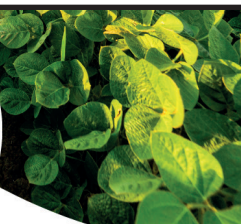


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## Ky. schools can now apply for the second annual Farm to School Recognition Program



### KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF

(KT) – Kentucky school districts committed to purchasing food from Kentucky farmers are once again eligible for the Kentucky Department of Agriculture’s (KDA) Farm to School Stars Recognition Program. The program, which is now in its second

year, monetarily awards the top three school districts that demonstrate a commitment to increase their food purchases directly from farmers. “Kentucky farmers grow some of the best food in the nation, and our schools play a vital role in getting that

food onto the plates of our students,” Kentucky Commissioner of Agriculture Jonathan Shell said. “When schools buy local, our students, our farmers and our communities all benefit.”

By increasing purchases of locally grown produce and proteins, participating districts help strengthen farm income while improving the quality and freshness of school meals.

The Farm to School Stars program supports the goals of the recently enacted Senate Bill 5 by strengthening local food systems, expanding market opportunities

for Kentucky producers and ensuring more Kentucky-grown products reach classrooms. SB5 allows Kentucky school districts participating in USDA Child Nutrition programs greater flexibility in directly purchasing Kentucky-grown agricultural products without being subject to certain state competitive bidding laws – while still complying with all federal requirements. In some cases, the flexibility allows local farmers to compete with large conglomerates by allowing school food purchases to award contracts when the district considers the

price reasonable based on prior experience, purchase history, or other relevant information.

The Farm to School Stars Recognition Program highlights districts that achieve the highest percentage of Kentucky-grown or Kentucky-raised products in their breakfast and lunch programs. To qualify, districts must participate in the USDA National School Lunch Program (NSLP). Only breakfast and lunch meals will be evaluated for award consideration.

KDA will announce the winning districts during Farm to School

Month in October. Incentive awards, which are paid through Ag Tag license plate funds, include: \$10,000 for first place, \$8,000 for second place and \$6,000 for third place.

Districts must use award funds to purchase local foods during the following school year. Districts that receive an award are not eligible to participate again the next year.

Applications are due to KDA by July 31, 2026. Rules and application materials are available at: [kyagr.com/consumer/documents/FD\\_FS\\_KDA\\_Star\\_Recognition\\_Application.pdf](http://kyagr.com/consumer/documents/FD_FS_KDA_Star_Recognition_Application.pdf)

## UK guard Chandler enters portal with future destination already determined

(KT) — Kentucky guard Collin Chandler has entered the transfer portal but won’t be accepting offers from other teams seeking his services.

Chandler has asked other teams not to make contact because it appears Chandler already knows his future destination. Chandler transferred to Kentucky from BYU and could be returning to Provo, Utah, to

finish his collegiate career.

As a sophomore, Chandler averaged 9.7 points and was the team’s top 3-point threat last season. He made 73 shots and shot 41 percent from long range. He scored a game-high 23 points in a win over Vanderbilt at Rupp Arena in February.

Chandler was clutch in several games and attributed the team’s three wins in the post-



season to Kentucky’s ability to handle adversity during the regular season.

“I think it’s just been a season full of experiences because we faced a lot of adver-

sity,” Chandler said during the Southeastern Conference Tournament. “I think, in my opinion, that adversity is coming to help us right now. We’re going to continue to use it this time of the year.

“I think we’ve done a great job in a lot of games finding ways to win. I think we did that again today. That’s the biggest thing for this time of year, finding ways to

win.”

Chandler joins Jaland Lowe, Mo Dioubate, Jasper Johnson, Adrija Jelevic, Brandon Garrison and Denzel Aberdeen on a list of Kentucky players who have entered the portal. Malachi Moreno has declared for the NBA Draft with an option to return to Lexington next season.

Kam Williams has announced he will return next season.

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# AG UPDATE 2026 UK Wheat Field Day

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Topics included will

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## UK Extension to host several Master Grazer spring education events across Kentucky

By Jennifer Elwell  
University of Kentucky

LEXINGTON, Ky.— Master Grazer, an education program of the University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment and the Cooperative Extension Service, is hosting several schools and workshops across Kentucky aimed at helping livestock producers improve profitability through forage and fencing management.

Kentucky Beginning Grazing School

The two-day Kentucky Beginning Grazing School will be held at the Morehead State University Derrickson Agricultural Complex (25 MSU Farm Rd.) April 21 and 22. The school will provide an opportunity for beginning or advanced grazers to develop and implement a grazing plan tailored to their farms. The school will begin at 7:30 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. EDT each day.



UK Master Grazer hosts schools and workshops across Kentucky to help livestock producers improve profitability through forage and fencing management. Photo provided by UK Master Grazer.

UK Extension forage specialist Chris Teutsch said the program is suitable for rookie or veteran grazers looking to learn more about grazing profitability.

“Attendees can expect to experience hands-on demonstrations, in-class presentations and in-field activities that foster ideas for one’s own grazing operation,” Teutsch said.

The cost for the grazing school is \$60 per participant and includes all educational materials, a grazing stick and

meals. Online registration is available, and the registration deadline is April 14.

Kentucky Spring Fencing Schools

The Kentucky Spring Fencing School will be offered in two locations and is designed for producers and agricultural professionals to learn the latest fencing methods and sound construction practices through a combination of classroom and hands-on learning.

The Spring Fencing

School in Maysville will be held at the Mason County Extension Office (800 U.S. Hwy

68) on April 28.

The Spring Fencing School in Elkton will be held at the Todd County Extension Office (240 Pond River Rd.) on April 30.

Teutsch believes more farmers should take advantage of this resource.

“The fencing schools offer insights into the newest fencing tips and tricks,” Teutsch said. “From electric fencing to high tensile fixed-knot woven-wire, the schools will teach attendees the knowledge to build high-quality, long-lasting fences for their own farms.”

The cost for the Spring Fencing School is \$35 per participant and includes a notebook, refreshments, safety glasses, hearing protection and lunch. Space is limited, and online registration is available. Register for the Maysville school. Register for the Elkton school.

All UK Master Grazer events are sponsored by the Kentucky Forage and Grassland Council and the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund.

Questions should be directed to Katy Trimble at [katy.trimble@uky.edu](mailto:katy.trimble@uky.edu) or (270) 625-5366.

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# Kentucky Proud hosts Retail Readiness Workshop to support agriculture producers

Press Release

FRANKFORT, Ky. – Kentucky Proud®, the official marketing program of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, hosted a one-day Retail Readiness workshop in Lexington, equipping Kentucky producers with strategies to expand their market reach.

The workshop, now in its second year, partnered with the Kentucky Center for Agriculture and Rural Development (KCARD) and the University of Kentucky's MarketReady Producer Training Program,

providing an overview of marketing trends, peer-to-peer panels, discussions, product reviews, and advice from a variety of local retailers, as well as hands-on workshops for marketing planning and story development.

“We had an astounding turnout at the one-day workshop for Kentucky agriculture producers,” Agriculture Commissioner Jonathan Shell said. “Agriculture is economic development and creating pathways to help our producers develop a plan for a larger market share benefits for both the

producers and the state.”

Attendees learned from the retail community including representatives from Meijer, Kroger, Stepping Stone Farm, and The Frazier History Museum Gift Shop to identify local products that are best matched for placement, as well as the process for new vendors and safety certifications.

“Partnering with Kentucky Proud and participating in events like today's provides us with a valuable opportunity to build direct relationships with local suppliers,” said Meijer Supplier

Relations Manager Travis Reams.

Attendees heard from other agricultural producers such as the Kentucky Cattlemen's Association and Wildcat Mountain Dairy who are successfully selling in the retail space and support their products with marketing plans.

“I made two contacts for new business from the exposure and networking. I want to focus on sampling where we are already located to build up sales,” said Leslea Barnes, third-generation farmer from Barnes Farm & Mill-

ing Company. “I intend to utilize existing email database options to reach customers for repeat orders and to maximize the return on the point of sale software I already have. I'd like to focus on building up and improving where we are and use that knowledge to expand to other locations.”

Each participant left the workshop with the building blocks for a personalized marketing plan and an outline for their story, ready to approach potential buyers with confidence. Participants also submitted products to be re-

viewed anonymously by mass retailers, specialty retailers, and industry design professionals who provided coaching and feedback on the overall marketability and attractiveness of their items.

The workshop served as a stepping-stone for producers preparing for a Kentucky Proud Vendor Expo taking place Sept. 18, 2026, at the Shelbyville Conference Center. The expo will provide an exclusive buyer event for emerging Kentucky Proud retail ready members.

## Kim Simmons, RN, named employee of the year at Murray-Calloway County Hospital



Back Row: Scarlett Barnett, RN, Director of Emergency Services, and Reba Celsor, CEO of MCCH  
Front Row: Debbie Ferguson, RN, ED Nurse Manager, and Kim Simmons, RN (2025 MCCH Employee of the Year)

MURRAY, KY – Murray-Calloway County Hospital recently named Kim Simmons, RN, as the 2025 Employee of the Year. Kim has worked at MCCH for 32 years and is a Registered Nurse in the Emergency Department. The Employee of the Month recipients are selected through a nomination process in which employees submit their recommendation through a write-up, then a com-

mittee reviews each nomination, and final selection is made by the Executive Team.

Simmons was recognized by multiple members of the Emergency Department along with the following submission: “Words I would use to describe Kim are organized, tenacious, patient, compassionate, and tireless. She has a passion for making sure staff members are well educated and have the

tools they need to give excellent patient care. She thinks outside the box and isn't afraid to ask if we can try new things. Kim has organized multiple classes for staff and organized an area-wide pediatric symposium. She is always willing to lend a hand and is a great asset to our ER team and we are definitely better educated because of her efforts,” Debbie Ferguson, ER Manager.

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CITY OF KEVIL, KENTUCKY,  
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THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES,  
LEGATEES, CREDITORS, AND ALL OTHER  
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BRIAN KEITH TERRELL, DECEASED, et al.,  
Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a civil action has been filed in the Ballard Circuit Court, Commonwealth of Kentucky, Civil Action No. 26-CI-00027, by the City of Kevil, Kentucky, as Plaintiff, against the Unknown Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Legatees, Creditors, and All Other Persons Claiming Through or Under Brian Keith Terrell, Deceased, and others, as Defendants.

The nature of the above action is a foreclosure proceeding concerning the following described real property situated in Ballard County, Kentucky:

**Property Address: West Johnson Drive, Kevil, Kentucky 42053**

**Legal Description: See Attached Exhibit A**

Brian Keith Terrell, the record owner of the above-described property, is deceased. No probate estate has been opened in connection with his estate in Ballard County or any other county of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

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Any person claiming an interest in this matter should file an appearance in the above-referenced civil action with the Ballard Circuit Court Clerk, located at 132 North 4th Street, Wickliffe, Kentucky 42087, and should retain legal counsel to protect their rights.

This notice is published pursuant to the Kentucky Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 4.07, by order of the Ballard Circuit Court, by the duly appointed Warning Order Attorney in the above-referenced action.

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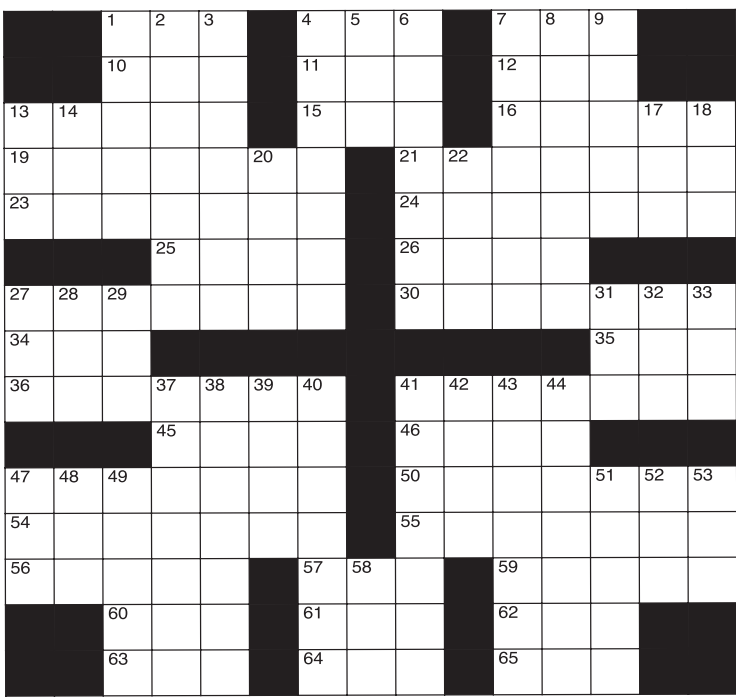
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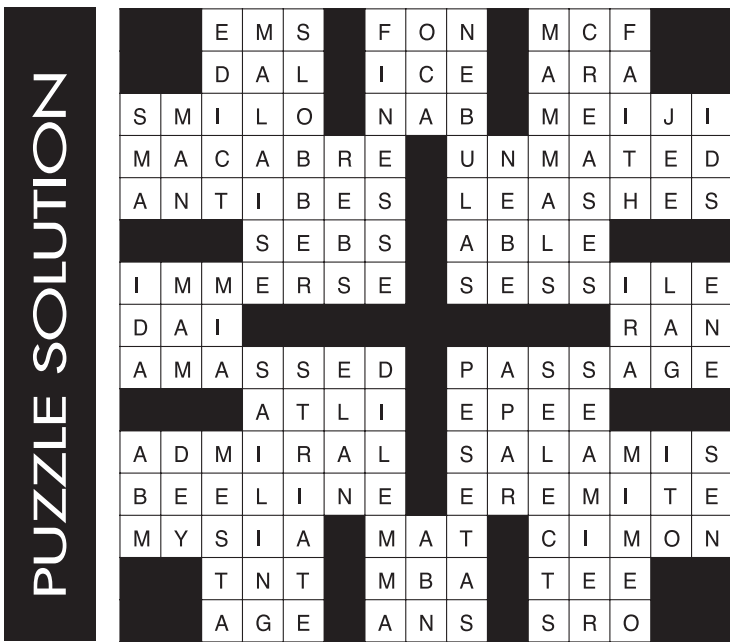
#### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Health care pros
- 4. A person inhabiting Benin
- 7. One thousand cubic feet (abbr.)
- 10. Split pulses
- 11. Frozen water
- 12. Small constellation
- 13. Perennial mountain rice
- 15. Pick up
- 16. Japanese historical period
- 19. Suggesting the horror of death and decay
- 21. Unattached
- 23. Fishing port in SE France
- 24. Products for dogs
- 25. One point south of southeast
- 26. Having the skill or resources to do something
- 27. Involve oneself deeply
- 30. Immobile
- 34. \_\_\_ pai dong: Hong Kong food stall
- 35. Move quickly on foot
- 36. Gathered
- 41. A way through
- 45. Another name for Thor
- 46. Sharp dueling sword
- 47. The supreme commander of a fleet
- 50. Seasoned sausages
- 54. Path
- 55. Christian hermit
- 56. Ancient region of Asia Minor
- 57. Where wrestlers go to work
- 59. Roman statesman
- 60. Explosive
- 61. Licensed for Wall Street
- 62. Where golfers start
- 63. Grow old
- 64. Autonomic nervous system
- 65. No seats available

#### CLUES DOWN

- 1. A legally binding command
- 2. General feeling of discomfort
- 3. Dribble
- 4. Soft touch
- 5. South American plant
- 6. Clouds of gas and dust in space
- 7. Warm-blooded vertebrates
- 8. Lines created by folding
- 9. Strong belief
- 13. Senior officer
- 14. Adult
- 17. Joint entrance examination in India
- 18. Passports and drivers' licenses are two
- 20. Those who go against an accepted authority
- 22. One point east of northeast
- 27. Journalist Tarbell
- 28. One's mother (British)
- 29. Nowhere to be found
- 31. A way to save for old age
- 32. Fall behind
- 33. Midway between northeast and east
- 37. The work of a sailor
- 38. Mark with striae
- 39. Energy, style and enthusiasm
- 40. Sticky situation
- 41. Monetary units of Spain
- 42. Three-banded armadillo
- 43. Chooses
- 44. More disreputable
- 47. Defensive nuclear weapon
- 48. "The Partridge Family" actress Susan
- 49. Livestock owners assn. in Spain
- 51. Duplicating machine (abbr.)
- 52. OJ trial judge
- 53. Politician
- 58. Airborne (abbr.)

