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Federal Reserve hikes key rate for 1st time in 3 years, defying Trump demands for a cut

By CHRISTOPHER RUGABER
AP Economics Writer

(AP) — The Federal Reserve raised its benchmark interest rate Wednesday for the first time since 2023 in an effort to quell stubbornly-high inflation, a move that could spur a sharp response from the White House.

The quarter-point increase lifts the Fed’s key rate to about 3.9% and, over time, could result in higher borrowing costs for mortgages, auto loans, and credit cards. In a set of quarterly projections, the Fed also signaled that its rate-setting committee expects to hike rates a second time later this year to 4.1%.

“Today’s policy action will support a timelier return” to the central bank’s 2% inflation goal, the Fed said in a statement.

The move comes as Americans are already struggling with high costs for groceries, gas, and housing. Affordability has taken on a leading role in the upcoming midterm elections, just seven weeks away.

The rate hike is a surprising turnaround for Fed Chair Kevin Warsh, who was appointed by President Donald Trump and took over the top job in May. Warsh often suggested last year when under consideration by Trump that the Fed could reduce its key rate, echoing the president’s call for lower borrowing costs.

And in April, when Warsh’s nomination was under consideration by the Senate Banking Committee, Trump said in a television interview that he would be disappointed if Warsh didn’t cut rates. On the same day, however, Warsh told the committee he did not promise Trump he would cut rates and said he would be “an independent actor” as Fed chair.

Yet the ongoing disruptions from the Iran war,



which have pushed up average gas prices more than 7% from just a month ago, threaten to spread through the economy and keep broader inflation stubbornly high. An inflation report last week showed core prices, which exclude food and energy, accelerated a bit in August.

According to the Fed’s preferred measure, inflation was 3.7% in July compared with a year ago, up from 2.3% in April 2025, just before Trump unveiled sweeping tariffs. Core inflation, which excludes the volatile food and energy categories, was 3.3% in July, the latest data available, up from 3% just before the Iran war and far above the Fed’s target.

Earlier Wednesday, the government said retail sales jumped 1.2% in August from the previous month, a sign that consumers are still spending at healthy levels despite sentiment surveys that indicate Americans remain gloomy about the economy. Strong spending is a sign that interest rates at current levels aren’t necessarily restricting the economy and cooling inflation.

“While uncertainty remains elevated owing, in part, to geopolitical developments, domestic spending has been resilient,” the Fed said, a likely

reference to ongoing consumer spending and strong investment in AI data centers by large technology companies.

Higher inflation isn’t all about gas prices. Ongoing investment in AI has driven up prices for computer chips and other electronic gear, adding to overall inflation. Tariffs may still be elevating some costs, such as appliances, which jumped in price last month.

Trump harshly criticized Warsh’s predecessor, Jerome Powell, for not cutting rates quickly enough. His Justice Department even launched a criminal investigation into Powell over brief testimony he delivered to Congress last year, though that probe was eventually dropped.

Kevin Hassett, Trump’s top economic adviser, was asked in an interview with Fox News on Sunday how Trump might react to a rate hike.

“I’m sure he’s not going to be super happy about it, but he will defend the independence of Kevin Warsh above all,” Hassett said.

Warsh might also have a measure of protection from the fact that his father-in-law is Ronald Lauder, a friend of Trump’s and a billionaire donor to his campaigns.

Even if Warsh decides to support a rate hike, it’s not clear how many more will follow. It’s unusual for the Fed to change rates just once. Typically the central bank embarks on a series of hikes or rate cuts to push the economy in the direction it seeks.

There is one precedent for a single hike: In 1997, former chair Alan Greenspan lifted rates by a quarter-point in March of that year. Yet a financial crisis ignited in Asia that July, prompting the Fed to remain on hold. When the crisis worsened in 1998, the Fed ultimately cut rates three times that fall.

But for now, Wall Street investors have forecast three hikes for the Fed, with additional increases in December and March.

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Kentucky agriculture traditions continue with 2026 Roundup events

By Grace Sowards

LEXINGTON, Ky.—The University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment is gearing up for Roundup 2026, with events that celebrate the college’s history and future. This year’s events fall the week of UK Homecoming, culminating in the Roundup tailgate on Oct. 10 before the Kentucky Wildcats face Louisiana State University.

“Roundup is a celebration of the people, traditions and relationships that have shaped our college across generations,” said Laura Stephenson, vice president for land-grant engagement and dean of Martin-Gatton CAFE. “We are excited to welcome alumni and friends home, introduce future Wildcats to our community and share the tremendous momentum across our college.

Martin-Gatton CAFE is hosting events the entire week of Roundup, open to the UK and Lexington communities.

Wednesday, Oct. 7
Fall Festival and Build a Better Burger Contest | 4-7 p.m. Martin-Gatton Agricultural Sciences Building (MGAS) lawn

Watch students com-

pete to make the ultimate burger at the Fall Festival. Enjoy free burgers and other fall

Prospective transfer students are welcome to join this inaugural program supporting

nect, share memories and learn what’s happening at the college. Former Martin-Gat-

Registration for the entire event is \$20 per person. Attendees are encouraged to register

Time TBD, MGAS lawn Join fellow alumni, faculty, staff and current students to cheer on the UK Wildcats against LSU.

“Whether you are returning to reconnect with old friends or experiencing Roundup for the first time, we hope you will join us for this special week,” Stephenson said.

Learn more about Roundup or reach out to McKenna.Hulette@uky.edu with questions.

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activities like pumpkin painting. Martin-Gatton CAFE undergraduate and graduate students, faculty and staff are welcome.

Thursday, Oct. 8
Future Wildcat Roundup | 10 a.m.-2 p.m. MGAS lawn
High school students and future UK families are invited to attend to learn about Martin-Gatton CAFE programs and student life.

Connect for the Future | 3-5 p.m. MGAS lawn

students coming to UK from different institutions. This info session is followed by the Connect Tailgate, from 5-7 p.m. at the MGAS lawn

Questions on these events can be directed toward Anne Stewart DeMott, director of transfer and graduate recruitment at Martin-Gatton CAFE.

Friday, Oct. 9
Ambassador Reunion | 6 p.m. Mirror Twin Brewing, The Annex (730 National Ave)

Former Martin-Gatton CAFE ambassadors are invited to recon-

ton CAFE student ambassadors are invited back for a special evening to reconnect, reminisce and celebrate the impact of the program. Tickets are \$20 for two drink tickets and heavy hors d’oeuvres.

Animal and Food Sciences (AFS) Reunion | 6 p.m. E.S. Good Barn

AFS alumni are invited to reconnect and celebrate the legacy of the W.P. Garrigus Building. There will be a tour of the new Agricultural Sciences Building ahead of the reception for those interested at 5:15 p.m.

ahead of time.

Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences (NRES) and Natural Resource Conservation and Management (NRCM) Reunion | 6-8 p.m. MGAS front patio

NRES and NRCM alumni, current and emeritus faculty and friends are invited to this free gathering. Enjoy light refreshments, connect with current students and tour the new home of these departments.

Saturday, Oct. 10
Roundup Tailgate |

Does local honey alleviate allergies?

Spring and fall are peak times of the year for millions of people to experience seasonal allergies. Sneezing, watery eyes and stuffy noses can make enjoying the outdoors particularly difficult for people with seasonal allergies, and many seek any and all remedies that can help them find relief.

Raw, local honey is often presented as a means to alleviating allergies. Proponents say local honey acts like a natural vaccine when consumed. But does the science back up these claims?

The logic behind using local honey to



address allergies is related to the concept of immunotherapy. Immunotherapy relies on exposing a person to small amounts of an allergen over time so the body can get used to it, says the American College of

Allergy, Asthma, & Immunology. Since raw honey contains trace amounts of local plant pollen, the idea is that consuming small, consistent doses of this pollen can help desensitize the immune system, turning

off its hyper-reactive response over time.

But some medical professionals say there is a flaw in this theory. That’s because seasonal allergies are primarily triggered by lightweight, windborne pollens from trees, grasses and weeds. Bees tend to gather pollen from bright, flowering plants, which rarely cause seasonal allergies. So it’s unlikely that local honey will contain the airborne allergens causing symptoms.

A well-known double-blind study conducted by researchers at the University of Connecticut compared

local raw honey, commercial pasteurized honey and a honey-flavored placebo syrup. The researchers found no statistically significant difference in symptom reduction among the three groups.

But some studies point to the potential that local honey could be effective against allergies. According to a randomized, placebo-controlled trial in the East Coast of Peninsular Malaysia published in the Annals of Saudi Medicine, ingestion of a high daily dose of honey combined with an antihistamine resulted in

continuous, significant improvement in allergic rhinitis. Another 2011 study published in The International Archives of Allergy and Immunology found patients consuming birch pollen-enriched honey experienced a 60 percent lower total symptom score and 70 percent fewer days with severe symptoms compared to a control group.

Local honey may or may not help alleviate seasonal allergies. Those seeking relief from seasonal allergies are urged to consult an allergist for advice on alleviating their symptoms.

Flu Shots:

Why they matter and how they help protect our communities

As fall approaches and temperatures begin to drop, families start thinking about school, football games, changing leaves and the upcoming holiday season. It is also the time of year when health officials begin reminding the public about another seasonal concern: influenza, commonly known as the flu.

The flu is more than just a bad cold. Influenza is a contagious respiratory illness that can cause fever, coughing, sore throat, body aches, headaches, chills and significant tiredness. For some people, particularly young children, older adults and people with certain medical conditions, the flu can lead to serious complications.

One of the most important steps people can take to reduce their risk of influenza is getting an annual flu vaccine.

Why Get a Flu Shot Every Year?

Many people wonder why they need a flu shot every year. One reason is that influenza viruses continually change. The viruses circulating from one flu season to another may be different, so the composition of seasonal flu vaccines is reviewed and updated as needed.

Another reason is that protection from vaccination can decrease over time. An annual vaccination helps provide protection during the current flu season.

Health professionals generally recommend that people receive their seasonal flu vaccine each year. The timing can depend on age, health circumstances, vaccine availability and local recommendations,

but getting vaccinated before influenza becomes widespread can help provide protection when people need it most.

Flu Is Highly Contagious

Influenza spreads easily from person to person, particularly in places where people spend a lot of time together. Schools, workplaces, day-care centers, nursing homes, churches and family gatherings can all provide opportunities for respiratory viruses to spread.

People with influenza can spread the virus when they cough, sneeze or talk. Contaminated hands and frequently touched surfaces can also contribute to transmission.

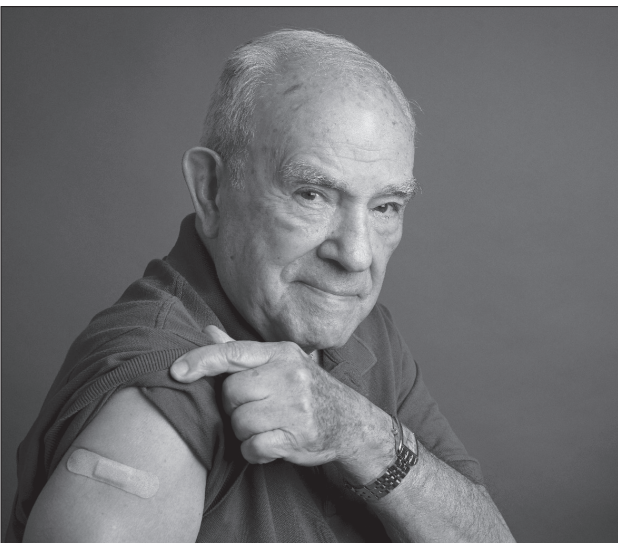
This is one reason vaccination is about more than individual protection. When more people take steps to prevent influenza, there may be fewer opportunities for the virus to spread throughout families and communities.

