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Beshear addresses driver’s license controversy

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – An investigation is underway into allegations that people who were ineligible to receive driver’s licenses, including undocumented immigrants, paid employees at the regional drivers’ license offices to have these illegal aliens issued Kentucky operators licenses.

In a story broadcast on WDRB-TV in Louisville, former clerk Melissa Moorman claims undocumented workers bought Kentucky licenses under the table for \$200 apiece in a scam that played out several times a day and in multiple branches.

According to a whistleblower lawsuit, when Moorman alerted the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet of the scam, she was fired. “The employees were being paid under the table,” she told the TV station. “I immediately let my supervisor know.”

Moorman worked at Louisville’s Nia Center Licensing Branch through Quantum Solutions, a staffing service contracted by the state to supplement personnel at regional offices.

Gov. Andy Beshear addressed the issue at his weekly press conference on Wednesday.

“Ensuring the integrity of state-issued identification is a high priority, and any irregularities are taken seriously and investi-

gated,” he said. “The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet regularly reviews credential applications, and during one of their reviews, they identified a number of irregularities, and they have revoked 1,985 credentials. To our knowledge, all employees involved had been hired through a temp agency and have been terminated.”

Beshear said the Cabinet immediately contacted law enforcement, who are involved in a criminal investigation. “That includes multiple offices, both state and federal. The revoked credentials will not work at an airport and would be flagged if someone was pulled over for a traffic stop. We are committed to getting all the facts



and holding anyone who violated the law accountable.”

He added, “I want to make sure I don’t get in front of the Kentucky State Police in their current investigation. When that’s complete, I look forward to sharing any and all of those facts.”

State Auditor Allison Ball also weighed in on the issue. “I’m troubled by the reports of an alleged black market within the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet that allows illegal non-citizens to pay cash to bypass not only Kentucky law, but also the law-abiding citizens waiting for long periods of time to obtain their drivers licenses the legal way. I am requesting a formal explanation from the Governor and the Transportation Secretary (Jim Gray) about their plan to address these reports. Kentuckians deserve to have confidence that their tax dollars are funding a government accountable to the people that serves them fairly and lawfully.”

Bell survived grain bin accident

By: Graves Co. Sheriff Jon Hayden

Graves Co volunteer county fire departments and rescue squad members are often times forgotten about. These men and women receive little or no compensation for what they do. On call 24/7 365 days a year for that call that could save lives and property, as was the case this morning. Please remember them and support them and let them know that they are appreciated.

On August 13, 2025,

at approximately 10:20 AM, Kentucky State Police Dispatch at Post 1 received a 911 of an individual trapped inside of a grain bin on Elmos Road, south of Cuba. First responders from the Cuba Fire Department, the Mayfield Fire Department, Mayfield/Graves County EMS, Mayfield/Graves County Fire and Rescue and the Sheriff’s Office responded to the scene.

The incident occurred when Will Bell, 68 of Cuba, was working inside of a

grain bin on his farm. He became trapped by soybeans that shifted. Other area



farmers responded and tried to free Bell but were unsuccessful. Firefighters from the Cuba Fire Department

arrived within 10 to 15 minutes of the initial call to 911. Cuba Firefighters were able

freed by Cuba and Mayfield Firefighters at 11:27 AM, spending approximately two hours trapped in the grain bin. He was transported by Mayfield/Graves County EMS to a local hospital for observation and treatment.

In 2023, Graves County Farm Bureau, along with local agriculture businesses and farmers, donated eight Turtle Tube Grain Bin Rescue Systems to Graves County Volunteer Fire Departments and the Mayfield/Graves County Fire and Rescue Squad. Before

those systems were donated to the Graves County Fire Departments, very few of the rescue systems were available in Graves County. Today, one of these grain bin rescue systems was put to use by firefights from Cuba and Mayfield, saving the life of a local famer.

The Sheriff’s Office would like to recognize the Cuba and Mayfield Fire Departments for their quick response to this situation and their professional dedication to saving Mr. Bell’s life.



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Hampton Inn Mayfield opens its doors to Graves County

By **Laurna Todd**
KPI Writer

A brand-new Hampton Inn by Hilton is now open in Mayfield, Graves County, Kentucky. The hotel is located at 65 Brien Drive, Mayfield, KY, just off Interstate 69 (Exit 25). It offers convenient access to local landmarks, including the local restaurants, Graves County Public Library, Mayfield City Hall and Jackson Purchase Medical Center.

According to the hotel’s official website, reservations are already being accepted for arrivals starting August

13, 2025. Although a ribbon-cutting ceremony is expected on opening day, specific timing has not yet been confirmed publicly.

Once operational, the Hampton Inn will provide a range of modern amenities, including free hot breakfast, complimentary Wi-Fi, an indoor pool, a fitness center, meeting rooms, EV charging stations, pet-friendly rooms, and digital check-in (with check-in at 3 p.m. and check-out at 11 a.m.). They also will have a meeting space for events! If you need a space for a social gathering,

business meeting, or even a baby shower reach out.

This new addition is expected to be a significant boost for Graves County, expanding lodging options for travelers and supporting business, academic, and tourism activity. Local organizations, including the Chamber of Commerce and tourism officials, have already previewed the property and praised its high-quality facilities. The new hotel is poised to enhance the region’s hospitality offerings and contribute positively to its economic growth.

Baptist Health Paducah nationally recognized for commitment to cardiac arrest survival

The American Heart Association presents the Target: Survival award for proven dedication to ensuring survival for patients who experience in-hospital cardiac arrest



PADUCAH, KY — Baptist Health Paducah has received the American Heart Association’s Target: Survival quality achievement award for its commitment to treating in-hospital cardiac arrest, ultimately helping to improve survival rates.

Each year, more than 300,000 adults and children experience an in-hospital cardiac arrest. Survival from cardiac arrest largely

depends on timely medical emergency team response and effective CPR.

The Target: Survival program was developed to highlight the number of lives a hospital saved by following the most up-to-date, research-based guidelines for treatment as outlined by the American Heart Association.

The program examines patient survival rates following in-hospital cardiac arrest and

adjusts for multiple factors, including cardiac arrest rhythm, event location within the hospital, and prior illness severity. Awarded sites have a survival rate that places them in the top 40% of all Get With The Guidelines - Resuscitation participating hospitals in the United States.

“Baptist Health Paducah is committed to improving patient care by focusing on cardiac arrest survival and continuous quality improvement,” Craig Beavers, Vice President of Operations, Baptist Health Paducah. “The end goal is to ensure more people in Paducah and surrounding communities can experience longer, healthier lives.”

“We are pleased to recognize Baptist Health Paducah for its commitment to improving survival rates for patients who experience in-hospital cardiac arrest,” said Paul S. Chan, M.D., MSc, volunteer chair of the American Heart Association Resuscitation System of Care Advisory Group. “Each life saved is a testament to this team’s timely, coordinated and high-quality care during an emergency.”

To learn more about our heart program and cardiovascular services, visit BaptistHealth.com/HeartCare.

About Baptist Health Paducah

Baptist Health Paducah is a regional medical and referral center serving about 200,000 patients a year from four states. With more than 1,300 employees and 364 physicians, it offers more than 40 points of care with a full range of services, including cardiac and cancer care, diagnostic imaging, women’s and children’s services, surgery, emergency treatment, rehabilitation, and

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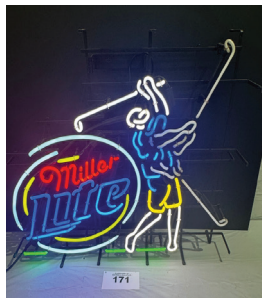
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WEST KY SPORTS



Soccer

Boys' High School Soccer

Marshals blank
Rebels 7-0

Staff Report

BENTON — Marshall County blanked Todd County Central 7-0 in a boys' high school soccer season opener on Tuesday, Aug. 12.

The Marshals moved ahead early and pulled away to win convincingly.

Several players contributed to Marshall County's shutout win.

Lincoln Colburn led Marshall County to the win, scoring two goals and distributing two assists for the Marshals.

Along with Colburn, Marshall County's offensive attack featured John Shadowen (one goal, two assists), Brayden York (one goal), Houston Johnson (one goal), Kason Peterson (one goal), Davis Hunt (one goal), Ethan Upton (one assist) and Maddox Schroader (one assist).

Defensively for Marshall County, goalkeeper Carson Lovett recorded a shutout.

Girls' High School Soccer

Caldwell Co.shuts
out Lyon Co.

Staff Report

EDDYVILLE — Caldwell County shut out Lyon County 8-0 in a girls' high school soccer season opener on Monday, Aug. 11.

Aliya Towns scored six goals to lead Caldwell County to the win. Towns excelled for Caldwell County throughout the girls' high school soccer season opener.

Following Towns, Kinley Rowland scored two goals and dealt out one assist for the Lady Tigers.

Aiding in the victory, Nunie Bates (two assists), Ziva Falder (two assists) and Addie Middleton-Mobley (one assist) were Caldwell County's additional offensive contributors.

Defensively for Caldwell County, goalkeeper Shylee Hinchee recorded a shutout. Hinchee logged one save for the Lady Tigers.

Girls' High School Soccer

Hopkins Co. Central
shuts out Union
County 9-0

Staff Report

MORGANFIELD — Hopkins County Central shut out Union County 9-0 in a girls' high school soccer season opener on Monday, Aug. 11.

The Lady Storm excelled throughout the girls' high school soccer match, controlling each half.

Emma Vandiver scored two goals and dished out one assist to lead a balanced Hopkins County Central offensive attack.

Eight different Hopkins County Central players netted at least one goal. Along with Vandiver, Hopkins County Central's offensive attack featured Mary Starks (one goal, two assists), Lilly Armour (one goal, two assists), Riley Richardson (one goal, one assist), Jaci Childress (one goal), Destiny Caudill (one goal), Sydney McLeMore (one goal) and Abi Greer (one goal).

Defensively for Hopkins County Central, goalkeeper Savannah Barnett recorded a shutout. Barnett logged one save for the Lady Storm.



Glisson claims another title

By Tim Taylor

Ballard Memorial golfer Madison Glisson continues to ride early season momentum into her senior season. She claimed the Lady Cal title in Shepherdsville with a 5-birdie day. The tournament used the Stableford scoring system and her score of 64 led all scorers on the day. She looked to go back-to-back with tournament wins as she competed closer to home at Paxton Park in the Paducah Tilghman Invitational. She had a rollercoaster day finishing in the runner-up finish. Her 4 bogey, and one double bogey day was offset by 7 birdies to provide her with the 2nd best score of the day out of the 61 golfers. Glisson said, "If you can putt and chip, you will score well, and I tried to keep the ball in the fairway and 2-putt." She has been doing that consistently and will use that momentum heading into next week's All A Regional at Drake Creek on August 21st. She looks for her 4th consecutive All A 1st Region Tournament Championship on her way to try and defending her 3-time All A State Championship.

The boys' golf team also competed in the PTI. Their team total 385 was 17th best with 105 golfers competing. Seniors Ike Miller and Lynden Davis led the way with both finishing with team best 91's. Junior Owen Enfinger was right behind with a 93.

Drew Fickes and Chipper Collins both finished with 110. The Bombers will compete in the Graves County Tournament at Drake Creek on Saturday, August 16th and will use that to help prepare them for their 1st Region All A at Drake on the 21st.

Lady Bomber Volleyball 2025

By Tim Taylor

Each year comes excitement and anticipation for a new season. Lady Bomber volleyball Coach Adam Solomon has had his share of those emotions in his 18 years as the Ballard Memorial head volleyball coach. Solomon said this season may be the deepest team he has had in his coaching career, providing a unique challenge to get all the players involved to make the most of their talents. "That makes practices more competitive," said Solomon adding, "It is holding kids more accountable and there is so much parity." A pair of seniors will help show some of the newer players the ropes on what is expected to be a Lady Bomber volleyball player and help continue the programs success. Hala Ouder Kirk is overcoming a season ending injury last year and looks to put that behind her as she focuses on her senior season. She said, "It is my senior year and trying to give it my all." Giving her all in practice, scrimmages, and game situations will be the mentoring examples she looks to provide for the Ballard Memorial volleyball team. Fellow senior Keira Shaw has one of the most crucial jobs on the team, being the setter. "One thing about setting is doing it differently based on the hitter I am setting up," said Shaw. One difficulty is knowing each hitter and their preferences, and which ones are on the floor to make the pass in a position that the hitters can maximize their hitting abilities. That is a challenge she accepts and flourishes at accomplishing. Maximizing each player's strengths will be challenges for coaches as well as teammates. The Lady Bombers have gained attention of coaches as they are tied with Mayfield as the preseasons 4th best team in the 1st Region. They trail only McCracken, Marshall, and the other 3rd District foe Graves County.

The Lady Bombers goal is to grab the 1st Region All A Title and compete for a 3rd District title. The season begins August 18th at Hickman followed by an early season district matchup on Tuesday the 19th hosting Graves County.

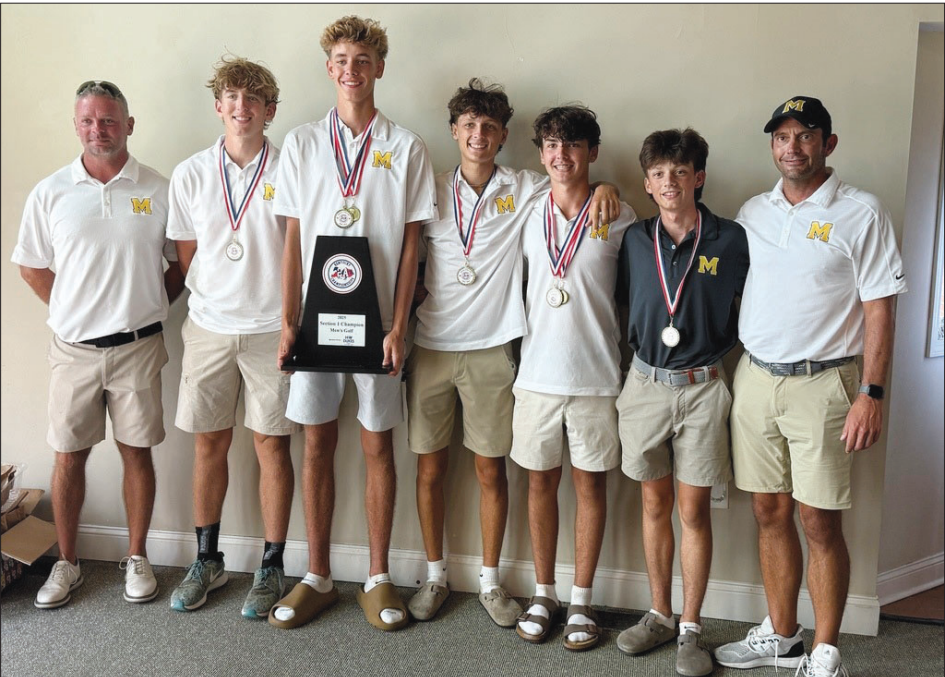


The Calloway County High School soccer programs hosted a skills clinic on Friday, Aug. 1.

photo courtesy of Calloway County High School Girls' Soccer



The McCracken County High School boys' golf team won the Hopkinsville Invitational title on Thursday, Aug. 7.
photo courtesy of McCracken County High School Athletics



Murray High School won the 2025 2A, Section 1 Boys' Golf Championship. Along with the sectional championship, Murray won the Webster County Invitational title.
photo courtesy of Murray High School Athletics



▲ The McCracken County girls' golf team won the 2025 Hopkinsville Invitational title.
photo courtesy of McCracken County High School Athletics

◀ McCracken County golfer Harper Hunt shot a 73 and claimed the Hopkinsville Invitational individual title.
photo courtesy of McCracken County High School Athletics

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

McCracken County ranked first in KVCA Preseason Region 1 Top 5 Poll

Staff Report

PADUCAH — Reigning champion McCracken County is ranked first in the KVCA Preseason Region 1 Top 5 Poll. The Kentucky Volleyball Coaches Association released the KVCA Preseason Region 1 Top 5 Poll on Wednesday, Aug. 6.

Behind McCracken County, Graves County and Marshall County are tied for second in the KVCA Preseason Region 1 Top 5 Poll. Rounding out the KVCA Preseason Region 1 Top 5 Poll, Ballard Memorial and Mayfield are tied for fourth. The 2025 high school volleyball season is

scheduled to open on Monday, Aug. 18. The KVCA Preseason Region 1 Top 5 Poll follows.

KVCA Preseason Region 1 Top 5 Poll
1. McCracken County
T-2. Graves County
T-2. Marshall County
T-4. Ballard Memorial
T-4. Mayfield

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Crittenden County ranked first in KVCA Preseason Region 2 Top 5 Poll

Staff Report

MARION — Crittenden County is ranked first in the KVCA Preseason Region 2 Top 5 Poll. The Kentucky Volleyball Coaches Association released the KVCA Preseason Region 2 Top 5 Poll on Wednesday, Aug. 6. Christian County follows Crittenden County in the KVCA

Preseason Region 2 Top 5 Poll, ranked second. Behind Christian County, Henderson County is ranked third in the KVCA Preseason Region 2 Top 5 Poll. Reigning champion Heritage Christian is ranked fourth in the KVCA Preseason Region 2 Top 5 Poll while Caldwell County occupies fifth. Teams from across the state are preparing

to compete in the 2025 high school volleyball season. The KVCA Preseason Region 2 Top 5 Poll follows.

KVCA Preseason Region 2 Top 5 Poll
1. Crittenden County
2. Christian County
3. Henderson County
4. Heritage Christian
6. Caldwell County

Survey indicates number of high school officials up six percent since last year

Staff Report

INDIANAPOLIS — The number of registered high school sports officials remains above pre-pandemic levels and grew by six percent during the last school year, according to a follow-up survey of 36 NFHS member state associations that originated in 2018-19. Data compiled by the NFHS from the 36 associations showed the total number of officials' registrations at 237,811 during the 2024-25 school year, up 14,432 from the previous year, and an eight percent increase from pre-pandemic numbers (220,340) reported in 2018-19. The growth in officiating continues despite an estimated loss of 50,000 officials during the COVID-19 pandemic. After dipping as low as 189,140 officials in 2019-20, participation has increased each year since the 2021-22 school year. For the past two school years, officiating totals have surpassed those from 2018-19. All sports except field hockey and water polo saw a year-over-year increase in official registrations in 2024-25. Eleven sports, including baseball (1%), basketball (4%), football (10%), ice hockey (6%), boys lacrosse (4%), girls lacrosse (28%), soccer (13%), swimming and diving (10%), track and field and cross country (53%), volleyball (18%), and wrestling (22%), were above their pre-pandemic levels at the end of the most recent school year. In addition, 27 states reported they were back above their pre-pandemic levels in 2024-25. "With the steady increase of officials' registrations over the past couple of years, the NFHS is not only focusing on how we can bring more officials into the avocation, but we are working to ensure that we are doing enough to retain the officials who have been with us for years," said Dana Pappas, NFHS director of officiating services. The NFHS has made a concentrated effort to improve the retention and recruitment of officials. The NFHS organized two consortiums to address the drop in officials during the pandemic, and the BecomeAnOfficial and BenchBadBehavior campaigns continue to make an impact nationwide, among other initiatives. While the number of officials is rising overall, there remains a significant nationwide need. Anyone can apply to become a high school official at www.highschoolofficials.com.

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Paducah Tilghman High School junior McCall Moore won the 2A, Section 1 Girls' Golf Tournament individual title on Wednesday, Aug. 6.
photo courtesy of Paducah Tilghman High School

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9/26	at Logan County	7 PM	A
10/3	at Franklin-Simpson	7 PM	A
10/17	at Allen Co.-Scottsville	7 PM	A
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Huddle up for Roundup 2025, celebrating a community like no other

The Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment community is invited to a lineup of fun events, including the UK football game on Sept. 6.

By Christopher Carney

LEXINGTON, Ky.—The University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment is hosting Roundup 2025—bringing together alumni, faculty, friends, staff and students for a family reunion of events, including the football game between Ole Miss and the Kentucky Wildcats on Sept. 6.

“We invite every member of our community to Roundup to celebrate our shared history and experience the exciting future we’re building together,” said Laura Stephenson, dean of the Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment and vice president for land-grant engagement. “With innovative facilities underway and a deep commitment to serving Kentucky, we look forward to sharing the next chapter of our story with you.”

Roundup 2025 offers a variety of events, activities, reunions and celebrations, including:

Sept. 4 – Build A Better Burger Competition
Think Top Chef, but with burgers. Teams comprised of students, staff and faculty will present their custom burger creation to a panel of judges and explain the inspiration behind their ingredients and theme. It’s a fun, friendly competition that brings the community together in a delicious way. Register by Friday, Aug. 29, at noon. Location is Roundup tents by Cooper House from 4 – 7 p.m.

Sept. 5 - Future Wildcat Day
Learn about the college’s programs, student life, scholarships and more. Geared toward high school and transfer students interested in attending Martin-Gatton CAFE. Location is Roundup tents by Cooper House from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Sept. 5 – Alumni and Food Sciences Alumni Reception
Reconnect with fellow alumni, meet current faculty and students and celebrate the Department of Animal and Food Sciences community. Location is E.S. Good Barn from 6 – 8 p.m.

Sept. 6 – Alumni and Friends Tailgate
Let’s all rally together to cheer the Wildcats to victory against Ole Miss!

Tents open at 11 a.m. at Cooper House
Meal lines open at 12 p.m.

Program starts at 1:30 p.m.

Kickoff is 3:30 p.m. at Kroger Field

Exclusive hard-hat tours of the new Martin-Gatton Agricultural Sciences Building will also be offered. Participants will be among the first to explore the future student hub and teaching center, which is set to open in 2026. Wearing close-toed shoes and long pants will be required.

For many graduates, like Melissa Tomblin, alumni association president at Martin-Gatton CAFE, Roundup means more.

“Whether you’re meeting up with friends, reconnecting with past professors, or just looking for a fun tailgate, this is the place to be,” Tomblin said. “I enjoy coming every year to celebrate our legacy, reignite lifelong connections and experience the spirit, pride and energy that makes CAFE feel like home. I invite you to join me in making memories at Roundup!”

Event registration can be found at <https://alumni.ca.uky>.

edu/roundup.

For questions, contact McKenna Hulette, director of alumni relations at Martin-Gatton CAFE, at mckenna.hulette@uky.edu or (859) 257-7211.

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Shell meets with Robert Kennedy Jr. to discuss Kentucky’s Food is Medicine Initiative



Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner Jonathan Shell, back left, meets with U.S. Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins this week at the U.S. Department of Agriculture headquarters in Washington, D.C. Also attending the meeting were, front from left: Mark Bowling, Commissioner Shell’s chief of staff; Jeremy Ferguson, the commissioner’s executive assistant; and Jay Hall, executive director of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture’s Office of Agriculture.

By Chris Aldridge
Kentucky Ag News

FRANKFORT - Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner Jonathan Shell had the opportunity to meet with U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr., who has been promoting his national health initiative under the slogan “Make America Healthy Again” (MAHA). Commissioner Shell shared Kentucky’s vision to “Make Kentucky Healthy Again,” highlighting the Food is Medicine Initiative – a collaborative effort between the Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA) and the Kentucky Hospital Association. This initiative is focused on improving health outcomes by increasing access to fresh, nutritious, locally grown food across the Commonwealth.

The meeting with Kennedy came at the invitation of U.S. Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins, who welcomed Commissioner Shell to discuss how Kentucky’s efforts can serve as a model for integrating agriculture and health policy.

“It was a great honor and privilege to have the opportunity to meet with secretaries Rollins and Kennedy,” Commissioner Shell said. “Secretary Kennedy and I had a brief conversation about Food is Medicine and advancing the initiative to benefit farmers and public health in Kentucky and nationwide.”

Commissioner Shell met with Rollins and Kennedy while in Washington, D.C., with KDA’s Kentucky Proud program, which was participating in a national farmers’ market event.

Rollins invited all 50 states to celebrate National Farmers’ Market Week by participating in the first-ever Great American Farmers’ Market in Washington. It is taking place on the National Mall across from U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Whitten Building headquarters.

“Of the 50 states, only 26 were able to participate,” said Jay Hall, executive director of KDA’s Office of Agricultural Marketing. “Only three state marketing brands participated, of which Kentucky Proud was one.

“We had several thousand visitors to the Kentucky Proud booth, all of which were given the opportunity to register to win a small basket full of Kentucky Proud items while we educated them about Kentucky agriculture,” Hall added. “We wanted to make sure people understood the impact agriculture has on the economy of our state.

“We had the great fortune of meeting a lot of Kentuckians vacationing in our nation’s capital, all of which expressed their sincere gratitude for Kentucky Proud participating. Congress is on recess, so we invited the staffs of our Kentucky delegation to stop by, and many of them did.”

Kentucky Proud had a 10-foot by 20-foot tent, flanked by tents from two Kentucky Proud

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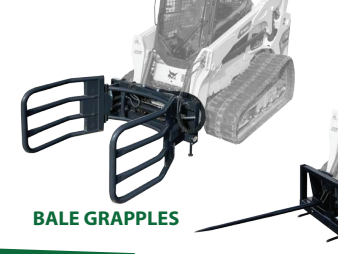
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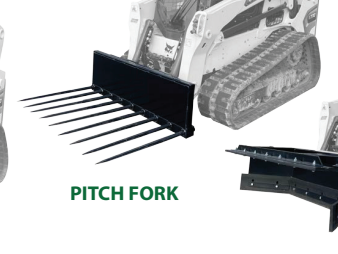
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"America was founded by farmers – ordinary citizens who tilled the land, fed their families and neighbors, and built a nation rooted in freedom and self-reliance," Rollins added. "President Trump has stood firmly behind America's farmers by cutting taxes and

"It was a great experience for Kentucky Proud, especially since not a lot of other states participated," Hall said. "My hope is they do it again next year, and we'll be given more time to plan a bigger show. Given the tremendous success of the vendors' sales, I would anticipate it'll be a highly sought-after event and all 50 states will participate next year."