Puzzle Solutions on B9



### Crypto Fun



Solve the code to discover words related to driving. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 15 = E)

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Clue: Road
- B. 3 15 20 1 18 21 15**  
Clue: Car or truck
- C. 19 1 14 20 16 19 15 15 1 7 14**  
Clue: Enjoying the view
- D. 18 11 12 1 19 15**  
Clue: Maintain set speed

Answers: A. highway B. vehicle C. sightseeing D. cruise

### Word Search

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

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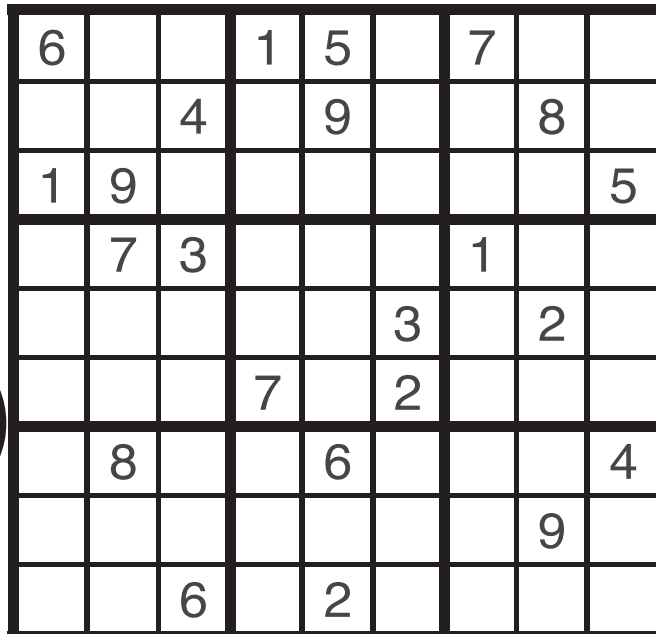
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- TOLLBOOTH
- VASTNESS
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### Sudoku Puzzle

#### 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!

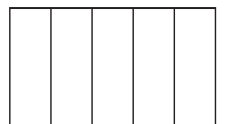
ANSWERS IN THE B SECTION



### Word Scramble

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to driving.

RSEET



Answer: Steer

### Guess Who?

GUESS WHO?

I am an actress born in Florida on April 2, 2002. One of my earliest roles was in the television series "The Glades," and I've had a few roles in films. These days I can be found "wolfing out" in a popular Netflix series opposite my macabre roommate.

Answer: Emma Myers

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## Lady Bombers Building Momentum Behind Leadership, Youth Contributions



By Laurna Todd  
KPI Writer

Ballard Memorial High School softball team head coach Scott Alexander is seeing encouraging signs early this season as a blend of veteran leadership and rising young talent begins to take shape on the field.

Alexander said one of the biggest points of pride so far has been the growth and effort shown across the roster, particularly from younger players stepping into key roles.

"I'm proud to see a couple of my underclassmen stepping up this year and contributing alongside my four seniors," Alexander said. "I am expecting a lot out of

my seniors to lead by example this year, and I have a good group to do so."

Among those underclassmen making an early impact are freshman Gracie Glisson and sophomore Kate Jones, both of whom have earned valuable playing time despite competing within a roster heavy on upperclassmen experience.

At the same time, leadership remains a cornerstone for the Lady Bombers. Alexander pointed to seniors and experienced players setting the tone, with key contributors including senior Trinity Williams, along with juniors Mady Bohde and Aubrey Alexander, all expected to play ma-

major roles throughout the season.

Looking ahead, the Lady Bombers have their sights set on continuing last year's success. As the reigning All "A" champions, Ballard Memorial is focused on defending its title while preparing for a deep postseason run.

"We are looking to defend our title and make another run like last year," Alexander said.

To help prepare, the team has taken on a challenging schedule, including a spring break trip to Florida where they faced three teams ranked in the KHSAA state rankings. Alexander believes that level of competition will pay dividends as district

and regional tournament play approaches.

"I've scheduled a competitive schedule this year," he said. "Hopefully our schedule will prepare us for our District and Regional Tournament this year."

With a balanced mix of leadership, emerging talent, and a demanding slate of opponents, Alexander is optimistic about what lies ahead.

"I look forward to seeing my team compete this year," he added.

As the season progresses, the Lady Bombers appear poised to build on their championship foundation and remain a strong contender in postseason play.

## Pilots Showing Progress as District Play Nears

By Laurna Todd  
KPI Writer

While the win column has yet to reflect it, the Fulton County baseball team is beginning to find its rhythm as the season moves closer to district play, according to head coach Derrick Jackson.

The Pilots remain in search of their first victory, but Jackson said last week provided encouraging signs of growth and competitiveness. Fulton County turned in a strong early performance against Carlisle County, holding the Comets to just four runs through the first two innings.

"Still winless, however the team is coming together as we get close to district play," Jackson said. "We played well versus Carlisle County last week."

A second scheduled game was postponed due to rain and will be made up in the coming week, limiting the team's opportunities to build momentum on the field.

Individually, several players have stood out as key contributors during the early part of the season. Junior Preston Smith

has led the way both on the mound and at the plate, batting near .420 while delivering solid pitching performances.

"Preston Smith is doing a great job pitching and hitting," Jackson noted.

Senior Cooper Scott has also made a significant impact, particularly with his ability to consistently reach base. Jackson highlighted Scott's impressive 91% on-base rate as a major asset for the Pilots' offense.

As Fulton County looks ahead, the schedule begins to intensify. The Pilots are set to host a doubleheader against Gleason next Thursday, followed by the start of district play the following week.

Key matchups on the horizon include games against South Fulton and Obion County Central, contests that could carry added importance as the team battles for positioning within the district.

With district play approaching, Jackson remains optimistic that the team's continued improvement will translate into results.

"We're coming together at the right time," he said.

## Comets Roll Past Union City in L.H. Ladd Classic



By Laurna Todd  
KPI Writer

The Carlisle County Comets delivered a strong performance on the road Thursday night, defeating the Union City Golden Tornadoes 11-1 in six innings during play at the L.H. Ladd Classic.

The Comets set the tone early and never let up, combining solid pitching with timely hitting to secure the run-rule victory at Elam Stadium.

On the mound, Maylon Hafford

turned in an impressive outing, pitching five innings while allowing just one run and striking out seven batters. His control and consistency helped keep Union City's offense in check throughout the game.

Offensively, Carlisle County found its rhythm at the plate, with multiple players contributing to the scoring effort. Kase Kelly led the way, going 2-for-3 with two runs scored, consistently getting on base and creating opportuni-

ties. Myles Fourshee also delivered a key performance, finishing 1-for-3 with a triple and three RBIs, providing a major boost in the middle of the lineup.

The victory highlights the Comets' balanced approach, combining strong pitching, disciplined at-bats and timely execution as they continue their season.

Carlisle County will look to carry that momentum into upcoming games as the schedule continues.

## Baker Cheering At Campbellsville



(Photo by Tim Taylor)

By Tim Taylor  
KPI Sports Writer

Ballard Memorial senior cheerleader Ella Baker has signed to continue her college career at Campbellsville University. She will cheer with the Tigers cheer squad in Campbellsville, Kentucky for the upcoming Fall school semester. She held the signing ceremony at Ballard Memorial High School with her Lady Bomber cheer team along with family, friends, and Ballard Memorial administration. "It means a

lot. I always wanted to cheer. I've said that since 6th grade," said Baker adding, "I am really happy that I get the opportunity to continue cheering." Her Christian faith has been influential in her decision making, and being able to attend a Christian in-state college felt like a perfect fit. "It is a Baptist college and fits what I wanted in a college. It just worked out," said Baker. She says despite not being what she envisioned, things just fell into place. "It wasn't what

I thought I was going to do, but I know it was what God had in store for me. That is why I chose Campbellsville." Not seeing her and her fellow seniors on the sideline cheering on the Bombers and Lady Bombers next school year will feel different. However, the foundation she and her teammates have provided will inspire future cheerleaders to follow her path to develop their talents and possibly allow them to continue cheering beyond high school.

# What We Have Been Preparing For

By Tim Taylor  
KPI Sports Writer

The focus on the start of the season for the Ballard Memorial Lady Bomber softball team is to find the right combination to help them defend their 1st Region All A Championship. They headed into Spring Break with a 6-6 record, and they face 3 teams ranked in the top 25 in state of Kentucky as of the end of March rankings in their games at Ft Walton Beach, Florida. That includes matchups with 21st ranked Greenup County, 15th ranked Madison Central, and concluding the week against the defending KHSAA state champion and currently 6th ranked Louisville Assumption. Heading into Spring Break, they finished up their lights out game with Graves County. The game on March 26th that was postponed in the 6th inning due to lighting issues with the Lady Eagles

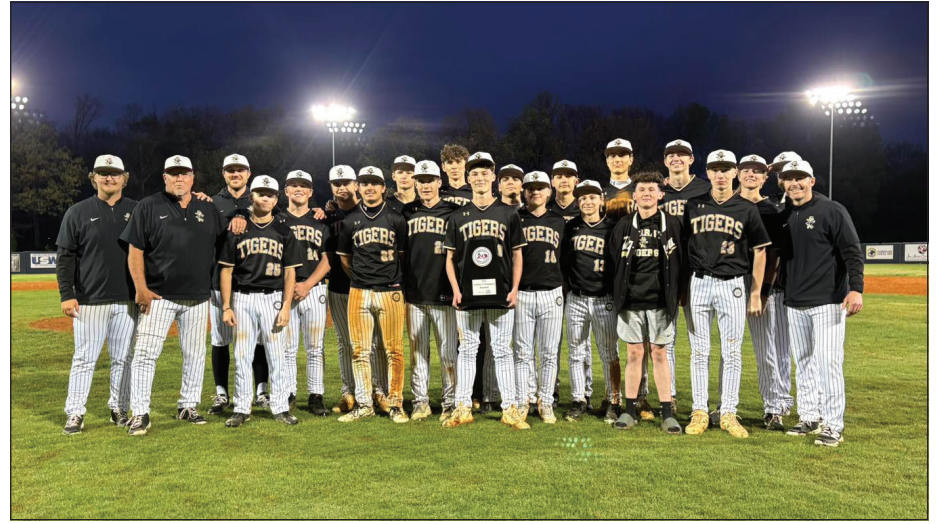


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leading 4-1. The Lady Bombers pulled to within 4-3 when the game resumed, but a 3 run home half of the 6th by Graves allowed the Lady Eagles to win the 3rd District game 7-3. Ballard Memorial then pounded out 16 hits and scored 15 runs in their shutout over Murray. They had 5 extra base hits with 6 different players recording multiple hits in the game and 5 players scored

multiple times. All the preparation now comes down to the Lady Bombers semifinal game hosting Mayfield on Monday, April 13th at 5:30. The Lady Bombers defeated the Lady Cards 18-1 earlier in the year. The winner will play in Tuesday, April 14th 1st Region championship at Ballard Memorial playing the winner of Hickman County and Carlisle County.

# Tigers capture 2A, Section 1 title



Murray won the 2A, Section 1 baseball title at Brooks Stadium in Paducah on Saturday, April 4. (Photo courtesy of Murray High School)

Staff Report

PADUCAH — Murray defeated Paducah Tilghman 2-1 in the 2A, Section 1 Baseball Tournament at Brooks Stadium on Saturday, April 4. Avery Starks started on the mound for Murray and earned the win. Starks pitched six innings and recorded six strikeouts. The Murray starting pitcher held Paducah Tilghman to one run on five hits.

Following Starks, Asa Munsey pitched the final inning in relief for Murray and claimed the save. Brendan Mira pitched a complete game for Paducah Tilghman and suffered the loss on the mound. Mira recorded seven strikeouts. Murray scored four runs on nine hits. Starks (two hits, two RBIs), Eli Whitaker (two hits), Jacob Crady (two hits), William Ryan (one hit, two RBIs), Nick Bell (one hit) and Colin Winters

(one hit) supplied the offense for Murray in the title game. Helping his pitching cause at the plate, Starks doubled. Offensively for Paducah Tilghman, Gage Hinton (two hits), Stone Crowe (one hit, one RBI), Wyatt Gower (one hit) and Brandon Dutton (one hit) each contributed. Murray is scheduled to visit Paducah Tilghman for another game on Tuesday, April 14.

# Bombers Tracking In The Right Direction

By Tim Taylor  
KPI Sports Writer

Heading into the 2026 track and field season, Ballard Memorial Coach Zack Lisanby was anxiously excited to get started. The team has lived up to their expectations so far as the team is about halfway through the season. As they continue to prepare for the regional and state tournaments in May, they are excelling in the regular season meets. In the Quad II Meet at McCracken County, the Lady Bombers finished 2nd and the Bombers were 4th. In the Calloway County Lakers Invitational heading into Spring Break, the Lady Bombers were 6th and Bomber's 12th best. Top finishers at McCracken in throwing events were Blakeley Shepherd who was 1st in the Discus and 3rd in the Shot Put, Zoe McGlenon was 2nd in the Shot Put, with Fallon Lucas registered



(Photo by Tim Taylor)

2nd best in the Discus. In track events, Karley Veit was 2nd in the 100M Dash and Makinley Evans was 2nd in the 1600M run. At Calloway Veit was 2nd in the 100M Hurdles to lead the way for the Lady Bombers. They recorded 15 top ten finishes to finish in 6th place overall. In boys' action, freshman Brantley McDanel has been shining in the jumping events. He

was 2nd in the Triple Jump at McCracken and with Gordon Mathews finishing 4th and Jax Whipple was 5th. Jackson Sutton was 4th in the Shot Put. At Calloway, McDanel was 5th best in the Long Jump to lead the way as the Bombers recorded 7 Top 10 finishes. The Bombers will host their own All-Comers Meet on Tuesday, April 14th.

# Mustangs register win over Alton (Ill.)

Staff Report

PADUCAH — Perennial title contender McCracken County defeated Alton (Ill.) 7-1 on Friday, April 3. Joshua Penrod started on the mound for McCracken County and earned the win. Penrod pitched six innings and recorded

nine strikeouts. Following Penrod, Nolan Goode pitched the final inning in relief for the Mustangs. McCracken County scored seven runs on nine hits. Penrod (one RBI), Brady Thompson (two hits, one RBI), Lane Grace (two hits, one RBI), Kendrick Dunning (two hits),

Caden Kern (one hit, one RBI), Gage Reeves (one hit, one RBI) and William Fox (one hit) delivered offensively for the Mustangs. Dunning tripled while Reeves doubled. McCracken County and Alton aren't scheduled to meet again in the 2026 high school baseball season.

# Falcons upend Cardinals

Staff Report

MAYFIELD — Hickman County pulled away to defeat Mayfield 19-1 in six innings on Friday, April 3. Kobe Yamauchi started on the mound for Hickman County and earned the win. Yamauchi pitched four innings. Following Yamauchi, Nyiahez Irons and Grayson Clark each pitched one inning in relief for the Falcons. Yamauchi and Irons recorded three strikeouts apiece while Clark

fanned one Mayfield batter. Mayfield starting pitcher Kolby Allen suffered the loss on the mound. Along with Allen, Mayfield sent Blake Mathis, Briar Overstreet and Malik Taylor out to pitch during the matchup. Hickman County scored 19 runs on 11 hits. A balanced offensive attack for Hickman County featured Drew Cunningham (three hits, four RBIs), Jax Hunter (two hits, one RBI), Brec Byassee (one hit, two RBIs),

Kobe Yamauchi (one hit, two RBIs), Vonnice Irons (one hit, one RBI), Nyiahez Irons (two hits), Korbin Kimbell (one hit, one RBI), Witt Carter (one RBI) and Wes Workman (one RBI). Providing a pair of extra-base hits, Hunter doubled twice. Overstreet paced Mayfield at the plate, delivering three hits. Hickman County is scheduled to host Mayfield for a game during the second half of the 2026 high school baseball season on Tuesday, May 5.

