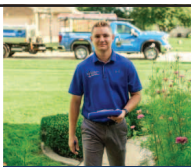




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Trump’s meeting with Israel’s Prime Minister very productive

Here’s a brief summary of Trump’s recent meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu:

#1. The two unveiled a new 20-point Gaza peace plan aiming to end the war, with terms that include a ceasefire, hostage-prisoner exchanges, Hamas disarmament, Israeli withdrawal phases, and a temporary international governance in Gaza.



Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu shakes hands with President Donald Trump after a news conference in the State Dining Room of the White House, Monday, Sept. 29, 2025, in Washington. (AP Photo/Alex Brandon)

#2 Netanyahu publicly endorsed the plan, saying it aligns with Israel’s war goals — but later clarified he would oppose a Palestinian state and insisted Israel would maintain security control over most of Gaza.

#3 The plan is contingent on Hamas’s acceptance. Trump warned that if Hamas rejects it, Israel would have full U.S. backing to act unilaterally.

#4 Netanyahu managed to secure modifications to the plan, particularly limiting the pace and extent of Israeli withdrawal from Gaza.

Critics note the proposal was drafted without involvement from Palestinians, and the balance of concessions favors Israel. Observers question whether Hamas will accept it or whether it can be implemented.



Staff Report

Congratulations to Paducah Police Sergeant Beau Green on graduating today from the KY Dept of Criminal Justice Training’s Academy of Police Supervision (APS) Class 104.

APS, launched in 2003, is a key leadership course designed to prepare law enforcement leaders across the Commonwealth. The program focuses on situational leadership, constitutional and administrative law, emotional intelligence, ethical decision-making, problem-solving, emotional survival, and public speaking.

Sgt. Green currently serves as a Patrol Sergeant in our Operations Division. He is pictured here with Assistant Chief Justin Hodges.

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How new reforms from Secretary of War will impact Fort Campbell soldiers

By Matthew Olay
Contributed by Department of War
Special to West KY News

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Secretary of War Pete Hegseth today announced a series of 10 new directives aimed at strengthening the War Department’s people and culture during an in-person speech in Quantico, Virginia, to the U.S. military’s most senior leaders.

The wide-ranging, 45-minute speech before nearly every O-7 and above non-staff military officer and senior enlisted leader from the joint force covered multiple topics, including the implementation of military equal opportunity and equal employment opportunity reform; changes to grooming and fitness standards; a review of hazing, bullying and harassment definitions; a reduction in mandatory training requirements, and others.

“Good morning, and welcome to the War Department, because the Department of Defense is over,” Hegseth said,

noting the recent rebranding of the department emphasizes the military’s requirement to ensure peace by preparing for war, and that the American people deserve a military that will win any war it chooses or that’s thrust upon it.

Hegseth: Uproot the distractions
“The topic today is about the nature of ourselves; because no plan, no program, no reform [and] no formation will ultimately succeed unless we have the right people and the right culture at the Department of War,” Hegseth told the group.

He added that, in his eight months on the job, he has learned the best way to take care of troops is to give them good leaders committed to the War Department’s warfighting culture.

“Not perfect leaders [but] good leaders; competent, qualified, professional, agile, aggressive, innovative, risk taking, apolitical [and] faithful to their oath and to the Constitution,” Hegseth emphasized.



Secretary of War Pete Hegseth delivers remarks during a War Department address at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Virginia, Sept. 30, 2025. (DOW photo by Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Aiko Bongolan)

Stating that the military has been forced to focus on the wrong things by misguided politicians for too long, Hegseth said that he’s made it his own mission to uproot the obvious distractions that have made the War Department less lethal in past years.

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Wilson to help shape nuclear energy future

PADUCAH – Mayor Pro Tem Sandra Wilson has been elected to the Energy Communities Alliance (ECA) Executive Board for the 2026–2027 term. She will serve as Member-At-Large beginning January 1, 2026. ECA leaders cited Wilson’s

success in attracting new nuclear-related businesses to the Paducah area and her leadership as president of the Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce.

“I’m honored to represent Paducah on the ECA Executive

Board,” Wilson said. “This opportunity allows me to advocate for the future of the Department of Energy’s Paducah site and other communities nationwide.”

Mayor George Bray said Wilson’s role underscores Paducah’s long-standing ties to the nuclear industry and positions the city to benefit as energy needs grow.

Founded in 1993, ECA represents local governments impacted by U.S. Department of Energy facilities and activities.



Wilson

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Kentucky State Police Post 11 Troopers and Officers Recognized at Annual Awards Ceremony



(left to right) Trooper Logan Mallory, Trooper Justin VanHook, Detective Matthew Parmley, Trooper Scottie Pennington and Trooper Corey Jones.



(left to right) Sergeant Aaron Jestes, Trooper Derral Redwine Jr., Trooper William Propes and Detective Nathan Moore.

By Trooper Scottie Pennington
KSP

LEXINGTON, Ky. (September 28, 2025) – On September 25, 2025, The Kentucky State Police (KSP) honored 61 troopers, detectives and officers who went above and beyond the call of service during their Sworn Awards Ceremony. This annual event highlights those who are dedicated to protecting Kentucky’s 120 counties with a mission of creating a safer commonwealth for future generations. The awards presented were for heroic acts of service that occurred in 2024. Last year, KSP

responded to 412,530 calls for assistance, conducted thousands of wellness checks during dangerous weather conditions, protected children from online predators, obtained justice for victims, ran into unthinkable dangers and assisted local law enforcement agencies as needed to promote safety throughout the commonwealth. During the ceremony, KSP Commissioner Phillip Burnett, Jr. praised the award recipients for their extraordinary service to the commonwealth. “This ceremony is about recognizing the troopers and officers who have gone far

beyond the call of duty,” Commissioner Burnett said. “Whether facing danger head-on, uncovering the truth through determined investigations or showing compassion when it mattered most, these troopers and officers embody the highest standards of our agency.” Recipients from the Post 11 area include: Trooper Scottie Pennington was named the 2024 Public Affairs Officer of the Year. He is a 23-year veteran of KSP. Trooper Justin Vanhook was named the 2024 Post 11 Trooper of the Year. He is a 5-year veteran of KSP. Detective Matthew Parmley was named the 2024 Post 11 Detective of the Year. He is an 8-year veteran of KSP. Trooper Logan Mallory received a Lifesaving Award medal. He is a 4-year veteran on KSP. Trooper Corey Jones received a Lifesaving Award medal. He is a

9-year veteran on KSP. Detective Nathan Moore was named 2024 Detective of the Year on the regional and state levels. Detective Moore is a 7-year veteran of KSP. Trooper Derral Redwine Jr. was named the 2024 Post 1 Trooper of the Year. Trooper Redwine Jr. is an 11-year veteran of the agency. Sergeant Aaron Jestes was named the 2024 Post 2 Trooper of the Year. Sergeant Jestes is a 10-year veteran of the agency, who is now assigned to Post 1, Mayfield. Trooper William Propes received a Citation for Bravery medal. Trooper Propes is a 10-year veteran of the agency. KSP is looking to recruit the next generation of law enforcement leaders. Individuals interested in a career of service, leadership and honor are encouraged to apply today at JoinKSP.com.

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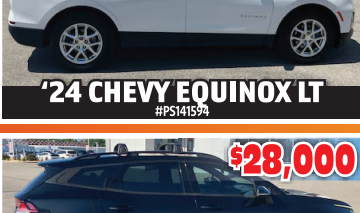
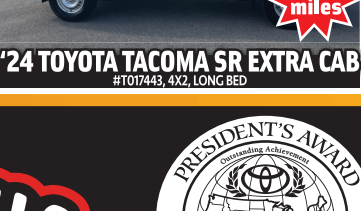
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Kentucky has \$17.8 million pledge for EV charging stations



By TOM LATEK, Kentucky Today

Kentucky has secured \$17.8 million in previously pledged federal funds to build out electric vehicle (EV) charging stations across the state, enabling longer distance EV travel for both residents and visitors.

The EV Infrastructure Deployment Plan's

dollars returned to the commonwealth, and these investments to expand our state's EV network will help Kentucky continue building on its status as a global automotive leader."

Last month, Beshear joined 19 other states and the District of Columbia to challenge the Trump administration's decision to freeze \$32 million in NEVI funding. In total, Kentucky expects to receive nearly \$70 million in NEVI funding, the remaining \$14.8 million in NEVI funds is anticipated to be available later this year.

Federal approval of Kentucky's latest EVIDP allows new funds to support Phase 2 and Phase 3 of Kentucky's EV plan, which will expand charging infrastructure along other priority corridors, in communities, and at destination sites statewide.

The plan was

developed by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) in cooperation with the Energy and Environment Cabinet (EEC) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

Kentucky has awarded 46 fast-charging stations statewide with five stations open and three additional stations under construction. The five active stations are in Berea, Grayson, Hazard, Richmond, and Sparta. All of the awarded stations are expected to open in 2026. They represent an investment of \$31.6 million in obligated NEVI federal formula funds.

"Accessible fast-charging stations across the Commonwealth will make a real difference for Kentuckians and visitors alike," said Transportation Secretary Jim Gray. "We look forward to having nearly 50 NEVI funded fast charging stations up and running in the Commonwealth next year. Kentucky is leading the charge on the EV front."

Kentucky is a leader in automotive production and is the EV battery production capital of the United States, helping create thousands of high-quality jobs for Kentuckians. Kentucky touts \$13.5 billion in EV-related investments in the state with the creation of nearly 10,200 full-time jobs statewide.

First Kentucky Bank Gives \$19K to Support Local Students

By Kelsey Edwards KPI Writer

The First Kentucky Bank Employees have proudly donated over \$19,000 this year, to support the Mayfield & Graves County students. The donations are as follows \$3,844.50 to the Mayfield Schools FRYSC Food Assistance Program; \$5,767.50 to the Graves County Schools FRYSC Backpack Food Program; and \$9,612 to the Mayfield-Graves County Happy Feet Equals Learning Feet Shoe Program make the overall donation \$19,224. The Mayfield Schools FRYSC Food Assistance Program and Graves County Schools FRYSC Backpack Food Program work to provide nutritious meals to students and/or their families, to help them eliminate the uncertainty of where the next meal will come from. The Mayfield-Graves County Happy Feet Equals Learning Feet Shoe Program is a program that provides not only new, but also well-fitting footwear to underprivileged students, giving them comfort, confidence, and dignity as they attend school.

First Kentucky Bank believes investing in the community begins with supporting children and families and through their Employee Charity

of Choice program they are able to do just that. The Employee Charity of Choice program is where team members contribute directly from their payroll to help local nonprofits and school organizations meet the needs of the students. For 2025, employees chose to support local food and shoe programs allowing them to ensure children have access to nutritious meals and comfortable shoes so they can learn, grow, and thrive. These initiatives help fight food insecurity and provide essentials like new shoes allowing barriers to be removed that can affect learning and confidence.

For the past 11 years, First Kentucky has supported student food and shoe programs bankwide and has been able to donate over \$270,000 combined through employee and bank contributions. First Kentucky Bank is a Kentucky-based community bank that was established in 1899 and now with assets exceeding \$578 million. They provide a personal approach to finances that covers six counties, including Graves, Marshall, Carlisle, Livingston, Muhlenberg, and Ohio. First Kentucky is member FDIC Bank and an Equal Housing Lender.

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Dr. Stapleton advises everyone to talk to their health care provider to discuss the benefits and risks of a flu vaccine, but she adds the flu shot is very safe for most people.



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Three Educators Will Join Kentucky Teacher Hall of Fame



By WKU

Three life-changing Kentucky educators will be joining The Louis B. Nunn Kentucky Teacher Hall of Fame this year. The late Lois Chandler, Julie

Cowan, and Jennifer Fritsch are the members of the 17th class. (Pictured in order, left to right.) They were selected by a statewide committee after a through application process. The formal

2025 Hall of Fame ceremony will happen on Friday, November 7 on Western Kentucky University’s campus. Mrs. Chandler, from LaCenter, KY, was an educator for 56 years in various

elementary schools, including Bandana, Concord, and Ballard Elementaries. She passed away in 2020 at the age of 92. Mrs. Cowan, from Columbia, KY is a current educator at Adair County

Primary Center. During her 33-year long (and counting) career, she has also worked at Col. William Casey Elementary. Mrs. Fritsch, from Bowling Green, KY, is a current art

teacher at Glasgow Middle School. This is her 23rd year teaching. Full biographies for all inductees will be released on November 7. The Governor Louie B. Nunn Kentucky Teacher Hall of Fame was established in 2000 through a generous gift from former Governor Nunn, aimed at honoring the essential contributions of Kentucky’s classroom teachers and their positive impact on the state’s economy. WKU was chosen as its home due to its century-long legacy in teacher education.

