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Scholarship tax credit program coming to Kentucky families

(KT) – Kentucky has officially opted in to the scholarship tax credit program that is part of the 2025 One Big Beautiful Bill Act. Secretary of State Michael Adams signed the documentation with the Internal Revenue Service during a news conference on Wednesday. Gov. Andy Beshear had vetoed the measure, but the veto was overridden by the Republican-dominated General Assembly.

Kentucky families will soon be able to take advantage of the dollar-for-dollar federal tax credit of up to \$1,700 per year for contributions to approved Scholarship Granting Organizations. These actions will position Kentucky students to benefit from the federal program, which will cover a variety of educational costs for books, instruction materials, tutoring and academic programs.

Adams also signed a state regulation to establish the procedures for submitting, reviewing, and processing filings for Scholarship Granting Organizations (SGO) in Kentucky.



“This President, Congress, General Assembly and Secretary of State have Kentucky students’ backs,” Adams said. “All eligible Kentucky students – public, private and home-schooled – will soon have access to better and more affordable education.”

State Rep. Kim Moser, R-Taylor Mill, the primary sponsor of House Bill 1, said she appreciated Adams’ work on the regulations. “Now the work shifts from Frankfort to our communities. This program will only succeed if Kentuckians step forward. I encourage

community leaders, nonprofit organizations, business leaders, philanthropists and individuals to consider establishing Scholarship Granting Organizations or supporting those that do. Our students in public and private schools will see the benefit.”

With the regulation filed Wednesday, nonprofit entities and foreign nonprofit entities with confirmed tax-exempt 501(c)(3) public charity status may file the SGO declaration form in person or by mail, with an online filing option through the Secretary of State’s Fast Track website to be available shortly.

Kentucky’s list of SGOs will be sent to the federal government by January 1, 2027, when SGOs can begin receiving qualifying donations. The federal tax credit will apply to qualifying contributions made during the 2027 tax year after Kentucky’s list of SGOs is submitted to the IRS, and taxpayers may claim and receive the credit when filing their 2027 federal income tax returns in 2028.

Beshear restores cuts to Medicaid, GOP leader says governor is ‘crying wolf’

(KT) – Gov. Andy Beshear announced on Wednesday that his administration is taking \$255 million from what it called “unanticipated revenue” to restore cuts made to Medicaid in the budget passed by the General Assembly.

“This means that the providers and services our families rely on will not be at risk this year, there will be no four percent cuts,” Beshear said during a Frankfort news conference. “Normally these dollars would go to the Rainy Day Fund. But even with this reversal of cuts, I will still deposit over 400 million unexpected dollars in that fund. By the end of the fiscal year [June 30, 2027], I believe I will ultimately deposit over a billion of unexpected dollars in the Rainy Day fund.”

Beshear added, “In the past, this might have required action by the General Assembly. But leadership of the General Assembly, including

direct quotes from the Speaker of the House, have repeatedly stated that they have given me more flexibility to manage the budget. Today I’m taking them at their word.”

Cabinet for Health and Family Services Secretary Dr. Steven Stack pointed out, “In the budget that was passed, there were numerous shortfalls for the Cabinet for Health and Family Services that made it difficult, if not impossible, at times to advance our visions. For Medicaid specifically, not a single new dollar was provided to sustain inflationary growth over the next two years.”

According to Stack, additional money in the CHFS budget was for required new services and due to inflation.

Beshear said he will ask the General Assembly to re-open the second year of the two-year budget, covering the period from July 1, 2027 to

June 30, 2028, when lawmakers return to Frankfort in January.

House Speaker David Osborne, R-Prospect, accused Beshear of trying to scare Kentuckians. “Lawmakers approved more funding for Medicaid than the governor requested in the budget proposal originally filed by the House Minority,” he said.

“Neither the governor, nor his administration have provided any actual evidence of why they need more money. Rather than frightening vulnerable Kentuckians - including children, individuals with profound disabilities, and seniors - with threats of cuts, it’s time to stop crying wolf, and start managing Medicaid with the seriousness, transparency, and accountability Kentuckians expect.”

Finding Flavor Along KY’s Great River Road Local Restaurants Serve Up Memories Along the MS River

By: Laurna Todd
KPI Writer

The best part of a road trip is often the unexpected meal that turns into a lasting memory. Along Kentucky’s Great River Road, travelers will find more than scenic views of the Mississippi River. The National Scenic Byway offers beautiful landscapes, historic communities and a variety of locally owned restaurants serving flavors that reflect the people and traditions of western Kentucky. Traveling through Ballard County, visitors entering from the north first reach Kevil, home of Burg-



er Bar, where diners enjoy hand-crafted burgers along with hand-breaded fish, chicken and shrimp that keep customers coming back. Continuing to LaCenter, visitors will discover a variety of local favorites. Fred & Katie’s Place features an extensive menu with popular daily specials. Bomber Grill provides convenient drive-through service for those looking for a quick and tasty stop. Smokey D’s has earned a following for its award-winning barbecue, while Mimmie’s Pizza offers great pizza, wings and cold beer. Blue Grass Restaurant,

a community staple since 1951, is known for hearty Southern home-style meals and its award-winning catfish. Mi Rancho Mexican Grill serves authentic Mexican cuisine, adding even more variety to LaCenter’s dining options. The route continues to Barlow, where Chub’s Bar & Grill has become well known for gourmet-style beef burgers and a welcoming atmosphere. In Wickliffe, visitors can enjoy generous fish plates at Fish Daddies, one of the area’s newest dining spots, while Hillbilly BBQ continues to satisfy barbecue lovers with smoked bologna, chicken and tender ribs. Beyond Ballard County, the Great River Road continues to offer memorable dining experiences. In Carlisle County, Carol’s Homestyle Cooking in Bardwell remains a favorite for country breakfasts, Southern lunches and traditional meat-and-three meals. In Fulton County, The

Keg Bar & Grill offers hand-pattied burgers, brisket and a relaxed place to gather with family and friends. In Hickman County, Hub’s Restaurant has built a loyal following with blackened steaks, prime rib and jumbo shrimp. These restaurants are only a sampling of the many locally owned eateries found along Kentucky’s Great River Road. Each community offers its own unique flavors, family recipes and hometown hospitality. What makes a restaurant memorable is often that one dish guests cannot stop talking about—a perfectly smoked barbecue plate, crispy fried catfish, a juicy burger or a homemade dessert made from a recipe passed down through generations. Signature dishes give restaurants their identity and create stories that customers share with friends and family. Dining out is about more than the food on the plate. It is about gathering with loved



ones, supporting local businesses and enjoying the moments that happen around the table. So the next time you travel Kentucky’s Great River Road, take time to stop, explore and taste what local restaurants have to offer. Create memories, support your neighbors and let someone else do the cooking while you enjoy the journey.



Kevil Commission Approves Budget, LED Upgrades

By: Laurna Todd
KPI Writer

KEVIL — The Kevil City Commission approved several ordinances and discussed infrastructure improvements during its regular monthly meeting held June 5. Mayor Charles Burnley presided over the meeting with Commissioners Ronnie

Rathman, Walt Burnley, Bruce Romaine and Debbie Bridges in attendance, along with City Manager Tim Myatt and City Clerk Christy Bishop. Commissioners approved the minutes from the previous regular meeting as well as the previous special called meeting before moving forward with the

remainder of the agenda. Among the items discussed was the city’s street lighting system. Commissioners reviewed information and maps regarding Kentucky Utilities street lights and agreed to remove several street lights within the city limits. The city also plans to convert existing

street lights to energy-efficient LED fixtures. The commission approved the second reading of Ordinance 2026-01, amending the city’s water and sewer rates. Commissioners also approved the second reading of Ordinance 2026-02, establishing the city’s property tax rates, and the second

reading of Ordinance 2026-03, adopting the city’s annual budget. In addition, the commission approved the first reading of Ordinance 2026-04, prohibiting unsafe, unfit or hazardous structures within the city. Commissioners also directed that a cleanup letter be sent regarding the property located at 198

Kentucky Ave. Citizens are encouraged to attend the Kevil City Commission’s monthly meetings, which are held on the first Friday of each month. The meetings are open to the public and provide residents with an opportunity to stay informed about city business and community projects.

Your Next Job Could Change a Life at Ballard Co. Schools



By: Laurna Todd
KPI Writer

Those looking for an opportunity to make a positive impact in the lives of students have several employment opportunities available with Ballard County Schools. Current openings include Head Baseball Coach positions at both Ballard Memorial High

School and Ballard County Middle School. Certified teaching positions are also available in High School Math, Middle School Science, First Grade General Education, and Moderate-Severe Special Education, according to the district’s employment listing. In addition to certified positions, Ballard County Schools

is also accepting applications for bus drivers, bus monitors, custodians, and substitute employees. These essential staff members play a vital role in creating a safe, welcoming, and successful learning environment for students every day. Whether serving in the classroom, on the athletic field, behind the wheel of a school bus, or

helping maintain school facilities, every position offers an opportunity to make a lasting difference in a child’s life. Applications for all available positions can be completed online through the district’s employment portal. You can call the school for more information of application process.

Asian Carp Forum to Highlight Innovation, Jobs & River Conservation

By: Laurna Todd
KPI Writer

Two Rivers Fisheries, the Ballard County Chamber of Commerce and the City of Wickliffe invite the public to attend the Asian Carp Industrial Chain Forum on Wednesday, July 29, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Fort Jefferson Memorial Cross Welcome Center, 1148 Wickliffe Road in Wickliffe. The forum will bring together commercial fishermen, seafood buyers, pet food and feed manufacturers, government agencies, researchers, policy-makers, investors and industry leaders to discuss the growing opportunities surrounding the utilization of invasive Asian carp.

For more than 15 years, Two Rivers Fisheries has worked alongside fishermen, government agencies and industry partners to transform invasive Asian carp from an

environmental problem into a valuable economic resource. Today, the fish is used in food products, pet food, fishmeal, fish oil, fertilizer, fish leather and other value-added products, creating jobs while helping protect the Mississippi and Ohio River ecosystems.

