes with  
**1 MEAT OPTION**  
(Fish, Pulled Pork, or Chicken Wings)  
Chips and a Drink.

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The fundraiser is open to community members, families, school supporters and anyone interested in helping Fulton students. Organizers are encouraging residents to stop by the Board Office during the event, purchase a plate and show their support for the track program.

Community fundraisers such

as this provide an important opportunity for local schools and athletic programs to receive additional support while bringing residents together behind student activities.

The Fulton Independent track team represents the district in athletic competition throughout the season, and proceeds from Friday’s fundraiser will go toward helping the program continue providing opportunities for its student-athletes.

Those attending are encouraged to visit the fundraiser between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. and enjoy a \$10 meal while supporting Fulton Independent Schools and its track team.

The event offers a simple way for community members to make a direct contribution to local student-athletes while enjoying lunch or an afternoon meal.

With several meat choices available, organizers hope the fundraiser will draw strong community support and help the track team meet its needs for the upcoming season.



Congrats to the Land Judging Team who placed 3rd in the regional contest this week! Team members included Jaden Carter, Grace McBride, Kiley Walker, Chase Nichols, and alternate Skyla Bland.



Another congratulations to Jantzen Gill for being selected at the September FFA Member of the Month by his peers!

## Hickman Police Department to Host Halloween Color Run

**By Wilbur Jackson**  
*KPI Writer*

The Hickman Police Department will host its annual Halloween Color Run on Saturday, Oct. 24, giving residents an opportunity to celebrate the season while participating in a fun community event.

The Halloween-themed event is expected to bring families, children and community members together for an active afternoon of fun. Participants can enjoy the excitement of a color run while celebrating Halloween with friends and neighbors.

Organizers encourage residents to come dressed in their favorite Halloween-themed attire and be prepared to get colorful during the

run. The event is designed to be family-friendly and provide an opportunity for people of various ages and fitness levels to participate.

The annual Color Run has become a community event hosted by the Hickman Police Department, offering residents a chance to interact with local officers in a relaxed and festive setting.

Additional information about registration, starting time, location and participation requirements can be obtained from the Hickman Police Department.

Residents are encouraged to mark their calendars for Saturday, Oct. 24, and join the Hickman Police Department for this year’s Halloween Color Run.

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# Volley for a Cause raises \$5,681 for three families

By **Monica Glisson**  
Special to the Advance Yeoman

Volley for a Cause, held September 22, raised \$5,681 that will benefit three Ballard County families.

This year’s recipients were the families of Kenna Bodell, Charly Steinbrink and Emily Dulworth. Bodell & Steinbrink are both former BMHS Volleyball players, who have suffered traumatic brain injuries (TBIs) as a result of separate car accidents. Dulworth is continuing treatment as she battles cancer.

All three girls were honored at the event as Bodell’s mom, Terrah Bodell, spoke between games. Bodell & Dulworth were presented with bouquets donated by

Flourish Gardens. Steinbrink was unable to attend as she was receiving treatment at a facility out of state.

This moment was truly a full circle moment for the Bodell family. As a former volleyball booster, Terrah Bodell had once been this event’s organizer. She was a booster when the focus changed from Volley for a Cure, raising money toward breast cancer awareness, to Volley for a Cause, focusing on raising funds for local recipients who are facing difficult circumstances.

“These young ladies have defied odds and they, along with their families, go through battles most of us cannot even begin to imagine, and they do it with grace and fight like the champions



Photo by Tim Taylor

they are. Tonight was so much more than the volleyball action on the court,” wrote BMHS Sports Reporter Tim Taylor.  
Over 40 silent

auction baskets were donated by local businesses and organizations. Bidding took place online and during the BMHS vs CCA volleyball game.

Baskets ranged from gift card collections and experiences such as a two night stay at The Hills in Southern Illinois to freshly made cakes that each sold for

over \$100. “Our local businesses showed up and showed out,” said Volley for a Cause volunteer Ashley Bodell. “Every year they do. Without their donations this night wouldn’t be possible. We also would like to thank CCA for taking part in the event with us.”

All concession stand proceeds were donated to the total, as well as t-shirt sales for the event.

“We are so thankful for everyone who attended the event, bid on baskets, bought t-shirts and had dinner at our concession stand,” said Jordan Blankenship, BMHS Volleyball Boosters Treasurer.

\*\*\*\* See additional article below from Terrah Bodell’s perspective

## A full circle moment

By **Terrah Bodell**  
Special to the Advance Yeoman

About six years ago, I was a volleyball booster, and I had it on my heart that we needed to change the way we did Volley for a Cure. Little did I know that just four short years later, my own daughter would become a recipient because of her severe traumatic brain injury.

In years past, Volley for a Cure was geared toward raising money for the American Cancer Society for breast cancer awareness and research. But at the time, there were so many people right here in our own backyard and community who were going through cancer. Several young people, including Hudson Pace, were battling leukemia, and Alexa Viet, Emily Dulworth, and Landon Craig had



also been diagnosed. That is when the focus began to change. Now, 100% of the funds raised are given directly to recipients in our community and surrounding communities who are facing difficult circumstances and the overwhelming financial burdens that come along with them. Over the

last several years, multiple families have been helped during some of the hardest times of their lives. This has included children battling cancer, adults fighting cancer and other illnesses, and even a few young ladies who have suffered life-changing injuries. This event was a passion of mine for

several years, but when my daughter became a recipient, it became even more evident to me just how important fundraisers like this are for families. When tragedy hits, your entire life changes. Everything you knew before is suddenly different. Many times, it means there are no longer two parents

working. Your child has to come first, whether that means treatments, therapies, appointments, or simply having someone there to care for them. One parent may have to stop working to become the caregiver, while the other is doing everything possible to continue working, take care of things at home, and still be there for their child.

Nobody ever wants to be in those shoes, but unfortunately, it happens every day. A child or adult is injured. Someone is diagnosed with cancer or another life-changing disease. In an instant, life can be turned upside down.

Events like Volley for a Cause help with more than just the financial burden. They remind families that their community has their back and that they are not

walking through the hardest season of their lives alone. It could be any one of us at any time. There is not one person or one family who is above tragedy.

When those things happen, anything that allows a family to stay focused on their child, their loved one, and their faith and prayer is truly important. Sometimes all you can do is keep moving forward and do your best to turn tragedy into triumph.

Thank you to the BMHS Volleyball Boosters, 4-H, everyone who donated baskets and items, everyone who bid, and everyone who supported the 2026 Volley for a Cause. Your generosity means more to these families than you may ever know.

If it matters to YOU, it matters to US. Thanks for reading



# Five OCTC Radiography students awarded Healthcare Workforce Scholarships

By Bernie Hale

OWENSBORO, KY — Five second-year students in Owensboro Community & Technical College’s Radiography program have been selected to receive Healthcare Workforce Investment Fund scholarships for the fall 2026 and spring 2027 semesters.

Karissa Adams, Abigail Goodall, Kolby Hanley, Kaylyn Mullins and Amy Snyder will each receive \$5,000 per semester, for a total of \$10,000 per student. Together, the five awards represent \$50,000 in support for students completing their final year of the program.

“These students are preparing for careers that make a direct difference in patients’ lives,” said Dr. Scott Williams, OCTC Chancellor. “We’re grateful to Owensboro Health and the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education for investing in their education and in the future of healthcare in our region.”

The scholarships are part of a \$150,000 initiative announced in 2024. The Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education awarded OCTC \$75,000 through the Healthcare Workforce Investment Fund, with a dollar-for-dollar match

from Owensboro Health. The fund was established by the Kentucky General Assembly to help strengthen the state’s healthcare workforce.

“Radiography students balance demanding coursework with clinical training,” said Michelle Tudor, OCTC Radiography Program Coordinator. “This support can help them focus on building the skills and confidence they’ll bring to patients and healthcare teams after graduation.”

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



Michelle Tudor  
OCTC Radiography  
Program Coordinator

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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# Humana generated \$20 billion in Ky. economic activity in 2025, report says

By Tom Latek  
Kentucky Today

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (KT) – Humana Inc. and the University of Louisville announced Tuesday the publication of a new economic impact report finding that Humana’s operations generated nearly \$20 billion in economic activity throughout Kentucky in 2025.

**Humana**

The report, “The Economic Impact of Humana and Humana Philanthropy on the Commonwealth of Kentucky for

2025,” used several years of company financial data to measure Humana’s employment, payroll, output, tax and philanthropic effects.

UofL applied economist Thomas E. Lambert, said, “This analysis demonstrates that Humana’s influence extends well beyond its own operations, supporting jobs, businesses, tax revenues, and community investment across Kentucky. As a Kentucky-headquartered company, Humana creates economic

ripple effects that strengthen communities throughout the Commonwealth and underscore the value of locally rooted organizations.”

Key findings from the report include: Humana generated approximately \$6.4 billion in direct Kentucky output in 2025, with indirect and induced effects bringing the estimated total to \$19.9 billion.

Approximately 9,000 Humana jobs statewide support about 42,000 additional jobs through supplier

activity and employee spending.

Humana’s approximately \$952 million in direct Kentucky payroll generated an estimated \$3.8 billion in total labor income across the state.

Company business activity and related economic effects generated an estimated \$3.25 billion in local, state and federal taxes.

Humana supports

approximately 39,500 jobs, \$2.6 billion in labor income and nearly \$13 billion in total output in the Louisville metro area.

From roughly 2017 through 2025, Humana, its employees and the Humana Foundation averaged approximately \$51 million annually in financial and in-kind giving, supporting an estimated 403 jobs and \$83.3 million in

total output each year.

“As a company founded and headquartered in Kentucky, Humana understands that our impact is measured not only by the people we serve, but also by the jobs, partnerships and investment we sustain across the commonwealth,” said Jeb Duke, Senior Vice President and Medicaid Divisional Leader at Humana.

The full report is available on the University of Louisville College of Business site and the Humana Health Policy site.



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Reigning 1st District champion Carlisle County will be among the boys' high school basketball teams opening preseason practice later in the month. (Photo Courtesy of Carlisle County High School)

GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

# Hickman County girls' basketball program begins cooked ham fundraiser

Staff Report

CLINTON — The Hickman County Lady Falcon Basketball Cooked Ham Fund-raiser has started. The Hickman County High School and Hickman County

Middle School girls' basketball teams are selling deliciously cooked hams. A limited number of the cooked hams are available. The hams are \$45 apiece. Orders for the cooked hams can be

placed through Hickman County girls' basketball players. The pick-up date for the hams is Saturday, Nov. 14. The hams will be available to be picked up at the Hickman County Softball Concession Stand.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

# 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.

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

# Carlisle County shuts out Fulton City

Staff Report

BARDWELL — Carlisle County shut out Fulton City 3-0 in a 1st District volleyball match on Monday, Sept. 28. The Lady Comets improved to 16-13 overall after notching the win. As a result of the loss, the Lady Bulldogs slipped to 2-7 overall.

In all, 13 different players played for the Lady Comets. Madys-on Lynn, Ella Draper, Alice Fiori, Sophia Grogan, Lily Parham, Skyela Bland, Abree Warren, Eden Bruer, Malley Oliver, Brooklyn Dunn, Palin Bradley, Macee Hogancamp and Olivia Webb each made an impact for the Lady Comets. Hogancamp thrived

in the front row, landing a team-high 12 kills. Defensively for Carlisle County, Dunn recorded a team-best 12 digs. For Fulton City, Piper Cavness, KeeLee Barnett, JNyia Robinson, Rio Lang, R Tisia Walker and Behr Miller each contributed during the 1st District match.

# Bombers Win District Opener



(Photo by Tim Taylor)

By Tim Taylor

Ballard Memorial traveled to Russellville for their Class 1A 1st District season opener. The Bombers took control early and defeated the Panthers 42-13. It was their first win over Russellville since 2002 and their first district victory since October 2024. Ballard Memorial's defense was opportunistic in the opening half. ZT Sawvel intercepted the Panthers on their opening series. Senior running back Jaxon Shackelford scored his first of two scores to start the Bomber scoring. Jackson Sutton intercepted another Panther pass on their second series and

returned in 30 yards for another Bomber score to go ahead 14-0. Sutton then completed TD passes to Sawvel for a 70 yard score and Carson Farmer from 29 yards out for another score to extend the lead to 27-0 at the half. The lead reached 35-0 in the first series of the 2nd half for Ballard Memorial as Sutton connected with Cayden Opel for another 29 yard strike. The Panthers scored in the 3rd quarter to get on the scoreboard and took advantage of a Ballard Memorial turnover to score a 2nd time to pull within 35-13. Shackelford added another score from 41 yards out to push the lead to 42-13.

A Panther player was injured with the running clock going with 5:37 remaining and the officials called the game complete at that time. "It was a great win for the team," said Coach Jon Hedges adding, "We came here for business, and we took care of business." Shackelford rushed for 188 yards, Sutton threw for 197 yards and had 15 tackles on defense. Sawvel had 81 receiving yards and Opel added 79. The Bombers will travel to Fulton County on Friday, October 16th to face the Pilots with the winner claiming sole possession of first place in the district race.



HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

# Pilots roll past Caverna in district game

Staff Report

HORSE CAVE — Fulton County rolled past Caverna 58-7 in a Class 1A, District 1 game on Friday, Oct. 2.

The Pilots won convincingly on the road.

With the win, Fulton County improved to 3-4 overall. The Pilots continue to show improvement.

As a result of the loss, Caverna dropped to 0-7 overall.

Fulton County rushed eight times for 245 yards and six

touchdowns. Charles Keys led Fulton County on the ground, rushing three times for 100 yards and two touchdowns. Following Keys in Fulton County's rushing attack, Prestyn Jones took three carries for 70 yards and two touchdowns.

Aiding Fulton County on the ground, Christian Alexander and Zayden Huff added one rushing touchdown apiece.

Defensively for Ful-

ton County, Brayden Eakes recorded eight tackles.

Providing a pair of defensive scores for Fulton County, Hunter Stonecipher returned two fumbles for touchdowns.

The Pilots have the week of Friday, Oct. 9 open on their schedule.

Fulton County is scheduled to host Ballard Memorial for another Class 1A, District 1 game at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 16.

HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

# Hickman County runners compete in Daviess County Classic

Staff Report

OWENSBORO — Hickman County was among the cross country programs competing in the Daviess County Classic at Yellow Creek Park on Saturday, Oct. 3.

Teams from various regions were represented in the Daviess County Classic.

Multiple Hickman County runners fared well in the Daviess County Classic, which is held annually.

Runners from Hickman County continue to run in the second half of the 2026 high school cross country season.

Hickman County's individual results from the Daviess

County Classic follow.

Girls' 5,000 Meter Run: 54th - Leeyah Peyton, 24:28.40; 71st - Danielle Dillon, 25:56.60; 73rd - Alexandria Hoff, 26:01.50; 91st - Rae Ann Hoff, 31:31.20; 94th - Lillian Ward, 47:07.10.

Boys' 5,000 Meter Run: 30th - Lee Polsgrove, 18:17.70.

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

# Lady Falcons turn back Calloway County

Staff Report

CLINTON — Hickman County pulled away to defeat Region 1 opponent Calloway County 3-1 in a non-district volleyball match on Monday, Sept. 28.

The Lady Falcons were productive throughout the non-district match. Hickman County gradually separated itself from Calloway County.

Lanee Evans, Marlee Hicks, Keyshia Sawyer, Bailey Childress, Maddie Kate Meshew,

Macy Howell, Gracie Green, Kylie Meshew, Gracee Nuckolls and Ava Burton each made an impact for Hickman County in its win.

Howell paced Hickman County at the net, delivering 16 kills for the Lady Falcons.

Leading Hickman County in another key offensive category, Evans dealt out 28 assists.

Green tallied four service aces for Hickman County, which benefitted from a balanced attack.

Defensively for Hickman County, Howell and Kylie Meshew each recorded 16 digs.

Gabbi Cooper, Taylor Garland, Sara Friedrich, Mackenzie Burkeen, Taylor Holland, Shai McNutt, Arleth Ahumada, Jillian Stoval, Emerson Hodges and Aspen Ham each contributed for Calloway County during the match.