Who Is Especially Vulnerable?

Influenza can affect anyone, but some people face a greater risk of serious complications.

Older adults are among those at increased risk. Young children, especially very young children, can also become seriously ill. Pregnant women and people with certain chronic health conditions may have a greater risk of complications as well.

People living in nursing homes or other long-term-care settings can be particularly vulnerable because many individuals may live in close quarters.



For these groups, preventing influenza can be especially important. Family members and caregivers can also play an important role by following recommended vaccinations and everyday prevention measures.

Vaccination Does Not Guarantee You Won't Get the Flu

An important fact about flu vaccination is that it does not provide a 100-percent guarantee that someone will never become infected.

The effectiveness of seasonal flu vaccination can vary from year to year. Several factors can influence how well the vaccine works, including a person's age and health and how closely the vaccine viruses match the influenza viruses circulating during the season.

Even when vaccination does not completely prevent infection, it can still provide important protection against severe illness. Vaccination is therefore an important part of a broader strategy for reducing the impact of influenza.

What About Side Effects?

Most people tolerate flu vaccination well. Some people may experience temporary effects such as soreness where the shot was given, fatigue, headache or a mild fever.

These reactions are generally short-lived and are a sign that the immune system is responding to the vaccine.

A flu shot cannot give someone influenza. The injectable seasonal flu vaccines use inactivated virus or components of the virus rather than a live influenza virus capable of causing flu infection.

As with any medical treatment, vaccines can have risks, including rare allergic reactions. People with questions about vaccination, allergies, previous reactions or specific health concerns should talk with a doctor, pharmacist or other qualified health professional.

Flu Prevention Goes Beyond the Vaccine

Getting vaccinated is an important preventive measure, but it is not the only one.

Good everyday habits can also help reduce the spread of respiratory illnesses. Washing hands regularly

with soap and water, covering coughs and sneezes, avoiding close contact with people who are sick and cleaning frequently touched surfaces can all be helpful.

People who become sick should take appropriate steps to avoid spreading illness to others. Staying home when sick, when possible, can help protect coworkers, classmates, friends and family members.

Good sleep, regular physical activity, nutritious food and adequate hydration also support overall health, although they do not replace vaccination.

Protecting the Holiday Season

The timing of flu season can make prevention particularly important as families prepare for Thanksgiving, Christmas and other winter gatherings.

Holiday celebrations often bring together people of different ages and health backgrounds. Grandparents may gather with grandchildren, families may travel long distances, and friends may attend parties or community events.

Taking precautions before these gatherings can help reduce the possibility of bringing an illness to someone who may be more vulnerable to complications.

Talk With Your Health Care Provider

For most people, getting a seasonal flu vaccine is a routine part of annual health care. Flu vaccines are available through many doctors' offices, pharmacies, health departments and

community health clinics.

The appropriate vaccine can depend on a person's age and individual circumstances. Some vaccines are specifically designed or recommended for certain age groups, so it is helpful to ask a health care professional which option is appropriate.

Parents and caregivers should also discuss flu vaccination for children with their child's health care provider.

A Small Step With a Big Purpose

Influenza may be a familiar illness, but that does not mean it should be taken lightly. Every year, flu can result in missed school and work, doctor visits, hospitalizations and, in some cases, life-threatening complications.

A flu vaccination is one of the tools available to help reduce the risk of influenza and its consequences.

As the leaves begin to change and fall activities get underway, adding a flu shot to the family's seasonal health checklist can be a simple way to prepare for the months ahead. Combined with good hand hygiene, staying home when sick and other healthy habits, vaccination can help individuals and communities face flu season with greater protection.

Before getting vaccinated, talk with a health care professional about your personal health needs and the recommendations that apply to you. Taking preventive steps early can help families spend more time enjoying the fall and winter season—and less time dealing with illness.



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The Chubernauts made history as the first co-ed softball champions at the new Paducah Sports Park. The No. 5 seed entered tournament play and went undefeated to claim the championship. Pictured, top row from left, are Tyler Berry, Blake Sullivan, Mason Weir, Tyce Stalls, Toler Terrell and Clay Newton. Bottom row, from left, are Cadey Berry, Katie Woodruff, Jade Brown, Rianah Stalls and Tatum Terrell. Photo Provided

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Second KVCA Region 1 Top 5 Poll released

Staff Report

PADUCAH — The second KVCA Region 1 Top 5 Poll of the 2026 high school volleyball season was released on Thursday, Sept. 10. The Kentucky Volleyball Coaches Association released the KVCA Region 1 Top 5 Poll and additional regional rankings.

Reigning champion McCracken County remains ranked first in the KVCA Region 1 Top 5 Poll. The teams that accompany McCracken County (1) in the KVCA Region 1 Top 5 Poll are Graves County (2), Marshall County (3), Ballard Memorial (4) and Mayfield (5). Teams from throughout the state continue

to compete in the 2026 high school volleyball season, which opened on Monday, Aug. 17. The KVCA Region 1 Top 5 Poll follows.

KVCA Region 1 Top 5 Poll

1. McCracken County
2. Graves County
3. Marshall County
4. Ballard Memorial
5. Mayfield

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Lady Falcons fall to Mayfield

Staff Report

CLINTON — Hickman County couldn't battle back from behind as Mayfield pulled away to win 3-0 in a non-district match on Thursday, Sept. 10. Mayfield won 25-17, 25-11, 25-14. Hickman County slipped to 5-4 after suffering the loss. After notching the win,

Mayfield improved to 5-6. The Lady Falcons were forced to play from behind in each set of the match. Lanee Evans, Marlee Hicks, Keyshia Sawyer, Bailey Childress, Emilee Ferguson, Macy Howell, Gracie Green, Kylie Meshew, Gracee Nuckolls and Ava Burton each contributed for the Lady Falcons. Howell and Meshew

recorded four kills apiece for Hickman County in the match, Pacing Hickman County in two offensive categories, Evans contributed 10 assists and four service aces. Defensively for Hickman County, Howell delivered eight digs. Hickman County is scheduled to visit Mayfield for another non-district match on Thursday, Oct. 1.

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Fulton County shuts out Fulton City

Staff Report

FULTON — Fulton County shut out Fulton City 3-0 in a 1st District volleyball match on Thursday, Sept. 10. Following the win, Fulton County improved to 4-7 overall. As a result of the loss, Fulton City slipped to 1-4 overall.

Fulton County won 25-18, 25-13, 25-15. Aubrei Wilson, Tamarina Fitzpatrick, Ava Wheeler, Sydnee Whitten, Brooklyn Owens, Maci Curry, Molly Parker and Taylan Hendrix each delivered for Fulton County in its winning effort. Piper Cavness, Keelee Barnett, JNyia Robin-

son, Aubrey Hagerty, R Tisia Walker, Behr Miller and Andrea Glass each contributed for Fulton City in the 1st District match. The win allowed Fulton County to sweep Fulton City in the two high school volleyball teams' annual 1st District series.

Volley for a Cause to support local families in need

By: Laurna Pruett
KPI Writer

The Ballard Memorial High School volleyball program and Ballard County 4-H are teaming up for Volley for a Cause on Tuesday, Sept. 22, at the BMHS gym. The event will help local families in need. The Lady Bombers will take on Community Christian Academy, with the freshman match beginning at 5

p.m. The junior varsity and varsity matches will follow. A silent auction will be held as part of the fundraiser. Online bidding will begin the evening of Sunday, Sept. 20, on the Ballard Bomber Volleyball Facebook page. Anyone may participate in the auction, regardless of where they live. In-person bidding will begin at 4 p.m. Tuesday when the gym doors open.

Online and in-person bidding will close promptly at 7:30 p.m. Organizers encourage everyone to check out the auction and help make this year's fundraiser the most successful yet. Volleyball fans are also invited to fill the stands, watch the young athletes compete and support a cause that will make a difference for families in the community.

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Carlisle County shuts out St. Mary

Staff Report

BARDWELL — Carlisle County shut out St. Mary 3-0 in a non-district match on Thursday, Sept. 10. The Lady Comets improved to 9-11 after claiming the shutout win. Carlisle County and St. Mary met for the first time in the 2026 high school volleyball season. Several players made

an impact for Carlisle County in its victory. Madyson Lynn, Ella Draper, Alice Fiori, Sophia Grogan, Lily Parham, Skyela Bland, Abree Warren, Eden Bruer, Malley Oliver, Kaylee McGee, Brooklyn Dunn, Bella Hoskins, Macee Hogancamp and Olivia Webb each contributed for the Lady Comets. Grogan (11 kills) and Hogancamp (10 kills)

combined to pace Carlisle County at the net. In addition to Grogan and Hogancamp, Draper (18 assists) was another offensive leader for the Lady Comets. Defensively for Carlisle County, both Grogan (16 digs) and Warren (13 digs) excelled. Carlisle County is scheduled to visit St. Mary for another non-district match on Tuesday, Sept. 22.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Falcons outlast Bradford (Tenn.)

Staff Report

CLINTON — Hickman County outlasted Bradford (Tenn.) 5-4 in a middle school baseball game on Thursday, Sept. 10. The Falcons benefited from a balanced offensive attack. Ryker Wyland (three hits, three runs, one RBI, one double), Ean

Byassee (one hit, one run, two RBIs), Mac Templeton (two hits) and Keegan Birmingham (one RBI) each made an impact offensively for the Falcons. Hickman County produced both offensively and defensively in the middle school baseball matchup. Byassee showed his versatility for the

Falcons. In addition to excelling at the plate, Byassee earned the win on the mound. Byassee pitched four innings and held Bradford to two earned runs. The Hickman County pitcher recorded one strikeout. The Hickman County Middle School baseball team is nearing the end of its latest season.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Pilots level Vienna (Ill.)

Staff Report

VIENNA, Ill. — Fulton County pulled away to defeat Vienna (Ill.) 42-7 on Saturday, Sept. 12. Prevailing on the road, Fulton County notched its second win in the 2026 high school football season. The win allowed Fulton County to even its record to 2-2. Quarterback Preston Smith led Fulton County to the win. Smith completed eight passes for 216

yards and four touchdowns. DK Kinney emerged as Fulton County's leading receiver. Kinney hauled in four receptions for 101 yards and two touchdowns. Contributing to Fulton County's aerial attack, Christian Alexander and Cooper Drake Thorpe each hauled in one touchdown reception. Fulton County rushed 17 times for 174 yards and two touchdowns. Prestyn Jones paced Fulton Coun-

ty on the ground, rushing six times for 86 yards and two touchdowns. Brayden Eakes was the defensive leader for Fulton County, finishing with 17 tackles. In another strong defensive performance for the Pilots, Thorpe posted 12 tackles. Fulton County is scheduled to host Greenfield (Tenn.) for its next game on Friday, Sept. 18. The Fulton County-Greenfield game is slated to kick off at 7 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