Throughout the morning, attendees will hear presentations on industry growth, market opportunities, commercial fishing updates, government programs and policies, and collaborative discussions focused on strengthening the future of the industry. Organizers hope the forum will encourage new partnerships, innovative ideas and practical solutions that benefit both local communities and America’s waterways. Following the forum, guests are invited to a complimentary Taste of the River Asian Carp Banquet, hosted by Two Rivers Fisher-

ies. The luncheon will feature a variety of dishes prepared from Asian carp, giving attendees the opportunity to experience the quality, flavor and versatility of products already available in the marketplace. Adding to the excitement, National Geographic will be in attendance to film and document the event, highlighting the innovative work taking place in Western Kentucky and the collaborative efforts to turn an invasive species into an economic success story. Organizers encourage community members, businesses and anyone interested in conservation, economic development or the future of the region’s waterways to attend this unique event. Admission is free, and everyone is welcome to join the conversation and experience firsthand how innovation is creating new opportunities for the river economy.

The Olive Branch to Host Back-to-School Bash July 25

By: Laurna Todd
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As families prepare for a new school year, The Olive Branch in LaCenter is once again stepping up to help local students head back to the classroom with confidence. The organization’s annual Back-to-School Bash will be held Friday, July 25, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 6236 Paducah Road in LaCenter. The free community event is designed to ease the financial burden many families face during back-to-school season while creating a fun day for children and parents alike. Students will receive free school supplies, including backpacks, pencils, crayons, colored pencils, notebooks, loose-leaf paper and other classroom essentials while supplies last. In addition to the giveaway,

families can enjoy music, fellowship and shopping with local vendors throughout the day. Several special attractions are planned, including free haircuts from 10 a.m. until noon, a foam party from noon to 1 p.m., Retro Entertainment from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and a Tinker Toys bounce house available throughout the event. The Olive Branch is also continuing to accept donations of school supplies leading up to the event. Community members who would like to help can donate new school items to ensure as many students as possible are equipped for the upcoming school year. Organizers say the Back-to-School Bash is more than just a supply giveaway—it’s an opportunity for the community to come together, encourage

local families and help students begin the school year prepared for success. BBQ Fundraiser to Follow Just a few days later, The Olive Branch will host its annual Legacy BBQ Fundraiser on Tuesday, July 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The fundraiser helps support the ministry’s ongoing community outreach efforts. The menu includes a \$12 BBQ plate with barbecue, baked beans and potato salad or a \$12 half-chicken plate with baked beans and potato salad. Large orders should be preordered, with delivery available for qualifying orders. Proceeds from the fundraiser will help The Olive Branch continue serving families throughout the region with programs and assistance offered year-round.

WAVE Ag Initiative to Celebrate Agriculture with Regional Events

By: Laurna Todd
KPI Writer

Agriculture will take center stage in western Kentucky as the WAVE Ag Initiative hosts two back-to-back events designed to celebrate farming, showcase innovation, and bring together producers, agribusiness leaders, and community members from across the region. The 10th Annual WAVE Ag Day will be held Thursday, July 30, at Columbus-Belmont State Park in Columbus, Kentucky. The annual event carries the theme “Building Bridges Through Partnerships” and offers an opportunity for farmers, agricultural professionals, businesses, educators, and community leaders to network while learning about the latest developments in agriculture. The day begins with a complimentary breakfast and vendor viewing from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m., followed by the official program and awards ceremony beginning at 9:30 a.m. Featured keynote speakers include Greg Peterson, better known nationwide as “Machinery Pete,” a Farm Journal personality recognized for his expertise in farm equipment values and agricultural markets, and Kentucky Commissioner of Agriculture Jonathan Shell, who will share updates on Kentucky agriculture and the future of the industry. Attendees will also have the opportunity



to visit with vendors, connect with agricultural organizations, and hear from leaders working to strengthen Kentucky’s agricultural economy. The celebration continues the following day with a special free public event titled “Agriculture: A Past to Uphold...A Future to Mold,” on Friday, July 31, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Ballard County Fairgrounds in LaCenter. Open to the public at no cost, the event combines agriculture’s rich heritage with cutting-edge technology. One of the day’s highlights will be an Antique Tractor Show, where exhibitors can compete for \$500 in cash prizes and special awards including Best Restored Tractor, Best Original Tractor, People’s Choice, Longest Distance Traveled, and the Judge’s Choice Award selected by Machinery Pete. All makes and models are welcome. Greg Peterson will

also serve as the event’s celebrity judge, while keynote speaker Quint Pottinger, a Kentucky farmer recognized for planting a crop using a driverless tractor, will discuss the role of innovation and technology in modern farming. Visitors will have the opportunity to see presentations from companies featuring autonomous equipment, precision agriculture, artificial intelligence, robotics, data-driven decision making, and other emerging technologies shaping the future of farming. A sponsored lunch will be served at noon before the program concludes with an awards ceremony. Organizers say the two-day celebration is designed to honor agriculture’s past while embracing the innovations that will guide its future. Whether attending the educational sessions at WAVE Ag Day or enjoying the family-friendly exhibits and antique tractors in LaCenter, participants will find opportunities to learn, network, and celebrate one of Kentucky’s most important industries. The WAVE Ag Initiative encourages farmers, agribusiness professionals, students, and the general public to attend one or both events as the region comes together to recognize agriculture’s enduring impact and promising future.



Pennyroyal Scuba Center hosts over 100 female divers for annual event at quarry

Divers from across Kentucky and surrounding states gathered at Pennyroyal Scuba Center on Saturday to celebrate the eighth annual Women’s Dive Day.

By Wesley Irvin
Christian County Now
Special to West KY News

HOPKINSVILLE, KY (CHRISTIAN COUNTY NOW) – The Pennyroyal Scuba Center in Hopkinsville welcomed divers from across Kentucky and surrounding states to celebrate the eighth annual Women’s Dive Day, an event that featured diving, games, educational opportunities and a fundraiser benefiting adaptive diving programs.

Held on July 18, the local event is part of a worldwide celebration held on the third Saturday of July that recognizes women in the scuba diving community while encouraging new participants to get involved in the sport.

“This event was started several years ago by a training agency called PADI. We started hosting them here eight years ago as part of the collaboration,” said



Christian County Now | Womens Dive Day at the Pennyroyal Scuba Center on July 18, 2026 (Wesley Irvin)

Kris Tapp, owner of Pennyroyal Scuba Center.

Recent growth of event in Hopkinsville
According to Tapp, what began as a small gathering has grown into a regional event

drawing participants, dive shops and scuba manufacturers from across the region. The event included fun dives, an underwater treasure hunt, “try Scuba experiences” for beginners, and vendor exhibits. This year’s fundraiser benefited

Life Waters, a nonprofit organization that provides adaptive scuba diving opportunities for people with disabilities. Women divers received free admission for the day, while certified divers

could participate in the treasure hunt and other activities. Those interested in scuba diving but not yet certified also had the opportunity to try the sport through free introductory dives. “We also do what we call ‘Try Scubas’

for folks who are interested in diving but they’re not ready to pull the trigger as far as investing the money to get certified just yet,” Tapp said. “So it’s an opportunity they can come in and do a free ‘Try Scuba’ to see if they like it.” Attendance continued to grow this year, with organizers reporting approximately 140 participants in the underwater treasure hunt and more than 160 registered attendees overall, in addition to recreational divers visiting the quarry. Dive shops from Nashville, Louisville, Indianapolis and other regional communities participated. The event also featured Stephanie Miele, an inductee into the Women Divers Hall of Fame. Those interested in learning more about scuba certification or future events can visit Pennyroyal Scuba Center’s website.

KY AG Development Board approves more than \$1.7 million for projects across the Commonwealth

Funded projects focus on agricultural diversification, rural development

From: Kentucky Department of Agriculture

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board approved \$1,740,515 for agricultural diversification and rural development projects across the Commonwealth Friday at its monthly board meeting. “Diversification is at the heart of today’s agriculture success,” Commissioner of Agriculture and Board Chair Jonathan Shell said. “The projects awarded today by the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board accomplish that goal of diversification and, in turn, provide greater strength to our farming communities

and our state.”
County and State Funded Projects
• Eagle Mill Farms, LLC dba Pepper’s Hardin County Milling was approved for multi-county funds matched by state funds to upgrade a modern feed facility. The board also referred the applicant to the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation. For more information, contact Matthew Morgan at mmorgan.hcmc@comcast.net.
• Genuine Fertilizer Solutions LLC was approved for multi-county funds matched by state funds to expand production equipment and storage

capacity. The board also referred the applicant to the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation. For more information, contact Tom Daniel at tdaniel@genfertsol.net.
• Kentucky Department of Agriculture was approved up to \$62,000 in state funds to establish a statewide monitoring and education program targeting the invasive yellow-legged hornet. For more information, contact Amanda Skidmore at amanda.skidmore@ky.gov.
County Programs:
County Agricultural Incentives Program

(CAIP) provides Kentucky agricultural producers with cost-share assistance on practices to allow them to improve and diversify their current farm operations. CAIP covers a wide variety of agricultural enterprises in its 11 incentive areas, including, but not limited to, beef and dairy cattle; farm infrastructure, fencing, and water enhancement; equine; forage; goats and sheep; horticulture; poultry; swine; bees and honey; timber and technology, as well as energy efficiency and production; marketing; and value-added production.
Twelve CAIPs, totaling \$1,579,515, were

approved in the following counties:
• Anderson (\$107,231)
• Barren (\$297,490)
• Bell (\$119,294)
• Fulton (\$38,000)
• Garrard (\$8,000)*
• Grant (\$200,000)
• Grayson (\$175,000)
• Greenup (\$202,714)
• Hickman (\$55,500)
• Nicholas (\$215,890)
• Warren (\$133,814)
• Whitley (\$26,582)
Deceased Farm Animal Removal (DAR) The Deceased Farm Animal Removal Program serves as a measure to facilitate the coordination of environmentally sound and cost-effective disposal of deceased livestock for Kentucky producers. One DAR, totaling \$10,000, was approved in Bourbon County.

Youth Agricultural Incentives Program (YAIP) YAIP encourages youth to engage in and explore agricultural opportunities. Four YAIPs, totaling \$89,000, were approved in the following counties:
• Barren (\$10,000)
• Grant (\$14,000)
• Grayson (\$30,000)
• Warren (\$35,000)
All application periods and deadlines for CAIP and YAIP will be advertised locally. For more information on KADB projects, contact Bill McCloskey at Kentucky Office of Agricultural Policy at (502) 382-6093 or email kafc@ky.gov.

