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## FIRST-PERSON: True wealth



Dan Summerlin is a former Kentucky Baptist Convention president and retired pastor of Lone Oak First Baptist Church.  
(Kentucky Today file photo)

By Dan Summerlin  
via Kentucky Today

In 2014, 92-year-old Ronald Read passed away and surprised his small town by leaving \$6 million to the local hospital and \$2 million to the library. People were shocked because he had spent his life working as a gas station attendant and then as a janitor at JCPenney. No one knew he had acquired that amount of money because he lived a simple and quiet life and invested his money for many years.

In the book *The Psychology of Money*, Morgan Housel draws a powerful distinction between being rich and being wealthy.

Being rich is what other people see — the expensive car, the nice clothes and the exotic vacations. Being wealthy, however, is what people do not see — freedom, the margins and the options one has in life. In simple terms, rich is loud while wealthy is quiet. Housel observes people will say they want to be wealthy, but in reality they want to be rich so others can see them and be envious.

Rich vs. wealthy. This distinction is important.

Why? Because wealth is not about appearances but about preparation. Are we ready for what we might face, and do we have the resources to do what God desires? As Christians we are called to stewardship, not showmanship. Living a life of stewardship means we are ready to help and bless when the occasion arises.

Housel states true financial wisdom is found in restraint, not indulgence. True wealth is not based on how much money you make but how much you save and what you do with it. Housel states “It’s what you don’t spend that builds real wealth.”

★ Being rich might feed our ego; being wealthy prepares us to serve.

★ Being rich might impress others; being wealthy allows you to bless others.

★ Being rich might buy you things; being wealthy brings you peace.

See **True Wealth** page 18

## Soccer business in Tennessee booming

### Nashville Scores Big as Club World Cup Host

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Once dismissed as “not a soccer city,” Nashville is now hosting Club World Cup matches in 2025 at GEODIS Park — the largest soccer-specific stadium in the U.S.

Soccer in Nashville grew from grassroots games played in parks to sold-out MLS matches. Nashville SC launched in 2020 and has since hosted major events, including a Messi-led Leagues Cup Final.

Pioneers like Jose Fernandez and local advocates laid the foundation decades ago. The city’s soccer roots

deepened with youth leagues, pro teams like the Metros, and community-led efforts such as the Roadies supporters group, which now funds youth soccer outreach.

While Nashville missed out on hosting 2026 World Cup matches, it’s eyeing the 2031 Women’s World Cup and potentially launching a professional women’s team.

“We built something authentic,” said Ian Ayre, Nashville SC vice chairman. “FIFA called it incredible.”

See **SOCCER BOOM** page 22



Souvenirs are displayed during a public viewing of the FIFA Club World Cup soccer trophy Friday, May 16, 2025, in Nashville, Tenn. The soccer trophy was displayed in Nashville as part of a tour before this summer’s soccer tournament kicks off, with Nashville hosting three matches.

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# TVA Shawnee Fossil Facility Unveils First-of-a-Kind Solar Project on Closed Ash Stack

**By Wilbur Jackson**  
*KPI Writer*

On Wednesday, June 18th, 2025, the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) invited media personnel to witness a groundbreaking step in the future of American energy. The event, held at TVA’s Shawnee Fossil Plant and its newly established 100-megawatt solar facility, showcased a project poised to set the standard for energy innovation. This marks the first-ever deployment of solar energy on a closed coal ash site, blending environmental responsibility with cutting-edge renewable energy technology.

**A New Era of Energy**

The Shawnee Emission Controls and solar site in West

Paducah, KY is a testament to TVA’s commitment to reducing carbon emissions and advancing renewable energy solutions. During the event, plant personnel guided media representatives on an exclusive tour, sharing insight into this ambitious project and how it is helping TVA meet growing energy demands while embracing sustainability.

TVA, already one of the nation’s leading energy providers, continues to innovate as part of its ongoing mission to reduce carbon emissions and increase energy efficiency. As part of its broader five-year plan, TVA is investing heavily in new plants, technology, and power lines to meet an anticipated rise in power demand. Specifically, TVA aims to build 5,500 megawatts of new

generation capacity, with over 3,000 megawatts already under construction. The goal? To generate enough power to serve over 2 million homes.

**The Shawnee Facility: A Legacy of Innovation**

The Shawnee Fossil Plant has been a cornerstone of the region’s energy infrastructure for more than 70 years, with a maximum generating capacity of about 1,100 megawatts—enough to power over 600,000 homes. The plant’s new projects underscore TVA’s role as an industry leader, working to modernize its facilities and develop renewable energy solutions that complement its

existing capabilities.

The 100 MW solar project, located on a previously closed coal ash site, is a first-of-its-kind initiative that demonstrates TVA’s ability to repurpose industrial sites for clean energy. This innovative approach to closing coal ash sites not only reduces environmental risks but also repurposes land in a way that benefits the surrounding community, farming efforts, and overall sustainability goals.

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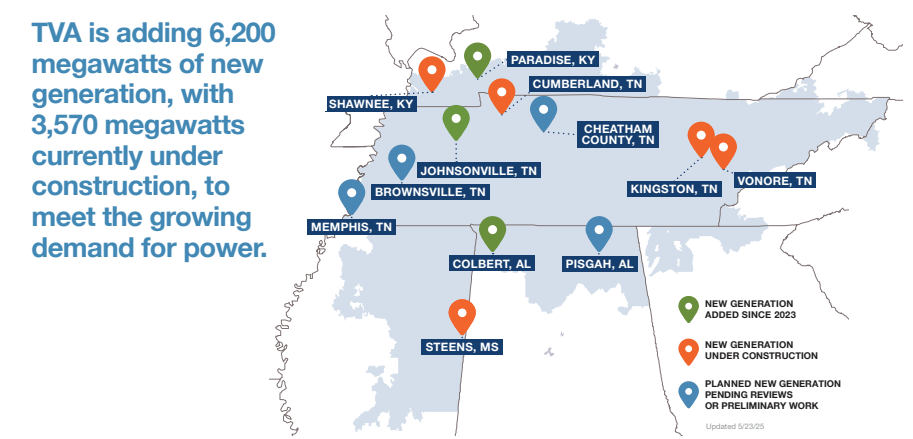
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The ongoing work at Shawnee highlights TVA’s role in tackling climate change through a balanced approach to energy generation—combining traditional sources with cutting-

edge technologies.

### A Look Ahead

As TVA continues to build on its legacy of providing reliable, affordable, and clean energy, projects like the Shawnee Solar Facility help set the stage for the next generation of American energy. The \$100 million solar site is a clear example of TVA’s dedication to leading the industry in creating sustainable solutions, while also preparing for future energy needs.

With an eye on both

technological advancement and environmental stewardship, TVA’s Shawnee Fossil and Solar Facility stands as a model of how the energy sector can evolve and thrive in an increasingly complex world.

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TVA continues to push the envelope in energy development while honoring the history and legacy of its plants. The Shawnee Solar Project is a perfect example of how the utility industry can take bold, innovative steps toward a cleaner, more sustainable future.

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# Business on the River

## The Heartbeat of Paducah, Kentucky

**By Wilbur Jackson**  
*KPI Writer*

Nestled where the Ohio and Tennessee Rivers converge, Paducah, Kentucky has long been a city defined by its proximity to water. The rivers are not just scenic backdrops but central to the city’s history, culture, and most importantly, its economy. The bustling riverfront has been the driving force

behind Paducah’s growth, and today, it remains a dynamic hub for business, tourism, and commerce.

### A Rich River Legacy

The history of Paducah is intimately tied to its location along the Ohio River. Founded in 1827, the city quickly grew as a river port

due to its strategic location. Steamboats, later replaced by larger barges, brought goods up and down the river, establishing Paducah as a critical transportation center. This tradition has not waned, and today the city still thrives as a transportation and distribution hub.

The Paducah Riverport Authority

plays a vital role in the local economy by overseeing a busy inland port that handles millions of tons of cargo each year. This includes bulk goods such as coal, grain, and fertilizers, which are crucial to the region’s agricultural and industrial sectors. With its location providing direct access to the Mississippi River system, Paducah remains an essential point on the country’s inland waterway network.

Over the past two decades, Paducah has seen a revitalization of its riverfront area, blending the old with the new. Modern businesses, including manufacturing plants, logistics companies, and food processors, have set up shop along the waterfront, capitalizing

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The city is home to a growing arts scene, with the Paducah School of Art & Design and a flourishing downtown filled with galleries and studios. This blend of tradition and innovation makes the riverfront a key part of Paducah’s economic future.