No More Moral Victories

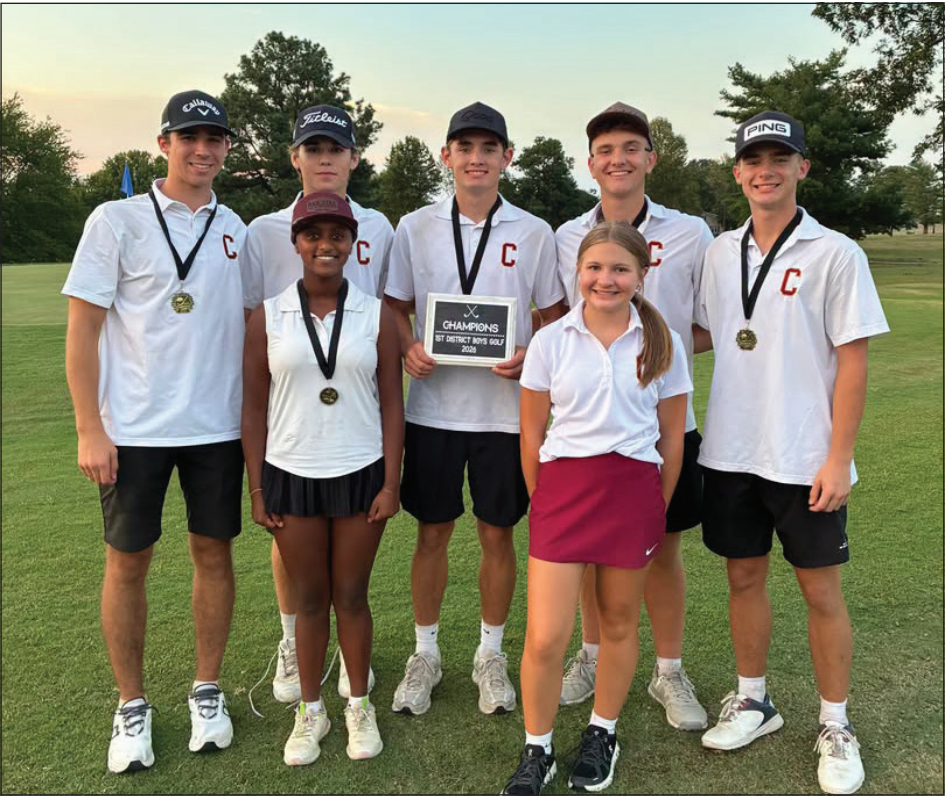


By Tim Taylor

Ballard Memorial is coming off a winless 2025 football season and have lost two games in a row following their 2026 season open victory. Despite the obvious signs of improvement this season, just improving and being more competitive is not enough for this Bomber football squad. After having an early season bye week in their 3rd week of the schedule, the Class 1A Ballard Memorial Bombers had an extra week to prepare for the 4A Calloway County Lakers. Despite falling behind by 20 points at the half, the Bombers fought to the end and stayed even with the Lakers in the 2nd half. The potent Laker offense had scored 56 points twice in their two wins on

the season and 29 in their loss to what many have ranked as a top 5 team in Class 3A Murray High. The Laker’s QB Matthew Briedwell had thrown 14 TD passes and 1 interception in their first 3 games of the season. The Bomber defense came away with 2 picks in the 2nd half to give their team a chance against the Lakers. While the defense was making crucial stops, the offense started finishing drives in the last 24 minutes of play. Jackson Sutton scampered for a 70 yard run to set up a Bomber score. He also had touchdown throws to Jaxon Shackelford, ZT Sawvel, and Cayden Opel in the 2nd half. Shackelford also came out of pile of defenders to pull away for a 70 yard TD run in the

opening half. Ballard Memorial outscored Calloway 22-15 in the 2nd half before the Lakers added a late score with 43 seconds remaining for the 49-29 final. The Bombers had not been able to finish drives in the opening half. A fumble, an interception in Laker territory, and a turnover on downs in the opening half of play provided Calloway opportunities they capitalized to build the lead. The Bombers surrendered two scores in the final minute of both half’s. With the toughest portion of their schedule in the rear view mirror, the team fully expects the wins to start rolling in beginning with Friday night’s Memorial Bowl game against Vienna-Goreville.



COMETS CAPTURE DISTRICT TITLE — The Carlisle County boys golf team won the 1st District Tournament Sept. 15 at Oak Hill Country Club. Knox Kelly earned medalist honors with a score of 38, marking the third consecutive year he has achieved the honor. Brennan O’Neill tied for second with a 41. Ty Watson shot a 42, Myles Fourshee finished with a 43 and Camden Rogers recorded a 47. In the girls division, Roxie Wilson earned medalist honors with a score of 37, while Riley Webb placed third with a 53. Photo provided

New faces bring new energy to BMHS Athletics

By: Laurna Pruett
KPI Writer

Ballard Memorial High School is welcoming new leadership to two of its athletic programs, bringing excitement and high expectations for the upcoming baseball and basketball seasons.

Josh Shackelford has been named the Bombers’ new boys’ varsity baseball coach. His official start date was Sept. 14.

“Coach Shackelford’s passion for baseball and being a positive influence on young men’s lives is undeniable,” Ballard Athletic Director Barry Phillips said in a media post. “I truly believe there will not be a harder-working coach in the region. We are excited to have him join the Bomber family.”

Shackelford brings 16 years of experience coaching travel baseball players ranging in age from 8 to 16. He attended Highland High School in Arkansas, where he earned all-conference and all-state honors.

“Coaching high school baseball has always been a dream of mine, and I’m ready to get to work,” Shackelford said.

“We’re going to have a strong work ethic, hold each other accountable and compete every day.”

Shackelford said his goals for the program include winning the region and competing for an All “A” State championship.

“I want our players to believe in themselves, believe in each other and take pride in representing BMHS,” he said. “I am excited about what we can build here.”

Shackelford is also a taxidermist specializing in freeze-dry taxidermy. He and his wife, Whitney, live in West Paducah. They have five children: Jaxon, a BMHS student; Blake, who attends McCracken County High School; Weston, who attends Heath; River, who is homeschooled; and



Josh Shackelford named new baseball coach



Cohen Adams named new basketball coach

Corey, 22, who lives in St. Louis.

Another familiar face stepping into a new role is Cohen Adams, who has been named the Bombers’ boys’ varsity basketball coach. He succeeds Kevin Estes, who stepped down for health reasons.

Adams is a 2020 BMHS graduate and holds a bachelor’s degree in health and physical education from Murray State University. He became the physical education teacher at Ballard County Elementary School in 2024 and is teaching health and physical education at Ballard County Middle School this year.

Adams has steadily worked his way through the coaching ranks. He served as a Murray State men’s

basketball student manager during the 2020-21 season, returned to Ballard as a volunteer assistant coach from 2021-23 and served as the Bombers’ junior varsity coach from 2023-26.

With Shackelford taking the lead on the baseball diamond and Adams guiding the basketball program, a new chapter is beginning for BMHS athletics. Both coaches bring experience, strong ties to the game and a desire to help their players grow on and off the field and court.

The Bombers’ upcoming baseball and basketball seasons promise plenty of excitement as the two coaches begin building their programs and working toward big goals for BMHS.

Proposed bill would hold humans responsible for criminal AI misuse

By Tom Latek
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – A state lawmaker has filed a bill request for the 2027 General Assembly session that would establish accountability for criminal use of artificial intelligence (AI).

Rep. Adrielle Camuel, D-Lexington, submitted the bill request Tuesday, which would clarify that artificial intelligence cannot be considered a person under Kentucky law and cannot be used as a shield from criminal responsibility.

Camuel’s bill request comes as concerns continue to grow over how quickly artificial intelligence is advancing. A new report issued on Monday highlighted comments from leading AI executives,



LRC photo of Rep. Adrielle Camuel, D-Lexington, from the 2026 session.

including OpenAI CEO Sam Altman and Anthropic CEO Dario Amodei, about the need for safeguards as AI systems become increasingly capable.

“At the same time that some of the people developing this technology are warning that we need guardrails, Republicans in Washington are working to limit states’ ability to put those guardrails in place,” Camuel said. “If Washington isn’t going to act, I believe states like Kentucky have a responsibility to do what we can.”

The potential for AI to be used in criminal activity is already affecting people across the country. In 2025, the FBI’s Internet Crime Complaint Center received 22,364 complaints involving AI, with reported losses totaling more than \$893 million.

“And that raises a pretty simple question: what happens if someone uses AI to commit a crime?” she noted. “We can’t put AI in handcuffs. We can’t take it to court. And we shouldn’t let someone use AI as an excuse to avoid responsibility for something they told it to do.”

The legislation would establish that AI systems, algorithms, software, hardware and machines are not “persons” or “human

beings” under Kentucky law. It would also clarify that a person cannot avoid criminal responsibility simply because they used an AI system to carry out criminal conduct.

Camuel’s proposal builds on an approach that has already been enacted in Tennessee, where legislation signed into law this year clarified that artificial intelligence, computer algorithms, software programs, computer hardware and other machines are not considered “persons” under state law.

The 2027 regular session convenes on Jan. 5.

AG joins brief asking proof of citizenship to vote

By Tom Latek
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – Kentucky Attorney General Russell Coleman announced on Wednesday that he joined 25 other Attorneys General in a brief asking the U.S. Supreme Court to protect states’ ability to require proof of citizenship to vote and to remove noncitizens from voter rolls within 90 days of an election.

The AGs are asking the high court to overturn a decision that an Arizona law requiring proof of citizenship to vote was unlawful. The lower court also said that states cannot remove illegal immigrants from their voter rolls within 90 days of an election under the National Voter Registration Act.

According to Coleman, this lawsuit attempts to undermine states’ sovereignty to protect their elections. In November 2024, Kentucky voters overwhelmingly supported an amendment to the state Constitution barring non-citizens



from voting in the Commonwealth’s elections. That provision is now in Section 145 of Kentucky’s Constitution, which states that “[n]o person who is not a citizen of the United States shall be allowed to vote in this state.”

“Election integrity is foundational to our Constitutional system and ensuring that illegal immigrants do not vote is essential to our elections being free and secure,” Coleman said. “Kentucky’s elections are some of the safest and strongest in the country thanks to the measures we have in place on and after Election Day.”

The Office of the Attorney General’s Department of Criminal Investigations reviews all allegations of election fraud reported through the Office’s Election Fraud Hotline.

Kentucky joined the Kansas and Alabama-led brief, along with Alaska, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, West Virginia, and Wyoming.



Fall equinox coming Sept. 22

Crisp autumn air will soon be rolling in and the leaves on trees will be trading their vivid green hues for shades of orange, red and purple. Fall begins on the autumnal equinox. Although people may see it as the official kickoff to bonfires and flannels, that’s not the only interesting part of this remarkable day.

• It’s a moment and not a day. Despite what many people think, the autumnal equinox is not an entire day. In fact, the equinox is a precise astronomical event. It occurs at the exact moment the sun crosses the celestial equator, an imaginary line in the sky directly above the Earth’s

equator.

• It’s not “equal night.” Although the word equinox comes from the Latin word “aequus” (equal) and “nox” (night), we do not get exactly 12 hours of daylight and 12 hours of darkness on the equinox. This is because of how the Earth’s atmosphere refracts sunlight. The sun appears above the horizon even after it has technically set, according to the National Weather Service.

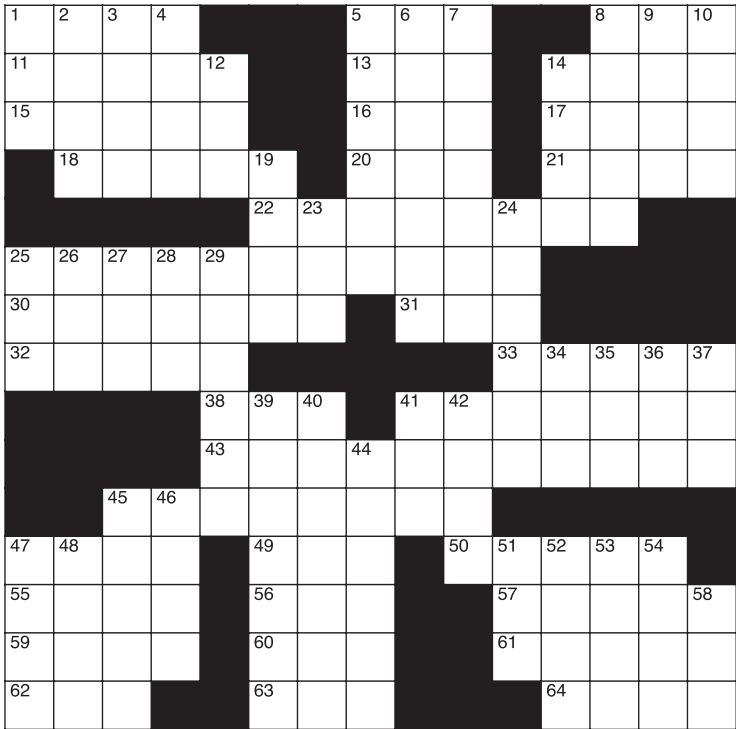
• Northern lights can be seen. Those hoping to catch a glimpse of the aurora borealis will find the weeks surrounding the autumnal equinox are the prime window to do so, according to NASA. Geomagnetic storms that trigger these stunning light displays occur twice as frequently around the fall and spring equinoxes compared to the summer and winter solstices.