Carlisle County Fair Board gears up for busy season of community events

By Laurna Todd
KPI Writer

The Carlisle County Fair Board is keeping busy with a full calendar of events designed to bring the community together while supporting one of the county’s most cherished traditions.

The first major event on the schedule is the Carlisle County Fair Board Silent Auction, taking place August 15–21 in the Carlisle County Fair Board Silent Auction Group on Facebook. Community members will have the opportunity to bid on a variety of donated items, including gift baskets, handmade crafts, gift certificates, local products, services, and unique experiences. Every

winning bid helps support the Fair Board’s mission of maintaining and improving the annual Carlisle County Fair for generations to come.

There is still time for businesses and individuals to donate auction items, but the Fair Board hopes the community’s focus will be on joining the fun by bidding, sharing the auction with friends, and supporting the organization that works year-round to make the fair a success.

The excitement doesn’t stop there.

The Fair Board is already looking ahead to its Free Family Fun Day on August 22, followed by plans for its Fall Festival on October



17. Organizers say preparations are already underway and are encouraging community members to get involved early.

The Fall Festival promises a day filled with family activities, entertainment, fellowship, local

shopping, and seasonal fun. The Fair Board is currently seeking vendors, sponsors, and volunteers to help make this year’s festival the biggest and best yet. Local businesses have an opportunity to gain community

visibility through sponsorships, vendors can reserve booth space to showcase their products and services, and volunteers are always needed to help make the event a success.

“The Fair Board has lots of things

happening over the next several months,” organizers said. “These events are only possible because of the incredible support we receive from our community.”

Residents are encouraged to mark their calendars, participate in the upcoming Silent Auction, enjoy the Free Family Fun Day, and begin planning now for the Fall Festival.

With several exciting events on the horizon, the Carlisle County Fair Board continues its mission of building traditions, creating memories, and bringing the community together through family-friendly events all year long.

Lettuce at Kentucky, Indiana Taco Bell locations is source of diarrhea-causing parasite outbreak

By Bill Barrow AP
WEVV
Special to West KY News

ATLANTA (AP) — Federal health officials have identified lettuce from Mexico served at Taco Bell locations across five U.S. states as a source of the widespread outbreak of diarrhea-causing parasite cyclospora.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention late Thursday warned consumers not to eat shredded iceberg lettuce from Taco Bell restaurants in Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio and West Virginia. A record number of cyclospora cases have been reported in more than 30 states, and experts have said not every recent U.S. illness might be caused by a single source.

A Food and Drug Administration investigation identified a single supplier of the lettuce. The federal warnings to consumers did not identify the company, but a federal official

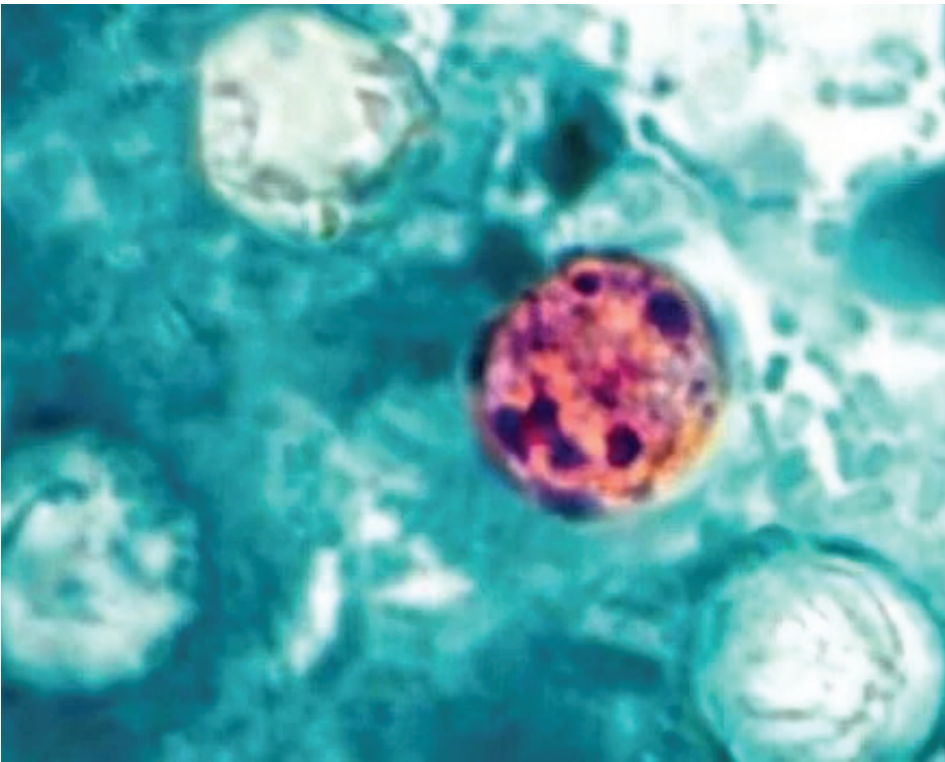
who was briefed on the investigation and not authorized to discuss it told The Associated Press it was Taylor Farms of Salinas, California.

Taylor Farms, which has been tied to foodborne outbreaks in the past, did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

“FDA is working with the supplier of iceberg lettuce to determine if potentially contaminated shredded iceberg lettuce remains on the market,” including in other states, the CDC said. “Taco Bell has committed to stop using any lettuce from the supplier identified by FDA’s traceback investigation.”

In a statement, federal health officials stressed that other “brands, restaurants, retailers, or distribution channels” could be identified as the investigation continues.

CDC, FDA and public health officials in several states have



been investigating a multistate outbreak of cyclospora infections.

More than 30 states have reported infections this year, and current data from them shows the number of infections surpassing the record U.S. mark of about 4,700 set in 2019. The illness is not usually life threatening and is typically treated with antibiotics.

On Tuesday, ahead of the federal government’s

confirmation, Taco Bell issued a statement saying it had “voluntarily and temporarily removed limited ingredients at select restaurants as a precautionary measure. We will continue to closely monitor the situation and follow the guidance of public health authorities.”

Cyclospora is a microscopic, spherical parasite that commonly causes watery diarrhea “with

frequent and sometimes explosive bowel movements,” according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Outbreaks tend to occur most often in the late spring and summer.

The heat-loving parasite infects the bowels and spreads through feces. In the past, people have been infected by consuming fruits or vegetables that were exposed to

feces-contaminated irrigation water.

The illness, called cyclosporiasis, is less common than foodborne illnesses caused by other germs, including salmonella and E. coli. Many cases are never linked to a specific food or other source and, for years, few U.S. cyclospora outbreaks were reported. But the number started rising about a decade ago, with a particularly notable spike in 2018 and 2019.

Experts say it’s likely that cyclospora cases historically were underreported, in part because some common tests used to check for food poisoning have not been geared to detect cyclospora. They attribute the increasing trend in cases to climate change and better detection.

Taylor Farms also was tied to a 2013 cyclosporiasis outbreak linked to salad mix and a 2024 E. coli outbreak tied to onions served at McDonald’s.

Ark Encounter brings flood of tourists to Kentucky over 10 years

TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) — The Ark Encounter theme park in Grant County has resulted in a flood of new tourists to Kentucky. The life-size replica of the biblical Noah’s Ark opened 10 years ago, and lawmakers, Monday, got a briefing on the park’s success.

Eddie Lutz, director of attraction and resource sales for the Ark Encounter told the General Assembly’s Interim Joint Committee on Tourism, Small Business and Information Technology that the attraction has seen more than 9 million guests, including 16,800 bus groups “almost exclusively all from out of state.”

He testified that Kentucky tourism has seen record-setting numbers for three years in a row with



rural Williamstown and Dry Ridge benefiting greatly from Ark Encounter visitors. Around 92 percent of those visiting the attraction are from outside a 200-mile radius.

“When coupled with the Creation Museum, we see 1.5 million visitors to the two attractions every

year,” Lutz said. Committee co-chair, Rep. Kim King, R-Harrodsburg, said she counted license plates in the parking lot from 15 other states when she visited the attraction recently.

Since 2016, 20 hotels have been built in Northern Kentucky to specifically handle

Ark Encounter guests. The organization partners with 51 hotels located in the vicinity.

“Just because they’re coming to the Ark doesn’t mean they’re necessarily on a faith-based tour. People want to have fun, they want to see something new, they want to see

something they can’t see anywhere else,” Lutz said.

Sen. Matt Nunn, R-Sadieville, said he was proud to have the Ark exhibit in his district and affirmed it as a huge economic driver, describing it as a “powerhouse throughout the region.”

Lutz said the Ark

Encounter partners with many other programs throughout Louisville and Lexington to promote attractions in other areas of the state.

The property also includes a 2,500-seat theater that hosts national conferences and other daily programing. A welcome center completed two months ago and the second largest restaurant in America are also on the 850-acre property, Lutz said.

Lutz said the Ark Encounter was a part of a Kentucky tourism tax incentive, which included a 10-year rebate on sales taxes.

Lutz added that the attraction makes money from event and ticket sales, but the development was built entirely from private donations. He estimates Ark Encounter employs between 1,100 and 1,400 people, depending on the time of year.

Kayak prize package offered by KDFWR in contest

TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – Experienced anglers can “Mentor to Win” a kayak prize package each time they take a new, eligible angler fishing this summer, hosted by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

The contest is free to enter and open to anyone licensed to fish in Kentucky for the 2026-2027 license year. The contest winner will receive a new kayak, paddle, personal flotation device and two spinning rod and reel combos.

Anglers 16-years-of age and older can mentor a new angler, also age 16 or older,

at least once this summer through Aug. 31 to be eligible for the prize package. Both mentor and mentee must possess a valid Kentucky fishing license for their outing. The new angler must have never purchased a Kentucky fishing license or must have not purchased an annual Kentucky fishing license in the last three years.

“Our goal with this program is to get as many people engaging in the outdoors as possible,” said Rachel Crume, Conservation Education Program coordinator for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. “We know that’s where most people are healthiest and happiest and it’s

our privilege to share this service with both seasoned anglers and the next generation.”

The mentor should use the MyProfile portal on the Fish and Wildlife website to enter the name and identification number of the person that they took fishing. Mentors can enter as many times as they like by taking multiple people fishing.

Excellent fishing opportunities are available year-round on waterbodies across Kentucky and can easily be found on the Waterbodies Search page. In addition to many large lakes and streams, more than 40 Fishing in Neighborhood (FINs) lakes are

located across the commonwealth to provide excellent fishing close to home.