# Vipperman earns NFHS Section 2 Spirit of Sport Award

Staff Report

LEXINGTON — Steven Viperman, a football player at Belfry High School who survived a major car accident last May, has been selected as the 2026 Section 2 recipient of the National High School Spirit of Sport Award by the NFHS. The National High School Spirit of Sport Award was created by

the NFHS to recognize individuals who exemplify the ideals of the spirit of sport that represent the core mission of education-based athletics. Viperman's significant injuries left the Belfry offensive lineman without use of his right hand, severe knee and elbow lacerations and a head injury. After multiple surgeries to repair

his hand and hours of painful physical therapy, Viperman was able to rejoin the Belfry football team this fall. The NFHS is divided into eight geographical sections of state high school associations. Section 2 includes Kentucky, Delaware, Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and Washington, D.C.

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# Spring Sports Schedules

## LADY BOMBERS

Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
4/13-15	All A Tournament	TBA	H
4/17	Mayfield	5:30 PM	H
4/20	McCracken County	5:30 PM	H
4/23	Graves County	6 PM	H
4/24	at Paducah Tilghman	6 PM	A
4/25-26	All A Tournament	TBA	A
4/27	at Calloway County	6 PM	A
4/30	at Marshall County	6 PM	A
5/1	at Hickman County	6 PM	A
5/2	East Prairie (MO)	10 AM	H
5/2	Paducah Tilghman	2 PM	H
5/4	at McCracken County	5:30 PM	A
5/7	at Caldwell County	6 PM	A
5/8	Calloway County	6 PM	H
5/9	at Massac County (IL)	TBA	A
5/12	at Carlisle County	5:30 PM	A
5/14	Massac County (IL)	5:30 PM	H
5/15	at Crittenden County	6 PM	A

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Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
4/10	at South Fulton	5:30 PM	A
4/13	St. Mary	5:30 PM	H
4/17	St. Mary	5:30 PM	H
4/18	at Dawson Springs	12 PM	A
4/18	at Dawson Springs	2:00 PM	A
4/20	at Caldwell County	6 PM	A
4/21	St. Mary	5:30 PM	H
4/23	Murray	6:00 PM	H
4/25	at Livingston Central	12:00 PM	A
4/27	at Carlisle County	5:30 PM	A
4/28	Mayfield	5:30 PM	H
4/30	at Mayfield	5:30 PM	A
5/1	at Fulton County	5:30 PM	A
5/4	at Caldwell County	5:30 PM	A
5/4	at Graves County	5:30 PM	A
5/5	Graves County	5:30 PM	H
5/7	at Carlisle County	5:30 PM	A
5/8	Hickman County	5:30 PM	H
5/9	Calloway County	12:00 PM	H
5/9	Lyon County	2:00 PM	H
5/9	Calloway County	2:15 PM	H
5/11	Fulton County	5:30 PM	H
5/12	at Murray	6:00 PM	A

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4/16	Calloway County	5:30 PM	H
4/17	Paducah Tilghman	6 PM	H
4/18	at Webster County	1 PM	A
4/21	Fulton City	7 PM	H
4/23	at Mayfield	5:30 PM	A
4/24	at Murray	6 PM	A
4/27	at Lake County	5 PM	A
4/28	South Fulton	5 PM	H
4/30	at Hickman County	5:30 PM	A
5/1	at Paducah Tilghman	6 PM	A
5/4	Fulton County	5:30 PM	H
5/5	at Fulton County	5:30 PM	A
5/11	at Calloway County	5:30 PM	A
5/12	Ballard Memorial	5:30 PM	H

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4/13	Hickman County	7 PM	H
4/13	Hickman County	7:30 PM	H
4/18	Greenfield (TN)	10 AM	A
4/18	Obion County Central (TN)	12:30 PM	A
4/20	Community Christian	5:30 PM	H
4/21	Graves County	5:30 PM	H
4/23	Paducah Tilghman	5:30 PM	H
4/24	South Fulton (TN)	5:30 PM	A
4/27	Ballard Memorial	5:30 PM	A
4/28	Hickman County	5:30 PM	H
4/30	Hickman County	5:30 PM	A
5/1	Mayfield	5:30 PM	A
5/4	Fulton County	5:30 PM	H
5/5	Fulton County	5:30 PM	A
5/7	Ballard Memorial	5:30 PM	H
5/8	Marshall County	5:30 PM	H
5/9	Murray	12:00 PM	A
5/11	Calloway County	5:30 PM	A
5/12	St. Mary	5:30 PM	H



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# LYONS

Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
4/14	Livingston Central	5:30 PM	H
4/16	Livingston Central	5:45 PM	H
4/17	Caldwell County	5:30 PM	H
4/21	Christian County	6 PM	H
4/23	St. Mary	5:30 PM	A
4/24	Henderson County	7 PM	H
4/25	Graves County	10:30 AM	A
4/25	Mt Vernon (IL)	1 PM	H
4/27	Marshall County	5:30 PM	H
4/28	Christian County	6 PM	A
4/30	Madisonville-North Hopkins	6 PM	H
5/1	Caldwell County	5:30 PM	A
5/2	Apollo	12 PM	A
5/4	Union County	5:30 PM	A
5/5	Crittenden County	5:30 PM	H
5/7	Crittenden County	5:30 PM	H
5/8	Todd County Central	6 PM	A
5/9	Graves County	10 AM	H
5/9	Ballard Memorial	2 PM	H
5/12	McLean County	5:30 PM	A
5/14	Paducah Tilghman	5:30 PM	H

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# LADY LYONS

Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
4/11	Webster County	10 AM	H
4/11	Trinity (Whitesville)	2 PM	H
4/14	Crittenden County	5:30 PM	H
4/16	Livingston Central	6 PM	H
4/20	Marshall County	6 PM	H
4/21	Trigg County	6 PM	H
4/23	Christian County	6 PM	A
4/24	Graves County	6 PM	A
4/25	Union County	11 AM	A
4/27	Trigg County	6 PM	A
4/28	Crittenden County	5:30 PM	A
4/30	Muhlenberg County	5:30 PM	A
5/4	Livingston Central	6 PM	H
5/5	Calloway County	6 PM	H
5/7	Marshall County	5:30 PM	A
5/11	Paducah Tilghman	6 PM	A
5/12	Caldwell County	5:30 PM	H

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## CHRISTIAN COUNTY

# LADY COLONELS

Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
4/10	Taylor County	5 PM	H
4/10	Butler County	8:30 PM	A
4/11	East Jessamine	1:30 PM	H
4/11	Bowling Green	5 PM	A
4/13	Muhlenberg County	6 PM	A
4/16	Todd County Central	6 PM	H
4/17	McCracken County	6 PM	A
4/18	Graves County	9 AM	A
4/18	Daviess County	11 AM	A
4/21	Madisonville-North Hopkins	5:30 PM	H
4/23	Lyon County	6 PM	H
4/24	Union County	6:30 PM	A
4/25	Franklin-Simpson	11 AM	H
4/27	Paducah Tilghman	6:30 PM	H
4/28	Caldwell County	6 PM	H
4/30	Webster County	6:15 PM	H
5/4	Trigg County	6 PM	A
5/7	Crittenden County	6 PM	H
5/11	Muhlenberg County	6 PM	H
5/12	Calloway County	6 PM	H
5/14	Paducah Tilghman	6:30 PM	A
5/15	Marshall County	6 PM	H



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# LADY TIGERS

Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
4/14	@ Fort Campbell	6 PM	A
4/16	@ Dawson Springs	5:30 PM	A
4/18	@ Caverna	12 PM	A
4/18	@ Caverna	2 PM	A
4/20	@ Todd County Central	6 PM	A
4/23	University Heights	6 PM	H
4/24	@ Russellville	5:30 PM	A
4/25	Caverna	1:30 PM	H
4/25	Caverna	3 PM	H
5/4	Warren Central	6 PM	H
5/4	@ Webster County	6 PM	A
5/6	Fort Campbell	5:30 PM	H
5/8	@ Warren Central	6 PM	A
5/11	McLean County	6 PM	H
5/12	@ Trinity	6 PM	A



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## MAYFIELD

# CARDINALS

Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
4/16	South Fulton	5:30 PM	H
4/17	Calloway County	5:30 PM	H
4/20	at Marshall County	5:30 PM	A
4/23	Graves County	5:30 PM	H
4/24	at Graves County	5:30 PM	A
4/27	Crittenden County	5:30 PM	H
4/28	at Ballard Memorial	5:30 PM	A
4/30	Ballard Memorial	5:30 PM	H
5/1	Carlisle County	5:30 PM	H
5/4	at St. Mary	5:30 PM	A
5/5	at Hickman County	5:30 PM	A
5/8	at Caldwell County	5:30 PM	A
5/11	at Murray	5:30 PM	A
5/12	Community Christian	5:30 PM	A
5/14	Caldwell County	5:30 PM	H



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# LADY CARDINALS

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4/13	Ballard Memorial	5:30 PM	A
4/16	at Christian Fellowship	5:30 PM	A
4/17	at Ballard Memorial	6 PM	A
4/20	Christian Fellowship	5:30 PM	H
4/21	Marshall County	5:30 PM	H
4/23	Carlisle County	5:30 PM	H
4/24	Hopkins County Central	5:30 PM	H
4/25	Murray	11 AM	A
4/25	Webster County	3 PM	A
4/28	Graves County	5:30 PM	A
4/29	Murray	5:30 PM	H
4/30	Calloway County	5:30 PM	A
5/5	Hickman County	6 PM	A
5/7	Fulton County	5:30 PM	A



MCCRACKEN COUNTY MUSTANGS				
Date	Opponent	Time	H/A	
4/10	Choctawhatchee (Fort Walton Beach FL)	6 PM	A	
4/13	Murray	5:30 PM	A	
4/14	Community Christian	5 PM	H	
4/16	Graves County	5:30 PM	A	
4/17	Triad (IL)	12:01 PM	H	
4/17	Triad (IL)	4:30 PM	H	
4/18	Triad (IL)	12:01 PM	H	
4/18	Apollo	11 AM	H	
4/18	Edwardsville (IL)	3 PM	H	
4/21	Paducah Tilghman	6 PM	H	
4/24	TBA	6 PM	A	
4/24	Paducah Tilghman	6 PM	A	
4/28	University Heights	6 PM	A	
4/30	Calloway County	5:30 PM	A	
5/1	Graves County	5 PM	H	
5/2	Henry Clay	10:30 AM	H	
5/2	St. Xavier	2:30 PM	H	
5/5	St. Mary	6 PM	A	
5/7	St. Mary	6 PM	H	
5/8	South Oldham	7 PM	A	
5/9	DuPont Manual (Louisville)	11:45 PM	A	
5/9	Trinity (Louisville)	2 PM	A	
5/11	Community Christian	5:30 PM	A	
5/12	Christian County	6 PM	A	
5/14	Marshall County	7 PM	H	
5/15	University Heights	6 PM	H	

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4/16	Marion (IL)	5 PM	H	
4/17	Christian County	6 PM	H	
4/18	Mercy	11 AM	H	
4/20	Livingston Central	1 PM	H	
4/20	at Ballard Memorial	6 PM	A	
4/21	Paducah Tilghman	6 PM	H	
4/23	at Marshall County	5:30 PM	A	
4/27	Graves County	6 PM	H	
4/28	Livingston Central	6 PM	H	
4/30	at Paducah Tilghman	6 PM	A	
5/1	at MNHHS	6 PM	A	
5/2	Cartersville (IL)	3 PM	H	
5/4	Ballard Memorial	5:30 PM	H	
5/7	at Graves County	12 PM	A	
5/9	Meade County	10:30 AM	A	
5/9	Highlands	12:15 PM	A	
5/9	Harrison County	5:30 PM	A	
5/11	Marshall County	6 PM	H	
5/12	Hickman County	6PM	H	
5/12	Hickman County	7:45 PM	H	
5/14	Trigg County	6 PM	H	
5/15	Henderson County	TBA	H	

CALDWELL COUNTY TIGERS				
Date	Opponent	Time	H/A	
4/10	at Henderson County	5:30 PM	A	
4/13	Marshall County	5:30 PM	H	
4/16	at Calloway County	5:30 PM	A	
4/17	at Lyon County	5:30 PM	A	
4/18	Crittenden County	12 PM	H	
4/20	Ballard Memorial	6 PM	H	
4/23	MNHHS	5:30 PM	A	
4/24	at MNHHS	5:30 PM	H	
4/27	Union County	5:30 PM	A	
4/28	Dawson Springs	5:30 PM	H	
4/30	at Dawson Springs	5:30 PM	A	
5/1	Lyon County	5:30 PM	H	
5/2	McLean County	12 PM	H	
5/7	Graves County	6 PM	H	
5/8	Mayfield	5:30 PM	H	
5/11	Paducah Tilghman	5:30 PM	H	
5/12	at Apollo	6 PM	A	
5/14	at Mayfield	5:30 PM	A	
5/15	Livingston Central	5:30 PM	H	
5/16	TBA	12:00 PM	H	

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Date	Opponent	Time	H/A	
4/10	at Calloway County	5:30 PM	A	
4/13	at Hopkins County Central	5:30 PM	A	
4/14	at Murray	6 PM	A	
4/16	MNHHS	5:30 PM	H	
4/17	Webster County	6 PM	H	
4/20	Paducah Tilghman	6 PM	H	
4/21	Livingston Central	6 PM	H	
4/23	Crittenden County	5:30 PM	H	
4/27	Hopkins County Central	5:30 PM	H	
4/28	at Christian County	6 PM	A	
4/30	Trigg County	5:30 PM	H	
5/4	Union County	6 PM	H	
5/5	at Graves County	6 PM	A	
5/7	Ballard Memorial	6 PM	H	
5/8	Murray	6 PM	H	
5/9	Hickman County	1:30 PM	A	
5/9	Crittenden County	3 PM	A	
5/11	Livingston Central	6 PM	A	
5/12	Lyon County	5:30 PM	A	
5/14	Webster County	6 PM	A	
5/15	Calloway County	5:30 PM	H	

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MURRAY LADY TIGERS				
Date	Opponent	Time	H/A	
4/13	Paducah Tilghman	6 PM	H	
4/14	Caldwell County	6 PM	H	
4/16	at Marshall County	5:30 PM	A	
4/18	at Russellville	12 PM	A	
4/18	Kenwood (Clarksville, TN)	2 PM	A	
4/21	at Calloway County	5:30 PM	A	
4/23	Hopkins County Central	6 PM	H	
4/24	Carlisle County	6 PM	H	
4/25	Mayfield	11 AM	A	
4/25	Webster County	1 PM	A	
4/28	Community Christian	5:30 PM	A	
4/29	at Mayfield	5:30 PM	A	
5/1	at Graves County	5:30 PM	A	
5/4	Christian Fellowship	5:30 AM	H	
5/7	Dawson Springs	5:30 PM	A	
5/8	Caldwell County	6 PM	A	
5/11	at Hopkins County Central	6 PM	A	
5/12	at Fulton City	6 PM	A	
5/12	Fulton City	7:30 PM	A	
5/14	Community Christian	5:30 PM	H	
5/16	Crittenden County	2 PM	H	

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Date	Opponent	Time	H/A	
4/10	Arnold (Panama City Beach) (FL)	12:30 PM	A	
4/13	McCracken County	5:30 PM	H	
4/14	Paducah Tilghman	6 PM	A	
4/17	Whitley County	5:30 PM	A	
4/17	Union City (TN)	7:30 PM	A	
4/21	Trigg County	5:30 PM	A	
4/23	Ballard Memorial	6 PM	A	
4/24	Hickman County	5:30 PM	H	
4/25	Obion County Central (TN)	12:00 PM	A	
4/28	Marshall County	5:30 PM	H	
4/30	Marshall County	5:30 PM	A	
5/2	Trigg County	12:00 PM	A	
5/5	Calloway County	5:30 PM	H	
5/7	Calloway County	5:30 PM	A	
5/9	Carlisle County	12:00 PM	H	
5/11	Mayfield	5:30 PM	H	
5/12	Ballard Memorial	6 PM	H	
5/14	St. Mary	5:30 PM	A	