Support Local Veterans: American Legion Auxiliary Unit 3 Events

By Laurna Todd, KPI Writer

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 3 is inviting the community to participate in two upcoming events at American Legion Post 3, located at 152 Fairground Drive in LaCenter. These events are designed to support area veterans,

active-duty military families, and the wider community while providing a chance to enjoy fellowship and see the recent renovations at the Legion Hall. First, on Saturday, October 11, the Auxiliary will host a Veterans Breakfast starting at 9:00 AM. This buffet breakfast

is open to all veterans and their spouses. Following the meal, a business meeting will be held at 10:00 AM, with new memberships and renewals being accepted. Later in the month, the Fish Dinner Fundraiser will be held on Friday, October 24, from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. Attendees can choose

to eat in or take out. The menu features fish, slaw, white beans, French fries, hush puppies, along with drinks and dessert. Plates are priced at \$12 for adults and \$5 for children age 10 and under. Proceeds from this fundraiser go directly to supporting veterans’ programs, active-duty military

families, and local community projects. Supporting fundraisers like these is essential for sustaining local veterans’ programs and ensuring the needs of those who have served our country are met. These events are also a great opportunity for community members to gather, enjoy good food,

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Paducah’s 31st Annual BBQ on the River Celebrates Food, Music, and Community Spirit

By Laurn Todd
KPI Writer

This past weekend, Paducah’s riverfront was transformed as thousands gathered for the 31st Annual BBQ on the River, which took place from Thursday, September 25, to Saturday, September 27. What started in the mid-1990s with just a few teams has grown into one of western Kentucky’s largest events, attracting pitmasters, food enthusiasts, and visitors from across the region.

The festivities began on Wednesday evening with Porkstock, a VIP fundraiser for Paducah Main Street. Guests enjoyed a three-course meal, drinks, and live music, all while supporting downtown revitalization. This event set the tone for the upcoming days filled with food, fun, and community

giving.

By Thursday, the streets of downtown Paducah were filled with the enticing scents of smoked chicken, pork shoulder, and ribs as BBQ on the River officially commenced. Over 80,000 pounds of meat were cooked and served by local restaurants, traveling pitmasters, and community teams, each raising funds for their chosen charities. The event typically attracts around 50,000 visitors, making it one of the largest gatherings in the region.

One of the biggest stories of the weekend was the dominance of Tilford’s Q Krew, who proved once again why many say they have the BEST BBQ around. They brought the smoke, the flavor, and the passion—and they’re bringing home the 2025 Grand Champion trophy! Along



Photo by Vick Patel Paducah Drone

the way, the team also captured top honors in several categories, including Anything But Beef (Brisket), Anything But Sides (Pigsicle), 1st Place Circuit Pork Shoulder, and 1st Place Circuit Whole Hog. Fans are already asking the big question: Who’s ready to celebrate with some championship-worthy BBQ?

Several other teams earned bragging rights

as well. Ballard Memorial Bomber Baseball earned 1st place in chicken and hog, 3rd place in ribs, 5th overall, and 1st place in the “silent rib testers” category. Madisonville’s C&W BBQ won 1st place for pork shoulder, while Juicy Butts BBQ secured 1st place in ribs. The Kiwanis Club, led by veteran pitmaster John Oliver, received multiple 2nd place awards and the

title of Best Homemade Sauce. South Paducah Kiwanis Club took home the 2025 Anything But Desserts award with their winning Baby Cake entry.

The weekend concluded on Saturday morning with the Baptist Health BIG Bad Wolf 5K, known as western Kentucky’s largest road race. Runners filled the streets for the fast, flat course, with proceeds

benefiting United Way and LTNA. Former United Way board member Gayle Martin took home the Overall Female Winner trophy, adding a highlight to a weekend that celebrated not just food, but also community.

Plans are already in motion for the 32nd Annual BBQ on the River, promising even more flavor, fun, and fundraising in 2026.



2025 Grand Champion Tilford's Q Krew



Gayle Martin who took home the trophy for Overall Female Winner



Ballard Memorial Bomber Baseball shines at BBQ on the River. Ballard Memorial Bomber Baseball earned top honors at the 2025 BBQ on the River, taking 1st place in both chicken and hog, 3rd place in ribs, 5th place overall among all competitors (including circuit cookers), and 1st place in the silent rib testers category.



Juicy Butts First place Ribs and C&W BBQ 1st place Pork Shoulder



Pit Master John Oliver on 2nd place ribs, 2nd place chicken, 2nd place shoulder and best homemade sauce on the river

The Ballard County Sheriff’s office will be taking sealed bids on the following vehicles:

- 2014 Ford Explorer white (needs transmission)
Vin# 1FM5K8AR3EGA33371
- 2013 Ford Taurus white (has a bad motor) Vin# 1FAHP2L86DG132274
- 2014 Ford Taurus white (has steering / font end issues)
Vin# 1FAHP2MT9EG164673
- 2016 Dodge Charger black (has engine noise)
Vin# 2C3CDXKT1GH123396
- 2014 Ford Explorer black (missing the rack & pinion)
Vin# 1FM5K8AR0EGA14275
- 2019 Dodge Durango white (has bee wrecked, no motor, multiple body parts missing) Vin#1C4RDJFG9KC711381
- 2011 Ford Crown Vic beige (do not know if it runs or not)
Vin# 2FABP7BV9BX185701
- 2011 Ford Crown Vic beige (do not know if it runs or not)
Vin# 2FABP7BV4BX185699
- 2011 Ford Crown Vic tan (do not know it runs or not)
Vin# 2FABP7BV5BX185694

The Sheriff’s office will be accepting sealed bids on the above listed vehicles with the highest bid winning each one. The Sheriff reserved the right to reject any and all bids. All vehicles are being sold as is, where is and it is the responsibility of the winning bidder(s) to arrange to have the vehicles removed in a timely manner. Payment is due at the time of pick up. Non payment/pick-up will result in the next highest bidder being awarded the bid. Bids are to be submitted to the Sheriff’s office and should identify which vehicle(s) is being bid on and the amount of the bid. Bid sheets may be obtained from the Sheriff’s office.

Bids will be opened on Wednesday October the 22nd, 2025 @ 09:00a.m.
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Prepare Before Disaster Strikes: Build Emergency Kit

By Laurna Todd
KPI Writer

Emergencies can happen at any time—storms, power outages, or road closures—and when they do, it’s easy to forget the essentials. Being prepared ahead of time keeps your family safe, comfortable, and calm.

The cornerstone of preparedness is a well-stocked supply kit. Every kit should include flashlights with extra batteries, portable phone chargers, first aid supplies, and at least three days’ worth of food and water. Don’t forget pets and family members with special needs.

When it comes to food, focus on items with a long shelf life that require little or no cooking. Stock up on canned

months to ensure freshness. Store at least one gallon of water per person per day.

Start small if needed, but start now. Make sure everyone in your household knows where the kit is and how to use the supplies. Check your kit regularly, update it as your family’s needs change, and replace expired items.

Preparedness is about more than having supplies—it’s about creating peace of mind. By stocking the right foods, keeping essentials organized, and planning ahead, your family will be ready to face emergencies safely and confidently.



vegetables, beans, tuna, and chicken; dried pasta, rice, and instant oatmeal; peanut butter and nuts; and shelf-stable milk or powdered milk. Ready-to-eat meals, granola bars, and dried fruits are also excellent staples. Rotate your food and water every six

Teen Arrested After Road Rage Incident Involving Firearm

By Laurna Todd,
KPI Writer

McCracken County, KY – On Tuesday morning, the McCracken County Sheriff’s Office responded to a report of a road rage incident on U.S. Highway 45, near the Graves County line. According to the investigation, a 17-year-old female from Graves County became involved in a heated exchange with another driver while traveling along the highway. During the incident, the juvenile allegedly pointed a loaded .45 caliber handgun at the other motorist. Deputies located and stopped the teen shortly after the report was made. She was taken into custody without further incident and transported to the Boyd County Juvenile Detention Facility. No injuries were reported. Due to her age, the identity of the juvenile has not been released. Charges are pending, and the case remains under investigation.

In Kentucky, it is illegal for individuals under the age of 18 to possess a handgun, except under very limited circumstances such as supervised hunting or shooting activities. The legal age to carry a handgun in public without a permit is 21. The juvenile’s possession and use of a firearm during this incident was unlawful. If you are the victim of road rage, authorities recommend staying calm, avoiding eye contact, and not engaging with the aggressive driver. Do not pull over or exit your vehicle. Instead, call 911, report the location and vehicle description, and drive to a public area or police station if you feel unsafe.

Anyone with additional information is encouraged to contact the McCracken County Sheriff’s Office.

University of Kentucky Beam Institute, partners reach success in phase one of hydrogen-based spirit production

By Grace Sowards

LEXINGTON, Ky.—The University of Kentucky James B. Beam Institute for Kentucky Spirits (JBBI), housed in the Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, has completed a critical phase to demonstrate hydrogen as a domestic energy source for use in the distilled spirits industry. The project, titled “Kentucky Distilled Spirits Industrial Decarbonization and Sustainability,” was announced in November 2024. It was funded by the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet (EEC) and led by Seth DeBolt, JBBI director. The team evaluated the entire distillation process. DeBolt collaborated with experts at the UK Center for Applied Energy Research (CAER) who have long been at the cutting edge of energy research in the state of Kentucky. “We are pleased with the early results from this research collaboration,” said Rodney Andrews, CAER director. “Co-firing natural gas and hydrogen in bourbon production is a novel concept, and we are thrilled to see some promising data coming from the project. We look forward to seeing what happens next.” At the end of this first phase, the JBBI team confirmed co-firing natural gas (typically used for spirit production) with hydrogen can produce results. A blend of hydrogen and natural gas is used to feed the boiler, which produces steam for the distillation process. DeBolt, along with JBBI Head Distiller Glenna Joyce-Welsko, monitored natural gas blend, 10 with just natural gas production — that now sit in the Independent Stave Company Boswell Family Barrel Warehouse, where they will age for the next four years. “Kenya Stump, executive director at the EEC Office of Energy Policy, thought to connect the two in a large-scale demonstration. Our distillery at the institute provides the unique capability to conduct this test while tracking key information on production quality and safety.” The project also demonstrated the many safety and compliance checks needed to use the emerging domestic energy resource. The next test of whether hydrogen can be used by the distilling industry will come when the spirit is tasted after aging. If the hydrogen base does not affect the flavor of the spirit, as JBBI predicts, this initiative could largely contribute to the demonstration of hydrogen as a domestic energy resource. Preliminary data shows that the distillate is high quality. “Today’s news is another great step for Team Kentucky’s ‘all-of-the-above’ energy strategy, which aims to unleash our economy while meeting the energy needs of tomorrow,” said EEC Secretary Rebecca Goodman. “We’re excited to partner with UK’s Center for Applied Energy Research and the Beam Institute to boost the use of hydrogen energy and support Kentucky’s signature industry in achieving its energy goals. The successful blending of hydrogen in the distilling process is a great example of innovation and teamwork in action.”

Discover Your Calloway County WWII Legacy

In a special program honoring America’s 250th Anniversary, the Calloway County Genealogical and Historical Society, in partnership with the Calloway County Public Library and the Murray State University Department of Libraries, invites you to a compelling afternoon of discovery and remembrance. Tuesday, October 14th at 1:00 p.m. Calloway County Public Library (Handicap accessible with free parking).

Please join us as Dr. Bradley L. Coleman, Senior Historian at The Center for Applied History LLC in Atlanta, leads a hands-on session on how to uncover the military stories of relatives who served in World War II. Whether your ancestor was a soldier, sailor, Marine, or airman, this program will equip you with the tools to bring their service to light. Coleman brings over 25 years of experience as a historian in both federal service and academia—including roles as Command Historian for the U.S. Southern Command and Historian at the United States Department of State. A 1995 graduate of the Virginia Military Institute, he formerly directed the John A. Adams ’71 Center for Military History at VMI. He also holds an M.A. from Temple University and a Ph.D. from the University of Georgia. Using the life stories of Calloway County veterans as case studies, Coleman will walk attendees through:

- How to begin researching a WWII service member—even those who left few records behind
- Where to find government archives and military documents
- Which online and correspondence-based resources are most helpful
- How to ask deeper questions that go beyond “name, rank, and serial number”

Whether you’re a seasoned genealogist or just beginning your journey into family history, this program offers a rare opportunity to connect personal heritage with national history. Admission is free, and refreshments will be provided following the program, sponsored by the Murray State University Department of Libraries. All are welcome—come be part of the story



City of Hopkinsville and Small Business Commission Announce Inaugural Small Business Conference

By: Amanda Brunt
Public Information Officer

Hopkinsville, KY - September 29, 2025 - The City of Hopkinsville and the Hopkinsville Small Business Commission are excited to announce the Hopkinsville Small Business Conference, taking place Monday, November 10, 2025, at the Murray State University Hopkinsville Regional Campus. This one-day event is designed to connect, educate, and inspire local entrepreneurs, small business owners, and community leaders. The conference will feature:

- Luncheon Keynote Speaker: Phil Wilkins, who will share valuable insights for business growth and leadership.
- Breakout Sessions: Covering practical tools and resources to help small businesses thrive.

Small Business Owner Panel: Small business owners will discuss the real challenges and successes of running a small business. The day begins with registration at 9:30 AM, followed by programming from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The registration fee is \$25 per person, which includes lunch. "We're thrilled to host this event as part of our ongoing commitment to support and strengthen Hopkinsville's small business community," said Mayor James R. Knight Jr. "This conference is a chance for business owners to learn, network, and walk away with strategies they can put into action."