Additional resources are available to help mentors and beginners alike learn anything they need to know to

get started fishing. The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Fishing landing page provides entry to many other digital resources including a quick start guide to Recreational Fishing, weekly Fishing Reports, statewide

Fish Stocking schedules and fishing advice and stories from seasoned pros.

Here is where you can find complete contest details <https://fw.ky.gov/Fish/Pages/Mentor-to-Win-A-Kayak.aspx>



Jessica Hartman of Harrodsburg was last year’s prize winner.

The many benefits of immunization

Over the course of the twentieth century, great strides were made in relation to diagnosing, treating and preventing disease. That work has continued into the twenty-first century, as the organization Voices for Vaccines notes that vaccines prevent more diseases now than they did even as recently as 30 years ago.

Despite the efficacy of vaccines, skepticism about them has been on the rise in recent years. According to the independent, nonpartisan policy institute the Center for American Progress, since the 2019-2020 school year, kindergarten vaccination rates for measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) have fallen below the 95 percent threshold required to maintain herd immunity. The herd immunity rate refers to the percentage of the population that must be immunized to prevent disease trans-



mission. The reduced rate of MMR vaccination among kindergarten students is thus increasing their risk for MMR. Indeed, the Kaiser Family Foundation reports that 39 of the 50 states are now below the 95 percent

herd immunity rate for measles. The data noted by the Center for American Progress and the KFF is troubling and suggests the public may have a lot to gain from a refresher course on the numer-

ous benefits of immunization. Vaccines have saved more than 150 million lives over the last half century. A 2024 study published in The Lancet estimated that vaccines saved 154 million lives across

the globe between 1974 and 2024. Researchers behind the study also noted that 95 percent of the lives saved during that 50-year period were children younger than five years old.

- Vaccines have a lasting effect. A 2024 report from researchers with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention noted that 117 million children were born in the United States between 1994 and 2023. The researchers behind the report estimated that over the lifetimes of those children, routine vaccinations would prevent 508 million cases of illness, 32 million hospitalizations, and one million deaths.
- Vaccines save money. Parents need not be reminded of the medical costs associated with children's health care. Vaccines can greatly reduce such costs, offering a net savings of \$540 billion in direct costs according to the 2024 report

from the CDC. A separate report published in the journal Pediatrics in 2014 estimated that every dollar spent on childhood vaccination saves \$3 in direct medical care.

- Vaccines are thoroughly vetted prior to being approved. Voices for Vaccines notes that vaccines are among the most tested medical interventions in the world. Vaccines are subjected to a rigorous, multi-phased testing process, which includes three separate phases of clinical development involving human beings, before they can even be submitted to the Federal Drug Administration for regulatory review and approval.

Vaccine skepticism has risen in recent years. But immunization remains a vital component of public health and a highly effective way to reduce illnesses and diseases in the present and for years to come.

The dangers of texting too much

Text messaging has become one of the most common forms of communication. Whether checking in with family, making plans with friends, or handling work-related conversations, sending a quick text is often easier than making a phone call. While texting offers convenience and keeps people connected, spending too much time communicating through messages can have negative effects on physical health, mental well-being, relationships, and even personal safety.

One of the most obvious dangers of excessive texting is distracted driving. According to safety experts, taking your eyes off the road for even a few seconds dramatically increases the risk of an accident. Reading or sending a text while driving can be just as dangerous as driving under the influence because it diverts visual, manual, and mental attention away from the road. Many states have enacted laws prohibiting texting

while driving, but the behavior continues to contribute to thousands of crashes each year.

Constant texting can also affect mental health. Many people feel pressure to respond immediately to every message they receive. This expectation can create stress, anxiety, and the feeling of always being "on call." Frequent notifications interrupt concentration, making it difficult to focus on school, work, or family activities. Some individuals

even experience "notification anxiety," checking their phones repeatedly even when no new messages have arrived.

Another concern is the impact on personal relationships. Although texting keeps people connected, it often replaces meaningful face-to-face conversations. Written messages lack tone of voice, facial expressions, and body language, making misunderstandings more likely. A simple joke or brief response can easily be

interpreted as rude or insensitive. Important conversations, especially those involving emotions or conflict, are generally more effective when held in person or over the phone.

Physical health can also suffer from excessive texting. Looking down at a phone for extended periods can lead to neck and shoulder pain, commonly called "text neck." Repetitive thumb movements may contribute to hand or wrist discomfort,

while prolonged screen time can cause eye strain, headaches, and disrupted sleep patterns. Using a phone late at night exposes the eyes to blue light, which may interfere with the body's natural sleep cycle and make it harder to fall asleep.

Too much texting may also reduce productivity. Constant interruptions from incoming messages make it difficult to complete tasks efficiently. Studies have shown that regaining focus

after a distraction can take several minutes, reducing overall concentration and increasing the likelihood of mistakes.

Fortunately, healthy texting habits can help reduce these risks. Turning off unnecessary notifications, avoiding phone use while driving, setting aside screen-free time, and prioritizing face-to-face conversations can improve both mental and physical well-being. Placing the phone away during meals, family gatherings, or before bedtime encourages more meaningful interactions and better rest.

Texting is a valuable communication tool when used responsibly. Like many forms of technology, moderation is key. By balancing digital communication with real-world interactions and using phones safely, people can enjoy the benefits of texting while avoiding many of its potential dangers.



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year. Demolition work for the Carlisle County High School gym floor replacement has also been completed, with new materials currently being ordered for installation. The district is also nearing completion of the replacement of refrigeration and freezer units in the school cafeteria, a project expected to wrap up early next week. Technology up-

grades have likewise continued throughout the summer, with new classroom computers now installed in every preschool, elementary, and middle school classroom. Computers for the high school and district offices have been ordered and will be installed upon arrival. The Board approved the monthly consent agenda, which included updated employee handbooks, district policies and procedures, the surplus of the preschool storage building, and

an amendment to the superintendent’s contract to comply with Kentucky Senate Bill 2. The legislation limits annual superintendent salary increases to no more than the percentage increase provided to classroom teachers. The next meeting of the Carlisle County Board of Education will be held on Monday, August 10, at 5:00 p.m. in the Carlisle County High School Library. The meeting is open to the public.

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for Jason Fraser to continue serving as Carlisle County Dog Warden with no changes to his compensation or duties. Additional administrative actions included approving carry-over budget codes for both the sheriff’s and county clerk’s offices and amending the county’s administrative code to reflect Kentucky’s new purchasing threshold.

Beginning July 15, 2026, the competitive bidding threshold will increase to \$50,000, with the limit scheduled to rise by \$10,000 each year thereafter. Guest Darren Rankin reported that work continues to move forward on the Milburn Water Project, telling the court that steady progress is being made. The Fiscal Court also approved the county clerk’s quarterly report and voted to contribute \$1,000 to Wave Ag Day.

Several financial transfers were approved, including \$30,000 each from the General Fund to the Sheriff’s Office, County Clerk’s Office, and Jail Fund, along with routine line-item transfers and county claims. At the conclusion of regular business, magistrates entered executive session to discuss personnel matters before returning to open session with no action reported. The meeting was then adjourned.

The Dog Days of Summer: David Taylor Chrysler in Mayfield, KY hosts ‘Kool Kars and Hot July Nights’



Lineup of classic and modern cars in the parking lot of the David Taylor dealership at Mayfield, KY. Photo credits for all photos: *Ciro Astarita*

By: **Ciro Astarita**
KPI Writer

The heat of the summer is in full swing this July in Graves County. This was felt at the most recent car show in Mayfield. On Saturday July 18th, ‘Kool Kars and Hot July Nights’ was hosted at the David Taylor Chrysler Dealership location at 50 Kentex Dr. Mayfield,

KY 42066. The event was intended to be from 11:00AM to 3PM, however cars started to leave after noon and many spectators and car owners felt the heat was too intense to bare. Thankfully for those who wanted to stick around, the dealership welcomed guests to come inside and stay cool. They also offered free water and com-

plimentary peanuts courtesy of Texas Roadhouse in Paducah, KY. Not only did they offer free peanuts, but David Taylor Chrysler gave out free subs and Longhorn Steakhouse(Paducah) even gave out icecream! The temperature reached 94° Degrees Farenheit, with the afternoon heat index reaching past 110°

Degrees. Given the circumstances, its understandable why many attendants couldn’t stay, however this WAS better than the opposite...Rain! This free car show was produced by American Traditions Event Production and is part of a series of car shows spanning across Western KY. Along with Bluegrass Top Gun Event Productions, there will be three more events coming up. Next is ‘Shift into September’. Rain or shine, this will take place September 5 at Cenral Park(Gil Hopson Dr.) in Murray, KY. No specific time has been announced yet.

The following event will take place in Metropolis, IL on September 12 from 10:00AM-4:00PM at the Massac County Youth Fairgrounds at 4476 Korte Rd Metropolis, IL 62960. The final car show will return to David Taylor Chrysler in Mayfield on Saturday October 17 later this year and is assumed to take place from 1 Western KY’s car culture proved its resilience. Despite the deadly heat and the ever beating sun, car collectors and automotive enthusiasts made sure to come out and support this local gathering.

If you are interested in keeping up to date on these upcoming car shows, you can follow Top Gun Car Shows on Facebook or call either of these phone numbers: 270-970-0883 or 270-205-2812.



PUBLIC NOTICE

Harmoni Towers Gateway, LLC and Kentucky RSA No. 1 Partnership by Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, its Managing Partner are filing an application with the Kentucky Public Service Commission (“PSC”) to construct a new wireless communications facility on a site located at 10461 US 62, Bardwell, KY 42023 (36° 55’ 19.60” North latitude, 88° 50’ 49.98” West longitude). You may contact the PSC for additional information concerning this matter at: Kentucky Public Service Commission, Executive Director, 211 Sower Boulevard, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602. Please refer to docket number 2026-00197 in any correspondence sent in connection with this matter.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Carlisle County Board of Health Meeting
When: Thursday August, 6th 2026
Where: Carlisle County Health Center
62 John Roberts Drive Bardwell, KY 42023
Time: 7:30 AM

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Teacher, student reps added to State Board of Education

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – The Kentucky Department of Education has announced two new, non-voting members of the State Board of Education, the teacher and student representatives.