• It’s not always on the same day. The autumnal equinox does not fall on the same day each year. It usually lands on September 22 or 23, but it can occasionally occur on September 21 or 24 (in the northern hemisphere), indicates the U.S. Naval Observatory.

This year it will be on Tuesday, September 22.

The autumnal equinox is a unique and often enjoyable day on the calendar.

Crossword Puzzle



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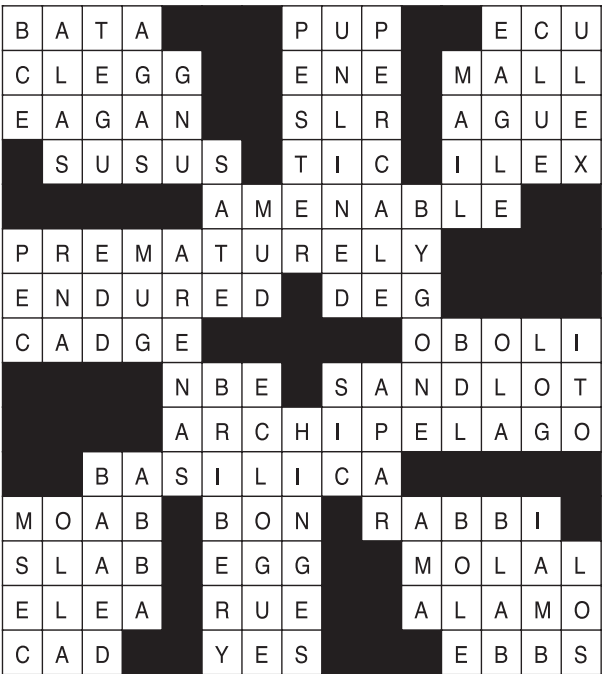
1. Egyptian bull god
5. A young canine
8. North Carolina university
11. “Oddbod” actor Tom
13. Midway between northeast and east
14. A place to shop
15. Mysterious “Severance” family
16. Single Lens Reflex
17. Malaria
18. Informal loan organizations
20. Twitching
21. Holm oak
22. Willing to consent
25. In an early way
30. Stuck it out
31. Language in Ghana
32. Obtain
33. Ancient Greek currency
38. One point east (clockwise) of due north

41. Popular baseball movie
43. Group of islands
45. Church building
47. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
49. Late AC/DC frontman Scott
50. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
55. Thick piece of something
56. Breakfast food
57. One mole of solute per kilogram of solvent
59. Ancient Greek City
60. Bitterly regret
61. Don’t forget it
62. Dishonorable man
63. Affirmative
64. “__ and flows”

CLUES DOWN

1. Bridge-building degree
2. Expression of sorrow or pity
3. Lizard species
4. Turkish leader title
5. A way to bother
6. Blank
7. A fine, closely woven cotton fabric
8. Sports broadcaster Ian
9. Popular whodunit board game
10. Alkali flats mineral
12. Large African antelope
14. It’s delivered most days
19. Satisfy
23. Water soaked soil
24. Of a past era
25. Chest muscle (slang)
26. Ribonucleic acid
27. Doctor of Education
28. Coffee receptacle
29. Where rockstars work
34. International airport in Connecticut
35. Russian river
36. It’s used to make cabins
37. OJ trial judge Lance
39. A means to persuade
40. Short poem
41. A way to begin hostilities with
42. Multi-function radar (abbr.)
44. Joints
45. Blatted
46. Swedish rock group
47. Millisecond
48. __ podrida: Spanish stew
51. Doctors’ group
52. Trunk of a tree
53. Tattle
54. Metrical foot
58. __ Angeles

PUZZLE SOLUTION



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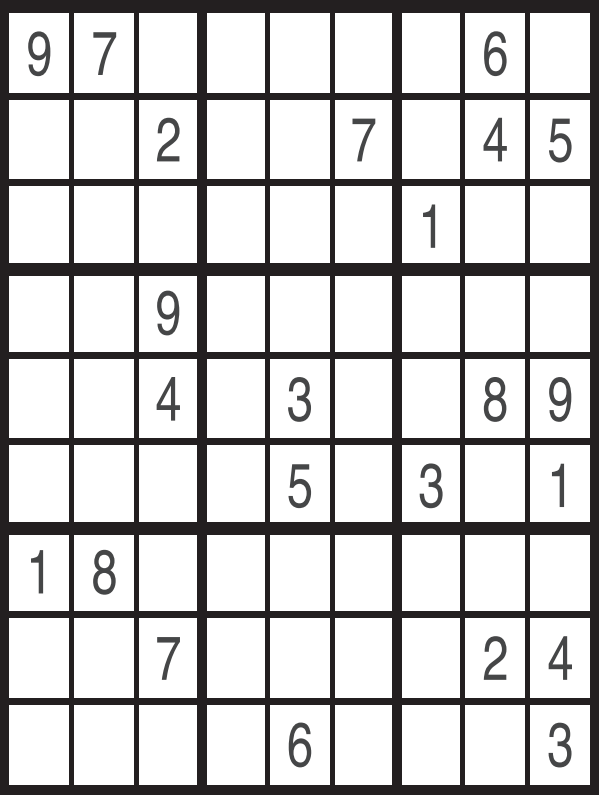
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- IMPACT
- INFLAMMATION
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- PADDING
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Sudoku Puzzle

How it Works:

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

ANSWERS IN B SECTION



Coloring Fun

Color the picture in your favorite fall colors.



Beshear announces Team Kentucky Medical Debt Relief Program

By **TOM LATEK**
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – Gov. Andy Beshear signed an executive order on Tuesday establishing the Team Kentucky Medical Debt Relief Program, which will provide relief to more than 130,000 Kentuckians from \$250 million in medical debt.

In the executive order, Beshear directed \$2.5 million to Undue Medical Debt, a national nonprofit that has erased more than \$49 billion in

debt nationwide. The nonprofit acquires medical debt from participating hospitals and collection agencies, relieving debt for a fraction of the cost. For Kentucky, the breakdown equals \$100 erased for every \$1 spent.

“Medical debt isn’t a choice – it’s what people are faced with after a serious accident, cancer diagnosis and more,” Beshear said in announcing the program. “Relieving this debt is the right thing to do to help

Kentuckians who are overwhelmed by these extreme costs, which can cripple families for years, if not a lifetime.”

There is no application process for the program, and debt relief cannot be requested. Eligible Kentuckians will receive an official medical debt relief letter from Team Kentucky and Undue Medical Debt. The letter will notify recipients of what debts have been erased and from which creditors. No further action

is required of Kentuckians who receive a letter; however, it is recommended that the letter is kept for proof of debt erasure.

“No one chooses to get sick, get injured or face financial hardship simply because they needed health-care,” Undue Medical Debt Vice President of Government Initiatives Courtney Werpy Story stated. “We hope this relief encourages Kentuckians to re-engage with the health-care system, and we’re grateful for Gov.

Beshear’s leadership as we continue this work.”

Medical debt can be purchased for pennies on the dollar, allowing nonprofit organizations like Undue Medical Debt to purchase large amounts of medical debt.

Beginning this week, the first 46,000 qualified Kentuckians will have up to \$100 million in medical debt erased. Official debt relief letters will go out in the mail beginning next week to notify individuals

included that some or all of their medical debt has been erased.

To qualify for the program, one must be a resident of Kentucky who owes at least 5 percent of their annual income for outstanding medical bills or earns at or below 400 percent of the federal poverty level, which is around \$100,000 for a family of three.

For more information on the program, go to MedicalDebtRelief.ky.gov.



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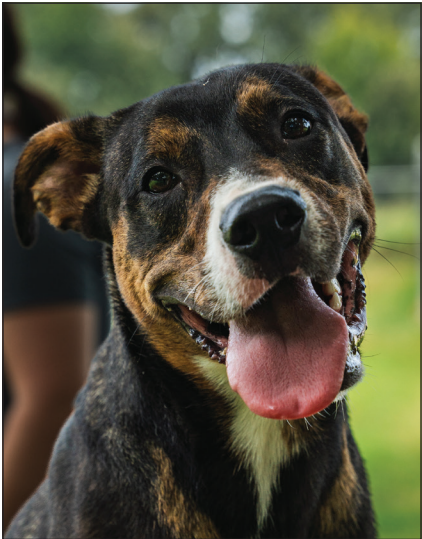
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For more information please contact:
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Kentucky wildlife Officials Strengthen CWD Prevention Efforts

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources is continuing efforts to monitor and prevent the spread of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) during the 2026 fall hunting seasons. CWD is an infectious and always-fatal disease affecting white-tailed deer, elk and other members of the deer family. Kentucky’s CWD Surveillance Zone includes 23 counties where the disease has been detected in Kentucky or nearby bordering

states. New and continuing measures include restrictions on transporting deer carcasses, limits on certain feeders, mandatory sampling requirements in some areas and a special antlerless-only hunting season. From Sept. 25-28, hunters in CWD Surveillance Zone counties within Deer Zones 1-3 may harvest antlerless deer using firearms, bows or crossbows. Only antlerless deer may be taken during the four-day season. CWD can spread

through infected bodily fluids, contaminated food, soil and water, as well as through the movement of live deer and carcasses or high-risk carcass parts. Wildlife officials say the measures are intended to detect new cases and limit the disease’s spread while protecting Kentucky’s deer herd for future generations. Hunters are encouraged to review current CWD regulations, surveillance-zone maps and sampling requirements before heading into the field.

Kentuckians have just over two weeks left to register to vote

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – As communities around the country recognize Tuesday, Sept. 15 as National Voter Registration Day, election officials are reminding eligible Kentuckians to register to vote ahead of the November 3rd General Election.

“Voting is a sacred right in the United States,” said Fayette County Clerk Susan Lamb. “We encourage every eligible resident

to register to vote by the October 5 deadline to ensure they can make their voice heard when voting begins.”

According to the State Board of Elections, Kentucky had 3,381,901 registered voters in August 2026. The World Population Review in 2024, the latest year data is available, estimated the state’s voting age population was 3,531,795, a number which is now undoubtably higher. So there continues to be a gap between the number of registered

voters and the total number of those who are eligible to register.

“Our goal is always for 100 percent of eligible residents to vote. But in order to

exercise your right to vote.”

The registration deadline in order to be able to vote in the November General Election is October 5 at 4:00 p.m., local time.

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

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

To register to vote, you can go online to: <https://vrsws.sos.ky.gov/ovrweb> or visit your local county clerk’s office.

(Kentucky Today/Tom Latek)

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BALLARD

Lunette Price Spinks, 85, of Kevil, Kentucky, passed away on September 13, 2026, at Baptist Health Paducah. A graveside service was held on Wednesday, September 16, 2026, at 11:00 am at Newton Creek Baptist Church Cemetery.

Jackie Allen, of Paducah, KY, passed away peacefully at Mercy Health Hospital on September 13, 2026, surrounded by her loving family. Graveside were held on Thursday, September 17, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, officiated by Rev. Chris Cooper.