Hickman County notched its second win over Region 1 counterpart Calloway County in 10 days.

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

# Lady Bombers Roll Into Fall Break



(Photo by Tim Taylor)

By Tim Taylor

The Lady Bomber volleyball team made it 6 consecutive wins following their 3-1 win over CCA. Ballard Memorial looked poised to win their 18th set in the last 19 sets following their All A State Tournament appearance. The Lady Warriors had other plans and detoured those Lady Bomber plans. Ballard Memorial stormed out to a 16-1 lead and easily defeated CCA 25-7 in the opening set. Whether it was over confidence after dominating the opening set, or just

lack of focus, Ballard Memorial was not able to sustain that momentum in the 2nd set. Five serve errors in the first 8 points allowed the Lady Warriors to take an early 8-5 lead. Ballard Memorial gained a short lived 10-9 lead, but communication errors allowed CCA to go on a 15-7 run to reach set point. The Lady Bombers scored 4 in a row to extend the set but would get no closer as CCA handed Ballard Memorial their 2nd loss in set play in the last 17 sets. Ballard Memorial got back to executing their

game plan in the final 2 sets to pick up the 25-7, 20-25, 25-11, 25-11 victory for their 6th consecutive win. Rilee Bodell recorded 6 aces in the 4th set to lead the team. Mallie Owens had 11 kills, Grace Flowers added 7 more kills and Jada Roberts 6. Bodell had 19 assists and Flowers added 13 in the win. Ballard Memorial will take an 11 day break between matches for Fall Break before getting back on court on Tuesday October 13th at Marshall County before celebrating Senior Night at the Green Palace on October 15th.

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

# Mayfield outlasts Hickman County

Staff Report

MAYFIELD — Determined Mayfield outlasted Hickman County 3-2 in a non-district volleyball match on Thursday, Oct. 1.

Mayfield won 22-25, 25-18, 25-18, 24-26, 15-12.

Hickman County notched its second win over Region 1 counterpart Calloway County during the non-district

match.

Piper Hale, Ava Rozzell, Bevan Flowers, Neely Flowers, Dalia Mercado Bocanegra, Na Kya Gore, Alex Berhow, Micayah Payton and Kristian Jones each aided Mayfield in its win.

Lanee Evans, Marlee Hicks, Keyshia Sawyer, Bailey Childress, Macy Howell, Gracie Green, Kylie Meshew

and Gracee Nuckolls each contributed for Hickman County during the match.

Following the win, Mayfield improved to 11-10.

As a result of the loss, Hickman County slipped to 10-8.

Hickman County dropped its third match to Mayfield in the 2026 high school volleyball season.



AG UPDATE

for Ag and Natural Resources



Tom Miller,  
Ballard County Ext. Agent

Fall is a good time  
to add fruit to the  
landscape

Source: Elayna Stirn, Fruit Extension Associate

Fall is a good time to start thinking about fruit trees and plants, not just because cooler weather is around the corner, but because fall can be an ideal season to get new perennial fruit plantings settled into the landscape.

Many gardeners get most excited about planting in the spring, when garden centers are full and the days are getting warmer. But in Kentucky, October and November often offer an excellent planting window for fruit trees, shrubs and other hardy plants. Once plants are dormant, they can focus on establishing roots before new growth begins in spring. Cooler temperatures also reduce stress from heat, dry weather and weed pressure.

Home fruit plantings can be both productive and attractive. Apples, pears, peaches, cherries and

pawpaws can fit into a larger landscape, while blueberries, blackberries, raspberries and strawberries may work well in garden edges, raised beds or edible landscape areas. Dwarf and semi-dwarf fruit trees are often good choices for home plantings because they are easier to prune, harvest and manage.

Before buying plants, think about the site. Fruit plants generally need full sun, good air movement and well-drained soil. Avoid low spots where cold air settles, because late spring frosts can damage blooms and reduce fruit set. Also consider mature size, spacing and how much time you realistically have for pruning, watering and pest management. A small, well-tended planting usually brings more satisfaction than a large planting that becomes hard to



manage.

Choose varieties that are adapted to Kentucky and look for disease resistance when possible. Pollination matters, too. Peaches are generally self-fruitful, but apples, pears, sweet cherries and many plums need another compatible variety nearby to produce well.

Blueberries can produce on their own, but planting more than one variety often improves berry size and yield.

In an ideal situation, soil preparation begins a year before planting. A soil test can show whether pH or available nutrients need adjustment, and fall is a practical time to test because amendments have more time to adjust the soil to the desired conditions before plants begin growing. If you did not test a year ahead, do not let that stop

you from planning; contact the Ballard Cooperative Extension office for soil testing information and recommendations before making major changes. Your Extension office can also provide planting, pruning and pest maintenance tips.

Fall planting is not about rushing to fill empty space. It is about giving fruit trees and plants a strong start. With the right site, thoughtful variety selection and a little preparation, your landscape can become more beautiful — and more delicious — for years to come.

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.

# Fall wildfire hazard season begins

**By Tom Latek**  
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – The Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet reminds residents to be alert, as the fall wildfire hazard season began Oct. 1, with outdoor burning restrictions now in place throughout the state.

“This fall, we ask that everyone does their part to keep our families and communities safe,” said Gov. Andy Beshear. “Stay aware, use good judgement, and always follow outdoor burning laws that help us protect each other and prevent wildfires.”

Kentucky’s outdoor burning law prohibits burning between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. local time, if the fire is within 150 feet of any woodland, brushland, or fields containing dry grass

or other flammable materials. These restrictions are in effect every fall (Oct. 1 – Dec. 15) and spring (Feb. 15 – April 30) to help prevent wildfires.

The Kentucky Division of Forestry (KDF) responds to 850 to 1,000 wildfires annually across the state. Studies show that 99 percent of wildfires in Kentucky are caused by human activity. Arsonists start over half of the wildfires, and the second leading cause is debris fires that escape. If a fire escapes from the burning of debris, immediately contact the nearest KDF Field Office or your local fire department.

“Fuel moisture of vegetation varies across the state as some areas have experienced recent rainfall while others remain very dry, especially near the



southern border of our state,” said State Forester Brandon Howard. “This uneven weather pattern increases the risk of wildfires, with dry regions seeing greater potential for fires to start and spread rapidly. Regardless of your situation, good judgment should always be used when working with fire, as the fall season escalates wildfire potential. KDF is prepared, and our firefighters are trained and ready to quickly and safely respond to wildfires when they occur.”

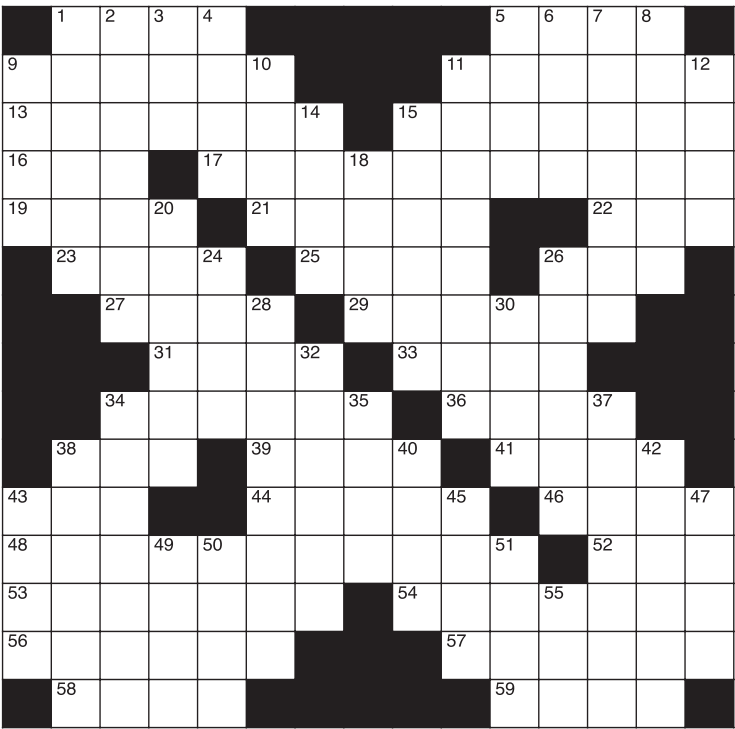
Kentucky has more than 12 million acres of forests, nearly half the state. Those forests are the foundation of a major economic force in the state. In 2024-2025, Kentucky’s forest products industry contributed \$20 billion to our economy and provided more than 28,000 jobs.

Report suspected arson to the nearest Kentucky State Police Post or call the Target Arson Hotline at 800-27-ARSON.

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Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

1. Difficult

5. Coarsely ground corn

9. A group of similar things ordered one after another

11. Loved Romeo

13. Something to solve

15. Pelvic areas

16. Informal debt instrument

17. Ineffective

19. A device attached to a workbench

21. Related on the mother’s side

22. “Fresh Prince of \_\_ Air”

23. Astronomer Sagan

25. C. Utah city

26. Turkey

27. Informal terms for money

29. Awakens

31. Those who favored Prohibition
33. Blabbed

34. Looked through

36. Rhode Island rebellion

38. A type of “cast”

39. One’s duty

41. Where golfers begin

43. Make a mistake

44. Semitic Sun god

46. Ancient Greek City

48. Removed someone's head

52. A place to stay

53. Unwise

54. Most unnatural

56. “Dennis” is a notable one

57. Ointments

58. Examination

59. Leaked fluid

CLUES DOWN

1. Brave

2. A state of excitement

3. Jest at

4. Sandwich store

5. Chapter of the Koran

6. Dismounted from a horse

7. Small vehicle

8. Irrked

9. A disreputable man

10. Monetary unit of Samoa

11. A list of woes

12. Weight unit

14. Alone, single

15. Broadway legend Bernadette

18. Monetary unit of Serbia

20. Worm by exposure to the weather

24. A body of traditions

26. Students seek one
28. Hydrophilic amino acid

30. Nasal mucus

32. Branch of U.S. Congress

34. Swinish

35. Russian assembly

37. Grant an exemption to

38. Set up in advance

40. Satisfy

42. Felt

43. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls

45. Witnesses

47. Strong insects

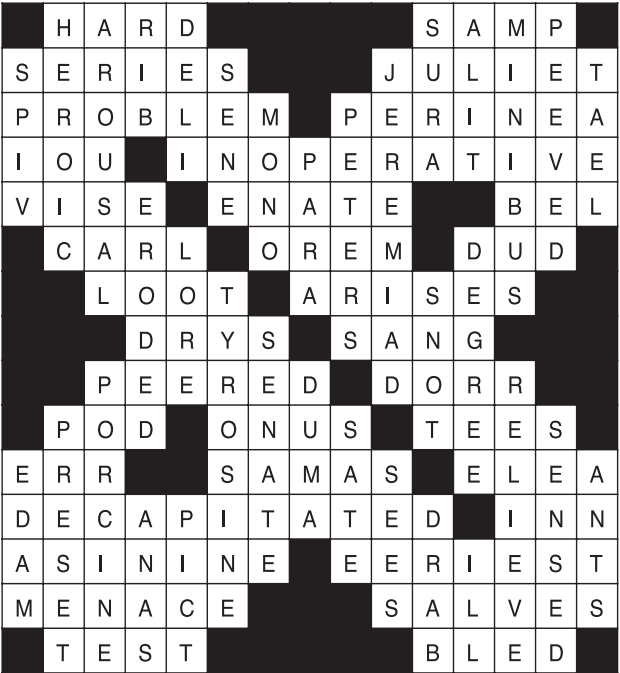
49. Gasteyer and de Armas are two

50. One of an ancient people inhabiting Scotland

51. Cheerless

55. Unhealthy

PUZZLE SOLUTION



Word Search

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ANSWERS IN B SECTION

WORDS

- ASTIGMATISM
- AXIS
- CASE
- CORNEA
- CURVE
- CYLINDER
- DAILY
- DIAMETER
- DIOPTER
- DISINFECTANT
- DRYNESS
- EXTENDED
- HYDRATION
- HYDROGEL
- HYPOXIA
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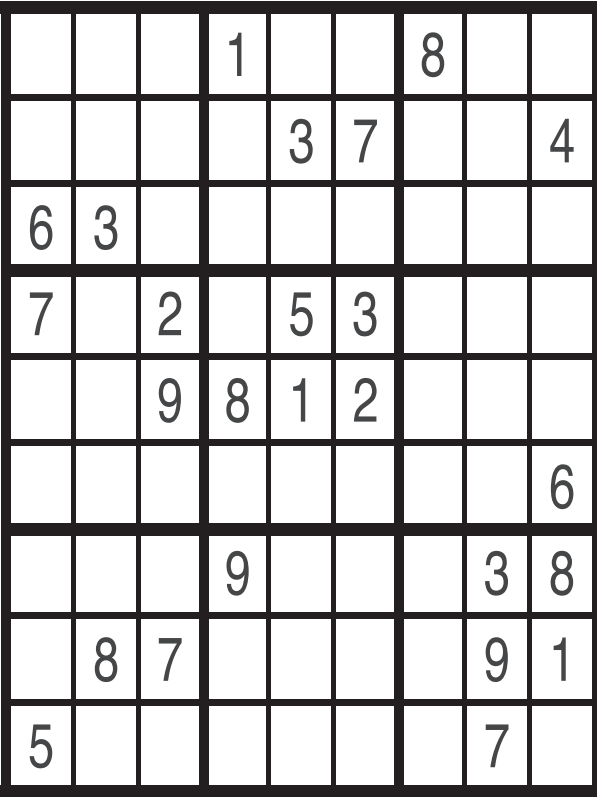
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Sudoku Puzzle

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!

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# Seat-belt enforcement campaign Oct. 9-12

By TOM LATEK  
*Kentucky Today*

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – To encourage seat belt use, save lives and prevent serious injuries from traffic crashes, state highway safety officials will join with law enforcement from across Kentucky and several other states for Operation Crash Reduction – a seat belt enforcement campaign running from Oct. 9-12.

“In a crash, wearing a seat belt can be the difference between walking away or suffering serious injuries,” said Kentucky Transportation Secretary Rebecca Goodman. “We all have a responsibility

to make safe choices on the road. Buckle up, put your phone down and help us keep Kentucky’s roads safer for everyone.

The Transportation Cabinet’s Kentucky Office of Highway Safety (KOHS), state and local law enforcement, and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Region 3 are teaming up to support Operation Crash Reduction again this October. Region 3 includes Delaware, the District of Columbia, Kentucky, Maryland, North Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia.

“The Kentucky State Police is proud to take part in Operation



Crash Reduction,” said KSP Major Todd Kidd. “We are committed to preventing crashes, reducing injuries, and making Kentucky’s roadways safer for everyone.

Every driver has a role to play - by slowing down, staying focused, wearing a seat belt, and making responsible decisions behind the wheel, we can help prevent tragedies

and ensure everyone makes it home safely.”

October consistently ranks among the months with the highest number of fatal crashes nationwide. In 2024, 3,369 fatal

crashes were reported across the United States, according to NHTSA’s Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS).

In Kentucky, a total of 1,021 fatal crashes have occurred during the month of October since 2011. Last year, there were 386 injuries and 12 deaths on Kentucky roads during the Oct. 10-14 Columbus Day holiday weekend.

According to NHTSA, when worn correctly, seat belts reduce the risk of fatalities by 45 percent for front-seat vehicle occupants and by 60 percent for pickup truck, SUV and mini-van occupants.