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BMHS Class of 1975 celebrates 50th Reunion

Submitted by Karen Hargrove

A Joyful Blessed time was had by the group of 65 individuals who came from far and near to celebrate old friendships, dear acquaintances, and walking the halls of days past in the former Ballard Memorial High School where they attended classes with former classmates. Of 107 who graduated that May of 1975, 38 in attendance were actual graduates of the Class of 1975. Any that even attended Ballard perhaps for even a brief moment BUT yet rubbed shoulders with us at one

time or another were invited. The events started on Friday evening, September 12, at the Courtyard Marriott so as to be a convenance for the guests that came in from out of town. With a Pizza Party planned in the lobby, firepit area and business room there were about 18 in attendance. Classmates traveling the furthest came in from Lufkin, Texas; Huntsville, Alabama; Dayton, Ohio and Chelsea Alabama. Smokey D's represented with a gift of their prize winning Bar-B-Que sauce to each traveler. Saturday morning the 13th, events con-

tinued with 'Breakfast at the Bluegrass' with 15 in attendance.... then onto the 'NEW' (new to us, I might add) High School. A tour was given of the High and Middle Schools by tour guide Monica Ingram. All of the out of towners showed up for that along with locals for 10 in attendance. Then the Main event began with a Meet and Greet time at the "The Studio by Woods & Co." at 5 p.m. The elegant affair was set with black table clothes on tables topped with fresh greenery and brides breath, fairy lights, candles in clear vases of varying sizes

and candlelit votives. Balloon arches, a welcoming 1975 banner, a table of the 1975 classes historical documents on display were all there to add a bit of nostalgia for the group to celebrate this special, once in a lifetime event in our lives. Soon the program began with BMHS' own ad libbing Speaker for the night welcoming all, Mr. Pat Terrell. Monty Moore soon followed with a toast to all parents, caregivers, spouses, classmates and children that have left this world before us. Those who traveled in for this event stood and were thanked,

Those Class Officers who served at any-time thru High school were acknowledged along with a round of applause for an honor to have all four Senior Class Officers in attendance. A tribute was given by Sherie Lane Danelis who is the D.A.V. Adjutant Secretary for the area and honored all the classmates who served in the Armed Service. Both living and dead. BMHS Class of 1975 was revered to have 8 classmates (that they knew of) to represent not only the class but our country! Thank you for your service! A catered meal by Neils Catering was

blessed by Brian Butler and enjoyed by all. Closing dinner was a special time to name all 19 that had passed before us. A beautiful memorial board with all of their senior class photo's displayed along with a beautiful sentiment 'Wherever a Beautiful Soul has been, there is a trial of Beautiful Memories'. The Photo Booth soon opened up and everyone enjoyed BUT what they really enjoyed was the fellowship and celebrating 50 years from that graduating Rite of Passage. We were blessed!



Barlow Elementary Classmates: Front Row L to R: Melody Burnett Kearney, Susan Newton Thomas, Jeanie Evitts Lee, Donna Batts. Back Row L to R: Monty Moore, Mike Newton, Mark Viets, Jackie Solomon. Photos submitted by Karen Hargrove



Bandana Elementary School Classmates: L to R: Greg Fondow, K.K. Cooper Williams, Karen Murry Holland, Marilyn Duley Ingram, Jackie Cooper Flowers, Phil Abell.



Kevil Elementary Classmates: Kaye Richards Starks, Kathy Isbell Funk, Lee Thompson, Louise Gholson Musgrave.



La Center Elementary School Classmates: Front Row L to R: K.K. Cooper Williams, Karen Murry Holland, Jane Ann Moss Mueller, Kathy Isbell Funk, Denise Knight, Donna Batts. Second Row L to R: Steve Holder, Billy Stone, Charles Henderson, Steve Moseley, Allan Warren, Jack Brockman, Brian Butler, Pat Terrell



Wickliffe Elementary Classmates: Front Row: Charlotte Tilford Harris, Cathy Walker Byassee, Evelyn Unsell Jennings. Back Row: Brad Yarbrough, Britt Wilson, Mary Speed Williamson. Missing: Bruce Taffer, Ginger Sullivan Reeves



Ballard Memorial Class Officers in 1975 L to R: Front Row: Monty Moore - Vice President; Standing: Brad Yarbrough - Treasurer; Karen Murry - Secretary; Melody Burnett Kearney - President



BMHS Breakfast at the Bluegrass: R towards back to L towards front: Pat Terrell, Jane Ann Moss Mueller, K.K. Cooper Williams, Mr. Holland, Karen Murry Holland, Billy Stone, Karen Hargrove, Melody Burnett Kearney, Kaye Richards Stark, Sherie Lane Danelis, Allen Danelis, Monty Moore, Missing Marilyn Duley Ingram.



Same Ballard Memorial Class Officers of '75 Today L to R: Melody Burnett Kearney - President; Brad Yarbrough - Treasurer; Monty Moore - Vice President; Karen Murry Holland - Secretary

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Tom Miller,
Ballard County Ext. Agent

Crop protection webinars begin Oct. 30th

Register now for multiple webinars focusing on agronomic crops and Integrated Pest Management. The University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment will present the 2025 Fall Crop Protection Webinar Series, hosted through the Southern Integrated Pest Management Center. The series will begin at 10 a.m. ET/9 a.m. CT on Thursday, Oct. 30, 2025, and will continue consecutive Thursday mornings through Nov. 20 at the same time. Each webinar will be one hour in length. Continuing Education Units for certified crop advisors will include 1 CEU in Integrated Pest Management per webinar or 4 CEUs total for participation in all four webinars; Kentucky pesticide applicators will receive 1 CEU in Category 1A (Ag Plant) for each webinar attended. The webinars are open to agriculture and natural

resource county extension agents, crop consultants, farmers, industry professionals, and others, whether they reside or work in Kentucky or outside the state. Pre-registration is required.

Webinar #1: Oct. 30, 2025; 9 a.m. CT — Dr. Carl Bradley, Extension Plant Pathologist
Title: Research Update on Red Crown Rot of Soybean
Webinar #2: Nov. 6, 2025; 9 a.m. CT — Dr. Raul Villanueva, Extension Entomologist
Title: Delayed Appearance or Declining Insect Pest Numbers in Field Crops in Recent Years
Registration link: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_gmiW6VE5R5GzmJJJulSbiDw
Webinar #3: Nov. 13, 2025; 9 a.m. CT — Dr. Kiersten Wise, Extension Plant Pathologist
Title: Stopping Southern Rust: Scouting, Spraying, and Staying Ahead
Webinar #4: Nov. 20, 2025; 9 a.m. CT — Dr. Travis Legleiter, Extension Weeds Specialist
Title: Defense Wins the Ryegrass Battle
For more information or registration contact Jason Travis at (859) 562-2569

Get Involved with Local Extension Agencies

By: Laurna Todd
KPI Writer

October 27, welcoming youth ages 9-18 from Carlisle, Fulton, and Hickman Counties for hands-on learning and social activities. Looking ahead to the holidays, the Carlisle County Extension Office is hosting Breakfast with Santa on December 6. Families can enjoy pancakes, crafts, games, and photos with Santa—all while supporting 4-H programs. Additionally, 4-H members are invited to create Christmas Cards for Nursing Homes on December 2, spreading holiday cheer to seniors in the community. Attending these events strengthens local programs, and fosters a sense of community. Getting involved is not only educational—it's a way to make Western Kentucky a more connected. For more information, contact 270-628-5458.

Western Kentucky's area extension agencies have a busy lineup of programs this fall, offering opportunities for learning, community service, and family fun. Kicking off the season is the popular and highly anticipated Holiday Food Tasting Gala, set for November 13—a perfect event to sample seasonal flavors and support local programs. Youth and families can get involved through 4-H clubs. The Carlisle County 4-H Horticulture Club meets monthly, beginning October 13, for children ages 9-14. It's free to join, and participants will learn gardening, plant care, and environmental stewardship. The Tri-County 4-H Homeschool Club also kicks off Monday,



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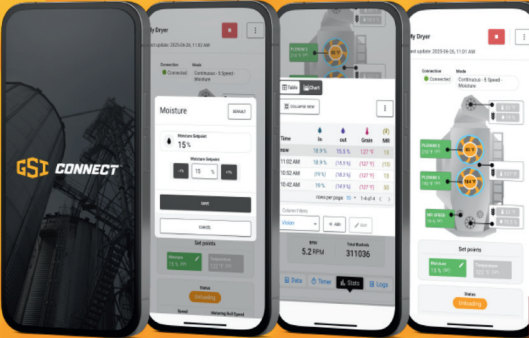
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WEST PADUCAH, KY
The U.S. Department of Transportation has awarded SkyWest Airlines, operating as United Express, a four-year Essential Air Service contract at Barkley Regional Airport. Starting Feb. 1, 2026, SkyWest will operate CRJ-200 jets to Chicago O'Hare, offering Barkley passengers seamless access to United's global network. Airport Director Dennis Rouleau credited Congressman James Comer's support and noted that SkyWest also plans to add Houston service using CRJ-550 aircraft, pending DOT approval. "We appreciate the DOT's decision and remain confident both Chicago and Houston service will move forward," Rouleau said. Travelers are encouraged to follow Barkley's social media for updates. SkyWest, operating as United Express, is anticipated to begin service from Barkley on February 1, 2026.

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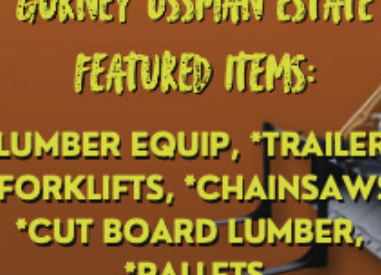
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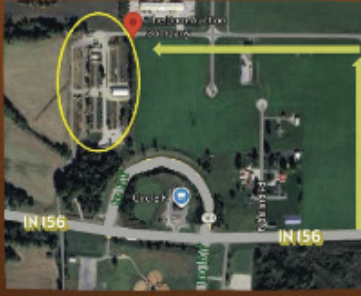


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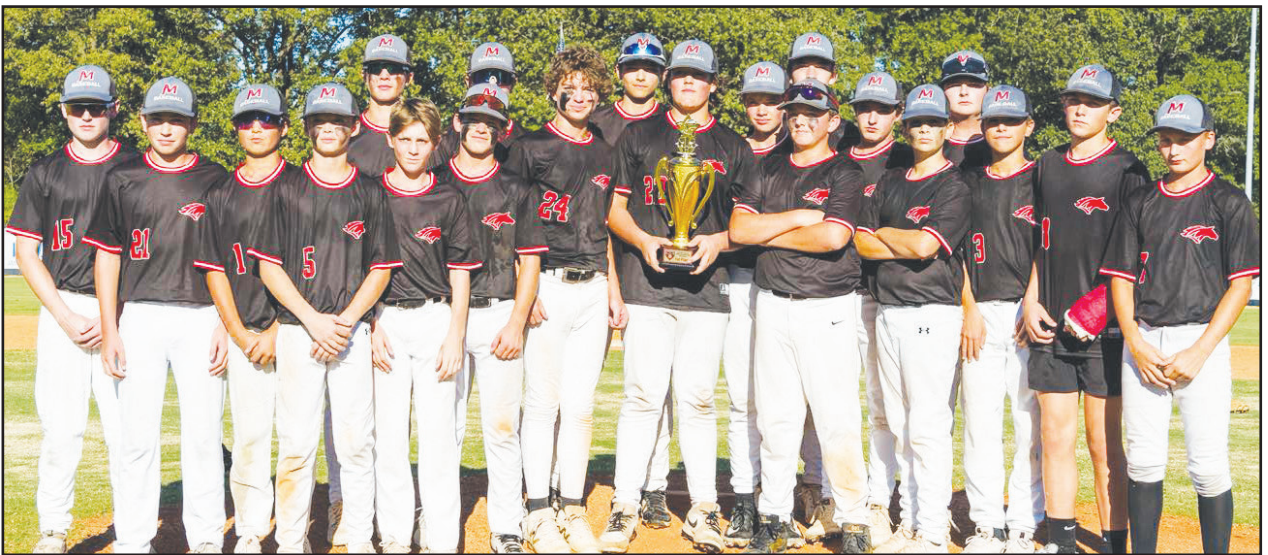
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The Marshall County boys' cross country team won the Marshall County Invitational Sponsored by David Taylor Chrysler on Saturday, Sept. 27.

photo courtesy of Marshall County High School



The McCracken County eighth grade team won the 2025 West Kentucky Middle School Baseball Regional Championship. Photo photo courtesy of McCracken County Middle School

High School
Scoreboard

Results from Tuesday, Sept. 30

Boys' Soccer
Calloway County 8, Graves County 0
Mayfield 3, Hopkinsville 1
Murray 2, McCracken County 0
University Heights 2, Marshall County 1

Girls' Soccer
Calloway County 8, Graves County 0
Murray 0, McCracken County 0
Paducah Tilghman 2, Crittenden County 0

Girls' Volleyball
Calloway County 3, Murray 2
Christian Fellowship 3, Carlisle County 1
Community Christian Academy 3, Paducah Tilghman 2
Huntingdon (Tenn.) 3, Fulton City 0
Mayfield 3, Fulton County 1

Results from Monday, Sept. 29

Boys' Soccer
Caldwell County 4, Graves County 3
Webster County 1, Paducah Tilghman 0

Girls' Soccer
Caldwell County 4, Graves County 0

Girls' Volleyball
Ballard Memorial 3, Mayfield 1
Carlisle County 3, Fulton County 0
St. Mary 3, Paducah Tilghman 1

KVCA releases third
High School
Volleyball Top 25
Coaches Poll

LEXINGTON — The Kentucky Volleyball Coaches Association (KVCA) released its third Top 25 Poll for the 2025 high school season on Tuesday, Sept. 30.