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Reduced Tail Swing, Aux Hyd, Camera System, Volvo Tooth Bucket, 32in Pads, 44" bucket, 2018 JD 210G-3,350 hrs. Aux Hydraulics, 32in Pads, 9ft 7in Arm, 24" TAG Tooth Bucket w/Coupler, Pattern Changer, Backup Camera, Two Speed Travel; 2013 John Deere 350G LC Hydraulic Excavator, 8006 Hours, EROPS, heat, ac, quick coupler, aux hydraulics, 48 inch digging bucket; 2015 Komatsu PC360LC-11 Hydraulic Excavator, 9470 hours, EROPS pattern changer, heat, ac, radio, quick coupler aux hydraulics, digging bucket, rear camera; **Dozers:** 2019 Caterpillar D5K2 LGP Crawler Dozer - 4,936 hrs. 6 way blade, rear drawbar, 26 inch wide track pads, 10ft 6 inch wide, sweeps, work lights, Grade Control Ready; 2015 Komatsu D61 EXI-23 Crawler Dozer 10,604 Hours, EROPS, heat, ac, radio, 6 way blade has mounting hardware for grade system, rear hitch; 2014 Komatsu D39PXI-23 8511 Hours, Intelligent Machine, EROPS, heat, ac, radio, 6 way blade, rear hitch; Loader Backhoes: 2018 Deere 410L - 7,312 hours, EROPS, push button start, 3 speed, left hand reverser, two stick backhoe controls, foot pedal extendable hoe, boom lock, out riggers, heat/AC, 94 inch Loader Bucket, 24 inch Digging Bucket; 2018 Deere 410L 7,664hours, EROPS, push button start, 3 speed, left hand reverser, two stick backhoe controls, foot pedal extendable hoe, boom lock, out riggers, heat, ac, radio, 24 inch Digging Bucket; **Cranes:** 1990 Link Belt HSP 8040 rough terrain crane - 9,982 hours, Bi fold JIB, outriggers, EROPS; **Skid Steers - Wheel:** 2015 Caterpillar 272D2 skid steer - 2,312 hours, quick attach, EROPS, bucket, aux. hydraulics, heat/air, air ride seat; 2016 Case SR240 Wheeled Skid Steer - 876 hours, EROPS, heat/AC, radio, 2 speed hi flow hydraulics; 2018 Caterpillar 262D Wheeled Skid Steer - 6,323 hours, EROPS, hydraulic quick attach, heat/AC, radio, hi flow aux hydraulics, pilot controls, overhead water kit, smooth asphalt tires; 2018 Caterpillar 262D Wheeled Skid Steer - 6,348 hours, EROPS, heat/AC, radio, hydraulic quick attach, hi flow aux hydraulics, 2 speed, overhead water kit, smooth asphalt tires; 2017 Kubota SSV65 Wheeled Skid Steer - 2,012 hours, EROPS, quick attach, pilot controls, aux hydraulics, smooth bucket, pneumatic tires, work lights; 2017 Bobcat S570 Skidsteer, 1,734hrs. Enclosed cab, aux. hyd. hyd. quick-tach; 2017 Takeuchi TS50V Skidsteer, 839hrs. enclosed cab, aux. hyd; 2017 Takeuchi TS50V, Skidsteer, 677hrs. Enclosed cab, aux. hyd; 2020 Kubota SSV65 Skidsteer, 489hrs. Enclosed cab, aux. hyd. Hydraulic quick tach, Pilot controls; **Skid Steers-Track:** 2019 Caterpillar 289D Tracked Skid Steer - 3,542 hours, EROPS rubber tracks, quick attach, 2 speed work lights, aux hydraulics, heat/air, radio; 2019 Deere 325G Track Skid Steer - 2,039 hours, OROPS, manual coupler aux hydraulics, push button start, pilot controls, work lights; 2019 Deere 325G - 1,875 hours, OROPS, pilot controls, hydraulic quick attach, rubber tracks, 2 speed, aux hydraulics, work lights; 2021 Caterpillar 259D3 Skid Steer - 1,312 hours, EROPS, rubber track, 2 speed, high flow, hydraulic quick attach bucket, aux valves; **Forklifts:** 2024 Heli CPQD25 Forklift - 58 demo hours, 5,000 lb capacity, 3 stage mast, side shift, manual adjust forks, 42 inch forks, NEW; 1996 Caterpillar GC-30 forklift-8,514 hours, 48 inch forks, 3 stage mast, side shift, tilt, comes with tank; Case 585E forklift-282 hours, 4 speed, 48 inch forks; Hyster forklift-8,242 hours, 3 stage mast, comes with tank; **Boom Lifts-** **Telescopiscopic:** 2007 JLG 600S Telescopic manlift - 2,742 hours, 60 ft boom, basket, ground controls, 4X4, reconditioned by JLG 4/17; 2014 Genie S-85 boom lift - 4,916 hours, 4x4, JIB, power to platform, ground controls; 2017 Haulotte HT67RTJ boom lift - 3,013 hours, JIB, diesel engine, basket and ground controls; 2013 Genie S-60X boom lift - 6,778 hours, 4x4, diesel engine, basket and ground controls; **Boom Lifts-Articulating:** 2016 JLG 450AJ boom lift - 2,161 hours, diesel engine, 45ft platform height, articulating boom, JIB, 500lb lift capacity; 2007 JLG 600AJ telescopic man lift-2,459 hours, 60 ft max height, 500 lb max capacity, JIB, power to basket, ground controls, 2 person, 4X4; **Scissor Lifts:** 2016 GS-3246-electric powered, 32ft platform height, slide out deck, 500lb lift capacity, extendable platform; 2014 JLG 1930ES scissor lift - 740 hours, power to platform; **Telehandlers:** 2015 Genie GTH 5519-3,109 hours, EROPS, 5,500lb max lift capacity, 19ft reach, aux hydraulics, solid tires; **Farm Attachments:** Woods RM59 3PT Finish Mower - PTO Drive, 60 inch wide; 48 Inch 3 Point Rotary Cutter - PTO Drive; 3PT Scraper Blade-manually adjustable angle; 3PT Box scraper- 4ft wide with ripper teeth, used; Woods R107-2 Rotary Mower - 72 inch wide, 3 Pt mount, PTO drive; **Hay and Forage Equipment:** New Holland 258 Pull Type rake; **Grain Handling Equipment:** Hutchinson 45ft Transfer Auger - 8 inch diameter auger, poly trap, towable PTO driven, manual raise/lower; New Holland 353 Feed Grinder - PTO drive, swing away auger; **Mini Excavators:** Landhonor Mini Excavator-OROPS, rubber tracks, manual adjustable thumb, aux hydraulics, grading blade, NEW/UNUSED; **Mini Skid Steers:** (2) Landhonor Mini Skidsteer - rubber tracks, gas engine, work light, smooth bucket, aux hydraulics, NEW/UNUSED; **Heavy Duty Trucks:** 1994 Kenworth T600 Sleeper Truck - 869,113 miles, Cat engine, manual trans, wood grain floor, heat/AC, radio, aluminum wheels; 2005 Volvo VNL Sleeper Truck Semi - 794,859 miles, raised roof sleeper, steel wheels, D13 engine, manual trans, heat/AC, radio; **Medium Duty Trucks:** 1988 SRECO FLEXIBLE HV1600TR sewer flusher - tandem axle, rear hose reel; 2006 International 4300 Box Truck - 114,192 miles, DT466 engine, auto trans, 24 foot dry box, front bench seat, heat/air, radio; 1999 Freightliner FL60 Single Axle Dump Truck-195,461 miles, 12 ft steel dump, air brakes, rear hitch, air, radio, auto transmission; **Semi-Trailers:** 2007 Doonan Step Deck trailer - fixed spread axle, wood floor, rail mounted straps, tool boxes, 10 ft top deck; **Utility Trailers:** 2024 Big Tex 48ft Gooseneck Trailer - 102 wide, tandem axle 5ft long fold over ramps, beaver tail, dual wheels, adjustable neck, dual jacks, wood floor, rub rails stake pockets, sliding rail mount straps, title absent; 10 Ft Utility trailer - wood floor, wood side boards, single axle, spare tire; RJ Cox 18 Ft. flat trailer-tandem axle, ramps, pintle hitch, 84 inch wide, tool box on front, wood floor; PLCS coil pipe trailer/straightener-maximum pipe diameter 6 inch, minimum diameter of 2 inch, pintle hitch, no title; **Agricultural Trailers:** EZ Trail 680 Header Cart - 30ft cart, front steer adjustable tongue, rear hitch; EZ Trail Header Cart - 20ft long, extendable tongue, rear hitch front axle steer; **Light Towers:** 2022 Generac MLTS Led Light tower - 6,371 hours, manual mast, towable, stabilizers; 2020 Generac CUBE HYPER light tower-6,500 hours, rotating mast, stabilizer jacks, Kubota diesel engine, hydraulic raise and lower, individual lamp shut off, fork pockets from all sides, adjustable lamps, half of one lamp does not turn on; 2019 Generac MLT6S pull type light tower - 5,702 hours, Kubota diesel engine, ball hitch, stabilizer jacks; 2019 Allmand Night Lite V Series NLV Towable Light Tower/Generator-4,867 hours, Kubota diesel engine, foldable hitch, lifting hook, 110v power plug, 30 amp plug, 30 amp 125/250V plug; 2019 Allmand Night Lite V Series NLV Towable Light Tower/Generator - 5,400 hours, Kubota diesel engine, 4 lights, 120/240V generator, stabilizer jacks; 2019 Allmand Night Lite V Series NLV Towable Light Tower/Generator - 5,393 hours, Kubota diesel engine, 120/240V generator, 4 lights, stabilizer jacks; 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Craftsman DLS3500 Riding Mower - 42 inch deck, runs has flat tire; **Vehicles:** 1991 Buick Skylark - 64,659 original miles, cloth interior, excellent condition, heat/air,

Kentucky REALTORS® distributes more than \$343,000 in housing assistance

LEXINGTON, Ky. (Aug. 13, 2025) – Since the first State of Emergency was declared by Governor Beshear on February 14, the Kentucky REALTORS® Relief Foundation (KRRF) has distributed more than \$343,000 in funds to nearly 500 Kentucky families impacted by severe weather in 2025.

In response to deadly storms, flooding, and tornadoes that have impacted communities across the Commonwealth, KRRF offered housing assistance to help cover mortgage or rental payments, as well as lodging assistance for those who were displaced due to the natural disaster.

“We have endured a number of natural disasters this year that have touched Kentuckians in every corner of the state,” said Barb Curtis, President of Kentucky REALTORS®. “We wanted to ensure communities across the Commonwealth had access to the assistance and the resources they needed to rebuild because everyone deserves a safe place to call home. Kentucky REALTORS® are committed to helping our neighbors however we can.”

A separate grant was established for each State of Emergency declared on February 14, April 2, and May 16. Totals include:

February 14: \$195,508 distributed to 290 families

April 2: \$108,209 distributed to 146 families

May 16: \$39,437 distributed to 53 families

Total: \$343,154 distributed to 489 families

Funding was available to eligible residents who applied online, and relief assistance was limited to one month of housing expenses up to a maximum of \$1,000 per household. A heat map of the number of 2025 KRRF applications by county can be found here.

“Whether it was providing housing assistance or delivering much-needed supplies, the Kentucky REALTORS® Relief Foundation was proud to help when our state needed it most,” said Ann Elizabeth Delahanty, President of the Kentucky REALTORS® Relief Foundation. “These natural disasters hit close to home for many of us, and I’m glad Kentucky REALTORS® was able to help make a difference for families across the state.”

REALTORS® across the state are dedicated to the communities they serve. Since the devastating western Kentucky tornado outbreak in December 2021, KRRF and the national REALTORS® Relief Foundation have allocated nearly \$2 million in relief funds and housing assistance to victims of natural disasters in Kentucky.

Carlisle County High School Seniors Welcome the Year with Senior Sunrise

By Laurna Todd
KPI Staff

Carlisle County High School’s Class of 2025 gathered early in the morning for a cherished tradition—Senior Sunrise—symbolizing the beginning of their final year together. As the first light crept over the horizon, laughter, shared memories, and the excitement of what’s to come filled the air.

For these seniors, the sunrise marks more than just the start of a school day—it represents a new chapter in life. Over the next year, they’ll face milestones that prepare them for life beyond high school, from applying to colleges or jobs to making decisions that will shape their futures.

Senior year is a time of growth, responsibility, and self-discovery. It’s also a year for building and deepening friendships that can last a lifetime. The bonds formed now—through classes, sports, and shared experiences—can become a network of support long after graduation.

As they move forward, Carlisle County seniors are encouraged to dream big, work hard, and leave their mark on the world. The Senior Sunrise serves as a reminder that while the days ahead will bring change, they also hold endless opportunities to grow, contribute, and build a legacy worth remembering.



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Arlington city meeting continued from front page

the Carlisle County Courthouse. The Turner property will return to court on August 21, where the owners will have the chance to reclaim it.

•**New Business**
Dixon updated the council on Kentucky Water block grants, stating that the city has received the grant paperwork. A motion by Dodge, which was seconded by Gaddie, authorized Mayor McGee to sign the documents.

•**Budget Matters**
Dixon also reported that budgeted gas transfers will help cover city expenses, including the renewal of city insurance, due to limited available funds.

The meeting concluded with a motion to adjourn. City leaders encourage residents to attend future meetings to stay informed and involved in community decisions.

Settlements in the following Estate have been filed in the Carlisle District Court:

Name of Estate:
Marilyn Todd Polivick

Name/Addr. of Fiduciary:
Jennifer Polivick, Executrix
1761 County Road 1314
Bardwell, KY 42023

Type of Settlement:
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Date/Time of Hearing:
October 27, 2025 @ 9:00 am

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Helping Children Wake Up for School

A Smooth Start for Students and Families

By Wilbur Jackson
KPI Writer

The start of a new school year brings the challenge of shifting children from relaxed summer mornings to early school-day wake-ups. For many families, those first few weeks are filled with sleepy faces, slow-moving routines, and a rush out the door. With a bit of planning and consistency, mornings can be calmer, more efficient, and even enjoyable.

1. Start the Adjustment Early

A week or two before school begins, gradually move bedtime earlier by 15–20 minutes each night until the desired sleep schedule is reached. Do the same with wake-up times so the change

feels less abrupt. This helps reset a child’s internal clock and makes early mornings less of a shock.

2. Create a Consistent Bedtime Routine

A predictable, calming bedtime routine signals to the body that it’s time to rest. Activities like reading, taking a warm bath, or listening to soft music can help children wind down. Avoid screens at least 30–60 minutes before bed, as the blue light can interfere with melatonin production and delay sleep.

3. Prepare the Night Before

Reduce morning chaos by laying out clothes, packing lunches, and setting out backpacks before bedtime.

Knowing everything is ready makes mornings smoother and eliminates last-minute stress that can slow children down.

4. Use Gentle Wake-Up Methods

Instead of abrupt alarms, consider waking children with natural light from an open curtain, a sunrise alarm clock, or soft music. Gradual wake-ups help prevent grogginess and start the day on a positive note.

5. Make Mornings Pleasant

A warm greeting, a favorite breakfast, or a few minutes of quiet conversation can help children feel cared for and more willing to start their day. Rushed or tense

mornings can create negative associations with waking up for school.

6. Encourage Responsibility

As children grow, give them more control over their own morning routine. Using a simple checklist — get dressed, brush teeth, eat breakfast, grab backpack — can foster independence and reduce nagging.

7. Keep Sleep Needs in Mind

School-aged children typically need 9–11 hours of sleep per night. If mornings are consistently difficult, evaluate whether bedtime is late enough to allow for adequate rest. Lack of sleep is often the root cause of morning struggles.

8. Stay Consistent on Weekends

While it’s tempting to let children sleep in late on weekends, drastic changes can throw off their weekday rhythm. Aim to keep wake-up times within an hour of the usual schedule.

A Smoother Start

Helping children adjust to early wake-ups is about more than setting an alarm — it’s about creating a healthy rhythm that supports both sleep and school readiness. With consistency, preparation, and a positive atmosphere, mornings can shift from frantic to functional, giving children the best possible start to their school day.



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The End of Kentucky Lake Season

Saying Goodbye to Summer on the Water

By Wilbur Jackson
KPI Writer

As the last warm days of September fade into the cool, crisp air of October, the Kentucky Lake region begins to wind down its busiest time of year. For locals and visitors alike, the end of lake season is bittersweet — a mix of gratitude for the memories made and reluctance to pack away the gear that’s defined the summer.

A Summer Hub

Kentucky Lake, stretching over 160,000 acres along the western edge of Kentucky and Tennessee, is a haven for boating, fishing, swimming, and waterfront relaxation. From Memorial Day through Labor Day, marinas bustle with activity, campgrounds are full, and the water shimmers with the

wake of pontoons, bass boats, and jet skis. Vacationers flock to the lake’s small towns — Benton, Murray, and Grand Rivers — filling cabins, restaurants, and tackle shops.

Signs of the Season’s Close

By late September, the pace begins to change. The busy hum of motors on the water grows quieter. Seasonal businesses shorten their hours, and marinas prepare to haul boats out for winter storage. Anglers shift their focus from leisurely summer fishing to the fall bite, when crappie and bass feed heavily before the cold sets in.

Fall’s Quiet Charm

While peak season ends, fall brings its own magic to Kentucky Lake. The shorelines explode

with red, orange, and gold leaves. Cooler temperatures make hiking, kayaking, and camping more comfortable. The crowds thin, leaving a peaceful stillness for those who linger past the summer rush. For many locals, this is the best time to enjoy the lake — a slower pace, fewer lines at boat ramps, and sunsets that seem even more vivid.

Closing Traditions

For lake-goers, the end of the season often means one last boat ride, a final cookout on the dock, or a weekend of fishing with friends. Some marinas host “end of season” gatherings, giving boaters a chance to celebrate before winterizing their vessels. Campers might mark the close with a bonfire and s’mores, sharing stories from the summer’s adventures.

Looking Ahead

While Kentucky Lake’s summer season is iconic, it’s not the end of outdoor life in the region. Hunters, hikers, and birdwatchers make the most of the cooler months. Winter fishing still draws dedicated anglers. And

as spring approaches, preparations begin again — docks are repaired, boats are cleaned, and vacation rentals are booked.

A Lasting Connection

The end of Kentucky Lake season is a reminder that summer’s beauty is

fleeting, but the sense of community and connection to the water lasts all year. For those who’ve spent time on its shores, Kentucky Lake is more than just a summer destination — it’s a place woven into the rhythm of life, patiently waiting for the next season to begin.

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Faith in Western Kentucky

Tradition, Community, and Resilience

By Wilbur Jackson
KPI Writer

In the hills, small towns, and river valleys of Western Kentucky, faith is more than a private belief — it’s a central part of community life. From rural clapboard churches to historic brick sanctuaries, religion has long shaped local culture, values, and the way neighbors support each other.

Deep Roots Christianity, particularly Baptist, Methodist, and non-

denominational traditions, has been the foundation of the region’s religious life for generations. Many congregations trace their origins to the 1800s, when the church served as both a spiritual home and a social center. Today, these historic congregations often stand alongside newer churches meeting in storefronts or community buildings.

Religion often blends with everyday life. Prayers before ball games or community meetings are common. Local businesses may display scripture or crosses. Individuals lean on faith during challenges — a farmer praying for rain, a teacher finding comfort in scripture, or a nurse reciting a psalm on a difficult night shift.



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In many towns, Sundays still bring families together for worship, hymns, and fellowship. While church attendance trends have shifted nationally, participation in Western Kentucky often remains strong.

Community Anchor Churches here are more than places of worship. They host potlucks, youth groups, seasonal celebrations, and Vacation Bible School. These gatherings unite people across generations and create lasting bonds.

Faith communities also play a vital role in crisis response. After the devastating December 2021 tornadoes, churches became shelters, distribution centers, and counseling hubs. Volunteers provided meals, clothing, and rebuilding help — living out the values they teach.

Changing Landscape While Christianity is still dominant, diversity is growing. Immigrant communities have added new traditions, from Catholic parishes with Hispanic congregants to small Muslim and Hindu gatherings in towns like Paducah and Murray. Interfaith cooperation is slowly increasing, often centered on shared charitable work.

College towns contribute to this shift, as universities host ministries from many denominations and support international student religious groups. This exposure broadens understanding, particularly among younger residents.

Faith in Daily Life

Adapting to Change Churches face familiar challenges: generational differences, competing schedules, and the impact of online life. The pandemic accelerated livestream worship, which remains useful for homebound members. Younger generations sometimes prefer less formal settings, prompting churches to offer contemporary services, coffee shop study groups, or community outreach events outside traditional walls.

Resilience and Hope Faith’s greatest role may be in fostering resilience. When faced with economic hardship, personal loss, or natural disaster, residents often find strength in both their beliefs and the relationships within their faith communities. Pastors, priests, and lay leaders serve as spiritual guides and practical helpers.

The church bell ringing across a small town still signals constancy: compassion, fellowship, and shared hope.

Looking Forward Western Kentucky’s faith communities work to honor tradition while embracing change. Old hymns still echo in country chapels, but praise bands and multicultural choirs are increasingly common. Revival tents still rise in summer fields, alongside online prayer groups linking members across counties.

Faith here is a living, evolving presence that binds communities together. In moments of joy and seasons of hardship, many residents turn first to their faith — and to each other — for strength, guidance, and belonging.

Funeral Notice
Obituaries furnished to Kentucky Publishing

Larry Watson Jones

Larry Watson Jones, born December 28, 1948, in Paducah, Kentucky, passed away on August 7, 2025, in Hixson, Tennessee. He was 76 years old.



Artel Jones and Mary Elwanda Watson, both of whom preceded him in death, Larry carried forward the values instilled

in him from an early age—integrity, kindness, and a deep sense of responsibility.

Larry had a special place in his heart for animals. A lifelong lover of Basset Hounds and cats, he never met a stray cat he didn’t love. His gentle nature extended to all creatures great and small, reflecting his generous spirit.

He was of the Baptist faith, drawing strength from his beliefs throughout his life.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of donations to your local animal shelter—a tribute that honors Larry’s enduring compassion for animals.

May his memory bring comfort to those who knew him.

Arrangements are by Legacy Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 8911 Dallas Hollow Road, Soddy-Daisy, TN 37379. (423) 843-2525. To share memories, photos or condolences, please visit www.legacyfuneralhome.com.

A devoted family man and respected professional, Larry built a life marked by dedication and quiet compassion. He retired as an Operations Duty Specialist with the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), where his commitment and work ethic left a lasting impression on colleagues and the organization alike.

Larry shared nearly four decades of companionship with his beloved significant other, Sue Donilon. Together they built a life filled with love and mutual respect. He was a proud father to three children: Larry William Jones and his wife Lisa; Donald Keith Jones and his wife Kristi; and Melanie Renee Jackson and her husband Joe. His legacy continues through seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren who brought him immense joy.

Born to William

BALLARD •

Patrick Romaine, age 67, passed away on August 9, 2025. Graveside services were held on Wednesday, August 13, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at Oscar Community Cemetery with Rev. Ryan Baker officiating.

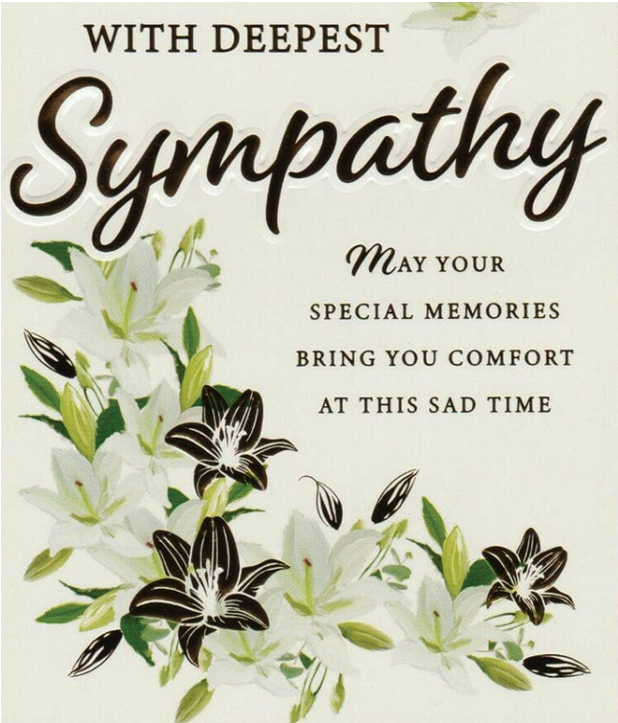
Lindy Sue (White) Gholson, 96, of Lovelaceville, Kentucky, passed away on Monday, August 4, 2025, and ran with joy into the arms of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Memorial Service was held at Morrow Funeral Chapel in LaCenter, KY on Saturday, August 9, 2025.

Ruth Wallis Smith Nelson, 84, of Kevil, passed away on Thursday, August 7, 2025, at her residence with her family by her side. Memorial services was held Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at Park Avenue Baptist Church with Rev. Bob Barr officiating.

• CALDWELL •

David Towery, 72, passed away on Friday, on August 8, 2025, in the comfort of his home in Princeton, Kentucky. Funeral services were held Monday, August 11, 2025, at Morgan’s Funeral Home with Bro. Dean Ray and Bro. Jimmy Sigler officiating. Burial in Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Caldwell County.

Beverly Jane Hulsey, a cherished wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend to many, passed away peacefully on August 7, 2025, in Evansville, IN, at the age of 77. Funeral services will be held Saturday, August 16, 2025 at Morgan’s Funeral Home at 2:00 pm with Samuel Haulk officiating. Burial will follow in Lakeview Cemetery in Providence.



Tammy G. Lynch, age 63, of Princeton, passed away Wednesday, August 6, 2025 at her home. Arrangements were incomplete at Morgan’s Funeral Home.

Gerald W. Oden, a life-long resident of Caldwell County, Kentucky, and a cherished patriarch of his loving family, passed away on August 4, 2025, at the age of 82. Funeral services were Friday, August 8, 2025 at Morgan’s Funeral Home with Bro. Roger Mitchell officiating. Burial in Rogers Cemetery in Christian County, KY with military honors.

• CALLOWAY •

Palmer G. Keathley, 81, of New Concord, KY, passed away on Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at his home. A celebration of life will be held at a later date in Tennessee.

Nancy J. Keathley, 80, of New Concord, KY, passed away on Sunday, August 10, 2025, at her home. A celebration of her life will be held at a later date in Tennessee.

Debra Jean Peck, 65, of Fredonia, KY, passed away on Friday, August 8, 2025. A celebration of Debra’s life will be held at a later date.

Harold Wayne Moss, age 84, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away, Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at his home. Arrangements were incomplete at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

Ruetta Overby Turner, age 85, of Murray, Kentucky passed away on Wednesday, August 6, 2025, at the Murray-Calloway County Hospital in Murray, Kentucky. A funeral service was held Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services with Pastor Jeff Rudy and Bro. Jim Stahler officiating. Entombment in the Murray Memorial Gardens.

Gregory Keith Wood, age 63, of Ellsinore, Missouri passed away on Sunday, August 10, 2025, at the Murray - Calloway County Hospital. A funeral service will be held on Friday, August 15, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home and Cremation Services. Randy Stevenson will officiate, and burial will follow in the Wadesboro Cemetery in Hardin, Kentucky. Visitation will be held prior to the funeral service on Friday, August 15, 2025, from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

David L. Morgan, age 78, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away on Sunday, August 10, 2025, at the Murray – Calloway County Hospital. A visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m., Friday, August 15, 2025, at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services. A funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, August 16, 2025, at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Pastor Chris Morgan will officiate, and an interment service will follow at 2:00 p.m. in the Oakwood Cemetery in Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

Joyce Evelyn Olson, age 84, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away, Monday, June 9, 2025, at the Baptist Health Hospital in Paducah, Kentucky. Ms. Olsons cremains will be scattered at the Fairdealing Cemetery in Marshall County, Kentucky at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, September 13, 2025. A reception will follow at the Four Little Pigs Restaurant in Benton, Kentucky.

Ramona Villeneuve, age 78, of Murray, Kentucky passed away on Wednesday, August 6, 2025. A graveside service was held Monday, August 11, 2025, at Murray Memorial Gardens. with Chris King officiating.

Samuel E. Willett, age 85, of Murray, Kentucky passed away, Wednesday, August 6, 2025, at the Anna Mae Owen Residential Hospice House in Murray, Kentucky. A funeral mass was held Saturday, August 9, 2025, at the St. Leo Catholic Church in Murray, Kentucky with Father Josh McCarty officiating. Burial in the Murray City Cemetery.

Jack H. Michael, 81 of Murray, KY, passed away Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at the Anna Mae Owen Residential Hospice House, Murray, KY. Arrangements were incomplete at this time at Blalock-Coleman Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Murray, KY.

Curtis C. Warner, 67 of Murray, KY, passed away Sunday, August 10, 2025, at his home. Arrangements were incomplete at this time at Blalock-Coleman Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Murray, KY.

Donnie Ray “Boone” Thomas, Sr., 73, of Murray, KY, passed away Friday, August 8, 2025, at the Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice House in Paducah, KY. Funeral services were Wednesday, August 13, 2025 in the chapel of the Blalock-Coleman Funeral Home, with Reverend Michael Pickens of New Life Church and Reverend Henry Greer officiating. Burial at the Mt. Sinai Church Cemetery in Oakton, KY.