Tourism on the Water

The river isn’t just important for business—it’s also a magnet for tour-

ism. The Paducah Riverwalk, which stretches along the Ohio River, offers visitors a beautiful view of the city’s historic waterfront. The walk features parks, public art installations, and local shops, making it a popular spot for both locals and tourists.

In addition, the river serves as a central point for riverboat cruises and tourist excursions, attracting visitors from

around the world. Paducah’s historic downtown and nearby National Quilt Museum are also major draws, but it’s the river itself that creates a unique, memorable atmosphere.

The River’s Future Role in Business

Looking forward, Paducah is positioning itself as a center for sustainable development. The city’s commitment

to green energy is becoming more pronounced, with initiatives like the 100 MW solar project being developed by TVA (Tennessee Valley Authority). The growing focus on green business solutions, paired with the river’s transportation infrastructure, puts Paducah in a prime position for continued economic success in the coming decades.

Moreover, the riverfront’s poten-

tial for mixed-use development is another promising opportunity. City leaders are working to expand and improve the riverfront for residential, commercial, and recreational purposes, which will likely increase property values and attract more investors.

Conclusion

In Paducah, Kentucky, business on the river is not just about logistics or manufacturing—it’s

about blending tradition with innovation. The city’s riverfront remains an anchor for its economy, while also fostering new opportunities for growth. Whether through shipping, tourism, or green development, the river will undoubtedly continue to shape Paducah’s future, making it a prime example of how a community can evolve while staying deeply connected to its historical roots.

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# Business in Paducah, Kentucky

## A Hub of Innovation and Opportunity

**By Wilbur Jackson**  
*KPI Writer*

Paducah, Kentucky, has long been defined by its strategic location at the confluence of the Ohio and Tennessee Rivers. Historically a bustling river port, the city continues to thrive as a key transportation and logistics hub. Today, however, Paducah’s business landscape is more diversified than ever, making it a

rising star in Western Kentucky’s economy.

### Strategic Location and Infrastructure

Paducah’s prime location offers direct access to river, rail, and highway systems, giving it a competitive edge for businesses in manufacturing, distribution, and logistics. The Paducah Riverport

Authority remains vital to the local economy, supporting industries like agriculture, coal, and chemicals. The city’s connection to major inland waterways and transportation routes makes it an ideal location for companies involved in automotive parts, plastic manufacturing, and food processing.

### Diversified

### Economy: Manufacturing, Technology, and the Arts

While manufacturing remains a pillar of Paducah’s economy, the city has successfully diversified into sectors like technology, healthcare, and creative industries. The Paducah Area Technology Center and West Kentucky Community and Technical College are helping develop a skilled workforce, fueling growth in advanced manufacturing, cybersecurity, and aerospace.

Paducah is also becoming known for its vibrant arts scene. The city is home to the National Quilt Museum and a growing number of art galleries and studios in its Paducah Arts District. As a UNESCO Creative City of Crafts and Folk Art, Paducah is attracting artists and designers, blending culture with business.

### Thriving Small Business Community

Paducah’s small business community is a key driver of its economy. Local organizations like the

Paducah Economic Development Corporation (PEDC) and Kentucky Innovation Network provide valuable resources for entrepreneurs. The city’s downtown area has become a hotspot for boutique shops, local cafes, and service-oriented businesses, supported by a business-friendly environment and low cost of living.

### Education and Workforce Development

Paducah’s strong workforce is another asset. With institutions like West Kentucky Community & Technical College and the University of Kentucky Paducah Campus, the city is ensuring its future workforce is prepared for the jobs of tomorrow. These educational institutions help fuel growth in technology, healthcare, and manufacturing sectors.

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Living...in a troubled world

Anxiety must bow

**By Teresa LeNeave**  
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The strategy of the devil has not changed. He attacks when we are weary from fighting a battle that feels like octopus tentacles wrapping themselves around us. His purpose is to wear us down, get us discouraged and defeated. When you have problems that just won't go away: pray. When worry increases your anxiety; you're up one day and down another; and you feel like an emotional roller coaster: pray. War seems imminent: pray.

Satan attacks when we are tired of trying to keep up in this rat race; taking care of kids or aging parents; or fear of what war may mean to America. He tempts and discourages us

in hopes that we will give up. Stress and anxiety wears on our nerves and causes us to be fatigued, frustrated, and angry. Even worse, he tries to make us feel like a failure. These are all common issues that people face, but Satan tells you it's only you who battles these thoughts. He convinces you that you are alone in the battle. Everyone is looking at you. Something is wrong with you. You began to feel overwhelmed. I believe, for our own well-being, we've got to recognize the strategy of Satan. And we cannot believe his lies.

When you're feeling overwhelmed, Satan may think he's won, but that is precisely when God steps in and strengthens his

people. When we are weak, God is strong. God has given us a tool to overcome the attacks of evil. When we are under attack; when we need help just to survive another day; when life is a constant battle, we must remember the greatness of God and remember he is the one who is fighting for us.

The Bible says our battle is against principalities and powers and wickedness in high places. These powers attack when we feel we don't have any control over a situation, which increases anxiety. The truth is, in our own strength, we don't have control over forces of evil, but with Jesus in us, we have a helper to ward off defeating attacks. At the first

hint of anxiety, call on Jesus.

Jesus' name is above every name. Faith can override principalities and powers that rule this world and cause you anguish. The Bible says, "I can do all things THROUGH CHRIST who strengthens me." - Phil. 4:13. That verse describes a life where we are not alone. In Deuteronomy 32:30, God said, "One can put 1000 to flight, two can put 10,000 to flight." That's some big odds in our favor!

Ten thousand principalities and powers may be against you, but Jesus has no fear. He can easily put them to flight. The thing is this: you may know he can do that, but you have to believe he will do it FOR YOU.

It's easy to believe

God is able to move a mountain for someone else, but when you're overwhelmed with anxiety and defeat, it's not so easy to believe he'll do it for you. I'm no therapist or preacher, and I don't have a PHD in physiology, but I do know, for a fact, the only way to believe God is on your side; the only way to increase your faith, is to read about his love for you in the Bible, or hear it preached or talked about. Hear it. Speak it. ..and speak it and speak it and speak it. "Faith comes by hearing and hearing comes by the Word" (Romans 10:17).

When you have a serious problem that demands a serious answer, run to the Bible. Find one or more verses that tells you how much he

loves you. "When we were yet sinners, he died for us" - Romans 5:8.

When you're feeling overwhelmed just remember you're not left alone to fight the battle. One can put 1000 to flight, but two (you and God) can put 10,000 to flight. Principalities and powers have to flee at the name of Jesus. "At the name of Jesus every knee must bow" (Phil 2:10). Redemption may, or may not, be instant, but it will happen. You do have hope. You always have hope when God is your pilot. This is not a no-problem life, but we do have a helper and that's comforting.



A Good Memory

**By Gary Miller**  
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The summer can be slow for bass fishermen. The water is warm and the oxygen that fish need for peak activity is not found in warmer water. Therefore, they tend to go deeper or become more active when the days are at their coolest. That's why early in the morning is some of the best times to be on the lake or river. My favorite way to start is by being ready to cast my first bait when the sun is barely peeking over the horizon.

You have to take advantage of every minute the fish are active because in the summer those minutes are few. As many of you know, my favorite way to wake bass up this time of year is with a top water bait. The sound of this plug echoes for unknown distances at the break of day and each plop or buzz signals to the fisherman to be ready for what might be lurking just below the surface. The combination of sight and sound can at times be just too much for nearby bass to

ignore. And for the fisherman, the crash of water just behind that bait can also be as addictive as well. Once you see and hear that unique moment, you will place it in its own mental compartment, and nothing will ever join it.

Thankfully there are other moments that deserve their own special place. I imagine me making a file and labeling it with that moment but never adding anything else to the file except that which caused me to make it in the first place. It's like making a folder

on your computer for certain types of pictures or documents and only finding one picture or document that fits in the folder. In one way you are hoping for other occasions to add to the folder but it seems that nothing ever fits like that first file. There are a few things like that in my life. A first degree. A first accomplishment. A first purchase. All of these things were so special to me then and still hold their own special place today. But what really matters are not fish or firsts

but moments when someone wrote something or said something that caused me to change into a better man. It was a sentence that wowed me. It was a lesson that challenged me. It was a gesture that took me aback. You see while things like these may deserve a place in their own folder; unlike fish and firsts, their benefits continue not just as motivation but as actual ingredients that mold me every day. So, this week don't forget that while you are making memories

someone needs you to become a good one for them.