Nancy Jean Golightly Griffin, 85, of Kevil, Kentucky, passed away surrounded by the love and memories of the family who meant so much to her. Visitation was held Saturday, September, 12, 2026 at Morrow Funeral Chapel in LaCenter from 10:00 a.m. until funeral time at 2:00 p.m. Rev. Glen Crowe officiated the service followed by interment at Providence Baptist Church Cemetery.

CALDWELL

Twyman H. Boren, age 96, of Princeton, passed away September 12, 2026 at Baptist Hospital in Paducah. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 19, 2026, at Morgan’s Funeral Home with Bro. Ken Cummins officiating. Burial will follow in Cedar Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m. until service time on Saturday, September 19, 2026, at Morgan’s Funeral Home.

Theresa Griffith, 69, of Eddyville, passed away on Saturday, September 12, 2026, at her home. A funeral Mass will be celebrated for Theresa at St. Agnes Catholic Church, 204 St. Clair Avenue in Mingo Junction, Ohio on Saturday, September 19th at 11:00 a.m. Burial will follow at Mount Calvary Catholic Cemetery in Steubenville, Ohio.

Jeffrey Alan Jones, 64, of Princeton, Kentucky, passed away on Thursday, September 10, 2026, in his home. Services are incomplete at Morgan’s Funeral Home in Princeton, Kentucky.

Eugene Ellis “Papaw” Meadows passed away on September 8, 2026, at the age of 68. There will be a memorial meal at Northside ROC building in Princeton, KY. It will be held on Saturday, September 19, 2026 at 1 PM.

CALLOWAY

Vickey Morefield, 55, of Murray, passed away on Saturday, September 12, 2026 at Spring Creek Healthcare. Arrangements are currently incomplete at Imes Funeral Home & Crematory.

Shirley Ann Murray, age 81, of Murray, Kentucky passed away on Monday, September 14, 2026, at the Murray-Calloway County Hospital in Murray, Kentucky. A public graveside service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, September 19, 2026, at the Murray City Cemetery. Bro. Mike White will officiate. There will be no public visitation held prior to the graveside service.

Vivian Star Lewellyn, age 78, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away on Wednesday, September 16, 2026, at her home. Arrangements are currently incomplete at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

Kevin Dane Lamb, 58, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away on Monday, September 14, 2026, at his place of residence. A funeral service was held at 1:00 PM on Thursday, September 17, 2026, at the Olive Community Church, with Bro. Rick Miller officiating. Burial followed at Horn Cemetery.

Aubrey Moore, Jr., 95 of Murray, KY, passed away Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at the home of his son. Funeral services were conducted Monday, September 14, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. in the chapel of the Blalock-Coleman Funeral Home in Murray, KY with

John Dale officiating. Burial followed the service in the Murray City Cemetery, Murray, KY.

CARLISLE

David “Fuzz” Chadduck, 73, passed away on September 13, 2026, at Baptist Health Paducah. Memorial Service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 19, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Arlington. Visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m. until the service time of 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 19, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Arlington.

CHRISTIAN

Ronnie Holt, age 75, of Hopkinsville, passed away surrounded by his family on Friday, September 11, 2026, at his home of natural causes. Funeral Services will be at 2:00 PM on Saturday, September 19, 2026, at Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home with Brother Jimmy Stewart and Brother David Harrison officiating and burial to follow in Lakeview Baptist Church Cemetery. Visitation will be that day at the funeral home from 10:00 AM until the service hour at 2:00 PM. Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home has been entrusted by the family to handle the arrangements.

Eloise Goodin Miller, age 90, of Hopkinsville, passed away on Wednesday, September 9, 2026, in her home surrounded by her loving family. Funeral Services were at 1:00 PM on Monday September 14, 2026, at Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home with Rev. Jamus Redd officiating and burial followed in Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West.

Mike Johnson, 58, of Hopkinsville, KY passed away on Wednesday, September 9, 2026. A funeral service will be held at a later date. Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home is assisting with the arrangements.

“Downtown” Neal Brown, 63, Avalon Blvd., Hopkinsville, KY, passed away Monday, September 14, 2026 at Deaconess Gateway Hospital, Newburgh, IN of natural causes. Visitation will be from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Friday, September 18, 2026 at Lamb Funeral Home.

Carolyn Espinoza-Smith, 78, Doane Drive, Clarksville, TN passed away on Monday, September 14, 2026 at her home of natural causes. Funeral services will be held at 12:00 p.m. Friday, September 18, 2026 at Lamb Funeral Home with Jeff Kellogg officiating and Tracy Guerra assisting. Burial will follow in Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West.

Joseph “Joey” Garland, 37, Michele Court, Hopkinsville, KY passed away on Sunday, September 13, 2026 at his home of natural causes. Graveside services were held 11:00 a.m. Thursday, September 17, 2026 at Ancestral Haven Memorial Gardens with Dr. Joe Bufford officiating. Lamb Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Marvin Emillio Sellers, born December 9, 1959, passed away on September 14, 2026. Family and friends are invited to gather for visitation on September 21, 2026, from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 801 East 4th Street, Hopkinsville, Kentucky 42240. The funeral service will follow at 12:30 p.m. at the church. Burial will take place at 2:00 p.m. at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West, 5817 Fort Campbell Blvd, Hopkinsville, Kentucky 42240.

James Henry “Catifsh” Jordan, born December 22, 1947, departed this life on September 11, 2026. Visitation for James Henry “Catifsh” Jordan will be held on September 19, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at Gamble Funeral Home, 1311 S Liberty St., Hopkinsville, KY 42240. Funeral service will follow at 12:00 p.m. at Gamble Funeral Home. Burial will take place on September 19, 2026, at McCarroll Hill Baptist Church, 10217 Princeton Road, Cerulean, KY 42215.

Barry Glen Francis, 57, of Hopkinsville, KY died at 4:40 p.m. Friday, September 11, 2026 at his

residence. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Dogwood Funerals & Cremations is assisting with the arrangements.

Gary Andrew Joiner, 62, of Hopkinsville, KY died at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at his residence. Graveside services were at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, September 16, 2026, at Powell Cemetery in LaFayette, KY with Mike Higgins and Rev. Mike Bullard officiating.

CRITTENDEN

Terry Brantley, age 70, of Marion, KY, passed away on Monday, September 14, 2026, at his home. Funeral services will be held on Sunday, September 20, 2026, at 2:00 PM at Gilbert Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Rose Bud Cemetery. Friends may call from 1:00 PM till service time on Sunday.

James “Jim” Thomas Morrison, age 86, of Marion, KY, passed away on Friday, September 11, 2026, at Crittenden Health and Rehabilitation. Services for Jim Morrison were held on Sunday, September 13, 2026, at 12:00 PM at Gilbert Funeral Home with Bro. Donnie Winders officiating. Burial followed in Whites Chapel Cemetery.

Glendell Dean Cummings age 63 of Marion, KY passed away September 10, 2026 at Heartford House Hospice Care Center, Owensboro, KY. Friends and relatives were invited to a Celebration of Life for Glendell on Monday, September 14, 2026 between the hours of 4 and 8 PM at Myers Funeral Home, Marion, KY. Myers Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Glendell Dean Cummings.

GRAVES

Roger Lee Klapp, 73, of Palmersville, Tennessee, passed away surrounded by family on September 14, 2026, in Paducah, Kentucky. Per Dad’s wishes no formal service will be held. A gathering to celebrate his life will take place later this fall. Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY is in charge of arrangements.

Linda Lou Vaughn Johnson, age 81, of Mayfield passed away on Wednesday, September 9, 2026 at Mercy Health Lourdes in Paducah, KY. Funeral services for Ms. Linda Lou Vaughn Johnson were at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, September 14, 2026 at Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY. Rev. Keith Allred will officiate. Interment followed at Wingo Cemetery.

Kristi Lain Oliver Dublin, age 56, of Wingo, Kentucky, passed away Sunday, September 13, 2026, at Jackson Purchase Medical Center in Mayfield, Kentucky. A Memorial service for Mrs. Kristi Lain Oliver Dublin will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday September 19, 2026: at the Baltimore Baptist Chuch with visitation starting at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Terry Wilson, age 83 and a resident of Fancy Farm, KY passed away at 2:40 PM Saturday, September 12, 2026, at Lourdes Hospital in Paducah, KY. A Funeral Mass for Terry was held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, September 15, 2026 at the St. Jerome Catholic Church in Fancy Farm with Father Darrell Venters officiating. Burial was in the St. Jerome Cemetery.

HICKMAN

Norma Agnes Lynch, age 95, of Fulton, KY, formerly of Breckinridge, KY, passed away Tuesday, September 15, 2026, at the Clinton-Hickman County I.C.F. Graveside services for Mrs. Norma Agnes Lynch will be held at 12:30 PM CST Monday, September 21, 2026, at the Bennett Cemetery in Custer, KY. There will be no visitation held at the funeral home and friends are asked to meet at the cemetery at the hour of service.

Tim Guess, age 61, of Hickman, KY, passed away Sunday, September 13, 2026, at his residence. Funeral services for Mr. Tim Guess were held at 11

FUNERAL NOTICES continued

AM Thursday, September 17, 2026, at the Hornbeak Funeral Chapel in Hickman with burial to follow in the Sunset Cemetery in Dresden, TN.

LIVINGSTON

David Wayne “Wayno” Taylor, 56, of Marion, KY, passed away Saturday, September 12, 2026 at Crittenden Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Graveside funeral services were held on Thursday, September 17, 2026, at 11 AM, at White’s Chapel Cemetery, with burial to follow.

Jackie Linda Riley Doom, age 78, of Burna, Ky. passed away at home Friday September 11, 2026 in her sleep. At this time there will be no services. Possibly a memorial service at a later date. Condolences may be left online at boydfuneraldirectors.com.

LYON

Terry Dwaine Waters, age 75, of Lyon county, passed away Wednesday, September 9, 2026 at his home. Funeral services were held on Saturday, September 12, 2026 at 2:00 pm at Lakeland Funeral Home with Bro. Andy Walker officiating. Burial followed in Rolling Hills Cemetery.

Roddy Dupe Robertson, age 77 of Gilbertsville Ky, a native of Lyon County who moved to Marshall County in the late 60’s, passed away on Sunday, September 13, 2026 at Lake Barkley Health and Rehabilitation in Kuttawa, Ky.

MARSHALL

Fannie Mae Ford, 90, of Benton, Kentucky, passed away surrounded by family on Thursday, September 10, 2026, at Marshall County Hospital. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, September 15, 2026, at the Life Celebration Center of Filbeck-Cann, with Bro. Joel Frizzell and Bro. Greg Wells officiating. Burial followed at Benton Cemetery.

Steven “Snake” Hobbs, 64, of Benton, Kentucky passed away Monday, September 14th, 2026 surrounded by his loved ones at his residence. A funeral service will be held at 2:00 pm on Friday, September 18, 2026 at Collier Funeral Home with Cory Westerfield officiating. Burial will follow at Benton Church of Christ Cemetery.

Timothy Mark Dillon, 70 of Benton, Kentucky passed away peacefully on Saturday, September 12, 2026, at his home. Visitation will be held on Saturday, September 19, 2026, from 11 AM until 1 PM at Collier Funeral Home. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, September 19, 2026, at 1 PM at Collier Funeral Home.

Marlene J. Stone, 88, of Benton, passed away on Friday, September 11, 2026, at Calvert City Convalescent Center. A funeral service was held on Wednesday, September 16, 2026, at 1 PM at Collier Funeral Home. Bro. Joe Ed Brooks will be officiating. Burial followed in Cole Cemetery.

MCCRACKEN

Mary Elizabeth (Burnett) Draffen, 86, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away peacefully on September 12, 2026. A private funeral service will be held with immediate family to honor and celebrate Mary’s life. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly asks that friends consider making a donation to Sunrise Children’s Services (sunrise.org/donate/) in Mary’s memory, in support of its mission to provide care and hope for families and children through Christ-centered ministries.