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# Purchase District Health Department Selected to Lead Local Efforts for New Program Supporting Healthier Rural Communities

Staff Report

Paducah, KY (October 7, 2026) – Purchase District Health Department (PDHD) has been selected to lead the Rural Community Hub for the Purchase region as part of the Rural Community Hubs for Chronic Care Innovation Program. The statewide Rural Community Hubs program is part of Kentucky’s Rural Health Transformation (KY RHT). The Rural Community Hubs program is designed to create a more coordinated approach to chronic disease prevention and management in rural communities across the Commonwealth. The initial focus is on diabetes and obesity, with an opportunity to expand into other chronic diseases over the course of the five-year opportunity. PDHD was selected as the Hub Lead Organization through a competitive application process. As the Hub Lead Organization for the Purchase region, PDHD will coordinate the activities of a Rural Community Hub serving Ballard, Calloway, Carlisle, Fulton, Graves, Hick-

man, Marshall, and McCracken counties. Together with partners across public and private sectors, PDHD will identify community needs and develop local strategies to address obesity and diabetes. KY RHT is a five-year federal investment that empowers states to strengthen rural communities by improving healthcare access, quality, and outcomes by transforming the healthcare delivery ecosystem. Throughout the grant period, the Purchase region will be eligible to receive up to \$10 million in federal funding for the Rural Community Hubs program to support community health initiatives and Hub operations. “The Purchase District Health Department is thrilled to have partnered with the Calloway County Health Department, the Graves County Health Department, and the Marshall County Health Department as a unified initiative of health departments to comprehensively address the obesity and diabetes needs of our commu-



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nities with amazing cross-sectional partners throughout our region,” said Kaitlyn Krolikowski, Public Health Director at PDHD. “This funding allows us the opportunity to implement innovative and transformational programs and initiatives that we have only been able to dream about in the past.” Kentucky Rural Health Transformation KY RHT is housed within the Kentucky Department of Public Health and is part of a five-year federal investment to re-shape health in rural Kentucky. Through five interconnected programs, KY RHT is tackling the challenges rural communities face in maternal and infant health, dental care, diabetes and chronic disease, behavioral health crisis response, and emergency services. KY RHT is working

to develop the health care workforce, improve care coordination, and expand access to care so every rural Kentuckian has the opportunity to live their healthiest life and every community can thrive. Rural Community Hubs The Rural Community Hub program will establish “Hubs” in all area development district regions, starting with a phased rollout in the Big Sandy, Lake Cumberland, and Purchase regions. KY RHT and the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky will support the Hubs throughout their work. The Rural Community Hubs will bring together providers, schools, employers, faith communities, government agencies, and more to unite around a common agenda. There will be shared goals, shared measurements, and

a coordinated plan for addressing things like access to healthy food, stable housing, and safe places for people to move and gather. The Hubs will also use innovative digital tools and data to reduce duplication and keep community health efforts connected over time. Diabetes and Obesity in Kentucky Diabetes and obesity are costly chronic diseases. According to the 2025 Kentucky Diabetes Report, diabetes cost our state an estimated \$6.1 billion in 2023, and our diabetes mortality rate was 30% greater than the national average. Chronic disease is hard to address when resources are organizations are working in isolation. Rural Community Hubs transform fragmented care into organized support, helping Kentuckians stay healthier throughout their lives.

Organizations in the Purchase region interested in joining these efforts should contact PDHD at 270-444-9625 x 180 or email Kaitlyn Krolikowski at [kkrolikowski@purchasehealth.org](mailto:kkrolikowski@purchasehealth.org) or Christine Thompson at [cthompson@purchasehealth.org](mailto:cthompson@purchasehealth.org). This project is 100% funded by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for a total of \$212.9 million in budget year 1 with 100% by CMS/HHS. The Rural Health Transformation (RHT) grant spans five budget periods aligned with federal fiscal years (FY2026–FY2030). Funding is disbursed annually by CMS based on achievement of performance metrics. The contents are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily represent the official views of, nor an endorsement, by CMS/HHS, or the U.S. Government. View the Notice of Funding Opportunity at <https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/360442>.

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# UK improving fruits and vegetables

By TOM LATEK  
*Kentucky Today*

LEXINGTON, Ky. (KT) – A lab at the University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment (CAFE) is at the forefront of breeding and genetics of fruits and vegetables.

The Sapkota Horticultural Breeding and Genetics Lab, located on campus and at the Horticultural Research Farm (South Farm), is led by Manoj Sapkota, assistant professor in horticultural crop breeding

for nutrition in the Department of Horticulture. The lab’s mission is to enhance crop productivity, increase disease resistance and improve nutritional quality to meet the needs of growers, producers and consumers in Kentucky and beyond.

“We are trying to find genes and genetics that make fruits and vegetables more nutritious, increase the quality, enhance the shelf life, make fruit size bigger or smaller and disease resistant,” Sapkota said. “The big goal of

the lab is developing new varieties, so growers here in Kentucky have different options that are well suited to Kentucky conditions and have all the best qualities.”

Sapkota works with a team of lab members — research staff, undergraduate and graduate students, and volunteers — on several research projects that include field-based tomato breeding and strawberry disease-resistance screening to seed morphology, herbicide resistance and computer vision-assisted

phenotyping.

The student researchers who work in the lab have a range of UK majors, including agricultural and medical biotechnology, biology, computer science, data science, health sciences, horticulture and neuroscience.

Sapkota said using the students’ different academic backgrounds is helping the lab create new breeding tools, and he is mentoring future leaders in this dynamic field.

“We are training the next generation

of scientists, and I’m grateful that mentors and collaborators, both within the university and beyond, have supported me throughout my career,” Sapkota said. “Integrated science is very important right now and every student brings something new to the table. They are helping us build toolkits and develop new crop varieties down the line.”

One of the lab’s current projects is working toward what Sapkota calls “super tomato,” a tomato that is delicious and

healthy for consumers, offering agricultural advantages for both growers and producers. The goal is to develop tomatoes that are well adapted to Kentucky conditions and are flavorful and nutritious, while also producing strong yields and resisting diseases. Sapkota and his student researchers are growing over 250 different tomato varieties, breeding lines and other genetic materials, searching for the right combination of tomato traits.

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CALDWELL

**Clarence Anthony Wynn**, age 77, of Princeton, passed away on Monday, October 5, 2026, at his home in Princeton, Kentucky. Visitation will be held from 11:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. on Sunday, October 11, 2026, at Morgan’s Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 P.M. on Sunday, October 11, 2026, at Morgan’s Funeral Home, with Bro. Robert Allen officiating. Burial will follow in Meeks Cemetery in Caldwell County with Military honors.

**Iris Mae Cravens Brandon**, age 92, of Princeton, passed on Sunday, October 4, 2026, at Caldwell Medical Center in Princeton, Kentucky. Funeral services were held at 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, October 8, 2026 at Morgan’s Funeral Home with Bro. Duane Burden officiating. Burial followed in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

**William Bennette “Ben” Griffin**, age 52, of Dycusburg, passed away October 1, 2026 at his home. A memorial graveside service will be held at Dycusburg Cemetery at 2:30 pm Saturday, October 10, 2026.

**Bradley Douglas Newcomb**, 72, of Paducah, passed away on Wednesday, September 30, 2026, at his home. A memorial visitation will be held from 12:00 pm until 12:45 pm Saturday, October 10, 2026 at Morgan’s Funeral Home. A memorial graveside service will be held Saturday, October 10, 2026 at 1:00 pm at Cedar Hill Cemetery.

**George “Freddy” Richardville**, 74, of Princeton, passed on Wednesday, September 30, 2026, at his daughter’s residence in Springfield, Tennessee. Funeral services were held at 1:00 P.M. on Sunday, October 4, 2026, at Morgan’s Funeral Home, with Bro. Danny Sherrill officiating. Burial followed in Cedar Hill Cemetery in Princeton with military honors.

**Desi Arnaz Martin**, 73, of Cadiz, passed away Wednesday, September 30, 2026, at his niece’s home. A memorial service was held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 8, 2026, at Harrison Street Baptist Church in Princeton. Interment was held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 8, 2026, in Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West with military honors. After the graveside service, a small repass was held at Harrison Street Baptist Church in Princeton.

CALLOWAY

**Claude Boyd Fair**, 79, of Murray, died Sunday, October 4, 2026 at his home. No services are planned. Cremation arrangements entrusted to Imes Funeral Home & Crematory, downtown Murray.

**Jo Ann Sliger-Thorn**, 79, of Murray, passed away on Sunday, October 4, 2026 at Ascension Saint Thomas Hospital in Nashville. Arrangements are currently incomplete at Imes Funeral Home & Crematory.

**Charles Allen Jeffrey**, 78, of Murray, passed away on Saturday, October 3, 2026 at his home. A private burial with military honors will be held at South Pleasant Grove Cemetery. Imes Funeral Home is entrusted with caring for his family.

**Alyce “Diane” Underwood**, 80, of Eddyville, KY, formerly of Murray, passed away on Thursday, October 1, 2026 at Mills Health and Rehab in Mayfield. Her family welcomes visitors from 1-3 PM on Sunday, October 11, 2026 at Imes Funeral Home, 311 North 4th Street, Murray, KY 42071.

**Gary Gene Johnson**, 75, of Murray, passed away on Wednesday, September 30, 2026 at Baptist Health in Paducah. Mr. Johnson will have a private interment at Murray Memorial Gardens. Imes Funeral Home is entrusted with caring for his family.

**Patricia Purdom Miller** of Murray, age 81, daughter of the late Issac Wells and Alice Belote Purdom passed away at home surrounded by family on Saturday, October 3, 2026. Visitation was held from 4:30 till 7:30 p.m., Thursday, October 8, 2026, at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services. A family memorial service will be held at a later date.

**Sharon Ann Jackson**, age 79, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away Monday, October 5, 2026, at her home. A funeral service will be held on Friday, October 9, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home and Cremation Services. Rev. Kerry Lambert and her grandson, William Church will officiate, with burial to follow in the Spring Creek Baptist Church Cemetery. Visitation will be held prior to the funeral service on Friday, October 9, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

CHRISTIAN

**Helen Faye Moores**, age 85, of Hopkinsville, passed away of natural causes on Saturday, October 3, 2026, at her home. Funeral Services were at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, October 7, 2026, at Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home with Rev. Anthony Haley officiating and burial followed in Ancestral Haven Memorial Gardens.

**Priscilla Ann Colston**, age 82, of Hopkinsville, passed away of natural causes on Friday, October 2, 2026, at Christian Health Center. Funeral Services were at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, October 6, 2026, at Second Baptist Church with Pastor David Tucker officiating and burial to follow in Ancestral Haven Memorial Gardens.

**John L. “Johnny” Ellis**, age 86, of Hopkinsville, passed away of natural causes on Wednesday, September 30, 2026, at Baptist Health Deaconess in Madisonville. Funeral Services were at 1:00 PM on Friday, October 2, 2026, at Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home with Brother David Harrison and brother Mike Stokes officiating and burial to follow in Riverside Cemetery.

**Margaret Alena Broersma-Howard**, age 80, of Hopkinsville, passed away of natural causes on Wednesday, September 30, 2026, at her home. Graveside Services will be at 10:00 AM on Friday, October 9, 2026, at Kentucky Veteran’s Cemetery-West with Pastor Ken Hendrix officiating and burial to follow.

**Doug Bashor**, 75, North Main Street, Hopkinsville, KY, passed away on Friday, October 2, 2026 at Jennie Stuart Medical Center, Hopkinsville, KY of natural causes. Graveside services were held at 12:00 p.m. Thursday, October 8, 2026 at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West with full military honors.

**Thomas Edward Meriwether**, born April 27, 1948, passed away on October 4, 2026, leaving behind a life marked by faith, service, family devotion, and steady commitment to his community. Visitation will be held on October 13, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Mount Vernon Church Road, Hopkinsville, Kentucky 42240. The funeral service will follow at 12:30 p.m. at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church. Burial will take place at 2:00 p.m. at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West, 5817 Fort Campbell Blvd, Hopkinsville, Kentucky 42240.

**Shirley D. Delaney**, 77, of Crofton, KY died at 6:19 p.m. Friday, October 2, 2026 at Deaconess Midtown Hospital in Evansville, IN. Funeral services were at 1:00 p.m. Monday, October 5, 2026 at Dogwood Funerals & Cremations of Crofton with Bro. Kim Combs officiating. Burial followed in Macedonia Church Cemetery.

CRITTENDEN

**Shirley S. Small**, 90, of Marion, KY passed away peacefully at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Center in Paducah, KY on October 2, 2026. Services were held at 1 PM Tuesday October 6, 2026 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion, KY with entombment in Mapleview Cemetery.

GRAVES

**Wanda Sue Nance**, age 81, of Wingo passed away on Saturday, October 3, 2026 at her residence. Funeral services for Ms. Wanda Sue Nance were at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 8, 2026 at Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY. Rev. Ronnie Stinson, Jr. will officiate. Interment followed at Trace Creek Cemetery.

HICKMAN

**Jody Yonts**, age 52, of the Brownsville community passed away Tuesday morning at his residence. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time and will be announced by the Hornbeak Funeral Chapel in Hickman.

FUNERAL NOTICES continued





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**Michael Aurthur Cornell**, age 64, of Fulton, KY, passed away Thursday, October 1, 2026, at Jackson Purchase Medical Center in Mayfield, KY. There will be no services held at the funeral home.

**Lonnie Neil Jackson**, age 75, of Clinton, KY, passed away Wednesday, September 30, 2026, due to injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Funeral services for Mr. Lonnie Jackson were held at 1 PM Saturday, October 3, 2026, in our funeral chapel with burial to follow in the Obion County Memorial Gardens.

LIVINGSTON

**Mary Aleda (Pearcy) Denton**, daughter of Nina (Miller) and Aubra Cline Percy, passed away Saturday, October 3, 2026 in Memphis, TN. Funeral services will be Friday, October 9, 2026, at 12 Noon, in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors, 212 East Main Street, Salem, KY. Burial will follow in Cedar Grove Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family on Friday, from 11AM until the funeral hour.

**Loretta Millikan**, 86, passed away Wednesday, September 30, 2026, at Baptist Health Paducah. Funeral services were held at 2:00 PM, Sunday, October 4, 2026, in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services, with Bro. Gary DeRossett officiating. Burial followed at Salem Cemetery.

MARSHALL

**Mark Allen Futrell**, 68, of Benton, Kentucky, passed away at his home on Thursday, October 1, 2026. Private family services will be held at a later date. To share a memory or leave a message for the family, please visit Mark’s Tribute Wall at [www.filbeckandcann.com](http://www.filbeckandcann.com).

**Sandra Ellen Trimble O’Neal**, age 88, of Gilbertsville, KY, passed away Thursday, October 1, 2026, at her residence. Private services will be held.

**Sheila Baker**, 79 of Symsonia, KY passed away at her home, Sunday, October 4th. A private graveside service will be held at Benton Cemetery. Arrangements are being provided by Collier Funeral Home in Benton.

**Ruth Copeland**, age 88 of Benton, Kentucky passed away on Saturday, October 3, 2026 at Lake Way Nursing & Rehabilitation in Benton, Kentucky. No services are scheduled at this time. Collier Funeral Home & Cremation Services of Benton is handling arrangements.

**Lisa Jo Stone**, age 68, passed away on October 2, 2026, surrounded by a lifetime of love and memories that will forever live on in the hearts of those who knew her. A funeral service was held on Tuesday, October 6, 2026 at 1 PM at Collier Funeral Home, Bro. Joel Frizzell officiating. Burial followed in Cole Cemetery.

**William E. Hamilton**, 87 of Calvert City, Kentucky passed away on Thursday, October 1, 2026, at Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah, Kentucky. A funeral service was held on Monday, October 5, 2026 at 1:00 PM at Calvert City Church of Christ with Lance Cordle officiating. Burial followed at Fooks Cemetery.

**Linda Austin Smith**, 72, of Calvert City, Kentucky, passed away Thursday, October 1, 2026, at Baptist Health Hospital in Paducah. Arrangements are being handled by Collier Funeral Home in Benton, Kentucky. The family welcomes friends and loved ones for visitation from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 25th at Crossroads Methodist Church. A Celebration of Life service will follow at 3:00 p.m. at the church. Reverend Chris Lewis will officiate.

**Jennifer Diane Rogers**, 31, of Benton passed away on September 29, 2026, at Tristar-Skyline Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee. A visitation will be held from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM on Saturday, October 10th, 2026, at Collier Funeral Home. A funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, October 10th, 2026, at Collier Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Benton Cemetery.

McCRACKEN

**Edwin “Ed” Menaugh**, age 83, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away on Monday, October 5, 2026, at Lourdes Hospital in Paducah, Kentucky. There will be no services. Milner & Orr Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Paducah is in charge of arrangements.