Stephanie Phillips, a family consumer sciences teacher at Paul Blazer High School in the Ashland Independent School District, said she grew up believing she was going to be a teacher.

“From the time I was little, I taught my teddy bears and those kinds of things,” she said.

Her career started

in early childhood education but eventually, she moved to the high school level to teach family consumer sciences as part of Ashland Independent’s career and technical education (CTE) program. She has been in her current role with the district for 14 years.

Living in Greenup County and growing up in Ashland, where she works now, Phillips said she has seen many challenges associated with the career opportunities that are available to young students once they graduate. She said the challenges often get overlooked, though, and she’s eager to be an advocate



Stephanie Phillips, last on the right, poses with students from her Child Development Services 2 course during the 2025-2026 school year as they celebrated graduation. Photo courtesy Stephanie Phillips

for the region.

Trace Brooking, a junior at Glasgow High School in the Glasgow Independent School District, said he’s excited for the opportunity to serve on the board and be-

lieves it’s important to give students more of a voice in state-level discussions.

“I’m big on civil representation, especially in legislation and policies that affect us,” he stated.

While serving on the KBE, Brooking

plans to connect with principals, superintendents, teachers and students around Kentucky to find out what issues are important to them.

Brooking became interested in government in 8th grade when he started following news about the national government and the United Nations, which has now inspired him to help students better understand and increase student representation in government.

Both Phillips and Brooking will serve in their respective roles on the state school board through June 30, 2027.



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Texting thumb pain is real and here's how to ease the ache

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

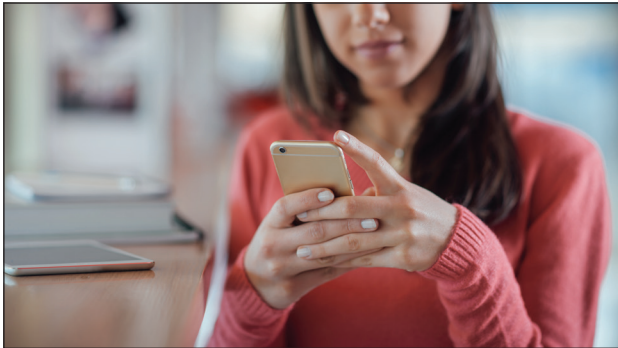
LEXINGTON, Ky. (KT) – Our lives are practically inseparable from smart phones nowadays, but our phones do not seem to have been designed with ergonomics in mind, so you may suffer from what is commonly called “texting thumb.”

Dr. Maureen O'Shaughnessy, a hand surgeon for UK HealthCare Orthopaedic Surgery and Sports Medicine, says, “As hand surgeons, we have noticed a higher incidence of thumb

aches and pains that coincides with the use of portable smart devices. Texting thumb is believed to be related to the abnormal use of the thumb caused by fine, repetitive motions in an irregular posture while using a device close to the body.”

She explains some of the symptoms and results.

“If you have texting thumb, you may feel pain throughout your thumb and wrist. Symptoms can range from a dull, throbbing ache to a more severe stabbing pain. Nerve



irritation from either underlying carpal tunnel or the abnormal posture compressing the nerves to the thumb and hand can lead to numbness and tingling. Flexor tendinitis can develop in the thumb flexor and may eventually result

in a trigger thumb.” O'Shaughnessy notes that pain which persists or that lasts longer than a few weeks warrants medical evaluation to ensure that nothing more serious is going on.

She describes some

of the treatment options. “If symptoms persist, a brace can support your joints and tendons when not in use. Stretching exercises can also keep your hand and fingers loose to help prevent injury. Topical and oral anti-inflammatories might be useful. Topical diclofenac gel is now available over the counter and is a safe medication for pain relief without systemic side effects.”

O'Shaughnessy adds there here are several things you can do to reduce your risk for texting thumb:

--Change the way you use your phone. Rings, buttons or collapsible tabs placed on the back of your phone can help incorporate your other digits and palm for more support.

--Try using both thumbs or several digits to type or scroll, rather than only using your dominant thumb. This can help disperse the forces.

--Break up your screen time into smaller chunks.

--Use a larger phone or a pen stylus.

--Use the dictation option on your phone.

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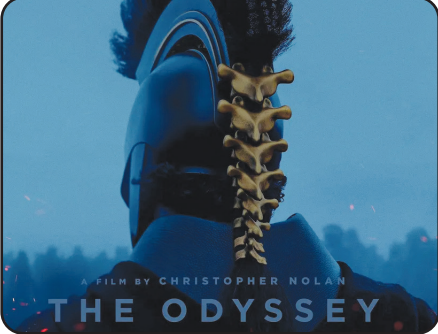
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Book award and TV show celebrates Christian authors

By CATHY SHOUSE

Valerie Juillerat is proof a person can take deep heart-ache and turn it into encouragement for others. After writing of her personal tragedy as an author, she founded a television show, “Faith Written Forward,” which launched its first show in June.

Juillerat , who resides in Fort Wayne, Indiana, is Founder and CEO of the International Christian Book Awards and Faith Written Forward TV show. The show comes out weekly on VisionTVNetwork and also on digital streaming platforms like Roku, AppleTV, FireTV, Samsung and YouTube.

“After publishing my memoir, Finding Hope When Storms Don’t Cease, I won the International Impact Book Award,” Juillerat said. “Going through that experience as an award-winning author, I felt led to start a book award program specifically for Christian authors to honor and elevate them. To not just give



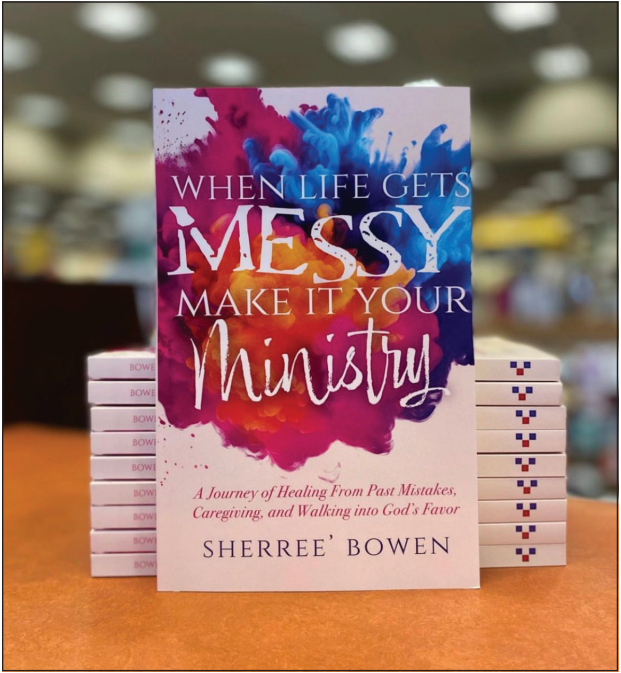
Sheree’ Bowen reviews notes on the set of Faith Written Forward TV show

out an award, but to walk with them in their journey after publishing.”

One of the many influences on Juillerat’s journey has been attending the Taylor University Professional Writers Conference (TUPWC). She is a tax expert and eventually was invited to be on faculty at TUPWC (held this year July 24 and 25 in Upland, Indiana). It

was at TUPWC that Juillerat connected with the first person she interviewed on the show, Janet Hart Leonard. Leonard won an International Christian Book Award for her second book, From the Hart: Two Decades of Columns, Kindness, and Kitchen Table Wisdom.

Juillerat’s faith has carried her through her struggles, and her show carries through on that theme. “Without my faith, I don’t know how I could have gotten through the season of life that I did when I lost my dream home, my dream business and both of my, then, teen sons got into the world of drugs and alcohol,” she said. “My book shares how He got me through some of the unimaginable. “He promises us in Jeremiah 29:11 ‘For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the LORD, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.’ (NIV). That was the verse that I



The International Christian Book Award went to this book by Sheree’ Bowe

held on to.”

Sherree’ Bowen won an International Christian Book Award for When Life Gets Messy, Make it Your Ministry. A speaker, ministry leader, and founder of SB Ministries, Inc., Bowen has a Ph.D in Philosophy in Christian Education. From Nashville, Tennessee, she and husband John “JB” Bowen, attend World Outreach Church in Murfreesboro, and

have two adult children and two grandchildren. She was recently named Chief Impact Officer for the International Christian Book Awards and serves as a guest host with Juillerat on the TV show.

Bowen’s branching out even more with a Bible study that will debut October 1, “Don’t Trip Over Your Toes--Relationships and Marriage God’s Way: A Proven

Path to God-Centered Love.” Her vision is to help people develop healthy relationships, which potentially will help future generations as well. She’s learned to trust God’s leading, without knowing the end result.

“I’ve discovered that God doesn’t usually hand us the entire blueprint. More often, He simply asks us to trust Him with the next step,” she said.

“Take the chance. Pray over your next move.

Walk into the room you never thought you’d belong in.

Because if God opened the door, don’t let fear convince you that you don’t belong there. You don’t have to know everything. You simply have to trust the One who does.

That’s why I often encourage others: Don’t play small when God is calling you to something bigger.

I’ve never chased platforms. I’ve simply tried to follow God’s direction. Every opportunity in my life has begun with one simple step of obedience... and one heartfelt, ‘yes.’”

Bowen summarized her message: If there’s one thing I hope people take away from my books, my speaking, or really anything God allows me to do, it’s this... never underestimate what God can do with a life that’s fully surrendered to Him.

For more information: international-bookawards.com <https://taylorprofessionalwritersconference.weebly.com>

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Dianne Ray, 86, of Kevil, Kentucky, passed away peacefully in her home on July 14, 2026. Visitation was held on Friday, July 17, 2026, at Morrow Funeral Chapel in LaCenter, KY, beginning at 11:00 a.m. The funeral service followed at 2:00 p.m., officiated by Bro. Bob Cain. Interment was at Highland Park Cemetery in Mayfield, KY.

CALDWELL

James Warfield, age 79, of Princeton, KY, passed away Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at Baptist Health in Paducah, KY. Funeral services were held at 1:00 pm Thursday, July 23, 2026, at Morgan’s Funeral Home. Burial followed in Blue Springs Cemetery with military honors, with Bro. John Hagan officiating.