Reigning champion Assumption remains the number one ranked team in the state. Assumption is a national powerhouse.

Rounding out the top five in the poll are Notre Dame, Mercy, Bowling Green and St. Henry.

The poll is conducted and distributed by the KVCA.

First place votes are noted in parenthesis.

The KVCA High School Volleyball Top 25 Coaches Poll follows.

- KVCA High School Volleyball Top 25 Coaches Poll Rank School Record Previous**
- Assumption (17) 21 - 4 1
 - Notre Dame 17 - 3 4
 - Mercy Academy 20 - 9 2
 - Bowling Green 24 - 3 5
 - St. Henry District 18 - 10 6
 - Lexington Catholic 21 - 1 9
 - Sacred Heart 14 - 15 3
 - Elizabethtown 16 - 4 7
 - Beechwood 21 - 2 12
 - Ballard 17 - 3 8
 - DuPont Manual 11 - 9 11
 - McCracken County 18 - 6 13
 - Ryle 10 - 5 10
 - North Oldham 11 - 10 14
 - Holy Cross (Louisville) 19 - 5 15
 - Christian Academy-Louisville 21 - 3 19
 - South Warren 17 - 7 16
 - Ashland Blazer 24 - 3 25
 - Central Hardin 17 - 5 20
 - Adair County 22 - 5 23
 - Conner 19 - 7 NR
 - Greenwood 17 - 8 21
 - West Jessamine 18 - 8 17
 - Great Crossing 17 - 8 22
 - Highlands 14 - 2 NR

High School
Football
Scoreboard

Results from Friday, Sept. 26

Caldwell County 49, Fort Campbell 12
Carterville (Ill.) 35, Hopkinsville 15
Christian County 40, Caverna 32
Crittenden County 33, Trigg County 24
Henderson County 44, Central Hardin 12
Lake County (Tenn.) 47, Fulton County 34
Logan County 51, Calloway County 13
Madisonville-North Hopkins 23, Graves County 20
Marshall County 23, Muhlenberg County 21
Mayfield 63, Todd County Central 0
Murray 59, McCracken County 56
Paducah Tilghman 48, Allen County-Scottsville 7
Russellville 44, Hopkins County Central 17
South Fulton (Tenn.) 41, Ballard Memorial 0
Union County 21, Hancock County 14
Webster County 22, Ohio County 20

Regional High School Soccer Roundup

Several area soccer teams were in action this past week, earning key wins and showcasing strong performances as the regular season winds down.

On Saturday, Sept. 27, the Murray Tigers claimed a 4-1 non-district victory over Henderson County. Murray's offense was led by Drew Foley with two goals and an assist, while Brodie Morris and Henri Acreman-Nyamwala each added a goal. Assists also

came from Brady Burkeen (two) and Micah Wyatt. In goal, Hank Fronza allowed just one score while making three saves. For the Colonels, Beckham Womack provided the lone goal. Goalkeepers Aaden Bugg and Jacopo Mazzini split time in net.

In girls' action on Tuesday, Sept. 30, Calloway County continued its dominant run with an 8-0 shutout of Graves County in 2nd District play. Raylee McClure scored

four goals to pace the Lakers, while Karlyn Provine, Anne Marie Arnett, Finley Lencki, and Jadyn Stark also found the net. Assists were added by Provine (two) and Mirielle Gupton (two). Goalkeeper Gabriella Yocum recorded the clean sheet. The win moved Calloway County to 17-1 overall and 6-0 in district play.

Also on Sept. 30, Paducah Tilghman earned a 2-0 shutout over Crittenden County at Jetton Field. The

Blue Tornado improved to 6-8 with goals from Christian Anderson and Lanie Beyer, while Sophie McMillan and Alex Anderson contributed assists. Defensively, goalkeeper Chayse Minter tallied seven saves to secure the shutout.

With district and regional play approaching, area teams are finding their rhythm and building momentum for the postseason.

Kentucky High School Football Media Polls – Week of Sept. 30, 2025

The latest Kentucky High School Football Media Polls were released this week, with several familiar programs holding strong at the top while a few new teams broke into the rankings.

In Class 6A, Trinity (5-1) remained the unanimous No. 1 with all 16 first-place votes. St. Xavier (3-2) and unbeaten South Warren (6-0) followed at Nos. 2 and 3. Oldham County (4-2) entered the poll at No. 10, while Bryan Station, North Hardin, and Ballard also

received votes.

Class 5A saw Scott County (5-1) hold onto the top spot with seven first-place votes, just ahead of Woodford County (4-1) and unbeaten Madisonville-North Hopkins (6-0). Cooper moved up to No. 4, while Owensboro climbed to No. 5.

In Class 4A, the race remains tight as Boyle County (4-1), Paducah Tilghman (5-1), and unbeaten Franklin County (6-0) split first-place votes. Taylor County (6-0) entered the rankings at No. 10.

Class 3A continues to be led by undefeated Christian Academy of Louisville (6-0), which secured all 16 first-place votes. Bell County, Murray, and Lexington Catholic round out the top four, while Rockcastle County, Lloyd Memorial, and Glasgow all remain undefeated and ranked in the top seven.

In Class 2A, Beechwood (4-1) maintained the No. 1 spot, earning 11 first-place votes. Owensboro Catholic (5-1) and Mayfield (5-1)

followed closely, while Prestonsburg (5-0) climbed to No. 6 after staying unbeaten.

Finally, in Class A, Kentucky Country Day (5-0) stayed atop the rankings with eight first-place votes. Campbellsville (5-1) and Pikeville (3-3) rounded out the top three, while Paintsville (5-1) entered the poll at No. 10.

The polls reflect records through Sept. 30, with several key district matchups ahead that could shake up the standings in October.

BluegrassPreps.com Releases Latest Kentucky
High School Football Rankings

The latest BluegrassPreps.com football rankings are out, highlighting the top high school programs across Kentucky as the season moves toward district and regional play.

In Class 1A, Pikeville remains at No. 1, followed by Raceland and Kentucky Country Day. Completing the top 10 are Campbellsville, Sayre, Hazard, Louisville Holy Cross, Middlesboro, Covington Holy Cross, and Newport Central Catholic.

Class 2A is led by Beechwood, with Lexington Christian Academy and Owensboro Catholic close behind. Mayfield, Belfry, Somerset, Monroe County, Prestonsburg, Danville, and Hancock County round out the top 10.

In Class 3A, unbeaten Christian Academy-Louisville holds the top spot, followed by Lexington Catholic, Bell County, Murray, Glasgow, Lloyd Memorial, Bardstown, Lawrence County, Rockcastle County, and

East Carter.

Class 4A features Boyle County at No. 1, trailed by Highlands, Covington Catholic, Franklin County, Johnson Central, Paducah Tilghman, Corbin, North Oldham, Logan County, and Ashland.

In Class 5A, Woodford County leads the way, followed by Madisonville-North Hopkins, Owensboro, Bowling Green, Cooper, Scott County, Atherton, North Laurel, Pulaski County, and South Laurel.

Finally, Class 6A rankings are topped by Trinity, with Saint Xavier, South Warren, Manual, Ryle, Frederick Douglass, Madison Central, Male, Bryan Station, and Ballard completing the top 10.

As the season continues, district and regional matchups in October are expected to shake up the rankings, giving fans plenty to watch in the weeks ahead.

WEST KY SPORTS

KVCA Releases Third Regional Volleyball Rankings

The Kentucky Volleyball Coaches Association (KVCA) has released the third regional Top 5 polls for the 2025 girls' high school volleyball season as teams enter the second half of their schedules.

In Region 1, perennial contender McCracken County takes the No. 1 spot, followed by Marshall County at No. 2, Ballard Memorial at No. 3, Graves County at No. 4, and Mayfield rounding out the top five. The Region 1 poll

features teams from three different districts, reflecting a highly competitive region this season.

Across Region 2, Henderson County leads the rankings at No. 1. Christian County sits at No. 2,

with Webster County in third. Caldwell County and Crittenden County are tied for fourth, completing the top five in Region 2.

With district tournaments approaching in less than three weeks, these

polls highlight the top contenders and set the stage for an exciting postseason in both regions.

KVCA Region 1 Top 5: McCracken County, Marshall County, Ballard Memorial, Graves County,

Mayfield

KVCA Region 2 Top 5: Henderson County, Christian County, Webster County, Caldwell County (T-4), Crittenden County (T-4)

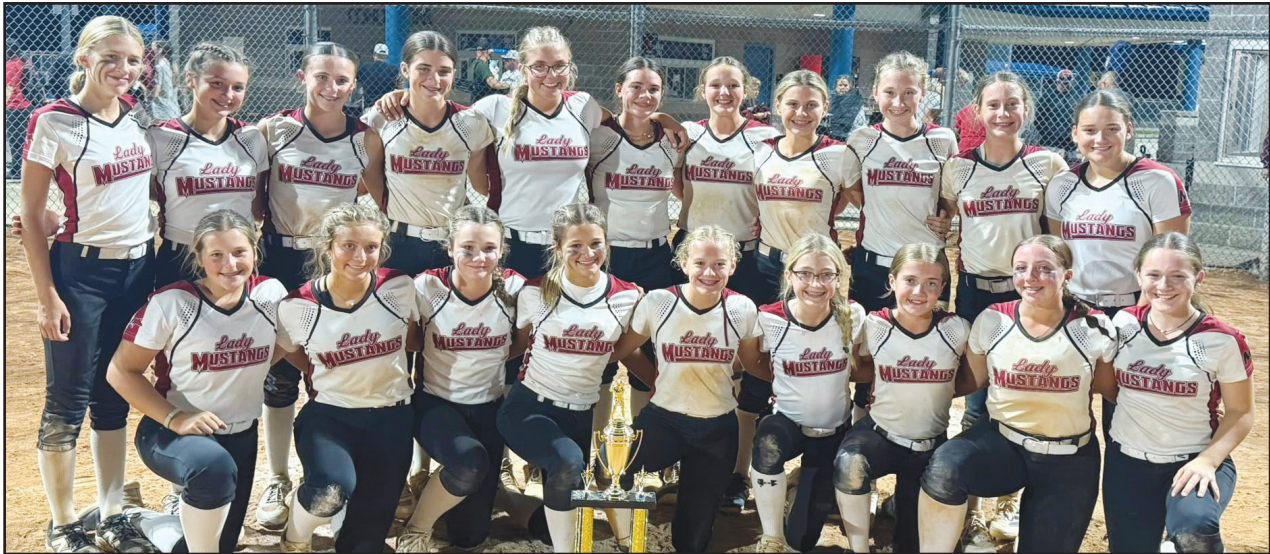


Graves County Volleyball had a strong showing in Massac County recently with the Lady Eagles battling their way to the top. Congratulations to Ryleigh Belknap (#17) and Emma Joiner (#16) on being named to the All-Tournament Team.

Photo by Graves County Schools



Ballard Memorial's Madison Glisson finished in 4th place in the KHSAA 1st Round Tournament for Regions 1-4 with a 5 over par 77. She will advance to next week's KHSAA Championship on October 7th and 8th in Bowling Green.



The McCracken County Lady Mustangs captured the Middle School State Softball Championship after a long day on the field, battling through nine games from early morning until late evening to finish as state champions. Outscoring opponents 82-27 on the day, the Lady Mustangs showed power at the plate, strong pitching, and outstanding defense. Back L to R: Harper Jones, Taylor Pittman, Ella Meiser, Hadley Harris, Nyxxan Logsdon, Lily Metzger, Macie Crass, Annie Morreau, Brinlee Green, Adelle Bowland, Aubrey Fisher Front : Bella Lamphere, Hadley Clifton, Emery Evans, Piper Lafont, Kailee Means, Brooklyn Fike, Emma Spears, Jazlyn Jackson, Aidyn Colyer

Photo submitted by Ashley Pittman



Lady Bomber Volleyball senior Hala Ouderkirk recorded her 500th career kill in Thursday night's 3rd District win over Graves County. After an injury shortened her junior season, she had 247 in her sophomore season and now has 512 career kills.

Photo by Travis Holder



The Marshall County Marshals soccer program celebrated its 600th win with a 4-1 victory over Paducah Tilghman. The Marshals are the first public school in Kentucky to reach this milestone.

Photo by Marshals Athletics



Marshall County Volleyball standouts shine in state rankings: Emma Leigh Reynolds ranks 27th in the state for assists, Olivia Hawkins ranks 44th for kills, and Hadley Barrett ranks 32nd for digs.

Photo by Marshals Athletics



Trinity Beth in winning the individual KHSAA Girls Golf Substate!

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The Mayfield Lady Cardinals JV soccer team recently earned a 5-0 victory over Hopkinsville. Scoring for the Lady Cards were Emerson (2), Paisley, Erandi, and Kayla R. The Junior Varsity team also defeated the Lady Tigers, 5-0.

Photo by Mayfield Cardinals Athletics



Livingston County athletes competed in KICL Race #3 on the new Bluff Boom Trail in Greensburg, showcasing their hard work and determination on the fast, challenging course. The team brought home one podium finish and several personal bests. The next race will be held on Sunday, October 12, at the Livingston County Trail System.

Photo by Marshals Athletics



Community Christian Academy golfers shine at Paxton Park Tour Players Golf Scramble: Coleman Hicks, Levi Allcock, Jack Colvin, and Carter Hone shot a season-best 67 and posed for a photo with golf pros Russ Cochran and Kenny Perry.