**Cynthia “Cindy” Keller Dillon**, age 68, of Paducah, passed away on October 5, 2026, at Baptist Health of Paducah. A graveside service will be held on Friday, October 9, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. at Maplelawn Park Cemetery with Pastor Mickey Brown officiating. Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah is in charge of arrangements.

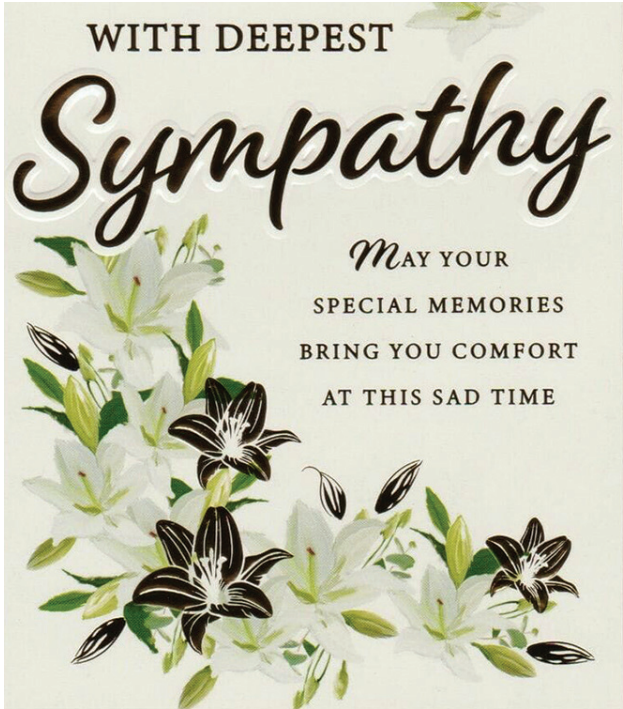
**Phillip Allan Yates**, 71, passed away on Saturday, October 3, 2026. He was born on September 10, 1955. A memorial visitation will be held from 1:00 PM until 3:00 PM on Sunday, October 11, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Paducah.

**Gary Scott Daugherty**, 59, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away on Sunday, October 4, 2026, after a long battle with kidney disease. Milner & Orr Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Paducah is in charge of arrangements. There will be no formal service.

Charles W. Sweatt, 85, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away peacefully on October 1st, 2026, at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center, just three days shy of his 86th birthday. Visitation will be held on Saturday, October 10, 2026, beginning at 11:00 a.m., with the funeral service following at 1:00 p.m. at Milner & Orr Funeral Home, 120 Memorial Drive, Paducah. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens.

Rebecca Rhea, 76, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away peacefully on Thursday, October 1, 2026, at the Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah, surrounded by the love and comfort of her family. A funeral service was held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 4, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah, with Brother Encil Edmonds, Brother Michael Hunt, and Brother Danny McDonald officiating.

**Anita Gayle Hayden**, age 75, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away on September 30, 2026. Graveside services were held on Saturday, October 3, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at Marshall County Memory Gardens with Pastor David Appold officiating.



**Anna Marie Gossett**, 76, of Paducah, passed away on Saturday, October 3, 2026, at Baptist Health Paducah. A private family memorial service will be held at a later date. Lindsey Funeral Home is honored to serve the Gossett Family.

**Richard Chandler Lynn** of Tolu, KY left this world on Wednesday, September 30, 2026. Heaven has gained a new mechanic, avid gulf fisherman and dern good shot with any weapon. At the request of Richard, there will be no memorial services held; the family only asks for prayers during this difficult time.

**Angela Paige Barber**, “La” to her sisters and “WaLa” or “Granny” to the youngin’s, went home peacefully in her sleep on Wednesday September 30th, 2026. A family planned celebration of life is set for April 10th 2027, where Angela will be laid to rest with her family at Jamesville Community Cemetery in North Carolina. Details will be announced at a later date. Lindsey Funeral Home is proud to serve the Barber family.

**LaGretta Denise Hunt**, age 60 of Paducah, transitioned peacefully on Saturday, September 26, 2026 at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center of Paducah. Funeral services have been scheduled for Friday, October 16, 2026 11:00 a.m. at Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church with Reverend Michael Wade officiating. Family will receive friends Friday at the church from 10:00 a.m. until the funeral hour. More details forthcoming.

**Beverly Brooks**, 82, of Paducah, passed away on Monday, October 5, 2026, at her residence. A graveside service was held at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, October 7, 2026, at Oakland Cemetery in Marshall County, KY, with Tim Threatt officiating.

The well lived life of **Barbara Jane Bichon**, age 74, ended on Wednesday, September 30, 2026. A graveside service was held at 12:00 pm on Monday, October 5, 2026, at Maplelawn Park Cemetery in Paducah with Pastor Jeff Gibson officiating.

TRIGG

**William White** - October 6, 2026 - Funeral arrangements are incomplete for 79 year old William White of Guthrie. He passed away Tuesday, October 6, 2026 at his home. Please check back later for complete service details.

**Teri Lynn Gann** - December 2, 1958 - October 3, 2026 - A Private Celebration of Life for 67 year old Teri Lynn Gann of Hopkinsville, KY will be held at a later date. King’s Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

**Marlene Marie Fleming Boren**, 77, of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, formerly of Cadiz, passed away on Saturday, October 3, 2026, at Tri-Star Skyline Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee. Arrangements are being handled by Goodwin Funeral Home, 138 Main Street in Cadiz, where the family will receive friends from 1 PM until 2 PM on Sunday, October 11, 2026. Funeral services will be at 2 PM, with Marlene’s grandson, Austin Norrid, Ph.D., officiating. Burial will follow in East End Cemetery.

**Martha Doom Maxfield**, age 98, formerly of Cadiz, Kentucky, passed away peacefully on Saturday, October 3, 2026, at the home of her daughter and son-in-law in Franklin, Tennessee. Visitation was held Tuesday, October 6, from 11:00 a.m. until the funeral hour at 1:00 p.m. at Goodwin Funeral Home, with Brother David Banister officiating. Burial followed at East End Cemetery, where Martha will be laid to rest beside her husband. Goodwin Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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)        | 6-1    | 160 |
| 2. Frederick Douglass  | 6-0    | 144 |
| 3. Manual              | 5-1    | 125 |
| 4. Madison Central     | 6-0    | 107 |
| 5. South Warren        | 5-2    | 96  |
| 6. St. Xavier          | 2-4    | 71  |
| 7. Male                | 3-3    | 40  |
| 8. Eastern             | 5-1    | 35  |
| 9. George Rogers Clark | 5-2    | 27  |
| 10. Bullitt East       | 4-2    | 23  |

*Others receiving votes: McCracken Co. 19, Bryan Station 16, Lafayette 12, North Hardin 5*

### CLASS 5A RANKINGS

| School                 | Record | Pts |
|------------------------|--------|-----|
| 1. Pulaski County (15) | 6-0    | 159 |
| 2. Scott County (1)    | 6-1    | 140 |
| 3. Woodford County     | 5-1    | 119 |
| 4. Owensboro           | 5-2    | 115 |
| 5. Atherton            | 5-1    | 93  |
| 6. Cooper              | 5-2    | 69  |
| 7. West Jessamine      | 7-0    | 65  |
| 8. North Hopkins       | 6-1    | 43  |
| 9. Collins             | 5-2    | 33  |
| 10. Bowling Green      | 3-4    | 23  |

*Others receiving votes: South Laurel 10, Fairdale 8, Muhlenberg Co. 2, North Laurel 1*

### CLASS 4A RANKINGS

| School                 | Record | Pts |
|------------------------|--------|-----|
| 1. Highlands (13)      | 6-1    | 157 |
| 2. Boyle County        | 5-1    | 141 |
| 3. Pad Tilghman (3)    | 7-0    | 134 |
| 4. Ashland Blazer      | 7-0    | 105 |
| T5. Corbin             | 4-2    | 90  |
| T5. Covington Catholic | 4-3    | 90  |
| 7. North Oldham        | 6-1    | 46  |
| 8. Logan County        | 5-2    | 32  |
| T9. Johnson Central    | 2-5    | 21  |
| T9. Spencer County     | 5-2    | 21  |

*Others receiving votes: Nelson Co. 16, Boyd Co. 8, Elizabethtown 7, Warren East 7, Franklin Co. 4, Greenup Co. 1*

### CLASS 3A RANKINGS

| School                | Record | Pts |
|-----------------------|--------|-----|
| 1. Christian Academy  | 7-0    | 160 |
| 2. Lexington Catholic | 4-2    | 133 |
| 3. Murray             | 6-1    | 125 |
| 4. Glasgow            | 7-0    | 111 |
| 5. Rockcastle County  | 7-0    | 81  |
| 6. Lloyd Memorial     | 6-1    | 71  |
| 7. Lawrence County    | 4-1    | 66  |
| 8. LaRue County       | 7-0    | 42  |
| 9. Bourbon County     | 6-1    | 34  |
| 10. Bardstown         | 5-2    | 27  |

*Others receiving votes: Central 14, Russell 8, Hart County 7, Estill County 1*

### CLASS 2A RANKINGS

| School                 | Record | Pts |
|------------------------|--------|-----|
| 1. Beechwood (15)      | 6-0    | 159 |
| 2. Owensboro Catholic  | 6-1    | 141 |
| 3. Lexington Christian | 4-2    | 122 |
| 4. Mayfield            | 6-1    | 105 |
| 5. Belfry              | 6-1    | 102 |
| 6. Danville            | 7-0    | 74  |
| 7. Somerset            | 6-1    | 70  |
| 8. Breathitt County    | 5-1    | 34  |
| 9. Caldwell County     | 6-1    | 26  |
| 10. Prestonsburg       | 5-1    | 25  |

*Others receiving votes: WEB DuBois 18, Monroe Co. 2, Martin Co. 1, St. Henry 1*

### CLASS 1A RANKINGS

| School            | Record | Pts |
|-------------------|--------|-----|
| 1. Pikeville (16) | 6-1    | 160 |
| 2. Sayre          | 6-0    | 136 |
| 3. Raceland       | 4-2    | 126 |
| 4. Middlesboro    | 6-0    | 100 |
| 5. Paintsville    | 7-0    | 88  |
| 6. Bethlehem      | 7-0    | 77  |
| 7. Louisville HC  | 5-1    | 75  |
| 8. KY Country Day | 4-2    | 50  |
| 9. Dayton         | 6-0    | 25  |
| 10. Eminence      | 5-1    | 15  |

*Others receiving votes: Covington Holy Cross 11, Williamsburg 10, Hazard 4, Nicholas County 2, Ludlow 1*



**Calloway County junior athlete Timmy Williams visited the Miami (Ohio) football program on Saturday, Oct. 3.**  
*(Photo Courtesy of Calloway County High School Football)*



**McCracken County won the 2026 Region 1 6th Grade Volleyball Tournament Championship. The Mustangs compiled a 17-3 record in the 2026 volleyball season.**  
*(Photo Courtesy of McCracken County Volleyball)*

### HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

## Ballard Memorial, McCracken County tied for first in KVCA Region 1 Top 5 Poll

### Staff Report

LEXINGTON — Ballard Memorial and McCracken County are tied for first in the fourth KVCA Region 1 Top 5 Poll of the 2026 high school volleyball season.

The Kentucky Volleyball Coaches Association released the fourth KVCA Region 1 Top 5 Poll on Wednesday, Oct. 7.

The additional teams ranked in the fourth KVCA Region 1 Top 5 Poll are Graves County (T-3), Marshall County (T-3), Carlisle County

(T-5) and Murray (T-5).

Teams will enter the high school volleyball postseason later in the month.

The fourth 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



**With a score of 79 and tying for 18th, McCracken County golfer Harper Hunt advanced to the KHSAA Girls' Golf State Tournament at Bowling Green Country Club.**  
*(Photo courtesy of McCracken County High School)*





Row 1: Claire Tucker, Madelyn Boling, Camrynn McMinn, Sasha Black, Wells Hancock, Caroline Grumley, Chloe Jones. No pic: Sophia McMillan. Row 2: Brady Sanderson, Braxton Davis, Anderson Ballert, Chance McPike, Cameron Dempsey, Gray Edwards, Rex Gay, Emmett Morehead. (Photo Courtesy of Paducah Tilghman High School )

BOYS’ HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

# Blazers shut out Eagles

Staff Report

HOPKINSVILLE — University Heights shut out Graves County 3-0 in a non-district boys’ soccer match on Thursday, Oct. 1. With the win, University Heights improved to 10-5-2. Following the loss, Graves County fell to 2-11-1. Hugh Sisk, Calvin

Givens and Paxton Aldridge each scored one goal for the Blazers. Aiding University Heights offensively, Graham Conrad dished out one assist. Goalkeeper Hayden Fitzsimmons paced University Heights defensively, recording a shutout for the Blazers. Fitzsimmons logged three saves. In all, 15 players

logged minutes for the Blazers. Defensively for Graves County, goalkeeper Allan Garcia held University Heights to three goals. University Heights and Graves County, longtime rivals from bordering regions, met for the first time in the 2026 boys’ high school soccer season.

## BluegrassPreps.com High School Football Rankings

Class 1A

- 1. Pikeville
- 2. Raceland
- 3. Sayre
- 4. Middlesboro
- 5. Bethlehem
- 6. Louisville Holy Cross
- 7. Kentucky Country Day
- 8. Paintsville
- 9. Eminence
- 10. Dayton

Class 2A

- 1. Beechwood
- 2. Owensboro Catholic
- 3. Lexington Christian Academy
- 4. Mayfield
- 5. Belfry
- 6. Somerset
- 7. Danville
- 8. Prestonsburg
- 9. Caldwell County
- 10. WEB Dubois

Class 3A

- 1. Christian Academy Louisville
- 2. Lexington Catholic
- 3. Murray
- 4. Glasgow
- 5. Lawrence County
- 6. Bourbon County
- 7. Lloyd
- 8. Rockcastle County
- 9. Central
- 10. LaRue County

Class 4A

- 1. Highlands
- 2. Boyle County
- 3. Paducah Tilghman
- 4. Covington Catholic
- 5. Corbin
- 6. Ashland
- 7. Logan County
- 8. Johnson Central
- 9. North Oldham
- 10. Spencer County

Class 5A

- 1. Pulaski County
- 2. Scott County
- 3. Woodford County
- 4. Owensboro
- 5. Atherton
- 6. West Jessamine
- 7. Collins
- 8. Bowling Green
- 9. Madisonville-North Hopkins
- 10. Cooper

Class 6A

- 1. Trinity
- 2. Frederick Douglass
- 3. Manual
- 4. Madison Central
- 5. Saint Xavier
- 6. South Warren
- 7. Male
- 8. George Rogers Clark
- 9. McCracken County
- 10. Bryan Station



The 2026 Paducah Tilghman boys’ soccer seniors are pictured: Anderson Ballert (7), Grey Edwards (3), Rex Gay (15), Jonathan Guerrero (2), Aaron Ladd (25), Matteo Piolanti (31), Silas Williams (11). (Photo Courtesy of Paducah Tilghman High School )

# Abezetian named NCAA Softball Director of Training and Video Review

Staff Report

INDIANAPOLIS — Marty Abezetian has been named the director of training and video review for the NCAA Softball Umpire Program. Abezetian brings 17 seasons of collegiate softball umpiring experience, including working the Women’s College World Series in 2025 and 2026 and the 2016 NCAA Division II Softball Championship. He also was crew chief for video review for the 2022 and 2023 regionals and super regionals and Women’s College World Series, in addition to having multiple regional and super regional assignments across all three divisions. This is a return to the Softball Umpire Program for Abezetian. He previously served six years as the softball video services coordinator and transitioned into two years as the first director of training and video review for the program. As the director of training and video review, he will provide leadership in the areas of edu-

cation and training of softball umpires and will support the NCAA’s commitment to improving the overall quality and consistency of softball umpiring throughout collegiate softball. The position will assist in helping to promote better and more consistent information of NCAA softball rules, umpiring, interpretations and mechanics, in addition to the continued development and maintenance of the video review process. “Returning to the SUP in this capacity is an incredible honor. Softball is growing at an unprecedented pace, and our officiating infrastructure must evolve with it,” Abezetian said. “My focus will be on delivering a unified training philosophy for umpires across Divisions I, II and III, while continuing to build a transparent, leading-edge video review mechanism that ensures impartiality and enhances public trust. We owe it to the student-athletes, coaches and fans to ensure our on-field processes and video review proto-

cols are executed at the highest possible standard.” During his previous stint with the Softball Umpire Program, he was instrumental in advising the softball rules committee in the development of the video review rule, implementing the video review process and developing the communication philosophies relative to video review. “We are excited to welcome back Marty as the director of training and video review for NCAA softball,” said Steve McCown, NCAA national coordinator of softball umpires. “He brings a unique combination of extensive umpiring experience, institutional knowledge, video production and collaboration, and a strong background in technology and emerging officiating development.” Abezetian also is a replay official for the National Football League and previously served as a replay official for NCAA Football Championship Subdivision and Football Bowl Subdivision regular-season and post-season/bowl games.