Tony Allen Sewell, born on May 9, 1957, in Princeton, Kentucky, passed away peacefully on July 14, 2026, at Baptist Health Deaconess in Madisonville. Visitation was held at Goodman Funeral Home on Monday, July 20, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. A graveside service followed at 1:00 p.m. at Cedar Hill Cemetery.

CALLOWAY

Christopher Ryan Davis, 44, of Murray, passed away on Sunday, July 19, 2026 at his home. No services are planned at this time. Expressions of sympathy may take the form of donations to help his family with final expenses: Imes Funeral Home, 311 North 4th Street, Murray, KY 42071 or call 270.753.7000.

Gene Dale Bray, 83, of Murray, passed away on Sunday, July 19, 2026 at his home. A graveside service is set for 2 PM on Tuesday, July 28, 2026 at Sinking Springs Cemetery.

Bobby Lee Crouse, 72, of Murray, passed away on Wednesday, July 15, 2026 at his home. Mr. Crouse will be laid to rest at Murray Memorial Gardens. Imes Funeral Home is entrusted with caring for his family.

Keith Owen Chadwick, age 57, of Murray, Kentucky, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, July 7, 2026, at Patriot Health and Rehab in Paris, Tennessee. A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, July 25, 2026, at the Northside Baptist Church, 884 Radio Road, Almo Kentucky 42020. Bro. Brett Miles and Bro. Sammy Cunningham will officiate. Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. till 1 p.m., Saturday, July 25, 2026, at the Northside Baptist Church.

Mark J. Outland, age 65, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at The Farms at Puryear Senior Living and Care in Puryear, Tennessee. Arrangements are currently incomplete at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

Dortha Wilson Rickman, age 91, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away on Sunday, July 19, 2026, at her home. J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

Eldridge “Harold” Swift, age 85, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away, Friday, July 17, 2026, at his daughter’s home in Magnolia, Texas. Arrangements are currently incomplete at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

Edna Ruth (Futrell) Butler, 85 of Murray, went home to be with her Lord on Wednesday, July 15, 2026, at Spring Creek Health Care in Murray. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 18, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. in the chapel of the Blalock-Coleman Funeral Home, with Bro. James Stom and Bro. Doug Sanders officiating. Interment followed the service at the Spring Creek Cemetery, 995 Spring Road, Almo, KY

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CHRISTIAN

Kathy Darlene Pennington, age 74, of Hopkinsville, KY, passed away on Saturday, July 18, 2026, at Jennie Stuart Health of natural causes. Graveside Services will be at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, July 22, 2026, at Hale Cemetery with Rev. Robert Webb officiating and burial to follow. Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home has been entrusted by the family to handle the arrangements.

David Arthur “Pat” Grace, 84, of Gracey, KY died at 3:57 a.m. Thursday, July 16, 2026, at his residence. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, July 18, 2026, at Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home. Burial follow edin Johnsons Chapel Cemetery.

Agnes “Recie” Richey Courtney, 88, Sivley Road, Hopkinsville, KY passed away Friday, July 17, 2026 at her home of natural causes. Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 22, 2026 at Lamb Funeral Home with Rev. Larry Dale Combs officiating.

Bernadine Stites, 67, South Virginia Street, Hopkinsville, KY passed away Thursday, July 16, 2026 at her home of natural causes. Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 21, 2026 at Lamb Funeral Home with Rev. Ron Hicks officiating. Burial followed in Ancestral Haven Memorial Gardens.

With hearts touched by both sorrow and gratitude, we reflect upon the remarkable life of **Min. Rosetta Bacon**, who departed this world on July 18, 2026. Those wishing to pay their respects and honor her memory are invited to a visitation on July 24, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Gamble Funeral Home, 1311 S Liberty St., Hopkinsville, KY. The funeral service will follow at 11:00 a.m. at the same location. Interment with all due honors will take place at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West, 5817 Fort Campbell Blvd, Hopkinsville, KY, at 1:00 p.m.

Charles K. “Happy” Manasco, 84, of Hopkinsville, KY passed away on Sunday, July 19, 2026, at Jennie Stuart Medical Center with his wife by his side. A funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 28, 2026, at Westview Assembly of God in Hopkinsville with Pastor Don Marsh to officiate. Burial will follow at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West.

CRITTENDEN

Ronald Garrett Shinall, age 79, passed away in the early morning hours on Wednesday, July 15, 2026, at home in Crittenden County. No services are scheduled at this time. Gilbert Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

FULTON

Tony Alan Taylor, 79, of South Fulton, Tennessee, passed away on Saturday, July 18, 2026, at Jackson-Madison County General Hospital in Jackson, Tennessee. Funeral services for Mr. Tony Alan Taylor were held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 23, 2026, in our funeral chapel, with burial to follow in Obion County Memorial Gardens.

GRAVES

Forrest Byrn Martin, 87, of Wingo, KY, passed away on Friday, July 17, 2026 at Clinton Place in Clinton, KY. Forrest was born on Christmas Day of 1938 in Kinston, NC to the late Edwin and Rosa (Byrd) Martin. Per his wishes, no services will be held. Imes Funeral Home is entrusted with caring for Mr. Martin.

Timothy Scott Mathis, age 65, of Mayfield, KY passed away Sunday, July 19, 2026 at his residence. A memorial visitation will be held from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM Saturday, July 25, 2026 at the Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY.

Elaine Richard Buckingham, age 55, of Mayfield passed away on Thursday, July 16, 2026 at Jackson Purchase Medical Center in Mayfield, KY. Funeral services for Mrs. Elaine Richard Buckingham were held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 21, 2026 at Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY. Rev. G. E. Hussey and Rev. Tim Warren will officiate.

Cindy Carter Rogers, age 64, of Paducah passed away on Wednesday, July 15, 2026 at Mercy Health Lourdes in Paducah, KY. Funeral services for Mrs. Cindy Carter Rogers were held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, July 20, 2026 at Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY. Rev. Ross Buchanan will officiate. Interment followed at Mayfield Memory Gardens.

Jackie Lynn Cope, 82, of Mayfield, Kentucky, passed away peacefully at his home on July 20, 2026, surrounded by the love of his family. Graveside services were held at 2:00 PM Thrusday, July 23, 2026 at the New Home Baptist Cemetery with Bro. Jason Flowers officiating.

Jimmy Lee Reynolds, age 85, a resident of Mayfield, passed away at 4:30 A.M. Sunday, July 19, 2026 at the Countryside Healthcare Center in Bardwell. Graveside services were held at 3:30 P.M. Wednesday, July 22, 2026 at the Hopewell Cemetery. Rev. Donald Dixon will officiate.

Doris M. Hall, age 90 of Wingo, Ky passed away on Saturday, July 18, 2026 at 4:45 AM at the Mills Health & Rehab Facility. Funeral Services will be held on Friday, July 24, 2026 at 1:00 PM at the Brown Funeral Home in Wingo, Ky with Bro. Bobby Crittendon officiating. Burial will follow in the Pinson Cemetery. Friends may call after 11:00 AM on Friday, July 24, 2026 at the Brown Funeral Home in Wingo, Ky.

Darius Q. Swatzell, 68, of Mayfield, Kentucky, passed away peacefully at 11:34 a.m. on Saturday, July 18, 2026, at his home with his loving wife of 17 years by his side. In accordance with Darius’ wishes, no public services are planned. Final arrangements have been entrusted to Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield, Kentucky.

Gina Ann Fulcher, 68, of Mayfield, Kentucky, passed away at 1:23 a.m. on Friday, July 17, 2026, at TriStar Skyline Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee. Graveside services for Gina Ann Fulcher were held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 23, 2026, at Maplewood Cemetery in Mayfield with Mr. Dennis Zimmer officiating.

LIVINGSTON

Shirley Jean (Yates) Hardin, 86, of Salem, KY, passed away Sunday, July 19, 2026 at Calvert City Convalescent Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 22, 2026, at 12 Noon, in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services, with Rev. Jerrod Quertermous officiating. Burial followed in Salem Cemetery. There will be no visitation.

David (DD) Lee Denfip, 60 of Smithland, Ky passed away Sunday, July 19th at Vanderbilt Hospital surrounded by his children and wife. David will be cremated per his wishes, and a visitation is being arranged for friends and family. Online condolences may be left at www.lindseyfuneral.com.

FUNERAL NOTICES continued

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Michael Lee Chandler, age 79, of Kuttawa, Kentucky, passed away on July 14, 2026. Funeral services were held at 1:00 pm Saturday, July 18, 2026 at Lakeland Funeral Home with Bro. Sam Haulk officiating. The rendering of military honors follow edthe service.

MARSHALL

Bettie Sue Barrett, 87, of Calvert City, Kentucky, passed away on Saturday, July 18, 2026. A funeral service was held at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at the Life Celebration Center of Filbeck-Cann with Bro. Adam Webb and Bro. Charles Sturgell officiating. Burial followed at Fooks Cemetery.

Randle Griggs, 79, of Benton, Kentucky, passed away on Thursday, July 16, 2026, at Henry County Health and Rehabilitation in Paris, Tennessee. A memorial service will was held at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, July 22, 2026, at the Life Celebration Center of Filbeck-Cann. Bro. Gary Knuckles officiated.

Judith “Judy” Carol Starks Slaughter, 83, of Hardin, passed away Monday, July 20, 2026, at Marshall County Hospital in Benton, Kentucky. A funeral service will be held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, July 25, 2026, at Collier Funeral Home with John Sales and David Smith officiating. Burial will follow at Union Hill Cemetery. The visitation will be from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM on Friday, July 24, 2026, at Collier Funeral Home.

Mary Beth Krause, 61, of Benton, passed away peacefully on Saturday, July 18, 2026, at her home. A funeral service was held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, July 23, 2026, at Collier Funeral Home. The burial will be private, for family only, at Kentucky Veteran’s Cemetery West.

Albert “Jack” Jackson Burton, 88, of Calvert City, Kentucky passed away on Friday, July 17, 2026, at Mercy Health - Lourdes Hospital in Paducah, Kentucky. A funeral service was held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 22, 2026 at Collier Funeral Home. Burial follow edat Calvert City Cemetery.

Nicholas Todd Weathers, 61, of Calvert City, Kentucky passed away on Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at his residence. memorial service will be held at Sunset Funeral Home and Cremation Center in Danville, IL at a later date. Collier Funeral Home and Cremation Services is handling local arrangements.