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“The new War Department’s golden rule is this: do onto your unit as you would have done onto your own child’s unit ... Standards must be uniform, gender-neutral and high. If not, they aren’t standards, they’re just suggestions,” Hegseth said.

New directives from War Department

He then began announcing some of the new directives the War Department will begin implementing, starting with changes to fitness standards.

The secretary announced that active component service members from all branches now must execute **two annual fitness tests**, with one being the already existing fitness test and the other being either a combat

field test for combat arms personnel or a CFT or regular fitness test for non-combat arms personnel.

He also announced that active-duty service members are to perform **physical fitness training every duty day**, and that National Guard and reserve component members must continue to take at least one fitness test annually.

Additionally, Hegseth said that warfighters in combat-related occupations must execute their fitness test at a gender-neutral **male standard with a score of 70% or higher**.

“It all starts with physical fitness and appearance. If the secretary of war can do regular, hard PT, so can every member of our joint force,” Hegseth said.

Moving next to grooming standards, Hegseth announced that **beards will be no longer authorized**.

A memo on that topic

released in conjunction with Hegseth’s speech explains that service members with facial hair-related medical exemptions will have one year to seek and execute a medical treatment plan to resolve the condition.

“Simply put, if you do not meet the male-level, physical standards for combat positions, cannot pass a PT test or don’t want to shave and look professional, it’s time for a new position or a new profession,” Hegseth said.

Bullying, hazing, EEO reform

He next announced that the War Department will begin undertaking a **full review of the definitions of “so-called ‘toxic leadership,’ bullying and hazing,”** in order to re-empower leaders to enforce high standards without fear of reprisal.

“Leading warfighters toward the goals of high, gender-neutral and uncompromising standards

in order to forge a cohesive, formidable and lethal Department of War is not toxic,” Hegseth said, adding that actual toxic leadership entails endangering subordinates with low standards, among other definitions.

Hegseth also announced the implementation of a **military equal opportunity and equal employment opportunity reform**, also intended to re-empower leaders to pursue high standards without fear of potentially unjust reprisal.

“We are attacking and ending the ‘walking on eggshells’ and zero-defect command culture. A risk-averse culture means officers execute not to lose, instead of to win,” he said, adding the same goes for risk-averse non-commissioned officers who are afraid to enforce high standards.

“We are liberating an Inspector General process — the “IG” — that has been weaponized, putting

complainers, ideologues and poor performers in the driver’s seat,” Hegseth said, adding that being a racist or sexual harasser is wrong and illegal, and that punishment for such actual infractions will be “ruthlessly enforced.”

Promotions only on merit

Hegseth then announced that the War Department will be making **changes to the retention of adverse information on personnel** that will allow leaders with forgivable, earnest or minor infractions to not be encumbered by those infractions in perpetuity.

He also said that **promotions across the joint force should be based only on merit**.

“We’ll promote top performing officers and send those faster [while getting] rid of poor performers more quickly. Evaluations, education and field exercises will become real,” Hegseth said.

He also announced a **reduction in the high level of mandatory training** that service members have to take annually.

“Less PowerPoint reviewer online courses, more time in the motor pool and more time on the [shooting] range,” he said.

Taking ‘the monkey off your back’

The secretary told the assembled leaders that all 10 of the directives the War Department was rolling out are designed to empower them.

“These directives are designed to take the monkey off your back and put you, the leadership, back in the driver’s seat,” Hegseth told the group.

“Move out with urgency, because we have your back, I have your back and the commander in chief has your back,” he said.

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Supporting the Community

Food Pantries in Paducah, Kentucky

By Wilbur Jackson
KPI Writer

Paducah, Kentucky, like many communities across the country, is home to individuals and families who face food insecurity. Whether due to job loss, rising costs, or unexpected life changes, access to nutritious food can be a challenge. Fortunately, several local food pantries and organizations in Paducah are working tirelessly to bridge that gap and ensure no one in the community goes hungry.

One of the most well-known resources in the area is the Paducah Cooperative Ministry (PCM). Located at 402 Legion Drive, PCM provides emergency food assistance to residents in need, offering not just canned goods and staples, but also fresh produce and frozen items when available. Their mission is rooted in compassion and community support, serving people regardless of background or situation.

Another valuable organization is

Martha’s Vineyard, a grassroots ministry founded to serve the homeless and low-income residents of the city. In addition to meals, Martha’s Vineyard offers clothing, hygiene products, and other essentials. They often partner with local churches and businesses to gather donations and extend their reach.

The Family Service Society, also based in Paducah, provides a food pantry alongside other emergency assistance programs. Families can receive

a variety of items including meats, grains, and baby supplies. Their holistic approach helps address the root causes of poverty by also offering utility and prescription assistance.

Churches throughout Paducah also play a major role. For example, St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church and Broadway United Methodist Church host food pantries and community meals regularly. These faith-based programs often rely on volunteers

and donations to keep their shelves stocked.

Local residents can also turn to Feeding America, Kentucky’s Heartland, which operates mobile food pantries and supplies food banks across the region. They frequently hold distribution events in Paducah and McCracken County to reach as many people as possible.

The growing demand for food assistance has led to increased collaboration between these groups, ensuring resources

are used efficiently and no one is left behind. Donations, volunteer support, and community awareness remain key to keeping these services running.

In Paducah, food pantries aren’t just about handing out groceries—they’re about preserving dignity, offering hope, and building a stronger, more resilient community. Whether you’re in need or looking to help, these organizations welcome your support.



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How a Government Shutdown Could Impact Western Kentucky

By Wilbur Jackson
KPI Writer

A federal government shutdown could have wide-reaching consequences across the United States, and Western Kentucky would not be immune. While some effects may seem distant or slow to appear, others could be felt almost immediately by families, businesses, and local governments throughout the region.

One of the most direct impacts would be on federal employees and contractors living in Western Kentucky. Many work in roles connected to agencies like the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), the National Park Service, or

the Department of Veterans Affairs. During a shutdown, non-essential federal workers are typically furloughed without pay, while others are forced to work without immediate compensation. This can put serious financial strain on households, particularly in smaller communities where federal employment plays a vital role in the local economy. Federal programs that support low-income families could also be disrupted. For example, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) may



face funding delays or reductions if a shutdown lasts more than a few weeks. Many families in rural areas of Western Kentucky rely on these pro-

grams to meet basic food and nutrition needs.

Agriculture, a key part of the region's economy, could also be hit hard. A shutdown would likely delay USDA services such as farm loans, crop insurance processing, and market reporting. For farmers facing tight planting or harvesting schedules, these disruptions can have costly ripple effects.

National parks and federal recreation areas in Western Kentucky, like Land

Between the Lakes, could close or limit operations. This would not only affect tourism and local businesses that depend on park traffic, but also restrict access for residents who use these areas for outdoor recreation.

Local governments and nonprofits may also feel the strain, as they often rely on federal grants to support services like housing, healthcare, and education. A delay in funding could force them to cut back or pause essential

programs. While not every aspect of life in Western Kentucky would grind to a halt during a government shutdown, the cumulative effects could build quickly. From financial stress on families to disruptions in agriculture and public services, the region would be reminded that even national political gridlock has local consequences. As always, preparation and community resilience are key to weathering uncertain times.

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• BALLARD •

Frieda H. O’Dell Wagner, age 84, of Barlow, Kentucky, passed away at 7:38 am on Sunday, September 28, 2025, at Baptist Health Paducah. Family has chosen a private service and no burial.

Mary Bender, age 73, passed away at her home in Barlow on Thursday, September 18, 2025. There are no services scheduled at this time.

• CALDWELL •

Michael Wayne McAlister, 55, and **Laura Anne McAlister**, 57, a devoted couple of Princeton, passed away tragically together on Thursday, September 25, 2025, in Caldwell County. Funeral services for Michael and Laura will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, October 3, 2025, at Morgan’s Funeral Home with Bro. George Brooks and Bro. Mike Jicka officiating.

George Richard Storm, known affectionately as Richard to his friends and family, passed away peacefully at his home on September 24, 2025, at the age of 84. Funeral services were Tuesday, September 30, 2025 at Southside Baptist Church, Princeton, KY 42445 with Rev. Ronnie Sivells officiating. Burial in the Rogers Cemetery in Christian County, KY.

Ronnie Darnell, of Princeton, went to be with his Heavenly Father on September 23, 2025, at the age of 74. Funeral services were held on Saturday, September 27, 2025, at Morgan’s Funeral Home Princeton, KY, with Bro. Dane Hodges and Bro. Kyle Noffsinger officiating. Burial in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Joycelyn Faye Green Jones, age 95, passed away peacefully on September 21, 2025 at Princeton Nursing and Rehabiliaiton Center. Funeral services wereSunday, September 28, 2025 at Morgan’s Funeral Home in Princeton, KY with Rev. Trent Duncan officiating. Burial in Fredonia Cemetery in Caldwell County.

John Harrison Presler II passed away peacefully at the age of 79 at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center, Paducah KY on September 21, 2025. He was surrounded by his loving family. The funeral was held Monday, September 29, 2025 at Ogden United Methodist Church. Interment in Cedar Hill Cemetery in Princeton, Kentucky.

Kathy Lear Alexander, passed away on September 20, 2025, in Princeton, Kentucky where she born on March 26, 1957. A private memorial graveside service will be held at a later date at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Caldwell County.

James Leon Guill, 55, of Princeton, passed away on September 26, 2025, at his residence. The funeral service will take place on Friday, October 3, 2025, with visitation from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM, followed by the service at 12:00 PM, officiated by Bro. Mike Franklin, also at Trinity Global Methodist Church located at 234 Northfield Dr., Princeton, KY 42445. Burial will follow at Guill Cemetery.

Steve Peters, affectionately known as Stevie, age 73, who was born on June 20, 1952, in Princeton, Kentucky, passed away peacefully on September 23, 2025, at Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville. No services are scheduled at this time.

• CALLOWAY •

Chastity Dawn Leigh, 49, of Sharpe passed away at 8:00 AM on Friday, September 19, 2025 at her residence. Memorial services were Sunday, September 28, 2025 at Hughes Funeral Home in Paducah.

Dianna Kay Spain, 77 of Murray, KY, passed away Monday, September 29, 2025, at Fulton Nursing and Rehabilitation, Fulton, KY. Arrangements were incomplete at this time at

Blalock-Coleman Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Murray, KY.

Ronnie (Gammon) Arnett, 73 of Murray, KY, passed away Sunday, September 28, 2025, at the Anna Mae Owen Residential Hospice House, Murray, KY. Arrangements were incomplete at this time at the Blalock-Coleman Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Murray, KY.

Kenneth D. “Sonny” Coy, 87 of Almo, KY, passed away Saturday, September 27, 2025 at the Anna Mae Owen Residential Hospice House, Murray, KY. Arrangements were incomplete at the Blalock-Coleman Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Murray, KY.

• CHRISTIAN •

Philip Henry Wagenbaugh, Jr. passed away on September 19, 2025. There will be no services for 66 year old Philip Henry Wagenbaugh, Jr. of Hopkinsville, KY.

Mary Peters Thorpe, age 91, of Hopkinsville, passed away on Thursday, September 25, 2025, at her residence. Funeral Services were Tuesday, September 30, 2025, at Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home with Pastor Dan Huck officiating and burial in Green Hill Memorial Gardens.

Ronnie C. Grace, age 78, of Hopkinsville, passed away on Thursday, September 25, 2025, at Tennessee Veterans Home in Clarksville, TN. Funeral Services were Wednesday, October 1, 2025, at Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home with Pastor Randy Davenport officiating and burial in Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West with full military honors.

Matthew Coleman Hatcher, age 53, of Hopkinsville, passed away on Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at Auburn Nursing Home in Auburn, KY. The family has chosen cremation with a Celebration of Life service to be held at a later date.

Denise Ann Pike Branem, age 82, of Hopkinsville, passed away on Monday, September 22, 2025, at her home surrounded by her family. The family has chosen cremation with a private family service to be held at a later date.

Gayle R. Chambers, 78, of Hopkinsville, KY died at 10:27 a.m. Friday, September 26, 2025 at Alive Hospice in Nashville, TN. Funeral services were Tuesday, September 30, 2025 at Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home with Rev. Catherine DeMoss officiating. Burial in Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West.

Patricia Anne Foster Sunderland, 73, of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at Jennie Stuart Medical Center, surrounded by the love of her family. A celebration of her lifewas held Saturday, September 27, 2025, at First Christian Church, with Rev. Catherine DeMoss officiating. Patricia was laid to rest at Riverside Cemetery following the service.

June F. Hamilton, 75, of Hopkinsville, KY died at 11:05 a.m. Monday, September 22, 2025 at her residence surrounded by family and loved ones. No services will be held.

Susan Elaine Burke Powell, 72, of Hopkinsville, Kentucky died at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, September 21, 2025 at her home in Hopkinsville. Funeral services were Monday, September 29, 2025 at Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home with Rev. Ethan Watson officiating. Burial in Green Hill Memorial Gardens

Vince Emrah, 69, of Hopkinsville, Kentucky passed at 3:58 p.m. on Sunday, September 21, 2025 at St. Thomas Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee. A memorial service will be held Saturday October 4, 2025 at Grace Ministries Church on Elm Street Hopkinsville KY. At 2:00 p.m. Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Pat Hayes, 86, of Hopkinsville, KY died at 5:00 p.m. Saturday, September 20, 2025 at her residence. Memorial services were Friday, September 26, 2025 at Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home with Rev. Dan Huck officiating.