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Date	Opponent	Time	H/A	
4/2	McLean County	6 PM	H	
4/4	Stewart County (TN)	12 PM	H	
4/10	at Stewart County (TN)	5:30 PM	A	
4/13	Hopkins County Central	5:45 PM	H	
4/14	Crittenden County	5:45 PM	H	
4/16	at Crittenden County	5:30 PM	A	
4/17	at Union County	6 PM	A	
4/20	at Webster County	5:45 PM	A	
4/21	at Murray	5:30 PM	A	
4/23	Fort Campbell	5:30 PM	H	
4/24	at Calloway County	5:30 PM	A	
4/27	at Madisonville-N Hopkins	6 PM	A	
5/1	Henderson County	6 PM	H	
5/2	Murray	12 PM	H	
5/5	Livingston Central	12 PM	H	
5/7	at Livingston Central	5:45 PM	A	
5/9	at Hancock County	5:30 PM	A	
5/11	at Todd Central	6 PM	A	
5/14	at Christian County	6 PM	A	

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Date	Opponent	Time	H/A	
4/6	at Christian County	6 PM	A	
4/10	at Crittenden County	5:45 PM	A	
4/14	Livingston Central	6 PM	H	
4/16	at Stewart County (TN)	6 PM	A	
4/16	at Stewart County (TN)	8 PM	A	
4/18	at Russellville	4 PM	A	
4/21	at Lyon County	6 PM	A	
4/23	Henderson County	6 PM	H	
4/27	Lyon County	6 PM	H	
4/30	at Caldwell County	5:30 PM	A	
5/4	Christian County	6 PM	H	
5/5	at Webster County	6 PM	A	
5/7	at Livingston Central	6 PM	A	
5/12	at Madisonville-N Hopkins	6 PM	A	
5/14	at McCracken County	6 PM	A	
5/15	at Paducah Tilghman	6 PM	A	
5/16	Massac County (IL)	2 PM	H	

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**CHRISTIAN COUNTY COLONELS**

Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
4/14	Logan County	6 PM	H
4/17	at University Heights	6 PM	A
4/18	Farragut (Knoxville, TN)	10 AM	A
4/18	Bowling Green	12:30 PM	A
4/20	University Heights	6 PM	H
4/21	at Lyon County	6 PM	A
4/24	Clarksville (TN)	6 PM	H
4/25	Daviess County	10 AM	A
4/25	Hart County	12 PM	H
4/28	Lyon County	6 PM	H
5/1	Hazard	8 PM	A
5/2	Scott County	10 AM	A
5/2	Grant County	10 AM	A
5/5	Henderson County	6 PM	H
5/7	at Fort Campbell	7:30 PM	A
5/8	Paducah Tilghman	6 PM	H
5/9	at Paducah Tilghman	11 AM	A
5/12	McCracken County	6 PM	H
5/14	Trigg County	6 PM	H
5/15	at Paducah Tilghman	6 PM	A




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Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
4/11	Russellville	12 PM	A
4/13	Webster County	6 PM	H
4/16	Kenwood (TN)	5:30 PM	H
4/17	Hopkins County Central	5:30 PM	A
4/20	Heritage Christian Academy	5:30 PM	A
4/23	Trigg County	5:30 PM	A
4/24	Caverna	6 PM	H
4/25	Livingston Central	2 PM	A
5/2	Fort Knox	12 PM	A
5/4	Madisonville-North Hopkins	5:30 PM	A
5/5	Dawson Springs	6 PM	H
5/7	Christian County	5:30 PM	H
5/8	Heritage	6 PM	H
5/11	Crittenden County	6 PM	A
5/12	Russellville	5:30 PM	H
5/14	Dawson Springs	5:30 PM	A



**ST MARY VIKINGS**

Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
4/13	Ballard Memorial	5:30 PM	A
4/13	Ballard Memorial	5:30 PM	A
4/17	at Ballard Memorial	5:30 PM	A
4/21	Ballard Memorial	5:30 PM	H
4/23	Lyon County	5:30 PM	H
4/24	Vienna	5:30 PM	H
4/28	Paducah Tilghman	5 PM	H
4/30	at Paducah Tilghman	6:30 PM	A
5/1	Calloway County	5:30 PM	H
5/4	Mayfield	5:30 PM	H
5/5	McCracken County	6 PM	H
5/7	at McCracken County	6 PM	A
5/8	Community Christian	5:30 PM	A
5/11	Marshall County	5:30 PM	A
5/12	at Carlisle County	5:30 PM	A
5/14	Murray	5:30 PM	H



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Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
4/10	Hopkins County Central	5:45	H
4/13	Dawson Springs	5:30 PM	H
4/14	at Lyon County	5:30 PM	A
4/16	Lyon County	5:45 PM	H
4/18	at Calloway Central	12 PM	A
4/21	Heritage	5:30 PM	A
4/24	at Dawson Springs	5:30 PM	A
4/25	Ballard Memorial	12 PM	H
4/25	Fort Campbell	2 PM	H
4/28	Crittenden County	5:45 PM	H
4/30	at Crittenden County	5:30 PM	A
5/1	at Madisonville-North Hopkins	5:30 PM	A
5/2	Community Christian	12:00 PM	A
5/2	Dawson Springs	2 PM	H
5/4	Hickman County	6 PM	H
5/4	Hickman County	6 PM	H
5/5	at Trigg County	5:45 PM	A
5/7	Trigg County	5:45 PM	H
5/9	at Hickman County	10 AM	A
5/9	Dawson Springs	12 PM	A
5/11	at Webster County	6 PM	A
5/12	at Union County	5:45 PM	A
5/15	at Caldwell County	5:30 PM	A

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Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
4/14	at Trigg County	6PM	A
4/16	Lyon County	6 PM	H
4/17	Mercy	8 PM	H
4/18	McCracken County	1 PM	H
4/20	Crittenden County	6 PM	H
4/21	at Caldwell County	6 PM	A
4/28	at McCracken County	6 PM	A
4/30	at Crittenden County	5:30 PM	A
5/4	at Lyon County	6 PM	A
5/5	at Henderson County	6 PM	A
5/7	Trigg County	6 PM	H
5/11	Caldwell County	6 PM	H
5/12	Marshall County	6 PM	H
5/14	at Calloway County	5:30 PM	H




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4/11	at Henry County	2 PM	A
4/11	at South Gibson	4 PM	A
4/14	Hickman County	5:30 PM	H
4/16	McCracken County	5:30 PM	H
4/18	Triad (IL)	10 AM	H
4/18	Paducah Tilghman	12:30 PM	H
4/21	at Carlisle County	5:30 PM	A
4/23	at Mayfield	5:30 PM	A
4/24	Mayfield	5:30 PM	H
4/24	Mayfield	7:30 PM	H
4/25	Lyon County	10:30 AM	H
4/25	Mt. Vernon (IL)	3 PM	H
4/28	at Calloway County	5:30 PM	A
5/1	at McCracken County	5 PM	A
5/4	Ballard Memorial	5:30 PM	H
5/5	at Ballard Memorial	5:30 PM	A
5/7	at Caldwell County	6 PM	A
5/9	at Lyon County	10 AM	A
5/9	Johnston City (IL)	12 PM	H
5/9	Ballard Memorial	12 PM	A
5/9	at Massac County (IL)	3 PM	A
5/12	Marshall County	5:30 PM	H
5/15	Calloway County	5:30 PM	H

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Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
4/10	Owensboro Catholic	10 AM	H
4/13	Carlisle County	7 PM	A
4/13	Carlisle County	7:30 PM	A
4/14	at Graves County	5:30 PM	A
4/20	Fulton County	5:30 PM	H
4/21	at Fulton County	5:30 PM	A
4/24	at Murray	5:30 PM	A
4/28	at Carlisle County	5:30 PM	A
4/30	Carlisle County	5:30 PM	H
5/4	at Livingston Central	6 PM	A
5/5	Mayfield	5:30 PM	H
5/8	at Ballard Memorial	5:30 PM	A
5/9	Livingston Central	10 AM	H
5/9	Dawson Springs	2 PM	H
5/12	at Calloway County	5:30 PM	A



**CRITTENDEN COUNTY ROCKETS**

Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
4/11	Ohio County	12 PM/2:30	H
4/14	at Trigg County	5:45 PM	A
4/16	Trigg County	5:30 PM	H
4/17	Todd County Central	6 PM	H
4/18	at Caldwell County	12 PM	A
4/20	at Henderson County	5:30 PM	A
4/21	Webster County	5:30 PM	H
4/24	Hopkins Central	5:45 PM	A
4/25	Hart County	2 PM	A
4/25	Daviess County	4 PM	A
4/27	at Mayfield	5:30 PM	A
4/28	at Livingston Central	5:45 PM	A
4/30	Livingston Central	5:30 PM	H
5/1	Union County	5:30 PM	H
5/4	Heritage	5:30 PM	A
5/5	at Lyon County	5:30 PM	A
5/7	Lyon County	5:30 PM	H
5/8	Hopkins County Central	5:45 PM	H
5/9	at Marshall County	2 PM	A
5/11	Fort Campbell	6 PM	H
5/14	at Calloway County	5:30 PM	A

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**CRITTENDEN COUNTY LADY ROCKETS**

Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
4/10	Trigg County	5:45 PM	H
4/13	Webster County	6 PM	H
4/14	at Lyon County	5:30 PM	A
4/17	Union County	5:30 PM	H
4/20	at Livingston Central	6 PM	H
4/23	at Caldwell County	5:30 PM	A
4/24	McLean County	6 PM	A
4/25	at Owensboro	11 AM	A
4/25	Bowling Green	1 PM	A
4/28	Lyon County	5:30 PM	H
4/30	Livingston Central	5:30 PM	H
5/4	Hopkins County Central	6 / 8 PM	H
5/7	at Christian County	6 PM	A
5/8	at Paducah Tilghman	6 PM	A
5/9	Hickman County	12 PM	H
5/9	Caldwell County	3 PM	H
5/11	at Webster County	6 PM	A
5/14	at Madisonville-North Hopkins	5:30 PM	A
5/15	Ballard Memorial	6 PM	H
5/16	at Murray	2 PM	A

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**PADUCAH TILGHMAN BLUE TORNADO**

Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
4/10	Henry County	4:30 PM	H
4/10	South Gibson	7 PM	H
4/13	University Heights	6 PM	H
4/14	Murray	6 PM	H
4/18	at Graves County	12:30 PM	A
4/21	at McCracken County	6 PM	A
4/23	at Carlisle County	5:30 PM	A
4/28	at St. Mary	5 PM	A
4/30	St. Mary	6:30 PM	H
5/1	at University Heights	6 PM	A
5/2	at Greenwood	12 PM	A
5/8	at Christian County	6 PM	A
5/9	at Christian County	11 AM	A
5/11	at Caldwell County	5:30 PM	A
5/14	Lyon County	6 PM	H
5/15	Christian County	6 PM	H



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**PADUCAH TILGHMAN GIRLS BLUE TORNADO**

Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
4/10	at Fort Walton Beach	5 PM	A
4/13	at Murray	6 PM	A
4/17	at Carlisle County	6 PM	A
4/20	at Caldwell County	6 PM	A
4/21	at McCracken County	6 PM	A
4/24	Ballard Memorial	6 PM	H
4/27	at Christian County	6:30 PM	A
4/28	Marshall County	6 PM	H
4/30	McCracken County	6 PM	H
5/1	Carlisle County	6 PM	H
5/2	at Ballard Memorial	12 PM	A
5/2	at Ballard Memorial	2 PM	A
5/4	Hickman County	6 PM	H
5/8	Crittenden County	6 PM	H
5/11	Lyon County	6 PM	H
5/14	Christian County	6:30 PM	H
5/15	Trigg County	6:00 PM	H



**MARSHALL COUNTY LADY MARSHALS**

Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
4/14	Calloway County	5:30 PM	H
4/16	Murray	5:30 PM	H
4/18	Mercy	9 AM	H
4/18	Daviess County	4 PM	H
4/20	at Lyon County	6 PM	A
4/21	Mayfield	5:30 PM	H
4/23	McCracken County	5:30 PM	H
4/27	at Hickman County	5:30 PM	A
4/28	Paducah Tilghman	6 PM	A
4/30	Ballard Memorial	5:30 PM	H
5/4	Graves County	5:30 PM	H
5/5	Madisonville-North Hopkins	6 PM	H
5/7	Lyon County	5:30 PM	H
5/11	at McCracken County	6 PM	A
5/12	at Livingston Central	6 PM	A
5/15	at Christian County	6 PM	A



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4/13	at Caldwell County	5:30 PM	A
4/14	at University Heights	5:30 PM	A
4/16	Henderson County	6:30 PM	H
4/17	Triad (IL)	6:30 PM	A
4/20	Mayfield	5:30 PM	H
4/21	at Calloway County	5:30 PM	A
4/23	Calloway County	5:30 PM	H
4/27	at Lyon County	5:30 PM	A
4/28	at Murray	5:30 PM	A
4/30	Murray	5:30 PM	H
5/1	at Logan County	6 PM	A
5/2	at Cartersville	12 PM	A
5/4	at University Heights	6 PM	A
5/5	at Muhlenberg County	6 PM	A
5/7	Madisonville-North Hopkins	6 PM	H
5/8	at Carlisle County	5:30 PM	A
5/9	Union County	12 PM	H
5/9	Crittenden County	2 PM	H
5/11	at St. Mary	5:30 PM	A
5/12	at Graves County	5:30 PM	A
5/14	at McCracken County	7:00 PM	A



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# AGRI-BUSINESS NEWS

## 2026 KHSAA-KDA Ag Athletes of the Year announced

Ag commissioner honors winners at Sweet 16 tournament

FRANKFORT, Ky. – Agriculture Commissioner Jonathan Shell awarded six Kentucky high school student-athletes involved in agriculture the 2026 Kentucky High School Athletic Association-Kentucky Department of Agriculture Ag Athletes of the Year awards.

“The definitive traits that make you an outstanding athlete – teamwork, leadership, and resilience – are the same ones that provide success in agriculture,” Commissioner Shell said. “These same skills can also translate to a successful academic career. At the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, we recognize a solid educational foundation can lead to great success in life, whether



Agriculture Commissioner Jonathan Shell, center, awarded six Kentucky high school student-athletes 2026 Kentucky High School Athletic Association-Kentucky Department of Agriculture Ag Athletes of the Year awards during the KHSAA Boys' Sweet Sixteen® State Basketball Tournament at Rupp Arena Friday night in Lexington. Pictured are, from left, Peyton Zinner, Ella Smallwood, Alyssa Benningfield, Commissioner Shell, Clayton Lester, Lucas Campbell, and Zaden Housekeeper.

that education is through a four-year institution or a trade school. We are pleased to join our partners at the KHSAA to reward

scholarships to the Commonwealth's best young athletes and agriculturists.” The 2026 Ag Athletes of the Year were named

at a ceremony during the KHSAA Boys' Sweet Sixteen® State Basketball Tournament on March 20 at Rupp Arena in Lexington.

Two \$2,000 scholarships and four \$1,000 scholarships were awarded. The honorees were:

- Outstanding Ag Athlete of the Year: Alyssa Benningfield, Taylor County High School (\$2,000)
  - Outstanding Ag Athlete of the Year: Clayton Lester, University Heights Academy in Christian County (\$2,000)
  - Lucas Campbell, Fleming County High School
  - Zaden Housekeeper, Williamsburg Independent in Whitley County
  - Ella Smallwood, Menifee County High School
  - Peyton Zinner, Western Hills High School in Franklin County
- The one-time

scholarships, payable to an institution of higher learning, are awarded to high school seniors involved in athletics and agriculture who plan on continuing their education at a two- or four-year institution or trade school.

The scholarships are supported by the “Ag Tag” Fund, which is financed by voluntary donations from Kentucky motorists when they buy or renew their farm vehicle license plates or the new “Friends of Agriculture” special plate. Last year, Kentucky farmers donated \$995,440.74 to the Ag Tag Program. The scholarships are just one way the funds are used to support Kentucky's agriculture youth.