• CARLISLE •

Karen Case Calvert, age 61, of Olmsted, Illinois, formerly of Bardwell, Kentucky, passed away on Monday, August 4, 2025, at her home. A visitation was held Thursday, August 7, 2025, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Bardwell.

• CHRISTIAN •

Ronald “Ronnie” F. Abbott, 70, Greenville Road, Hopkinsville, KY, passed away Wednesday, August 6, 2025 at his home. Funeral services were Monday, August 11, 2025 at Lamb Funeral Home with Chaplain Reed Shepherd officiating. Burial in Peaceful Meadows Cemetery.

Gary Gossett, 72, Morgan Lane, Hopkinsville, KY passed away on Wednesday, August 6, 2025 at Linda E. White Hospice House, Evansville, IN. Funeral services were Saturday, August 9, 2025 at Lamb Funeral Home with Rev. Roy King officiating and Rev. Vince Farrell assisting. Burial in H & M Cemetery.

Scarlette “Marley” Witherspoon, 10 months old, Boyle Street, Earlington, KY, passed away Sunday, August 3, 2025. Funeral services were Saturday, August 9, 2025 at Lamb Funeral Home with Rev. Kim Combs officiating and Rev. David Brown assisting. Burial in Flat Lick Cemetery.

Betty Lou Stevenson passed away on Friday, August 8, 2025 at the age of 89. Funeral services were Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home with her great grandson, Trey Moore, officiating. Burial in Green Hill Memorial Gardens.

FUNERAL NOTICES continued

Anne Cooke Adams Embry, 99, of Hopkinsville, KY died at 6:30 a.m. Thursday, August 7, 2025 at her residence. Funeral services were Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at First United Methodist Church with Rev. Dan Huck officiating. Burial in Rosedale Cemetery in Pembroke, KY.

Mary Lee Maassen, 90, of Hopkinsville, KY died at 10:00 p.m. Sunday, August 10, 2025 at her residence. No services will be held at this time. Dogwood Funerals & Cremations of Hopkinsville is assisting with the arrangements.

Victor John Gigliette, III, 53 of Hopkinsville, KY died at 8:15 p.m. Friday, August 8, 2025 at his residence. Memorial service was held. Thursday, August 14, 2025 at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West. Dogwood Funerals & Cremations of Hopkinsville is in charge of the arrangements.

Gregory Rhoads, 54, of Hopkinsville, KY passed away on Tuesday, August 5, 2025 at his residence. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Dogwood Funerals & Cremations of Hopkinsville is assisting with arrangements.

Jack Hopson Bridges, 88, Hopkinsville, passed on Tuesday, August 5, 2025. Visitation was held Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at Gamble Funeral Home. Burial: at KVCW.

• CRITTENDEN •

Janice V. Wright, age 90, of Marion, KY, passed away on Monday, August 11, 2025, at Lake Barkley Health and Rehabilitation in Kuttawa, KY. Visitation for Janice Wright will be held on Friday, August 15, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Funeral services will follow at 1:00 PM at Gilbert Funeral Home with Bro. Chris Lowery officiating. Burial will follow in Mapleview Cemetery in Marion.

Walter “Roger” Phelps, age 80, of Crittenden County, passed away on Friday, August 8, 2025, at his home. Funeral services were Monday, August 11, 2025, at Gilbert Funeral Home with Bro. Gary Murray officiating. Burial in Mt. Zion Cemetery.

Minnie Wanda Ditty, fondly known as Wanda, gracefully departed this world to be with the Lord on Sunday, August 3, 2025, at the age of 93. Funeral services will be held at 3:00 PM on Saturday, August 16, 2025, at Gilbert Funeral Home with Bro. Tom Easley officiating. Burial will follow Mapleview Cemetery in Marion.

Timmy Glenn Penn, age 67, of Marion, KY, passed away on Monday, August 4, 2025 at his home. Funeral services were Friday, August 8, 2025, at Gilbert Funeral Home with Bro. Don Beverly officiating. Burial in Deer Creek Cemetery.

Kristie Rene Grimes age 51 of Carrier Mills, Illinois passed away August 5, 2025 at her home. Graveside funeral were Sunday August 10. 2025 at Love Cemetery under the direction of Myers Funeral Home, Marion, KY.

• FULTON •

Debbie Kay Ward, age 71, of Hickman, KY passed away Thursday, August 7, 2025, at her home. A memorial visitation for Ms. Debbie Kay Ward will be held at the Hornbeak Funeral Chapel in Hickman, KY from 5pm until 7pm Friday, August 15, 2025.

James Kenneth Maxwell, age 81, of Fulton, Kentucky, passed away peacefully on August 7, 2025, surrounded by the love of his family. A memorial service will be held at 11:30am Saturday, August 16, 2025, in our funeral chapel. Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 10am Saturday, August 16, 2025, until the hour of service.

• GRAVES •

Linda Gail Gossum Faughn, age 71, passed away in her home in Mayfield, Ky, Tuesday August 5, 2025. Linda’s life was celebrated with her family and friends, Saturday, August 9, 2025 at the Calvary Presbyterian Church in Mayfield, KY

Ray C. Warmath, age 92, of Mayfield passed away on Sunday, August 10, 2025 at Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah, KY. Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 13, 2025 at Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY. Joel Crider and Randy Warmath officiating. Interment at Highland Park Cemetery.

Gary Jones, age 72, of Lovelaceville, formerly of Sedalia, passed away on Sunday, August 10, 2025 at Baptist Health in Paducah, KY. Funeral services were Thursday, August 14, 2025 at Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY. Bro. Dennis Zimmer officiating. Interment at Lynnnville Baptist Church Cemetery.

Robert Dunkin, age 75, of Mayfield, KY formerly of Dyersburg, TN passed away Wednesday, August 6, 2025 at the Jackson Purchase Medical Center in Mayfield, KY. A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY is in charge of arrangements.

Anna Flood, age 90, of Mayfield passed away on Tuesday, August 5, 2025 at her residence. Graveside services were Saturday, August 9, 2025 at Farmington Cemetery. Rev. Andrew Clapp officiating.

Jerry “Bill” Max Foy age 84 of Mayfield, KY passed away at 3:25 PM Thursday, August 7, 2025 at the Baptist Health Hospital in Paducah, KY. Funeral Services were Monday, August 11, 2025 at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY with Bro. Dennis Zimmer officiating. Burial in the Lynnnville Baptist Cemetery where the American Legion Post #26 conducting military rites.

Ronald James Morris, age 78, of the Hickory Community passed away at 5:10 AM Wednesday, August 6, 2025 at Baptist Health in Paducah, KY. Graveside services were Saturday at the Highland Park Cemetery. Rev Brandon Mason and Bro. Lamar Futrell officiating.

Edward L. Rogers, age 98 and a resident of Mayfield, passed away at 9:33 P.M. Tuesday, August 5, 2025 at Baptist Health in Paducah. Funeral services were Monday, August 11, 2025 at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield with Rev. Mark Burnett officiating.

Ladonna House, age 70, of Sedalia, KY passed away at 4:00 AM Monday, August 4, 2025 at the Vanderbilt Medical Center in Nashville, TN. Funeral services were Saturday, August 9, 2025 at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY with Rev. Marshall Ivey officiating.

• HENDERSON •

William B. “Bob” Wilson, age 82, of Henderson, KY, passed away on Sunday, August 10, 2025, at Deaconess Henderson Hospital. The funeral service will be held at 10:00 am Friday, August 15, 2025, at Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home in Henderson, KY, with Reverend Tony Payne and Reverend Mark Carter officiating. Burial will follow at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Henderson, KY. Military honors will be rendered by the American Legion Worsham Post #40.

Melanie Elaine Wright, age 48, of Henderson, KY, went to her heavenly home on Tuesday, August 5, 2025, at her home. A memorial service for Melanie was held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 10, 2025, at the church.

Margaret Hilda Thompson McCormic of Corydon, Kentucky passed away August 5, 2025, at her home in the company of her children and under the care of St. Anthony’s Hospice. Relatives and friends are invited to Hilda’s Life Celebration from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m. on Friday, August 15, 2025, and from 4:00 p.m. until service time on Saturday, August 16, 2025, at Chapel Hill Church in Henderson, KY. The memorial service will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday at the church.

Eichel Lindel “Ike” Warren, 86, of Providence, Kentucky, formerly of Sebree, passed away Sunday, August 10, at Palmer Place Assisted Living in Providence. Services were Wednesday August 13, 2025 at Tomblinson Funeral Home Sebree Chapel with Brother Brad Tucker officiating. Burial in Shady Grove Cemetery.

Diane Nellis, a vibrant and loving soul, born on March 25, 1949, in Henderson, Kentucky, peacefully passed away on August 8, 2025, at the age of 76. Funeral services will be held on August 16, 2025, at 11:00 AM at Tomblinson Funeral Home, with Pastor Phil Waggoner officiating. Prior to the service, there will be visitation hours at the same location from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM on August 16, as well as an evening visitation on August 15 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Diane will be laid to rest at Springdale Cemetery in Sebree, KY.

Barney Whitfield Stevenson, 73, of Cairo, KY passed away in his home on August 8, 2025. A Celebration of Life Service was held Wednesday, August 13, 2025 at Cairo Methodist Church, 13510 US 41A, Henderson, KY, officiated by Pastor Joe Cox.

Benjamin F. Weaver III, 93, of Henderson, Kentucky, passed away peacefully on Thursday, August 7, 2025, at St. Vincent’s Hospital in Evansville after complications from a fall. Services were Monday, August 11, 2025, at Rudy-Rowland Funeral Home. Heath Farmer officiating. Burial in Fernwood Cemetery with full military rites performed by American Legion Worsham Post No. 40 Honor Guard Burial Detail.

• HICKMAN •

Tommy Joe Osteen Sr., 78, of Clinton, Kentucky, passed away at Clinton Hickman County ICF on Saturday, August 9, 2025. Graveside Services were Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at Springhill Cemetery in Clinton, Kentucky, with Bro. David Dixon officiating.

George Muscovalley of Columbus, Kentucky died peacefully on August 9, 2025. Funeral services were Wednesday, August 13, 2025 at the Brown Funeral Home in Clinton with Rev. Chad Frizzell officiating. Burial in the Columbus Cemetery.

Ricky Gene Pyle, 70, of Clinton, Kentucky, passed away peacefully on August 5, 2025, in Dryden, Canada. Graveside services will be held Saturday, August 16, 2025 at 11:00 AM at Mt. Moriah Cemetery. Friends are asked to meet at the cemetery at the service time. Arrangements entrusted to Brown’s Funeral Home.

Arnisha Fuller Williams, age 72 of Clinton, passed away Monday, August 4, 2025 at her residence. A memorial service for Arnisha will be held at a later date in Chicago. Brown Funeral Home in Clinton is in charge of local arrangements.

• HOPKINS •

Joanna Gail Osburn Lovan, 83, of Mortons Gap, KY passed away on August 7, 2025 Deaconess Gateway in Newburgh, IN. Funeral services were Sunday, August 10, 2025 at Reid-Walters Funeral Home in Earlington, KY with Bro. Jerry Brewer officiating and burial at Salem Church Cemetery in Mortons Gap.

FUNERAL NOTICES continued

Michael Dean Lear, 70 of Crofton passed away Friday, August 8, 2025, at Jennie Stuart Medical Center. Service was held Tuesday at Bandy Funeral Home in Nortonville with Stan Howard officiating. Burial at Mt. Carmel Cemetery in White Plains.

Sue Jones, 78, of Nebo, KY passed away Tuesday, August 5, 2025, at her residence in Nebo. Funeral services were Friday, August 8, 2025, at Barnett-Strother Funeral Home Madisonville Chapel with Bro. Jamey Daugherty officiating. Burial in Silent Run Cemetery.

Karen Marie Howard, 77, of Madisonville, KY passed away Monday August 4, 2025, at The Heartford House in Owensboro, KY. A Memorial service was held Tuesday August 12, 2025, at the First Presbyterian Church in Madisonville with Pastor Jen Evens officiating.

Sophia “Christine” King (Oakley) Dimmick, 87, of Greenville, KY formerly of Madisonville, KY passed away on Sunday, August 10, 2025, at Maple Health and Rehabilitation in Greenville, KY. A private memorial will be held at a later date. Harris Funeral Home in Madisonville was entrusted with care.

Robert “Rob” J. Foe, 48, of Madisonville, KY passed away on Sunday, August 10, 2025, at the Lucy Smith King Care Center in Henderson, KY. Arrangements are currently pending.

Robert Stanley Brack, 67, of Madisonville, KY, passed away peacefully on August 9, 2025, at his home. A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Harris Funeral Home in Madisonville was entrusted with care.

Frances Lee Craddock Brown, 88, of Madisonville, KY, went home to be with her Lord on Saturday, August 9, 2025, at Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville. A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, August 16, 2025, in the chapel of Harris Funeral Home with Bro. Kellan Lamb officiating. Burial to follow at Walnut Grove Cemetery in Dawson Springs, KY.

James Allen, 66, of Madisonville, KY passed away on Friday, August 8, 2025, at the Lucy Smith King Care Center in Henderson, KY. A funeral service was held on Thursday, August 14, 2025, in the chapel of Harris Funeral Home with Bro. Ronnie Hendricks officiating and Bryan Allen assisting. Burial at Hanson Cemetery.

Stephen Allen Moore passed away August 8, 2025. Funeral Services will be Saturday, August 16, 2025 Starts at 1:00 pm (Central time) at Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church 108 Burton Lane, Earlington, KY 42410. Visitation starts at 11 am. Burial in Westside Oddfellows.

• LYON •

John Seay, aged 60, passed away on August 9, 2025 at his home in Kuttawa. Funeral services were held Thursday, August 14, 2025 at Lakeland Funeral Home with Bro. Mike York officiating.

• MCCRACKEN •

Glenda Joy Grace Ezell passed away on August 8, 2025, at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center. A funeral service was held Monday, August 11, 2025 at the Milner and Orr Funeral of Paducah with Dr. Kevin Ezell and Rev. Russ Wilson officiating.

Sammy “Sam” K. Brookshire, 78 of Paducah, passed away on Thursday, August 7, 2025, at Parkview Nursing & Rehabilitation in Paducah. A private family burial will occur in the future. Milner & Orr Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Paducah is in charge of all arrangements.

Paul Thomas Nelson, of Paducah, Kentucky, who was known affectionately as Tom to his loved ones, passed away on Wednesday, August 6, 2025, at the age of 88. A memorial service was held Sunday, August 10, 2025, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Paducah with Rev. Grace Pardun officiating.

James David McCauley, 71, of Paducah, Kentucky passed away on Tuesday, August 5, 2025 at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee. Memorial services were Friday, August 8, 2025 at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah with Rev. Katie Minnis officiating.

Lesia Wells, 68, a lifelong resident of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, August 5, in Nashville, Tennessee, surrounded by her family. Memorial services will be at 1:00 pm Friday, August 15, 2025, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Paducah. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens in Paducah. Visitation will be from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm on Friday, August 15, 2025, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Paducah.

Dorothy Ann Scheer, age 92, Paducah, Kentucky passed away at 3:24 a.m. Monday, August 4, 2025 at her home. Services were held Thursday, August 7, 2025 at the St. John Catholic Church with Rev. Bruce Fogle officiating. Burial at the St. John Cemetery.

Dorothy “Tommie” Harper, passed away peacefully on August 4, 2025, at the age of 97. A private family chapel service was held Thursday, August 7, 2025, at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens, with Bro. Rob Ison officiating.

Mary Lou Yates, lovingly known as Sue. She passed away peacefully on Saturday, August 9, 2025, in Paducah, KY at the age of 80, just a few weeks shy of her 81st birthday. Funeral services were Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at Lindsey Funeral Home with Bruce Chester officiating. Cremation followed.

Sandra Karyl Sisk, 79, of Paducah, KY passed away on Saturday, 9, 2025 in Southaven Hospice Center in Mississippi. Memorial Service was held Wednesday, August 13, 2025.

Ralph Harlan Burnett Jr. passed away on August 6. Lindsey Funeral Home is Honored to serve the Burnett family. There are no events scheduled at this time.

Leon Vancil, 90, of Paducah, KY, passed away peacefully on August 8, 2025, in Calvert City, KY. Visitation will be held Friday, August 15, 2025, at Hughes Funeral Home, Paducah, KY, beginning at 12:30 PM. Celebration of Life will be held immediately following visitation.

Barbaro F. Diaz, 69 of Paducah, Kentucky passed away on Friday, August 8, 2025, at Baptist Health in Paducah, Kentucky. A memorial service was held Wednesday, August 13, 2025 at 12:00 PM at Collier Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Benton.

• MARSHALL •

Mark Steven Smith, of Benton, KY, passed away Wednesday, August 6, 2025, at the Anna Mae Owen Residential Hospice House, Murray, KY A service celebrating Mark’s life was held Monday, August 11, 2025, in the chapel of the Blalock-Coleman Funeral Home in Murray, with Bro. Brett Miles officiating. Burial in the Mt. Olive Cemetery, Kirksey, KY.

Robert “Bobby” Ross, 45, of Benton, Kentucky, passed away on August 5, 2025, at his place of residence. There are no services scheduled at this time.

Lula B. Hartle, 89 of Gilbertsville, Kentucky passed away on Sunday, August 10, 2025 at Lake Way Nursing & Rehabilitation in Benton, Kentucky. Burial will take place at a later date at The Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield, MO. Collier Funeral Home & Cremation Services are handling arrangements.

Alma B. Darnall, 88, of Benton, KY passed away on Tuesday, August 5, 2025, at Parkview Nursing & Rahab Center in Paducah, KY. A Funeral service was held Monday, August 11, 2025 at Collier Funeral Home, located at 211 West 5th St., Benton, KY 42025 with the Bro. Nathan Ruggles officiating. Interment in Marshall Co. Memory Gardens, Benton, KY.

• TRIGG •

William Edgar Maynard, 88 of Cadiz passed away on August 6, 2025. Graveside services were Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West in Hopkinsville, KY with Rev. Reed Shepherd officiating with full military honors. Burial in the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West.

Mary Glynn Braswell Skaggs, age 86, a longtime resident of Cadiz, Kentucky, passed away on Thursday, August 7, 2025, at Lexington Premier Nursing & Rehab in Lexington, Kentucky. Arrangements are being handled by Goodwin Funeral Home, Inc., 138 Main Street in Cadiz, where the family will receive friends from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM on Friday, August 15, 2025. A graveside service will follow at 1:30 PM at East End Cemetery, 171 Main Street in Cadiz.

Arnold Frank Nicholson, age 83, of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, passed away on Thursday, August 7, 2025, at Shady Lawn Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Cadiz, Kentucky. A memorial service with military honors will be held at a later date at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West in Hopkinsville.

• UNION •

Cindy Lea Sutton, age 66 of Morganfield, KY passed away Sunday August 10, 2025 at her home. Funeral service was held Wednesday August 13, 2025 at Whitsell Funeral Home in Morganfield, KY. Rev. Dwight Jackson and Rev. Geoffrey Deibler officiating

Barbara Dean Starkey, 89, of Sturgis died Wednesday, August 6th at her home. The graveside service was held Friday, August 8th 2025 at Pythian Ridge Cemetery in Sturgis, KY. Cody Crowell officiating. Burial at Pythian Ridge Cemetery in Sturgis, KY.

• WEBSTER •

Brenda Kay Daniel 70, of Robards, KY passed away on Wednesday August 6, 2025 at her home. Funeral service was held Sunday August 10, 2025 at Townsend Funeral Home in Dixon, KY.

Charleen Jones 73, of Liberty, KY passed away Wednesday August 6, 2025 at her home. Funeral service was held Saturday August 9, 2025 at Townsend Funeral Home in Dixon, KY.

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VICTORIOUS *Living* ...in a troubled world

Praise enhances love

By Teresa LeNeave
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I once read an African proverb that said, “Even an old hen raises its head to heaven when it swallows its grain.” I’m wondering, do we take too many blessings for granted? Recently, while studying the book of Revelation, I suddenly realized when my heart cries for God (expresses great love), feelings of gratitude seem to grow. It’s like praise enhances love.

In the Bible, created beings praise Him for two things: because he is the Creator and because Jesus was slain for our redemption.

Have you ever loved someone so much that you struggled to put your feelings into mere words? The closest thing we can

come up with is, “I love you SO much”. Or, when someone does something really nice for us, the most we can say is: “I just can’t thank you enough”. Somehow, we have no words to express our deepest gratitude to another person.

In the history of the United States we read where George Washington was immensely popular after the Revolutionary war. Everyone was ready for him to be king or dictator. He could have taken any title he wanted, but instead he chose to share his glory and go a different route that involved a democracy that gave all the people a voice. That was his way of showing gratitude for freedom. He had the political backing

to be a dictator, but he chose to show his thankfulness by sharing his glory.

From what I understand in scripture, Jesus actually wants to share His glory with us, too. He has already won the victory for Himself, but He wants to share His glory by making us rulers as well. That’s what Revelation 5: 9-10 says: He has made us kings and priest.

In Revelation 4, heavenly beings sing with great devotion and adoration to God as their voices ring in unison, “You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power. For YOU CREATED all things. And, by Your will, they were created and have their being (Rev: 4:11). These beings sing this



over and over and over.

The next scene unfolds as another song of devotion is being sung: “You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because You were slain, and with Your blood You purchased men for God - from every tribe

and language and people and nation. You made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth” (Rev. 5 9-10).

What a wonderful thing to praise God for: Because He created us. Because He was slain for us. Because He has a future plan for us.

We often hear how far gratitude takes us toward a better life on earth. The same is true with God. Praise enhances love – love that goes both ways. God to you and you to God. Praise is like a sponge dipped in warm water. ...it swells and swells until the heart is filled with love.



By Gary Miller
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Next week I’m going on my annual trip to Missouri. I’ve been hunting deer there for years and have some wonderful friends there. My memories are many. I think about everything from the times of extreme weather (one time I hunted without a shirt) to trying to find my lost deer with a famous deer dog, that happened to be a dachshund. I can remember seeing some monster bucks just out of range and missing some within

range. But no matter what the past held; I still look forward to going back each year. My present memory, however, is one of only a couple of years ago. I was a few weeks away from knee surgery to repair a torn meniscus. My memory is of constant pain, especially as I walked to and from my tree stand. Even though the walks were not long, the effort it took to make them seemed especially difficult and slow.

As I made those trips each day, I was always reminded of a title to a book I saw one time. It was called “Leading With A Limp.” And while I never read that book (I probably should) I imagined a plethora of subjects the author might be trying to convey. Here’s what leading with a limp means to me.

It means every leader is imperfect. We have difficulties, inabilities, failures, discouragements, disappointments,

and insecurities. And while none of these stop us, they cripple us enough to cause us to lean on something we could not do without. They also humble us, making us realize the possibility of any success comes from places beyond ourselves. Limping leadership also slows us down in order to make sure we never outpace those we are called to lead. After all, leaders are only leaders if they have followers. And Limping leaders love more because we become more patient

and understanding with everyone else’s disability. Our example of this kind of leadership in the New Testament is Paul. He had a limp and asked God to take it away. God didn’t for some of the same reasons I mention above. Here’s how Paul recalls his prayer.

Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly

about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong. (2 Corinth 12:8-10 NIV)

It is believed Paul wrote most of the New Testament. He did it with a limp. That means your limp does not disqualify you. It is the most important part of your resume.



Fearless warriors do not hide under the bed

By William F Holland Jr.
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It’s not really a secret about there being such a thing as good and evil. Yes, I know for every statement there is a counter argument, as even a few people deny the earth is round. But, generally speaking, the masses are to some degree aware of the good God, bad devil concept. Within the Christian faith, it’s believed that God is infinite, perfect, represents the light and everything good, and is in total control of all things. On the dark side, Satan is a destructive spiritual entity who works around the clock trying to disrupt God’s plans. This includes unleashing a relentless barrage of damaging attacks and evil influences against the human race. What do you think about this summary? Do you accept this view of what is happening

in the spiritual realm?

We see in the Bible how this battle was happening in the Garden of Eden, and it has never stopped. Again, one needs to settle within their conscience whether or not the Bible instructions and accounts are true or not. For those who embrace the Bible as the truth of God’s promises and warnings, there is good news in knowing that Jesus went to the cross and rose from the dead in order to save us from sin and prove that God is the ultimate authority over everything. This gives us Christians peace and security to know that even though the war is intense, we can be victorious over the darkness because light overcomes darkness and greater is the Lord who lives in us than he that is in the world.

For those who are more experienced, knowledgeable, and involved with spiritual warfare, they have learned the closer the Christian walks with God, the more intense the battle. We can see this in the life of Christ as the devil knew who Jesus was and the purpose of His mission. However, when Satan thought he had defeated Jesus and prevented Him from establishing His kingdom, he was deceived. The devil realized he had lost when Christ rose from the dead, and that dying on the cross was actually the intention of God from the beginning. No one took Jesus’ life, He gave it willingly to open the way of redemption through His blood sacrifice. Satan laughed at Jesus on the cross, but trembled in fear when he realized God’s plan of salvation had

worked perfectly.

This is why the Christian can boldly declare that trusting God is choosing the winning side. In Matthew chapter 4 we read where Satan and Jesus actually had a conversation. The devil was trying to offer Jesus a deal so that he could keep spreading his negative influences. Jesus stood against Him which allows us to see the importance of understanding the responsibilities of spiritual authority. You see, with God we are a majority no matter how many demons fight against us. I think it’s odd that with so many who claim to be God’s soldier, yet when spiritual warfare is mentioned they become afraid and want to change the subject. The same is true when asked about demonstrating spiritual gifts or casting our demons.

Very few have ever personally engaged combat against the enemy. Why is this?

If the average Christian truly believes the dark side is real, but avoids praying against it, something is wrong. Most realize they have not developed their faith or discernment and thus are not confident in this area. Others think that what happens will happen and that God will fight for them. Whatever the excuses people hide behind, the reality of John 10:10 rarely crosses their mind. It seems the enemy of our soul reminds them of a hornets nest to which as long as they do not poke at him, he will leave them alone. Hosea 4:6 mentions that people suffer from the lack of understanding spiritual knowledge and sadly our clever human nature has figured out

that pretending to be ignorant is much easier than being accountable. Ephesians 6:12 reminds every Christian why we are commanded to use the armor of God. The helmet, sword, and shield is for fighting on the front lines of intercession, but most followers have stored these in the closet, seeing that it’s more comfortable to read war stories than to enlist. So, when will God’s warriors awaken and confess they have fallen asleep on their watch? When will the followers of Christ turn away from meaningless distractions and respond to the trumpets of war?

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FAREWELL TO THE FLESH

Bro. Brandon G. Bramlett
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The house was deserted and devoid of life. The front door was cracked open, the once-attractive exterior color had retired to a glum grayish-brown, and the silence of death packed the halls. The bubbling tide washed this abandoned residence right up to my feet—it was a suntanned shell, formerly occupied by a hermit crab that vacated it during molting. There comes a moment in every hermit crab’s life

when they must depart their old shell in search of a new one. These ten-legged crustaceans do not typically die when they surrender their obsolete housing to the ocean—they simply move on and move into an upgraded version.

The time will come when every Christian must say goodbye to the shell of their old flesh as well. The body is merely a temporary residence and the tide of death will bury your mortal frame six feet beneath a

headstone. But the real you—your soul, that is—will live on. If you believe that the death of Christ was the deathblow to death, the earthen vessel of your body is all that truly dies (cf. John 11:25). You will bid adieu to your old shell and live in the eternal presence of the Author of life (Phil. 1:23), and the Lord shall grant you a new and improved body when He returns: “[Jesus] will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him

even to subject all things to himself” (Phil. 3:21).