Larry R. Buchanan, 76, of Athens, AL, formerly of Paducah, KY, passed away at Huntsville Hospital in Huntsville, Alabama, on Monday, September 14, 2026, at 11:04 a.m., surrounded by his loving family. A Celebration of Life will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 19, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah with Rev. Bob Martin officiating.

Linda Dukes Young passed away on Tuesday, September 14, 2026, at Baptist Health Hospital in Paducah, Kentucky, at the age of 75. A Funeral service will be held at 1:00 PM on Friday, September 18, 2026, at Oaklawn Baptist Church with Bro. Jarry Merritt officiating. Burial will follow at Tiline Cemetery in Livingston County. Visitation will be held from 11:00 AM until the service hour of 1:00 PM on Friday, September 18, 2026, at Oaklawn Baptist Church.

Jerry McElya, 89, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away at 1:30 p.m. Monday, September 14, 2026, at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Friday, September 18, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah with Rev. Keith Tilford officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Kenton Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Roy Lee Parvin, passed away on September 13, 2026, in Paducah, Kentucky, at the age of 79. A funeral service was held at 1:00 PM on Thursday, September 17, 2026, at the Lone Oak Chapel of Milner & Orr Funeral Home with Rev. John Smithmier officiating. Burial followed at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens.

Emily Richardson Newman, born to William (Babe) and Mary Louise Richardson, passed from this world on Sunday, September 13th, 2026, at the age of 86, after a vigil of family and caregivers. A funeral service was held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, September 17, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of

Paducah with Bro. Bud Russell officiating. A private entombment will be held at Memorial Park Cemetery in Evansville, Indiana.

Michael Knighten, 62, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away on September 11th, 2026, at Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center. A memorial service will be held at 1:00 pm on Friday, September 25, 2026 at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah with Rev. Larry Buchanan officiating. Visitation will be held from 11:00 am until the 1:00 pm service time on Friday, September 25, 2026 at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah.

MariAnn Johannis, 71, of Bardwell formerly of North Adams, Michigan, passed away on Sunday, September 13, 2026, at the Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah. According to her wishes she will be cremated. Online condolences may be left at www.lindseyfuneral.com.

Our family and friends, It is with profound sadness and sorrow, we gather to announce the heavenly transition of our beloved father, brother, uncle, nephew, cousin and friend, **Herbert Lymar Bradford** on September 9, 2026 at 10:10 p.m. at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center at Mercy Health Lourdes Hospital. (Graveside service to be announced at later date).

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Shirley “Jeanie” Cavanaugh Hendrix - November 14, 1949 - September 11, 2026 - Funeral services for 76 year old Shirley “Jeanie” Cavanaugh Hendrix of Cadiz will be held on Saturday, September 19, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. at Second Baptist Missionary Church. Burial will follow in Crown Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5:00-7:00 p.m. on Friday, September 18, 2026 at King’s Funeral Home and on Saturday, September 19, 2026 from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. at Second Baptist Missionary Church.

Brian Joseph Rogers - December 2, 1976 - September 11, 2026 - uneral Services for 49 year old Brian Joseph Rogers of Cadiz will be Thursday, September 17, 2026 at 12:00 noon at King’s Funeral Home. Private Family Burial will follow in the Patterson Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10:00-12:00 on Thursday at King’s Funeral Home.

James R. Wynn, age 64, of Fulton, Missouri, a native of Cadiz, Kentucky, passed away on Wednesday, September 9, 2026, at University Hospital in Columbia, Missouri. Funeral services were at Goodwin Funeral Home, 138 Main Street in Cadiz, at 1:00 PM, Tuesday, September 15, 2026, with Bro. Wesley Curtis officiating. Burial followed in Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Cadiz.

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



WEST KY SPORTS

TOP 10 RANKINGS BY CLASS

Class 1A	Class 4A
1. Pikeville	1. Highlands
2. Raceland	2. Boyle County
3. Sayre	3. Covington Catholic
4. Middlesboro	4. Corbin
5. Bethlehem	5. Paducah Tilghman
6. Louisville Holy Cross	6. Ashland
7. Kentucky Country Day	7. Logan County
8. Paintsville	8. Johnson Central
9. Covington Holy Cross	9. Spencer County
10. Campbellsville	10. Nelson County
Class 2A	Class 5A
1. Owensboro Catholic	1. Scott County
2. Beechwood	2. Pulaski County
3. Lexington Christian Academy	3. Woodford County
4. Mayfield	4. Owensboro
5. Belfry	5. Atherton
6. Somerset	6. Bowling Green
7. Danville	7. Apollo
8. Caldwell County	8. West Jessamine
9. W.E.B. DuBois	9. Madisonville-North Hopkins
10. Prestonsburg	10. Collins
Class 3A	Class 6A
1. Christian Academy-Louisville	1. Trinity
2. Lexington Catholic	2. Frederick Douglass
3. Murray	3. Saint Xavier
4. Lloyd Memorial	4. Manual
5. Lawrence County	5. Madison Central
6. Glasgow	6. South Warren
7. Central	7. George Rogers Clark
8. Rockcastle County	8. Male
9. Bourbon County	9. Bullitt East
10. Russell	10. Bryan Station



Ballard Memorial won the 1st Region All “A” Classic Volleyball Championship on Saturday, Sept. 12.
(Photo Courtesy of Ballard Memorial High School)



Carlisle County finished runner-up in the 1st Region All “A” Classic volleyball tournament on Saturday, Sept. 12.
(Photo Courtesy of Carlisle County High School)



The Community Christian Academy baseball program honored its eighth graders and notched a win over Northside on Monday, Sept. 14.
(Photo Courtesy of Community Christian Academy)



Marshall County graduate Jay Nimmo earned his first win as a professional golfer on Sunday, Sept. 13. Nimmo won the 2026 Fendrich Open in Evansville, Ind.
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Paducah Tilghman won the 2A, Section 1 Volleyball Championship at Hopkins County Central on Saturday, Sept. 12. The Lady Tornado shut out Union County 3-0 (25-10, 25-17, 25-15) in the 2A, Section 1 Volleyball Tournament title match. (Photo courtesy of Paducah Tilghman High School)

Murray State Athletics officially unveils Owens Family Field

Staff Report

MURRAY — In recognition of the generous support and transformational leadership of Leon Owens and the Owens Family, Murray State Athletics has officially announced Owens Family Field as the new home of Racer Softball during a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Friday, Sept. 11.

The naming of Owens Family Field represents another significant milestone in the continued advancement of the softball program and celebrates a family whose commitment to Murray State has helped create opportunities for generations of Racers.

“Leon and the Owens Family have demonstrated an incredible commitment to Murray State University, and we are tremendously proud that their name will be connected through the home of Racer Softball,” President Dr. Ron Patterson said. “We are deeply grateful to the Owens Family for their continued investment in Murray State and the lasting impact they continue to make across our campus, community, and region.”

“Murray State has always held a special place in our family, and we are humbled to have our name associated with the home of Racer Softball,” Leon Owens said. “We believe deeply in Murray State, its student-athletes and the direction of Racer Athletics. It is exciting to see the continued growth of this program, and

our family is proud to support the young women who will represent our institution at Owens Family Field today and for years to come.”

Owens Family Field will provide Murray State Softball with a home that reflects the championship aspirations of the program while enhancing the experience for student-athletes, coaches, and recruits through the newly-installed FieldTurf that now bears the name of the family.

“The naming of Owens Family Field is a tremendous moment for Racer Athletics and an opportunity to recognize a family whose belief in Murray State has made a meaningful difference throughout our community,” Vice President and Director of Athletics Nico Yantko said. “Leon and the Owens Family share our vision for creating a championship-caliber experience for our student-athletes, and their leadership and generosity continue to help us transform the future of the department and institution. We could not be more grateful for their partnership, and we are incredibly proud that Racer Softball will compete at Owens Family Field.”

“This is an incredibly special day for Murray State Softball and everyone who has helped build this program,” head softball coach Kara Amundson said. “Our student-athletes work every day to represent Murray State with pride, and having the opportunity to call

Owens Family Field home is something our program will never take for granted. We are incredibly thankful to Leon and the entire Owens Family for believing in our student-athletes and helping create our new home.”

The naming of Owens Family Field continues the momentum surrounding Murray State Athletics as the department recently broke ground on the Sandra Hartmann Press Box at the facility.

The press box will feature a main media area and additional auxiliary space, all of which will be ground level to make Racer Field tournament-host ready. Grandstands will be fixed to the top of the facility, providing a spectacular vantage point for fans to enjoy the game.

Other investments into the softball program have included revenue share money for student-athletes, the new indoor hitting facility in Roy Stewart Stadium, updates to the weight room and training room, and more.

Murray State Athletics has raised \$52.75 million dollars in support of new facilities, initiatives and championship resources as part of the department’s bold, comprehensive \$100 million fundraising campaign, Leading The Pack, which was created to further position itself for the future by investing in student-athlete success and wellness, revenue share and competitive resources and world-class facilities.

Cross country nominations sought for Midway/KHSAA Student-Athlete of the Year

Staff Report

LEXINGTON — The nomination process for the Midway University/KHSAA Male and Female Student Athlete-of-the-Year among cross country participants for 2026-2027 is now open.

This award is based on athletic and academic achievement as well as community service and leadership. The link to the application contains additional criteria and a form to nominate one participant from each 2026-2027

team. Nominations must come from a member school, but can be submitted by an administrator, guidance counselor, or coach.

Nominations may only be submitted online at <https://khsaa.org/ge35-midway-university-khsaa-female-student-athlete-of-the-year-nomination-form/>.

The winner will be announced early in the postseason and recognized at an awards event at Midway University in early summer 2027. From the

winners selected for each KHSAA championship, one male and one female student-athlete will be named the overall 2026-2027 Midway University/KHSAA Student-Athlete of the Year, to be announced at the event. All individual winners will also receive their recognition awards at that time.

The deadline for nominations for the Midway University/KHSAA Student-Athlete of the Year in the sport of Cross Country is Tuesday, Oct. 6.

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Second KVCA Region 1 Top 5 Poll released

Staff Report

PADUCAH — The second KVCA Region 1 Top 5 Poll of the 2026 high school volleyball season was released on Thursday, Sept. 10.

The Kentucky Volleyball Coaches Association released the KVCA Region 1 Top 5 Poll and additional regional rankings.

Reigning champion McCracken County remains ranked first in the KVCA Region 1 Top 5 Poll.

The teams that accompany McCracken County (1) in the KVCA Region 1 Top 5 Poll are Graves County (2), Marshall County (3), Ballard Memorial (4) and Mayfield (5).

Teams continue to

compete in the 2026 high school volleyball season, which opened on Monday, Aug. 17.

The KVCA Region 1 Top 5 Poll follows.

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

BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Marshals shut out Tigers

Staff Report

BENTON — Marshall County shut out 1st Region rival Murray 3-0 in a non-district boys’ soccer match on Tuesday, Sept. 15.

The Marshals improved to 10-2-1 after notching the win.

The Tigers dropped to 9-1-2 after suffering the loss.

Trent Jackson, Hudson David and Davis Hunt each scored one goal for the Marshals.

Aiding Marshall County offensively, Maddox Konrad, Lincoln Colburn and Levi Hayes each dished out one assist.

Goalkeeper Cason Lovett paced Marshall

County defensively, recording a shutout. Lovett logged five saves.

Marshall County

and Murray aren’t scheduled to meet again in the 2026 boys’ high school soccer season.

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Stein, Cats turn the page on Tide, set sights on No. 9 Texas A&M

By KEITH TAYLOR
Kentucky Today

LEXINGTON, Ky. (KT) — Kentucky coach Will Stein liked the way the Wildcats performed in the first half of a 45-17 loss to No. 10 Alabama on Saturday. Everything went as planned until the Crimson Tide scored 32 unanswered, putting an exclamation point on a successful comeback.