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# It’s how we react to what happens

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We hear a lot about how God is at war with Satan, and how the darkness is fighting against the light, as God’s people are constantly waging an intense battle against the demons and forces of evil. As Christians, we are accustomed to hearing that we cannot only resist the devil, but in God’s name and power, we can be victorious. Let’s not forget that our free will decides how we react to adversity, which plays an important part in the equation. According to the Bible and within Christian theological belief systems, this is generally true, however, we must remember that nothing happens unless God either approves or disapproves. No matter what the enemy attempts, God is carefully watching every wicked strategy all over the world all at the same time. This means that Satan can launch attacks, but is not in control as to the success of these assaults. We often forget where we would be today if every evil spear and arrow had found its mark. We ask God to protect us along

with praising Him for all the times He did. Sometimes He stops them and other times He expects us to rebuke and resist the enemy’s lies. It’s a common belief within the Christian faith that Jesus Christ personifies all power and authority because He and the Father are as one. This supremacy coincides as part of the atonement sacrifice Christ made at Calvary as His blood was and is the only sacrifice that could forgive sin, provide miracles, and restore our relationship back with God. We rejoice for our eternal salvation and are convinced our redemption is established by His death on the cross and confirmed through His resurrection. Whether a person believes in cessationism or continuation, God is compassionate and sovereign about listening to prayers and intervenes whenever He wants. I believe all Christians through their faith have some type of spiritual gift to share as a way of bringing glory to God. In Luke 11:9-10, the Lord invites us to ask with an unwavering confidence and expectation according



to His perfect will. In Mark 9:23 Jesus said, “If you can believe, all things are possible to him that believes” and in10:27 He promised, “With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.” Most followers of Jesus struggle to maintain a vibrant and consistent prayer life. Those who desire to be diligent and stay focused on His agenda will agree that our flesh does not enjoy praising or praying to God or serving Him for that matter. When we think about spiritual warfare many times we have an image of battling Satan with our swords much like the tales

of knights in shining armor waging war against fire-breathing dragons, but we seem to forget our strongest enemy is actually our attitude. Our carnal nature is a rebellious force like none other, and until we take control of our renegade mind, we cannot proceed in our quest for spiritual maturity. It’s on the battlefield of the conscience where spiritual wars are won and lost and is at the heart of our accountability. Romans 6:16 explains it perfectly, “Are you not aware that whoever you serve and obey, you are a love slave to them; whether of sin unto death or

obedience unto God’s righteousness?” It would seem that spending time with the one who created us and saved us would be our highest joy. When we think about being in heaven with God, we picture ourselves embracing Him, sitting at His feet listening, and telling Him how much we love Him without ever growing weary. However, within this temple of flesh which embraces pleasure and enjoys independence, we often choose to intentionally ignore Him. So, as we pray for wisdom and discernment, we begin to understand that our frustration, sadness,

discouragement, and all the problems we blame for stealing our joy are not because the devil is beating us up but from our lack of being focused on God’s truth. When we drift away from Jesus, our spirit battery runs down, and we become cranky and depressed. All we need to do is to fall on our face, repent, pray, and praise the Lord and be restored in our relationship with Him. Yes, we need to do this every day or maybe every hour, but it’s our reaction. Our faithful obedience to God is a choice the flesh is always ready to fight against to the death.

## Damage Control

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The prosperous paradise became a desolate graveyard in a matter of weeks. The air was unbreathable. Pests invaded homes and raided pantries. Livestock perished by the thousands. Leprous skin diseases broke out. Darkness covered the land, and even the water turned to blood. This is not a scene from an apocalyptic movie, however. It was real life for the ancient Egyptians during the plagues God sent to compel

Pharaoh to fear the Lord and free the Israelites from slavery. But more jaw-dropping than the severity of the plagues themselves was Pharaoh’s spiritual schizophrenia—his flip-flopping inconsistency. He begged for mercy when the plagues were too hard to bear, but hardened his heart the moment things got better. When he couldn’t take anymore, he cried, “Plead for me . . . This time I have sinned; the Lord is in the right, and I and

my people are in the wrong . . . Go, serve the Lord; your little ones also may go with you” (Ex. 8:28; 9:27; 10:24). Even his advisors warned, “Let the men go, that they may serve the Lord their God. Do you not yet understand that Egypt is ruined?” (Ex. 10:7). Yet, as soon as the skies cleared and the frogs croaked their last, the Scripture says, “But when Pharaoh saw that there was a respite, he hardened his heart and would not listen to them, as the Lord had said” (Ex. 8:15;

cf. Ex. 8:32; 9:34; 10:20, 27). He did not hate his sin—he hated the consequences of it. He despised discomfort, not disobedience. His heart ached because of the suffering caused by his sin, but not because of sin itself. But before we point too many fingers at Pharaoh, we would do well to look in the mirror. How often do we mourn over our sin only because it seizes our comfort, robs our peace, and afflicts our consciences? We are often more

upset by the plagues sin brings upon our lives than by the fact that sin is offensive to our holy God. And let’s be honest: if we could sin without consequences, many of us would do so without hesitation and harden our hearts even worse than Pharaoh. That is not sin-hating repentance at all—it is damage-control. As the Puritan John Owen wrote, “We must hate all sin, as sin, and not just that which troubles us. To seek mortification only because a sin troubles us proceeds

from self-love . . . A man who only opposes the sin in his heart for fear of shame among men or eternal punishment from God would practice the sin if there were no punishment attending it.” In other words, genuine repentance is marked by grief over what sin is, not merely by what sin does (2 Cor. 7:10). As believers, we should hate our sin not simply because it harms us, but because it grieves and defies the God who saved us from it.



Crossword Puzzle

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Computer manufacturer

5. Noted space station

8. Kurt Russell film “Captain”

11. Automaton

13. Everyone has one

14. Incline from the vertical

15. Fights

16. Dunn & Bradstreet (abbr.)

17. Finishes off

18. Places to store things

20. Dutch painter Gerard \_\_

21. Smaller quantity

22. There’s a North, South and Central of these

25. In an early way

30. More spacious

31. Short-term memory

32. One who possesses
33. Sesame

38. Forbid

41. A way to explain

43. Not around

45. Evoke or suggest

47. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea

49. Dekameter

50. Fencing sword

55. “Luther” actor Idris

56. Affirmative (slang)

57. Afflicted

59. One point north of northeast

60. Born of

61. Arabic name

62. Hong Kong food stall: \_\_ pai dong

63. Not the start

64. Post

CLUES DOWN

1. Creative expression

2. Fiber from the outer husk of a coconut

3. City in ancient Syria

4. College army

5. More disturbed

6. Pays no attention to

7. Restored

8. Competitions

9. Lyric poems

10. Famed American lawman

12. Expression of disappointment

14. Scars

19. Satisfy

23. Central European river

24. Brass instrument

25. One who gets paid to perform

26. Propel with oars

27. Long period of time

28. Woman (French)
29. Type of plane

34. Pitching stat

35. Pointed end of a pen

36. Pro sports league

37. Body part

39. Inoffensive

40. Yellowish cotton cloth

41. Feline

42. Does not tell the truth

44. Set out to attract

45. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation

46. Abba \_\_, Israeli politician

47. Repair

48. Genus of flowering plants

51. Tributary of the High Rhine

52. Prejudice

53. C. European river

54. Restrain

58. Father

PUZZLE SOLUTION

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Coloring Fun



Word Search

DIPS AND FLIPS WORD SEARCH

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

WORDS

- AIRTIME
- ANGLED
- ASCEND
- BANKING
- BARREL ROLL
- BOOMERANG
- BRAKES
- CAMELBACK
- COASTER
- COBRA ROLL
- CORKSCREW
- CURVES
- DIVE
- DROP
- ELEVATED
- FLOORLESS
- GRAB BARS
- INVERSION
- LAUNCH
- LOOPS
- STANDUP
- TURNAROUND
- TWISTER
- WOODEN

Sudoku Puzzle

How it Works:

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

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Sudoku Answers

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Word Search Answers

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• CALDWELL •

**Wally Harris**, age 77, of Caldwell County, passed away on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at Baptist Health of Paducah. Funeral services were held on Monday, June 23, 2025, at Morgan’s Funeral Home in Princeton. with Bro. Jeff Boone and Bro. Bill Bruce officiating. Burial in Rogers Cemetery in Christian County with military honors.

**Rabon “Rabbit” Boyd Travis**, age 87, of Caldwell County, passed away on Friday, June 13, 2025 at Baptist Health Deaconess in Madisonville, KY. Graveside services were held Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Caldwell County with Bro. Dean Ray officiating.

**Bobby Fraliex**, a cherished soul whose roots and heart were firmly planted in Fredonia, KY, passed away on June 16, 2025, at the age of 74. Funeral services were Saturday, June 21, 2025, at 2:30 PM at Morgan’s Funeral Home with Bro. Presley Lamm officiating. Burial in Fredonia Cemetery with Bro. David Fambrough officiating.