A believer’s death, therefore, is not the end. It is simply the end of living in the fragile shell of the flesh. “For we know,” promised Paul, “that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling” (2 Cor. 5:1-2). And the new shell will be unlike

anything you have ever known before: “Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality” (1 Cor. 15:51-53).

A now-omitted stanza in the cherished hymn

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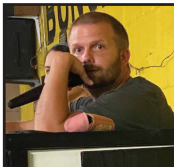
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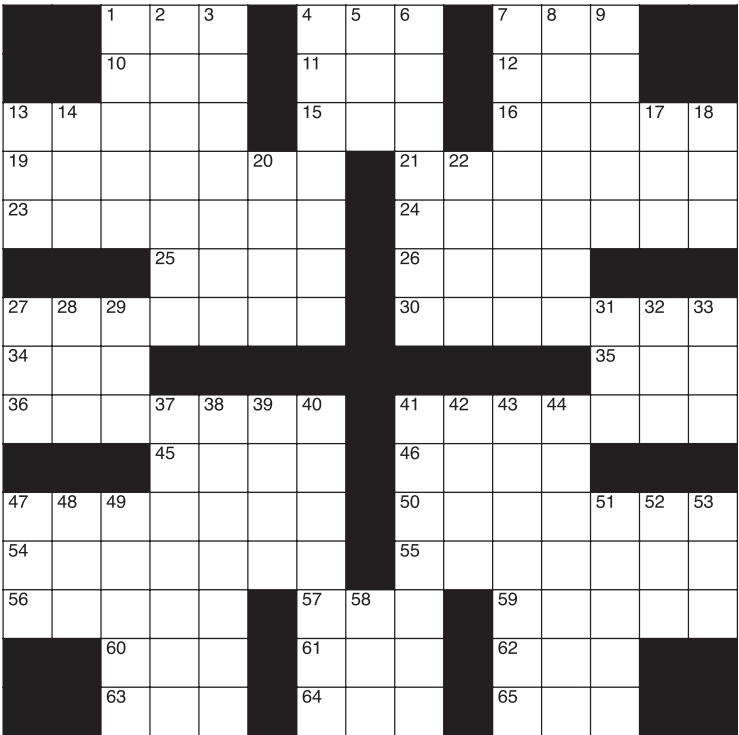
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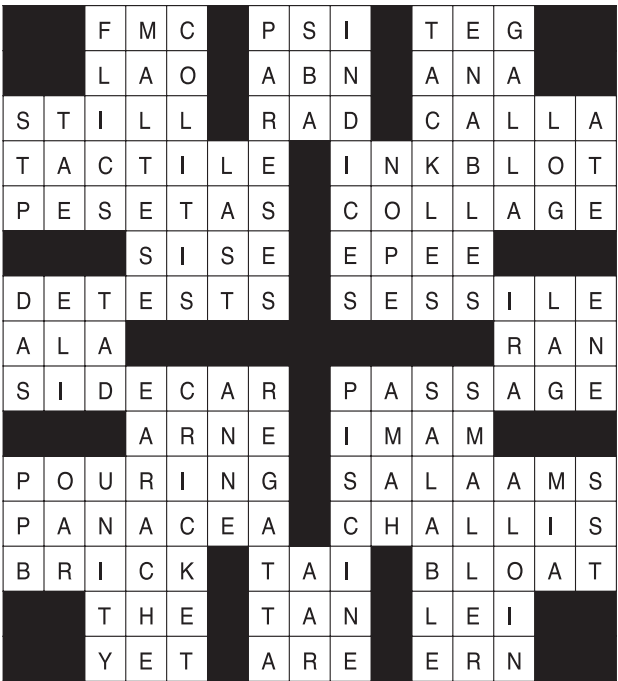
CLUES ACROSS

1. Auto manufacturer
4. The 23rd letter of the Greek alphabet
7. Two-year-old sheep
10. Member of indigenous people in Asia
11. Airborne (abbr.)
12. Actress de Armas
13. Not moving
15. Cool!
16. Plants of the arum family
19. Perceptible by touch
21. Rorschach test
23. Monetary units
24. Art
25. Cardinal number
26. Dueling sword
27. Hates
30. Fixed in one place
34. Pie ___ mode
35. Moved on foot
36. Passenger’s spot on a motorcycle
41. A way through
45. “Rule, Britannia” composer
46. Leader
47. Flowing
50. Common greetings in Arabic countries
54. Solution for all difficulties
55. Soft clothing fabric
56. Building material
57. Sea bream
59. A way to cause to be swollen
60. One and only
61. Skin color
62. Wreath
63. Nevertheless
64. They ___
65. Sea eagle

CLUES DOWN

1. Policemen (French)
2. Toy dog
3. Inflamed colon disease
4. Muscular weaknesses
5. Helps little firms
6. References
7. Takes down
8. Facilitates
9. One-time empress of the Roman Empire
13. Engine additive
14. Chemistry solution
17. Written account
18. Consumed
20. Coming after all others
22. No (slang)
27. Government lawyers
28. Super Bowl winner Manning
29. Small amount
31. A way to save for your future
32. A way to travel behind
33. Midway between northeast and east
37. Head pain
38. Loud lawn insect
39. Actress Hathaway
40. Boat race
41. About fish
42. Nursemaid in India
43. Marketable
44. Tinier
47. Parts per billion (abbr.)
48. Paddle
49. Oneness
51. Bitter compound
52. Not around
53. Very fast airplane
58. Swiss river

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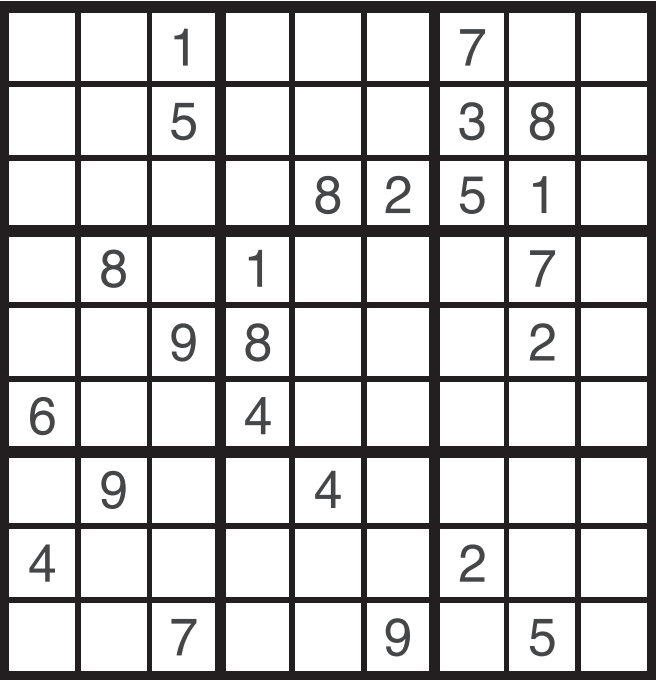
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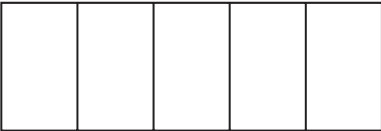
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Word Scramble

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Answer: Cara Delevingne

Easing Into the School Year

A Smooth Start for Students and Families

By Wilbur Jackson
KPI Writer

The transition from summer break to a new school year can be both exciting and challenging. Long, relaxed days give way to early alarms, structured schedules, and fresh academic expectations. Whether a child is starting kindergarten or heading into their senior year, a thoughtful approach can make easing into school far less stressful for students — and parents too.

1. *Start the Routine Early*

One of the biggest hurdles in August and September is shifting from

summer sleep patterns to school-ready schedules. A week or two before the first day, begin adjusting bedtimes and wake-up times in small increments. This gradual change helps the body and mind adapt, reducing those groggy first mornings.

2. *Organize Supplies and Spaces*

A clean, prepared workspace at home sets the tone for productive study habits. Stock up on necessary school supplies early and involve kids in choosing their notebooks, backpacks, or planners. This gives them a sense of ownership and excitement about the

year ahead.

3. *Focus on Communication*

Keeping open lines of communication with teachers, counselors, and coaches can make a big difference. Parents should share any relevant information about their child's learning style, strengths, or concerns early in the term. Likewise, encourage students to speak up when they need help or clarification.

4. *Set Realistic Expectations*

It's tempting to jump straight into high performance goals, but the first few weeks are best spent re-establishing routines and adjusting to new

demands. Celebrate small successes, whether it's completing the week's assignments on time or joining a new club.

5. *Maintain a Balanced Schedule*

Schoolwork is important, but so is rest, family time, and physical activity. Overloading a student's calendar with extracurriculars can lead to burnout. Choose activities carefully, leaving room for downtime and flexibility.

6. *Keep a Positive Mindset*

Transitions can be stressful, but framing the school year as an opportunity for growth helps reduce anxiety. Talk about

what students are looking forward to, whether it's a favorite subject, seeing friends, or trying something new.

7. *Build Healthy Habits Early*

Nutritious breakfasts, regular exercise, and consistent sleep routines all contribute to better focus and mood. Families can also set limits on screen time, especially before bed, to support healthy sleep cycles.

8. *Stay Involved, But Not Overbearing*

Parents play a crucial role in supporting learning without micromanaging. Show interest in what children are

learning, attend school events, and check in regularly — but allow space for independence and problem-solving.

A *Fresh Start*

A new school year is like a blank notebook: full of possibilities. By preparing ahead, creating supportive routines, and maintaining balance, families can turn the sometimes-bumpy transition into a smooth, confident start. The key is to approach the change with patience, flexibility, and optimism — qualities that will serve students well throughout the year and beyond.

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A Month of Music, Art, and Small-Town Charm

By Wilbur Jackson
KPI Writer

As summer fades into autumn, the Paducah, Kentucky, area comes alive with a colorful mix of festivals, live music, and cultural gatherings. Whether you're a local looking for weekend plans or a visitor eager to explore western Kentucky's charm, September offers a full calendar of events worth marking down.

1. Paducah Riverfront Concerts & Live Music

Early September often brings live music to Paducah's scenic riverfront. The Paducah Parks & Recreation department, along with local venues like Dry Ground Brewing

and Maiden Alley Cinema, hosts a rotating schedule of free or low-cost shows. From bluegrass to blues, these performances are a perfect way to soak up the late-summer evenings with the Ohio River as a backdrop.

2. Barbecue on the River (Late September)

One of Paducah's most beloved annual events, Barbecue on the River typically takes place the last weekend of September. Dozens of pitmasters line the downtown streets, filling the air with the irresistible scent of hickory smoke. Teams compete for bragging rights in categories like pulled pork, ribs, and chicken — but the real

winner is the crowd, which gets to sample plates while supporting local charities. Live music, craft vendors, and family-friendly activities make this a true community celebration.

3. Lower Town Arts & Music Scene

While the official Lower Town Arts & Music Festival takes place in the spring, September still offers plenty of art-centric happenings in the historic Lower Town Arts District. Galleries and studios open their doors for special exhibits, and the Paducah School of Art & Design frequently hosts workshops and public events. The crisp air and

golden sunlight make it
a perfect time for an art
walk.

4. Farmers Markets & Harvest Fairs

September is peak harvest season in western Kentucky, and the Paducah Homegrown Farmers' Market is in full swing on Saturdays. Visitors can browse fresh produce, baked goods, artisan crafts, and seasonal flowers. Nearby communities such as Benton, Mayfield, and Murray host their own harvest festivals, complete with hayrides, local music, and homemade jams.

5. Quilt City Celebrations

As a UNESCO Creative

City for Crafts & Folk Art, Paducah has deep quilting roots. While the massive American Quilter's Society (AQS) Spring QuiltWeek happens earlier in the year, September often sees quilting workshops and smaller guild shows pop up at places like the National Quilt Museum. For quilting enthusiasts, these events offer a more intimate experience with local artists.

6. Day Trips & Outdoor Fun

If you're up for a short drive, September is an ideal month for visiting nearby Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area. Events there range from prairie days at the Homeplace 1850s Farm to star

parties at the Golden Pond Planetarium. Hiking trails, wildlife viewing, and paddling trips are especially enjoyable before the fall chill sets in.

Final Notes

September near Paducah blends the warmth of late summer with the first hints of autumn color. From smoky barbecue competitions to soulful riverfront concerts, the month offers something for every taste. Whether you're sipping sweet tea at a street fair or wandering through a gallery in Lower Town, you'll find the season's laid-back joy woven into every event.

Beating the End-of-Summer Blues

By Wilbur Jackson
KPI Writer

As the long, sun-soaked days of summer fade into earlier sunsets and cooler evenings, many people experience a dip in mood known as the end-of-summer blues. After months of vacations, outdoor adventures, and a lighter daily routine, the transition back to school schedules, work deadlines, and shorter days can feel jarring.

This seasonal shift often brings a mix of nostalgia and reluctance. We miss the freedom of warm-weather activities — swimming, backyard barbecues, late-night gatherings — and feel the weight of responsibilities returning. For students, the start of a new school year can bring added stress, while adults may notice a heavier workload as businesses shift into fall mode.

Experts suggest that these feelings are a natural

response to change. The brain thrives on sunlight, which boosts serotonin levels, and the reduction in daylight during late summer and early fall can subtly impact mood.

To ease the transition, it helps to carry some “summer spirit” into autumn. Plan outdoor activities like weekend hikes, farmers market visits, or evening walks to soak up lingering sunlight. Start a new hobby or class to keep your mind engaged. Social connection is also key — even a casual coffee with a friend can help combat feelings of isolation.

Most importantly, remember that each season brings its own joys. Autumn's crisp air, colorful leaves, and cozy traditions can be just as rewarding as summer's adventures — if we allow ourselves to embrace the change rather than mourn what's passed.

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Local Fall Sports

Energy, Rivalries, and Community Pride

By Wilbur Jackson
KPI Writer

As September rolls in and the Ohio River breeze carries the first hints of autumn, schools across the Paducah region gear up for a busy fall sports season. From the roar of the crowd at McCracken County High’s football stadium to the focused silence at a Lone Oak cross country meet, the energy is

unmistakable.

Friday Night Lights

High school football remains the centerpiece of fall athletics in western Kentucky. McCracken County, Paducah Tilghman, and surrounding schools draw big hometown crowds each week. Local rivalries bring extra excitement, with families and alumni filling the stands to cheer for their alma

maters. Marching bands and cheer squads keep the atmosphere electric, turning every game into a community-wide celebration.

Soccer, Volleyball, and Cross Country

Beyond football, the area’s soccer programs are thriving, with boys’ and girls’ teams from Graves County to Marshall County competing for regional titles. Volleyball courts

are just as intense, with teams like St. Mary High School delivering fast-paced matches that showcase skill and teamwork. Meanwhile, cross country runners from local schools take to wooded trails and park courses, representing their teams with endurance and determination.

Character Beyond the Scoreboard

For many

student-athletes, fall sports are more than just competition — they’re opportunities to learn time management, sportsmanship, and leadership. Balancing practices, games, and academics requires dedication. Coaches, teachers, and families work together to support students in both their athletic and academic goals.

A Season to Remember

In the Paducah area, fall sports are about more than wins and losses. They strengthen community bonds, create lifelong friendships, and inspire pride in local schools. Whether it’s the crack of shoulder pads under the lights or the final sprint to a cross country finish line, these moments capture the heart of the season.

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Missing 10-year-old boy from eastern Ky. found dead, mother charged with manslaughter

By MARK MAYNARD
Kentucky Today

After an exhaustive almost one-week search, the body of a missing 10-year-old boy from Breathitt County was found Tuesday afternoon in a shallow grave in a wooded area of Canoe Road in Breathitt County, state police said.

At a press conference later Tuesday, Kentucky State Police Trooper Matt Gayheart said Jayden Spicer's body was recovered around 3 p.m.

Jayden's mother,

Felicia Gross, 33, was charged with second-degree manslaughter, abuse of corpse, tampering with evidence and falsely reporting an incident. She was lodged in the Kentucky River Regional Jail.

The search for Jayden began Aug. 6, after his family reported him missing from his home on Panbowl Branch Road in the Jackson community on Aug. 5.

Multiple agencies were involved in the search, using



Jayden Spicer was found dead Tuesday nearly a week after family members reported him missing in Breathitt County.

aircraft, drones, dogs, sonar, thermal imaging and "boots on the ground," state police said.

The entire

community was involved in the search for the young boy, said state Sen. Brandon Smith, R-Hazard.

"My deepest prayers are with all who loved Jayden and with our communities that came together in hope, now united in sorrow. While few details are available regarding this innocent child's death, we will be committed to ensuring he receives justice if the facts demand it," he said in a statement. "My prayers and support are with KSP Post 13 and those who will oversee this investigation and prosecution."

Smith said the outpouring of compassion throughout the area in the past week during the search for Jayden has been overwhelming to witness.

"As Jayden now rests in the arms of our Lord and Savior, may we hold close the example of unity and care shown by so many. Let us continue to lift one another in prayer, and may the peace of God's love bring comfort to every heart that is broken," he said.

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Coach Brooks Named KFCA District 1 Coach of the Year

**By: Laurna Todd
KPI Writer**

Tyler Brooks, the head football coach at McCracken County High School, has received the prestigious title of Kentucky Football Coaches Association (KFCA) Class 6A, District 1 Coach of the Year for 2024. This honor recognizes his exceptional leadership, strategic impact, and unwavering dedication to Mustang football.

Coach Brooks has been involved with the McCracken football program since 2020, initially serving as an assistant coach and later as the offensive coordinator under former head coach Jonathan Smith. His promotion to head coach represents a smooth transition for a program that is on the rise, led by someone who intimately understands its culture and players.

A 2012 graduate of Henderson County High School and a 2016 graduate of Georgetown College, Brooks was an accomplished player himself, earning Mid-

South Conference All-Conference honors twice and serving as team captain in 2015. After coaching at Henderson County from 2017 to 2019, he joined McCracken County, quickly establishing himself as a rising star within Kentucky's coaching ranks.

The KFCA award not only honors his successful 2024 campaign but also highlights the positive culture and offensive identity he has fostered within the team. Known for his sharp football intellect, player-first approach, and high-energy leadership style, Brooks is expected to bring a disciplined yet innovative edge to the Mustangs as they head into the 2025 season.

His ability to connect with players, uphold high standards, and creatively utilize their strengths distinguishes him as a coach. Mustang fans can anticipate a program built on accountability, toughness, and excitement under Coach Brooks' guidance. With a solid foundation in place, the future looks bright for the Mustangs in 2025.

Sean Thompson Named Courier Journal Kentucky High School Football Coach of the Year

**By: Laurna Todd
KPI Writer**

Sean Thompson, head coach of Paducah Tilghman, has been recognized as the Courier Journal Kentucky High School Football Coach of the Year for 2024 following a historic season that has reestablished the Blue Tornado as one of the premier football programs in the state.

Under Coach Thompson's leadership, Tilghman achieved a perfect 15-0 record, marking the school's first undefeated season since 1973. The season culminated in a Class 4A State Championship victory against Franklin County, with a score of 27-20—Tilghman's first state title since 2009. The team showcased its prowess on both sides of the ball, averaging over 49 points per game on offense while the defense held opponents to just 9.1 points per game.

However, Thompson's impact extends far beyond the scoreboard. His ability to foster a culture rooted in accountability, unity, and high

expectations has garnered praise from players, parents, and coaches throughout the state. In a short time, he transformed Tilghman into a disciplined, confident, and resilient team that thrived



under pressure. The Courier Journal panel referred to this as a "culture of excellence" and credited Thompson with elevating Paducah Tilghman to become one of the most dominant teams in Kentucky football. Thompson said, "Winning coach of the year is a

big deal to me because there are so many good coaches in our state that do a phenomenal job. To be considered as one of them is special, but there is still work to be done!"

As a mentor, Thompson's influence is equally significant. He has guided players such as quarterback Jack James and defensive back Martels Carter—both of whom garnered Division I interest—not only toward athletic success but also toward personal growth and leadership. His players credit him with teaching vital life lessons through football: hard work, self-discipline, and a belief in one another.

We asked Coach Thompson his best moment coaching he said, "There isn't a best moment. Though winning a state championship was great, it's more so the many athletes we have been able to get to college with an opportunity to continue their playing careers that I am most proud of. We have just under 25 who have played college football in our 4 years together."

Coaches and Assistant Coaches set visions for their players

**By: Laurna Todd
KPI Writer**

High school football coaches play a vital role in mentorship, motivation, and friendship, helping young players grow on and off the field in western Kentucky counties.

At Ballard Memorial High School, Head Coach Jon Hedges, promoted in January 2024, emphasizes fundamentals and weightlifting while fostering confidence and

unity among players. In Marshall County, Head Coach Nick Bloodworth focuses on off-season training, creating a fun and competitive atmosphere. Coach Tyler DeBarndini at Graves County emphasizes character development, while Sean Thompson at Paducah Tilghman led the team to a perfect 15-0 record in 2024, winning the state championship and earning Coach of the Year honors.

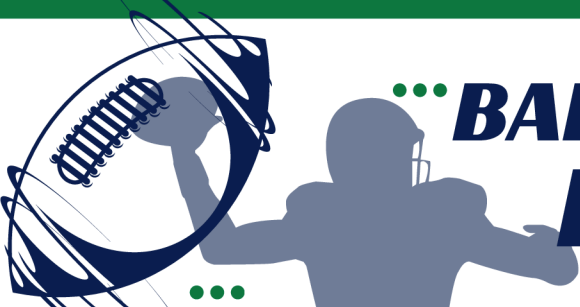
High school coaches build trust through genuine care, attending school events, and being accessible beyond practice. They support player success through structured training and accountability, promoting resilience, discipline, teamwork, and self-confidence.

Assistant coaches also play a crucial role, working closely with specific positions and providing personalized mentoring. They reinforce team culture and ensure accountability, helping players thrive without getting lost in the team

dynamic. Across western Kentucky programs, assistant coaches run off-season training, lead film sessions, and offer life advice, often being the first to notice when players need help.

While head coaches set the vision, it is the assistant coaches who guide players through improvement, making them essential to every athlete's journey.

Together, the coaching staff collaborates to help each player reach their full potential.



BALLARD MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

2024 Final Record: 4 wins, 7 losses
District Record: 1-2



2025 Senior Players: Luke Sullivan, Jalen Smith, Noah Byrd, Jackson Laster, Logan Brown, Trevor Bondurant, Trevor Elliot, Hayden Hector and William Dowdy

Q. What has the focus been in preparing for this season?
A. We hired a new Offensive Coordinator, John Adams. So we have been installing our new offense this summer. We have been in the weight room since January. We’ve seen tremendous growth in our players.

Q. Who are some key returning players, and what roles will they play this year?
A. Senior Luke Sullivan, Luke played every snap last year on all three phases of the game. He is outstanding young man with great leadership skills. Senior Noah Byrd, I’m excited to see what he can do for us this year with being a Running back this year. Junior, Mayson Crowley is our team leader. Mayson is the hardest worker on the team. He will be our starting quarterback this season.



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Q & A with Jon Hedges
Ballard Memorial Football head coach

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Q. What are some of the biggest strengths or improvements you've seen in your team compared to last year?

Q. Do you have any players drawing attention from college programs or who fans should keep an eye on?

Q. What are the biggest challenges or tough matchups you see on your schedule this year?
A. District opponents

A. Our biggest strength this year has been the team dedication to the weight room. Each player has met their summer goal for the weight room.

A. Keep an eye on these kids Logan Brown, Luke Sullivan, Jackson Sutton, Mayson Crowley and Noah Byrd.



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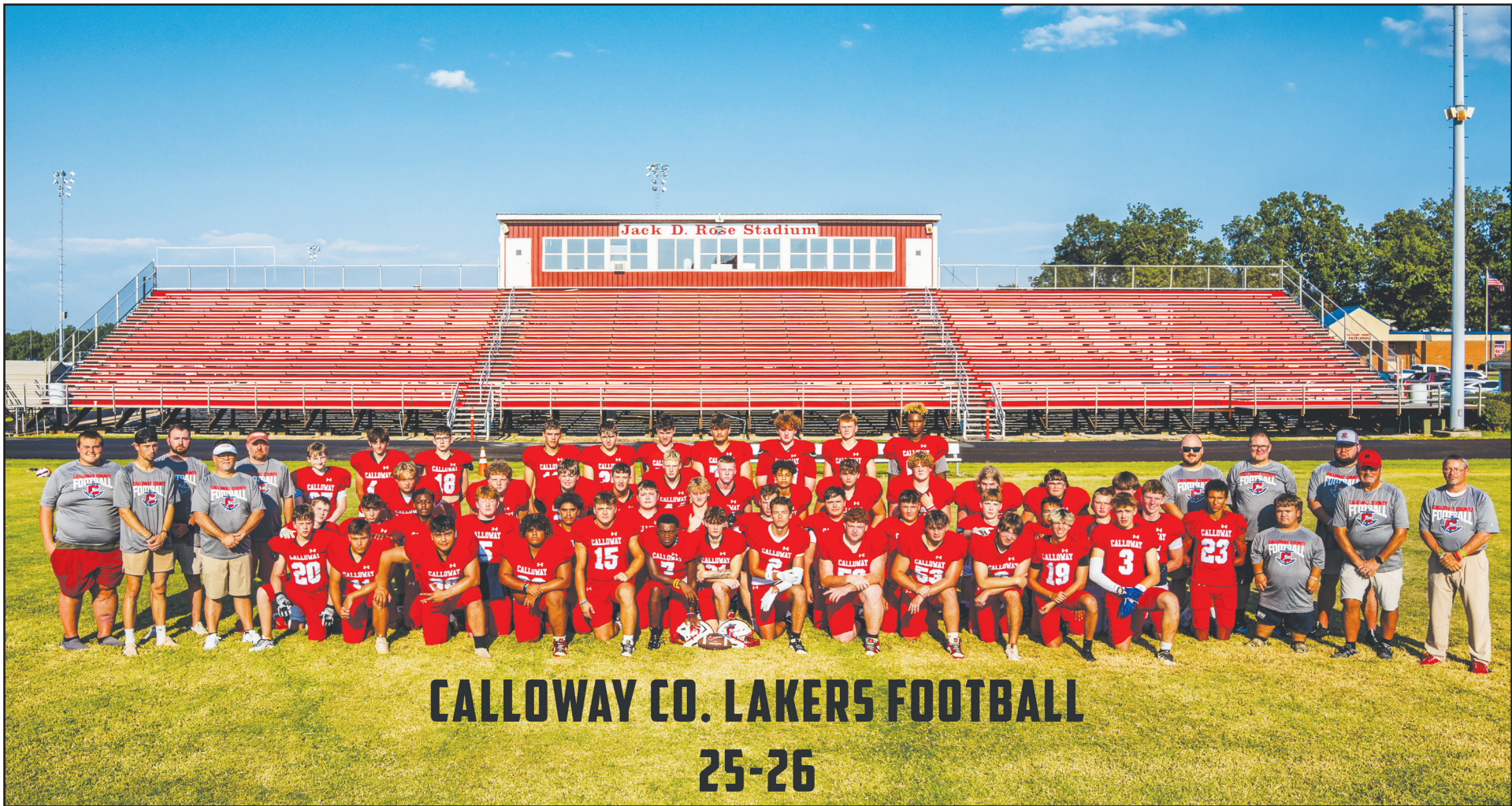
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CALLOWAY CO. HIGH SCHOOL

2024 Final Record: 0 wins, 10 losses

District Record: 0-5



2025 Senior Players: Ty Lewis, Sinjin Gesler, Jay'Dynn Darcus, John Brear Jr., Ivan Damian Camarena, Logan Smith, Yoni Damian Camarena, Zechariah Gloasow, Sebastian Diaz, Shaun Phillips, Logan McKnight, Caiden Godby and Luis Lira.