Buddy Adkins, 78 of Hopkinsville, KY died at 3:15 p.m. Friday, September 19, 2025 at St. Thomas Midtown Hospital in Nashville, TN. A Celebration of Life was held Saturday, September 27, 2025 at Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home.

Roger L. Rector, 63, Lowell Way, Hopkinsville, KY, passed away Saturday, September 20, 2025 at his home in Hopkinsville, KY Funeral services were Wednesday, September 24, 2025 at Lamb Funeral Home with Melvin Felts officiating. Burial in Riverside Cemetery.

David Bartlett, 57, of Crofton, KY passed away on September 26, 2025 in the comfort of his residence. A celebration of life was held Monday, September the 29th of 2025 at Dogwood Funerals & Cremations of Crofton. Burial at Gish Cemetery in Bremen, KY.

Doris Ann Torian Davie, 77, Hopkinsville, passed away on Sunday, September 28, 2025, in Hopkinsville, KY. Funeral Service will be Friday, October 3, 2025 at 12:00 PM at Gamble Funeral Home in Hopkinsville, Ky 42240. Burial At Cave Springs Cemetery.

Barbara Gean Sebree Gaines, 78, Hopkinsville, passed away on Sunday, September 21, 2025, in Hopkinsville, KY. Funeral Service were Saturday, September 27, 2025 at Gamble Funeral Home Hopkinsville, Ky 42240. Burial At Cave Springs Cemetery.

Rev. Ollie Edward Hancock, 73, Hopkinsville, passed away on Saturday, September 20, 2025, in Christian County. Funeral Service were Thursday, October 2, 2025 at Gamble Funeral Home Hopkinsville, Ky 42240. Burial at Crown Hill Cemetery

• FULTON •

Ronald Duane Sikes, age 87, of Fulton, passed away on Sunday, September 28, 2025, at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 3:00 P.M. Sunday, October 5, 2025, in our funeral chapel with burial to follow in the Greenlea Cemetery. Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 1:30 PM Sunday until the hour of the service.

Michael “Mike” Dan Neeley, Sr, age 76, of Fulton, KY passed away Sunday, September 21, 2025, at his residence. There will be no services held at the funeral home and private family services will be held.

Robert Wayne Floyd, age 70 of Fulton, KY passed away on Wednesday, September 24, 2025 at 1:55 AM at his residence. Private Family Memorial Services will be held at a later date.

• GRAVES •

Barbara Wells, age 81, of Wingo, KY passed away Sunday, September 28, 2025 at the Jackson Purchase Medical Center in Mayfield, KY. Graveside services for Ms. Barbara Wells were held Wednesday, October 1, 2025 in the Clark Cemetery.

Dr. Larry L. Hall, age 88 and a resident of Mayfield, Passed away at 11:15 P.M. Friday, September 26, 2025 at the Jackson Purchase Medical Center in Mayfield. Funeral services for Dr. Hall were held Monday, September 29, 2025 at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield with Bro. Will McSweeny officiating.

Steve R. Van Cise, 78, of Mayfield, Kentucky, passed away on the evening of Wednesday, September 24, 2025, at his home. A private memorial service for the family will be held later in Denver, Colorado.

FUNERAL NOTICES continued

Philip Don Norsworthy, age 90, of Mayfield, KY, passed away at 12:43A.M. on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice at Mercy Health in Paducah. Funeral services were Monday, September 29, 2025 at 2:00 P.M. at the Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield with Rev. Marcus Burnett and Rev. Don Embry officiating with a note from Rev. Al Cobb.

Catherine Leone (Holman) Phelps, age 83, of Paducah and formerly of Mayfield, KY passed away at 7:53 PM Saturday, September 20, 2025 at the Parkview Nursing & Rehab Center in Paducah. Private family services will be held at a later date.

L. Wayne Wheeler peacefully passed away September 20, 2025, at the age of 93. Services were September 27, 2025, with graveside burial following at Highland Park Cemetery. Rev. Ronnie Stinson, SR. officiating. Funeral home arrangements are by Brown Funeral Home of Mayfield with assistance from LeCompte Johnson Taylor Funeral Home of Frankfort.

Troy Allen O’Connor, age 61, of Mayfield passed away on Friday, September 19, 2025 at U of L Hospital in Louisville, KY. Services were held Thursday, October 2, 2025 at First Baptist Church, Wilson Hall in Mayfield, KY. Military rites will be conducted by American Legion Post # 26.

Wanda June Alexander, age 92, passed away Tuesday, September 23, 2025. Services were Saturday, September 27th, 2025 with Brother John Dale officiating. Burial at Macedonia Church of Christ Cemetery.

Emilia Dawn Smith, the infant daughter of David and Sarah Brown Smith passed away on Monday, September 22, 2025. A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield is in charge of the arrangements.

Barbara Harris Heath of Mayfield, Kentucky passed Sunday morning, September 21, 2025 at her home following a brief battle with cancer. Mrs. Heath chose to be cremated. Her family will mourn her loss privately. A memorial and celebration of life will be planned in the coming weeks; the time and location to be announced.

Larry A. Foy, age 73, of Cuba, KY passed away on Friday, September 19, 2025 at his residence. Funeral services were held Wednesday, September 24, 2025 at Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY. Rev. Steve Peal officiating. Interment at Lynnvillle Baptist Church Cemetery.

• HENDERSON •

Samuel “Sammy” Edward O’Leary, age 75, of Henderson, KY, passed away on Sunday, September 28, 2025, at Redbanks Nursing Home with his daughter by his side. A memorial service was held Wednesday at the funeral home with Brother Tim Shockley officiating.

Gloria Jean Boyd was born to the late Charles and Ossie Boyd, Sr. on October 24, 1957. She departed this life on September 25th at 2:30 p.m. at Deaconess Henderson Hospital. There will be no services at this time.

Brenda Wethington, age 63, of Reed, KY, passed away on Wednesday, September 24, 2025, at the Lucy Smith King Care Center under the care of St. Anthony’s Hospice. The funeral service was held Tuesday at the funeral home. Entombment will follow at Fairmont Mausoleum in Henderson, KY.

Alexander Skaggs, age 33, of Henderson, KY, passed away on Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at the Jewish Hospital in Louisville, KY. The funeral service was held Wednesday, October 1, 2025, at the funeral home. Burial at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Henderson, KY.

Shirley Gay Thompson, age 89, of Henderson, KY, passed away on Sunday, September 21, 2025, at the Lucy Smith King Care Center under the care of St. Anthony’s Hospice. A Mass of Christian Burial was held Thursday, September 25, 2025, at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church in Henderson with Father Richard Meredith officiating. Burial at Fernwood Cemetery in Henderson, KY.

Henrietta Sugg, age 83, of Henderson, KY, passed away on Saturday, September 20, 2025, at Redbanks Nursing Home in Henderson. The funeral service was held Monday at the funeral home with Brother Tim Shockley officiating. Burial at Fairmont Cemetery in Henderson, KY.

Donie Young, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on September 19, 2025, at Ascension St. Vincent Hospital in Evansville, IN. The funeral service was held Wednesday at the funeral home with Pastor Ray Buckman officiating. Burial at Cash Creek Cemetery in Henderson County, KY.

Junior J. Shelton - It is with both a heavy heart and deep reverence that we announce the coming home of Staff Sgt. Junior J. Shelton, who bravely served his country until his untimely death on October 4, 1944, in the vicinity of Hatterath, Germany. In celebration of his life and sacrifice, graveside services will be held on October 4, 2025, at 11:00 AM at the Springdale Cemetery in Sebree, where Dr. Daniel S. Lovell will officiate.

Sondra Elizabeth Brown of Henderson passed away on September 27, 2025. A funeral service honoring Sondra’s life was held October 1, 2025, at 1:00 PM at Tomblinson Funeral Home. Following the service, Sondra was laid to rest at Fernwood Cemetery in Henderson.

Naomi Lucille Caton passed away on September 22, 2025. To celebrate Naomi’s life, a funeral service was held Friday, September 26, 2025 at Tomblinson Funeral Home Sebree Chapel.

JoAnn Bosell, 94, of Henderson Kenutcky, passed away on September 19, 2025, at Homeplace of Henderson under the care of St. Anthony’s Hospice. Graveside Service were Thursday, September 25, 2025, at Bethel Cemetery.

Donna Kay Herzog, 63, of Henderson, Kentucky, passed peacefully Sunday, September 28, 2025, at St. Anthony’s Hospice Lucy Smith King Care Center. A remembrance will be announced at a later date.

Martha Priest Letson, 97, of Henderson, Kentucky, quietly passed away on Sunday, September 28, 2025. There will be a private family graveside service at Fernwood Cemetery in Henderson, Kentucky.

Lloyd Baxter, 79, of Henderson, Kentucky, passed away Thursday, September 25, 2025. Services were Tuesday, September 30, 2025, at Rudy-Rowland Funeral Home. The Reverend Jeff Coursey officiating. Burial in Roselawn Memorial Gardens.

Vincent Patrick Riggins, age 82, of Henderson, Kentucky, passed away peacefully on Thursday, September 25, 2025. The funeral service was held Wednesday, October 1, 2025, at the funeral home with the Reverend Tim Shockley officiating. Entombment in Fairmont Cemetery Mausoleum in Henderson, Kentucky.

Anna Louvina Baum Roybal Manley, 97, of Henderson, Kentucky, passed away Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at Homeplace of Henderson under the care of St. Anthony’s Hospice. Graveside services were Friday, September 26, 2025, at Roselawn Memorial Gardens. The Reverend Dan Book officiating.

• HICKMAN •

Estelle Burcham Morris, age 96 of Clinton passed away 4:13 AM Tuesday, September 30,

2025 at Clinton Hickman Co ICF nursing facility. Graveside services will be held on Saturday, October 4, 2025 at 11AM at the Oakwood Cemetery.

Sherman Darnell Knox, 77, of Clinton, Kentucky passed away on September, 24, 2025 at his residence. Services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 4, 2025, at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church in Columbus, Kentucky with Rev. Derrick Fitts officiating. Burial will follow at Columbus Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Saturday, October 4, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church in Columbus, Kentucky.

John G. Lyman, 63, of Clinton, Kentucky, passed away on September 20, 2025, at Mercy Health Lourdes in Paducah, Kentucky. A Graveside Service was held Wednesday, September 24, 2025, at Oakwood Cemetery in Clinton, Kentucky. Milner and Orr Funeral Home of Arlington is in charge of arrangements.

Carolyn June Forsythe King, age 70 of Clinton, passed away Sunday, September 28, 2025 at Baptist Health in Paducah. Funeral services for Carolyn will be held Friday, October 3, 2025 at 11:00 AM at the Brown Funeral Home in Clinton with Rev. Tim Stinson officiating. Burial will follow in the Oakwood Cemetery.

• HOPKINS •

Mary Lou Boal, 84, passed away on Wednesday, September 24, 2025, at her residence in Madisonville, KY. A Visitation was held Friday, September 26, at Barnett-Strother Funeral Home in Madisonville. Burial in Virgilina, Virginia.

Phillip Wyatt Lynn, 67, of St. Louis MO, formally of Madisonville KY, passed away peacefully at his home in St. Louis on September 23, 2025, after a lengthy battle of Alzheimer’s. Phillip’s last journey home and visitation will be on Saturday October 11th, 2025 from 11:00 A.M. until the service time at 1:00 P.M. at Barnett-Strother Funeral Home and Crematory Madisonville Chapel with a Celebration of Life. Following the service his ashes will be buried next to his loving parents at Odd Fellows Cemetery, Madisonville KY.

Cornelius Ray Davis III, 58, of Nortonville, KY passed away Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, TN. Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Sue Boyd Winstead Scott, 95, of Madisonville, KY passed away Monday, September 22, 2025, at Baptist Health Deaconess in Madisonville. A private graveside service for immediate family will be held at a later date.

Owen Glenn Cunningham, 88, of Madisonville, KY passed away on Friday, September 26, 2025, at the Joseph Eddie Ballard Western Kentucky Veterans Center in Hanson, KY. A graveside service was held Thursday, October 2, 2025, at Odd Fellows Cemetery in Madisonville, KY, with Bro. Kenneth Blevins officiating.

Hazel “Sharon” Harper, 78, of Madisonville, KY, passed away on Thursday, September 25, 2025, at her home. A private burial was held Monday, September 29, 2025 in Hanson, KY, with Beverly DeMoss Freund giving her eulogy.

Franklin “Frank” Frasier, 90, of Slaughters, KY, passed away on Wednesday, September 24, 2025, at Encompass Health Deaconess Rehabilitation Hospital in Newburgh, IN. A funeral service was held Sunday, September 28, 2025, in the chapel of Harris Funeral Home with Bro. Steve Harris officiating. Burial at Slaughters Cemetery in Slaughters, KY.

Kristy Leeann Padilla, 37, of Madisonville, KY, passed away on Wednesday, September 24, 2025, in Madisonville. A funeral service was

FUNERAL NOTICES continued

held Tuesday, September 30, 2025, in the chapel of Harris Funeral Home with Pastor Eddie Fleming officiating. Burial at Hanson Cemetery in Hanson, KY.

Scotty Glen Kelly, 49 of White Plains passed away Sunday, September 28, 2025. Services were held Wednesday at Bandy Funeral Home in Nortonville.