**Carol McIntosh**, age 87, of Princeton, passed away June 16, 2025 at Lakeway Nursing and Rehabilitation in Benton, KY. Funeral services were Thursday, June 19, 2025 at Morgan’s Funeral Home with Pastor Colleen Winkler officiating. Burial in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

**Willie Ray Grant**, age 78, of Princeton, passed away June 14, 2025 at his home. Graveside services were Monday, June 23, 2025 at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West in Hopkinsville, KY.

• CALLOWAY •

**Gayle Huff**, 66 of Murray, Kentucky, formerly of Dawson Springs, passed away on Saturday, June 21, 2025 at Alive Hospice in Nashville, Tennessee. A graveside service was held Monday, June 23, 2025 at Lady Cemetery in LBL with Bro. Brett Miles officiating.

**Charles R. Schuttler**, 82, of Murray, passed away on Saturday, June 22, 2025 at his home. Arrangements are currently incomplete at Imes Funeral Home, downtown Murray.

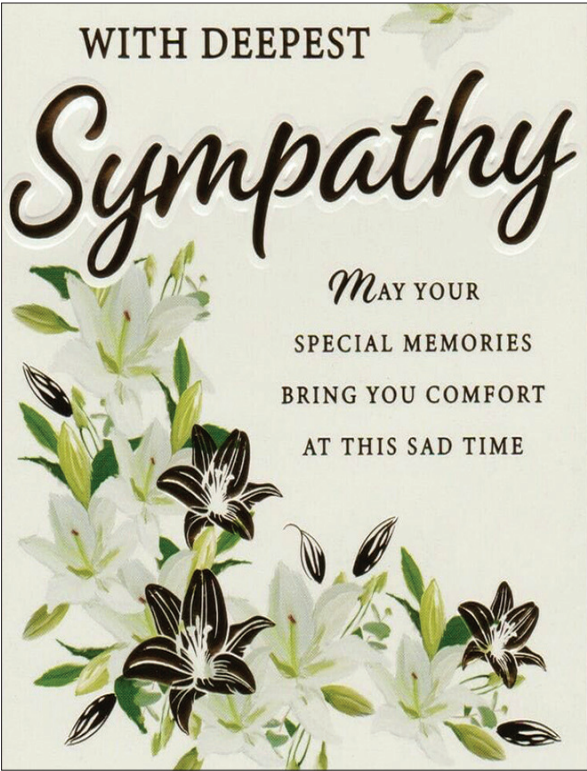
**Kenneth D. Baldwin**, 77, of Murray, passed away on Thursday, June 19, 2025 in Murray. A private family burial will be held at Hicks Cemetery.

**Anthony John Sorrisso**, 81, of Chicago, IL, passed away on Thursday, June 19, 2025 at Anna Mae Owen Residential Hospice House. Tony moved to Murray, KY to live out the rest of his years. A celebration of his life will be held at a future date in Chicago.

**Steven Wayne Simpkins**, 51, of New Concord, KY, formerly of Fountain Lake, Arkansas, passed away on Sunday, June 15, 2025. A celebration of his life will be held at a later date.

**Mary Christine “Chris” (Montgomery) Anderson**, 65 of Murray, KY, passed away Thursday, June 19, 2025, surrounded by her loving family at home. A funeral mass honoring Chris was held Friday, June 20, 2025, at St. Leo Catholic Church, with Fr. Josh McCarty officiating. Burial at the Murray City Cemetery.

**Patricia Nieman**, 70 of Murray, KY,



passed away Thursday, June 19, 2025, surrounded by her loving family at home. In accordance with her wishes, no public visitation or services will be held.

**Larry Earl Turner**, 76 of Murray, passed away Monday, June 16, 2025, at Baptist Health in Paducah, KY. A service celebrating Larry’s life was held Saturday, June 21, 2025, at 12:00 noon in the chapel of the Blalock-Coleman Funeral Home, with Rev. Matt Erxleben officiating. A private family inurnment was held at Murray Memorial Gardens.

**Gary Bryan Cooper**, 86, of Murray, KY, passed away Saturday, June 14, 2025, at Mercy Hospital of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Family and friends are invited to attend the funeral service at South Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church, 5671 Crossland Road, Hazel, KY 42049, on Friday, June 27, 2025. A brief visitation will begin at 3:30 pm, with funeral at 4:00 pm, and burial to follow at the church cemetery.

• CARLISLE •

**Elijah Charles O’Connor**, 42, of Bardwell, Kentucky, passed away on June 16, 2025, in Ledbetter, KY. A memorial service was held on Monday, June 23, 2025, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Bardwell.

• CHRISTIAN •

**Larry R. Benskin**, age 73, of Hopkinsville, passed away on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at UofL Jewish Hospital in Louisville, KY. The family has chosen cremation with a Celebration of Life Service to be held at a later date. Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home has been entrusted by the family to handle the arrangements.

**Preston B. Morrison**, age 50, of Hopkinsville passed away on Monday, June 16, 2025, at Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville. The family has chosen cremation with a Celebration of Life service to be held at a later date. Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home has been entrusted by the family to handle the arrangements.

**James E. Hare, Jr.**, age 55, of Hopkinsville, passed away Monday, June 16, 2025, at his home. The family has chosen cremation with a Graveside Committal Service on June 23, 2025, with military honors at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West.

**Helen W. Brown**, 93, of Maggie Valley, NC and formerly of Hopkinsville, KY died Sunday morning, June 22, 2025 at her residence. Funeral Mass was held Wednesday, June 25, 2025 at Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church with burial in Green Hill Memorial Gardens.

Alicia Mabry Twinem, 68, of Hopkinsville, KY died at 12:15 a.m. Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at Jennie Stuart Medical Center. Graveside service will be 11:00 a.m. Friday, June 27, 2025 at Riverside Cemetery with Bro. Jim Gifford officiating. Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home.

**George Reneer**, 73, of Hopkinsville, KY died at 5:46 p.m. Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at his residence. Funeral services were Saturday, June 21, 2025 at Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home. Burial in Ridgetop Cemetery in Crofton, KY. Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

**Dimple Flowers Turner**, 90, of Hopkinsville, KY died at 11:53 p.m. Monday, June 16, 2025 at Brookdale Senior Living in Clarksville, TN. Local arrangements include da visitation Saturday, June 21, 2025 at Southside Church of Christ in Hopkinsville. Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Burial in Flowers Family Cemetery.

**James “Jim” E. Mason**, 89, Circle Drive, Hopkinsville, KY, passed away Friday, June 20, 2025 at Jennie Stuart Medical Center. A memorial service was held Thursday, June 26, 2025 at First United Methodist Church with Dr. Dan Huck officiating. Lamb Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

**Billy Combs**, 81, Greenville Road, Hopkinsville, KY, passed away Friday, June 13, 2025 at Bradford Heights Nursing and Rehab. Funeral services were Monday, June 16, 2025 at Lamb Funeral Home with Mark Harrison officiating. Burial in Fruit Hill Cemetery.

**Julius Duwan “Juan” Reeves**, 55, Hopkinsville, passed away on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, in Hopkinsville, KY. Funeral Service was held Wednesday, June 25, 2025 at Gamble Funeral Home. Burial at Cave Springs Cemetery.

**Eddie Dean “EJ” Howard, Jr.**, 51, Hopkinsville, passed away on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, in Louisville, KY. Funeral Service was held Thursday, June 26, 2025 at Gamble Funeral Home. Burial at Cave Springs Cemetery.

**Bridget Natasha Gamble**, 52, Hopkinsville, passed away on Monday, June 16, 2025, in Hopkinsville, KY. Funeral Service was held Friday, June 20, 2025 at Gamble Funeral Home. Burial at Trigg Memory Acres.

**C. H. Walker**, 82, of Hopkinsville, KY passed away on Thursday, June 19, 2025 at 5:20 a.m. at Ahava Healthcare in Clarksville, TN. Memorial services will be held at a later date. Dogwood Funerals & Cremations of Hopkinsville is assisting with arrangements.

• CRITTENDEN •

**Betty Davis**, 82, of Rosiclare, passed away on Friday, June 20, 2025 at Hardin



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County General Hospital. Services were held at Hardin County Funeral Service on Tuesday, June 24th, 2025. Burial at Fluorine Cemetery in Rosiclare.

**Billy Joe “B.J.” May**, age 94, of Marion, KY passed away Sunday, June 15, 2025 at Livingston Hospital in Salem, KY. Funeral services were Thursday, June 19, 2025 at Myers Funeral Home, Marion, KY with Bro. Chris Clarke and Bro. Aaron Brown officiating. Burial in Maplevue Cemetery.