Coaches Corner

Q & A with Coby Lewis

Calloway Co. Football head coach

Q. What has the focus been in preparing for this season?

A. Building through numbers, developing depth. With me being a new coach we have a complete revamp of

the Offense and Defense with new schemes on both sides.

Q. Who are some key returning players, and what roles will they play

this year?

A. Logan Smith - RB / LB (4 year starter), Mathew Briedwell QB, Shaun Phillips WR / DB, Jay'Dynn Darcus WR / DB, Caiden Godby - Center, Luis Lira - OG

Logan McKnight DE and Addition of Ty Lewis WR

Q. What are some of the biggest strengths or improvements

you've seen in your team compared to last year?

A. We feel really good with our box play. The strength is our offensive and defensive lines.

Q. Do you have any players drawing attention from college programs or who fans should keep an eye on?

A. Logan Smith has a few offers already - Bethel and KWC

Others - Mathew Briedwell QB , Keller Aycock OL , Brayden Winchester DE, Marcus Hamilton NG

Q. What are the biggest challenges or tough matchups you see on your

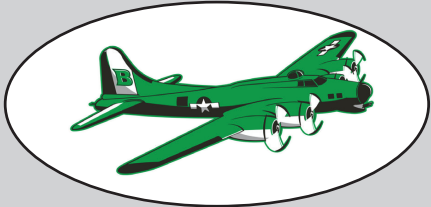
schedule this year?

A. Overcoming the lack of success in the past.

I am new to the program and we are taking on a new motto BTB Burn the Boats



BALLARD MEMORIAL BOMBERS



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8/22	Todd County Central	7 PM	H
8/29	Jo Byrns (TN)	7 PM	H
9/5	at Massac County (IL)	7 PM	A
9/12	at Calloway County	7 PM	A
9/19	Charleston (MO)	7 PM	H
9/26	South Fulton (TN)	7 PM	H
10/3	Russellville	7 PM	H
10/17	Fulton County	7 PM	H
10/24	at Caverna	7 PM	A
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Football highlights

Caldwell County Tigers

PRINCETON — Caldwell County exited the 2024 high school football season with a 5-7 record.

The Tigers reached the second round of the 2024 high school football postseason. Caldwell County defeated Fort Campbell in the opening round of the 2024 KHSAA Class 2A Playoffs. But Mayfield dealt Caldwell County a season-ending loss one week later in a second round matchup.

The Tigers compete in Class 2A, District 1. Head coach Aaron McClung guides the Tigers.

Caldwell County is scheduled to visit Hopkins County Central for its opening game in the 2025 high school football season on Friday, Aug. 22.

Hopkins County Central Storm

MADISONVILLE — Hopkins County Central entered the win column four of 10 times during the 2024 high school football season. The Storm compiled a 4-7 record in 2024.

Hopkins County Central suffered a season-ending loss to title contender Hart County in the initial round of the 2024 KHSAA Class 3A

Playoffs.

The Storm compete in Class 3A, District 1. Head coach Chris Manning guides the Storm.

Hopkins County Central is slated to host Caldwell County for its opening game in the 2025 high school football season on Friday, Aug. 22.

Todd County Central Rebels

ELKTON — After making appearance in the 2024 KHSAA Class 2A Playoffs, Todd County Central exited last season with a 2-9 record.

Perennial state title contender Mayfield defeated Todd County Central in the first

round of the 2024 KHSAA Class 2A Playoffs.

The Rebels compete in Class 2A, District 1. Head coach Willem Cohen guides the Rebels.

Todd County Central is scheduled to visit Ballard Memorial for its opening game in the 2025 high school football season.

Trigg County Wildcats

CADIZ — Trigg County won three of seven regular season games in 2024 and missed out on advancing to the KHSAA Class 3A Playoffs.

Following

realignment, Trigg County has dropped down one class.

The Wildcats compete in Class 2A, District 1. Head coach Chris Ezell guides the Wildcats.

Trigg County is scheduled to host Ohio County for its opening game in the 2025 high school football season during the Wildcat Chevrolet Bowl on Friday, Aug. 22.

Union County Braves

MORGANFIELD — Union County finished as the 2024 KHSAA Class 3A Runner-up and remains a tittle contender.

The Braves are looking to reload for the 2025 high school football season.

Christian Academy-Louisville defeated Union County in the 2024 KHSAA Class 3A title game.

Following the loss in the KHSAA Class 3A title game, Union County exited the 2024 high school football season 12-3.

The Braves compete in Class 3A, District 1. Head coach Derek Johns guides the Braves.

Union County is scheduled to host Madisonville-North Hopkins for its opening game in the 2025 high school football season on Friday, Aug. 22.

High School Preseason Top-Fives

By Fletcher Long
Special to Kentucky Publishing

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No. 1, Raceland Rams

10-5 in '24, lost by five (5) to Sayre in the title game (27-22)

This may be the year of the Rams. Coach Salmons club lost in the finals to Sayre in '24 by five points (27-22); lost to Pikeville in the finals in '22 and '23, and to Pikeville again in the semis in '21. Point is, the Rams have been historically knocking on the door. It may be time to knock down the door.

The Rams lost superstar defender, Lindon Sammons to graduation. Sammons led the club with 15-TFLs, nine (9) sacks, four (4) FFs, and five (5) FRs. Outside of Sammons, the roster is pretty intact.

Jacob Waller will be a junior. Waller threw for 1,500-yards and 11-TDs as a sophomore against four (4) picks and ran for another four (4) scores.

Shannon Marushi ('26) returns, as does Landen Stiltner ('27), and Jonah Arnett. The trio gained over 1,500 yards rushing, together in '24, and scored a combined 25-rushing TDs.

Marushi led the team in scoring in '24 with 72 points and Jacob Waller was a reliable conversion on PATs (38) and scored 68-points himself with four (4) TDs rushing, the 38-PATs, and a pair of three pointers (FGs) on four (4) attempts.

Arnett led the team with 41-receptions while Bryson Rowsey ('26) and Parker Ison ('26) contributed 51-receptions between them and 5-TDs receiving

In addition to offense, Arnett was a top defender. Arnett registered 76-tackles, nine (9) TFLs, a-FR, and three (3) picks.

Logan Lockwood hopes to replace Sammons as the Rams top defender in '25. Lockwood is a '26 prospect who had 80-tackles a year ago with eight (8) TFLs, seven (7) sacks, a FF, and a FR. Lockwood is a '26. Lockwood is a stud!

No. 2 Kentucky Country Day

10-3 in '24, lost in the Semis to Raceland in Louisville

Every year KCD is in our top five and, seemingly every year, the preseason pronouncement seems warranted before it is all said and done. The

Bearcats have virtually the entire accoutrement returning and the roster will be senior laden when the season opens. If you don't like KCD and enjoy it when they struggle, your year is a year away. For now, you would be wise to avert your eyes in '25 as they will be very good and this won't be a fun year for the Bearcat Hater's Club.

Caden Long is back for his senior year and he was a reliable signal caller who was about as dangerous with his feet as he was throwing the football. He is a slick ball handler in that offensive backfield and one of the ball club's better athletes.

Parker Rudolph is a '26 kid, like Long, and he gained over a thousand yards a year ago rushing the football and was the team's leading scorer. Parker, Long, MacLean Cantley ('26), and Tyler Wilson ('26) give the Bearcats four very viable rushing options who combined for around 2,500-combined rushing yards and 29-rushing TDs. It is called "strength in numbers" or "running back by committee."

All of the top receivers return in Miller Bates, Tyler Wilson, Miles Bahe, and Brohm Garlove. Of

the four, Garlove is the youngest and he will be a junior ('27).

Colt Mizuguchi was automatic at PK in the PAT game (95.2%) and he is a '26 kid like much of the roster. Having a reliable kicker who can automatically convert PATs is worth a ton in the high school game come crunch time. Take our word for it.

Rocco Huffman (pictured) may be among the best defensive players in the KHSAA at any level. The '26 defender had 132-stops, 11-TFLs, Eight and a half (8.5) sacks, five (5)-FFs, and a pair of FRs. Huffman separates ball carriers from the ball, gets regularly downhill, and makes plays.

Bowen Johnson is also a '26 prospect and he had 100-stops, nine (9) TFLs, and four (4) sacks in '24. Johnson contributed both a FF and a pair of FRs.

Of the six top defensive statistical contributors from a season ago, five are returning this year and 10 of the top 11. Jackson Miles is the only defensive stalwart not returning for another tour of duty.

Deon Davidson is a rising star. He was a freshman in '24 ('28) and led the team with 3-picks and 109-IRNYs.

Davidson also had 50-tackle and three (3) TFLs to go along with his back-third success. Brohm Garlove also had three (3) picks and he housed the only "pick six" of the season.

These guys are freaking loaded. Before the smoke clears, the private school from Louisville will have a say in who gets the 1A hardware. You can believe that!

No. 3 Campbellsville Eagles

'24 record 11-3, lost to Sayre in the Semis in Lexington

This ball club was a year away in '24 and still won 11-games. They should be really good in '25 and a likely challenger for the title. If they were to win it all, it really wouldn't surprise us.

Kace Eastridge is back for his senior year ('26) and he threw for 2,000 yards and 17-TDs a year ago with a nearly 2:1, TD:INT ratio. Eastridge gained 1,346-yards rushing and scored 21-TDs on the ground making him the premier, dual threat guy in the classification and a "Mr. Football" candidate. Eastridge scored 146-points for an average of 10.4 per contest. It has been our

experience, particularly in 1A football, that a dual threat weapon like Eastridge can carry a team to a title.

Cross Watson also exceeded the thousand yard threshold last year rushing. He gained 1,018-yards and scored 15-rushing TDs providing a potent one-two, backfield punch with Eastridge. Watson was second on the team in "scoring," tallying 132-points for the year.

Gabriel Noyola and Watson are the two top returning receivers. Nayola ('26) caught 50-balls in '24 and gained 885-yards receiving with 10-TDs. On defense, Noyola picked a pair of passes, and accumulated 60-IRNYs with a "pick six."

Kade Somerville registered 17-PATs in '24. Somerville is back in '25 hoping to increase his 58.6% conversion rate.

Nine of the 11 top statistical defenders return. Shaiden Calhoun ('27) returns and he tied for the club lead with Cole Kessler ('26) with 96-registered tackles. The pair combined for 23-TFLs. KeKe Miller ('26) is also back and he led

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the club with 15-TFLs and a pair of sacks among his 54-stops. Julian Smith (’28) proved to be among the better freshmen DL in the KHSAA in ’24, contributing seven (7) TFLs and a pair of sacks among his 45-stops.

Braylon Beard (’26) had three (3) INTS, 55-IRNYs, and a pair of “pick sixes.” Chris Hart (’27) took an INT back 66-yards for a score contributing 46-stops and five (5) TFLs while forcing a fumble. Hart is an emerging star.

No. 4 Sayre

15-0, 1A champions in ’24

When it comes to Sayre, these guys have an elite coaching staff and the type program which attracts talent. This program hasn’t been around too long but it doesn’t appear it is going anywhere.

The independent, private, co-educational school in Lexington, Kentucky, which has approximately 610 students from age two through twelfth grades enrolled and 68 full-time, faculty members, has punched its ticket into the elite class of 1A football programs in the KHSAA. It looks to be a mainstay at this level of play.

With the “Spartans,” it appears to be an analysis of what talent graduated versus what talent returns. You have to begin the analysis with the departing skill guys and the production

which just walked across the graduation stage.

Fans like to act like graduation doesn’t happen. It does. It can really shake up a roster.

How do you replace a quarterback (Luke Pennington) who, over his junior and senior years, completed 382 of 533 passing attempts, for a 72% completion rate, with 103-TD passes thrown against four (4) picks? I don’t know that one can. Remember too, with Luke Pennington at the controls, over the past two years, the Spartans logged an overall 27-1 record with a title (’24).

Pretty dad-burn impressive. A program can’t lose production like that and not feel it, particularly at the 1A level.

In addition to Pennington, Charlie Slabaugh and his 113-carries for 850-yards and 13-TDs a year ago has graduated. Slabaugh was a defender too; registering, in ’24, 110-tackles, seven (7) TFLs, a sack, a pick, and a pair of FFs. Try saying all that really fast, five times.

Sayre also graduated Brock Coffman and his 101-receptions, 1530-yards and 27-TDs; not to mention Coffman’s 12.5 points a game, five (5) INTs and a “pick six.” The receiving corp will also miss Chase Parker’s 28-receptions, for 420-receiving yards, and eight (8) TDs as well as Kemonte Braxton’s 35-receptions for 395-yards and seven (7) receiving touchdowns

not to mention Braxton’s five (5) picks on defense.

Like we said, the Spartans had a ton of talented seniors in ’24. Most championship rosters are so constructed if we are being honest.

The cupboard isn’t completely barren. Coach Pennington will have some useful roster pieces back for ’25.

Gannon Rice (’26) attempted a single field goal in ’24. That is the bad news. Rice did make it. That is the good news.

Carson Graves (’26) returns to kick the PATs. Graves made 47 of those a year ago. Graves is reliable.

There are several young guns on defense returning. Harrison Phillips (’27) tallied 96-tackles, five (5) TFLs, five (5) QB sacks, a pick, a FF, and a pair of FRs in ’24. John Luke Minner (’26) registered 40-tackles, three (3) TFLs, 12-sacks, and two (2) FFs. Minner is a dynamic, explosive defensive playmaker.

The same may be said about Jackson Stuart (’26). Stuart, in ’24, registered 51-tackles, five (5) TFLs, a sack, a FF, and three (3) FRs including a 51-yard scoop and score. Rumble, big man, rumble...

Beau Perry picked a pair of passes as did Caden Jones. Perry and Jones are both rising seniors and return to patrol the defensive back third.

Now it is important to point out Sayre is a private school and we have no idea what students from

Lexington, or surrounding areas, decided to transfer there this offseason. We don’t report on transfers until they are declared “cleared” by the KHSAA and some of those matters are still pending. Based on what we do know, Sayre will have to replace some “hard to replace” type players on the offensive side of the ball.

No. 5 Hazard Bulldogs

8-5 in 2024, lost to Raceland in the regions

This will be Matt Chandler’s second year at the helm at Hazard. What a job he did in his first season.

Hazard was a two point loss on the road to Breathitt (2A) from a nine (9) win campaign. Hazard knocked an always tough Williamsburg squad out of last year’s playoff, and convincingly.

Max Pelfry has graduated and that will be a huge miss (196/312, 2,444-yards, 26-TDs, six (6)-picks, 11-rushing TDs). William Shoptaw was a freshman a year ago and threw five (5) TDs to 0-INTs and the job may be his to lose. Memphis Blankenship will be another big loss as he was a thousand yard ground gainer in ’24.

Now for the good news, Gavin Johnson (’27) returns and he may be a “Mr. Football” candidate in a few years. Johnson caught 85-balls for 1,069-yards and 13-TDs in ’24 as only a sophomore.

Johnson scored 108-points in ’24 to lead the team and scored in all three phaes of the game (two (2) TDs rushing, 13-receiving, a KO return, six (6) two (2) point conversions). Johnson also had 51-tackles, a-FF, a-FR, and a pair of INTs.

Conner Holbrook (’27) housed a pick-six from 51-yards out in ’24 and registered 92-tackles on the year with four (4) sacks.

Race Lindon returns. Lindon led the club with 127-stops, a-FF, and two (2)-FRs. Caden Brewer has a bright future as the ’28 prospect registered three and a half (3.5) sacks in limited run a year ago.

Before you point out Hazard made this poll position based largely

on the strength of the Johnson kid, we would point out a kid like that, who is a three (3) phase contributor, makes a huge difference in 1A football. The Bulldogs have more than just Johnson. However, having one Gavin Johnson will get a bunch of lower classification type teams a preseason ranking.

The next five

6. Pikeville, The Panthers boast a WR in Mikey Hager who runs consistent 4.4, 40’s. We probably have the Panthers too lightly regarded this preseason! Oh well, no one’s perfect...

- 7. Middlesboro
- 8. Williamsburg
- 9. Holy Cross (Lou.)
- 10. Ludlow

2A

No. 1, Beechwood High (tie)

2024 record, 14-1, 2A Champions

Clay Hayden is gone and that is a big miss. Hayden threw for close to 3,000 yards a year ago and 46-TDs while completing over 67% of his passing attempts and throwing only 6-picks. Cole Coppage and Tyler Fryman, a pair of sophomores, look to fill those large shoes.

Chase Flaherty is also departed by graduation. He gained close to 1,456 yards on the ground and scored 30-rushing TDs. The most lethal receiving threat, James Cusick, who caught 61-passes a year ago with 14-TDs and over a thousand receiving yards likewise graduated.

Nathan Pabst (three INTs) a Tyler Fryman (five INTs) will plug into to lead the ball club as the pair accounted for three (3) of the team’s five (5) “pick sixes” a year ago. Colson Lair is among the best PKs in the game.

Bo Sowder returns on defense and Sowder had 13-TFLs and three (3) sacks as only a sophomore. If you are looking for an off the radar type, keep an eye on rising sophomore, Garrison Wilson (’28). Wilson housed a 37-yard, “pick-six” in ’24 as a freshman. Teams like Beechwood reload, never rebuild.

They lost a ton to

graduation. They will still be in the title hunt regardless. They are Beechwood!

No. 1 Belfry Pirates (tie)

2024 record, 11-3, made the 3A semis; lost to finalist, Union County

Belfry was 11-3 a year ago and lost to Union County in the semis, the 3A, not the 2A, semis. Belfry has been re-classified into 2A.; Whether they find the sledding any easier is anyone’s guess; but, to be fair, the Pirates were doing just fine in 3A.

Belfry lost its all-time coach in Phillip Haywood. How does any program replace 491-wins and 8-titles? It’s impossible.

New coach Matt Varney was on the staff and has been handling the defensive side of the ball for years. What will he do with the reigns to the entire team of horses? How will the kids respond? Those are the 64-dollar questions. We just don’t know for sure.

Belfry didn’t lose much off the ’24 team. Chase Varney is back at the controls of the offense. Varney, ’26 QB, threw for nearly 1,500-yards and 16-TDs a year ago running for another 8-scores on keepers. Varney also recovered 6-fumbles while the “other Varney,” Cayden, picked three passes. Cayden Varney caught 18-balls in ’24 and the ’26 receiver also tallied six scores.

Jeremiah Austin is back at RB. Austin, also a ’26 prospect, gained 1,574-yards and scored 16-TDs in 206 carries. JB Woolum was a weapon too as the ’27 prospect gained nearly 900-yards a year ago and scored 16-rushing TDs to go along with his 32-receptions and 6-receiving TDs. Ace Caudill, ’26, gained 553-yards with 11-sores to go along with 21-receptions.

Cayden Varney caught 18-balls in ’24 and the ’26 receiver also tallied six scores.

Nick Savage returns at PK and the ’26 player tallied 67-PATs in ’24 on 71-attempts.

We don’t talk enough about quality linemen in this online

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Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
8/22	Ohio County	6 PM	H
8/29	Hart County	7 PM	H
9/5	Marshall County	7 PM	H
9/12	Hopkinsville	7 PM	H
9/19	at Caldwell County	7 PM	A
9/26	Crittenden County	7 PM	H
10/3	at Fort Campbell	7 PM	A
10/17	Mayfield	7 PM	H
10/24	at Todd County Central	7 PM	A
10/31	at Fulton County	7 PM	A

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a year ago with 29-rushing TDs. Miller caught a TD pass in '24, among his seven receptions, swinging out of the backfield. Miller is also the PKer where he made as many PATs as he missed.

Leading receiver Joseph Brigmon ('26) returns. Brigmon caught 21-balls for 565-yards and five (5) scores last season. Brigmon played defense where he forced a fumble, recovered a pair, registered 57-stops, four (4) TFLs, a sack, and picked a pass.;Logan Greene ('28) can spin it but was just a freshman a year ago. Greene spent more time at WR than QB and more time on defense than on offense.

Greene caught five (5) balls for 65-yards at receiver. Green registers 70-tackles, a pair of TFLs, a sack, forced a fumble, and picked off a pass while on defense.

The top defender for Bell County, this coming season, may prove to be Joshua Owens ('26). Owens registered 103-tackles, six (6) TFLs, forced a fumble, and recovered a pair of fumbles.

Two things you will have to know about any Dudley Hilton ball club. 1. The Bobcats will run the football as well as anyone. 2. They will be fundamentally sound and play football with a high IQ.

That sounds like a recipe for success and title contention to us.

What do you think?

No. 3 Central High (Louisville)

'24 record, 9-4, lost the regional championship game to CAL

The Central you watch play this Fall won't be last year's Yellow Jackets. Cortez Stone has run out of eligibility.

Stone gained 1,882-yards on 181-carries with 30-rushing TDs in '24. Stone led the team in scoring.

Stone even registered 15-tackles. He may have also played the snare drums in the Marching Band. We aren't certain about the drums. We may have to check on that one.

However, as long as there are some Dantzler's on hand, Central will compete for a 3A title. Last time we checked we still have some "Dantzlers" around the program. Jalen Dantzler ('27) and head coach, Marvin Dantzler, are two of the foremost among the clan.

Jermaine Walker looks to fill the QB's role in the offense. Walker threw as many TDs a year ago as the QB-1. Walker is deft with his feet as he gained 248-yards rushing on 29-carries, with a pair of rushing TDs.

Rashad Johnson and Phillip Baker are a pair of '27s who both showed promise in '24. Look for those young guys to come on as the season progresses.

Defensively, you know the Jackets will be tough. Defense is

kind of a Dantzler-thing.

Destin Basemore ('27) had 64-tackles and six (6) sacks in '24.

Jaylon Wyatt Benning ('26) had 57-tackles and a pair of sacks.

Zavion Meads ('27) is a young guy with considerable promise. Meads registered 56-tackles, a pair of sacks, and a FF.

Lookout for Jalen Datzler ('27). He was set to start last season and succumbed to injury.

Dantzler made the most of his limited opportunities, registering 15-tackles and an INT while shutting down his side of the back third. No telling what Jalen would have done had the young man had a full season of reps in which to have done it.

Jalen is a 4.54-second, 40-yard dash guy who is also 6'2," 180-pound corner with an 80-inch wingspan. Before we forget, Dantzler is a 3.3-GPA guy.

Dantzler is a projected corner with back-end closing speed, an enviable frame, and incredible length. He is also crazy athletic and a full-academic, NCAA Clearinghouse qualifier.

Who isn't looking for corners like that?

No. 4 Rockcastle County High

'24 record, 10-2, Lost to Belfry 21-13 in round two at Belfry

The last time Rockcastle County ("The Rock") was this good Tom Larkey was coaching the boys from Mt. Vernon. Chris

Larkey is at the reigns and he has brightened the program's fortunes considerably.

The Rock won 10-games in '24 and bowed out of the playoffs in a one score margin playing the boys from Belfry in the CAM on Pond Creek. This was a semis-good caliber ball club with an unfortunately tough playoff draw.

QB Caden Lovell ('27) will be a junior in '25 and he was steady at the controls last season. Lovell passed for 10-scores and ran for another three (3).

The backfield featured a pair of thousand yard rushers and the leading rusher, Isaiah Jackson ('26) returns. Jackson gained 1,266-yards and scored 16-rushing TDs.

Jackson was also the leading receiver tying for the team lead in TD receptions with Blake Mullins ('27). Jackson was additionally the team's leading scorer. Jackson averaged over 10-points a game.

All but two (2) of the TDs receiving return for '25. The Rock will be solid when (or if) it decides to air it out.

In addition to Jackson's offensive play, Jackson led the defense with four (4) picks, 45-IRNYs, 43-tackles, four (4) TFLs, a QB-sack, a FF, and a FR. Basically, Jackson was all over the field in multiple phases for "The Rock" in '24 and should be in '25 as well.

As for Blake Mullins, in addition to his receiving skills, Mullins registered 65-tackles on defense with 16-TFLs and a team leading 10-sacks. Mullins recovered a fumble as well, so we are talking about one Heck of a versatile skill set on young Mullins.

Benjamin Brenda graduated and that will hurt. He converted 38-PATs and made three (3) of his six (6) FGs attempted.

Identifying a PK in camp prior to the season's commencement will be paramount.

Most of the top defenders return. Hunter Singleton registered 134-stops, 17-TFLs, four (4)-sacks, a pair of FFs, and a pair of FRs, including a "scoop and score" in '24. The defense will look for continued leadership out of this '27 prospect.

Jaydon Bowles ('26) is a stud. Bowles registered 47-stops, 12-behind enemy lines, sacked the opponent's QB half a dozen times (6) while recovering a fumble in '24.

Caden Lovell ('27) s a back-third, young guy to watch going forward (2 INTs) as is Brayden Thacker ('28). Thacker got run in seven (7) games and picked a pass and registered 10-stops, making the most of limited time. Thacker will have a "breakout season," in our humble opinion.

Lovell registered 23-tackles, recovered a fumble, recorded a TFL, to go with the pair of picks we above disclosed. Lovell will be joined in the backfield with a classmate, Conner Wright ('27).

Wright registered 39-tackles, four (4) TFLs, a FF, a FR, and two (2) INTs. Wright recorded one of the ball club's two "pick-sixes" in '24 (the other was senior Carter Powell).

This is a ball club which lost two games a year ago; one to an 11-win Bell County team, the other to a now 2A, 11-win, Belfry team. This is a very good ball club with a ton of production returning.

The surname "Larkey" is back on the Rockcastle County sideline. If that doesn't concern you, you may not know enough about KHSAA football history to coach it.

No. 5 Lloyd Memorial

'24 record, 9-3, lost to Russell at Russell in round two by a single point (21-20)

The boys from Erlanger have always been a problem. They were a problem which required solving in '24. The aptly called "Juggernauts" figure to be back in the title chase in '25.

Kaleb Evans is back at QB and the '26 prospect had a solid year at the controls in '24, his junior season. Evans threw for over 2,000-yards, 24-TDs, against only three (3) INTS, while rushing for another four (4) scores. We wouldn't describe him as "dual threat," but he is slippery and elusive enough to prolong plays.

The top three rushers from a year

ago graduated. However, the way the Juggernauts manage the rushing attack, it was balanced and didn't lean on any one guy that much any way.

Alijah Griffin ('26) will be a senior and he averaged 14-yards a carry in a limited role. Griffin also picked three (3) passes on defense, registered 32-tackles, recorded a TFL, and forced a fumble while recovering a fumble. Griffin can play anywhere you slot him.

Colten Barger ('28) was among the better freshmen, at the WR slot, there was anywhere in Kentucky in '24. Barger caught 30-balls for 415-yards and five (5) TDs.

Billy Lewis ('26) will align across from him. This will insure the defense has more than the one guy on whom to game plan.

Barger played "both ways." On defense, the talented freshman recorded 27-tackles. Pulling double duty, as a freshman, and delivering 30-receptions, five (5) receiving TDs, and 27-stops is what we would term "an impressive debut."

Ryan Miller ('26) is back to handle the PK duties. Miller converted 39-PATs in '24 and will look to improve on his close to 70% conversion rate. Miller also converted a critical two-pointer and was among the club's leading scorers.

Lloyd Memorial had another top-flight, Kentucky-wide freshman performer, apart from Barger. Lincoln Tomlinson ('28) had an incredible freshman season on defense.

Tomlinson registered 107-tackles, 19-TFLs, five (5) sacks, a FR, and a "pick-six" taken both to the house and covering 28-yards. They don't make freshmen like they used to and guys like Barger and Tomlinson prove it.

This is a team which sustained some losses to graduation but return enough talent to make this top-five. The difference between this team and some of the "Nevt Five" is fairly minimal.