Gayle Lee Pearson, 88, of Gilbertsville, formerly of Reidland, passed away at 1 a.m. Sunday, July 19, 2026, at his lakeside home. Lindsey Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Roger Gail Mallory, 80, of West Paducah, Kentucky, passed away at his residence at 7:02 a.m. on Wednesday, July 22, 2026. Milner & Orr Funeral Home and Cremation Services are in charge of arrangements.

Carl Page, Jr., age 85, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away on July 21, 2026, at Parkview Nursing Home surrounded by family and friends. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 pm on Saturday, July 25, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah with Rev. Rob Ison and Rev. Brad White officiating. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be held from 11:00 am until the service time of 1:00 pm on Saturday, July 25, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah.

Susan Lori Jenkins Carroll, age 59, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away on Friday, July 17, 2026, at her home. Milner & Orr Funeral Home and Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

Steve Parrish, 65, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away on Thursday, July 16, 2026, at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee. A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, July 24, 2026, at the Lone Oak Chapel of Milner & Orr Funeral Home with Rev. Connor Williams officiating. Visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m. until the service hour of 1:00 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home.

Gene Rogers, age 74, of Melber, Kentucky, passed away on July 16th, 2026 at Mercy Health-Lourdes Hospital. Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 22, 2026, at Grace Life Church in Mayfield, with Pastor Chad Lamb, Pastor Brent Reid, and Pastor Tim Allred officiating.

Tony Leshon, age 91, passed away Thursday, July 16, 2026, at Centennial Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee. Services were held Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at 12:30 p.m. at the Lone Oak Chapel of Milner & Orr Funeral Home with Revs. Bob Martin and Jamie Coomer officiating. Entombment followed at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens.

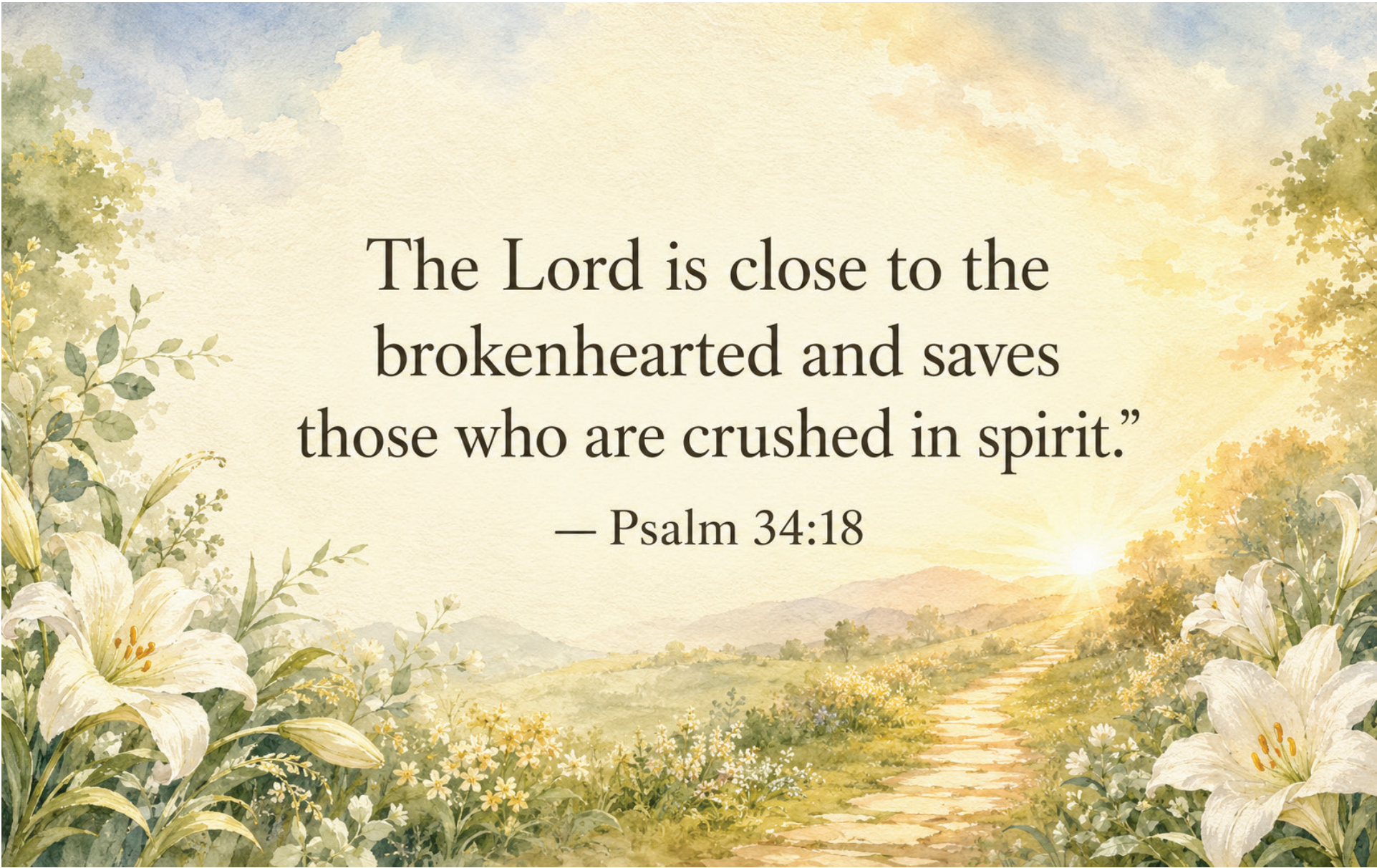
Julia Ann VanLandingham, age 92, of Paducah, Kentucky passed away peacefully on the morning of July 16th, 2026, at Charter Senior Living in Paducah, Kentucky. In accordance with her wishes there will be no ceremony. Online condolence may be left at www.lindseyfuneral.com.

John Howard Harned 76 of Paducah passed away Thursday July 16, 2026 at his home. Friends visited with the family from 10 a.m. to 12 noon Wednesday July 22, 2026 at Lindsey Funeral Home. With funeral services to follow at 12 noon. The Rev. Gary DeRossett officiating. Interment followed at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens.

William “Butch” Walden, Jr., 82, of Paducah, passed away on Thursday, July 16, 2026, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Friends and family were invited to gather for a memorial visitation on Thursday, July 23, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at West End Baptist Church in Paducah, KY. A memorial service followed at 2:00 p.m. with Bro. Monte Hodges officiating.

TRIGG

Wallis Hayden Butts - September 8, 1944 - July 18, 2026 - Funeral Services for 81 year old Wallis Hayden Butts of Cadiz were held on Thursday, July 23, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. at King’s Funeral Home with Bro. Scotty Hampton officiating. Burial follow edin the Siloam Cemetery. Visitation will be on Thursday, July 23, 2026 from 12:00-2:00 p.m. at King’s Funeral Home.



VICTORIOUS

Living...in a troubled world

Two opposing missions / Two very different outcomes

By Teresa LeNeave
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Images speak for themselves. When you see a lion or a mouse it triggers an emotional response. God drew on this ability of our mind when he describes Satan. Throughout scripture, Satan is portrayed through a variety of animal images that illustrate his deceptive and destructive nature. From the opening chapters of Scripture to the final book of Revelation, these symbolic descriptions present a consistent warning about the spiritual dangers believers face.

In Genesis 3, Satan appears as a serpent, deceiving humanity into disobeying God. In Matthew 13, Jesus likens him to a bird that snatches away the seed of God's Word before it can take root in people's hearts. Later, in John 10, Jesus describes the threat of a wolf, rep-

resenting the enemy's desire to attack and scatter God's flock. In 1 Peter 5, Satan is compared to a roaring lion, prowling about in search of those he can devour. Finally, Revelation 12 pictures him as a great dragon, fiercely opposing Christ and seeking to destroy God's purposes.

Although these five images differ, they all point to the same reality. Scripture consistently teaches that Satan's mission is to kill, steal, and destroy. Jesus summarized this truth in John 10:10, declaring that "the thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy."

Yet the Bible does not leave readers without hope. The same verse continues with one of the most encouraging promises in Scripture: "I have come that they may have life, and have it more abundantly." While Satan seeks de-



struction, Jesus offers abundant life, peace, and eternal hope. Their purposes stand in complete opposition to one another.

For Christians, this contrast serves as both a warning and a source of confi-

dence. Believers are reminded to remain spiritually alert while also resting in God's unfailing care. The Lord is greater than the enemy, and His power far exceeds Satan's schemes.

Those of us who

place our trust in God can find assurance in His promises. As believers walk with Him, we can rest in the knowledge that He holds us securely in the palm of His hand (Isaiah 49:16) and faithfully works

all things together for our good (Romans 8:28).

In Isaiah 49 God said, "Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me." That, to me, is a reminder of God's permanent, close, and unconditional love. Like a tattoo, we are permanently engraved in the palm of his hands and he's not going to forget us. In thinking of the images of Satan in comparison to God, we can rest assured, there are two distinct missions and two very distinctly different outcomes. Choose life with Christ.

In a world filled with spiritual conflict, God's love, protection, and purpose remain steadfast. It offers lasting hope to all who trust in Him. And, hope, Hebrews 6:19 says, is the anchor of our souls. Hope in Jesus is a firm and secure anchor.

Why didn't we bring an umbrella?

By William F Holland Jr.
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We've heard the old saying that "Life is not a bed of roses" as life has its ups and downs, and unfortunately, most of us will experience our share of hard times. Whether it's financial anxiety, a medical situation, family problems, frustrations, sadness, or maybe blaming yourself for whatever, sometimes life can be tough. However, in the midst of all that is going on, we can always turn to God, who is filled with an endless source of strength, hope, and love. We can choose to embrace the encouraging truth that God really cares about our concerns and worries. He has the power and the solutions to give us the victory, no matter the size of our obstacles or how hopeless the situation.

"And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work" II Corinthians 9:8. Carlos A. Rodriguez is quoted as saying, "If there's a Goliath in front of you, remember there's a David inside of you!"

Yes, there are bumps in the road that can help us learn about faith and patience, but whatever the crisis, it was not God's intention for us to dwell in a state of defeat. Despite being surrounded by negative forces, we have been given the opportunity through Jesus Christ to abide in His presence and enjoy an abundance of joy, security, hope, and peace. In John chapter 10, we find the words of Christ: "The thief comes not but for to steal, and

to kill, and to destroy: but I (Jesus) have come that you might have life and that you might have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd gives his life for the sheep." Whatever the situation, Jesus has promised to deliver you as you continue growing stronger and more confident in Him.