## The public helps University of Kentucky scientists uncover what two common backyard hawks really like to eat

By Derrick Meads  
University of Kentucky

Lexington, Ky.— Anyone who keeps a bird feeder has likely had the same uneasy thought after seeing a sudden blur of wings in the yard: What was that hawk doing there?

A University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment study helps answer that question. The work, “Citizen science provides an unprecedented glimpse into the diets of *Asur cooperii* (Cooper's Hawk) and *Accipiter striatus* (Sharp-

shinned Hawk),” was led by researchers in the Department of Forestry and Natural Resources (FNR) and published in Ornithology.

Citizen science is the public's voluntary participation in scientific projects, collaborating with experts to collect, analyze or report data.

Using thousands of photos shared through the citizen science platform iNaturalist, the authors took a closer look at the diets of two common hawks often seen around neighborhoods, feeders and wooded areas: The Cooper's

hawk and the sharpshinned hawk. The study found both species are mainly hunters of other birds, filling an important gap in what scientists know about two raptors many people see but few fully understand.

“We were very excited to explore the opportunities citizen science provides to the field of wildlife research, especially for two common backyard birds,” said Will Gibson, a first-year Master's student in FNR who helped lead the study. “Citizen science platforms like iNaturalist offer an incredible glimpse



Citizen scientists have proven to be a great asset to researchers and their work. Photo by Steve Patton/Martin Gatton CAFE

into the lives and behaviors of wildlife that may otherwise be understudied.”

The team reviewed 74,974 photographs of the two hawk species and identified thou-

sands of predation events, yielding an unusually large dataset across much of the birds' range.

“This is filling in an important gap in what we understand about these very common backyard birds,” said Darin McNeil, assistant professor of wildlife management at Martin-Gatton CAFE. “There's a lot of information out there from citizen scientists that had not really been analyzed in this way, and we were able to use that to learn what these hawks are actually

see **HAWKS**, page B2

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Well-maintained 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath brick home offering spacious living, beautiful surroundings, and outstanding versatility. Features include a large kitchen with custom cabinetry and island, open living and dining areas with fireplace, and a comfortable primary suite with en-suite bath and outdoor access. Enjoy additional living space with a bright sunroom, a dedicated laundry area enhances convenience, plus a peaceful setting with mature trees and a covered front porch. A standout feature is the detached garage/recreation building overlooking a pond, complete with deck, covered area, and private dock. Multiple outbuildings, shops, barns, and grain storage provide excellent space for equipment, hobbies, or agricultural use. Additional tract offers even more buildings and functionality.

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130.02 Acres in 11 Tracts

Farm 1: CARLISLE COUNTY  
Tillable Acres 100.82

Auction Held On Farm 1  
Public Preview Date: Sunday, April 19th 12-1PM

Farm 2: GRAVES COUNTY  
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choosing to eat.”

That matters to birdwatchers and homeowners, especially those who spend time watching activity around backyard feeders. Cooper’s hawks and sharp-shinned hawks are not coming for seed; they are coming for the birds that gather there.

“If you see one of these hawks in your yard, you can be pretty confident it is scoping out the bird feeder and looking for a meal,” McNeil said.

The two hawks look a lot alike, though the sharp-shinned hawk is smaller. That size difference turns out to matter.

**Study results**

The study found

that Cooper’s hawks, the larger of the two, strongly favor birds and especially larger prey such as doves and pigeons. The research showed they selected rock pigeons, mourning doves and other dove species more often than would be expected based on what was available. They also regularly ate mammals, but birds were still the clear preference.

Sharp-shinned hawks were even more focused on birds. In the study, nearly every identifiable prey item for that species was a bird. European starlings, mourning doves and house sparrows were among the most common prey, and the researchers found only one mammal record for the species in the

dataset.

“We were actually surprised by how bird-focused the sharp-shinned hawk was,” McNeil said. “There are reports in the literature of them eating mammals, but in our data we found almost no evidence for that.”

The findings support a long-held idea that both hawks are avian specialists, meaning they mostly hunt birds. The study also showed that prey size differed between the two species. The prey eaten by Cooper’s hawks averaged 166 grams, while prey eaten by sharp-shinned hawks averaged 59 grams.

The reasons may be practical. McNeil said doves are especially attractive prey for Cooper’s hawks. They are large, provide a good meal and are

often out in the open. They are also less able to fight back once caught than some other birds.

“If you’re a dove, you are in a rough spot,” McNeil said. “They’re fat, they’re often exposed, and they don’t have many defenses once a hawk grabs them.”

The study’s chart of preferred prey showed rock pigeons standing out for Cooper’s hawks, while European starlings ranked high for sharp-shinned hawks. Mourning doves also appeared high on the list for both species.

The importance of citizen science

The project also highlights the growing value of citizen science. Researchers downloaded iNaturalist records, then examined them one by one to see whether

a hawk was holding prey and, if it was, what kind of animal it had caught.

The team used expert help to identify hard-to-recognize prey from feathers, fur and other visible clues. They also compared those hunting records with background observations of birds, mammals and reptiles to see not just what hawks ate, but what they seemed to prefer.

That approach gave researchers a broader view than older studies that focused only on nests or bird feeders. It also helped them see prey that might not often appear in feeder-based projects, such as pigeons.

“These are native birds of prey that belong here,” McNeil said. “They are part of the natural system

and part of keeping other animal populations in check.”

The research also points to another change people may already be seeing. Cooper’s hawks have become more common in suburbs and urban areas over recent decades. McNeil said that shift is one reason these citizen scientists are noticing them more often at feeders and in neighborhoods.

“By expanding the types of data that can be garnered from citizen science, we have shown how useful citizen science is as a tool,” Gibson said. “This just shows how important everyday people are to the field of wildlife research.”

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**Located in the Bell City Community**, this 22± acre tract offers tillable farmland with an excellent building site, making it ideal for a homesite, mini farm, or investment opportunity. The property features road frontage on both Schrader Road and Highway 1485, providing great access and visibility in a desirable rural setting.

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Property Location: 4645 Lovelaceville Road, Paducah, KY 42001

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# UK names Michael Wall to lead The Arboretum, State Botanical Garden of Kentucky

By Derrick Meads  
University of Kentucky

LEXINGTON, Ky.— The University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment has named Michael Wall as director of The Arboretum, State Botanical Garden of Kentucky. He will begin his role on June 1.

Wall brings more than 15 years of leadership experience spanning research institutions, museums and nonprofit organizations, with a career focused on connecting science, education and public engagement.

“I am honored to join the University of Kentucky and to serve as director of The Arboretum,” Wall said. “I look forward to working with faculty, staff and the community to strengthen The Arboretum’s role as both a living laboratory and a place where people can connect with science and nature in meaningful ways.”

Wall currently



Dr. Michael Wall

(Photo provided by Dr. Michael Wall)

serves as executive director of the Balsam Mountain Trust in North Carolina, where he leads conservation, education and strategic planning efforts for a regional nature center.

Prior to that role, Wall spent more than a decade at the San Diego Natural History Museum, where he held several leadership positions, including vice president of science and conservation

and vice president of research and public programs. In those roles, he led major research initiatives and oversaw the development of large-scale public exhibitions.

Wall holds a Ph.D. in entomology from the University of Connecticut, along with bachelor’s and master’s degrees in botany from Auburn University.

“Dr. Wall brings an exceptional combination of scientific

expertise, leadership experience and a deep commitment to public engagement,” said Laura Stephenson, Ph.D., vice president for land-grant engagement and dean of Martin-Gatton CAFE. “As a land-grant institution, one of our responsibilities is to connect university knowledge with Kentucky communities in ways that improve lives. Dr. Wall has built his career around that

very principle — translating research into meaningful and accessible experiences. We are confident he will expand The Arboretum’s impact across Kentucky and beyond.”

Wall succeeds Scott Smith, who has served as interim director since August 2024.

### About the Arboretum

The Arboretum, State Botanical Garden of Kentucky, is a 100-acre public

garden on the University of Kentucky campus in the heart of Lexington, Kentucky. Its mission is to showcase Kentucky’s landscapes and serve as a resource center for environmental and horticultural education, research and conservation.

The Arboretum began in 1991 as a joint effort between UK and the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government. It’s currently managed through Martin-Gatton CAFE and was named the official State Botanical Garden for Kentucky in March 2000.

The property receives over 500,000 visitors annually that come to enjoy and learn about some of the key features, including the Walk Across Kentucky, the Horticultural Gardens and the Kentucky Children’s Garden.

Learn more about The Arboretum.

## ABSOLUTE REAL ESTATE AUCTION FRIDAY, APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2026 @ 4:00 PM

Property Location: 2122 Rule Shack Road, Mayfield, KY 42066



### 3 BDRM, 2 BA BRICK HOME in FANCY FARM COMMUNITY

This well-maintained 3-bedroom, 2-bath brick home offers approximately 1,962± square feet of living space and is situated on a 1.68± acre lot in the desirable Fancy Farm community. The home features a spacious layout with a large living room highlighted by a classic brick fireplace, creating a warm and inviting atmosphere. The kitchen offers abundant cabinetry, ample counter space, and a functional layout that flows into the dining area—ideal for everyday living and entertaining. Located in the Fancy Farm community, this property offers quiet country living while remaining conveniently close to Mayfield and surrounding amenities.

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### PROPERTY HIGHLIGHTS

- 3 Bedrooms / 2 Bathrooms
- 1,962± Sq. Ft. Living Area
- 1.68± Acre Lot
- Brick Home
- Spacious Living Room with Fireplace
- Functional Kitchen with Ample Cabinetry
- Dining Area
- Covered Carport
- Mature Trees & Established Yard
- Peaceful Country Setting



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## ABSOLUTE REAL ESTATE AUCTION THURSDAY, APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2026 @ 10:00 AM

2 FARMS - FARM 1: 2811 COUNTY ROAD 1110, FANCY FARM, KY  
FARM 2: 425 OLD DUBLIN HILL ROAD, FANCY FARM, KY



2 Farms - 184± Acres  
in 12 Tracts & Combinations

Farm 1: Carlisle Co. - 130.02 Acres in 11 Tracts - 100.82- Tillable  
The Fancy Farm Community

Auction Held On Farm 1 - Public Preview Date: Sunday, April 19th - 12-1 PM



Farm 2: Graves County - 53.45 Acres in 1 Tract - 37.07- Tillable  
The Dublin Community

Well-maintained 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath brick home offering spacious living, beautiful surroundings, and outstanding versatility. Features include a large kitchen with custom cabinetry and island, open living and dining areas with fireplace, and a comfortable primary suite with en-suite bath. Enjoy additional living space with a bright sunroom, a dedicated laundry area enhances convenience, plus a peaceful setting with mature trees and a covered front porch. A standout feature is the detached garage/recreation building overlooking a pond, complete with deck, covered area, and private dock. Multiple outbuildings, shops, barns, and grain storage provide excellent space for equipment, hobbies, or agricultural use. Additional tract offers even more buildings and functionality.

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### PROPERTY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Spacious home with open living, dining & kitchen layout
- Custom wood cabinetry, large island & ample counter space
- Cozy fireplace and inviting main living areas
- Primary suite with en-suite bath
- Walk-in shower, walk-in tub & large vanity
- Sunroom/enclosed patio with great natural light
- Dedicated laundry area with built-in storage
- Large yard w/mature trees & attractive landscaping
- Covered front porch for relaxing outdoor space

### WATERFRONT & RECREATION FEATURES:

- Detached garage/recreation building near pond
  - Covered outdoor area & deck overlooking water
  - Private dock for fishing and enjoyment
- OUTBUILDINGS & FARM IMPROVEMENTS:**
- Multiple shops and storage buildings
  - Detached garage with office/workspace
  - Outbuilding with kitchen area (multi-use potential) 25'x30'
  - Barns, grain bin & silo for agricultural use
  - **Additional tract (Tract 12)**  
**(Farm 2) 53.45 acres - 37.07 tillable**  
**In Dublin, Kentucky - Graves County**

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## BALLARD

**Joshua Ryan Watson**, age 41, passed away on Sunday, March 29, 2026. A gathering was held on Friday, April 3, 2026 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Oscar Baptist Church.

**Krista Nicole Whitt**, age 30, passed away on Sunday, March 29, 2026. Funeral services were held on Thursday, April 2, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at Morrow Funeral Chapel in LaCenter, KY. with Rev. Rocky Hill officiating.

**Jeffrey Scott Hafner** 54 of Barlow, KY passed away peacefully on Thursday, April 2, 2026 at Oakview Nursing and Rehab in Calvert City. A private family celebration of life will be held at a later date.

## CALDWELL

**Larry Dale Carner**, 55, of Fredonia, Kentucky, passed away peacefully on Monday, April 6, 2026, at the Anna Mae Owen Hospice House in Murray, Kentucky. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 12, 2026, at Morgan's Funeral Home with Bro. Mark Faughn and Teddy Holt officiating. Burial will follow in Jane Nichols Cemetery in Caldwell County. Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 11, 2026, at Morgan's Funeral Home.

**Jackie Guill**, 84, of Princeton, passed away on Sunday, April 5, 2026, at his home. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 11, 2026, at Morgan's Funeral Home with Bro. Ira Guill and Bro. Mike Franklin officiating. Burial will follow in Meeks Cemetery in Caldwell County. Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Friday, April 10, 2026, at Morgan's Funeral Home.

**Dorothy Ruth (Martin) Conway**, 86, passed away on Sunday, April 5, 2026, at Princeton Nursing and Rehabilitation. Memorial services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 18, 2026, at Fredonia First Baptist Church with Bro. David Fambrough officiating. Burial will follow in New Bethel Church Cemetery in Lyon County. Visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 18, 2026, at Fredonia First Baptist Church.

**Michael "Shane" Board**, 55, of Princeton, passed away on Tuesday, March 31, 2026, at his home. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at Morgan's Funeral Home with Bro. David Brown and Bro. Mike Boyd officiating. Burial followed in White Sulphur Cemetery.

**Peggy Doris Bates Mitchell**, age 92, of Princeton, passed away Tuesday, March 31, 2026 at her home Visitation will be held Saturday, April 11, 2026 at Cedar Bluff Baptist Church from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 pm Saturday, April 11, 2026 at Cedar Bluff Baptist Church with Bro. Mark Faughn officiating. Burial will follow in Princeton Memorial Gardens.

**Steven C. Jones** passed away on March 31, 2026, at Baptist Health Madisonville in Kentucky. No services are scheduled at this time. Morgan's Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

**Daniel Earl Duncan**, a devoted family man and loyal veteran, passed away peacefully at his home on April 4, 2026. There are no services scheduled at this time.

## CALLOWAY

**Steve Everett Givens**, 81, passed away on Thursday, April 2, 2026 at the Murray-Calloway County Hospital. A private entombment will take place at Murray Memorial Gardens.

**Tim Graham**, age 64, of Dexter, Kentucky passed away on Saturday, April 4, 2026, at his home. A memorial visitation was held from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services. A private family service will be held.

**Ms. L. Wanda Osbron**, age 83, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away on Monday, April 6, 2026, at the Anna Mae Owen Residential Hospice House in Murray, Kentucky. A funeral service was held at 3:00 p.m., Thursday, April 9, 2026, at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services with Bro. Sammy Cunningham officiating. Burial followed in the Sinking Springs Cemetery.

**Glenn D. Hughes**, age 75, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at his home. Arrangements for Mr. Hughes are currently incomplete at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

**Sally Ann Carpenter**, age 77, of New Concord, Kentucky, passed away on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at the Anna Mae Owen Residential Hospice House. There will be no public services or visitation held at this time. Online condolences can be made at, www.jhchurchill.com.

**Bro. Ronnie Burkeen**, age 62, of Dexter "Hico", Kentucky, passed away on Monday, April 6, 2026, at his home. Arrangements are currently incomplete at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

**Michael Gene Brandon**, age 68, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away on Friday, April 3, 2026, at the Marshall County Hospital in Benton, Kentucky. A funeral service was held at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services with Seth Grogan officiating. Burial followed in the Palestine Cemetery.

**Janette (Farmer) Giles**, age 97, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away on Thursday, April 2, 2026, at Spring Creek Healthcare in Murray. A memorial graveside was held on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. (noon) in the chapel at Murray Memorial

Gardens. Te'Heshia Richardson will officiate and burial will follow.