The Next Five

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Madisonville-North Hopkins

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Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
8/22	at Union County	7 PM	A
8/29	Hopkinsville	7 PM	H
9/5	at Hopkins Co Central	7 PM	A
9/12	Paducah Tilghman	7 PM	H
9/19	at Marshall County	7 PM	A
9/26	Graves County	7 PM	H
10/2	at Muhlenberg County	7 PM	A
10/17	Apollo	7 PM	H
10/24	Owensboro	7 PM	H
10/31	at Warren Central	7:30 PM	A

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FULTON CO. HIGH SCHOOL

2024 Final Record: 1 wins, 7 losses
District Record: 0-3



2025 Fulton County senior players: Vincent Scott, Kalon McCauley, Zayden Kinney and Keaton Goodson



Coaches Corner
Q & A with
James Bridges
Fulton Co. Football head coach

Q. What has the focus been in preparing for this season?

A. Putting the right players in the right position to make plays and to be more

successful is the focus this year.

Q. Who are some key returning players, and what roles will they play this year?
A. Kalon McCauley RB / WR, Preston Smith QB, Davarius Freeman RB, Wesley Goodman CB,

Cooper Scott OL, CJ Keys DL, Zayden Kinney WR/ LB, Brayden Eakes LB, Drake Thorpe DE and Hunter Stonecipher DE are key returning players this year.

Q. What are some of the biggest strengths or improvements you've seen in your team compared to

last year?
A. We are More focused on being a TEAM.

Q. Do you have any players drawing attention from college programs or who fans should keep an eye on?
A. Keep an eye on Zayden Kinney and Kalon McCauley this year.

Q. What are the biggest challenges or tough matchups you see on your schedule this year?
A. The biggest challenge we have is winning our district and hosting a playoff game that hasn't been done since 1998.



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8/29	at South Fulton	7 PM	A
9/5	Calloway County	7 PM	H
9/12	TBA		
9/19	at Greenfield (TN)	7 PM	A
10/3	Caverna	7 PM	H
10/17	at Ballard Memorial	7 PM	A
10/24	at Russellville	7 PM	A
10/31	Trigg County	7 PM	H

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Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
8/22	at Mayfield	7 PM	A
8/29	Paducah Tilghman	7 PM	H
9/5	at Murray	7 PM	A
9/12	Union County	7 PM	H
9/19	Owensboro	7 PM	H
9/26	at Madisonville-N Hop.	7 PM	A
10/3	at Apollow	7 PM	A
10/17	at Marshall County	7 PM	A
10/24	Muhlenberg County	7 PM	H
10/31	McCracken County	7 PM	H



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GRAVES CO. HIGH SCHOOL

2024 Final Record: 9 wins, 3 losses

District Record: 4-1, finishing 2nd in district standings

Postseason Performance: Advanced to the Class 5A playoffs, winning in the first round before falling in the second round to South Warren, 35-14, ending the season 9-3



2025 Senior Players: Kyle Cole, Hunter Ditto, Malachi Frazier, Lane Lunsford, Aiden Pate, Drake Ramey, Patrick Roberts, Landon Stephens, Kobe Thomas, Adam Wilkey, Spencer Hopwood and Lorenzo Montez Arellano

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Coaches Corner
Q & A with
Tyler DeBernardi
Graves Co. Football head coach

Q. What has the focus been in preparing for this season?
A.The focus has been to take it one play at a time, one practice at a time, and one day at a time. We have a lot of new starters on both sides of the ball so there has been a lot of moving around to see where each player fits in order to benefit the team the most.

Q. Who are some key returning players, and what roles will they play this year?
A.Ty Cavette WR- Will

be a player to watch out for. We will try to get the ball to him as often as possible in the passing game.

Raygon Mathis DB/ WR- One of the best athletes in the entire region. Had an excellent Sophomore season with 7 interceptions on defense but will have an expanded offensive role at WR this season.

Bodie VeuCasovic WR- Will be a huge redzone target and possession WR due to his size and strength. Is a mismatch problem for

DBs at the high school level.Brady Rozzell RB- Took over as the starting RB last season against Apollo and never looked back. He will be our feature RB this season and is an excellent pass catcher out of the backfield.

Luke Jones DB- Returning starter in the secondary that was one of the best in 5A in interceptions last season.

Max Ivy DB- Returning starter in the secondary but will have an expanded role on offense this season.

Coleman Amis LB- Should emerge as the leader of the defense at Outside LB.

Kobe Thomas DL- Only returning starter on the defensive line. Is the leader of the position group and has had an

excellent offseason.

Parker Wilson WR/ DB- excellent offseason and will play all over the field on offense and defense.

Wilson Thomas WR/ DB- Great athlete and football player. Jack of all trades on the football field and provides a ton of versatility to our offense and defense.

Keegan Hopwood OL/ DL- Emerging as the leader on the offensive line and does a great job of showing up ready to work everyday.

Q. What are some of the biggest strengths or improvements you've seen in your team compared to last year?
A. Players have really come together as a team and have worked tirelessly to improve.

There is a desire to be great and a work ethic that is something to see. We have also had a few players return to playing that will be a big help on the defensive side of the ball in Aiden Pate LB and Hunter Ditto LB. Both have had excellent offseasons and have improved every practice.

Q. Do you have any players drawing attention from college programs or who fans should keep an eye on?
A. We have a lot of extremely talented players that everybody should keep an eye on as far as fans and colleges. It will never be about a single individual at Graves County but the team as a whole.

Q. What are the

biggest challenges or tough matchups you see on your schedule this year?
A. Every game on our schedule is a challenge. We open our first 7 games with teams that may all be ranked in the top 10 in their respective classes and we play in one of the deepest districts not just in 5A but all of Kentucky. Every team we play has excellent coaching staff and talented players so there is no off game on the schedule. But the biggest challenge we face is ourselves. We must be able to battle every week not only physically but mentally as well. The season will be filled with highs and lows. How we navigate those will determine how successful we are at the end of the season.



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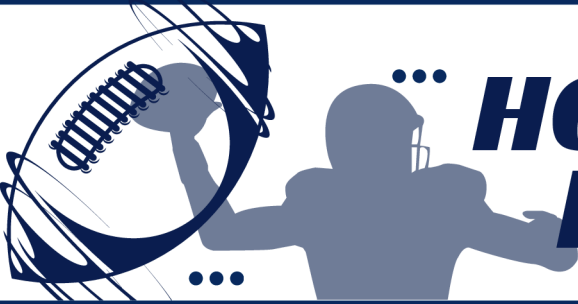
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HOPKINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

2024 Final Record: 3 wins -7 losses

District Record: 2-3



Coaches Corner
Q & A with
Dustin Lopez
Hopkinsville Football head coach

Q. What has the focus been in preparing for this season?
To develop depth on both sides of the football.

Q. Who are some key returning players, and what roles will they play this year?
A. ATH James Bradley Jr- Will Start at QB after totaling over

1,000 yards rushing & receiving last fall. WR Aiden Jesse- Long lean WR who transferred from Christian County. Will be the top Receiving target this fall.

Q. What are some of the biggest strengths or improvements you've seen in your team compared to last year?

A. Depth & Speed

Q. Do you have any players drawing attention from college programs or who fans should keep an eye on?

A. De'Andre Watkins DB/RB- NAIA Offers
James BBradley Jr- Southern Miss
Aiden Jesse- Southern Miss & UT Martin

Q. What are the biggest challenges or tough matchups you see on your schedule this year?
Playing 6A football with a school enrollment of 950 kids,

which is a 4A enrollment. South Warren, McCracken County, Madisonville, Henderson County will all present major challenges for us this fall.



CRITTENDEN COUNTY

ROCKETS



Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
8/22	at Marshall County	7 PM	A
8/29	Union County	7 PM	H
9/5	Webster County	7 PM	H
9/12	Union City (TN)	7 PM	H
9/19	at Mayfield	7 PM	A
9/26	at Trigg County	7 PM	A
10/3	Todd County Central	7 PM	H
10/17	at Fort Campbell	7 PM	A
10/24	Caldwell County	7 PM	H
10/31	at Hopkins County Cen	7 PM	A

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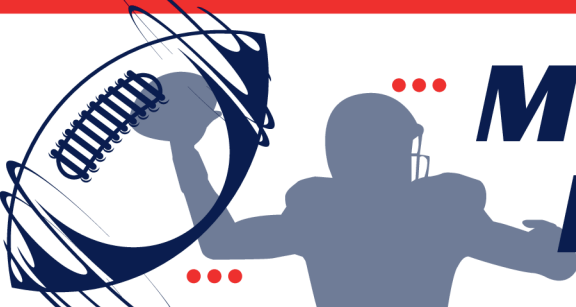
2	Sylas Winding	WR,	CB	So.			
3	Cash Henson	CB,	WR		6'2"	172	
3	Kaden Mohler	WR		Sr.	5'11"	170	
5	Aidan Roy	FB,	MLB	Sr.	5'11"	200	
6	Wyatt Holley	DE		So.	6'0"	180	
8	Levi Jetton	WR,	CB	So.	5'7"	140	
11	Neyland Jezik	QB		Sr.	6'3"	185	
14	Kolten Winsett	QB,	SS	So.	5'10"	147	
16	Kam Brown	TE,	DE	Sr.	6'5"	205	
20	Mason Joyce	RB		So.			
24	Jake Thomasson	RB,	OLB	So.	5'11"	155	
25	Jett Jones	WR,	SS	So.	5'11"	157	
30	Skyler Jones	WR,	CB	Sr.			
33	Kayson Holland	RB,	CB	Sr.	5'10"	160	
36	Jasper Jones	MLB,	FB	So.	5'7"	155	
39	Nathan Knight	OLB,	FB	Sr.	5'11"	200	
50	Collin McLean	C	DE	Sr.	6'0"	215	

59	Jerrek Harris		So.			
60	Conner Gibson	G	So.			
61	John Kenady	DE,	T	So.	6'0"	189
64	Landon MacKey	DT,	G	Jr.	5'8"	220
68	Blake Powell	T,	G	Fr.		
71	Alex Robinson	C,	LS	So.	6'3"	
74	Landen Thorn	LS,	G	Jr.	6'2"	225
75	Carson Burton	G,	NG	Jr.	5'8"	
78	Alan Agee	T,	NG	So.	6'5"	
79	Elijah Holt	G,	NG	Sr.	6'3"	
81	Noah Carroll		WR	Fr.		
85	Andre King	WR,	CB	Fr.		
86	Reece Reid	RB,	OLB	So.	5'9"	155
87	Cody Haynes			Jr.	6'1"	175
89	Riley Brewer	MLB,	OLB	So.	5'11"	

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McCracken Co. HIGH SCHOOL

2024 Final Record: 6 Wins, 6 losses

District Record: (3-0 in district play)

1st place in 6a District 1.
Advanced to class 6a
2nd round losing to central hardin



2025 Senior Players: Cayden Anderson, Reed Brookshire, Kasey Chandler, Mason Clark, Sam Goodman, Isaac Hart, Dawson Hayden, Lucas Hoffman, David Keeling, Hunter Neely, Landon Newman, Braedyn Noland, Maddox O’Neil, Ashton Ollivierre, Kaine Rose, Monte Rush, Jeffery Tindall, Alex Wilham and Nolan Winstead. Photo by: Matt Hernandez Creative



Coaches Corner
Q & A with
Tyler Brooks
McCracken Co. Football head coach

Q. What has the focus been in preparing for this season?
A. Our focus this year has been improving on our end of season success last year. Last

year was the first time we won our district since 2020. It was a big step for our program and we are looking to take the next step this year.

Q. Who are some key returning players, and what roles will they play this year?
A. Key Returning Players: SR. QB Maddox O’Neal, SR. WR/DB Reed Brookshire, SR.RB/DB Dawson Hayden SR. RB/LB Landon Newman, SR. WR/LB Nolan Winstead, SR. DL Lukas Hoffman, SR. DL Kaine Rose and SR. TE/DL Sam

Goodman
Q. What are some of the biggest strengths or improvements you’ve seen in your team compared to last year?
A. Our Biggest strength is our depth on both sides of the ball. We can play a lot of kids and keep our guys fresh.
Q. Do you have any

players drawing attention from college programs or who fans should keep an eye on?
A. Players Drawing College Attention SR. Maddox O’Neal: Murray St. University/Eastern Kentucky University Jr. Max Watson: Wofford So. Jude Lanier: Nichols State University

Fr. Cole Presswood: Murray St. University/Eastern Kentucky University/ Nichols State University
Q. What are the biggest challenges or tough matchups you see on your schedule this year?
A. Biggest Challenges: Week 1 vs Paducah Tilghman



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TILGHMAN HIGH SCHOOL

2024 Final Record: 15-0
A perfect season

District Record: 5-0 in Region 4A,
District 1 - Unbeaten in district play
State Title: Champions of Class 4A, defeating Franklin
County 27-20 at Kroger Field to secure their
4th state championship



2025 Senior Players: Jaron Anderson Jr., Brenden Brown, Mason Copeland, Stone Crowe, Javin Dukes, Nate Gregg, Aiden Hilton, Camdin Isom, Taveus Jackson, Hank James, Blane Kolb, Elias McPike, Ben Myers, Je'Marion Purdiman, Corde' Rawlind, Blair Sains, Jarvis Strickland Jr., Braden Talbert, Camden Thomas, Cam Wade, Jayven Williams and DJ Wilson.
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Coaches Corner
Q & A with
Sean Thompson

Paducah Tilghman Football head coach

Q. What has the focus been in preparing for this season?
A. Focus has been on getting better each day. We lost a large senior class and have a lot of positions to fill. We are also looking for

guys to step into leadership roles, thats the biggest void left by the loss of a 26 man senior class.

Q. Who are some key returning players, and what roles will they play this year?

A. Jarvis Strickland and Ben Myers - Offensive line. Stone Crowe - Quarterback. DJ Wilson - Running back and linebacker. Hank James - Defensive Back. Brady Sanderson - Linebacker. Isaac James - Linebacker. Avery Thompson - Wide receiver and Defensive back. Cam Wade - Wide receiver and Defensive back. Chance McPike - Wide receiver and Defensive

back. All these will be key players this year.
Q. What are some of the biggest strengths or improvements you've seen in your team compared to last year?
A.This team will be different from last. Hard to tell what they are at this point. This team is fast
Q. Do you have any players drawing attention from

college programs or who fans should keep an eye on?
A.Jarvis Strickland and Ben Myers - Offensive line. Hank James - Defensive Back. Avery Thompson - Wide receiver and Defensive back. Cam Wade - Wide receiver and Defensive back. Chance McPike - Wide receiver and Defensive back. All these are drawing attention that is well deserved.

Q. What are the biggest challenges or tough matchups you see on your schedule this year?
A.McCracken will be improved. Mayfield is always tough and Madisonville will be a tough opponent as well.





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PADUCAH-TILGHMAN TORNADO



Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
8/22	at McCracken County	7 PM	A
8/29	at Graves County	7 PM	A
9/5	Mayfield	7 PM	A
9/12	at Madisonville-NHop	7 PM	A
9/19	Franklin Simpson	7 PM	H
9/26	Allen County-Scottsville	7 PM	H
10/3	Logan County	7 PM	H
10/17	at Warren East	7 PM	A
10/24	at Calloway County	7 PM	A
10/31	Christian County	7 PM	H

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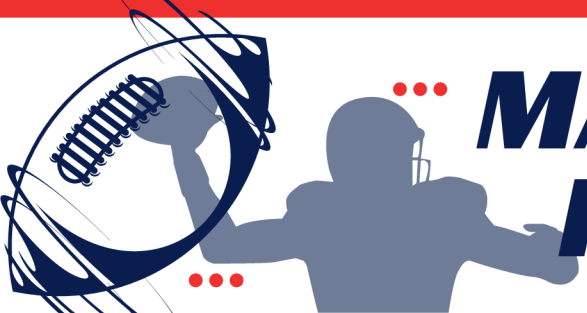
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MAYFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

2024 Final Record: 9 wins, 3 losses
District Record: 4-0 (undefeated in district play)

Finished 1st in Class 2A Region 1 with a 7-2 regular-season record and a perfect 3-0 district slate. Advanced into the Class 2A playoffs, winning multiple games, including a second-round win over Caldwell County (48-21), before being eliminated



2025 Senior Players: Owen Byrd, Zane Cook, Reggie Dowell, Maxon Fisher, Mak Hoover, Thayer Henley, Jalal Islam, Malik Kirby, Will Morris, Ashton Rodgers, Kyler Simpson, Angel Torres, Diego Torres, Grandon Townsend, Garin Wilson and Maurice Johnson
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Coaches Corner
Q & A with
Cliff Dew

Mayfield Football head coach

Q. What has the focus been in preparing for this season?
A. The focus has been on improving and preparing for another long season. We expect to be playing in December so we

have a long way to go.
Q. Who are some key returning players, and what roles will they play this year?
A. Malik Kirby - WR and CB Returning starter with huge potential, Mak

Hoover - DB and WR Special skill set makes him versatile and a threat any time, Will Morris - TE and DL Could be a dominate player at both positions, Josiah England - RB and CB Top returning rusher and has embraced the CB role on defense, Zane Cook - OL and DL Leader and anchor of our offensive line, Ashton Rogers - DL Returning starter on

the defensive line who could be a force to have to deal with.
Q. What are some of the biggest strengths or improvements you've seen in your team compared to last year?
A. The biggest difference in this team is experience. So many of our players last year were first year guys and now with a year under their belt they

have improved in all facets of the game.
Q. Do you have any players drawing attention from college programs or who fans should keep an eye on?
A. Mak Hoover, Will Morris, Zane Cook, Malik Kirby, and Ashton Rogers have all gotten college looks.
Q. What are the biggest challenges

or tough matchups you see on your schedule this year?
A. The first 4 games are always a tough stretch with big rivalries and playing big schools. The challenge is to get through that part of the schedule healthy before going into district play. Adding Louisville Central at week 11 will give us a good measuring stick before the playoffs start.





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MAYFIELD CARDINALS



Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
8/22	Graves County	7 PM	H
8/29	at Christian County	7 PM	A
9/5	at Paducah Tilghman	7 PM	A
9/12	McCracken County	7 PM	H
9/19	Crittenden County	7 PM	H
9/26	at Todd Co Central	7 PM	A
10/3	at Caldwell County	7 PM	A
10/17	at Trigg County	7 PM	A
10/24	Fort Campbell	7 PM	H
10/31	Central	7 PM	H



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MURRAY HIGH SCHOOL

2024 Final Record: 8 Wins, 3 losses

District Record: 2-1 in district play, placing 2nd in their region behind Mayfield

Playoffs: Advanced to the Class 2A second round
Defeated Edmonson County in the first round (48-7)
Lost to Owensboro Catholic in the second round (14-49)



2025 Senior Players: Amarion Bomar, Will Burkeen, Meech Carman, Julian Figueroa, Hank Fronza, Deerik Jackson, Nate Johnston, Isiah Martin, Simon Rickman, Wyatt Robbins, Nemo Robinson and Josh Bridges.



Coaches Corner
Q & A with
Melvin Cunningham
Murray Football head coach

Q. What has the focus been in preparing for this season?
A. Our focus has been on discipline, communication, and physicality. These three qualities are non-negotiable when defining success.

Q. Who are some key returning players, and what roles will they play this year?
A. Returning players are Isaiah Martin, Wyatt Robbins, Simon Rickman, Meech Carman, Ryan Walls, Gage Keeling, Gage

Chapman, Zaye Richardson, Jesse Clark are among a few. Their role is to be culture drivers. The have to hold teammates accountable to the standard.

Q. What are some of the biggest strengths or improvements you've seen in your team compared to last year?
A. The biggest improvement has been with our leadership. We did a good job this

summer with our leadership development program and seeing the growth of some of our players has already had an impact on our team.

Q. Do you have any players drawing attention from college programs or who fans should keep an eye on?
A. Ryan Walls has multiple offers-Florida State, Isaiah Martin has multiple offers-UT Martin, Gage Chapman has multiple

offers-Murray State, Simon Rickman and Wyatt Robbins-Bethel

Q. What are the biggest challenges or tough matchups you see on your schedule this year?
A. One of our biggest challenges is ourselves. Most games are lost not won. Health is a huge factor. When coaching this size of school, one injury creates multiple moves. The tough match-ups on our schedule is Graves

County, McCracken County, Union, to name a few. To win at any level is hard so we have 10 must win games in the first season and it starts over in the play-offs. Our toughest game on the schedule is Apollo because it is the only game we play in week 1.





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MURRAY TIGERS



Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
8/22	at Apollo	7 PM	A
8/29	Calloway County @MS	7 PM	H
9/5	Graves County	7 PM	H
9/12	Marshall County	7 PM	H
9/19	at Russellville	7 PM	A
9/26	at McCracken	7 PM	A
10/3	at Webster County	7 PM	A
10/24	Hopkins Co Central	7 PM	H
10/31	Caldwell County	7 PM	H

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MARSHALL CO. HIGH SCHOOL

2024 Final Record: 3 wins, 7 losses
District Record: 1-4



2025 Senior Players: Ethan Webber, Cheston Townsend, Aidan Roy, Clayton Ordunez, Nate Oakley, Luke Nimmo, Kaden Mohler, Collin MClean, Carson Lichtenberg, Nathan Knight, Neyland Jezik, Wyatt Holley, Kayson Holland, Grant Franklin, Deegan Croley, Kam Brown, Eli Holt, Jayden Holland, Kaleb Byars and Skylar Jones



Coaches Corner
Q & A with
Nick Bloodworth
Marshall Football head coach

Q. What has the focus been in

preparing for this season?

A. We have been working on continuing to build our culture and come together as a team.

Q. Who are some key returning players, and what roles will they play this year?

A. We have several

returning starters on both side of the ball and are lucky to return several Sophomores that logged key snaps last season.

Q. What are some of the biggest strengths or improvements you've seen in your team compared to last year?

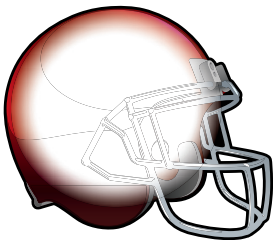
A. Having the same coaching staff coming back has been very helpful throughout the offseason and summer camp. This has helped to further create our culture for hard work, teaching players our schemes, and building

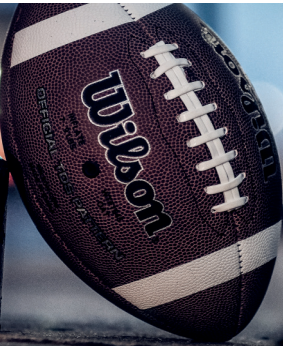
relationships. We also return several players that logged some big time snaps for us last year. Having these guys coming back will help us get over the hump in close games.

Q. What are the biggest challenges or tough matchups you see on your schedule this year?

A. There isn't a team on our schedule that we can afford to

overlook. Every team we play is very competitive and has coaching staffs that do a great job of having their teams prepared. We also play in a very competitive district, where each team is aiming for competing for the region. We are looking forward to the challenge and playing our best football when we start our district schedule.





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8/22	Crittenden County	7 PM	H
8/29	at Caldwell County	7 PM	A
9/5	at Trigg County	7 PM	A
9/12	at Murray	7 PM	A
9/19	Madisonville-N Hopkins	7 PM	H
9/26	at Muhlenberg County	7 PM	A
10/3	at Owensboro	7 PM	A
10/17	Graves County	7 PM	H
10/24	Apollo	7 PM	H
10/31	at Calloway County	7 PM	A

Let's Go Marshals
2024 Season



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Top Five (3A),
continued from page FB8

Union County-Union lost Jarren Johnson, Amare Black, and Kamden Davis to graduation plus many, many more off the 3A finalist club we saw in '24. They are Union County and are excellently coached; but will need some shoes filled.

McLean County-McLean has the best running back, not named Evan Hampton, on the western end of KY (Aden Bolden, '26, 1,439-yards rushing and 13-TDs in '24). Zach Wagner does a fine job and McLean is always hard to handle.

Lexington Catholic-David Clark is among the best coaches in the KHSAA and the turn around the Knights experienced in '24 was a testament to that fact. When you only win 7-games but made the semis that says something about the coaching staff most administrations admire. It says something about the teams you schedule as well. This team experienced heavy losses to graduation but don't feign surprise if they figure out a way to get in contention in '25.

Mercer County-Craig Yeast has brought in a young coach named Chuck Collins to run his weight program and help on Friday nights. The Collins family is amongst the "first families" of the KHSAA. It is like hiring a "Jaggers." They hired a Jaggers once at Mercer and that seemed to work out pretty well if my memory isn't failing me.

Hopkins County Central-Central has one of the better multi-phase guys around in Sylas Gunn ('26). Gunn threw nine TDs, rushed for a TD, and registered 104-tackles, six (6) TFLs, a sack, and picked a pair of passes as a junior. Kristan Scott will be a "difference maker" along the scrimmage lines and Dallas Kinlaw will come out of nowhere to contribute mightily. This ball club figures to do much better than the four (4) wins it experienced in both '23 and '24. Chris Manning (HFC) does an excellent job coaching and promoting his

program. This is Friday Night Fletch, reporting for KPGFootball and KPI Newspaper Group, reminding you to PLAY THROUGH THE WHISTLE!

4A

No. 1 Boyle County

'24 record, 12-1, lost to Covington Catholic at home in the regional championship game by three points (31-28).

Baylor Murphy ('26) was solid under center in his junior campaign. Murphy completed 77% of his passing attempts (135/176) for over 2,000-yards with 30-TDs against a lone INT.

Murphy has the best TE prospect in the South/Midwest, in the '27 class, to target down the field in Randy Driver's son, and Tony Driver's nephew. His name is Seneca Driver and he is a grown man.

Driver is 6'7," and weighs 240-pounds. We were told Driver stuck the landing on a back flip at practice the other day just for giggles (because he wanted to try it).

Driver caught 24-balls in '24 for 353-yards and seven (7) TDs. Driver also scored 50-points.

Driver played defense too. Driver registered 36-tackles, seven (7) TFLs, a pair of sacks, and forced a fumble. Many people believe him to be Kentucky's top rated prospect in any graduating class.

Driver has 37-FBS offers presently. Driver is a 5.8-rated, Four (4)-Star on most all the national recruiting services.

Driver has an 80-inch wingspan, 10" hands, runs the 40 in 4.66-seconds, and shuttles in 4.5-seconds. Driver has a broad jump of 9'9."

Nathaniel Schepman is a "big play" threat. As a sophomore, he averaged over 16-yards a reception and scored a TD every 4.5-receptions.

Clifton Yocum ('26) looks ready to lead defensively. Yocum registered 43-tackles, five (5) TFLs, and five (5) sacks. Kain Logan ('27) pitched in a pair of TFLs and Jakeem Ray and JiDyn Smith-Hisel each contributed

a pair of INTs. There is no way around this single fact which keeps putting Boyle in yearly championship discussions. Justin Haddix is among the best in the business in Kentucky's coaching fraternity.

Haddix has compiled a 145-42 record with four (4) titles (2020, '21, '22, '23) in six (6) attempts (Corbin, played for the title in 2017, 2018). Any team which trots out onto the field with Justin Haddix as its head football coach has a chance, a very good one.

No. 2 Covington Catholic

'24 record, 11-3, lost to Franklin County in the semis

There can't be a better dual threat guy, at QB, than Covington Catholic's Cash Harney. This guy is 5'10," 170-pounds of dynamite and a solid "Mr. Football" candidate.

Harney threw for 1,303-yards and 13-TDs in '24 and rushed for 1,476-yards and 19-TDs. Cash led the team in scoring with 116-points and none of his 13-TDs passing were credited to him. Harney even recovered a fumble.

Most importantly, Harney led his team to an 11-win season and a berth in the semi-finals. Harney is "Lexington or Bust" in 2025.

Dylan Gaiser ('26) is back to form a potent 1-2 punch in the offensive backfield with Harney. Gaiser gained 1,378-yards from scrimmage with 15-TDs on 131-carries. Gaiser played a little defense too. Gaiser had 35 stops and three (3) INTs.