# Murray State Athletics receives anonymous \$1.25 Million gift

## Staff Report

MURRAY — Murray State Athletics has received a transformational \$1.25 million anonymous gift from a generous family of longtime Racer supporters in Murray, providing another significant investment in the continued growth and future of the department.

The commitment will support the Vision For Excellence Fund as part of Murray State Athletics’ historic Leading The Pack campaign. The investment will provide resources to advance departmental

strategic initiatives, ongoing capital projects and revenue sharing while giving Racer Athletics additional flexibility to address emerging opportunities within the rapidly-evolving landscape of intercollegiate athletics.

“This extraordinary investment represents another powerful example of the belief Racer Nation has in the vision and future of Murray State Athletics,” Murray State University President Dr. Ron Patterson said. “We are incredibly grateful to this family for their generosity and commitment to

Murray State. As we continue to lead the pack, transformational support like this allows us to invest in opportunities that strengthen our University, enhance the student-athlete experience and position Racer Athletics for sustained success for generations to come.”

“We continue to experience unprecedented momentum throughout Murray State Athletics, and investments of this magnitude are essential to turning our ambitious vision into reality,” Vice President & Director of Athletics Nico Yantko said.

“This family believes deeply in where Racer Athletics is headed, and we are tremendously grateful that they have chosen to make such a meaningful investment in our student-athletes and our future. Their generosity gives us the ability to continue pursuing championship-level resources, transform our facilities and strategically invest in the areas that will allow Murray State to thrive in the modern era of college athletics.”

There is an incredible amount of progress happening across the athletics footprint, with more than \$60

million worth of capital projects having already been completed or that are currently ongoing. Most notably, the transformation of the CFSB Center is moving closer to completion as basketball season approaches.

The department also recently announced Racer Sports & Entertainment, LLC, a University-affiliated auxiliary enterprise that will allow Murray State to accelerate commercial growth, drive innovation, and support the long-term success of Racer Athletics while also serving as the lead driver of the previously

announced Racer Entertainment Village.

Murray State Athletics has raised \$54 million dollars in support of new facilities, initiatives and championship resources as part of the department’s bold, comprehensive \$100 million fundraising campaign, Leading The Pack, which was created to further position itself for the future by investing in student-athlete success, revenue share and competitive resources and world-class facilities.

# Kentucky Fish and Wildlife provides recap of recently amended regulations

## Staff Report

FRANKFORT — In accordance with KRS 150.025, the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources is providing updated information about proposed fish and wildlife-related regulation

amendments that have received final legislative approval and are now in effect.

The following summarizes provisions that relate to or affect Kentucky Fish and Wildlife and the services the agency provides

to hunters, anglers, boaters and the public at large. These include new or amended regulations to further define size, daily and possession limits for sport fish populations taken from Kentucky waters and provide ad-

ditional opportunities to control deer populations with new hunting opportunities.

Chapter 1 – Fish

301 KAR 1:201 – Taking of fish by traditional fishing methods

This administrative regulation was amended to increase daily limits on black bass on slot-limit lakes and streams across the state from six to 10 fish to allow for increased harvest of overabundant small fish. On Cave Run Lake, only five of the 10 fish can be largemouth bass over 12 inches. In addition, the black bass slot limit on Otter Creek was removed, daily limits were placed on shovelnose sturgeon and skipjack herring

to protect those populations, and two more lakes were added to the Fishing in Neighborhoods program – Owens’ Lake in Boone County and the Harry T. Clark Community Park Pond in Rowan County. This administrative regulation was also amended to conform with changes to KRS 150.170, resulting from Senate Bill 39 2026 Regular Session, which exempts bona fide landowners from creel, possession, size and method-of-take restrictions for owners of private lakes and ponds.

Effective Sept. 3, 2026.

Chapter 2 – Game

301 KAR 2:178 – Deer hunting on public prop-

erties

This administrative regulation was amended to conform with changes to KRS 150.390, resulting from House Bill 142 2026 Regular Session, to create provisions for additional antlerless deer seasons in overpopulated areas. Those additional seasons were instituted as zone-specific seasons in 301 KAR 2:172. The amendment is necessary as public deer hunting on government owned lands was previously prohibited unless open under statewide regulations. The amendment also includes specifications for additional types of government public lands administration not previously listed.

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BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

# Mustangs upend Maroons

Staff Report

MADISONVILLE — McCracken County pulled away to defeat Madisonville-North Hopkins 5-1 in a non-district boys' soccer match on Monday, Oct. 5.

The Mustangs set the tone early in the

match and forced the Maroons to play from behind.

William O'Neill (two goals), Tate Shoulta (one goal), Tyler Palazzolo (one goal), Kaden McKenzie (two assists), Johnny Mendoza (one assist) and Carson

Crane (one assist) each contributed offensively for the Mustangs.

In all, 21 players logged minutes for McCracken County during the match.

McCracken County won for the second time in three matches.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

# 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.

# NCAA DI men's and women's basketball out-of-season activities proposals introduced

Staff Report

INDIANAPOLIS — The NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Basketball Oversight Committees on Monday, Oct. 5 each introduced a legislative package focused on out-of-season activities, including a new opportunity for limited domestic summer competition against four-year college teams.

The proposals may be amended by the oversight committees based on membership feedback before a vote by each oversight committee in December and then reviewed by the Division I Cabinet by January, leading to a potential effective date of April.

Under this permissive approach, the MBOC and WBOC have aligned in proposing up to three dates of competition either domestically or internationally (as part of a foreign tour) during the eight-week summer access period when college basketball teams are practicing and developing on campus. Schools would have the flexibility to determine the appropriate contest format — exhibition game, scrimmage, joint practice, 3x3 or 5x5 — and whether the contest is conducted in private or open to the public.

Domestic competitions could take place against any U.S. four-year school and provide an alternative competitive devel-

opmental opportunity to summer foreign tours. The proposal standardizes summer competitions to a maximum of three dates — either foreign or domestic — providing all Division I teams with flexible, efficient and equitable opportunities. For men's teams participating in a summer foreign tour, those competitions would be limited to any international club or team.

Women's teams participating in a summer foreign tour could play any international club or team, and one contest could take place against another Division I team, which is consistent with the current foreign tour legislation in women's basketball.

Contests, either domestic or foreign, would have to be completed 30 days prior to the first on-court practice date, and the proposal also would remove the rule allowing 10 days of practice before a foreign tour.

In Division I men's and women's basketball, summer access would be maintained at eight weeks during a school's summer vacation period.

The WBOC supports maintaining up to eight hours of athletically related activities per week due to the recent addition of a transition period prior to the start of the regular season in which up to 12 hours of activities are permitted per week.

The MBOC supported a modest increase in the number of summer hours to 10 per week due to significant roster turnover each year and

more time needed for individual and team development.

Time spent competing during the three dates of competition would not count toward the weekly hourly limitations for summer access.

Student-athletes who are eligible to compete in the regular season would not be required to be enrolled in summer classes to compete during the summer. Student-athletes not eligible for the regular season would not have to be enrolled in summer courses to participate in skill instruction but could not compete during the three dates of competition.

After the conclusion of their respective national championship, men's and women's basketball student-athletes could participate in competition as a member of an outside team while not representing the school until the day prior to the start of official practice in September.

This concept protects the integrity of the playing season while allowing student-athletes the opportunity to participate on noncollegiate amateur teams similar to student-athletes in other sports. This outside competition may not occur during the eight-week summer access period. These proposals received support from both men's and women's basketball student-athlete engagement groups, as they provide meaningful developmental opportunities in the summer.

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Living...in a troubled world

CHOOSE THE PATH

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It is hard to understand why some things happen in this world.

Why are there mass shootings? Why does God allow genocide and starvation? Why are children sexually or mentally abused while perpetrators sometimes escape justice? And why doesn't God simply destroy those who commit such terrible acts so they can no longer harm their victims? These are difficult questions. They are questions many people ask, especially when confronted with suffering and evil.

There is another question many people ask: "Why don't I feel like I'm saved?" We can't change the terrible things happening in the world, but we can know we're saved.

In Ephesians, the Apostle Paul writes that we were once in darkness, but now we are light in the Lord. He encourages believers to "walk



as children of light." The Apostle John also teaches about the difference between walking in darkness and walking in the light.

So, what exactly are "darkness" and "light"? In the simplest terms, darkness keeps you from seeing. Light allows you to see.

Perhaps some people don't "feel saved" because they don't act saved. They go on in

life as before, but that just doesn't work out very well. We've all heard it said, "If there has been no change, there was no change." When a person truly comes to Christ, something changes within.

That does not mean a Christian becomes perfect or never struggles with sin again. We are human, and we still face temptation and problems in our sinful nature. But there should be an

internal check that warns us when we are tempted to go against God's nature of goodness.

If you are walking in the light and intentionally want to cause someone harm, inflict pain or destroy another person's reputation, something inside you should tell you that it is wrong.

Walking in the light allows us to see. It opens our eyes. When we see clearly, we

have an advantage. You can recognize obstacles and understand where choices lead. Light helps us make better decisions because we are aware of the consequences of our actions.

There is a danger when walking in darkness, one of the most obvious problems is that we cannot see the dangers, obstacles or consequences ahead of us.

Darkness can

cause people to make decisions without understanding the future consequences of those choices: the mental, physical and emotional pain they may cause themselves and others. Darkness hides the long-lasting effects of our actions.

Being a Christ follower has many benefits. If you want the best outcome for your life, choose to live in the light of God. It's a faith walk. There is no better way to say it than, "believe with your heart and confess with your mouth" (Romans 10:9).

When you walk in Light, by faith, you know the blood of Jesus cleanses us from sin. We may not understand everything that happens in this world. We may never have satisfactory answers to all the disturbing question about suffering, evil and injustice, but we can choose the path we walk on. Darkness or Light which will it be?



By Gary Miller  
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I can remember the first time I decided to learn to hunt with a bow. I was about 30 years old. Yeah, I know this seems old to some of you but at that time I did more fishing than hunting. I can also remember my friend Tim easing my mind concerning my ability to use one. He was one of the owners of the store I frequented. To me, the complexity of this weapon seemed overwhelming. His calm admonition to me was that once he tuned my bow and adjusted the sights,

the principle would be the same as my gun. Put the sight on the target, hold steady, and slowly squeeze the trigger. Of course, he was right and the more I practiced the more I became comfortable with the whole process. Since that day, I have hunted with archery equipment more than any other way. And it all started with one thing: encouragement. It is perhaps the most powerful tool in existence. It has been the single greatest catalyst for more inventions, discoveries,

and accomplishments, than any other motivation. Much of the time it is the difference between success and failure and always between fatigue and perseverance. Encouragement is the offense on any team. It does not allow one to stand still but is ever motioning to gain ground. I remember the time my granddaughter came in from soccer practice. The only thing she mentioned was how the coach bragged on her. What do you think that caused her to do? Gain ground. Encouragement is the gift that keeps on giving. Are you an encourager? There is absolutely nothing you will ever do that will move your interests forward more than encourag-



ing those who work with you or for you. And while encouragement may even take monetary sacrifice, it will always return in multiplied and varied profits.

Is it any wonder the number one reason God wanted his people to come together each week was to be encouraged and to encourage others? It shames me

how we have twisted this original idea into a knock-off from the Old Testament law. We have placed everything else above this main purpose. Instead of worship, praise, giving, and preaching becoming the means for encouragement when we gather, we have made each of these an end in themselves. And many times we even

do it at the expense of encouragement. There is one thing for sure, when encouragement becomes absent so will the people who need it. Everything else they will be able to do at home. If you want your faith family to gain ground, encouragement will do the trick. You can do it!

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

ENCOURAGEMENT



# Who wants a lifestyle of spiritual awareness?

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Have you noticed that when we are bombarded with negativity and told that the world is falling apart at the seams, it drains our joy and hope? Of course, we are concerned about our nation, the world, and the future of our family, but may we look beyond the veil of doom and gloom and realize the world is also filled with good news, whether we want to accept it or not. Like you, I scan information from the newspaper, radio, television, internet, and even the religious voices, and mostly what I gather are those obligated to relay how bad everything is. Actually, we can make as much difference in the world as we choose. When someone relays a story, we should be aware they are relaying a view

of what they personally believe or what they’ve been told. For example, when someone declares that no one can be trusted and that society is evolving into a mass of mindless zombies, we should realize this is a “glass half-empty” view. In reality, many kind-hearted and loving individuals are demonstrating what Jesus is saying. Perspective is a key word to consider because we have an obligation to discern and think carefully about not only what we say, but what has been said. We were not created to be simple-minded souls who are gullible and easily deceived. Since God is all-wise and lives within His children, He wants us to manifest the highest intelligence and spiritual sensitivity as possible. First Corinthians 2:16: “For, who can know the Lord’s thoughts?

Who knows enough to teach him, but we understand these things, for we have the mind of Christ.” It’s important to realize that all human communication is presented through an individual’s personal way of thinking, whether it be positive or negative. This is why spiritual discernment is so important, so that we can filter out the personal bias from the facts. Listening to anyone speak about something (including what you are reading now) is a personal responsibility and a challenge when we comprehend this. Since we have the opportunity to express our free will to establish our own interpretations and opinions about everything, including our religious views, we are faced with the most serious point of our conversation. To what extent has the information

we have learned been demonstrated as obedience unto God? What good would it be if a person listened to Biblical sermons for 50 years, and never allowed God’s word to change them into a genuine disciple of Jesus Christ? It’s as if many churchgoers have convinced their conscience that simply believing there is a God qualifies them for eternal life. Change is a popular word when associated with personal transformation, but usually considered a necessity for others and not for ourselves. What we have decided to believe is indeed the hill we will die on, so to speak, which reminds us that we need to make sure our thoughts are correct. There is an old saying, “What is down in the well will come up in the bucket,” as our conversations are a direct extension of

our thoughts. As the glass being half-full or half-empty can describe our positive or negative attitudes, we seldom examine which type of personality we are. Much of who we are is based on the complex nature of how we process what we hear and learn. Within this system of cognition, it encompasses various mental activities such as reasoning, problem-solving, and decision-making. The truth is that not everything in our world is doom and gloom, and all is not lost. Each soul can choose to be the type of person they have a passion to be and make as much difference in the world as they want, good or bad. Some pray to be a light of truth, while it seems that others enjoy spreading fear and darkness. Just because we do not know these people or see

their good deeds does not mean they do not exist. It simply means that a pessimist bases their worldviews and judgments on their own opinions and what they have experienced. Many will ask, “What does personal spiritual transformation include?” Now that is a good question. We’ve already mentioned how the mind must be renewed, which, by the way, is a very important aspect of spiritual warfare, and as we will talk more in the coming weeks, it will come down to whether we really want to become totally committed to what Christ died for us to be. Dr. Holland is an ordained minister, chaplain, and Christian author. Read more about the Christian life at billyhollandministries.com.