**Lauri Guin Thomas**, age 55, of Stewart, TN, passed away on March 31, 2026, at St. Thomas Ascension Midtown Hospital in Nashville, TN. J.H. Churchill Funeral Home in Murray, Kentucky, is in charge of her cremation. At this time, no public services are planned, although a small, family-oriented memorial service may be held later.

**Virginia Maxine McLemore**, age 93, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away on Sunday, March 29, 2026, at Spring Creek Healthcare in Murray, Kentucky. A private family graveside service will be held at a later date.

**Ruth Ann (Scott) James**, 83, of Dexter, Kentucky, passed away Friday, March 27, 2026, at Passion and Purpose Home Care in Murray. A private graveside funeral service will be held at the Murray City Cemetery, with John Dale officiating. Blalock-Coleman Funeral Home & Cremation Services is honored to be entrusted with the care of Mrs. James.

**Judy McLeod**, 79, of Dexter, Kentucky passed away on Saturday, April 4, 2026 at Murray-Calloway County Hospital surrounded by her family. A funeral service was held on Thursday, April 9, 2026 at 12:00PM with Bro. Dustin McClain officiating. Burial will follow in Haymes Cemetery.

## CARLISLE

**Katie Lee Terry**, of Eddyville, Kentucky, passed away on April 2, 2026, at her home. A graveside service was held on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at Old Bardwell Cemetery in Bardwell, Kentucky, with Rev. David Terry officiating. Family and friends gathered to celebrate her life and the love she shared so freely.

**Michael Linn Beech**, age 73 of Bardwell, KY and formerly of Clinton, KY passed away 10:29 AM Wednesday, April 1, 2026 at Countryside Center for Rehab and Nursing Home. Graveside Memorial Services were held at 2:30 PM Monday, April 6, 2026 at Clark Cemetery.

## CHRISTIAN

**Joe Tandy Rives**, age 77, of Pembroke, KY, passed away on Sunday, April 5, 2026, at his home surrounded by his family of natural causes. Visitation will be Friday, April 10, 2026 - 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM at the Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home. Funeral Service will be Saturday, April 11, 2026 at 10:00AM at Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home.

**Misty Ann Pennington**, age 50, of Hopkinsville, KY, passed away on Friday, April 3, 2026, at her home of natural causes. There are no events scheduled at this time. Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**Mary Alice Holman Gates**, 85, of Hopkinsville, Kentucky died at 2:00 p.m., Friday, April 3, 2026 at her home in Hopkinsville. Funeral services were held at 11:30 am, Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at Eagle Way Church of Christ with Pastor John Voss officiating. Burial followed in Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West.

**John Gerry McGee**, 80, of Hopkinsville, KY died Thursday Evening, April 2, 2026, at Alive Hospice in Nashville, TN. Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at Riverside Cemetery with Dr. Max Sturdivant officiating.

**Glory Diana Higgins Hall**, entered into eternity...On Friday, April 3, 2026, at TriStar-Skyline, Nashville, Tennessee. Visitation - Tuesday, April 14, 2026-10:00 AM - 11:00 AM - CEDAR GROVE BAPT. CHURCH (HOPK.), Funeral Service, Tuesday, April 14th at 11:00 am - Cedar Grove Baptist Church, Hopkinsville, KY. Burial at KVCW.

## CRITTENDEN

**Ronnie "Rosco" Wayne Phillips**, age 60, of Crittenden County, passed away on Thursday, April 2, 2026, at his home. Graveside services were held on Thursday, April 9, 2026, at 1:30 PM at Phillips Cemetery in Crittenden County.

**Bobby Wayne Padgett**, 85, died Thursday April 2, 2026 at his home in Mexico (Marion) Kentucky. Services were held 2pm Monday April 6 2026 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion KY with burial in Mexico Cemetery.

**Joseph "Joe" Earl Jones** age 72 of Marion, KY passed away at his home March 30, 2026. memorial service will be held 2 PM, April 12, 2026 at Baker Church Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Myers Funeral Home and there is no visitation at the funeral home.

## FULTON

**Paul Edward Werner, Sr.**, age 86, of Hickman, Kentucky, passed away on Monday, April 6, 2026, at Centennial Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee. Funeral services were held at 2 PM Thursday, April 9, 2026 at the Hornbeak Funeral Chapel in Hickman with burial to follow in the Hickman City Cemetery.

**Laura Lee Craddock**, age 79, of South Fulton, Tennessee, passed away on Monday, April 6, 2026, at her residence. Graveside services for Mrs. Craddock were held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at Palestine Cemetery.

**Tommy Joe Williams**, age 60, of South Fulton, passed away Saturday, April 4, 2026, at his residence. Graveside services for Mr. Tommy Joe Williams were held at 12:30 PM on Tuesday, April 7th, 2026, at the Water Valley Pentecostal Cemetery in Water Valley.

**Thomas "Tommy" Edwin Thompson "Pa"** passed away peacefully at 2:15 p.m., on April 3, 2026, at his son's home in Paducah, KY. Funeral services for Mr. Thompson will be held at 11:00 AM Saturday, April 11, 2026, in our funeral chapel. With burial to follow in the Mt. Zion Cemetery on. Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 9:00 am Saturday until the hour of service.

**Robert Lee Hailey**, 86, longtime resident of Fulton, KY died on April 1, 2026, at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Union City, TN. A Celebration of Life for Mr. Bobby Hailey was held at 1 PM Saturday, April 4, 2026, at the Fulton First United Methodist Church with burial to follow in the Obion County Memorial Gardens.

## GRAVES

**Barbara "Bobbi" Louise Arnett**, age 86, of Mayfield passed away on Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at her residence. Funeral services for Mrs. Barbara "Bobbi" Louise Arnett will be 1:00 p.m. on Friday, April 10, 2026 at Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY. Rev. Bryant Kerns will officiate. Entombment will follow at Mayfield Memory Gardens Mausoleum.

**Ladoska Jean Harrison Wheeler**, 92, of Parrottsville, TN formerly of Mayfield, KY passed away Monday, April 6, 2026 at the home of her son. A private graveside service will be held at the Mayfield Memory Gardens. Byrn Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**Rev. Thomas Allen Mathis**, age 81, of Mayfield passed away on Thursday, April 2, 2026 at his residence. Funeral services for Rev. Thomas Allen Mathis were held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, April 3, 2026 at Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY. Rev. Terry Mathis and Rev. Marcus Burnett will officiate. Interment followed at Brewers Cemetery.

**Kristin Sims**, age 39, of Symsonia passed away on March 30, 2026 at her residence. Funeral services for Mrs. Kristin Sims were held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 4, 2026 at Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY. Luke Puckett will officiate. Interment followed at Coldwater Church of Christ Cemetery.

**Patricia Rae Gore**, age 72 of Mayfield, KY passed away at 1:30 AM Saturday, April 4, 2026 at her residence. Funeral Services were held at 1:00 PM Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY with Rev. Ronnie Stinson, Sr officiating. Burial followed in the Trace Creek Cemetery.

**Carolyn Jean Mason**, age 82 of Mayfield, KY passed away at 1:47 AM Thursday, April 2, 2026 at her residence. Funeral Services were held at 1:00 PM Monday, April 6, 2026 at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY with Rev. Keith Allred officiating. Burial followed in the Ferguson Springs Cemetery in Aurora, KY.

**Kim LaVerne Jones**, age 73, of Mayfield, KY passed away at 7:45 AM Thursday, April 2, 2026 at her residence. Private family memorial services for Kim will be held at a later date. The Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY is in charge of the arrangements.

**Larry E. Rhea**, age 75, of Sedalia, passed away at 5:50 PM on Wednesday, April 1, 2026, at Baptist Health Paducah. A Celebration of Life for Mr. Larry E. Rhea will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 PM on Sunday, April 12, 2026, at the fellowship building of Northside Church of Christ.

**David "Slick" James Helm**, age 65 and a resident of Fancy Farm, passed away Tuesday, March 31, 2026, at Baptist Health Paducah. In accordance with his wishes, a private family gathering will be held at a later date.

**Leo (Polie) Pendel**, age 82 of Fancy Farm, Ky passed away on Tusday, March 31, 2026 at 10:27 PM surrounded by loved ones at his residence. Memorial Funeral Mass was held on Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at 11:00 AM at the St. Jerome Catholic Church with Fr. Darrell Venters officiating. Inurnment followed in the St. Jerome Cemetery.

## HENDERSON

**Linda Mae Basham**, 85, of Henderson, KY, passed away peacefully on April 7, 2026. The funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, April 10, 2026, at the funeral home with minister Kristy Rowland officiating.

**James "Jim" Townsend**, age 74, of Henderson, KY, passed away on March 31, 2026, at his home. The funeral service was held at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home with Reverend Jack Ross officiating. All are welcome to meet at Springdale Cemetery in Sebree, KY, at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, for the burial. Military honors will be rendered by the American Legion Worsham Post #40.

**Leonard Leslie "Les" Murdach** passed away Sunday, April 5th at St. Anthony's Hospice Lucy Smith King Care Center in Henderson, Kentucky. Burial will be at a later date at Bruce Chapel Cemetery in Enfield, Illinois.

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved **Norma Ellen Horn**, who left us on April 4, 2026, just shy of her 79th birthday. Funeral Service was held at Tomblinson Funeral Home in Henderson on Wednesday April 8, 2026 at 1:00 PM with pastor Alex Messamore Officiating. Burial will follow at Roselawn Memorial Gardens.

**Donald Ray Tompkins, Sr.**, passed peacefully into the arms of his Heavenly Father while surrounded by his family on April 2, 2026. Services were held at 11:00 AM Wednesday April 8th at Slaughters Baptist Church. Brother Lynn Young, Brother Carl Nelson and Brother Brad Tucker will

officiate. Burial will follow in Slaughters Cemetery with full military rites.

**Helen Kaye (Farney) Bell**, 83, of Henderson, passed away on Thursday, April 2, 2026 at Deaconess Gateway in Newburgh. Private graveside services will be scheduled at a later date.

**Janice Parks**, 89, of Henderson, passed away peacefully on April 1, 2026, at Redbanks Colonial Terrace with her family by her side. A Celebration of Life will be held at 2:00 PM on Monday, April 13, 2026, at Tomblinson Funeral Home in Henderson, with Brother Rick O’Daniel officiating. Private graveside services will be held after the service. Visitation will be from 10:00 AM until the time of service at the funeral home.

**Terrence “Terry” Wayne Jones**, 89, of Eddyville, Kentucky, formerly of Henderson, Kentucky, passed away Friday, April 3, 2026, at The Heartford House in Owensboro, Kentucky. A private graveside service will be held at Mount Kenton Cemetery in Paducah, Kentucky.

**Edith Viola Robards Hillyard**, 95, of Henderson, Kentucky, passed away peacefully Wednesday, April 1, 2026, at Redbanks Nursing Home under the compassionate care of Redbanks and St. Anthony’s Hospice. Services were at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at Rudy-Rowland Funeral Home. The Reverend Tim Shockley will officiate. Private burial will be in Roselawn Memorial Gardens.

## HICKMAN

**Horace Kenneth Dean, SR**, age 63 of Clinton, passed away Thursday at his residence. Graveside services for Kenneth were held Monday, April 6, 2026 at 11:00 AM at the Springhill Cemetery. Brown Funeral Home in Clinton is in charge of arrangements.

**Lisa Michelle Holt Byassee**, age 49 of Clinton, passed away Tuesday, March 31, 2026, at her residence. Funeral services for Lisa were held Saturday, April 4, 2026, at 2:00 PM at the New Harmony Baptist Church with Bro. Cory Holt officiating. Burial followed in the Clinton Cemetery.

## HOPKINS

**Bonnie Louise Spears**, 73, of Madisonville, KY passed away April 8, 2026, at Baptist Health in Madisonville. Funeral services will be 1:00 P.M. Saturday, April 11, 2026, at Barnett-Strother Funeral Home with Rev. Ron Elliot officiating. Burial will follow at Grapevine Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11:00 A.M. until the service time on Saturday at the funeral home.

**James “Jim” DeMoss** 80, of Hanson, KY, passed away on April 4, 2026 surrounded by his family at home. A funeral service was held on Thursday, April 9, 2026 at 1:00 P.M. at Barnett Strother Funeral Home with Rev. Brad Payne officiating.

**Ruth Evelyn Carter**, 88, of Madisonville, KY, passed away on Wednesday, April 1, 2026, at Baptist Health Hospital in Madisonville. Funeral services were held at 1:00 P.M., Friday, April 3, 2026, at Barnett-Strother Funeral Home with Bro. Tondra Daugherty and Bro. Steve Terry officiating. Burial followed in Odd Fellows Cemetery.

**Duprey Lee Mitchell**, 90 of Nortonville passed away Monday, April 6, 2026, at Brighton Cornerstone Nursing in Madisonville. Service was held Thursday at 1:00pm at Bandy Funeral Home in Nortonville with Pastor Howard Jones officiating. Burial to follow at New Salem Cemetery in Nortonville.

**Brenda Kaye Larkins**, 81 of Dawson Springs passed away Monday, April 6, 2026, at Baptist Health Hospital. Service was held Wednesday at 1:00pm at Bandy Funeral Home in Nortonville with Pastor Kathy Redden officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Carmel Cemetery in White Plains.

**Perry James Truitt**, 59 of Madisonville passed away Monday, April 6, 2026, at Baptist Health Deaconess. Services will be private for family at a later date.

**Billy Joe Nance**, 81 of Nortonville passed away Friday, April 3, 2026, at his home. Services will be private for family.

**Teresa Faye Branham**, 65 of Nortonville passed away Thursday, April 2, 2026, at Baptist Health Deaconess after a hard-fought battle with cancer. Services will be private for family.

## LIVINGSTON

**Randy L. Cornwell**, 64, of Livingston County passed away on Saturday, April 4, 2026, at Mercy Health in Paducah. Funeral service will be held Saturday, April 18, 2026, at 12:00 pm at Lindsey Funeral Home in Paducah. Burial will be at Lee Dodd Cemetery in Lyon County.

**Michael Joe McDonald**, 68, of Tiline passed away on Wednesday, April 1, 2026, at Parkview Nursing & Rehab in Paducah. Friends visited the family from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm on Saturday, April 4, 2026, at Smith Funeral Chapel in Smithland.

**Mrs. Annie Louise Rohm Morrow** - May 16, 1930 – April 6, 2026. Funeral services will be Sunday, April 12, 2026, at 3PM in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. With Bro. Junior Morris and Johnie Young officiating. Burial will follow in Salem Cemetery.

**Brenda F. Jerome**, 83, of Newburgh, IN passed away Wednesday, April 1, 2026 at Deaconess Gateway Hospital in Evansville. Graveside services were held on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at 12 Noon, at Salem Cemetery. Burial will follow.

## LYON

**John Michael Henderson, Sr. “Mike.”** 75, of Eddyville, Kentucky, passed away peacefully at his home on April 1, 2026. Graveside services were held at 12:00 pm Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at Blue Spring Church Cemetery with Ricky Conger officiating.

**Mary Gail McClusky**, age 75, of Eddyville, passed away Tuesday, March 31, 2026 at her home. The Funeral Mass was held following visitation at 11:00 am Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at St. Mark Catholic Church in Eddyville with Father Brad Whistle officiating.

**Rose Ellen Oliver**, age 69, passed away at her home in Kuttawa Sunday, April 5, 2026. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 am Friday, April 10, 2026 at Dunn’s Funeral Home in Eddyville with Father Brad Whistle officiating. Visitation will be from 5:00 pm till 8:00 pm Thursday, April 9, 2026 at Dunn’s Funeral Home in Eddyville.

**Benjamin P. Barnes**, age 73 of Kuttawa, formerly of Between the Rivers, died at 12:50 pm Friday, April 3, 2026 at his home in Kuttawa. A Celebration of Life Service will be held from 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm Saturday, April 18, 2026 at the Lyon County Senior Citizens Center in Eddyville. Dunn’s Funeral Home in Eddyville is in charge of the arrangements.