• FULTON •

**Joseph Lewis “JL” Atwill III**, age 78, of Fulton, Ky, passed away peacefully at his home on June 21, 2025, surrounded by his loving family. Funeral services were held at the West Hickman Baptist Church in Hickman, Ky on Wednesday, June 25, 2025 with visitation prior to the service. Burial will follow at the Rush Creek Cemetery.

**Carolyn Speight**, age 82, formerly of Fulton, passed away on Saturday, June 21, 2025, McLaren Lapeer Hospital in Lapeer, MI. Visitation was held on Monday, June 30, 2025, at Hornbeak Funeral Chapel in Fulton, Ky. Graveside services at Olive Branch Cemetery in Paris, TN.

• GRAVES •

**Bobby “Bob” Donald Harrell**, 91, of Boaz, KY, passed away on June 18, 2025, at 3:09 a.m. at the Lourdes Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah, KY. A memorial service will be held on June 28, 2025, at Spring Creek Church of Christ in Hickory, KY at 9:00 a.m. Gary Puryear of Independence Loop Church of Christ in Lexington, TN will officiate. David Morse of Spring Creek Church of Christ will lead the singing. Graveside services will follow at Friendship Church of Christ in Murray, KY at 11:00 a.m.

**Roy Dale Purcell**, 74, of Boaz, died Thursday, June 19, 2025, at Mercy-Health Lourdes Hospital in Paducah. Funeral services were Wednesday, June 25, 2025, at Lindsey Funeral Home with Bro. Jeff Collins officiating. Burial at Hardmoney Cemetery.

**Patricia Fay Ballew Lamb**, age 76, of Sedalia, KY passed away Sunday, June 22, 2025 at her residence. Funeral arrangements for Patricia Fay Ballew Lamb are incomplete at Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY.

**Victor Manuel Benavides**, age 77, of Mayfield passed away on Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at Baptist Health in Paducah, KY. Funeral services were Saturday, June 21, 2025 at Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY. Rev. Keith Allred officiating. Military graveside rites conducted by American Legion Post #26.

**Waymon “Sonny” Vinson**, age 85, of Mayfield passed away on Sunday, June 15, 2025 at his residence. Funeral services were Friday, June 20, 2025 at Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY. Rev. Todd Hawkins officiating. Interment at Highland Park Cemetery. Military graveside rites conducted by American Legion Post # 26.

**Richard Gunn, Jr.**, age 72 and a resident of Mayfield, passed away at 12:10 A.M. Sunday, June 22, 2025 at his residence. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield.

**John Wesley Lawson Sr.**, age 83, a

resident of Mayfield, passed away at 7:35 A.M. Saturday, June 21, 2025 at Baptist Health in Paducah. Funeral Services will be held at 2:00 PM Saturday, June 28, 2025 at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY with Rev. Eric Farmer officiating. Burial will follow in the Oak Rest Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 12:00 Noon until 2:00 PM Saturday, June 28, 2025 at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY.

**Billy J. Sanderson**, 84 and a resident of Mayfield, passed away at 6:22 AM Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at his home. As Billy requested, there will be no funeral services.

**Norma Gargus Dill** age 93 of Mayfield passed away at 3:25 AM Saturday June 14, 2025 at the Stonecreek Nursing and Rehab in Paducah. Funeral service was held Wednesday June 18, 2025 at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield, burial in the Highland Park Cemetery.

**Donald Stanley**, age 61 of Mayfield, KY passed away on Saturday, June 14, 2025 at the Green Acres Nursing and Rehab Center. Private Family Memorial Services will be held at a later date.

• HENDERSON •

**Brenda Powell**, age 72, of Henderson, KY, passed away on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at her home. Life Celebration was held on June 21 at Abundant Life Church, Henderson, KY.

**Anna Mae Mills Beck**, age 94, of Henderson, KY, passed away on Sunday, June 15, 2025, at Redbanks Nursing Home in Henderson. Life Celebration was held June 18 at Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home Henderson, KY

**Reva Coomes Holloman**, 89, of Hanson, KY, passed away Tuesday, June 17, 2025. Funeral services were Friday, June 20, 2025 at Covenant Community Church in Madisonville, KY with Dr. Michael Knight. Burial at Hanson Cemetery.

**Brenda Joyce Randolph**, 60, of Henderson, passed away at her home on Monday, June 16, 2025. Services were Thursday, June 19, 2025, at Tomblinson Funeral Home in Henderson, KY.

**Joel Ray Hopper**, age 77, of Henderson, Kentucky, passed away at the home he so loved, with friends and family near, on Thursday, June 19, 2025. Memorial services were Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at Rudy-Rowland Funeral Home.

**Della Hendricks Jones Woodard**, 87, of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, passed away Thursday, June 19, 2025, at home. Graveside services were Wednesday, June 25, 2025, at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Henderson.

**Donald E. Dossett**, 89, of Henderson, Kentucky, passed away Wednesday, June 18, 2025. Services were Monday, June 23, 2025, at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church. Father Richard Meredith officiating. Burial in St. Louis Cemetery with full military rites performed by American Legion Worsham Post No. 40.

**Thomas Martin Phillips**, 74, of Henderson, Kentucky, passed away Sunday, June 15, 2025, at Deaconess Henderson Hospital. Services were Thursday, June 19, 2025, at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church. Father Richard Meredith officiating. Burial in Fernwood Cemetery with full military rites performed by



American Legion Worsham Post No 40.  
• HICKMAN •

**Donna Beasley Courtney**, age 66 and a resident of Beulah, passed away at 5:25 AM Sunday, June 22, 2025, at Mills Health & Rehab in Mayfield. Funeral services were Wednesday, June 25, 2025 at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield with Rev. Glen Stewart officiating. Burial in the Beulah Cemetery.

**Doris L. (Embrey) Hurd**, age 97, of Clinton, KY passed away at 6:14 AM Saturday, June 21, 2025 at Clinton Place Nursing & Rehab in Clinton, KY. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at the Brown Funeral Home in Clinton, KY.

**Donna Johnson** age 77 of Fulgham, Ky passed away at 11:38 AM Thursday June 19, 2025 at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Center in Paducah, Ky. Funeral service was held Monday June 23, 2025 at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield with Rev. Eric Hayden and Rev. Andrew Clapp officiating, burial in the Calvary Community Cemetery.

**Jacqueline Kay Haley**, age 74, a resident of Union City, TN, born in Clinton, passed away at 11:38 P.M. Thursday, June 19, 2025 at her residence. Funeral services were Monday, June 23, 2025 at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield with Rev. Keith Allred officiating. Interment at the Pilgrims Rest Cemetery.

• HOPKINS •

**Christiane S. Brooks**, 70, of Earlington, KY passed away on Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at her home after a battle with cancer. Funeral services were Saturday, June 21, 2025 at 1:00PM at Reid-Walters Funeral Home with Bro. Brad Tucker and Bro. Jon Riggs officiating and burial at Odd Fellows in Madisonville, KY.

**Timothy “Corky” Carroll Corbitt**, 59 of Nortonville passed away June 21, 2025 at Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville. Services were Tuesday with Bro. Mike Spears officiating. Burial in Good Hope Cemetery, Nortonville.

**Georgia “Georgie” Marion Durham Stanley**, 93, of Apopka, FL, formerly of Nebo, KY, was welcomed into the arms of Jesus on Wednesday, June 18, 2025. A private graveside ceremony for family will be held on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 10:00 am. Harris Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

**Roger McCarty II**, of Madisonville, KY, passed away on Monday, June 16, 2025, at Deaconess Midtown in Evansville, IN. A private memorial burial will be held at a later date at Olive Branch Cemetery. Harris Funeral Home was entrusted with care.

**Rose Mary Taylor** passed away June 16, 2025. Funeral Service was held Thursday, June 26, 2025 at Norris Chapel Baptist Church in Henderson, KY 42420.



FUNERAL NOTICES continued

• LIVINGSTON •

**Jean Ann Reeves-Reck** passed away peacefully on June 19, 2025, at the age of 82. Smith Funeral Chapel is handling all arrangements.

• MCCRACKEN •

**Jerry Keith Horton**, 73, of Metropolis, Illinois passed away at 5:41 p.m. Friday, June 20, 2025 at the Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center at Mercy Health Lourdes. Private family graveside services will be held at Mt. Kenton Cemetery.

**Donna Rudesill**,75, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away at 10:35 p.m. Friday, June 20, 2025, at the Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center. Funeral services were Tuesday, June 24, 2025 at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah with Rev. Johnny Draffen and Rev. Larry Rudesill officiating. Burial at Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

**William “Billy” J. Page Jr.**, 75, of Paducah, passed away peacefully on June 17, 2025, at Providence Pointe in Paducah. Funeral services were Monday, June 23, 2025, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Lone Oak with Reverend Tim Ivey officiating, with burial at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens.