# SIN’S DEFENSE ATTORNEY

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His head and heart were at war—an empath in his soul, a psychopath in his mind. Fyodor Dostoevsky’s fictional character Raskolnikov, in Crime and Punishment, feels compassion for the impoverished and exploited of society, but contemplates brutally murdering an old money-grubbing woman he deems unworthy of life. He knows killing someone is wrong, but reasons that it is right because she was wrong. As a child, he witnessed a horse mercilessly beaten to death and wept at the malevolence of the act. Yet as an adult, he planned to swing an axe at another human being, lamenting that

it had not been done already! His conscience told him that homicide was heinous, but his heart excused it as a “necessary evil.” Raskolnikov is not so fictional after all. He represents the spiritual machinery operating within every fallen soul. Namely, the human heart often fabricates justifications for sins which the conscience knows are wrong. Sinners seldom sin because they do not know better—instead, the “desperately sick” heart rises as sin’s defense attorney (Jer. 17:9), arguing in favor of evil although the conscience knows that sin cannot be excused, defended, or rationalized. Sinners and saints

alike “suppress the truth” (Romans 1:18b), silencing the loud-and-clear voice of the God-given conscience when it tries to hinder what the heart sinfully desires. Like a defense counsel, the heart looks for loopholes and downplays the facts. Despite the Lord’s clear verdict against sin, supported by the corroborating witnesses of His word and the believer’s conscience, the heart will work overtime to find some “technicality” to make vices appear as virtuous. Like a smoke alarm sounding off at the smell of smoke, a Bible-informed conscience will ring when the fire of sin is threateningly close—and that is when the heart frantically

waves a towel beneath it to shut it up. Within every sinner’s heart are false weights and measurements that make sin lighter than God says it is (Prov. 11:1; 20:10). Caiaphas reasoned that it was better for Jesus to die than for all Israel to perish (John 11:47-50), and sinners often reason in a strangely similar manner: “I know gossip is sinful, but everyone needs to know what she did. I know I should forgive, but he hasn’t even apologized. I know I should speak the truth, but I don’t want to be offensive. I know I shouldn’t visit this website, but I can ask for forgiveness later.” Whenever the conscience says, “I know,”

the sinful heart will always come racing with a “but.” Do not allow your heart to speak louder than your Christ-cleansed conscience (Heb. 9:14; 10:22). God has rendered His righteous verdict against sin—do not let your heart ap-

peal His ruling. Never reason yourself into doing what the Lord has already told you is wrong. The heart may manufacture a thousand arguments for sin, but obedience only needs one: God has spoken.



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2 side by side vaults in Woodland Memorial Cemetery in Lone Oak, front view, 2nd row from bottom by chapel. \$10,000 total. 561-351-9174 (tfn)

## STORAGE UNIT SALE

Storage Unit Sale. 3919 Cairo Rd., Paducah. May 8th 9-3:00 pm. Closed Noon-1:00. Tools, TV, Kewpie Dolls, Prom dresses, Karaoke Items. Rain Cancels.

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Housekeeper, 9-3 on Thursday. \$110.00 Jennifer Gay 270-994-7939

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Fully electric hospital bed \$1300, Hoyer patient lift \$350, older wheelchair \$50, rollator walker \$30, oxygen tank holder for wheelchair \$20. Call 270-836-1002.

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\$1,299 per month SINGLE FAMILY 3 BR, 1 Bath, Living Room, Kitchen, Utility Room. Central Heat & Air. Storage Shed. Located in CALVERT CITY. 1 month security deposit. 1 year lease. 270-709-0955

20 by 40 3 room office with bath. 13th and Jefferson st. Paducah Ky. \$1200.00 per month call 270-210-4666

Remodeled building for lease for business. Great location, excellent condition. 2607 Jackson St. Paducah. Two offices. \$1,100 monthly. Jim Lewis Remax Realty Group 270-519-0309

## REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

4 White Pine Place, Paducah, KY 42003. MLS #: 26018542 \$420,000 Let's talk special. This home has spacious rooms. very functional floor plan. Garage has additional space for storage or lawn mowers. Upstairs has a fairly large, floored room for storage as well as a full guest suite. Split bedroom floorplan. Deep backyard. This home is a must see home. Call Ron Hughes at RE/MAX Realty Group 270-519-7898. (TFN)

5825 Oaks Road, Paducah, KY 42003 - \$550,000. Unique property - Approximately 75 acres with about 30 to 40 acres tillable and the rest wooded. Great combination of home, 3 outbuildings, tool shed, barn and land for variety of uses. Use house as home or hunting lodge. Great property for living, hunting, farming and or horses. Directions: Exit 11 I-24 South on Husband Rd, Left onto Lydon Road, Right onto Oaks Road. Home on the right about 6 miles south.Call Ron Hughes at RE/MAX Realty Group 270-519-7898. (TFN)

Awesome beautiful 2 Large lots! Brand New Home built just across the street. Great area on Barkley Lake. Over 1 acre, year round view of Barkley Lake! 1 mile to BRR Marina!\$64,000.00 MLS # 121914. CALL Jennifer Palmer Realty at 270-519-9000. (tfn)

27 Paradise Point Road • Gilbertsville, Kentucky • \$369,000 – MLS # 122709. 3 beautiful lots, over 1/2 acre sitting up HIGH on a hill with a SPECTACULAR BREATHTAKING VIEW OF KY LAKE in Cambridge Shores Subdivision! Build your Dream

Home! Magnificent Stunning view of KY Lake! Enjoy all the amenities that Cambridge Shores has to offer. This quiet KY Lake neighborhood is the perfect place to call home! CALL Jennifer Palmer Realty at 270-519-9000

718 Marina Village Dr., Grand Rivers, Kentucky • \$599,900 – MLS # 130701. Beautiful Custom Built 3 bed 3 & 1/2 bath 2006, looks like a new Home sitting on 2 private lots in Prestigious Gated Marina Village Subdivision! Hardwood Floors,9 ft ceilings , many updates, large family room open to Kitchen! 2 Bedrooms on main level & one HUGE bedroom up. All bedrooms have a full bath. Kitchen has custom cabinetry! NEW HEAT/AIR UNITS IN 2023. Upstairs-2019. NEW DECK, 4 car garage heated & cooled, Storm Shelter, ALL FURNITURE, DECOR, TABLEWARE, BEDDING, LIGHTHOUSE PICTURES, Towels STAY PLUS NEW flooring that has not been installed. Take a golf cart ride to Grand Rivers, World Famous Patties Restaurant, antique shops & more! CALL Jennifer Palmer Realty at 270-519-9000

643 Whitney Dr., Paducah, Kentucky • \$415,000.00 - MLS # 137569. Unique 3 bedroom 3 full bath West End home located in the desirable Pines Subdivision loaded with captivating character! Impressive living room features gas log fireplace , very tall valuted ceiling & large stylish windows for plenty of light. Kitchen has plenty of cabinets, island, breakfast area, and pantry. Excellent primary bedroom with spacious bath, jacuzzi tub, double vanity, walk-in



closet, surround sound, balcony overlooking deck & backyard. Ample storage space throughout the home. New refrigerator & microwave in 2026. Massive deck perfect for entertaining! Beautiful yard, trees and landscaping. Well insulated home so utility bills are low. Convenient to the mall area, I-24 and downtown Paducah. Underground Dog fence. CALL Jennifer Palmer Realty 270-519-9000

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, Pa-

ducah, 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 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 EQUIPMENT

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

King Kutter Bushhog 48" w/ PTO Connector, Like New. \$900 OBO. Benton, KY. 815-236-9455 (TFN)

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

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# Frito is the Pet of the Week

Meet Frito, this week's Pet of the Week. Frito is a 6 year old lab mix. Frito came to the Humane Society due to the death of his owner. He is a super sweet fellow. He is neutered, microchipped and up to date on all of his vaccinations. He does qualify for our senior dog program, which makes his adoption fee only \$25 as well as a few other perks. Please contact us for full details.

McCracken County Humane Society

For more information please contact:

McCracken County Humane Society  
4000 Coleman Road,  
Paducah, KY 42001 -  
(270)443-5923



# Former Sunday school teacher arrested on grooming charges

**By MARK MAYNARD**  
*Kentucky Today*

**PADUCAH, Ky. (KT)**  
– A former Sunday school teacher at a Kentucky Baptist church was arrested on grooming charges Friday.

Jared Denney, who was a youth-age Sunday school teacher at Bellview Baptist Church, is accused of sending a 15-year-old girl sexually explicit text messages, according to the McCracken County



**Jared Denney of Paducah was arrested on October 2.**  
Sheriff's Office. court date Oct. 20. He  
Detectives opened an was held on a \$10,000  
investigation at the cash bond at the  
end of August. McCracken County  
Denney, 37, has a Jail.

**ABSOLUTE REAL ESTATE AUCTION**  
**Thursday, October 15th, 2026 | 6:00 PM**  
 2248 State Route 564, Mayfield, KY 42066

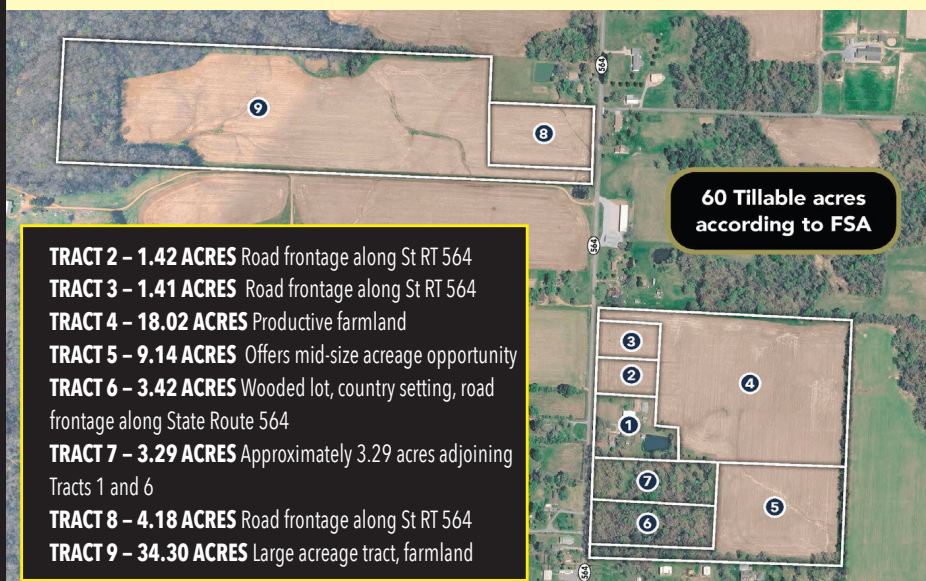


**PREVIEW: Monday, October 12th, 2026 from 5:00-6:00 PM**

**HOME • BARNs • 80± ACRES • BUILDING SITES • SELLING IN 9 TRACTS!**

An exceptional opportunity to purchase approximately 80 acres of Graves County real estate, featuring a brick home, barns/outbuildings, productive farmland, building sites, and a variety of tract sizes. The property has been divided into 9 tracts ranging from 1.41 acres to 34.30 acres, giving buyers the opportunity to purchase a homesite, acreage, farmland, improvements, or combinations of tracts to fit their needs. The auction layout shows approximately 80.02 total acres.

**TRACT 1** contains approximately 2.86 acres and features the primary residence, detached garage, sheds, and a barn. The home has 3 bedrooms, 1 full bath, central air conditioning, a fireplace, and an attached 1-car garage. The home offers an established country residence with room to enjoy the outdoors while remaining on a manageable-sized tract.



**REAL ESTATE TERMS:** The property will be offered 9 tracts and combinations. 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 a new survey. Buyer is responsible for 50%.

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**Real Estate & Auction**  
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**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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# Myrna Redfield Appointed to West Kentucky Community and Technical College Advisory Council

## Press Release

PADUCAH, Ky. — Four Rivers Nuclear Partnership, LLC (FRNP) Chief Executive Officer, President and Program Manager Myrna Redfield has been appointed to the West Kentucky Community and Technical College (WKCTC) Advisory Council. Selected by Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) President Dr. Ryan Quarles, Redfield will serve a four-year

term advising college leadership on regional workforce needs, academic programs, and community partnerships.

The WKCTC Advisory Council plays an essential role in aligning higher education programs with local industry demands, ensuring students are well-prepared for high-demand careers. Redfield's appointment reinforces FRNP's longstanding commitment to workforce development,

technical education, and the cultivation of local talent for employment for the many future opportunities at the U.S. Department of Energy Paducah Site, supporting cleanup of legacy operations and reindustrialization.

“One of the greatest strengths of West Kentucky Community and Technical College, and of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, is our close connection to the communities we serve,” said Dr. Anton

Reece, Chancellor of WKCTC in a statement for Redfield's appointment. "Our relationships with local employers, business and industry leaders, education partners, and community organizations help us understand the needs of our region and prepare students for the opportunities available right here at home. [Redfield's] voice will be an important part of maintaining and strengthening those connections."

As the cleanup contractor for the U.S. Department of Energy at the former Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant, FRNP actively collaborates with educators to build clear, sustainable pathways into developing the next generation workforce in science, technology, engineering and math and skilled trade professions.

"I am honored by this selection and am eager to work alongside Dr. Reece, the college leadership, and

fellow council members,” said Redfield. “At FRNP, we believe that investing in higher education and technical training is vital to the long-term success of our mission and the vitality of our region. I look forward to serving as an ambassador for WKCTC, advocating for students in our area, and helping shape practical educational pathways that prepare our local workforce for high-quality careers in West Kentucky.”

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**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10  
4-7PM**

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# ABSOLUTE REAL ESTATE AUCTION

2500 Biggs Road • Kevil, KY 42053

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24<sup>TH</sup>, 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
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Blue tribute honors law enforcement, Hayden’s reflections recognize both the work residents see and the efforts that often happen outside public view.

“I would want the community to know that I see daily their dedication, and hard work, that many in the public may not,” he said.

The demands of the job also make support within the department essential. Difficult calls can weigh on those who respond, and Hayden said his team knows one another well enough to recognize when

someone needs a little extra attention.

“We know each other well enough to know when they need to be checked on,” he said. “That could mean a phone call, or a quick visit.”

Those gestures help deputies care for one another while continuing to serve others.

Whether responding to a disaster, investigating a crime or checking on a colleague after a difficult day, Hayden described a team that understands the importance of showing up.

He also wants crime victims to know they have the commitment of the entire sheriff’s office behind them.

“If you are the victim of a crime here, please know that our entire team will do everything within our power to identify and have prosecuted those responsible,” Hayden said.

For the sheriff, the pride he takes in his team rests in that daily commitment — to their community, to the people who need their help and to one another.



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Mayfield police, who had an active investigation related to the incident, were notified and responded.

Following interviews with the occupants and the vehicle's owner, the sheriff's office obtained and executed three search warrants at

residences owned by the vehicle's owner. Additional appliances suspected of being stolen were recovered, according to the agency.

Authorities also reported discovering suspected narcotics, suspected fraudulent identification cards and equipment believed to be used to produce identification cards. Several individuals

were cited or arrested during the investigation.

The case brought together the Clinton Police Department, Hickman County Sheriff's Office, Mayfield Police Department, Hickman Police Department, Kentucky State Police and the Office of Homeland Security.

Behind those

developments were individual steps: examining evidence, listening to witnesses, locating a vehicle, conducting interviews, obtaining warrants and sharing information across jurisdictions. Each helped investigators determine what to pursue next.

For residents, much of that work happens beyond

public view. A patrol car at a scene is only one part of an investigation that can involve several departments and extend into other communities.

As local communities recognize the men and women who serve in law enforcement, this case offers a concrete example of the work behind

the badge—and the role citizens can play by providing information.

The investigation remains active, and authorities said additional charges are possible. All individuals accused are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in court.

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participate in First Responder Day at Lowe’s. These events give residents opportunities to talk with officers in a relaxed setting, with First Responder Day also offering a chance to explore a police cruiser.

Kent said all officers are trained in de-escalation and crisis intervention techniques. He credits that approach with consistently helping achieve successful outcomes for residents and the community.

The friendship between the school resource officer and the student is one of many positive encounters that have stayed with him. It also reflects the compassion Kent said makes him proud to lead the department.

“I’m proud that our Officers deliver professional police



Mayfield Police Chief Nathan Kent

services to our residents with a respectful decorum,” he said.

Kent also pointed to the staff’s training, broad capabilities and dedication to public service.