Cletus “Pops” Vernon Williams, 62 of White Plains passed away Thursday, September 25, 2025, at his residence. Service were Tuesday at Bandy Funeral Home in Nortonville with Bro. Johnnie McCurry. Burial at Mt. Carmel Cemetery in White Plains.

Laurie Ann Bruce, 62 of Nortonville passed away Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at Baptist Health Deaconess. Service was Sunday at Bandy Funeral Home in Nortonville with Bro. Dwayne Sowell officiating and Bro. Tony Lipford at graveside. Buial at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Nortonville.

Harold Campbell, 84, of Madisonville, passed away at 8:45 p.m. Friday September 26, 2025 at his home. Check back for his complete obituary at www.elliottmortuarycares.com.

Michael Hillery Farmer Sr. , age 68, passed away peacefully on September 24, 2025, surrounded by loved ones. Funeral Service will be Friday, October 3, 2025. Starts at 11:00 am (Central time) at Nazarene Baptist Church 867 East Walnut Street, Evansville, IN 47713.

Charles Montez Head, age 56, peacefully passed away on Sunday, September 21, 2025, at Deaconess Midtown. Services Saturday, October 4, 2025 at 4:00 pm at R. Mason Brothers Memorial Chapel Evansville, IN.

• LIVINGSTON •

James “Billy” York, age 83, of Smithland, passed away on Wednesday, September 24, 2025, at the Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center. Per the family’s wishes, there will be no service at this time.

• LYON •

Bonnie King Lee, 85, of Kuttawa, passed away Friday, September 26, 2025 at her home. Funeral services were Tuesday, September 30, 2025, at Lakeland Funeral Home with Bro. Marty Robertson officiating. Burial in Kuttawa Cemetery.

• MCCRACKEN •

James Ronald “Ronnie” Thompson of Lone Oak passed away Sunday, September 28, 2025. Per the family’s wishes, there will be no service at this time.

Jacqueline “Jackie” Ruth McCracken passed away on September 27, 2025 at the age of 79. Visitation will be held at 11 A.M. to 1 P.M. on Friday, October 3, 2025 at the Milner and Orr Funeral Home of Paducah. A memorial service will follow directly, beginning at 1 P.M. with Rev. Jamie Eubanks officiating.

Wayne Solomon, 81, of Paducah, passed away at 7:30 pm on Thursday, September 25 at The Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Center. Services were Wednesday, October 1, 2025 at Milner and Orr of Paducah. Burial at Wilson Cemetery in Marshall County, KY.

Phillip Earl Lewzader, known as Phil by his friends and family, passed away on September 24, 2025, at Baptist Health in Paducah, Kentucky. Services were Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2025, at Milner and Orr Funeral Home in Paducah with Bro. Ron Hicks officiating. Cremation and entombment held privately at a later date at Murray Memorial Gardens.

Bill Whitlow, age 93, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at

Mercy Health Lourdes. Funeral services were Monday, September 29, 2025, at the Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah, with Dr. Nathan Joyce officiating. Entombment at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens with Military Honors.

Linda Heflin Cole died at 9:20 am Friday, September 26, 2025, at Baptist Hospital in Paducah, Kentucky. There will be no formal services held.

Mary Lou Harris, 78 of Paducah passed away Thursday September 25, 2025 at Baptist Health in Paducah. Services were Wednesday October 1, 2025 at Lindsey Funeral Home. Graveside services were Thursday October 2, 2025 at Spring Creek Church of Christ Cemetery. With Bro. Art Martnez officiating.

Lisa Kaye Woody passed away on September 21, 2025. No services are scheduled at this time.

Bernice “Laurene” Young, born on September 8, 1942, in Paducah, Kentucky, passed away on September 26, 2025, at Calvert City Nursing and Rehabilitation. Services were held at Keeling & Goodman Funeral Home in Paducah on Monday, September 29, 2025, with Rev. Jim Wright officiating. Burial at Rosebower Baptist Church Cemetery in Paducah, KY.

Winford Lee Brewer, 84, of Reidland, passed away peacefully on September 23, 2025, surrounded by the love of his family. A celebration of life was held Saturday, September 27, 2025 at Rosebower Baptist Church in Reidland with Bro. Jonathan Brazell officiating. Burial at Rosebower Cemetery.

Christopher Paul Gilbert, 49, of Paducah passed away on Monday, September 22, 2025 at Lourdes Hospital in Paducah. Funeral services were Monday, September 29, 2025 at Hughes Funeral Home of Paducah with Bro. John Smithmier officiating. Burial at Provine Cemetery in Briensburg, KY.

Morris Ray Bell, 85 of Paducah, Kentucky passed away on Saturday, September 27, 2025, at Livingston Hospital in Salem, Kentucky. A funeral service was held on Tuesday, September 30, 2025 at Collier Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Jimmie Oliver officiating. Burial with Military Rites at Oak Level Cemetery.

• MARSHALL •

Monte Dale Penney was born on March 18, 1950, in Calvert City, Kentucky, and passed away on September 21, 2025 in Baytown, Texas at the age of 75. A memorial service will be held at 1 P.M. on Saturday, October 4, 2025 at the Milner and Orr Funeral Home of Paducah with Rev. Chris Moore officiating. Visitation will begin at 11 A.M. on Saturday, October 4, 2025 at the funeral home and continue until the memorial service starts.

Wendy Jean Hineson, age 65, of Benton, KY, passed away peacefully on September 23, 2025. There are currently no services planned.

DebreCIA Culp Williams, 55, of Benton, Kentucky, passed away on Sunday, September 28, 2025, at her place of residence. Funeral services were Thursday, October 2, 2025, at the Life Celebration Center of Filbeck-Cann with Bro. Jonathan Goodman officiating. Burial at Fooks Cemetery.

Irene Davis Arant, 88, of Benton, Kentucky, passed away on September 20, 2025, at Calvert City Convalescent Center. Funeral services were Wednesday, September 24, 2025, at the Life Celebration Center of Filbeck-Cann with Pastor Bob Cain Officiating. Burial at Fooks Cemetery.

Jeanette Moore, 61 of Calvert City, Kentucky passed away on Sunday, September 28, 2025, at Mercy Health - Lourdes Hospital in Paducah, Kentucky. A Funeral service will be at 1:00 PM on Friday, October 3, 2025 at Collier Funeral Chapel located at 211 West 5th St. Benton, Kentucky 42025 with the Cecil Moore officiating.

Burial to follow at the Moore Family Cemetery in Calvert City, KY.

Lillian Ruth Oakley Dees, age 101, of Calvert City, KY, died on September 21, 2025 at Calvert City Nursing and Rehab in Calvert City, Kentucky. There will be no funeral service. Burial at Dees Cemetery in Calvert City, KY during a private family ceremony.

• TRIGG •

Debbie Smith, age 62, of Cadiz, Kentucky, passed away on Wednesday, September 24, 2025, at Trigg County Hospital in Cadiz. There will be no services at this time.

Patricia “Pat” G. Crowe, 67, of Cerulean, KY, passed away peacefully at her home on Monday, September 22, 2025, surrounded by her loving family after a brief, courageous battle with AML. Funeral services were Saturday, September 27, 2025, at Goodwin Funeral Home in Cadiz, with Rev. Steve Spitzer officiating. Burial in East End Cemetery.

Betty Clark passed away on September 30, 2025. Funeral arrangements are incomplete for 89 year old Betty Clark of Cadiz, KY formerly of Wise, VA. Please check King’s Funeral Home for complete service details.

Scotty Lee Handy passed away on September 28,2025. Private memorial services for 62 year old Scotty Lee Handy of Cadiz, KY will be held at a later date. King’s Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Donald Ray Blakeley passed away on September 21, 2025. Funeral Services for 74 year Donald Ray Blakeley of Cadiz were Friday, September 26, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at King’s Funeral Home with Rev. Ronnie Sivells officiating. Burial in the Cerulean Cemetery.

• UNION •

Rebecca Y. “Mrs. Becky” Williams, age 67 of Uniontown, KY passed away Saturday, September 27, 2025 at her home. Service was held Thursday October 2, 2025 at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Uniontown. Fr. Bruce McCarthy officiating. Burial in St. Agnes Cemetery.

Mary Elizabeth “Lizzie” Curry Brown age 102, of Sturgis passed away Monday September 22, 2025 at her residence. Funeral was September 26 at Whitsell Funeral Home in Sturgis, KY. Rev. Ken Grant officiating. Burial in Pythian Ridge Cemetery in Sturgis, KY.

• WEBSTER •

Rebecca Y. “Mrs. Becky” Williams, age 67 of Uniontown, KY passed away Saturday, September 27, 2025.

Sharon Gail Engle, 70 of Richland, IN formerly of Clay passed away Wednesday, September 24, 2025 at St. Vincent Ascension Hospital in Evansville, IN. Graveside services will be Thursday, October 2, 2025 at 11:00 AM at Oddfellows Cemetery.

Lonnie Mack Thompson, 75 of Clay passed away Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at his home. Private graveside services were held in Rocksprings Cemetery in Wheatcroft.

George Ann Rowley, 71 of Wheatcroft passed away Monday September 22, 2025 at her home. Funeral services were Friday, September 26, 2025 at Pleasant Valley Missionary Baptist Church in Providence with Brother Johnnie Davis officiating. Burial in Pythian Ridge Cemetery in Sturgis.

Andrea Lynn Wilson 58, of Clay, KY passed away on Sunday September 21st, 2025 at Deaconess Gateway in Newburgh, IN. Cremation was chosen and memorial services will be held at a later date.

VICTORIOUS *Living* ...in a troubled world

MYSTERIOUS SURGERY:

He removes the stony heart and replaces it with a heart of flesh

By Teresa LeNeave
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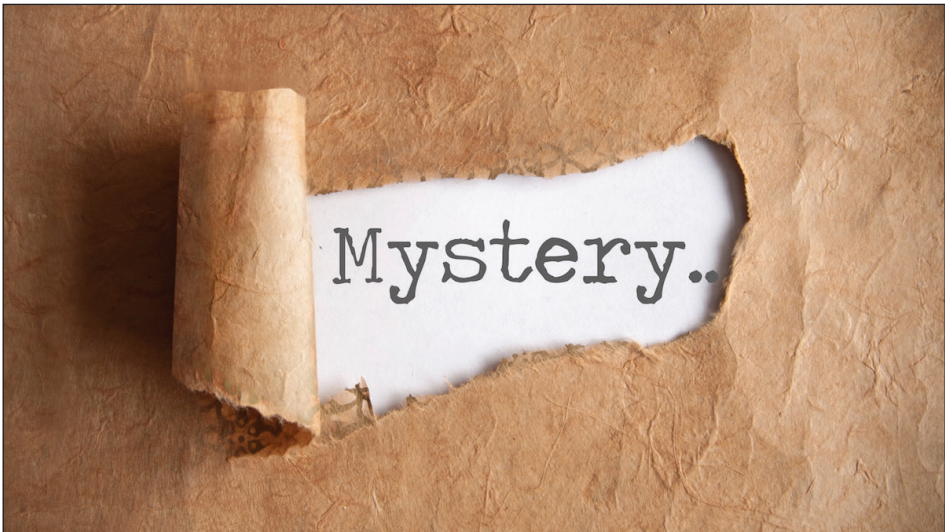
Whether its health or salvation, change always comes from the inside. To me, that is Jesus’ main message: “Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God” (John 3:3). That’s not where it ends. There is more: something beyond being born again. Although, being born again is the gateway, the Bible teaches there is much more than just believing. In fact, “the devils also believe, and tremble” (James 2:19).

I’m reminded of a man named Nicodemus who was a devout Pharisee, a member of the Sanhedrin and a respected teacher of Jewish law. He had all the credentials for believing. He apparently, like all the other Jews of his time, was expecting a coming Messiah – a Messiah who would

be King of the Jews. At the same time, Jesus, a Rabbi who was healing the sick and drawing huge crowds, captured the attention of Nicodemus, but he just couldn’t seem to connect all the dots. Nicodemus had lots of questions.

Because Nicodemus really did have a good heart toward God, and toward his fellowman, Jesus and His message, it was probably very enticing to Nicodemus. He was curious and wanted to know more about this mysterious man. Nicodemus being a highly educated man, was probably amazed at Jesus’ wisdom and his ability to perform great miracles. He was sure that only someone who had been sent from God could do these things.

While Nicodemus was fascinated by Jesus, the rest of the Sanhedrin were upset with Jesus. They were strongly against a



law-defying, preacher turning the hearts of the people toward something they couldn’t understand. Because of the Sanhedrin’s opinion of Jesus, Nicodemus eventually arranges a secret meeting with Jesus in the darkness of night so no one would see him. He begins to question Jesus about the law.

He even tells Jesus, “All you’re teaching - I’m doing”.

After some conversation, Nicodemus admits he believes Jesus is truly the promised

Redeemer since only a man sent from God could do what He was doing. Christ responds by saying, “...except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God”. Nicodemus was shocked and quickly asked, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother’s womb, and be reborn?”

This is where change comes from the inside: Jesus explains that a person who wants to follow God must be born two times. They must

be born once in the natural and once in the spiritual. Jesus was explaining that no matter how much a person knows, or how much good they do, everyone needs to be changed on the inside.