**Vivian C. Johnson**, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away at her residence on Monday, June 16, 2025, at the age of 67. At her request, there will be no services.

**James E. Parkhill, Jr.**, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Monday, June 16, 2025, at the age of 80. Funeral services were Saturday, June 21, 2025, at the Lone Oak Chapel of Milner & Orr Funeral Home, with Christy Parkhill and Jason Smith officiating. Entombment at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens.

**Adam Christopher Scott Clark**, 39, of Paducah, passed away on June 15, 2025, in his hometown of Paducah, Kentucky. There are no services scheduled at this time.

**Brenda Joyce Seay Quertermous**, 83, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Saturday, June 14, 2025. A funeral service was held Thursday, June 19, 2025 at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah with David Barnett officiating. Entombment at Maplelawn Park Cemetery.

**Tina King Lambert**, 58, of Paducah passed away on Thursday, June 19, 2025, at the Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time.

**Waymona Lee (Hager) Fort**, 70, of Paducah passed away on Tuesday June 17, 2025, at the Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah with her family by her side. Funeral services were Saturday, June 21, 2025, at Friendship Baptist Church with the Rev. Jason Browning officiating. Entombment at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens.

**Ethel Mae Alvey**, 88, of Paducah passed away on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at Baptist Health Paducah. Private family services were held with Rev. Tony Jennings officiating.

• MARSHALL •

**Anna Sue Croft**, 89, of Calvert City passed away peacefully on June 16, 2025, at Baptist Hospital. Private family services will be held.

**Irvin Cope**, 88 of Benton, Kentucky passed away on Sunday, June 22, 2025, at Baptist Health in Paducah, Kentucky. A memorial service for Irvin and the love of his life, Carolyn, were held Thursday, June 26, 2025 at Collier Funeral Home with Murray Riley officiating. Interment at Walnut Grove Church Cemetery, Benton, KY.

**Darrel Calvin Morgan**, 84, died peacefully in Calvert City, Kentucky, on June 21, 2025, with his wife and family by his side. Funeral services were Thursday, June 26, at Collier Funeral Home in Benton, KY. Burial at Brewers Cemetery.

**Patricia Thompson**, 78 of Benton, Kentucky passed away on Saturday, June 21, 2025 at her daughter’s home. No services are scheduled at this time.

**Howard Wyatt**, 64 of Symsonia, passed away on Friday, June 20, 2025 at his home. A funeral service was held Tuesday, June 24, 2025 at Collier Funeral Home. Interment at Wallace Cemetery in Benton, KY.

**Franklin Duane “Jim” Futrell**, 86, of Benton, Kentucky, passed away on Friday, June 20, 2025, at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee. The family is hosting a memorial service to celebrate Jim’s life from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM on Saturday, June 28, 2025, at the Marshall County Public Library in Meeting Room A, located at 1150 Birch St, Benton, KY 42025.

**Christine “Emily” Depke**, 42, passed away at her home in Calvert City, Kentucky, on June 18, 2025. Funeral services were Saturday, June 21, 2025, at the Life Celebration Center of Filbeck-Cann. Bro. Ricky Cunningham officiating,

and burial at Hardin Baptist Cemetery.

**Norma “Jane” Galyen**, 82, of Kirksey, Kentucky, passed away on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at Baptist Health in Paducah, Kentucky. Visitation was held Saturday, June 21, 2025, at the Life Celebration Center of Filbeck-Cann Benton, Kentucky 42025. Private graveside services at a later time in Benton Cemetery.

**Larry Wade Springer**, 56, passed away on Sunday, June 15, 2025, in Benton, Kentucky. Filbeck-Cann of Milner & Orr Funeral Homes is in charge of arrangements.

• TRIGG •

**Myra Ruth Stone**, age 62, of Oak Grove, Kentucky, passed away on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at Jennie Stuart Medical Center in Hopkinsville, Kentucky. There will be no services at this time.

**Scott “Scotter” Copeland**, age 39, of Cadiz, Kentucky, passed away on Monday, June 16, 2025, in Cadiz. Funeral services were held at Goodwin Funeral Home, Friday, June 20, 2025, with Rev. Jamus Redd officiating.

• UNION •

**Larry Donald Baker**, 88 years old, passed away on June 18, 2025 at his home in Covington, IN due to complications from broken bones. Graveside service will be 1:30PM Monday, June 23, 2025 at Odd Fellows Cemetery in Morganfield. The visitation will be 12:30 until 1:30 at Whitsell Funeral Home in Morganfield.

• WEBSTER •

**Jeannie Rae Webb**, 97 of Providence passed away Tuesday June 17, 2025 at Homeplace of Henderson in Henderson, KY. Funeral service was held at Oak Hill Cemetery Mausoleum Chapel in Oak Hill Cemetery in Evansville, IN on Friday, June 20, 2025 with Bro. John Brumfiel officiating. Entombment in Oak Hill Cemetery.

**Timothy Lee Morse**,48, of Nebo, KY passed away on Friday June 20, 2025, at home. Memorial services was held on Thursday June 26, 2025, in the Lucille Melton Memorial Chapel at Lewis Funeral Home LLC with Bro. Ralph Alexander officiating, Burial will be held at a later date.

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# Wine that’s grown here tastes like Kentucky

## *UK enologist shares about research, teaching at UK Winery*



Jeff Wheeler, enology extension professor at Martin-Gatton CAFE, stands between the trellises at UK’s South Farm. Photo by Sabrina Hounshell

**By Grace Sowards**  
*University of Kentucky*

LEXINGTON, Ky.—  
The University of Kentucky Horticulture Research Farm sits on the corner of Nicholasville Road and Man o’ War Boulevard in Lexington. The farm is 100 acres of land that Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment faculty, students and UK Cooperative Extension staff use to conduct research and offer educational opportunities.

Six acres of the farm are reserved for UK’s winery. Jeff Wheeler, enology extension specialist, is heavily involved in the upkeep of the winery and the grape production there. He teaches HRT 336 and 337, introduction to grape production and introduction to wine production, respectively. Both classes are elective options for the Distilling, Wine and Brewing Sciences Certificate offered by the UK James B. Beam Institute for Kentucky Spirits. Grouping the study of different alcoholic mediums is the best way to make the processes make sense, according to Wheeler.

“Wine, beer and spirits obviously offer a diversity of flavor, but you’ll also see similarities in the processes: farming, fermentation, aging, etc.,” Wheeler said.

The winery allows Wheeler to give students a hands-on, agriculture-focused window into enology and why the

study of wine is so important to him. The wine production class is offered in the fall, when the fruit on the vines is ready for harvest. Students learn how that harvested product goes from the farm to bottles to store shelves. The grape production course, offered in the spring, starts at the beginning of the process. Students learn about planting and pruning, understanding the high level of care it takes for the vines to make it to harvest.

“Students come away from the classes with a basic understanding or appreciation of how hard it is to farm, but specifically to farm grapevines in a challenging climate,” Wheeler said. “If you do everything right and find ways to overcome adversity that comes with certain growing methods or varieties, students are surprised at the quality of wine we can make, and that they get a part in it.”

Not only are wine, beer and spirits similar in production methods, but at the heart of all three are farmers.

“Farming is important. The raw product being transformed into something that can be enjoyed—wine is essentially shelf-stable fruit,” Wheeler said. “The preservation of the agricultural product is what ties everything together.”

When asked, ‘why winemaking?’ Wheeler’s



Bottle of UK South Farm Cider, label features a red tractor. The South Farm Cider, one of several options available for purchase from the UK Winery. Photo by Sabrina Hounshell



response is simple: a love for food, plants and being outdoors made this industry one he wanted to call home.

“Wine specifically out of all agricultural products is a really good way to express a sense of place,” Wheeler said. “The wines we grow in Kentucky can only be grown in Kentucky. It will only taste like this in Kentucky.”

The research and education happening at the UK Horticulture Research Farm is made possible by funding from the Kentucky Agriculture Development Board, which resides within the Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA).

The mission of Martin-Gatton CAFE is threefold, research, teaching and extension, and the winery supports all three of those tenets. Extension involves working with commercial wineries and grape growers, whether they be local and small or larger corporate institutions. The team at the horticulture farm conducts experiments to help those wineries be as efficient as possible in their day-to-day operations.

When they aren’t working to help other farms and wineries, the UK team bottles and sells its own wine. For instructions on how to purchase and pick up wine, visit <https://winery.ca.uky.edu/>. All proceeds from these sales go back to funding research and teaching at the winery.

For more information on the UK Horticulture Research Farm and its other projects, visit <https://research.ca.uky.edu/content/SouthFarm>.