## MARSHALL

**Susie Story**, 85, of Benton, Kentucky, passed away on Friday, April 3, 2026, at Baptist Health in Paducah, Kentucky. A graveside service was held at 1:00 PM on Thursday, April 9, 2026, at Fooks Cemetery with Bro. Joel Frizzell officiating.

**Suzette McDougal Story**, 79, of Possum Trot, Kentucky, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, April 2, 2026, at Marshall County Hospital, as her husband, David, held her hand beside her. Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Thursday, April 9, 2026, at the Life Celebration Center of Filbeck-Cann, 1003 Poplar Street, Benton, Kentucky 42025. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM on Friday, April 10, 2026, at the Life Celebration Center of Filbeck-Cann with Bro. Joel Frizzell officiating. Burial will follow at Fooks Cemetery.

**Julie Ann Copeland**, 67, of Calvert City, Kentucky, passed away at home on Tuesday, March 31, 2026. Funeral services were held at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at the Life Celebration Center of Filbeck-Cann with Pastor Dawn Choate officiating. Burial followed at Peck Cemetery.

**Stanley Noel Anderson**, 67, of Benton, Kentucky, passed away on Wednesday, April 1, 2026, at his place of residence. There are no services scheduled at this time. Filbeck-Cann Funeral Home of Milner & Orr is handling the arrangements.

**Anthony “Tony” C. Whybark**, 77 of Benton, Kentucky passed away on Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at the Anna Mae Owen Hospice House in Murray, Kentucky. A graveside service will be at 2:00 PM on Friday, April 10, 2026 at Union Ridge Cemetery with Bro. Glenn Cope officiating. There will be no public visitation.

**Geneva K. Kaus**, 84, of Hardin, Kentucky passed away on Saturday, April 4, 2026 at Lake Way Nursing & Rehabilitation. Visitation was held on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM at Collier Funeral Home.

**Peggy Brown**, 86 of Calvert City, Kentucky passed away on Saturday, April 4, 2026 at Calvert City Convalescent Center. A funeral service will be at 2:00 PM on Sunday, April 12, 2026 at Collier Funeral Home with Pastor Mike Donald officiating. Interment will follow at Calvert City Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM on Sunday, April 12, 2026 at Collier Funeral Home, 211 West 5th, Benton, Kentucky.

**Thomas “Tom” Harrington**, 78 of Martin, Tennessee, formerly of Marshall County, passed away on Saturday, April 4, 2026 at Diversicare of Martin, TN. The family will receive friends from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM on Saturday, May 2, 2026, at Collier Funeral Home, 211 West 5th, Benton, Kentucky. A private funeral ceremony will be held at a later date.

**Michael E. Castleberry**, 75 of Benton, Kentucky passed away on Saturday, April 4, 2026, at Spring Creek Health Care in Murray, Kentucky. A graveside service was on Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 2:00 PM at Marshall County Memory Gardens with Jack Newberry officiating.

**Joseph R. Copeland** age 62 of Benton, KY passed away on April 1, 2026 after battling liver cancer. His greatest accomplishment was being “Dad” to Erik and Landon and “Papaw” to Cleo. Joe had a zest for life, known for his sense of humor and outgoing personality. He loved his family, friends, fishing and spending time outdoors. He also loved and served the Lord at his church, The Way, in Benton, KY. No funeral services are planned at this time.

## McCRACKEN

**Carolyn Hollan Brown**, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away peacefully on Sunday, April 5, 2026, at Providence Pointe Healthcare at the age of 95. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 11, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah, with Pastor Jamie Broome officiating. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be held on Saturday, April 11, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. until the service hour of 1:00 p.m. at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah.

**Sue McNeill Jetton**, known lovingly as Sue, age 87, of Boaz, Kentucky, passed away peacefully at her residence on April 5, 2026. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, April 11, 2026, at the Lone Oak Chapel of Milner & Orr Funeral Home with Rev. Ronnie Stinson, Sr. and Rev.

Ronnie Stinson, Jr. officiating. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Friday, April 10, 2026, at the Lone Oak Chapel of Milner & Orr Funeral Home.

**Cindy Lee Roberts**, 67, of Wickliffe, Kentucky, passed away on April 3, 2026, at Baptist Health Paducah. There are no services scheduled at this time. Milner & Orr Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Paducah are in charge of all arrangements.

**Traci Lynn Thorne Bruce**, age 54, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away on April 2, 2026. A memorial service was held on Monday, April 6, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah with Danny Orazine and Clint Warf officiating.

**James Arthur Cole**, age 72, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away on Wednesday, April 1, 2026. There are no services scheduled at this time. Milner & Orr Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Paducah are in charge of all arrangements.

**Glenda N. May**, 72, of Paducah passed away April 1, 2026, at Baptist Health of Paducah. Online condolences may be left at www.lindseyfuneral.com. Lindsey Funeral Home is honored to serve the May family.

**Ray’Shawn Lamont Tucker**, born August 17, 2003, in Paducah, Kentucky, passed away peacefully on March 27, 2026, at Baptist Health of Paducah. Funeral services have been scheduled for Saturday, April 11, 2026, 12 noon, at New Greater Love Church with Bishop LaRita Horton-Addison and Reverend Stephen F. Harvey officiating. Family will receive friends at the church Saturday from 11:00 a.m. until the funeral hour.

**Suzanne Hughes Bacon**, age 91 of Paducah, passed away peacefully Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at Baptist Health Paducah. Funeral services have been scheduled for Saturday, April 18, 2026, 11:00 a.m. at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church with Reverend Donna G. Newsome Hawkins officiating. Family will receive friends at the church on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until the funeral hour. Burial will follow in Oak Grove Cemetery.

**Phyllis Ann (Sheible) Hargis**, 89, of West Paducah, passed away on Thursday, April 2, 2026, at Metropolis Rehabilitation and Health Care Center in Metropolis, IL. Funeral services were held at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at Hughes Funeral Home in Paducah with Pastor Jeremiah Ross officiating. Burial followed at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens in Paducah.

**John Wilkey**, born April 11, 1954, in Mt. Vernon, Indiana, passed away peacefully on Sunday, April 5, 2026, at Mercy Health Lourdes Hospital in Paducah. He was 71 years old. No Services are scheduled at this time. Keeling & Goodman Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Wilkey family.

## TRIGG

**Spencer Acree** - May 23, 1963 - April 6, 2026. Funeral arrangements are incomplete for 62 year old Spencer Acree of Cadiz. He passed away Monday Evening, April 6, 2026 at Trigg County Hospital. Please check back later for complete service details.

**James Donald Williamson** - April 3, 2026. Funeral arrangements are incomplete for 80 year old James Donald Williamson of Virginia formerly of Cadiz. He passed Friday, April 3, 2026. Please check back later for complete service details.

**Jane Dee Hutchison** - September 21, 1954 - April 1, 2026. Memorial Visitation for 71 year old Jane Dee Hutchison of Murray formerly of Cerulean was held on Saturday, April 4, 2026 from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. at King’s Funeral Home.

**Glodean Henderson Cothran**, age 89, of Cadiz, Kentucky, passed away on Saturday, April 4, 2026, at Shady Lawn Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Cadiz. Graveside services were held at 12:30 PM, Thursday, April 9, 2026, at Trigg Memory Acres, King’s Chapel Road in Cadiz, with eulogy by her grandson, Paul Wayne Dwyer.

**Janice Tyler Felton**, age 74, of Cadiz, Kentucky, passed away on Wednesday, April 1, 2026, in Cadiz. Funeral services were held at Goodwin Funeral Home, 138 Main Street in Cadiz, at 1:00 PM, Monday, April 6, 2026, with Rev. Norman Cotton officiating. Burial will follow in Marvin Oliver Cemetery.

## UNION

**Donna Vallery**, age 76, of Sturgis, Kentucky, passed away on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at Deaconess Gateway Hospital in Newburgh, Indiana. Funeral will be at 12 PM on Friday April 10th at Whitsell Funeral Home in Sturgis, KY. Brother Randy Farthing will officiate. Visitation will be from 4 PM to 7 PM on Thursday, April 9th at Whitsell Funeral Home in Sturgis, KY. Burial in Pythian Ridge Cemetery in Sturgis, KY.

**Bobby A. Harper** went to be with the Lord on April 5, 2026 peacefully at Signature Hillcrest Nursing Home in Owensboro. Funeral service will be 12 Noon Monday, April 13, 2026 at Whitsell Funeral Home in Morganfield, KY. Visitation will be 9 AM until service time Monday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Hazel Bend Cemetery in Sturgis, KY.

# VICTORIOUS *Living* ...in a troubled world

## The gap between knowing what is right and actually living it

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According to Dr. Dillip Jeste, author of the book, *Wiser*, “Wisdom is so necessary for the society, much more than intelligence, because wisdom is associated with mental well-being and happiness. Well-being and happiness are what the society needs, and that can come with wisdom.”

King Solomon’s story is no secret. He life stands as one of the most fascinating and tragic figures in biblical history. He was a man who was given extraordinary wisdom, yet ultimately failed to live by it. Scholars say Solomon was probably between 14 and 18 years old when he began his reign. At the time he began to reign, he was humble and realized his need for God. When God appeared to him in a dream and offered to grant him anything he desired, Solomon did not ask



for wealth, power, or long life. Instead, as you know, he asked for understanding and wisdom. He asked for a discerning heart to govern the people well. God was so pleased with his prayer that He granted him the greatest wisdom ever given to man, along with riches and honor.

His wisdom quickly became evident when he solved a heated dispute in the

case of two women claiming to be the mother of the same child. He suggested cutting the baby in half and giving half to each mother. To save the child’s life, the real mother quickly stepped up to offer the baby to the other woman. This quickly caused his reputation to spread far beyond Israel, drawing the attention of leaders from distant lands who came to hear him

speak.

Solomon’s story is not just one of wisdom, but more importantly, it is a warning about the gap between knowing what is right and actually living it. They don’t always match up.

Despite his divine gift, Solomon gradually drifted from the very principles he understood so well. He formed political alliances through marriages, taking many

foreign wives, which he knew was spiritually dangerous. These relationships slowly influenced him, leading him to tolerate and even participate in the worship of other gods.

Solomon spent much of his life writing about wisdom, obedience, and the fear of God. His writings emphasize the importance of guarding one’s heart, avoiding temptation,

and remaining faithful. And yet, his own life became an example of neglecting the very truths he wrote about.

His downfall wasn’t due to a lack of knowledge, but it was a failure of application. I believe, Solomon’s life highlights a profound reality: wisdom is not intellectual. It is not proven by what we know, but by what we do. A person can understand truth deeply and still choose a different path.

I am thankful his story is in the Bible because it is as relevant today as it was thousands of years ago. It reminds us that wisdom must be practiced daily, guarded intentionally, and lived consistently.

*Editor’s note: Dr. Dillip Jeste’s quote is from, This Is Your Brain With Dr. Phil Stieg: Why Wisdom is Necessary. Podcast.*

## What’s the big deal about evangelism?

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Within the Christian worldview, some might ask, “What’s the big deal about evangelism?” We would think this response would come from non-believers, but sadly, there are also church members who have the same calloused attitude. When we consider the idea behind sharing the good news, we begin with comprehending that it’s the announcement and proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ. It reveals the greatest love story of all time about the Heavenly Father who sent His Son to be tortured and to die on a wooden cross, and was miraculously resurrected from the dead for all who would trust in Him as their Lord. Within this amazing truth, we consider what is at stake for those who accept or refuse this message. God has promised eternal life in Heaven for whoever embraces Jesus Christ as their king, while warning about the repercussions of rejecting Him. Those who rebel and refuse to repent and surrender their will to God are literally lost forever. Do you believe this?

In First Corinthians chapter 15:3-4, Paul writes, “For I delivered unto you first of



all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures.” The Son of God has the power to ransom and rescue the lost, which makes it the greatest sacrifice and invitation that has ever been given. The question is, who will believe that God is waiting for every soul to fall deeply in love with Him? Verse 22 continues, “For as in Adam all die” (without being born-again, we are hopelessly lost), “even so in Christ shall all be made alive” (which is

referring to receiving Jesus into their spirit, mind, and conscience). As nearly everyone has heard the popular passage found in John 3:16, we know that God’s love and grace are the foundation of our salvation, and that our love and obedience are expressed back to Him and to others through evangelism.

So, if this is so crucially important, why do many Christians seem to be unconcerned about sharing it? Well, I’m sure people will come up with lots of different reasons, but I believe we can agree that the lack of agape love would be (as the family feud game show would say)

the number one answer. If we had a cure for a deadly worldwide plague, would we keep it to ourselves, or would we try to save as many as we could? If we knew the bridge was out, would we stand in the highway and try to warn others? Some Christians are disengaged because they have no personal investment. Prayer increases our discernment and transforms our attitudes, but some misunderstand salvation as a life of blessings without letting their light to shine. The idea of salvation being a free gift of mercy has distorted the responsibilities and condition-

al requirements for working within a personal covenant with God. We are called to listen with our spiritual ears and respond with faith and works. There is no such thing as a salvation that does not involve the obedience of taking up our cross and living in the awareness of His presence.

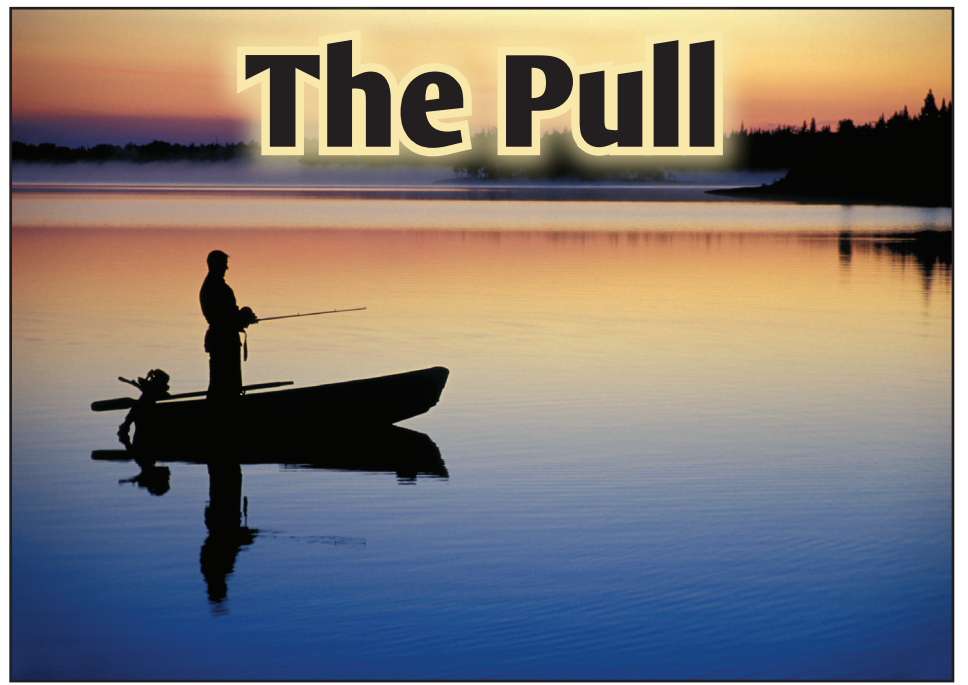
Is it possible for a Christian to become spiritually numb? Without a burden for the lost, our love has waxed cold. Many believe that telling others about Jesus is the duty of the paid clergy, but the sobering truth is that every Christian is a minister with the same divine

commission. Untold church members are generally intimidated and avoid being mocked, ostracized, and considered a weird fanatic by family and friends. Yet, we are excited to talk about others whom we highly respect. Romans 1:16 encourages us to please God despite being condemned and persecuted, as Paul is quoted again, “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone who believes: to the Jew first and also to the Greek.” There are no excuses for anyone to attempt to justify their lack of spiritual zeal. In Matthew 28:19-20, we read the demand of Christ to stay focused on this mission – no compromise, no embarrassment. “The fields are white with harvest” is a phrase from John 4:35-38, where Jesus tells His disciples that souls are ready to hear and accept His gospel. Maybe some have lost their sense of urgency because they choose to ignore the eternal consequences?