“I thought it was an amazing atmosphere,” Stein said Tuesday. “They’ve really set the standard for what we need every single home game. That was incredible. Our players felt it. I felt it. It was infectious all week and I really appreciate them. But on the flip side, we got to play better for them. There’s a lot to learn from the tape and it really starts with me. I’ve got to do a better job as head coach, getting these guys really prepared to finish games. I think that the big thing is finishing games.”

Stein was disappointed in his team’s offense in the final two quarters in the loss to Alabama. The Wildcats managed just 40 yards and failed to emulate the success they enjoyed in the

opening half.

“We did not show up on offense in the second half,” Stein said. “It’s almost impossible to win with three turnovers and being 1-14 on third downs. We’ve got to generate explosive plays and move the ball down the field. I think that’s obvious.”

Stein has been pleased with his team’s response after going to the “doctor” on Monday and Tuesday.

“We got beat in the last game (and) now it’s time to turn the page and move on,” Stein said. “We have to continue to compete and finish. That’s the big thing. Can we finish? But a great opportunity ahead against a really good opponent.”

The task certainly won’t be any easier this week when Kentucky takes on No. 9 Texas A&M in the team’s first road contest of the season. The Aggies have outscored the opposition 98-20 in the first two games, including a 50-0 shutout of Missouri State in the opener.

“It’s going to be an elite atmosphere; we’ve got to be ready



(Les Nicholson/Kentucky Today)

for,” Stein said. “It’s still about us. It’s our ability to play one snap at a time for four quarters. That’s our mentality going into this. There’s no poor me’s, no shoulda, coulda, woulda’s.”

CJ OKAY

Kentucky running back CJ Baxter had some issues with his hand in the loss to Alabama, but Stein said Baxter has been participating in drills this week.

“He went every single rep (Tuesday),” Stein said. “(We) taped it up. It popped out on him like three times (and on a) critical third and one. He wasn’t in there because of that. That was unfortunate for

us. He went every single snap today.”

Baxter has rushed for 77 yards and two touchdowns this season. Jason Patterson leads the Wildcats with 131 yards on 22 carries in the first two contests.

NICHOLS BACK

Stein expects Terhyon Nichols in the lineup this week. Nichols has missed the first two games because of an undisclosed injury.

“He was available all week,” Stein said. “He practiced all week, and then really late in the process, Friday night, Saturday morning, it was a little bit as to how far he can go, but we felt like it was best to not put

him out there in those situations. He went every single rep today. I know that, watch it with my own eyes, and he was running around fast and had to hop into steps. My expectation is that with that he’s going to play this Saturday.”

HOME AGAIN

Kentucky defensive coordinator Jay Bateman will be returning to College Station after spending the previous two seasons as the Aggies’ defensive coordinator. Bateman praised Aggies coach Mike Elko during media day last month.

“He’s one of the best football coaches, I think, that walks the planet right now,”

Bateman said. “I think the way we practice, the way you attack opponents, the overarching, hey, what’s really important, man, we’d be here for a long time. He’s a tremendous coach. He’s a really good friend. I learned a ton from him, and we’ll try to do a lot of the same things here that we did there.”

Elko expects to see a similar style of defense Bateman used while with the Aggies.

“(It will be) probably a mixed bag,” Elko said/”Certainly there are some philosophical things that were important to me that we ran on defense that maybe weren’t things that Jay had, and some things that we did that maybe Jay liked, so I think you have kind of a mixed bag of what Jay has traditionally been, or wanted to be in his career, combined with maybe a couple of things that he picked up here that he liked and thought fit.”

GAMETRACKER: Kentucky at Texas A&M, 3:30 p.m., Saturday. TV/Radio: ESPN (Joe Tessitore, Jesse Palmer, Kris Budden). UK Radio Network (Tom Leach, Jeff Piccoro, Dick Gabriel)

Ticket distribution for Big Blue Madness set for Friday

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PRESENTED BY: Ronald McDonald House Lexington

By KEITH TAYLOR
Kentucky Today

LEXINGTON, Ky. (KT) — Tickets for Big Blue Madness will

be available at 5 p.m. Friday through Ticketmaster.

The yearly event, sponsored by Ronald

McDonald House Charities of the Bluegrass, is set for 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 2, at Rupp Arena.

Tickets can be obtained through Ticketmaster online and the app. There is a limit of two tickets per

household. A limited number of student tickets will be distributed, and members of BBN United will have

access to tickets before public distribution.

Big Blue Fan Fest is set for Saturday, Oct. 3.

VICTORIOUS

Living...in a troubled world

Jesus is still in the boat - you're not alone

By Teresa LeNeave
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There is an old song many of us once sang: “Troublesome times are here; filling men’s hearts with fear.” Those words have been echoed throughout generations, because troubled times are nothing new. Yet while the world may give us reason to be concerned, this is not a time to panic. Instead, it is a time to embrace the promises of God; promises that never fail.

Hebrews 11:6 reminds us, “But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that comes to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”

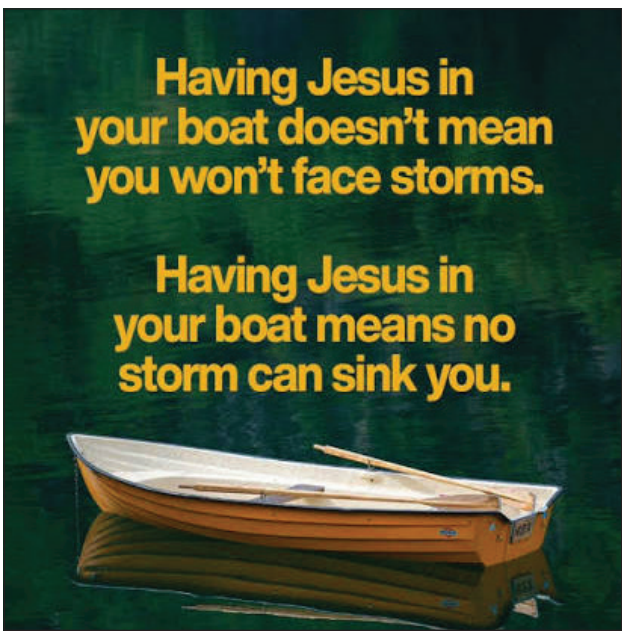
Faith requires determination and perseverance. It means choosing to trust God even when circumstances give us every reason to doubt. Doubt tells us that God is absent or that

our circumstances are beyond His control. Faith tells us otherwise.

The Bible gives us a powerful picture of this kind of faith in the account of Jesus and His disciples caught in a violent storm. While the disciples feared that the ship would sink, Jesus was asleep. When they woke Him, He simply spoke to the wind and the waves, and the storm became calm. But Jesus did more than calm the troubled sea. He also calmed the troubled hearts of His disciples.

That is good news for us today. The same God who brought peace to the disciples in the midst of a storm is still able to bring peace to people facing storms of their own. Psalm 91 speaks of finding “rest in the secret place of the Most High.”

We are living through difficult times. Hearts are bro-



ken, and people everywhere are facing circumstances that can seem overwhelming. Cancer has touched countless families, and many are fighting for their lives. My own family has experienced this struggle. My sister has stage 4 lung cancer, and I recently learned that my cousin has also been diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer. The struggle is real.

Yet cancer is not the

only battle people are facing. Every person carries some kind of burden. It may not be a disease. It may be grief, financial hardship, loneliness, broken relationships, fear, uncertainty or a battle that no one else can see. Whatever the struggle, people everywhere need comfort, healing and hope.

We know that when circumstances look bleak, God is neither surprised nor afraid.

Nothing catches Him off guard. He knows what will happen before it happens. He has all authority and all power, and He remains sovereign over His creation.

That does not mean we will always understand why He allows certain things to happen. There are questions for which we may never have answers in this life. But perhaps that is where faith becomes most important. In times of struggle, we learn to trust the Creator even when we cannot understand His ways.

If God can keep the universe in motion, surely He is capable of taking care of us. Jesus said in John 20:29, “Blessed are those who have not seen, and yet have believed.” Though we cannot see faith with our eyes, but that does not make it unreal. Faith is a confidence in the God we cannot

physically see but who has revealed Himself through His Word and through His Son. First John 5:4 declares, “Faith is the victory that overcomes the world.” He sees what we cannot see. He understands what we cannot understand. And He knows how to bring His people safely through the storms of life.

That kind of peace does not come from pretending that problems do not exist. It does not come from blindly ignoring reality. True peace comes from believing God’s Word and knowing why we believe it.

We believe because God sent His Son to redeem us, to heal us and to restore troubled souls. The storm may be raging, but like the disciples, we do not have to face it alone. Jesus is still in the boat.

OUTDOOR

Truths

By Gary Miller
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The last time I mowed my grass, I think it had reached about 10 inches tall. It didn’t look that bad, but I had let it go. The time before that, I mowed but didn’t take time to weedeat. And the bushes around my house need a little shaping. A few of them need elimination. There are some holes in my yard as well. They have appeared where trees used to be – trees that had been cut down. Now the roots have rotted and left some unwanted cavities that need to

be filled.

I had planned to clean the garage so I could get at least one car in there, but I put that off for another, more suitable time. The same goes for my storage shed. I have been meaning to do an extreme makeover on it for the last couple of years. Add shelves and hangers and replace the door.

Maybe it will happen this year.

Maybe not.

The fence needs staining. It’s looking a little sun-parched. I need to replace a few boards as

well. I’m not sure when I’ll get to that. And let’s not talk about the inside of my house. There’s enough there to keep me busy for months. Blinds hung. Doors painted. A few pieces of tile replaced where they have released their hold from my kitchen counter.

Age and atrophy go hand in hand.

And what goes for a house of brick and mortar goes also for a house of skin and bones.

And that’s why I went fishing.

Gary Miller

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A - Admit to God That You Are A Sinner
For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. - Romans 3:23 Repent, turn away from your sin. - Acts 3:19; 1 John 1:9

B - Believe Jesus Died for Your Sins
For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only son, that WHOEVER believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. - John 3:16

C - Confess Jesus is Lord
If you confess with your mouth “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead you will be saved. - Romans 10:9

Choose to keep your face toward the light

By William F Holland Jr.
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Since before the world was made, God has known you and loved you. He has never taken His eyes away or ignored you. If you were to write down all the blessings and victories He’s provided, they would prove He has called you, saved you, and has been guiding and helping you every day of your life. You might say, it doesn’t seem like it, but remember, many times we made decisions that were not a part of His plan.

It’s common to be filled with a mixture of emotions. Worry, stress, sadness, and anxiety are everywhere, but just because there is a tornado of events going on around us does not mean we have to allow them to control us. Our minds are like

sponges that absorb the constant sights and sounds of our chaotic world, but remember we are called to be guardians of what we think about. It’s in the quiet secret place of God’s presence that fills us with His hope, peace, and contentment.

Has disappointment in the past caused you to not be as confident or excited as you once were? Of course, we all have times in our lives when we are upset and wonder why things happen or didn’t happen. Stop beating yourself up; you are perfectly normal. Life is a series of ups and downs, and no matter how charismatic a personality you may have, there will be seasons when we search deep within our soul to see if we are being attacked, or if maybe we are just

not following God. Whatever the case, it’s easy to wallow in our sorrows, but if we will turn our attention away from ourselves and focus on listening to the Lord, the dark clouds of confusion will begin lifting, and the joy and compassion of God’s presence will fill us with hope.

I want to share a word with you from Psalm 42:5, and repeated again in verse 11: “Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise Him, my Savior and my God.” It is said that David wrote these words, and if you study his relationship with God, you know he had his share of sorrows, but he also learned how to encourage himself. He wrote this when his son Absalom commit-

ted treason, but even with something as devastating as this, he expresses that faith in God can generate hope when everything seems hopeless. He examines his own heart and understands there are times we will not comprehend why we are going through trials, but we are to obey and glorify God while we are waiting for our answer.