White grapes early in growing process on vine. One of the white grape varieties growing at South Farm. Photo by Sabrina Hounshell



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# UK research center marks century of beef research

**By TOM LATEK**  
*Kentucky Today*

PRINCETON, Ky. (KT) – The University of Kentucky Research and Education Center (UKREC), located near Princeton in Caldwell County, is celebrating 100 years of beef research in 2025.

In the mid-1920s, a determined group of Caldwell County residents decided to reshape agriculture in Western Kentucky. Pooling their resources, they purchased 400 acres of farmland near Princeton, Kentucky, and invited the University of Kentucky to establish a forward-thinking experiment substation dedicated to crop and livestock research.

Although tobacco and soil fertility captured headlines at first, the community had something else squarely in its sight: beef cattle. From the very beginning, the promise of bigger, healthier herds fueled a pioneering spirit that would go on to transform the region’s farming landscape.

When the West Kentucky Sub-Experiment Station opened

in 1925, the very first facilities included a dairy barn and modest paddocks. While dairying dominated the early livestock projects, extension agents and local producers began pushing for more research on beef cattle management, health and feeding strategies.

In 1928, the station launched its first beef-centered trial by introducing small groups of yearling steers onto improved pastures. Researchers tracked weight gains and profitability, using fields that were carefully limed and reseeded with clover. The results were dramatic: Cattle on these improved plots gained far more than those on unimproved, weedy pastures. Those findings demonstrated how better grazing practices could bolster beef production in an era when local pastures were often nutrient-poor.

By the early 1930s and ’40s, UKREC had expanded its beef work to include many studies such as feedlot-style “fattening” trials and more partnerships with surrounding producers. They found that fattening improvements involved better pastures.

Samuel Lowry, the facility’s first superintendent, stated: “It is my belief that our brightest ray of hope for any marked increase in the agricultural wealth of Kentucky will be found in further development of our livestock industry, following the development of better pastures, and that the average farmer will of necessity be led to produce better pastures.”

In recent years, UKREC has embraced cutting-edge technology, including “smart” ear tags to measure animal behavior and alert herd managers and researchers to animal health concerns and reproductive performance. The herd has also undergone genomic testing to learn more about the genetics of individual animals within the herd.

To see the latest UKREC beef research and how the facility is advancing the industry, go to <https://ukrec.ca.uky.edu/>.

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# Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corp. approves more than \$5 million in loans

**Financing bolsters beef, forage, poultry, and grain farmers across the state**

FRANKFORT - The Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corp. (KAFC) approved 23 agricultural loans totaling \$5,043,076 for projects across the Commonwealth today at its monthly board meeting.

**Agricultural Infrastructure Loan Program (AILP)**

Seven Agricultural Infrastructure loans totaling up to \$1,545,000 were approved. Loan recipients were in Breckenridge (\$45,000), Edmonson (\$250,000), Graves (four for \$250,000 each), and Marshall (\$250,000) counties.

KAFC participates with lenders to provide financing to producers making capital expenditures for agricultural projects through the AILP. Eligible projects include permanent farm structures with attached equipment that improves the profitability of farming operations. Producers may be eligible for up to \$250,000 not to exceed 50 percent of the project.

**Agricultural Processing Loan Program (APLP)**

One Agricultural Processing loan totaling up to \$250,000 was approved in Marion County.

APLP is designed to provide loan opportunities to companies and individuals in Kentucky interested

in adding value to Kentucky-grown agricultural commodities through further processing. Agricultural processors may qualify for financing for acquisition of equipment, construction of new facilities, renovation/expansion of existing facilities and permanent working capital up to 50 percent of the project cost.

**Beginning Farmer Loan Program (BFLP)**

Fifteen Beginning Farmer loans totaling up to \$3,248,076 were approved. Loan recipients were in Adair (\$250,000), Caldwell (\$55,000), Calloway (\$250,000), Clark (\$250,000), Graves (two for \$250,000 each), Grayson (\$237,500), Green (\$233,750), Hopkins (three for

\$250,000 each) Marshall (\$125,000), Ohio (\$204,326), Rockcastle (\$242,500), and Washington (\$150,000) counties.

The BFLP is designed to assist individuals with some farming experience who desire to develop, expand, or buy into a farming operation. Beginning farmers may qualify for financing to purchase livestock, equipment, or agriculture facilities; to secure permanent working capital; for the purchase of farm real estate; or to invest in a partnership or LLC.

For more information on KAFC participation loans, contact your lender or Bill McCloskey at Kentucky Office of Agricultural Policy at (502) 382-6093 or email [kafc@ky.gov](mailto:kafc@ky.gov).

## Agri-Biz News Brief – June 25, 2025

**Grain Prices Stabilize:** After weeks of volatility, corn and soybean prices are holding steady amid improved weather forecasts across the Midwest. Farmers are cautiously optimistic about yields heading into July.

**Tyson Foods Expands Kentucky Operations:** Tyson Foods announced a \$15 million investment in its Robards, KY facility to enhance poultry processing. The expansion is expected to create 80 new jobs.

**Kentucky Ag Finance Corp. Offers Low-Interest Loans:** The KAFC has opened applications for its Beginning Farmer Loan Program, offering rates as low as 2.5% to help young producers access land and equipment.

**Ag Tech on the Rise:** Western Kentucky farms are increasingly adopting drone and sensor-based technologies for crop monitoring, with local ag co-ops reporting a 30% increase in precision ag service demand.

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# University of Kentucky hosts Farm Succession Seminar on July 23

Nationally recognized experts will guide participants on how to keep farmland and operations in the family in Owensboro, Kentucky.

**By Jennifer Elwell**  
*University of Kentucky*

OWENSBORO, KY — The University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment and Cooperative Extension Service will host the Kentucky Farm Succession Seminar: Building the Bridge to Your Farm’s Future from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. CDT, July 23, 2025, at the Owensboro Convention Center.

With support from the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund, the Kentucky Farm Succession Seminar will bring national, state and local experts to help farm families prepare for the future and handle challenges in sustaining the farm business and protecting valuable farmland.

Farmland preservation and farm transitions were identified as the most critical issues facing Kentucky agriculture in the recent Strategic Roadmap for Ken-

tucky Agriculture: 2025-2030. The need to keep farms and farmland in operation was made evident by the most recent Census of Agriculture, which reported Kentucky’s loss of 500,000 farm acres and more than 6,000 farms from 2017 to 2022.

“Farmland continues to be sold and developed at an alarming rate, and that is in part due to farm families not having a clear vision of how to allow the next generation to continue the operation,” said Clint Hardy, agriculture and natural resources agent for the Daviess County Cooperative Extension Service and seminar coordinator. “While age and health challenges are inevitable, farm families can also experience divorce, prolonged production losses or the stress of workforce shortages. It is more important than ever to encourage these conversations long before a health, family or financial issue arises.”

Speakers include

Successful Farming columnist Jolene Brown, UK farm management specialist and extension professor Steve Isaacs, Kentucky Farmland Transition Initiative coordinator Aleta Botts and University of Missouri farm and ranch transition specialist Wesley Tucker. Estate law, farm business management and financial advisors are also scheduled for an advisory panel discussion.

“Farm transition is the one absolute, unavoidable task facing every farm family,” Isaacs said. “It can be done well or poorly. That’s up to the family.”

The cost to attend the seminar is \$35-40 per person, depending on payment method. Registration is required, and lunch will be provided. Contact the Daviess County Cooperative Extension Service at 270-685-8480, or visit <https://www.ca.uky.edu/event/kentucky-farm-succession-seminar> for more information.

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# Auctions in Paducah, Kentucky

## A Thriving Tradition of Bargains and Treasures

**By Wilbur Jackson**  
*KPI Writer*

In Paducah, Kentucky, auctions have long been a staple of the community, offering locals and visitors alike the chance to uncover hidden treasures, secure valuable items, and even find a good deal on unique antiques or collectibles. Whether it's a live auction, online bidding, or a

real estate sale, the city's auction scene remains vibrant, attracting bidders from all walks of life.

**A Hub for Antique and Collectible Auctions**

Paducah is known for its rich history, and this is reflected in the many antique

and collectible auctions held throughout the year. Local auction houses such as Walker Auctions and McCracken County Auctions regularly feature furniture, art, vintage jewelry, and historical memorabilia. These events attract antique lovers, collectors, and history enthusiasts looking to acquire pieces that tell the story of

the region.

**Real Estate Auctions: A Growing Trend**

The auction format has also become increasingly popular for real estate transactions in the Paducah area. Whether it's foreclosed properties, estate sales, or investment opportunities, real estate auctions provide a fast and often cost-effective way to purchase properties. Paducah's mix of historic homes and new developments

makes it an appealing location for investors and homebuyers alike to find the right property at the right price.