The concept of God supplying our needs is a wonderful and true spiritual reality, but there is also a crucial component to receive His abundant blessings: our responsibility to believe. Without faith, it's not only impossible to please Him, but highly unlikely that His miracles can be activated in our lives. Faith can move mountains, but we seldom consider that our doubt and fear allow them to remain. In Jeremiah chapter 29, God has

a fantastic plan for us. "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope." He will do His part when we understand that our part is doing it His way. "Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart."

I recall a story about a small farming community that had been experiencing a terrible drought. The crops were dying in the fields, and everyone was very worried because this was how they made their living. The pastor of the local church called a special prayer service for all the people of the town to gather in front of the church and spend some time

agreeing in faith that God would send some rain. Many people arrived, and you could sense the seriousness among the crowd. As the pastor was getting ready to begin the meeting, he scanned the crowd and noticed many troubled faces. As his attention was directed to the front row, he saw a young girl standing quietly. Her face was beaming with excitement, and then he noticed she was holding a large, colorful umbrella.

As he focused on the umbrella, he was ashamed that he had not brought one himself, and now felt a sudden surge of hope and confidence. The little girl's childlike innocence warmed his heart as he realized how much genuine faith she possessed. Though the town had come together in spiritual unity to pray for rain, it seemed

that no one anticipated getting wet. When we pray, do we really believe we are going to receive what we ask for? Sir William Robertson is quoted as saying, "There isn't enough room in our mind for both doubt and faith. We must decide which one will control our destiny." The world and even our own human nature will constantly remind us it's impossible, it's risky, and it's hopeless, but true faith will prove that nothing is too difficult for God.

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As a young adult, I remember fishing the riverbank at Mr. MacDonald’s farm. (Yes, Old McDonald had a farm. Lol) He was an older man whose property ran along the river. I don’t remember how we first discovered this place, but it seemed to not upset him when we set up camp at his place. Many of those days he would come by and check on us and tell us a few stories about days gone by. One of his tobacco barns stood only a few yards from where we fished, and

it seemed no matter what time of year it was, he always had a few tobacco plants hanging inside. On occasion he would give us some leaves to take home and twist for a good homemade chew. His recipe was either to cut up a fresh apple and let it marinate the leaves for a few days, or to ease that twist of tobacco down into a jar of honey or molasses. This was my favorite. Alongside that same bank was his boat. It was one like I had never seen before, or since. I can only

describe it as a flat bottom canoe, made of wood. It was long and not very wide or deep. And I can only remember a couple of places to sit down. Now I’m sure he had landed a few fish from this boat in times past, but now the boat was used for occasional transportation. When the weather was good and the river was calm, each Sunday, Mr. MacDonald would gather his long homemade oar, get in his homemade boat, and traverse the small river to the church he attended

downstream. I’m sure he had other ways of getting there, but the boat was his preferred means. Now, as a younger fellow, I never asked him why he did that. I wished I had. As an older man, I can imagine the reasons. There’s no doubt the short journey prepared his mind for that morning’s gathering. The trip itself, for someone like you and me, and him, would be its own worship experience. I can imagine the sights he must have enjoyed as he prepared to meet

with fellow believers. I can imagine how he must have been awestruck by the picture of God as painted by creation. I can imagine how the voices of each animal became God’s unique choir as they were sung in unison. The Biblical David must have taken that same trip, when he sung the words, “The heavens declare the glory of God!” It’s true. And even though that boat is perhaps rotted and ruined, the sights and sounds that declare the glory of God are still there for us, if we’ll

put ourselves in the place to see and hear them.

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One might say it was a lucky shot when an archer randomly fired his bow into the air and somehow struck and severely injured the armor-covered King Ahab precisely where he was exposed (1 Kings 22:34). Some would conclude that the stars aligned when the midnight insomnia of King Ahasuerus could only be cured from reading an old book—one that just so happened to record the forgotten loyalty of Mordecai, compelling the king to honor him rather than hang him (Esther 6:1-11). Some would suppose that the widow Ruth carried around a rabbit’s foot and a four-leaf

clover when she went to work in a field that serendipitously belonged to Boaz, her future husband and redeemer (Ruth 2:3). Some might believe it was a fluke of good fortune when the little boy with a sack lunch “coincidentally” stood near Jesus exactly when the multitudes needed to eat (John 6:9). Some may argue that fate smiled upon the apostle Paul, whose life was repeatedly spared simply because he was a Roman citizen (Acts 16:35-40; 22:22-29). But according to Scripture, nothing is random—everything is ruled by the Lord (Prov. 16:33). Nothing is a happy accident—everything is a divine appointment (Psalm 139:16). Nothing is a coincidence—every-

thing is a providence. “[God] works all things,” wrote Paul, “according to the counsel of his will” (Eph. 1:11b). And small things are part of all things. They say that the biggest doors still swing on the smallest hinges and that every avalanche begins with a single snowflake. And the Bible teaches something even greater: the Lord often accomplishes His grandest purposes through the smallest details of everyday life. He doesn’t merely move mountains—He moves molecules. The God who governs the galaxies also intricately directs detours, delays, disappointments, and even daily decisions. As the Puritans used to say, the Lord’s greatest

works are often His quietest works. It is tempting to associate the Lord’s power with mighty miracles only, but miracles are frequently hiding in plain sight. Perhaps this is why Scripture says not to despise the day of “small things” (Zech. 4:10). He may use a minor inconvenience to completely redirect the course of your life or place you beside the right person at the right time to hear the right words to counsel or encourage you. He may use one sentence from one sermon to change your mind, one verse in Scripture to comfort your soul, one unexpected phone call that answers a prayer, or even one different route home to spare you from unforeseen harm. God tends

to the little things like counting hairs (Matt. 10:30), ensuring that every star has a name (Ps. 147:4), feeding the sparrows (Matt. 6:26), giving the

lions their prey (Ps. 104:21), and making the grass grow (Ps. 104:14). And He will never fail to superintend the little things in the lives of His people.



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Growing seed and opportunity: UK launches Appalachian seed entrepreneurship project with \$1.7M ARC grant

By Jennifer Elwell
University of Kentucky

LEXINGTON, Ky.— The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) has awarded the University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment (CAFE) a \$1.7 million grant to strengthen local food systems and expand seed-based entrepreneurship across Eastern Kentucky. The three-year project, “Strengthening Local Food Systems Through Production of Appalachian Seed Crops,” launched in early May and will run through April 2029. The project, administered through the Department of Horticulture at Martin-Gat-

ton CAFE, supports prospective or existing commercial seed producers. The goal is to help them improve production practices, increase profitability, enter new markets and preserve culturally significant Appalachian seed stocks, such as “grandma’s greasy beans,” which reflect generations of family seed saving and community exchange in Appalachia. “Production of heritage seed crops is more than an agricultural practice – it’s a living link to the history, identity and resilience of Appalachian communities,” said Cindy Finneseth, Extension specialist for community horticulture and proj-



Grow Appalachia’s Steph Hamborsky, right, shows a Seed Farming and Entrepreneurship Workshop participant how a tabletop seed cleaner works at the University of Kentucky Robinson Center. Photo by Rhonda Linkous.

ect lead. “Many families have lost irreplaceable heirloom seeds, such as during recent Eastern Kentucky floods. This project helps restore

that heritage while creating new entrepreneurial opportunities.” In addition to helping seed producers start or grow their businesses, the project aims to generate and retain jobs across the Appalachian region and support outreach activities — increasing awareness and demand for locally produced seed. Project partners include Grow Appalachia

at Berea College, Community Farm Alliance, Kentucky Horticulture Council, Kentucky Center for Agriculture and Rural Development, and Organic Association of Kentucky. Practical, commercial seed training As part of the project’s launch, the UK Cooperative Extension Service and Berea’s Grow Appalachia hosted the Seed Farming and Entrepreneurship Workshop on July 9 at the UK Robinson Center in Jackson, Kentucky. The free, interactive workshop was designed for farmers, growers and technical service providers interested in exploring seed farming as an additional enterprise. Finneseth led sessions on the basics of seed entrepreneurship, including regulations, business considerations and required equipment. Participants then rotated through

skill-building stations focused on seed processing and cleaning, seedborne disease prevention and field production. “Thursday’s workshop was a perfect blend of lecture and hands-on demonstrations, with lots of questions and engagement from participants,” said Steph Hamborsky of Grow Appalachia. “We hope this opportunity and others in the future will inspire more farmers and technical service providers to consider seed farming as a viable operation to add to their enterprise. With all of the disease and pest pressures facing our region, it’s so important for us to increase the availability of regionally adapted seeds while also creating other potential revenue streams for our farmers.” This program is supported by ARC as part of an award totaling \$1,715,526, with 0% financed with non-governmental sources.

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Students gain new tool to explore education and career connections

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – As Kentucky high school students return to the classroom for the start of a new school year, they will have a new resource to help them explore career and technical education opportunities available in their communities.

The Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education's (CPE) career and education planning website, Futuriti.org, has always shown program listings for high schools and area technology centers across the state. Now, the new Program & Pathway Finder helps students and families better understand how those programs connect to future education and employment. Each listing includes a description of the pathway, related career options, aptitudes that may help students succeed in the field and opportunities to continue their education after high school.

“Kentucky students should be able to see how the courses they take today can lead to a meaningful career and a better future,” said CPE President Aaron Thompson. “These new resources give students a clearer picture of the opportunities available in their own communities and help them choose a pathway that aligns with their interests, talents and goals.”

Kentucky schools offer more than 100 career pathways across 13 CTE program areas. Offerings vary by school and region based on local workforce needs, industry partnerships, facilities and educator availability.

Through Futuriti, students can take a deeper look at their interests and compare available pathways with related occupations, education requirements and career opportunities. The statewide platform

also provides Kentucky-specific information about wages, employment demand, college programs, scholarships, apprenticeships and the cost of living.

“CTE pathways can allow students to earn industry-recognized credentials and college credit before they graduate from high school, saving them both time and money,” Thompson said. “When students understand where a pathway can take them, they are more



The new CTE listings are part of

CPE's continued expansion of Futuriti as a comprehensive classroom-to-career resource for Kentuckians. The platform is designed to help students make informed decisions by bringing together state-specific education, workforce and financial information in one place.

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