Unfortunately, at this meeting, Nicodemus chooses not to join Jesus’ team. There were things he wasn’t, yet, willing to give up. In my heart, I believe Nicodemus finally does commit his life to Christ, although we can’t be sure of that. I also

believe Nicodemus represents most all of us. We want change, but change is uncomfortable. And, being born again is hard to understand, but it simply means we have a new identity with a new purpose for living.

Only Jesus can perform this miraculous surgery: He removes a stony heart and replaces it with a heart of flesh. He changes us from the inside out. God says, “A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh” (Ezekiel 36:26). What a great promise! This surgery takes us beyond simply believing Jesus is real to believing He lives in our heart and has the power to mysteriously transform us into His likeness.



By Gary Miller
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I have hunted big game most of my adult life. I have written about my experiences over 20 years. Those experiences are not spectacular. Most of them have come in random places at random times, and without the resources to make them anything special. That is, I have only paid for one hunt but have relied on special friends for the opportunities I have been given. I have no trophies that would

cause anyone to think I am some special or gifted hunter. I am a blue-collar, mediocre private land hunter. Don’t get me wrong, my Midwest opportunities are special, and they create for me an opportunity that many don’t have. But even these only come because of special friends and their unmerited graciousness to me. I have also made ministry to men the biggest part of my life for these past

20 years as well. During that time, I have traveled and spoken at places I would have never dreamed. But again, most of the places fall within what most of us would call normal churches and venues. None of them fall into stadiums or coliseums. I have written 5 books. Four of these are compilations of my articles. Again, nothing outstanding. And their sales? Mediocre at best. But compared to some

others, I have been beyond blessed and extremely successful. Why am I telling you all of this? Because I want us all to see that privilege and blessings are not always by our good decisions. That our positions, prosperity, and health are not all actions of our decisions or our free will. Some things – in fact many many things are pre-determined by God. For instance, we had no say in what country we would be born in, what race we would be, what would be our mental capabilities – or incapacities, or who, or what our parents would be. We had no say if our mother would be a drug addict, or our father would begin abusing us as a child. These were forced on each of us by God and by a sinful world. Why? I don’t know. But what I do know

and believe is this. Jesus sat and ate with tax collectors and “sinners.” He was criticized for it because everyone believed, at that time, tax collectors were dishonest and sinners were well, sinners. And those who were born blind or had other handicaps, were believed to be that way because of their sin or the sin of their parents. But Jesus knew better, and that’s why he went to them. He understood that many of their predicaments had nothing to do with any decision they made. It had everything to do with what God determined and what sin in general, destroyed. He went to the hurting, hungry, and handicapped, and healed, fed, and restored. And then told his apostles to do the same. He used this sentence.

“I desire mercy and not sacrifice.” He was telling the religious crowd that while your religious activity was fine and your spiritual sacrifices were okay, the compassion and kindness you show to those who have not had your privileges are the best. Remember, if you are one who God has blessed with basics or abundance, find those who seemingly haven’t been. It will remind you to be humble in your position and thankful for your determined and unmerited blessings. And perhaps who will be the one God uses to heal, feed, and restore – until God makes everything right in heaven. I’ll talk about this article on Tuesday morning at 6:30 central time. Find the zoom link on my website.

The world will know us by our love

By William F Holland Jr.
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Each day we witness more division within our culture. There are only two sides, hate and love, and the separation is growing larger. Sadly, for those on the dark side, violence is becoming more acceptable. It’s obvious that insisting is not enough for those who now endorse terrorism. Today’s violence has a specific reason: it’s about politics and religion, just like it’s been since time began. Destruction, death, and even wars have been fought simply because one side disagreed with what the other side believed. From recent attempts to murder the president, to others being assassinated, one side hates the message and wants to silence the messenger. As these two sides become more recognizable, one side has a conscience, while the other side does not.

It’s disturbing to see millions of people, including even people we know, who are pleased with violence. How in the world could anyone in their right mind, especially someone who considers themselves a Christian, rejoice over people being killed, just because their worldviews are different? This is evidence that many are allowing hatred to control their minds, and this resentment has allowed a strong delusion to distort and blind their conscience. Political, religious, and social views are based on whether or not a person cares about what God demands. We know that millions of individuals have been murdered throughout the Old and New Testaments, because of their convictions. The number is too vast to know exactly how many have been silenced for their opinions, but only one

side grieves because they know this is what Satan wants. The OpenDoors World Watch for 2024 reports that each day on average, more than 13 Christians are killed for their faith in Christ. This means that every two hours, a believer is murdered. From October 2023 to September 2024, nearly 300,000 Christians were forced to leave their homes, go into hiding, or flee their country of origin. Global persecution is real, and consistent, and yet we seldom think about how this brutality and suffering could one day be a reality for us. According to a recent survey by the American Psychological Association, nearly 75 percent of adults in the United States are stressed by mass shootings, and a third say this fear causes them to hesitate going to certain places and events. Arthur C. Evans Jr., PhD, and

APA’s chief executive officer says, “It’s clear that mass shootings are taking a toll on our mental health, and we don’t have to experience these events directly for them to have a negative impact on us.” Many people try to avoid thinking about how evil and persecution are increasing, but Christians are told to study the Bible to guide their faith as they obey His voice. Learning God’s will allows us to understand what is coming and how to develop confidence to speak boldly, and teach those who want to listen. Sadly, many who call themselves followers of Jesus would rather hide in the closet. II Timothy chapter 3:1-5 is one of many passages that reveal the future and how we are to stand against sin. “This know also, that in the last days perilous times will come. For people will be lovers

of their own selves, covetous, boasters, arrogant, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, evil, unnatural perversion, back stabbers, false accusers, rebellious, fierce, haters of those who are good, traitors, conceited, highminded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God, and having a form of religion, but denying God’s power. Do not associate with these types of people.” Now is the hour to prepare and put on His armor, as verse 12 promises, “Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.” The end of the chapter encourages us to embrace what we have learned as His truth makes us wise unto salvation. As Christians, we are children of the light, and though we make mistakes, and occasionally might fall into a lukewarm and discouraged state, we are saved by the grace

of God! We are opposite from the dark side. We constantly pray and battle our flesh and the demonic attacks, so that we can live holy and pleasing unto the Lord. We will not hate the other side, we do not want to kill them, or destroy anything or anyone. We pray that we can live in His freedom and His peace. The world will know we are Christians because of our compassion, intercession, forgiveness, wisdom, discernment, sanctification, faith, hope, and love. Please read II Corinthians chapter 4.

Dr. Holland is a Christian minister, author, and community outreach chaplain. Ask for a free download of his song, “Intentions of the Heart” at psalmz103@gmail.com

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	General	Special Revenue	Capital Outlay	Building	Construction	Debt Service	Food Service	
REVENUES	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Totals
Total Beginning Balance	1,728,850	0	0	0	0	0	285,000	2,013,850
Local Taxes	2,066,300			396,886				2,463,186
Other Local Revenue	128,000	24,424					51,850	204,274
SEEK Program Funding	3,412,499		59,693	325,992				3,798,184
Other State Revenue	60,000	571,797					4,500	636,297
State On-Behalf Payments	2,212,100					803,997	100,000	3,116,097
Federal Revenue		784,872				173,946	717,400	1,676,218
Bond Principal Proceeds					780,000			780,000
Student Activities								0
Other Misc Revenue	7,825							7,825
Clearing & Transfers	323,584	14,000				593,601		931,185
Total Revenue	9,939,158	1,395,093	59,693	722,878	780,000	1,571,544	1,158,750	15,627,116
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Outlay	Building	Construction		Food Service	
EXPENDITURES	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund		Fund	
Instruction	4,782,541	1,187,400						5,969,941
Student Support Services	321,892	43,095						364,987
Instructional Staff Support Services	181,648	41,023						222,671
District Administrative Support Services	780,655							780,655
School Administrative Support Services	528,975							528,975
Business Support Services	314,426							314,426
Plant Operation & Maintenance	826,914	22,748						849,662
Student Transportation	752,950							752,950
Site Improvement					780,000			780,000
Community Services		87,544						87,544
Food Service Operations							1,123,750	1,123,750
Debt Service	92,464					1,571,544		1,664,008
Capital Funds Request Transfer			59,693					59,693
Fund Transfers	100,331	13,283		722,878			35,000	871,492
Contingency	1,256,363							1,256,363
Total Expenditures	9,939,158	1,395,093	59,693	722,878	780,000	1,571,544	1,158,750	15,627,116

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WKU HILLTOPPERS head to Delaware for Friday Night matchup

BOWLING GREEN, KY – WKU Football will look for its third consecutive win and to keep a perfect record in Conference USA play when it travels to Delaware for a 6 p.m. CT game against the Fightin' Blue Hens on Friday.
The game will be televised nationally on CBS Sports Network.

FOOTBALL GAME INFO

WKU (4-1) at Delaware (3-1)
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ABOUT THE TOPS

The Hilltoppers are coming off of a 27-22 win at Missouri State on Saturday. For the second week in a row, WKU got two second-half touchdowns from running back La'Vell Wright to help secure the win. With the victory, WKU improved to 4-1 overall this season and 2-0 in CUSA play. Head Coach Tyson Helton improved to 36-13 in regular-season CUSA games with the win.

WKU is one of two teams in CUSA that enters the week with a 2-0 record in CUSA play, with the other being Louisiana Tech. Running back La'Vell Wright was named the Conference USA Offensive Player of the Week and left tackle Marshall Jackson was named the CUSA Offensive Lineman of the Week, the conference announced Monday. The awards are the seventh and eighth CUSA weekly awards WKU has received this season. Wright's Offensive Player of the Week recognition marks the third time a Hilltopper has received the nod – quarterback Maverick McIvor received it after Week 0 and Week 1 – and Jackson's Offensive Lineman of the Week honor is the second time WKU has received that award, following Laurence Seymour's recognition after Week 0.

WKU has outscored opponents 55-9 in the fourth quarter this season. The plus-46 point differential is the second-highest in the fourth quarter by any FBS team in 2025, behind only Missouri's plus-47.

WKU punter Cole Maynard enters the week ranked second nationally in punting average, booting the ball 50.82 yards on 22 attempts this season. He has a long of 71 yards.

WKU is one of just 11 teams in the country, and one of three G5 programs, that has played in a bowl game or College Football Playoff game in each of the last six seasons.

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PLANTING & TILLAGE: John Deere FBB grain drill – 17-disc, double-disc openers, hyd. lift, grass seeds, SN#066107M; White 5100 – 4-row wide corn planter, dry fertilizer, double-disc openers, no-till coulters, liquid fertilizer setup; Hiniker Econo Till – 4-row wide row crop cultivator; Case 314 – 3-bottom plow; Clark 7-shank chisel plow – pull-type; Case 10-ft. wheel disc – good blades; Case F219-147 disc – with 3-bar coil-tine harrow, SN#625659; Rolling basket – 12-ft.; Custom-built 10-ft. 3-pt. airway tool; Yetter 15-ft. rotary hoe – 3-pt. mount; Homemade side dresser toolbar; Custom-built toolbar; **HAY EQUIPMENT:** New Holland 404 hay crusher conditioner – 7-ft., PTO driven; Hesston 1010 haybine – 9-ft., hydraulic swing, center pivot, steel bottom roll, rubber top roll; New Holland 273 Hayliner square baler – SN#206722, small square bales; New Holland 56 Roll-A-Bar rake – ground driven, SN#35765; Hay wagon – with airplane tires; Bush Hog 7-ft. 3-pt. mower; King Cutter bale spear – for bucket; **ATTACHMENTS & ACCESSORIES:** Dunham-Lear loader – for tractor, 7-ft. bucket; 13.6-38 clamp-on duals – for Case tractor, step-down rims, 34-in.; Case clamp-on axle duals – two sets; Homemade Category 2 quick hitch; **WAGONS:** Grove Economy 510 gravity wagon – approx. 90 bu.; Husky 165 gravity wagon – with John Deere gear; Hopper wagon – approx. 110 bu.; Hopper wagon – grooved chassis, 90 bu.; McCurdy hopper wagon – box; Ficklin 231 hopper wagon; **GRAIN HANDLING & AUGERS:** Coe Brothers seed swing-away auger; 4-in. grain auger; 8-in. cross auger; 8-in. grain auger; 8-in. x 50-ft. transport auger – PTO driven; Dual screen DMC grain cleaner – electric motor; Clipper seed cleaner – motor driven; Farm Fans AB8 grain dryer – 6-in. fill auger, 120 bu.; **SPREADERS & FERTILIZER:** Herd 3-pt. seed spreader; Cyclone seed spreader; Pull-type fertilizer spreader – stainless steel bed, wheel-driven; Case 125 single-axle manure spreader – rear discharge; Better Built honey wagon – 750 gal., single axle; Custom-built nitrogen trailer – 400-gal. tank, PTO, no pump; **LIVESTOCK EQUIPMENT:** Osborne 2-ton hog feeder; Osborne 1.5-ton hog feeder; Misc. rotary hog feeders; **FEED & PROCESSING:** Gehl 65 feed grinder – swing-away auger, SN#37221; Roller mill; Brady 206 soybean extractor – PTO driven; **3-POINT IMPLEMENTS:** 3-pt. post hole digger; Heavy-duty 3-pt. log splitter; Custom-built 3-pt. 8-row sprayer boom; 3-pt. concrete mixer; **MISCELLANEOUS:** Custom-built 10-ft. compost turner – PTO driven; Grass seeder; McCurdy corn drags; 500-gal. propane tank – on gear; Custom-built trailer – wooden floor & sides;

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