We like Owen Pitzer ('27) a great deal as an up and comer. In addition to his work at RB in a limited capacity, 65-yards and five (5) rushing TDs, one TD swinging out of the backfield and a two-point conversion; Pitzer did some outstanding work on defense registering 57-tackles and a sack.

Logan Sanning ('26) is back for the '25 defense and Sanning had a productive junior season. Sanning registered 47-stops, half a sack, a FF, a FR, and three (3) INTs. Matter of fact, the Colonels in blue picked

25-passes a year ago and approximately 20 of those picks return in '25. Thrown on them if you wish, but you do so at your own peril.

No. 3 Corbin

'24 record, 12-2, lost to Tilghman (Paducah) in the semis

Much like Paducah Tilghman's losing Jack James, Corbin lost Kade Elam and he (also) was a once in a generation-type talent at the QB position for the Redounds. Elam passed for 3,411-yards and 40-TDs, in '24, while completing 75% of his passes (200/268). Elam only threw three (3) picks.

Elam rushed for nearly 500-yards and 16-rushing TDs. You just need to fully appreciate what losing a Kade Elam actually means and how good Elam actually was.

We get tired of fans critiquing our preseason polls with "We're coming of a 12-2 record and we lost to Freddy D and Tilghman. How can you rank us third, or fourth, or whatever?"

Fans don't like to acknowledge graduation. Not all these guys who walk across the graduation stage are easily replaced.

Cole Stevens ('26) is back at RB and he came close to gaining a thousand yards a year ago. He also scored 10-rushing TDs.

Cam Estep ('26) returns and he is as talented as any pass-catcher across the commonwealth. Estep caught 63-passes for 1,027-yards and nine (9) TDs a year ago. Estep

also caught five (5) passes not even targeting him (INTs). Estep registered 43-tackles in '24.

Eli Pietrowski ('26) and Cole Stevens ('26) both return and they will keep defenses from doubling Estep. Pietrowski faced a pair of fumbles last year.

Pietrowski's unafraid to hit. Pietrowski's 37-registered tackles, three (3) TFLs, and four (4) sacks tells me my impression is entirely accurate.

Bryson Hopkins ('28) is a young guy who should be monitored this coming year. Just a word to the wise, this kid is a playmaker.

Noah Cima will be a huge miss. Cima scored 13-TDs receiving, converted a FG, converted 76-PATs to contribute 157-points to the team in '24. Add him to the list of talent, with Kade Elam, which may be hard to replace.

Mason Salmons ('27) looks to be a star in the making. Salmons had 76-tackles a year ago with a TFL and a sack. Salmons forced a fumble and recovered a pair.

Malachi Brown ('27) is one of the better players in Kentucky at his slot and in his graduating class. Brown registered 46-tackles, 10-TFLs, and eight (8) sacks. You don't see young guys get "down hill" like Brown very often.

This isn't last year's team. They won't be quite as good this year as last. That said, they are still the Corbin Redhounds. That is a name we have come to fear, around the

KHSAA, and with good reason.

No. 4 Paducah Tilghman

'24 record, 15-0, won the 4A title

Sure, "The Blue Tornado" touched down in Lexington last December. Sure, Tilghman High (Paducah) polished off a 15-0 overall record and a 4A title in '24. However, that was then...this is now.

Say whatever you want, but graduating a QB who threw for over 4,100-yards, 57-TD passes against only nine (9) picks, and completed close to 70% of his 438-passing attempts (304) all in one season will be far from simple. Quarterbacks like Jack James don't come around too often in a coach's career.

There is still some talent on "The Blue Tornado" roster. We don't bring up linemen enough but Jarvis Strickland ('26) may be among the best OL I have seen since I began covering KHSAA football.

Strickland has the size (6'6," 290) and disposition to take over ball games from his tackle slot. Strickland is the highest rated recruit in Kentucky.

Demarkus Wilson ('26) gained 828-yards rushing in '24 and scored 11-rushing TDs to go with his 66-points he put up on the scoreboard. Avery Thompson ('28) is a budding super star in the receiver corp.

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8/22	Madionsville-N Hopkins	7 PM	H
8/29	at Crittenden County	7 PM	A
9/5	at Caldwell County	7 PM	A
9/12	at Graves County	7 PM	A
9/19	McCracken County	7 PM	H
9/26	Hancock County	7 PM	H
10/3	at Hopkins Co Central	7 PM	A
10/17	Murray	7 PM	H
10/24	Webster County	7 PM	H
10/31	at Greenwood	7 PM	A

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Thompson caught 36-balls in only nine (9) games for 454-yards receiving and eight (8) TDs.

Russell Hancock and Tate Kirchoff were both seniors a year ago. Between them, they made 90 of 94-attempted PATs for a conversion rate approaching 96%. Hancock made a FG. That is quite a bit of scoring which will have to be found elsewhere.

Defensively, look for Brady Sanderson ('27) to answer defensive coordinator's Steve Lovelace's call for service. Sanderson registered 61-tackles, six (6) TFLs, and a sack last season.

Keep an eye on Isaac James ('28). James was only a freshman and played in 9-games.

Limited playing time aside, James register 23-tackles, a TFL, recovered a fumble, and picked a pass. You don't see that type production from a freshman defender on a roster which went 15-0 and won it all in the 4A classification that often.

Gae'lon Spivey-Nunn ('28) was a freshman in '24 too. He only saw run in four (4) varsity games in '24. However, Spivey-Nunn registered five (5) tackles and a pair of INTs. We call that making the action count.

If we are being honest, and we strive to be, Tilghman lost quite a bit from off of last year's team. That being said, they are

still excellently coached and have enough pieces remaining to warrant this preseason ranking.

No. 5 Ashland (tie)

'24 record, 11-2, was pasted by Corbin in the Regional Championship

Like so many teams listed herein, there isn't a person left on this roster who has ever completed (nor thrown) a varsity forward pass. On top of that, leading rusher Braxton Jennings also graduated.

Between LaBryant Stader's 25-TD passes a year ago with Jennings 20-rushing TDs, that is a ton of scoring the Tomcats will have to find somewhere else. If I were going to have to come up with that level of offensive production, I would like to have Chad Tackett coaching my team.

Paul Blazer High will feed the ball to Cameron Davis ('26) and Maverick Ashby ('27). Davis gained over 500-yards last yard and scored nine (9) TDs rushing while Ashby gained close to 500 (452) on only 73-carries, scoring six (6) rushing TDs while catching eight (8) passes swinging out of the backfield.

Davis also contributed 47-tackles, a TFL, and picked off six (6) INTs. Davis maybe the most versatile player in 4A.

Davis was the leading receiver in '24, catching 35-balls for 615-yards and eight (8) TDs receiving. Davis

will get "Mr. Football" attention this Fall.

Sam Lyons ('26) returns and he caught 35-balls for 514-yards and five (5) TDs to go along with his pair of INTs he snagged on defense. Lyons forced a fumble, recovered a pair, and logged 32-tackles with three (3) TFLs to augment his offensive production.

Troy Barnett ('26) has a final year of eligibility and that is huge for the Tomcats. Barnett converted 46-PATs, of his 53-attempted, and was perfect in FGs, although he only attempted one. Hey, better to make the single attempt than miss it, right?

Seth Morris ('28) is waiting in the wings. He made seven of his 13-attempted PATs. To see much action, Morris has to improve on that 54% conversion rate.

Keyshawn Newman ('26) registered 56-tackles, six (6) TFLs, and four (4) QB-sacks a year ago. Newman will figure prominently in the Tomcats's defensive plans in '25.

The bottom line is this, Blazer will be in the hunt because they are Blazer and the coach is Chad Tackett. However, that aside, we can't just pretend they didn't suffer significant losses. They most certainly did.

No. 5 Fort Thomas Highlands (tie)

'24 Record: 11-3 in 5A, Lost in the Semis to Cooper

The Bluebirds are among the more

decorated programs in KHSAA history. While Fort Thomas Highlands has won 23-titles, they haven't won a title since 2014.

Man, that is over 10-years ago (not counting '25 which we haven't yet played). If you would have told me in 2014 Highlands wouldn't win another title over the next decade or so, I would have walked away from the conversation thinking you're crazy.

The Bluebirds have a chance this season, coming off an 11-win campaign and semis loss to state finalist, Cooper. They are sliding down to 4A and 4A may end up being an even tougher nut to crack than 5A, particularly this season. Not easy to get through any classification that hosts teams like Boyle, Paducah Tilghman, Covington Catholic, Corbin, Franklin County, Paul Blazer, etc.

QB Rio (Mario) Litmer ('26) is another of those 4A "Mr. Football" candidates. Litmer threw for nearly 3,000-yards in '24 with 33-TDs while rushing for another five (5) scores. Litmer completed 69% of his passing attempts and had a smidgen over 4:1 touchdown to interception ratio.

Gabe Williams will be the top returning rusher and the '27 prospect had a decent enough year for a kid getting on the field for Highlands as only a sophomore. Williams rushed for 344-yards and four (4) touchdowns and looks to improve on those numbers dramatically. Gabe Williams paced the DBs with five (5) INTs in '24.

Tayden Lorenzen is a '27 guy with an eerily familiar surname. He caught 31-balls in '24, eight (8) of which were for TDs. Lorenzen also scored 74-points a year ago.

Kai Anderson ('27) appears to be the heir-apparent at PK. Anderson was a perfect seven (7) for seven (7) in PATs a year ago.

Isaac Neimann will be counted on to lead the defense. Neimann had 57-tackles last year with seven (7) TFLs, three (3) sacks, six (6) FFs, and a pair of FRs.

How much better is Highlands than Franklin County,

Johnson Central, DeSales, and Perry County Central? At the end of the day, I suppose will shall see. I believe the line to be rather thin though

Rounding out the Top-10

Franklin County, No. 7, had huge losses on defense and will have many untested players on that side of the ball. Knox Barrett ('28) should improve quite a bit and Jack Oldham will get the lion's share of the carries. This is an excellently coached ball club (Eddie James, HFC) which could easily slip up into the top five.

Johnson Central, No. 8, is coming off an 8-4 worksheet in '24. Losing a 2300-yard rusher in Zack McCoart won't be easy as this offense depends more on RB than QB. Logan Music is very, very good. Seth Davis is a huge loss on defense.

Perry County Central, No. 9, just kind of fell apart a year ago, plummeting to four (4) wins on the year. That won't happen again is our wager. Mark Dixon is as good as it gets as a head football coach and the Johnson brothers, Aaron David "AD" ('26) and Bryson ('28), are both heady, knowledgeable, and talented ball players who both worked extensively with a speed trainer this offseason. Bryson Johnson is as good of a young LB as you will ever see at the HS level.

North Oldham, No. 10, and its head football coach, Brock Roberts, has the Mustangs hitting on all cylinders coming off a nine (9) win campaign. QB Colin Daniels ('26) is a really fine player and last year threw for over 2,300-yards with 30-TDs against five (5) INTs. Daniels completed a smidgen over 67% of his passes (184/274). Lucas Thompkins is a "Mr. Football" candidate and led his team as a junior in scoring. Additionally, Thompkins caught 50-passes for 887-yards and 14-TDs, scored four (4) TDs rushing, and converted three (3), two-pointers on special teams. Thompkins played defense and picked five (5) passes and accumulated 90-IRNYs. We call that three (3)

phase utility and it is a prized commodity at the 4A, 5A, and 6A levels.

5A

No. Cooper

'24 Record: 14-1, State Runner-up, lost to Bowling Green 37-20

Cooper, under Randy Borchers, has been to the 5A title game the last two seasons, losing both times to Bowling Green. We believe the third time may be the charm.

Cooper has some weaponry returning. QB, Cam O'Hara is a real threat. O'Hara is a '26 prospect and a "Mr. Football" candidate. He threw for 3,617-yards and 52-TDs in '24 against only three (3)-INTs. O'Hara completed over 65% of his attempts (212/325) and ran for four (4) scores. This might be Kentucky's elite player at the QB-position in '25 among all KHSAA schools regardless of classification.

Talk about your running threats, Keagan Maher returns and he will vie for the coveted "Mr. Football" distinction before it is all said and done. Maher is dangerous out of the backfield in passing routes as he caught 22-balls in '24. Cooper graduated two fine receivers in Isaiah Johnson and Jaiden Combs and one of Kentucky's all-time TEs in the high school ranks in Austin Alexander, but O'Hara will find someone to target down the field and Maher will be among his choices.

Look for Ryker Campbell to develop in the passing game. Ryker is already a leading returning defender (102-tackles, 2-TFLs, 1-FF, and eight (8) picks including a pair of "pick-sixes"). Don't be surprised if the '26 prospect doesn't get involved more heavily on offense in '25. Campbell ran the ball from scrimmage some as he averaged around 11.5-yards a carry in '24 and scored a rushing TD every fifth carry.

Keagan Maher gained 1,433-yards and scored 22-rushing TDs in '24 and the '26 prospect proved himself to possess a

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8/29	Muhlenberg County	7 PM	H
9/5	at Crittenden County	7 PM	A
9/12	Caldwell County	7 PM	H
9/19	McLean County	7 PM	H
9/26	at Ohio County	7 PM	A
10/3	Murray	7 PM	H
10/17	Hopkins Co. Central	7 PM	H
10/24	at Union County	7 PM	A
10/31	at Todd Co. Central	7 PM	A

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versatile, multi-phase skill set. Maher was the team’s leading scorer (150-points) in addition to being among the leading receivers and leading return threats on special teams.

Eyler Tibbs (’26) was something a year ago, converting 75-PATs, and making two of his three FG attempts. Corey Freihofer (’27) can kick it too, as he converted 87.5% of his PATs with limited opportunities and even recovered a fumble. Freihofer registered 15-tackles in ’24 playing for one of Kentucky’s most talented rosters. Keep you eye on this young man.

Max Wethington returns at the “Mike” or MLB slot. The ’26 second level guy registered 75-tackles, 3-TFLs, and picked off a pass.

Dax Bolen also returns as the ’26 prospect registered 70-tackles, 3-TFLs, a QB sack, and a pair of INTs. Carson Clark (’27) has demonstrated a penchant for big plays. Clark had three (3) sacks a year ago amongst his 14-stops. Clark forced a fumble too. That amounts to quite a few “specialty stats” for someone who played limited snaps spread out over 11-games of action.

No. 2 Bowling Green (Senior High)

’24 Record: 13-2, State 5A champions

First of all, let’s get this out of the way. The Purples are working on a three-peat and have won three of the past five titles in 5A football.

Picking Bowling Green (right now, anyway) to win the 5A title is a sexy pick. That doesn’t mean we will do it. Should another publication do so, we would hardly blame them.

Bad News doesn’t improve with time. The bad news is Bowling Green High’s Deuce Bailey is out of eligibility.

Bailey threw for close to 3,200-yards in ’24 and 45 passing TDs. The “Deuce” also ran for over 400-yards and 5-rushing TDs.

Losing that level of production from such a prime-time position is tough on any program

regardless of the program’s classification. It looks to us like Embree Dotson (’27) will get the first crack at filling those shoes.

They can always snap the ball to Trevy Barber. He attempted a pass a year ago and certainly knows where he’s headed with the ball in his hands.

Barber (’26) caught 79-passes a year ago for 1,327-yards receiving and 22-TDs. Barber scored 138-points in ’24 averaging 9.2-points scored per game.

That is major, major down field production. Barber will vie for “Mr. Football” along with several other of his 5A compatriots.

Jaxen Smith (’26) will insure opposing defenses don’t overly focus on Barber. Smith caught 48-balls in ’24 for 700-yards and 11-TDs. If Smith were playing for any team other than Bowling Green, he would be the marquee guy split out wide.

The kicking game lost Braden Widener to graduation. Widener converted on 98.5% of his PATs (67/68) and knocked through nine of 14 FG attempts.

Widener scored 94-points a year ago and he will be sorely missed. Kale Phelps looks to inherit the job.

Phelps, ’28 PK, was perfect on PATs making both of his attempts. Sure, that is a limited sample size; but, it could have been worse. He might have missed them both instead.

Montez Trussell (’26) returns and he is among the more devastating defenders in the KHSAA. Trussell registered 121-tackles, 27.5 TFLs, and 16-sacks in ’24.

Malik Coburn is a classmate of Trussell (’26) and he is nearly as devastating. Coburn registered 92-tackles, 19.5 TFLs, and nine and a half sacks (9.5).

If you are looking for a young gun to keep an eye on, may we suggest Kyle Sledge (’28). The Sledge-Hammer (couldn’t resist) registered 31-tackles over his freshman year playing 5A ball for the classification’s premier program.

Sledge-Hammer also picked three (3) passes and accumulated 45-IRNYs. Arlando Jones (’27) and Miles Richey (’27) each had an INT a piece getting

varsity PT along the Purples’ third level.

It kind of boils down to Cooper has an established superstar at both QB and RB returning in ’25. Deuce Bailey is gone and Jaxen Smith hasn’t shone, to date, he is quite a Keagan Maher.

That and that alone is why we picked Cooper and BG in that order instead of the reverse. We literally went back and forth on these two.

No. 3 Atherton High

’24 Record: 10-3, lost to Bowling Green in the regional championship

This biggest news this offseason for The Big A-Train was the transfer of Garyon Hobbs to Atherton from Christian Academy Louisville (CAL). We usually don’t discuss transfers but we have heard Hobbs has been cleared for play.

Hobbs has been ranked as high as the number two (2) overall football prospect in Kentucky in the ’27 class by On3.com. The 6’1,” 220-pounder is listed as an “Athlete” by the service. Talk about your accurate descriptions.

Last year at CAL, in helping the Centurions win the 3A title, Hobbs gained close to 400-yards rushing and scored a pair of TDs. Hobbs caught 16-passes for 184-yards and three scores.

On defense, Hobbs registered 79-tackles, 13-TFLs, a sack, and picked three (3) passes including 83-IRNYs and a “pick-six.” That isn’t shabby.

Atherton will have some pieces to plug in along with Hobbs when the season arrives. Deairus Smith is a ’27 and will be back to run the offense. He threw for close to a 1,000-yards and 12-TDs last year.

For what this prospect lacks in flash and pizzaz, he makes up for with heady play. Smith is a winner and gets his team in the “right play.”

Du Zye Grundy will try to fill the huge shoes of Michael Curry’s graduation. Grundy gained 669-yards and scored 8-rushing TDs in only 64-carries a year ago. Grundy also had 31-tackles, 5-TFLs, and 4-sacks.

Aiden Wilson (’27)

returns at WR. Wilson caught 35-balls in ’24 for 608-yards and 3-TDs. On defense Wilson picked a pair of passes, including a “pick-six” while also accumulating 75-IRNYs.

Bruce Leisten converted over 70% of his PATs in ’24, converting 31 of 44. Leisten is a ’27 guy who is off to a good start and has plenty of time to further develop.

Donee Sutton had 85-tackles and 9-TFLs with three (3) sacks in ’24. James Allen Briscoe picked 4-passes for 78-IRNYs and a pick-six in ’24. The ’26 prospect also chipped in 42-tackles, a TFL, and a FF.

As for coaching, Anthony “Nino” White has done an incredible job reinvigorating the football fortunes of The Big A-Train, including branding Atherton football as “The Big A-Train.”

Getting players like Hobbs to come over from CAL is an indication of the “buy-in” into the program of top-flight, Derby City football playing talent. Over the past two years, Atherton is 21-5.

Can you believe it? Well, you better get to believing. The Big A-Train is pulling into your station with plenty of talent to compete for championships.

No. 4 Owensboro Senior High

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’24 Record: 8-4, Lost to BG, at home, in RD Two

Jay Fallin stepped down at the end of the year and DaMarcus Ganaway has taken the reigns. Ganaway is a former All-American receiver at Kentucky Wesleyan and played a couple years in the league (NFL).

The first thing Ganaway will have to do is replace Trevor Delacey at QB. He will turn to a pair of underclassmen, both of whom are talented.

Ty Ashley (’27) threw a TD pass in ’24 as did Zeke Beehn (’28). Both of these guys have talent and lack experience so it will be interesting to see who can be brought around for this Fall.

Ashley plays defense and was the leading tackler a season ago.

Ashley registered 116-stops, five (5) TFLs, three (3) sacks, and a FR.

Evan Hampton may be the best RB in Kentucky and a bone fide “Mr. Football” candidate who has committed to Louisville. Hampton gained 1,549-yards in ’24 and scored 20-rushing TDs. Hampton caught four TD passes, led the team in scoring (148-points), and played a little “spot defense” where he registered a hand full of tackles.

Kingston Dillard (’28) is a sure-thing, bone fide, Friday Night star. Dillard caught 41-passes, for close to 600-yards, with four (4) TDs as only a freshman. Dillard also registered 11-tackles.

Romar Payne graduated and that will hurt. Payne converted 46-PATs and four of his five FGs. Hard to find a PK any better than that at the HS level.

Omarian Tee Green (’27) was a monster in ’24 as only a sophomore. Green had 56-tackles, a TFL, but forced five (5) fumbles, recovering four (4).

Guess what? Green also picked a pair of passes and accumulated 75-IRNYs. Green played offense too.

Green gained 238-yards on 32-carries, scored six (6) rushing TDs, and caught a TD pass on top of everything else. There seems to be literally nothing this kid can’t do.

Classmate Kalil Shemwell (’27) had a year in ’24. Shemwell picked four (4) passes, housed a “pick six,” and registered 17-tackles.

Now for the Hampton who gets overlooked, Evan Hampton’s brother Elijah Hampton (’26). This kid is a terrific player who reports wherever you wish to deploy him and just excels.

Elijah had 104-tackles, three (3) TFLs, recovered a fumble, picked a pass, carried the football a couple times, and played along the OL, blocking for his twin, for much of the year. This kid can play and is worth a look independent of his being Evan Hampton’s brother.

Here is the bottom line for you fans out

there. The Red Devils will contend. Welcome to the KHSAA. This happens all the time.

The “Red Devils” won eight (8) games a year ago and it wasn’t a particularly good year. Owensboro is used to winning double digit games a season and making deep playoff runs. We expect to see much of the same out of the DaMarcus Ganaway edition as we have grown accustomed to seeing out of teams with Owensboro blazoned across the chest.

No. 4 Woodford County High (tie)

’24 Record: 10-2, lost to Highlands in the second round

Woodford County is an excellently coached football team. Hiring Tony McCombs to help with the defense was a really good idea.

High school programs don’t get opportunities to add former NFL players, and one of ECU’s all-timers every day. Dennis Johnson, Woodford’s HFC, being one of UK’s greatest all time DEs would be the perfect guy to appreciate such a pedigree.

Justus Wertzler is out of eligibility. This hurts as he passed for nearly 3,000-yards with 32-TDs a year ago in leading the Yellow Jackets to another 10-win campaign.

The Jackets will be unproven at RB. Darrian Tomlin has talent and youth (’27). Tomin averaged a little over 9-yards a carry in ’24 but in limited opportunities.

Omari Jointer (’27) has big-play potential. Jointer had 10-TDs receiving in ’24 to lead the ball club. Jointer also averaged over 21-yards a reception so he wasn’t getting tossed a ton of slip screens if you catch what I am laying down. Jalen Johnson caught 31-passes in ’24 so he will balance out the edge attack down the field.

Logan Ford gradated and he was a real weapon at PK. Ford made 58 of 59-PATs and nine (9) of 10-FGs. We don’t know whether the Yellow Jackets turn to now as no one not named “Logan Ford” tallied a single

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point kicking the football in '24. Thurman Wade ('27) looks like he will be a real defensive star for the Jackets. Wade registered 41-tackles, 8-TFLs, a sack, a pair of FRs, 90-FRNYs, and a “scoop and score.” Wyatt Peters is a terror on the back end. Peters ('27) had 57-tackles, half a TFL, three (3) INTs, a FF, and a FR in '24. Christopher Reed, Jr. ('27) housed a “pick-six” from 33-yards out a season ago to go with his 29-stops. This will be a solid ball club. It is a well coached one.

No. 5 Madisonville-North Hopkins (tie)

'24 record: 7-4, lost to 5A Champion, BG, in the first round This may be the “surprise team” of the classification. It was down between Owensboro Senior and these guys for the last spot. Why did we go with North Hopkins? Two words: star power! One thing is painfully obvious when North Hopkins comes off the bus. These guys, year in and year out, dress some filthy athletes. I mean it is sick the type of athletic talent Madisonville rosters from year to year. This year doesn't appear to deviate. Kanyon Johnson is playing college ball now. He was an example of athleticism we were discussing. That said, the Maroons have sank or swam on its run-game through

the years over its passing attack. We believe Kirk LaGrange ('26) may get the first chance to fill Johnson's shoes at QB. Make no mistake, LaGrange is a DAWG. Whether he will make a serviceable QB is another question but we like the deployment. If you're a defensive lineman, you may pass rush LaGrange and get your face ripped off. Better be careful back there. LaGrange picked four (4) passes, registered 64-stops, with a pair of TFLs, a sack, and a FR a year ago. That is a mighty big defensive piece to take over to offense and slot at QB. If anyone can do it, it is LaGrange. Markezz Hightower ('26) is the best RB in class 5A if not the entire KHSAA. He has been offered by MTSU and they would prefer me not mention him any further. They would love top sign him and don't want me hurting their chances by “blowing him up.” Hightower gained 1,604-yards and scored 20-rushing TDs last year in 11-games. He caught 15-balls swinging out of the backfield and scored a TD receiving. Markezz led the team in scoring, putting 138-points up on the board, or 12.5 a game. Before we forget, Hightower had an INT on defense he returned 29-yards. Just saying... With Austin Alexander graduated, we like Jayden Travis as perhaps the best TE playing high school football in the 5A classification. Travis is 6'3,” 230-pounds caught

25-passes in a run-first attack in '24 with three (3) TDs receiving. Travis finished fifth on the team in “scoring.” Travis also was instrumental in a rushing attack which gained over 3,200 yards and scored 42-rushing TDs. Travis accounted for three (3) of the team's 11 TDs through the air. That is approximately 28% production out of that one player. Travis bench presses 250, squats 365, pulls or “deadlifts” 440, and power cleans 280. Strong, powerful, and explosive are lethal combinations for HS TEs. Travis has soft, receptive hands; a thick and long enough frame to effectively work the middle of the defense with considerable advantage, and is fast enough (4.9-second, 40-yard dash) to create match-up problems with opposing defensive coordinators hoping their 2nd line of defense can contain this offensive weapon. As for smarts, how about his 3.6-GPA. Ryder Sandridge ('27) caught 21-balls last season for 321-yards. Sandridge caught three (3) TDs to tie Travis for the team lead as well as forcing a fumble, recovering three (3) fumbles, registering 71-tackles, and picking a pair of passes from his DB post. This is a versatile, multi-phase threat. Noah Mays was a steady hand converting PATs a season ago. Mays had an 80% conversion rate. Skylar Minton is gone and his

130-tackles and 11-sacks will be tough to replace. That being said, Mark McNary ('26) believes he's the man for the job. McNary had six (6) sacks and eight (8) TFLs amongst his 54-tackles a year ago. The team had 26-sacks a year ago. Minton and McNary were 17 of them. Clayton Gunkel ('27) is a talented DB for the Maroons. Gunnel had a pair of kicks in '24 as did classmate Ryder Sandidge. Joseph Gunn ('27) took his one INT to the house. His “pick six” covered 60-yards. Overall this is a seven win team from a season ago which was a play here, play there from nine (9) wins. This team has some really good talent and the right components in place to make a run like it did in 2019. Oh yeah, the running back for the '19 team was also a “Mr. Football” candidate with the surname of “Hightower.”