“Each of them works selflessly as guardians for our residents,” he said.

This Back the Blue tribute recognizes Chief Nathan Kent; Major Wes Kimbler; Detective Lieutenant Mark Watkins; Lieutenants Trevor Webb, Derek Vaughan and Brian Adams; Sergeants Justin Copeland, Tyler Simpson and Brandon Collins; School Resource

Sergeant Brent Farmer; Detective Sergeant Nathan Young; Detective Cody Rogers; and School Resource Officers Seth Crane and Alyssa Taylor.

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# Standing Together:

## *The importance of supporting law enforcement*

Law enforcement officers hold one of the most demanding responsibilities in any community. Every day, police officers, deputies, state troopers and other public safety professionals answer calls for help, respond to emergencies, investigate crimes, protect vulnerable people and work to keep neighborhoods safe. Much of this work happens quietly and without recognition, but its importance reaches every family, school, business and neighborhood.

Supporting law enforcement does not mean believing that every decision made by every officer is automatically correct. A strong community can expect professionalism, accountability and fairness from its officers while also recognizing the difficult and often dangerous work they perform. Healthy communities need both responsible law enforcement and citizens who are willing to work with public safety agencies to make their neighborhoods safer.

### A Difficult Job

Law enforcement officers routinely face situations that most people hope they will never encounter. They may arrive first at traffic crashes, domestic disputes, fires, medical emergencies, missing-person calls or reports of criminal activity. Officers often have limited information when they arrive and must make decisions quickly, sometimes under tremendous pressure.

The job also requires officers to interact with people experiencing some of the most difficult moments of their lives. A person may



be frightened, angry, confused, injured or experiencing a personal crisis. Officers must attempt to maintain professionalism while assessing what is happening and determining how best to protect everyone involved.

The responsibilities extend well beyond making arrests. Officers conduct investigations, direct traffic, assist stranded motorists, provide security at community events, locate missing individuals, testify in court and work with schools and organizations on crime-prevention programs.

### Building Trust

One of the most important ways communities can support law enforcement is by building trust.

Trust develops when officers and residents have opportunities to know one another outside of emergency situations.

Community events, school programs, neighborhood meetings and police-community outreach can help put faces with names and remind residents that law enforcement officers are members of the community, too.

For officers, positive relationships with residents can make their work more effective. People who trust their local law enforcement agency may be more comfortable reporting suspicious activity, providing information about crimes or asking for help when they need it.

For residents, knowing officers personally can make law enforcement feel less like a distant government institution and more like an important community resource.

### Supporting Officers and Their Families

The pressures of law enforcement do not end when an officer's shift is

over. Officers and their families may carry the emotional weight of difficult calls, unpredictable schedules, long hours and the knowledge that the next call could be dangerous.

Simple expressions of appreciation can mean a great deal. A thank-you, a note from a child, a meal provided during a busy shift or recognition at a community event can remind officers that their service is noticed.

Families of officers also deserve recognition. Spouses, children, parents and other loved ones live with the realities of the profession. They may spend holidays, birthdays or evenings waiting for an officer to return home safely. Supporting law enforcement includes remembering those families and acknowledging the sacrifices they make.

### Community Cooperation Matters

Law enforcement cannot keep a community safe by itself. Public safety is a shared responsibility.

Residents can help by reporting crimes and suspicious activity through appropriate channels, securing their homes and vehicles, following traffic laws and looking out for their neighbors. Business owners can cooperate with investigations and take reasonable steps to protect employees and customers.

Parents can teach children how to interact safely and respectfully with police officers. Young people should understand that officers are there to help protect the community and that following reasonable instructions during an emergency is important.

At the same time, residents should feel comfortable asking questions and raising concerns through appropriate channels. Constructive communication is

far more productive than allowing frustration or misunderstanding to grow.

### Recognizing the Humanity Being Behind the Badge

It is easy to think of a police officer simply as a uniform, badge and authority figure. Behind that uniform, however, is a person with a family, responsibilities, hopes and fears.

Officers experience stress, fatigue and difficult emotions just as other workers do. The difference is that their jobs frequently place them in situations involving danger, conflict and tragedy.

Recognizing the humanity of officers does not excuse misconduct or eliminate the need for accountability. Instead, it encourages a more balanced understanding of the profession.

Communities should be willing to recognize good work while also expecting officers to follow the law, department policies and professional standards. Accountability and appreciation are not opposites. Both are necessary for a healthy relationship between law enforcement and the public.

### Investing in Public Safety

Supporting law enforcement also means supporting the resources necessary for officers to do their jobs effectively.

Adequate staffing, training, equipment, technology and facilities can make a significant difference in public safety. Officers need appropriate training to handle everything from



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traffic enforcement and criminal investigations to crisis situations and emergency response. Communities and local governments have an important role in determining how public safety resources are allocated. Responsible investment can help agencies recruit and retain qualified personnel and provide officers with the tools they need to serve effectively. Supporting law enforcement should therefore include thoughtful conversations about what officers need

to perform their responsibilities safely and professionally.

**Honoring Those Who Serve**

Every community has stories of officers who have gone beyond the call of duty. Some have rescued people from dangerous situations. Others have spent countless hours investigating crimes, finding missing people or helping families during emergencies. Some officers have paid the ultimate price while serving their communities. Their families and fellow officers carry that loss long after the headlines

disappear. Remembering fallen officers is an important part of honoring the profession. Memorials, ceremonies and community observances provide opportunities to recognize their sacrifice and remind future generations of the responsibility carried by those who wear the badge.

**A Shared Commitment**

Supporting law enforcement ultimately means supporting the goal of a safe and healthy community. That support can take many forms: thanking an officer,

participating in community programs, teaching children about safety, reporting information responsibly, attending public meetings, supporting reasonable investments in public safety or simply treating officers with courtesy and respect. At the same time, law enforcement agencies have a responsibility to earn and maintain the public’s trust through professionalism, transparency, fairness and accountability. The relationship between law enforcement and the community

should never be one-sided. Officers need the cooperation and support of residents, while residents deserve law enforcement agencies that are committed to serving everyone fairly. When citizens and law enforcement work together, everyone benefits. Neighborhoods become safer, communication improves and problems can be addressed before they become larger threats. A badge represents authority, but it also represents responsibility and service. Behind every badge is someone who has chosen a difficult

profession with the goal of helping others. Our communities are stronger when we recognize that service, appreciate those who provide it and work together to create places where families can live, children can grow and neighbors can feel safe. Supporting law enforcement is not simply about supporting a profession. It is about supporting the people who answer the call when help is needed—and recognizing that public safety is something an entire community must build together.

# From Ghent to Today:

## *The history and importance of K-9 units*

For more than a century, specially trained dogs have worked alongside law enforcement officers, helping police departments track people, locate missing individuals, find evidence and detect certain substances. Today, K-9 units are a familiar part of law enforcement across the United States, but the partnership between officers and canine companions has a long and fascinating history. The organized use of police dogs is generally traced to Ghent, Belgium, in 1899. Police officials there experimented with trained dogs as a way to supplement nighttime patrols. The program proved successful, and the idea soon spread throughout Europe. By the early 1900s, police departments in several countries were incorporating dogs into patrol and tracking work. Britain also became an early leader in police-dog work. In 1907, the North Eastern Railway Police established a program after learning about the successful Belgian system. Four



Airedale Terriers began patrolling Hull Docks in 1908, making the dogs part of an organized effort to combat theft and protect the area. The concept eventually crossed the Atlantic. American police departments began experimenting with trained dogs during the early 20th century. One important early influence came from European police-dog programs, particularly those in Belgium and Germany. The German Shepherd eventually became one of the

best-known police breeds because of its intelligence, athletic ability, trainability and versatility. Belgian Malinois are also widely associated with modern working-dog programs. The use of dogs expanded dramatically during the world wars. During World War II, the United States formally established its military K-9 Corps on March 13, 1942, after the organization Dogs for Defense helped mobilize privately owned dogs for military service. Dogs received

specialized training for duties including sentry, scout, messenger and mine detection work. Although military working dogs and police dogs serve different purposes, wartime experience helped demonstrate the remarkable abilities of trained dogs and contributed to the continued development of canine programs.

**The Growth of American Police K-9 Units**

American police K-9 programs expanded significantly during

the 1950s. Baltimore provides one important example. In December 1956, the Baltimore Police Department began an experimental canine program. Fourteen dogs and fourteen volunteer officers were selected for training, and the teams began working the streets in early 1957. The experiment was considered successful, and the K-9 Corps became a permanent part of the department in April 1957. Baltimore’s program became particularly influential because of its approach to training and handling. The department developed what became known as the “Baltimore Method,” which emphasized socialization and allowed handlers to keep their canine partners at home. This helped strengthen the relationship between handler and dog and became an influential model for other agencies. The United States Park Police established its K-9 Unit in 1959, becoming the first police K-9 unit in the Washington,

D.C., area. Its early dogs were trained for patrol work, and the program later expanded into explosives and narcotics detection.

**What Do K-9s Do Today?**

Modern K-9 units can perform a variety of specialized jobs. Depending on the agency and the dog’s training, canine teams may assist with tracking, locating missing people, searching for evidence, detecting explosives or controlled substances, and assisting officers during searches. Some dogs are trained for a single specialty, while others receive multiple types of training. Wichita Police Department, for example, describes its current canine teams as dual-purpose dogs trained for both detection and patrol duties. Explosives-detection dogs have become especially valuable in protecting public gatherings, government

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transportation areas and other locations where security concerns exist. The United States Park Police added its first explosives-detection canines in 1974 and began training narcotics-detection teams in the mid-1970s.

The National Security Agency’s police K-9 program provides another example of specialized work. Its dogs are trained primarily to detect explosives and screen vehicles, cargo and mail entering NSA facilities.

**A Partnership,  
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One of the most important aspects of a K-9 unit is the relationship between the dog and its handler. Training requires patience, consistency and extensive practice.

The handler must understand the dog’s behavior and abilities while the dog learns to respond reliably to the handler.

This partnership can continue beyond the workday. In many departments, handlers care for their canine partners at home, making the dog both a working partner and a member of the handler’s household.

K-9s also become ambassadors for law enforcement. Demonstrations at schools, community events and public gatherings give residents an opportunity to see the dogs’ skills and learn more about how canine teams contribute to public safety.

**More Than a  
Century of Service**

From the streets of Ghent in 1899 to modern police departments throughout the United States, K-9 programs have evolved

considerably. What began as an experiment in nighttime patrols has developed into highly specialized partnerships involving detection, tracking, search and rescue, public safety and community outreach.

The history of K-9

units demonstrates how much can be accomplished when human training and canine abilities are combined. Dogs possess extraordinary senses and a natural willingness to work with people, while their handlers provide the

knowledge, direction and care necessary to turn those abilities into useful skills.

Today, when a K-9 team walks into a school, patrols a community or assists officers during a search, it represents more than a century of development and

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# How to honor local police

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Local police forces do much to keep their communities safe, so it's no great mystery why residents want to show how much they appreciate the people who ensure their towns and cities remain wonderful places to call home. With that in mind, community residents, small business owners and elected officials can consider the following ways to honor local police.

- Small business owners recognize the vital role local police play in keeping Main Street safe. A safe dining and shopping district is beneficial to business owners' bottom line, and that makes it worth their while to offer discounts to local law enforcement and their families.
- Showcase officers on social media. Local governments can get in on the act by highlighting a different officer each month on various social media platforms. Interview a new officer each month and highlight their backgrounds and careers. This can be a great way to showcase the talents of local officers and foster strong connections between community residents and the men and women in law enforcement who keep their towns and cities safe.
- Feature officers during public celebrations. Parades, holiday bazaars and local scholastic sporting events are some examples of events that bring community residents together. Such events provide great opportunities to thank local law enforcement and bring them into direct contact with residents.
- Support police during town council meetings. Attendance at town council meetings is a good way to remain informed about what's going on in a community, and it also serves as an opportunity to support measures aimed at benefitting local law enforcement personnel. Support efforts to increase salaries for local police officers and upgrade their resources so they can continue to do their jobs to the best of their abilities.

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# How the role of police has evolved

There are 800,000 sworn law enforcement officers now serving in the United States, according to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund. The Canadian Encyclopedia says that, as of 2025, there were approximately 69,500 police officers serving in Canada. Police are responsible for keeping citizens safe and enforcing the law. Through crime prevention, emergency response and investigation, law enforcement officials are integral members of the communities they serve.

While law enforcement officials are now vital components of every community, these figures have not existed since the beginning of civilization. In fact, police forces are a relatively modern invention, according to Gary Potter, a crime historian at Eastern Kentucky University. During early American colonization, policing was informal and part-time employment. Also, those who were tasked with keeping order were paid through a for-profit, privately funded system. Peace and order also was maintained by volunteers who

provided a “night watch” system that was not very efficient.

The common law and system of sheriffs, constables, watchmen, and stipendiary justice known in England was at the roots of early policing in the United States. Early Americans were weary of establishing standing police forces.

However, as America continued to grow through immigration, and rural communities evolved into urban cities, crime increased.

Citizens began to band together into “committees of vigilance” that took lawfulness into their own hands, not always with success.

By the mid-19th century, it became clear that earlier attempts at maintaining order were largely ineffectual. Middle-class frustration with the deterioration of cities and infrastructure led to the passage of laws that regulated public behavior and created new police forces and penitentiaries. The first police departments in the United States were in Boston and formed in 1838. New York City developed its own forces in 1844, and other cities quickly followed suit. By the 1880s, almost every

major city in the country had a police force. The primary roles of police departments were to prevent crime and keep order. It wasn’t until the 1850s that detective units began to appear.

A similar evolution took place in Canada. Early policing was predominantly a local concern with municipalities following French and English traditions of constabularies or watchmen systems. Just like it was in the United States, the early 19th century was a time of change for the Canadian police force. After the establishment of England’s Metropolitan Police in London, Canada developed its own law enforcement system as a public system that required the consent of fellow citizens. In addition, thanks to Canada’s vast frontier, Prime Minister John A MacDonald established the North-West Mounted Police in the mid-1800s to enforce laws in the region. That force was initially 150 members, and would later be renamed the Royal North- West Mounted Police.

The police have a storied past with responsibilities that have evolved considerably through the years.



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# Many skilled professionals work in police departments

Each and every day, communities rely on law enforcement agencies to keep their cities and towns orderly and safe. Uniformed patrol officers may be the most visible employees of police departments, but there are many individuals who work in concert to keep communities safe and precincts running smoothly. The following are some of the essential personnel who serve in local police departments across the country.

- *Dispatcher/telecommunicator:* This may be the first person individuals speak with during an emergency situation. Dispatchers typically work on the phone in police departments or from remote call centers. They patch information through to law enforcement so that officers can respond to situations.
- *Civilian investigators:* Some departments employ civilian detectives to strengthen their investigative services. They work primarily from desks within the police department. These investigators will look into a wide range of low-level crimes like traffic incidents, burglaries and financial crimes. Sworn officers are able to devote their time elsewhere in the field as a result.
- *Police technician:* A technician is an entry-level position who assists sworn personnel in follow-up investigations. Technicians also may perform other tasks, including working on paperwork or filing incident reports.
- *Officer/detective:* The broadest rank in the police department belongs to those who are police officers, patrol officers and police detectives. These people respond to emergencies and non-emergency calls, patrol areas, obtain warrants, and perform many other duties, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.
- *Information technology specialists:* Those with IT experience can work in police departments with video surveillance, in-car mobile data terminals, wireless communications, and global mapping technology to assist with crime prevention. Some IT professionals enter cybercrime detective units to help solve crimes related to computers and the internet.
- *Victim advocates:* These people help victims of crime cope with trauma and may work in the services department of a police force. They typically inform victims of their legal rights, including their right to protection.
- *Sheriff:* According to Indeed, a sheriff is an elected official authorized by the state to enforce laws at a county level. They cover areas that are wider than those covered by local police departments. Sheriffs also may manage local jails and ensure security in these areas.
- *Evidence custodian:* This is the person who oversees evidence and is responsible for cataloging and

securing it safely in storage.