Instead of going to bed and covering our heads, let us look beyond our pity party and focus our eyes on the prize of the high calling in Christ Jesus. Sometimes we are so absorbed with what we are going through, we just simply forget how much He cares about us. I had two situations a while back that could have been tragic, but God intervened in them both. I was driving

on the bypass and was getting ready to change lanes when, at the last second, I saw a car beside me out of the corner of my eye. If I had made that mistake, it probably would have been my last. The second situation involved me being on a ladder on my front porch the same day. I thought I was on the bottom step, but I was actually on the step above and fell onto the concrete and into the storm door. I broke the door and have a few bruises, but miraculously I was not seriously injured.

Throughout our lives, we’ve had some ups and downs, but all in all we have a lot to be thankful for. I know it’s easy at times to feel sorry for ourselves, but instead of feeling cast down, may we consider where we would be without

God’s grace. Hope is a small word like love and joy, but it’s the power within the human soul to trust God and to know that His will CAN be fulfilled in our lives. Depression and discouragement come upon us when we are focused more on our emotions than our spiritual armor, so don’t forget, optimism and pessimism are hourly choices we make within our conscience. Many times we are our own worst enemy. Keep your face toward the light – and the shadows will always be behind you.

Dr. Holland is an ordained minister, chaplain, and Christian author. Read more about LIVING ON PURPOSE at billyhollandministries.com

THE OLD LIGHTHOUSE

Bro. Brandon G. Bramlett
Bandana Baptist Church

The old lighthouse may be crumbling, but it continues to beam guiding light across the stormy sea. The Hooper Island Lighthouse in Chesapeake Bay has been steering seafarers since 1901, but many people think it’s time for the old beacon to retire to the junkyard. What used to be a brilliantly towering cylinder of hope is now a worn out and rusty hunk of metal. However, according to the Washington Post, the lighthouse isn’t going anywhere since it remains as an “active aid to navigation for the U.S. Coast Guard.” Even though it is old and frail, it still has a pivotal purpose: lighting the way.

Similarly, all Christians are called to be a lighthouse for sinners sailing in the darkness of depravity. The “children of light” are commanded to radiate the light of the glory of Christ in order to direct wayward sinners to the “Father of lights” (cf. 1 Thess. 5:5; James 1:17). As Jesus said, “Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven” (Matthew

5:14-15).

The harsh elements of life will eventually cause you to rust and wither away, but this is your eternally significant purpose as long as you remain standing. The “outer self” is wasting away, and it’s not as vigorous as it used to be (cf. 2 Cor. 4:16). Indeed, you will fade like flowers of the field, and your radiance will dim with time (Isaiah 40:7). Moreover, with each passing day, you are closer to the dust from which you came (Eccl. 12:7). But, as long as God keeps you upright in the world’s waters, your critical mission is to shine gospel light to those who grope in the darkness of sin (cf. 2 Cor. 4:6).

“O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous

deeds. So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim

your might to another generation, your power to all those to come” (Psalm 70:17-18).

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CERS outperforms peer public pension plans with 13% returns

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – The Kentucky Public Pensions Authority (KPPA) has announced that strong 2026 fiscal year investment returns have helped the County Employees Retirement System (CERS) top \$22 billion in assets.

The KPPA reports that all CERS pension and insurance portfolios returned more than 13 percent, which is significantly more than their 6.5 percent actuarial assumed rate of return. CERS also bested the median

return of 12.6 percent for public pension plans with more than \$1 billion in assets as tracked by Wilshire Associates.

This marks the fourth consecutive year that CERS pension and insurance portfolios have achieved returns near or above 10 percent.

As a result, total assets in the systems overseen by the CERS Board of Trustees reached a record \$22.3 billion in Fiscal Year (FY) 2026, which ended June 30, driven by strong investment returns and employer

contributions.

The primary drivers of returns in FY 2026 were allocations to public equities and real return investments.

KPPA notes that over the past 10-, 20- and 30-year periods, all CERS pension and insurance portfolio returns exceeded their actuarial assumed rates of return and

have either nearly met or surpassed their benchmarks. Furthermore, when considering the level of risk in each portfolio, all system pension and insurance funds rank in the top 5 percent of peer public pension funds in terms of Sharpe ratio over the most recent five-year period. The Sharpe ratio is a key measure of

how much investment
return each portfolio
earns relative to the
amount of risk taken.

“The CERS Board has worked deliberately over the past several years to establish a target asset allocation that reflects both the long-term return needs of the system and the level of risk we believe is appropriate for our members and employers,” said CERS Board of Trustees Chair George “Lisle” Cheatham. “Setting that allocation is only part of the job—the real test is having the

discipline to adhere to it through different market cycles rather than chasing whichever asset class happens to be performing best at the moment. These results, particularly our strong risk-adjusted performance relative to our peers, demonstrate the value of that disciplined approach.”

The more than 303,000 members of CERS are current and former employees of county and city governments, eligible local agencies, and nonteaching school board staff.



ABSOLUTE REAL ESTATE AUCTION

Rustic 3 Bedroom - 2 Bath Home

Tuesday, **September 22nd, 2026** | 12:00 PM

747 Blue Ridge Rd, Smithland, KY 42081

PREVIEW DATE:

**Monday, September 14th
5:00 - 6:00 PM**

RUSTIC 3 BEDROOM HOME • 2 BATHS • 2,400± SQ. FT.

From the moment you arrive, the home's wood exterior, covered front porch, and upper-level balcony create an inviting cabin-style appearance. The mature shade trees and winding paved drive complement the home's natural setting. Also on the property is a storage shed and detached 1-car garage. On the backside of the home is an additional covered deck and balcony.

Inside, you'll find an abundance of natural wood character, including wood-plank walls and wood flooring visible throughout several rooms. The rustic finishes give the home a distinctive look that would lend itself well to a country, cabin, or lodge-style renovation.

The kitchen features abundant cabinetry, countertop workspace, and a peninsula overlooking the adjoining living area. With approximately 2,400 square feet, the home provides generous space and an excellent opportunity for a buyer ready to update and personalize the property.

A PROPERTY WITH POSSIBILITIES - The photos show a home with plenty of rustic charm and original wood character, but also one that presents an opportunity for updating and improvement. That's exactly what can make an absolute auction exciting – buyers can evaluate the property, see the potential, and bid according to their own plans and vision. Whether you're searching for a primary residence, country getaway, investment property, renovation project, or distinctive rustic home, this property deserves a look.

Property Highlights Include:

- 3 Bedrooms – 2 Full Baths
- Fireplace & Wood Burning Stove
- Approx. 2,400 Sq. Ft. of Living Space
- 1-Car Garage • Storage Shed
- Rustic Wood Exterior - Wood-Shingle Roof
- Covered Front Porch
- Upper-Level Covered Balcony
- Natural Wood Interior Walls & Flooring
- Spacious Kitchen with Peninsula
- Mature Shade Trees • Paved Drive
- Private, Wooded Setting
- Tremendous Renovation & Investment Potential

REAL ESTATE TERMS: A 10% buyer's premium will be added to the final bid price & included in contract price. A 15% deposit is due day of auction, balance due in 30 days. The property is being sold on an "AS IS, WHERE IS" basis, and no warranty or representation, either express or implied, concerning the property is made by the Seller or Auction Company. Each potential bidder is responsible for conducting his or her own independent inspections investigations, inquires, and due diligence concerning the property. The property will be sold by the deed. Make Inspections Prior To Date Of Sale.

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ABSOLUTE REAL ESTATE AUCTION

Tuesday, September 29th, 2026 | 10:00 AM
Auction Location: Marshall County UK Extension Office

23 ACRES
in 4 Tracts

BENTON, KENTUCKY
PRIME REAL ESTATE
ADJOINING WALMART
RESIDENTIAL LOT ON
MAYFIELD HWY

SELLING ABSOLUTE – REGARDLESS OF PRICE!

PROPERTY LOCATIONS: W 5th St., Benton, KY & Old Mayfield HWY, Benton, KY 42025

A tremendous opportunity to purchase four tracts of well-located Benton, Kentucky real estate, including three tracts adjoining or in the immediate Walmart area plus a separate residential Mayfield Highway lot. Whether you're looking for commercial development potential, investment property, additional acreage, or a smaller tract in a convenient location, this auction offers an outstanding opportunity.

4 TRACTS – ONE OUTSTANDING AUCTION

Tract 1 – 0.58 Surveyed Acre

Tract 2 – 2.76 Surveyed Acres

Tract 3 – 19.28 Surveyed Acres

Tract 4 – 0.41 acre mayfield highway lot

TRACT 1 – 0.58 ACRE • ADJOINING WALMART

0.58 surveyed acre adjoining the Walmart property and situated immediately south of Tract 1. The same boundary survey separately identifies this tract as 0.58 acre, with the Walmart property shown directly along its eastern side. Don't overlook the possibilities of a smaller tract in a strong commercial location. This property offers an opportunity for investors, developers, adjoining owners, and business interests looking to secure additional real estate near one of Benton's major retail destinations.

TRACT 2 – 2.76 ACRES • ADJOINING WALMART

2.76 surveyed acres situated immediately adjacent to Walmart in Benton. The July 31, 2026 boundary survey identifies this tract as 2.76 acres and shows Wal-Mart Stores East, Inc. directly adjoining the property along its eastern boundary. The survey is associated with Tax Parcel 0B-04-00-005.01C00. This is a highly visible and strategically positioned tract in one of Benton's established commercial areas. Its proximity to Walmart makes it an excellent property for investors, developers, business owners, and buyers looking for long-term commercial potential.

TRACT 3 – 19.28 ACRES • BEHIND & ADJOINING WALMART

19.28 surveyed acres located directly behind and adjoining the Walmart property in Benton. The August 3, 2026 boundary survey identifies the property as 19.28 acres and shows a substantial shared boundary with Wal-Mart Stores East, Inc. The survey also shows Interstate 69 immediately west of the property area, making this an especially noteworthy location for a tract of this size. The survey identifies the property with Tax Parcel 36-00-00-016 and lists Benton, Kentucky 42025 as the location. Nearly 20 acres in this location represents a rare opportunity. With Walmart immediately adjacent and I-69 nearby, this tract deserves serious consideration from developers, investors, commercial buyers, and land buyers seeking a substantial holding in the Benton market.

TRACT 4 – MAYFIELD HIGHWAY LOT • 0.41 ACRE

A conveniently located 0.41-acre lot in the Mayfield Highway/Circle Drive area of Benton. Marshall County PVA records identify this property as Map No. 0B-05-05-003, containing approximately 0.41 acre. The PVA aerial map shows the tract along the Mayfield Highway/Circle Drive area, surrounded by existing development and convenient to the heart of Benton. This smaller tract provides an affordable opportunity for investors, adjoining owners, or buyers looking to add a well-located Benton property to their holdings.

REAL ESTATE TERMS: The property will be offered in multiple tracts. A 10% Buyer's Premium will be added to the final bid and included in the deed transaction sale price. 15% as down payment on the day of the auction with balance in cash at closing on or before 30 days. The down payment may be in the form of cashier's check, personal check, or corporate check. **YOUR BIDDING IS NOT CONDITIONAL UPON FINANCING, SO BE SURE YOU HAVE ARRANGED FINANCING, IF NEEDED, AND ARE CAPABLE OF PAYING CASH AT CLOSING.** Make Inspections Prior To Date Of Sale. Closing shall take place on or before 30 days from auction date. All 2026 ad valorem taxes will be prorated at closing. The property will be sold by a new survey. Buyer is responsible for 50%.

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