Rounding out the top-10

- 7. South Oldham
 - 8. Graves County
 - 9. Pulaski County
 - 10. Southwestern
- Beware: Look out for Muhlenberg County. They are excellently coached and have some really nice young players coming up through the ranks. If the Mustangs can keep the talent in-county and in-place, you are looking at a program on a definite “heater!” They may be a year or two away, but they are arriving.

6A

No. 1 Trinigh High (Louisville)

'24 Record: 13-2; Reining 6A Champions Zane Johnson will be starting his third year at the helm of the mighty Shamrock offense. Johnson is the class of the '27s across the state, especially at QB, and threw for over 2,000-yards a year ago and had a nearly 2:1 touchdown to interception ratio (18-TDs, 10-INTs). Jamaurion Berry gained close to 800-yards in '24. The '27 RB scored 12-rushing TDs and scored another two (2) TDs swinging out of the backfield in pass routes. Berry was the

team's leading scorer a year ago as only a sophomore. Jason Hagan figures to be among Johnson's top downfield targets and he is a '27 like so many other stars on this roster. Hagan caught 23-passes, five (5) of which were for TDs. Carson Hilbert graduated and that is a big miss for the 'Rocks. Hilbert made 47-PATs and 12-FGs a year ago. It appears Christopher Kehdy ('27) is poised to take over. He was 100% on PATs in '24 (five for five). Carson's little brother Peyton Hilbert ('28) was four (4) for four (4) on PATs so he isn't surrendering the job to Kehdy or anyone else for that matter. Trinity suffered some heavy losses defensively. Bailey Vance, in '24, had 10-TFLs and nine and a half (9.5) sacks but is out of eligibility. Keandre Thompson will lead the defense in '25 and the rising senior ('26) had 12.5-TFLs and five (5) QB-sacks his junior season. Thompson also recovered a fumble. Look out for Sebastian Blue. Blue, a '27 guy, had seven (7) sacks and a pair of TFLs, forced a pair of fumbles, and recovered one, among his 21-stops in limited action in '24. This kid is flying under the radar but won't be for long. Jahbarri Frost ('26) as superstars go is the worst kept secret in the commonwealth. Frost is 6'2,” 270 and holding offers from Eastern Michigan, Iowa State, and Western Illinois. Frost had over seven TFLs and four sacks a year ago fighting every form of double and triple team the opponent could throw his way. Myles Howze is another '27 guy who is killing it at Trinity. Howze had five picks in '24 with 66-IRNYs, among his 29-tackles and four and a half (4.5) TFLs. Sonny Bratcher Gray, a '26 DB, also returns and he picked four (4) passes last year. Gray also had 29-stops, three and a half (3.5) TFLs, a QB-sack, and a FR to sort of top it all off his junior year. Over all, this is Louisville Trinity. If history has taught us anything, it has taught us Trinity will be in

the title hunt even in years following way more defections than the ball club experienced last spring to graduation. Like Beechwood, these guys are picked to finish first, preseason, till someone proves to us the 'Rocks can be beaten.

No. 2 Ryle High

'24 Record 12-3, State 6A Finalist Mike Engler's Raiders were tough all last season and no one was surprised when they ended the year in Lexington playing for the 6A title. They have some key components back for another tour of duty and should be very stout, yet again. Nathan Verax returns for his senior year and, provided he has a year similar to his junior season, looks to be a solid “Mr. Football” candidate. Verax completed close to 60% of his passing attempts (186/317) and threw 30-TDs against only 12-INTs. Verax threw for close to 2,400-yards while running for another 600 or so and scoring seven (7) TDs rushing. Verax is a dual threat weapon. Jacob Savage returns and he scored 22-TDs rushing in '24. Savage gained over a thousand yards and caught 29-passes swinging out of the backfield for another four (4) scores. Savage led the team in scoring with 158-points or over 10 a game. Savage is also the team's top defender, something you see very rarely at the 6A level. Last season, Savage registered 141-tackles, nine and a half (9.5) TFLs, three (3) sacks, and an INT to go along with his offensive numbers. Jacob Savage has a message for you...Nathan Verax isn't the only “Mr. Football” candidate playing for the Raiders. Dylan Lee returns to fill the shoes of the departed Landon Lorms. Lee caught 46-balls in '24 for 608-yards and seven (7) scores. That isn't all Lee did. Lee also picked off six (6) passes and racked up 173 IRNYs and a pick-six along the way. Gavin Moses is back at PK and Moses converted four (4) FGs

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Hopkins County Central

STORMS

Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
8/22	Caldwell County	7 PM	H
8/29	at Todd Co Central	7 PM	A
9/5	Madisonville-No Hop.	7 PM	H
9/12	at Fort Campbell	7 PM	A
9/19	Kentucky Ctry. Day	7 PM	H
9/26	at Russellville	7 PM	A
10/3	Union County	7 PM	H
10/17	at Webster County	7 PM	A
10/24	at Murray	7 PM	A
10/31	Crittenden County	7 PM	H

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and 60-PATs for 72-total points on the board. Moses is a difference maker in the all-important third phase. Mason Clark, '28 PK, may be the heir apparent to Moses. He was two (2) for two (2) on PATs and converted his only FG attempt. This man needs more opportunities.

Bo Gay is tough on defense for the Raiders. Gay registered 15-TFLs and nine (9) QB-sacks among his 42-total tackles.

The Raiders ain't going no where soon. Engler's crew will challenge again in '25.

No. 3 Frederick Douglass

'24 season 9-5, lost to Trinity in the Semis
There may not be a

roster in Kentucky which has more D-1 talent routinely cycle through its rolls with any more regularity than the Broncos from Frederick Douglass. Nate Mcpeek has built a consistent challenger in Lexington in the KHSAA's largest classification.

To our point, the Broncos had a down year in '24 and still made the 6A semis. The Broncos conceivably ended last season the second best team (arguably) in 6A.

Jaxon Strautman returns at QB. Strautman ('26) threw for 20-TDs and ran for three (3) more as a junior. He's starting to figure this whole thing out and that is very bad news for the rest of the KHSAA.

Dakari Talbert gained close to 850-yards a year ago

and scored 11-rushing TDs and he was only a sophomore ('27). Talbert was the team's second leading receiver out of the backfield and registered a receiving TD to go with his rushing numbers. Talbert scored 72-points last year.

Kenoxie "Tay Tay" Allen has a lot of promise. Allen is among the better athletes on the roster.

Cionne Conn looks to be a rising star. The '27 defender had 38-tackles, a pair of TFLs, half a sack and forced a fumble as a sophomore. Conn also picked a pair of passes.

Tacori Fields is another talented '27 prospect who registered 51-tackles, half a sack, and picked a pass. Look out for cornerback Elijah Ward ('26). He is

diminutive, at 5'8," 145, but he is holding a Louisville offer and is fast as greased lightning.

No. 4 St. Xavier

'24 record, 7-5, lost to Ryle in round two
St. Xavier had what amounted (for that program) to an uncharacteristically poor season a year ago. Kevin Wallace, the Hall of Fame worthy head coach of the Tigers, says he is bowing out at the end of the season. St. Xavier wouldn't dare send him out any other way than in a 6A title hunt.

QB Mason Trimble ('26) is returning for his senior year. Trimble threw for 2,300-yards and 21-TDs in '24 as a junior. Trimble also ran for 315-yards and four (4) more scores.

Marlon Harbin III ('26) was the leading rusher a year ago and scored 12-TDs on the ground while catching 47-balls for 639 and another 6-scores. Harbin accounted for 1,343-total yards and 18-TDs leading the team with 108-points scored. He played defense too, leading the ball club with three (3) INTs.

Lucas Shelton ('26) is returning. Shelton caught 38-passes a year ago.

Karsten Busch, 6'3," 223 LB committed to Louisville and is Kentucky's highest regarded LB. Busch ('26) registered 59-tackles, 12-TFLs, and seven (7) sacks in '24.

Luka Bentz isn't a bad defender in his own right. He lead the Tigers with 71-tackles, nine (9) TFLs, and

three (3) sacks. Look out for Benjamin Pinkston ('26). Pinkston had 50-tackles, three (3) TFLs, and a pair of QB-sacks all while playing with his hand in the dirt.

St. Xavier was a seven win team in '24. However, they lost to Manual by one score and were in most of their games until late in the second half; so, they weren't just any seven win team. Any team coached by Kevin Wallace has a chance. You can bet that, partner!

No. 5 McCracken County

'24 record, 6-6, lost to Central Hardin in round two
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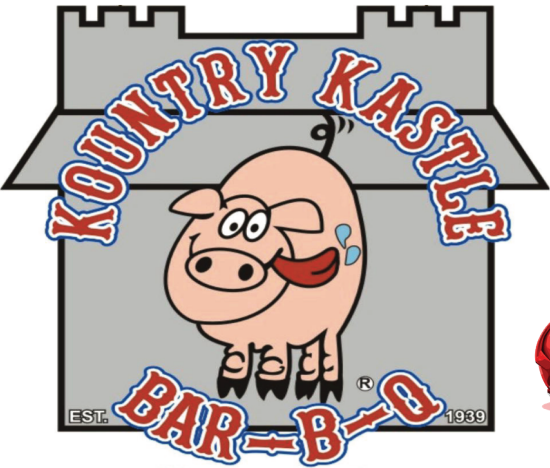
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8/29	Marshall County	7 pm	H
9/5	Union County	7 pm	H
9/12	at Webster County	7 pm	A
9/19	Trigg County	7 pm	H
9/26	Fort Campbell	7 pm	H
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Date	Opponent	Time	H/A
8/23	Clarksville NE (TN)	7 PM	H
8/29	Mayfield	7 PM	H
9/5	McKenzie (TN)	7 PM	H
9/12	Daviess County	7 PM	H
9/26	at Caverna	7 PM	A
10/3	at S Pittsburg (TN)	7 PM	A
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9/5	Henry Clay	7 PM	H
9/12	at Gibson Southern	7 PM	A
9/19	Daviess County	7 PM	H
9/26	at Central Hardin	7 PM	A
10/3	at George Rogers Cl.	8 PM	A
10/10	Christian County	7 PM	H
10/17	at Hopkinsville	7 PM	A
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10/31	at Owensboro	7 PM	A

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8/29	Union County	7 PM	H
9/5	Webster County	7 PM	H
9/12	Union City (TN)	7 PM	H
9/19	at Mayfield	7 PM	A
9/26	at Trigg County	7 PM	A
10/3	Todd County Central	7 PM	H
10/17	at Fort Campbell	7 PM	A
10/24	Caldwell County	7 PM	H
10/31	at Hopkins County Cen	7 PM	A

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“Jimmies and Joes” as far as studying who is likely to do what around the KHSAA. We think this is a year one might see a team come from no where to have a banner season and possibly contend. That team might well come from the first district.

The Mustangs return Maddox O’Neal at QB and the ’26 prospect had quite the junior season. O’Neal threw for nearly 3,000 yards and 41-TDs against 16-INTs.

Sure the 16-picks is a lot. However, a 2.5:1, touchdown to interception ratio, is nothing at which to sneeze. O’Neal picked up over 200 yards rushing so O’Neal can’t be discounted regarding his feet,

speed, elusiveness in the pocket, and overall athleticism.

All three (3) of the Mustangs top rushers are back for another go. Landon Newman, Dawson Hayden, and Kayden Wahl were all juniors in ’24 and gained a combined 1,600 rushing yards and 16-rushing TDs between the three.

Jude Lanier was a freshman (’28) in ’24 and was the ball club’s third leading receiver. He will make tremendous strides and the club will need it. Cooper Falconite and Daivon Dunbar both graduated.

Brock Wilson is a weapon at PK. Wilson, a rising Jr., converted 52-PATs and made all four (4) of his FG attempts. This cat is money in the bank kicking a football through uprights. That will win you ball

games, trust me.

Charlie Higdon (’27) understands the concept of “getting downhill.” Higdon had 15-TFLs with five and a half (5.5) QB-sacks in ’24. Higdon forced three (3) fumbles, recovering two (2).

Hunter Neely (’26) added 53-tackles with 4-TFLs. Sam Goodman (’26) had seven (7) stops behind the line of scrimmage.

Keep your eye on Jaxon Schackleford. He is a ’27 DB and registered 67-tackles, four and a half (4.5) TFLs, a sack, a FF, and a pair of FRs.

Schackleford flies around and makes big defensive plays. There is always room on any defense for a guy like that.

Coaching wise, Tyler Brooks has impressed us. Brooks arrived with a pretty

barren cupboard left by his predecessor and has inspired the McCracken squad to exceed expectations.

This team scores a ton of points (438 in 12 games last season). If the Mustangs can stop some people, look out! They may not even have to stop opponents; just slow them down a bit.

The next five
6. Male High

- (Louisville
- 7. duPont Manual (Louisville)
- 8. George Rogers Clark
- 9. Bullitt East
- 10. North Hardin

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8/29	at Madisonville NHop	7 PM	A
9/6	Prosser (Chicago)	2 PM	H
9/12	at Trigg County	7 PM	A
9/19	South Warren	7 PM	H
9/26	at Carterville (IL)	2 PM	A
10/3	McCracken County	7 PM	H
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9/5	Union County	7 PM	H
9/12	at Webster County	7 PM	A
9/19	Trigg County	7 PM	H
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8/29	at Logan County	7 PM	A
9/5	Clarksville NE (TN)	7 PM	H
9/12	at Mayfield	7 PM	A
9/19	at Union County	7 PM	A
9/26	Murray	7 PM	H
10/3	at Hopkinsville	7 PM	A
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8/29	Clarksville Academy	7 PM	H
9/5	at Fort Knox	7 PM	A
9/12	Hopkins Co Central	7 PM	H
9/19	Todd County Central	7 PM	H
9/26	at Caldwell County	7 PM	A
10/3	Trigg County	7 PM	H
10/10	White Station (TN)	7 PM	H
10/17	Crittenden County	7 PM	H
10/24	at Mayfield	7 PM	A

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SEPT. 5	AT MASSAC COUNTY (ILL.)	7 P.M.
SEPT. 12	AT CALLOWAY COUNTY	7 P.M.
SEPT. 19	CHARLESTON (MO.)	7 P.M.
SEPT. 26	SOUTH FULTON (TENN.)	7 P.M.
OCT. 3	RUSSELLVILLE	7 P.M.
OCT. 17	FULTON COUNTY	7 P.M.
OCT. 24	AT CAVERNA	7 P.M.
OCT. 31	AT MUHLENBERG COUNTY	7 P.M.

CALDWELL COUNTY TIGERS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
AUG. 22	AT HOPKINS COUNTY CENTRAL	7 P.M.
AUG. 29	MARSHALL COUNT	7 P.M.
SEPT. 5	UNION COUNTY	7 P.M.
SEPT. 12	AT WEBSTER COUNTY	7 P.M.
SEPT. 19	TRIGG COUNTY	7 P.M.
SEPT. 26	FORT CAMPBELL	7 P.M.
OCT. 3	MAYFIELD	7 P.M.
OCT. 17	TODD COUNTY CENTRAL	7 P.M.
OCT. 24	AT CRITTENDEN COUNTY	7 P.M.
OCT. 31	AT MURRAY	7 P.M.

CALLOWAY COUNTY LAKERS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
AUG. 22	WEBSTER COUNTY	7 P.M.
AUG. 29	MURRAY	7 P.M.
	(AT MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY)	
SEPT. 5	AT FULTON COUNTY	7 P.M.
SEPT. 12	BALLARD MEMORIAL	7 P.M.
SEPT. 19	WARREN EAST	7 P.M.
SEPT. 26	AT LOGAN COUNTY	7 P.M.
OCT. 3	AT FRANKLIN-SIMPSON	7 P.M.
OCT. 17	AT ALLEN COUNTY-SCOTTSVILLE	7 P.M.
OCT. 24	PADUCAH TILGHMAN	7 P.M.
OCT. 31	MARSHALL COUNTY	7 P.M.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY COLONELS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
SEPT. 23	CLARKSVILLE NORTHEAST (TENN.)	7 P.M.
AUG. 29	MAYFIELD	7 P.M.
SEPT. 5	MCKENZIE (TENN.)	7 P.M.
SEPT. 12	DAVISS COUNTY	7 P.M.
SEPT. 26	AT CAVERNA	7 P.M.
OCT. 3	AT SOUTH PITTSBURG (TENN.)	8 P.M.
OCT. 10	AT HENDERSON COUNTY	7 P.M.
OCT. 17	AT MCCracken COUNTY	7 P.M.
OCT. 24	HOPKINSVILLE	7 P.M.
OCT. 31	AT PADUCAH TILGHMAN	7 P.M.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY ROCKETS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
AUG. 22	AT MARSHALL COUNTY	7 P.M.
AUG. 29	UNION COUNTY	7 P.M.
SEPT. 5	WEBSTER COUNTY	7 P.M.
SEPT. 12	UNION CITY (TENN.)	7 P.M.
SEPT. 19	AT MAYFIELD	7 P.M.
SEPT. 26	AT TRIGG COUNTY	7 P.M.
OCT. 3	TODD COUNTY CENTRAL	7 P.M.
OCT. 17	AT FORT CAMPBELL	7 P.M.
OCT. 24	CALDWELL COUNTY	7 P.M.
OCT. 31	AT HOPKINS COUNTY CENTRAL	7 P.M.

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SEPT. 5	AT FORT KNOX	8 P.M.
SEPT. 12	HOPKINS COUNTY CENTRAL	7 P.M.
SEPT. 19	TODD COUNTY CENTRAL	7 P.M.
SEPT. 26	AT CALDWELL COUNTY	7 P.M.
OCT. 3	TRIGG COUNTY	7 P.M.
OCT. 10	WHITE STATION (TENN.)	7 P.M.
OCT. 17	CRITTENDEN COUNTY	7 P.M.
OCT. 24	AT MAYFIELD	7 P.M.

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DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
AUG. 22	GLEASON (TENN.)	7 P.M.
AUG. 29	AT SOUTH FULTON (TENN.)	7 P.M.
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OCT. 24	AT RUSSELLVILLE	7 P.M.
OCT. 31	TRIGG COUNTY	7 P.M.

GRAVES COUNTY EAGLES

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
AUG. 22	AT MAYFIELD	7 P.M.
AUG. 29	PADUCAH TILGHMAN	7 P.M.
SEPT. 5	AT MURRAY	7 P.M.
SEPT. 12	UNION COUNTY	7 P.M.
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SEPT. 26	AT MADISONVILLE-NORTH HOPKINS	7 P.M.
OCT. 3	AT APOLLO	7 P.M.
OCT. 17	AT MARSHALL COUNTY	7 P.M.
OCT. 24	MUHLNBERG COUNTY	7 P.M.
OCT. 31	MCCRACKEN COUNTY	7 P.M.

HENDERSON COUNTY COLONELS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
AUG. 23	PULASKI COUNTY	7 P.M.
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SEPT. 26	AT CENTRAL HARDIN	8 P.M.
OCT. 3	AT GEORGE ROGERS CLARK	8 P.M.
OCT. 10	CHRISTIAN COUNTY	7 P.M.
OCT. 17	AT HOPKINSVILLE	7 P.M.
OCT. 24	MCCRACKEN COUNTY	7 P.M.
OCT. 31	AT OWENSBORO	7 P.M.

HOPKINS COUNTY CENTRAL STORM

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
AUG. 22	CALDWELL COUNTY	7 P.M.
AUG. 29	AT TODD COUNTY CENTRAL	7 P.M.
SEPT. 5	MADISONVILLE-NORTH HOPKINS	7 P.M.
SEPT. 12	AT FORT CAMPBELL	7 P.M.
SEPT. 19	KENTUCKY COUNTRY DAY	7 P.M.
SEPT. 26	AT RUSSELLVILLE	7 P.M.
OCT. 3	UNION COUNTY	7 P.M.
OCT. 17	AT WEBSTER COUNTY	7 P.M.
OCT. 24	AT MURRAY	7 P.M.
OCT. 31	CRITTENDEN COUNTY	7 P.M.

HOPKINSVILLE TIGERS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
AUG. 22	STRATFORD (NASHVILLE, TENN.)	7 P.M.
AUG. 29	AT MADISONVILLE-NORTH HOPKINS	7 P.M.
SEPT. 6	PROSSER (CHICAGO, ILL.)	2 P.M.
SEPT. 12	AT TRIGG COUNTY	7 P.M.
SEPT. 19	SOUTH WARREN	7 P.M.
SEPT. 26	AT CARTERSVILLE (ILL.)	7 P.M.
OCT. 3	MCCRACKEN COUNTY	7 P.M.
OCT. 17	HENDERSON COUNTY	7 P.M.
OCT. 24	AT CHRISTIAN COUNTY	7 P.M.
OCT. 31	WEB DUBOIS	7 P.M.

Madisonville-North Hopkins Maroons

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
AUG. 22	AT UNION COUNTY	7 P.M.
AUG. 29	HOPKINSVILLE	7 P.M.
SEPT. 5	AT HOPKINS COUNTY CENTRAL	7 P.M.
SEPT. 12	PADUCAH TILGHMAN	7 P.M.
SEPT. 19	AT MARSHALL COUNTY	7 P.M.
SEPT. 26	GRAVES COUNTY	7 P.M.
OCT. 2	AT MUHLNBERG COUNTY	7 P.M.
OCT. 17	APOLLO	7 P.M.
OCT. 24	OWENSBORO	7 P.M.
OCT. 31	AT WARREN CENTRAL	7:30 P.M.

MARSHALL COUNTY MARSHALS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
AUG. 22	CRITTENDEN COUNTY	7 P.M.
AUG. 29	AT CALDWELL COUNTY	7 P.M.
SEPT. 5	AT TRIGG COUNTY	7 P.M.
SEPT. 12	AT MURRAY	7 P.M.
SEPT. 19	MADISONVILLE-NORTH HOPKINS	7 P.M.
SEPT. 26	AT MUHLNBERG COUNTY	7 P.M.
OCT. 3	AT OWENSBORO	7 P.M.
OCT. 17	GRAVES COUNTY	7 P.M.
OCT. 24	APOLLO	7 P.M.
OCT. 31	AT CALLOWAY COUNTY	7 P.M.

MAYFIELD CARDINALS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
AUG. 22	GRAVES COUNTY	7 P.M.
AUG. 19	AT CHRISTIAN COUNTY	7 P.M.
SEPT. 5	AT PADUCAH TILGHMAN	7 P.M.
SEPT. 12	MCCRACKEN COUNTY	7 P.M.
SEPT. 19	CRITTENDEN COUNTY	7 P.M.
SEPT. 26	AT TODD COUNTY CENTRAL	7 P.M.
OCT. 3	AT CALDWELL COUNTY	7 P.M.
OCT. 17	AT TRIGG COUNTY	7 P.M.
OCT. 24	FORT CAMPBELL	7 P.M.
OCT. 31	CENTRAL	7 P.M.

MCCRACKEN COUNTY MUSTANGS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
AUG. 22	PADUCAH TILGHMAN	7 P.M.
AUG. 29	AT LOGAN COUNTY	7 P.M.
SEPT. 5	CLARKSVILLE NORTHEAST (TENN.)	7 P.M.
SEPT. 12	AT MAYFIELD	7 P.M.
SEPT. 19	AT UNION COUNTY	7 P.M.
SEPT. 26	MURRAY	7 P.M.
OCT. 3	AT HOPKINSVILLE	7 P.M.
OCT. 17	CHRISTIAN COUNTY	7 P.M.
OCT. 24	AT HENDERSON COUNTY	7 P.M.
OCT. 31	AT GRAVES COUNTY	7 P.M.

MURRAY TIGERS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
AUG. 22	AT APOLLO	7 P.M.
AUG. 29	CALLOWAY COUNTY	7 P.M.
	(AT MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY)	
SEPT. 5	GRAVES COUNTY	7 P.M.
SEPT. 12	MARSHALL COUNTY	7 P.M.
SEPT. 19	AT RUSSELLVILLE	7 P.M.
SEPT. 26	AT MCCracken COUNTY	7 P.M.
OCT. 3	AT WEBSTER COUNTY	7 P.M.
OCT. 17	AT UNION COUNTY	7 P.M.
OCT. 24	HOPKINS COUNTY CENTRAL	7 P.M.
OCT. 31	CALDWELL COUNTY	7 P.M.

PADUCAH TILGHMAN BLUE TORNADO

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
AUG. 22	AT MCCracken COUNTY	7 P.M.
AUG. 29	AT GRAVES COUNTY	7 P.M.
SEPT. 5	MAYFIELD	7 P.M.
SEPT. 12	AT MADISONVILLE-NORTH HOPKINS	7 P.M.
SEPT. 19	FRANKLIN-SIMPSON	7 P.M.
SEPT. 26	ALLEN COUNTY-SCOTTSVILLE	7 P.M.
OCT. 3	LOGAN COUNTY	7 P.M.
OCT. 17	AT WARREN EAST	7 P.M.
OCT. 24	AT CALLOWAY COUNTY	7 P.M.
OCT. 31	CHRISTIAN COUNTY	7 P.M.

TODD COUNTY CENTRAL REBELS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
AUG. 22	AT BALLARD MEMORIAL	7 P.M.
AUG. 29	HOPKINS COUNTY CENTRAL	7 P.M.
SEPT. 5	AT BUTLER COUNTY	7 P.M.
SEPT. 12	JO BYRNS (TENN.)	7 P.M.
SEPT. 19	AT FORT CAMPBELL	7 P.M.
SEPT. 26	MAYFIELD	7 P.M.
OCT. 3	AT CRITTENDEN COUNTY	7 P.M.
OCT. 17	AT CALDWELL COUNTY	7 P.M.
OCT. 24	TRIGG COUNTY	7 P.M.
OCT. 31	WEBSTER COUNTY	7 P.M.

TRIGG COUNTY WILDCATS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
AUG. 22	OHIO COUNTY	6 P.M.
AUG. 29	HART COUNTY	7 P.M.
SEPT. 5	MARSHALL COUNTY	7 P.M.
SEPT. 12	HOPKINSVILLE	7 P.M.
SEPT. 19	AT CALDWELL COUNTY	7 P.M.
SEPT. 26	CRITTENDEN COUNTY	7 P.M.
OCT. 3	AT FORT CAMPBELL	7 P.M.
OCT. 17	MAYFIELD	7 P.M.
OCT. 24	AT TODD COUNTY CENTRAL	7 P.M.
OCT. 31	AT FULTON COUNTY	7 P.M.

UNION COUNTY BRAVES

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
AUG. 22	MADISONVILLE-NORTH HOPKINS	7 P.M.
AUG. 29	AT CRITTENDEN COUNTY	7 P.M.
SEPT. 5	AT CALDWELL COUNTY	7 P.M.
SEPT. 12	AT GRAVES COUNTY	7 P.M.
SEPT. 19	MCCRACKEN COUNTY	7 P.M.
SEPT. 26	HANCOCK COUNTY	7 P.M.
OCT. 3	AT HOPKINS COUNTY CENTRAL	7 P.M.
OCT. 17	MURRAY	7 P.M.
OCT. 24	WEBSTER COUNTY	7 P.M.
OCT. 31	AT GREENWOOD	7 P.M.

WEBSTER COUNTY TROJANS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
AUG. 22	AT CALLOWAY COUNTY	7 P.M.
AUG. 29	MUHLNBERG COUNTY	7 P.M.
SEPT. 5	AT CRITTENDEN COUNTY	7 P.M.
SEPT. 12	CALDWELL COUNTY	7 P.M.
SEPT. 19	MCLEAN COUNTY	7 P.M.
SEPT. 26	AT OHIO COUNTY	7 P.M.
OCT. 3	MURRAY	7 P.M.
OCT. 17	HOPKINS COUNTY CENTRAL	7 P.M.
OCT. 24	AT UNION COUNTY	7 P.M.
OCT. 31	AT TODD COUNTY CENTRAL	7 P.M.



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