- *Crime scene technician:* The technician is a forensic expert who works with law enforcement to collect evidence found at crime scenes to help solve crimes.
- *Additional officials:* Police departments follow a hierarchy of rank advancement. Above officers one will find corporals, sergeants, lieutenants, captains, a deputy police chief, and a chief of police. Higher ranks may manage other officers, monitor budgets and programs, enforce policies, and serve as the public face of local police departments.



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# Practices that can benefit seniors’ mental health

Making an effort to maintain and safeguard mental health is a key component of a healthy lifestyle, and that’s as true for seniors as it is for children, young adults and men and women in middle age. Seniors can embrace a number of practices and habits to safeguard their mental health well into their golden years.

• **Spend more time with family.** Spending time with family members can be especially beneficial for adults 70 and older. According to a 2023 study published in the Journals of Gerontology: Series B, adults without family ties had worse mental health and were less likely to engage socially than older adults who were close to their family. The researchers behind the study noted those benefits are not affected by distance, as even the older adults who lived far away from their family members but maintained strong social ties to their families enjoyed higher levels of mental health and social participation than seniors with no such connections.

• **Exercise regularly.** Routine exercise also can have a profound impact on seniors’ mental health. The Anxiety & Depression Association of America reports that evidence supports the notion that exercise can shift attitude, mindset and mood in a positive way. Another study found that adults who participated in a regular physical activity program

experienced reduced rates of long-term and acute depression.

• **Incorporate travel into your golden years.** Working professionals have long expressed an intention to travel more during retirement, and doing so may have an even bigger impact than seniors realize. According to a joint report from the Global Coalition on Aging and the Transamerica Institute® released in 2025, regular travel has been shown to lower Alzheimer’s risk by up to 47 percent, a benefit researchers link to culturally enriching activities like visiting museums and exploring historical landmarks. The same report also notes that travel helps to address loneliness and social isolation, which are mental health issues that the senior population is especially vulnerable to, particularly during retirement.

• **Volunteer.** The Mayo Clinic Health System notes that volunteering can boost mental health in a number of ways. Volunteering has been found to reduce stress and increase positive, relaxed feelings. The Mayo Clinic also notes that volunteering leads to lower rates of anxiety and depression, particularly among adults 65 and older.

Mental health is part of a healthy lifestyle. Seniors can look to various practices to protect their mental health and reduce their risk for conditions such as social isolation, loneliness and depression that affect a great number of older adults.



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# Managing prescription medications

According to the National Institutes of Health, the average older adult takes approximately four prescription medications every day, with 40 percent of adults age 65 and older taking five daily medications. Managing medications can be complicated, particularly when they are prescribed by different medical professionals. Many doctors utilize electronic medical records and may have access to all of the prescription medications prescribed to each patient. This can be helpful as it removes the guessing game and self-reporting necessary to manage prescriptions. It also may help providers avoid giving a medication that can interact negatively with another prescription a patient is already taking.

Doctors may initiate conversations with patients about their prescriptions and review which are current and which are not. At this point, patients can go over any questions they may have about their medications. Medical offices also may utilize patient portal apps to facilitate communication and scheduling between patients and providers. Through these patient portals, people can message their health care teams and ask for more information about medical care and prescription medications, especially if questions come up after an office visit. Such portals are another tool patients can use to take a more active role in their own health care.



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# How seniors can approach snacking

Snacking is a genuine phenomenon. In fact, it seems nearly every adult reaches for one or more snacks at one point in a typical day.

According to a 2023 review published in the journal *Nutrients*, more than 90 percent of adults in the United States report eating one or more snacks on any given day. A separate study published in the *Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics* noted that snacking has been increasing in frequency and volume over the last several decades.

A trip to any grocery store would make consumers’ love for snacking readily apparent, as snack foods take up a significant amount of real estate in the average supermarket. While children and young adults may easily burn off extra calories from snacking, metabolism naturally slows down as a person ages. That decline is gradual, but researchers at Duke University note that a person in their 90s needs 26 percent fewer calories than



someone in midlife. Seniors who have grown accustomed to snacking over the last several decades may wonder how to approach between-meal eating now that their metabolisms are slowing down. These tips can help seniors navigate those waters in a healthy way.

• **Don’t look at snacks as the villain.** Despite the popularity of snacking, it’s not

uncommon for people to feel as though reaching for a snack is a guilty pleasure. But that’s not necessarily the case. The senior health and wellness resource SilverSneakers notes that healthy snacking can be a great way for seniors to ensure they get the recommended daily amounts of protein, fiber, vitamins, and minerals. Many seniors prefer smaller

portions during mealtime, so snacking can be a great means to meeting these nutritional requirements.

• **Avoid unhealthy snacks.** Choice of snacks is a notable variable that can make the difference between beneficial snacking and harmful snacking. A recent study published in the *European Journal of Nutrition* found

that people who consumed unhealthy snacks like potato chips and cookies had a higher body mass index; more visceral fat, which WebMD notes is the body fat stored deep within the abdominal cavity that wraps around vital organs like the liver and the intestines; and higher levels of triglycerides than people who consumed healthy snacks. Each of those byproducts

increase the risk for cardiovascular disease.

• **Choose healthy snacks.** Even seniors who eat nutritious, healthy meals for breakfast, lunch and dinner should reach for equally healthy snacks. That’s because unhealthy snacks can negate the effects of healthy meals. SilverSneakers urges seniors to look for snacks with little or no added sugar that contain 250 or fewer calories. In addition, choose items made with whole grains instead of refined grains. High-protein, low-sodium items also make for a healthy snack. Seniors may have dietary restrictions due to their own unique health histories, so they are encouraged to speak with their physicians about which snacks are right for them.

Snacking may have a bad reputation, but choosing healthy snacks can be a great way for seniors to meet nutritional requirements each day.

# How to simplify medication discussions with your physician

Effective communication is vital in a good relationship, and that includes the dynamic between seniors and their physicians. According to Caring Senior Service, adults age 65 and older see seven different health care providers each year, and that figure is potentially even higher for the millions of seniors dealing with chronic health issues like diabetes and heart disease.

In addition to seeing multiple physicians in a typical year, seniors are taking a number of medications. According to a February 2026 report on WorldHealth.net, 42 percent of adults 65 and over are taking five or more

medications. With so many different doctor relationships to manage and pills to take, it can be easy for seniors to feel a little overwhelmed when the time comes to speak with their physicians. These strategies can help such discussions go smoothly.

• **Prepare a list of your medications and take it with you to each appointment.** It’s not uncommon for patients to feel rushed when visiting their doctors, even if they have a years-long and cordial relationship with those physicians. When patients feel rushed, it’s easy to overlook certain things about their health, including which medications

they’re taking. While some physicians have digital access to a patient’s medical history, including which medications a patient is taking, that’s not always the case. So seniors are urged to maintain an up-to-date list of their medications, which they can share with their physicians when an appointment begins. This can eliminate any



roadblocks to effective communication, including a language barrier or nervousness on the part of patients who feel rushed.

• **Keep a medication diary between doctor visits.** A medication diary can be a helpful asset for any senior who is concerned about overlooking a detail regarding their prescriptions and any side effects that appear while taking

them. Use the diary to document any adverse reactions; suspicions about a given medication, including any thoughts about interactions with other medicines; questions about dosage; and additional thoughts or questions about your prescriptions. Take the diary with you to each appointment, perusing it before every visit to remind yourself of any issues you think merit discussion with your doctor.

• **Take a spouse or family member along with you.** Having someone there with you to act on your behalf or to help bridge any communication barriers can be a helpful step. Many

adults experience hearing loss as they age, and a family member can ensure a doctor’s responses are heard loud and clear. This can be particularly important in relation to discussions regarding medication, as one unheard or misunderstood statement could jeopardize a patient’s overall health.

It’s not always easy to discuss medication with a physician, particularly for seniors taking multiple prescriptions at once. But various strategies can simplify such discussions and ensure seniors’ voices and medication-related concerns are heard and communicated clearly.



# Emergency preparedness for seniors

One never knows when an emergency might strike, whether it's a natural disaster, home fire or flood, or the need to leave home quickly to visit a sick relative. Older adults may be facing health issues that are not necessarily affecting younger adults, and that reality makes it wise for seniors to emphasize emergency preparedness. A personalized plan can keep older adults safe during emergency situations.

**Set up a support network**  
Seniors should reach out to at least two people, whether it's friends, neighbors or relatives who live nearby, and ask them to serve

as contacts when emergencies strike. These individuals can check in on seniors, provide assistance with evacuation, if necessary, and hold spare keys. The support network also can be involved in coming up with an emergency plan regarding what to do if there is an emergency at home.

A member of a support network can serve as a liaison between a local adult recreation center or home-based care providers, if the senior participates in such services.

**Plan for power loss**  
Electricity fuels daily life, but power outages are becoming more common as the effects of climate change impact daily



life. It's important for seniors who rely on power-dependent medical devices like stair lifts, motorized beds, motorized wheelchairs, and CPAP machines to figure out a backup power plan, says the American Red Cross. This may include installing a home house generator or having back-up batteries that are routinely charged.

**Build a supply kit**  
A supply kit or a grabbable "go bag" will be filled with all the necessities. Some seniors take five or more daily medications, so

it's important to maintain at least a 30-day supply of all prescriptions and keep copies of the prescriptions in case medication needs to be filled at a different pharmacy. The American Red Cross also advises keeping extra batteries for hearing aids or

mobility devices, a written list of pertinent health information, and ample water and non-perishable food for each person on hand.

**Organize documents**  
The American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry suggests maintaining critical documents in a secure, dry and easily accessible waterproof container. These documents should include personal identification and health insurance cards, prescriptions, cash, and documentation for medical devices.

Having a plan in place should an emergency strike can help seniors stay safe.

# Excercises to keep seniors fit

Physical activity is crucial for people who aspire to maintain their overall health as their bodies age. Exercise improves flexibility, contributes to a healthy weight, reduces the risk for chronic illnesses, and may even help seniors maintain their independence well into their golden years.

The good news is that exercising regularly doesn't have to be high-impact or strenuous to make an impact. Plenty of exercises are geared toward seniors that feature gentle yet powerful movements, and address specific needs like strength, bone health, cardiovascular health, and balance. Although many fitness routines are safe, it is best to consult with a doctor or another health care professional prior to beginning

a new regimen so seniors learn which activities are appropriate for their individual needs and health conditions. As seniors prepare for those discussions, they can explore the following exercises many of their peers already enjoy.

**Cardiovascular activities**  
It's important that seniors elevate their heart rates and improve or maintain their endurance.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends 150 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic exercise per week. These activities fit the bill for boosting the heart.

- Brisk walking: Walking is a simple activity that requires no equipment and can be done almost anywhere... even in front of a television. Walk at a brisk pace to raise your heart rate.
- Swimming: Swimming and water-based activities are enhanced by the buoyancy of water, which reduces stress on the joints.
- Cycling: Whether riding on a stationary bike or a traditional one, cycling is a low-impact way to boost cardiovascular health and strengthen leg muscles.
- Chair marching: Individuals with limited mobility can

march in place while seated, an activity that can still elevate the heart rate.

**Strength training**  
The CDC advises engaging in strength training at least two days per week for older adults. This doesn't necessarily have to involve lifting weights. Body-weight exercises are quite effective, too.

- Stand up: From a seated position, standing up without using hands and sitting back down works the legs, hips and core.
- Wall push-ups: This modified push up builds upper body strength without putting strain on shoulders or wrists.
- Resistance bands: Using these bands in varying strengths can effectively work arm and leg muscles.

**Balance**  
Seniors need to focus on exercises

that promote balance, which can help prevent dangerous falls.

- Single-leg stands: Standing on one leg while holding on to a chair or counter for support is a start, with a gradual build-up for longer lengths of time.
- Sobriety walk: Individuals can walk a straight line as if they are proving sobriety to a police officer, by placing the heel of one foot directly in front of the toes of another.
- Gentle hop: Hopping (or stepping) gently from one foot to another is another balance technique to master.

These are just some of the exercises that are ideal for seniors who are returning to exercise or new to daily fitness. People also can work with trainers who are experienced at helping seniors get fit.





# Travel can facilitate health aging

The adage, “an apple a day keeps the doctor away,” may be true, but for seniors, enjoying that apple at a hotel or on a cruise may be even more healthy than having it at home.

Travel can be an important component of healthy aging. Travel provides many benefits across multiple areas of life. According to The Senior List, around 70 percent of seniors (adults age 50 and up) travel regularly. Seniors are a target demographic for the travel industry, accounting for roughly one-third of all travelers. Seniors spend almost one month each year traveling.

Here are a few of the many health-related rewards seniors can reap from travel.

- **Morale boost:** Booking a trip, making it to a destination and checking out new sights creates a strong sense of purpose that can elevate self-confidence.
- **Meet new people:** Travel offers lots of opportunities to meet fellow travelers and engage with locals at various destinations.
- **Get physical activity:** Exploring sights and landmarks engages the body. According to Clarendale Clayton Senior Residences, studies show that older adults who regularly vacation experience lower rates of high blood pressure, stroke and heart disease.
- **Reduces stress:**

Getting away from the daily grind and household routines or responsibilities can lower feelings of stress.

- **Improves cognitive health:** According to research by the Global Coalition on Aging, regular cultural travel can reduce Alzheimer’s risk by up to 47 percent.
- **Foster cultural understanding:** Travel takes people outside of their typical circles and can expose individuals to new cultures. Learning about these cultures and interacting with local populations can foster a greater sense of cultural understanding. Travel can be a key component of healthy living for seniors that boosts their physical and mental well-being.



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Festival-goers can browse more than 200 vendors and enjoy food booths, carnival rides, live entertainment and activities for all ages. Among the highlights are the Country Ham Show, car show, quilt show, canoe race, pedal tractor pulls, hog-calling contest, Beard and Mullet Contest, and Decades of Style Contest.

One of the festival’s most recognizable traditions will also return—the baking of Kentucky’s largest country ham and biscuit. Visitors can watch the massive creation come together Saturday and purchase a portion to enjoy. The popular Ham and Biscuit Eating Contest will add another helping of fun to the celebration.

Music will fill downtown throughout the weekend, with Friday night featuring The Band Entice. Saturday’s entertainment includes Rewind and country music artist Bryan White. Carnival rides, a petting zoo, crafts, shopping and other family activities will keep visitors entertained throughout the celebration.

More than just a festival, Ham Fest represents the community spirit and traditions that have helped make Cadiz and Trigg County special for generations. Whether attending for the food, music, contests or simply the opportunity to enjoy a fall weekend with family and friends, the 50th Trigg County Country Ham Festival offers plenty of reasons to celebrate.

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# Harvest Moon Festival returns to Grand Rivers

Autumn will take center stage in Grand Rivers on Saturday, October 10, when the community celebrates the 50th Annual Hunter's Moon Festival. Held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Little Lake Park and throughout downtown, the festival promises a full day of family fun, shopping, food and entertainment.

Sponsored by the Grand Rivers Chamber of Commerce, Hunter's Moon has become one of the community's signature fall traditions. The 2026 celebration will feature more than 100 craft, retail and food vendors, offering everything from handcrafted items and home décor to specialty

foods, jewelry and seasonal treats.

Families can enjoy a variety of activities throughout the day, including children's activities, rides and attractions, a cake walk and a silent auction. The festival's food offerings provide plenty of opportunities to sample favorites such as barbecue, ribeye sandwiches, pork chops, brisket, funnel cakes and other festival treats.

Music will add to the festive atmosphere, with The Sullivan 3 Band scheduled to perform from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Little Lake Park stage.

A highlight of the day will be the 50th Annual Hunter's Moon Parade at 2 p.m. along J.H.

O'Bryan Avenue. Parade line-up begins at noon, with judging at 1:15 p.m. This year's theme, "250 Years of America the Beautiful," invites businesses, schools and community

organizations to showcase their creativity and patriotic spirit.

The Hunter's Moon Festival is more than a one-day celebration—it is a reflection of the friendly,

community-minded character that makes Grand Rivers a favorite destination in Western Kentucky. With colorful fall scenery, small-town hospitality, great food, live music

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