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# OUTDOOR Truths

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I'm pretty bummed right now. Turkey season remains closed in my home area for another week. That's two weeks later than it used to be just a few years ago. For some reason, I thought it had only been pushed back one week, and I was already looking forward to a pre-Easter turkey meal. Now it feels like I'll be rushed just to enjoy what's left of the season. If I had known, I would've headed south and gotten started earlier. I'll remember that next year. Or maybe I'll just take advantage of the

delay and do some early fishing before the season opens. But for now, my outdoor life has been reduced to mowing grass and taking a few bike rides. And honestly... I feel cooped up. There's no doubt in my mind I was made for something beyond my present existence. I know it because of its absence. I feel it in the pull. In the yearning that wells up inside me. It reminds me of those little sea turtles that are born up in the weeds along the beach. The moment they break through the egg, they run towards the ocean.

They have never been there, never seen it, and no one shows them the way to go. And yet they go. There are a thousand illustrations like that in nature. And then there's you and me. C.S Lewis described it this way in Mere Christianity.

"Creatures are not born with desires unless satisfaction for those desires exists. A baby feels hunger: well, there is such a thing as food.

A duckling wants to swim: well, there is such a thing as water.

Men feel sexual desire: well, there is such a thing as sex.

If I find in myself a

desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world.

If none of my earthly pleasures satisfy it, that does not prove that the universe is a fraud. Probably earthly pleasures were never meant to satisfy it, but only to arouse it, to suggest the real thing.

If that is so, I must take care, on the one hand, never to despise, or be unthankful for, these earthly blessings, and on the other, never to mistake them for the something else of

which they are only a kind of copy, or echo, or mirage."

Lately, I have felt these urges in far more important things than turkey hunting. I watch the news. I scroll through social media posts. I see anger, vitriol, and contempt for anything good or Godly. Or worse, I see an apathy for anything spiritual. I see a world that increasingly looks foreign to the one I know exists. And yet the one I know exists, I have never seen.

But I long for it. Not because I want to leave this world. But because this world

no longer feels like home. Maybe that's because home isn't a place. It's a Person and a people.

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## Connecting others to Christ

Bro. Brandon G. Bramlett  
Bandana Baptist Church

"Hey Siri, call John." Nowadays, that's all you need to do to contact somebody. The artificial intelligence in your smartphone will do the work for you. You can also send a text message or e-mail in less than a minute. Technology and the internet have made present-day communication instantaneous.

It has not always been this way, of course. Before the days of smartphones and computers, we relied on switchboards and their operators to contact people. Calling your neighbor or relative required an operator and a manual telephone switchboard. You would dial the operator and they would connect you by inserting a

pair of phone plugs into the appropriate jacks. And often, especially if there was a bit of delay, the operator would say, "I am trying to connect you." That was their purpose and mission—to connect you. Operators were indispensable for connecting you with whom you needed to speak—there was no other way.

While cellphones and laptops have eliminated the need for operators, one kind of operator will never be replaced by technological advancement: you. If you are a follower of Jesus, the Lord has commanded you to be an operator to connect people to Him. It is your glorious mission and purpose to connect people to Jesus Christ. The Lord



commissioned you with this blessed task when He said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15, KJV). He also charged you to be His witnesses and to make disciples of all nations (Acts 1:8; Matt. 28:19-20).

The word of God

teaches that the only way sinners can be saved is if they "dial" Jesus: "For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" (Romans 10:13). People must get connected with Jesus in order to go to heaven. As Christ Himself said, "I am the way, and the truth, and

the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6). There is only one way, one Circuit that will connect a person to God, as Paul said: "For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus" (1 Timothy 2:5).

You are indispensable for connecting people to Christ and helping them dial Him for their eternal salvation. No person can call on the name of the Lord without an operator. You must preach the good news and publish the gospel of Christ to the unsaved or they will never call out to Jesus for redemption. That is why Paul asked, "How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?" (Romans 10:14). Christian Operator, to whom are you saying, "I am trying to connect you"?

## Explaining the Stations of the Cross

Tradition features prominently in Holy Week celebrations. The week leading up to Easter Sunday, Holy Week is a sacred time for faithful Christians. The Stations of the Cross are one of the traditions that many Christians feel bolsters their faith and brings them closer to God.

What are the Stations of the Cross?

According to Catholic Online, the

Stations of the Cross are a 14-step devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man. Each of the 14 stations focus on a specific event of Jesus's last day as a man.

Where can the Stations of the Cross be found?

Stations of the Cross are typically found in churches. Many times the Stations adorn the interior wall of a

church, and Catholic Online notes they're often depicted using small icons or images. Some churches with sizable exterior grounds may arrange larger Stations along footpaths in yards or gardens on the premises.

When do people most commonly pray the Stations of the Cross?

Lent is the most common time to pray the Stations of the Cross, and some

churches hold weekly prayer sessions on Wednesdays and Fridays during this time of year.

What are the 14 Stations?

Catholic Online notes the 14 Stations of the Cross are:

1. Jesus is condemned to death
2. Jesus carries the cross
3. Jesus falls for the first time
4. Jesus meets with His Mother
5. Simon of Cyrene

helps Jesus carry the cross

6. Veronica wipes the face of Jesus

7. Jesus falls a second time

8. Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem

9. Jesus falls a third time

10. Jesus's clothes are taken away

11. Jesus is nailed to the cross

12. Jesus dies on the cross

13. The body of Jesus is taken down from the cross

14. Jesus is laid in the tomb

The Stations of the Cross are an important Easter tradition that shed light on Jesus's resurrection. Individuals interested in praying the Stations of the Cross are urged to contact a local church so they can engage in this moving Christian tradition.

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By Tom Latek  
 Kentucky Today

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The bat was discovered in the basement of a home in that area, so Environmental Health

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LFCHD's Epidemiology and Environmental Health divisions have contacted the individual identified in the bite report to ensure they receive appropriate follow-up care. Residents who believe they or their pets may have had contact with any animal acting abnormally are urged

to contact the health department immediately.

Rabies is a fatal but preventable disease. Transmission can occur through a bite or through contact with an infected animal's saliva via the eyes, nose, mouth or an open wound. Bats have very small teeth, and a bite mark may not always be visible. Public health officials say if you are unsure whether or not you were exposed, do not wait to seek guidance.

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# Flags ordered to half-staff in honor of Bardstown soldier

By **TOM LATEK**  
*Kentucky Today*

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – Governor Andy Beshear has ordered that flags at all state office buildings will be lowered to half-staff from sunrise to sunset on Saturday, April 11, in honor of a Kentucky airman who died while supporting Operation Epic Fury.

According to the U.S. Department of War, U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Ashley B. Pruitt, 34, of Bardstown, Kentucky, died March 12 in the crash of a KC-135 refueling tanker in

western Iraq. She was assigned to 6th Air Refueling Wing, MacDill Air Force Base, Florida.

In addition to Pruitt, the DoW identified the five other KC-135 crew members who were killed in the crash as:

--Maj. John A. Klinner, 33, of Auburn, Alabama.

--Capt. Ariana G. Savino, 31, of Covington, Washington.

--Capt. Seth R. Koval, 38, of Mooresville, Indiana.

--Capt. Curtis J. Angst, 30, of Wilmington, Ohio.

--Tech. Sgt. Tyler H. Simmons, 38, of Columbus, Ohio.

A funeral service for Pruitt will be held Saturday at New Salem Baptist Church Cemetery in Cox's Creek, Kentucky.

Pruitt was the second service member from Kentucky who has been killed during Operation Epic Fury. Sgt. Benjamin Pennington of Glendale in Hardin County was the other. He died on

March 9 after an enemy attack at Prince Sultan Air Base in Saudi Arabia.

Individuals, businesses and organizations throughout the state are encouraged to join in the tribute.

**Ashley Pruitt of Bardstown, Ky., was among six airmen killed last week during Operation Epic Fury during a refueling crash.**



# 52nd anniversary of 1974 super tornado outbreak

By **TOM LATEK**  
*Kentucky Today*

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – Friday, April 3, marked the 52nd anniversary of the 1974 super tornado outbreak that killed 315 and injured more than 5,800 more in the eastern United States, including 77 deaths in Kentucky.

While there were fatalities in 13 Kentucky counties, the hardest hit area was Meade County, where 31 people died when an F5 tornado, the strongest category on the Fujita scale – tore through Brandenburg. It first touched down in neighboring Breckinridge County causing F3 damage, then intensified as it moved into Meade County. Its total path was 32 miles. Eighteen of the fatalities occurred along Green Street in Brandenburg, and the town's downtown area was also devastated.



**Destruction from the 1974 tornado outbreak that caused severe damage and loss of life in Meade County. Friday, April 3, is the 52nd anniversary of the tragedy in Kentucky.**

Of the 59 tornadoes that have been rated as an F5 or EF5 in United States history, the Brandenburg tornado is still the only F5 ever in Kentucky.

The death toll by county was Boyle 1, Clinton 8, Franklin 4, Hardin 2, Jefferson 3, Madison 7, Meade 31, Nelson 1, Pulaski 6,

Rockcastle 1, Simpson 1, Warren 2, and Wayne 4.

The longest path was 79 miles for an F4 tornado that struck Anderson, Franklin and Scott counties. It was one of the widest of the outbreak, at over one mile. 120 homes, businesses and factories were severely

damaged or destroyed in southern parts of Frankfort. In addition to four deaths, over 120 were injured. That storm also dropped three-inch hail, measured by the lockmaster at Kentucky river Lock and Dam 4.

The super tornado outbreak, which ranks as the

second-worst ever behind one that occurred in 2011, affected 13 states and the Canadian province of Ontario.

A total of 148 tornadoes were confirmed in the outbreak. Of them, ranging from weakest to strongest, 15 were rated as F0, 37 were F1, 31 were F2,

35 were F3, 23 were F4 and seven were F5.

In all, tornadoes affected 39 counties across Kentucky, killing 77 people, injuring 1,377, and impacting 1,800 farms and 6,625 families. The state suffered \$110 million in damages.

Many of the deaths and injuries occurred due to a combination of the sheer number of intense tornadoes and a somewhat poor dissemination system. Today, with new advances in Doppler radar technology, extensive forecaster training, proactive warning operations, and enhanced communications systems, National Weather Service forecasters effectively observe and assess severe storms and provide advanced warning for those in harm's way.

## Community Foundation of West Kentucky distributes grants to non-profits in 11 counties

Paducah, KY, - Area non-profits working to ease food insecurity have been awarded a new grant from The Critical Community Needs: Feeding the Hungry fund through the Community Foundation of West Kentucky. Over two dozen non-profits in 11 regional counties were notified of the grants in March.

CFWK Director of Grants, Compliance and Special Projects Julie McKeel said the response to the project was significant. "Organizations in every county in western Kentucky are on the front lines of trying to relieve food insecurity in their community. It can be a struggle to find the financial resources to meet the demand, but we hope the Feeding the Hungry grant will make a difference."

"Food is one of the most basic human needs, and the non-profits receiving these grants assist the elderly, children, and families

through hot meals and supplemental groceries, and we are pleased to help them help others," McKeel said.

Those receiving grants were:

Barren County River Lake Church, Inc.

Ballard County Ballard County Senior Center

Calloway County Murray-Calloway County Needleline; Soup for the Soul

Carlisle County Bethlehem Baptist Church; Milburn United Methodist Church (also serves Ballard, Hickman and Graves counties)

Fulton County Kenn-Tenn Foodbank Inc.

Graves County Mayfield-Graves County Needleline and Food Pantry; First Assembly of God; Saint Vincent de Paul Society;

Hope Center Mayfield/Hope for Life Pregnancy Care Center Inc. (also serves Carlisle, Fulton, and Hickman); Mayfield Enrichment Center (also serves Calloway, Fulton,

Hickman and McCracken)

Hickman County Hickman County Cooperative Ministry

Livingston County Ohio Valley Baptist Church

Marshall County Three Crosses Church - Helping Hands Food Pantry; Marcella's Kitchen; Marshall County Caring, Inc. and Needleline,

McCracken County Community Ministries Inc.; Paducah Cooperative Ministry; Heart USA/Healthcare Equip.; The Salvation Army (Paducah Corps - also serves Ballard, Livingston, Marshall counties); Highland Baptist Church (also serves Ballard, Graves, and Livingston counties); Women Aware, Inc. DBA Merryman House Domestic Crisis Center (also serves Ballard, Calloway, Carlisle, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, and Marshall counties)

Union County Sturgis First Christian Church;

Happy Pack, Inc.

The Critical Community Needs: Feeding the Hungry grants were made possible with a contribution from the Biggs Endowment, established by former Paducah Mayor and Community Foundation founder, the late Gerry Biggs Montgomery, in honor of her parents. Additional donations from CFWK and various donors were also contributed to the Critical Needs Fund. The grants ranged between \$250 and \$2,500 per award.

Plans for the Critical Community Needs: Feeding the Hungry grant were initiated in late 2025 by the Community Foundation in partnership with Dr. Evelyn Montgomery Jones and her siblings, in response to an increased need for food assistance throughout western Kentucky.

The Community Foundation of West Kentucky, one of eight accredited community foundations in Kentucky, is proud

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# Interactive crop scouting clinic offered for new and experienced agriculturalists on May 28

By Jennifer Elwell  
University of Kentucky

PRINCETON, Ky.— The Kentucky Agriculture Training School (KATS), part of UK Cooperative Extension at the Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, is offering an interactive crop scouting clinic at the University of Kentucky Research and Education Center on May 28.

According to KATS coordinator Lori Rogers, the program will be beneficial for producers and scouts of all experience levels.

“This hands-on workshop is ideal for agriculture interns, new ag agents and producers, and it can



The hands-on crop scouting clinic will be helpful for producers and scouts of all experience levels. (Photo provided by Lori Rogers)

serve as a refresher for others as the growing season is getting started,” Rogers said.

From 8:30 am to 3:30 pm CT, participants will learn to scout

for corn and soybean diseases and insects as well as identify corn and soybean growth

stages and weeds. Soil nutrients and their influence on crop growth will also be showcased.

Educational credits have been approved for certified crop advisors and pesticide applicators:

CCA - 6.5 CEUs  
Pesticide - 3 CEUs for Category 1A, 3 CEU for Category 10

The clinic will be held at 300 Extension Farm Road, Princeton, Kentucky. Participants are encouraged to dress for outdoor fieldwork. Lunch will be provided.

Pre-registration is required and will be open until May 25. The cost is \$105.

Contact Lori Rogers at [lori.rogers@uky.edu](mailto:lori.rogers@uky.edu) or 270-365-7541 ext. 21317 for more information.

## Kentucky gas prices continue to rise as national average spikes

By TOM LATEK  
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – The nation’s average price of gasoline has risen 11.8 cents over the last week and is now \$4.13 per gallon, according to GasBuddy® data compiled from more than 12 million individual price reports covering 150,000 gas stations across the country.

As of Tuesday morning, the nation-

al average is up 65.1 cents from a month ago and is 85.0 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. In Kentucky, the average price is around \$4.00 per gallon.

The national average price of diesel rose 20.7 cents in the last week and stands at \$5.576 per gallon. In Kentucky, the average price for diesel is \$5.25.

“Gasoline prices are poised for another jolt this week, with many

inland states, including the Plains, Great Lakes, and parts of the Rockies, likely to see sharp increases as last week’s surge in wholesale costs has yet to be fully passed through to consumers,” said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

“In addition,” he continued, “some price-cycling markets could also see another round of increases. As a result, the national

average could rise by double digits, potentially reaching the \$4.20 to \$4.35 per gallon range in the days ahead. Diesel prices continue to climb as well and now sit just 25 cents away from setting a new all-time record.

De Haan also noted, “Recent escalations between the U.S. and Iran have further intensified concerns about prolonged disruptions to global oil flows, keeping mar-

kets on edge. At this point, the trajectory of fuel prices remains highly uncertain and is largely contingent on the reopening of the Strait of Hormuz. Until that occurs, the risk of further increases remains firmly in place.”

As painful as these prices are today, in the past they have been even higher in Kentucky. With GasBuddy records dating back to 2008, the highest statewide average

was on June 16, 2022, when it reached \$5.03 per gallon for regular gas. On the other hand, the lowest average price in Kentucky was on December 29, 2008, when during the height of the “Great Recession” it dropped to \$1.59 per gallon.

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