**Online Auctions and Regional Events**

In addition to traditional in-person auctions, online auctions are gaining traction in the Paducah area. Bidders can participate in regional auctions from the comfort of their own home, broadening their access to unique items

and opportunities. Sites like AuctionZip and LiveAuctioneers offer a platform for local auction houses to reach national and international bidders.

**Conclusion**

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**COOKWARE & TABLEWARE:** Pots and Pans, Correlle Ware Dishes, Corning Ware Dishes, Antique Candy Jar

**FURNITURE:** Dining Room Table and Six Chairs, Wooden Entertainment Center, Five Drawers Wooden Dresser, Wooden Desk with Top Shelf, Wooden Dressers with Top Mirrors, Queen Size Wooden Headboard, China Cabinets, Brown Electric Recliner, Camo Recliner, Full Size Metal Headboard

**HUNTING, FISHING & ARCHERY EQUIPMENT:** Excalibur Crossbow with Excalibur Scope, Horton Crossbow with Case and Simmons Scope, Benton Arrows, Easton Arrows, Muzzy Bowheads, Recurve Bow (Fishing Bow, Bubba Fillet Knife Set, Maxcatch Extreme Three Weight Fly Rod (8ft 4in), Sniper Tree Stand, Territory 15' Premium Tripod Tree stand, HuntRite Swivel Field Chair, Outhouse Brand Spring Steele Ground Blind, Hard Shell Bow Case, Hard Shell Gun Case

**AMMUNITION & RELOADING:** 410, 12 Gauge, 41 Remington Magnum, .45 ACP, .22 Long Rifle, .380 Auto, .38 Special, .40 Smith & Wesson, Plastic and Metal Ammo Cans, Assorted Lee Reloading Dies Set, Ruger BX Trigger (10/22), Simmons 2-6x Scope, Night Raid Hunting Flashlight, Remington Model 870 Stock and Fore-end (20 Gauge), Magpul AR-15 Accessories, Browning Binoculars

**OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT:** Bad Boy Zero-Turn Mower (54" Deck), Briggs and Stratton Toro Electric Start Push Mower, Rear Tire Tiller, Mantis Tiller, Assortment of Weed Eaters, McCulloch Chainsaw, Husqvarna Chainsaw, Werner 6ft Ladder, Werner 8ft Ladder, Werner 20ft Extension Ladder, Tree stand Ladder, Gettysburg 24 Gun Safe, Moultrie Electric Deer Feeder, The Sportsman Gear New In Box Tripod Deer Skinner, Advantage Gun Case, Wall Mount Gun Rack, Tree Lounge Tree Climber, Aluminum Tree Climber, Hunting Backpacks, Hunting Gear, Mossy Oak Lawn Chair

**WORKSHOP & TOOLS:** Two-Ton Hydraulic Floor Jack, Smith Field King Four Gallon Professional Backpack Sprayer, Garden Tools, Workshop Tools, Fuel Cans, Skil Circular Saw, Black and Decker Circular Saw, Metabo HPT Chop Saw, DeWalt Electric Grinder, DeWalt Electric Drill, Electric Tiger Saw, Electric Porter Cable Band Saw, Metabo 4in Grinder, Milwaukee 4in Grinder, Bosch Cordless Drill and Sawzall Kit, Craftsman 2 Gallon 125 PSI Air Compressor 1.5 HP, Dremel Tool with Various Attachments, Various Pliers, Various Pipe Wrenches, Various Hammers, Various Handsaws, Framing Squares, Speed Squares, Torpedo Levels, 2ft Levels, 4ft Levels, Wedges, Skisaw, Assortment of Screws and Bolts, Misc. Electrical Tape, Misc. Shackles, Generac GP 5500 6875 Starting Watts Pull Start, Briggs and Stratton Southland 20in Push Mower, TrueTemp Steel Single Wheel Wheelbarrow, 3pt Jib Pole, Misc Lumber

**BOATS & TRAILERS:** 14ft Lowe Aluminum Jon Boat with Trailer, 10ft x 5ft Steel Tilt Deck / Expanded Metal Floor, 9.9 Suzuki 4-Stroke Outboard Motor, 3.5 Nissan 4-Stroke Outboard Motor, Trolley Motors, Fishing Tackle Boxes, 16ft Polar Kraft Aluminum Jon Boat with Polar Kraft Trailer, Field and Stream Angler 10 Fishing Boat, 16ft Old Boat Trailer, Misc Boat Trailer Tires, Coleman Dirt Bike BT200X Gas Automatic, ATV Gun Case

**MISCELLANEOUS:** Sony Radio, Plastic Ammo Can, Guide Series Aluminum Jerky Shooter, Tree Limb Saw, Four Drawer Metal Filing Cabinet, Five Drawer Filing Cabinet, Coleman Lanterns, Coleman Camping Stove, Welding Helmets, Welding Mask, Grinding Mask, Grinding Helmets, Hard Hats, Patio Chair, Various Garden Ornaments

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**Soccer Boom**  
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⚽ **Soccer Boom in Tennessee**  
★ TN State Soccer Association founded in 1976; high school championships began in 1986-87.  
★ Hans Hobson coached Olympic development team on a prison-adjacent field.  
★ Hobson: Player base grew from 35,000 statewide to 35,000 in Nashville alone.

⚽ **National Team Impact**  
★ U.S. women debuted in Nashville in 2004 (5-0-1 record).  
★ U.S. men first played in 2009 (5-2-2 record).  
★ Fans standing in rain signaled national-level passion.

⚽ **National Connections**  
★ U.S. Soccer president Cindy Parlow Cone is a Memphis native.  
★ Region has produced many national youth team players.  
★ Coaches with local ties include Jeremy Gunn, Henry Ring, and Steve Klein.

⚽ **Southern Soccer Culture**  
★ Tailgating and supporters' groups (like the Roadies) drive the fan experience.  
★ Roadies help fund youth soccer, including "Soccer for the Nations."  
★ Many fans travel from out of state for matches.

⚽ **Southern Soccer Scene**  
★ Charlotte FC averages over 33,000 fans; NC Courage strong in NWSL.  
★ UNC women's team: 23 national titles, top-10 in attendance.

⚽ **What's Next for Nashville**  
★ Missed 2026 World Cup due to stadium limitations.  
★ New enclosed stadium opens in 2027.  
★ City hopes to host 2031 Women's World Cup and land a NWSL team.

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# Surplus Sales offer variety and unbeaten personal service

By Laurna Todd  
KPI Writer

Surplus Sales in Paducah has become a go-to destination for thousands of customers seeking dependable products at unbeatable prices. Unlike big-box retailers, Surplus Sales offers a unique combination of value, variety, and personal service that sets it apart.

## High-Quality Products at Deep Discounts

Surplus Sales specializes in a variety of flooring, cabinets, and solid wood doors. Their inventory often includes overstocked or discontinued items from major brands, allowing customers to access high-quality products without the premium price tag. Local customers consistently praise

the durability and brand-name recognition of the items they find here, including tools from well-known companies and hardware that would cost significantly more at national chains. When asked about pricing, Wayne Bruce, the Surplus Sales General Manager, stated, “When Surplus Sales and chain stores have the same product, we are better priced.”

## Unmatched Pricing in the Region

Compared to large chain stores, Surplus Sales often offers prices that are 30–70% lower on comparable items. Their low-overhead model and direct sourcing from manufacturers allow them to pass savings directly to customers. A local contractor noted that Surplus Sales helped him save hundreds on bulk



materials for a remodeling project. One of the five star reviews said, “We shopped here for the first time today & were impressed. We ended up finding the perfect vanity for our bathroom remodel! No MDF. Solid wood construction.” When Bruce was asked about their best flooring options and how they maintain lower prices, he said, “We sell Coretec vinyl, Somerset hardwood, and

others. We can sell cheaper than chain stores because we have lower overhead and we do not overcharge.”

## Locally Operated, Customer-Focused

While big chains can feel impersonal, Surplus Sales is known for its friendly, knowledgeable staff who go the extra mile to help customers

find what they need. Being local means they understand the unique needs of Western Kentucky residents.

Surplus Sales has built its reputation by helping customers stretch their dollars without sacrificing quality. Bruce believes that personal customer service has made Surplus successful in the area. He takes pride in the customer service provided at all three of their stores—not just in Paducah. They currently have three locations in Kentucky: Paducah, Corbin, and Elkton.

Whether you’re a homeowner, farmer, contractor, or bargain hunter, Surplus Sales provides an experience that’s hard to beat—even against the biggest national retailers. Their mix of local service, surprising finds, and low prices makes them a cornerstone for smart shopping in Western Kentucky.

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